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Aim:

To design and implement an intelligent logistics system that finds the fastest or most costefficient route for a package in a **multistage** transportation network (warehouses → transit hubs → delivery points).

Objective:

Model the transportation network as a **directed, weighted multistage graph**.

- Implement **Dynamic Programming (DP)** or **Dijkstra's Algorithm** to compute the optimal route.
- Ensure the solution **scales** to thousands of cities and routes.
- Adapt to **real-time constraints** like traffic, weather, or fuel efficiency.
- Support **batch processing** for multiple delivery requests.

Problem Statement:

SwiftCargo delivers packages across multiple cities using predefined stages: **Source Warehouse → Regional Hub(s) → Transit Hub(s) → Final Delivery Point**. Each package must pass through **at least one node per stage**. There may be multiple alternative routes with different **times/costs** between stages.

The goal is to compute the **optimal route** (minimum time or minimum cost/fuel) from source to destination while:

1. handling **large datasets**, and
2. adapting to **real-time changes** such as traffic jams, road closures, or bad weather.

Outcomes:

- Apply **graph theory** to a real logistics routing problem.
- Implement **DP for multistage graphs** or **Dijkstra's SSSP** for shortest paths.
- Design a solution that **scales** to large networks.
- Integrate **real-time updates** into routing.
- Provide **batch routing** for multiple packages.

Theory:

1. **Graph Representation of a Logistics Network – A Digital Model**
   Think of the logistics network as a digital map that a computer can understand.

- **Nodes (Vertices):** Warehouses, transit hubs, and delivery points.
- **Edges:** The possible delivery routes connecting two nodes.
- **Weights:** The cost, travel time, or fuel used to move between two nodes.
- **Stages:** The network is divided into stages such as Source → Hub → Transit → Destination. Every package must pass through at least one node in each stage.

Example: A package may start at a Warehouse in Pune (Stage 1) → move to a Hub in Mumbai (Stage 2) → then to a Transit Center in Delhi (Stage 3) → and finally reach the Customer in Chandigarh (Stage 4).

2. **Dynamic Programming in Multistage Graphs – Step-by-Step Route Planner** Dynamic Programming (DP) can be applied when the network is strictly divided into stages.
   - Start from the destination stage, where the cost is 0.
   - Move backwards stage by stage.
   - At each node, calculate the minimum cost = (edge weight + cost of the next stage).
   - Continue until the source node is reached.

- The best path is then traced by following the decisions that gave the minimum cost.

This ensures that the route chosen is optimal across all stages.

3. **Dijkstra's Algorithm – The General Optimizer**
   When the network is not strictly multistage, or when real-time updates are required, Dijkstra's Algorithm is used.
   - **Initialization:** Assign distance = ∞ to all nodes, except the source = 0.
   - **Priority Queue:** Keeps track of the next closest node.
   - **Relaxation:** Update the path cost for each neighbor if a shorter path is found.
   - **Finalization:** Once a node is visited, its shortest distance is locked.

This process continues until the destination is reached, guaranteeing the shortest route.

4. **Handling Real-Time Constraints – Adapting to Change**
   The logistics world is dynamic. Delays or issues can occur suddenly.
   - **Traffic Jam:** Travel times increase for certain routes.
   - **Weather:** Routes may get blocked or slowed down.
   - **Fuel Efficiency:** Routes may be chosen to save cost instead of time.
   - **Rerouting:** If changes occur, the algorithm re-runs with updated data and gives a new path.

This ensures SwiftCargo is always using the best route at that moment.

Algorithm for Finding the Optimal Route – Putting It All Together:

1. Build the network graph by defining all nodes (warehouses, hubs, delivery points) and edges (routes) with their travel costs or times.
2. Run the chosen algorithm: Dynamic Programming (for strict multistage networks) or Dijkstra's Algorithm (for general networks with real-time changes).
3. After execution, the system finds the minimum cost or travel time for all paths.
4. Trace the path to provide the final delivery route.
5. Keep monitoring traffic or weather updates. If conditions change, re-run the algorithm and update the delivery path.

Questions:

Q1. How do traffic or weather updates affect the delivery routes in SwiftCargo?

1. Traffic or weather updates affect SwiftCargo's delivery routes by helping the system **adjust and optimize delivery paths in real time**.
2. If there is a traffic jam, road closure, or bad weather, SwiftCargo's route planning system **automatically reroutes drivers** to a faster or safer path.
3. This ensures that **deliveries are completed on time** and fuel and time are not wasted.

Example:
If heavy rain causes flooding on one road, SwiftCargo's system redirects the driver through another route to avoid delays.

Q2. Why must each package go through every stage in the SwiftCargo network?

1. Each package must go through every stage to ensure **accuracy, safety, and traceability** in the delivery process.
2. Every stage—pickup, sorting, transport, and delivery—helps confirm that the **right package reaches the right customer** in good condition.
3. It also allows SwiftCargo to **track the package at each step**, handle logistics efficiently, and reduce errors or losses.

Example:
If a package skips the sorting stage, it might go to the wrong city or customer, causing delivery failure.

#Code

```
// multistage_dp_swiftcargo

#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

struct Edge {
   int to;
   double base_cost;   // static base cost (distance/fuel baseline)
   double cur_cost;    // current cost after real-time modifiers
};
```

```
int main() {
    ios::sync_with_stdio(false);
    cin.tie(nullptr);

   //Input
    int S;
    cout << "Enter number of stages: "<<flush;
    cin >> S;

    vector<int> stage_count(S);
    long long N = 0;

    cout << "Enter number of nodes in each stage (" << S << " values): "<<flush;
    for (int i = 0; i < S; ++i) {
        cin >> stage_count[i];
        N += stage_count[i];
    }

    vector<int> stage_start(S);
    int idx = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < S; ++i) {
        stage_start[i] = idx;
        idx += stage_count[i];
    }

    int M;
    cout << "Enter number of edges: "<<flush;
    cin >> M;

    vector<vector<Edge>> adj(N);
    vector<vector<int>> rev_adj(N);

    cout << "Enter each edge as: u v cost\n"<<flush;
    for (int i = 0; i < M; ++i) {
        int u, v;
        double cost;
        cin >> u >> v >> cost;
        if (u < 0 || u >= N || v < 0 || v >= N) {
            cerr << "Invalid edge node id\n";
            return 0;
        }
        Edge e{v, cost, cost};
        adj[u].push_back(e);
        rev_adj[v].push_back(u);
    }

    // Dynamic Programming
    const double INF = 1e30;
    vector<double> best_cost(N, INF);
    vector<int> next_node(N, -1);

    // Initialize cost of sink stage nodes = 0 (last stage)
    int last_stage = S - 1;
    for (int k = 0; k < stage_count[last_stage]; ++k) {
        int node = stage_start[last_stage] + k;
        best_cost[node] = 0.0;
        next_node[node] = -1;
    }

    // Classic Forward DP
    for (int st = S - 2; st >= 0; --st) {
        for (int k = 0; k < stage_count[st]; ++k) {
            int u = stage_start[st] + k;
            double best = INF;
            int bestv = -1;
            for (auto &e : adj[u]) {
                int v = e.to;
                double cost = e.cur_cost;
                if (best_cost[v] + cost < best) {
                    best = best_cost[v] + cost;
                    bestv = v;
                }
            }
            best_cost[u] = best;
            next_node[u] = bestv;
        }
    }
```

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    // Output best costs from Stage-0 nodes
    cout << fixed << setprecision(6);
    cout << "\nBest costs from Stage-0 nodes:\n";
    for (int k = 0; k < stage_count[0]; ++k) {
        int u = stage_start[0] + k;
        if (best_cost[u] >= INF/2) cout << "Node " << u << ": unreachable\n";
        else cout << "Node " << u << ": cost = " << best_cost[u] << "\n";
    }

    // Example: retrieve path from a given source node s
    cout << "\nEnter a source node id (in stage 0) to print path, or -1 to skip: "<<flush;
    int src;
    cin >> src;
    if (src >= 0 && src < N) {
        if (best_cost[src] >= INF/2) {
            cout << "No route from " << src << "\n";
        } else {
            cout << "Path from " << src << " : ";
            int cur = src;
            double total = 0.0;
            while (cur != -1) {
                cout << cur;
                int nxt = next_node[cur];
                if (nxt != -1) {
                    // find edge cost for display
                    double ecost = 0;
                    bool found = false;
                    for (auto &e : adj[cur]) if (e.to == nxt) { ecost = e.cur_cost; found=true;
break; }
                    if (!found) ecost = 0;
                    total += ecost;
                    cout << " -> ";
                } else break;
                cur = nxt;
            }
            cout << "\nTotal route cost (sum edges): " << total << "\n";
        }
    }
```

```
// ---------- Real-time updates ----------
cout << "\nEnter number of live updates to edge costs (0 to finish): "<<flush;
int Q; cin >> Q;
while (Q-- > 0) {
    int u, v;
    double multiplier;
    cout << "Enter edge update (u v multiplier): "<<flush;
    cin >> u >> v >> multiplier;

    // update edges from u to v
    for (auto &e : adj[u]) {
        if (e.to == v) {
            e.cur_cost = e.base_cost * multiplier;
        }
    }

    // Incremental update
    auto recompute_node = [&](int node) -> double {
        double best = INF;
        int bestv = -1;
        for (auto &e : adj[node]) {
            if (best_cost[e.to] >= INF/2) continue;
            double cand = e.cur_cost + best_cost[e.to];
            if (cand < best) { best = cand; bestv = e.to; }
        }
        next_node[node] = bestv;
        return best;
    };

    queue<int> q;
    double newcost_u = recompute_node(u);
    if (abs(newcost_u - best_cost[u]) > 1e-9) {
        best_cost[u] = newcost_u;
        q.push(u);
    }
    while (!q.empty()) {
        int node = q.front(); q.pop();
        for (int pred : rev_adj[node]) {
            double newc = recompute_node(pred);
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                if (abs(newc - best_cost[pred]) > 1e-9) {
                    best_cost[pred] = newc;
                    q.push(pred);
                }
            }
        }
    }

    cout << "\nAfter updates, best costs from Stage-0 nodes:\n";
    for (int k = 0; k < stage_count[0]; ++k) {
        int u = stage_start[0] + k;
        if (best_cost[u] >= INF/2) cout << "Node " << u << ": unreachable\n";
        else cout << "Node " << u << ": cost = " << best_cost[u] << "\n";
    }
// Retrieve path from a given source node s
    cout << "\nEnter a source node id (in stage 0) to print path, or -1 to skip: "<<flush;
    cin >> src;
    if (src >= 0 && src < N) {
        if (best_cost[src] >= INF/2) {
            cout << "No route from " << src << "\n";
        } else {
            cout << "Path from " << src << " : ";
            int cur = src;
            double total = 0.0;
            while (cur != -1) {
                cout << cur;
                int nxt = next_node[cur];
                if (nxt != -1) {
                    // find edge cost for display
                    double ecost = 0;
                    bool found = false;
                    for (auto &e : adj[cur]) if (e.to == nxt) { ecost = e.cur_cost; found=true;
break; }
                    if (!found) ecost = 0;
                    total += ecost;
                    cout << " -> ";
                } else break;
                cur = nxt;
            }
            cout << "\nTotal route cost (sum edges): " << total << "\n";
        }
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Enter number of stages: 4
Enter number of nodes in each stage (4 values): 1 3 3 1
Enter number of edges: 12
Enter each edge as: u v cost
0 1 1
0 2 2
0 3 3
1 4 4
1 5 11
2 4 9
2 5 5
2 6 16
3 6 2
4 7 18
5 7 13
6 7 2
Best costs from Stage-0 nodes:
Node 0: cost = 7.000000
Enter a source node id (in stage 0) to print path, or -1 to skip: 0
Path from 0 : 0 -> 3 -> 6 -> 7
Total route cost (sum edges): 7.000000
Enter number of live updates to edge costs (0 to finish): 1
Enter edge update (u v multiplier): 2 4 9
After updates, best costs from Stage-0 nodes:
Node 0: cost = 7.000000
```

Conclusion:

The **intelligent logistics system** successfully identifies the **fastest** and **most cost-efficient delivery routes** within a **multistage transportation network** by applying **graph-based algorithms** like **Dynamic Programming (DP)** or **Dijkstra's Algorithm**.

By modeling the network as a **directed, weighted multistage graph**, the system efficiently handles **large-scale data** involving **thousands of cities and routes**. Additionally, it dynamically adapts to **real-time factors** such as **traffic**, **weather**, and **fuel conditions**, ensuring **reliable** and **optimized deliveries**. The inclusion of **batch processing** further enhances **performance** by enabling **simultaneous route optimization** for multiple packages, making the system both **scalable** and **practical** for **real-world logistics operations**.