

**04-630**

**Data Structures and Algorithms for Engineers**

**Lecture 18: Graph Algorithms**

# **Graphs: Shortest Path Algorithms**



# Outline

- Shortest Path algorithms:
  - Dijkstra's,
  - Floyd's
- Applications

# Time Complexity

## Kruskal

- Create a priority Queue of Edges
- For each edge
  - check if it creates a cycle between vertices

$O(E \log E + E \log V)$

## Prims

- Create a list of vertices called Vertexlist
- Create list for storing the graph called SPT
- Pick a random vertex
  - Add edges to Edgelist
- While vertices in list
  - Search list for minimum weight edge
    - Add to SPT if edge creates no cycles and connects new vertex
  - Add edges from new vertex to Edgelist
  - Remove vertex from Vertexlist

$O(V^2)$

# Shortest paths: preliminaries

- **Path**: sequence of edges connecting two vertices.
- **BFS** returns shortest path in an *unweighted graph*.
  - **BFS** also returns shortest path if all *weights are the same* in a *weighted graph*.
- In general, the shortest path in a *weighted graph* may pass through many intermediate vertices.
  - BFS won't work in such a case.

# Shortest paths: preliminaries

Two main algorithms:

- Dijkstra's algorithm:
  - Takes as input start and destination vertices and finds the shortest path between them.
  - Other implementations find the shortest path from a **start vertex** and all other vertices, i.e., *a shortest path spanning tree rooted in the start vertex*.
- Floyd's algorithm:
  - Finds the shortest path between **all pairs** of vertices in a graph
- We assume **positive weights** to avoid **looping**.

# Dijkstra's algorithm (intuition)

- A greedy algorithm.
- Given  $(s, \dots, x, \dots, t)$  is the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ , then  $(s, \dots, x)$  should be the shortest path from  $s$  to  $x$ .
- Incrementally build (can be suboptimal)



# Dijkstra's algorithm

- A greedy algorithm.
- Uses ***distance/weight/cost*** to determine shortest path from a vertex *s*.
  - Repeatedly
    - selects the smallest distance/weight/cost,
    - extend the path one edge at a time,
    - until all vertices are included.
- Given  $(s, \dots, x, \dots, t)$  is the shortest part from *s* to *t*, then  $(s, \dots, x)$  should be the shortest path from *s* to *x*.
- Comparison to Prim's algorithm- similar except:
  - Instead of just considering the weight of the potential edge, it also *considers the distance from the start edge to the vertex from which the edge emanates*.

Size of G – assume vertexes are Numbered with IDS

# Dijkstra's algorithm: pseudocode

3 Data structures:

- ProcessedVertex
- Adjacent List
- Distance

```
• Dijkstra(G,s,t): //shortest path from s
  to t
  path={s}
  for i=1 to n
    distance[i]= ∞
  for each edge (s,v)
    distance[v]=w(s,v) #initially, the
    distances are just weights
  last=s //set last vertex to s
  while (last!=t)
    select v_next, such that v_next is the
    unknown vertex minimizing distance[v]
    for each edge (v_next,x)
      distance[x]=min(distance[x],distance[v_next
      ]+w(v_next,x))
    last=v_next
    path=path U {v_next}
```

# Dijkstra's algorithm: pseudocode

- Time Complexity:  $O(n * n)$ 
  - Iterate through distance
    - For each iterate through Adjacency List
- Cost to initialize is small

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# Dijkstra's algorithm: implementation

```
dijkstra(graph *g, int start)
{
    node *temp;
    bool intree[MAXV+1] ;//marks status if vertex is in tree yet
    int distance[MAXV+1]; //cost of adding vertex to tree
    int parent[MAXV+1]; //parent vertex
    int current_vertex; // current vertex being processed
    int candidate_vertex; //potential next vertex
    int dist=0; //cheapest cost to enlarge tree
    int weight=0 ; //tree weight
    for(int i=1; i<=nvertices; i++)
    {
        intree[i]=false;
        distance[i]=INT_MAX;
        parent[i]=-1;
    }
    distance[start]=0;
    current_vertex=start;
```

# Dijkstra's algorithm: implementation

```
while(!intree[current_vertex])
{
    intree[current_vertex]=true;
    if(current_vertex!=start)
    {
        cout<<"\n\tedge("<<parent[current_vertex]<<","<<current_vertex<<") in tree\n";
        weight=weight+dist;
    }
    temp=adjLists[current_vertex].head;
    while(temp) //get all adjacent vertices
    {
        candidate_vertex=temp->dest;
        if(distance[candidate_vertex]>(distance[current_vertex]+ temp->weight))//difference to Prim's
        {
            distance[candidate_vertex]= distance[current_vertex]+ temp->weight;//difference to Prim's
            parent[candidate_vertex]=current_vertex;
        }
        temp=temp->next;
    }
}
```

# Dijkstra's algorithm: implementation

```
        }
        temp=temp->next;//obtain next adjacent node.
    }//end of while loop accessing the vertices
    current_vertex=1;
    dist=INT_MAX;
    //now pick node with lowest distance
    for(int i=1;i<=nvertices;i++)
    {
        if((!intree[i])&&(dist>distance[i]))
        {
            dist=distance[i];
            current_vertex=i;
        }
    }//end for
} //end loop for intree
return weight;
}
```

# All-pairs shortest path: Floyd's algorithm

- Suitable for applications like finding the *center* or *diameter* of a graph, which requires finding shortest path between all pairs of vertices.
- If we run Dijkstra's  $n$  times (once for each start vertex), we achieve this in  $O(n^3)$

# All-pairs shortest path: Floyd's algorithm

- Find center of graph:
  - Minimize longest and average distance to all other vertices.
  - **Application**: optimal location for an outlet to serve the greatest number of people.
- Find diameter of a graph:
  - Minimize longest shortest-path distance over all pairs of vertices.
  - **Application**: communication- determine the longest possible time for a network packet to be delivered.
- Compute the shortest path between all pairs of vertices using an  ***$n \times n$  distance matrix***.



# Floyd's Algorithm: solution approach

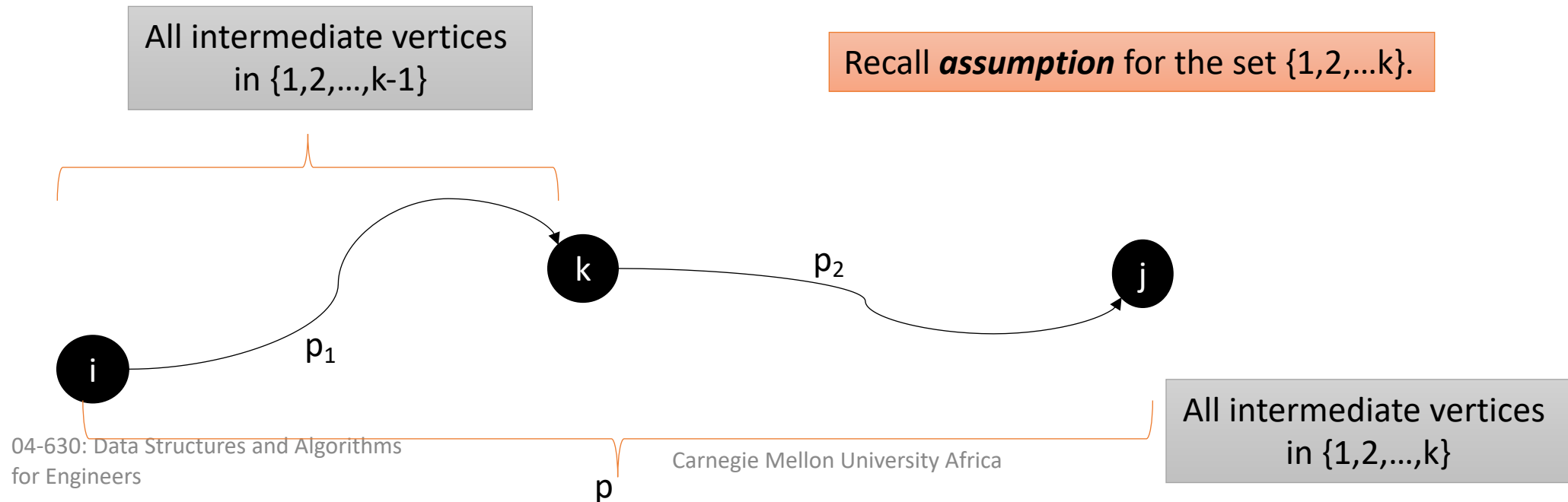
3 Data structures of Dijkstra:

- ProcessedVertex
- AdjacencyList
- Distance

- Simple solution:
  - Call Dijkstra's algorithm from each of the  $n$  possible starting vertices.
  - Takes  $O(n^3)$
- Floyd-Warshall algorithm:
  - Construct a  $n \times n$  shortest path distance matrix directly from  $n \times n$  weight matrix.
  - Implement using adjacency matrix, instead of adjacency list data structure.

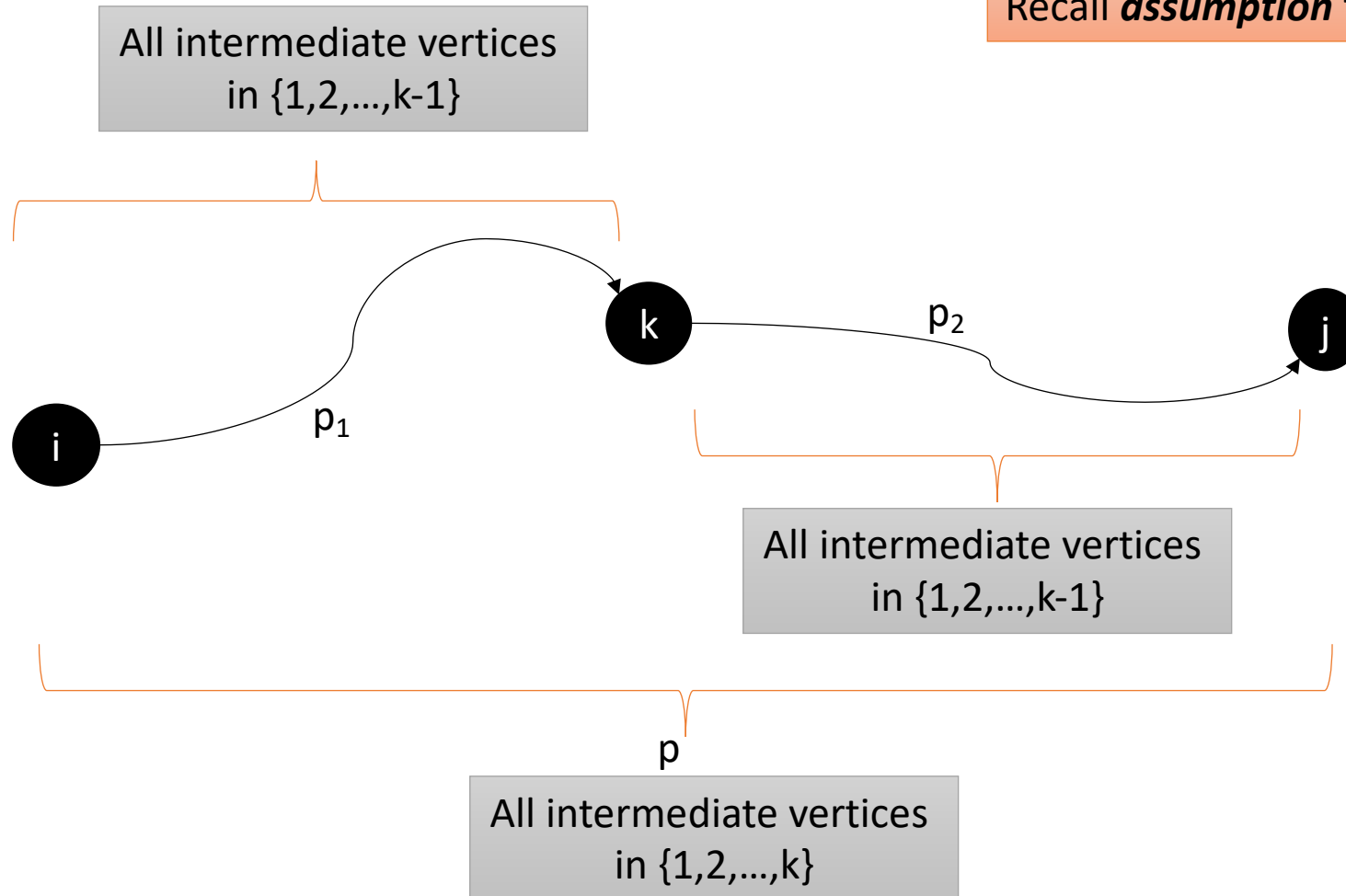
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  - **Intermediate vertex**: An intermediate vertex of a simple path  $p = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_j \rangle$  is any vertex of  $p$  other than  $v_1$  or  $v_j$ , i.e. any vertex in the set  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{j-1}\}$ .
- **Assumption**: Assuming the vertices of  $G$  are  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let's consider a subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  for some  $k$ .
- For any pair of vertices  $(i, j) \in V$ , considering all paths from  $i$  to  $j$ , where the intermediate vertices are all drawn from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , let  $p$  be a *minimum-weight path* from among them.



# Floyd-Washall algorithm: formulation

Recall *assumption* for the set  $\{1,2,\dots,k\}$

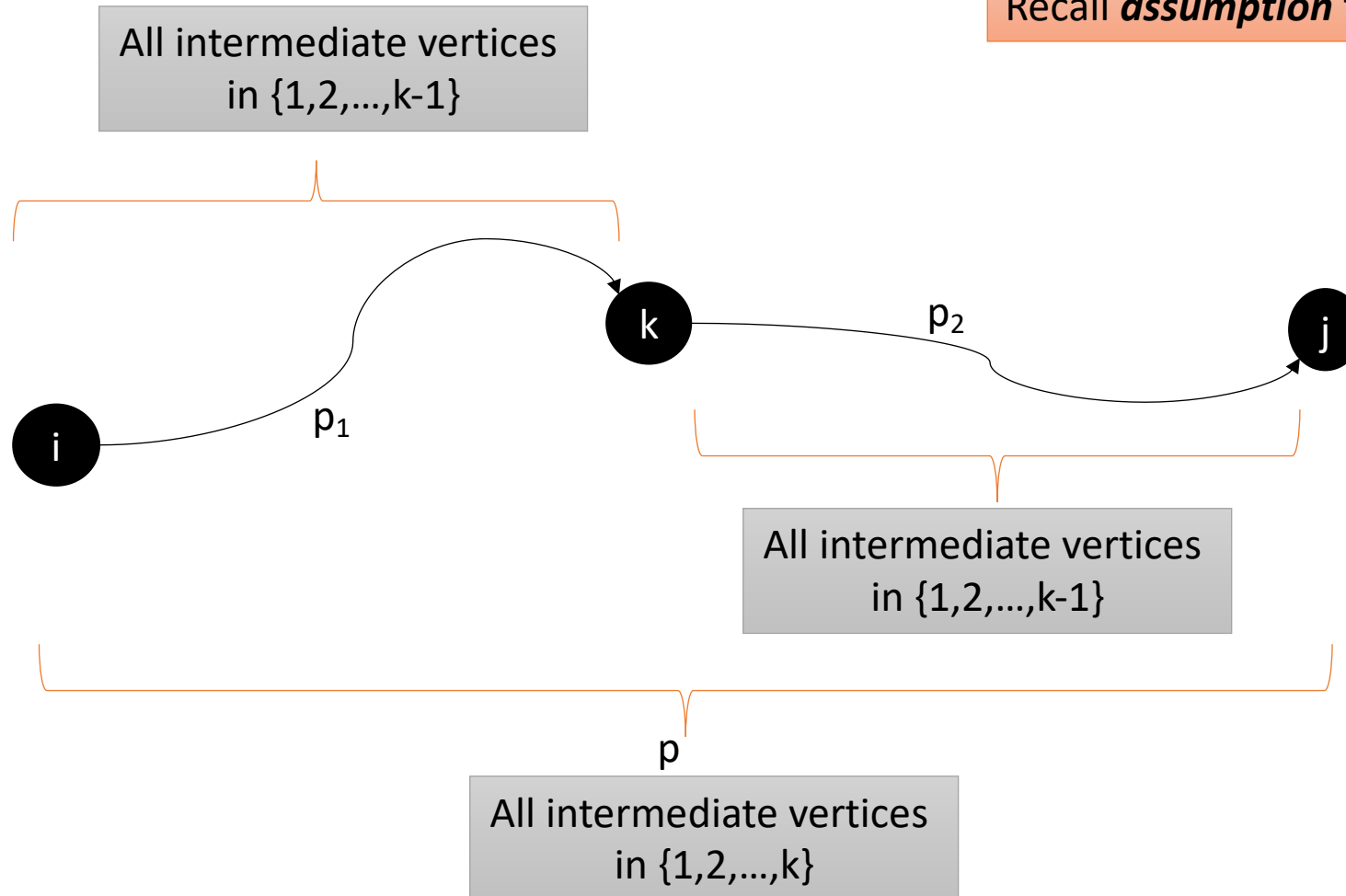


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- Exploits a relationship between path  $p$  and shortest paths *from  $i$  to  $j$*  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .
  - If  $k$  is **not an** intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then all intermediate vertices of path  $p$  are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .
    - Thus, a shortest path from vertex  *$i$  to vertex  $j$*  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$  is also a shortest path *from  $i$  to  $j$*  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , since  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$
  - If  $k$  is **an** intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then we decompose  $p$  into  $p_1$  (from  $i$  to  $k$ ) and  $p_2$  (from  $k$  to  $j$ ), with both  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  deriving their intermediate vertices from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\} - \{k\}$ , i.e.  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

# Floyd-Washall algorithm: formulation

Recall **assumption** for the set  $\{1,2,\dots,k\}$  two slides back.



# Floyd-Washall algorithm: pseudocode

- 1 Data structures of floyd:
  - AdjacencyMatrixes

**Floyd-Warshall(W):** #W: nxn weight matrix

**set** n: number of vertices in W

**initialize** distance matrix  $D^{(0)}=W$  #initial distance matrix

**for** k=1 **to** n

**let**  $D^{(k)}=(d_{ij}^{(k)})$  be a new **n x n matrix** *#We will have matrices  
# $D^{(1)}, D^{(2)}....D^{(n)}$ . The final matrix  $D^{(n)}$  is returned.*

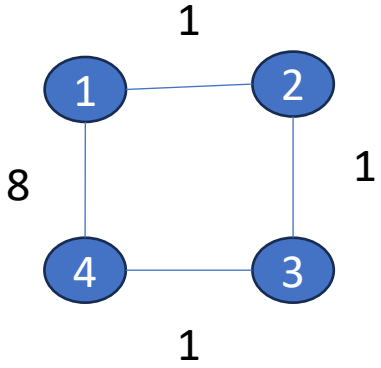
**for** i=1 **to** n

**for** j=1 **to** n

$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$

**return**  $D^{(n)}$  #at this point **k=n**, the final matrix.

**initialize** distance matrix  
 $D^{(0)}=W$  #initial distance matrix



	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	--	8
2	1	0	1	--
3	--	1	0	1
4	8	--	1	0

$D^{(0)}$

$$d_{12}^{(1)} = \min(d_{12}^{(0)}, d_{11}^{(0)} + d_{12}^{(0)})$$

$$d_{13}^{(1)} = \min(d_{13}^{(0)}, d_{11}^{(0)} + d_{13}^{(0)})$$

....

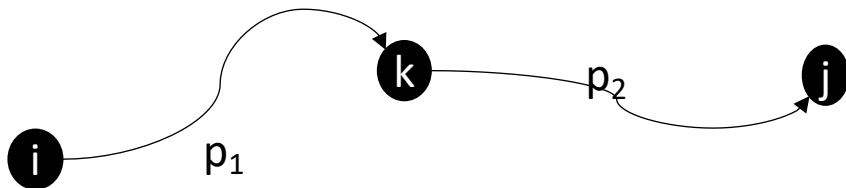
$$d_{23}^{(1)} = \min(d_{23}^{(0)}, d_{21}^{(0)} + d_{13}^{(0)})$$

$$d_{24}^{(1)} = \min(d_{24}^{(0)}, d_{21}^{(0)} + d_{14}^{(0)})$$

..

$$d_{34}^{(1)} = \min(d_{34}^{(0)}, d_{31}^{(0)} + d_{14}^{(0)})$$

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$$



**for** k=1 **to** n

$D^{(1)}$

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# Floyd-Washall algorithm: formulation

- Let  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$ , be the weight/cost/distance of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in  $\{1,2,\dots,k\}$ .
- For  $k=0$ ,
- A recursive formulation of shortest path estimates is defined as:
  - $d_{ij}^{(k)}=w_{ij}$ , if  $k=0$  *{path with at most one edge; no intermediate vertices}*
  - $d_{ij}^{(k)}=\min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)}+d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$ , if  $k\geq 1$  *{path has intermediate vertices}*.
- Given that for any path, all intermediate vertices are in the set  $\{1,2,\dots,n\}$ , the matrix  $D^{(n)}=(d_{ij}^{(n)})$ , gives all shortest pairs.



# Floyd's algorithm: implementation

```
#define MAXV 100

struct adjacency_matrix
{
    int weight[MAXV+1][MAXV+1]; //for adjacency or weight information
    int nvertices; //number of vertices in graph
};
```

# Floyd's algorithm: implementation

```
void floyd(adjacency_matrix *g){
    int i,j;//counters
    int k; //intermediate vertex counter
    int through_k;//distance through vertex k
    for(k=1;k<=g->nvertices;k++)
    {
        for(i=1;i<=g->nvertices;i++)
        {
            for(j=1;j<=g->nvertices;j++)
            {
                through_k=g->weight[i][k]+g->weight[k][j];
                if(through_k<g->weight[i][j])
                {
                    g->weight[i][j]=through_k;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# Comments on Performance

- Dijkstra's:
  - $O(n^2)$  with simple data structures.
  - Constructs actual shortest path between any given pair of vertices.
- Floyd's:  $O(n^3)$ .
  - No better than  $n$  calls to Dijkstra's but performs better in practice.
  - Does not construct actual shortest path between any given pair of vertices.

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