

4.3.2 Weighted SP - Dijkstra's Algorithm

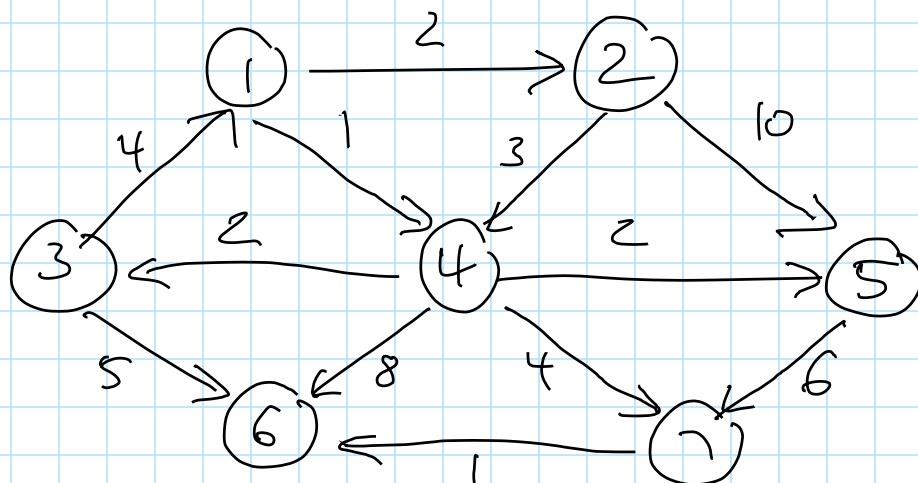
assumption: no negative edge costs

IDEA: • similar to unweighted SP, but no queue;
declare handled vertices "known" (instead of dequeued)

- be greedy: select vertex v with smallest current distance from source among all "unknown" vertices and mark it "known"
- adjust distance of adjacent "unknown" vertices

Example 41.

$s=1$



distance(1) = 0, all other v : distance(v) = ∞

greedy:

mark "1" as "known"

adjust distance(2) = 2, distance(4) = 1

greedy:

mark "4" as "known"

adjust distance (3) = 3

distance (~~3~~) = 3

 " (6) = 9

 - - (7) = 5

greedy:

mark "2" as "known"

adjust distance (5) ? NO!

because path [1, 2, 5] has
cost of 12,

but current distance(5) = 3,
indicating that a path with
cost 3 has been found before.

greedy:

mark 3 "known"

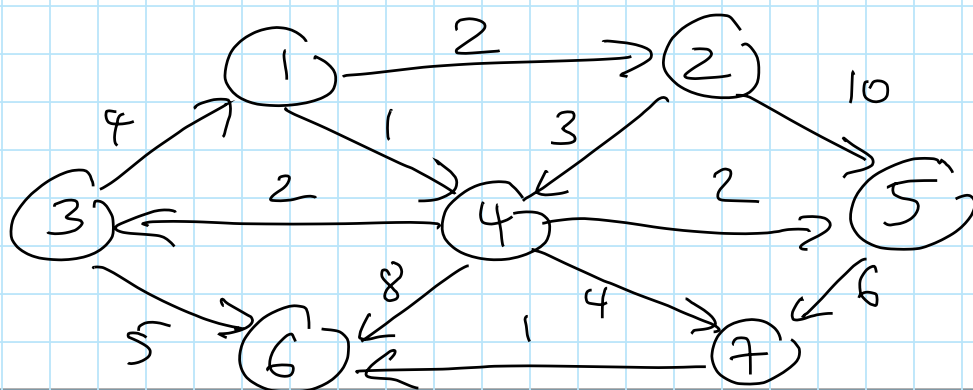
(note: could also pick 5)

adjust distance (6) = 8

Why does this work?

$O(|V|)$ for each vertex v { $v.$ distance $= \infty$; $v.$ known $= \text{false}$ }
 $O(1)$ $s.$ distance $= 0$;
 do forever
 {
 over time in total $O(|V|^2)$ { Vertex $v =$ unknown vertex with smallest distance;
 (if no such vertex exists {break})
 $v.$ known $= \text{true}$; // see "dequeued" in BFS
 for each vertex w with $[(v, w) \in E \ \&\& \ !w.\text{known}]$
 if $(w.\text{distance} > v.\text{distance} + c(v, w))$
 {
 $w.\text{distance} = v.\text{distance} + c(v, w)$
 $w.\text{previous} = v$;
 }
 }
 }
 $O(|V|^2)$

Example 4/ ctd.



	known	distance	previous
1	✓	0	
2	✓	∞ 2	1
3	✓	∞ 3	4
4	✓	∞ 1	1
5	✓	∞ 3	4
6	✓	∞ 2 6	* 7
7	✓	∞ 5	4