

Graph Drill session - 2

High Score

Use Bellman-Ford

In what case we will get a larger positive value? Whenever there is a presence of positive cycle.

→ If there is a positive cycle, you can keep iterating over it to increase the overall score definitely.

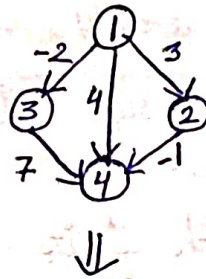
→ Bellman Ford helps compute shortest path even with negative weights.

→ If a negative-weight cycle is reachable, shortest paths aren't well-defined since cost can decrease infinitely.

→ Here, we use edge relaxation to implement this.

Exa: 4 nodes, 5 edges

1	2	3
2	4	-1
1	3	-2
3	4	7
1	4	4

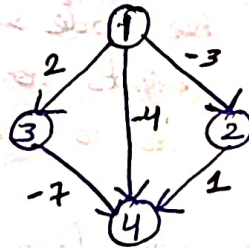


• Consider edge values as negative of current values

• Apply Bellman-Ford

Edge distances:-

- 1 → 2 = -3
- 1 → 3 = -2
- 3 → 4 = -7
- 2 → 4 = 1
- 1 → 4 = -4



Value of Edge Relaxation:

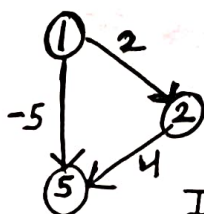
Node	1	2	3	4
dist	0	∞	∞	∞

Iterations:-

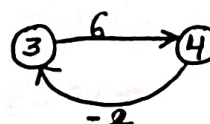
- Initial dist : $[0, \infty, \infty, \infty]$
- After 1st iteration : $[0, -3, -2, -4]$
- After 2nd iteration : $[0, -3, 2, -5]$
- After 3rd iteration : $[0, -3, 2, -5]$

$$Ans = (-5) - (-10) = 5$$

Edge Case:-



I component



II component

The positive loop component (II) is different than the source \rightarrow destination component. This suggests that if m is reachable through 1 ($1 \rightarrow m$), it doesn't mean that every node b/w 1 to m is also reachable through 1.

For exa: Node 5 is reachable from 1 (source), but 3 isn't (it is b/w 1 & 5)

Approach :-

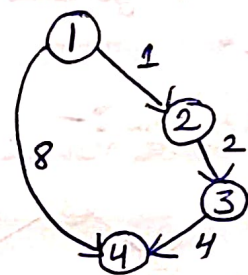
1. Run a DFS to check nodes available in component containing source & destination.
2. Explore only those edges in Bellman Ford which share their component no. with 1 & n .

So, from previous example, consider only:

- $1 \rightarrow 2$
- $2 \rightarrow 5$
- $1 \rightarrow 5$

2. Flight Discount

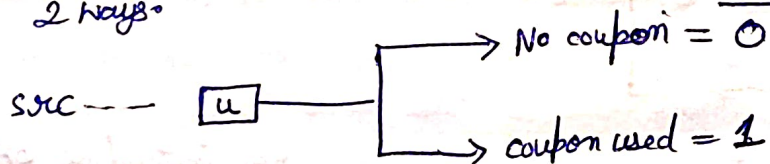
\rightarrow A standard Dijkstra algorithm won't work because the shortest path might not be the best one to apply the discount to.



For exa: we will get the shortest path b/w 1 & 4 (7). So we will apply coupon most expensive price which will affect our total as $7 - \{ \frac{4}{2} \} = 7 - 2 = 5$

For reverse path: $1 \rightarrow 4$ the price = 8, but when we apply coupon, the overall price will be $\frac{8}{2} = 4$

\therefore This suggests that all path exploration b/w 1 to m is required can be visited in 2 ways.



Now, we can run Dijkstra's algorithm on this extended state-space graph which has $2N$ nodes. Where you are at node u :

1. If you are arrived in state 0, you can travel to neighbour v :

\rightarrow Without using the coupon: This is a transition to v in state 0.

\rightarrow By using the coupon: " " " " to v " state 1.

2. If you arrived in state 1 (coupon used) you can only travel to neighbour v without the coupon, remaining in state 1.

3. Max Weighted K-edge Path

1. ~~Initialize a 2D array~~, set $\text{max_weights}[0][\text{source}] = 0$
2. Loop from $i = 0$ to $k-1$.
3. Iterate through every edge (u, v) with weight w in the graph. (inside loop)
4. If a path to u with i edges exist, update the path to v using $i+1$ edges:
$$\text{max_weights}[i+1][v] = \max(\text{max_weights}[i+1][v], \text{max_weights}[i][u] + w)$$
5. $\text{ans} = \text{max_weights}[k][\text{destination}]$. check if this value is less than t . If it is, that's your ans. otherwise return -1 .