Shortest Path*

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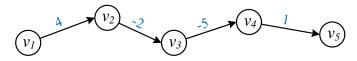
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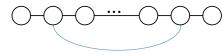
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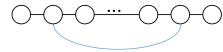
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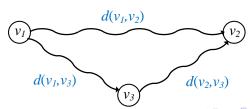
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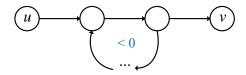
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Shortest Path Applications

- PERT/CPM.
- Map routing.
- Seam carving.
- Robot navigation.
- Texture mapping.
- Typesetting in LaTeX.
- Urban traffic planning.
- Telemarketer operator scheduling.
- Routing of telecommunications messages.
- Network routing protocols (OSPF, BGP, RIP).
- Optimal truck routing through given traffic congestion pattern.

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- Negative weight ⇒ Bellman-Ford Algorithm

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Dijkstra's Algorithm

IDEA: Greedy

- Maintain a set S of vertices whose shortest-path distances from s are known.
- At each step add to S the vertex $v \in V S$ whose distance estimate from s is minimal.
- Update the distance estimates of vertices adjacent to v.

Dijkstra's Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Dijkstra's Algorithm

```
1 foreach u \in V do

2 \lfloor \text{INSERT}(Q, u);

3 while Q \neq \emptyset do

4 \mid u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q);

5 \mid S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\};

6 foreach v \in Adj[u] do

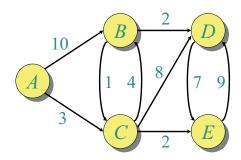
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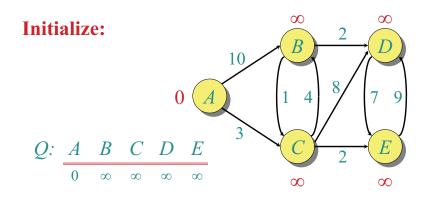
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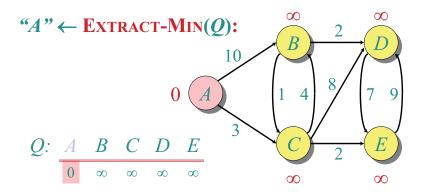
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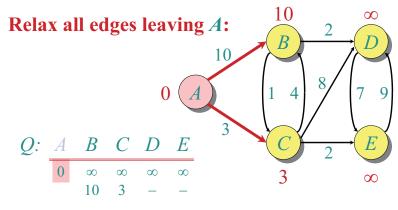
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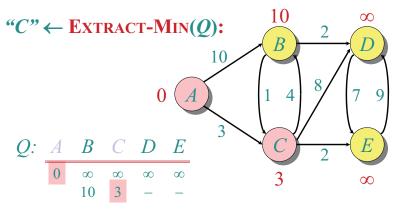
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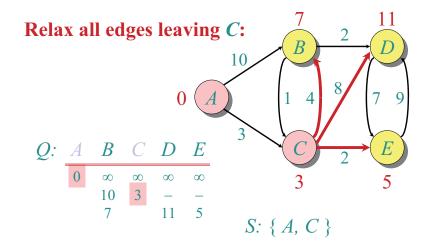






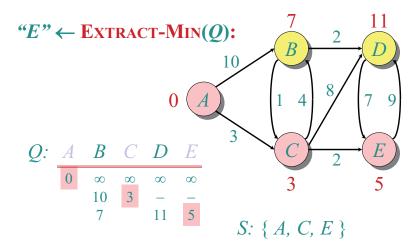




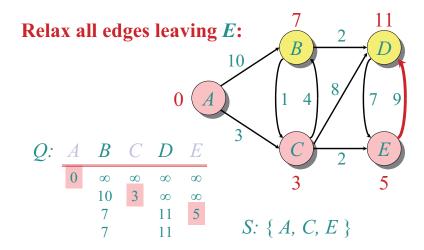


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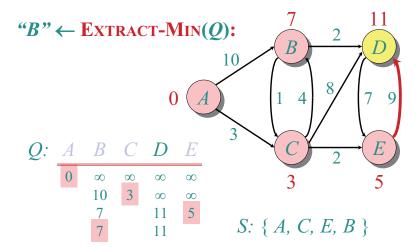
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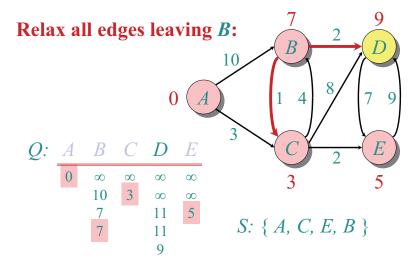
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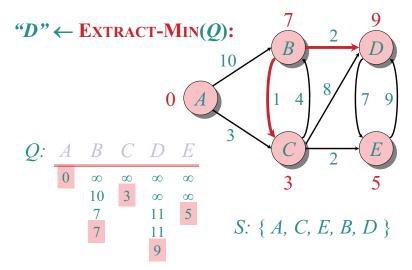


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Proof. Suppose not. Let v be the first vertex for which d[v] < d(s, v), and let u be the vertex that caused d[v] to change:

$$d[v] = d[u] + w(u, v).$$

Then,

$$d[v] < d(s, v)$$
 supposition
 $\leq d(s, u) + d(u, v)$ triangle inequality
 $\leq d(s, u) + w(u, v)$ sh. path \leq specific path
 $\leq d[u] + w(u, v)$ v is first violation

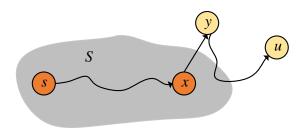
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Proof. It suffices to show that d[v] = d(s, v) for every $v \in V$ when v is added to S. Suppose u is the first vertex added to S for which $d[u] \neq d(s, u)$. Let y be the first vertex in V - S along a shortest path from s to u, and let x be its predecessor.

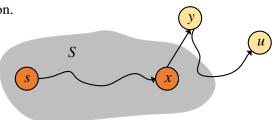


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Proof. (cont.) Since u is the first vertex violating the claimed invariant, we have d[x] = d(s, x). Since subpaths of shortest paths are shortest paths, it follows that d[y] was set to d(s, x) + w(x, y) = d(s, y) when (x, y) was relaxed just after x was added to S.

Consequently, we have $d[y] = d(s, y) \le d(s, u) \le d[u]$. However, $d[u] \le d[y]$ by our choice of u in Dijkstra's Algorithm, so d[y] = d(s, y) = d(s, u) = d[u].

Contradiction.



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Performance:

- Array implementation optimal for dense graphs ($\Theta(n^2)$ edges).
- Binary heap much faster for sparse graphs $(\Theta(n) \text{ edges})$.
- 4-way heap worth the trouble in performance-critical situations.
- Fibonacci heap best in theory, but probably not worth implementing.

Implementation	EXTRACT-MIN	INSERT/ DECREASE-KEY	$ V \times \text{EXTRACT-MIN+}$ $(V + E) \times \text{INS/DEC}$
Array	O(V)	O(1)	$O(V ^2)$
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Correctness:

- The FIFO queue in breadth-first search mimics the priority queue in Dijkstra;
- Invariant: v comes after u in queue implies that d[v] = d[u] or d[v] = d[u] + 1.

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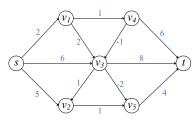
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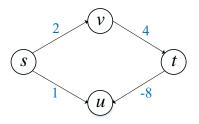
Example: Nodes represent agents in a financial setting and w(u, v) is cost of transaction in which we buy from agent u and sell to v.



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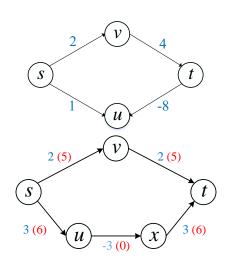
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$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v = s \\ \infty & \text{if } v \neq s, i = 0 \\ \min\{OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(u, v) \in E} \{OPT(i-1, u) + w(u, v)\}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Shortest Paths: Implementation

Algorithm 2: Dynamic Programming

```
1 foreach node u \in V do
```

2 |
$$M[0,u] \leftarrow \infty$$
;

$$3 M[0,s] \leftarrow 0;$$

4 for
$$i = 1$$
 to n do

5 | foreach
$$edge(u, v) \in E$$
 do

$$\mathbf{6} \qquad \bigsqcup M[i,v] \leftarrow \min\{M[i-1,v], M[i-1,u] + w(u,v)\};$$

Algorithm Analysis: O(mn) time, $O(n^2)$ space

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Overall impact.

- Memory: O(m+n);
- Running time: O(mn) worst case, but substantially faster in practice.

Bellman-Ford: Efficient Implementation

Algorithm 3: Bellman-Ford Algorithm

```
foreach node u \in V do
   M[u] \leftarrow \infty;
predecessor[u] \leftarrow \emptyset;
4 M[s] \leftarrow 0;
 5 for i = 1 to n - 1 do
        foreach node u \in V do
 6
             if M[u] has been updated in previous iteration then
                  foreach edge(u, v) \in E do
 8
                       if M[v] > M[u] + w(u, v) then
 9
                      M[v] \leftarrow M[u] + w(u, v);

predecessor[v] \leftarrow u;
10
11
        If no M[v] changed in this iteration, stop.
12
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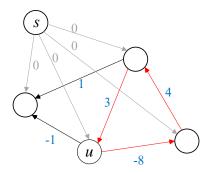
- $OPT(n, v) < OPT(n 1, v) \Rightarrow P$ has exactly n edges;
- By pigeonhole principle, *P* must contain a directed cycle *W*;
- Deleting W yields a s-v path with $< n \text{ edges} \Rightarrow W$ has negative cost.



Detecting Negative Cycles

Theorem. Can detect negative cost cycle in O(mn) time.

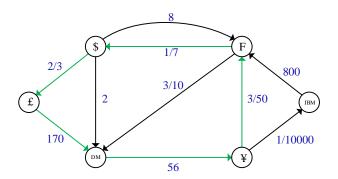
- Add new node s and connect it to all nodes with 0-cost edge.
- Check if OPT(n, u) = OPT(n 1, u) for all nodes u. if no, then extract cycle from shortest path from s to u.



Detecting Negative Cycles: Application

Currency conversion. Given *n* currencies and exchange rates between pairs of currencies, is there an arbitrage opportunity?

Remark. Fastest algorithm very valuable!



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IDEA #1:

- Run Bellman-Ford once from each vertex.
- Time = $O(n^2m)$.
- Dense graph $\Rightarrow O(n^4)$ time.

Good first try!



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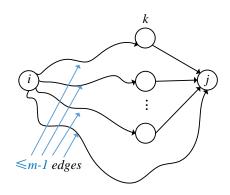
Claim: We have

$$d_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \infty & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

and for m = 1, 2, ..., n - 1

$$d_{ij}^{(m)} = \min_{k} \{ d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + a_{kj} \}$$

Proof of Claim



Note: No negative-weight cycles implies

$$d(i,j) = d_{ij}^{(n-1)} = d_{ij}^{(n)} = d_{ij}^{(n+1)} = \dots$$

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Thus,
$$D^{(m)} = D^{(m-1)}$$
 " \times " A .

Identity matrix =
$$I = D^{(0)} = (d_{ij}^{(0)}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Time = $\Theta(n^4)$. No better than $n \times$ Bellman-Ford.

Improved Matrix Multiplication Algorithm

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Repeated squaring: A^{2k} = A^k \times A^k.
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Also dynamic programming, but faster!

Define $c_{ij}^{(k)}$ as the weight of a shortest path from i to j with intermediate vertices belonging to the set $\{1, 2, ..., k\}$.

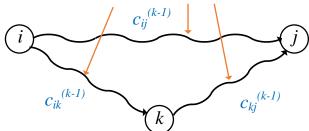


Thus,
$$d(i,j) = c_{ij}^{(n)}$$
. Also, $c_{ij}^{(0)} = a_{ij}$.

Floyd-Warshall Recurrence

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

Intermediate nodes in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$



Pseudocode for Floyd-Warshall

Algorithm 4: Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

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1 for k \leftarrow 1 to n do

2 for i \leftarrow 1 to n do

3 for j \leftarrow 1 to n do

4 if c_{ij} > c_{ik} + c_{kj} then

5 c_{ij} \leftarrow c_{ik} + c_{kj};
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Analysis:

- Okay to omit superscripts, since extra relaxations can't hurt.
- Runs in $\Theta(n^3)$ time.
- Simple to code and efficient in practice.

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$$= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (w(v_i, v_{i+1}) + h(v_i) - h(v_{i+1}))$$

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