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Shortest path finding

Aim: To implement shortest path using Dijkstra's algorithm

Problem statement: Represent a graph of city using adjacency matrix / list. Nodes should represent the various land marks & link should represent the distance between them. Find the shortest path using Dijkstra's algo from single source to all destination.

Theory:

- Shortest path

In graph theory, the shortest path is the path between 2 vertices such that the sum of the weights of its edges is minimized.

The problem of finding the shortest path in graph from one vertex to another shortest can be least number of edges, least total weights etc.

- Various algorithms to find shortest path:
 - 1) Dijkstra algorithm
 - 2) Bellman-Ford algorithm
 - 3) Floyd-Warshall algorithm
 - 4) Johnson's algorithm
 - 5) Viterbi algorithm

Greedy Approach:

An algorithm is designed to achieve optimum solution for a given problem. In greedy algorithm approach, decisions are made from given solution that seems to provide an optimum solution chosen.

Greedy algo builds by solution piece by piece, always choosing the next piece that offers the most obvious and immediate benefits.

Dijkstra's algorithm:

It is an algorithm for finding the shortest paths between nodes in a graph.

The algorithm creates a tree of shortest paths from the starting vertex (source) to all other points in the graph. Dijkstra's algorithm finds a shortest path tree from a single source node by building a set of nodes that have minimum distance from the source.

Real time uses of Dijkstra's algorithm:

- 1) Social Networking Applications.
- 2) Telephone network
- 3) Digital mapping services
- 4) IP routing
- 5) Flighting agenda

Validations:

No of vertex and edges should be positive

Test cases:

- 1) Directed graph with no loops and parallel edges
- 2) Undirected graph with no loops and parallel edges

Conclusion:

Time complexity for matrix is $O(V^2)$
using list is $O(E \log V)$