

# Single-source shortest paths problem

## Overview:

- Weighted Graphs
- General Approach ✓
- Negative Edges
- Optimal Substructure : technique that most shortest path algorithms use to get efficient complexity

## Motivation:

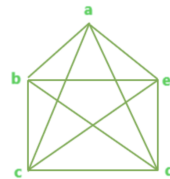
Shortest way to drive from A to B

Weighted graph  $G(V, E, W)$ ,  $W: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (set of real number)

$G$ : Graph,  $V$ : Vertices,  $E$ : Edge,  $W$ : Weight

Two Algorithms:

- 1) Dijkstra : + weight edges,  $O(V \lg V + E)$  practically linear time, dominated in many cases by  $E$ ,



$E = O(V^2)$  ex. complete graph  $V=n$ ,  $E = n(n-1)/2$

- 2) Bellman Ford : -/+ edges,  $O(VE)$  \*\* have to find cycle

## Definitions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{path } p &= \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle \\ (v_i, v_{i+1}) &\in E \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i < k \\ w(p) &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

\*\* path의 weight  $w(p)$ 는 path에 존재하는 모든 edge의 weight의 합이다.

\*\* shortest path problem: find  $p$  with minimum weight

complexity는 weight와 무관하다.

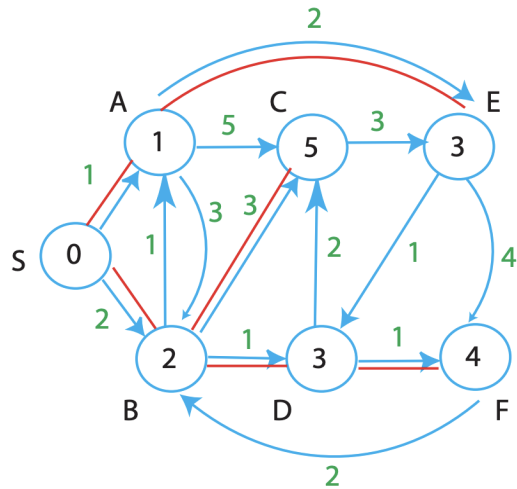
## Weighted Graphs:

$$v_0 \xrightarrow{p} v_k \quad v(0) \text{ is a path from } v_0 \text{ to } v_k \text{ of weight } 0$$

Shortest path weight from  $u$  to  $v$  as

$$\delta(u, v) = \begin{cases} \min \left\{ w(p) : u \xrightarrow{p} v \right\} & \text{if } \exists \text{ any such path} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise (} v \text{ unreachable from } u \text{)} \end{cases}$$

example:



$d(u)$  : current weight  
 (for initial)  $d(S) = 0, d(A), \dots = \text{Infinite}$   
 (1)  $d(A) = 1, d(B) = 2$   
 (2)  $d(C) = 6 : S > A > C, d(D) = 3$   
 (3)  $d(C) = 5 : S > B > C$

Predecessor relationship:

$d[v]$  = value inside circle  
 current weight, at end  $\delta(s, v)$

$\Pi[v]$  = predecessor on best path to  $v$ ,  $\Pi[s] = \text{NIL}$

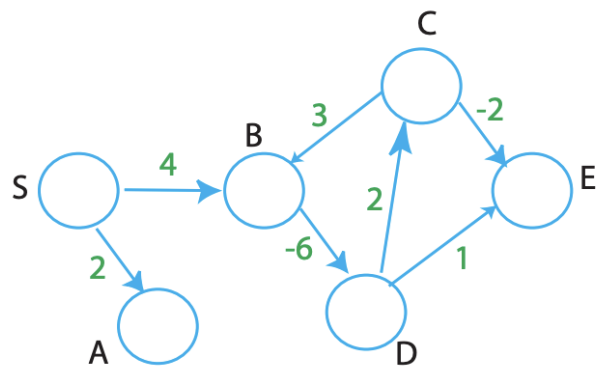
$d[v]$  = value inside circle  
 $= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v = s \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \Leftarrow \text{initially}$   
 $= \delta(s, v) \Leftarrow \text{at end}$

$d[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$  at all times

## Negative-Weight Edges:

**Motivation?** Reverse tall , Social networks (like, dislike)

Negative cycle is a problem!



$\delta(s,s): 0$ ,  $\delta(s,a) : 2$ ,  $\delta(s, b) \Rightarrow$  negative infinite

Bellman Ford: detect negative weight cycle, termination condition

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Initialize:           for  $v \in V$ :  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$ 
                         $\Pi[v] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$ 
                         $d[S] \leftarrow 0$ 

Main:                 repeat
                        select edge  $(u, v)$  [somehow]
                        [ if  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  :
                           $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$ 
                           $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$ 
                        until all edges have  $d[v] \leq d[u] + w(u, v)$ 

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Could be **exponential** time with poor choice of edges



## Optimal Substructure:

**Theorem:** Subpaths of shortest paths are shortest paths

Let  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  be a shortest path

Let  $p_{ij} = \langle v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_j \rangle \quad 0 \leq i \leq j \leq k$

Then  $p_{ij}$  is a shortest path.

Proof:

$$p = \begin{array}{ccccccc} & p_{0,i} & & p_{ij} & & p_{jk} & \\ v_0 & \rightarrow & v_i & \rightarrow & v_j & \rightarrow & v_k \\ & & & \rightarrow & & & \\ & & & p'_{ij} & & & \end{array}$$

만약  $P_{ij} > P'_{ij}$  라면, P안에 있는  $P_{ij}$ 를  $P'_{ij}$ 로 대체하게 되면 새로운 값은 P보다 작아지는 모순이

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**Theorem:** Triangle Inequality, For all  $u, v, x \in X$ , we have  $\delta(u, v) \leq \delta(u, x) + \delta(x, v)$

