

Tutorial 11 Solution.

1. Modify Dijkstra's algorithm to compute the number of shortest paths from s to every vertex t .

a. Add a new variable $nos(v)=0$, for all v . $nos(s)=1$

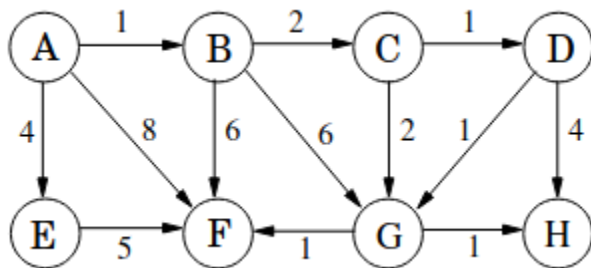
b. Add the line under the following if $d(v) < d(u) + l(u,v)$.

$nos(v) = nos(u);$

c. add the following code:

If $d(v) == d(u) + l(u,v)$
 $nos(v) = nos(v) + nos(u);$

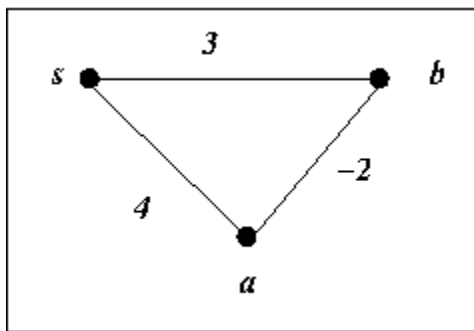
2. Compute the shortest path for all vertices starting from A. Do this in tabular form.



| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | Queue | u=del min | d(u) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|------|
| 0 | infty | infty | infty | infty | infty | infty | infty | A | A | 0 |
| | 1 | infty | infty | 4 | 8 | infty | infty | B,E,F | B | 1 |
| | | 3 | infty | 4 | 7 | 7 | infty | C,E,F,G | C | 3 |
| | | | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | infty | D,E,F | D | 4 |

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|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---------|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | G | | |
| | | | | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | E,F,G,H | E | 4 |
| | | | | | 7 | 5 | 8 | F,G,H | G | 5 |
| | | | | | 6 | | 6 | F,H | F | 6 |
| | | | | | | | 6 | H | H | 6 |

3. Show an example of a graph with negative edge weights and show how Dijkstra's algorithm may fail. Suppose that the minimum negative edge weight is $-d$. Suppose that we create a new graph G' with weights w' , where G' has the same edges and vertices as G , but $w'(e)=w(e)+d$. In other words, we have added d to every edge weight so that all edges in the new graph has edge weights non-negative. Let us run Dijkstra on this graph. Will it return the shortest paths for G ?



The fact about Dijkstra is that once a vertex leaves the queue, its distance from s is never updated. Start Dijkstra from s and see that $d(b)=3$ is what Dijkstra will produce. The correct answer is 2. Also note that adding a constant will give wrong answers. The simple reason being that the cost of a path will change depending on the number of edges in the path. Adding 3 to the graph above does not identify the correct path.

4. Look at the following graph from Tutorial 9 with red edges and blue edges. Our task was to find the path from s to every vertex t , with the fewest red edges. Run any modified bfs of your choice and Dijkstra and compare the sequence of vertices visited by BFS and by Dijkstra.
5. You are given a time table for a city. The city consists of n stops $V=\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. It runs m services s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m . Each service is a sequence of vertices and timings. For example, the schedule for service K7 is given below. Now, you are at stop A at 8:00am and you would like to reach stop B at the earliest possible time. Assume that buses may

be delayed by at most 45 seconds. Model the above problem as a shortest path problem. The answer should be a travel plan.

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| Service : K7 | | | |
| H15 | Convocation Hall | Market Gate | H15 |
| 7:15am | 7:20am | 7:30 | 7:40 |

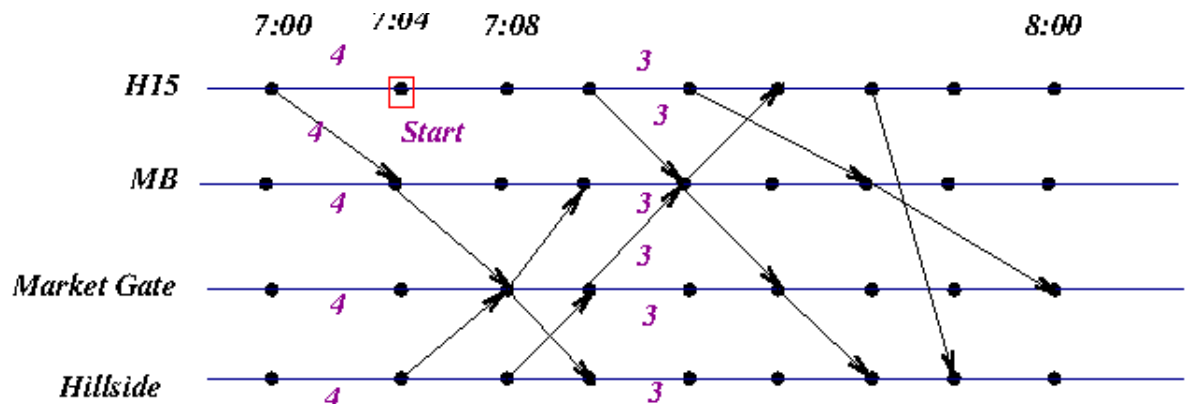


Figure 4.8 Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm.

procedure `dijkstra`(G, l, s)

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$, directed or undirected;
 positive edge lengths $\{l_e : e \in E\}$; vertex $s \in V$

Output: For all vertices u reachable from s , $\text{dist}(u)$ is set
 to the distance from s to u .

for all $u \in V$:

$\text{dist}(u) = \infty$

$\text{prev}(u) = \text{nil}$

$\text{dist}(s) = 0$

$H = \text{makequeue}(V)$ (using dist -values as keys)

while H is not empty:

$u = \text{deletemin}(H)$

 for all edges $(u, v) \in E$:

 if $\text{dist}(v) > \text{dist}(u) + l(u, v)$:

$\text{dist}(v) = \text{dist}(u) + l(u, v)$

$\text{prev}(v) = u$

$\text{decreasekey}(H, v)$
