

Fundamentals of Data Structures

# Projects 3: Normal Dijkstra Sequence



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# Chapter 1: Introduction

## 1.1) Background

The Dijkstra algorithm, developed by Edsger W. Dijkstra in 1956, is a fundamental algorithm in graph theory that solves the single-source shortest path problem. Its significance in computer science and practical applications has made it one of the most studied greedy algorithms.

## 1.2) Algorithm Overview

The algorithm works by maintaining a set of vertices whose shortest path distances from the source have been determined. In each iteration:

- It selects the vertex with the minimum distance value from the set of unvisited vertices
- Adds this vertex to the visited set
- Updates the distance values of its adjacent vertices

This process generates an ordered sequence of vertices, known as a Dijkstra sequence.

## 1.3) Problem Description

Given a connected weighted graph with  $N$  vertices and  $E$  edges:

- Each edge has a positive integer weight ( $\leq 100$ )
- Multiple sequences of vertex permutations are provided
- Each sequence starts with a source vertex
- We need to determine whether each sequence is a valid Dijkstra sequence

The challenge lies in verifying if each given sequence could be generated by Dijkstra's algorithm based on the graph structure and edge weights.

## 1.4) Key Concepts

- A sequence is considered a valid Dijkstra sequence if:
  - It represents a possible order of vertex selection by Dijkstra's algorithm
  - Each vertex selected must have the minimum distance from the source among all unvisited vertices
  - The first vertex must be the source vertex

## 1.5) Input Constraints

- Number of vertices ( $N$ ):  $\leq 10^3$
- Number of edges ( $E$ ):  $\leq 10^5$
- Number of test sequences ( $K$ ):  $\leq 100$
- Edge weights: Positive integers  $\leq 100$

## Chapter 2: Algorithm Specification

### 2.1) Data Structures

#### 2.1.1) Graph Representation

- Adjacency Matrix:
  - Size:  $\text{MAXV} \times \text{MAXV}$  (where  $\text{MAXV} = 1003$ )
  - $G[i][j]$ : Weight of edge between vertices  $i$  and  $j$
  - $G[i][j] = \text{INF}$  if no direct edge exists
  - $G[i][i] = 0$  for all vertices

#### 2.1.2) Distance Array

- $\text{dist}[]$ : Stores shortest known distances from source
  - Size:  $\text{MAXV}$
  - $\text{dist}[i]$ : Current shortest distance to vertex  $i$
  - Initially set to  $\text{INF}$  except  $\text{dist}[\text{source}] = 0$

#### 2.1.3) Visited Set

- $\text{visited}[]$ : Tracks processed vertices
  - Size:  $\text{MAXV}$
  - Boolean array (0 for unvisited, 1 for visited)

### 2.2) Core Algorithm Components

#### 2.2.1) Graph Initialization

1. Set all edge weights to  $\text{INF}$
2. Set diagonal elements to 0
3. Read edges and populate adjacency matrix

#### 2.2.2) Sequence Validation

1. Initialize distances and visited array
2. For each vertex in sequence:
  - Mark as visited
  - Update distances to adjacent vertices
  - Verify next vertex has minimum distance

#### 2.2.3) Distance Update Process

1. For each unvisited adjacent vertex:
  - Calculate potential new distance
  - Update if new distance is shorter
  - Track if any distance was improved

### 2.3) Pseudo-Code

```

Input: Graph G, Sequence S, Number of vertices N
Output: true if S is valid Dijkstra sequence, false otherwise

// Data structures initialization
function Initialize():
    dist[1..N] = [INF, INF, ..., INF]    // Distance array
    visited[1..N] = [false, false, ..., false]    // Visited status array
    dist[S[0]] = 0    // Set source distance to 0

// Main validation function
function CheckSequence(G, S, N):
    Initialize()

    // Process each vertex in sequence
    for i from 0 to N-1:
        v = S[i]    // Current vertex

        // Check if current vertex is reachable
        if dist[v] == INF:
            return false    // Unreachable vertex

        visited[v] = true

        // Update distances
        for each unvisited vertex u:
            if G[v][u] != INF:    // If edge exists
                newDist = dist[v] + G[v][u]
                if newDist < dist[u]:
                    dist[u] = newDist

        // Verify next vertex selection
        if i < N-1:
            next = S[i+1]
            // Check if any unvisited vertex has shorter distance
            for each unvisited vertex u:
                if dist[u] < dist[next]:
                    return false

    return true    // Valid sequence

// Main program
Main():
    Read N (vertices), E (edges)
    Initialize graph G

    // Read edges
    for i from 1 to E:
        Read v1, v2, weight
        G[v1][v2] = G[v2][v1] = weight

    Read K (number of queries)

```

```
for i from 1 to K:
    Read sequence S of length N
    if CheckSequence(G, S, N):
        Print "Yes"
    else:
        Print "No"
```

## Chapter 3: Testing Results

### 3.1) Test Case 1: Basic Graph

Purpose: Verify sequence validation for simple graph structure

Input:

```
5 6
1 2 2
1 3 4
2 3 1
2 4 3
3 4 1
4 5 2
2
1 2 3 4 5
1 2 4 3 5
```

Expected Output:

```
Yes
No
```

Analysis: First sequence follows shortest paths, second violates minimum distance property

Status: pass

### 3.2) Test Case 2: Multiple Valid Paths

Purpose: Test graphs with multiple valid Dijkstra sequences

Input:

```
4 4
1 2 1
1 3 1
2 4 1
3 4 1
3
1 2 3 4
1 3 2 4
2 1 3 4
```

Expected Output:

Yes  
Yes  
No

Analysis: First two sequences are valid due to equal path lengths, third invalid due to wrong source

Status: pass

### **3.3) Test Case 3: Maximum Size Graph**

Purpose: Test performance with large input

Input:

```
1000 100000  
// ... (1000 vertices, 100000 edges)
```

Expected Output: Correct validation within time limit

Analysis: Program handles maximum constraints efficiently

Status: pass

### **3.4) Test Case 4: Single Vertex Graph**

Purpose: Test the simplest possible graph case

Input:

```
1 0  
1  
1
```

Expected Output:

Yes

Analysis: Trivial case with only one vertex, any single-vertex sequence starting with itself is valid

Status: pass

### **3.5) Test Case 5: Complete Graph**

Purpose: Test graph with all possible edges

Input:

```
4 6  
1 2 1  
1 3 1  
1 4 1  
2 3 1  
2 4 1  
3 4 1  
2  
1 2 3 4  
1 3 2 4
```



Expected Output:

Yes

Yes

Analysis: All vertices are directly connected with equal weights, multiple valid sequences exist

Status: pass

### **3.6) Test Case 6: Linear Graph (Path)**

Purpose: Test sequence validation in a path graph

Input:

5 4

1 2 1

2 3 1

3 4 1

4 5 1

1

1 2 3 4 5

Expected Output:

Yes

Analysis: Only one valid Dijkstra sequence possible due to linear structure

Status: pass

### **3.7) Test Case 7: Cyclic Graph**

Purpose: Test graph with cycle and equal weights

Input:

4 4

1 2 1

2 3 1

3 4 1

4 1 1

2

1 2 3 4

1 4 3 2

Expected Output:

No

No

Analysis: Equal weights in cycle, but sequence must follow shortest path order

Status: pass

## Chapter 4: Analysis and Comments

### 4.1) Time Complexity Analysis

#### 4.1.1) Graph Initialization

- Adjacency Matrix Creation:  $O(V^2)$ 
  - Initializing all elements to INF requires two nested loops
  - $V$  is the number of vertices ( $\leq 10^3$ )
- Edge Input:  $O(E)$ 
  - Processing  $E$  edges, each requiring constant time
  - $E$  is the number of edges ( $\leq 10^5$ )

#### 4.1.2) Sequence Validation

- Distance Array Initialization:  $O(V)$
- Main Loop:  $O(V^2)$ 
  - Outer loop: Processes  $V$  vertices
  - Inner loop: Updates distances for up to  $V$  vertices
- Validation Check:  $O(V^2)$ 
  - For each vertex, checks all remaining unvisited vertices
- Total:  $O(V^2)$

### 4.2) Space Complexity Analysis

#### 4.2.1) Static Memory

- Adjacency Matrix:  $O(V^2)$ 
  - Size:  $MAXV \times MAXV$  integers
  - Dominates the space complexity
- Distance Array:  $O(V)$
- Visited Array:  $O(V)$

#### 4.2.2) Dynamic Memory

- No dynamic memory allocation required
- All arrays can be statically allocated
- Total:  $O(V^2)$

### 4.3) Potential Improvements

#### 4.3.1) Algorithm Optimizations

1. Alternative Graph Representation:
  - Use adjacency lists instead of matrix
  - Reduces space to  $O(V + E)$
  - Update time becomes  $O(E \log V)$  with priority queue
2. Early Termination:
  - Stop validation when finding first violation

- Add checks for impossible sequences early
3. Memory Optimization:
    - Use bit array for visited set
    - Reduces memory usage by factor of 32

#### 4.3.2) Implementation Enhancements

1. Input Processing:
  - Buffer multiple test cases
  - Use faster I/O methods
2. Data Structures:
  - Custom priority queue for large graphs
  - Sparse matrix for low-density graphs
3. Parallelization:
  - Process multiple queries concurrently
  - Parallelize distance updates for large graphs

### 4.4) Performance Bottlenecks

#### 4.4.1) Current Limitations

1. Memory Usage:
  - Adjacency matrix requires  $O(V^2)$  space
  - Inefficient for sparse graphs
2. Computational Overhead:
  - Checking all unvisited vertices in each step
  - Redundant distance updates

#### 4.4.2) Theoretical Bounds

- Best Case:  $O(V)$  when sequence is invalid
- Worst Case:  $O(V^2)$  for complete graphs
- Average Case:  $O(V \log V)$  for sparse graphs

### 4.5) Final Complexity Summary

Operation	Time Complexity	Space Complexity
Graph Construction	$O(V^2 + E)$	$O(V^2)$
Sequence Validation	$O(V^2)$	$O(V)$
Total (per query)	$O(V^2)$	$O(V^2)$

## Appendix: Source Code (in C)

File sol.c:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAXV 1003
#define MAXE 100005
#define INF 0x3f3f3f3f

// Adjacency matrix representation of the graph
int G[MAXV][MAXV];
int Nv, Ne;

// Initialize the graph with infinite weights
void initGraph() {
    for(int i = 1; i <= Nv; i++) {
        for(int j = 1; j <= Nv; j++) {
            G[i][j] = INF;
        }
        G[i][i] = 0; // Distance to itself is 0
    }
}

// Verify if a sequence is a valid Dijkstra sequence
// Returns 1 if valid, 0 if invalid
int checkSequence(int sequence[]) {
    // Arrays for storing shortest distances and visited status
    int dist[MAXV];
    int visited[MAXV] = {0}; // 0: unvisited, 1: visited

    // Initialize all distances to infinity
    for (int i = 1; i <= Nv; i++) {
        dist[i] = INF;
    }

    // Set source vertex distance to 0
    int source = sequence[0];
    dist[source] = 0;

    // Process each vertex in the sequence
    for (int i = 0; i < Nv; i++) {
        int v = sequence[i];

        // Check if current vertex is reachable from source
        if (dist[v] == INF) {
            return 0; // Unreachable vertex, sequence invalid
        }

        visited[v] = 1; // Mark current vertex as visited

        // Update distances to all unvisited adjacent vertices
        for (int j = 1; j <= Nv; j++) {

```

```

        if (!visited[j] && G[v][j] != INF) {
            int newDist = dist[v] + G[v][j];
            // Update if new path is shorter
            if (newDist < dist[j]) {
                dist[j] = newDist;
            }
        }
    }
}

// Verify next vertex selection (if not the last vertex)
if (i < Nv - 1) {
    int next = sequence[i + 1];
    // Check if any unvisited vertex has shorter distance
    for (int j = 1; j <= Nv; j++) {
        if (!visited[j] && dist[j] < dist[next]) {
            return 0;    // Found better choice, sequence invalid
        }
    }
}
}
// All vertices processed successfully
return 1;    // Valid Dijkstra sequence
}

// Main function - handles input/output and program flow
int main() {
    // Read number of vertices and edges
    scanf("%d %d", &Nv, &Ne);
    initGraph();    // Initialize adjacency matrix

    // Read edge information and construct graph
    for(int i = 0; i < Ne; i++) {
        int v1, v2, weight;
        scanf("%d %d %d", &v1, &v2, &weight);
        // Store edge weight (undirected graph)
        G[v1][v2] = G[v2][v1] = weight;
    }

    // Process queries
    int K;
    scanf("%d", &K);    // Read number of sequences to check

    // Check each sequence
    for(int i = 0; i < K; i++) {
        int sequence[MAXV];
        // Read vertex sequence
        for(int j = 0; j < Nv; j++) {
            scanf("%d", &sequence[j]);
        }
        // Output result
        printf("%s\n", checkSequence(sequence) ? "Yes" : "No");
    }
}

```

```
}  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

## Declaration

I hereby declare that all the work done in this project titled “Normal Dijkstra Sequence” is of my independent effort.