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**Project 2**  
**Analyzing the Floyd - Warshall algorithm**

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## 1. Problem Description

The main purpose of this project is to analyse the Floyd-Warshall algorithm used to find the shortest path in a weighted graph with positive or negative edges, but no negative cycles. A shortest path problem is the problem of finding the path between two nodes in a graph such that the sum of the weights of its edges is minimized.

## 2. Known algorithms

The most important algorithms for solving this problem are:

- Dijkstra's algorithm
- Bellman – Ford algorithm
- A\* search algorithm
- Floyd – Warshall algorithm
- Johnson's algorithm
- Viterbi algorithm

## 3. The shortest path problem

Two vertices are adjacent when they are both incident to a common edge. A path in an undirected graph is a sequence of vertices

$$P = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in V \times V \times \dots \times V$$

such that  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < n$ . Such a path  $P$  is called a path of length  $n - 1$  from  $v_1$  to  $v_n$ .

Let  $e_{i,j}$  be the edge incident to both  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . Given a real-valued weight function  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and an undirected (simple) graph  $G$ , the shortest path from  $v$  to  $v'$  is the path  $P = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  (where  $v_1 = v$  and  $v_n = v'$ ) that over all possible  $n$  minimizes the sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(e_{i,i+1}).$$

When each edge in the graph has unit weight or  $f: E \rightarrow \{1\}$ , this is equivalent to finding the path with fewest edges. [1]

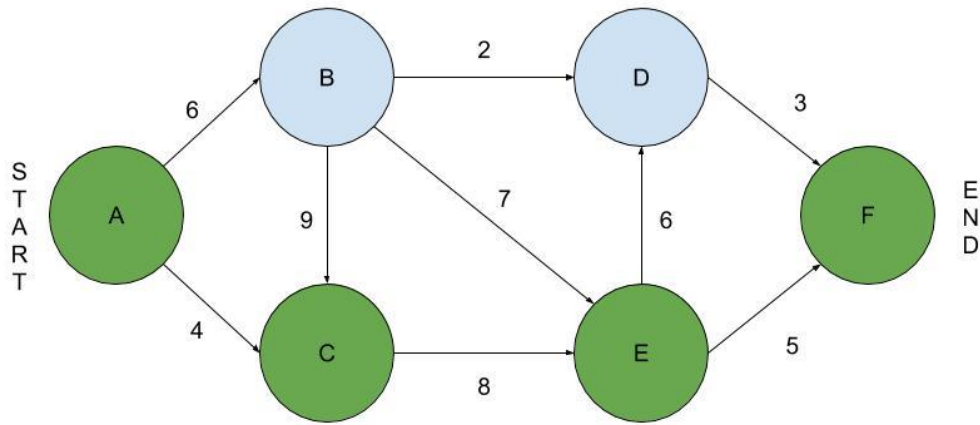


Figure: Example of shortest path in a graph

In the above figure, the shortest path is given by  $P = (A, C, E, F)$  with a total cost of  $4 + 8 + 5 = 17$

## 4. A historical perspective

The Floyd-Warshall algorithm is an example of a dynamic programming problem. It was first published by **Robert Floyd** in 1962. However, the working of this algorithm is similar to the algorithms previously published by Bernard Roy in 1959 and **Stephen Warshall** in 1962 for finding the transitive closure of a graph. The current formulation of the algorithm as three nested for loops was first described by Peter Ingberman in 1962. Hence, the algorithm is also known as the **Floyds algorithm**, the **Roy-Warshall algorithm** or the **Roy-Floyd algorithm**.

## 5. Algorithm description

The Floyd-Warshall algorithm considers the intermediate vertices of a shortest path, where an *intermediate vertex* of a simple path  $P = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is any vertex of  $P$  other than  $v_1$  or  $v_n$  that is, any vertex in the set  $P = (v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1})$

The algorithm relies on the observation that the vertices of  $G$  are  $V = (1, 2, \dots, n)$ , consider a subset  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k)$  of vertices for some  $k$ . For any pair of vertices  $i, j \in V$ , consider all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  whose intermediate vertices are all drawn from  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k)$ , and let  $p$  be a minimum-weight path from among them.

The algorithm exploits a relationship between path  $p$  and shortest paths from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$ . The relationship depends on whether or not  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ .

This gives rise to the following cases:

1. If  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then all intermediate vertices of path  $p$  are in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$ . Thus, a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$  is also a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$ .
2. If  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then we decompose  $p$  into  $i, k$  and  $j$ .  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$ . Similarly,  $p_2$  is a shortest path from vertex  $k$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k - 1)$ .

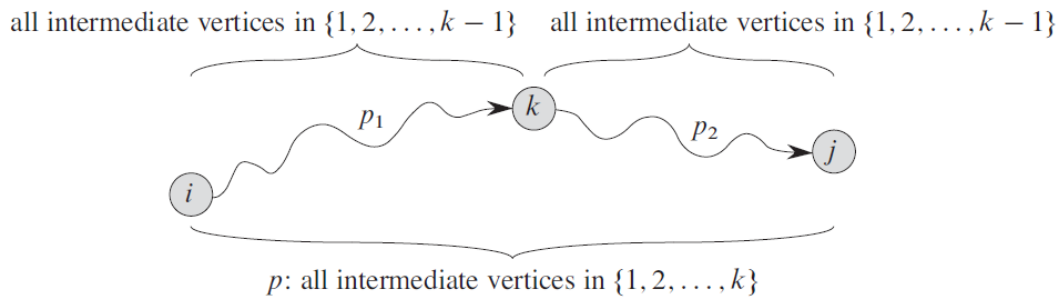


Figure: Path  $p$  is a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , and  $k$  is the highest-numbered intermediate vertex of  $p$  [2]

## 5.1. A recursive solution

Let  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  be the weight of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  for which all *intermediate vertices* are in the set  $V = (1, 2, \dots, k)$ . When  $k = 0$ , a path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with no intermediate vertex numbered higher than 0 has no intermediate vertices at all. Such a path has at most one edge, and hence  $d_{ij}^{(0)} = w_{ij}$ . [2]

This can be represented as:

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} w_{ij}, & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)}, d_{kj}^{(k-1)}), & \text{if } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

```

FLOYD – WARSHALL( $W$ )
 $n = W.rows$ 
 $D^{(0)} = W$ 
for  $k = 1$  to  $n$ 
    let  $D^{(k)} = (d_{ij}^{(k)})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
        for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
             $d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)}, d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$ 
        end for
    end for
return  $D^{(n)}$ 

```

*Figure: The Floyd-Warshall algorithmic steps*

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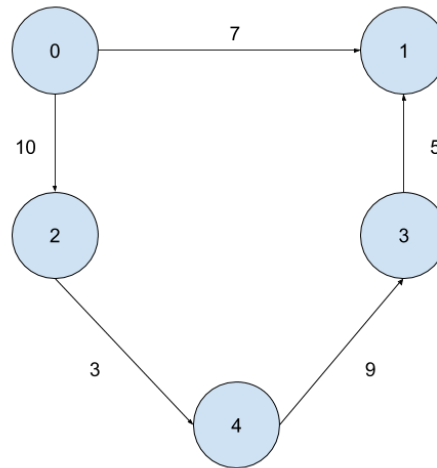
function Floyd-Warshall( $V$ )
     $dist[v][v] = \infty$ 
    for each vertex  $v$ 
         $dist[v][v] := 0$ 
    for each edge  $(u, v)$ 
         $dist[u][v] := w(u, v)$ 
    for  $k = 1$  to  $V$ 
        for  $i = 1$  to  $V$ 
            for  $j = 1$  to  $V$ 
                if  $dist[i][j] > dist[i][k] + dist[k][j]$ 
                     $dist[i][j] := dist[i][k] + dist[k][j]$ 
                end if
            end for
        end for
    end for

```

*Figure: The Floyd-Warshall algorithm pseudocode*

## 5.2. Matrix representation

Given the following graph:



*Figure: Example directed graph*

Suppose the above graph is denoted by  $G$ . Then, the corresponding matrix is given as:

	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	7	10	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	$\infty$	3
3	$\infty$	5	$\infty$	0	$\infty$
4	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	9	0

Programmatically, this can be represented as:

```
g[][] = { {0 , 7 , 10 , INF, INF},  
          {INF, 0 , INF, INF, INF},  
          {INF, INF, 0 , INF, 3 },  
          {INF, 5 , INF, 0 , INF},  
          {INF, INF, INF, 9 , 0 } }
```

## 6. Implementation

```
/* Author: Zubin Kadva
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 */

public class FloydWarshall {
    final static int INF = 999;

    static void shortestPath(int graph[][]) {
        int v = graph.length;

        int dist[][] = new int[v][v];

        // Matrix initialization is done here

        for (int i = 0; i < v; i++) {
            System.arraycopy(graph[i], 0, dist[i], 0, v);
        }

        for (int k = 0; k < v; k++) {
            // Start from a vertex as source

            for (int i = 0; i < v; i++) {
                // End at a vertex at the destination staring from the source

                for (int j = 0; j < v; j++) {
                    // If vertex k is on the shortest path from i to j, then update
the value of dist[i][j]

                    if (dist[i][k] + dist[k][j] < dist[i][j]) {
                        dist[i][j] = dist[i][k] + dist[k][j];
                    }
                }
            }
        }

        // Print the shortest distance matrix

        print(dist);
    }
}
```



```

static void print(int dist[][]) {
    int v = dist.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < v; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < v; j++) {
            if (dist[i][j] == INF) {
                System.out.print("INF\t");
            } else {
                System.out.print(dist[i][j] + "\t");
            }
        }
    }
}

```

## 7. Generating random data

```

/* Author: Zubin Kadvu
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 */

static int[][] generate() {
    final int DIAGONAL = 9999;
    int V = 225;
    int[][] graph = new int[V][V];

    // Initialize diagonals first
    for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
        graph[i][i] = DIAGONAL;
    }
}

```

```

// Pick a random distance from 1 to 10
for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < V; j++) {
        if (i == j) {
            continue;
        }
        graph[i][j] = new Random().nextInt(10);
    }
}

// Make sure there are INF distances also
for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
    int a = new Random().nextInt(V);
    int b = new Random().nextInt(V);
    if (graph[a][b] != DIAGONAL) {
        graph[a][b] = INF;
    }
}

// Reset diagonals to 0
for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < V; j++) {
        if (graph[i][j] == DIAGONAL) {
            graph[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }
}

return graph;
}

```

```

shortestPath(generate());

```

## 8. Analysis

### Time Complexity

The print subroutine is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} \sum_{j=0}^{v-1} (1) \\ \therefore T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} v \\ \therefore T(n) &= v * v \\ \therefore T(n) &= v^2 \\ \therefore T(n) &= O(v^2)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, complexity is  **$O(v^2)$** .

The shortestPath routine is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} (1) + \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} \sum_{j=0}^{v-1} (1) \\ \therefore T(n) &= v + \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} v \\ \therefore T(n) &= v + \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} v * v \\ \therefore T(n) &= v + v * v * v \\ \therefore T(n) &= v + v^3 \\ \therefore T(n) &= O(v^3)\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the worst case complexity is  **$O(v^3)$** .

The best, average case complexity of the algorithm is also  $v^3$  and follows a similar proof. Hence, it follows that the **best case complexity** is  **$\Omega(v^3)$**  and the **average case complexity** is  **$\theta(v^3)$** .

### Space complexity

We store the distances in a 2-D array with  $v$  rows and  $v$  columns. Therefore, the space complexity is given by

$$v * v = v^2$$

Thus, the complexity is  $\mathbf{O}(v^2)$ .

In summary,

Performance	Best	$\Omega(v^3)$
	Average	$\theta(v^3)$
	Worst	$O(v^3)$
Space		$O(v^2)$

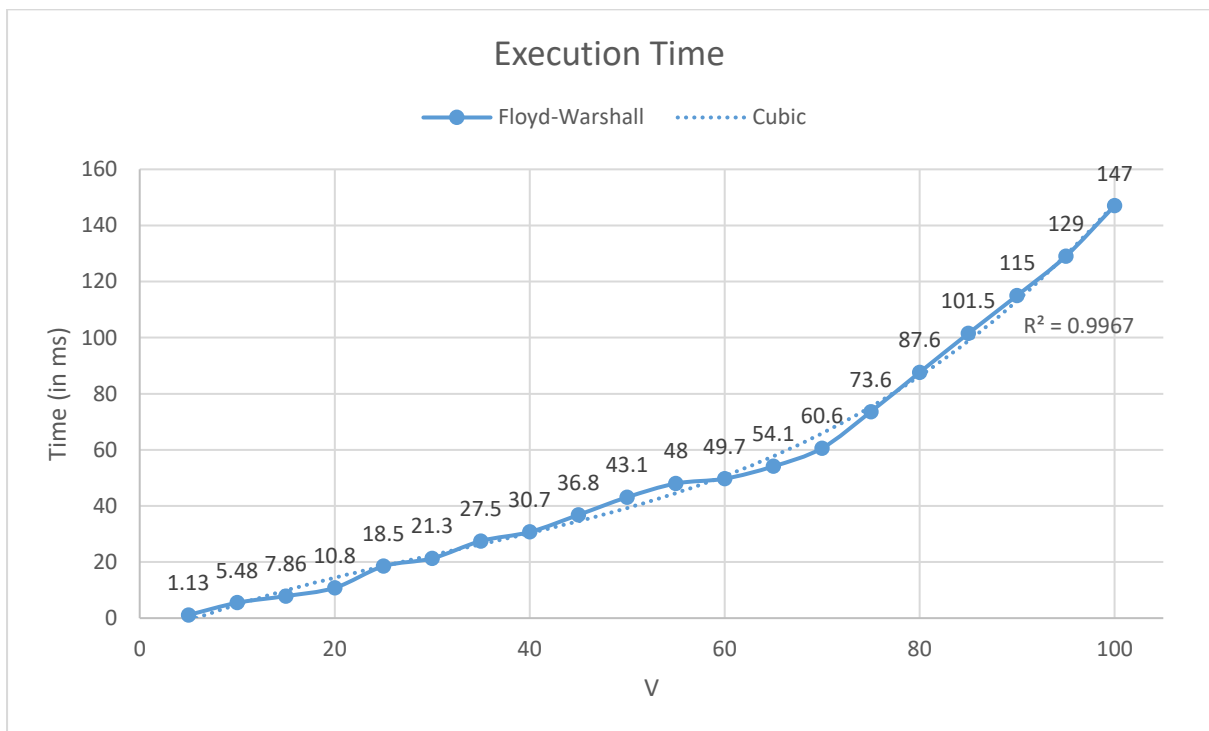
## 9. Graphs

### 9.1. Execution Time

V	Time (in ms)
5	1.13
10	5.48
15	7.86
20	10.8
25	18.5
30	21.3
35	27.5
40	30.7
45	36.8
50	43.1
55	48
60	49.7
65	54.1

70	60.6
75	73.6
80	87.6
85	101.5
90	115
95	129
100	147

*Table: Floyd-Warshall execution time from  $v = 5$  to 100*

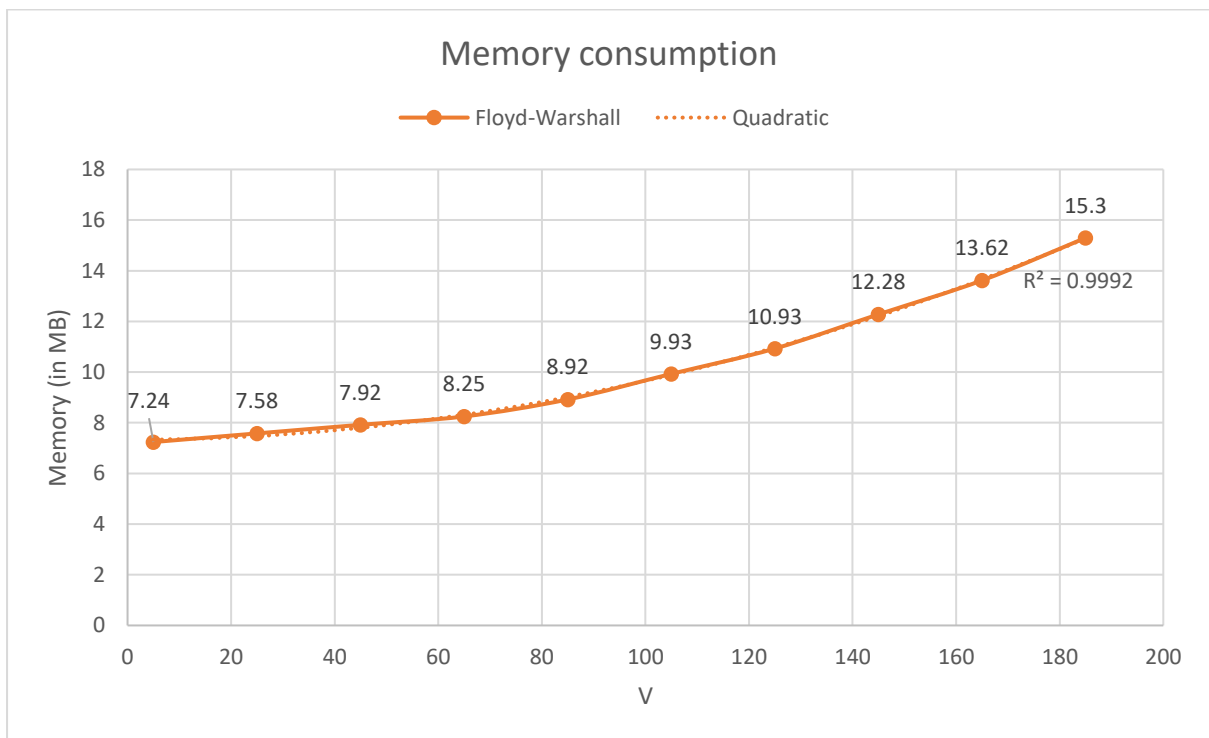


*Graph: Scatter plot of the above data with a cubic trend line*

## 9.2. Memory consumption

V	Memory (in MB)
5	7.24
25	7.58
45	7.92
65	8.25
85	8.92
105	9.93
125	10.93
145	12.28
165	13.62
185	15.3

Table: Floyd-Warshall execution time from  $v = 5$  to 185

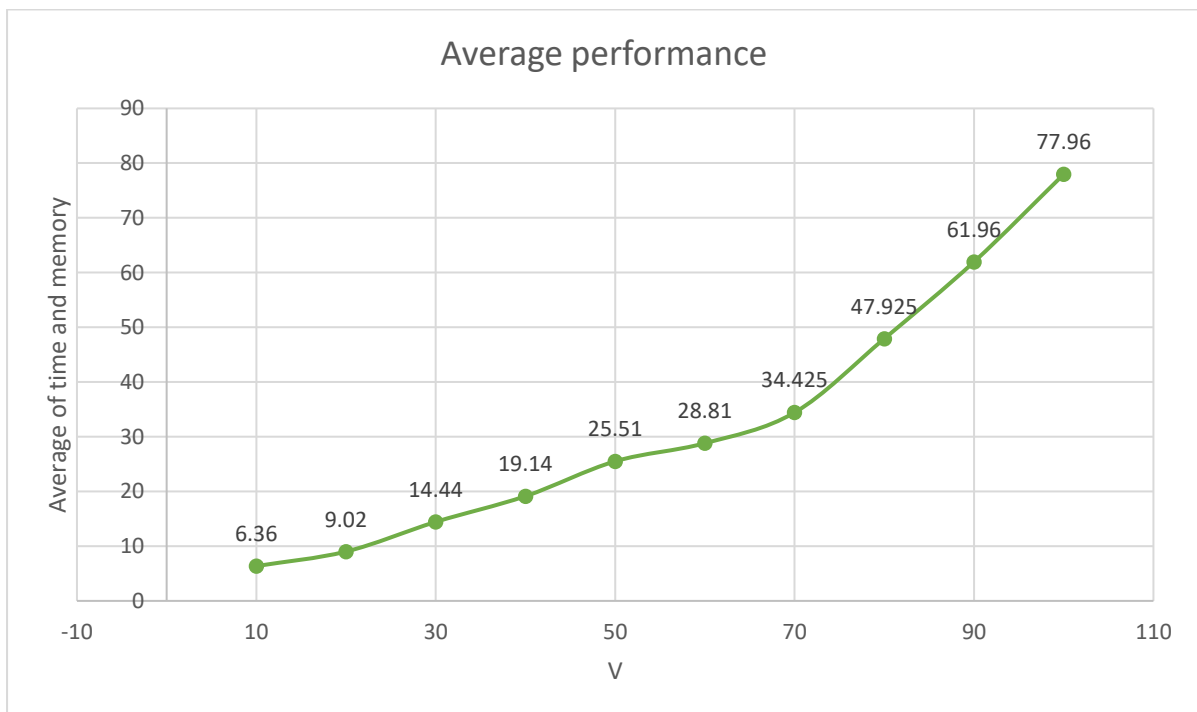


Graph: Scatter plot of the above data with a quadratic trend line

### 9.3. Average performance

V	Average
10	6.36
20	9.02
30	14.44
40	19.14
50	25.51
60	28.81
70	34.425
80	47.925
90	61.96
100	77.96

*Table: Average performance for Floyd-Warshall*



*Graph: Scatter plot of the above data*

## 10. References and tools

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The NetBeans profiler for profiling the performance of the algorithm.

Microsoft Excel for plotting graphs of the gathered data.

Google Drawings for diagrammatic representation of data.