

**Reading:** 4.4.

**Last Time:**

- greedy-by-value
- MST
- matroid

**Today:**

- dynamic greedy
- shortest paths, MSTs

# Dynamic Greedy Algorithms

“adjust ordering dynamically as greedy algorithm proceeds”

**Template:** Repeat:

- Process minimal element by metric.
- Adjust metric on remaining elements.

**Note:** priority queues useful for dynamic greedy algs.

**Def:** priority queue data structure

Operations:

- $\text{insert}(v, k)$ : adds elt  $v$  to queue with key  $k$  (priority)
- $\text{decreasekey}(v, k)$ : decreases the key of  $v$  to  $k$   
(if key is less than  $k$ , leave it the same)
- $\text{deletemin}$ : returns elt with minimum key.

Runtimes:

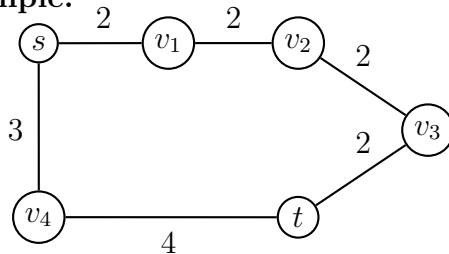
- can implement all operations in  $O(\log n)$

# Shortest Paths

“find short path from vertex  $s$  to  $t$  in graph”

E.g., driving directions, Internet routing.

**Example:**



**Idea:** given known distance to closest  $S \subset V$ , then distance of closest neighbor of  $S$  to  $s$  can be found. Then, induction.

**Metric:** shortest one-hop distance from vertices with known distances.

**Update:** (after processing vertex  $v$ )

- $v$ 's distance is known.
- update metric on unknown vertices if one-hop path from  $v$  is shorter.

**Algorithm:** Dijkstra's Shortest Path Alg (w. Priority Q)

1. initialize
  - (a) for all  $v$ , insert( $v, \infty$ )
  - (b) decreasekey( $v, 0$ )
2. while queue not empty
  - (a) ( $v, d$ ) = deletemin()
  - (b) if  $v = t$ , return  $d$ .
  - (c) for each neighbor  $u$  of  $v$ :  
decreasekey( $u, d + c(v, u)$ )

**Runtime:**  $T(n, m) = m \log n$ .

## Correctness

**Theorem:** Dijkstra is optimal

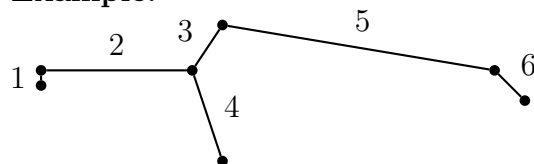
**Proof:** (by induction on known vertices, see text)

## MSTs, revisited

**Idea:** grow tree from  $s$  by adding cheapest new vertex.

**Note:** as we add vertices, must reevaluate cost of vertices.

**Example:**



**Idea:** grow tree from start vertex adding closest vertex to any vertex in tree

**Metric:** minimum one-hop distance to any vertex in current tree.

**Update:** (after processing vertex  $v$ )

- add  $v$  to tree.
- update metric on non-tree vertices if one-hop distance to  $v$  is shorter.

**Algorithm:** Prim's MST Alg

1. initialize
  - (a) for all  $v$ , insert( $v, \infty$ )
  - (b) decreasekey( $v, 0$ )
2. while queue not empty
  - (a) ( $v, d$ ) = deletemin()
  - (b) for each neighbor  $u$  of  $v$ :  
decreasekey( $u, c(v, u)$ )

**Runtime:**  $T(n, m) = O(n \log m)$

## Correctness

**Def:**  $A, B \subseteq V$  is a cut if  $A \cup B = \emptyset$  and  $A \cap B = E$ . Edge  $e = (u, v)$  crosses cut if  $u \in A$  and  $v \in B$  (or vice versa).

**Lemma:** (cut lemma) For any  $(A, B)$ -cut and  $e' = (u, v)$  the min cost edge crossing cut,  $e'$  is in every MST.

**Proof:** (contradiction)

**Conclusion:** each edge Prim adds is minimum edge on cut, therefore Prim never adds wrong edge.