

# Shortest Paths Cont'd :

Last lec: Single Source Shortest Path (SSSP)

Given a directed  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $w(e) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall e \in E$   
 &  $s \in V$ .

Find,  $\forall u \in V$   $s-u$  shortest path length  
 $\equiv$  minimum distance from  $s$  to  $u$   
 $\equiv$   $\text{mindist}(s, u)$ .

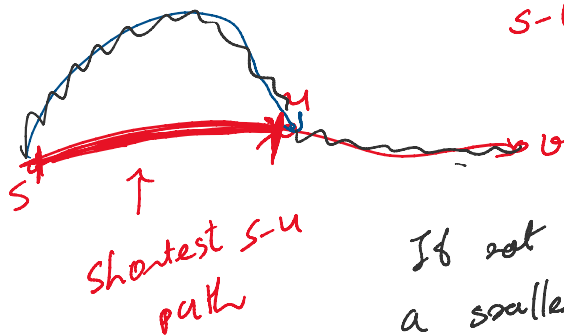
## Observations:

① No vertex repeated

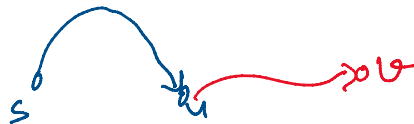


Suppose,  $s-u$  shortest path has  $u$  as an intermediate vertex.

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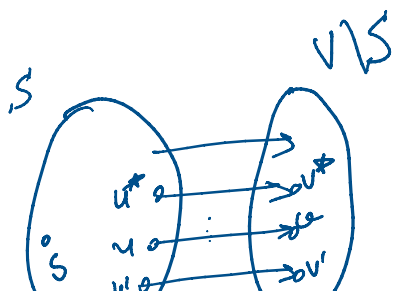


If not then we get a smaller  $s-u$  path

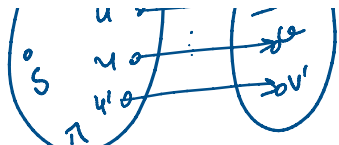


## ★ Dijkstra's Alg'm (KSSS):

Idea: Find next nearest vertex, starting from  $s$  itself.



$$(u^*, v^*) = \underset{(u, v) \in E}{\text{arg min}} \underline{d[u] + w(u, v)}$$



$$(u^*, v^*) = \underset{\substack{(u, v) \in E \\ u \in S, v \notin S}}{\text{arg min}} d[u] + w(u, v)$$

$$\forall u \in S. \text{mindist}(s, u) = d[u]$$

claim:

ps sketch:

$$\text{mindist}(s, v^*) = d[v^*] = \frac{d[u^*] + w(v^*, u^*)}{(\leq)}$$

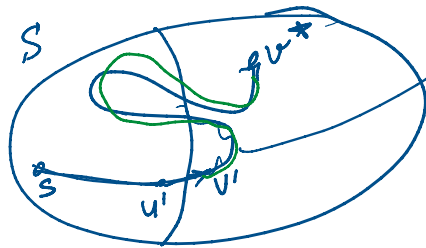
$$(\geq)$$

( $\leq$ )



$$d[v^*] \leq d[u^*] + w(v^*, u^*)$$

( $\geq$ )



$P^*$ : shortest  $s-v^*$  path

$$\text{mindist}(s, v^*) = \text{length}(P^*) = d[u'] + w(u', v') + \dots$$

$$\geq \frac{d[u'] + w(u', v') + 0}{(\geq)}$$

$$\geq d[u^*] + w(v^*, u^*)$$

( $\because$  choice of  $(u^*, v^*)$ )

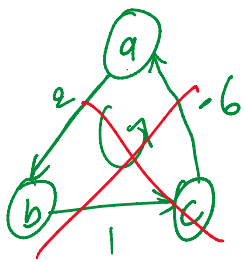


Implementation via Fibonacci heap

$$O(n \lg n + m) \text{ operations.}$$

\* Negative Weight:  $w(e) \in \mathbb{R}, \forall e \in E.$

eg.



$$\text{mindist}(a,b) = 2$$

(a → b)

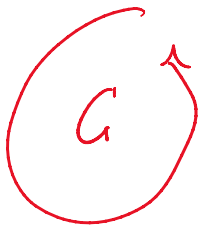
$$= -1$$

(a, b, c, a, b)

$$= -4$$

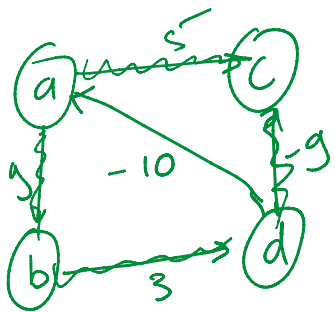
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Assumption: NO neg. weight cycle.



$$\sum_{e \in C} w(e) \geq 0$$

eg.



s = a

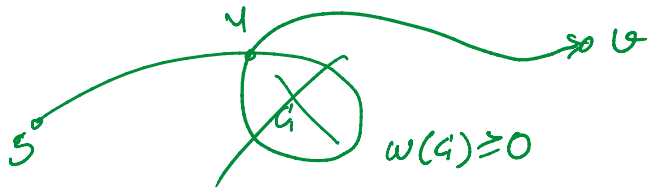
$$d(c, 1) = 5$$

$$d(c, 2) = 5$$

$$d(c, 3) = 3$$

★ Bellman-Ford (1956): Dynamic Prog.

Obs: still no vertex repeats.



# edge on any shortest path  $\leq (n-1)$



→ Subproblem Def:  $\forall u \in V, 0 \leq l \leq n$

from s to u


→ Subproblem Def:  $\forall u \in V, \dots$

$d(v, l)$ : min distance from  $s$  to  $v$   
using "at most  $l$  edges."

Ans:  $d(v, n)$ ,  $\forall v \in V$

→ Base case:  $d(s, l) = 0 \quad \forall l$

$\forall v \neq s, d(v, 0) = \infty$

→ Formula:   
 $d(v, l) = \min_{u: (u, v) \in E} \left( d(u, l-1) + w(u, v) \right)$

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→ Evaluation Order: Increasing order of  $l$ .

→ Running Time: For a fixed  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n$

time / vertex  $v$ :  $O(|\text{in-neighbors}(v)|)$

time for all vertices:  $O\left(\sum_{v \in V} |\text{in-neigh.}(v)|\right)$

$$= O(m)$$

Total time:  $O(n) \cdot O(m) = O(m \cdot n)$ .

↑  
# diff values of  $l$

total ...  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\neq$  diff values of  $l$

Aside:

claim:  $G$  has no neg weight cycle

$$\Leftrightarrow d(u, n) = d(u, n-1) \quad \forall u \in V$$

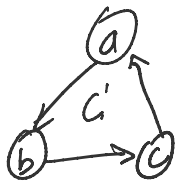
Pf sketch:  $(\Rightarrow)$  easy (ex 2)

$(\Leftarrow)$   $d(u, n) = d(u, n-1) \quad \forall u \Rightarrow \nexists$  neg weight cycle.

$$d(u, n-1) = d(u, n) \leq d(y, n-1) + w(y, u)$$

$C$ : hypothesis

$$\Rightarrow w(y, u) \geq d(u, n-1) - d(y, n-1)$$



$$\begin{aligned} w(a, b) &\geq d(b, n-1) - d(a, n-1) \\ + w(b, c) &\geq d(c, n-1) - d(b, n-1) \\ + w(c, a) &\geq d(a, n-1) - d(c, n-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$w(C) \geq 0$$

\* All Pairs Shortest Paths:

Given directed graph  $G=(V, E)$  w/ weights on edges. Find,  $\forall u, v \in V$ ,  $u-v$  shortest path distance.

\* non-neg weights:  $w(e) \geq 0 \quad \forall e \in E$

Run Dijkstra starting at every vertex.

$n$  times Dijkstra.

$$\sim O(n \lg n + m) = O(n^2 \lg n + mn)$$

$n$  times visit

$$n \cdot O(n \lg n + m) = O(n^2 \lg n + mn) \leq O(n^3)$$

★ Neg weights:  $w(e) \in \mathbb{R}, \forall e \in E$

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \text{ (number the vertices)}$$

Method 1: (BF style DP)

→ Subproblem Def:  $\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in V, \underline{l} = 0, \dots, n$

$d(\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{l})$ : min distance from  $i$  to  $j$  using at most  $l$  edges.

→ Ans:  $\forall i, j \in V, d(i, j, n)$

→ Base case:  $d(i, i, l) = 0 \quad \forall i \in V$

$d(i, j, 0) = \infty \quad \forall i \neq j \in V$

→ Formula:  $i \xrightarrow{(l-1) \text{ edges } k} j$

$$d(i, j, l) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(i, j, l-1) \\ \min_{\substack{k: \\ (k, j) \in E \\ k \in \text{in-neigh}(j)}} d(i, k, l-1) + w(k, j) \end{array} \right.$$

$$k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Runtime:

$$O(n^3 \cdot n) = O(n^4)$$

↑  
# subproblems

→ Better Formula =



$$d(i, j, l) = \min_{\substack{k \in V \\ k \neq i, j}} d(i, k, l/2) + d(k, j, l/2)$$

Suppose  $n = 2^h$

then  $l = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, \dots, 2^h$  suffices

# possible values of  $l = \log n = h$ .

Runtime:  $O(n^2 \log n \cdot n) = O(n^3 \log n)$

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# subproblems

Method 2: Floyd-Warshall (1964): (DP).

Number the vertices  $1, 2, \dots, n$

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

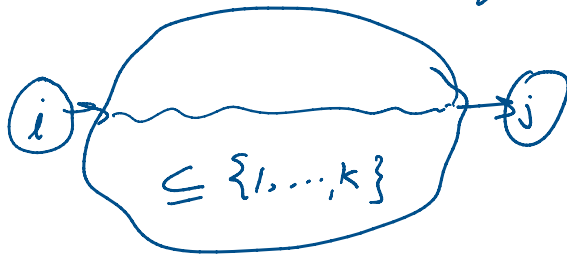
→ Subproblem Def:  $\forall i, j \in V; k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$d(i, j, k)$ : min distance from  $i$  to  $j$

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 s.t. all intermediate vertices  
 on this path is from

$\{1, \dots, k\}$  vertices.

( $k=0$ , implies empty set  
 $\Rightarrow$  cannot use any  
 intermediate vertices)



$\rightarrow$  Ans:  $d(i, j, n)$

$\rightarrow$  Base case:  $d(i, i, k) = 0 \quad \forall i \in V$   
 $\forall k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$\forall i \neq j \in V, d(i, j, 0) = w(i, j)$  if  $(i, j) \in E$   
 $= \infty$  o.w.

$\rightarrow$  Formula:

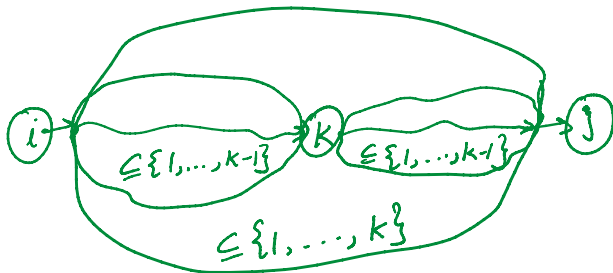


do not use  $k$

use  $k$

$$d(i, j, k) = \min \left\{ d(i, j, k-1), d(i, k, k-1) + d(k, j, k-1) \right\}$$

use  $k$ :



$k$  does not  
 repeat.

$\rightarrow$  Runtime:  $O(n^3 \cdot O(1)) = \underline{O(n^3)}$  !!



→ Runtime:  $O(\underbrace{n^3}_{\# \text{ sub prob.}} \cdot \underbrace{O(1)}_{\text{time/sub prob.}}) = O(n^3)!!$

$O(n^{2.9999})$  ? OPEN!

\* History:

$O(n^3)$  Floyd-Warshall '64

$O(n^3/\log^{1/3} n)$  Friedman '76

$O(n^3/\log n)$  Chan '05

$O(n^3/c^{\sqrt{\log n}})$  Williams '14 (Randomized)

Chan-Williams '16 (Deterministic)