

1. All pairs shortest paths problem: Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , you are supposed to design an algorithm that outputs an  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A[i, j]$  contains the length of the shortest path in  $G$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .  
(For example, the shortest path matrix for the graph given below is on the right.)

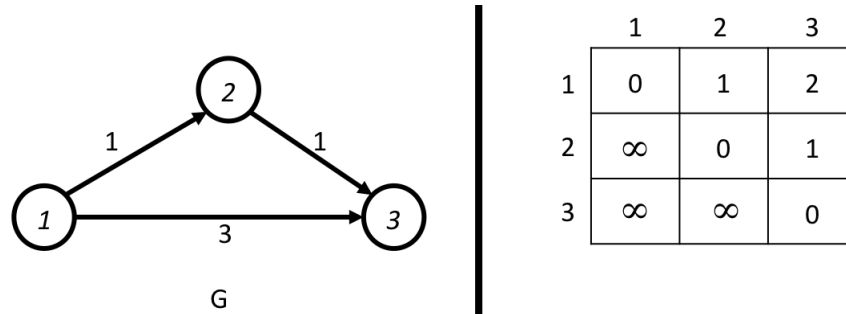


Figure 1:  $\infty$  in a table entry  $A[i, j]$  means that there is no path in the graph from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

You can solve this problem using Dijkstra's algorithm (in case all edge weights are positive) repeatedly on the same graph and different starting vertices.

Question 1: What is the running time of the above algorithm?

We will design an algorithm with better running time using Dynamic Programming idea. For any  $i, j, k$ , let  $D_k(i, j)$  denote the length of the shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  when all the intermediate vertices in the path is from the set  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .

Given the above definition, we can say that that for all  $i, j$ ,  $D_0(i, j) = \text{weight of edge } (i, j)$  in case it exists, otherwise  $\infty$ .

Question 2: Write  $D_1(\cdot, \cdot)$  in terms of  $D_0(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

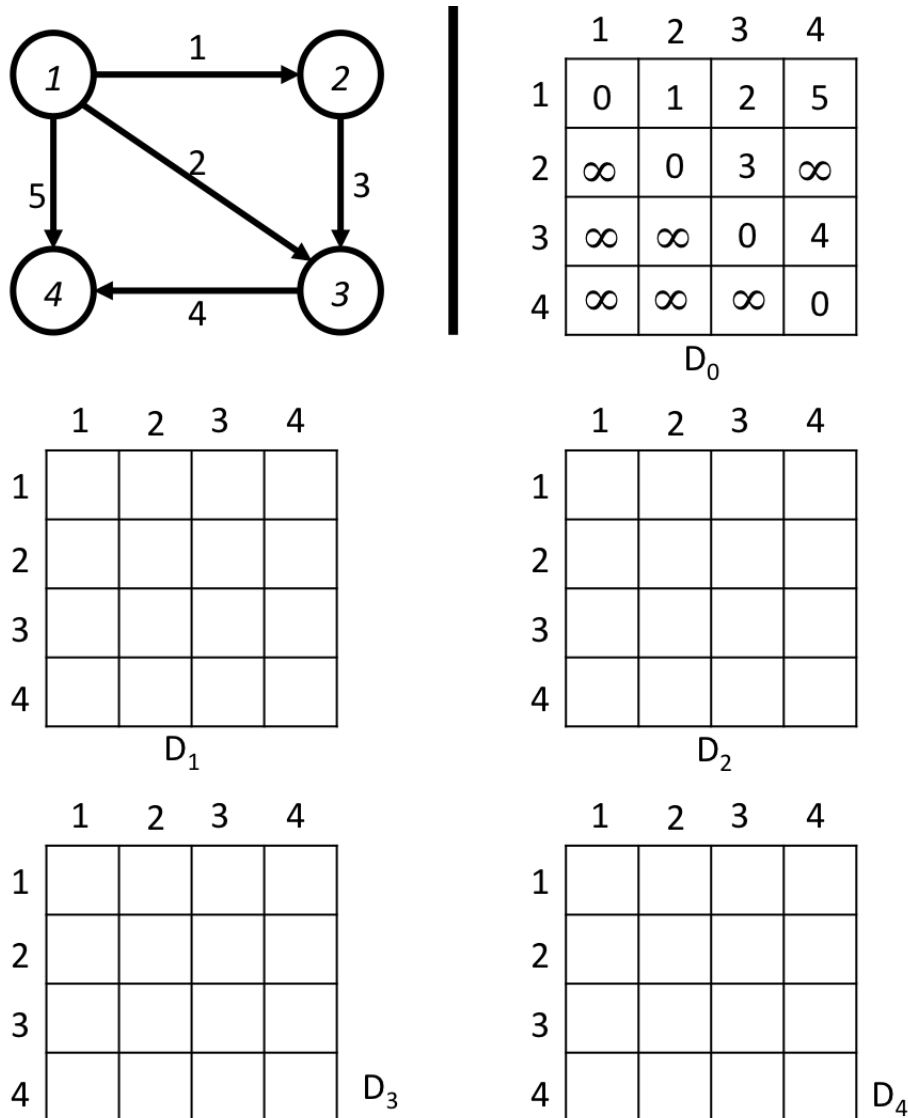
Question 3: Write  $D_i(\cdot, \cdot)$  in terms of  $D_{i-1}(\cdot, \cdot)$ .

Note that for the output matrix  $A$ ,  $A[i, j] = D_n(i, j)$  for all  $i, j$ . So, all we need to do is to figure out a way to compute  $D_n(i, j)$  for all  $i, j$ . As evident from the recursive formulation in the previous question, we should compute  $D_i(\cdot, \cdot)$  before computing  $D_{i-1}(\cdot, \cdot)$ . So, the algorithm runs in  $n$  passes and in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass it computes  $D_i(j, k)$  for all  $j, k$ .

Question 4: What is the running time of the above algorithm? Is this better than running Dijkstra's repeatedly?

Question 5: Does this algorithm also work for graphs that have negative weight edges but no negative weight cycles?

Question 6: Consider the graph given below and simulate this algorithm on this graph. That is, fill the tables  $D_0(\cdot, \cdot), D_1(\cdot, \cdot), \dots, D_4(\cdot, \cdot)$ .



2. You are given a bipartite graph  $G = (L, R, E)$  such that  $|L| = |R| = n$  and  $|E| = m$ . You are also given a matching  $M \subseteq E$  such that  $|M| = (n - 1)$ . Your goal is to design an algorithm that takes as input  $G$  and matching  $M$  and determines whether there exists a perfect matching in the graph  $G$ . That is, it should output “yes” if there is a perfect matching in  $G$ , otherwise it should output “no”.

- There is a simple  $O(n \cdot (n + m))$  algorithm for this problem that ignores the matching  $M$ . Discuss this algorithm and its running time.
- Design an  $O(n + m)$  algorithm and discuss correctness and running time.