Djikstra's Algorithm

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Single-Source Shortest Path Problem

<u>Single-Source Shortest Path Problem</u> - The problem of finding shortest paths from a source vertex *s* to all other vertices in the graph.



Applications

- Maps (Map Quest, Google Maps)
- Routing Systems



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<u>Dijkstra's algorithm</u> - is a solution to the single-source shortest path problem in graph theory.

Works on both directed and undirected graphs. However, all edges must have nonnegative weights.

Input: Weighted graph $G=\{E,V\}$ and source vertex $s\in V$, such that all edge weights are nonnegative

Output: Lengths of shortest paths (or the shortest paths themselves) from a given source vertex $s \in V$ to all other vertices

Initial Approach: Can we adapt BFS by "sub-dividing each edge "?

Dijkstra's algorithm: mimics BFS without explicitly subdivision.

 $\delta(u)$: shortest path from s to u.

Order vertices from increasing distance from s to u: u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n

The algorithm runs in n iterations: in iteration i, it finds u_i and $\delta(u_i)$.

Dijkstra's algorithm: motivation

• How to find u_2 ? u_3 ?

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Call this $D_i[u] = \min_{v \in S_i} (\delta(v) + wt(v, u))$ For u_{i+1} , $\delta(u_{i+1}) = D_i[u_{i+1}]$ For other vertices $u \notin S_i, \delta(u) \ge D_i[u]$. So, $D_i[u_{i+1}] \le D_i[u] \forall u \notin S_i$

Initialize $S_1 = \{s\}, \delta(s) = 0$.

For i=1, ..., n-1

For every $u \notin S_i$, $D_i[u] = \min_{v \in S_i} (\delta(v) + wt(v, u))$

Let u^* be the vertex with min. $D_i[u]$

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- Correctness: consider iteration i and let u^* be the vertex for which $D_i[u^*]$ is minimum.
- Need to show: $\delta(u^*) \leq \delta(u) \quad \forall u \notin S_i$

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 $D_i[u]$ = min($D_{i-1}[u], \delta(u_i) + wt(v, u)$)

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For i=1, ..., n

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Add u* to S

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Implementation Details

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Store S (and D[u] values) in a heap, : deletemin and decrease key Maintain whether a vertex is in S using a Boolean array.

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Running time: O(m log n)
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Example: Initialization



Pick vertex in List with minimum distance.

Example: Update neighbors' distance



Example: Remove vertex with minimum distance



Pick vertex in List with minimum distance, i.e., D

Example: Update neighbors



Pick vertex in List with minimum distance (B) and update neighbors



Pick vertex List with minimum distance (E) and update neighbors



Pick vertex List with minimum distance (C) and update neighbors



Pick vertex List with minimum distance (G) and update neighbors



Example (end)



Pick vertex not in S with lowest cost (F) and update neighbors

 $S: \{A\}$

