# Djikstra's Algorithm 

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## Single-Source Shortest Path Problem

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


## Applications

## - Maps (Map Quest, Google Maps) <br> - Routing Systems

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Router A
Routing Table


## Dijkstra's algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm - 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 $\mathrm{G}=\{\mathrm{E}, \mathrm{V}\}$ and source vertex $s \in \mathrm{~V}$, such that all edge weights are nonnegative

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

## Dijkstra's algorithm

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 :

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u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}
$$

The algorithm runs in n iterations: in iteration i , it finds $u_{i}$ and $\delta\left(u_{i}\right)$.

## Dijkstra's algorithm: motivation

- How to find $u_{2}$ ? $u_{3}$ ?


## Dijkstra's algorithm

- Suppose after iteration i, we know the set

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## Dijkstra's algorithm

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Call this $D_{i}[u]=\min _{v \in S_{i}}(\delta(v)+w t(v, u))$
For $u_{i+1}, \delta\left(u_{i+1}\right)=D_{i}\left[u_{i+1}\right]$
For other vertices $u \notin S_{i}, \delta(u) \geq D_{i}[u]$.
So, $D_{i}\left[u_{i+1}\right] \leq D_{i}[u] \forall u \notin S_{i}$

## Dijkstra's algorithm

Initialize $S_{1}=\{s\}, \delta(s)=0$.
For $\mathrm{i}=1, \ldots, \mathrm{n}-1$
For every $u \notin S_{i}$,

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D_{i}[u]=\min _{v \in S_{i}}(\delta(v)+w t(v, u))
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Let $\mathrm{u}^{*}$ be the vertex with min. $D_{i}[u]$
Set $\delta\left(u^{*}\right)=D_{i}\left[u^{*}\right]$ and $S_{i+1}=S_{i} \cup\left\{u^{*}\right\}$

## Dijkstra's algorithm

- Correctness: consider iteration i and let $\mathrm{u}^{*}$ be the vertex for which $D_{i}\left[u^{*}\right]$ is minimum.
- Need to show: $\delta\left(u^{*}\right) \leq \delta(u) \forall u \notin S_{i}$


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For $\mathrm{i}=1, \ldots, \mathrm{n}-1$
Can we improve this code?

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { For every } u \notin S_{i}, & D_{i}[u] \\
D_{i}[u]=\min _{v \in S_{i}}(\delta(v)+w t(v, u)) & =\min \left(D_{i-1}[u], \delta\left(u_{i}\right)+w t(v, u)\right)
\end{array}
$$

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## Dijkstra's algorithm

Initialize $S=\emptyset, D[s]=0, D[u]=\infty, u \neq s$
For $\mathrm{i}=1, \ldots, \mathrm{n}$
Let $\mathrm{u}^{*}$ be the vertex with min. $D[u]$
Add $u^{*}$ to $S$
For every $u \notin S,\left(u^{*}, u\right) \in E$

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How to find actual paths?

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## Implementation Details

Initialize $S=\emptyset, D[s]=0, D[u]=\infty, u \neq s$
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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.
Running time: $O(m \log n)$

## Example: Initialization



Pick vertex in List with minimum distance.

## Example: Update neighbors' distance

Distance(B) $=2$
Distance(D) $=1$


## Example: Remove vertex with minimum distance



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

## Example: Update neighbors

Distance $(\mathrm{C})=1+2=3$
Distance $(E)=1+2=3$
Distance $(\mathrm{F})=1+8=9$
Distance $(\mathrm{G})=1+4=5$


## Example: Continued...

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


## Example: Continued...

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


## Example: Continued...

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


## Example: Continued...

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


## Example (end)



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

## Another Example



## Another Example



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S:\{A\}
$$

## Another Example



## Another Example



## Another Example



## Another Example



## Another Example



## Another Example



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