

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.)

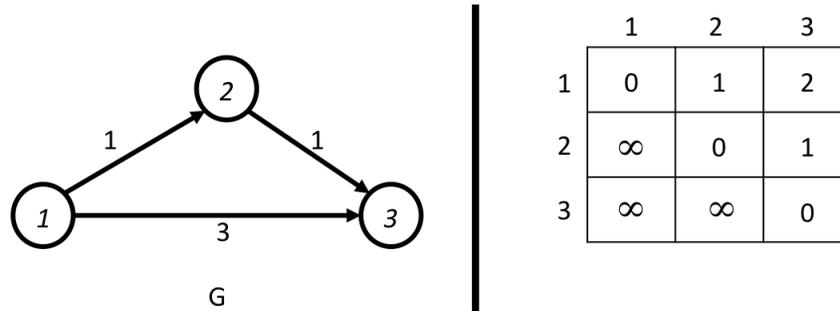


Figure 1: ∞ in a table entry $A[i, j]$ means that there is no path in the graph from vertex i to vertex j .

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 ∞ .

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

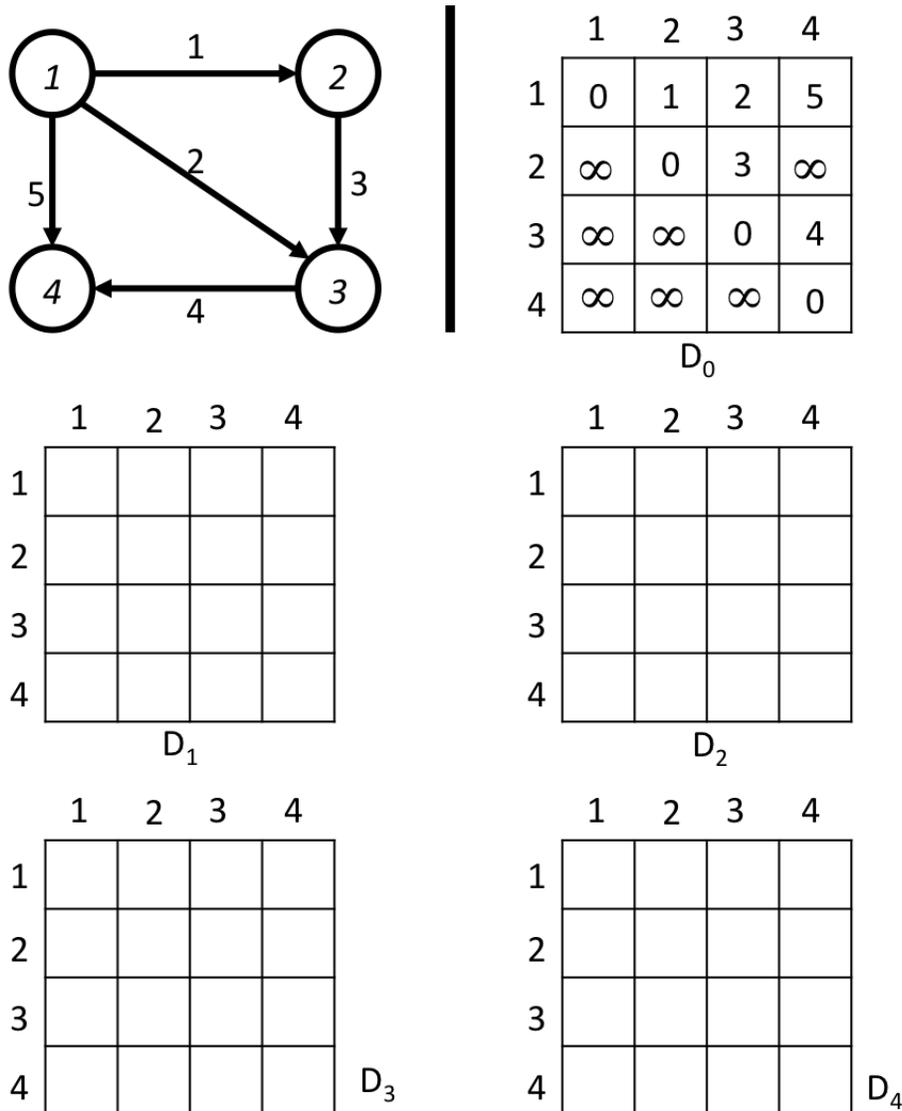
Question 3: Write $D_i(\cdot, \cdot)$ in terms of $D_{i-1}(\cdot, \cdot)$.

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^{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.