

Data Structures – LECTURE 16

All shortest paths algorithms

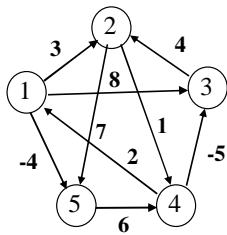
- Properties of all shortest paths
- Simple algorithm: $O(|V|^4)$ time
- Better algorithm: $O(|V|^3 \lg |V|)$ time
- Floyd-Warshall algorithm: $O(|V|^3)$ time

Chapter 25 in the textbook (pp 620–635).

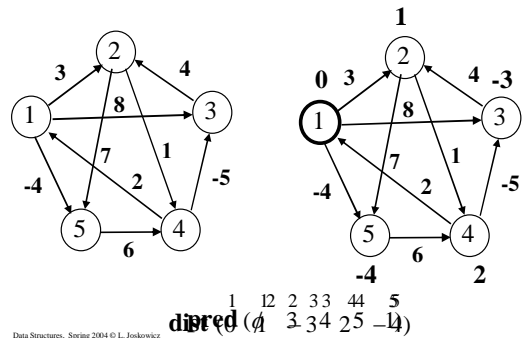
All shortest paths

- Generalization of the single source shortest-path problem.
- **Simple solution:** run the shortest path algorithm for each vertex \rightarrow complexity is $O(|E| \cdot |V| \cdot |V|) = O(|V|^4)$ for Bellman-Ford and $O(|E| \cdot \lg |V| \cdot |V|) = O(|V|^3 \lg |V|)$ for Dijkstra.
- Can we do better? Intuitively it would seem so, since there is a lot of repeated work \rightarrow exploit the optimal sub-path property.
- We indeed can do better: $O(|V|^3)$.

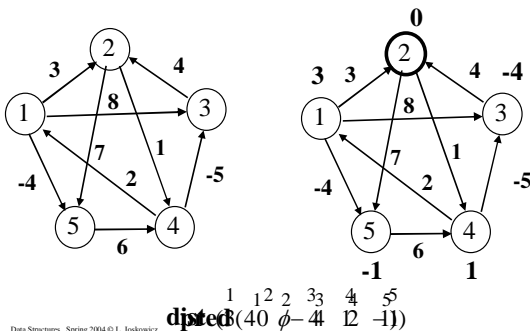
All-shortest paths: example (1)



All-shortest paths: example (2)



All-shortest paths: example (3)



All shortest-paths: representation

We will use matrices to represent the graph, the shortest path lengths, and the predecessor sub-graphs.

- **Edge matrix:** entry (i, j) in adjacency matrix W is the weight of the edge between vertex i and vertex j .
- **Shortest-path lengths matrix:** entry (i, j) in L is the shortest path length between vertex i and vertex j .
- **Predecessor matrix:** entry (i, j) in Π is the predecessor of j on some shortest path from i (**null** when $i = j$ or when there is no path).

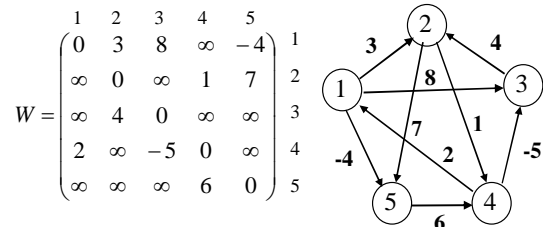
All-shortest paths: definitions

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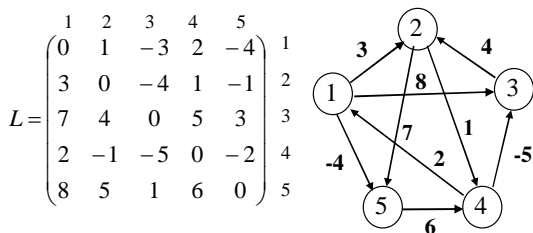
$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ w(i, j) & i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \in E \\ \infty & i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \notin E \end{cases}$$

Shortest-paths graph: the graphs $G_{\pi, i} = (V_{\pi, i}, E_{\pi, i})$ are the shortest-path graphs rooted at vertex I , where:

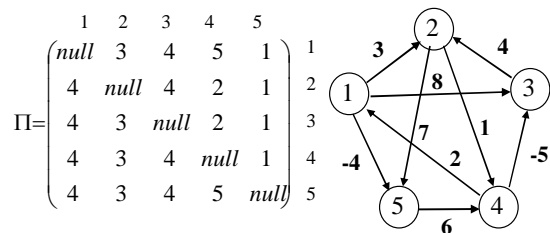
Example: edge matrix



Example: shortest-paths matrix



Example: predecessor matrix



The structure of a shortest path

- All sub-paths of a shortest path are shortest paths. Let $p = \langle v_i, \dots, v_k \rangle$ be the shortest path from v_i to v_k . The sub-path between v_i and v_j , where $1 \leq i, j \leq k$, $p_{ij} = \langle v_i, \dots, v_j \rangle$ is a shortest path.
- The shortest path from vertex i to vertex j with at most m edges is either:
 - the shortest path with at most $(m-1)$ edges (no improvement)
 - the shortest path consisting of a shortest path within the $(m-1)$ vertices + the weight of the edge from a vertex within the $(m-1)$ vertices to an extra vertex m .

Recursive solution to all-shortest paths

Let $l_{ij}^{(m)}$ be the minimum weight of any path from vertex i to vertex j that has at most m edges.

When $m=0$:

$$l_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0 & i = j \\ \infty & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

For $m \geq 1$, $l_{ij}^{(m)}$ is the minimum of $l_{ij}^{(m-1)}$ and the shortest path going through the vertices neighbors:

All-shortest-paths: solution

- Let $W=(w_{ij})$ be the edge weight matrix and $L=(l_{ij})$ the all-shortest shortest path matrix computed so far, both $n \times n$.
- Compute a series of matrices $L^{(1)}, L^{(2)}, \dots, L^{(n-1)}$ where for $m = 1, \dots, n-1$, $L^{(m)} = (l^{(m)}_{ij})$ is the matrix with the all-shortest-path lengths with at most m edges. Initially, $L^{(1)} = W$, and $L^{(n-1)}$ contains the actual shortest-paths.
- Basic step:** compute $L^{(m)}$ from $L^{(m-1)}$ and W .

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Algorithm for extending all-shortest paths by one edge: from $L^{(m-1)}$ to $L^{(m)}$

Extend-Shortest-Paths($L=(l_{ij}), W$)

$n \leftarrow \text{rows}[L]$

Let $L' = (l'_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ matrix.

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

$l'_{ij} \leftarrow \infty$

for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

$l'_{ij} \leftarrow \min(l'_{ij}, l_{ik} + w_{kj})$

return L'

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Complexity: $\Theta(|V|^3)$

This is exactly as matrix multiplication!

Matrix-Multiply(A, B)

$n \leftarrow \text{rows}[A]$

Let $C = (c_{ij})$ be an $n \times n$ matrix.

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

$c_{ij} \leftarrow 0$ ($l'_{ij} \leftarrow \infty$)

for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n **do**

$c_{ij} \leftarrow c_{ij} + a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$ ($l'_{ij} \leftarrow \min(l'_{ij}, l_{ij} + w_{kj})$)

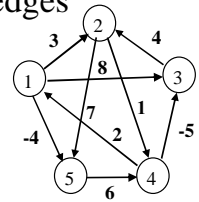
return L'

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Paths with at most two edges

$$L^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



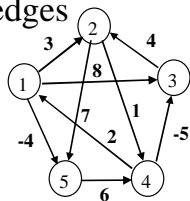
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Paths with at most three edges

$$L^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & \infty & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



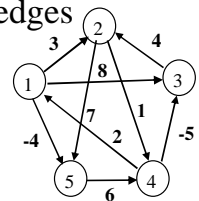
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Paths with at most four edges

$$L^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



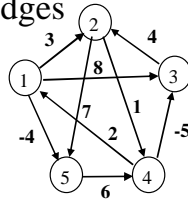
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Paths with at most five edges

$$L^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$L^{(5)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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All-shortest paths algorithm

All-Shortest-Paths(W)

$n \leftarrow \text{rows}[W]$

$L^{(1)} \leftarrow W$

for $m \leftarrow 2$ **to** $n-1$ **do**

$L^{(m)} \leftarrow \text{Extend-Shortest-Paths}(L^{(m-1)}, W)$

return $L^{(m)}$

Complexity: $\Theta(|V|^4)$

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Improved all-shortest paths algorithm

- The goal is to compute the final $L^{(n-1)}$, not all the $L^{(m)}$
- We can avoid computing most $L^{(m)}$ as follows:

$$L^{(1)} = W$$

$$L^{(2)} = W \cdot W \quad \text{repeated squaring}$$

$$L^{(4)} = W^4 = W^2 \cdot W^2$$

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Since $2^{\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil} \geq n-1$ the final product is equal to $L^{(n-1)}$ only $\lceil \lg(n-1) \rceil$ iterations are necessary!

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Faster-all-shortest paths algorithm

Faster-All-Shortest-Paths(W)

$n \leftarrow \text{rows}[W]$

$L^{(1)} \leftarrow W$

while $m < n-1$ **do**

$L^{(2m)} \leftarrow \text{Extend-Shortest-Paths}(L^{(m)}, L^{(m)})$

$m \leftarrow 2m$

return $L^{(m)}$

Complexity: $\Theta(|V|^3 \lg(|V|))$

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Floyd-Warshall algorithm

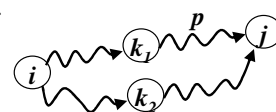
- Assumes there are no negative-weight cycles.
- Uses a different characterization of the structure of the shortest path. It exploits the properties of the intermediate vertices of the shortest path.
- Runs in $O(|V|^3)$.

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Structure of the shortest path (1)

- An intermediate vertex v_i of a simple path $p = \langle v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ is any vertex other than v_1 or v_k .
- Let $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and let $K = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ be a subset for $k \leq n$. For any pair of vertices i, j in V , consider all paths from i to j whose intermediate vertices are drawn from K . Let p be the minimum-weight path among them.



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Structure of the shortest path (2)

- k is not an intermediate vertex of path p :
All vertices of path p are in the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$
→ a shortest path from i to j with all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ is also a shortest path with all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.
- k is an intermediate vertex of path p :
Break p into two pieces: p_1 from i to k and p_2 from k to j . Path p_1 is a shortest path from i to k and path p_2 is a shortest path from k to j with all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$.

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Structure of the shortest path (3)

all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$

all intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

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Recursive definition

Let $d^{(k)}_{ij}$ be the weight of a shortest path from vertex i to vertex j for which all intermediate vertices are in the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. Then:

The matrices $D^{(k)} = (d^{(k)}_{ij})$ will keep the intermediate solutions.

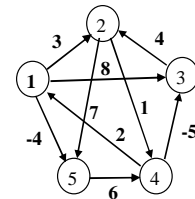
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Example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm (1)

$$D^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \infty & -5 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & \textcircled{5} & -5 & 0 & \textcircled{-2} \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$K = \{1\}$

Improvements: (4,2) and (4,5)

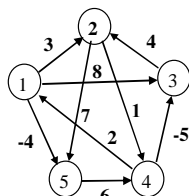
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Example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm (2)

$$D^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \infty & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \infty & \infty \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & \textcircled{4} & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & \textcircled{5} & \textcircled{11} \\ 2 & 5 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$K = \{1, 2\}$

Improvements: (1,4) (3,4), (3,5)

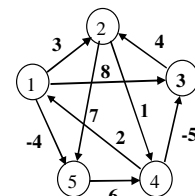
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Example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm (3)

$$D^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 8 & 4 & -4 \\ \infty & 0 & \infty & 1 & 7 \\ \infty & 4 & 0 & 5 & 11 \\ 2 & \textcircled{5} & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ \infty & \infty & \infty & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$K = \{1, 2, 3\}$

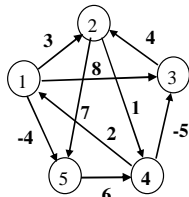
Improvement: (4,2)

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Example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm (4)

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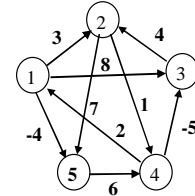


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$K=\{1,2,3,4\}$
 Improvements: (1,3),(1,4)
 (2,1), (2,3), (2,5)
 (3,1),(3,5), (5,1),(5,2),(5,3),

Example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm (5)

$$D^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 4 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & -5 & 0 & -2 \\ 8 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$K=\{1,2,3,4,5\}$
 Improvements:
 (1,2),(1,3),(1,4)

Transitive closure (1)

- Given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$ with vertices $V = \{1,2,\dots,n\}$ determine for every pair of vertices (i,j) if there is a path between them.
- The *transitive closure graph* of G , $G^*=(V,E^*)$ is such that $E^* = \{(i,j) : \text{if there is a path } i \text{ and } j\}$.
- Represent E^* as a binary matrix and perform logical binary operations AND (\wedge) and OR (\vee) instead of \min and $+$ in the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.

Transitive closure (2)

The definition of the transitive closure is:

The matrices $T^{(k)}$ indicate if there is a path with at most k edges between s and i .

Transitive closure algorithm

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Transitive-Closure( $W$ )
 $n \leftarrow \text{rows}[W]$ 
 $T^{(0)} \leftarrow \text{Binarize}(W)$ 
for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
    for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
        for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
             $T^{(k)}[i,j] \leftarrow T^{(k-1)}[i,j] \vee (\bigwedge_{l=1}^n T^{(k-1)}[i,l] \wedge T^{(k-1)}[l,j])$ 
return  $T^{(n)}$ 
    
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Complexity: $\Theta(|V|^3)$

Summary

- Adjacency matrix representation is the most convenient for representing all-shortest-paths.
- Computing all shortest-paths is akin to taking the transitive closure of the edge weights.
- Matrix multiplication algorithm runs in $O(|V|^3 \lg |V|)$.
- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm improves paths through intermediate vertices instead of working on individual edges.
- Its running time: $O(|V|^3)$.

Other graph algorithms

- Many more interesting problems, including network flow, graph isomorphism, coloring, partition, etc.
- Problems can be classified by the type of solution.
- Easy problems: polynomial-time solutions $O(f(n))$ where $f(n)$ is a polynomial function of degree at most k .
- Hard problems: exponential-time solutions $O(f(n))$ where $f(n)$ is an exponential function, usually 2^n .

Easy graph problems

- Network flow – maximum flow problem
- Maximum bipartite matching
- Planarity testing and plane embedding.

Hard graph problems

- Graph and sub-graph isomorphism.
- Largest clique, Independent set
- Vertex tour (Traveling Salesman problem)
- Graph partition
- Vertex coloring

However, not all is lost!

- Good heuristics that perform well in most cases
- Polynomial-time approximation algorithms