

Solution of Shortest Path Problems

Problem: For a connected edge weighted graph G and a source vertex $u \in V(G)$, find the minimum weight of a path from u to every other vertex in G . Let $\alpha: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be the weight function.

Dijkstra's Algorithm

① Set $S = \emptyset$ which will store the vertices of G for which a shortest path has been found.

(At the end of the process S will contain all vertices of G since G is connected.)

② Set $t(u) = 0$ and $t(v) = \infty$ for all $v \in V(G)$, $v \neq u$ and add u to S .

③ Let w be the newest member of S .

For each $v \notin S$ & $v \in N_G(w)$ set $t(v) = \min \left\{ t(v), t(w) + \alpha(wv) \right\}$

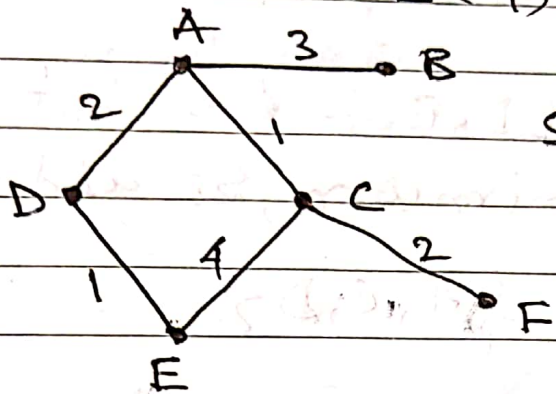
↳ what it was before

④ Pick any $w \notin S$ with minimum $t(w)$ and add w to S .
Repeat step ③

Solution: For each $u \in S$, $t(u)$ is the minimum weight of a path in G with weight function w .

Example:

$w: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$



Source vertex: A

Step 1: $S = \emptyset$

Step 2: $t(A) = 0$ and $t(B) = t(C) = t(D) = t(E) = t(F) = \infty$

Now $S = \{A\}$

Step 3: $t(B) = \min \{ \infty, 0+3 \} = 3$
 $t(A)$ is used as $t(B)$ because A is now member of S. $w(A,B)$ is the weight of the edge.

$t(E) = \min \{ \infty, 0+1 \} = 1$

$t(D) = \min \{ \infty, 0+2 \} = 2$

Step 4: $C \notin S$ and $t(C) = 1$ is minimum so add C to S .

$\therefore S = \{A, C\}$

Repeating Step 3: New member in S is C . Neighbours of C

which does not belongs to S
are E & F.

$$t(E) = \min\{\infty, t(C) + \alpha(CE)\}$$

$$= \min\{\infty, 1 + 4\} = 5$$

$$t(F) = \min\{\infty, 1 + 2\} = 3$$

Step 4% B, D, E, F \notin S but $t(D) = 2$
is minimum, so add D to S.

$$S = \{A, C, D\}$$

Repeat Step 3% Now member of
S is D. Neighbour of D but
does not belongs to S is E.

$$t(E) = \min\{\infty, 2 + 1\} = 3$$

Step 4% Add B to S

$$S = \{A, C, D, B\}$$

Any neighbour of B which
does not belongs to S.

Add E to S.

$$S = \{A, C, D, B, E\}$$

(no change like previous)

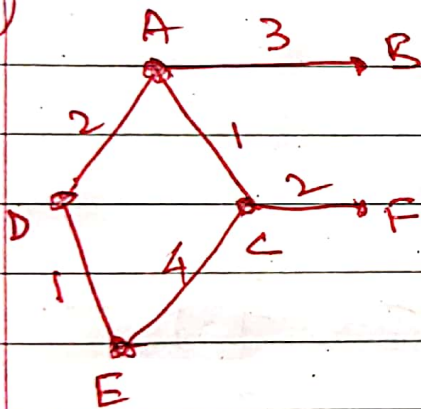
Add F to S

$$S = \{A, C, D, B, E, F\}$$

Now, $t(A) = 0$
 $t(B) = 3$
 $t(C) = 1$
 $t(D) = 2$
 $t(E) = 3$
 $t(F) = 3$

Alternative proofs

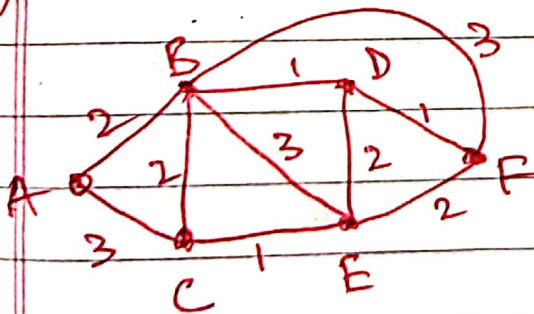
①



$S = \{A, C, D, B, E, F\}$

A	0				
B	∞	3	3		3
C	∞	1			
D	∞	2			2
E	∞	∞	5	3	3
F	∞	∞	3	3	3

②



$S = \{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$

A	0				
B	∞	2			
C	∞	3			3
D	∞	∞	3		3
E	∞	∞	5	4	4
F	∞	∞	5	5	4

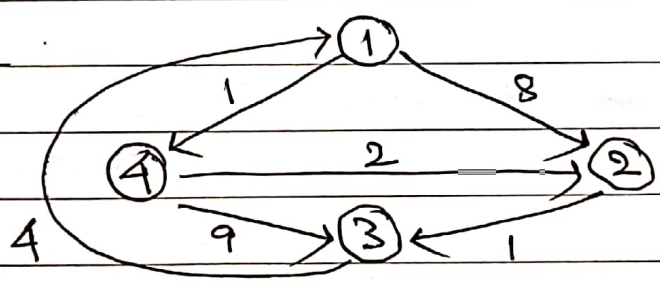
Floyd-Warshall algorithm

Solves of

- * An algorithm to find all Pairs Shortest Path Problem which gives the shortest path between every pair of vertices of a given edge weighted graph.
- * The algorithm is simple & easy to implement.

Algorithm

(Ex)



initial distance matrix

$$D_0 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & \infty & 1 \\ \infty & 0 & 1 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & 2 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$D_1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 8 & \infty & 1 \\ \infty & 0 & 1 & \infty \\ 4 & 12 & 0 & 5 \\ \infty & 2 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

	1	2	3	4
1	0	8	9	1
2	∞	0	1	∞
3	4	12	0	5
4	∞	2	3	0

	1	2	3	4
1	0	8	9	1
2	5	0	1	6
3	4	12	0	5
4	7	2	3	0

Shortest
distance
matrix

	1	2	3	4
1	0	3	4	1
2	5	0	1	6
3	4	7	0	5
4	7	2	3	0

NOTE

(i) Remove all the self loops and parallel edges (keeping the edge with lowest weight) from the graph.

(ii) For diagonal elements, value = 0.

(iii) For vertices having no direct edges between them, value = ∞ .



Steps 0: Let us consider the given graph is simple & has n vertices.

Step 1: Find the $n \times n$ initial distance matrix.
(diagonal will always be zero)

Step 2: To find the next $n \times n$ matrix D_i , $\langle i=1, 2, \dots, n$.

(i) Write i th row & i th column as it is in the matrix D_{i-1} .

(ii) If \exists any ∞ in the i th row or i th column, then write the corresponding row or column as it is in D_{i-1} .

(iii) To fill the other (p, q) th position, take the term,

$$D_i(p, q) = D_{i-1}(p, i) + D_{i-1}(i, q) \quad \left\langle \begin{matrix} p, q = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ \neq i \end{matrix} \right.$$

(iv) If $D_i(p, q) > D_{i-1}(p, q)$
then $D_{i-1}(p, q) = D_i(p, q)$.

(v) Diagonal will always be zero.

Step 3: Repeat step 2 until D_n . → Answer

Time Complexity

* Floyd-Warshall algorithm consists of three loops over all vertices.

$$i = j, \quad i \rightarrow j, \quad i \rightarrow j$$

* The loop in the middle consists of only operations of a constant complexity.

* Hence, the asymptotic complexity of FW algorithm is $O(n^3)$, where n is the no. of vertices in the graph.