


SCC0602 - Algoritmos e Estruturas de Dados I

Shortest Path



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Today

- Single-source shortest paths in weighted graphs
 - Shortest-Path Problems
 - Properties of Shortest Paths
 - Relaxation
 - Dijkstra Algorithm
 - Bellman-Ford Algorithm
 - Shortest-Paths in DAGs

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Introduction

- Suppose you are driving your car from the University to your favourite pub
 - There are different ways to get to the pub
 - Each goes through different streets and avenues
 - You forgot to fill the petrol tank and your fuel display is broken
 - Which way do you choose?



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Shortest Path

- Possible paths:
 - Directed graph (Digraph) $G = (V, E)$ with weight function $W: E \rightarrow R$ (assign real values to edges)
- Weight of path $p = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$:

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} w(v_i, v_{i+1})$$
- Shortest path: path of the minimum total weight
- Several applications:
 - Static/dynamic network routing
 - Robot motion planning
 - Map/route generation in traffic

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Shortest-Path Problems

- Unweighted shortest-paths: BFS
- Weighted shortest-paths:
 - Single-source (single-destination)**
 - Find a shortest path from a given source (vertex s) to each of the vertices
 - Single-pair**
 - Given two vertices, find a shortest path between them
 - Solution to single-source problem solves this problem efficiently
 - All-pairs**
 - Find shortest-paths for every pair of vertices
 - Dynamic programming algorithm

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Shortest-Path Problems

- The **single-source shortest-paths problem**:
 - Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, find a shortest path from a given **source** vertex s to each vertex $v \in V$

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Optimal Substructure

- Theorem: subpaths of shortest paths are shortest paths
- Proof ("cut and paste")
 - If some subpath is not the shortest path
 - Substitute current subpath by the shorter subpath and create a shorter total path

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Negative Weights and Cycles?

- Negative edges are OK
 - As long as there are no *negative weight cycles*
 - Otherwise paths with arbitrary small-value "lengths" would be possible
- Shortest-paths can have no cycles
 - Otherwise they could be improved by removing cycles
 - Any shortest-path in graph G with n vertices can have no more than $n - 1$ edges

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Relaxation

- Used by the shortest-path algorithms
- For each vertex v maintain an attribute $d[v]$
 - Shortest-path estimate
 - Upper bound on the weight of a shortest path from source vertex s to vertex v

<pre>INITIALIZE-Single-Source(G, s) 1 for each $v \in V[G]$ do 2 $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$; 3 $\pi[v] \leftarrow NIL$ 4 $d[s] \leftarrow 0$</pre>	<pre>RELAX (u, v, w) 1 if ($d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$) 2 then $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$ 3 $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$</pre>
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Relaxation

- Control $d[v]$ for each vertex v in the graph
 - Estimate of the shortest path from s , initialized to ∞ at the start
- Relaxing an edge (u, v) :
 - Testing whether it is possible to improve the shortest path to v found so far by going through u

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Dijkstra Algorithm

- For single-source shortest-path problems
- Works only when all graph edge weights are nonnegative
- Greedy algorithm, like the Prim algorithm for MST
- If all weights = 1, like breadth-first search
 - Therefore, BFS can be used

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Dijkstra Algorithm

- Use Q , a priority queue (PQ) ADT keyed by $d[v]$
 - PQ is re-organized whenever some d decreases
 - BFS use a FIFO queue
- Basic idea
 - Maintain a set S of solved vertices
 - At each step select "closest" vertex u , add it to S , and relax all edges from u
 - Invariant: $Q = V - S$

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Dijkstra Algorithm

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DIJKSTRA (G, w, s)
1 INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE(V, s) // d and π values
2 S ← ∅ // Set S is used to explain the algorithm
3 Q ← V[G] // Q is a priority queue ADT
4 while Q ≠ ∅ do
5   u ← EXTRACT-MIN(Q) // First iteration, u ← s
6   S ← S ∪ {u}
7   for each vertex v ∈ Adj[u] do // Relaxing edges
8     RELAX(u, v, w)
    
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Running time:
 $O(|V|G + E|G|) = O(E|G|V)$

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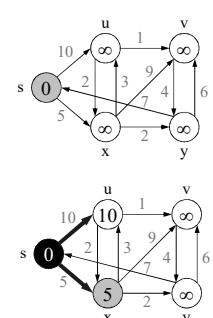
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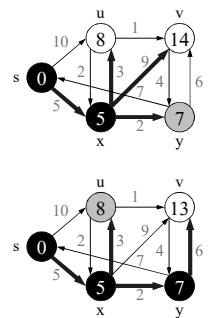
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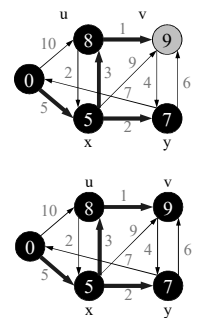
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Dijkstra Running Time

- Extract-Min executed $|V|$ time
- Decrease-Key executed $|E|$ time
- Time = $|V| T_{\text{Extract-Min}} + |E| T_{\text{Decrease-Key}}$
- T depends on different Q implementations

Q	T(Extract-Min)	T(Decrease-Key)	Total
array	$\alpha V $	$\alpha E $	$\alpha V ^2$
binary heap	$\alpha \lg V $	$\alpha \lg E $	$\alpha E \lg V $
Fibonacci heap	$\alpha \lg V $	$\alpha E $ (amort.)	$\alpha V \lg V + E $

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About Dijkstra

- Taught introductory computer courses without using computers
 - Pencil and paper programming
- Would not read his e-mail
- His staff had to print out his e-mails and put them in his mailbox

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Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Dijkstra algorithm does not work when there are negative edges:
 - Cannot be greedy any more, since the lengths of paths will only increase in the future
- Bellman-Ford algorithm
 - Deal with negative edges in single-source shortest-path problems
 - Detects negative cycles (returns *false*) or returns the shortest path-tree

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Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- Returns a boolean value
 - FALSE if graph contains a negative-weight cycle that is reachable from the source
 - Indicates that there is no solution
 - TRUE otherwise
 - Algorithm returns the shortest paths and their weights
- Relaxation progressively reduces estimate of $d[v]$ until the shortest path-weight is obtained
 - Estimates the weight of a shortest path from the source s to each vertex $v \in V$

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$\Theta(V)$
 $O(V)$
 $O(E)$
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Running time:
 $O(V+VE+E)=O(VE)$

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(t,x), (t,y), (t,z), (x,t), (y,x)
 (y,z), (z,x), (z,s), (s,t), (s,y)
 Returns TRUE

■ Bellman-Ford running time:
 ■ $(|V|-1)|E| + |E| = \Theta(|VE|)$

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Shortest-Path in DAGs

- Find shortest paths in DAGs is much easier
 - Shortest paths are always well defined in a DAG
 - Even if there are negative-weight edges, there are no negative-weight cycles
 - Because it is easy to find an order in which to do relaxations: Topological sorting
 - According to the topological sorting of its vertices, shortest path of a single source can be calculated in $\Theta(V+E)$

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Topological sorting

- Produces a sequence of vertices
 - If there is a path from vertex u to vertex v , u precedes v in the topological sort
- Algorithm makes just one pass over the vertices in the topologically sorted order
 - As each vertex is processed, each edge that leaves the vertex is relaxed
 - The predecessor of a vertex v is always processed before v is processed

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Shortest-Path in DAGs

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DAG-Shortest-Paths (G, w, s)
1 Topologically sort vertices in G
2 INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE (G, s) // d and π values
3 for each vertex u taken in topologically sorted order do
4   for each vertex v in Adj[u] do
5     Relax(u, v, w)
        
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Topological-Sorting (L)
1 G ← ∅
2 while (L is not empty)
3   find a vertex u without incoming edges
4   delete u from L
5   add u to G
6 return the linked list of vertices
        
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- Running time:
 - $\Theta(V+E)$: only one relaxation for each edge

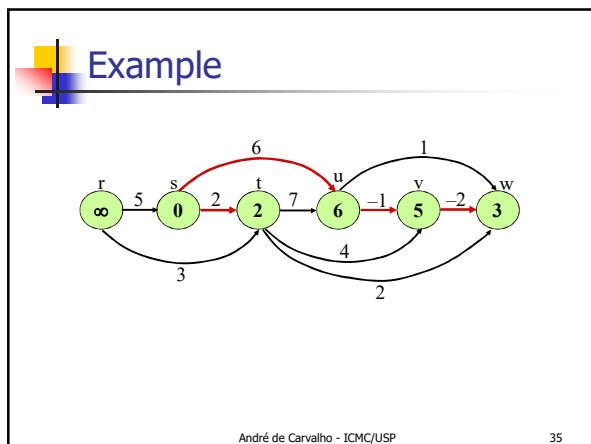
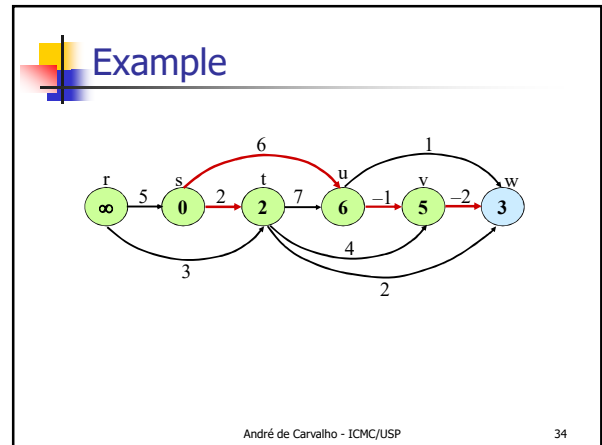
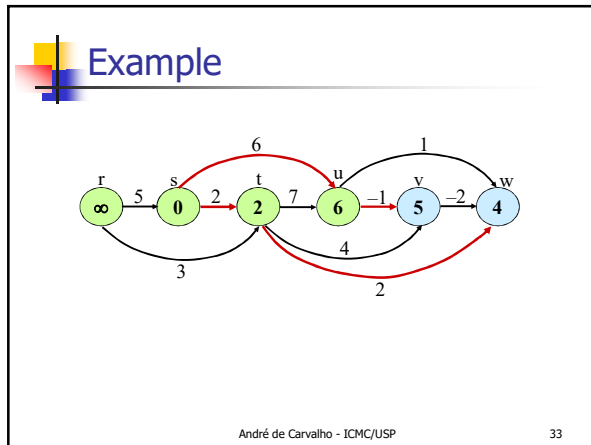
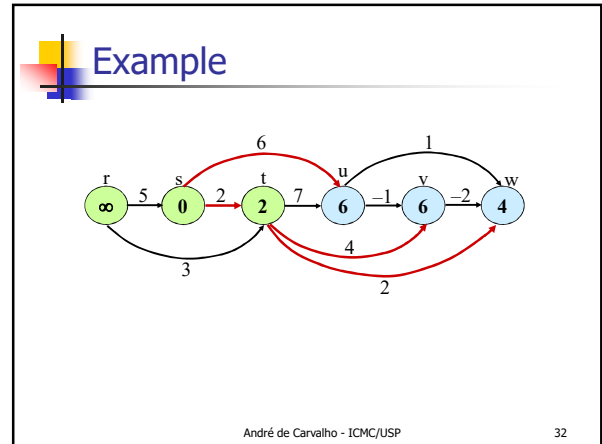
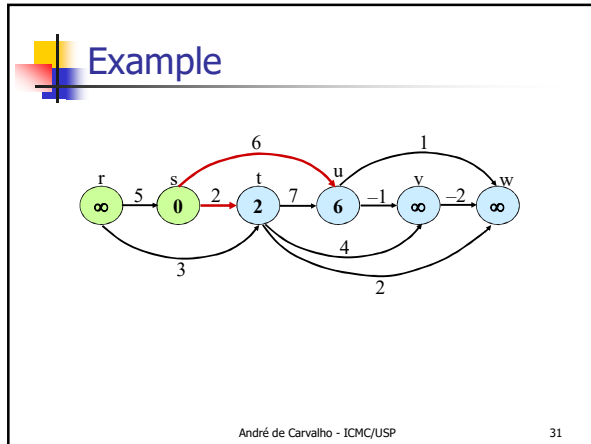
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