

# Introduction to Algorithms

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## 1 All-Pairs Shortest Paths

- Shortest Paths and Matrix Multiplication
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# The All-Pairs Shortest Paths Problem

- Consider a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with a weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , that maps edges to real-valued weights.
- We wish to find, for every pair of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , a shortest (least-weight) path from  $u$  to  $v$ , where the weight of a path is the sum of the weights of its constituent edges.
- We typically want the output in tabular form:  
The entry in  $u$ 's row and  $v$ 's column should be the weight of a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

# All-Pairs via Exhaustive Single Pair

- We can solve an all-pairs shortest-paths problem by running a single source shortest-paths algorithm  $|V|$  times, once for each vertex as the source.
  - If all edge weights are nonnegative, we can use Dijkstra's algorithm.
    - If we use the linear-array implementation of the min-priority queue, the running time is  $O(|V|^3 + |V||E|) = O(|V|^3)$ .
    - The binary min-heap implementation of the min-priority queue yields a running time of  $O(|V||E| \log |V|)$ , which is an improvement if the graph is sparse.
  - If the graph has negative-weight edges, we must run the slower Bellman-Ford algorithm once from each vertex.

The resulting running time is  $O(|V|^2|E|)$ , which on a dense graph is  $O(|V|^4)$ .

# The Set Up and the Variables

- We mostly use an adjacency matrix representation.
- Assume that the vertices are numbered  $1, 2, \dots, |V|$ .
- Then the input is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $W = (w_{ij})$ , representing the edge weights of the  $n$ -vertex directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,

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

- We allow negative-weight edges, but we assume for the time being that the input graph contains no negative-weight cycles.
- The tabular output of the all-pairs shortest-paths algorithms is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $D = (d_{ij})$ , where entry  $d_{ij}$  contains the weight of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .
- If we let  $\delta(i, j)$  denote the shortest path weight from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , then  $d_{ij} = \delta(i, j)$  at termination.

# Predecessor Matrix and Predecessor Subgraph

- To solve the all-pairs shortest-paths problem on an input adjacency matrix, we need to compute not only the shortest-path weights but also a **predecessor matrix**  $\Pi = (\pi_{ij})$ , where:
  - $\pi_{ij}$  is NIL if either  $i = j$  or there is no path from  $i$  to  $j$ ;
  - $\pi_{ij}$  is the predecessor of  $j$  on some shortest path from  $i$ , otherwise.
- For each vertex  $i \in V$ , we define the **predecessor subgraph of  $G$  for  $i$**  as  $G_{\pi,i} = (V_{\pi,i}, E_{\pi,i})$ , where:
  - $V_{\pi,i} = \{j \in V : \pi_{ij} \neq \text{NIL}\} \cup \{i\}$ ;
  - $E_{\pi,i} = \{(\pi_{ij}, j) : j \in V_{\pi,i} - \{i\}\}$ .
- Just as the predecessor subgraph  $G_{\pi}$  is a shortest-paths tree for a given source vertex, the predecessor subgraph  $G_{\pi,i}$  of  $G$  for  $i$  (induced by the  $i$ -th row of the  $\Pi$  matrix) should be a shortest-paths tree with root  $i$ .

# Print All Pairs Shortest Paths Procedure

- If  $G_{\pi,i}$  is a shortest-paths tree, then the following procedure prints a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

PRINTALLPAIRSSHORTESTPATH( $\Pi, i, j$ )

1. if  $i == j$
2.   print  $i$
3. elseif  $\pi_{ij} == \text{NIL}$
4.   print "no path from"  $i$  "to"  $j$  "exists"
5. else PRINTALLPAIRSSHORTESTPATH( $\Pi, i, \pi_{ij}$ )
6.   print  $j$

# Conventions and Notation

- We assume that the input graph  $G = (V, E)$  has  $n$  vertices, so that  $n = |V|$ .
- We use the convention of denoting matrices by uppercase letters, such as  $W$ ,  $L$  or  $D$ , and their individual elements by subscripted lowercase letters, such as  $w_{ij}$ ,  $\ell_{ij}$  or  $d_{ij}$ .
- Some matrices will have parenthesized superscripts, e.g.,  $L^{(m)} = (\ell_{ij}^{(m)})$  or  $D^{(m)} = (d_{ij}^{(m)})$ , to indicate iterates.
- Finally, for a given  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we assume that the value of  $n$  is stored in the attribute  $A.rows$ .



## Subsection 1

# Shortest Paths and Matrix Multiplication

# Dynamic Programming for All-Pairs Shortest Paths

- We present a dynamic programming algorithm for the all-pairs shortest paths problem on a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .
- Each major loop of the dynamic program will invoke an operation that is very similar to matrix multiplication, so that the algorithm will look like repeated matrix multiplication.
- We first develop a  $\Theta(|V|^4)$ -time algorithm for the all-pairs shortest paths problem and then improve its running time to  $\Theta(|V|^3 \log |V|)$ .
- Recall the steps for developing a dynamic programming algorithm:
  1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution.
  2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.
  3. Compute the value of an optimal solution in a bottom-up fashion.
  4. Construct an optimal solution from computed information.  
This step will not be carried out in detail.

# The Structure of a Shortest Path

- We characterize the structure of an optimal solution.
- For the all-pairs shortest paths problem on a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we have proven that all subpaths of a shortest path are shortest paths.
- Suppose we represent the graph by an adjacency matrix  $W = (w_{ij})$ .
- Consider a shortest path  $p$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , and suppose that  $p$  contains at most  $m$  edges.

Assuming that there are no negative-weight cycles,  $m$  is finite.

- If  $i = j$ , then  $p$  has weight 0 and no edges.
- If  $i \neq j$ , then we decompose  $p$  into  $i \xrightarrow{p'} k \rightarrow j$ , where  $p'$  contains at most  $m - 1$  edges. We proved that  $p'$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$ . So

$$\delta(i, j) = \delta(i, k) + w_{kj}.$$

# A Recursive Solution to All-Pairs Shortest-Paths

- Let  $\ell_{ij}^{(m)}$  be the minimum weight of any path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  that contains at most  $m$  edges.
  - When  $m = 0$ , there is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with no edges if and only if  $i = j$ . Thus,  $\ell_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = j \\ 1, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$ .
  - For  $m \geq 1$ , we compute  $\ell_{ij}^{(m)}$  as the minimum of  $\ell_{ij}^{(m-1)}$  (the weight of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  consisting of at most  $m - 1$  edges) and the minimum weight of any path from  $i$  to  $j$  consisting of at most  $m$  edges, obtained by looking at all possible predecessors  $k$  of  $j$ . Thus, we recursively define

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{ij}^{(m)} &= \min(\ell_{ij}^{(m-1)}, \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{\ell_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj}\}) \\ &= \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{\ell_{ik}^{(m-1)} + w_{kj}\}. \end{aligned}$$

The latter equality follows since  $w_{jj} = 0$ , for all  $j$ .

# The Shortest Path Weights $\delta(i, j)$

- If the graph contains no negative-weight cycles, then, for every pair of vertices  $i$  and  $j$  for which  $\delta(i, j) < \infty$ , there is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  that is simple and, thus, contains at most  $n - 1$  edges.
- A path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with more than  $n - 1$  edges cannot have lower weight than a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$ .
- The actual shortest-path weights are therefore given by

$$\delta(i, j) = \ell_{ij}^{(n-1)} = \ell_{ij}^{(n)} = \ell_{ij}^{(n+1)} = \dots$$

# Extending Shortest Paths

- With input  $W = (w_{ij})$ , we compute  $L^{(1)}, L^{(2)}, \dots, L^{(n-1)}$ .
- The final matrix  $L^{(n-1)}$  contains the actual shortest-path weights.
- Observe that  $\ell_{ij}^{(1)} = w_{ij}$ , for all vertices  $i, j \in V$ , whence  $L^{(1)} = W$ .
- The following procedure, given  $L^{(m-1)}$  and  $W$ , returns  $L^{(m)}$ , i.e., it extends the shortest paths computed so far by one more edge.

## EXTENDSHORTESTPATHS( $L, W$ )

1.  $n = L.\text{rows}$
2. let  $L' = (\ell'_{ij})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
3. for  $i = 1$  to  $n$
4.   for  $j = 1$  to  $n$
5.      $\ell'_{ij} = \infty$
6.     for  $k = 1$  to  $n$
7.        $\ell'_{ij} = \min(\ell'_{ij}, \ell_{ik} + w_{kj})$
8. return  $L'$

# Computing the Shortest-Path Weights Bottom Up

- For all-pairs shortest paths, we compute the shortest-path weights by extending shortest paths edge by edge.

Letting  $A \cdot B$  denote  $\text{EXTENDSHORTESTPATHS}(A, B)$ , we compute the sequence of  $n - 1$  matrices

$$L^{(1)} = L^{(0)}W = W, L^{(2)} = L^{(1)}W = W^2, \dots, L^{(n-1)} = L^{(n-2)}W = W^{n-1}.$$

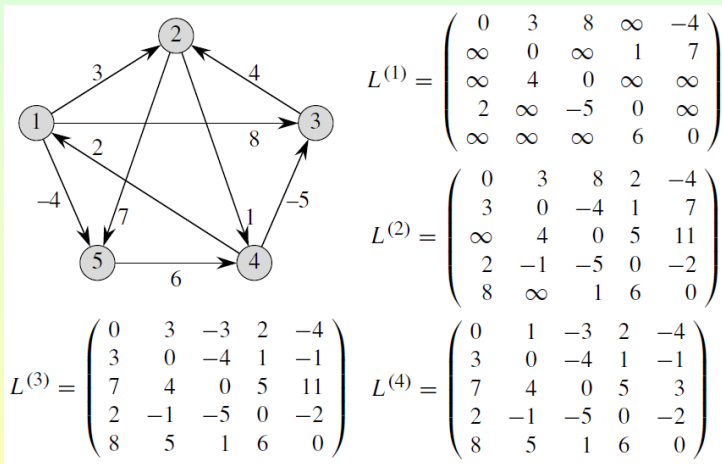
- The matrix  $L^{(n-1)} = W^{n-1}$  contains the shortest-path weights.
- The following procedure computes this sequence in  $\Theta(n^4)$  time.

## SLOWALLPAIRSHORTESTPATHS( $W$ )

- $n = W.\text{rows}$
- $L^{(1)} = W$
- for  $m = 2$  to  $n - 1$
- let  $L^{(m)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
- $L^{(m)} = \text{EXTENDSHORTESTPATHS}(L^{(m-1)}, W)$
- return  $L^{(n-1)}$

# An Example

- A graph and the matrices  $L^{(m)}$  computed by the procedure SLOWALLPAIRSHORTESTPATHS.





# Improving the Running Time

- We are interested in  $L^{(n-1)}$ ; not in all  $L^{(m)}$ .
- Without negative-weight cycles,  $L^{(m)} = L^{(n-1)}$ , for all  $m \geq n - 1$ .
- Since the EXTENDSHORTESTPATHS operation (“.”) is associative, we can compute  $L^{(n-1)}$  with only  $\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil$  matrix products by computing:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{(1)} &= W; \\
 L^{(2)} &= W^2 = W \cdot W; \\
 L^{(4)} &= W^4 = W^2 \cdot W^2; \\
 &\vdots \\
 L^{(2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil})} &= W^{2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil}} = W^{2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil - 1}} \cdot W^{2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil - 1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Since  $2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil} \geq n - 1$ , the product  $L^{(2^{\lceil \log(n-1) \rceil})}$  is equal to  $L^{(n-1)}$ .

# Computing the Sequence of Matrices

## FASTERALLPAIRS<sub>SHORTESTPATHS</sub>( $W$ )

1.  $n = W.\text{rows}$
2.  $L^{(1)} = W$
3.  $m = 1$
4. while  $m < n - 1$
5.   let  $L^{(2m)}$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
6.    $L^{(2m)} = \text{EXTENDSHORTESTPATHS}(L^{(m)}, L^{(m)})$
7.    $m = 2m$
8. return  $L^{(m)}$

# Correctness and Time Requirements

- In each iteration of the while loop of Lines 4-7, we compute  $L^{(2m)} = (L^{(m)})^2$ , starting with  $m = 1$ .
- At the end of each iteration, we double the value of  $m$ .
- The final iteration computes  $L^{(n-1)}$  by actually computing  $L^{(2m)}$ , for some  $n - 1 \leq 2m < 2n - 2$ , whence  $L^{(2m)} = L^{(n-1)}$ .
- The next time the test in Line 4 is performed,  $m$  has been doubled, So  $m \geq n - 1$  and the “while” test fails.

The procedure returns the last matrix it computed.

- The running time of `FASTERALLPAIRSSHORTESTPATHS` is  $\Theta(n^3 \log n)$ , since each of the  $\lceil \log(n - 1) \rceil$  matrix products takes  $\Theta(n^3)$  time.

## Subsection 2

# The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

# Idea Behind the Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

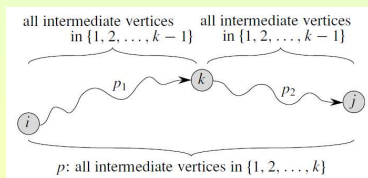
- In the **Floyd-Warshall algorithm**, we again characterize the structure of a shortest path.
- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm considers the intermediate vertices of a shortest path, where an intermediate vertex of a simple path  $p = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\ell \rangle$  is any vertex in the set  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{\ell-1}\}$ .
- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm relies on the following observation:
  - Under our assumption that the vertices of  $G$  are  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , let us consider a subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  of vertices for some  $k$ .
  - For any pair of vertices  $i, j \in V$ , consider all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  whose intermediate vertices are all drawn from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , and let  $p$  be a minimum weight path among them ( $p$  is simple).
  - The Floyd-Warshall algorithm exploits a relationship between path  $p$  and shortest paths from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ . This relationship depends on whether or not  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ .

# The Two Cases Considered by Floyd-Warshall

- If  $k$  is not an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then all intermediate vertices of path  $p$  are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ .

Thus, a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$  is also a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

- If  $k$  is an intermediate vertex of path  $p$ , then we decompose  $p$  into  $i \xrightarrow{p_1} k \xrightarrow{p_2} j$ . Then  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .



Note that all intermediate vertices of  $p_1$  are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ . Therefore,  $p_1$  is a shortest path from  $i$  to  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ .

Similarly,  $p_2$  is a shortest path from vertex  $k$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k - 1\}$ .

# A Recursive Solution to the All-Pairs Shortest-Paths

- We define a recursive formulation of shortest path estimates.
- Let  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  be the weight of a shortest path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  for which all intermediate vertices are in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .
- When  $k = 0$ , a path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with no intermediate vertex numbered higher than 0 has no intermediate vertices at all. Such a path has at most one edge, and hence  $d_{ij}^{(0)} = w_{ij}$ .
- Define  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  recursively by

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} w_{ij}, & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}), & \text{if } k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- Because for any path, all intermediate vertices are in  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the matrix  $D^{(n)} = (d_{ij}^{(n)})$  gives  $d_{ij}^{(n)} = \delta(i, j)$ , for all  $i, j \in V$ .

# Computing Shortest-Path Weights Bottom Up

- We can use the following bottom-up procedure to compute the values  $d_{ij}^{(k)}$  in order of increasing values of  $k$ .
  - Its input is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $W$ .
  - The procedure returns the matrix  $D^{(n)}$  of shortest path weights.

## FLOYDWARSHALL( $W$ )

1.  $n = W.rows$
2.  $D^{(0)} = W$
3. for  $k = 1$  to  $n$
4.   let  $D^{(k)} = (d_{ij}^{(k)})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
5.   for  $i = 1$  to  $n$
6.     for  $j = 1$  to  $n$
7.        $d_{ij}^{(k)} = \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)})$
8. return  $D^{(n)}$



# Running Time

- The running time of the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is determined by the triply nested for loops of Lines 3-7.
  - Because each execution of Line 7 takes  $O(1)$  time, the algorithm runs in time  $\Theta(n^3)$ .
- The code is tight, with no elaborate data structures, and so the constant hidden in the  $\Theta$ -notation is small.
- Thus, the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is quite practical for even moderate-sized input graphs.

# Constructing a Shortest Path

- There are a variety of different methods for constructing shortest paths in the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.
  - One way is to compute the matrix  $D$  of shortest-path weights and then construct the predecessor matrix  $\Pi$  from the  $D$  matrix. Given  $\Pi$ , the `PRINTALLPAIRSSHORTESTPATH` procedure will print the vertices on a given shortest path.
  - Alternatively, we can compute the predecessor matrix  $\Pi$  while the algorithm computes the matrices  $D^{(k)}$ . Specifically, we compute a sequence of matrices  $\Pi^{(0)}, \Pi^{(1)}, \dots, \Pi^{(n)}$ , where  $\Pi = \Pi^{(n)}$  and we define  $\pi_{ij}^{(k)}$  as the predecessor of vertex  $j$  on a shortest path from vertex  $i$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

# Constructing a Shortest Path (The Recursive Formulas)

- When  $k = 0$ , a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  has no intermediate vertices at all.

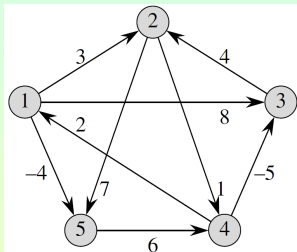
$$\pi_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} \text{NIL}, & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } w_{ij} = \infty \\ i, & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } w_{ij} < \infty \end{cases} .$$

- For  $k \geq 1$ :
  - If we take the path  $i \leq k \leq j$ , where  $k \neq j$ , then the predecessor of  $j$  we choose is the same as the predecessor of  $j$  we chose on a shortest path from  $k$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .
  - Otherwise, we choose the same predecessor of  $j$  that we chose on a shortest path from  $i$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

Formally, for  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$\pi_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \pi_{ij}^{(k-1)}, & \text{if } d_{ij}^{(k-1)} \leq d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)} \\ \pi_{kj}^{(k-1)}, & \text{if } d_{ij}^{(k-1)} > d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)} \end{cases} .$$

## Example



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

$$\Pi^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\Pi^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\Pi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\Pi^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\Pi^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ \text{NIL} & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & \text{NIL} & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\Pi^{(5)} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{NIL} & 3 & 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & \text{NIL} & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \text{NIL} & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & \text{NIL} & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 4 & 5 & \text{NIL} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Transitive Closure of a Directed Graph

- Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we define the **transitive closure** of  $G$  as the graph  $G^* = (V, E^*)$ , where

$$E^* = \{(i, j) : \text{there is a path from vertex } i \text{ to vertex } j \text{ in } G\}.$$

- One way to compute  $G^*$  in  $\Theta(n^3)$  time is to assign a weight of 1 to each edge of  $E$  and run the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.
  - If there is a path from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ , we get  $d_{ij} < n$ .
  - Otherwise, we get  $d_{ij} = \infty$ .

# Transitive Closure: Alternative Way

- For  $i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , define  $t_{ij}^{(k)}$  to be 1 if there exists a path in graph  $G$  from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$  with all intermediate vertices in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , and 0 otherwise.
- Then  $G^* = (V, E^*)$  has  $(i, j)$  in  $E^*$  if and only if  $t_{ij}^{(n)} = 1$ .
- A recursive definition of  $t_{ij}^{(k)}$  is:

- For  $k = 0$ ,

$$t_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \text{ and } (i, j) \notin E \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } (i, j) \in E \end{cases} .$$

- For  $k \geq 1$ ,

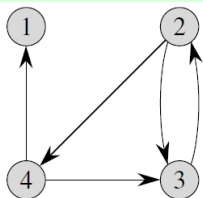
$$t_{ij}^{(k)} = t_{ij}^{(k-1)} \vee (t_{ik}^{(k-1)} \wedge t_{kj}^{(k-1)}) .$$

# Computing the Transitive Closure

## TRANSITIVECLOSURE( $G$ )

1.  $n = |G.V|$
2. let  $T^{(0)} = (t_{ij}^{(0)})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
3. for  $i = 1$  to  $n$
4.   for  $j = 1$  to  $n$
5.     if  $i == j$  or  $(i, j) \in G.E$
6.        $t_{ij}^{(0)} = 1$
7.     else  $t_{ij}^{(0)} = 0$
8. for  $k = 1$  to  $n$
9.   let  $T^{(k)} = (t_{ij}^{(k)})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
10.   for  $i = 1$  to  $n$
11.     for  $j = 1$  to  $n$
12.        $t_{ij}^{(k)} = t_{ij}^{(k-1)} \vee (t_{ik}^{(k-1)} \wedge t_{kj}^{(k-1)})$
13. return  $T^{(n)}$

## Example



$$T^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T^{(3)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T^{(4)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Subsection 3

# Johnson's Algorithm for Sparse Graphs

# Goal of Johnson's Algorithm

- **Johnson's algorithm** finds shortest paths between all pairs in  $O(|V|^2 \log |V| + |V||E|)$  time.
- For sparse graphs, it is asymptotically faster than either repeated squaring of matrices or the Floyd-Warshall algorithm.
- The algorithm either returns a matrix of shortest-path weights for all pairs of vertices or reports that the input graph contains a negative weight cycle.
- Johnson's algorithm uses as subroutines both Dijkstra's algorithm and the Bellman-Ford algorithm.

# Johnson's Algorithm and Reweighting

- Johnson's algorithm uses the technique of **reweighting**:
  - If all edge weights  $w$  in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  are nonnegative, we can find shortest paths between all pairs of vertices by running Dijkstra's algorithm once from each vertex.  
With an efficient implementation of a min-priority queue, the running time of this all-pairs algorithm is  $O(|V|^2 \log |V| + |V||E|)$ .
  - If  $G$  has negative-weight edges but no negative-weight cycles, we compute a new set of nonnegative edge weights  $\hat{w}$  that allows us to use the same method, which must satisfy:
    1. For all pairs of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , a path  $p$  is a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  using weight function  $w$  if and only if  $p$  is also a shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  using weight function  $\hat{w}$ .
    2. For all edges  $(u, v)$ , the new weight  $\hat{w}(u, v)$  is nonnegative.

We can preprocess  $G$  to determine the new weight function  $\hat{w}$  in  $O(|V||E|)$  time.

# Preserving Shortest Paths by Reweighting

- We use:
  - $\delta$  for shortest-path weights derived from  $w$ ;
  - $\widehat{\delta}$  for shortest-path weights derived from  $\widehat{w}$ .

## Lemma (Reweighting does not Change Shortest Paths)

Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $h : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any function mapping vertices to real numbers. For each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ , define

$$\widehat{w}(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v).$$

Let  $p = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$  be any path from vertex  $v_0$  to vertex  $v_k$ . Then  $p$  is a shortest path from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  with weight function  $w$  if and only if it is a shortest path with weight function  $\widehat{w}$ . That is,  $w(p) = \delta(v_0, v_k)$  if and only if  $w(p) = \widehat{\delta}(v_0, v_k)$ .

Furthermore,  $G$  has a negative-weight cycle using weight function  $w$  if and only if  $G$  has a negative-weight cycle using weight function  $\widehat{w}$ .

# Preserving Shortest Paths by Reweighting (Proof)

- We start by showing that  $\widehat{w}(p) = w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{w}(p) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \widehat{w}(v_{i-1}, v_i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k (w(v_{i-1}, v_i) + h(v_{i-1}) - h(v_i)) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) \\
 &= w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k).
 \end{aligned}$$

Any path  $p$  from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  has  $\widehat{w}(p) = w(p) + h(v_0) - h(v_k)$ .

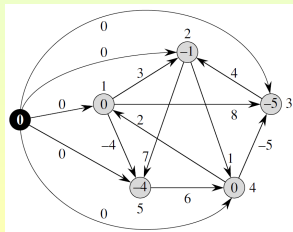
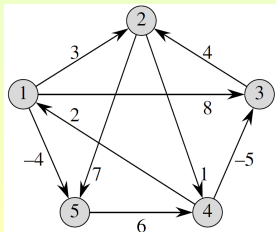
$h(v_0)$  and  $h(v_k)$  do not depend on the path. So, if one path from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$  is shorter than another using weight function  $w$ , then it is also shorter using  $\widehat{w}$ . Thus,  $w(p) = \delta(v_0, v_k)$  iff  $\widehat{w}(p) = \widehat{\delta}(v_0, v_k)$ .

- Finally, we show that  $G$  has a negative-weight cycle using  $w$  if and only if  $G$  has a negative-weight cycle using  $\widehat{w}$ .

Consider any cycle  $c = \langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$ , where  $v_0 = v_k$ . We have  $\widehat{w}(c) = w(c) + h(v_0) - h(v_k) = w(c)$ . Thus  $c$  has negative weight using  $w$  if and only if it has negative weight using  $\widehat{w}$ .

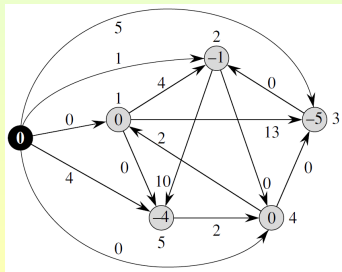
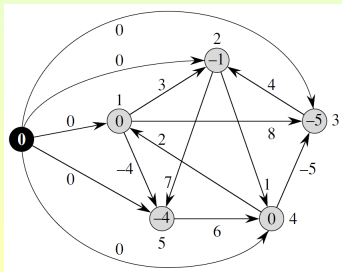
# Producing Nonnegative Weights by Reweighting I

- Next, we ensure  $\widehat{w}(u, v)$  is nonnegative, for all edges  $(u, v) \in E$ .
- Given a weighted, directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we construct  $G' = (V', E')$ , where  $V' = V \cup \{s\}$ , for some new vertex  $s \notin V$ , and  $E' = E \cup \{(s, v) : v \in V\}$ .
- We extend the weight function  $w$  so that  $w(s, v) = 0$ , for all  $v \in V$ .
  - Note that because  $s$  has no edges that enter it, no shortest paths in  $G'$ , other than those with source  $s$ , contain  $s$ .
  - Moreover,  $G'$  has no negative-weight cycles if and only if  $G$  has no negative-weight cycles.



# Producing Nonnegative Weights by Reweighting II

- Now suppose that  $G$  and  $G'$  have no negative-weight cycles.
- Let us define  $h(v) = \delta(s, v)$ , for all  $v \in V'$ .
- By the Triangle Inequality, we have  $h(v) \leq h(u) + w(u, v)$ , for all edges  $(u, v) \in E'$ .
- Thus, if we define the new weights  $\hat{w}$  by reweighting according to  $\hat{w}(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v)$ , we have  $\hat{w}(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v) \geq 0$ , as was our goal.



# Johnson's Procedure

- Assume the edges are stored in adjacency lists.
- Output is  $D = (d_{ij})$ , where  $d_{ij} = \widehat{\delta}(i, j)$ , or “negative-weight cycle”.

## JOHNSON( $G, w$ )

- compute  $G'$ , where  $G'.V = G.V \cup \{s\}$ ,  $G'.E = G.E \cup \{(s, v) : v \in G.V\}$ , and  $w(s, v) = 0$ , for all  $v \in G.V$
- if  $\text{BELLMANFORD}(G', w, s) == \text{FALSE}$
- print “the input graph contains a negative-weight cycle”
- else for each vertex  $v \in G'.V$
- set  $h(v)$  to the value of  $\delta(s, v)$  computed by the Bellman-Ford algorithm
- for each edge  $(u, v) \in G'.E$
- $\widehat{w}(u, v) = w(u, v) + h(u) - h(v)$
- let  $D = (d_{uv})$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix
- for each vertex  $u \in G.V$
- run  $\text{DIJKSTRA}(G, \widehat{w}, u)$  to compute  $\widehat{\delta}(u, v)$ , for all  $v \in G.V$
- for each vertex  $v \in G.V$
- $d_{uv} = \widehat{\delta}(u, v) + h(v) - h(u)$
- return  $D$



# How JOHNSON Works

- Line 1 produces  $G'$ .
- Line 2 runs Bellman-Ford on  $G'$  with weight function  $w$  and source  $s$ .
  - If  $G'$ , hence  $G$ , contains a negative-weight cycle, Line 3 reports this.
  - Lines 4-12 assume that  $G'$  contains no negative-weight cycles.
    - Lines 4-5 set  $h(v)$  to the shortest-path weight  $\delta(s, v)$ , computed by the Bellman-Ford algorithm, for all  $v \in V'$ .
    - Lines 6-7 compute the new weights  $\hat{w}$ .
    - For each pair of vertices  $u, v \in V$ , the for loop of Lines 9-12 computes the shortest-path weight  $\hat{\delta}(u, v)$  by calling Dijkstra's algorithm once from each vertex in  $V$ .
    - Line 12 stores in  $d_{uv}$  the correct shortest-path weight  $\delta(u, v)$ .
- Finally, Line 13 returns the completed  $D$  matrix.
- If we implement the min-priority queue in Dijkstra's algorithm efficiently, JOHNSON runs in  $O(|V|^2 \log |V| + |V||E|)$  time.
- Even a simpler minheap implementation yields  $O(|V||E| \log |V|)$ , still asymptotically faster than Floyd-Warshall, if the graph is sparse.

# Illustrating JOHNSON

