SHORTEST PATHS

READINGS? CHAPTER 28
We attempt to make this a good learning experience with not much time spent by you.

8 methods, averaging 7 lines each.

We give you all test cases. Pass them and get 100% on correctness.

Points may be deducted for violating the time constraints given in the method specifications. Or for doing something outrageous.

Do it early, get it done.
Shortest Paths in Graphs

Problem of finding shortest (min-cost) path in a graph occurs often

- Find shortest route between Ithaca and West Lafayette, IN
- Result depends on notion of cost
  - Least mileage… or least time… or cheapest
  - Perhaps, expends the least power in the butterfly while flying fastest
  - Many “costs” can be represented as edge weights

Every time you use googlemaps or the GPS system on your smartphone to find directions you are using a shortest-path algorithm
Dijkstra’s shortest-path algorithm

Edsger Dijkstra, in an interview in 2010 (CACM):

... the algorithm for the shortest path, which I designed in about 20 minutes. One morning I was shopping in Amsterdam with my young fiance, and tired, we sat down on the cafe terrace to drink a cup of coffee, and I was just thinking about whether I could do this, and I then designed the algorithm for the shortest path. As I said, it was a 20-minute invention. [ Took place in 1956 ]


Visit http://www.dijkstrascry.com for all sorts of information on Dijkstra and his contributions. As a historical record, this is a gold mine.
Dijkstra’s shortest-path algorithm

Dijkstra describes the algorithm in English:
- When he designed it in 1956 (he was 26 years old), most people were programming in assembly language!
- Only one high-level language: Fortran, developed by John Backus at IBM and not quite finished.

No theory of order-of-execution time — topic yet to be developed. In paper, Dijkstra says, “my solution is preferred to another one … “the amount of work to be done seems considerably less.”

1968 NATO Conference on Software Engineering

- In Garmisch, Germany
- Academicians and industry people attended
- For first time, people admitted they did not know what they were doing when developing/testing software. Concepts, methodologies, tools were inadequate, missing
- The term *software engineering* was born at this conference.

Get a good sense of the times by reading these reports!
1968 NATO Conference on Software Engineering, Garmisch, Germany

Term “software engineering” coined for this conference
1968 NATO Conference on Software Engineering, Garmisch, Germany
The reason why some people grow aggressive tufts of facial hair is that they do not like to show the chin that isn't there.

*a grook by Piet Hein*
From Gries to Tate

Googlemaps: find a route from Gries’s to Tate’s house.
Gives two routes 12 minutes, 7.3 miles
15 minutes, 6.6 miles

Ross Tate
Co-instructor last spring
Shortest path?

Each intersection is a node of the graph, and each road between two intersections has a weight.

distance? time to traverse? ...
Shortest path?

Fan out from the start node (kind of breadth-first search)

Settled set: Nodes whose shortest distance is known.

Frontier set: Nodes seen at least once but shortest distance not yet known
Shortest path?

Settled set: we know their shortest paths
Frontier set: We know some but not all information

Each iteration:

1. Move to the Settled set: a Frontier node with shortest distance from start node.

2. Add neighbors of the new Settled node to the Frontier set.
Shortest path?

Fan out from the start node (kind of breadth-first search). Start:

Settled set:

Frontier set:  

1. Move to Settled set the Frontier node with shortest distance from start
Shortest path?

Fan out from start node. Recording shortest distance from start seen so far

Settled set:

Frontier set:

2. Add neighbors of new Settled node to Frontier
Shortest path?

Fan out from start node. Recording shortest distance from start seen so far

Settled set: 1

Frontier set: 1 2

1. Move to Settled set a Frontier node with shortest distance from start
Shortest path?

Fan out from start node. Recording shortest distance from start seen so far

Settled set: 1

Frontier set: 2

2. Add neighbors of new Settled node to Frontier (there are none)
**Shortest path?**

Fan out from start, recording shortest distance seen so far

**Settled set:**

1. Move to Settled set a Frontier node with shortest distance from start

**Frontier set:**

2
Shortest path?

Fan out from start, recording shortest distance seen so far

Settled set:  

Frontier set:

2. Add neighbors of new Settled node to Frontier
Shortest path?

Fan out from start, recording shortest distance seen so far

Settled set: [1, 2, 5]

Frontier set: [3, 4, 5]

1. Move to Settled set a Frontier node with shortest distance from start
Shortest path?

Fan out from start, recording shortest distance seen so far

Settled set: 1 2 5

Frontier set: 3 4 6

1. Add neighbors of new Settled node to Frontier
**Dijkstra’s shortest path algorithm**

The n (> 0) nodes of a graph numbered 0..n-1.

Each edge has a positive weight.

\( \text{wgt}(v_1, v_2) \) is the weight of the edge from node \( v_1 \) to \( v_2 \).

Some node \( v \) be selected as the *start* node.

Calculate length of shortest path from \( v \) to each node.

Use an array \( L[0..n-1] \): for each node \( w \), store in \( L[w] \) the length of the shortest path from \( v \) to \( w \).

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\begin{align*}
L[0] &= 2 \\
L[1] &= 5 \\
L[2] &= 6 \\
L[3] &= 7 \\
L[4] &= 0
\end{align*}
\]
Dijkstra’s shortest path algorithm

Develop algorithm, not just present it.

Need to show you the state of affairs — the relation among all variables — just before each node $i$ is given its final value $L[i]$.

Write it as a loop invariant.

THEN develop loop from it.

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\end{align*}
\]
1. For a Settled node $s$, $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. All edges leaving $S$ go to $F$.
3. For a Frontier node $f$, $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using only red nodes (except for $f$)
1. **For a Settled node s**, $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow r$ path.

2. **All edges leaving S go to F.**

3. **For a Frontier node f**, $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using only Settled nodes (except for $f$).

**Theorem.** For a node $f$ in $F$ with minimum $L$ value (over nodes in $F$), $L[f]$ is the length of a shortest path from $v$ to $f$.

**Case 1:** $v$ is in $S$.

**Case 2:** $v$ is in $F$. Note that $L[v]$ is 0; it has minimum $L$ value.
**The algorithm**

\[ S= \{ \}; F= \{ v \}; L[v]= 0; \]

1. **For s, \( L[s] \)** is length of shortest \( v \rightarrow s \) path.

2. **Edges leaving S go to F.**

3. **For f, \( L[f] \)** is length of shortest \( v \rightarrow f \) path using red nodes (except for \( f \)).

**Theorem:** For a node \( f \) in \( F \) with min \( L \) value, \( L[f] \) is shortest path length

**Loopy question 1:**

How does the loop start? What is done to truthify the invariant?
The algorithm

1. For s, L[s] is length of shortest v → s path.
2. Edges leaving S go to F.
3. For f, L[f] is length of shortest v → f path using red nodes (except for f).

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, L[f] is shortest path length

Loopy question 2:
When does loop stop? When is array L completely calculated?
The algorithm

S = \{ \}; F = \{ v \}; L[v] = 0;

while F ≠ \{\} {
    f = node in F with min L value;
    Remove f from F, add it to S;
}

1. For s, L[s] is length of shortest v → s path.

2. Edges leaving S go to F.

3. For f, L[f] is length of shortest v → f path using red nodes (except for f).

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, L[f] is shortest path length

Loopy question 3: Progress toward termination?
The algorithm

S = \{ \} ; F = \{ v \} ; L[v] = 0;
while F \neq {} {
    f = node in F with min L value;
    Remove f from F, add it to S;
    for each neighbor w of f {
        if (w not in S or F) {
            \}
        } else {
            \}
    }
}

1. For s, L[s] is length of shortest v \rightarrow s path.

2. Edges leaving S go to F.

3. For f, L[f] is length of shortest v \rightarrow f path using red nodes (except for f).

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, L[f] is shortest path length

Loopy question 4: Maintain invariant?
The algorithm

S → F → Far off

1. For s, $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. Edges leaving $S$ go to $F$.
3. For f, $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using red nodes (except for f).

Theorem: For a node $f$ in $F$ with min $L$ value, $L[f]$ is shortest path length

S= { }; F= { v }; L[v] = 0;
while F ≠ {} {
    f= node in F with min L value;
    Remove f from F, add it to S;
    for each edge (f, w) {
        if (w not in S or F) {
            L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w);
            add w to F;
        } else {
        }
    } else {
    }
}

Loopy question 4: Maintain invariant?
The algorithm

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while F ≠ {} {
    f = node in F with min L value;
    Remove f from F, add it to S;
    for each edge (f, w) {
        if (w not in S or F) {
            L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w);
            add w to F;
        } else {
            if (L[f] + wgt(f, w) < L[w])
                L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w);
        }
    }
}

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S = \{\}; \quad F = \{ v \}; \quad L[v] = 0;
\]

while \( F \neq \{\} \) {

\( f = \) node in \( F \) with min \( L \) value;

Remove \( f \) from \( F \), add it to \( S \);

for each edge (\( f, w \)) {

if (\( w \) not in \( S \) or \( F \)) {

\( L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w); \)

add \( w \) to \( F \);

} else {

if (\( L[f] + wgt(f, w) < L[w] \))

\( L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w); \)

}
}

Implement \( F \) using a min-heap, priorities are \( L \)-values

Need \( L \)-values of nodes in \( S \)

Need to tell quickly whether a node is in \( S \) or \( F \)

class SFdata {

// this node’s \( L \)-value

int distance;

} more fields later

// entries for nodes in \( S \) or \( F \)

HashMap<Node, SFdata> map;
$S = \{ \}; \ F = \{ v \}; \ L[v] = 0; \ add \ v \ to \ map$

while $F \neq \{ \}$ {
    $f =$ node in $F$ with min $L$ value;
    Remove $f$ from $F$, add it to $S$;
    for each edge $(f, w)$ {
        if $(w$ not in $F$ or $S$) {
            $L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w)$;
            add $w$ to $F$; add $w$ to map
        } else {
            if $(L[f] + wgt(f, w) < L[w])$
                $L[w] = L[f] + wgt(f, w)$;
        }
    }
}

```java
class SFData {
    // this node’s L-value
    int distance;
    // more fields later
}

// entries for nodes in $S$ or $F$
HashMap<Node, SFData> map;
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S       F

F=  { v }; L[v]= 0; add v to map
while  F ≠  {}  {
    f= node in F with min L value;
    Remove f from F;
    for each edge (f, w) {
        if (w not in map) {
            L[w]= L[f] + wgt(f, w);
            add w to F; add w to map;
        } else {
            if (L[f] + wgt (f,w) < L[w])
                L[w]= L[f] + wgt(f, w);
        }
    }
}

class SFData {
    // this node’s L-value
    int distance;
}  more fields later

// entries for nodes in S or F
HashMap<Node, SFData> map;
For each statement, calculate the average TOTAL time it takes to execute it.

Examples:

F ≠ {} is evaluated n+1 times. O(n)

w not in map is evaluated e times (once for each edge).

It’s true  n-1 times

It’s false  e – (n-1) times
\[ S \quad F \]

\[ n \text{ nodes, reachable from } v. \quad e \geq n-1 \text{ edges.} \]

\[ n-1 \leq e \leq n^2 \]

\[ F = \{ v \}; \quad L[v] = 0; \quad \text{add } v \text{ to map} \]

**while** \( F \neq {} \) \{

\[ f = \text{node in } F \text{ with min } L \text{ value}; \]

\[ \text{Remove } f \text{ from } F; \]

\[ \text{for each edge } (f, w) \{ \]

\[ \quad \text{if } (w \text{ not in map}) \{ \]

\[ \quad \quad L[w] = L[f] + \text{wgt}(f, w); \]

\[ \quad \quad \text{add } w \text{ to } F; \quad \text{add } w \text{ to map}; \]

\[ \quad \quad \text{else } \{ \]

\[ \quad \quad \quad \text{if } (L[f] + \text{wgt}(f, w) < L[w]) \]

\[ \quad \quad \quad \quad L[w] = L[f] + \text{wgt}(f, w); \]

\[ \quad \quad \quad \}

\[ \}

**outer loop:**

\[ n \text{ iterations.} \quad \text{Condition evaluated } n+1 \text{ times.} \]

**inner loop:**

\[ e \text{ iterations.} \quad \text{Condition evaluated } n + e \text{ times.} \]

Complete graph: \( O(n^2 \log n) \). Sparse graph: \( O(n \log n) \)