

13.2 single source shortest path (Dijkstra's algorithm)

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Reminder: test 3 in lab today, please don't be late!

TODAY:

- single source shortest path (Dijkstra's algorithm)
- topological sort

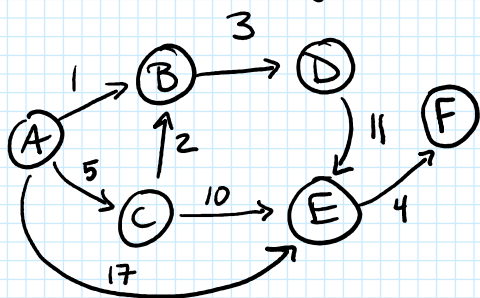
Previously:

- ① bool reachableDFS(V start, V end, Graph $\langle V, E, W \rangle * g$)
we used DFS to check if we could go start \rightarrow end
- ② vector $\langle V \rangle$ shortestLengthPathBFS(V start, V end, Graph $\langle V, E, W \rangle * g$)
// ignores weights and returns the path with fewest number of edges
we used BFS to find the path with fewest edges going start \rightarrow end

- ③ Dictionary $\langle V, W \rangle * \text{singleSourceShortestPath}(V \text{ start}, \text{Graph} \langle V, E, W \rangle * g)$

// finds the length of the shortest path from start to every vertex in graph

singleSourceShortestPath("A", graph)



should return:

"A" \rightarrow 0
"B" \rightarrow 1
"C" \rightarrow 5
"D" \rightarrow 4
"E" \rightarrow 15
"F" \rightarrow 19

Q: What sort of data structure might be useful here?

a queue with priorities!
in particular, we want a minimum priority queue

Idea: use previously-computed shortest path lengths during computation to avoid duplicate work
This means we need to fill in the dictionary with closer vertices' data before doing further-away vertices.

pseudocode: (Dijkstra's algorithm for single-source shortest paths)

Dictionary $\langle V, W \rangle * \text{singleSourceShortestPath}(V \text{ start}, \text{Graph} \langle V, E, W \rangle * g)$

create a Dictionary $\langle V, W \rangle$ called dist

create a minimum priority queue $\langle W, V \rangle$ called pq

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dist.insert(start, 0)
pq.insert(0, start)
while pq is not empty:
    currentPriority = pq.peekPriority()
    currentVertex = pq.remove()
    currentDist = dist.get(currentVertex)
    if currentDist == currentPriority // make sure we ignore stale priorities that were still in pq
        for every outgoing edge e from currentVertex
            nextV = e's destination
            nextDist = currentDist + e's weight
            if dist doesn't contain nextV:
                dist.insert(nextV, nextDist)
                pq.insert(nextDist, nextV)
            else if nextDist < dist.get(nextV):
                dist.update(nextV, nextDist)
                pq.insert(nextDist, nextV)
return dist

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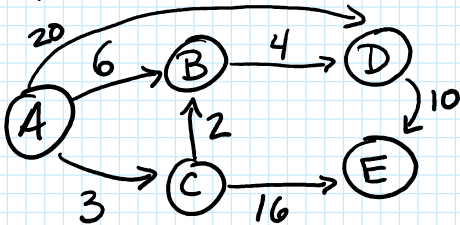
case: nextV is a new vertex we haven't seen before

case: we've seen nextV before but we have now found a shorter way to reach it

Dijkstra's algorithm is an example of a **greedy** algorithm.

It always explores the best possible option first (using a priority queue).
 (Compare with BFS, which just explores the next option (using a queue).)

example: Let's run SSSP (A, graph).



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Dijkstra's while loop:
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Dictionary <V, w> dist

A → 0
 B → ~~6~~ 5
 C → 3
 D → ~~20~~ 9
 E → 19
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minPQ <W, v> pq

~~0~~ A 1
~~3~~ C 2
~~5~~ B 3
~~6~~ B 4 ignored
~~9~~ D 5
~~19~~ E 6
~~20~~ D 7 ignored

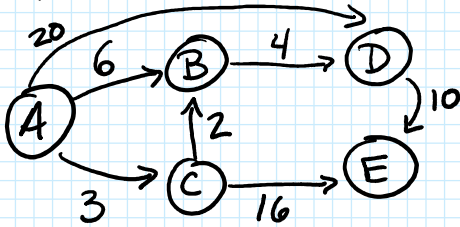
currentVertex: A ~~C~~ B ~~B~~ ~~E~~ D

currentPriority: ~~0~~ 3 ~~5~~ 6 9 19 20

currentDist: ~~0~~ 3 ~~5~~ 5 9 19 9

This dist Dictionary gets returned.

example: Let's run SSSP(C, graph).



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Dijkstra's while loop:
while pq is not empty:
  currentPriority = pq.peekPriority
  currentVertex = pq.remove
  currentDist = dist.get(currentVertex)
  if currentDist == currentPriority
    for every outgoing edge e from current Vertex:
      nextV = e's destination
      nextDist = currentDist + e's weight
      if dist doesn't contain nextV
        dist.insert(nextV, nextDist)
        pq.insert(nextDist, nextV)
      else if nextDist < dist.get(nextV)
        dist.update(nextV, nextDist)
        pq.insert(nextDist, nextV)
  
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Dictionary <V, w> dist

- C → 0
- B → 2
- E → 16
- D → 6

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This dist Dictionary gets returned.

minPQ <W, v> pq

- ~~0~~ C¹
- ~~2~~ B²
- ~~6~~ D³
- ~~16~~ E⁴

currentVertex: ~~C~~ B D E

currentPriority: ~~0~~ 2 6 16

currentDist: ~~0~~ 2 6 16

Runtime analysis: For a graph with $n = |V|$ vertices and $m = |E|$ edges,

Dijkstra's algorithm for single-source shortest paths takes $O((m+n) \log_2(n))$ time in the worst case (and needs to use good implementations of Dictionary and priority queue). Optimizations are possible!

Runtime analysis for reachable DFS: $O(n+m)$

(basically just the runtime of DFS)

Runtime analysis for shortest length path BFS: $O(\overset{\text{BFS}}{n+m} + n) = O(n+m)$

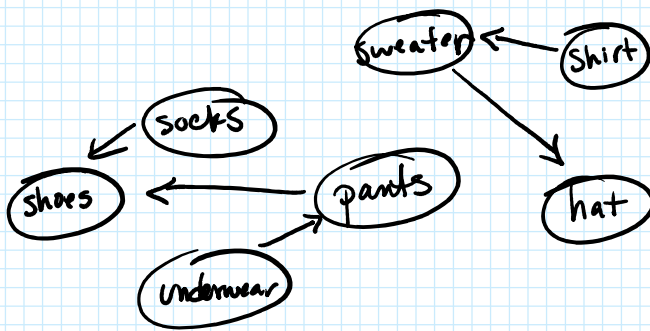
(basically just BFS and kept track of previous to reconstruct the path)

↑ reconstructing the path

TOPOLOGICAL SORT

Consider a graph which represents tasks which must be completed in a particular order.

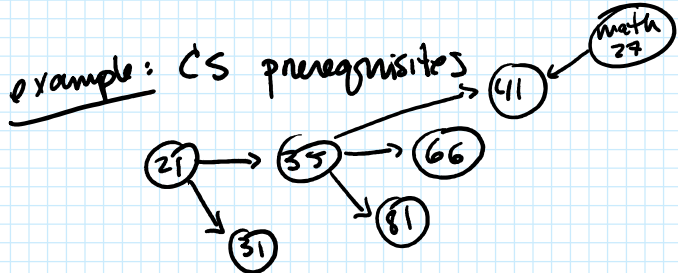
example: getting dressed



working ordering:

shirt
sweater
hat
underwear
socks
pants
shoes

underwear
shirt
pants
sweater
socks
hat
shoes



Goal: find a valid ordering
So that the "X before Y" requirement
is always satisfied.

Observation: we need to start the ordering
with a vertex with in-degree 0.

Q: What data structures would be useful for this? Want to track current in-degree of all vertices
when it hits 0, we're allowed to use it.

pseudocode for topological sort

initialize a dictionary to store vertices with their in-degree

push all vertices with in-degree 0 onto stack

while stack is not empty

pop from stack

add that vertex to the linear ordering we're building

for all outgoing edges:

decrement the in-degree of the destination vertex

and update it in the dictionary

if the neighbor's new in-degree is now zero

push the neighbor onto the stack

return the linear ordering