

More on Shortest Paths

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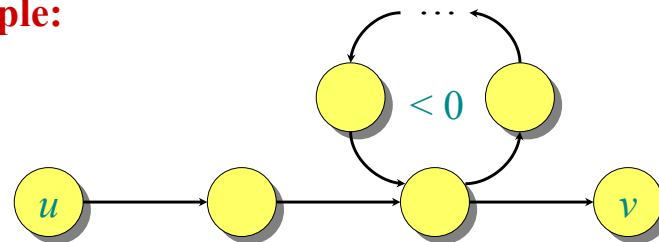
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Negative-weight cycles

Recall: If a graph $G = (V, E)$ contains a negative-weight cycle, then some shortest paths may not exist.

Example:



Bellman-Ford algorithm: Finds all shortest-path weights from a **source** $s \in V$ to all $v \in V$ or determines that a negative-weight cycle exists.

Bellman-Ford algorithm

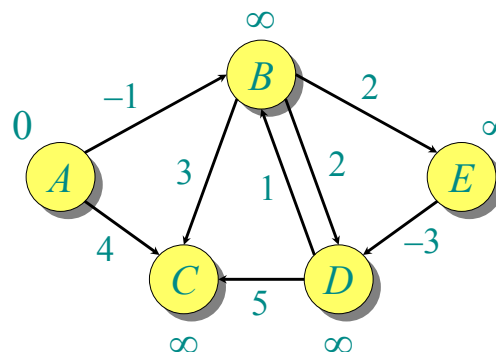
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 $d[s] \leftarrow 0$ 
for each  $v \in V - \{s\}$  do  $d[v] \leftarrow \infty$  } initialization
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $|V| - 1$  do
  for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  do
    if  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  then
       $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$ 
       $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$  } relaxation step
for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ 
  do if  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$ 
    then report that a negative-weight cycle exists
At the end,  $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$ . Time =  $O(|V||E|)$ .
    
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Example of Bellman-Ford

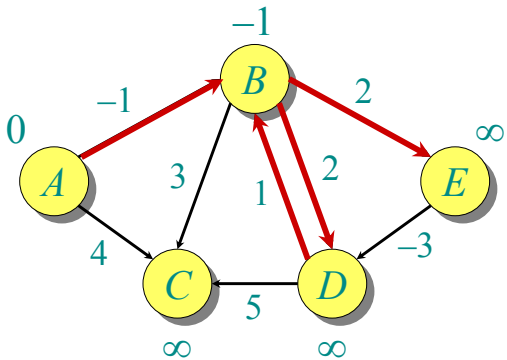
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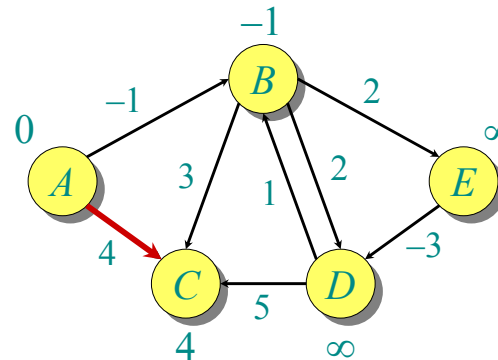
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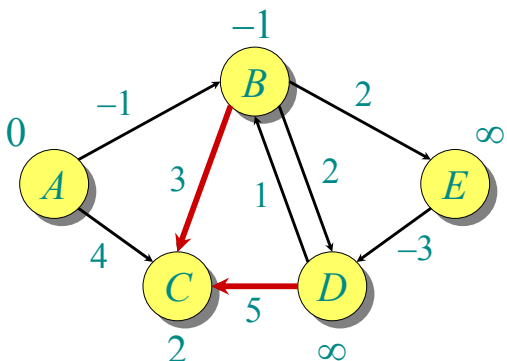
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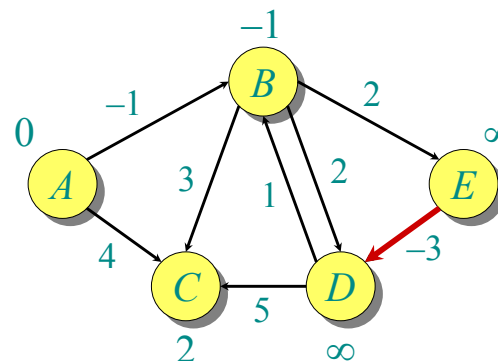
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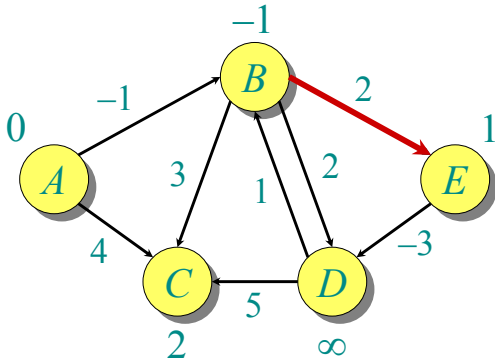
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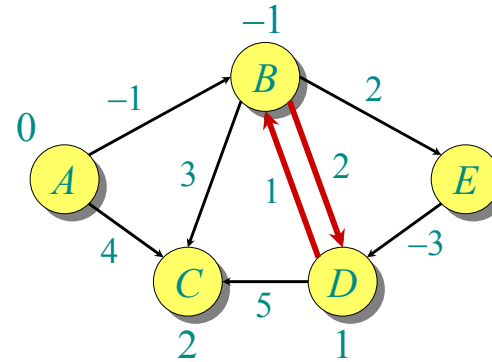
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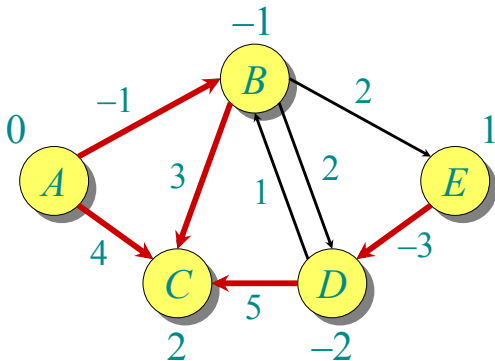
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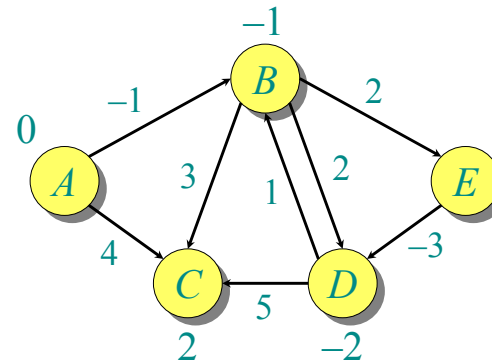
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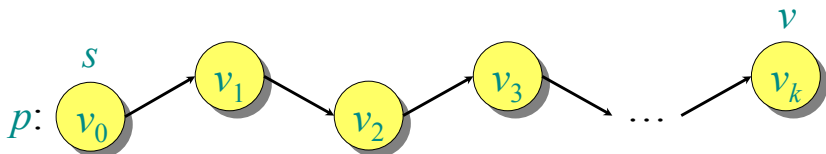
Note: Values decrease monotonically.

... and 2 more iterations

Correctness

Theorem. If $G = (V, E)$ contains no negative-weight cycles, then after the Bellman-Ford algorithm executes, $d[v] = \delta(s, v)$ for all $v \in V$.

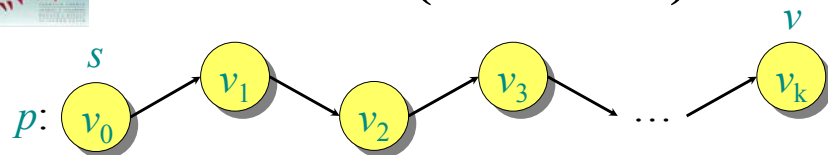
Proof. Let $v \in V$ be any vertex, and consider a shortest path p from s to v with the minimum number of edges.



Since p is a shortest path, we have

$$\delta(s, v_i) = \delta(s, v_{i-1}) + w(v_{i-1}, v_i).$$

Correctness (continued)



Initially, $d[v_0] = 0 = \delta(s, v_0)$, and $d[s]$ is unchanged by subsequent relaxations.

- After 1 pass through E , we have $d[v_1] = \delta(s, v_1)$.
- After 2 passes through E , we have $d[v_2] = \delta(s, v_2)$.
- ...
- After k passes through E , we have $d[v_k] = \delta(s, v_k)$.

Since G contains no negative-weight cycles, p is simple. Longest simple path has $\leq |V| - 1$ edges. \square

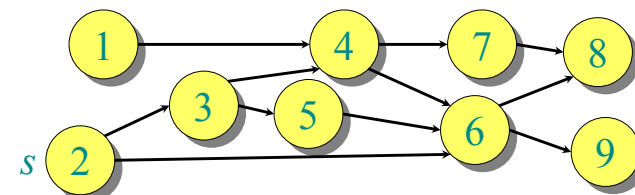
Detection of negative-weight cycles

Corollary. If a value $d[v]$ fails to converge after $|V| - 1$ passes, there exists a negative-weight cycle in G reachable from s . \square

DAG shortest paths

If the graph is a **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**, we first **topologically sort** the vertices.

- Determine $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, |V|\}$ such that $(u, v) \in E \Rightarrow f(u) < f(v)$.
- $O(|V| + |E|)$ time using depth-first search.



Walk through the vertices $u \in V$ in this order, relaxing the edges in $Adj[u]$, thereby obtaining the shortest paths from s in a total of $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.

Shortest paths

Single-source shortest paths

- Nonnegative edge weights
 - Dijkstra's algorithm: $O(|E| \log |V|)$
- General: Bellman-Ford: $O(|V||E|)$
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 - Floyd-Warshall: $O(|V|^3)$



All-pairs shortest paths

Input: Digraph $G = (V, E)$, where $|V| = n$, with edge-weight function $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Output: $n \times n$ matrix of shortest-path lengths $\delta(i, j)$ for all $i, j \in V$.

Algorithm #1:

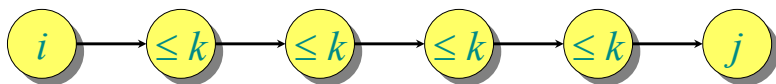
- Run Bellman-Ford once from each vertex.
- Time = $O(|V|^2|E|)$.
- But: Dense graph $\Rightarrow O(|V|^4)$ time.

Floyd-Warshall algorithm

Dynamic programming algorithm.

Assume $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Define $c_{ij}^{(k)}$ = weight of a shortest path from i to j with intermediate vertices belonging to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$.

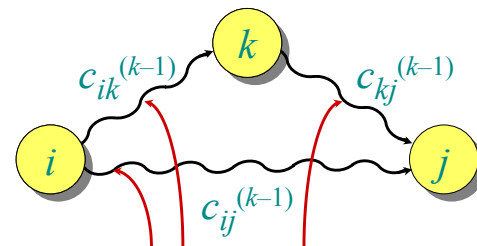


Thus, $\delta(i, j) = c_{ij}^{(n)}$. Also, $c_{ij}^{(0)} = a_{ij}$.



Floyd-Warshall recurrence

$$c_{ij}^{(k)} = \min \{c_{ij}^{(k-1)}, c_{ik}^{(k-1)} + c_{kj}^{(k-1)}\}$$



intermediate vertices in $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$

Pseudocode for Floyd-Warshall

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for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
    for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
      if  $c_{ij}^{(k-1)} > c_{ik}^{(k-1)} + c_{kj}^{(k-1)}$  then
         $c_{ij}^{(k)} \leftarrow c_{ik}^{(k-1)} + c_{kj}^{(k-1)}$ 
      else
         $c_{ij}^{(k)} \leftarrow c_{ij}^{(k-1)}$ 
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} *relaxation*

- Runs in $\Theta(n^3)$ time and space
- Simple to code.
- Efficient in practice.



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