

New ADT: Priority Queue

- what is it.
- why have it
- how to build it

A Priority Queue maintains a finite set of elements (called records) each with a key attribute

$$x = (\underbrace{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot}_{\text{satellite data}}, \text{key}) \in S$$

$$S = \{ \dots, x, \dots \}$$

S is a state of Priority Queue ADT. $key[x]$ defines priority of x in S

set of states: $\{ \dots, \emptyset, \dots, S, \dots \}$

Two kinds of P.Q.

- max Priority Queue $\leftarrow$ book does this, so will use
- min Priority Queue $\leftarrow$ exercise

Ops for a max P.Q.

- $\text{Insert}(S, x)$

inserts new record x into S

- $\text{Max}(S)$

returns (pointer to) record with largest key.

- $\text{ExtractMax}(S)$

both returns $\frac{1}{2}$ deletes record with largest key.

- $\text{IncreaseKey}(S, x, k)$:

changes $\text{key}[x]$ to k if $k > \text{key}[x]$, otherwise does nothing. (note: book treats else as error cond.)

Notes:

- in a min P.Q. would have

$\text{Min}(S)$

$\text{ExtractMin}(S)$

$\text{DecreaseKey}(S, x, k)$

- Data structure for P.Q. is
a heap (chapter 6)

chapter 24:

SSSP in a weighted g -aph

Defn

a weighted g -aph (directed or undirected) is a g -aph $G = (V, E)$ with a weight function

$$w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Defn

the weight of an x - y path

$$p: x = v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k = y$$

is

$$w(p) = \sum_{i=1}^k w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$$

i.e. sum of weights of its edges.

Defn

the shortest path weight is

$$\delta(x, y) = \begin{cases} \min \text{ of } w(P) \text{ over all } x-y \text{ paths } P, \text{ if } y \text{ is reachable from } x. \\ \infty \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Defn

a shortest x-y path is

any x-y path with $w(P) = \delta(x, y)$

SSSP Problem:

Given $s \in V(G)$, determine $\delta(s, x)$ for all $x \in V(G)$. for those x reachable from s , find a shortest $s-x$ path.

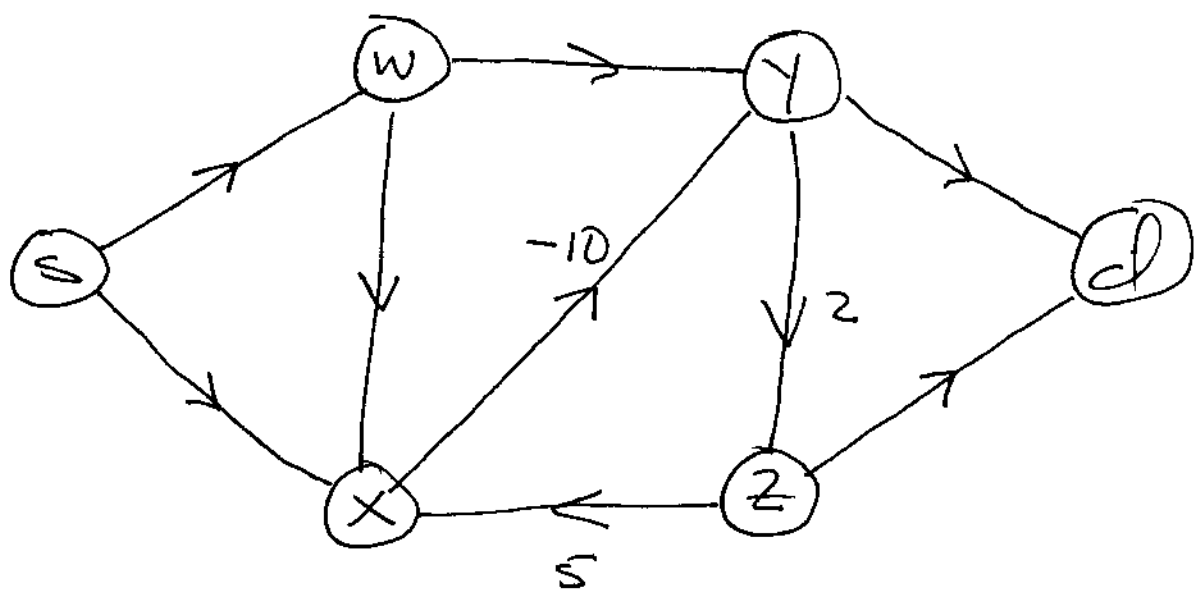
Two algorithms :

- Dijkstra
- Bellman-Ford

Note

Both algorithms actually find shortest walks. Ordinarily a shortest walk and a shortest path are the same thing, but not in presence of a negative weight cycle reachable from source s .

Ex.



cycle: x, y, z, x has weight = -3

can always find a 'shorter' s-d walk by traversing (x, y, z, x) one more time.

- Dijkstra requires all edge weights be non-negative.
- Bellman-Ford detects existence of such cycles, returns false if it finds one. If it doesn't find one, returns true & solves SSSP.

Common infrastructure:

for $x \in V(G)$

$p[x]$: Parent of x , encode
a shortest paths tree.

$d[x]$: estimate of $\delta(s, x)$.

Predecessor-subgraph:

$V_p = \{x \in V \mid p[x] \neq \text{nil}\} \cup \{s\}$
(vertices reachable from s)

$E_p = \{(p[x], x) \mid p[x] \neq \text{nil}\}$

called a shortest paths tree.

Two Subroutine:

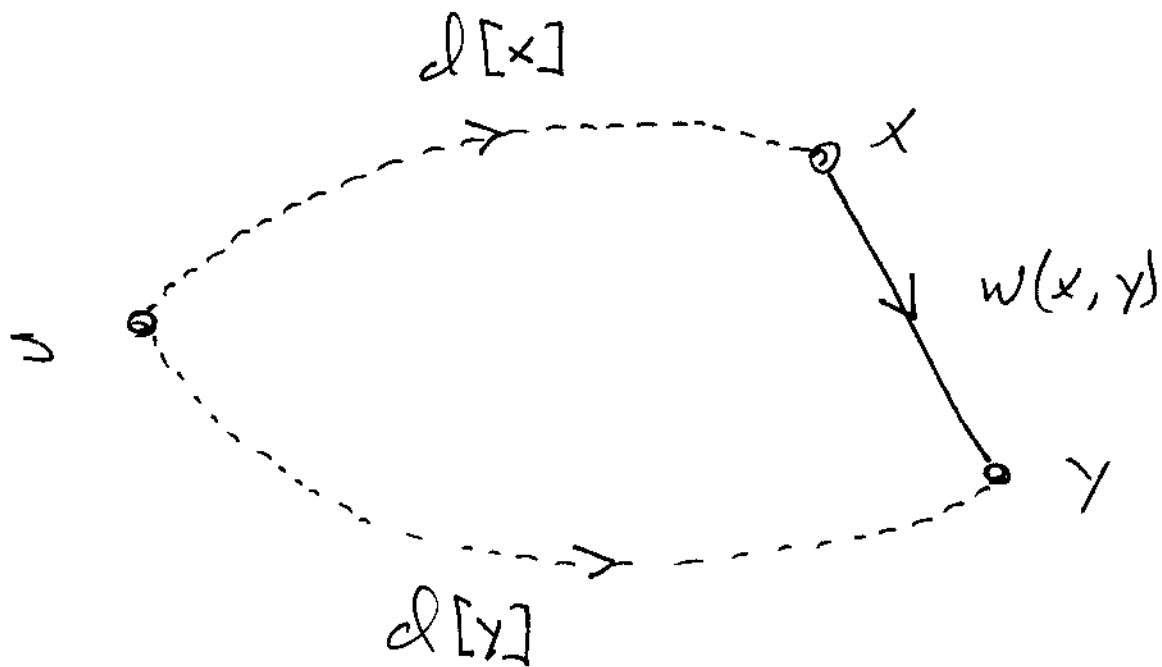
Initialize(G, s)

1. for all $x \in V(G)$
2. $d[x] = \infty$
3. $p[x] = \text{nil}$
4. $d[s] = 0$

Relax(x, y) Pre: $y \in \text{adj}[x]$

1. if $d[y] > d[x] + w(x, y)$
2. $d[y] = d[x] + w(x, y)$
3. $p[y] = x$

Picture:



note:

- Relax(x, y) changes only fields of y.

- after Relax(x, y) then

$$d[y] \leq d[x] + w(x, y)$$

is true.

- in any seq. of edge relaxations, d -values only go down or stay same, don't go up.
- both algorithms, first Initialize, then perform a seq. of calls to $\text{Relax}(\cdot, \cdot)$. Goal is for all d -values to converge to $\delta(s, x)$.