

# CS 180 - Shortest paths in a graph

Note Title

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## Announcements

- Posted review session info &  
worksheet

- Final exam next Monday at (10? noon?)

## Shortest paths in a graph. (Ch 12)

Suppose we have  $G = (V, E)$  and each edge  $e \in E$  has a length  $l_e$ .

Here, we'll assume  $G$  is directed:  $u \xrightarrow{l_{uv}} v$ .

Goal: Given two vertices, find shortest path between them.

(shortest path tree)

We'll actually do something harder:

Given a source vertex  $s$ , compute shortest path from  $s$  to every other vertex.

Greedy idea:

Start with a set  $S$ .  
(initially  $S = \{s\}$ )

← set of vertices where I "know" the shortest path to  $s$

At each step, grow out from  $S$ , taking next shortest path from  $s$  to a new vertex & adding that to  $S$ .

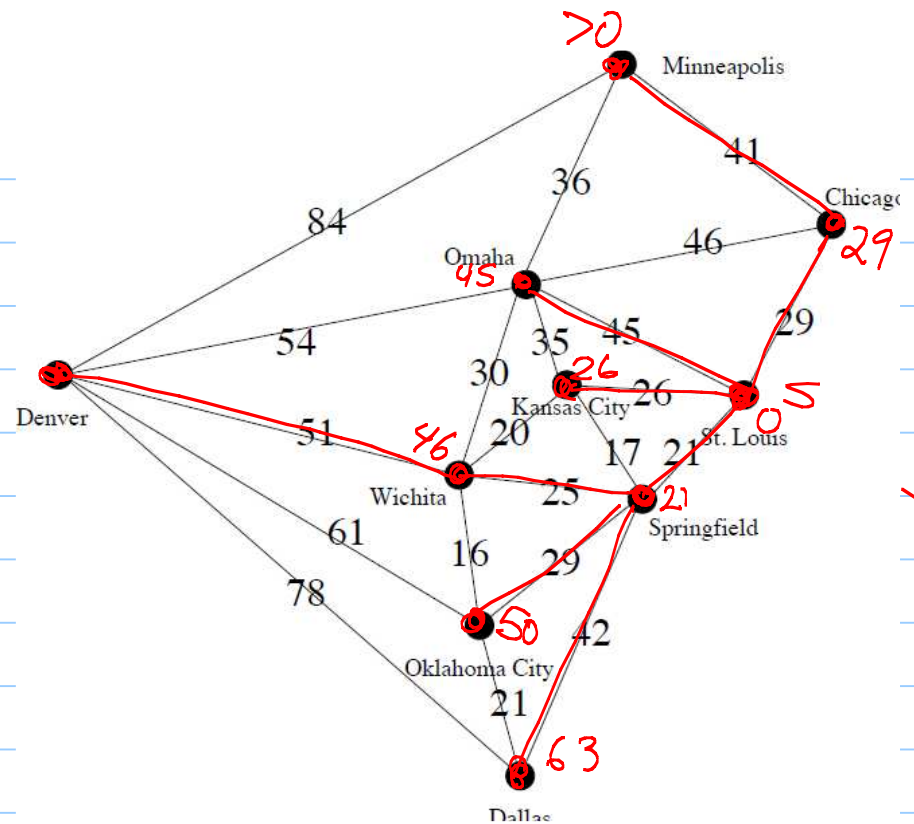
Greedy idea:

Start with source  
(here, St. Louis)

Let  $S = \{s\}$

Consider edges  
going out from  $S$ .

At each step, grow out from  $S$ ,  
taking next shortest path from  $s$  to  
a new vertex & adding that to  $S$ .



# Pseudo code: Dijkstra's algorithm

(actually Leuzner, Gray, Johnson, Ladew, Meeker,  
Petry + Seitz)

SPtree( $G, s$ ):

$S \leftarrow \{s\}$

$D[s] \leftarrow 0$

$T \leftarrow \emptyset$

← distance array, initialized to  $\infty$

add red  
# to  
edges

while  $S \neq V$

[ select node  $v$  with at least one edge into  
 $S$  where  $d'(v) = \min_{(u,v) \in E, u \in S} D[u] + l_{uv}$  is minimized

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$

$D[v] \leftarrow d'(v)$

$T \leftarrow T \cup \{(u,v)\}$

Claim: At each stage,  $T$  is a set of shortest paths from  $s$  to  $S$ .

pf: induction on  $|S|$

(go take 314)

# Improved Pseudo code

Dijkstra( $G, s$ ):

Create array  $D[v]$ , initially all  $\infty$

$S \leftarrow \{s\}$

$D[s] \leftarrow 0$

for every edge  $(s, u)$

set  $D[u] \leftarrow l_{su}$

While  $S \neq V$

how long?  $O(\log n)$   $\rightarrow$  select node  $v \notin S$  with  $D[v]$  minimized

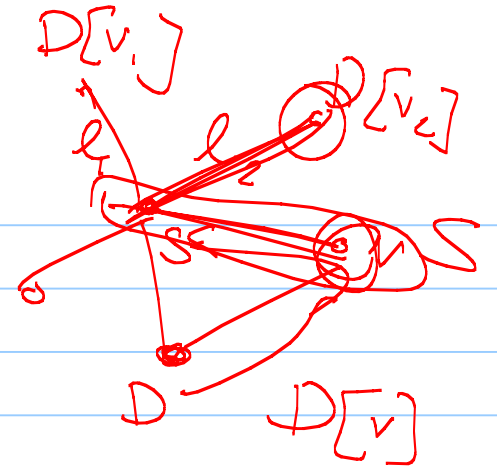
$S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$

for each edge  $(v, u)$

if  $D[v] + l(u, v) < D[u]$

$\rightarrow D[u] \leftarrow D[v] + l(u, v) \leftarrow$

$O(\log n)$



# Runtime

$\leq d(v)$  times for each vertex's  
value  $p[v]$  to be modified

$O(\log n)$  time each time

$$\sum_{v \in V} d(v) \log n = \log n \sum_{v \in V} d(v)$$

$$\approx O(m \log n) = (\log n)(2m)$$