

Shortest Path Algorithms

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Abstract: The shortest path and minimum spanning tree problems are two of the classic problems in combinatorial optimization. Using Dijkstra algorithm for searching shortest path problem is an important content of the application of GIS (Geographic Information System), but it fails to find all the shortest paths. In this work the article based on the Dijkstra algorithm, added some data structure and proposed an algorithm that calculates all the shortest path of one vertex to others, the data structure is relatively simple; while effectiveness of the algorithm is explain through a numerical example.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Dijkstra algorithm was proposed by Dick Stella, a computer scientist from the Netherlands, in 1959. From one vertex to the rest of the vertices of the shortest path algorithm, the solution is to map the shortest path problem. For a directed graph or undirected graph G , each edge add a real number $\omega(e)$, called $\omega(e)$ right on the edge e , G , together with an additional edge in the real number is called a weighted graph. Usually expressed as a weighted graph: $G = (V, E, W)$, where, V is the set of vertices, E is the set of edges, W is the set of weight of corresponding edge. That is the meaning of weight: Such as highway mileage between cities, or the costs of building roads, or travel needed to fuel consumption. Obviously, in a weighted graph $G = (V, E, W)$, in the weight of each edge e_i , $W(e_i)$ must be greater than zero. All channels from vertex u to v , the smallest sum of the weight path is the shortest path from u to v , find a given shortest path between two points is called the shortest path problem [9].

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we provide some basic definition & Concepts

Graph: A graph G consists of a set V of vertices (nodes) and a set E of edges (arcs). We write $G = (V, E)$, V is a finite and non-empty set of vertices. E is a set of pairs of vertices, their pairs are called edges.

Weighted graph: A graph G is said to be weighted if each edge e in G is assigned a non-negative numerical value $w(e)$ called the weight or length of e .

Adjacency matrix: It is a square matrix used to represent a finite graph. The elements of the matrix indicate whether pairs of vertices are adjacent or not in the graph

3. IMPROVED ALGORITHM FOR SHORTEST PATH

3.1 Dijkstra Algorithm Theory:

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3.1.1 Mathematical Description of the Dijkstra Algorithm [9]:

Let $G = (V, E, W)$ is a non-negative weight network, $V = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$. The length of the shortest path in $G(v_i, v_j) \in E$ satisfy the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= 0 \\ u_j &= \min(u_k + w_{kj}) \quad (j = 2, 3, \dots, n) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If G , from the vertex v_1 to the rest of the vertices, the shortest path length sorting by size:

$$u_{i1} \leq u_{i2} \leq \dots \leq u_{in}$$

Here, $i_1 = 1, u_{i1} = 0$, Then from (1) have:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{ij} &= \min_{k \neq j} \{u_{ik} + w_{ikj}\} \\ &= \min \{ \min_{k < j} \{u_{ik} + w_{ikj}\}, \min_{k > j} \{u_{ik} + w_{ikj}\} \} \quad (j = 2, 3, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

When $k > j, i \neq j, u_{ik} \geq u_{ij}$, and $w_{ikj} \geq 0$, thus

$$u_{ij} \leq u_{ik} + w_{ikj}$$

That is $u_{ij} \leq \min_{k > j} \{u_{ik} + w_{ikj}\}$

Therefore $u_{ij} = \min_{k < j} \{u_{ik} + w_{ikj}\} \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$

u_{ij} , one of the solution $(u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \dots, u_{in})$ is the shortest path length of $G(u_i, u_j)$.

3.1.2 Calculation Steps and the Problems of Dijkstra Algorithm:

Weighted graph can be expressed as adjacency matrix $\text{cost}[i][j]$, which states: if between v_i and v_j have no direct path, the $\text{cost}[i][j] = \infty$; if Between v_i and v_j have direct path, the $\text{cost}[i][j] = w_{ij}$; if $i = j$, then the $\text{cost}[i][j] = 0$. The set of S storage initial source of shortest path, during the process of calculating, the vertex have determined the shortest path added to the S . Final $\text{dist}[i]$ storage the shortest path length, the source point to the vertex, specific steps are as follows :

(1) Initialize S and dist .

$$S = \{v_0\}, \quad \text{dist}[i] = \text{cost}[0][i], \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

(2) Select v_j , so $\text{dist}[j] = \min\{\text{dist}[i] \mid v_i \in (V - S)\}$;

$$S = S \cup v_j$$

(3) Modify the length of the shortest path from v_0 to $v_k \in (V - S)$.

If $\text{dist}[j] + \text{cost}[j][k] < \text{dist}[k]$,

So $\text{dist}[k] = \text{dist}[j] + \text{cost}[j][k]$.

(4) Repeat steps (2), (3), until obtain the shortest path that from the source point v_0 to the rest of vertices v_j .

However, Dijkstra algorithm can only find one shortest path from v_0 to v_j , and cannot calculate all the shortest paths. In this thesis, a slightly improved of Dijkstra algorithm is provided in more intuitive way to solve a vertex to other vertices of all shortest paths [10].

3.2 Improved Algorithm and Examples:

(1) The introduction of Dijkstra algorithm, that is, step (1) to step (4) in the 2.3;

(2) According to the cost and the dist, creating a correction matrix corr.

Method: If $0 < \text{cost}[i][j] < \infty$,

then $\text{corr}[i][j] = \text{cost}[i][j] + \text{dist}[i]$;

otherwise, $\text{corr}[i][j] = \text{cost}[i][j]$;

(3) Create a successor node set $\text{succ}(v_i)$.

Method: By $\text{succ}(i) = \{j | \text{corr}[i][j] = \text{dist}[j] \text{ and } i \neq j\}$

Find the set that the successor node for each vertex ;

(4) According to the corr and succ output the shortest path from the source to all other vertices.

The algorithm can find from one vertex to all other vertices the shortest path. The following detailed description of the algorithm implementation through the example of digraph and undirected graph.

3.2.1 Example:

Figure.2 shows a directed graph G1, to find the shortest path from vertex v_0 to all other vertices the specific steps are as follows:

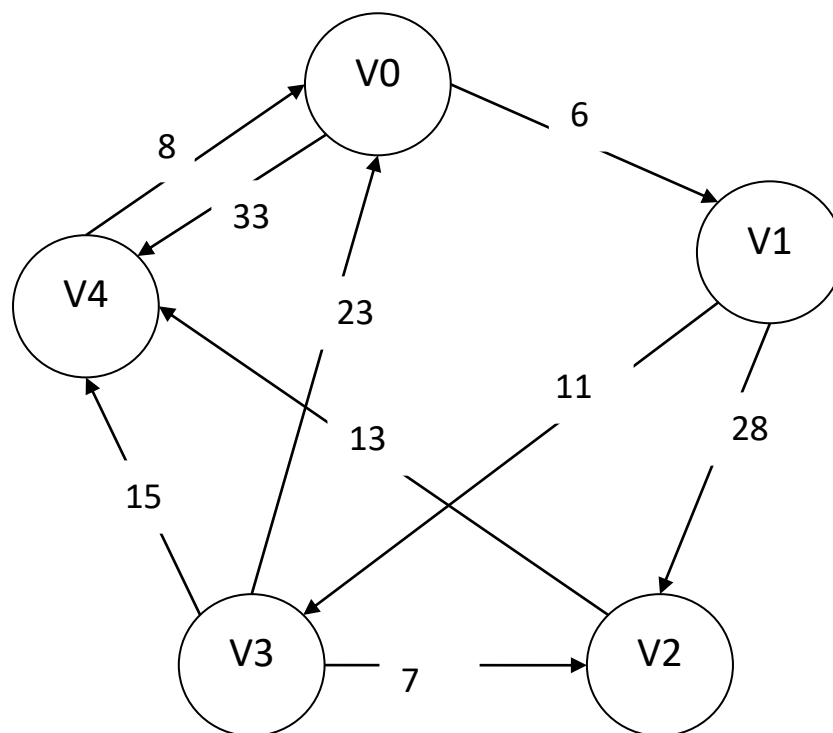


Fig. 2 Weighted directed graph G1

(1) Adjacency matrix is given:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & \infty & \infty & 33 \\ \infty & 0 & 28 & 11 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty & 13 \\ 23 & \infty & 7 & 0 & 15 \\ 8 & \infty & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Initialize S and dist [i] ($0 \leq i \leq 4$): $S = \{v_0\}$, $\text{dist}[i] = \{0, 6, \infty, \infty, 33\}$;

(2) based on $\text{dist}[i] = \min\{\text{dist}[i] \mid v_i \in V - S\}$, to find $\text{dist}[1] = 6$; $S = \{v_0, v_1\}$;

(3) modify the shortest path length, starting from v_0 to any node on the $V - S$ v_k (then $2 \leq k \leq 4$), $\text{dist}[i] = \{0, 6, 34, 17, 33\}$;

(4) $\text{dist}[3] = \min\{\text{dist}[i] \mid v_i \in V - S\} = 17$; $S = \{v_0, v_1, v_3\}$; $\text{dist}[i] = \{0, 6, 24, 17, 32\}$.

(5) $\text{dist}[2] = \min\{\text{dist}[i] \mid v_i \in V - S\} = 24$; $S = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$; $\text{dist}[i] = \{0, 6, 24, 17, 32\}$.

Although at this point there is a vertex not incorporated in set S, but it is the shortest distance have been determined, so the whole operation is over.

(6) Created corr matrix through the cost and dist :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 & \infty & \infty & 33 \\ \infty & 0 & 34 & 17 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty & 37 \\ 40 & \infty & 24 & 0 & 32 \\ 40 & \infty & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

According to corr, dist and $\text{succ}(i) = \{j \mid \text{corr}[i][j] = \text{dist}[j] \text{ and } i \neq j\}$, find the collection from the successor node for each vertex, here: $\text{succ}(v_0) = \{v_1\}$, $\text{succ}(v_1) = \{v_3\}$, $\text{succ}(v_2) = \{\text{null}\}$, $\text{succ}(v_3) = \{v_2, v_4\}$, $\text{succ}(v_4) = \{\text{null}\}$. Then the vertices v_0 to all other shortest path is $v_0v_1; v_0v_1v_3v_2; v_0v_1v_3; v_0v_1v_3v_4$.

4. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

4.1 Conclusion:

We have presented an improved Dijkstra algorithm that calculates all the shortest path of one vertex to other vertex.

4.2 Future Scope:

We also improve shortest path algorithm to compute the shortest path based on network matrix of Dijkstra. Many $N \times N$ arrays are defined to store graphical data and compute. N is referred to the number of the network nodes. When the number of the nodes is very large, it occupies a lot of CPU memory. For example, when the number of the nodes is 3000, it needs $4 \times 3000 \times 3000 = 36000000$ bytes = 36 MB memory and if the number of nodes is 6000, it needs 144 MB memory. Therefore, we try to improve Dijkstra algorithm for the network model having huge data.

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