CSCI3160: Special Exercise Set 9

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**Problem 1.** Consider the weighted directed graph below.

![Graph Image]

Run Dijkstra’s algorithm starting from vertex $a$. Recall that the algorithm relaxes the outgoing edges of every other vertex in turn. Give the order of vertices by which the algorithm relaxes their edges.

**Problem 2.** Consider a simple directed graph $G = (V, E)$ where each edge $(u, v) \in E$ carries a non-negative weight $w(u, v)$. Given two vertices $u, v \in V$, function $spdist(u, v)$ represents the shortest path distance from $u$ to $v$. Given a vertex $v \in V$, denote by IN($v$) the set of in-neighbors of $v$. Let $s$ and $t$ be two distinct vertices in $G$. Prove:

$$spdist(s, t) = \min_{v \in \text{IN}(t)} \{spdist(s, v) + w(v, t)\}.$$ 

(Hint: First prove LHS $\leq$ RHS, and then prove $\geq$.)

**Problem 3.** Give a counterexample to show that Dijkstra’s algorithm does not work if edge weights can be negative.

**Problem 4.** Consider the weighted directed graph $G = (V, E)$ below.

![Graph Image]

Set the source vertex to $a$ and run Bellman-Ford’s algorithm, which performs 4 rounds of edge relaxations. Show the $dist(v)$ value of every $v \in V$ after each round.

**Problem 5 (SSSP with Unit Weights).** Let us simplify the SSSP problem by requiring that all the edges in the input directed graph $G = (V, E)$ take the *same* positive weight, which we assume to be 1. Give an algorithm that solves the SSSP problem in $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.