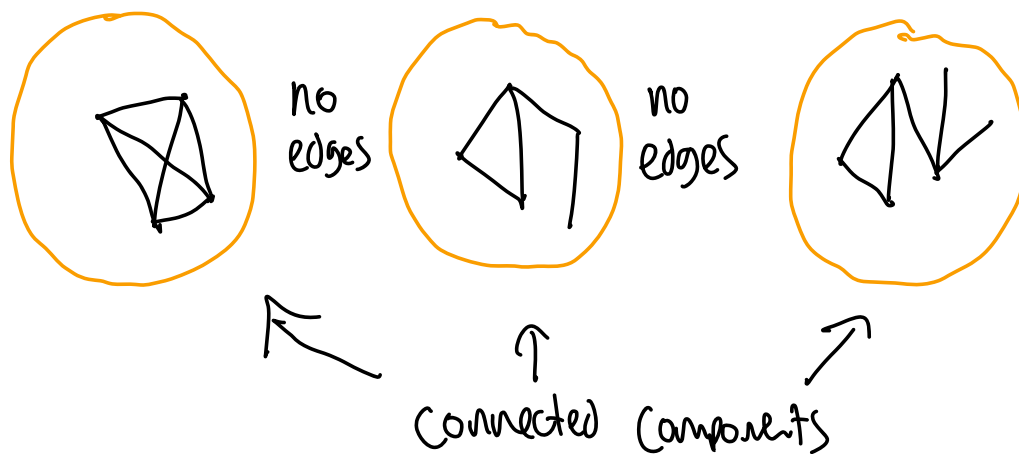


CS 331, Fall 2024  
Lecture 12 (10/9)

Today: - SCCs  
- Dijkstra  
- Bellman  
- Ford

## SCCs (Part V, Section 2.2)

Recall connectivity structure in undirected:



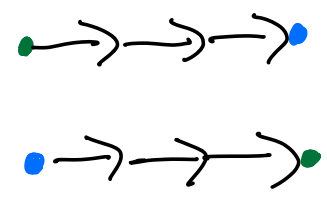
Key fact: Connectivity is equivalence relation

Not so for directed!



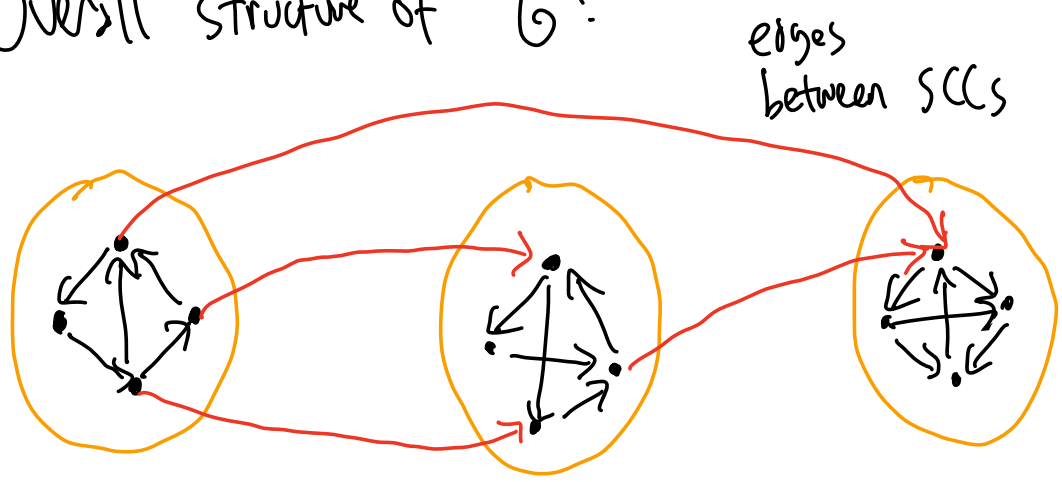
directed path not symmetric

# Fix: Strong Connectivity

We say  $\bullet \sim \bullet$  if  $\exists$  

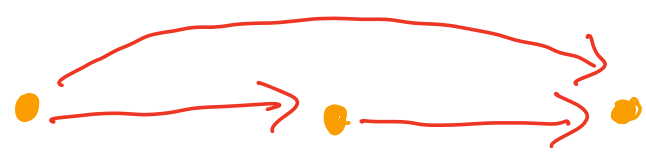
Equivalence relation, partitions  $G$  into SCCs

Overall structure of  $G$ :



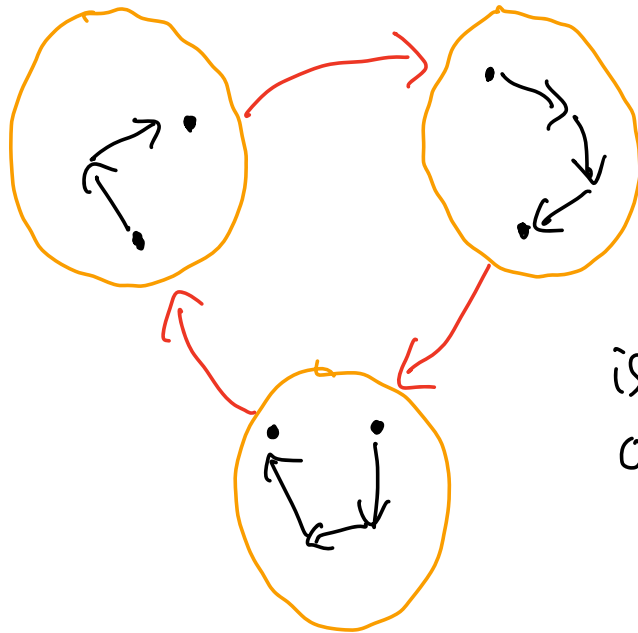
$SCC(G)$ : Vertices =  $1, 2, \dots, k$  # SCCs  
 edge =  $(i, j)$  iff  $\exists$  some  $SCC_i \rightarrow SCC_j$

e.g.



Claim:  $SCC(G)$  is a DAG

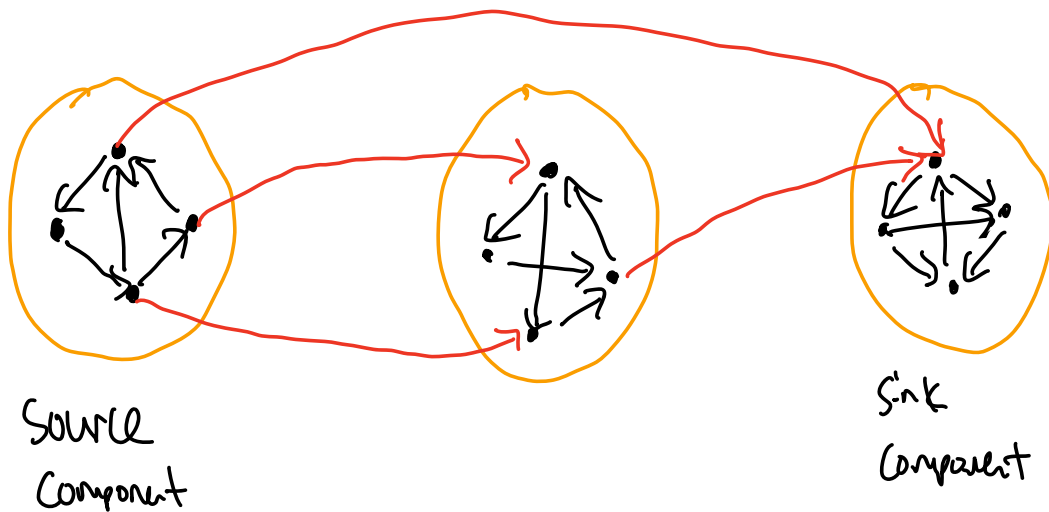
Proof:



is actually  
one large SCC

How to compute SCCs?

Idea: every DAG has a source and sink  
no inc. edges      no out edges



Algo: Repeat following.

1) Find vertex  $s$  in sink component

2) Run DFS( $G, s$ ) (only discover sink)

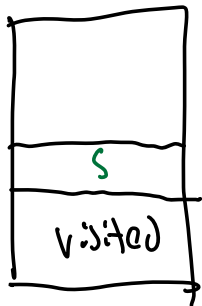
total runtime:  $O(n) + \sum O(m_{cs}) = O(m+n)$ .

How about 1)? Claim: Can implement in  $O(m+n)$ .

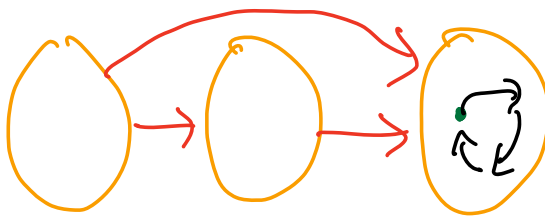
Proof sketch: In postordering of all vertices,  
last vertex is in source component.

We want sink component!

Fix: postorder rev( $G$ ) = reverse all edges.



postorder rev( $G$ )



# Dijkstra (Part V, Section 3.1)

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UT Austin  
1984-1999

Rest of today: SSSP.

Input:  $G = (V, E, \underbrace{W}_{\text{edge weights}})$ ,  $s \in V$   
source

Goal: Compute all shortest path distances:

$$d(s, v) = \min_{\substack{P \subseteq E \\ P \text{ is } s \rightarrow v \text{ path}}} \sum_{e \in P} w_e$$

We've already seen two variants.

- 1) DAGs (Part III)
- 2) Unweighted (Last class)

Today: 3) Positive edge weights 4) Any weights

For now:  $w \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^E$  (positive)

Two key ingredients in Dijkstra's algo:

- relaxing tense edges
- priority queue

Relaxing tense edges

Let  $D[v] \geq d(s, v)$

overestimate, keep finding shorter paths

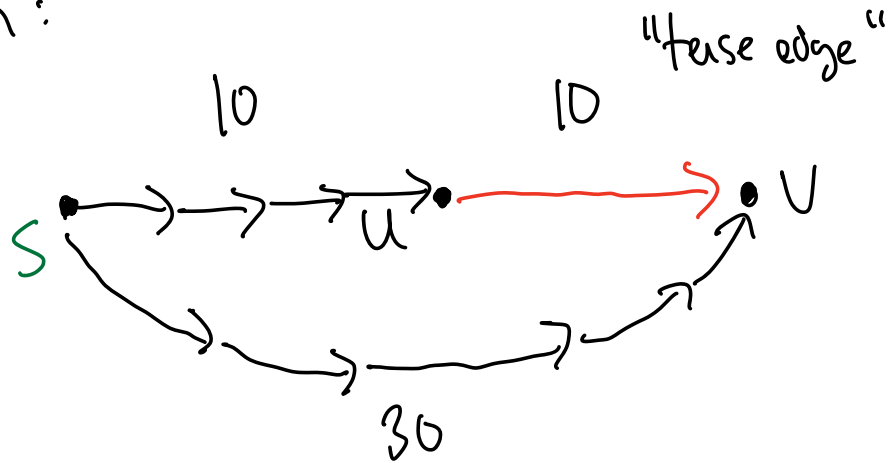
(Claim:  $D[v] \leftarrow \min(D[v], D[u] + w_{(u,v)})$ )

remains an overestimate.

We call it relaxing the edge  $(u, v)$

Proof:  $D(u) + w_{(u,v)} \geq d(s, u) + w_{(u,v)}$   
 $\geq d(s, v)$

Intuition:



Priority queue

values	1	3	7	...
objects	x	y	z	

You get to cut in line.

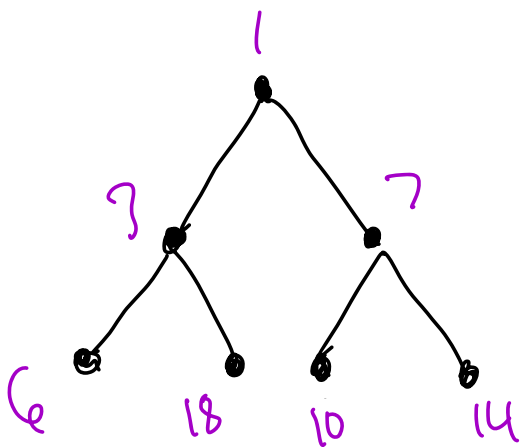
- Insert (x, val)
- Delete (x)
- Extract Min()

↑  
 take out smallest-val object from set.

We can implement with Heap.

All ops  $O(\log(n))$  time,  $n = \text{max size}$

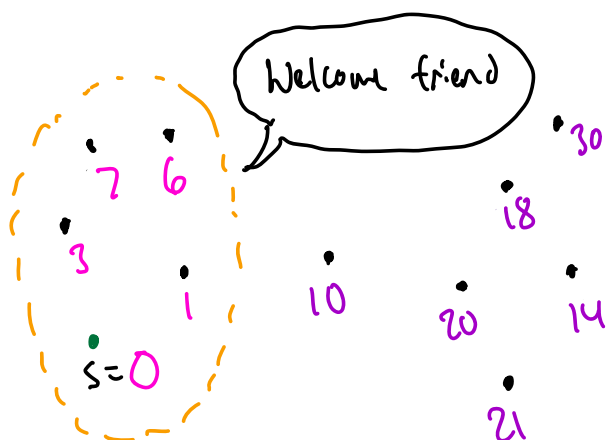
Review: Section 7.2, Part I



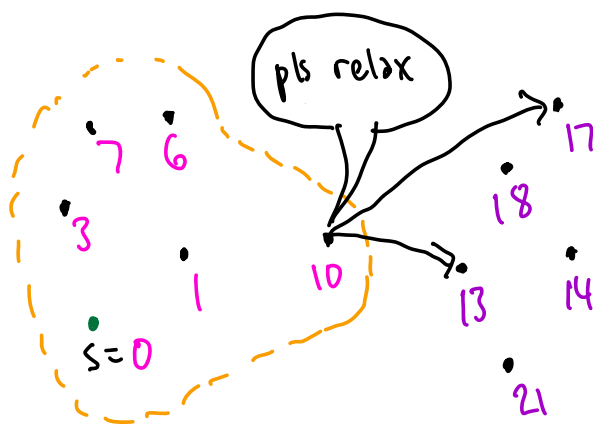
Key ideas

- Heap property
- Balance ( $O(\log(n))$  depth)

Idea of Dijkstra: graph search w/ priority queue



Step k start



Step k end



Assume all of  $V$  reachable from  $s$

(for-free graph primitive: BFS)

SSSP Positive  $(G, s)$ :

$H \leftarrow \text{Heap.Init}()$

$H.\text{Insert}(s, 0)$

For  $v \in V, v \neq s$ :  $H.\text{Insert}(v, \infty)$

$d \leftarrow \text{Array.Init}(n)$

While  $|H| > 0$ :

lock in a  
distale  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \leftarrow H.\text{ExtractMin}() \\ d[v] \leftarrow v.\text{val} \end{array} \right. = O(n \log(n))$   
time

relax  
edges  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For } (v, u) \in E: \\ H.\text{Delete}(u) \\ H.\text{Insert}(u, \min(u.\text{val}, v.\text{val} + w_{(u,v)})) \end{array} \right. = O(m \log(n))$   
time

Return  $d$

Runtime:  $O((m+n) \log(n))$

Fun facts: Improvable using Fibonacci heap

"Decrease Val" in  $O(1)$  time

$\Rightarrow O(n \log(n) + m)$

SOTA:  $O(m \log \log(n))$  in Word RAM  
[Thompson, 2000]

Correctness: Induction on steps

Step 1  correct (positive weights)

Step  $k+1$  Every unfrozen label is

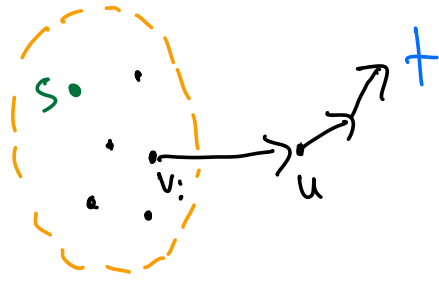
(assume  $1, 2, \dots, k$ )

$$V. \text{val} = \min_{\substack{i \in (k) \\ (v, i) \in E}} d(s, v; i) + W_{(v, i)}$$

all candidates in algo

Let us extract  $t = v_{k+1}$

How can another path beat  $t.val$ ?



We have

(Positivity)

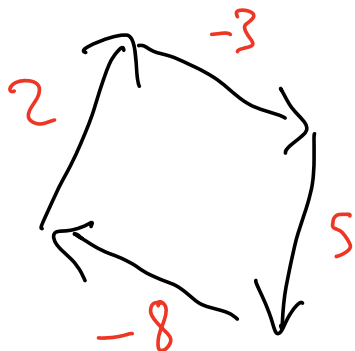
$$\begin{aligned} \text{path length} &\geq d(s, v) + W_{(v,u)} + d(u, t) \\ &\geq u.val \geq t.val \end{aligned}$$

There's no better path.

Bellman-Ford (Part V, Section 3.2)

The gloves are off. Arbitrary graph,  
arbitrary edge weights

... Remember, no negative-weight cycles.



Shortest path distance  
not well-defined.

Wait, didn't we solve APSP in  $O(n^3)$ ???

Yes. The exact same algo gets  $O(mn)$  SSSP.

( $n^4$  version is secretly  $mn^2 \Rightarrow mn$ )

$S(v)[l] = \text{Shortest } S \rightarrow v \text{ path, } \leq l \text{ edges}$

$$S(v)[l] = \min \left( S(v)[l-1], \min_{(u,v) \in E} S(u)[l-1] + w_{(u,v)} \right)$$

Bellman-Ford: Initialize  $D[v] \leftarrow \infty$   
 $\forall v \in V \setminus \{s\},$   
 $D[s] \leftarrow 0$

Relax all edges  $n-1$  times

Return  $D$  ⤴  
Upper bound  
on path length.  
no cycles

Cool consequence: detecting negative-weight cycles

Algo: Run Bellman-Ford

Check if any tense edges

$$D[v] > D[u] + w(u,v)$$

Yes iff negative-weight cycle.

No NWC  $\Rightarrow$  no tense edge

Proof: BF computes  $D = d$

If tense edge, can decrease  $D$

(Earlier showed  $D$  stays overestimate  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ )

NWC  $\Rightarrow$  tense edge

Proof: let NWC be  $(v_1, v_2), \dots, (v_k, v_1)$

Suppose for any  $D$

$$D[v_i] \leq D[v_{i-1}] + W_{(v_{i-1}, v_i)} \quad \forall i \in [k]$$

$(k \geq 0)$

Sum both sides,

$$\sum_{i \in [k]} D[v_i] \leq \sum_{i \in [k]} D[v_{i-1}] + W_{(v_{i-1}, v_i)}$$

cancels  $\uparrow$

not NWC!  
 $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$