

Module-3 Greedy Method

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- Greedy Method is a straightforward design technique can be applied to solve variety of problems -
- Most of these problems have n inputs & require us to obtain a subset that satisfies some constraints -
- Any subset that satisfies these constraints is called feasible solution.
- We need to find a feasible solution that either maximizes or minimizes a given objective function.
- A feasible solution that does this is called an optimal solution.
- A greedy method suggest that one can devise an algorithm that works in stages, considering one input at a time.
- At each stage, a decision is made regarding whether a particular input is in an optimal solution.
- A general Greedy Algorithm -

Algorithm Greedy(a, n)

// $a[1 : n]$ contains the n inputs -

{

 solution = 0; // Initialize the solution

 for $i = 1$ to n do

 {

$x = \text{Select}(a)$; // function select selects an i from $a[i]$

 if feasible(solution, x) then

 } solution = Union(solution, x);

 } return solution;

}

⊛ Coin change Problem Using Greedy Method -

Problem Statement - Give change for a specific amount n with minimum/least number of coins of the denominations $d_1 > d_2 > d_3 \dots > d_m$ used in local -

→ Change-making problem faced by million by of cashiers -

Example:

① Make change for given amount $n = 49$ with denominations available as - 1, 2, 5, 10, 20.

(must arrange denominations in ~~Ascending~~ ^{Descending} order to solve/get optimal solution).

Solution 1 - $10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 2 + 2 \Rightarrow 49$ } need 7 coins

Solution 2 - $20 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 2 + 2 \Rightarrow 49$ } need 6 coins

Solution 3 - $20 + 20 + 5 + 2 + 2 \Rightarrow 49$ } need 5 coins

Similarly, many solutions are possible for above given example -

But, optimal solution is Solution 3 - Because, it just takes 5 coins to make a change of Rs. 49.

② Solve for given below Example -

Make change for given amount $n = 70$ with available denominations as - 5, 10, 20, 50, 100.

Find minimum number of coins required to make change of Rs. 70.

* KNAPSACK Problem using Greedy Method -

Problem Statement : We are given n divisible objects and a knapsack or bag. Object i has a weight w_i and the knapsack has a maximum capacity m . If a fraction x_i , $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$, of object i is placed into the knapsack, then a profit of $p_i x_i$ is earned. The objective is to obtain a completely filling of the knapsack that maximizes the total profit earned. Since the knapsack capacity is m , we require the total weight of all chosen objects to be at most m . Formally, the problem can be stated as -

$$\text{maximum weight} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} w_i x_i \leq m$$

$$\text{maximum profit} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} p_i x_i$$

$$\text{And } 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Example 1:

Consider the following instance of the knapsack problem:
 Given number of objects, as $n=3$, knapsack/bag capacity, as $m=20$,
 profit & weight of each object, $(p_1, p_2, p_3) = (25, 24, 15)$ and
 $(w_1, w_2, w_3) = (18, 15, 10)$ Respectively.
 Find the maximum profit for the above given problem instance.

Solution:

First calculate the ratio Profit/Weight (P_i/w_i) for each given object & arrange the P_i/w_i ratio such that

$$P_i/w_i > P_j/w_j > P_k/w_k \dots$$

Object	1	2	3
Profit	25	24	15
Weight	18	15	10
P_i/w_i	1.3	1.6	1.5

⇒ Rearrange All objects in descending order of P_i/w_i

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Bag Capacity = $m = 20$

Objects	Profit P_i	Weight W_i	P_i/W_i	Fraction of Object chosen (x_i)	Remaining Bag Capacity	Maximum Profit $\sum P_i x_i$
2	24	15	1.6	1	$20 - 15 = 5$	$24 \times 1 = 24$
3	15	10	1.5	$5/10$	$5 - 5 = 0$	$15 \times 5/10 = 7.5$
1	25	18	1.3	0	0	$25 \times 0 = 0$

Maximum Profit = $24 + 7.5 + 0 = 31.5$ //

Example-2: Find the optimal solution to the knapsack instance $n=7, m=15$ using greedy method -

Object	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Profit	10	05	15	07	06	18	03
Weight	02	03	05	07	01	04	01
P_i/W_i	5	1.6	3	1	6	4.5	3

Now, Reorder Objects in descending order of P_i/W_i with their corresponding profit and weight to get maximum profit - & Given Maximum Knapsack Capacity = 15.

Objects	Profit (P_i)	Weight (W_i)	P_i/W_i in DSC order	Fraction of Object chosen (x_i)	Remaining knapsack Capacity (m)	Maximum Profit $\sum P_i x_i$
5	06	01	6	1	$15 - 01 = 14$	$6 \times 1 = 06$
1	10	02	5	1	$14 - 02 = 12$	$10 \times 1 = 10$
6	18	04	4.5	1	$12 - 04 = 08$	$18 \times 1 = 18$
3	15	05	3	1	$08 - 05 = 03$	$15 \times 1 = 15$
7	03	01	3	1	$03 - 01 = 02$	$03 \times 1 = 03$
2	05	03	1.6	$2/3$	$02 - 02 = 0$	$5 \times \frac{2}{3} = 3.33$
4	07	07	1	0	0	00

Maximum Profit = $06 + 10 + 18 + 15 + 03 + 3.33 = 55.33$ //

JOB SEQUENCING WITH DEADLINES - By Greedy Method -

Problem Statement: We are given a set of n jobs where each job i associated with an integer deadline $d_i > 0$ and a profit $p_i > 0$. For any job i the profit p_i is earned iff the job is completed by its deadline. To complete a job, one has to process the job on a machine for one unit of time. Only one machine is available for processing jobs. The value of feasible solution J is the sum of the profits of the jobs in J , or $\sum_{i \in J} p_i$. An optimal solution is a feasible solution with maximum profit value.

Example 1: Given $n=4$, jobs with their corresponding profits & deadlines as $(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = (100, 10, 15, 27)$ & $(d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4) = (2, 1, 2, 1)$. Find the maximum profit value.

Solution:

Jobs	1	2	3	4
Profits	100	10	15	27
Deadlines	2	1	2	1

Reorder Above Jobs Based on descending order of profit earned - Maximum deadline given in above example is 2. Hence, Maximum two jobs are completed -

Jobs	Profits	Deadlines	JOB Scheduling	Profit Earned		
1	100	2	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td></td><td>J1</td></tr></table>		J1	100
	J1					
4	27	1	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>J4</td><td>J1</td></tr></table>	J4	J1	27
J4	J1					
3	15	2	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>J4</td><td>J1</td></tr></table>	J4	J1	JOB-3 Rejected
J4	J1					
2	10	1	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>J4</td><td>J1</td></tr></table>	J4	J1	JOB-2 Rejected
J4	J1					

Jobs Completed - Job₁, Job₄ Jobs Rejected - J₂, J₃
 Total Profit = $100 + 27 = \underline{\underline{127}}$

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Example-2 - JOB Sequencing With deadlines - Solve for given example -

Jobs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Profits	3	5	20	18	1	6	30
Deadlines	1	3	4	3	2	1	2

Solution: From Above Example, Maximum deadline = 4, Hence, maximum four jobs will be completed.

Reorder All the jobs in descending order of profits.

Jobs	Profits	Deadlines	JOB SCHEDULING	Profit Earned				
J7	30	2	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>J7</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		J7			30
	J7							
J3	20	4	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>J7</td><td></td><td>J3</td></tr></table>		J7		J3	20
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J4	18	3	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>J7</td><td>J4</td><td>J3</td></tr></table>		J7	J4	J3	18
	J7	J4	J3					
J6	6	1	<table border="1"><tr><td>J6</td><td>J7</td><td>J4</td><td>J3</td></tr></table>	J6	J7	J4	J3	06
J6	J7	J4	J3					
J2	5	3	<table border="1"><tr><td>J6</td><td>J7</td><td>J4</td><td>J3</td></tr></table>	J6	J7	J4	J3	J2 Rejected
J6	J7	J4	J3					
J1	3	1	<table border="1"><tr><td>J6</td><td>J7</td><td>J4</td><td>J3</td></tr></table>	J6	J7	J4	J3	J1 Rejected
J6	J7	J4	J3					
J5	1	2	<table border="1"><tr><td>J6</td><td>J7</td><td>J4</td><td>J3</td></tr></table>	J6	J7	J4	J3	J5 Rejected
J6	J7	J4	J3					

Completed Jobs - J3 → J4 → J6 → J7

Rejected Jobs - J1 → J2 → J5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum Profit} &= 30 + 20 + 18 + 06 \\ &= \underline{\underline{74}} \end{aligned}$$

Example-3 - Solve below example of Job Sequencing With Deadlines -
Using Greedy Method -

Jobs	1	2	3	4	5
Profits	20	15	10	5	1
Deadlines	2	2	1	3	3

Solution: Maximum deadline given is 3, Hence, maximum 3 jobs will be completed out of 5 jobs.

Now, Reorder All the jobs in descending order of profits in a two table shown below -

Jobs	Profits	Deadlines	JOB SCHEDULING			Profit Earned
J1	20	2		J1		20
J2	15	2	J2	J1		15
J3	10	1	J2	J1		J3 Rejected
J4	05	3	J2	J1	J4	05
J5	01	3	J2	J1	J4	J5 Rejected

Job Completed - J1, J2, J4

Job Rejected - J3, J5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum Profit} &= 20 + 15 + 05 \\ &= 40 \text{ //} \end{aligned}$$

Spanning Tree :

Defⁿ: A spanning tree of a connected graph is its connected acyclic graph/subgraph that contains all the vertices of the graph.

Minimum Cost Spanning Tree :

Defⁿ: A minimum cost spanning tree of a weighted connected graph is its spanning tree of the smallest weight, where the weight of the tree is defined as the sum of the weights on all its edges.

→ The minimum spanning tree problem of finding a minimum spanning tree for a given weighted connected graph.

→ Below figure represents simple example of weighted connected graph & its possible spanning trees -

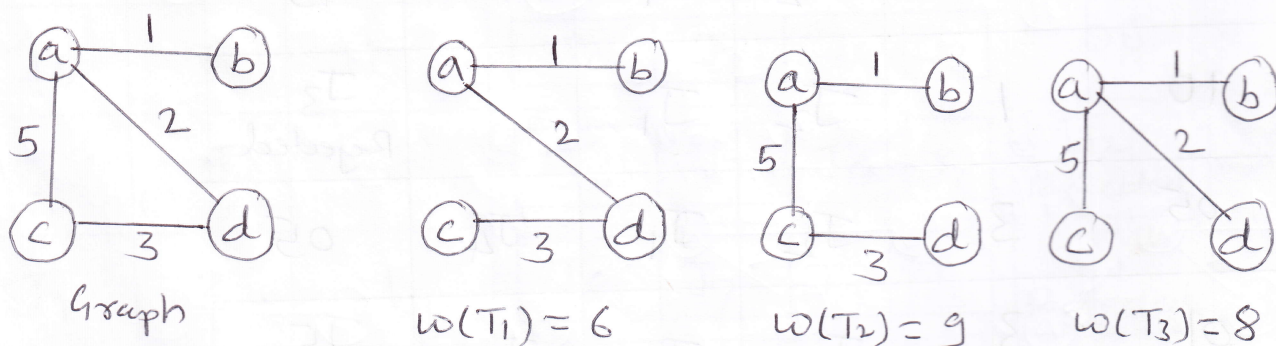


Figure - Graph & Its Spanning Trees. T_1 is the minimum cost Spanning Tree.

→ Two Algorithms are used to Generate Minimum Cost spanning tree -

- ① Prim's Algorithm
- ② Kruskal's Algorithm

Prim's Algorithm

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ALGORITHM Prim(G)

// Prim's Algorithm for constructing a minimum spanning tree

// Input: A weighted connected graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$

// Output: E_T , the set of edges composing a minimum spanning tree of G .

$V_T \leftarrow \{v_0\}$ // the set of tree vertices can be initialized with any vertex

$E_T \leftarrow \emptyset$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $|V| - 1$ do

Find a minimum-weight edge $e^* = (v^*, u^*)$ among all edges (v, u) such that v is in V_T and u is in $V - V_T$

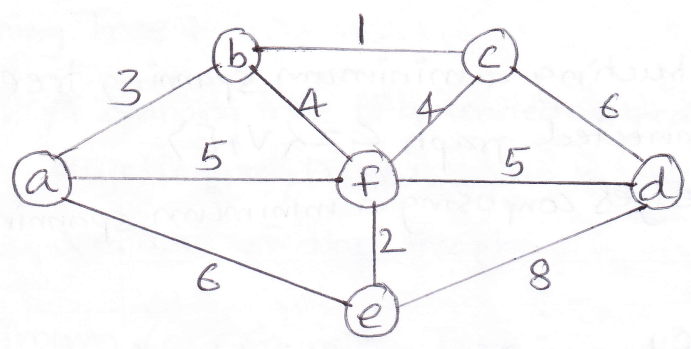
$V_T \leftarrow V_T \cup \{u^*\}$ // U-union

$E_T \leftarrow E_T \cup \{e^*\}$ // U-union

return E_T .

- Prim's Algorithm constructs a minimum cost spanning tree through a sequence of expanding subtrees.
- The initial subtree in such a sequence consists of a single vertex selected arbitrarily from the set V of the graph's vertices.
- On each iteration, we expand the current tree in the greedy manner by simply attaching to it the nearest vertex not in the subtree.
- The algorithm stops after all the graph's vertices have been included in the tree being constructed.
- Since the algorithm expands a tree by exactly one vertex on each of its iterations, the total number of such iterations is $n - 1$, where n is the number of vertices in the graph.
- The tree generated by the algorithm is obtained as the set of edges used for the tree expansions.
- Above is the pseudocode for Prim's Algorithm

Example 1: Apply Prim's Algorithm for below given graph & find cost of minimum spanning tree.



- Solution:
- Step 1: Choose any one vertex randomly from set of vertices.
 - Step 2: Choose next vertex from remaining vertices that is connected by minimum edge to the already selected vertex.
 - Step 3: Carefully choose the edges to avoid cycle in resultant spanning tree.
 - Step 4: Finally, check spanning tree includes all the vertices or not.

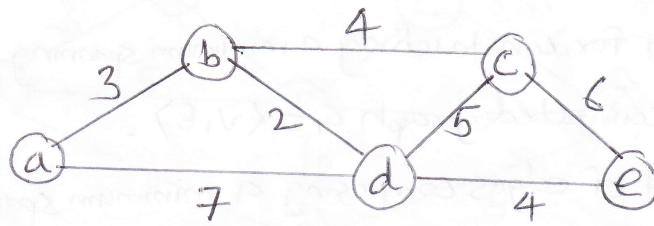
<p>Initialize with vertex a -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-1</p>	<p>(b) is the next vertex connected by minimum edge to (a)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-2</p>	<p>(c) is the next vertex connected by minimum edge to (b)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-3</p>
<p>(f) is the next vertex connected by minimum edge to (b)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-4</p>	<p>(e) is the next vertex connected by minimum edge to (f)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-5</p>	<p>(d) is the next vertex connected by minimum edge to (f)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Step-6</p>

Cost of spanning tree = Sum of weights on all the edges of spanning tree

$$= 3 + 1 + 4 + 5 + 2$$

$$= 15$$

Example 2: Apply Prim's Algorithm for below given graph & find cost of minimum spanning tree -

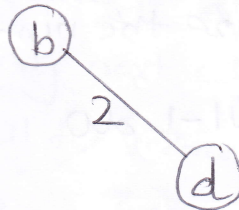


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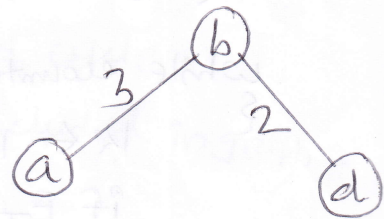
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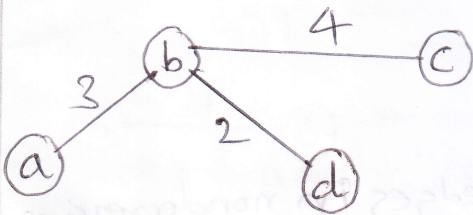
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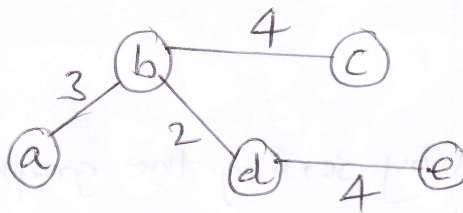
Step-2



Step-3



Step-4



Step-5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Minimum Cost} = W(T) &= 3 + 4 + 2 + 4 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

Kruskal's Algorithm

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ALGORITHM $Kruskal(G)$

// Kruskal's algorithm for constructing a minimum spanning tree

// Input: A weighted connected graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$.

// Output: E_T , the set of edges composing a minimum spanning tree of G , sort E in ascending order of the edges weights $w(e_{i_1}) \leq w(e_{i_2}) \leq \dots \leq w(e_{i_{|E|}})$

$E_T \leftarrow \emptyset$; // Initialize the set of tree edges & its size

$counter \leftarrow 0$

$k \leftarrow 0$ // Initialize the number of processed edges

while $counter < |V| - 1$ do

{

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

if $E_T \cup \{e_{i_k}\}$ is acyclic

{

$E_T \leftarrow E_T \cup \{e_{i_k}\}$;

$counter \leftarrow counter + 1$

}

}

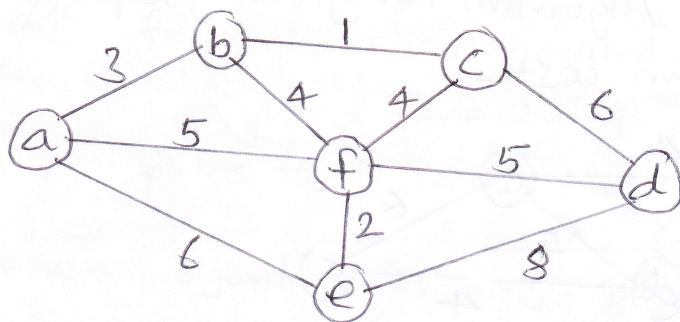
return E_T .

→ The algorithm begins by sorting the graph's edges in nondecreasing ascending order of their weights.

→ Then starting with the empty subgraph, it scans this sorted list adding the next edge on the list to the current subgraph if such an inclusion does not create a cycle and simply skipping the edge otherwise.

→ Above is the pseudocode for Kruskal's algorithm.

Example 1: Apply Kruskal's Algorithm for given graph & find the minimum cost of spanning tree.



Solution: Step 1: Sort all the edges in ascending order of their weights.

Step 2: Start with minimum edge, and choose the next edge & repeat for all edges -

Step 3: While choosing next edge avoid cycle.

Step 4: Stop when all the vertices are included in graph -

→ Sorted list of edges for above given graph -

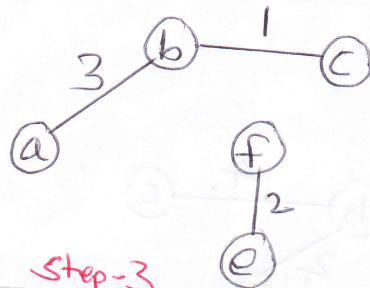
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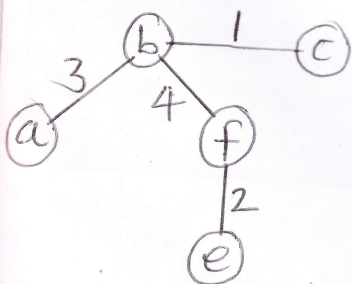
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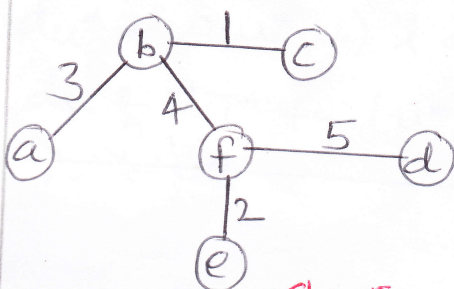
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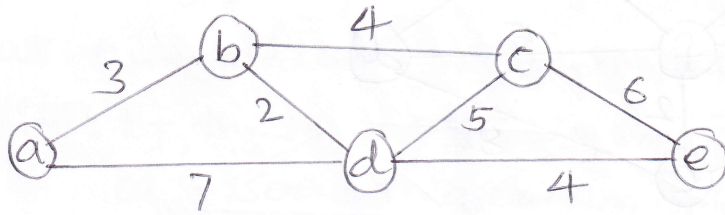


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Note: Don't include the edges cf, af. Because those edges create cycle in a graph.

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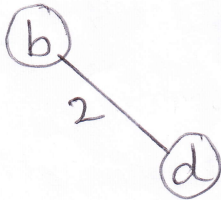
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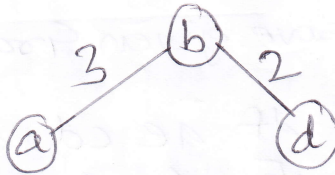
Solution :

Generate sorted list of edges for given Graph.

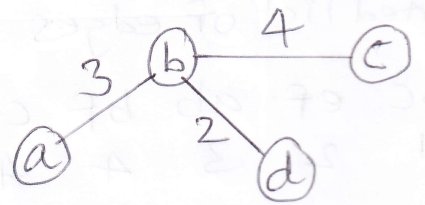
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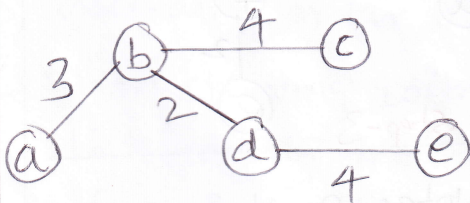
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Minimum cost = $\sum W(E) = 3 + 4 + 2 + 4 = 13$.

Single-Source Shortest Path Problem -

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Statement: For a given vertex called the source in a weighted connected graph, find shortest paths to all its other vertices -

→ Best known algorithm for single-source shortest path is, DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM.

ALGORITHM Dijkstra(G, S)

// Input: A weighted connected graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative weights & source vertex S .

// Output: The length d_v of shortest path from source S to all remaining vertices in $|V| - S$.

for every vertex v in V do

{

$d_v \leftarrow \infty$;

$P_v \leftarrow \text{NULL}$;

}

$d_s \leftarrow 0$

$V_T \leftarrow \emptyset$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $|V| - 1$ do

$V_T \leftarrow V_T \cup \{u^*\}$

for every vertex u in $V - V_T$ that is adjacent to u^* do

if $d_{u^*} + w(u^*, u) < d_u$

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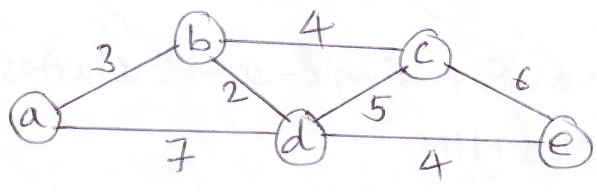
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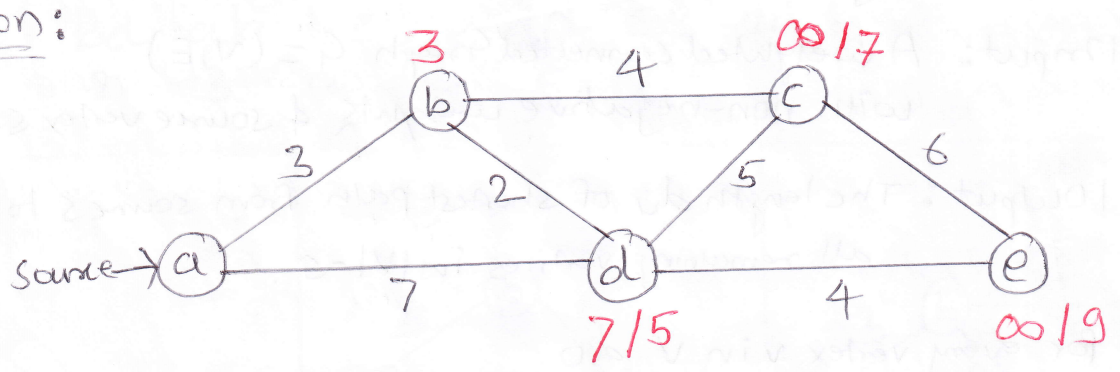
DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM EXAMPLE

Example - Solve single source shortest path problem for below given graph using Dijkstra's Algorithm -



Consider vertex (a) as the source vertex -

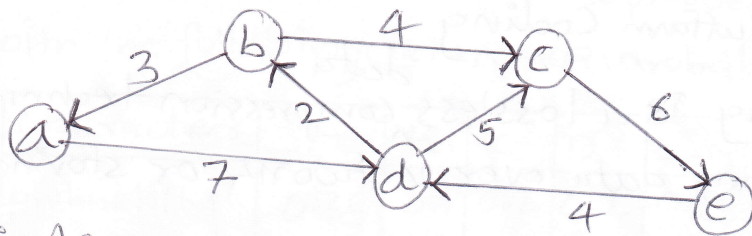
Solution:



Shortest Path from Source to All vertices are -

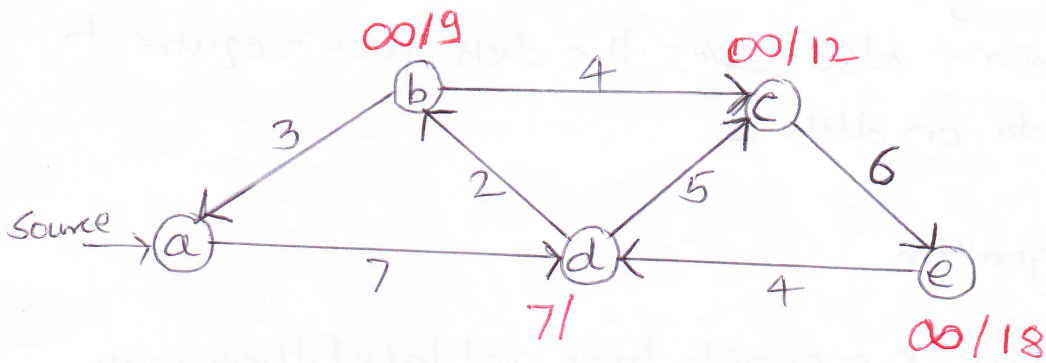
- From a to b : $a \overset{3}{-} b$ of length 3
- From a to c : $a \overset{3}{-} b \overset{4}{-} c$ of length 7
- From a to d : $a \overset{3}{-} b \overset{2}{-} d$ of length 5
- From a to e : $a \overset{3}{-} b \overset{2}{-} d \overset{4}{-} e$ of length 9

Dijkstra's Algorithm Example



Find single source shortest path for above given graph from source vertex a.

Solution:



Shortest Path from source a to all vertices -

From a to b - a 7 d 2 b of length 9

From a to c - a 7 d 5 c of length 12

From a to d - a 7 d of length 7

From a to e - a 7 d 5 c 6 e of length 18

Huffman Trees & Huffman Coding

- Huffman coding is a lossless ^{data} compression technique used while transmitting data over network or storing data on the disk.
- Huffman coding assigns code words of different lengths to different characters that you want to transfer over n/w.
- Huffman coding saves the transmission time of data over networks, also saves the disk space require to save data on disk.

Huffman's Algorithm

- Step 1 - Initialize n one-node trees and label them with the characters of the alphabet. Record the frequency of each character in its tree's root to indicate the tree's weight.
- Step 2 - Repeat the following operation until a single tree is obtained - find two trees with the smallest weight. Make them left & right subtree of a new tree & record the sum of their weights in the root of the new tree as its weight.