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## Section 6:

## Dijkstra's Algorithm

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> Goal: Smallest cost? Or fewest edges?

## BFS vs. Dijkstra's



BFS doesn't work because path with minimal cost $\neq$ path with fewest edges
Also, Dijkstra's works if the weights are non-negative
What happens if there is a negative edge?

- Minimize cost by repeating the cycle forever


## Dijkstra's Algorithm

Named after its inventor Edsger Dijkstra (1930-2002)

- Truly one of the "founders" of computer science;
- This is just one of his many contributions

The idea: reminiscent of BFS, but adapted to handle weights

- Grow the set of nodes whose shortest distance has been computed
- Nodes not in the set will have a "best distance so far"
- A PRIORITY QUEUE will turn out to be useful for efficiency - We'll cover this later in the slide deck


## Dijkstra's Algorithm

1. For each nodev, set $v$. cost $=\infty$ and $v$. known $=$ false
2. Set source.cost $=0$
3. While there are unknown nodes in the graph
a) Select the unknown node $v$ with lowest cost
b) Mark vas known
c) For each edge ( $v, u$ ) with weight $w$,
```
c1 = v.cost + w // cost of best path through v to u
c2 = u.cost // cost of best path to u previously known
if(c1 < c2) // if the new path through v is better,update
    u.cost = c1
    u.path = v
```


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## Example \#2



Order Added to Known Set:

| vertex | known? | cost | path |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Y | 0 |  |
| B |  | $\infty$ |  |
| C |  | $\infty$ |  |
| D |  | $\infty$ |  |
| E |  | $\infty$ |  |
| F |  | $\infty$ |  |
| G |  | $\infty$ |  |

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Order Added to Known Set:
A, D, C, E, B, F, G

| vertex | known? | cost | path |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Y | 0 |  |
| B | Y | 3 | E |
| C | Y | 2 | A |
| D | Y | 1 | A |
| E | Y | 2 | D |
| F | Y | 4 | C |
| G | Y | 6 | D |

## Pseudocode

// pre-condition: start is the node to start at
// initialize things
active $=$ new empty priority queue of paths
from start to a given node
// A path's "priority" in the queue is the total // cost of that path.
finished $=$ new empty set of nodes
// Holds nodes for which we know the // minimum-cost path from start.
// We know path start->start has cost 0
Add a path from start to itself to active

## Pseudocode (cont.)

while active is non-empty:

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minPath = active.removeMin()
minDest = destination node in minPath
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if minDest is in finished:
continue
for each edge $e=\langle$ minDest, child): if child is not in finished:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { newPath }=\text { minPath }+e \\
& \text { add newPath to active }
\end{aligned}
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add minDest to finished

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Two ways to implement:

1. Comparable
a) class Node implements Comparable<Node>
b) public int compareTo(other)
2. Comparator
a) class NodeComparator extends Comparator<Node>
b) new PriorityQueue(new NodeComparator())
