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Shortest chain Algorithms

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Directed $G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c)$. Find shortest chains in G . A special min cost flow problem of fundamental importance.

- Provides basic data for planning decisions transportation, routing & communication applications. Provides data for the design, capacity planning, & expansion of transportation and communication networks.
- Is the basis for CPM for planning decisions in project mgt.
- Has many applications in equipment replacement.
- Used to obtain travel time & distance charts between pairs of cities provided by AAAs, and the routes between pairs of locations provided on the web by web-servers.
- Appears as a subproblem in many other optimization algorithms.

Unboundedness of obj. func.: We consider **Unconstrained shortest chain Problem**. All chains from origin to destination feasible. The obj. func. (chain cost) is unbounded below if a chain exists in G from origin to destination, and there is a negative cost circuit.

Difficult cases: If G has a chain from origin to destination, and a negative cost circuit; and you want to find a **shortest simple chain** from origin to destination (this is a **constrained shortest chain problem**, because chains that are not simple are not feasible for this) it is a hard problem. Special case of finding the best extreme point sol. in an unbounded LP.

Transformations: **1. If G has an edge:** If G has an edge $(i; j)$ with cost $c_{ij} \geq 0$, replace it by a pair of arcs with same cost.

If $c_{ij} < 0$, this transformation does not work, as it immediately creates a negative cost simple circuit, making it hard to find short-

est simple chains. In this case if there is no negative cost simple circuit in G , shortest simple chains can still be found efficiently in G using matching algos. (due to Roger Tobin, but technique of limited applicability).

So, we assume network directed.

2. If there are parallel arcs: Keep only cheapest among them & eliminate all others.

Assumption: G has no negative cost circuit: Algorithms contain procedures to check if assumption holds. Under assumption, cost of all circuits ≥ 0 . So cost of any chain will never increase if any circuits in it are deleted. Hence if a chain exists from origin to destination, there will be a shortest chain which is simple.

All algorithms find shortest chains which are simple.

Fundamental property of shortest chains

If \mathcal{P} is a shortest chain from 1 to n , and p, q are two nodes that appear on \mathcal{P} in that order ; then the portion of \mathcal{P} from p to q is a shortest chain from p to q .

Data structures for storing Shortest chains

Origin, destination specified: Can be stored as a sequence of nodes or arcs.

From an origin to all nodes in the network: Origin 1.
When you put shortest chains from 1 to i , and that from 1 to j , suppose there is a cycle.

Can replace the portion from 1 to 4 in the chain from 1 to j , by that in chain from 1 to i . This leads to following union of shortest chains from 1 to i , and from 1 to j , no cycles.

Same way, can put together shortest chains from 1 to all other nodes, and eliminate all cycles in union. Union becomes a spanning tree with 1 as root, in which path from 1 to any other node is a shortest chain; tree is an outtree rooted at 1 called a **Shortest chain tree rooted at node 1**. Shortest chains stored by storing this tree using predecessor labels.

All shortest chains: Shortest chains between every pair of nodes. Stored by storing two $n \times n$ square matrices called **distance** and **label matrices**.

Distance matrix $D = (d_{ij})$, Label matrix $L = (\ell_{ij})$

d_{ij} = cost of shortest chain from i to j .

ℓ_{ij} = previous node to j in a shortest chain from i to j .

Entire shortest chain between any pair of nodes can be retrieved by looking up label matrix repeatedly.

Label matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	.	1	5	1	2	5
2	3	.	5	6	2	5
3	3	1	.	6	1	3
4	∅	∅	∅	.	∅	∅
5	3	1	5	∅	.	5
6	∅	∅	∅	6	∅	.

Distance matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	6.1	13.7	5.2	9.3	12.4
2	15.7	0	7.6	15.6	3.2	6.3
3	8.1	14.2	0	10.4	19.3	1.1
4	∞	∞	∞	0	∞	∞
5	12.3	18.4	4.4	12.4	0	3.1
6	∞	∞	∞	9.3	∞	0

LP formulations of unconstrained shortest chain problems

$G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c, 1 = \text{origin}, n = \text{destination})$. \Leftrightarrow sending one unit material from 1 to n across G at min cost, with $\ell = 0$, $k = \infty$, and $c = \text{cost vector}$. So, LP formulation is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum c_{ij} f_{ij} \\ \text{s. to.} \quad & -f(i, \mathcal{N}) + f(\mathcal{N}, i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } i = 1 \text{ origin} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq 1 \text{ or } n \\ 1 & \text{if } i = n, \text{ destination} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$$

f_{ij} = no. of times chain traverses (i, j) .

Why is capacity ∞ & not 1?

This model has a redundant constraint. We take it to be that corresponding to origin node 1. The dual problem is:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \pi_n - \pi_1 \\ \text{s. to} \quad & \pi_j - \pi_i \leq c_{ij} \quad \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A} \\ & \pi_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

1. Every basic vector for the flow formulation consists of flow variables associated with arcs in a spanning tree of G .
2. A basic vector is feasible iff the unique path in the corresponding tree T from 1 to n is a chain.

The BFS associated with a feasible spanning tree T is $f = (f_{ij})$ where (draw T as a rooted tree with 1 as rootnode):

$$f_{in} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ not on predecessor path of } n \\ 1 & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ on the predecessor path of } n \end{cases}$$

3. So each BFS for the flow formulation corresponds to a simple chain from 1 to n and vice versa.

4. If there is a negative cost circuit in G , the dual is infeasible.
If there is a chain from 1 to n , and G contains a negative cost circuit, unconstrained shortest chain algos. will detect one such circuit & terminate with unboundedness conclusion.

To find Shortest simple chain for 1 to n in G - Solvable & hard cases

1. G has no negative cost circuit. Solvable in $O(n^2)$ or $O(m)$ or $O(nm)$ time.

2. G may have $-ve$ cost circuit, but for every node i on a $-ve$ cost circuit, either there is no chain from i to n , or there is no chain from 1 to i .

Let $Y =$ set of all nodes j s. th. there is a chain from 1 to j , and a chain from j to n . In this case a shortest simple chain from 1 to n can be found efficiently by applying shortest chain algos. on the subnetwork induced by the set of nodes Y .

3. There is a node i in G that is both on a $-ve$ cost circuit, and a chain from 1 to n . Finding shortest simple chain is hard in this case.

Won't putting a capacity of 1 on all arcs work in Case 3?

Unboundedness in presence of $-ve$ cost circuits occurs due to traversal around such a circuit an ∞ times. So, won't putting a capacity of 1 on all arcs take care of this problem?

Bellman-Ford Eqs. for shortest chains from 1 to all other nodes

1st consider destination node n . Let $\hat{f} = (\hat{f}_{ij})$, $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{\pi}_i)$ be primal & dual opt. sols. for LP formulation. Opt. Conds. are:

Dual feasibility: $\hat{\pi}_j - \hat{\pi}_i \leq c_{ij} \quad \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$

Primal feasibility: The set $\{(i, j) : \hat{f}_{ij} = 1\}$ forms a chain from 1 to n

C.S. Conds.: $\hat{f}_{ij} = 1 \Rightarrow \hat{\pi}_j - \hat{\pi}_i = c_{ij}$

Equality of objectives: Opt. dual obj. value = $\hat{\pi}_n$ = opt. primal obj. value = $c\hat{f}$ = cost of shortest chain from 1 to n .

So, if $\bar{\pi} = (\bar{\pi}_i)$ satisfies dual feasibility, and if there exists a chain from 1 to n among set of arcs $\{(i, j) \in \mathcal{A} : \bar{\pi}_j - \bar{\pi}_i = c_{ij}\}$ then that chain is a shortest chain from 1 to n of cost $\bar{\pi}_n - \bar{\pi}_1$ (or $\bar{\pi}_n$ if $\bar{\pi}_1 = 0$), and $\bar{\pi}$ is dual opt.

Conversely define $\tilde{\pi}$ by

$$\tilde{\pi}_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \infty & \text{if no chain from 1 to } i \\ \text{cost of shortest chain from 1 to } i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. $\forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$, we get a chain of cost $\tilde{\pi}_i + c_{ij}$ from 1 to j by putting arc (i, j) at end of shortest path from 1 to i ; this length $\geq \tilde{\pi}_j = \text{cost of shortest chain from 1 to } j$; i.e., $\tilde{\pi}$ satisfies dual feasibility conds. mentioned above.

2. If \mathcal{C} is any chain from 1 to p in the set of arcs $\{(i, j) \in \mathcal{A} : \tilde{\pi}_j - \tilde{\pi}_i = c_{ij}\}$, then its cost is sum $c_{ij} = \tilde{\pi}_j - \tilde{\pi}_i$ over arcs (i, j) in it $= \tilde{\pi}_p$; hence \mathcal{C} is a shortest chain from 1 to p .

Hence $\tilde{\pi}$ satisfies the **Bellman - Ford eqs.**

$$\tilde{\pi}_1 = 0$$

$$\tilde{\pi}_j = \min\{\tilde{\pi}_i + c_{ij} : i \in B(j)\} \quad \forall j \neq 1$$

Nec. conds. for $\tilde{\pi}$ to be vector of shortest chain costs from 1 to other nodes.

Conversely if $\tilde{\pi}$ satisfies BF eqs. & there is a chain from 1 to i of cost $\tilde{\pi}_i$ then it is a shortest chain from 1 to i & all arcs (u, v) on it satisfy $\tilde{\pi}_v - \tilde{\pi}_u = c_{uv}$.

Methods for specified origin: Two classes of methods:

Label setting methods: SC tree grown one arc per step. At each stage, for each in-tree node, its predecessor path in reverse is a shortest chain from origin to it. Terminates when no more nodes can be included in tree.

Label correcting methods: Always maintains a spanning outtree rooted at origin. Changes it by one arc typically per step. Changes continue until tree becomes a SC tree.

LS Methods – Dijkstra’s method

To find shortest chains in $G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c, 1 = \text{origin node})$.

Assumption: $c \geq 0$.

Main theorem: $G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c \geq 0, 1 = \text{origin})$. T SC tree, not spanning. X = set of in-tree nodes. For $i \in X$, π_i = cost of chain from 1 to i in T . $(p, q) \in \text{Cut}(X, \bar{X})$ satisfies:

$$\pi_p + c_{pq} = \min\{\pi + c_{ij} : (i, j) \in (X, \bar{X})\}$$

Add arc (p, q) to T and define $\pi_q = \pi_p + c_{pq}$. This gives SC tree T' spanning nodes $X \cup \{q\}$.

Notes: Theorem used repeatedly until tree becomes spanning in $(n - 1)$ steps. When $|X| = r$, effort to find next arc to add is $O(r(n - r))$. So, if implemented directly, overall complexity of method will be $\sum_{r=1}^n O(r(n - r)) = O(n^3)$.

Dijkstra reduced complexity to $O(n^2)$ by replacing cut examination with *setting and updating node labels called **Temporary labels for out-of-tree nodes***. Method examines each

arc precisely once.

Nodes in 3 states: **permanently labeled** (in-tree nodes); **temporarily labeled** (out-of-tree nodes one arc away from tree); **unlabeled** (other out-of-tree nodes).

Label on node i of form $(P(i), d_i)$ where:

$P(i)$ = predecessor index of node i for in-tree nodes, for labeled out-of-tree nodes it is the previous node to i on a shortest chain from 1 to i using only in-tree nodes as intermediate nodes.

d_i = for in-tree nodes it is the cost of shortest chain from 1 to i , for labeled out-of-tree nodes it is cost of shortest chain from 1 to i using only in-tree nodes as intermediate nodes.

Once node becomes permanently labeled, it is in-tree, and its label will never change. Each step permanently labels one more node, so method takes $\leq n$ steps. Denote:

X = set of permanently labeled node

Y = set of temporarily labeled nodes

N = set of unlabeled

Labels on nodes in Y updated in each step. One node moves from Y to X in each step, the one with smallest distance index in Y .

Dijkstra's method

Root Tree at origin: Permanently label 1 with $(\emptyset, 0)$. Temporarily label each $j \in A(1)$ with $(1, c_{1j})$. $X = \{1\}$, $Y = A(1)$, $N = \mathcal{N} \setminus (X \cup Y)$.

Tree growth step: If $Y = \emptyset$ go to termination step.

If $Y \neq \emptyset$, make label on i permanent. Move i from Y to X . If label on i is $(P(i), \pi_i)$, $(P(i), i)$ is new arc included in SC tree in this step.

$\forall j \in Y$ let d_j be its distance index. If $(i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$ and $d_j > \pi_i + c_{ij}$ change temp. label on j to $(i, \pi_i + c_{ij})$.

Temp. label each $j \in N \cap A(i)$ with $(i, \pi_i + c_{ij})$ and move all such j from N to Y .

If $X \neq \mathcal{N}$ repeat this tree growth step.

Termination step: We have SC tree. If $X \neq \mathcal{N}$, no chain from 1 to any node in N in G . Terminate.

Example

What if $c \neq 0$?

Theorem: If $c \geq 0$ method gives SC tree with complexity $O(n^2)$.

BrFS method is special case of this method for $c_{ij} = 1 \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$.

If shortest chains to only a subset of nodes are needed, method terminates when all those nodes are permanently labeled.

LC Methods for a specified origin

Work for general c , so no need to assume $c \geq 0$.

These are variants of primal simplex on LP formulation. Every basis is a spanning tree, and a pivot step exchanges an out-of-tree arc with an in-tree arc in its funda. cycle. Maintain a spanning outtree rooted at origin. Each iteration, labels on one or more nodes change.

Initial Spanning outtree selection: $\forall j \neq 1$ if $(1, j) \notin \mathcal{A}$ introduce artificial arc $(1, j)$ with cost $c_{1j} =$ a large +ve no., say $= 1 + n(\max\{|c_{pq}| : (p, q) \in \mathcal{A}\})$.

Then set $T_0 =$ spanning outtree determined by arcs $\{(1, j) : j \neq 1\}$.

Node Labels maintained by algos.: Of form $(P(i), d_i)$ where:

$P(i) =$ predecessor index of node i in current tree

$d_i =$ distance index of i (will equal $\pi_i =$ cost of present chain from 1 to i if step *Correcting distance index of descendants*

carried out in each iteration; $d_i \geq \pi_i$ otherwise).

$E = \{(P(i), i) : i \neq 1\}$ (will equal set of arcs in present spanning outtree until algo. detects a $-ve$ cost circuit; from that time the node labels and E will not represent a spanning outtree, instead they will represent some trees (not spanning) + one or more $-ve$ cost circuits).

Algos. can terminate two ways: (1) with SC Tree (happens when distance indices satisfy dual feasibility); (2) with a $-ve$ cost circuit.

In all these algos. artificial arcs eliminated once they become out-of-tree.

Classical primal method for specified origin

Main source of all LC methods. Labels are actually $(P(i), \pi_i)$.

Initialization: Start with T_0 . Label 1 with $(\emptyset, 0)$, and all $i \neq 1$ with $(1, c_{1i})$.

General iteration: Let $(P(i), \pi_i)$ be present node labels.

1 : **Select incoming arc:** Select $(i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$ violating dual feasibility, i.e., satisfying $\pi_j > \pi_i + c_{ij}$.

If no such arc, TERMINATE, PRESENT OUTTREE IS AN SC TREE.

If such arc selected, let $\delta = \pi_j - \pi_i - c_{ij} > 0$; and $D_j =$ set of descendants of j in present tree.

2 : **Ancestor checking:** Check whether j is an ancestor of i .

If it is, arc (i, j) together with the portion of predecessor path of i between i and j is a $-ve$ cost circuit of cost $-\delta$, TERMINATE.

3 : **Label correction:** Change label on j to $(i, \pi_i + c - ij)$.

It replaces in-tree arc $(P(j), j)$ with (i, j) , and reduces cost of chain to j by δ .

4 : **Correcting distance index of descendants:** Change

π_p to $\pi_p - \delta \forall p \in D_j$.

Go to next iteration.

Examples:

Finiteness proof:

Complexity: Depends on rule used to select incoming arc.

Can vary from polynomial time to exponential time.

Rules for selecting incoming arc: Takes $O(m)$ effort if carried out by examining all arcs.

Efficient implementations use **Branching out of node i** (examining arcs in forward star of i for dual feasibility) for i in a **List** (set of candidate nodes for branching out, maintained).

Ancestor checking: Adds $O(n)$ effort per iteration.

Eliminated if known that no $-ve$ cost circuits exist. Even when not known, some implementations eliminate it. If (i, j) entered & j ancestor of i , E has $-ve$ cost circuit thro' j from then on.

Correcting distance index of descendants: To get D_j efficiently, PIs not adequate, need other tree labels. So, some implementations do not carry this step. Distance labels will get corrected before termination.

Bellman-Ford-Moore (BFM) LC Algo.

Can be interpreted as a recursive (DP) or **successive approximation approach** to solve BF eqs. In $r + 1$ th iteration, obtains $r + 1$ th order approx. π^{r+1} from r th.

DEFINITION: π_j^r = distance index of j at end of r th iteration = cost of a shortest chain from 1 to j with $\leq r$ arcs.

Iteration 1: T_0 is initial outtree. Label 1 with $(\emptyset, 0)$ and $i \neq 1$ with $(1, c_{1i})$. $\pi_j^1 = c_{1j} \forall j$.

Iteration $r + 1$: Let $(P(i), \pi_i^r)$ be label on i at end of iteration r . $\forall j \in \mathcal{N}$ compute:

$$\pi_j^{r+1} = \min\{\pi_j^r, \pi_i^r + c_{ij} \text{ over } i \in B(j)\}$$

and let:

$$u_j = \begin{cases} P(j) & \text{if minimum above is } \pi_j^r \\ \text{an } i \in B(j) \text{ attaining min above} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If $\pi_j^{r+1} = \pi_j^r \forall j \in \mathcal{N}$ **Stability attained**, present labels define an SC tree, TERMINATE.

Otherwise, $\forall j \in \{i : \pi_i^{r+1} < \pi_i^r\}$ change label to (u_j, π_j^{r+1}) , and go to next iteration if $r + 1 \leq n - 1$. In this case if $r + 1 = n$, a $-ve$ cost circuit exists among present E , TERMINATE.

- if no $-ve$ cost circuits, stability will be attained before $(n - 1)$ th iteration.
- if stability not attained after n iterations, E must contain a $-ve$ cost circuit.
- overall complexity $O(nm)$.
- what if some artificial arcs $(1, i)$ remain in final SC tree?

FIFO LC Algo.

Primal algo. with branching out operation. List maintained as a Q with FIFO discipline. Ancestor checking, correcting distance index on descendants, not carried out. Complexity $O(nm)$.

Iteration 1: Begin with labels for T_0 . List = $\{1\}$.

General iteration: Select the node for branching out from top of list, and continue until list becomes \emptyset .

During iteration arrange all nodes whose labels have changed in another Q called **Next list** according to one of following disciplines:

FIFO/NO MOVE: If j not in next list, insert it at bottom. If j already in next list, leave it in current position.

FIFO/MOVE: If j not in next list, insert it at bottom.

If j already in next list, move it to bottom position.

When list becomes \emptyset , if next list = \emptyset , present labels define an SC tree, TERMINATE. Otherwise if next list $\neq \emptyset$; look for a $-ve$ cost circute in E if iteration count n , or if iteration count $< n$

make next list the new list and go to next iteration.

Dynamic Breadth First Search (DBFS) LC Algo.

Define $a_j = \mathbf{Label\ Depth}$ of node $j = \text{no. of arcs in present chain from 1 to } j$.

$a'_i = \mathbf{label\ depth\ index}$ of $i \leq a_i \forall i$ always.

Labels of form $(P(i), d_i, a'_i)$. Correction on descendents not carried out, so $a'_i \leq a_i$, but will be correct at termination if an SC tree is obtained.

a'_i can only increase during algo. Like BrFS, this method in iteration r branches out only those nodes whose LDI is r .

For each h let $n(h) = \text{no. of nodes } j \text{ for which } a'_j = h$.

Iteration 0: Start with labels for T_0 . $a'_1 = 0, a'_j = 1 \quad \forall j \neq 1$.
List = $\mathcal{N} \setminus \{1\}$, Next list = \emptyset . $n(0) = 1, \quad n(1) = n - 1, \quad n(h) = 0 \quad \forall h > 1$.

Iteration r : 1. Select a node from list to branch out: If list = \emptyset go to 3. If list $\neq \emptyset$ delete a node i from list to branch out. Let label on i be $(P(i), d_i, a'_i)$. If $a'_i = r$ go to 2. Otherwise repeat this step.

2. Branching out of i : $\forall j \in A(i)$ do:

Let label on j be $(P(j), d_j, a'_j)$. If $d_j \leq d_i + c_{ij}$ continue. If $d_j > d_i + c_{ij}$ change PI and DI of j to $i, d_i + c_{ij}$ respectively; and if $a'_j \neq r + 1$ subtract 1 from $n(a'_j)$.

If $n(a'_j)$ is now 0, a $-ve$ cost circuit identified, find it by tracing predecessor path of j until a node repeats, TERMINATE. Otherwise change a'_j to $r + 1$, add 1 to $n(r + 1)$, include j in next list.

Return to 1.

3. Set up for next iteration: If next list = \emptyset , present labels define a SC Tree, TERMINATE. Otherwise, if $r = n$ look for a $-ve$ cost circuit in E and TERMINATE, or if $r < n$ make list = next list, next list = \emptyset , go to next iteration.

Notes: Consider no $-ve$ cost circuits. Let π_j^* denote length of shortest chain from 1 to j , and b_j the smallest no. of arcs in a shortest chain from 1 to j . Let $L(r) = \{j : b_j = r\}$.

At start of iteration r list only consists of nodes with $a'_i = r$. Also, node i is branched out in iteration r only if a'_i remains = r when algo. tries to select it.

At start of iteration r , $L(r) \subset$ list. And $d_i = \pi_i^* \forall i \in L(r)$. Also, in this iteration all nodes in $L(r)$ are branched out.

So, in this case algo. terminates with SC tree after $\leq (n - 2)$ iterations. Each iteration needs $O(m)$ effort. So overall complexity $O(nm)$.

On networks with $n = 5000$, $m = 60,000$, method takes 4 seconds on a SUN 3 workstation.

Acyclic Shortest chain Algo.

$G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c = (c_{ij}), 1 = \text{specified origin})$, acyclic with acyclic numbering of nodes.

If origin is $i \neq 1$, no chain from i to $j \forall j < i$. So all nodes $j < i$ & arcs incident at them can be deleted. In remaining network nodes can be renumbered beginning with 1 for node i . So WLOG assume 1 is origin.

G has no circuits, so no question of $-ve$ cost circuits. Following recursive (DP) algo of complexity $O(m)$ finds SC tree rooted at 1. Nodes are labeled in specific order 1, ..., n. All labels assigned are permanent.

Step 1: Label 1 with $(\emptyset, 0)$ rooting the tree at 1.

General step r : When we come here, we would have already labeled i , say with $(P(i), \pi_i) \forall i = 1$ to $r - 1$. Find

$$\pi_r = \min\{\pi_i + c_{ir} : i \in B(r)\}$$

If $B(r) = \emptyset$, we define $\pi_r = \infty$, and there is no chain from 1 to r . Otherwise, let $P(r)$ be an i that attains min above, label r

with $(P(r), \pi_r)$.

If $r = n$, labels define an SC tree rooted at 1, spanning all the nodes that can be reached from 1 by a chain, TERMINATE. If $r < n$, go to next step.

EXAMPLE:

Matrix methods for all shortest chains

To find shortest chains between every pair of nodes in $G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c)$. For any $i \neq j$ if $(i, j) \notin \mathcal{A}$, introduce artificial arc (i, j) with large positive cost. These methods terminate with either a $-ve$ cost circuit, or all shortest chains.

Inductive Algo.

Due to Dantzig. Takes n steps. In r th step, we have all shortest chains in partial network induced by $\{1, \dots, r\}$. Step $r + 1$ brings node $r + 1$ into set of included nodes.

Step 1: Begin with partial network of node 1.

General step $r + 1$: Let $L^r = (L_{ij}^r : i, j = 1 \text{ to } r)$, $d^r = (d_{ij}^r : i, j = 1 \text{ to } r)$ be label & distance matrices at end of Step r .

For bringing node $r + 1$ do computations for updating the two

matrices in following order:

	To 1 2 ... r	r + 1
from 1		
⋮	4	1
r		
r + 1	2	3

$$d_{i,r+1}^{r+1} = \min\{c_{i,r+1}; \quad d_{ij}^r + c_{j,r+1} : j = 1 \text{ to } r, j \neq i\}$$

$L_{i,r+1}^{r+1} = i$ if above min is $c_{i,r+1}$; or a j that attains min above.

$$d_{r+1,i}^{r+1} = \min\{c_{r+1,i}; \quad c_{r+1,j} + d_{ji}^r : j = 1 \text{ to } r, j \neq i\}$$

$L_{r+1,i}^{r+1} = i$ if above min is $c_{r+1,i}$; or a j that attains min above.

$$d_{r+1,r+1}^{r+1} = \min\{0; \quad d_{r+1,j}^r + c_{j,r+1} : j = 1 \text{ to } r\}$$

$L_{r+1,r+1}^{r+1} = r + 1$ if above min is 0.

If above min < 0 , let p be a j attaining the min above. Then by combining the shortest chain from $r + 1$ to p obtained above, with the shortest chain from p to $r + 1$ obtained above, we get a $-ve$ cost circuit, TERMINATE.

If $d_{r+1,r+1}^{r+1} = 0$, for $i, j = 1$ to r find:

$$d_{i,j}^{r+1} = \min\{d_{ij}^r; \quad d_{i,r+1}^{r+1} + d_{r+1,j}^{r+1}\}$$

$L_{ij}^{r+1} = L_{ij}^r$ if above min is d_{ij}^r , $L_{r+1,j}^{r+1}$ otherwise.

$L^{r+1} = (L_{ij}^{r+1})$, $d^{r+1} = (d_{ij}^{r+1})$ are new label and distance matrices.

If any diagonal entries in d^{r+1} are < 0 , say d_{jj}^{r+1} , then circuit containing j identified using labels in L^{r+1} is a $-ve$ cost circuit, TERMINATE.

Otherwise, if $r + 1 = n$, the label & distance matrices give shortest chains & their costs, TERMINATE. If $r + 1 < n$ go to next step.

EX. Prove that distance matrix satisfies triangle ineq.

EX. Prove algo. valid, & derive its complexity.

Floyd - Warshall Algo.

$G = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, c)$, nodes $1, \dots, n$.

Definition: on any simple chain, nodes other than origin, destination called **Intermediate nodes**.

Only simple chains not containing intermediate nodes are those with only one arc.

n steps. L^r, d^r are label, distance matrices at end of Step r , representing:

$d_{ij}^r =$ cost of shortest chain from i to j s. to constraint that all intermediate nodes on it are from $\{1, \dots, r\}$ (i, j may not be from this set).

Triangle (or Triple) Operation : For any pair of nodes i, j and fixed node $r + 1$,

$$d_{ij}^{r+1} = \min\{d_{ij}^r, d_{i,r+1}^r + d_{r+1,j}^r\}$$

$$L_{ij}^{r+1} = L_{ij}^r \text{ if } d_{ij}^{r+1} = d_{ij}^r; L_{r+1,j}^r \text{ otherwise.}$$

F W Algo.

Step 0: L^0, d^0 defined by $L_{ij}^0 = i, d_{ij}^0 = c_{ij}$

General Step $r + 1$: Let L^r, d^r be the matrices at end of Step r . Perform triple operations $\forall i, j \in \mathcal{N}$ and $r + 1$. Let L^{r+1}, d^{r+1} be resulting matrices.

If any $d_{ii}^{r+1} < 0$, the circuit obtained by putting together present chains from i to $r + 1$ & $r + 1$ to i is a $-ve$ cost circuit, TERMINATE.

If $d_{ii}^{r+1} = 0 \forall i \in \mathcal{N}$, & $r + 1 = n$, present chains are shortest, TERMINATE. If $r + 1 < n$ go to next step.