

Algorithms and Data Structures

All Pairs Shortest Paths

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Content of this Lecture

- All-Pairs Shortest Paths
 - Transitive closure: Warshall's algorithm
 - Shortest paths: Floyd's algorithm
- Reachability in Trees

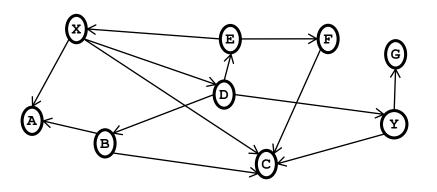
Recall: DFS

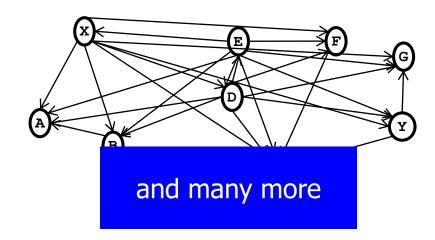
- We put every node exactly once on the stack
 - Once visited, never visited again
- We look at every edge exactly once
 - Outgoing edges of a visited node are never considered again
- U can be implemented as bitarray of size |V|, allowing O(1) operations
 - Add, remove, getNextUnseen
- Altogether: O(n+m)

```
func void traverse (G, v node,
                      U set) {
  t := new Stack();
  t.put(v);
 U := U \setminus \{v\};
  while not t.isEmpty() do
    n := t.pop();
    print n;
    c := n.outgoingNodes();
    foreach x in c do
      if xEU then
        U := U \setminus \{x\};
         t.push(x);
      end if:
    end for:
  end while;
```

Recall: Transitive Closure

- Definition
 Let G=(V,E) be a digraph and v_i, v_j∈V. The transitive closure of G is a graph G'=(V, E') where (v_i, v_j)∈E' iff G contains a path from v_i to v_j.
- TC usually is dense and represented as adjacency matrix
- Compact encoding of reachability information



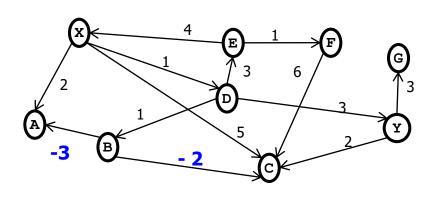


Shortest Path Problems

- Given a weighted digraph G
- Dijkstra finds the shortest path between a given start node and all other nodes for the case that all edge weights are positive
- All-pairs shortest paths: Given a digraph G with positive or negative edge weights, find the distance between all pairs of nodes

All-Pairs Shortest Paths: General Case

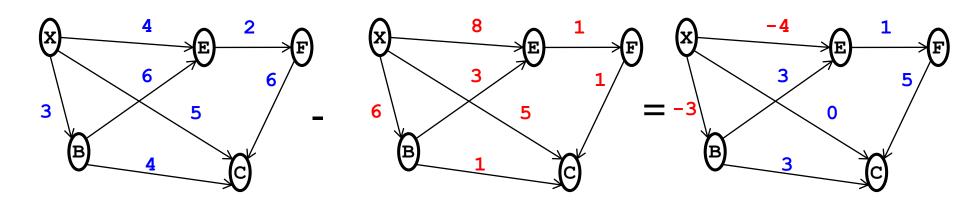
- Transitive closure with distances
- Result is O(|V|²) space, so don't try this for large graphs



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| С | na |
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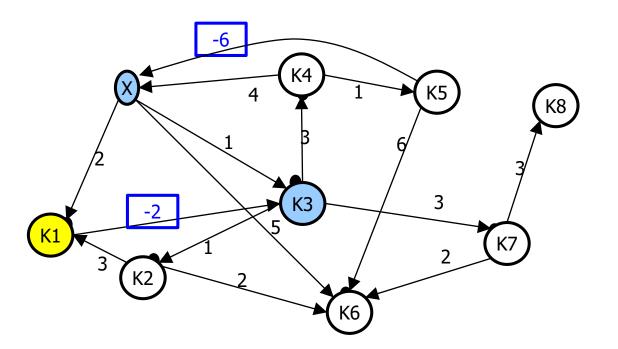
Why Negative Edge Weights?

- One application: Transportation company
 - Every route incurs cost (for fuel, salary, etc.)
 - Every route creates income (for carrying the freight)
- If cost>income, edge weights become negative
 - But still important to find the best route
 - Example: Best tour from X to C



No Dijkstra

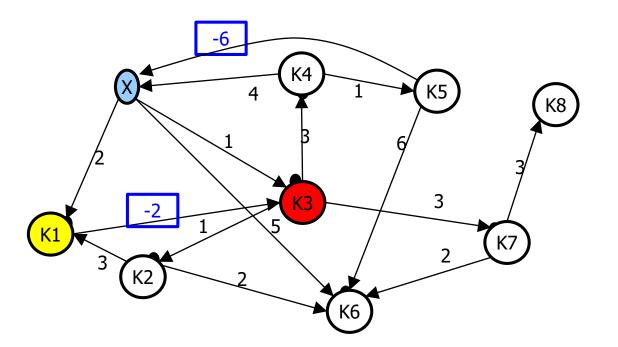
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 - Now: Adding a subpath to a so-far shortest path may make it "shorter" (by negative edge weights)



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|----|---|
| K1 | 2 |
| K2 | 2 |
| K3 | 1 |
| K4 | 4 |
| K5 | |
| K6 | 5 |
| K7 | 4 |
| K8 | |

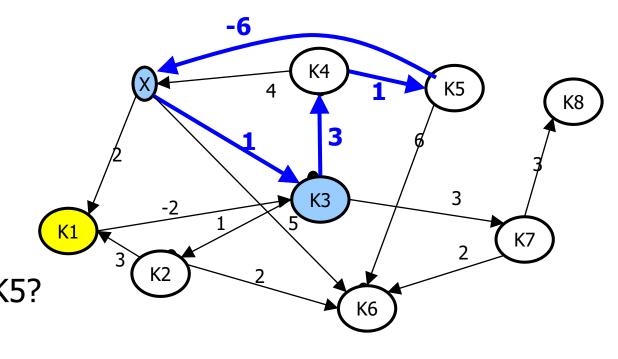
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Negative Cycles



 Shortest path between X and K5?

- X-K3-K4-K5: 5

- X-K3-K4-K5-X-K3-K4-K5: 4

– X-K3-K4-K5-X-K3-K4-K5: 3

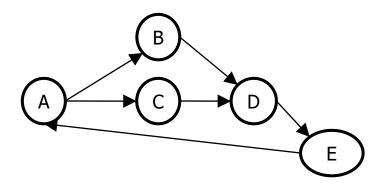
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SP-Problem undefined if G contains a negative cycle

All-Pairs: First Approach

- We start with a simpler problem: Computing the transitive closure of a digraph G without edge weights
- First idea
 - Reachability is transitive: $x \xrightarrow{p_1} y \wedge y \xrightarrow{p_2} z \implies x \xrightarrow{p_1} y \xrightarrow{p_2} z = x \rightarrow z$
 - We use this idea to iteratively build longer and longer paths
 - First extend edges with edges path of length 2
 - Extend paths of length 2 with edges paths of length 3
 - **—** ...
 - No necessary path can be longer then |V|
 - Or it would contain a cycle
- In each step, we store "reachable by a path of length ≤k" in a matrix

Example – After z=1, 2, 3, 4



| | Α | В | С | D | Е |
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| Α | | 1 | 1 | | |
| В | | | | 1 | |
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| D | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Е | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |

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| В | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| С | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Е | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Path length:

≤2

≤3

≤4

≤5

Naïve Algorithm

```
G = (V, E);
M := adjacency matrix(G);
M'' := M;
n := |V|
for z \stackrel{\not}{:}= 1..n-1 do
  M' := M'';
  for i = 1..n do
    for j = 1..n do
      if M'[i,j]=1 then
         for k=1 to n do
           if M[j,k]=1 then
             M''[i,k] := 1; < 
           end if:
         end for;
      end if:
    end for:
 end for;
end for;
```

z appears nowhere; it is there to ensure that we stop when the longest possible shortest paths has been found

- M is the adjacency matrix of G, M" eventually the TC of G
- M': Represents paths ≤z
- M": Represents paths ≤z+1
- Reachability is transitive:

$$\underbrace{i \xrightarrow{p_1} j}_{i \xrightarrow{j}} A j \xrightarrow{p_2} K \Longrightarrow i \xrightarrow{p_1} j \xrightarrow{p_2} K$$

- Loops i and j look at all pairs reachable by a path of length ≤z+1
- Loop k extends path of length
 ≤z by all outgoing edges
- Obviously O(n⁴)

Observation

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| В | | | | 1 | | V | В | | | | 1 | | В | | | | 1 | 1 |
| С | | | | 1 | | X | С | | | | 1 | | С | | | | 1 | 1 |
| D | | | | | 1 | | D | | | | | 1 | D | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Е | 1 | | | | | | Е | 1 | | | | | Ε | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

- In the first step, we actually compute MxM, and then replace each value ≥1 with 1
 - We only state that there is a path; not how many and not how long
- Computing TC can be described as matrix operations

Paths in the Naïve Algorithm

| | Α | В | С | D | Е | | Α | В | С | D | Ε | | Α | В | С | D | Е | | | Α | В | С | D | Ε | | Α | В | C | D | Е |
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| С | | | | 1 | | С | | | | 1 | 1 | С | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | (| C | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | С | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D | | | | | 1 | D | 1 | | | | 1 | D | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | Ī | O | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | D | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| E | 1 | | | | | E | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | Е | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | I | Ξ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Е | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- The naive algorithm always extends paths by one edge
 - Computes MxM, M²xM, M³xM, ... Mⁿ⁻¹xM

Idea for Improvement

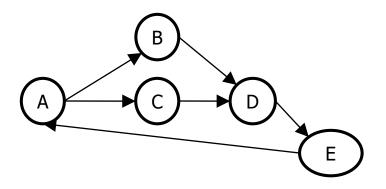
- Why not extend paths by all paths found so-far?
 - We compute $M^{2'}$ =MxM: Path of length ≤2 $M^{3'}$ = $M^{2'}$ xM \cup M $^{2'}$ xM $^{2'}$: Path of length ≤2+1 and ≤2+2 $M^{4'}$ = $M^{3'}$ xM \cup M $^{3'}$ xM $^{2'}$ \cup M $^{3'}$ xM $^{3'}$, lengths ≤4+1, ≤4+2, ≤4+3/4 ... $M^{n'}$ =... \cup M $^{n-1'}$ xM $^{n-1'}$
 - [We will implement it differently]
- Trick: We can stop much earlier
 - The longest shortest path can have length at most n
 - Thus, it suffices to compute $M^{\log(n)'} = ... \cup M^{\log(n)'*} \times M^{\log(n)'}$

Algorithm Improved

```
G = (V, E);
M := adjacency matrix(G);
n := |V|;
for z := 0...ceil(log(n)) do
  for i = 1..n do
    for j = 1..n do
      if M[i,j]=1 then
        for k=1 to n do
          if M[j,k]=1 then
            M[i,k] := 1;
          end if;
        end for:
      end if:
    end for:
 end for;
end for;
```

- We use only one matrix M
- We "add" to M matrices M²′, M³′ ...
- In the extension, we see if a path of length ≤2^z (stored in M) can be extended by a path of length ≤2^z (stored in M)
 - Computes all paths $\leq 2^z + 2^z = 2^{z+1}$
- Analysis: O(n^{3*}log(n))
- But ... we can be even faster

Example – After z=1, 2, 3



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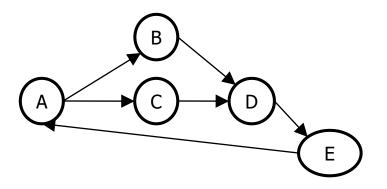
Path length:

≤2

≤4

Done

Further Improvement



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| Е | 1 | | | | | |

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| Ε | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

- Note: The path $A \rightarrow D$ is found twice: $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$ / $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$
- Can we stop "searching" $A \rightarrow D$ once we found $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D$?
- Can we enumerate paths such that redundant paths are discovered less often (i.e., less paths are tested)?

Warshall's Algorithm

Preparations

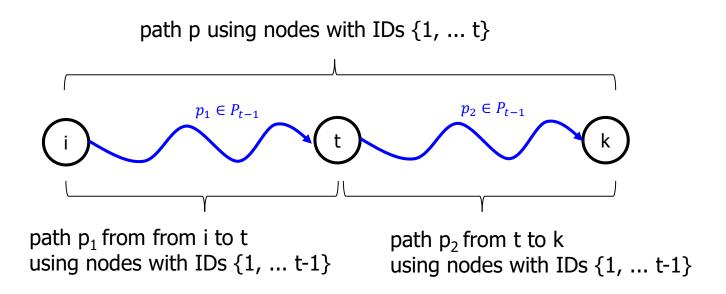
- Fix an arbitrary order on nodes and assign each node its rank as ID
- Let P_t be the set of all paths that contain only nodes with ID<t+1
- t gives the highest allowed node ID inside a path
- Idea: Compute P_t inductively
 - We start with P₁
 - We compute P_t , t>1, based on the assumption that P_{t-1} is known
 - We are done once t=n

Induction

- Suppose we know P_{t-1}
- If we increase t by one, we admit one additional node, i.e., ID t
- Now, every additional path must have the form $i \xrightarrow{p_1 \in P_{t-1}} t \xrightarrow{p_2 \in P_{t-1}} k$
 - Paths with all IDs <t are already known
 - Node t is the only new player, must be in all new paths

Warshall's Algorithm

- Enumerate paths by the IDs of the nodes they are allowed to contain
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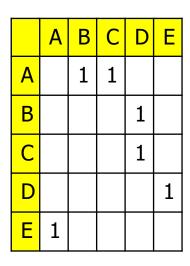


Algorithm

- Enumerate paths by the IDs of the nodes they are allowed to contain
- t gives the highest allowed node ID inside a path
- Thus, node t must be on any new path
- We find all pairs i,k with i→t and t→k
- For every such pair, we set the path i→k to 1

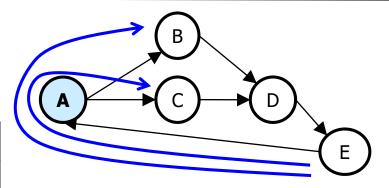
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7.
         for k=1 to n do
        if M[t,k]=1 then
8.
9.
             M[i,k] := 1;
           end if:
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11.
         end for:
12.
      end if:
13.
     end for:
14. end for;
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Example – Warshall's Algorithm

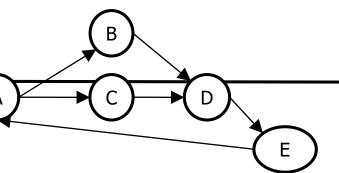




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| D | | | | | 1 |
| Ε | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |



A allowed Connect E-A with A-B, A-C Example – After t=A,B,C,D,E



t=,,A"

t=,,B"

t=,,C"

| | A | В | C | D | Е |
|---|---|----------|----------|---|---|
| A | | 1 | 1 | | |
| В | | | | 1 | |
| С | | | | 1 | |
| D | | | | | 1 |
| Е | 1 | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | | |

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| A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| В | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| C | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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B allowed Connect A-B/E-B with B-D C allowed
Connect
A-C/E-C
with C-D
No news

D allowed
Connect
A-D, B-D,
C-D,E-D
with D-E

Connect everything with everything

E allowed

Little change – Notable Consequences

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          end if:
        end for:
      end if;
    end for:
  end for;
end for;
```



Drop z-Loop Swap i and j loop Rephrase j into t

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O(n⁴)

 $O(n^3)$

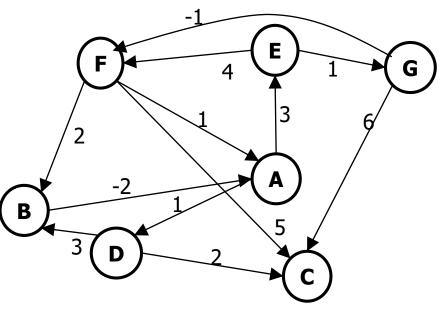
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Shortest Paths

- Shortest paths: We need to compute the distance between all pairs of reachable nodes
- We use the same idea as Warshall: Enumerate paths using only nodes with IDs smaller than t inside a path
 - Invariant: Before step t, M[i,j] contains the length of the shortest path that uses no node with ID higher than t
 - When increasing t, we find new paths i→t→k and look at their lengths
 - Thus: $M[i,k]:=min(M[i,k] \cup \{M[i,t]+M[t,k] \mid i\rightarrow t \land t\rightarrow k\})$

Example 1/3



| | A | В | С | D | E | F | G |
|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|
| A | | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| В | -2 | | | -1 | 1 | | |
| C | | | | | | | |
| D | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | |
| E | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
| F | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | | |
| G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |

| | A | В | С | D | E | F | G |
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| A | | | | 1 | 3 | | |
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| F | 1 | 2 | 5 | | | | |
| G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |

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| С | | | | | | | |
| D | | 3 | 2 | | | | |
| E | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
| F | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | | |
| G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |



Example 2/3

| | A | В | С | D | Е | F | G |
|---|----|---|---|----|---|----|---|
| A | | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| В | -2 | | | -1 | 1 | | |
| C | | | | | | | |
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| Е | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
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| A | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| В | -2 | 2 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| С | | | | | | | |
| D | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 |
| Е | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
| F | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |

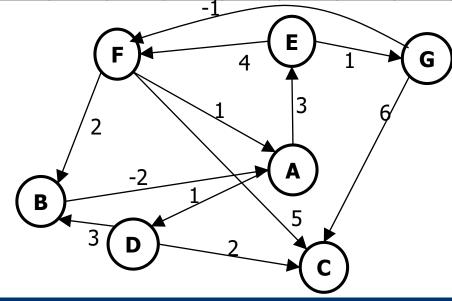
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| | В | <u>-2</u> | 2 | 1 | -1 | <u>1</u> | | |
| | С | | | | | | | |
| | D | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | |
| | E | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
| | F | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | 3 | 1 | <u>3</u> | | |
| | G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |

Example 3/3

| | A | В | C | D | Е | F | G | L |
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| A | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | 7 | <u>4</u> | 1 |
| В | <u>-2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>-1</u> | <u>1</u> | 5 | <u>2</u> | |
| C | | | | | | | | |
| D | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> | 8 | <u>5</u> | |
| Е | 4 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 | |
| F | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | |
| G | -1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -1 | 3 | |

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| A | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| В | -2 | 2 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| С | | | | | | | |
| D | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 |
| Е | | | | | | 4 | 1 |
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| G | | | 6 | | | -1 | |

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| В | <u>-2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>-1</u> | <u>1</u> | 1 | <u>2</u> |
| С | | | | | | | |
| D | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> | 4 | <u>5</u> |
| E | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| F | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | 3 | <u>4</u> |
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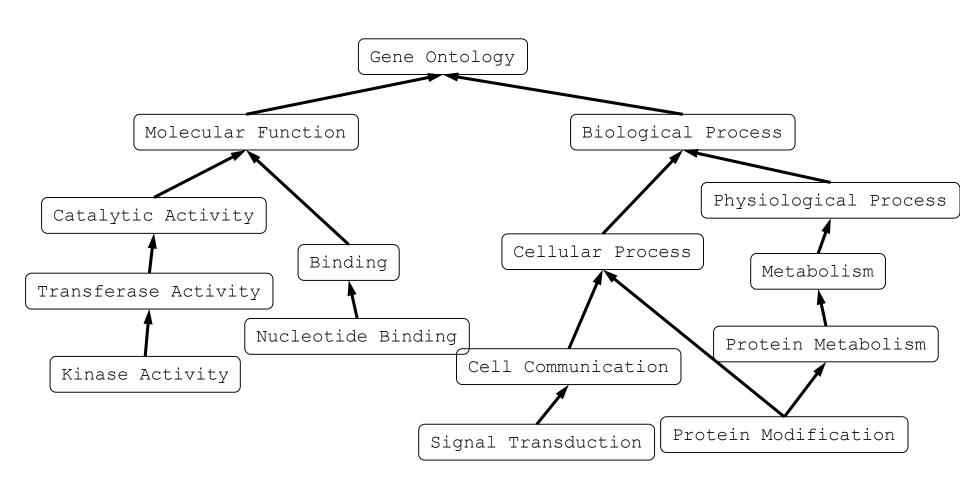
Summary (n=|V|, m=|E|)

- Warshall's algorithm computes the transitive closure of any unweighted digraph G in O(n³)
- Floyd's algorithm computes the distances between any pair of nodes in a digraph without negative cycles in O(n³)
- Johnson's alg. solves the problem in O(n²*log(n)+n*m)
 - Which is faster for sparce graphs
- Storing both information requires O(n²)
- Problem is easier for ...
 - Undirected graphs: Connected components
 - Graphs with only positive edge weights: All-pairs Dijkstra
 - Trees: Test for reachability in O(1) after O(n) preprocessing

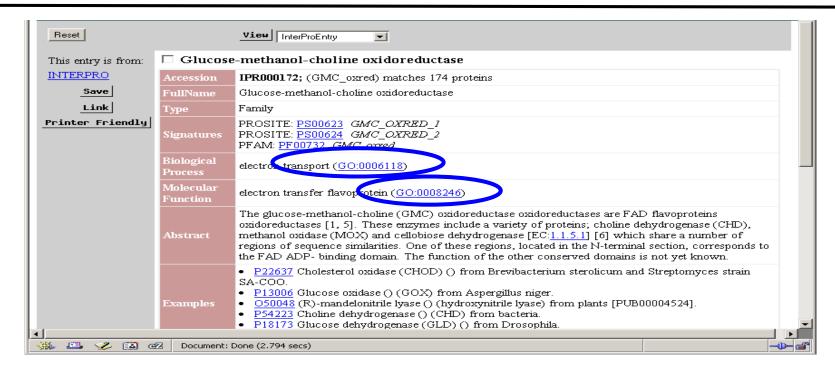
Content of this Lecture

- All-Pairs Shortest Paths
 - Transitive closure: Warshall's algorithm
 - Shortest paths: Floyd's algorithm
- Reachability in Trees

Gene Ontology – Describing Gene Function



Database Annotation InterPro

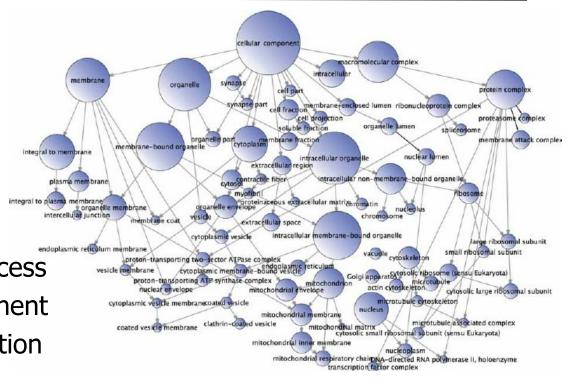


- Used by many databases
- Allows cross-database search
- Provides fixed meaning of terms
 - As informal textual description, not as formal definitions

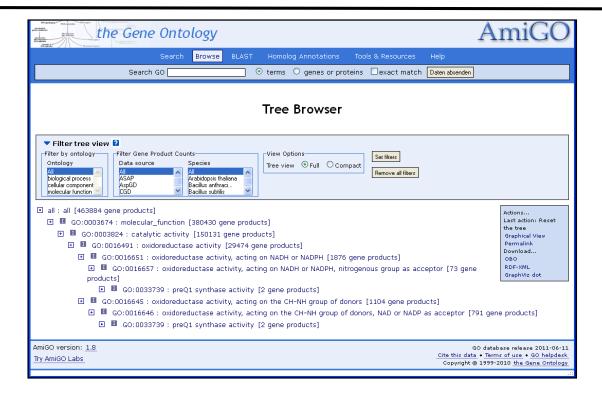
A Large Ontology



- 34253 terms
- 20831 biological process
- 2844 cellular component
- 9019 molecular function
- 1559 obsolete terms
- Depth: >30
- Today: More than 40000 terms



Problem



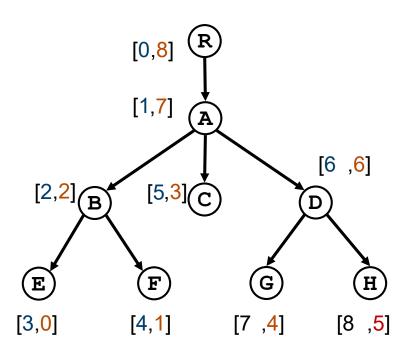
- To see whether a term X IS_A term Y, we need to check whether Y lies on the path from root to X
- Reachability problem

Reachability in Trees

- Let T be a directed tree. A node v is reachable from a node w iff there is a path from w to v
- Testing reachability requires finding paths
 - Which is simple in trees
- Path length is bound by the length of the longest path, i.e., the depth of the tree
- This means O(n) in worst-case
- Let's see whether we can preprocess the data to do this in constant time

Pre-/Postorder Numbers

- Assume a DFS-traversal
- Build an array assigning each node two numbers
- Preorder numbers
 - Keep a counter pre
 - Whenever a node is entered the first time, assign it the current value of pre and increment pre
- Postorder numbers
 - Keep a counter post
 - Whenever a node is left the last time, assign it the current value of post and increment post



Examples from S. Trissl, 2007

Ancestry and Pre-/Postorder Numbers

Trick: A node v is reachable from a node w iff

- Explanation
 - v can only be reached from w, if w is "higher" in the tree, i.e.,

v was traversed after w and hence has a higher preorder number

- v can only be reached from w, if v is "lower" in the tree, i.e., v was left before w and hence has a lower postorder number
- Analysis: Test is O(1)

