

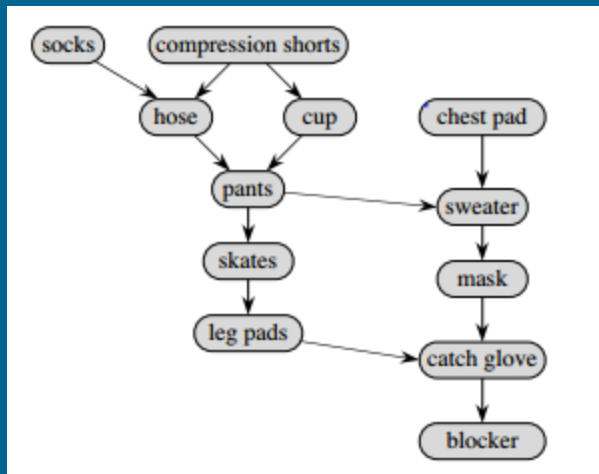


Directed Acyclic Graphs and Topological sort

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What is a DAG?



Directed Acyclic Graph

Vertices and directed edges

Acyclic - there is no way for a vertex to cycle back to itself

Starting point is vertex with no entering edges

Terms

Transitive - must be put before constraint

Vertices

Directed Edges

Directed Graphs

In-degree number of edges entering a vertex

Usage and Applications

Usage: Task based procedures that can only be done once and have multiple possible starting points potentially

Applications: Recipes, arithmetic operations, revision control

Algorithm Topological Sorting

Single linear order of performing a task

No circular dependencies

Assign numbers to vertices

Uses a stack

$O(n+m)$ worst case

n is all vertices

m is all edges

Procedure TOPOLOGICAL-SORT(G)

Input: G : a directed acyclic graph with vertices numbered 1 to n .

Output: A linear order of the vertices such that u appears before v in the linear order if (u, v) is an edge in the graph.

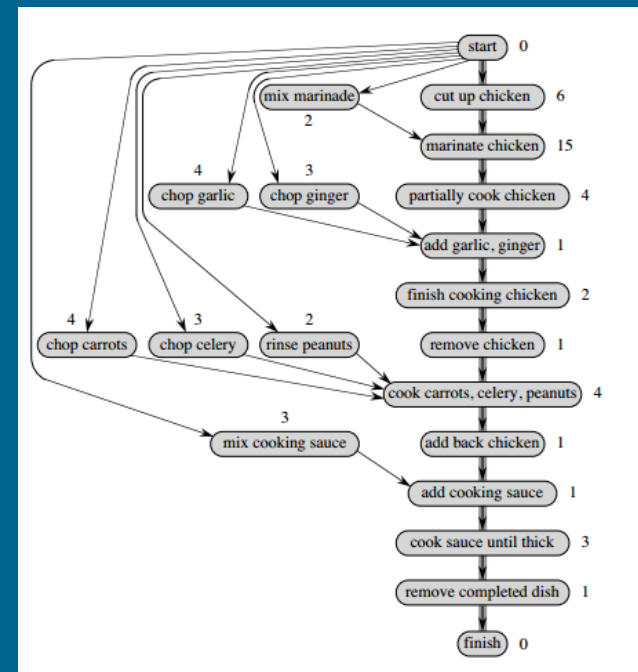
1. Let $in-degree[1..n]$ be a new array, and create an empty linear order of vertices.
2. Set all values in $in-degree$ to 0.
3. For each vertex u :
 - A. For each vertex v adjacent to u :
 - i. Increment $in-degree[v]$.
4. Make a list $next$ consisting of all vertices u such that $in-degree[u] = 0$.
5. While $next$ is not empty, do the following:
 - A. Delete a vertex from $next$, and call it vertex u .
 - B. Add u to the end of the linear order.
 - C. For each vertex v adjacent to u :
 - i. Decrement $in-degree[v]$.
 - ii. If $in-degree[v] = 0$, then insert v into the $next$ list.
6. Return the linear order.

PERT Chart

“Program Evaluation and Review Technique”

DAG with time corresponding to tasks

Critical Path: The most efficient amount of time to complete a task given unlimited resources or the minimum sum of time to complete a task



Algorithm Relax

Relaxation steps

Used in DAG shortest paths

Procedure RELAX(u, v)

Inputs: u, v : vertices such that there is an edge (u, v) .

Result: The value of $shortest[v]$ might decrease, and if it does, then $pred[v]$ becomes u .

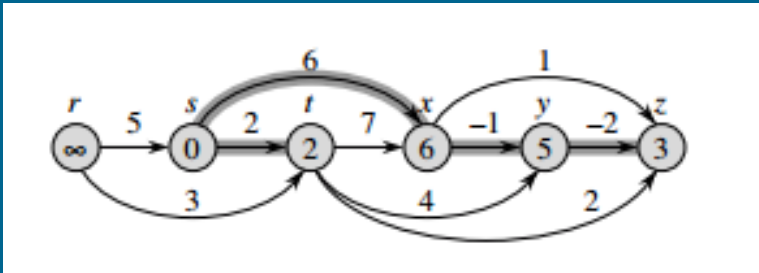
1. If $shortest[u] + weight(u, v) < shortest[v]$, then set $shortest[v]$ to $shortest[u] + weight(u, v)$ and set $pred[v]$ to u .

Algorithm DAG Shortest Path

Source Vertex

Target Vertex

Single source shortest paths



Procedure DAG-SHORTEST-PATHS(G, s)

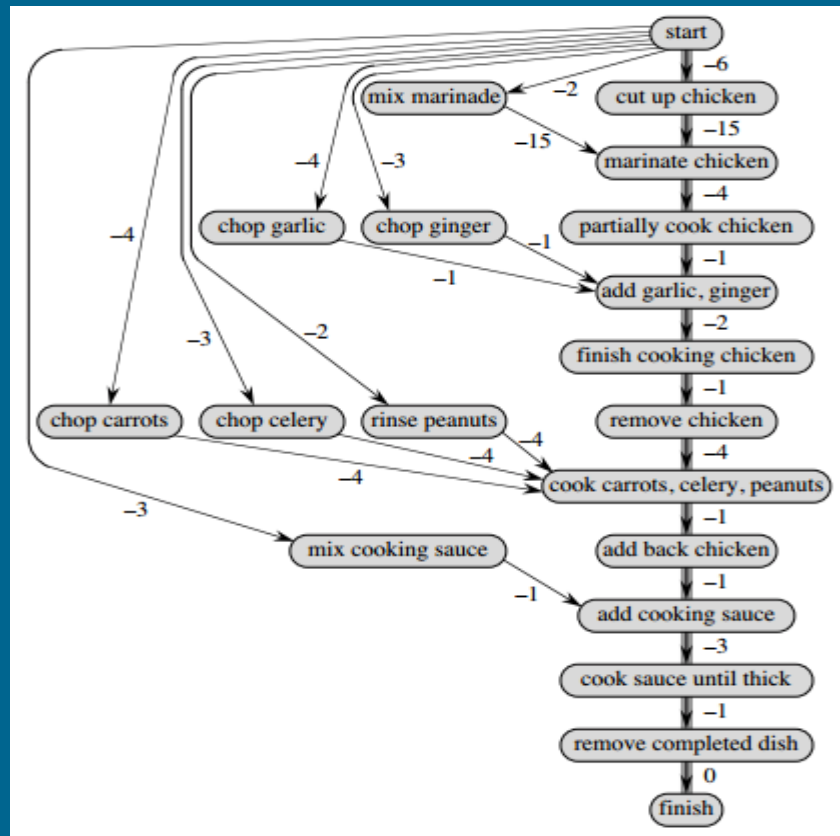
Inputs:

- G : a weighted directed acyclic graph containing a set V of n vertices and a set E of m directed edges.
- s : a source vertex in V .

Result: For each non-source vertex v in V , $shortest[v]$ is the weight $sp(s, v)$ of a shortest path from s to v and $pred[v]$ is the vertex preceding v on some shortest path. For the source vertex s , $shortest[s] = 0$ and $pred[s] = \text{NULL}$. If there is no path from s to v , then $shortest[v] = \infty$ and $pred[v] = \text{NULL}$.

1. Call `TOPOLOGICAL-SORT(G)` and set l to be the linear order of vertices returned by the call.
2. Set $shortest[v]$ to ∞ for each vertex v except s , set $shortest[s]$ to 0, and set $pred[v]$ to `NULL` for each vertex v .
3. For each vertex u , taken in the order given by l :
 - A. For each vertex v adjacent to u :
 - i. Call `RELAX(u, v)`.

DAG Shortest Path Example



Sources

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Thank you!