

# Searching Graphs

Note Title

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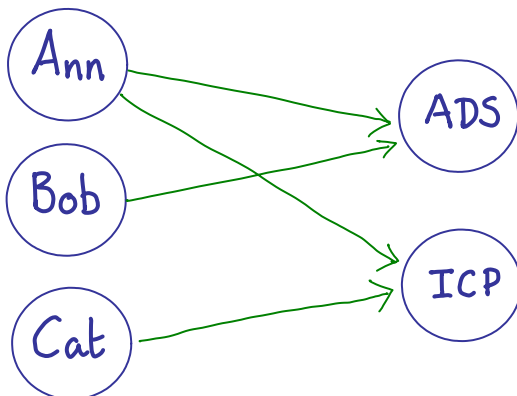
Example: London underground

Graph	Relation
undirected	symmetric
colour	union
path	reflexive, transitive closure

$S, T$  — sets (usually finite in examples)

**Definition** A relation of type  $S \sim T$  is a subset of  $S \times T$  (the set of pairs  $(s, t)$  where  $s \in S \wedge t \in T$ ).

**Example** *takes* of type Student  $\sim$  Module .



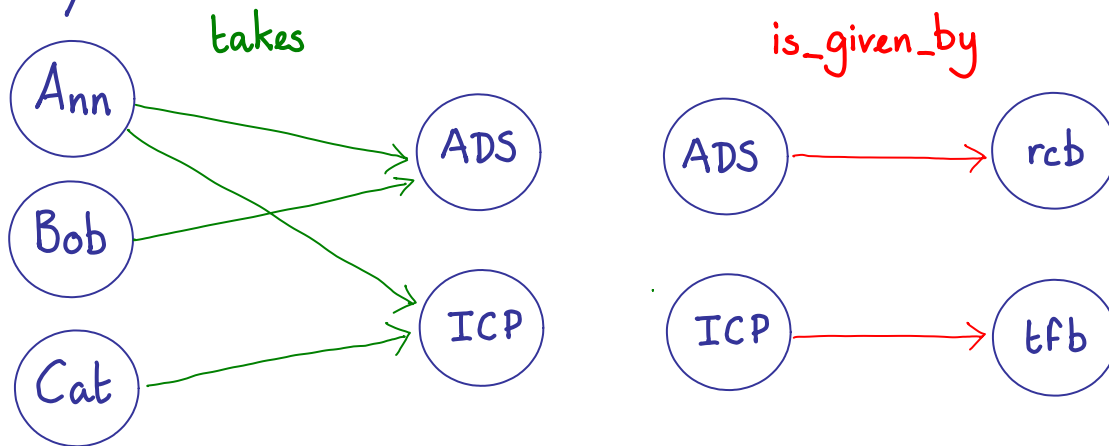
"bipartite graph"

Definition If  $X$  is a relation of type  $S \sim T$  and  $Y$  is a relation of type  $T \sim U$ , the composition

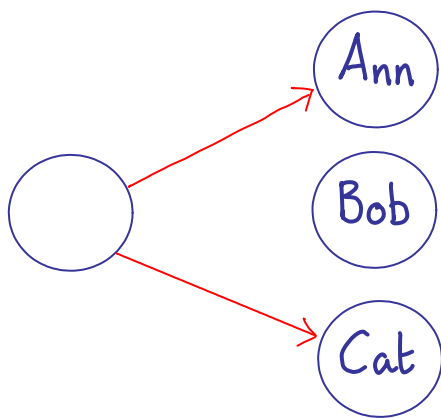
$X \cdot Y$  is the relation of type  $S \sim U$  defined by

$$X \cdot Y = \{s, t, u : (s, t) \in X \wedge (t, u) \in Y : (s, u)\} .$$

Example



A subset  $S$  of a universe  $U$  can be viewed as a relation of type  $\mathbb{1} \sim U$  where  $\mathbb{1}$  is a one-element set.

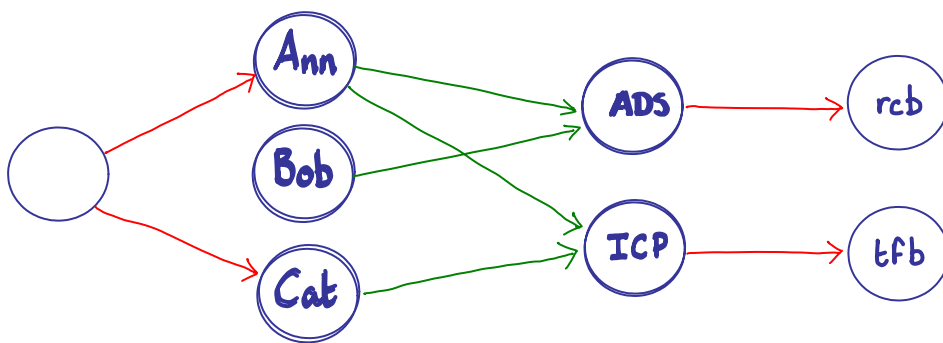
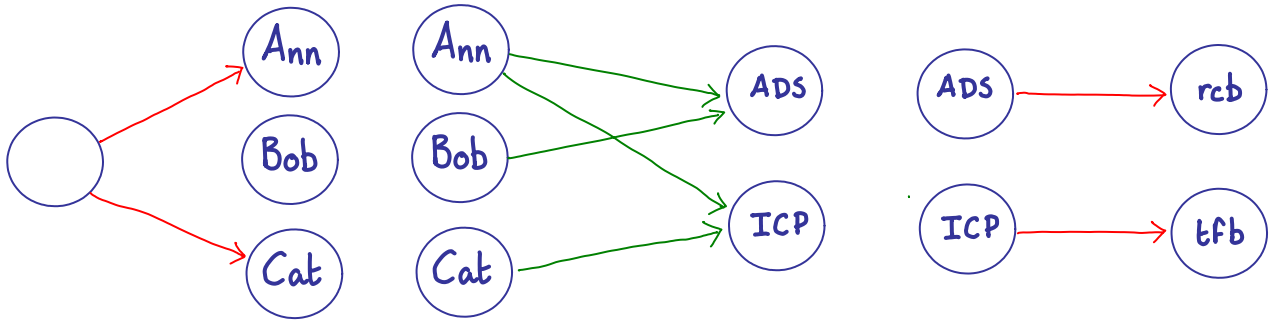


Write:  $\langle S \rangle$

$\{Ann, Cat\}$

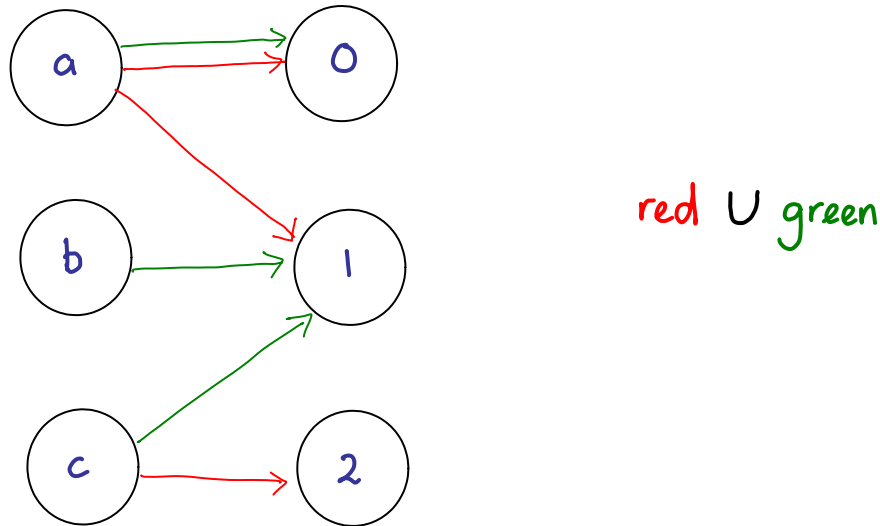
Composition of relations is associative

$$(X \cdot Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot (Y \cdot Z)$$



Set of lecturers taken by Ann and Cat.

Relations are sets. The union of two relations is meaningful if they have the same type.



Composition distributes through union.

$$X \cdot (Y \cup Z) = X \cdot Y \cup X \cdot Z$$

$$(X \cup Y) \cdot Z = X \cdot Z \cup Y \cdot Z$$

The empty relation is the zero of composition.

$$\emptyset \cdot X = \emptyset = X \cdot \emptyset$$

The identity relation (of appropriate type) is its unit

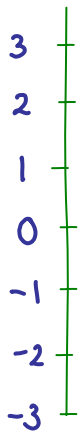
$$\text{Id}_S \cdot X = X = X \cdot \text{Id}_T \quad (X : S \sim T)$$

$$\text{Id}_S = \{x : x \in S : (x, x)\}$$

# Binary Relations

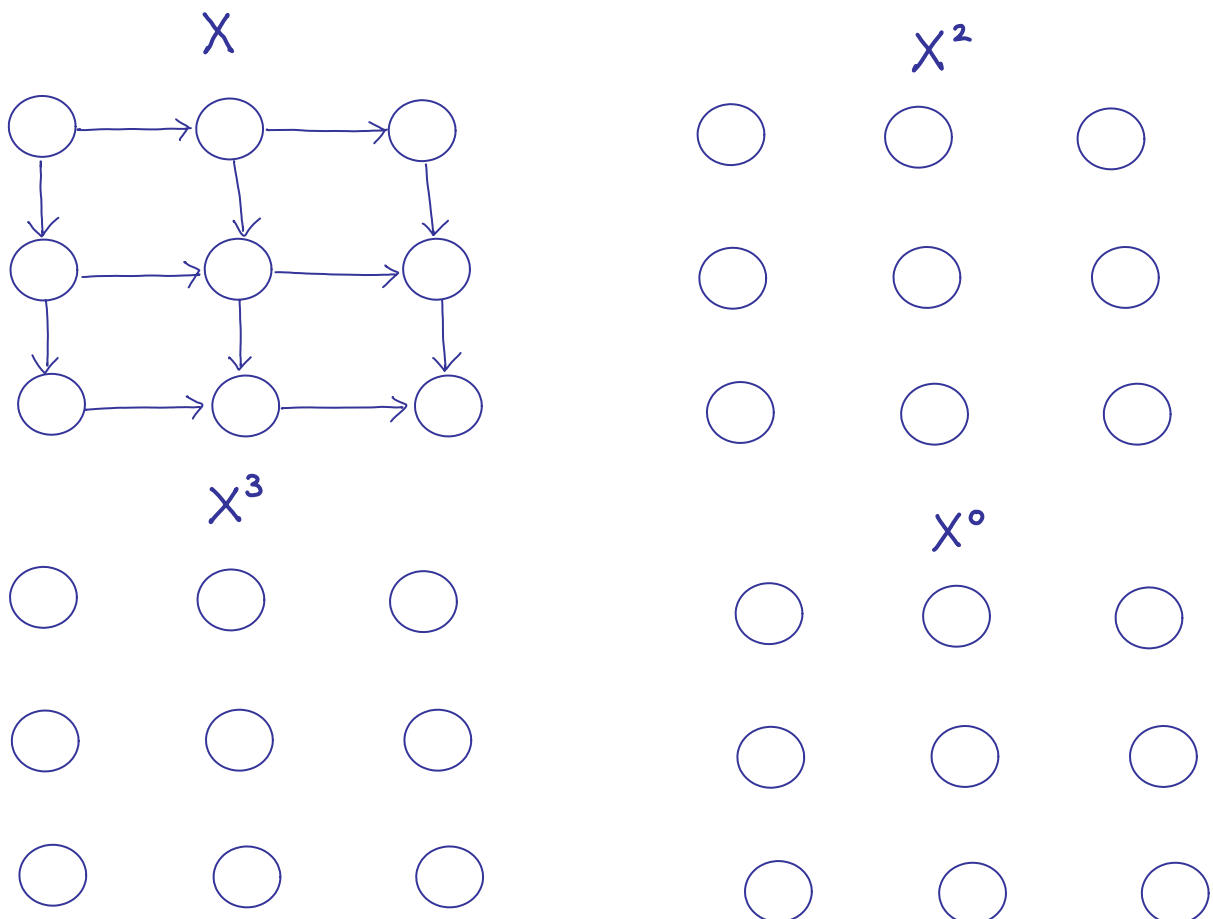
A binary relation is a relation of type  $S \sim S$  for some  $S$ .

Example Predecessor relation



$$m \text{ predecessor } n \equiv m = n - 1$$

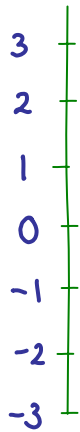
(note convention when displaying graph).



$$X^* = \langle \cup_k : 0 \leq k : X^k \rangle$$

$X^*$  is the reflexive, transitive closure of  $X$ .

Example



$$\text{at\_most} = \text{predecessor}^*$$

Id identity relation of same type as  $X - \{x :: (x,x)\}$

$$X^* = \text{Id} \cup X \cdot X^* = \text{Id} \cup X^* \cdot X$$

$$\text{Id} \subseteq X^* \quad (\text{reflexive})$$

$$X^* \cdot X^* \subseteq X^* \quad (\text{transitive})$$

$$\langle \forall Y, Z : Y \cup Z \cdot X \subseteq Z \Rightarrow Y \cdot X^* \subseteq Z \rangle$$

(closure)

Graph Searching: given a set  $S$  and a relation  $R$ ,  
determine  $\langle S \rangle \cdot R^*$

(nodes reachable from nodes in  $S$  by paths such that edges satisfy  $R$ ).

$V$  finite set of nodes  
 $G$  directed graph/binary relation on  $V$ .  
 $S$  subset of  $V$  (start nodes)

Basic algorithm:

[[  $n : \perp \sim V$

▷  $n := \langle S \rangle$  ;

{ Invariant:  $\langle S \rangle \cdot G^* = n \cdot G^*$

Bound fn.:  $|V| - |n|$  }

do  $n \neq n \cup n \cdot G \rightarrow n := n \cup n \cdot G$   
 od

{  $n = \langle S \rangle \cdot G^*$  }

]]

Basic algorithm:

[[  $n : \perp \sim V$  ;  $k : \mathbb{N}$  ; /\* auxiliary variable \*/

▷  $n := \langle S \rangle$  ;  $k := 0$  ;

{ Invariant:  $n = \langle S \rangle \cdot G^{\leq k}$

Bound fn.:  $|V| - |n|$  }

do  $n \neq n \cup n \cdot G \rightarrow k, n := k+1, n \cup n \cdot G$   
 od

{  $n = \langle S \rangle \cdot G^*$  }

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$G^{\leq k} = \langle \cup_j : 0 \leq j \leq k : G^j \rangle$  .

Uses  $G^* = G^{\leq |V|}$  for finite  $V$  and  $G: V \sim V$ .

b "black" nodes  
g "grey" nodes

[ [ b, g :  $1 \sim V$

▷ g :=  $\langle S \rangle$  ; b :=  $\emptyset$  ;

{ Invariant :  $\langle S \rangle \cdot G^* = b \cup g \cdot G^*$

Bound fn. :  $|V| - |b|$  }

do g  $\neq \emptyset \rightarrow$  b, g := b  $\cup$  g, g  $\cdot G \cap \neg(b \cup g)$

od

{ b =  $\langle S \rangle \cdot G^*$  }

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## Avoiding recomputation

Elementwise implementation :

b, g :=  $\emptyset, S$  ;

{ Invariant :  $\langle S \rangle \cdot G^* = \langle b \rangle \cup \langle g \rangle \cdot G^*$

Bound fn. :  $|V| - |b \cup g|$  }

do  $\langle \exists v : v \in g$

: b, g := b  $\cup$  {v}, (g - {v})  $\cup$  ( $\langle v \rangle \cdot G \cap \neg(b \cup g)$ )

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od

{ g =  $\emptyset \wedge \langle S \rangle \cdot G^* = \langle b \rangle$  }



Breadth-first search : implement  $g$  as a queue

Depth-first search : implement  $g$  as a stack .

## Topological Search

Assumes  $G$  is acyclic. Equivalently  $G^{|V|} = \emptyset$ .

Constructs a total ordering of the nodes of  $G$ .

Postcondition:

$$\langle \forall u, v :: \langle u | G^+ | v \rangle \Rightarrow f.u < f.v \rangle$$

( $G^+$  is the transitive closure of  $G$ .

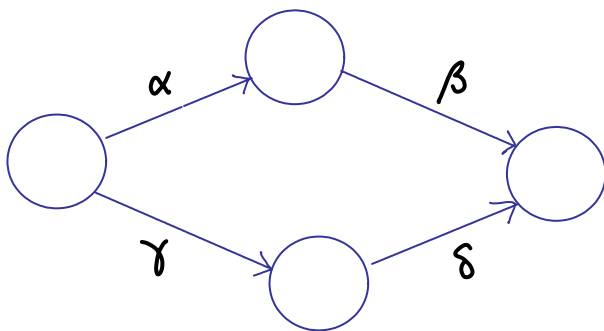
$$G^+ = \langle \cup k : 1 \leq k : G^k \rangle . \quad )$$



# Shortest Paths

focus on

- understanding the function of each of the program variables by understanding the invariants
- the algebra of operations on graphs.



Edge labels  
are symbols.

$d$  maps edge labels to distances.

Extend  $d$  to paths:

and to sets of paths:

D distance graph/matrix

$$\langle u | \cdot D \cdot | v \rangle = \begin{array}{l} \text{if } (u,v) \in G \rightarrow d(u,v) \\ \square (u,v) \notin G \rightarrow \infty \\ \text{fi} \end{array}$$

$\langle u |$   $1 \times |V|$  graph/matrix with one edge (to  $u$ ) of distance 0

$|v \rangle$   $|V| \times 1$  graph/matrix.

## Definitions

$D \downarrow E$  is given by

$$\langle u | \cdot D \downarrow E \cdot | v \rangle = \langle u | \cdot D \cdot | v \rangle \downarrow \langle u | \cdot E \cdot | v \rangle$$

$D \cdot E$  is given by

$$\langle u | \cdot D \cdot E \cdot | v \rangle = \langle \downarrow w :: \langle u | \cdot D \cdot | w \rangle + \langle w | \cdot E \cdot | v \rangle \rangle$$

(where  $d + \infty = \infty$ )

$$D^* = \langle \downarrow k : 0 \leq k : D^k \rangle .$$

Shortest distance from  $u$  to  $v$

$$\langle u | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle .$$

Observe: for labelled graphs  $G, H$  :

$$d.(G \cup H) = d.G \downarrow d.H$$

$$d.(G \cdot H) = d.G \cdot d.H$$

$$d.(G^*) = (d.G)^*$$

Also, for distance graphs  $D, E, F$

$\downarrow$  is associative, symmetric and idempotent

$\cdot$  is associative

$$D \cdot (E \downarrow F) = (D \cdot E) \downarrow (D \cdot F)$$

## (Dijkstra's) Wave Algorithm

$b$  "black" nodes  
 $g$  "grey" nodes

$b, g := \emptyset, \{S\}$ ; for  $u \in V$  do  $d.u := \infty$  rof ;  $d.S := 0$ ;

{ Invariant:  $\langle \forall u: u \in b: \langle S | D^* | u \rangle = d.u \rangle$

$\wedge \langle \forall u: u \notin b: \langle S | D^* | u \rangle = \langle \downarrow v: v \in g: d.v + \langle v | D^* | u \rangle \rangle$

}

do  $\langle \exists v: v \in g \wedge d.v = \langle \downarrow u: u \in g: d.u \rangle$

:  $b := b \cup \{v\}$ ;  $g := g - \{v\}$ ;

foreach edge  $(v, w)$  from  $v$  do

$d.w := d.w \downarrow (d.v + \langle v | D^* | w \rangle)$ ;

$g := g \cup (\{w\} - (bug))$

rof

od

{  $g = \emptyset \wedge \langle S | D^* = d \rangle$  }

# Implementation Problems

1. Initialisation:

for  $u \in V$  do  $d.u := \infty$  rof ;

2. Choice of  $v$ :

$v \in g \wedge d.v = \langle \downarrow u : u \in g : d.u \rangle$

Standard Solution : use "priority queue" for  $g$ .

Observe :

each edge is "visited" exactly once

for each edge  $(v,w)$  from  $v$  do  
 $d.w := d.w \downarrow (d.v + \langle v \cdot D \cdot w \rangle)$  ;  
rof  $g := g \cup \{w\} - (\text{bug})$

Idea :

compute edge distances

choose closest grey edge .

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] [ b: set of node; /* "black" nodes */
    g: set of edge; /* "grey" edges */
    d: node → distance; /* undefined for "white" nodes */
    ed: edge → distance; /* undefined for "white" edges */
▷ b := {S}; g := {e | e ∈ edge ∧ from.e = S}
  for e ∈ g do ed.e := ⟨from.e | D | to.e⟩ rof
  { Invariant:
    ⟨∀u: u ∈ b: ⟨S | D* | u⟩ = d.u⟩
    ∧ ⟨∀u: u ∉ b: ⟨S | D* | u⟩ = ⟨∃e: e ∈ g: ed.e + ⟨to.e | D* | u⟩⟩⟩
    ∧ ⟨∀e: e ∈ g: ed.e = ⟨S | D* | from.e⟩ + ⟨from.e | D | to.e⟩⟩
  }
  do F ∉ b ∧ g ≠ ∅ → if (∃e: e ∈ g ∧ ed.e = ⟨∃e': e' ∈ g: ed.e'⟩):
    v := to.e; g := g - {e};
    if v ∈ b → skip
    □ v ∉ b → b := b ∪ {v}; d.v := ed.e;
      for each e' s.t. from.e' = v
        do ed.e' := d.v + ⟨v | D | to.e'⟩
      rof
    fi
  fi
od
{(F ∈ b ∧ d.F = ⟨S | D* | F⟩) ∨ (F ∉ b ∧ d.F = ∞)}
] ]

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b := {S}; g := {e | e ∈ edge ∧ from.e = S}
for e ∈ g do ed.e := ⟨from.e | D | to.e⟩ rof

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Assumption: edge distances are natural numbers less than MAX

$b := \{S\}$ ;  $g := \{e \mid e \in \text{edge} \wedge \text{from}.e = S\}$   
for  $e \in g$  do  $ed.e := \langle \text{from}.e \mid D \mid \text{to}.e \rangle$  rof

$\text{dist} := 0$ ;

{Invariant:  $\langle \forall u: u \in b: d.u \leq \text{dist} \rangle$

$\wedge \langle \forall e: e \in g: \text{dist} \leq ed.e < \text{dist} + \text{MAX} \rangle$  }

do  $F \notin b \wedge g \neq \emptyset \rightarrow$

if  $\langle \exists e: e \in g \wedge \text{dist} = ed.e$

$v := \text{to}.e$ ;  $g := g - \{e\}$ ;

if  $v \in b \rightarrow$  skip

$\square v \notin b \rightarrow b := b \cup \{v\}$ ;  $d.v := \text{dist}$

for each  $e'$  s.t.  $\text{from}.e' = v$

do  $ed.e' := \text{dist} + \langle v \mid D \mid \text{to}.e' \rangle$

rof

$\rangle$  fi

$\square$  otherwise  $\rightarrow \text{dist} := \text{dist} + 1$

fi

od

## Implementation of $g$

$gs$ : array[0..MAX) of Stack of edge ;

Invariant :

$g = \langle \cup i: 0 \leq i < \text{MAX}: \text{Setify}.(gs[i]) \rangle$

$\wedge \langle \forall i, e: e \in gs[i]: ed.e = \text{dist} + (i - \text{dist}) \bmod \text{MAX} \rangle$

$e \in g \wedge \text{dist} = ed.e$ :  $e := \text{pop}.(gs[\text{dist} \bmod \text{MAX}])$

$ed.e' := \text{dist} + \langle \text{from}.e' \mid D \mid \text{to}.e' \rangle$  :

$\text{push}.(gs[(\text{dist} + \langle \text{from}.e' \mid D \mid \text{to}.e' \rangle) \bmod \text{MAX}], e')$



# A\* Algorithm

- Given start,  $S$ , and finish,  $F$ , Find  $\langle S | \cdot D^* \cdot | F \rangle$
- Assumes an "admissible heuristic"  $\underline{H}$  :  

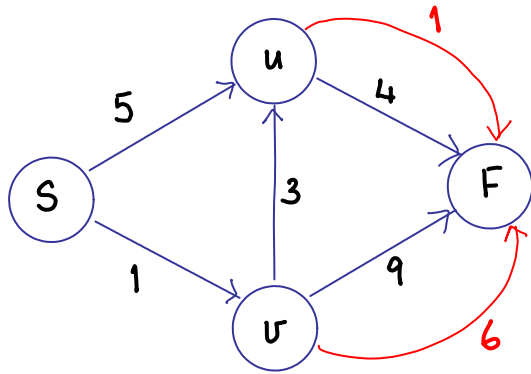
$$\underline{H} \leq D \cdot \underline{H}$$
 (i.e.  $\langle \forall u, v :: H.u \leq \langle u | \cdot D \cdot | v \rangle + H.v \rangle$  )  
 For example, crow-fly distance to finish.
- It's usual to require that  $H.F = 0$  but, for correctness, this is unnecessary.

b "black" nodes  
g "grey" nodes

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b, g := ∅, {S}; for u ∈ V do d.u := ∞ rof; d.S := 0;
{ Invariant:  ⟨∀u: u ∈ b: ⟨S | · D* · | u⟩ = d.u⟩
  ^ ⟨∀u: u ∉ b: ⟨S | · D* · | u⟩ = ⟨∃v: v ∈ g: d.v + ⟨v | · D* · | u⟩⟩ }
do
  F ∉ b → if ⟨∃v: v ∈ g ∧ d.v + H.v = ⟨∃u: u ∈ g: d.u + H.u⟩
    : b := b ∪ {v}; g := g - {v};
    for each edge (v, w) from v do
      d.w := d.w ↓ (d.v + ⟨v | · D · | w⟩);
      g := g ∪ {w} - (bug)
    rof
  fi
od
{ ⟨S | · D* · | F⟩ = d.F }
  
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## Inadmissible Heuristic



"heuristic" distance

actual distance

$$\langle S | \cdot D^* \cdot | F \rangle = 8$$

Verification. 1.  $b, g := b \cup \{v\}, g - \{v\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d.v &= \langle S | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle \\
 &= \{ \text{Invariant, } v \notin b \} \\
 d.v &= \langle \downarrow w: w \in g: d.w + \langle w | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle \rangle \\
 &= \{ \text{arithmetic, addition distributes over } \downarrow \} \\
 d.v + H.v &= \langle \downarrow w: w \in g: d.w + \langle w | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle + H.v \rangle \\
 &= \{ v \in g, \text{ range splitting} \} \\
 d.v + H.v &\leq \langle \downarrow w: w \in g \wedge w \neq v: d.w + \langle w | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle + H.v \rangle \\
 \Leftarrow & \{ H \text{ is admissible. I.e. } H \leq D \cdot H. \\
 & \text{Hence } H \leq D^+ \cdot H. \\
 & [ w \neq v \Rightarrow \langle w | \cdot D^* \cdot | v \rangle = \langle w | \cdot D^+ \cdot | v \rangle ] \} \\
 d.v + H.v &\leq \langle \downarrow w: w \in g \wedge w \neq v: d.w + H.w \rangle \\
 &= \{ \text{range splitting, } v \in g \} \\
 d.v + H.v &= \langle \downarrow w: w \in g: d.w + H.w \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: modify  $A^*$  algorithm in same way that the wave algorithm was modified

— assume same heuristic  $H$  but choose edges rather than nodes.

Can the same implementation technique be used for the grey edges?