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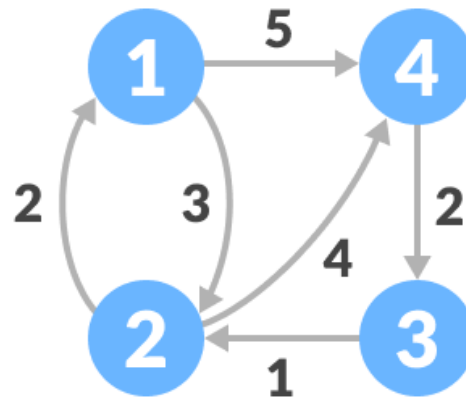
- Floyd-Warshall Algorithm is an **algorithm for finding the shortest path** between all the pairs of vertices in a weighted graph.
- This algorithm **works for both the directed and undirected** weighted graphs.
- But, it does not work for the graphs with negative cycles (where the sum of the edges in a cycle is negative).

# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- **A weighted graph is a graph in which each edge has a numerical value associated with it.**
- Floyd-Warshall algorithm is also called as Floyd's algorithm, Roy-Floyd algorithm, Roy-Warshall algorithm or WFI algorithm.
- This algorithm follows the [dynamic programming](#) approach to find the shortest paths.

# How Floyd-Warshall Algorithm Works?

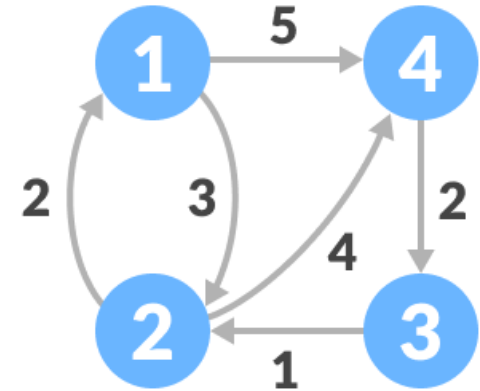
- Let the given graph be:



- Follow the steps below to find the shortest path between all the pairs of vertices.

### Step 1:

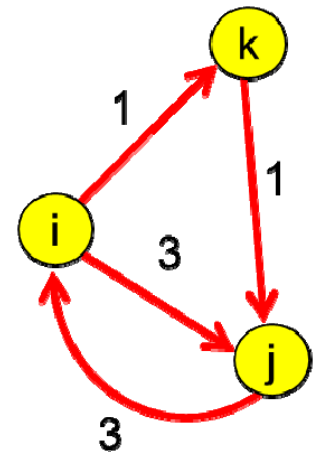
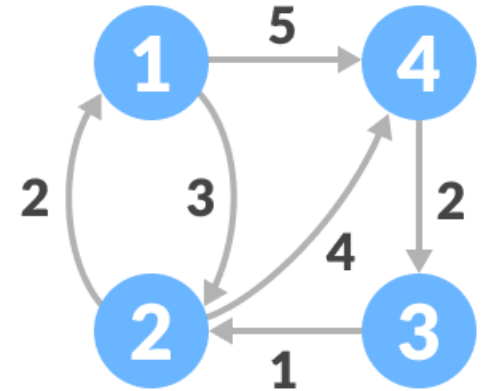
- Create a matrix  $A^0$  of dimension  $n \times n$  where  $n$  is the number of vertices.
- The row and the column are indexed as  $i$  and  $j$  respectively.
- $i$  and  $j$  are the vertices of the graph.
- Each cell  $A[i][j]$  is filled with the distance from the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex.
- If there is no path from  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex to  $j^{\text{th}}$  vertex, the cell is left as infinity.



$$A^0 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & \infty & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & \infty & 4 \\ \infty & 1 & 0 & \infty \\ \infty & \infty & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## Step 2:

- Now, create a matrix  $A^1$  using matrix  $A^0$ .
- The elements in the first column and the first row are left as they are.
- The remaining cells are filled in the following way.
- Let  $k$  be the intermediate vertex in the shortest path from source to destination.
- In this step,  $k$  is the first vertex.
- $A[i][j]$  is filled with  $(A[i][k] + A[k][j])$   
if  $(A[i][j] > A[i][k] + A[k][j])$ .
- That is, if the direct distance from the source to the destination is greater than the path through the vertex  $k$ , then the cell is filled with  $A[i][k] + A[k][j]$ .

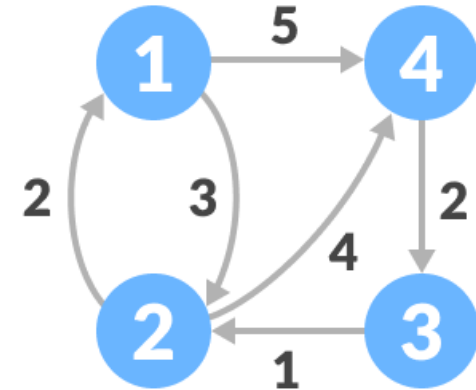


## Step 2:

- In this step,  $k$  is vertex 1. We calculate the distance from source vertex to destination vertex through this vertex  $k$ .

For example:

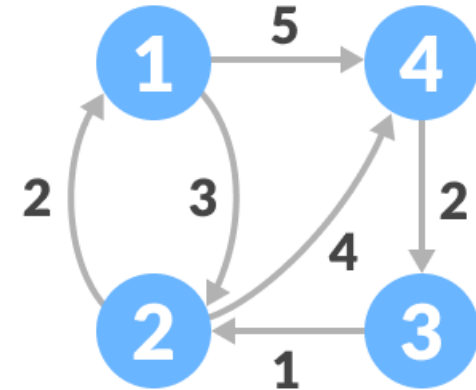
- For  $A^1[2, 4]$ , the direct distance from vertex 2 to 4 is 4 and the sum of the distance from vertex 2 to 4 through vertex 1 (i.e. from vertex 2 to 1 and from vertex 1 to 4) is 7.
- Since  $4 < 7$ ,  $A^0[2, 4]$  is filled with 4.



$$A^1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & \infty & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & & \\ \infty & & 0 & \\ \infty & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & \infty & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ \infty & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ \infty & \infty & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

### Step 3:

- In a similar way,  $A^2$  is created using  $A^1$ .
- The elements in the second column and the second row are left as they are.
- In this step,  $k$  is the second vertex (i.e. vertex 2).
- The remaining steps are the same as in step 2.



$$A^2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & & \\ 2 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ & 1 & 0 & \\ & \infty & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 9 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ \infty & \infty & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

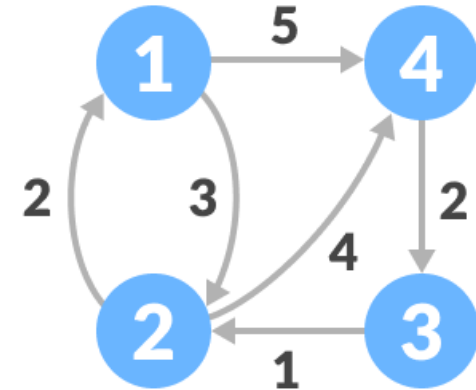


## Step 4:

- Similarly,  $A^3$  and  $A^4$  is also created.

$$A^3 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \infty & \\ & 0 & 9 & \\ \infty & 1 & 0 & 8 \\ & & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 9 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 9 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & 5 \\ & 0 & & 4 \\ & & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 7 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 6 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



$A^4$  gives the shortest path between each pair of vertices.

# Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

$n$  = no of vertices

$A$  = matrix of dimension  $n \times n$

for  $k = 1$  to  $n$

    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

        for  $j = 1$  to  $n$

$A^k[i, j] = \min (A^{k-1}[i, j], A^{k-1}[i, k] + A^{k-1}[k, j])$

return  $A$

# Floyd Warshall Algorithm Complexity

## **Time Complexity**

- There are three loops.
- Each loop has constant complexities.
- So, the time complexity of the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is  $O(n^3)$ .

## **Space Complexity**

- The space complexity of the Floyd-Warshall algorithm is  $O(n^2)$ .

# Floyd Warshall Algorithm Applications

- To find the shortest path in a directed graph
- To find the transitive closure of directed graphs
- To find the Inversion of real matrices
- For testing whether an undirected graph is bipartite

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// Floyd-Warshall Algorithm in C
#include <stdio.h>
// defining the number of vertices
#define nV 4
#define INF 999
void printMatrix(int A[][nV]);

void floydWarshall(int graph[][nV]){
    int A[nV][nV], i, j, k;
    for (i = 0; i < nV; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < nV; j++)
            A[i][j] = graph[i][j];
    for (k = 0; k < nV; k++) {
        for (i = 0; i < nV; i++) {
            for (j = 0; j < nV; j++) {
                if (A[i][k] + A[k][j] < A[i][j])
                    A[i][j] = A[i][k] + A[k][j];
            }
        }
    }
    printMatrix(A);
}

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void printMatrix(int A[][nV]){
    for (int i = 0; i < nV; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < nV; j++) {
            if (A[i][j] == INF)
                printf("%4s", "INF");
            else
                printf("%4d", A[i][j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
    }
}

int main(){
    int graph[nV][nV] = {{0, 3, INF, 5},
                          {2, 0, INF, 4},
                          {INF, 1, 0, INF},
                          {INF, INF, 2, 0}};
    floydWarshall(graph);
}

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