CSCI2100: Regular Exercise Set 13

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Problem 1. Let S be a set of integer pairs of the form (id, v). We will refer to the first field as the *id* of the pair, and the second as the *key* of the pair. Design a data structure that supports the following operations:

- Insert: add a new pair (id, v) to S (you can assume that S does not already have a pair with the same id).
- Delete: given an integer t, delete the pair (id, v) from S where $t = id$, if such a pair exists.
- DeleteMin: remove from S the pair with the smallest key, and return it. .

Your structure must consume $O(n)$ space, and support all operations in $O(\log n)$ time where $n = |S|$.

Solution. Maintain S in two binary search trees T_1 and T_2, where the pairs are indexed on ids in T_1, and on keys in T_2. We support the three operations as follows:

- Insert: simply insert the new pair (id, v) into both T_1 and T_2.
- Delete: first find the pair with id t in T_1, from which we know the key v of the pair. Now, delete the pair (t, v) from both T_1 and T_2.
- DeleteMin: find the pair with the smallest key v from T_2 (which can be found by continuously descending into left child nodes). Now we have its id t as well. Remove (t, v) from T_1 and T_2.

Problem 2. Describe how to implement the Dijkstra's algorithm on a graph $G = (V, E)$ in $O((|V| + |E|) \cdot \log |V|)$ time.

Solution. Recall that the algorithm maintains (i) a set S of vertices at all times, and (ii) an integer value $dist(v)$ for each vertex $v \in S$. Define P to be the set of $(v, dist(v))$ pairs (one for each $v \in S$). We need the following operations on P:

- Insert: add a pair $(v, dist(v))$ to P.
- DecreaseKey: given a vertex $v \in S$ and an integer $x < dist(v)$, update the pair $(v, dist(v))$ to (v, x) (and thereby, setting $dist(v) = x$ in P).
- DeleteMin: Remove from P the pair $(v, dist(v))$ with the smalelst $dist(v)$.

We can store P in a data structure of Problem 2 which supports all operations in $O(\log |V|)$ time (note: DecreaseKey can be implemented as a Delete followed by an Insert).

In addition to the above structure, we store all the $dist(v)$ values in an array A of length $|V|$, so that using the id of a vertex v, we can find its $dist(v)$ in constant time.

Now we can implement the algorithm as follows. Initially, insert only $(s, 0)$ into P, where s is the source vertex. Also, in A, set all the values to ∞, except the cell of s which equals 0.

Then, we repeat the following until P is empty:

- Perform a DeleteMin to obtain a pair $(v, dist(v))$.

- For every edge (v, u), compare $dist(u)$ to $dist(v) + w(u, v)$. If the latter is smaller, perform a DecreaseKey on vertex u to set $dist(u) = dist(v) + w(u, v)$, and update the cell of u in A with this value as well.

Problem 5*. In the lecture, we proved the correctness of Dijkstra's algorithm in the scenario where all the edges have positive weights. Prove: the algorithm is still correct if we allow edges to take *non-negative* weights (i.e., zero weights are allowed).

Solution. As in the proof in our lecture notes, we will prove that $dist(v)$ must be $spdist(v)$ when v is to be removed from S. Again we will do so by induction on the order that the vertices are removed. The base step, which corresponds to removing the source vertex s, is obviously correct. Next, assuming correctness on all the vertices already removed, we will prove that the statement holds on the *next* vertex v to be removed.

Let π be an arbitrary shortest path from s to v. Identify the last vertex u on π such that $spdist(u) = spdist(v)$. In other words, all the edges on π between u and v have weight 0. Let π' be the prefix of π that ends at u (i.e., π' is a sequence of edges that is the same as π, except that π' does not grow beyond u).

Claim 1: When v is to be removed from S, all the vertices on π' except possibly u must have been removed from S.

This claim can be established using the same argument as in our lecture notes (consider the predecessor of u, which must have been removed, and then discuss what happens when the algorithm relaxed the edge from that predecessor to u).

Now let us focus on the path π'' that is the sequence of edges from u to v on π. Define u' as the first vertex on π'' that has *not* been removed from S. Note that u' is well defined because v itself (which is the last vertex on π'') is still in S at this moment.

Claim 2: When v is to be removed from S, $dist(u') = spdist(u')$.

This claim again can be established using the same argument as in our lecture notes.

It now follows that $dist(v) \le dist(u') = spdist(u') = spdist(v)$, where the first inequality used the fact that the algorithm is about to remove v from S.