# A Comparative Analysis of Various Techniques for Shortest Routes Network Problem

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#### Abstract

Computing constrained shortest Routes is basic to some significant network capacities, for example, QoS directing, MPLS Route choice, ATM circuit steering, and traffic designing. The problem is to locate the least expensive Route that fulfills certain imperatives. Specifically, finding the least expensive postponement obliged Route is basic for continuous information streams, for example, voice/video calls. Since it is NP-finished, much research has been planning heuristic algorithms that tackle the  $\varepsilon$ -estimation of the problem with a movable exactness. A typical methodology is to discretize (i.e., scale and round) the connection deferral or connection cost, which changes the first problem to a less difficult one reasonable in polynomial time. The proficiency of the algorithms legitimately identifies with the size of the blunders presented during discretization. In this paper, we propose various techniques for Shortest Routes Network Problem, which enable quicker algorithms to be planned. Diminishing the overhead of registering obliged shortest Routes is for all intents and purposes significant for the fruitful plan of a high-throughput preparing force and memory space.

Keywords: Techniques, Shortest Routes, Network Problem, Processing Power, Algorithm.

## Introduction

A noteworthy hindrance against actualizing dispersed media applications (e.g., web broadcasting, video remotely coordinating, and remote finding) is the trouble of guaranteeing QoS (Quality of Service) over the Internet. A principal problem that underlies numerous significant network capacities, for example, QoS directing, MPLS Route choice, and traffic designing, is to locate the compelled shortest Route — the least expensive Route that fulfills a lot of limitations [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]. For intelligent continuous traffic, the postponement compelled least-cost Route has specific significance [11]. It is the least expensive Route whose start to finish postponement is limited by the defer necessity of a period touchy information stream. The extra data transfer capacity necessity, if there is one, can be effectively taken care of by a pre-handling step that prunes the connections without the required transmission capacity from the diagram. The algorithms for figuring the obliged shortest Routes can be utilized in various conditions, for example, spreading out virtual circuits in ATM networks, setting up wavelength-exchanging Routes in fiber-optics networks, building name

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exchanging Routes in MPLS dependent on the QoS prerequisites in the administration contracts, or applying together with RSVP. There are two plans of actualizing the QoS directing algorithms on switches. The primary plan is to execute them as on-line algorithms that procedure the directing solicitations as they arrive. By and by, on-line algorithms are not constantly wanted. At the point when the solicitation entry rate is high (significant entryways may get thousands or countless demands each second), even the time unpredictability of Dijkstra's calculation will overpower the switch in the event that it is executed on a for each solicitation premise. The registered Routes are stored for the length before the following calculation. This methodology offers help for both obliged unicast and compelled multicast. The calculation load on a switch is free of the solicitation entry rate. In addition, numerous algorithms, including those we will propose in the blink of an eye, have a similar time unpredictability for figuring compelled shortest Routes to all goals or to a solitary goal.

Finding the shortest Route is a significant undertaking in network and transportation related investigation. Shortest separation problems are unavoidable in street network applications, for example, city crisis taking care of and driving framework, where ideal directing must be found. In this manner, network advancement has consistently been the core of operational research. Likewise, as traffic states of a city change every now and then, there could be a gigantic measure of solicitation happening at any minute, for which an ideal Route arrangement must be found rapidly. Henceforth, productivity of a calculation is critical to decide the shortest routes are between hubs in a network. There are numerous algorithms that can be utilized to decide the shortest course between two hubs in a network. In this paper, two standard algorithms Dijkstra's calculation [1], [4] and Floyd Warshall's calculation are talked about and furthermore comprehended utilizing Matlab programming. The direct programming definition of shortest course problem illuminated utilizing (0-1) parallel number programming strategy is additionally examined. The double of figured direct programming and shortest course problem [2] settled by logarithmic strategy is exhibited for modest number of hubs, as it is hard to explain for enormous number of hubs. In such cases, Matlab programming can be the best decision. Further, the shortest separation and shortest course decided utilizing Complementary Slackness Theorem [5].

Audit of writing: A Route that fulfills the postpone prerequisite is known as an achievable Route. Finding the least expensive (least-cost) practical Route is NP finished. There has been extensive work in structuring heuristic answers for this problem. Xue [12] and Juttner et al. [13] utilized the Lagrange unwinding technique to inexact the deferral compelled least-cost directing problem. Notwithstanding, there is no hypothetical bound on how huge the expense of the discovered Route can be. Korkmaz and Krunz utilized a non-direct objective capacity to rough the multi-obliged least-cost Route problem [14]. It was demonstrated that the Route that limits the objective capacity fulfills one limitation and different imperatives increased by  $\sqrt{\lambda} k$ , where  $\lambda$  is a predefined consistent and k is the quantity of requirements. In any case, no realized calculation can discover such a Route in polynomial time. [14] proposed a heuristic calculation, which has a similar time unpredictability as Dijkstra's calculation. It doesn't give a hypothetical bound on the

property of the returned Route, nor give contingent assurance in finding an achievable Route when one exists. Furthermore, in light of the fact that the development of the calculation binds to a specific goal, it isn't reasonable for processing obliged Routes from one source to all goals. For this errand, it is more slow than the algorithms proposed in this paper by two sets of size dependent on our recreations.

Another string of research around there is to plan polynomial time algorithms that tackle the NPcomplete problem with an exactness that is hypothetically limited. Give m and n a chance to be the quantity of connections and the quantity of hubs in the network, separately. Given a little steady  $\varepsilon$ , Hassin's calculation [15] has a period intricacy of O( mn  $\varepsilon$  log UB LB ), where UB and LB are the expenses of the quickest Route and the least expensive Route from the source hub to the goal hub, individually. The calculation finds a practical Route if there exists one. The expense of the Route is inside the expense of the least expensive doable Route duplicated by (1 +  $\varepsilon$ ). Lorenz and Raz improved the time intricacy to O(mn(1/ $\varepsilon$  + log n)) [16]. Chen and Nahstedt tackled a comparable problem in time O((m + n log n)x), where x = O(n/ $\varepsilon$ ) so as to accomplish the  $\varepsilon$ -guess [17]. Goel et al's. calculation [18] has the best-known multifaceted nature of O((m + n log n) L  $\varepsilon$ ), where L is the length (jumps) of the longest Route in the network. Nonetheless, its estimation model is extraordinary. It processes a Route whose cost is close to the expense of the least expensive possible Route, while the deferral of the Route is inside (1 + $\varepsilon$ ) of the postpone prerequisite. The algorithms proposed in this paper pursue Goel's model.

One regular system of the above algorithms [15], [17], [18] is to discretize the connection deferral (or connection cost). Because of the discretization, the conceivable number of various postpone qualities (or cost esteems) for a Route is decreased, which makes the problem feasible in polynomial time. The adequacy of this procedure relies upon how much blunder is presented during the discretization. The current discretization methodologies have either positive discretization mistake for each connection or negative blunder for each connection. Hence, the discretization blunder on a Route is measurably relative to the Route length as the mistakes on the connections along the Route include. So as to bound the most extreme blunder, the discretization must be done at a fine level, which prompts high execution time of the algorithms. Given the constrained assets and consistently expanding assignments of the switches, it is basically essential to improve the effectiveness of the network capacities. While QoS steering is costly because of its non-direct nature, it has specific centrality to lessen the switch's overhead in processing the obliged shortest Routes. In this paper, we propose two techniques, randomized discretization and Route postpone discretization, which diminish the discretization blunders and enable quicker algorithms to be structured. The randomized discretization counterbalances the connection blunders along a Route. The bigger the topology, the more noteworthy the blunder decrease. The Route defer discretization takes a shot at the Route delays rather than the individual connection delays, which takes out the problem of mistake amassing. In light of these techniques, we configuration quick algorithms to understand the  $\varepsilon$ -estimation of the obliged shortest-Route problem. We demonstrate the rightness and complexities of the algorithms. In

spite of the fact that the new algorithms have a similar most pessimistic scenario multifaceted nature as Goel et al's. calculation [18], we accept (and our reproductions recommend) that they run a lot quicker on the normal case. The reenactments demonstrate that the new algorithms are quicker than Goel et al's. calculation by a request for greatness on power-law topologies with 1000 hubs.

## Linear Programming Formulation of the Shortest Route Problem

Linear Programming is a basic programming definition problem. The greater part of the network problems can be figured as Linear Programming Problems and can be fathomed utilizing simplex technique calculation. In this segment, two Linear Programming definitions for the shortest-course problem are examined. These plans are commonly used to locate the shortest course between any two hubs in the network.

**Formulation 1:** This formulation assumes that an external unit of flow enters the network at node s and leaves at node t, where s and t are the two nodes between which the shortest route is to be determined.

Define  $x_{ij}$  = Amount of flow in arc ( i , j), for all feasible i and j,

 $c_{ij}$  = Length of arc ( i , j), for all feasible i and j.

Because only one unit of flow can be in any arc at any given time, the variable  $x_{ij}$  can assumes binary values (0 or 1) only. Thus, the objective function of the linear program becomes:

# Minimize $\mathbf{Z} = \sum$ all defined arcs $c_{ij} x_{ij}$

The below constraint represents the conservation of flow at each node and for any node j;

Total input flow = Total output flow.

**Formulation 2:** This formulation is the dual problem of Linear Programming discussed in Formulation1. In the dual problem, the number of variables is equal to the number of nodes in the network. Also, it is equal to the number of constraints in formulation1. Further, all the dual variables must be unrestricted as all the constraints in Formulation1 are equations.

Let  $y_j$  be the dual constraint associated with node j. Given that s and t are the source and destination nodes of the network, then the dual problem is defined as follows:

**Maximize**  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{y}_s$  Subject to  $y_i - y_j \le c_{ij}$  for all feasible i and j. However, all  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  are unrestricted in sign.

**Example:** Consider the problem of determining shortest route in the network as shown in above Fig. 1. Here, s = 1 and t = 7. The below given Fig. 2 shows how a unit of flow enters at node1 and leaves at node 7.



Figure 1: The shortest route network



Figure 2: Network with source and destination

By setting  $X_{i,j} = \begin{cases} -1 \text{ for node } i \\ 1 \text{ for node } j \end{cases}$  and then corresponding values of Linear program is listed below:

Min Z	X <sub>12</sub>	X <sub>13</sub>	X <sub>24</sub>	X <sub>27</sub>	X <sub>32</sub>	X <sub>34</sub>	X35	X45	X46	X47	X56	X57	X67	
	15	10	4	17	8	7	4	4	6	5	2	8	6	
Node1	-1	-1												= -1
Node2	1		-1	-1	1									= 0
Node3		1			-1	-1	-1							= 0
Node4			1			1		-1	-1	-1				= 0
Node5							1	1			-1	-1		= 0
Node6									1		1		-1	= 0
Node7				1						1		1	1	= 1

From the above table, we obtain the following objective function and constraints of the linear programming problem as given below:

 $Min Z = 15x_{12} + 10x_{13} + 4x_{24} + 17x_{27} + 8x_{32} + 7x_{34} + 4x_{35} + 4x_{45} + 6x_{46} + 5x_{47} + 2x_{56} + 8x_{57} + 6x_{67}$ 

Subject to 
$$-x_{12}-x_{13} = -1$$
  
 $x_{12}-x_{24}-x_{27}+x_{32} = 0$   
 $x_{13}-x_{32}-x_{34}-x_{35}=0$   
 $x_{24}+x_{34}-x_{45}-x_{46}-x_{47} = 0$   
 $x_{35}+x_{45}-x_{56}-x_{57} = 0$   
 $x_{46}+x_{56}-x_{67} = 0, x_{27}+x_{47}+x_{57}+x_{67}=1$   
 $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$  for i, j=1,2,3,4,5,6,7

The above constraints represent the flow conservation at each node. Therefore, the problem is a binary integer programming problem. After solving this problem using Matlab software, the optimal solution Z = 22 at  $x_{13} = 1$ ,  $x_{34} = 1$ ,  $x_{47} = 1$  obtained. This solution gives the shortest route from node 1 to node 7 as  $\mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{3} \rightarrow \mathbf{4} \rightarrow \mathbf{7}$  and the associated distance is Z = 22 units.

From the concept of dual of the Linear Programming Problem, the following objective function and constraints are obtained:

Maximize  $Z = y_7 - y_1$  Subject to  $y_i - y_j$  for all feasible i and j

 $y_2 - y_1 \le 15$  (Route 1 to 2),  $y_3 - y_1 \le 10$ (Route 1 to 3),  $y_2 - y_3 \le 8$  (Route 3 to 2),  $y_4 - y_3 \le 7$  (Route 3 to 4),  $y_5 - y_3 \le 4$  (Route 3 to 5),  $y_7 - y_2 \le 17$ (Route 2 to 7),  $y_4 - y_2 \le 4$  (Route 2 to 4),  $y_7 - y_4 \le 5$  (Route 4 to 7),  $y_6 - y_4 \le 6$  (Route 4 to 6),  $y_5 - y_4 \le 4$ (Route 4 to 5),  $y_7 - y_5 \le 8$  (Route 5 to 7),  $y_6 - y_5 \le 2$  (Route 5 to 6),  $y_7 - y_6 \le 6$  (Route 6 to 7). Where,  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_7$  are unrestricted in sign.

# **Route Delay Discretization**

Every unit of discretized deferral speaks to the sum r  $\lambda$  of genuine postponement. Because of adjusting, each time discretization is played out, a discretization mistake up to r  $\lambda$  is presented between the discretized delay and the genuine postponement. The most extreme discretization mistake of a Route is controlled by the occasions that discretization is performed on the Route. RTF, RTC, and RR perform discretization at the connection level. Since discretization is completed on each connection, the most extreme mistake on the Route is linear to the Route length. So as to accomplish  $\varepsilon$ -guess, the aggregated blunder on a Route can't be excessively huge. There are two different ways to diminish the blunder. One is to utilize a bigger  $\lambda$ , which

expands the execution time of a calculation whose multifaceted nature is linear to  $\lambda$ . The other path is to diminish the quantity of discretization's performed on the Route.

Various techniques to control mistake are to perform discretization on the Route level, utilizing the interim dividing strategy for combinatorial estimation. For a Route P, ideally, discretization is performed once as follows.

$$d'(P) = \left[\frac{d(P)}{r}\lambda\right]$$

Since just a single discretization is played out, the greatest discretization blunder on any Route is limited by r  $\lambda$ , free of the Route length. Beneath we plan the Route discretization calculation (PDA) in view of the above instinct. The calculation tackles the  $\epsilon$ -approximation with a similar most pessimistic scenario multifaceted nature as RDA. Be that as it may, its normal execution time is superior to RDA as indicated by our reenactments. A helper two-dimensional cluster, z[v, i], monitors the base deferral of Routes whose discretized postponements are 1 from hub s

to hub v.

PDA Dijkstra is omitted because it is identical to RDA Dijkstra except that it calls Relax PDA.

Initialize $(V, s, \lambda)$ 1. for each vertex  $v \in V$ , each  $i \in [0..\lambda]$  do 2.  $w[v, i] := \infty, \ \pi[v, i] := \text{NIL}, \ z[v, i] := \infty$ 3.  $w[s, 0] := 0, \ z[s, i] := 0$ 

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\begin{array}{ll} \text{Relax\_PDA}(u, v, i, \lambda) \\ 4. & i' := \lfloor \frac{z[u,i] + d(u,v)}{r} \lambda \rfloor \\ 5. & \text{if } i' \leq \lambda \text{ and } w[v,i'] > w[u,i] + c(u,v) \text{ then} \\ 6. & w[v,i'] := w[u,i] + c(u,v) \\ 7. & \pi[v,i'] := u \\ 8. & z[v,i'] := \min\{z[v,i'], \ z[u,i] + d(u,v)\} \end{array}
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PDA(G, s) 9.  $\lambda := \lambda_0$ 10. do 11.  $\lambda := 2\lambda$ 12. PDA\_Dijkstra(G, s,  $\lambda$ ) 13. while  $\exists v \in V, d(P^v) > (1 + \varepsilon)r$ , where  $P^v$  is the path with min{ $w[v, i] \mid i \in [0..\lambda]$ }

#### SIMULATION

#### **A. Simulation Setup**

The simulation utilizes two sorts of network topologies that are created dependent on the Power-Law model and the Waxman model. In a Power-Law topology, the degrees of 10% hubs are one, and the degrees of different hubs pursue a power law dissemination, i.e., the recurrence  $f_d$  of a degree is corresponding to the degree d ( $\geq 2$ ) raised to the intensity of a steady O = -2.2.

$$f_d \propto d^0$$

After every hub is doled out a degree as indicated by the power law dissemination, a crossing tree is shaped among the hubs to guarantee an associated chart. Extra connections are embedded to satisfy the rest of the degrees of each hub with the neighbors chose by probabilities relative to their separate unfulfilled degrees. A Waxman topology is framed as pursues: the hubs are haphazardly set in an individually square, and the likelihood of making a connection between hub u and hub v is

$$p(u,v) \propto e^{-\frac{d(u,v)}{\beta L}}$$

At the point when the connection deferral pursues an exponential dissemination, the normal blunder brought about by RTF is littler than that brought about by RTC. In any case, when the connection postponement pursues a uniform circulation, the normal blunder by RTF is equivalent to that by RTC.

where d(u, v) is the separation among u and v,  $\beta = 0.6$ , and L is the most extreme separation between any two hubs. The normal hub degree is 3.

The default simulation parameters are: The connection delays (costs) are arbitrarily produced, following the exponential conveyance with a mean of 100.  $\varepsilon = 0.1$ .  $\lambda 0 = 3$ . Every datum point is the normal more than 1000 haphazardly produced steering demands. All the more explicitly, we arbitrarily produce ten topologies. On every topology, 100 directing solicitations are produced with the source hub haphazardly chose from the topology. We run DSA, RDA, and PDA to locate a least expensive attainable Route to each goal for which an achievable Route exists. All simulations were done on a PC with PIV 2GHz CPU and 512 Megabytes memory.

The performance metrics used to evaluate the routing algorithms are defined as follows.

$$avg \ execution \ time = \frac{total \ execution \ time \ for \ all \ requests}{total \ number \ of \ routing \ requests}$$
$$avg \ cost = \frac{total \ cost \ of \ returned \ paths}{number \ of \ returned \ paths}$$

 $success rate = \frac{number of returned paths that are feasible}{number of returned paths}$ 

All algorithms under simulation guarantee that the delay of any returned Route is bounded by  $(1 + \varepsilon)r$ 

## **B.** Comparing RDA and PDA with DSA

We contrast RDA and PDA and DSA [18], which is the best known  $\varepsilon$ -estimation calculation for DCLC. Fig. 3 demonstrates the simulation results on Power-Law topologies with 500 hubs. Both RDA and PDA are a lot quicker than DSA, with PDA accomplishing the best execution time. The normal expenses of the three algorithms are equivalent. The achievement proportion of RDA is somewhat superior to the next two. Since the three algorithms are close as far as normal expense and achievement rate in all simulations, we will concentrate on execution time in the continuation.





PowerLaw, network size = 500

Fig. 3. Compare DSA, RDA, and PDA on Power-Law topologies. Both RDA and PDA run much faster than DSA.

Fig. 4 compares DSA, RDA, and PDA on Waxman topologies with 1000 nodes. Both RDA and PDA again outperform DSA significantly.



Fig. 4. Compare DSA, RDA, and PDA on Waxman topologies.

Fig. 5 compares the scalability of the three algorithms with respect to the network size. The performance gap between RDA/PDA and DSA increases for larger topologies. The improvement exceeds an order of magnitude for 1000-node networks.



Fig. 5. Scalability comparison.

Fig. 6 compares the algorithms with different  $\varepsilon$  values. The performance gap between RDA/PDA and DSA increases when  $\varepsilon$  is smaller, i.e., the  $\varepsilon$ -approximation is performed at the finer level.





Fig. 6. Compare DSA, RDA, and PDA with respect to different  $\varepsilon$  values

In the simulation results affirmed our essential thought that the execution time could be significantly improved by decreasing the discretization blunder, which was accomplished in all respects adequately by RDA and PDA. With 1000 hubs and one requirement, RDA and PDA processes the obliged shortest Routes inside 38 milliseconds and 25 milliseconds, separately, which makes them reasonable answers for routers to figure the QoS steering Routes occasionally.

# Conclusion

In this paper, we proposed various techniques, randomized discretization and Route postpone discretization, to configuration quick algorithms for processing obliged shortest Routes. While the past methodologies (RTF and RTC) develop the discretization mistake along a Route, the new techniques either makes the connection blunders to offset each other along the Route or treat the Route delay overall for discretization, which results in a lot littler blunders. The algorithms dependent on these techniques run a lot quicker than the best existing calculation that illuminates the  $\varepsilon$ -estimate of DCLC.

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