

- Suppose that you have just finished computing the array  $dist[1..V, 1..V]$  of shortest-path distances between **all** pairs of vertices in an edge-weighted directed graph  $G$ . Unfortunately, you discover that you incorrectly entered the weight of a single edge  $u \rightarrow v$ , so all that precious CPU time was wasted. Or was it? Maybe your distances are correct after all!

In each of the following problems, let  $w(u \rightarrow v)$  denote the weight that you used in your distance computation, and let  $w'(u \rightarrow v)$  denote the correct weight of  $u \rightarrow v$ .

- Suppose  $w(u \rightarrow v) > w'(u \rightarrow v)$ ; that is, the weight you used for  $u \rightarrow v$  was *larger* than its true weight. Describe an algorithm that repairs the distance array in  $O(V^2)$  **time** under this assumption. [Hint: For every pair of vertices  $x$  and  $y$ , either  $u \rightarrow v$  is on the shortest path from  $x$  to  $y$  or it isn't.]
  - Maybe even that was too much work. Describe an algorithm that determines whether your original distance array is actually correct in  $O(1)$  **time**, again assuming that  $w(u \rightarrow v) > w'(u \rightarrow v)$ . [Hint: Either  $u \rightarrow v$  is the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  or it isn't.]
  - To think about later:** Describe an algorithm that determines in  $O(VE)$  **time** whether your distance array is actually correct, even if  $w(u \rightarrow v) < w'(u \rightarrow v)$ .
  - To think about later:** Argue that when  $w(u \rightarrow v) < w'(u \rightarrow v)$ , repairing the distance array *requires* recomputing shortest paths from scratch, at least in the worst case.
- You—yes, *you*—can cause a major economic collapse with the power of graph algorithms!<sup>1</sup> The *arbitrage* business is a money-making scheme that takes advantage of differences in currency exchange. In particular, suppose that 1 US dollar buys 120 Japanese yen; 1 yen buys 0.01 euros; and 1 euro buys 1.2 US dollars. Then, a trader starting with \$1 can convert their money from dollars to yen, then from yen to euros, and finally from euros back to dollars, ending with \$1.44! The cycle of currencies  $\$ \rightarrow \text{¥} \rightarrow \text{€} \rightarrow \$$  is called an **arbitrage cycle**. Of course, finding and exploiting arbitrage cycles before the prices are corrected requires extremely fast algorithms.

Suppose  $n$  different currencies are traded in your currency market. You are given the matrix  $R[1..n]$  of exchange rates between every pair of currencies; for each  $i$  and  $j$ , one unit of currency  $i$  can be traded for  $R[i, j]$  units of currency  $j$ . (Do *not* assume that  $R[i, j] \cdot R[j, i] = 1$ .)

- Describe an algorithm that returns an array  $V[1..n]$ , where  $V[i]$  is the maximum amount of currency  $i$  that you can obtain by trading, starting with one unit of currency 1, assuming there are no arbitrage cycles.
- Describe an algorithm to determine whether the given matrix of currency exchange rates creates an arbitrage cycle.
- \*To think about later:** Modify your algorithm from part (b) to actually return an arbitrage cycle, if such a cycle exists.

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<sup>1</sup>No, you can't.