Discussion section #2

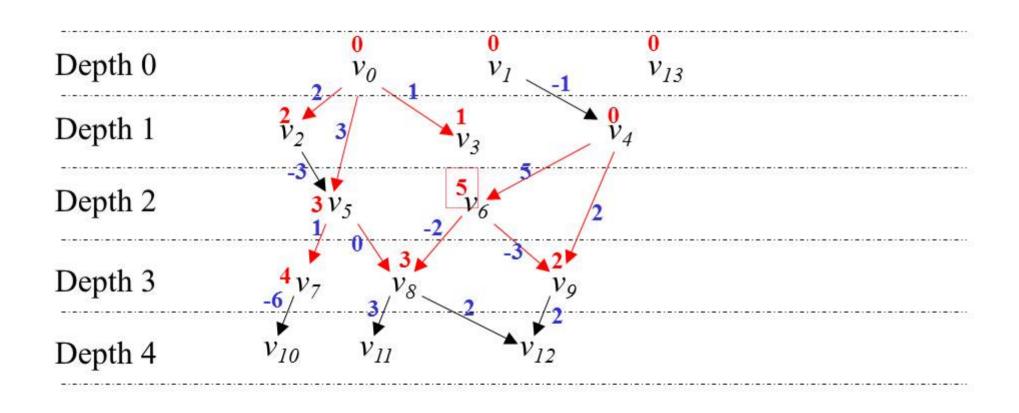
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HW2: maximum-weight path on a DAG

Shortest (minimum-weight) path algorithms

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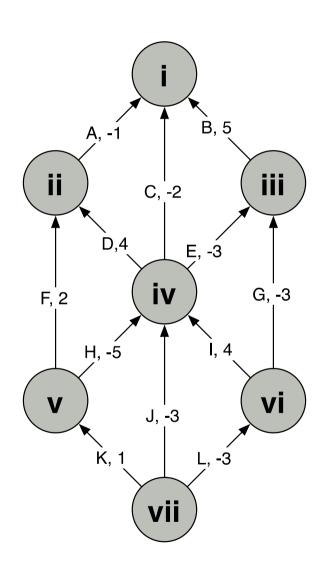
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- Output:
 - Path length
 - Beginning and end vertex labels (positions)
 - The labels of all the edges on the path, in order



Minimum-weight path on a DAG

- Similar to the homework
 - Looking for the minimum instead of the maximum
 - If no negative weights, then shortest path is technically weight 0

Otherwise, update vertex weights in depth order as normal

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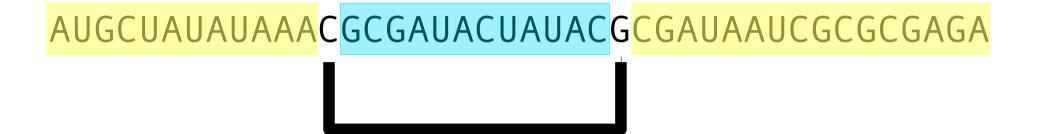
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