

Geography and CS

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Maps

- Problem 1
 - Where am I?
 - "Localization"
- Problem 2
 - How do I get there?
 - "Navigation"

Localization

Problem 1

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 - Need 4 reference points,
 - but 3 are ok if I know that I'm not floating in space above the satellites
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 - d_1, d_2, d_3
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 - (x, y)

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- Hint: given two points [two pairs of (x,y) coordinates], what is the distance between them?

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Problem 2

Navigation [Problem understanding]

- Finding a route from the origin to the destination
- “Static” directions
 - Mapquest, Google maps
- “Dynamic” on-board directions
 - GPS navigation
 - if the car deviates from the route, it finds a new route

Navigation [Problem Formulation]

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- Need more thoughts:
 - What do we need to know about the streets?
 - How could they be represented?

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Algorithm Overview

1. Preprocessing
 - Convert the map, origin & destination into a graph
2. Main algorithm
 - Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm
3. Postprocessing
 - Convert shortest path to turn-by-turn directions

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 - No, fewer vertices, but need to sum segment distances
 - (Yes, make program simpler)
- Each vertex corresponds to a pair of x,y coordinates
- What is the weight of an edge?

Curvy streets vs intersections

- An intermediate point of a polyline could be:
 - intersection → a vertex
 - part of a curvy street → not a vertex
- Vector representation:
 - Street name, $(x_1, y_1, h_1), (x_2, y_2, h_3), \dots$
- How could we tell the difference?

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 - (concatenation of) x, y coordinates
- Time-space tradeoffs?

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Converting Address to Vertex

- Tradeoffs between:
 1. Replace original edge with temporary vertex & edges [then reverse the process later]
 2. Add temporary vertex & edges [then reverse the process later]

Main Algorithm

- If you do not know about Dijkstra's algorithm
 - How would you solve the shortest path problem?

Main Algorithm—Greedy Algorithm

- Greedy algorithm
 1. Pick the closest vertex (shortest **edge**)
 2. Go to the vertex
 3. Repeat until the destination vertex is reached
- Does this **always** find the shortest path?
- If not, what could be a counter example?

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 - if edges are not weighted or have the same weight

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 - no way to get to vertex *X* with a shorter path via "non-finalized" vertices

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- Interesting applet to demonstrate the alg:

■ <http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/people/JamesStewart/270/9798s/Laffra/DijkstraApplet.html>

Turn-by-turn directions (output)

- "Turn LEFT onto COUNTRY CLUB RD.
0.2 mi"
 - Turn direction
 - Street name
 - Distance on the street

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- Given vertices on the shortest path and map, find:
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 - Lookup
 - Distance
 - Lookup/calculate (and possibly addition, why?)

Summary of Algorithm

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 - Input the map--street names, end points, house numbers
 - Create the graph--vertices/intersections, edges/distances
 - Convert origin/destination addresses to vertices
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 - These key operations could be **time consuming** for large amounts of data

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Implementation—How to prioritize the key operations?

1. Preprocessing (converting input)
 - Input the **map**--street names, end points, house numbers
 - Create the **graph**—vertices/intersections, edges/distances -> **neighboring intersections #4 or 1.5?**
 - Convert origin/destination addresses to vertices -> **address to x,y #3**
2. Main Algorithm
 - Dijkstra's shortest path -> **children, pick a leaf #1**
3. Postprocessing (converting output)
 - Turn by turn directions—turn direction, street name, distance -> **vertex to street name #2**

Implementation—Selecting data structures

- **Need to find neighbors (to become "children") quickly [in Dijkstra's]**
- Which graph is sparser: friends or streets?
- Graph (input):
 - Adjacency Matrix?
 - Adjacency List?
- Time
- Space

Implementation—Selecting data structures

- **Need to find neighboring vertices quickly [in converting Map to Graph]**
 1. **intersections (& points on a curvy street) -> vertices**
 2. **neighboring vertices -> edges**
- Map (input)
 - Street name, $(x_1, y_1, h_1), (x_2, y_2, h_3), \dots$
- Graph (output)
 - Adjacency list
- Time
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Summary

- Problem 1: Where am I?
 - Localization
 - Geometry
- Problem 2: How do I get there?
 - Navigation
 - Preprocessing to create the graph
 - Dijkstra's Shortest Path algorithm
 - Postprocessing to give turn by turn directions

Reading Assignment

- Handout on the advertising portion in "Prepping the Google Rocket"
 - Ken Auletta
 - *Googled—The End of the World as We Know It*
 - Penguin Press, 2009