

This assignment asks you to implement Dial's label-setting algorithm for determining a shortest path tree of a directed network  $G$  with  $n$  nodes and  $m$  edges, and nonnegative edge lengths. Use a "circular" address list  $A$  to search for the next node to be scanned.

**Input** to your program consists of a source node  $s$  and a destination node  $t$ , followed by an edge list representation of  $G$ : from\_node, to\_node, (real) length. You can suppose that the nodes of  $G$  are consecutively numbered  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . If needed by your code, the values  $n$  and  $m$  can also be input.

**Output** should consist of a shortest  $s$ - $t$  path, giving its total length as well as listing its constituent edges (in their natural order) and their individual lengths.

- (1) Run your algorithm on the sample problems (to be supplied) and provide detailed output, as described above.
- (2) Carefully analyze the *time* and *space* complexities of your particular implementation, in terms of relevant network parameters.

Things to Keep in Mind:

- make your code as general and modular as possible
- have the main routine be "self-documenting"
- avoid unnecessary special cases
- use a reasonable value for "infinity"
- check the input: e.g., that all edge lengths are in fact nonnegative

Provide well-documented code as well as a clear English language description of your data structures, what your code is doing, and important program variables. Be sure to discuss your initializations and termination conditions.