4.1 Undirected Graphs



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Undirected graphs

Graph. Set of vertices connected pairwise by edges.

Why study graph algorithms?

- Interesting and broadly useful abstraction.
- Challenging branch of computer science and discrete math.
- Hundreds of graph algorithms known.
- Thousands of practical applications.





Protein-protein interaction network



Reference: Jeong et al, Nature Review | Genetics

The Internet as mapped by the Opte Project



Map of science clickstreams



http://www.plosone.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pone.0004803

Kevin's facebook friends (Princeton network)



One week of Enron emails



The evolution of FCC lobbying coalitions



"The Evolution of FCC Lobbying Coalitions" by Pierre de Vries in JoSS Visualization Symposium 2010

Graph applications

graph	vertex	edge	
communication	telephone, computer	fiber optic cable	
circuit	gate, register, processor	wire	
mechanical	joint	rod, beam, spring	
financial	stock, currency	transactions	
transportation	street intersection, airport	highway, airway route	
internet	class C network	connection	
game	board position	legal move	
social relationship	person, actor	friendship, movie cast	
neural network	neuron	synapse	
protein network	protein	protein-protein interaction	
chemical compound	molecule	bond	

Graph terminology

Path. Sequence of vertices connected by edges.

Cycle. Path whose first and last vertices are the same.

Two vertices are connected if there is a path between them.



Path. Is there a path between s and t? Shortest path. What is the shortest path between s and t?

Cycle. Is there a cycle in the graph? Euler tour. Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once? Hamilton tour. Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once?

Connectivity. Is there a way to connect all of the vertices? MST. What is the best way to connect all of the vertices? Biconnectivity. Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?

Planarity. Can you draw the graph in the plane with no crossing edges? Graph isomorphism. Do two adjacency lists represent the same graph?

Challenge. Which of these problems are easy? difficult? intractable?

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Graph representation

Graph drawing. Provides intuition about the structure of the graph. Caveat. Intuition can be misleading.



Graph representation

Vertex representation.

- This lecture: use integers between 0 and v-1.
- Applications: convert between names and integers with symbol table.



Graph API

public class Graph			
	Graph(int V)	create an empty graph with V vertices	
	Graph(In in)	create a graph from input stream	
void	<pre>addEdge(int v, int w)</pre>	add an edge v-w	
Iterable <integer></integer>	adj(int v)	vertices adjacent to v	
int	V()	number of vertices	
int	E()	number of edges	
String	toString()	string representation	



Graph API: sample client

Graph input format.





Typical graph-processing code

compute the degree of v	<pre>public static int degree(Graph G, int v) { int degree = 0; for (int w : G.adj(v)) degree++; return degree; }</pre>
compute maximum degree	<pre>public static int maxDegree(Graph G) { int max = 0; for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++) if (degree(G, v) > max) max = degree(G, v); return max; }</pre>
compute average degree	public static int avgDegree(Graph G) { return 2 * G.E() / G.V(); }
count self-loops	<pre>public static int numberOfSelfLoops(Graph G) { int count = 0; for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++) for (int w : G.adj(v)) if (v == w) count++; return count/2; }</pre>

Set-of-edges graph representation

Maintain a list of the edges (linked list or array).



Adjacency-matrix graph representation

Maintain a two-dimensional V-by-V boolean array; for each edge v-w in graph: adj[v][w] = adj[w][v] = true.



Adjacency-list graph representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists. (use Bag abstraction)







Adjacency-list graph representation: Java implementation



Graph representations

In practice. Use adjacency-lists representation.

- Algorithms based on iterating over vertices adjacent to v.
- Real-world graphs tend to be "sparse."

huge number of vertices, small average vertex degree

representation	space	add edge	edge between v and w?	iterate over vertices adjacent to v?
list of edges	E	1	E	E
adjacency matrix	V ²	1 *	1	V
adjacency lists	E + V	1	degree(v)	degree(v)

* disallows parallel edges

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Maze exploration

Maze graphs.

- Vertex = intersection.
- Edge = passage.



Goal. Explore every intersection in the maze.

Trémaux maze exploration

Algorithm.

- Unroll a ball of string behind you.
- Mark each visited intersection and each visited passage.
- Retrace steps when no unvisited options.



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First use? Theseus entered labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur; Ariadne held ball of string.





Claude Shannon (with Theseus mouse)

Maze exploration



Maze exploration



Depth-first search

- Goal. Systematically search through a graph.
- Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

DFS (to visit a vertex v)

Mark v as visited.

Recursively visit all unmarked

vertices w adjacent to v.

Typical applications. [ahead]

- Find all vertices connected to a given source vertex.
- Find a path between two vertices.

Design pattern for graph processing

Design pattern. Decouple graph data type from graph processing.

public class	Search	
	Search(Graph G, int s)	find vertices connected to s
boolean	marked(int v)	is vertex v connected to s?
int	count()	how many vertices connected to s?

Typical client program.

- Create a Graph.
- Pass the Graph to a graph-processing routine, e.g., search.
- Query the graph-processing routine for information.

Depth-first search (warmup)

Goal. Find all vertices connected to s. Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

Algorithm.

- Use recursion (ball of string).
- Mark each visited vertex.
- Return (retrace steps) when no unvisited options.

Data structure.

boolean[] marked to mark visited vertices.



Depth-first search (warmup)



Depth-first search properties

Proposition. DFS marks all vertices connected to s in time proportional to the sum of their degrees.

Pf.

- Correctness:
 - if w marked, then w connected to s (why?)
 - if w connected to s, then w marked
 (if w unmarked, then consider last edge
 on a path from s to w that goes from a
 marked vertex to an unmarked one)
- Running time: each vertex connected to s is visited once.

Depth-first search application: preparing for a date

Depth-first search application: flood fill

Challenge. Flood fill (Photoshop magic wand). Assumptions. Picture has millions to billions of pixels.

Q. How difficult?

Depth-first search application: flood fill

Change color of entire blob of neighboring red pixels to blue.

Build a grid graph.

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent red pixels.
- Blob: all pixels connected to given pixel.

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Paths in graphs

Goal. Does there exist a path from s to t?

Paths in graphs: union-find vs. DFS

Goal. Does there exist a path from s to t?

method	preprocessing time	query time	space
union-find	V + E log* V	log* V †	V
DFS	E + V	1	E + V

Union-find. Can intermix queries and edge insertions. Depth-first search. Constant time per query.

Pathfinding in graphs

Goal. Does there exist a path from s to t? If yes, find any such path.

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public class	Paths	
	Paths(Graph G, int s)	find paths in G from source s
boolean	hasPathTo(int v)	is there a path from s to v?
Iterable <integer></integer>	pathTo(int v)	path from s to v; null if no such path

Union-find. Not much help. Depth-first search. After linear-time preprocessing, can recover path itself in time proportional to its length.

> easy modification (stay tuned)

Depth-first search (pathfinding)

Goal. Find paths to all vertices connected to a given source s.

Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

Algorithm.

- Use recursion (ball of string).
- Mark each visited vertex by keeping
- track of edge taken to visit it.
- Return (retrace steps) when no unvisited options.

Data structures.

- boolean[] marked to mark visited vertices.
- int[] edgeto to keep tree of paths.
- (edgeTo[w] == v) means that edge v-w
 was taken to visit w the first time

Depth-first search (pathfinding)

Depth-first search (pathfinding trace)

Depth-first search (pathfinding iterator)

```
edgeTo[]
                               0
                               1
                                   2
                                   0
2
3
3
                               2
3
4
                                         (1)
                               5
     path
Х
     5
5
     3 5
3
    2 3 5
2
    0 2 3 5
0
```

edgeto[] is a parent-link representation of a tree rooted at s.

```
public boolean hasPathTo(int v)
{ return marked[v]; }
public Iterable<Integer> pathTo(int v)
{
    if (!hasPathTo(v)) return null;
    Stack<Integer> path = new Stack<Integer>();
    for (int x = v; x != s; x = edgeTo[x])
        path.push(x);
    path.push(s);
    return path;
}
```

Depth-first search summary

Enables direct solution of simple graph problems.

- \checkmark Does there exists a path between s and t?
- \checkmark Find path between s and t.
 - Connected components (stay tuned).
 - Euler tour (see book).
 - Cycle detection (see book).
 - Bipartiteness checking (see book).

Basis for solving more difficult graph problems.

- Biconnected components (beyond scope).
- Planarity testing (beyond scope).

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depth-first search

breadth-first search

Connected components

challenges

Depth-first search. Put unvisited vertices on a stack. Breadth-first search. Put unvisited vertices on a queue.

Shortest path. Find path from s to t that uses fewest number of edges.

BFS (from source vertex s)

Put s onto a FIFO queue, and mark s as visited. Repeat until the queue is empty:

- remove the least recently added vertex v
- add each of v's unvisited neighbors to the queue, and mark them as visited.

Intuition. BFS examines vertices in increasing distance from s.

Breadth-first search (pathfinding)

```
private void bfs(Graph G, int s)
{
  Queue<Integer> q = new Queue<Integer>();
  q.enqueue(s);
  marked[s] = true;
  while (!q.isEmpty())
   {
      int v = q.dequeue();
      for (int w : G.adj(v))
         if (!marked[w])
         {
            q.enqueue(w);
            marked[w] = true;
            edgeTo[w] = v;
         }
```

q 0	0	marked[] 0 T	edgeTo[]	adj[]
		1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 0 2 2 0 1 3 4 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 5 3 0
2 1 5		0 T 1 T 2 T 3 4 5 T	0 1 2 3 4 5 0	0 2 1 5 1 0 2 2 0 1 3 4 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 5 3 0
1 5 3 4		0 T 1 T 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T	0 1 0 2 0 3 2 4 2 5 0	0 2 1 5 1 0 2 2 0 1 3 4 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 5 3 0
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3 4		0 T 1 T 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T	0 1 0 2 0 3 2 4 2 5 0	0 2 1 5 1 0 2 2 0 1 3 4 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 5 3 0
4		0 T 1 T 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T	0 1 0 2 0 3 2 4 2 5 0	0 2 1 5 1 0 2 2 0 1 3 4 3 5 4 2 4 3 2 5 3 0

Breadth-first search properties

Proposition. BFS computes shortest path (number of edges) from s in a connected graph in time proportional to E + V.

Pf.

- Correctness: queue always consists of zero or more vertices of distance k from s, followed by zero or more vertices of distance k + 1.
- Running time: each vertex connected to s is visited once.

Breadth-first search application: routing

Fewest number of hops in a communication network.

Breadth-first search application: Kevin Bacon numbers

Kevin Bacon numbers.

Endless Games board game

SixDegrees iPhone App

http://oracleofbacon.org

Kevin Bacon graph

- Include a vertex for each performer and for each movie.
- Connect a movie to all performers that appear in that movie.
- Compute shortest path from s = Kevin Bacon.

