



Undirected graphs

Graph. Set of vertices connected pairwise by edges.

Why study graph algorithms?

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



















aph 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	intersection	street
internet	class C network	connection
game	board position	legal move
social relationship	person	friendship
neural network	neuron	synapse
protein network	protein	protein-protein interaction
molecule	atom	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.



problem	description
s-t path	Is there a path between s and t?
shortest s-t path	What is the shortest path between s and t?
cycle	Is there a cycle in the graph ?
Euler cycle	Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once?
Hamilton cycle	Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once?
connectivity	Is there a path between every pair of vertices ?
biconnectivity	Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph ?
planarity	Can the graph be drawn in the plane with no crossing edges ?
graph isomorphism	Are two graphs isomorphic?



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Undirected graphs: quiz 2

Which is order of growth of running time of the following code fragment if the graph uses the adjacency-lists representation, where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges?















Trémaux maze exploration

Algorithm.

- Unroll a ball of string behind you.
- Mark each newly discovered intersection and passage.
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First use? Theseus entered Labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur; Ariadne instructed Theseus to use a ball of string to find his way back out.





The Cretan Labyrinth (with Minotaur) http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Minotaurus.g

Claude Shannon (with electromechanical mouse) http://www.corp.att.com/attlabs/reputation/timeline/16shannon.h





Depth-first search

- Goal. Systematically traverse a graph.
- Idea. Mimic maze exploration. function-call stack acts as ball of string

DFS (to visit a vertex v)

Mark vertex v. Recursively visit all unmarked vertices w adjacent to v.

Typical applications.

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

Undirected graphs: quiz 3 DFS of a tree (starting at the root) corresponds to which traversal? In-order A. DFS (to visit a vertex v) Pre-order Β. Mark vertex v. С. Post-order Recursively visit all unmarked vertices w adjacent to v. D. Level-order Ε. I don't know. Trick question! DFS doesn't care about order of visiting adjacent nodes. May correspond to pre-order or to none of the orders.







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Depth-first search: data structures

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Data structures.

- Boolean array marked[] to mark vertices.
- Integer array edgeTo[] to keep track of paths.
- (edgeTo[w] == v) means that edge v-w taken to discover vertex w
- · Function-call stack for recursion.

Depth-first search: Java implementation



Depth-first search: properties



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Proposition. After DFS, can check if vertex v is connected to s in constant time and can find v-s path (if one exists) in time proportional to its length.

Pf. edgeTo[] is parent-link representation of a tree rooted at vertex s.





Breadth-first search

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- Add to queue all unmarked vertices adjacent to v and mark them.













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Kevin Bacon graph

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



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Finding Euler cycle (if it exists): another easy application of DFS.







Graph traversa	l summary
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graph problem	BFS	DFS	time
s-t path	~	~	E + V
shortest s-t path	~		E + V
cycle	~	~	E + V
Euler cycle		~	E + V
Hamilton cycle			$2^{1.657 V}$
bipartiteness (odd cycle)	~	~	E + V
connected components	~	~	E + V
biconnected components		~	E + V
planarity		~	E + V
graph isomorphism			$2^{c\sqrt{V} \log V}$



Next 4 lectures will be flipped

No class Wednesday 3/23

Before Monday 3/28:

Watch *directed graphs* and *minimum spanning trees* lectures Guna will lead flipped session (usual time and place on 3/28)

No class Wednesday 3/30

Before Monday 4/4:

Watch *shortest paths* and *maximum flow* lectures Arvind will lead flipped session (usual time and place on 4/4)

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Regular lectures will resume Wednesday 4/6