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Undirected graphs

Notation. $G = (V, E)$

- $V =$ nodes (or vertices).
- $E =$ edges (or arcs) between pairs of nodes.
- ・Captures pairwise relationship between objects.
- Graph size parameters: $n = |V|$, $m = |E|$.

V = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 } *E* = { 1–2, 1–3, 2–3, 2–4, 2–5, 3–5, 3–7, 3–8, 4–5, 5–6, 7–8 } $m = 11, n = 8$

One week of Enron emails

The evolution of FCC lobbying coalitions

["The Evolution of FCC Lobbying Coalitions"](http://www.cmu.edu/joss/content/issues/2010jossviz/5_deVries.htm) by Pierre de Vries in JoSS Visualization Symposium 2010

Framingham heart study

Each circle (node) represents one person in the data set. There are 2200 persons in this subcomponent of the social network. Circles with red borders denote women, and circles with blue borders denote men. The size of each circle is proportional to the person's body-mass index. The interior color of the circles indicates the person's obesity status: yellow denotes an obese person (body-mass index, ≥30) and green denotes a nonobese person. The colors of the ties between the nodes indicate the relationship between them: purple denotes a friendship or marital tie and orange denotes a familial tie.

Some graph applications

Graph representation: adjacency matrix

Adjacency matrix. *n*-by-*n* matrix with $A_{uv} = 1$ if (u, v) is an edge.

- ・Two representations of each edge.
- ・Space proportional to *ⁿ* 2 .
	- Checking if (u, v) is an edge takes $\Theta(1)$ time.
- Identifying all edges takes $\Theta(n)$ 2) time.

Graph representation: adjacency lists

Adjacency lists. Node-indexed array of lists.

- ・Two representations of each edge.
- Space is $\Theta(m + n)$.

degree = number of neighbors of u

- ・Checking if (*u*, *v*) is an edge takes *O*(*degree*(*u*)) time.
- Identifying all edges takes $\Theta(m + n)$ time.

Paths and connectivity

Def. A path in an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ is a sequence of nodes v_1 , v_2 , ..., v_k with the property that each consecutive pair v_{i-1} , v_i is joined by an edge in *E*.

Def. A path is simple if all nodes are distinct.

Def. An undirected graph is connected if for every pair of nodes u and v, there is a path between u and v.

Def. A cycle is a path v_1 , v_2 , ..., v_k in which $v_1 = v_k$, $k > 2$, and the first $k - 1$ nodes are all distinct.

Def. An undirected graph is a tree if it is connected and does not contain a cycle.

Theorem. Let *G* be an undirected graph on *n* nodes. Any two of the following statements imply the third:

- ・*^G* is connected.
- ・*^G* does not contain a cycle.
- G has $n-1$ edges.

Given a tree *T*, choose a root node *r* and orient each edge away from *r*.

Importance. Models hierarchical structure.

Describe evolutionary history of species.

GUI containment hierarchy

Describe organization of GUI widgets.

http://java.sun.com/docs/books/tutorial/uiswing/overview/anatomy.html

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s-t connectivity problem. Given two nodes *s* and *t*, is there a path between *s* and *t* ?

s-t shortest path problem. Given two nodes *s* and *t*, what is the length of a shortest path between *s* and *t* ?

Applications.

- ・Friendster.
- ・Maze traversal.
- ・Kevin Bacon number.
- ・Fewest hops in a communication network.

BFS intuition. Explore outward from s in all possible directions, adding nodes one "layer" at a time.

BFS algorithm.

- $L_0 = \{ s \}$.
- L_1 = all neighbors of L_0 .
- L_2 = all nodes that do not belong to L_0 or L_1 , and that have an edge to a node in L_1 .
	- L_{i+1} = all nodes that do not belong to an earlier layer, and that have an edge to a node in *Lⁱ* .

Breadth-first search

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BFS(s):
  Set Discovered[s] = true and Discovered[v] = false for all other v
  Initialize L[0] to consist of the single element sSet the layer counter i=0Set the current BFS tree T = \emptysetWhile L[i] is not empty
    Initialize an empty list L[i+1]For each node u \in L[i]Consider each edge (u, v) incident to uIf Discovered[v] = false then
        Set Discovered[v] = true
        Add edge (u, v) to the tree TAdd v to the list L[i+1]Endif
    Endfor
    Increment the layer counter i by one
  Endwhile
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Theorem. The above implementation of BFS runs in *O*(*m* + *n*) time if the graph is given by its adjacency representation.

Pf.

- ・Easy to prove O(*ⁿ* 2) running time:
	- at most *n* lists *L*[*i*]
	- each node occurs on at most one list; for loop runs ≤ *n* times
	- when we consider node u , there are $\leq n$ incident edges (u, v) , and we spend *O*(1) processing each edge
	- Actually runs in $O(m + n)$ time:
		- when we consider node *u*, there are *degree*(*u*) incident edges (*u*, *v*)
		- total time processing edges is $\Sigma_{u \in V}$ *degree*(*u*) = 2*m*.

each edge (u, v) is counted exactly twice in sum: once in degree(u) and once in degree(v)

Breadth-first search

Theorem. For each *i*, *Lⁱ* consists of all nodes at distance exactly *i* from *s*. There is a path from *s* to *t* iff *t* appears in some layer.

Property. Let *T* be a BFS tree of $G = (V, E)$, let *x* and *y* be nodes in *T* belonging to layers *Li* and*L^j* respectively, and let (*x*, *y*) be an edge of *G*. Then, the levels of *x* and *y* differ by at most 1.

You might take if the graph G were truly a maze of interconnected rooms and you were walking around in it.

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DFS(u):
  Mark u as "Explored" and add u to RFor each edge (u, v) incident to uIf v is not marked "Explored" then
      Recursively invoke DFS(v)Endif
  Endfor
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Depth-First Search

Figure 3.5 The construction of a depth-first search tree T for the graph in Figure 3.2, with (a) through (g) depicting the nodes as they are discovered in sequence. The solid edges are the edges of T ; the dotted edges are edges of G that do not belong to T .

Implementing Depth-First Search

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DFS(s):
  Initialize S to be a stack with one element s
  While S is not empty
    Take a node u from S
    If Explored[u] = false then
       Set Explored[u] = true
       For each edge (u, v) incident to uAdd v to the stack SEndfor
    Endif
  Endwhile
```
- implements DFS, in the sense that it visits the nodes in exactly the same order as the recursive DFS procedure in the previous section (except that each adjacency list is processed in reverse order).
- runs in time $O(m + n)$, if the graph is given by the adjacency list representation.

Property. For a given recursive call DFS(*u*), all nodes that are marked "Explored" between the invocation and end of this recursive call are descendants of *u* in *T.*

Property. Let *T* be a depth-first search tree, let *x* and *y* be nodes in *T,* and let *(x, y)* be an edge of *G* that is not an edge of *T.* Then one of *x* or *y* is an ancestor of the other.

Connected component

Connected component. Find all nodes reachable from *s*.

Connected component containing node $1 = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \}$.

Flood fill

Flood fill. Given lime green pixel in an image, change color of entire blob of neighboring lime pixels to blue.

- ・Node: pixel.
- Edge: two neighboring lime pixels.
- ・Blob: connected component of lime pixels.

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Theorem. Upon termination, *R* is the connected component containing *s*.

Theorem. For any two nodes *s* and *t* in a graph, their connected components are either identical o disjoint.

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Def. An undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ is bipartite if the nodes can be colored blue or white such that every edge has one white and one blue end.

Applications.

- Stable matching: med-school residents $=$ blue, hospitals $=$ white.
- Scheduling: machines $=$ blue, jobs $=$ white.

a bipartite graph

Many graph problems become:

- ・Easier if the underlying graph is bipartite (matching).
- ・Tractable if the underlying graph is bipartite (independent set).

Before attempting to design an algorithm, we need to understand structure of bipartite graphs.

a bipartite graph G another drawing of G

Lemma. If a graph *G* is bipartite, it cannot contain an odd-length cycle.

Pf. Not possible to 2-color the odd-length cycle, let alone *G*.

Lemma. Let *G* be a connected graph, and let $L_0, ..., L_k$ be the layers produced by BFS starting at node *s*. Exactly one of the following holds. (i) No edge of *G* joins two nodes of the same layer, and *G* is bipartite. (ii) An edge of *G* joins two nodes of the same layer, and *G* contains an odd-length cycle (and hence is not bipartite).

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Pf. (i)

- Suppose no edge joins two nodes in same layer.
- By BFS property, each edge joins two nodes in adjacent levels.
- Bipartition: white $=$ nodes on odd levels, blue $=$ nodes on even levels.

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Pf. (ii)

- Suppose (x, y) is an edge with x , y in same level L_j .
	- Let $z = lca(x, y) =$ lowest common ancestor.
- Let L_i be level containing z .
	- ・Consider cycle that takes edge from *x* to *y*, then path from *y* to *z*, then path from *z* to *x*.
	- Its length is $1 + (i-i) + (i-i)$, which is odd. \blacksquare

(x, y) path from path from y to z

z to x

The only obstruction to bipartiteness

Corollary. A graph *G* is bipartite iff it contains no odd-length cycle.

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Directed graphs

Notation. $G = (V, E)$.

・Edge (*u*, *v*) leaves node *u* and enters node *v*.

- Ex. Web graph: hyperlink points from one web page to another.
	- ・Orientation of edges is crucial.
	- Modern web search engines exploit hyperlink structure to rank web pages by importance.

World wide web

Web graph.

- Node: web page.
• Edge: hyperlink f
- Edge: hyperlink from one page to another (orientation is crucial).
- Modern search engines exploit hyperlink structure to rank web pages

Road network

 $Node = intersection$; $edge = one-way street$.

Political blogosphere graph

Node = political blog; $edge =$ link.

The Political Blogosphere and the 2004 U.S. Election: Divided They Blog, Adamic and Glance, 2005

Ecological food web

Food web graph.

- Node = species.
• Edge = from pre
- $Edge = from prey to predator.$

Some directed graph applications

Directed reachability. Given a node *s*, find all nodes reachable from *s*.

Directed s–t shortest path problem. Given two nodes *s* and *t*, what is the length of a shortest path from *s* to *t* ?

Graph search. BFS extends naturally to directed graphs.

Web crawler. Start from web page *s*. Find all web pages linked from *s*, either directly or indirectly.

Def. Nodes *u* and *v* are mutually reachable if there is both a path from *u* to *v* and also a path from *v* to *u*.

Def. A graph is strongly connected if every pair of nodes is mutually reachable.

Lemma. Let *s* be any node. *G* is strongly connected iff every node is reachable from *s*, and *s* is reachable from every node.

ok if paths overlap

- $Pf. \Rightarrow$ Follows from definition.
- Pf. \Leftarrow Path from *u* to *v*: concatenate *u* \sim *s* path with *s* \sim *v* path. Path from *v* to *u*: concatenate *v*∼*s* path with *s*∼*u* path. ■

Theorem. Can determine if *G* is strongly connected in *O*(*m* + *n*) time. Pf.

・Pick any node *s*.

reverse orientation of every edge in G

- ・Run BFS from *s* in *G*.
- Run BFS from *s* in *Greverse*
- Return true iff all nodes reached in both BFS executions.
- Correctness follows immediately from previous lemma. ■

strongly connected not strongly connected

Theorem. [Tarjan 1972] Can find all strong components in *O*(*m* + *n*) time.

SIAM J. COMPUT. Vol. 1, No. 2, June 1972

DEPTH-FIRST SEARCH AND LINEAR GRAPH ALGORITHMS*

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Abstract. The value of depth-first search or "backtracking" as a technique for solving problems is illustrated by two examples. An improved version of an algorithm for finding the strongly connected components of a directed graph and an algorithm for finding the biconnected components of an undirect graph are presented. The space and time requirements of both algorithms are bounded by $k_1V + k_2E + k_3$ for some constants k_1, k_2 , and k_3 , where V is the number of vertices and E is the number of edges of the graph being examined.

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Def. A DAG is a directed graph that contains no directed cycles.

Def. A topological order of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is an ordering of its nodes as $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ so that for every edge (v_i, v_j) we have $i < j$.

a DAG a topological ordering

Precedence constraints. Edge (v_i, v_j) means task v_i must occur before v_j .

Applications.

- Course prerequisite graph: course v_i must be taken before v_j .
- ・Compilation: module *vⁱ* must be compiled before *v^j* .
- Pipeline of computing jobs: output of job v_i needed to determine input of job *v^j* .

Precedence constraints

Lemma. If *G* has a topological order, then *G* is a DAG.

Pf. [by contradiction]

- Suppose that *G* has a topological order v_1 , v_2 , ..., v_n and that *G* also has a directed cycle *C*. Let's see what happens.
- Let v_i be the lowest-indexed node in \overrightarrow{C} , and let v_j be the node just before v_i ; thus (v_j, v_i) is an edge.
	- By our choice of *i*, we have $i < j$.
- On the other hand, since (v_j, v_i) is an edge and $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$ is a topological order, we must have $j < i$, a contradiction. \blacksquare

Directed acyclic graphs

Lemma. If *G* has a topological order, then *G* is a DAG.

- Q. Does every DAG have a topological ordering?
- Q. If so, how do we compute one?

Lemma. If *G* is a DAG, then *G* has a node with no entering edges.

Pf. [by contradiction]

- ・Suppose that *G* is a DAG and every node has at least one entering edge. Let's see what happens.
- ・Pick any node *v*, and begin following edges backward from *v*. Since *^v* has at least one entering edge (*u*, *v*) we can walk backward to *u*.
- Then, since *u* has at least one entering edge (x, u) , we can walk backward to *x*.
- Repeat until we visit a node, say w, twice.
- ・Let *C* denote the sequence of nodes encountered between successive visits to *w*. *C* is a cycle.

Lemma. If *G* is a DAG, then *G* has a topological ordering.

Pf. [by induction on *n*]

- Base case: true if $n = 1$.
- Given DAG on $n > 1$ nodes, find a node *v* with no entering edges.
- ・*G* { *v* } is a DAG, since deleting *v* cannot create cycles.
- By inductive hypothesis, $G \{v\}$ has a topological ordering.
- Place v first in topological ordering; then append nodes of $G \{v\}$ in topological order. This is valid since v has no entering edges. \blacksquare

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To compute a topological ordering of G:
                                                                  DAG
Find a node v with no incoming edges and order it first
Delete \nu from GRecursively compute a topological ordering of G - \{v\}and append this order after v
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v

Directed acyclic graphs

Figure 3.8 Starting from the graph in Figure 3.7, nodes are deleted one by one so as to be added to a topological ordering. The shaded nodes are those with no incoming edges; note that there is always at least one such edge at every stage of the algorithm's execution.

Theorem. Algorithm finds a topological order in *O*(*m* + *n*) time. Pf.

- ・Maintain the following information:
	- *count*(*w*) = remaining number of incoming edges
	- *S* = set of remaining nodes with no incoming edges
- Initialization: $O(m + n)$ via single scan through graph.
- ・Update: to delete *^v*
	- remove *v* from *S*
	- decrement *count*(*w*) for all edges from *v* to *w*; and add *w* to *S* if *count*(*w*) hits 0
	- $-$ this is $O(1)$ per edge

Figure 3.9 How many topological orderings does this
graph have?

Figure 3.10 How many topological orderings does this graph have?