Chapter 3 - Graphs

Undirected Graphs

Undirected graph, \( G = (V, E) \)
- \( V \) = set of nodes.
- \( E \) = set of edges between pairs of nodes.
- Captures pairwise relationship between objects.
- Graph size parameters: \( n = |V|, m = |E| \).

\[ V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \]
\[ E = \{1-2, 1-3, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 3-5, 3-7, 3-8, 4-5, 5-6\} \]
\[ n = 8 \]
\[ m = 11 \]
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- Edge \((u, v)\) goes from node \(u\) to node \(v\).

Example. Web graph - hyperlink points from one web page to another.
- Modern web search engines exploit hyperlink structure to rank web pages by importance.

Graph definitions

Graph \( G = (V, E) \), \( V \): set of nodes or vertices, \( E \): set of edges (pairs of nodes).
In an undirected graph, edges are unordered pairs (sets) of nodes. In a directed graph edges are ordered pairs (tuples) of nodes.
Path: sequence of nodes \((v_0, \ldots, v_n)\) s.t. \( \forall i: (v_i, v_{i+1}) \) is an edge. Path length: number of edges in the path, or sum of weights. Simple path: all nodes distinct.
Cycle: path with first and last node equal. Acyclic graph: graph without cycles. DAG: directed acyclic graph.
Two nodes are adjacent if there is an edge between them. In a complete graph all nodes in the graph are adjacent.
more definitions

An undirected graph is connected if for all nodes \( v_i \) and \( v_j \) there is a path from \( v_i \) to \( v_j \). An undirected graph can be partitioned in connected components: maximal connected sub-graphs. A directed graph can be partitioned in strongly connected components: maximal sub-graphs \( C \) where for every \( u \) and \( v \) in \( C \) there is a path from \( u \) to \( v \) and there is a path from \( v \) to \( u \).

\( G'(V',E') \) is a sub-graph of \( G(V,E) \) if \( V' \subseteq V \) and \( E' \subseteq E \). The sub-graph of \( G \) induced by \( V' \) has all the edges \( (u,v) \in E \) such that \( u \in V' \) and \( v \in V' \).

In a weighted graph the edges have a weight (cost, length,...) associated with them.

Graph Representation: Adjacency Matrix

Adjacency matrix. n-by-n matrix with \( A_{uv} = 1 \) if \((u, v)\) is an edge, or weight \( uv \) in a weighted graph.
- For undirected graphs, each edge is represented twice.
- Space proportional to \( n^2 \).
- Checking if \((u, v)\) is an edge takes \( \Theta(1) \) time.
- Identifying all outgoing edges from a node takes \( \Theta(n) \) time.
Graph Representation: Adjacency List

Adjacency list. Node indexed array of lists.
- For undirected graphs, each edge is again represented twice.
- Space proportional to \( m + n \).
- Checking if \((u, v)\) is an edge takes \(O(\text{degree}(u))\) time.
- Identifying all outgoing edges from a node takes \(O(\text{degree}(u))\) time.
- Identifying all edges takes \(\Theta(m + n)\) time.
- Cool python representation: dictionary

Which Implementation

Which implementation best supports common graph operations:
- Is there an edge between vertex \(i\) and vertex \(j\)?
- Find all vertices adjacent to vertex \(j\)

Which best uses space?
Trees

Def. An undirected graph is a tree if it is connected and does not contain a cycle.
How many edges does a tree have?

Given a set of nodes, build a tree step wise:
- every time you add an edge, you must add a new node to the growing tree. WHY?
- how many edges to connect n nodes?
Rooted Trees

**Rooted tree.** Given a tree $T$, choose a root node $r$ and orient each edge below $r$; do same for sub-trees.

Models hierarchical structure. By rooting the tree it is easy to see that it has $n-1$ edges.

Traversing a Binary Tree

**Pre order**
- visit the node
- go left
- go right

**In order**
- go left
- visit the node
- go right

**Post order**
- go left
- go right
- visit the node

**Level order / breadth first**
- for $d = 0$ to height
- visit nodes at level $d$
Traversal Examples

Pre order
ABDGHECFI

In order
GDHBACEFI

Post order
GHDBEIFCA

Level order
ABCDEFGHI

Tree traversal Implementation

recursive implementation of preorder

- The steps:
  - visit node
  - preorder(left child)
  - preorder(right child)

- What changes need to be made for in-order, post-order?

How would you implement level order?
Connectivity

- 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 the shortest path between s and t? Length: either in terms of number of edges, or in terms of sum of weights.

Graph Traversal

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What makes it different from tree traversals:
- you can visit the same node more than once
- you can get in a cycle
What to do about it:
- mark the nodes
  - White: unvisited
  - Grey: (still being considered) on the frontier: not all adjacent nodes have been visited yet
  - Black: off the frontier: all adjacent nodes visited (not considered anymore)
Like level traversal in trees, $\text{BFS}(G,s)$ explores the edges of $G$ and locates every node $v$ reachable from $s$ in a level order using a queue. BFS also computes the distance: number of edges from $s$ to all these nodes, and the shortest path (minimal #edges) from $s$ to $v$. 
BFS: Breadth First Search

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BFS expands a frontier of discovered but not yet visited nodes. Nodes are colored white, grey or black. They start out undiscovered or white.

Breadth First Search

**BFS intuition.** Explore outward from $s$, 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 $L_i$.

For each $i$, $L_i$ consists of all nodes at distance exactly $i$ from $s$. There is a path between $s$ and $t$ if and only if $t$ appears in some layer.
Breadth First Tree

BFS produces a **Breadth First Tree** rooted at $s$: when a node $v$ in $L_{i+1}$ is discovered as a neighbor of node $u$ in $L_i$, we add edge $(u,v)$ to the BF tree.

**Property.** Let $T$ be a BFS tree of $G$, and let $(x, y)$ be an edge of $G$. Then the level of $x$ and $y$ differ by at most 1. **WHY?**
BFS(G,s)
#d: distance,  c: color,  p: parent in BFS tree
forall v in V-s {c[v]=white; d[v]=∞, p[v]=nil}
c[s]=grey; d[s]=0; p[s]=nil;
Q=empty;
enque(Q,s);
while (Q != empty)
u = dequeue(Q);
forall v in adj(u)
if (c[v]==white)
c[v]=grey; d[v]=d[u]+1; p[v]=u;
enque(Q,v)
c[u]=black;
# don't really need grey here, why?

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Connected Components

**Connected graph.** There is a path between any pair of nodes.

**Connected component of a node s.** The set of all nodes reachable from $s$.

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

Connected component of a node $s$. The set of all nodes reachable from $s$.

Given two nodes $s$, and $t$, their connected components are either identical or disjoint. **WHY?**

Two cases - either there is a path between $s$ and $t$ or there isn't.
If there is a path: take a node $u$ in the connected component of $s$, and construct a path from $t$ to $u$: $t$ to $s$, then $s$ to $u$, so $CC_s = CC_t$.
If there is no path: assume that the intersection contains a node $u$. Use it to construct a path between $s$ and $t$: $s$ to $u$, then $u$ to $t$ - **contradiction**.
A generic algorithm for finding connected components:

\[ R = \{ s \} \quad \text{# the connected component of } s \text{ is initially } s. \]

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\text{while there is an edge } (u, v) \text{ where } u \text{ is in } R \text{ and } v \text{ is not in } R: \]
\[
\text{add } v \text{ to } R.
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Upon termination, \( R \) is the connected component containing \( s \).
- BFS: explore in order of distance from \( s \).
- DFS: explores edges from the most recently discovered node; backtracks when reaching a dead-end.

**DFS: Depth First Search**

Explores edges from the most recently discovered node; backtracks when reaching a dead-end. The algorithm below does not use white, grey, black, but uses explored (and implicitly unexplored). Recursive code:

DFS(u):
- mark u as Explored and add u to R
- for each edge (u,v):
  - if v is not marked Explored:
    - DFS(v)

BUT, how do we find cycles in a graph?
DFS and cyclic graphs

When DFS visits a node for the first time it is white. There are two ways DFS can revisit a node:

1. DFS has already fully explored the node. What color does it have then? Is there a cycle then?

2. DFS is still exploring this node. What color does it have in this case? Is there a cycle then?

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1. DFS has already fully explored the node. What color does it have then? Is there a cycle then? No, the node is revisited from outside.

2. DFS is still exploring this node. What color does it have in this case? Is there a cycle then? Yes, the node is revisited on a path containing the node itself.

So DFS with the white, grey, black coloring scheme detects a cycle when a GREY node is visited.
Recursive / node coloring version

DFS(u):
  # c: color, p: parent
  c[u]=grey
  forall v in Adj(u):
    if c[v]==white:
      p[v]=u
      DFS(v)
  c[u]=black

The above implementation of DFS runs in $O(m + n)$ time if
the graph is given by its adjacency list representation.

Proof:
Same as in BFS.

Bipartite Graphs

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

Applications.
- Scheduling: machines = red, jobs = blue.
Given a graph $G$, is it bipartite?
- Many graph problems become tractable if the underlying graph is bipartite (independent set)
- A graph is bipartite if it is 2-colorable

Algorithm for testing if a graph is bipartite
- Pick a node $s$ and color it blue
- Its neighbors must be colored red.
- Their neighbors must be colored blue.
- Proceed until the graph is colored.
- Check that there is no edge whose ends are the same color.
An Obstacle to Bipartite-ness

Which of these graphs is 2-colorable?

Lemma. If a graph $G$ is bipartite, it cannot contain an odd cycle.

Proof. Not possible to 2-color the odd cycle, let alone $G$. 

bipartite (2-colorable) 
not bipartite (not 2-colorable)
Lemma. Let $G$ be a connected graph, and let $L_0, \ldots, L_k$ 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. $G$ is bipartite.
(ii) An edge of $G$ joins two nodes of the same layer. $G$ contains an odd-length cycle (and hence is not bipartite).

Proof. (i)

- Suppose no edge joins two nodes in the same layer.
- I.e. all edges join nodes on adjacent layers.
- Bipartition: red = nodes on odd levels, blue = nodes on even levels.
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**Proof.** (ii)
- Suppose $(x, y)$ is an edge with $x, y$ in same level $L_j$.
- Let $z = \text{lca}(x, y) = \text{lowest common ancestor}$.
- Let $L_i$ be the level containing $z$.
- Consider the cycle containing the edge $(x, y)$, then path from $y$ to $z$, then path from $z$ to $x$.
- Its length is $1 + (j - i) + (j - i)$, which is odd.

Obstruction to Bipartiteness

**Corollary.** A graph $G$ is bipartite iff it contains no odd length cycle.
**Directed Graphs**

**Directed graph.** $G = (V, E)$
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**Graph Search**

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

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

BFS and DFS extend naturally to directed graphs.

Given a path from $s$ to $t$, not guaranteed there is a path from $t$ to $s$. 
**Strong Connectivity**

**Def.** Nodes $u$ and $v$ are **mutually reachable** if there is 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 reversely, $s$ is reachable from every node.

**Proof.** $\Rightarrow$ Follows from definition.

**Proof.** $\Leftarrow$ Path from $u$ to $v$: concatenate $u$-$s$ path with $s$-$v$ path.

Path from $v$ to $u$: concatenate $v$-$s$ path with $s$-$u$ path.

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**Strong Connectivity: Algorithm**

**Theorem.** Strong connectivity of a graph can be determined in $O(m + n)$ time.

**Proof.**
- Pick any node $s$.
  - 1. Run BFS from $s$ in $G$.
  - 2. Run BFS from $s$ in $G^\text{rev}$.
- Return true iff all nodes reached in both BFS executions.
- 1: $s$ can reach all nodes, 2: $s$ can be reached from all nodes
- Correctness follows immediately from previous lemma.

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Diagram:
- **strongly connected**
- **not strongly connected**
DAGs and Topological Ordering

Examples: Graphs Describing Precedence
- prerequisites for a set of courses
- dependencies between programs
- dependencies between jobs
- order of putting your clothes on

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

Topological ordering: a total ordering of the nodes that respects the precedence relation
- Example: An ordering of CS courses

Graphs describing precedence must not contain cycles. Why?

Batman images are from the book "Introduction to bioinformatics algorithms"
Topological Order of DAGs

**DAG:** Directed Acyclic Graph

**Topological order:** listing of nodes such that if \((a,b)\) is an edge, \(a\) appears before \(b\) in the list

Is a topological sort unique?
**Directed Acyclic Graphs**

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

**Proof.** (by contradiction)
- Suppose that $G$ has a topological order $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ and that $G$ also has a directed cycle $C$.
- Let $v_i$ be the lowest-indexed node in $C$, 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 $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ is a topological order, we must have $j < i$.
- **contradiction.**

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\begin{array}{cccccccc}
\node & \node & \node & \node & \node & \node & \node & \node \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\
\end{array}
\end{array} \]

the directed cycle $C$

the supposed topological order: $v_1, \ldots, v_n$
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 incoming edges.
**Directed Acyclic Graphs**

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**Proof.** (by contradiction)
- Suppose that $G$ is a DAG and every node has at least one incoming edge. Then it has a cycle and thus is not a DAG.
- Pick any node $v$, and begin following edges backward from $v$.
- Repeat. After $n + 1$ steps we have visited a node, say $w$, twice. The sequence of nodes encountered between successive visits is a cycle.
- **Contradiction**

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**Directed Acyclic Graphs**

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

**Proof.** (by induction on $n$)
- **Base:** true if $n = 1$.
- **Step:** Given a DAG with $n > 1$ nodes, find a node $v$ with no incoming edges. $G - \{v\}$ is a DAG, since deleting $v$ cannot create cycles. By induction hypothesis, $G - \{v\}$ has a topological ordering.

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

keep track of # incoming edges per node
while (nodes left):
    extract one with 0 incoming
    subtract one from all its adjacent nodes

Time complexity?
Better way?

Theorem. Algorithm can run in $O(m + n)$ time.

Proof.
- Maintain the following information:
  - $\text{count}[w] = \text{remaining number of incoming edges}$
  - $S = \text{set of nodes with no incoming edges}$
- Initialization: $O(m + n)$ via single scan through graph.
- Update: pick a node $v$ in $S$
  - remove $v$ from $S$
  - for each edge $(v, w)$: decrement $\text{count}[w]$ and add
    $w$ to $S$ if $\text{count}[w]$ hits 0

- this is $O(1)$ per edge