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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.





Border graph of 48 contiguous United States



Protein-protein interaction network



Reference: Jeong et al, Nature Review | Genetics

Map of science clickstreams



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

Kevin's facebook friends (Princeton network, circa 2005)



10 million Facebook friends



"Visualizing Friendships" by Paul Butler

The evolution of FCC lobbying coalitions



Framingham heart study



Figure 1. Largest Connected Subcomponent of the Social Network in the Framingham Heart Study in the Year 2000.

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, \geq 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.

The Internet as mapped by the Opte Project



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	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.



Some graph-processing problems

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 way to connect all of the 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	Do two adjacency lists represent the same graph ?	

Challenge. Which graph problems are easy? difficult? intractable?

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Graph representation

Graph drawing. Provides intuition about the structure of the graph.



two drawings of the same graph

Caveat. Intuition can be misleading.

Vertex representation.

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



public class	Graph	
	Graph(int V)	create an empty graph with V vertices
	Graph(In in)	create a graph from input stream
void	addEdge(int v, int w)	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

```
// degree of vertex v in graph G
public static int degree(Graph G, int v)
{
    int degree = 0;
    for (int w : G.adj(v))
        degree++;
    return degree;
}
```

Graph input format.



Graph representation: set of edges

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



Q. How long to iterate over vertices adjacent to *v* ?

Graph representation: adjacency matrix

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



Q. How long to iterate over vertices adjacent to *v* ?

Graph representation: adjacency lists

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists.





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Graph representations

In practice. Use adjacency-lists representation.

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



Two graphs (V = 50)

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 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	<i>degree</i> (<i>v</i>)	degree(v)

* disallows parallel edges

Adjacency-list graph representation: Java implementation



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Maze exploration

Maze graph.

- 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 instructed Theseus to use a ball of string to find his way back out.



The Labyrinth (with Minotaur)



Claude Shannon (with Theseus mouse)





Maze exploration: challenge for the bored



Goal. Systematically traverse a graph.

DFS (to visit a vertex v)

Mark v as visited.

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.

Design challenge. How to implement?

Depth-first search demo

To visit a vertex *v* :



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vertices reachable from 0

Design pattern. Decouple graph data type from graph processing.

- Create a Graph object.
- Pass the Graph to a graph-processing routine.
- Query the graph-processing routine for information.

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



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Data structures.

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

Depth-first search: Java implementation



Proposition. DFS marks all vertices connected to *s* in time proportional to the sum of their degrees (plus time to initialize the marked[] array).

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).

Pf. [running time]

Each vertex connected to *s* is visited once.



Depth-first search: properties

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.

```
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 application: flood fill

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





Solution. Build a grid graph (implicitly).

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



Depth-first search application: preparing for a date



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Breadth-first search demo

Repeat until queue is empty:

- Remove vertex *v* from queue.
- Add to queue all unmarked vertices adjacent to v and mark them.



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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 \boldsymbol{v}
- add each of v's unvisited neighbors to the queue,

and mark them as visited.





Breadth-first search: Java implementation



Breadth-first search properties

- Q. In which order does BFS examine vertices?
- A. Increasing distance (number of edges) from *s*.

queue always consists of ≥ 0 vertices of distance k from s, followed by ≥ 0 vertices of distance k+1

Proposition. In any connected graph *G*, BFS computes shortest paths from *s* to all other vertices in time proportional to E + V.



Breadth-first search application: routing

Fewest number of hops in a communication network.



ARPANET, July 1977

Breadth-first search application: Kevin Bacon numbers



http://oracleofbacon.org



Endless Games board game

New 2 Degrees	
Uma Thurman acted in	
Be Cool (2005)	1°
Scott Adsit	
The Informant! (2009)	2
Matt Damon	
Q #	V
Lookup Trivia Guess Degrees	Scoreboard

SixDegrees iPhone App

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.



Breadth-first search application: Erdös numbers



hand-drawing of part of the Erdös graph by Ron Graham

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Def. Vertices *v* and *w* are **connected** if there is a path between them.

Goal. Preprocess graph to answer queries of the form *is v connected to w?* in constant time.

public class	CC	
	CC(Graph G)	find connected components in G
boolean	<pre>connected(int v, int w)</pre>	are v and w connected?
int	count()	number of connected components
int	id(int v)	<i>component identifier for v</i> (<i>between</i> 0 <i>and</i> count() - 1)

Union-Find? Not quite. Depth-first search. Yes. [next few slides]

Connected components

The relation "is connected to" is an equivalence relation:

- Reflexive: *v* is connected to *v*.
- Symmetric: if *v* is connected to *w*, then *w* is connected to *v*.
- Transitive: if *v* connected to *w* and *w* connected to *x*, then *v* connected to *x*.

Def. A **connected component** is a maximal set of connected vertices.



Remark. Given connected components, can answer queries in constant time.

Def. A **connected component** is a maximal set of connected vertices.



63 connected components

Goal. Partition vertices into connected components.

Connected components

Initialize all vertices v as unmarked.

For each unmarked vertex v, run DFS to identify all vertices discovered as part of the same component.





Connected components demo

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done

Finding connected components with DFS



Finding connected components with DFS (continued)



Connected components application: particle detection

Particle detection. Given grayscale image of particles, identify "blobs."

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent pixels with grayscale value \ge 70.
- Blob: connected component of 20-30 pixels.







Particle tracking. Track moving particles over time.

Graph traversal summary

BFS and DFS enables efficient solution of many (but not all) graph problems.

problem	BFS	DFS	time
path between s and t	~	~	E + V
shortest path between s and t	~		E + V
connected components	~	~	E + V
biconnected components		~	E + V
cycle	~	~	E + V
Euler cycle		~	E + V
Hamilton cycle			$2^{1.657V}$
bipartiteness	~	~	E + V
planarity		~	E + V
graph isomorphism			$2^{c\sqrt{V\log V}}$