Data Structures and Algorithms (CS210/ESO207/ESO211)

Lecture 21

Graphs

- Definitions, notations, and terminologies
- Data structures for graphs
- A few algorithmic problems in graphs

Why Graphs ??

Finding shortest route between cities



Given a network of **roads** connecting various cities,

compute the <u>shortest route</u> between any two cities.

Just imagine how you would solve/approach this problem.

Embedding an integrated circuit on mother board





How to embed **ports** of various ICs on a plane and make **connections** among them so that

- No two connections <u>intersect</u> each other
- The total length of all the connections is minimal

A social network or world wide web (WWW)



Can we make some useful observations about such networks ?

diameter

degree distribution

How will you model these problems ?









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Graph



Graph

Definitions, notations, and terminologies

Graph

A graph G is defined by two sets

- V: set of vertices
- **E** : set of edges

Question: any relation between *E* and *V*? $E \subseteq (V \times V)$

Notation:

A graph G consisting of vertices V and edges E is denoted by (V,E)•

Types of graphs

Undirected Graph



Directed Graph



 $V = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ $E = \{(1,2), (1,5), (2,5), (2,3), (3,4), (3,4), (4,5), (4,6)\}$

 $V = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ $E = \{ (0,1), (0,4), (1,2), (2,0), (2,1), (3,2), (4,5), (4,5), (5,4) \}$

Notations

Notations:

- *n* = |*V*|
- *m* = |*E*|

Note: For directed graphs, $m \leq$

n(n-1)

For undirected graphs, $m \leq \frac{n(n-1)/2}{n(n-1)/2}$

Walks, paths, and cycles

Walk:

A sequence $\langle v_0, v_1, ..., v_k \rangle$ of vertices is said to be a **walk** from x to y if

- $x = v_0$
- $y = v_k$
- For each i < k, $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$



Path:

A walk $\langle v_0, v_1, ..., v_k \rangle$ on which <u>no vertex appears twice</u>.

Cycle:

A walk $\langle v_0, v_1, ..., v_k \rangle$ where no **intermediate** vertex gets repeated and $v_0 = v_k$

Terminologies



- <1,5,4> is a walk from 1 to 4.
- <1,3,2,5> is not a walk.
- <1,2,5,2,3,4,5,4,6> is a walk from 1 to 6.
- <1,2,5,4,6> is a **path** from 1 to 6.
- <2,3,4,5,2> is a cycle.

Terminologies



two vertices are said to be *connected* if there is a **path** between them.

Connected component:

A maximal subset of connected vertices

You can not add any more vertex to the subset and still keeping it connected.

Data Structures for Graphs

Vertices are always numbered

1, ... , **n**

Or **0**, ..., *n* – **1**

Link based data structure for graph

Undirected Graph



 $V = \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ $E = \{(1,2), (1,5), (2,5), (2,3), (3,4), (3,4), (4,5), (4,6)\}$

Adjacency Lists



Link based data structure for graph

Advantage of Adjacency Lists :

- Space efficient
- All the neighbors of a vertex can be computed in <u>optimal time</u>.

Disadvantage of Adjacency Lists :

• How to determine if there is an edge from **x** to **y**?

(O(n)) time in the worst case).

Array based data structure for graph

Undirected Graph



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Adjacency Matrix



Array based data structure for graph

Advantage of Adjacency Matrix :

 It takes O(1) time to determine whether there is an edge from x to y for any two vertices x and y.

Disadvantage of Adjacency Matrix :

- It takes O(n) time to compute/enumerate all neighbors of a given vertex x.
- It takes $O(n^2)$ space.

Which data structure is commonly used for storing graphs ?

Adjacency lists

Reasons:

- Graphs in real life are sparse ($m \ll n^2$).
- Most algorithms require <u>enumerating</u> and <u>processing neighbors</u> of each vertex.

Adjacency matrix will enforce $O(n^2)$ bound on time complexity for the algorithm.



A sample of Graph algorithmic Problems

- Are two vertices **x** and **y** connected ?
- Find all connected components in a graph.
- Is there is a cycle in a graph ?
- Compute a path of shortest length between two vertices ?
- Is there is a cycle passing through all vertices ?

An interesting problem (Finding a sink)

A vertex **x** in a given directed graph is said to be a **sink** if

- There is no edge emanating from (leaving) **x**
- Every other vertex has an edge into **x**.



Given a directed graph G = (V, E) in an adjacency matrix representation, design an O(n) time algorithm to determine if there is any sink in G.