Computer Science & Engineering 423/823 Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 03 — Elementary Graph Algorithms (Chapter 22)

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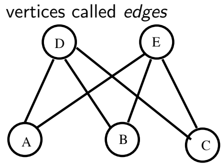
Introduction

- Graphs are abstract data types that are applicable to numerous problems
  - Can capture *entities*, *relationships* between them, the *degree* of the relationship, etc.
- This chapter covers basics in graph theory, including representation, and algorithms for basic graph-theoretic problems
- We'll build on these later this semester

Types of Graphs

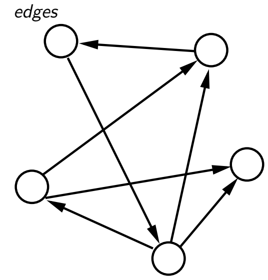
- A **(simple, or undirected)** graph $G = (V, E)$ consists of V, a nonempty set of vertices and E a set of *unordered* pairs of distinct vertices called *edges*



V={A,B,C,D,E}
E={ (A,D),(A,E),(B,D), (B,E),(C,D),(C,E)}

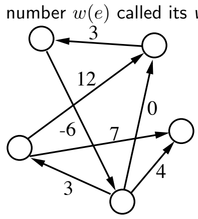
Types of Graphs (2)

- A **directed** graph (digraph) $G = (V, E)$ consists of V, a nonempty set of vertices and E a set of *ordered* pairs of distinct vertices called *edges*



Types of Graphs (3)

- A **weighted** graph is an undirected or directed graph with the additional property that each edge e has associated with it a real number $w(e)$ called its *weight*



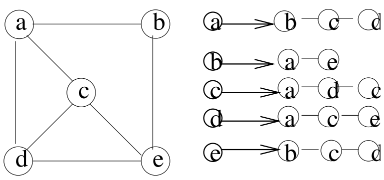
- Other variations: multigraphs, pseudographs, etc.

Representations of Graphs

- Two common ways of representing a graph: **Adjacency list** and **adjacency matrix**
- Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with n vertices and m edges

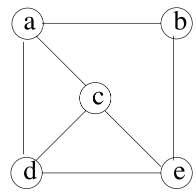
Adjacency List

- For each vertex $v \in V$, store a list of vertices adjacent to v
- For weighted graphs, add information to each node
- How much is space required for storage?



Adjacency Matrix

- Use an $n \times n$ matrix M, where $M(i,j) = 1$ if (i,j) is an edge, 0 otherwise
- If G weighted, store weights in the matrix, using ∞ for non-edges
- How much is space required for storage?



	a	b	c	d	e
a	0	1	1	1	0
b	1	0	0	0	1
c	1	0	0	1	1
d	1	0	1	0	1
e	0	1	1	1	0

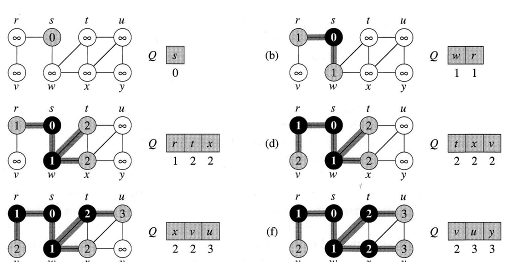
Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ (directed or undirected) and a *source* node $s \in V$, BFS systematically visits every vertex that is reachable from s
- Uses a queue data structure to search in a breadth-first manner
- Creates a structure called a **BFS tree** such that for each vertex $v \in V$, the distance (number of edges) from s to v in tree is the shortest path in G
- Initialize each node's **color** to WHITE
- As a node is visited, color it to GRAY ($\Rightarrow$ in queue), then BLACK ($\Rightarrow$ finished)

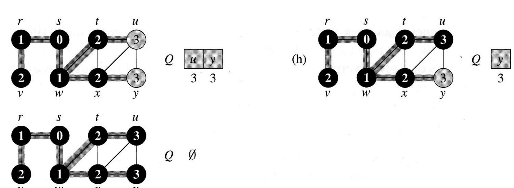
BFS Algorithm

```
for each vertex u ∈ V \ {s} do
    color[u] = WHITE
    d[u] = ∞
    π[u] = NIL
end
color[s] = GRAY
d[s] = 0
π[s] = NIL
Q = ∅
ENQUEUE(Q, s)
while Q ≠ ∅ do
    u = DEQUEUE(Q)
    for each v ∈ Adj[u] do
        if color[v] == WHITE then
            color[v] = GRAY
            d[v] = d[u] + 1
            π[v] = u
            ENQUEUE(Q, v)
        end
    end
    color[u] = BLACK
end
```


BFS Example



BFS Example (2)



BFS Properties

- What is the running time?
  - Hint: How many times will a node be enqueued?
- After the end of the algorithm, $d[v]$ = shortest distance from s to v
  - ⇒ Solves unweighted shortest paths
  - Can print the path from s to v by recursively following $\pi[v]$, $\pi[\pi[v]]$, etc.
- If $d[v] == \infty$, then v not reachable from s
  - ⇒ Solves reachability

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Depth-First Search (DFS)

- Another graph traversal algorithm
- Unlike BFS, this one follows a path as deep as possible before backtracking
- Where BFS is "queue-like," DFS is "stack-like"
- Tracks both "discovery time" and "finishing time" of each node, which will come in handy later

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DFS Algorithm

```
for each vertex u ∈ V do
    color[u] = WHITE
    π[u] = NIL
end
time = 0
for each vertex u ∈ V do
    if color[u] == WHITE then
        DFS-VISIT(u)
    end
end
```

Algorithm 2: DFS(G)

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DFS Algorithm (2)

```
color[u] = GRAY
time = time + 1
d[u] = time
for each v ∈ Adj[u] do
    if color[v] == WHITE then
        π[v] = u
        DFS-VISIT(v)
    end
end
color[u] = BLACK
f[u] = time = time + 1
```

Algorithm 3: DFS-Visit(u)

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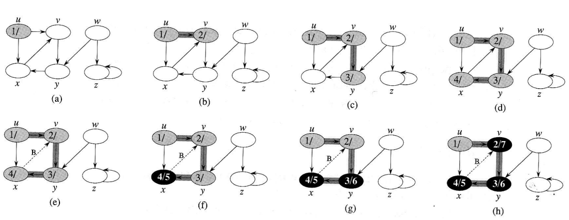
DFS Example



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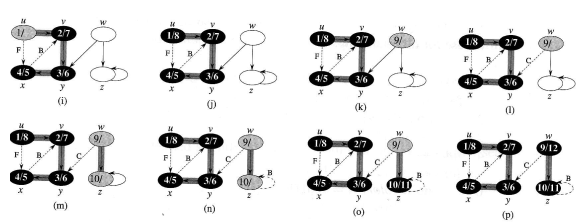
DFS Example (2)



DFS Properties

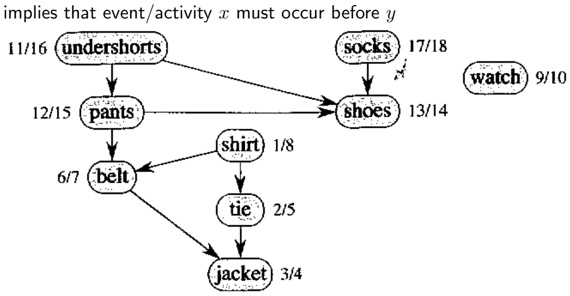
- Time complexity same as BFS: $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$
- Vertex u is a proper descendant of vertex v in the DF tree iff $d[v] < d[u] < f[u] < f[v]$
  - $\Rightarrow$ **Parenthesis structure:** If one prints "$(u$" when discovering u and "$u)$" when finishing u, then printed text will be a well-formed parenthesized sentence

DFS Properties (2)

- Classification of edges into groups
  - A **tree edge** is one in the depth-first forest
  - A **back edge** (u, v) connects a vertex u to its ancestor v in the DF tree (includes self-loops)
  - A **forward edge** is a nontree edge connecting a node to one of its DF tree descendants
  - A **cross edge** goes between non-ancestral edges within a DF tree or between DF trees
  - See labels in DFS example
- Example use of this property: A graph has a cycle iff DFS discovers a back edge (application: deadlock detection)
- When DFS first explores an edge (u, v), look at v's color:
  - $color[v] ==$ WHITE implies tree edge
  - $color[v] ==$ GRAY implies back edge
  - $color[v] ==$ BLACK implies forward or cross edge

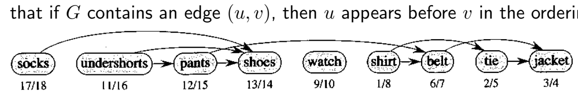
Application: Topological Sort

A directed acyclic graph (dag) can represent precedences: an edge (x, y) implies that event/activity x must occur before y



Application: Topological Sort (2)

A **topological sort** of a dag G is an linear ordering of its vertices such that if G contains an edge (u, v), then u appears before v in the ordering



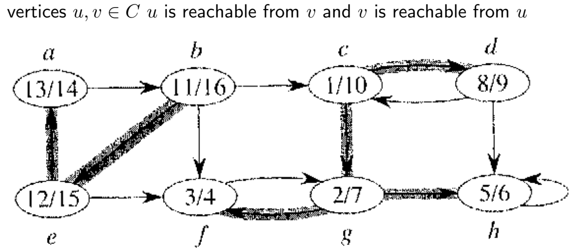
Topological Sort Algorithm

1. Call DFS algorithm on dag G
2. As each vertex is finished, insert it to the front of a linked list
3. Return the linked list of vertices

- Thus topological sort is a descending sort of vertices based on DFS finishing times
- Why does it work?
  - When a node is finished, it has no unexplored outgoing edges; i.e. all its descendant nodes are already finished and inserted at later spot in final sort

Application: Strongly Connected Components

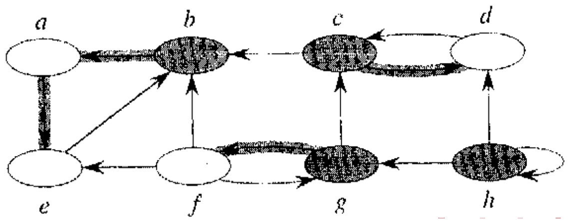
Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, a **strongly connected component** (SCC) of G is a maximal set of vertices $C \subseteq V$ such that for every pair of vertices $u, v \in C$ u is reachable from v and v is reachable from u



What are the SCCs of the above graph?

Transpose Graph

- Our algorithm for finding SCCs of G depends on the **transpose** of G, denoted $G^{\top}$
- $G^{\top}$ is simply G with edges reversed
- Fact: $G^{\top}$ and G have same SCCs. Why?

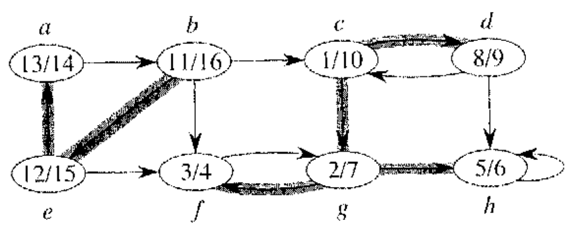


SCC Algorithm

1. Call DFS algorithm on G
2. Compute $G^{\top}$
3. Call DFS algorithm on $G^{\top}$, looping through vertices in order of decreasing finishing times from first DFS call
4. Each DFS tree in second DFS run is an SCC in G

SCC Algorithm Example

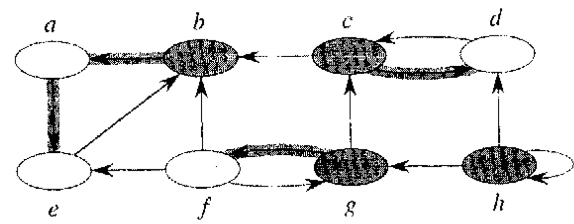
After first round of DFS:



Which node is first one to be visited in second DFS?

SCC Algorithm Example (2)

After second round of DFS:



SCC Algorithm Analysis

- What is its time complexity?
- How does it work?
  1. Let x be node with highest finishing time in first DFS
  2. In $G^{\top}$, x's component C has no edges to any other component, so the second DFS's tree edges define exactly x's component
  3. Now let x' be the next node explored in a new component C'
  4. The only edges from C' to another component are to nodes in C, so the DFS tree edges define exactly the component for x'
  5. And so on...