Directed Graphs

digraph search transitive closure topological sort strong components

References: Algorithms in Java, Chapter 19 **http://www.cs.princeton.edu/introalgsds/52directed**

Directed graphs (digraphs)

Set of objects with oriented pairwise connections.

dependencies in software modules prey-predator relationships

hyperlinks connecting web pages

Digraph applications

Some digraph problems

Transitive closure. Is there a directed path from **v** to **w**?

Strong connectivity. Are all vertices mutually reachable?

Topological sort.

Can you draw the digraph so that all edges point from left to right?

PERT/CPM.

Given a set of tasks with precedence constraints, how we can we best complete them all?

Shortest path. Find best route from **s** to **^t** in a weighted digraph

PageRank. What is the importance of a web page?

Digraph representations

Vertices

- this lecture: use integers between **0** and **V-1**.
- real world: convert between names and integers with symbol table.

Edges: four easy options

- list of vertex pairs
- vertex-indexed adjacency arrays (adjacency matrix)
- vertex-indexed adjacency lists
- vertex-indexed adjacency SETs

Same as undirected graph BUT orientation of edges is significant.

Adjacency matrix digraph representation

Maintain a two-dimensional $v \times v$ boolean array. For each edge **v**-**^w** in graph: **adj[v][w] = true**.

Adjacency-list digraph representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists.

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Adjacency-SET digraph representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of SETs.

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Adjacency-SET digraph representation: Java implementation

Same as **Graph**, but only insert one copy of each edge.

```
adjacency 
                                                                            SETs
adj = (SET<Integer>[]) new SET[V]; create empty
                                                                       V-vertex graph
                                                                           add edge from v to w
                                                                      (Graph also has adj[w].add[v])
                                                                        iterable SET for
                                                                          v's neighbors
public class Digraph
{
      private int V;
      private SET<Integer>[] adj;
      public Digraph(int V)
 {
           this.V = V;
          for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
                adj[v] = new SET<Integer>();
 }
      public void addEdge(int v, int w)
\{ \} adj[v].add(w);
 }
      public Iterable<Integer> adj(int v)
\{ \cdot 
           return adj[v]; 
 }
 }
```
Digraph representations

Digraphs are abstract mathematical objects, BUT

- ADT implementation requires specific representation.
- Efficiency depends on matching algorithms to representations.

In practice: Use adjacency SET representation

- \bullet Take advantage of proven technology
- Real-world digraphs tend to be "sparse"
	- [huge number of vertices, small average vertex degree]
- Algs all based on iterating over edges incident to v.

Typical digraph application: Google's PageRank algorithm

Goal. Determine which web pages on Internet are important. Solution. Ignore keywords and content, focus on hyperlink structure.

Random surfer model.

- Start at random page.
- With probability 0.85, randomly select a hyperlink to visit next; with probability 0.15, randomly select any page.
- PageRank = proportion of time random surfer spends on each page.

Solution 1: Simulate random surfer for a long time. Solution 2: Compute ranks directly until they converge Solution 3: Compute eigenvalues of adjacency matrix!

None feasible without sparse digraph representation

Every square matrix is a weighted digraph

digraph search

transitive closure topological sort strong components

Digraph application: program control-flow analysis

Every program is a digraph (instructions connected to possible successors)

Determine whether exit is unreachable

can't detect all possible infinite loops (halting problem)

Digraph application: mark-sweep garbage collector

Every data structure is a digraph (objects connected by references)

Roots. Objects known to be directly accessible by program (e.g., stack).

Reachable objects.

Objects indirectly accessible by program (starting at a root and following a chain of pointers).

easy to identify pointers in type-safe language

Mark-sweep algorithm. [McCarthy, 1960]

- Mark: mark all reachable objects.
- Sweep: if object is unmarked, it is garbage, so add to free list.

Memory cost: Uses 1 extra mark bit per object, plus DFS stack.

Reachability

Goal. Find all vertices reachable from **s** along a directed path.

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Digraph-processing challenge 1:

Problem: Mark all vertices reachable from a given vertex.

How difficult?

- 1) any COS126 student could do it
- 2) need to be a typical diligent COS226 student
- 3) hire an expert
- 4) intractable
- 5) no one knows

Depth-first search in digraphs

Same method as for undirected graphs

Every undirected graph is a digraph

- happens to have edges in both directions
- DFS is a digraph algorithm

DFS (to visit a vertex **v**)

Mark **v** as visited.

Visit all unmarked vertices **w** adjacent to **^v**.

recursive

Depth-first search (single-source reachability)

Identical to undirected version (substitute **Digraph** for **Graph**).

```
true if 
                                                 connected to s
                                                 constructor 
                                                marks vertices
                                                connected to s
                                                 recursive DFS
                                                 does the work
                                                client can ask whether 
                                                   any vertex is 
                                                  connected to s
public class DFSearcher
{
    private boolean[] marked;
    public DFSearcher(Digraph G, int s)
 {
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        dfs(G, s);
 }
    private void dfs(Digraph G, int v)
 {
        marked[v] = true;
        for (int w : G.adj(v))
           if (!marked[w]) dfs(G, w);
 }
    public boolean isReachable(int v)
 {
        return marked[v];
 }
}
```
Depth-first search (DFS)

DFS enables direct solution of simple digraph problems.

- Reachability.
	- Cycle detection
	- Topological sort
	- Transitive closure.
	- Is there a path from **^s** to **t ?**

Basis for solving difficult digraph problems.

- Directed Euler path.
- Strong connected components.

Breadth-first search in digraphs

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BFS (from source vertex **s**)

Put **s** onto a FIFO queue.

Repeat until the queue is empty:

- remove the least recently added vertex **^v**
- add each of **v**'s unvisited neighbors to the queue and mark them as visited.

Visits vertices in increasing distance from s

Digraph BFS application: Web Crawler

The internet is a digraph

Goal. Crawl Internet, starting from some root website. Solution. BFS with implicit graph.

BFS.

- Start at some root website (say **http://www.princeton.edu**.).
- Maintain a **Queue** of websites to explore.
- Maintain a **SET** of discovered websites.
- Dequeue the next website and enqueue websites to which it links (provided you haven't done so before).

- Q. Why not use DFS?
- A. Internet is not fixed (some pages generate new ones when visited)
	- *Page ranks with histogram for a larger example* $\check{ }$ subtle point: think about it!

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Web crawler: BFS-based Java implementation

digraph search

transitive closure

topological sort strong components

Graph-processing challenge (revisited)

Problem: Is there a path from s to t? Goals: linear \sim (V + E) preprocessing time constant query time

How difficult?

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- 3) hire an expert
- 4) intractable
- 5) no one knows
- 6) impossible

Digraph-processing challenge 2

Problem: Is there a directed path from s to t? Goals: linear \sim (V + E) preprocessing time constant query time

How difficult?

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- 3) hire an expert
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Transitive Closure

The transitive closure of G has an directed edge from **v** to **^w** if there is a directed path from **v** to **w** in G

Digraph-processing challenge 2 (revised)

Problem: Is there a directed path from s to t? Goals: $\mathord{\sim} \mathsf{V}^2$ preprocessing time constant query time

How difficult?

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- 2) need to be a typical diligent COS226 student
- 3) hire an expert
- 4) intractable
- 5) no one knows
- 6) impossible

Digraph-processing challenge 2 (revised again)

```
Problem: Is there a directed path from s to t?
Goals: ~VE preprocessing time (~V^3 for dense digraphs)
      \simV^2 space
      constant query time
```
How difficult?

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Transitive closure: Java implementation


```
public class TransitiveClosure
{
```

```
 private DFSearcher[] tc;
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 }

 {

 }

}

```
 public TransitiveClosure(Digraph G)
```

```
 tc = new DFSearcher[G.V()]; 
for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++) tc[v] = new DFSearcher(G, v);
```
 public boolean reachable(int v, int w)

 return tc[v].isReachable(w);

```
{
```
}

```
 private boolean[] marked;
   public DFSearcher(Digraph G, int s)
 {
      marked = new boolean[G.V()];
      dfs(G, s);
 }
   private void dfs(Digraph G, int v)
 {
      marked[v] = true;
      for (int w : G.adj(v))
         if (!marked[w]) dfs(G, w);
 }
   public boolean isReachable(int v)
 {
      return marked[v];
 }
```

```
is there a directed path from v to w ?
```
digraph search Itransitive closure

topological sort

strong components

Digraph application: Scheduling

Scheduling. Given a set of tasks to be completed with precedence constraints, in what order should we schedule the tasks?

Graph model.

- Create a vertex **v** for each task.
- Create an edge **vw** if task v must precede task **^w**.
- Schedule tasks in topological order.

Topological Sort

DAG. Directed acyclic graph.

Topological sort. Redraw DAG so all edges point left to right.

Observation. Not possible if graph has a directed cycle.

Digraph-processing challenge 3

Problem: Check that the digraph is a DAG. If it is a DAG, do a topological sort. Goals: linear \sim (V + E) preprocessing time provide client with vertex iterator for topological order

How difficult?

Topological sort in a DAG: Java implementation

```
public class TopologicalSorter
{
    private int count;
    private boolean[] marked;
   private int[] ts;
    public TopologicalSorter(Digraph G)
 {
       marked = new boolean[G.V()];
      ts = new int[G.V()]; count = G.V();
      for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++) if (!marked[v]) tsort(G, v);
    }
    private void tsort(Digraph G, int v)
 {
       marked[v] = true;
       for (int w : G.adj(v))
          if (!marked[w]) tsort(G, w);
      ts[--count] = v;
    } 
}
```
standard DFS with 5 extra lines of code

add iterator that returns **ts[0], ts[1], ts[2]...**

Seems easy? Missed by experts for a few decades

Topological sort of a dag: trace

"visit" means "call **tsort()**" and "leave" means "return from **tsort()**

Topological sort in a DAG: correctness proof

Invariant:

tsort(G, v) visits all vertices reachable from **v** with a directed path

Proof by induction:

- **^w** marked: vertices reachable from **^w** are already visited
- **^w** not marked: call **tsort(G, w)** to visit the vertices reachable from **^w**

Therefore, algorithm is correct in placing **v** before all vertices visited during call to **tsort(G, v)** just before returning. **}**

Q. How to tell whether the digraph has a cycle (is not a DAG)?

A. Use **TopologicalSorter** (exercise)

```
public class TopologicalSorter
{
   private int count;
    private boolean[] marked;
   private int[] ts;
    public TopologicalSorter(Digraph G)
 {
       marked = new boolean[G.V()];
      ts = new int[G.V()];
      count = G.V():
      for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++) if (!marked[v]) tsort(G, v);
 }
    private void tsort(Digraph G, int v)
 {
       marked[v] = true;
      for (int w : G.add(v)) if (!marked[w]) tsort(G, w);
      ts[--count] = v;
 }
```
Topological sort applications.

- Causalities.
- •Compilation units.
- Class inheritance.
- Course prerequisites.
- Deadlocking detection.
- Temporal dependencies.
- Pipeline of computing jobs.
- Check for symbolic link loop.
- Evaluate formula in spreadsheet.
- Program Evaluation and Review Technique / Critical Path Method

Topological sort application (weighted DAG)

Precedence scheduling

A-I in topological order

- Task **v** takes **time[v]** units of time.
- Can work on jobs in parallel.
- Precedence constraints:
- must finish task **v** before beginning task **^w**.
- Goal: finish each task as soon as possible

Program Evaluation and Review Technique / Critical Path Method

PERT/CPM algorithm.

- compute topological order of vertices.
- initialize **fin[v] ⁼ ⁰** for all vertices **v**.
- consider vertices **^v** in topologically sorted order.

for each edge **v ^w**, set **fin[w]= max(fin[w], fin[v] + time[w])**

- remember vertex that set value.
- work backwards from sink

strong components

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Strong connectivity in digraphs

Analog to connectivity in undirected graphs

In a **Graph**, **^u** and **v** are connected when there is a path from **u** to **^v**

3 connected components (sets of mutually connected vertices)

In a **Digraph**, **^u** and **v** are strongly connected when there is a directed path from **u** to **^v** and a directed path from **v** to **^u**

4 strongly connected components (sets of mutually strongly connected vertices)

Digraph-processing challenge 4

Problem: Is there a directed cycle containing s and t ? Equivalent: Are there directed paths from s to t and from t to s? Equivalent: Are s and t strongly connected?

Goals: linear $(V + E)$ preprocessing time (like for undirected graphs) constant query time

How difficult?

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- 2) need to be a typical diligent COS226 student
- 3) hire an expert
- 4) intractable
- 5) no one knows
- 6) impossible

Typical strong components applications

Strong component: subset with common energy flow

- •source in kernel DAG: needs outside energy?
- •sink in kernel DAG: heading for growth?

Ecological food web Software module dependency digraphs

Strong component: subset of mutually interacting modules

- \bullet approach 1: package strong components together
- approach 2: use to improve design!

Strong components algorithms: brief history

1960s: Core OR problem

- widely studied
- some practical algorithms
- complexity not understood

1972: Linear-time DFS algorithm (Tarjan)

- classic algorithm
- level of difficulty: CS226++
- demonstrated broad applicability and importance of DFS

1980s: Easy two-pass linear-time algorithm (Kosaraju)

- forgot notes for teaching algorithms class
- developed algorithm in order to teach it!
- later found in Russian scientific literature (1972)

1990s: More easy linear-time algorithms (Gabow, Mehlhorn)

- Gabow: fixed old OR algorithm
- Mehlhorn: needed one-pass algorithm for LEDA $_{\rm 45}$

Kosaraju's algorithm

Simple (but mysterious) algorithm for computing strong components

- Run DFS on GR and compute postorder.
- Run DFS on G, considering vertices in reverse postorder
- [has to be seen to be believed: follow example in book]

Theorem. Trees in second DFS are strong components. (!) Proof. [stay tuned in COS 423]

