# **Undirected Graphs**

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## Undirected graphs

Graph. Set of vertices connected pairwise by edges.

## Why study graph algorithms?

- Interesting and broadly useful abstraction.
- Challenging branch of computer science and discrete math.
- Hundreds of graph algorithms known.
- Thousands of practical applications.





### Protein interaction network



Reference: Jeong et al, Nature Review | Genetics

#### Social networks



## 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	street intersection, airport	highway, airway route
internet	class C network	connection
game	board position	legal move
social relationship	person, actor	friendship, movie cast
neural network	neuron	synapse
protein network	protein	protein-protein interaction
chemical compound	molecule	bond

## Graph terminology



## Some graph-processing problems

Path. Is there a path between s and t? Shortest path. What is the shortest path between s and t?

Cycle. Is there a cycle in the graph? Euler tour. Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once? Hamilton tour. Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once?

Connectivity. Is there a way to connect all of the vertices? MST. What is the best way to connect all of the vertices? Biconnectivity. Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?

Planarity. Can you draw the graph in the plane with no crossing edges? Graph isomorphism. Do two adjacency matrices represent the same graph?

Challenge. Which of these problems are easy? difficult? intractable?

## Graph representation

### Vertex representation.

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



Other issues. Parallel edges, self-loops.

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### Graph API



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## Set of edges representation







#### Adjacency-matrix representation: Java implementation





#### Adjacency-list representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of lists (implementation omitted).



### Adjacency-set graph representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of sets.



### Adjacency-set representation: Java implementation



#### Graph representations

In practice. Use adjacency-set (or adjacency-list) representation.

- Algs all based on iterating over edges incident to v.
- Real-world graphs tend to be "sparse."

huge number of vertices,
small average vertex degree

representation	space	edge between v and w?	iterate over edges incident to v?
list of edges	E	E	E
adjacency matrix	V <sup>2</sup>	1	V
adjacency list	E+V	degree(v)	degree(v)
adjacency set	E + V	log (degree(v))	degree(v)

Maze exploration

### Maze graphs.

- Vertex = intersection.
- Edge = passage.



#### Goal. Explore every passage in the maze.

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## Trémaux maze exploration

## Algorithm.

- Unroll a ball of string behind you.
- Mark each visited intersection by turning on a light.
- Mark each visited passage by opening a door.

First use? Theseus entered labyrinth to kill the monstrous Minotaur; Ariadne held ball of string.





Claude Shannon (with Theseus mouse)

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Maze exploration



## Maze exploration



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## Depth-first search

Goal. Systematically search through a graph. Idea. Mimic maze exploration.

### DFS (to visit a vertex s)

## Mark s as visited.

Recursively visit all unmarked vertices v adjacent to s.

## Running time.

- O(E) since each edge examined at most twice.
- Usually less than V to find paths in real graphs.

### • Typical applications.

- Find all vertices connected to a given s.
- Find a path from s to t.



## Design pattern for graph processing

## Design goal. Decouple graph data type from graph processing.

<pre>// print all vertices connected to s</pre>
<pre>In in = new In(args[0]);</pre>
<pre>Graph G = new Graph(in);</pre>
int $s = 0;$
<pre>DFSearcher dfs = new DFSearcher(G, s);</pre>
for (int $v = 0; v < G.V(); v++$ )
if (dfs.isConnected(v))

## Typical client program.

- Create a Graph.
- Pass the graph to a graph-processing routine, e.g., DFSearcher.
- Query the graph-processing routine for information.

## Depth-first search (connectivity)



## Photoshop "magic wand"



## Graph-processing challenge 1

Problem. Flood fill. Assumptions. Picture has millions to billions of pixels.

### How difficult?

- Any COS 126 student could do it.
- Need to be a typical diligent COS 226 student.
- Hire an expert.
- Intractable.
- No one knows.
- Impossible.

## Connectivity application: flood fill

Change color of entire blob of neighboring red pixels to blue.

## Build a grid graph.

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



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recolor red blob to blue

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recolor red blob to blue

## Problem. Is there a path from s to t?



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## Graph-processing challenge 3

Problem. Find a path from s to t? Assumption. Any path will do.



## How difficult?

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- Hire an expert.
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## Paths in graphs: union find vs. DFS

## Is there a path from s to t?

method	preprocessing time	query time	space
union-find	V + E log* V	log* V †	v
DFS	E + V	1	E + V

t amortized

## If so, find one.

- Union-find: not much help (run DFS on connected subgraph).
- DFS: easy (stay tuned).

Union-find advantage. Can intermix queries and edge insertions. DFS advantage. Can recover path itself in time proportional to its length.

## Keeping track of paths with DFS

DFS tree. Upon visiting a vertex v for the first time, remember that you came from pred[v] (parent-link representation).

Retrace path. To find path between s and v, follow pred[] back from v.

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0-0-0-0-0-0-0









0 2 6









## Depth-first-search (pathfinding)



## Depth-first-search (pathfinding iterator)

<pre>public Iterable<integer> path(int v)</integer></pre>
{
<pre>Stack<integer> path = new Stack<integer>();</integer></integer></pre>
while (v $!= -1 \&\& marked[v]$ )
{
list.push(v);
v = pred[v];
}
return path;
}



#### DFS summary

## Enables direct solution of simple graph problems.

- Find path from s to t.
  - Connected components (stay tuned).
  - Euler tour (see book).
  - Cycle detection (simple exercise).
  - Bipartiteness checking (see book).

## Basis for solving more difficult graph problems.

- Biconnected components (see book).
- Planarity testing (beyond scope).

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#### Breadth-first search

## Breadth-first search scaffolding



Shortest path. Find path from s to t that uses fewest number of edges.

#### 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.

Property. BFS examines vertices in increasing distance from s.



private void bfs(Graph G, int s)
{
<pre>Queue<integer> q = new Queue<integer>();</integer></integer></pre>
q.enqueue(s);
<pre>while (!q.isEmpty())</pre>
{
<pre>int v = q.dequeue();</pre>
for (int w : G.adj(v))
{
if $(dist[w] > G.V())$
{
q.enqueue(w);
dist[w] = dist[v] + 1;
}
}
}
}



#### BFS application

Facebook.

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- Kevin Bacon numbers.
- Fewest number of hops in a communication network.



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connected components

#### Connectivity queries

- Def. Vertices v and w are connected if there is a path between them.
- Def. A connected component is a maximal set of connected vertices.
- Goal. Preprocess graph to answer queries: is v connected to w? in constant time



#### Connected components

## Goal. Partition vertices into connected components.



Initialize all vertices v as unmarked.

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

preprocess time	query time	extra space
E + V	1	V

## Depth-first search for connected components



## Depth-first search for connected components



#### Connected components



### Connected components application: image processing

Goal. Read in a 2D color image and find regions of connected pixels that have the same color.



Input. Scanned image.

#### Connected components application: image processing

Goal. Read in a 2D color image and find regions of connected pixels that have the same color.

#### Efficient algorithm.

- Create grid graph.
- Connect each pixel to neighboring pixel if same color.
- Find connected components in resulting graph.



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.

black = 0 white = 255





Particle tracking. Track moving particles over time.

## Graph-processing challenge 4

Problem. Find a cycle that uses every edge. Assumption. Need to use each edge exactly once.

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0	0-1
	0-2
	0-5
	0-6
	1-2
3 4	2-3
	2-4
5	3-4
	4-5
0-1-2-3-4-2-0-6-4-5-0	4-6



## Bridges of Königsberg

## The Seven Bridges of Königsberg. [Leonhard Euler 1736]

"... in Königsberg in Prussia, there is an island A, called the Kneiphof; the river which surrounds it is divided into two branches ... and these branches are crossed by seven bridges. Concerning these bridges, it was asked whether anyone could arrange a route in such a way that he could cross each bridge once and only once."



Euler tour. Is there a cyclic path that uses each edge exactly once? Answer. Yes iff connected and all vertices have even degree. To find path. DFS-based algorithm (see Algs in Java).

## Graph-processing challenge 5

Problem. Find a cycle that visits every vertex. Assumption. Need to visit each vertex exactly once.



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## Graph-processing challenge 6

## Problem. Are two graphs identical except for vertex names?

#### How difficult?

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- Hire an expert.
- Intractable.
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### Graph-processing challenge 7

Problem. Lay out a graph in the plane without crossing edges?

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### How difficult?

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