Graphs

Announcements()

Change in Schedule

- I'm changing the schedule around a bit...
 - Today: Graphs
 - Tuesday: Shortest Path Algorithms
 - Wednesday: Minimum Spanning Trees
 - Tursday: Review Session for Midterm II

Final

- Final: Monday, August 12th, 7-10pm
 - Location: Cubberly Auditorium
 - Cumulative (but weighted towards post midterm material)
 - Covers material up through Tuesday
 - SCPD students and students who require special arrangements should email me in the next couple days
 - We do the final "early" so we have time to grade it, get it back to you and resolve any grading issues.

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Data Structures Cheat Sheet

- Vector, Stack: dynamic array
- Queue: linked list or dynamic array
- Set, Map: Binary Search Tree
- HashSet, HashMap: Hash Table
- Lexicon: Trie

Graphs





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http://www.toothpastefordinner.com/





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You can think of them as directed graphs with edges both ways.

Graphs

- "Yo Teach, why are we studying graphs?"
 - We study graphs because a lot of problems can be modeled in terms of graphs
 - Also, there are many off-the-shelf graph algorithms that we apply if we're able to formulate a problem as a graph problem.

Pathfinding



- Each intersection is a node
- Each street connecting intersections is an edge
- Find paths between intersections that minimize distance or travel time

Content-Aware Resizing





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- Each pixel is a node in a graph
- Each pixel is connected to adjacent pixels
- Find paths from the top of the image to the bottom that minimize the "energy function"

The Wikipedia Graph



WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia

- Wikipedia (and the web in general) is a graph!
- Each page is a node.
- There is an edge from one page to another if the first page links to the second.

Social Networks and Epidemics



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How can we represent graphs in C++?

Representing Graphs

Map<Node*, Vector<Node*>> We can represent a graph as a map from nodes to the list Node* Vector<Node*> of nodes each node is Node **Connected To** connected to. \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 0 \bigcirc 0 0 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc 0

What interesting things can we do with graphs?

- A **connected component** is a subset of the nodes in a graph such that:
 - For every pair of nodes in the subset there exists a path between them
 - No node in the subset is not connected any node not in the subset









- Detecting connected components in a graph is important because it can provide useful insights into the structure of graph
 - e.g. How do people in a community separate themselves into separate groups.
- In order to detect connected components we first need to be able to iterate over nodes in a graph.
- We'll come back to connected components later.

Iterating over a Graph

- Given a linked list, there was just one way to traverse the list.
 - Keep going forward.
- In a binary search tree, there are many traversal strategies:
 - An *inorder* traversal that produces all the elements in sorted order.
 - A *postorder* traversal used to delete all the nodes in the BST.
- There are *many* ways to iterate over a graph.

Iterating over a Graph

• All methods of iterating over a graph involve keeping track of 3 sets of nodes:

Set of Nodes already visited



Set of Nodes to look at next

Everything else




































































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 Methods of iterating over nodes differ in how they choose which node to look at next

Recursive Depth First Search

- To detect connected components we just want to see whether or not some path exists between them (we don't care about finding the "shortest" path).
- One way to detect connectivity would be to just pick an arbitrary direction and keep following it.
 - When you run out of room to go in one direction, just go back and look in a different direction





















































































- To do a depth-first search (DFS) from a node *u*, do the following:
 - If *u* is already marked, stop.
 - Mark *u*.
 - For each neighbor v of *u*:
 - Recursively run DFS from *v*.
- The backtracking here is similar to the backtracking done in standard recursion.

Iterative Depth-First Search

 DFS is most commonly implemented iteratively using a Stack









































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Stack

Coding Depth-First Search
DFS and Connected Components

- Detecting connected components becomes relatively straightforward once we have Depth First Search.
- Not going to code it up, but I encourage you to!

- Useful when trying to explore everything.
- Not good at finding shortest paths.



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Breadth-First Search



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Breadth-First Search

- Specialization of the general search algorithm where nodes to visit are put into a *queue*.
- Explores nodes one hop away, then two hops away, etc.
- Finds path with fewest edges from start node to all other nodes.

Note: The following animation has been simplified for pedagogic purposes. In reality there would be a **Set** keeping track of visited nodes and redundant adds to the **Queue**

































































Queue





Coding Breadth-First Search












Next Time

Shortest Paths

- Dijkstra's Algorithm.
- A* Search.