## Graphs

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## 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 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 7-10 \mathrm{pm}$
- 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

## A Social Network



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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



## Content-Aware Resizing



- 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



## How can we represent graphs in $\mathrm{C}++$ ?

## Representing Graphs

We can represent a graph as a map from nodes to the list of nodes each node is connected to.


Map<Node*, Vector<Node*>>
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What interesting things can we do with graphs?

## Connected Components

- 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


## Connected Components



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## Connected Components

- 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


## Recursive Depth-First Search



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## Recursive Depth-First Search

- 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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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!


## Problems with DFS

- Useful when trying to explore everything.
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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

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Coding Breadth-First Search







## Next Time

- Shortest Paths
- Dijkstra's Algorithm.
- A* Search.

