Algorithms - CS:344 - Midterm 2 Study Guide

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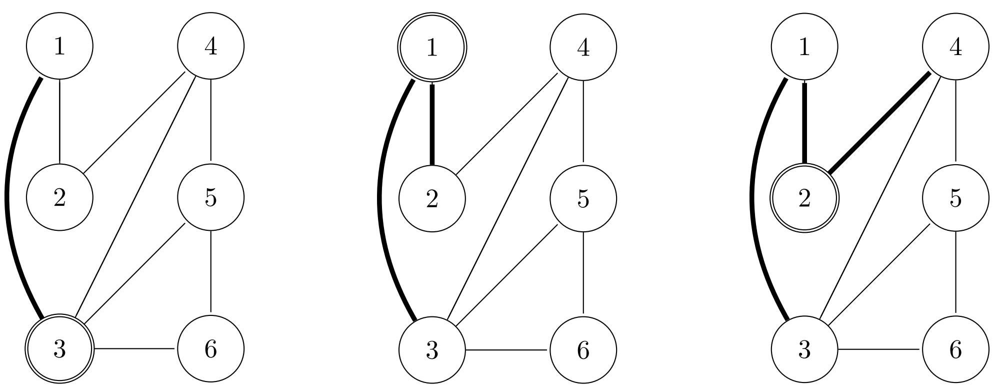
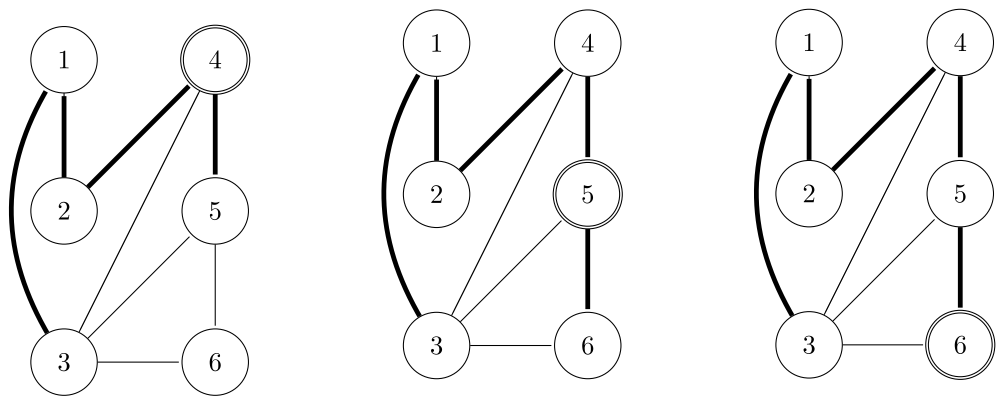
DFS

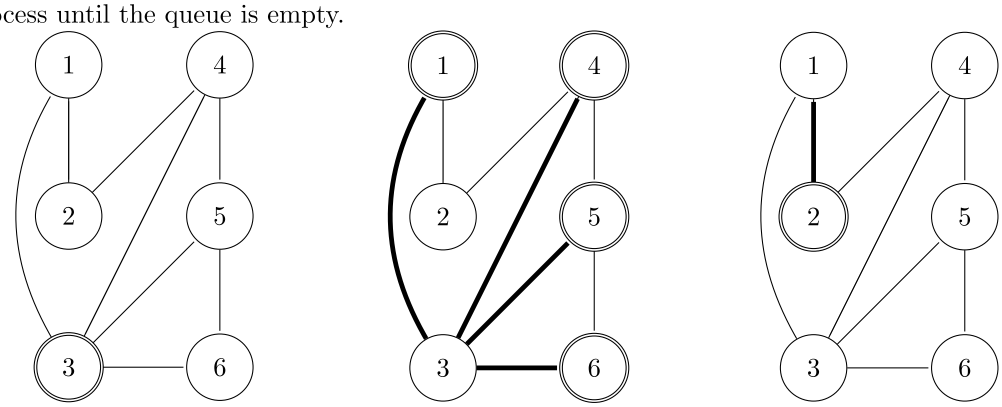
The **General Approach** to applying *Depth First Search* is to pick a starting state and mark the node as *visted*. Next, recursivley step to the *first neighbor* and recursivley go through the list of neighbors that is stored within the *first neighbor*. Mark this new node as *visted* and repeat the process for all N *first neighbors* or until a vertex that has already been *visited* is reached. Once all the first neighbors have been *visited*, go back one vertex from the previous recursive iteration and check for an unseen *second neighbor* within hte list neighbors of said vertex. Repeat this process until the vertex you are checking has been seen, and or you reach a node that has no other neighbors. Repeat the recursive process until every node has been marked as *visted*.





BFS

The **General Algorithm** to *Breadth First Search* is to first look at a vertex and enqueue said vertex. From there, we mark that vertex as *visited*, dequeue the *visited* vertex, and enqueue the neighboring unseen verticies. Repeat this process until the queue is empty.



Tree details

- Forest: a set of trees
- Tree Edge: An edge which belongs to a tree
- Back Edge: An edge which goes from descendant to ancestor
- Forward Edge: A NON tree edge which goes from ancestor to descendant
- Cross edge: An edge that satisfies none of the above criteria

Strongly Connected Components

Defined as a maximal subgraph where any vertex can be reached from any vertex.

Algorithm: Run DFS. Then, run DFS on the transpose of the graph (i.e. flip the directions) starting from the vertex with the maximal finishing time. The resulting forest is the set of strongly connected components.

The above works based on the property of a forefather vertex. A vertex v is said to be the forefather of a vertex u (denoted ϕ(u) if and only if v can be reached from u AND v's DFS finishing time is maximal. It can be shown that ϕ(u) is an ancestor of u, which implies that we can reach u from ϕ(u). This means that the two vertices belong to the same SCC, so the algorithm follows: we check to see which vertices we can reach from an initial vertex and then which vertices we can reach the other way.

Kruskal's

Algorithm:
We start with a Graph defined by a set of edges E and vertices V. We will build the MST in a set A (initially empty).
for all v $\in$ V do Make-Set(v)
Sort edges in E by ascending weight
for all (u, v) $\in$ E, in order of ascending weight do the following:
    if Find-Set(u) $\neq$ Find-Set(v) then set A to Union(u, v).

Details on Union Find

The idea Union Find is to store the set of graph vertices as a set of disjoint linked lists where the head of each list is the name of the set. The set is initialized via Make-Set, which creates a 1 element linked list representing each vertex in the graph. It has two operations:
Find: Returns a pointer to the name of the set (i.e. the head of the linked list)
Union(u,v): Combines the two disjoint sets which contain the vertices u and v respectively. Note that the weighted union rule applies: we always append the smaller list onto the longer
The efficiency of the algorithm is $O(|E|log(|E|)$ as the time it takes to sort the edges dominates the union find operations (which takes no more than $O(|V|log|V|))$

Prim's

The idea of Prim's algorithm is to keep adding the minimal weight edge that connects the tree to a vertex not in the tree.
Note: For a vertex v $\in$ V - U, closest(v) is the closest neighbor of v in U.
Algorithm:
For a graph with vertices V and edges E, we build the MST in sets T and U, where T is the tree and is empty initially and where U is the set of vertices in the tree which starts off with an arbitrary vertex v_1.
for all $v \in V - U$ do closest(v) = v_1
while U $\neq$ V
    Set min = inf
    for all v $\in$ V - U, do
        define a new vertex variable, next
        if weight(v, closest(v)) $<$ min, then set min = weight(v, closest(v)) $<$ min and set next to v
    Add next to U. Add the edge from next to closest(next) to T.
    for all v $\in$ V - U, do
        if weight(v, closest(v)) $>$ w(v, next) then set closest(v) = next;
The efficiency is $O(|V|^2)$ as the running time is dominated by the time it takes to update the closest neighbor of each vertex.