

Graph Theory

Definition.

1. A **Graph** $G = (V, E)$, where V is a set of vertices, and $E \subseteq V \times V$ is a set of edges. Let $|V| = n$, then $0 \leq |E| \leq n^2$
2. A **Directed Graph** is a graph where each edge (u, v) has a direction going from u to v .
3. An **Undirected Graph** is a graph where edges have no direction. If (u, v) is an edge, then so is (v, u)
4. A **Weighted Graph** is a graph with weight function $W : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
5. A graph is **Connected** when there is a path between every pair of vertices. $n - 1 \leq |E| \leq n^2$ and $|V| = n > 2$. If $|E|$ is close to n^2 , then G is called a **dense** graph. If $|E|$ is much less than n^2 , then G is called a **sparse** graph
6. A **Connected Undirected Graph** is a graph where for every pair of vertices $u, v \in V$, there is a path $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$ ($(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$) with $v_0 = u$ and $v_k = v$
7. A **Weakly Connected Directed Graph** same definition as above
8. A **Strongly Connected Directed Graph** is a graph such that for every pair $u, v \in V$, there is a path $p : u \rightarrow v$, and a path $p' : v \rightarrow u$

Graph Representation

1. Adjacency List

- (a) **size** $O(|V| + 2|E|) = O(|V| + |E|)$ for undirected graphs (each edge counted twice) or $O(|V| + |E|)$ for directed graphs
- (b) **search** $O(E)$

2. Adjacency Matrix

- (a) **size** $O(|V|^2)$
- (b) **search** $O(1)$

Definition. *Breadth-First Search (BFS)*

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1. 1 Function Breadth-First-Search ( $G, s$ )
2   for  $u \in V \setminus \{s\}$  do
3      $discovered[u] \leftarrow False$ 
4      $dist[u] \leftarrow \infty$ 
5      $parent[u] \leftarrow NIL$ 
6    $discovered[s] \leftarrow True$ 
7    $dist[s] \leftarrow 0$ 
8    $parent[s] \leftarrow NIL$ 
9    $Q \leftarrow \emptyset$  be a queue
10  Enqueue( $Q, s$ )
11  while  $Q$  is not empty do
12     $u \leftarrow \text{Dequeue}(Q)$ 
13    for  $v \in Adj[u]$  do
14      if  $discovered[v]$  is False then
15         $discovered[v] \leftarrow True$ 
16         $dist[v] \leftarrow dist[u] + 1$ 
17         $parent[v] \leftarrow u$ 
18        Enqueue( $Q, v$ )

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2. **BFS-Tree** is tree generated with BFS on a tree, which is also the shortest path tree for that graph

3. **Complexity analysis** Space complexity is $\Theta(|V|)$, which is just space required for Q . Time complexity is $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$. Queue operation runs at most twice on each $v \in V$. since $discovered[v]$ is set to true as soon as v is dequeued and $discovered[v]$ is never set back to false again, so each v can be in the queue only once. So queue operations takes $O(|V|)$ in total. For each $v \in V$, we traversed $Adj[v]$, which takes $O(|E|)$ in total for traversing the adjacency list.

4. **Proof of correctness**

(a) claim 1: If $(u, v) \in E$ then $\delta(s, v) \leq \delta(s, u) + 1$

Proof. Let $p : s \rightarrow u$ be shortest path from s to u .

i. If p along with (u, v) is shortest path from s to v , then

$$\delta(s, v) = \delta(s, u) + 1$$

ii. else, there exists some $p' : s \rightarrow v$ such that

$$\delta(s, v) < \delta(s, u) + 1$$

□

(b) *claim 2: Upon termination of BFS, $\delta(s, u) \leq \text{dist}[u]$ for all $u \in V$.*

Proof. By induction on the number k vertices discovered by the algorithm. If $k = 1$, $\delta(s, s) = 0 = \text{dist}[s]$, holds. If $k > 1$, then assume results holds for $\leq k - 1$. Prove it holds for k th vertex. Say v is discovered from u , then by induction hypothesis $\text{dist}[u] = \delta(s, u)$, we have

$$\text{dist}[v] = \text{dist}[u] + 1 = \delta(s, u) + 1$$

By claim 1

$$\text{dist}[v] \geq \delta(s, v)$$

□

(c) *claim 3: In any step, if the queue Q consists of v_1, \dots, v_k then*

$$\text{dist}[v_1] \leq \text{dist}[v_2] \leq \dots \leq \text{dist}[v_k] \leq \text{dist}[v_1] + 1$$

Proof. By induction on state of queue. If $Q = \{s\}$, $\text{dist}[s] \leq \text{dist}[s] + 1$, claim holds. Now assume claim true upto current configuration of Q , two cases. An element is dequeued, the claim holds trivially. Then vertex v_{k+1} is enqueued to back of Q . By algorithm $\text{dist}[v_{k+1}] = \text{dist}[v_1] + 1$, the claim holds. □

(d) *the algorithm is correct. Define $\delta(s, v)$ is the shortest distance of u from s in G . We claim that $\text{dist}[v] = \delta(s, v)$ for all $v \in V$.*

Proof.

- i. $\delta(s, v) = \infty$ then $\text{dist}[v] = \infty$ by claim 2, claim true.
- ii. $\delta(s, v) \neq \infty$, do induction on $\delta(s, v)$. If $\delta(s, v) = 0$, then $s = v$, so $\text{dist}[s] = 0 = \text{dist}[v]$. Now we assume result holds for $\delta(s, v) \leq k - 1$, then consider a vertex w with $\delta(s, w) = k$. By claim 3, $\delta(s, w) > k$, the algorithm discovers w after discovering every $v \in V$ such that $\delta(s, v) = k - 1$. Now consider parent vertex u such that $(w, u) \in E$, hence by the algorithm $\text{dist}[u] = k - 1$. By induction hypothesis, we have

$$\text{dist}[w] = \text{dist}[u] + 1 = \delta(s, u) + 1 = k - 1 + 1 = k$$

□

Definition. Breadth-First Search (BFS)

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1. Function Depth-First-Search ( $G, s$ )
2   for  $u \in V \setminus \{s\}$  do
3      $discovered[u] \leftarrow False$ 
4      $parent[u] \leftarrow NIL$ 
5    $discovered[s] \leftarrow True$ 
6    $parent[s] \leftarrow NIL$ 
7    $S \leftarrow \emptyset$  be a stack
8   Put( $S, s$ )
9   while  $S$  is not empty do
10     $u \leftarrow \text{Pop}(S)$ 
11    for  $v \in Adj[u]$  do
12      if  $discovered[v]$  is False then
13         $discovered[v] \leftarrow True$ 
14         $parent[v] \leftarrow u$ 
15        Put( $S, v$ )

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Shortest Path Algorithm

Given a weighted directed graph with weight function $W : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ A source node $s \in G$. Find the shortest path weights from s to all reachable vertices. If

$$p = \langle v_0 \xrightarrow{w_0} v_1 \cdots \xrightarrow{w_{k-1}} v_k \rangle$$

then $w(P) = \sum_i^{k-1} w_i$. So the shortest-path weight $\delta(s, v)$ is defined as

$$\delta(s, v) = \begin{cases} \min\{w(P) : s \xrightarrow{p} v\} & \text{if such path exists} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Possible variations

1. single source shortest path
2. single destination shortest path (Find solution to this problem if solution to first problem is known by reversing the edge directions, i.e. transpose of $G = (V, E)$ is $G^T = (V, E^T)$)
3. All pairs shortest path
4. Weights are not non-negative

Proposition. *Optimal substructure of shortest path. In other words, if $p = \langle v_0, \dots, v_k \rangle$ is a shortest path from v_0 to v_k , then $\langle v_i \cdots v_j \rangle$ is also a shortest path from v_i to v_j or $0 \leq i \leq j \leq k$*

Solution.

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Bellman-Ford algorithm

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1 Function Bellman-Ford-algorithm ( $G, w, s$ )
2   for  $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$  do
3      $dist[v] \leftarrow \infty$ 
4      $parent[v] \leftarrow NIL$ 
5    $dist[s] \leftarrow 0$ 
6    $parent[s] \leftarrow NIL$ 
7   for  $i = 1$  to  $|V| - 1$  do
8     for  $(u, v) \in E$  do
9       if  $dist[u] > dist[u] + w(u, v)$  then
10         $dist[v] \leftarrow dist[u] + w(u, v)$ 
11         $parent[v] = w$ 
12   for  $(u, v) \in E$  do
13     if  $dist[v] > dist[u] + w(u, v)$  then
14       return False
15   return True
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Note the algorithm fails, i.e. return *false*, if there is a negative-weight cycle. A negative-weight cycle C is a cycle such that $w(C) < 0$. Because each iteration over the cycle will decrement the weight by $w(C)$