

COL 106

Lecture 33

Topic : Breadth-First Traversal

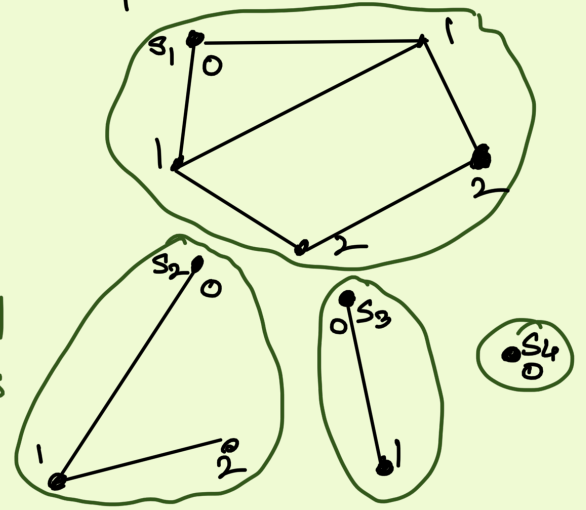
Operation	Vertex and Edge lists	Adjacency Matrix	Adjacency Lists
add Vertex (v)	1	n (amortised)	1
add Edge (u, v)	1	1	1. (if u, v edge is guaranteed to not exist already)
del Edge (u, v)	m	1	$d_u + d_v$
del Vertex (v)	m	depends!	$\sum_{u \text{ brot } v} d_u$
			<p>Can be improved to d_v with a little trick. How?</p>

Some interesting computational problems

Given a graph G :

1. Reachability: Does there exist a path between u and v ?
2. Find a shortest path between u and v (if a path exists).
3. Connectivity: Does there exist a path between every pair of vertices?
4. Identify the connected components of G .

4 connected components



Algorithm for Connectivity (?)

Input: G, u, v

$q \leftarrow$ Empty queue

$q.$ Enqueue(u)

while (q is not empty):

$x \leftarrow q.$ Dequeue()

If $x = v$ then return True

Enqueue all neighbors of x into q .

return False

Doesn't work! Runs forever.

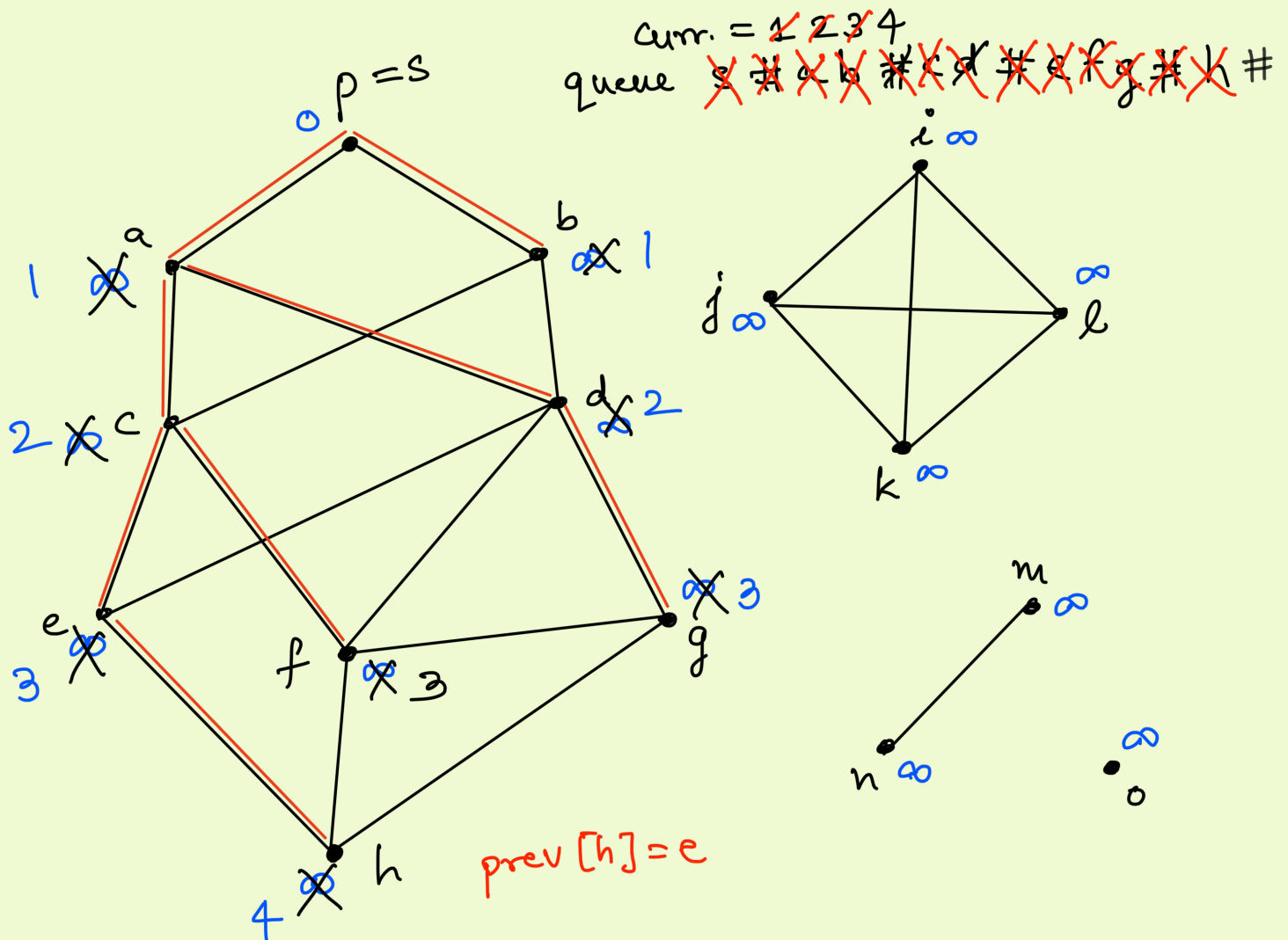
Idea: Enqueue every vertex at most once.

A Unifying Problem

(a.k.a. Single Source Shortest Path Problem)

Given a graph G and a vertex s of G

Label each t with the distance of a shortest $s-t$ path (∞ if no such path exists.)



Breadth - First Traversal

BFT (G, s):

$q \leftarrow$ Empty queue,

$d[v] \leftarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } v=s \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \rightarrow O(n)$

$curr \leftarrow 1$

Enqueue s followed by $\#$ into q .

while (TRUE):

$x \leftarrow q \cdot \text{Dequeue}()$

If x is $\#$:

If q is empty
break

$curr \leftarrow curr + 1$; Enqueue $\#$ into q

Else

For each nbr y of x such that $d[y] = \infty$

$d[y] \leftarrow curr$

$prev[y] \leftarrow x$

Enqueue y into q .

Let $n' = \#$ vertices and $m' = \#$ edges in the connected component of s .

Time Complexity: $O(n' + \sum_{x \in \text{conn. comp. of } s} d_x) = O(n' + m')$, because

$\sum_{x \in \text{conn. comp. of } s} d_x = 2m'$, by Handshake Lemma.