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Graph Traversal

(DFS & BFS)

Summary

In this assignment we learn how to implement and learn about the fundamental of graph and tree traversal algorithm, DFS and BFS

Details

To implement our DFS, BFS and RDFS algorithm, we first need a better test case. Currently the test case doesn't highlight the benefit of using BFS over DFS or RDFS. To allow the search algorithm BFS to find the shortest path (in this context) we must add an additional connection between 2 and 5 in order to highlight the advantages of BFS. The steps it takes from 0 to 5 should now be 0 -> 1 -> 2 -> 5 which is one step shorter than if I was to use DFS or RDFS to search. The implementation for DFS and BFS is very similar, they both append the starting index to a queue or stack. Both set the starting node to visited before entering the while loop. Both BFS and DFS function iterate through each adjacency node and append the nodes that haven't been visited and mark the appended node as visited. Both utilized the modified version of the setTrace function which prioritizes tracing backward from the destination to the starting point. To make the DFS function behave more like RDFS, I stored all of the current nodes in a temporary array before appending them back to the stack backward, skipping this step will lead to the DFS prioritizing the right end of the adjacency list, I think it's the equivalent of an inorder traversal with a bias toward the right side. To implement RDFS, I first consider the base case that would cause me to return and that was if the starting index is equal to the destination index. Before iterating through all adjacency nodes, I marked the starting or current node as visited and recursively called the RDFS function passing in each adjacency node as the starting index, ensuring that we haven't visited it already.

Design Decision

The reason why I modified the set trace function is because without the modification, with every iteration, the index will be modified and the modified path might not be the right path.

Conclusion

The code works as expected, this is suspiciously easy. I actually got it done this morning but had to double and triple check this evening. Unfortunately I have 3 other assignments due before thursday and a coding assessment due next monday so I will focus on those for now. I will revisit this homework assignment during the weekend.

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101     std::cout << "Path from " << start << " to " << " destination." << "\n";
102     for (int i = 1; i < path.size(); ++i)
103         std::cout << " -> " << index2name[path[i]];
104     std::cout << "\n";
105
106 #ifdef OPENCV
107     ...
108
109 #else
110     std::cout << "You have to use OpenCV to visualize your map\n";
111 #endif
112
113 }
114
115 int main(int argc, char **args) {
116     // std::string algName(args[1]);
117     std::string algName = "dfs";
118
119     std::cout << "Perform unit test on your " << algName << " implementation\n";
120     testGraph(algName);
121
122     std::cout << "\n\n";
123     searchOnCampus(start: "JBHT", destination: "HABG", algName);
124
125     std::cout << "\n";
126 }
```

```
1 #include <search.hpp>
2
3 void dfs(Graph &g, int start, int destination) {
4     Stack<int> stack;
5     g.reset();
6     stack.push(value: start);
7     g.setVisited(v: start);
8
9     while (!stack.empty()) {
10         int u = stack.pop();
11         if(u == destination) break;
12         // std::cout << "looking at node: " << u << std::endl;
13
14
15         int numberOfAdjacencyNodes = g.a[u].size();
16         LinkedListNode<int> *p = g.a[u].getRoot();
17
18         Stack<int> temp;
19         for (int i = 0; i < numberOfAdjacencyNodes; i += 1, p = p->next) {
20             int v = p->value;
21             if(!g.isVisited(v)){
22                 g.setVisited(v);
23                 g.setTrace(u, v);
24                 temp.push(value: v);
25             }
26         }
27         while(!temp.empty()){
28             stack.push(value: temp.pop());
29         }
30     }
31 }
```

01 ~ Run 01_01 and 01_02

Users/AlexMacbookpro/Desktop/Algorithms/Dfs-and-Bfs/ctest-build-debug/Dfs_and_Bfs

Perform unit test on your dfs implementation

[0] 0 -> nullptr
[1] 0 -> 2 -> 0 -> nullptr
[2] 0 -> 4 -> 1 -> nullptr
[3] 4 -> 1 -> nullptr
[4] 0 -> 3 -> 2 -> nullptr
[5] 4 -> 2 -> nullptr

Path from 0 to 5 by dfs: 0 1 2 4 5

Path from JBHT to destination: JBHT

You have to use OpenCV to visualize your map road

Process finished with exit code 0