

# GraphLib: Graph and algorithm library using the STL

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# 1 Class definition

## 1.1 Representation of nodes and edge

The nodes is represented by a vector of strings, the single edge is represented by a pair of string and the edges is a vector of pair.

```
/** eg. <v. u> */
typedef std::pair<std::string, std::string> link;

/** eg. {v1, v2, v3, ...} */
std::vector<std::string> _node;

/** eg. {<v1, u1>, <v2, u2>, ...} */
std::vector<link> _edge;

/** eg. {<v1,u1> = 1, <v2,u2> = 1, ...} */
std::map<link, double> _edgeWeight;
```

## 1.2 Constructors

GraphLib offer the possibility to define directed/undirected graph using the static bool variable, it is also the possibility to generate a random graph.

```
/**
    Generate random graph

    @param maxNode    max node of the generated graph
    @param graphType   directed/undirect graph
    @return Graph
*/
static Graph generateRandomGraph(int, bool graphType = directed);

/**
    @param graphType   directed/undirect graph
*/
explicit Graph(bool graphType = directed);

/**
    Add Node using regex eg. G("A-Z"), G(1-5), G(12-82)

    @param regex       regex eg. A-Z, 1-6
    @param edgeType     random/circular edges generation
    @param graphType    directed/undirect graph
*/
Graph(std::string regex, int edgeMode, bool graphType = directed);
```

```

/**
    Copy constructor

    @param Graph graph to copy
 */
Graph(const Graph&);

```

### 1.3 Public Method

GraphLib offer the principal graph operation like add node, add edge and other utility function and graph algorithm.

- Return a graph that is the transpose of \*this  
**cost:**  $O(E)$   
`Graph transpose();`
- DFS traversal of the vertices reachable from v. It uses recursive DFSUtil()  
**cost:**  $O(V+E)$   
`void DFS(std::string sourceNode);`
- Breadth First Traversal for a Graph  
**cost:**  $O(V+E)$   
`void BFS(std::string sourceNode);`
- Solves the all-pairs shortest path problem using Floyd Warshall algorithm  
**cost:**  $O(V^3)$   
`void floydWarshall(double** graph);`
- Assigns colors (starting from 0) to all vertices and prints the assignment of colors (greedy algorithm)  
`void coloring();`
- Draw the graph using html/javascript  
**cost(worst-case):**  $O(V+E)$   
`void draw() const;`
- Print the graph on the standard output  
**cost:**  $O(V+E)$   
`void print(std::ostream&) const;`
- Add node to the graph  
**cost:**  $O(1)$

```

void addNode(std::string node);

```

- Remove node from the graph (and the edges connected to the node)  
**cost(worst-case):**  $O(V+E^2)$   
**void** removeNode(std::string node);
- Add edge to the graph (create the nodes if not present in the graph)  
**cost:**  $O(1)$   
**void** addEdge(std::string fromNode,  
 std::string toNode,  
**double** cost = 1);
- Remove edge from the graph  
**cost(worst-case):**  $O(V+E)$   
**void** removeEdge(std::string from, std::string toNode);
- Set weight to edge(fromNode, toNode)  
**cost(worst-case):**  $O(V)$   
**void** setWeight(std::string fromNode,  
 std::string toNode,  
**double** cost);
- Control if graph has negative weight  
**cost(worst-case):**  $O(E)$   
**bool** hasNegativeWeigth() **const**;
- Control if graph is cyclic  
**cost:**  $O(V+E)$   
**bool** isCyclic() **const**;
- Method to check if all non-zero degree vertices are connected  
**cost:**  $O(V+E)$   
**bool** isConnected() **const**;
- The function returns one of the following values  
0 → If grpah is not Eulerian  
1 → If graph has an Euler path (Semi-Eulerian)  
2 → If graph has an Euler Circuit (Eulerian) .  
  
**int** isEulerian() **const**;
- Convert adjacent list into a matrix  
**cost:**  $O(V^*E)$   
**int\*\*** fromListADJToMatrixADJ();

- Return matrix of edge's weight, necessary for the floydWarshell algorithm  
**cost:**  $O(V^2)$   
**double\*\*** weightMatrix ();
- Min rank of a graph  
**cost:**  $O(V)$   
**unsigned** minRank() **const**;
- Max rank of a graph  
**cost:**  $O(V)$   
**unsigned** maxRank() **const**;
- Adjacent list  
**cost:**  $O(E)$   
std::list<std::string> adjacent(std::string v) **const**;
- Control if exist edge(fromNode, toNode)  
**cost:**  $O(E)$   
**inline bool**  
hasEdge(std::string fromNode, std::string toNode) **const**;
- Control if the graph is oriented  
**cost:**  $O(1)$   
**inline bool**  
isOriented() **const**;
- Control if minRank = maxRank  
**cost:**  $O(V)$   
**inline bool**  
isRegular() **const**;
- Control if node  
**cost:**  $O(V)$   
**inline bool**  
exist(std::string) **const**;
- Return the nodes vector  
**cost:**  $O(1)$   
**inline unsigned**  
nodes() **const**;
- Return the edges vector  
**cost:**  $O(1)$

```
inline unsigned
```

```
edges() const;
```

- Return the rank of node

**cost:**  $O(E)$

```
inline unsigned
```

```
rank(std::string v) const;
```

- Return the weight of edge(fromNode, toNode)

**cost:**  $O(E)$

```
inline double
```

```
weight(std::string fromNode, std::string toNode) const;
```

## 2 Class implementation

```
using namespace GraphLib;
```

```
typedef std::pair<std::string, std::string> link;
```

```
typedef std::map<std::string, bool> mapStringBool;
```

```
int Graph::random = 0;
```

```
int Graph::circular = 1;
```

```
bool Graph::directed = true;
```

```
bool Graph::undirected = false;
```

```
Graph::Graph(bool graphType) {
```

```
    direct = graphType;
```

```
}
```

```
Graph::Graph(const Graph& G) {
```

```
    _node = G._Node();
```

```
    _edge = G._Edge();
```

```
    _edgeWeight = G._EdgeWeight();
```

```
}
```

```
Graph::Graph(std::string regex, int edgeType, bool graphType) {
```

```
    direct = graphType;
```

```
    if(utility::checkIfInterval(regex)) {
```

```
        if(regex.length() == 3) {
```

```
            std::vector<char> tmp = utility::regexChar(regex);
```

```
            std::vector<char>::const_iterator it;
```

```
            for(it = tmp.begin(); it != tmp.end(); ++it)
```

```
                _node.push_back(utility::to_string(*it));
```

```
        }
```

```
    else if(regex.length() > 3) {
```

```
        std::vector<int> tmp = utility::regexInt(regex);
```

```

        std::vector<int>::const_iterator it;
        for(it = tmp.begin(); it != tmp.end(); ++it)
            _node.push_back(utility::to_string(*it));
    }
}
_generateEdge(edgeType);
}

void Graph::_generateEdge(int edgeType) {
    switch(edgeType) {
        /** random */
        case 0: {
            srand(time(NULL));
            for(unsigned i = 0; i < nodes(); ++i) {
                int randNode1 = rand() % nodes();
                int randNode2 = rand() % nodes();
                double randWeight = rand() % 100;
                if(randNode1 != randNode2)
                    addEdge(_node.at(randNode1), _node.at(randNode2), randWeight);
            }
        }
        /** circular */
        case 1: {
            std::string initialNode = _node.at(0);
            std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator it;
            for(it = _node.begin(); it != _node.end(); ++it) {
                if(it + 1 != _node.end())
                    addEdge(*it, *(it + 1));
                else
                    addEdge(*it, initialNode);
            }
        }
    }
}

Graph Graph::generateRandomGraph(int maxNode, bool graphType) {
    srand(time(NULL));
    int fromInt = rand() % maxNode;
    int toInt = rand() % maxNode;
    std::string ivt = std::min(utility::to_string(fromInt),
                               utility::to_string(toInt)) +
                     "-" +
                     std::max(utility::to_string(toInt),
                               utility::to_string(fromInt));

    Graph G(ivt, Graph::random, graphType);
    return G;
}

Graph Graph::transpose() {

```



```

    Graph G;
    for(auto e = _edge.begin(); e != _edge.end(); ++e) {
        G.addEdge(e->second, e->first, weight(e->first, e->second));
    }
    return G;
}

void Graph::addNode(std::string node) {
    _node.push_back(node);
}

void Graph::removeNode(std::string node) {
    std::vector<std::string>::iterator v;
    std::vector<link>::iterator e;
    std::vector<link> edgeToRemove;
    v = std::find(_node.begin(), _node.end(), node);
    if(v != _node.end()) {
        /* remove the edge connected to the node */
        for(e = _edge.begin(); e != _edge.end(); ++e) {
            if(direct) {
                if(e->first == node || e->second == node)
                    edgeToRemove.push_back(std::make_pair(e->first, e->second));
            }
            else {
                if(e->first == node)
                    edgeToRemove.push_back(std::make_pair(e->first, e->second));
            }
        }
        /* removing edges */
        for(e = edgeToRemove.begin(); e != edgeToRemove.end(); ++e)
            removeEdge(e->first, e->second);
        _node.erase(v);
    }
}

void Graph::addEdge(std::string fromNode,
                    std::string toNode,
                    double cost) {
    if(!exist(fromNode))
        addNode(fromNode);

    if(!exist(toNode))
        addNode(toNode);

    if(!hasEdge(fromNode, toNode)) {
        if(direct) {
            _edge.push_back(std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode));
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)] = cost;
        }
        /* undirected graph */
    }
}

```

```

        else {
            _edge.push_back(std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode));
            _edge.push_back(std::make_pair(toNode, fromNode));
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)] = cost;
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(toNode, fromNode)] = cost;
        }
    }
}

void Graph::removeEdge(std::string fromNode, std::string toNode) {
    if (hasEdge(fromNode, toNode) && exist(fromNode) && exist(toNode)) {
        if (direct) {
            _edge.erase(std::find(_edge.begin(), _edge.end(),
                                   std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)));
            _edgeWeight.erase(std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode));
        }
        /** undirected graph */
        else {
            _edge.erase(std::find(_edge.begin(), _edge.end(),
                                   std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)));
            _edge.erase(std::find(_edge.begin(), _edge.end(),
                                   std::make_pair(toNode, fromNode)));
            _edgeWeight.erase(std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode));
            _edgeWeight.erase(std::make_pair(toNode, fromNode));
        }
    }
}

void Graph::setWeight(std::string fromNode,
                      std::string toNode,
                      double cost) {
    if (exist(fromNode) && exist(toNode)) {
        if (direct) {
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)] = cost;
        }
        /** undirected Graph */
        else {
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(fromNode, toNode)] = cost;
            _edgeWeight[std::make_pair(toNode, fromNode)] = cost;
        }
    }
}

void Graph::print(std::ostream& os) const {
    std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator V;
    std::vector<link>::const_iterator E;
    os << "Node: ";
    for (V = _node.begin(); V != _node.end(); ++V) {
        os << *V;
    }
}

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        if(V + 1 != _node.end())
            os << "_,_" ;
    }

    os << "}" << std::endl << "Edge::{" << std::endl;

    for(E = _edge.begin(); E != _edge.end(); ++E)
        os << "\t(" <<
            << E->first << "_,_" << E->second
            << ")__"
            << "weight:_" << _edgeWeight.at(*E) << std::endl;

    os << std::endl << "}" << std::endl;
}

std::list<std::string> Graph::adjacent(std::string v) const {
    std::list<std::string> adj;
    std::vector<link>::const_iterator E;
    for(E = _edge.begin(); E != _edge.end(); ++E) {
        if(E->first == v)
            adj.push_back(E->second);
    }
    return adj;
}

unsigned Graph::minRank() const {
    unsigned min;
    std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator v = _node.begin();
    min = rank(*v);

    for(v = _node.begin() + 1; v != _node.end(); ++v) {
        if(v != _node.end())
            if(rank(*v) < min)
                min = rank(*v);
    }
    return min;
}

unsigned Graph::maxRank() const {
    unsigned max;
    std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator v = _node.begin();
    max = rank(*v);

    for(v = _node.begin() + 1; v != _node.end(); ++v) {
        if(v != _node.end())
            if(rank(*v) > max)
                max = rank(*v);
    }
    return max;
}

```

```

bool Graph::hasNegativeWeigth() const {
    std::map<link, double>::const_iterator w;
    for(w = _edgeWeight.begin(); w != _edgeWeight.end(); ++w) {
        if(w->second < 0)
            return true;
    }
    return false;
}

void Graph::_generateHtmlPage() const {
    // html code
}

void Graph::_generateJavascriptPage() const {
    // javascript code
}

void Graph::draw() const {
    _generateHtmlPage();
    _generateJavascriptPage();
    /** execute default browser */
    system("xdg-open_html/G.html_&");
}

bool Graph::isCyclic() const {
    mapStringBool visited;
    mapStringBool recStack;
    std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator i;
    for(i = _node.begin(); i != _node.end(); ++i) {
        visited[*i] = false;
        recStack[*i] = false;
    }

    for(i = _node.begin(); i != _node.end(); ++i) {
        if(!_isCyclicUtil(*i, visited, recStack))
            return true;
    }
    return false;
}

bool Graph::_isCyclicUtil(std::string v,
                          mapStringBool visited,
                          mapStringBool recStack) const {
    if(visited[v] == false) {
        /** Mark the current node as visited and part of recursion stack */

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    visited[v]= true;
    recStack[v]= true;

    /** Recur for all the vertices adjacent to this vertex */
    for(auto i = adjacent(v).begin(); i != adjacent(v).end(); ++i) {
        if(!visited[*i] && !isCyclicUtil(*i, visited, recStack))
            return true;
        else if(recStack[*i])
            return true;
    }
}
/** remove the vertex from recursion stack */
recStack[v]= false;
return false;
}

void Graph::coloring() {
    Graph Gt = this->transpose();

    /** remove common edges */
    for(auto e = this->_edge.begin(); e != this->_edge.end(); ++e)
        Gt.removeEdge(e->first, e->second);

    /** temporaly turn graph into undirected (if not) */
    for(auto e = this->_edge.begin(); e != this->_edge.end(); ++e)
        this->addEdge(e->first, e->second, 1);

    std::map<std::string, int> result;
    /** Assign the first color to first vertex */
    result[*(_node.begin())] = 0;

    /** Initialize remaining V-1 vertices as unassigned */
    for(auto u = _node.begin() + 1; u != _node.end(); ++u)
        result[*u] = -1; // no color is assigned to u

    /** Assign colors to remaining V-1 vertices */
    for(auto u = _node.begin() + 1; u != _node.end(); ++u) {
        /** Process all adjacent vertices and flag their colors as unavailable */
        std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(*u);

        signed color = -1;
        bool found = false;
        while(!found) {
            ++color;
            found = true;
            for(auto v = adj.begin(); v != adj.end(); ++v) {
                if(color == result[*v]) {
                    found = false;
                    break;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    }
}
/** Assign the found color */
result[*u] = color;
}

for(auto u = _node.begin(); u != _node.end(); ++u)
    std::cout << "Vertex_" << *u
                << "_->_Color_" << result[*u] << std::endl;

for(auto e = Gt._edge.begin(); e != Gt._edge.end(); ++e)
    this->removeEdge(e->first, e->second);
}

void Graph::_DFSUtil(std::string v, mapStringBool& visited) const {
    /** Mark the current node as visited and print it */
    visited[v] = true;
    /** Recur for all the vertices adjacent to this vertex */
    std::list<std::string>::iterator i;
    std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(v);
    for(i = adj.begin(); i != adj.end(); ++i)
        if(!visited[*i])
            _DFSUtil(*i, visited);
}

void Graph::_DFSUtil2(std::string v, mapStringBool& visited) const {
    /** Mark the current node as visited and print it */
    visited[v] = true;
    std::cout << v << "_";

    /** Recur for all the vertices adjacent to this vertex */
    std::list<std::string>::iterator i;
    std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(v);
    for(i = adj.begin(); i != adj.end(); ++i)
        if(!visited[*i])
            _DFSUtil2(*i, visited);
}

/**
DFS traversal of the vertices reachable from v.
*/
void Graph::DFS(std::string sourceNode) {
    /** Mark all the vertices as not visited */
    mapStringBool visited;
    for(auto u = _node.begin(); u != _node.end(); ++u)
        visited[*u] = false;

    // Call the recursive helper function to print DFS traversal
    _DFSUtil2(sourceNode, visited);
}

```

```

}

/**
    Breadth First Traversal for a Graph
*/
void Graph::BFS(std::string sourceNode) {
    /** Mark all the vertices as not visited */
    mapStringBool visited;
    for(auto u = _node.begin(); u != _node.end(); ++u)
        visited[*u] = false;

    /** Create a queue for BFS */
    std::list<std::string> queue;

    /** Mark the current node as visited and enqueue it */
    visited[sourceNode] = true;
    queue.push_back(sourceNode);

    /** 'i' will be used to get all adjacent vertices of a vertex */
    std::list<std::string>::iterator i;

    while(!queue.empty()) {
        /** Dequeue a vertex from queue and print it */
        sourceNode = queue.front();
        std::cout << sourceNode << " ";
        queue.pop_front();

        /** Get all adjacent vertices of the dequeued vertex s
            If a adjacent has not been visited, then mark it visited
            and enqueue it */
        std::list<std::string>::iterator i;
        std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(sourceNode);
        for(i = adj.begin(); i != adj.end(); ++i) {
            if(!visited[*i]) {
                visited[*i] = true;
                queue.push_back(*i);
            }
        }
    }
}

bool Graph::isConnected() const {
    /** Mark all the vertices as not visited */
    std::map<std::string, bool> visited;
    std::vector<std::string>::const_iterator u;
    for(u = _node.begin(); u != _node.end(); ++u)
        visited[*u] = false;

    /** Find a vertex with non-zero degree */

```

```

    for(u = _node.begin(); u != _node.end(); ++u)
        if(adjacent(*u).size() != 0)
            break;
    std::string strU = *u;
    unsigned lastNode = atoi(strU.c_str());
    /** If there are no edges in the graph, return true */
    if(lastNode == nodes())
        return true;

    /** Start DFS traversal from a vertex with non-zero degree */
    _DFSUtil(*u, visited);

    /** Check if all non-zero degree vertices are visited */
    for(auto v = _node.begin(); v != _node.end(); ++v)
        if(visited[*v] == false && adjacent(*v).size() > 0)
            return false;
    return true;
}

int Graph::isEulerian() const {
    /** Check if all non-zero degree vertices are connected */
    if(isConnected() == false) {
        std::cout << "not_connected" << std::endl;
        return 0;
    }

    /** Count vertices with odd degree */
    int odd = 0;
    for(auto v = _node.begin(); v != _node.end(); ++v)
        if(adjacent(*v).size() & 1)
            odd++;

    /** If count is more than 2, then graph is not Eulerian */
    if(odd > 2)
        return 0;

    /** If odd count is 2, then semi-eulerian.
        If odd count is 0, then eulerian
        Note that odd count can never be 1 for undirected graph */
    return (odd)? 1 : 2;
}

int** Graph::fromListADJToMatrixADJ() {
    /** matrix allocation */
    int** ADJMatrix = new int*[nodes()];
    for(unsigned i = 0; i < nodes(); ++i)
        ADJMatrix[i] = new int[nodes()];

    /** initialize matrix */

```



```

    for(auto i = _node.begin(); i != _node.end(); ++i)
        for(auto j = _node.begin(); j != _node.end(); ++j)
            ADJMatrix[atoi((*j).c_str())][atoi((*i).c_str())] = 0;

    for(auto j = _node.begin(); j != _node.end(); ++j) {
        std::list<std::string>::iterator k;
        std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(*j);
        for(k = adj.begin(); k != adj.end(); ++k) {
            if(direct)
                ADJMatrix[atoi((*k).c_str())][atoi((*j).c_str())] = 1;
            else {
                ADJMatrix[atoi((*j).c_str())][atoi((*k).c_str())] = 1;
                ADJMatrix[atoi((*k).c_str())][atoi((*j).c_str())] = 1;
            }
        }
    }

    return ADJMatrix;
}

/**
 * @return matrix of edge's weight
 */

double** Graph::weightMatrix() {
    /** matrix allocation */
    int i, j, k;
    double** wMatrix = new double*[nodes()];
    for(unsigned i = 0; i < nodes(); ++i)
        wMatrix[i] = new double[nodes()];

    /** initialize matrix */
    for(auto ii = _node.begin(); ii != _node.end(); ++ii) {
        i = atoi((*ii).c_str());
        for(auto jj = _node.begin(); jj != _node.end(); ++jj) {
            j = atoi((*jj).c_str());
            if(*ii == *jj)
                wMatrix[j][i] = 0;
            else
                wMatrix[j][i] = INF;
        }
    }

    for(auto jj = _node.begin(); jj != _node.end(); ++jj) {
        j = atoi((*j).c_str());
        std::list<std::string>::iterator kk;
        std::list<std::string> adj = adjacent(*jj);

        for(kk = adj.begin(); kk != adj.end(); ++kk) {

```

```

        k = atoi((*kk).c_str());
        if(direct) {
            wMatrix[k][j] = weight(*jj, *kk);
        }
        else {
            wMatrix[j][k] = weight(*jj, *kk);
            wMatrix[k][j] = weight(*jj, *kk);
        }
    }
}
return wMatrix;
}

/**
Solves the all-pairs shortest path problem using
Floyd Warshall algorithm
*/
void Graph::floydWarshell(double** graph) {

    int i, j, k;
    int** dist = new int*[nodes()];
    for(unsigned i = 0; i < nodes(); ++i)
        dist[i] = new int[nodes()];

    for(auto ii = _node.begin(); ii != _node.end(); ++ii) {
        i = atoi((*ii).c_str());
        for(auto jj = _node.begin(); jj != _node.end(); ++jj) {
            j = atoi((*jj).c_str());
            dist[i][j] = graph[i][j];
        }
    }

    for(auto kk = _node.begin(); kk != _node.end(); ++kk) {
        /** Pick all vertices as source one by one */
        k = atoi((*kk).c_str());
        for(auto ii = _node.begin(); ii != _node.end(); ++ii) {
            i = atoi((*ii).c_str());
            for(auto jj = _node.begin(); jj != _node.end(); ++jj) {
                j = atoi((*jj).c_str());
                if(dist[i][k] + dist[k][j] < dist[i][j])
                    dist[i][j] = dist[i][k] + dist[k][j];
            }
        }
    }

    /** Print the shortest distance matrix */
    _printSolutionFloydWarshell(dist);
}

/**

```

```

    A utility function to print solution
    */
    void Graph::_printSolutionFloydWarshell(int** dist) {
        std::cout << "Following matrix shows the shortest distances"
        << std::endl << "between every pair of vertices\n";
        int i, j;
        for(auto ii = _node.begin(); ii != _node.end(); ++ii) {
            i = atoi((*ii).c_str());
            for(auto jj = _node.begin(); jj != _node.end(); ++jj) {
                j = atoi((*jj).c_str());
                if(dist[i][j] == INF)
                    std::cout << "INF\t";
                else
                    std::cout << dist[i][j] << "\t";
            }
            std::cout << std::endl;
        }
    }
}

```

## 2.1 Utility library

The utility library is necessary for the Grahlib library

```

namespace utility {

    /**
     Convert to string
     @param n type to convert to string
    */
    template<typename T> std::string to_string(const T& n) {
        std::ostringstream stm;
        stm << n;
        return stm.str();
    }

    /**
     Transform string 2-4 to pair <2, 4>
     @param s string to transform
     @return pair of int
    */
    std::pair<int, int> interval(std::string s) {
        // tokenize the string
        int i = s.length() - 1;
        unsigned power = 0;
        int toInt = 0;
        int fromInt = 0;

        while(s.at(i) != '-') {
            toInt += (s.at(i--) - 48) * pow(10, power++);
        }
        power = 0;
    }
}

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    --i;
    while(i != -1) {
        fromInt += (s.at(i--) - 48) * pow(10, power++);
    }
    return std::make_pair(fromInt, toInt);
}

/**
    a-d -> [a, b, c, d] | A-Z -> [A, B, C, ..., Z]
    @param s string to parse
    @return vector of char
*/
std::vector<char> regexChar(std::string s) {
    std::vector<char> tmp;
    int head = s.at(0);
    int tail = s.at(2);

    while(head != tail) {
        tmp.push_back(head++);
    }
    tmp.push_back(head);
    return tmp;
}

/**
    1-4 -> [1,2,3,4]    34-101 -> [34,35,36,...,100,101]
    @param s string to parse
    @return vector of int
*/
std::vector<int> regexInt(std::string s) {
    // generate the number from (fromInt) to (toInt)
    std::vector<int> tmp;
    std::pair<int, int> intval(interval(s));
    for(int i = intval.first; i <= intval.second; ++i) {
        tmp.push_back(i);
    }
    return tmp;
}

/**
    Check of s is a valid interval
    @param s interval to check
    @return bool
*/
bool checkIfInterval(std::string s) {
    std::pair<int, int> intval(interval(s));
    std::string fromInt = to_string(intval.first);
    std::string toInt = to_string(intval.second);
    std::string::const_iterator fromIt = fromInt.begin();
    std::string::const_iterator toIt = toInt.begin();

```

```
    while(fromIt != fromInt.end() && std::isdigit(*fromIt)) ++fromIt;
    while(toIt != toInt.end() && std::isdigit(*toIt)) ++toIt;
    return (!fromInt.empty() && fromIt == fromInt.end()) &&
           (!toInt.empty() && toIt == toInt.end());
}

/** namespace utility */
}
```