Tutorial: Graphs and trees

Aim

The aim of this tutorial is to be able to define graphs and trees, work with their properties and apply shortest path algorithms.

Questions

- 1. Draw the diagram of graph G with:
- a) vertices A, B, C, D and edges {{A, B}, {A, D}, {B, C}, {B, D}, {C, D}};
- b) vertices a, b, c, d, e, and edges {{a, b}, {a, c}, {b, c}, {d, e}}.
- c) vertices a, b, c, d, e, and edges {{a, b}, {a, c}, {b, c}, {c, e}, {d, e}, {e, a}}.
- d) vertices a, b, c, d, e, and edges {{a, b}, {a, d}, {b, c}, {b, d}, {e, a}, {d, e}}.
- 2. Consider the graphs in Q1. Determine the degree of each vertex.
- 3. Draw or define all the subgraphs of the graph in Figure 1 with at least two vertices.

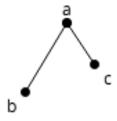


Figure 1: Question 3

- 4. Draw the following graphs. Find an Eulerian cycle in each graph, or state that one does not exist.
- a) C_5
- b) K_5
- c) K_6
- d) $K_{2,4}$
- e) $K_{2,3}$
- 5. Given an undirected, weighted graph as shown in Figure 2, find the cost of the shortest path between a and z using Dijkstra's Algorithm, and enumerate the shortest path.

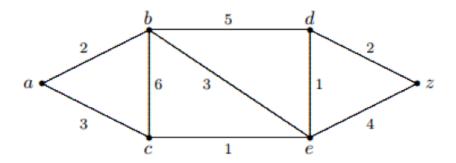


Figure 2: Question 5 and 6

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- . Given the following algorithm for finding a spanning tree (a graph that looks like a tree that connects all the nodes), show the process using the graph in Figure 2: Q5 and Q6.
 - i. Initialize a tree with a single vertex, chosen arbitrarily from the graph (let us choose a).
 - ii. Grow the tree by one edge: of the edges that connect the tree to vertices not yet in the tree, find the edge with the lowest weight, and transfer it to the tree.
 - iii. Repeat step 2 (until all vertices are in the tree). (Adapted from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prim% 27s_algorithm)
 - 7. For the tree in Figure 3, write out the nodes by traversing:

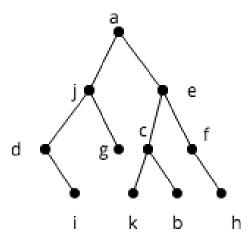


Figure 3: Question 7

- a) pre-order
- b) post-order

- c) in-order
- 8. For the directed graph in Figure 4, note the order of nodes visited starting from A when using:
- a) breadth-first search
- b) depth-first search.

In case of a decision between two or more nodes, use ascending alphabetical order (e.g., A before B).

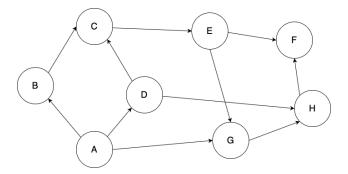


Figure 4: Question 8

Extra questions

9. Look at the graphs in 1b-d again. Are any of them isomorphic? Which conditions do you need to check for?