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CITS2200 – Data Structures and Algorithms

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i. Introduction

Centrality is an important measure of the global influence of a vertex in a graph. This measure is used extensively in large social network graphs, often for information diffusion and marketing. Many different measures of centrality exist. The four explored in our project are Degree, Closeness, Betweenness and Katz.

Figure 1: UML diagram of overall project

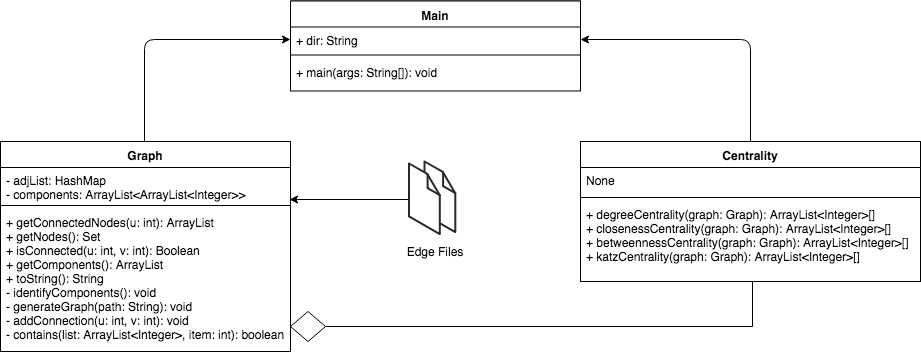


Figure 1 depicts a general UML diagram of our entire process. main classes are usually not shown, however for the purpose of clarity, it is represented as a class in the diagram. The entire project is based off three classes, graph, centrality and main.

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ii. Algorithms

Breadth First Search

In our project, the Breadth First Search (BFS) algorithm is used heavily in both classes. It is used in the identifyComponents() method in the Graph class, and the Closeness and Katz centralities in the Centrality class.

A BFS begins at an arbitrary node in a graph, and explores neighbor nodes first, before moving to the next level. BFS uses a queue, as queue is First In First Out (FIFO) and checks whether a vertex has been visited, and if it hasn’t, it enqueues it to the queue.

The reason why BFS is the primary algorithm chosen is due to the unweighted and undirected nature of the Graphs presented by the project.

Binary Search:

Binary search is a fast search algorithm that searches a sorted collection for a particular value. In this project, it is used specifically in the contains method of the Graph class.

Binary search searches for a particular item by comparing the middle most item of the collection to the search item. An index is returned for the item if they match. If the middle item is creater,

Brandes Algorithm

For node , Brandes Algorithm requires the shortest path from s to every other node . These paths are stored for each pair s,t and is achieved by performing a Breadth First Search.

In Brandes Algorithm, for a certain node v, the ratio of shortest paths between s and t that go through v and the total number of shortest paths between s and t is called the pair-wise dependency:

Therefore:

Brandes Algorithm for a non-tree case uses an algorithm dubbed ‘Ultimate MAGIC’. When there is alternative shortest paths that bypass v, the situation becomes more complex. A proportion of these shortest paths to nodes go through v, but a proportion doesn’t. Ultimate MAGIC determines this ratio using a mathematical algorithm that is further explained in Appendix 1. In terms of the code, the dependency of each source node of the BFS is different, and the betweenness centrality of the node is calculated from the summation of all dependency values, also known as the dependency accumulation. The dependency is described as:

iii. Class and Centrality Implementation:

Graph Class

The Graph class written contains methods present in the CITS2200 Graph interface, however also has key differences. The primary storage of nodes and connected nodes resides in a HashMap adjList, where the keys are represented by the nodes, and the corresponding values represented by an ArrayList of integers, each integer inside the list being a connected node. This allows quick access to all nodes present in the graph. Furthermore, a key feature of the graph is to accommodate components. This is important because a graph can have multiple components, and finding the centrality will have to adapt to these components accordingly. For this reason, an ArrayList components is created to store ArrayLists of nodes for each component. Both these variables are private to maintain the security and integrity of the project.

A Graph class is required to have many methods such as getNodes, isConnected, getComponents and toString. These are basic methods and are explained in the JavaDoc. The unique methods that Graph implements

Degree Centrality

To calculate Degree Centrality, each component of the graph must be analyzed. A for loop iterates through each node in each component. At every iteration, the number of incident nodes (graph.getConnectedNode(node).size()) is compared with the current highest value highest and updated appropriately when necessary.

When the amount of incident nodes for a particular node is greater than highest, the old ArrayList is cleared, and a new list is created with this node.

If the amount of incident nodes is the same as highest and is not already a part of the list, it is added to the list, provided the list does not already have 5 nodes as specified in the project.

The return type is an array of ArrayList integers (ArrayList<Integer>[]). Each index of the array contains an ArrayList of integers representing the nodes, which have the highest degree centrality for each component.

Complexity:

Execution:

(Project Deliverable 1 – main())

Conclusion: