

Graphs

2nd Semester

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I. MAIN CONCEPTS

1. Undirected

A **Graph** G is a set of vertices: $G(V, E)$

- $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$
- $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \dots\}$

We call $n = |V|$ the **number of vertices**, and $m = |E|$ the **number of edges**.

The **degree** of a vertex is the number of incident edges; it's written $d(v)$ and can be described as such:
 $d(v) = |\{e \in E / v \in e\}|$.

A **loop** is an edge which links the same vertex twice.
Multiple edges is a case where two edges link the same two vertices.

Two vertices which share an edge are called **neighbors**.

A **path** is a sequence of vertices $(P = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$ such that any vertices are **linked pairwise** ($\forall u_n, u_{n+1} \in P$ are neighbors).
 The **length of P** is $k-1$.

A graph is **connected** if a path exists linking any two vertices.

An **elementary path** is a path where no vertex appears more than once.
 An **elementary cycle** is an elementary path that **begins and ends** with the same vertex.

A **Eulerian path** is a path where every vertex appears exactly **once**. For one to exist, every vertex' degree must be **even**, except for **2 vertices**.
 A **Eulerian cycle** is a cycle where every vertex appears exactly **once**. For one to exist, every vertex' degree must be **even**.

2. Directed

E is a set of directed edges/arcs: $E = \{(a, b), (b, c), \dots\}$

We differentiate between the **in-going degree** and the **out-going degree**:

In: $d^-(v) = |\{(u, w) \in E / w = v\}|$

Out: $d^+(v) = |\{(u, w) \in E / u = v\}|$

Multiple edges is a case where two edges *going the same way* link the same two vertices.

If an edge goes **from u to v** , we say that:

- u is a **predecessor** of v
- v is a **successor** of u

A **directed path** is a path where $\forall u_n, u_{n+1} \in P, u_{n+1}$ is a successor of u_n .

An **undirected path** is a path where $\forall u_n, u_{n+1} \in P, u_{n+1}$ is **either** a successor **or** a predecessor of u_n .

A graph is **strongly connected** if a **directed path** exists between them.

A graph is **weakly connected** if an **undirected path** exists between them.

II. GRAPH CLASSES

1. Regular graph

A regular graph is a graph such that all degrees are the same: $\forall u, v \in V, d(u) = d(v)$.

2. Simple graph

A simple graph has neither loops nor multiple edges.

3. Complete graph

A complete graph is a graph such that every vertex shares an edge with any other.

4. Cycle

A cycle is a graph where the whole graph is a cycle.

5. Tournament

A tournament is a directed graph that is complete in only one direction.

6. Tree

A tree is a graph that has no cycles.

7. Bipartite graph

A bipartite graph can be split in two sets of vertices in which no neighbors exist.

8. Complete bipartite graph

A bipartite graph that is complete.

9. Planar

A planar graph can be drawn without crossing edges.

10. Subsets of graphs

In this section, we'll assume a graph G.

10.1. Subgraph

A subgraph G' of G is a graph such that any vertex of G' exists within G . A subgraph may not be connected.

10.2. Clique

A clique G' of G is a subgraph that is complete.

The **clique number** of G ($\omega(G)$) is the maximum size of a clique of G (the size of the biggest complete subgraph).

10.3. Stable / Independent set

A stable G' of G is a subgraph of G such that no two vertices in G' are neighbors.

The **stability number** of G ($\alpha(G)$) is the maximum size of a stable of G .

11. Proper coloration

11.1. Definition

A proper coloration is a graph where every vertex has a color (represented as an integer) such that no neighbors have the same color.

If the graph is a **planar graph**, 4 colors are sufficient. In any **other graph**, the number of colors needed is in worst case the **maximum degree plus one**.

The **chromatic number** of a graph ($\chi(G)$) is the minimum number of colors needed to give a proper coloration of G .

11.2. How to color a graph?

Two main algorithm exist today:

First-fit

Take any non-colored vertex; give it the first available color.

```
Function FirstFit(G:Graph)
    :Map<Vertex,Integer>
    Var m: Map<Vertex,Integer>,
        color: Integer
    Begin
        m←new Map<Vertex,Integer>
        For each v in G.getVertices()
            For each n in G.getNeighbors(v)
                color←0
                While m.get(n)=color
                    color←color+1
                m.put(v, color)
    Return m
End
```

Welsh-Powell

Same as First-fit, in decreasing order of degree.
This algorithm is faster most of the time.

III. APPENDICES

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