

CE2001/ CZ2001: Algorithms

Graphs

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Graph Terminology

Learning Objectives

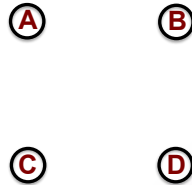
At the end of this lecture, students should be able to:

- Use graph terminologies accurately
- Explain and use basic graph representation methods:
 - Adjacency matrix
 - Array of adjacency lists
- Compare the strengths and weaknesses between the two graph representation methods

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Graph Terminology

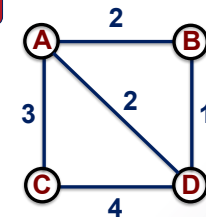
- A graph G is defined formally as $G = (V, E)$
- V is a set of **vertices**
 - vertex** also called **node**, **point**
 - notation: $V = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$



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Graph Terminology

- E is a set of **edges**
 - also called **arc**, **link**
 - notation: $E = \{(x, y) \mid x \neq y, x \in V, y \in V\}$
 - edges may be labelled with numerical values called **weight** or **cost** by a function $W: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

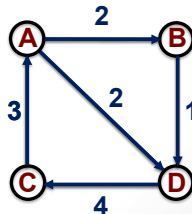


In this case, it is called a **weighted graph**.

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Graph Terminology

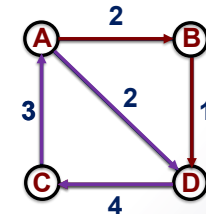
- If $e = (x, y)$ is an edge in an undirected graph, then e is **incident** with x and y ; x is **adjacent** to y and vice versa.
- If edge (x, y) is unordered, then G is **undirected**; otherwise, G is a **directed** graph.
- If $e = (x, y)$ is an edge in a directed graph, then y can be reached from x through one edge, so target y is **adjacent** to source x (but it doesn't mean x is adjacent to y).



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Graph Terminology

- A **path** is a sequence of distinct vertices, each adjacent to the predecessor (except for the first vertex)
 - E.g. **ABDC**
- A **cycle** is a path containing at least three vertices such that the last vertex on the path is the same as the first
 - E.g. **ADCA**



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Graph Terminology

- An undirected graph is **connected** if there is a path from any vertex to any other vertex.
- A directed graph is **strongly connected** if there is a path from any vertex to any other vertex.
- A graph is **cyclic** if it contains one or more cycles; otherwise it is **acyclic**.
- A **complete** graph on n vertices is a simple undirected graph that contains exactly one edge between each pair of distinct vertices. The number of edges in a complete graph is $n(n-1)/2$.

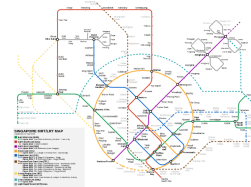
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Graph Terminology

Application Areas

Maps

- $V = \{\text{stations}\}$
- $E = \{\text{underground route}\}$



Electrical circuits

- $V = \{\text{electrical devices}\}$
- $E = \{\text{linkage between devices}\}$



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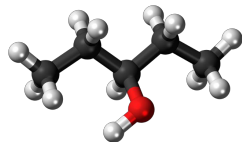
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Graph Terminology

Application Areas

Organic Chemistry

- $V = \{\text{atoms}\}$
- $E = \{\text{bonds between atoms}\}$



Computer Networks

- $V = \{\text{computers}\}$
- $E = \{\text{connections between computers}\}$



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Graph Representations

Graph Representations

Adjacency Matrix Representation

Declare a 2-D array: `int A[N][N]; /*N is no. of nodes*/`

- Edge $(u, v) \in E$ implies $A[u][v] == 1$; otherwise, $A[u][v] == 0$.
- If a graph is directed, then $A[u][v] == 1$ iff $(u, v) \in E$; it does not imply $(v, u) \in E$.
- If a graph is undirected, then A is symmetric, i.e., $A[u][v] == A[v][u]$.

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Graph Representations

Adjacency Matrix Representation

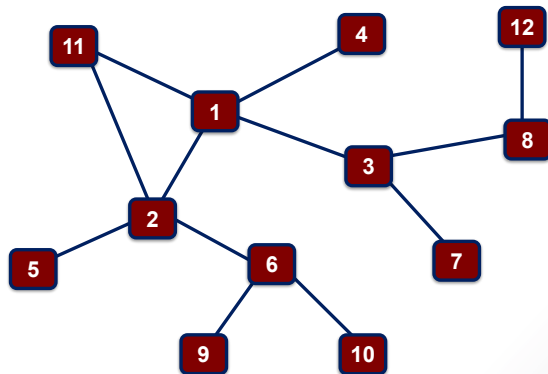
Performance:

- Good because access time for $A[u][v]$ is constant.
- Bad when graph is sparsely connected, i.e., most of the entries in A are zeros ($|E| \ll |V|^2$).

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Graph Representations

Undirected Graph



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Graph Representations

Adjacency Matrix Representation

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Lower left triangle is symmetric with upper right one.

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Graph Representations

Array of Adjacency Lists

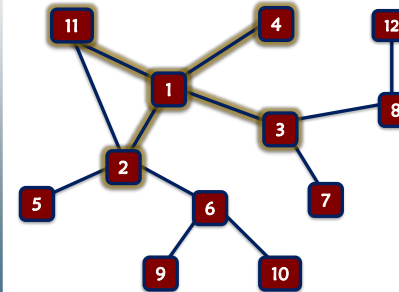
- Use an array to represent the vertices
- For each vertex, use a linked list to represent the connections to other vertices
- Commonly used, flexible structure
- If the edges have different weights, they can be stored in the nodes of the linked lists

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Graph Representations

Array of Adjacency Lists

Based on the same undirected graph seen earlier:



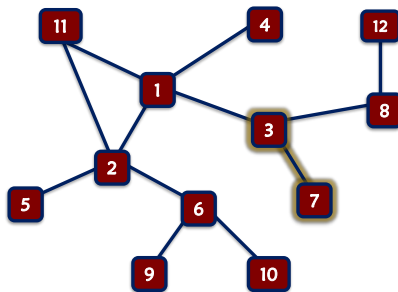
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3	→ 1 → 8 → 7
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Graph Representations

Adjacency Matrix

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4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Represent Weighted Graphs

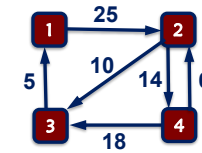
- If $G = (V, E, W)$ is a weighted graph, the weights of edges can be stored in the data structures.
- In the adjacency matrix, the element at the i -th row and the j -th column can be defined as:

$$A[i][j] = \begin{cases} W(v_i, v_j) & \text{if } (v_i, v_j) \in E \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Constant c can be defined as 0 (weight as capacity) or some very large number ∞ (weight as cost)
- In the array of adjacency lists, the weight can be stored as a data field in each list node

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Example of Weighted Graph



	1	2	3	4
1	0	25	0	0
2	0	0	10	14
3	5	0	0	0
4	0	6	18	0

1	→ (2, 25)
2	→ (3, 10) → (4, 14)
3	→ (1, 5)
4	→ (2, 6) → (3, 18)

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Summary

- This lecture is a basic introduction to graphs
- Concepts and terminologies of graph, such as
 - A graph consists of a set of vertices and a set of edges
 - Directed vs. undirected graphs
 - The definitions of path and cycle, etc.
- Two data structures used to represent graphs:
 - Adjacency matrix
 - Array of adjacency lists
 - Their advantages and disadvantages for different applications

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