

Adjacency Matrix conversion

while we know that an adjacency matrix requires more memory to store a graph than an adjacency list ($\Theta(V^2)$ compared to $\Theta(V+E)$ where V is vertex and E is edge) the adjacency matrix does one thing well, looks up edges. Looking up an edge in an adjacency matrix can be done in constant time or $\Theta(1)$. This is helpful for converting a matrix to a list because if we know what edges exist we can just push them to our list. If we break down the runtime of the code I created to do the conversion, it isn't as fast as $\Theta(1)$. In my conversion I have an outer for loop iterating over the rows of the matrix, i , and this has a runtime of $\Theta(V)$. Inside this for loop is another for loop iterating over the columns of the matrix, j , and has a runtime of $\Theta(V)$. Within both these for loops is where I check if an edge (i, j) exists, $\Theta(1)$ and if yes I push it to an array previously declared. While the lookup of edge (i, j) is $\Theta(1)$, the pushing to the array would be dependant on the amount of edges we have or $\Theta(E)$. This leaves us with a runtime of $\Theta(2V^2 + E)$ or $\Theta(V^2 + E)$.

For a best case scenario we would see a $\Theta(V)$ complexity meaning the matrix, and graph have no edges or no vertices so you check everything once and don't do anything else.

for the average and worst case we would see the $\Theta(V^2 + E)$ runtime. This is because for most cases we will have to iterate over everything and return a number of edges, if no edges we have best case. for the worst case we would have a completely full matrix, or a complete graph, which would still only iterate over i and j to have $2V^2$ and push the number of edges E .

If we flipped the two and now wanted to convert an adjacency list to an adjacency matrix we would see a runtime of $\Theta(E^2 + V^2)$ this is because we would have to first iterate over our edges, $\Theta(E)$, and then check whether an edge exists while iterating, which gives us $\Theta(E)$. Now that we have iterated over our list and have the edges that exist, we need to add the vertices to our matrix, and then add the edges.

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Because my original implementation created an empty matrix and added to it for this Hypothetical reversal I will also add entries to an empty matrix. Once we get our $\text{edge}(i, j)$ we would have to create the vertex i and create the vertex j , and then add an edge. Now, what if we already have the vertex in our matrix? We would still have to be iterating over the matrix to check so it wouldn't affect our runtime. This addition of vertex i runs in $\Theta(V^2)$ because the iteration and the addition to our matrix. Now we repeat the process for j vertex and get the same $\Theta(V^2)$. Luckily, to add an edge in an adjacency matrix can be done in $\Theta(1)$. Therefore, all together we have $\Theta((|E| \cdot |E|) + (2|V|^2) + \Theta(|E|))$ or $\Theta(|E|^2 + |V|^2)$

for this we would see a best case runtime of $\Theta(|E|^2)$ because we have to iterate over all the edges, $\Theta(|E|)$, and then check if the edge exists, $\Theta(|E|)$, but we don't have to do anything with our matrix.

for the average and worst cases we would see the $\Theta(|E|^2 + |V|^2)$ because if any edge exists in the list it is $\Theta(|E|^2 + |V|^2)$ to convert it to the matrix, with a worst case again having a full list or complete graph and having to check every edge and insert every vertex.

for my original implementation it is very dependant on both the vertices and edges because we have to iterate over the vertices and add the edges to our list.