

BFS DFS

Graph Traversal Algorithms

BFS
DFS

⇒ BFS
BFS(G, s)

white: unexplored
gray: being explored
black: finished exploring

initialization: for u in $V \setminus \{s\}$:
 (parent) $\pi[u] = \text{nil}$
 $d[u] = \infty$
 $\text{color}[u] = \text{white}$ } $O(n)$

Enqueue(G, s); $\text{color}[s] = \text{gray}$; $\pi[s] = \text{nil}$, $d[s] = 0$
 while $Q \neq \emptyset$

$u = \text{Dequeue}(Q)$

for v in $\text{Adj}[u]$: $\leftarrow O(\text{degree of } u)$

if $\text{color}[v] = \text{white}$

$\text{color}[v] = \text{gray}$

$d[v] = d[u] + 1$

$\pi[v] = u$

Enqueue(G, v)

$\text{color}[u] = \text{black}$

} $O(1)$

∴ $O(m+n)$

∴ $O(\text{sum of degree})$
 $= O(2m)$
 $= O(m)$

> Property: $d[v]$ holds the value of the shortest path from s to v

lemma: $s \in V$ $(u, v) \in E$ $g(s, v) \leq g(s, u) + 1$ [Directed / Undirected]

[$g(s, v)$: Shortest path from s to v]

if u is reachable from s , so is v via path from s to u then u to v

if u is not, v is also not reachable, $d(s, u) = d(s, v) = \infty$, equality holds

lemma: $d[v] \geq g(s, v)$

induction of # Enqueue Operations

indem Hypothese: $d[v] \geq \delta(s, v) \quad \forall v \in V$

Base Case: $d[s] = g(s, s) = 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d[s] = 0 \\ d[v] = \infty \geq \theta(s, v) \quad \forall v \in V \end{array} \right\} \text{at first} \\ \text{Enqueue Operation}$$

Inductive Step: Consider v is discovered during the search from u .

$$d[u] \geq g[s, u] \quad \{ \quad u \text{ is Enqueued before} \\ \text{induction hypothesis}$$
$$d[v] = d[u] + 1 \quad (\text{algorithm})$$
$$\geq g(s, v) + 1$$
$$\geq g(C_{S,v}) \quad (\text{previous lemma})$$

$v \rightarrow \text{Enqueued}$, becomes gray, so it is never enqueued again, so $d[v]$ is not changed again.

\therefore Induction hypothesis maintained.

Lemma: Suppose Q contains $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$
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head | tail

$$d[v_i] \leq d[v_{i+1}]$$

$$d[v_r]_{-1} \quad d[v_l]_{+1}$$

induction of # queue operations

Base Case: initially $Q = \{s\}$, true

indn step : (1) when Degree (Q, V_1) ; V_2 becomes head

$$d[\gamma_1] \in d[\gamma_2] \quad \text{f.h. ind. hypothesis}$$

... by the hypothesis

$$d[v_r] \leq d[v_1] + 1 \leq d[v_2] + 1$$

$$\therefore d[v_r] \leq d[v_2] + 1$$

\downarrow
 new head

(2) Enqueue (Q, v_{r+1})

if previously $Q = \emptyset$, trivially true

else previously Q was not empty before.

$\exists v$, which was Dequeued and $Adj[v]$ is being explored.

Just before v was removed $v = v_1$ (v is head)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d[v] \leq d[v_2] \\ d[v_r] \leq d[v] + 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{indn hypothesis}$$

After removing v ; v_2 is head

$$v_2 = v_1 \quad (v_2 \text{ is head})$$

$$d[v] \leq d[v_1]$$

$$d[v] = d[v_{r+1}] = d[v] + 1 \leq d[v_1] + 1$$

newly
enqueued

$$d[v_r] \leq d[v] + 1 = d[v] = d[v_{r+1}]$$

$d[v_{r+1}] = d[v] + 1$
 from algorithm
 v is dequeued
 and $v_{r+1} \in Adj[v]$

\therefore inequalities unaffected

Corollary: v_i enqueued before v_j $d[v_i] \leq d[v_j]$

from previous lemma

$$v_i \prec v_j \implies d[v_i] \leq d[v_j]$$

$$d[v_i] \leq d[v_{i+1}] \leq d[v_{i+2}] \leq \dots \leq d[v_j]$$

v_i enqueued before v_j

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property: $d[v]$ is changed only once.

Theorem: Correctness of BFS

Assume contradiction, $\exists v \in V$ such that $d[v] \neq \delta[s, v]$

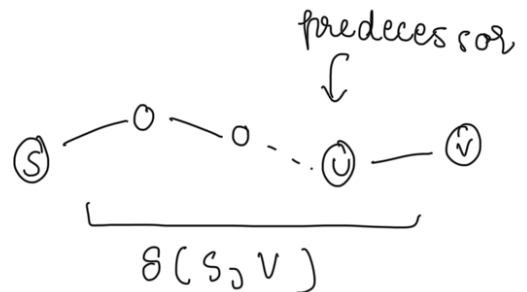
Let v be the vertex with minimum $\delta[s, v]$ among "bad" vertices

$$d[v] > \delta[s, v] \quad (\text{lemma})$$

$$\text{so } d[v] > \delta[s, v]$$

$$d[v] = \delta[s, u]$$

(u is a "good" vertex)



$$d[v] > \delta[s, v] = \delta[s, u] + 1 \rightarrow *$$

now;

consider when v is dequeued

Case 1: v is white

$$d[v] = d[v] + 1, \text{ contradicts } *$$

Case 2: v is gray.

$$\text{then } \exists w \quad \pi[v] = w$$

$$d[v] = d[w] + 1$$

$$d[w] \leq d[v] \quad [\text{Corollary, } w \text{ enqueued before } v]$$

$$d[v] = d[w] + 1 \leq d[v] + 1, \text{ contradicts } *$$

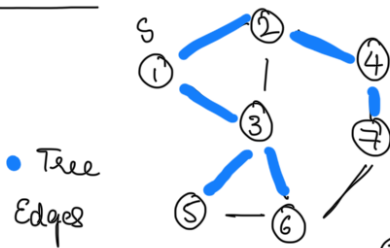
Case 3: v is black,

v is dequeued before u
 $d[v] \leq d[u] + 1$ (by lemma)
 contradict $*$

$\therefore d[v] > g[s, v]$ is a contradiction

$\therefore d[v] = g[s, v]$

BFS tree:



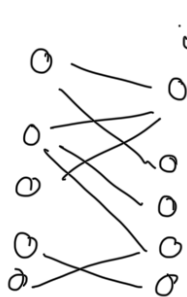
BFS tree

for directed

— cross edges
 within same level: odd length cycle detected, not bipartite.

if $\exists (u, v) \in E$
 u and v are at the same level or one level apart

Bipartiteness: bipartite \Leftrightarrow no odd length cycles



is bipartite (G)

$color[v] = -1$

for $i = 0$ to n

if ($color[v_i] \neq -1$) continue

Queue $\langle int \rangle Q$

Enqueue (v_i) $color[v_i] = 0$

while (Q)

$u = \text{Deq}(Q)$

for $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$

if ($color[v] \neq -1$)

$color[v] = \text{flip}(color[u])$

else if $color[v] == color[u]$

return false

return true

$O(m+n)$

⇒ DFS

DFS(G)

for $u \in V$

color[u] = white

$\pi[u] = \text{nil}$

time = 0

for $v \in V$

if color[v] == white

DFS-visit(G, v)

called only once per vertex $v \in V$
 $\therefore O(\sum |adj(v)|) = O(m)$

DFS-visit(G, v)

time ++

$d[v] = \text{time}$ (v discovered) \rightarrow discovery time

color[v] = gray

for v in Adj[v]

if color[v] == white

$\pi[v] = u$

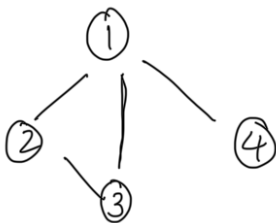
DFS-visit(G, v)

time ++

$f[v] = \text{time}$ (v finished) \rightarrow finish time

color[v] = black

eg.



$d[1] = 1$

$\pi[2] = 1$ $d[2] = 2$

$\pi[3] = 2$ $d[3] = 3$ $f[3] = 4$

$f[2] = 5$

$\pi[4] = 1$ $d[4] = 6$ $f[4] = 7$

> Properties

(1) Predecessor graph forms a forest

$E_\pi := \{(\pi[v], v) : v \in V, \pi[v] \neq \text{NIL}\}$

$$G_\pi := (V, E_\pi)$$

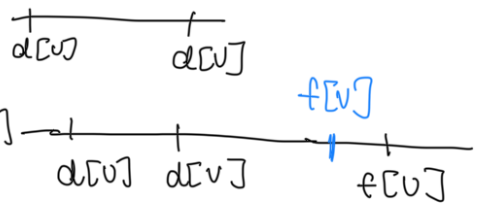
each tree, (u, v) when (u, v) explored v is grey,
 v is white

$v = \pi[v]$ iff DFS-visit $[v]$ called during a search of
 v 's adjacency list

(2) Parametric Theorem.

- (1) $(d[u], f[u])$ $(d[v], f[v])$ disjoint
- (2) $(d[u], f[u])$ contained in $(d[v], f[v])$
- (3) $(d[v], f[v])$ " " $(d[u], f[u])$

Proof wlog $d[u] < d[v]$




case 1 $d[u] < f[u]$

v is a descendant of u
 so after v 's outgoing edges are visited & v is finished u can finish

v is white v is gray v becomes black

case 2



Corollary v is a proper descendant of $u \iff$



\Rightarrow White Path Theorem

v descendant of $u \iff$ at $d[u]$ $\exists u \rightsquigarrow v$
 DF sort 1.

white vertices

$\Rightarrow v = u$ trivial

Suppose v is a proper descendant of u

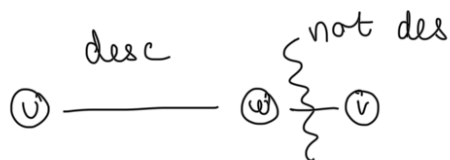
$$d[u] < d[v]$$

at $d[u]$ u is white

all descendants in the unique simple path in DF Forest are white.

$\Leftarrow \exists$ white path

Let v be closest vertex on this path to not be descendant



since $w - v$

v discovered before w finishes

$$f[w] < f[v]$$

$$d[u] < d[v] < f[w] < f[v]$$

$\therefore v$ contained in $w \rightarrow$ descendant

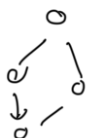
\Rightarrow Classification of Edges

directed graph acyclic \Leftrightarrow no back edges

1. Tree Edges
2. Back edges
3. Forward Edges



4. Cross Edges



Undirected graph:

Every edge is tree or

back.

(u, v) first explored



white (tree edge)
gray (back edges)
black (forward/cross)

Applications BFS, DFS



Topological Sort

$O(m+n)$

Topological Sort (G)

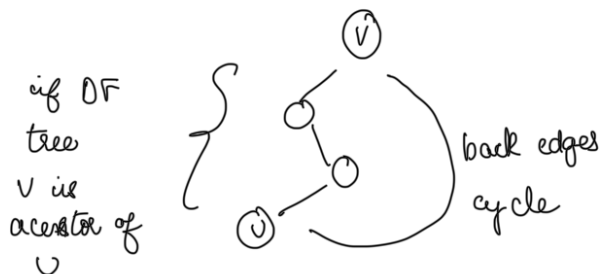
1. DFS (G)
2. as each vertex is finished, insert to front of linked list
3. Return linked list

Lemma G (directed) acyclic \Leftrightarrow DFS yields no back edges

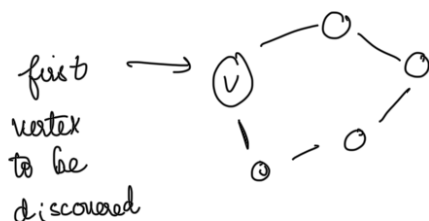
Proof \Rightarrow If back edge (u, v)

back edge \rightarrow cycle

\therefore acyclic \rightarrow no back edge



\Leftarrow Suppose \exists cycle C



at $d[v]$ \exists white path from v to v
 $\therefore v$ is a descendant of v .
 \exists back edges (u, v)

cycle \rightarrow back edge
 \sim back edge $\rightarrow \sim$ cycle

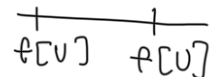
Proof of Correctness:

DAG $G(V, E)$

$u, v \in V$

if $u \rightarrow v$

$\rightarrow f[v] < f[u]$



$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$
 u comes earlier in
topological sort

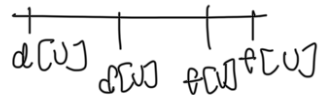
consider any edge $[u, v]$ explored.

Case 1) v gray. not possible, otherwise it would be a back edge implying cycle.

Case 2) v white

v is a descendant of u

$f[v] < f[u]$



Case 3) v black

v finished earlier

$f[v] < f[u]$

\Rightarrow

SCC

SCC:

(maximum subset of connected vertices)

DFS(G)

G^T

DFS(G^T) in order of finish times

Output each DFS tree as a SCC

Proof

$SCCs(G) = \{C_1, \dots, C_k\}$

$$d(C) = \min \{ d(u) \mid u \in C \}$$

$$f(C) = \max \{ f(u) \mid u \in C \}$$

Lemma

$$C \neq C'$$

$$u, v \in C \quad u', v' \in C'$$

G contains $u \rightsquigarrow u'$

G cannot contain $v' \rightsquigarrow v$

proof: contradicts $C \neq C'$

Lemma

$$(u, v) \in E \quad u \in C' \quad v \in C$$

$$f(C') > f(C)$$

Proof

$$(af) \quad d(CC') < d(C)$$

$$\text{let } d(CC') = d(x)$$

\exists white path from x to all nodes in C

$$\therefore f(x) = f(C') > f(C)$$

$$(\text{else}) \quad d(CC') > d(C) = d(y)$$

at $d[y]$

C' is unvisited and white

Dfs from y cannot reach C'

$$\therefore f[C] < f[C']$$

Corollary $f[C] > f[C']$ no edge $(v, u) \in E^T$ such that $v \in C \quad u \in C^T$

$$\begin{array}{c} C' \\ \circ u \end{array} \text{---} \begin{array}{c} C \\ \circ v \end{array} \rightarrow f[C] < f[C']$$

$$f[C] > f[C'] \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{no edge } uv \in E \\ \text{no edge } vu \in E^T \end{array}$$

Proof of Correctness:

Let $\text{DFS}(G^T) \sim T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$
trees

Base Case $k=0$
trivially true

Inductive Step: $k \rightarrow k+1$

Let u be root of $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$ tree

$v \in C$

(1) $f(C) > f(C')$ \forall unvisited C'

(2) White path theorem; nodes in C become descendants of u

(3) Corollary

no outgoing edges to
unvisited components

DFS tree rooted at u
exactly vertices in C .

