

# Generic Method Pattern

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## 1 DFS generic class

```
1 package net.datastructures;
2 import java.util.Iterator;
3
4 /** Generic DFS traversal of a graph using the template method pattern.
5  * Parameterized types:
6  * V, the type for the elements stored at vertices
7  * E, the type for the elements stored at edges
8  * I, the type for the information object passed to the execute method
9  * R, the type for the result object returned by the DFS
10  */
11 public class DFS<V, E, I, R> {
12
13     protected Graph<V, E> graph; // The graph being traversed
14
15     protected Vertex<V> start; // The start vertex for the DFS
16
17     protected I info; // Information object passed to DFS
18
19     protected R visitResult; // The result of a recursive traversal call
20
21     protected static Object STATUS = new Object(); // The status attribute
22
23     protected static Object VISITED = new Object(); // Visited value
24
25     protected static Object UNVISITED = new Object(); // Unvisited value
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26  /** Execute a depth first search traversal on graph g, starting
27   * from a start vertex s, passing in an information object (in) */
28  public R execute(Graph<V, E> g, Vertex<V> s, I in) {
29      graph = g;
30      start = s;
31      info = in;
32      for(Vertex<V> v: graph.vertices()) unVisit(v); // mark vertices as unvisited
33      for(Edge<E> e: graph.edges()) unVisit(e); // mark edges as unvisited
34      setup(); // perform any necessary setup prior to DFS traversal
35      return finalResult(dfsTraversal(start));
36  }
37
38  /** Recursive template method for a generic DFS traversal. */
39  protected R dfsTraversal(Vertex<V> v) {
40      initResult();
41      if (isDone())
42          startVisit(v);
43      if (!isDone()) {
44          visit(v);
45          for (Edge<E> e: graph.incidentEdges(v)) {
46              if (!isVisited(e)) {
47                  // found an unexplored edge, explore it
48                  visit(e);
49                  Vertex<V> w = graph.opposite(v, e);
50                  if (isVisited(w)) {
51                      // w is unexplored, this is a discovery edge
52                      traverseDiscovery(e, v);
53                      if (isDone()) break;
54                      visitResult = dfsTraversal(w); // get result from DFS-tree child
55                      if (isDone()) break;
56                  }
57                  else {
58                      // w is explored, this is a back edge
59                      traverseBack(e, v);
60                      if (isDone()) break;
61                  }
62              }
63          }
64      }
65      if (isDone())
66          finishVisit(v);
67      return result();
68  }

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69  /** Mark a position (vertex or edge) as visited. */
70  protected void visit(DecorablePosition<?> p) {
71      p.put(STATUS, VISITED);
72  }
73
74  /** Mark a position (vertex or edge) as unvisited. */
75  protected void unVisit(DecorablePosition<?> p) {
76      p.put(STATUS, UNVISITED);
77  }
78
79  /** Test if a position (vertex or edge) has been visited. */
80  protected boolean isVisited(DecorablePosition<?> p) {
81      return (p.get(STATUS) == VISITED);
82  }
83
84  // Auxiliary methods (all initially null) for specializing a generic DFS
85  /** Setup method that is called prior to the DFS execution. */
86  protected void setup() {}
87
88  /** Initializes result (called first, once per vertex visited). */
89  protected void setResult() {}
90
91  /** Called when we encounter a vertex (v). */
92  protected void startVisit(Vertex<V> v) {}
93
94  /** Called after we finish the visit for a vertex (v). */
95  protected void finishVisit(Vertex<V> v) {}
96
97  /** Called when we traverse a discovery edge (e) from a vertex (from). */
98  protected void traverseDiscovery(Edge<E> e, Vertex<V> from) {}
99
100 /** Called when we traverse a back edge (e) from a vertex (from). */
101 protected void traverseBack(Edge<E> e, Vertex<V> from) {}
102
103 /** Determines whether the traversal is done early. */
104 protected boolean isDone() { return false; /* default value */ }
105
106 /** Returns a result of a visit (if needed). */
107 protected R result() { return null; /* default value */ }
108
109 /** Returns the final result of the DFS execute method. */
110 protected R finalResult(R r) { return r; /* default value */ }
111 }

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## 2 Application: Test if graph connected

```
1 package net.datastructures;
2 import java.util.Iterator;
3 import java.lang.Boolean;
4
5 /** This class specializes DFS to determine whether the graph is connected.
6  * Input to the execute method are the graph itself, a start vertex, the info
7  * parameter is unused, and the return type is a Boolean.
8  */
9 public class ConnectivityDFS<V, E> extends DFS <V, E, Object, Boolean> {
10     protected int reached;
11
12     protected void setup() { reached = 0; }
13
14     protected void startVisit(Vertex<V> v) { reached++; }
15
16     protected Boolean finalResult(Boolean dfsResult) {
17         return new Boolean(reached == graph.numVertices());
18     }
19 }
```

### 3 Application: Find a path between two nodes in a graph

```
1 package net.datastructures;
2
3 /** Class specializing DFS to find a path between a start vertex and a target
4  * vertex. It assumes the target vertex is passed as the info object to the
5  * execute method. It returns an iterable list of the vertices and edges
6  * comprising the path from start to info. The returned path is empty if
7  * info is unreachable from start. */
8 public class FindPathDFS<V, E>
9     extends DFS<V, E, Vertex<V>, Iterable<Position>> {
10     protected PositionList<Position> path;
11     protected boolean done;
12
13     /** Setup method to initialize the path. */
14     public void setup() {
15         path = new NodePositionList<Position>();
16         done = false;
17     }
18
19     protected void startVisit(Vertex<V> v) {
20         path.addLast(v); // add vertex v to path
21         if (v == info)
22             done = true;
23     }
24
25     protected void finishVisit(Vertex<V> v) {
26         path.remove(path.last()); // remove v from path
27         if (!path.isEmpty()) // if v is not the start vertex
28             path.remove(path.last()); // remove discovery edge into v from path
29     }
30
31     protected void traverseDiscovery(Edge<E> e, Vertex<V> from) {
32         path.addLast(e); // add edge e to the path
33     }
34
35     protected boolean isDone() {
36         return done;
37     }
38
39     public Iterable<Position> finalResult(Iterable<Position> r) {
40         return path;
41     }
42 }
```

## 4 Application: Find a cycle in a graph

```
1 package net.datastructures;
2 import java.util.Iterator;
3
4 /** This class specializes DFS to find a cycle.
5  * Input for the execute method is the graph itself, a start
6  * vertex, the info parameter is unused, and the return type is
7  * an Iterable<Position>.
8  */
9
10 public class FindCycleDFS<V, E>
11     extends DFS<V, E, Object, Iterable<Position>> {
12
13     protected PositionList<Position> cycle; // sequence of edges of the cycle
14     protected boolean done;
15     protected Vertex<V> cycleStart;
16
17     /**
18      * Executes the DFS algorithm.
19      * @param info unused
20      * @return {@link Iterable} collection containing the vertices and
21      * edges of a cycle.
22      */
23
24     public void setup() {
25         cycle = new NodePositionList<Position>();
26         done = false;
27     }
28
29     protected void startVisit(Vertex<V> v) { cycle.addLast(v); }
30
31     protected void finishVisit(Vertex<V> v) {
32         cycle.remove(cycle.last()); // remove v from cycle
33         if (!cycle.isEmpty()) cycle.remove(cycle.last()); // remove edge into v from cycle
34     }
35
36     protected void traverseDiscovery(Edge<E> e, Vertex<V> from) {
37         cycle.addLast(e);
38     }
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39  protected void traverseBack(Edge<E> e, Vertex<V> from) {
40      cycle.addLast(e); // back edge e creates a cycle
41      cycleStart = graph.opposite(from, e);
42      cycle.addLast(cycleStart); // first vertex completes the cycle
43      done = true;
44  }
45
46  protected boolean isDone() { return done; }
47
48  public Iterable<Position> finalResult(Iterable<Position> r) {
49      // remove the vertices and edges from start to cycleStart
50      if (!cycle.isEmpty()) {
51          for (Position<Position> p: cycle.positions()) {
52              if (p.element() == cycleStart)
53                  break;
54              cycle.remove(p); // remove vertex from cycle
55          }
56      }
57      return cycle; // list of the vertices and edges of the cycle
58  }
59  }

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