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Graph and its representations

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What is Graph Data Structure?

A <u>Graph</u> is a non-linear data structure consisting of vertices and edges. The vertices are sometimes also referred to as nodes and the edges are lines or arcs that connect any two nodes in the graph. More formally a Graph is composed of a set of vertices (\mathbf{V}) and a set of edges (\mathbf{E}). The graph is denoted by $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$.

Representations of Graph

Here are the two most common ways to represent a graph:

- 1. Adjacency Matrix
- 2. Adjacency List

<u>Adjacency Matrix</u>

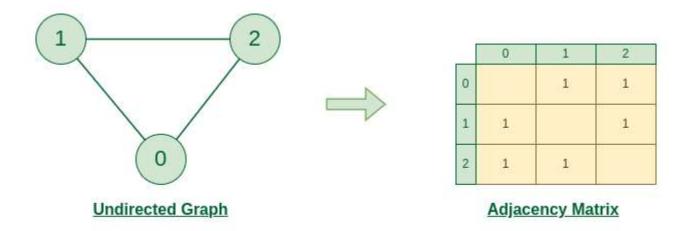
An adjacency matrix is a way of representing a graph as a matrix of boolean (0's and 1's).

Let's assume there are **n** vertices in the graph So, create a 2D matrix **adjMat[n][n]** having dimension n x n.

- If there is an edge from vertex i to j, mark adjMat[i][j] as 1.
- If there is no edge from vertex i to j, mark adjMat[i][j] as 0.

Representation of Undirected Graph to Adjacency Matrix:

The below figure shows an undirected graph. Initially, the entire Matrix is initialized to **0**. If there is an edge from source to destination, we insert **1** to both cases (adjMat[destination] and adjMat[destination]) because we can go either way.

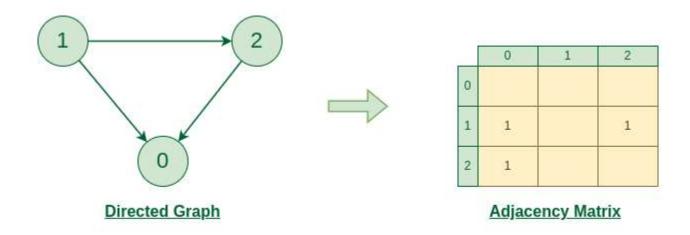


Graph Representation of Undirected graph to Adjacency Matrix

Undirected Graph to Adjacency Matrix

Representation of Directed Graph to Adjacency Matrix:

The below figure shows a directed graph. Initially, the entire Matrix is initialized to **0**. If there is an edge from source to destination, we insert **1** for that particular **adjMat[destination]**.



Graph Representation of Directed graph to Adjacency Matrix

Directed Graph to Adjacency Matrix

Adjacency List

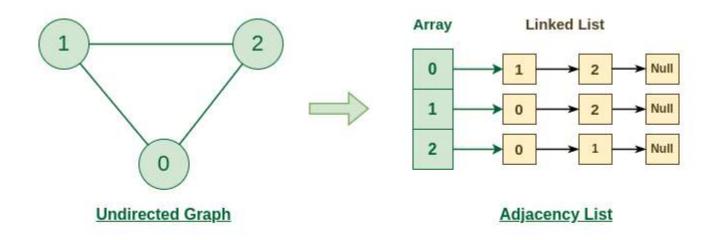
An array of Lists is used to store edges between two vertices. The size of array is equal to the number of **vertices** (i.e, n). Each index in this array represents a specific vertex in the graph. The entry at the index i of the array contains a linked list containing the vertices that are adjacent to vertex i.

Let's assume there are **n** vertices in the graph So, create an **array of list** of size **n** as **adjList[n]**.

- adjList[0] will have all the nodes which are connected (neighbour) to vertex 0.
- adjList[1] will have all the nodes which are connected (neighbour) to vertex **1** and so on.

Representation of Undirected Graph to Adjacency list:

The below undirected graph has 3 vertices. So, an array of list will be created of size 3, where each indices represent the vertices. Now, vertex 0 has two neighbours (i.e, 1 and 2). So, insert vertex 1 and 2 at indices 0 of array. Similarly, For vertex 1, it has two neighbour (i.e, 2 and 0) So, insert vertices 2 and 0 at indices 1 of array. Similarly, for vertex 2, insert its neighbours in array of list.



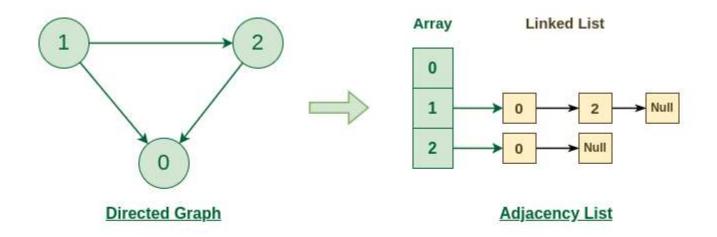
Graph Representation of Undirected graph to Adjacency List

Undirected Graph to Adjacency list

Representation of Directed Graph to Adjacency list:

The below directed graph has 3 vertices. So, an array of list will be created of size 3, where each indices represent the vertices. Now, vertex 0 has no neighbours. For vertex 1, it has two neighbour

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Graph Representation of Directed graph to Adjacency List

Directed Graph to Adjacency list

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