

Programming Assignment #5: ConstrainedTopoSort

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Due: Sunday, November 19, *before* 11:59 PM

Abstract

In this assignment, you will determine whether an arbitrary directed graph has a valid topological sort in which some vertex, x , comes before some other vertex, y . More than anything, this program should serve as a relatively short critical thinking exercise.

You will gain experience reading graphs from an input file, representing them computationally, and writing graph theory algorithms. You will also solidify your understanding of topological sorts, sharpen your problem solving skills, and get some practice at being clever, because your solution to this problem must be $O(n^2)$. In coming up with a solution, I recommend focusing first on developing a working algorithm, and *then* analyzing its runtime. (Focusing *too* much on the runtime restriction might cloud your thinking as you cook up a solution to this problem.)

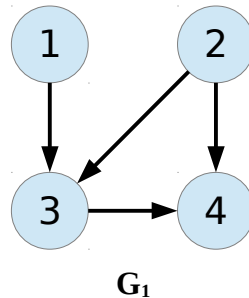
If you use any code that I have given you so far in class, you should probably include a comment to give me credit. The intellectually curious student will, of course, try to write the whole program from scratch.

Deliverables

ConstrainedTopoSort.java

1. Problem Statement

Given a directed graph, G , and two integers, x and y , determine whether G has a valid topological sort in which vertex x comes before vertex y . (Notice that the problem does **not** ask whether x comes *directly* before y .) For example:



In G_1 , there is a valid topological sort in which vertex 2 comes before vertex 1 (**2, 1, 3, 4**). There is also a valid topological sort in which vertex 1 comes before vertex 2 (**1, 2, 3, 4**). Both of those are also valid topological sorts in which vertex 2 comes before vertex 4. (Notice that vertex 2 does not have to come *directly* before vertex 4.) However, there is no valid topological sort in which vertex 4 comes before vertex 1.

2. Input File Format

Each input file contains a single digraph. The first line contains a single integer, $n \geq 2$, indicating the number of vertices in the graph. (Vertices in these graphs are numbered 1 through n .) The following n lines are the adjacency lists for each successive vertex in the graph, with a small twist: each adjacency list begins with a single non-negative integer, k , indicating the number of vertices that follow. The list of vertices that follows will contain k distinct integers (i.e., no repeats) on the range 1 through n . For example, the following text file corresponds to the graph G_1 that is pictured above:

g1.txt

```
4
1 3
2 3 4
1 4
0
```

3. Special Restriction: Runtime Requirement

Please note that you must implement a solution that is $O(n^2)$, where $n = |V|$. Recall from our formal definition of Big-Oh that a faster solution is still considered $O(n^2)$.

4. Method and Class Requirements

Implement the following methods in a class named `ConstrainedTopoSort`.

public `ConstrainedTopoSort(String filename)`

This constructor opens the file named *filename* and reads the graph it contains into either an adjacency matrix or adjacency list. We will process multiple *xy* queries for this graph, but we only want to load it into memory once. This method should throw exceptions as necessary.

public boolean `hasConstrainedTopoSort(int x, int y)`

Given integers *x* and *y* such that $1 \leq x \leq n$ and $1 \leq y \leq n$, if this graph has a valid topological sort in which vertex *x* precedes vertex *y*, return *true*. Otherwise, return *false*. Do this in $O(n^2)$ time.

public static double `difficultyRating()`

Return a double on the range 1.0 (ridiculously easy) to 5.0 (insanely difficult).

public static double `hoursSpent()`

Return an estimate (greater than zero) of the number of hours you spent on this assignment.

5. Compiling and Testing Your Code on Eustis

Recall that your code must compile, run, and produce precisely the correct output on Eustis in order to receive full credit. Here's how to make that happen:

1. To compile your program with one of the given test cases:

```
javac ConstrainedTopoSort.java TestCase01.java
```

2. To run this test case and redirect your output to a text file:

```
java TestCase01 > myoutput01.txt
```

3. To compare your program's output against the sample output file I've provided for this test case:

```
diff myoutput01.txt sample_output/TestCase01-output.txt
```

If the contents of `myoutput01.txt` and `TestCase01-output.txt` are exactly the same, `diff` won't print anything to the screen. It will just look like this:

```
seansz@eustis:~$ diff myoutput01.txt sample_output/TestCase01-output.txt
seansz@eustis:~$ _
```

Otherwise, if the files differ, `diff` will spit out some information about the lines that aren't the same.

6. Using the test-all.sh Script

We've included multiple test cases with this assignment to show some ways in which we might test your code and to shed light on the expected functionality of your code. We've also included a script, `test-all.sh`, that will compile and run all test cases for you. **The `test-all.sh` script is the safest, most sure-fire way to test your code.**

You can run the script on Eustis by placing it in a directory with `ConstrainedTopoSort.java`, all the test case files, and the `sample_output` directory, and typing:

```
bash test-all.sh
```

7. Grading Criteria and Miscellaneous Requirements

The *tentative* scoring breakdown (not set in stone) for this programming assignment is:

80%	program passes test cases
10%	<code>difficultyRating()</code> and <code>hoursSpent()</code> are implemented correctly
10%	adequate comments and whitespace; source code includes student name and NID

Please be sure to submit your `.java` file, not a `.class` file (and certainly not a `.doc` or `.pdf` file). Your best bet is to submit your program in advance of the deadline, then download the source code from Webcourses, re-compile, and re-test your code in order to ensure that you uploaded the correct version of your source code. Programs that do not compile will receive zero credit.

Important! You might want to remove `main()` and then double check that your program compiles without it before submitting. Including a `main()` method can cause compilation issues if it includes references to home-brewed classes that you are not submitting with the assignment. Please remove.

Important! Your program should not print anything to the screen. Extraneous output is disruptive to the grading process and will result in severe point deductions. Please do not print to the screen.

Important! Please do not create a java package. Articulating a package in your source code could prevent it from compiling with our test cases, resulting in severe point deductions.

Important! Name your source file, class(es), and method(s) correctly. Minor errors in spelling and/or capitalization could be hugely disruptive to the grading process and may result in severe point deductions. Similarly, failing to write any one of the required methods, or failing to make them public and/or static (as appropriate) may cause test case failure. Please double check your work!

Input specifications are a contract. We promise that we will work within the confines of the problem statement when creating the test cases that we'll use for grading. Please reflect carefully on the kinds of edge cases that might cause unusual behaviors for any of the methods you're implementing, and be sure to write your own test cases to thoroughly test your code.

Start early! Work hard! Ask questions! Good luck!