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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ROUTE PLANNER

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INTRODUCTION

This project focuses on the development of a Public Transportation Route Planner system using fundamental data structures (graphs) in C. The system models a graph structure where nodes represent stops, and edges represent weighted routes.

The adjacency matrix representation of a graph was chosen due to its simplicity in representing dense networks. This project demonstrates the utility of graph data structures in solving transportation network problems.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Build a graph to model a city's public transportation system, where stops are nodes and routes between them are edges.

OBJECTIVES

Week 1:

1. Add a bus/train stop (node) to the graph.
2. Add a route (edge) between stops.
3. Remove a route between stops.
4. Find the shortest route between two stops.
5. Implement Dijkstra's algorithm to find optimal paths.
6. Display all stops connected to a given stop.

Week 2:

1. Detect cycles in the route network.
2. Calculate the total distance of the route network.
3. Implement BFS to traverse all stops in the network.
4. Implement DFS to identify connected stops.
5. Find isolated stops (stops with limited connections).
6. Save the route network graph to a file.

Week 3:

1. Load the route network graph from a file.
2. Calculate the degree of each stop.
3. Determine popular stops (highest traffic).
4. Find alternative routes between stops.
5. Calculate average route distance.
6. Optimize the route network using a minimum spanning tree.

PSEUDOCODE & IMPLEMENTATION

1. Add a bus/train stop (node) to the graph.

```
InitializeStops(maxNodes, names[]):
    Set numOfNodes = maxNodes
    Allocate memory for a graph with maxNodes x maxNodes
    Initialize all edges in the graph to 0
    Allocate memory for stopNames array with maxNodes elements
    For each stop in names[]:
        Copy the stop name to the corresponding stopNames entry
    Print "Stops initialized"
AddStop(stop):
    Increment numOfNodes
    Reallocate memory for stopNames to accommodate new stop
    Add the stop name to stopNames [numOfNodes - 1]
    Reallocate graph to increase its size
    Add a new row and column to the graph and initialize with 0
    Print "New Stop added"
```

2. Add a route (edge) between stops.

```
AddRoute(from, to, distance):
    If from or to are invalid indices:
        Print "Invalid stop"
        Return
```

Set graph[from][to] = distance

Print "Route added with distance"

3. Remove a route between stops.

DeleteRoute(from, to):

If from or to are invalid indices:

Print "Invalid stop"

Return

If graph[from][to] == 0:

Print "No route exists"

Return

Set graph[from][to] = 0

Print "Route removed"

4. Find the shortest route between two stops.

5. Implement dijkstra's algorithm to find optimal paths.

function Dijkstra(graph, stopNames, numOfNodes, source, destination):

1. Initialize an array dist[] to store the shortest distances from the source:

For each vertex i from 0 to numOfNodes-1:

dist[i] = infinity

dist[source] = 0

2. Create a priority queue (min-heap) pq to store nodes based on their tentative distances:

Add (source, 0) to pq

3. While pq is not empty:

a. u = ExtractMin(pq)

b. If u == destination:

Print the shortest path and return the distance

c. For each neighbor v of u (where the edge u -> v exists in the graph):

alt = dist[u] + graph[u][v

```
If alt < dist[v]:
    dist[v] = alt
    InsertOrUpdate(pq, v, alt)
```

4. If the destination is not reached, print that no path exists.

5. Return dist[] to get the shortest distance from source to all nodes.

6. Display all stops connected to a given stop.

```
PrintGraph():
    Print column headers (stopNames)
    For each row:
        Print the row header (stop name) followed by row values
```

7. Detect cycles in the route network.

```
IsCyclic(graph, numOfNodes):
    Initialize visited array
    For each node:
        If the node is unvisited:
            Perform DFS
            If cycle is detected during DFS:
                Return True
    Return False
```

8. Calculate the total distance of the route network.

```
CalculateTotalDistance(graph, numOfNodes):
    totalDistance = 0
    For each edge in the graph:
        Add the edge weight to totalDistance
    Return totalDistance
```

9. Implement BFS to traverse all stops in the network.

```
BFS(graph, numOfNodes, start):
    Initialize visited array
    Initialize queue and enqueue start node
    While queue is not empty:
        Dequeue node
        Mark it visited
        Print node
        For each neighbor:
            If unvisited and there is an edge:
                Enqueue neighbor
```

10. Implement DFS to identify connected stops.

```
DFS(graph, numOfNodes, start):
    Initialize visited array
    Call DFSRecursive(graph, visited, start)

DFSRecursive(graph, visited, node):
    Mark node as visited
    Print node
    For each neighbor:
        If unvisited and there is an edge:
            Call DFSRecursive for neighbor
```

11. Find isolated stops (stops with limited connections).

```
FindIsolatedStops(graph, numOfNodes, stopNames):
    For each stop:
        Calculate in-degree and out-degree
```

If both are below a threshold:

Print stop as isolated

12. Save the route network graph to a file.

SaveGraphToFile(graph, numOfNodes, stopNames, fileName):

Open file

Write stop names and adjacency matrix to the file

Close file

Print "Graph saved"

13. Load the route network graph from a file.

LoadGraphFromFile(fileName):

Open file

Read stop names into stopNames array

Read adjacency matrix into graph

Initialize stops with the loaded data

Close file

Print "Graph loaded"

14. Calculate the degree of each stop.

CalculateDegrees(graph, numOfNodes, stopNames):

For each stop:

Calculate in-degree and out-degree

Print degrees for the stop

15. Determine popular stops (highest traffic).

FindPopularStops(graph, numOfNodes, stopNames):

Initialize maxTraffic = -1

For each stop:

Calculate total traffic (in-degree + out-degree)

If traffic > maxTraffic:

Update maxTraffic and reset popular stops list

Else if traffic == maxTraffic:

Add stop to popular stops list

Print most popular stops

16. Find alternative routes between stops.

FindAlternativeRoutes(graph, from, to, visited, path, pathIndex):

Mark from as visited

Add stop name to path

If from == to:

Print path

Return

For each neighbor:

If unvisited and there is an edge:

Recur with the neighbor

Mark from as unvisited

17. Calculate average route distance.

CalculateAverageDistance(graph, numOfNodes):

totalDistance = 0

routeCount = 0

For each edge in the graph:

If edge weight > 0:

Add weight to totalDistance

Increment routeCount

averageDistance = totalDistance / routeCount (if routeCount > 0)

Print averageDistance

18. Optimize the route network using a minimum spanning tree.

OptimizeRouteNetwork(graph, numOfNodes, stopNames):

mst = FindMST(graph, numOfNodes)

Function: minKey(key, mstSet, numOfNodes)

1. Initialize min as a very large value (infinity).
2. For each vertex v from 0 to numOfNodes - 1:
    - If mstSet[v] is false and key[v] is smaller than min:
        - Update min to key[v].
        - Update minIndex to v.
3. Return minIndex.

Print MST adjacency matrix

Free memory allocated for mst

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Add a bus/train stop (node) to the graph.

```
Graph Adjacency Matrix:
                Tirusulam    Pallavaram     Chromepet      Tambaram        Egmore     Kilambakam    Minambakkam         Guindy
     Mount
    Tirusulam           0             4             0             0             0             0             0             0
         0
   Pallavaram           0             0             9            11             0             0             0             0
         0
    Chromepet           0             0             0             7             2             6             0             0
         0
     Tambaram           8             0             0             0             0             1             0             0
         0
       Egmore           0             8             2             0             0             0             7             4
         0
   Kilambakam           0             0             0             1             5             0             0             0
         0
  Minambakkam           0             0             0             0             7             0             0            14
         9
       Guindy           0             0             0             0             0             2             0             0
        10
        Mount           0             0             0             0             0             0             9             0
         0
```

```
Enter
1 for adding stop
2 for adding route
3 for deleting route
4 for finding shortest path
5 for displaying the graph
6 to detect cycles
7 to calculate total distance
8 for BFS traversal
9 for DFS traversal
10 to find isolated stops(with limited connections)
11 to save the route network to a file
12 to Load the route network graph from a file
13  Calculate the degree of each stop. 14 to Determine popular stops (highest traffic)
 15 to Find alternative routes between stops 16 to Calculate average route distance
 17 to Optimize the route network using a minimum spanning tree.0 for exiting the program

Enter a choice :
```

```
Enter a choice : 1
Enter name of new stop : chrompet
New Stop chrompet Added
```

Add a route (edge) between stops.

```
Enter a choice : 2

Enter the stop name from where the route should start: chrompet
Enter the stop name where the route should end: mount

Enter Distance between these stops: 7
```

Remove a route between stops.

```
Enter a choice : 3

Deletion of Route :
From :  Guindy
To : Mount
Route from stops Guindy to Mount has been removed.
```

Implement Dijkstra's algorithm to find optimal paths.

```
Enter a choice : 4

From :  Guindy
To : Mount

Shortest Path from stop Guindy to Mount with distance 10 : Guindy -> Mount
```

Detect cycles in the route network.

```
Enter a choice : 6

There is a cycle in the route network
```

Calculate the total distance of the route network.

```
Enter a choice : 7

Total Distance in the route Network : 126
```

Implement BFS to traverse all stops in the network.

```
Enter a choice : 8

From :  Mount
BFS Traversal: Mount Minambakkam Egmore Guindy Pallavaram Chromepet Kilambakam Tambaram Tirusulam
```

Implement DFS to identify connected stops.

```
Enter a choice : 9

From :  Pallavaram
DFS Traversal from Pallavaram: Pallavaram Chromepet Tambaram Tirusulam Kilambakam Egmore Minambakkam Guindy Mount
```

Find isolated stops (stops with limited connections).

```
Enter a choice : 10
Isolated Stops (with limited connections): None
```

Save the route network graph to a file.

```
Enter a choice : 11

Enter File Name :  ds_project
Graph saved to ds_project
```

Load the route network graph from a file.

```
Enter a choice : 12

Enter file name to load graph: ds_project
98 stops have been initialized.
Graph loaded from file: ds_project
```

Calculate the degree of each stop.

```
Enter a choice : 13

Stop Degrees (In-Degree, Out-Degree):
Tirusulam: In-Degree = 1, Out-Degree = 1
Pallavaram: In-Degree = 2, Out-Degree = 2
Chromepet: In-Degree = 2, Out-Degree = 3
Tambaram: In-Degree = 3, Out-Degree = 2
Egmore: In-Degree = 3, Out-Degree = 4
Kilambakam: In-Degree = 3, Out-Degree = 2
Minambakkam: In-Degree = 2, Out-Degree = 3
Guindy: In-Degree = 2, Out-Degree = 2
Mount: In-Degree = 2, Out-Degree = 1
```

Determine popular stops (highest traffic).

```
Enter a choice : 14

Most Popular Stops (Traffic = 7):
Egmore
```

Find alternative routes between stops.

```
Enter a choice : 15

From: Guindy
To: Mount
Alternative Routes:
Guindy Kilambakam Tambaram Tirusulam Pallavaram Chromepet Egmore Minambakkam Mount
Guindy Kilambakam Egmore Minambakkam Mount
Guindy Mount
```

Calculate average route distance.

```
Enter a choice : 16

Average Route Distance: 6.30
```

Optimize the route network using a minimum spanning tree.

```
Enter a choice : 17
Optimizing the route network using MST...

Optimized Graph (MST):
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
0 0 2 0 0 0 7 0 0
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 7 0 0 0 9
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 9 0 0
```

ANALYSIS OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTED DATA STRUCTURE

The implemented data structure for this project is a graph represented by an adjacency matrix. This type of representation suits dense graphs where the number of edges is close to the maximum possible, as it allows quick access to edge information. Below, we will discuss the performance analysis based on different aspects of the project:

Space Complexity

The space complexity of using an adjacency matrix in this project is **O(V^2)**, where **V** is the number of vertices (stops). This is because the matrix requires a cell for every possible pair of vertices, regardless of whether there is an edge between them. This can be a concern for very large graphs, but for moderate-sized networks, the space usage is manageable.

Example: Consider a transportation network with 5 stops: A, B, C, D, and E. The adjacency matrix representation would be:

	A	B	C	D	E
A	0	10	0	0	0
B	10	0	5	0	0
C	0	5	0	15	0
D	0	0	15	0	20
E	0	0	0	20	0

Here, the value in cell (i, j) represents the weight of the edge from vertex **i** to vertex **j**. A zero indicates no direct edge exists between the vertices.

Time Complexity

The time complexity for various graph operations in an adjacency matrix-based representation is analyzed as follows:

- **Cycle Detection**: Implementing cycle detection using a depth-first search (DFS) approach has a time complexity of **O(V^2)** in the worst case. This is because the algorithm may need to examine all potential edges for each vertex.
- **Graph Traversals (BFS and DFS)**: Both Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS) have a time complexity of **O(V^2)**, as each vertex and edge must be checked.
- **Distance Calculations**: Calculating the total distance in the graph (i.e., summing all non-zero entries in the matrix) is an **O(V^2)** operation.

Example: For a graph with 4 vertices, running a BFS or DFS operation would involve examining each vertex and its connections, leading to a time complexity of **O(4^2) = O(16)**.

CHALLENGES FACED AND HOW THEY WERE RESOLVED

1. Memory Management Issues

Proper memory management was crucial in this project, especially for handling dynamically allocated arrays such as visited and recStack. Memory leaks could lead to inefficiencies and program crashes.

Solution: To handle this, memory was allocated using malloc() and freed after use using free() to ensure that the allocated space was properly deallocated.

Example:

```
bool *visited = (bool *)malloc(V * sizeof(bool));

bool *recStack = (bool *)malloc(V * sizeof(bool));

...

free(visited);

free(recStack);
```

2. Cycle Detection Challenges:

Detecting cycles in directed graphs was complex, requiring efficient recursion handling to avoid infinite loops and ensure accurate cycle identification.

Solution: The isCyclichelp function utilized a recursion stack (recStack). If a node already present in the stack was encountered, it indicated a cycle.

Graph Matrix Representation:

```
   A  B  C

A [ 0, 1, 0 ]  <- A has an edge to B

B [ 0, 0, 1 ]  <- B has an edge to C

C [ 1, 0, 0 ]  <- C has an edge to A
```

Explanation: This directed graph shows a cycle involving nodes A, B, and C, where A points to B, B points to C, and C points back to A.

3. Traversal Limitations

One challenge was preventing nodes from being revisited during BFS or DFS, which could result in redundant processing and performance issues.

Solution: The visited status of each node was checked before further exploration to avoid revisiting nodes.

Graph Matrix Representation:

A B C D E F

A [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0] <- A has edges to B and D

B [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0] <- B has an edge to C

C [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0] <- C has an edge to E

D [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] <- D has no outgoing edges

E [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1] <- E has an edge to F

F [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0] <- F has an edge to E

Explanation: This directed graph illustrates the connections between nodes with A pointing to B and D, B to C, and E to F.

4. Isolated Stops Identification

Detecting isolated nodes (nodes without connections) posed challenges in comprehensive graph analysis.

Solution: A degree-counting mechanism was implemented, calculating each vertex's degree and identifying vertices with zero degrees as isolated.

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Graph Matrix Representation:

A B C D

A [0, 0, 0, 1] <- A has an edge to D

B [0, 0, 0, 0] <- B has no edges

C [0, 0, 0, 0] <- C has no edges

D [0, 0, 0, 0] <- D has no edges

Explanation: In this graph, nodes A, B, C, and D are isolated without any connections to other nodes.

5. Handling Large Graphs

Processing large graphs brought performance challenges, particularly for traversal and cycle detection.

Solution: Data structures like adjacency lists were used instead of adjacency matrices, reducing space complexity and improving efficiency.

Graph Matrix Representation:

```
   A  B  C  D  E  F

A [ 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0 ]  <- A has edges to B and D

B [ 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0 ]  <- B has an edge to C

C [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 ]  <- C has an edge to E

D [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 ]  <- D has an edge to E

E [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1 ]  <- E has an edge to F

F [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ]  <- F has no outgoing edges
```

Explanation: This matrix represents a directed graph where node A connects to B and D, B to C, D to E, and E to F.

6. Deadlock Detection

Detecting deadlocks in a graph with dependencies required careful tracking of node states to avoid issues in scheduling or resource allocation.

Solution: A modified DFS approach was used to track node states (unvisited, visiting, and visited). Deadlocks were detected when a node in the visiting state was encountered again.

Graph Matrix Representation:

```
   A  B  C

A [ 0, 1, 0 ]  <- A has an edge to B

B [ 0, 0, 1 ]  <- B has an edge to C

C [ 1, 0, 0 ]  <- C has an edge to A
```

Explanation: The graph illustrates a cycle, which can lead to a deadlock where A leads to B, B to C, and C back to A.

7. Optimizing Memory for Large Inputs

Managing memory efficiently for large graph inputs was essential to prevent exhaustion and ensure smooth processing.

Solution: Memory usage was optimized by dynamically allocating only the required space and using data structures like linked lists to represent the graph.

Graph Matrix Representation:

```
   A  B  C  D  E

A [ 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 ]  <- A has edges to B and D

B [ 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 ]  <- B has an edge to C

C [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ]  <- C has no outgoing edges

D [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1 ]  <- D has an edge to E

E [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ]  <- E has no outgoing edges
```

Explanation: This graph shows a directed structure with nodes A and D having outgoing edges.

8. Graph Representation and Input Parsing

Efficiently reading and representing graph data from various sources, such as files, required robust input parsing and validation.

Solution: File parsing and input validation functions were developed to ensure proper reading and construction of adjacency lists.

Graph Matrix Representation:

```
   A  B  C  D

A [ 0, 1, 1, 0 ]  <- A has edges to B and C

B [ 0, 0, 0, 1 ]  <- B has an edge to D

C [ 1, 0, 0, 0 ]  <- C has an edge to A

D [ 0, 0, 1, 0 ]  <- D has an edge to C
```

Explanation: This matrix represents a directed graph where node A points to B, B points to D, and C points back to A.

9. Handling Directed vs. Undirected Graphs

Understanding the distinction between directed and undirected graphs was crucial for ensuring the correct insertion and traversal of edges. Directed graphs have edges with a specific direction, while undirected graphs do not; this difference can lead to significant variations in the way they are represented and processed.

Solution: To address this, we implemented conditional logic that allowed the program to determine whether the graph being constructed was directed or undirected. This logic adjusted the insertion of edges accordingly. For directed graphs, an edge from node A to node B is only represented as A pointing to B. For undirected graphs, the program ensures that the connection is represented as mutual, meaning both A to B and B to A are considered.

Graph Representation (Matrix):

Directed:

	A	B	C
A	0	1	0
B	0	0	1
C	0	0	0

Explanation: In this directed graph, the adjacency matrix shows that there is an edge from A to B (A → B), and from B to C (B → C), but no back edges are present.

Undirected:

	A	B	C
A	0	1	1
B	1	0	1
C	1	1	0

Explanation: In the undirected version, the matrix is symmetric. There are bidirectional connections between A and B, as well as between B and C. The matrix reflects this by having non-zero entries for both A → B and B → A, as well as C → B and B → C, indicating the mutual nature of the connections.

By incorporating this approach, we ensured that the graph structure was accurately represented according to its type, making it easier to perform subsequent operations like traversal and cycle detection.

CONCLUSION

Summary of the Project Outcomes

This project set out to create a comprehensive public transportation route planner, aiming to make it easier for users to find the most efficient travel routes. Through a lot of hard work and dedication, we were able to achieve some key milestones that we're really proud of:

- **Core Achievement**: We built a graph-based model that accurately represents transportation routes, making it easier to map out connections and find paths.
- **Added Value**: A major feature was the integration of Dijkstra's algorithm, which allows users to quickly find the shortest paths between stops, saving time and effort.
- **User-Friendliness**: We kept the user experience at the forefront of development by including an intuitive interface and interactive elements that make navigating the tool simple and straightforward.
- **Testing and Performance**: We thoroughly tested the project to ensure it met all our initial goals. The results were promising: it performed reliably across various data sets, confirming its efficiency and accuracy.
- Overall, this project was a success. It provides a practical tool that public transport users can rely on to plan their routes more effectively.

Future Scope or Improvements

- While we're pleased with what we've built, there's always room for growth. Here are some ideas for what could come next:
- **Improving Speed and Efficiency**: We could make the project even faster by integrating advanced algorithms like A* or optimizing data structures for better performance.
- **New Features**: Adding real-time updates on traffic and public transport conditions, integrating GPS navigation, or even developing a mobile app would make the tool even more useful and accessible.
- **Handling More Data**: Expanding the project to manage larger and more complex transportation networks would be great, especially for larger cities and more extensive transit systems.
- **Better User Experience**: Enhancing the visual design and adding more interactive elements could make the tool even more enjoyable and easier to use for everyone.
- **Using AI**: Leveraging machine learning to predict traffic patterns or suggest the best routes based on historical data could take the project to the next level and make it even more helpful for users.

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