

Lecture 4

DFS and complexity

Initialization Step

List Nodes = $[1, 2, \dots, n]$ Space n

List Next = $[\]$ n

List pred = $[\infty, \infty, \dots, \infty]$ n

List visited = $[\]$ n

Visiting S

visited.append(S) current + 1

For all neighbors of S:

Next.append(v)

pred[v] > S

pred[S] = 0

+1

+n * (2)

2n + 2

Time complexity

DFS = $O(n^2)$

Space complexity

DFS = $O(n)$

While Next is nonempty: $n \times (1 + 1 + n \times 2)$

current = Next.pop[-1] $+1$

visited.append(current) $+1$

For all neighbors of current: $n \times (2)$

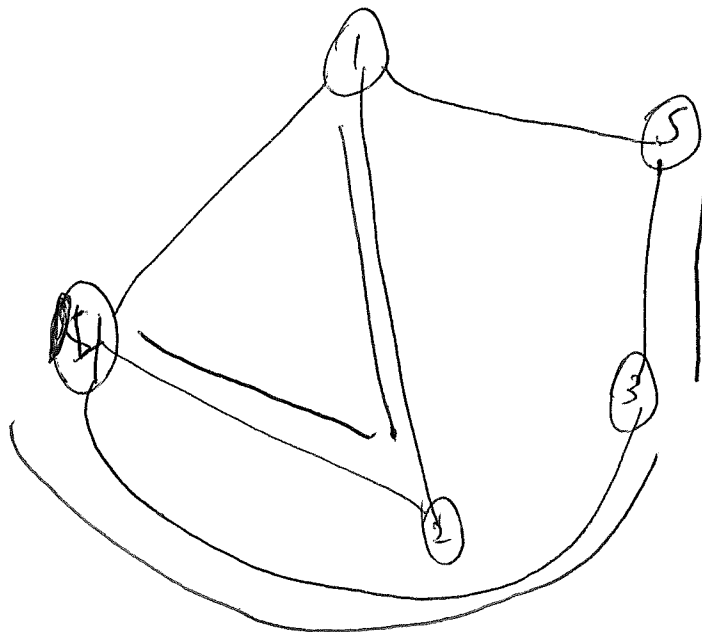
if v is not in visited:

~~visited.append(v)~~

pred[v] = current $+1$

Next.append(v) $+1$

return pred



$$\text{Nodes} = [5, 1, 2, 3, 4]$$

$$\text{Next} = []$$

$$\text{pred} = [\infty, \infty, \infty, \infty, \infty]$$

$$\text{visited} = []$$

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$$\text{visited} = [5]$$

$$\text{Next} = [1, 3]$$

$$\text{pred} = [0, 5, \infty, 5, \infty]$$

$$\text{Current} = 3$$

$$\text{Next} = [1]$$

$$\text{visited} = [5, 3]$$

$$\text{pred} = [0, 5, \infty, 5, 3]$$

$$\text{Next} = [1, 4]$$

$$\text{Current} = 4$$

$$\text{Next} = [1]$$

$$\text{visited} = [5, 3, 4]$$

$$\text{pred} = [0, 4, 4, 5, 3]$$

$$\text{Next} = [1, 2]$$

Current = 2

Next = [1]

Visited = [5, 3, 4, 2]

pred = [5, 2, 4, 5, 3]

Current > 1

Next = [ ]

Visited = [5, 3, 4, 2, 1]

# Complexity

Let  $f(n), g(n)$  be functions with positive integer inputs.

We say  $g(n) = O(f(n))$  if  $\exists C > 0$  and a positive integer  $N$  s.t.

$$|f(n)| \leq C |g(n)| \quad \forall n > N$$

Ex. 1 Let  $f(n) = n$

Let  $g(n) = n^2 - 4$

Note:  $N=4, f(4)=4, g(4)=12$

So,

$$n \leq 1(n^2 - 4) \quad \forall n > 4$$

$$\Rightarrow n = O(n^2 - 4)$$

(Also  $n = O(n), n = O(n^2), n \neq O(n!)$ )

Ex 2. Let  $f(n) = n-1$ . Let  $g(n) = n-3$

$$n-1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} n-3$$

$$n-1 \not\leq n-3$$

Try Changing  $C$ !

$$C = 2$$

$$n-1 \leq 2(n-3)$$

$$n-1 \leq 2n-6$$

$$n+5 \leq 2n$$

Suppose  $n \geq 100$

Then

$$105 \leq 200$$

and  $n+5$  grows slower than  $2n$

$$\Rightarrow n-1 = O(n-3)$$

Suppose  $f(n) = \sum_{i=0}^a c_i n^i$  and suppose  $g(n) = \sum_{i=0}^b d_i n^i$

Then  $|f(n)| \leq C |g(n)|$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|f(n)|}{|g(n)|} \leq C$$

If  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \right| \leq C$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg(f(n)) = a \leq b = \deg(g(n))$$

So if  $f(n), g(n)$  are polynomials

$$f(n) = O(g(n)) \text{ if } \underline{\deg(f(n)) \leq \deg(g(n))}$$

ex 3. ~~consider~~ consider  $f(n) = 112n^2 + 3n^3 + 2n^4$

Then  $f(n) = O(n^4)$

$$f(n) = O(n^5)$$

$$f(n) \neq O(n^3)$$

We also use  $O$  to absorb terms

eg.

$$f(n) = 112n^2 + 3n^3 + 2n^4 = \underline{2n^4} + O(n^3)$$

suppose

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{32} (-1)^i (3n)^i = (3n)^{32} + O(n^{31})$$



We have to be careful for  
some piecewise functions.

$$\text{ex. } f(n) = \begin{cases} n^2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n-1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$f(n) = O(n^2)$$

as both the even and odd parts  
are  $O(n^2)$ . You always take the  
worst case scenario.

If your function  $f$  has multiple  
inputs, i.e.  $f(n, m)$ . then we say

$$f(n, m) = O(g(n, m))$$

if  $\exists C > 0$ , and integers  $N, M > 0$   
s.t.

$$|f(n, m)| \leq C |g(n, m)|$$

Ex.  $f(n, m) = n^2 + nm + m^2 \leq n^2 + 2nm + m^2$   
 $= (n + m)^2$

$$f(n, m) = O(n^2 + nm + m^2)$$

$$f(n, m) = O((n + m)^2)$$

$$f(n, m) = O(n^2 + m^2)$$

Note  $nm \leq n^2$  or  $nm \leq m^2$

Time and Space complexity is  
measured using  $O$ -notation.