

Motivation:

Graphs are awesome data structures that allow us to represent an enormous range of problems. To study these problems, we need:

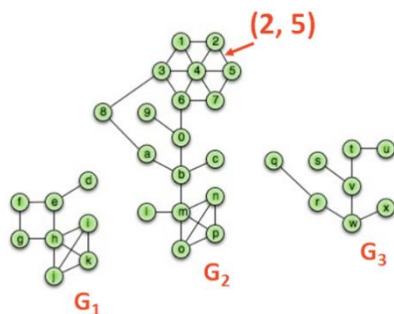
1. A common vocabulary to talk about graphs
2. Implementation(s) of a graph
3. Traversals on graphs
4. Algorithms on graphs

Graph Vocabulary

Consider a graph G with vertices V and edges E , $G=(V,E)$.

$$|V| = n$$

$$|E| = m$$



Incident Edges:

$$I(v) = \{ (x, v) \text{ in } E \}$$

Degree(v): $|I|$

Adjacent Vertices:

$$A(v) = \{ x : (x, v) \text{ in } E \}$$

Path(G_2): Sequence of vertices connected by edges

Cycle(G_1): Path with a common begin and end vertex.

Simple Graph(G): A graph with no self loops or multi-edges.

Subgraph(G): $G' = (V', E')$:

$$V' \subseteq V, E' \subseteq E, \text{ and } (u, v) \in E' \rightarrow u \in V', v \in V'$$

Graphs that we will study this semester include:

- Complete subgraph(G)
- Connected subgraph(G)
- Connected component(G)
- Acyclic subgraph(G)
- Spanning tree(G)

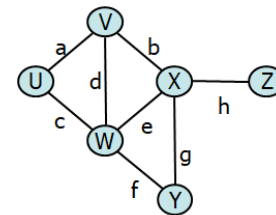
Size and Running Times

Running times are often reported by n , the number of vertices, but often depend on m , the number of edges.

For arbitrary graphs, the minimum number of edges given a graph that is:

Not Connected: $m = 0$

Minimally Connected*: $m = n - 1$



The maximum number of edges given a graph that is:

Simple: $n(n-1) / 2 \sim O(n^2)$

Not Simple: Infinite unbounded number of edges

The relationship between the degree of the graph and the edges:

$$\text{Sum}(\text{deg}(v)) = 2m$$

Proving the Size of a Minimally Connected Graph

Theorem: Every minimally connected graph $G=(V, E)$ has $|V|-1$ edges.

Proof of Theorem

Consider an arbitrary, minimally connected graph $G=(V, E)$.

Lemma 1: Every connected subgraph of G is minimally connected. (Easy proof by contradiction left for you.)

1. Topic list for Programming Exam C available; starts Tuesday 4/17
2. lab_puzzles released today
3. MP6 released due on Monday, April 16th
4. Daily POTDs are ongoing!