Final Project Writeup: Amazon co-purchasing dataset

For my project, I used an Amazon co-buying dataset. In this dataset the nodes are the different items within the Amazon shop and their connections are other nodes/items that people have bought after they bought the first item. What I've decided to do is to take a random sample of five items represented by nodes, find their connections, evaluate their distance using BFS and adjacency lists, and then find the average distance between the 5 random nodes and their neighbors to gauge the popularity of these items in the Amazon shop.

First, I made a read function located in read.rs, which basically just reads in the Amazon.txt file and separates the nodes and their connections by tabs.

Next, I used the samples function to get a random sample of 5 nodes from Amazon.txt. Using these 5 nodes, I put them into a vector, called nodes_connections_formatted.

Then I used the get_source_connections function located in module sample_connect.rs to get the connections of the 5 nodes I randomly sampled. This is then stored inside a vector called node_conenctions_formatted.

After that, I created a graph function and a compute_and_print_distance_bfs function within the module graph_distances.rs module. This establishes a struct with the vertex labels and an adjacency list, which is used to implement a graph of directed nodes. This makes an adjacency list that looks like this:

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Adjacency List:
59056: [57934, 57935, 57937, 57938, 57939, 57940, 59055, 59057, 126208, 126210]
193105: [85314, 85319, 85320, 85321, 86598, 117929, 159400, 172536, 225049, 313153]
292343: [51330, 72908, 144221, 170218, 170220, 213274, 213275, 241242, 292341, 292342]
336647: [174428, 285286, 286788, 315594, 315597, 320393, 336645, 336646, 336648, 343147]
344591: [308491, 344582, 344583, 344584, 344585, 344586, 344587, 344588, 344589, 344590]
```

The adjacency list lists the five nodes that were selected at random and their connections. Next, the compute_and_print_distance_bfs prints the distance of these connections from the nodes selected, we know that the distance for all the connections is one except for the node itself which is zero, this just helps us visualize that and also shows that the code works. →

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57934: 1
57935: 1
57937: 1
57938: 1
57939: 1
57940: 1
59055: 1
59056: 0
59057: 1
126208: 1
126210: 1
85314: 1
85319: 1
85320: 1
85321: 1
86598: 1
117929: 1
159400: 1
172536: 1
193105: 0
```

Last but not least, I just summed up the distances and divided by the amount of nodes connected to find the average distance of the group of 5 nodes randomly selected. I used this data to compare the distances of another 5 sets of randomly selected nodes to see which group of items is more popular overall. This is determined by the average value, if the average value is higher, this means that the group of 5 items is less popular because it has more distance and not more nodes connected, the average is determined by the total distance (sums of 1s) divided by the total nodes connected. I attached examples below which shows the code being run twice and comparing the average distance values of .909 and .883, we can say that the .883 group of items is more popular and has more co-buyers than the .909 group because if the denominator which is the total number of connected nodes goes up the average values grows smaller.

I also wrote two functions, the function test_node_connections tests whether or not the 5 nodes chosen at random from the amazon dataset even has connections to it, which if it doesn't then it will throw an error, but if it doe shave at least one connection to it, then it would pass the test.

The other test function called the test_compute_and_print_distance_bfs, first reads the file from the directory and then calculates the distances of each of the main nodes to their connections. It then tests that the main node connection to itself is 0 because it is connected to itself, and the main node connections to its neighbors is 1 because we are getting the connections one step away from the main node.

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vincentsun@nat-wireless-guest-reg-153-51 src % cargo test
   Compiling fin v0.1.0 (/Users/vincentsun/Desktop/final3)
    Finished test [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.10s
     Running unittests src/main.rs (/Users/vincentsun/Desktop/final3/target/debug/deps/fin-f200d8e0e850
c320)

running 2 tests
test test_nodes_connections ... ok
test test_compute_and_print_distance_bfs ... ok

test result: ok. 2 passed; 0 failed; 0 ignored; 0 measured; 0 filtered out; finished in 7.23s
```

```rust
//test that the 5 selected nodes each have at least something connected to it
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use std::env;
use std::path::PathBuf;

#[test]
fn test_nodes_connections() {
    // Get the current directory
    let current_dir = env::current_dir().expect("Failed to get current directory");

    // Construct the path to "amazon.txt" relative to the current directory
    let file_path = current_dir.join("src").join("amazon.txt");

    // Convert the path to a string
    let file_path_str = file_path.to_str().expect("Failed to convert path to string");

    // Use the read_file function with the correct file path
    let edges = read_file(file_path_str);
    let nodes = samples(&edges);

    // Get the source nodes and their connections
    let node_connections = get_source_connections(&edges, &nodes);

    // Assert that each of the five nodes has at least one connection
    for (node, connections) in &node_connections {
        assert!(nodes.contains(node), "Node {} not found in the sampled nodes", node);
        assert!(!connections.is_empty(), "Node {} should have at least one connection", node);
    }
}
```


Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.85s
Running `/Users/vincentsun/Desktop/final3/target/debug/fin`
Source nodes and their connections:
Nodes: [28991, 53386, 153453, 195302, 350035]
Node Connections: [(28991, 15238), (28991, 15239), (28991, 25919), (28991, 28914), (28991, 32343), (53386, 2887), (53386, 37358), (53386, 37359), (53386, 40321), (53386, 40323), (53386, 53383), (53386, 66990), (53386, 66992), (53386, 66993), (53386, 103377), (153453, 64239), (153453, 68657), (153453, 68658), (153453, 85180), (153453, 112469), (153453, 112472), (153453, 123391), (153453, 304048), (153453, 304049), (153453, 304050), (195302, 183637), (195302, 183810), (195302, 249887), (350035, 304485), (350035, 348774), (350035, 348775), (350035, 348776), (350035, 348777), (350035, 348779), (350035, 348780), (350035, 349234), (350035, 349237), (350035, 350034)]
Adjacency List:
28991: [15238, 15239, 25919, 28914, 32343]
53386: [2887, 37358, 37359, 40321, 40323, 53383, 66990, 66992, 66993, 103377]
153453: [64239, 68657, 68658, 85180, 112469, 112472, 123391, 304048, 304049, 304050]
195302: [183637, 183810, 249887]
350035: [304485, 348774, 348775, 348776, 348777, 348779, 348780, 349234, 349237, 350034]
15238: 1
15239: 1
25919: 1
28914: 1
28991: 0
32343: 1
2887: 1
37358: 1
37359: 1
40321: 1
40323: 1
53383: 1
53386: 0
66990: 1
66992: 1
66993: 1
103377: 1
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348775: 1
348776: 1
348777: 1
348779: 1
348780: 1
349234: 1
349237: 1
350034: 1
350035: 0
Average distance from original nodes: 0.88372093

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    Finished dev [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 0.07s
     Running `/Users/vincentsun/Desktop/final3/target/debug/fin`
Source nodes and their connections:
Nodes: [59056, 193105, 292343, 336647, 344591]
Node Connections: [(59056, 57934), (59056, 57935), (59056, 57937), (59056, 57938), (59056, 57939), (59056, 57940), (59056, 59055), (59056, 59057), (59056, 126208), (59056, 126210), (193105, 85314), (193105, 85319), (193105, 85320), (193105, 85321), (193105, 86598), (193105, 117929), (193105, 159400), (193105, 172536), (193105, 225049), (193105, 313153), (292343, 51330), (292343, 72908), (292343, 144221), (292343, 170218), (292343, 170220), (292343, 213274), (292343, 213275), (292343, 241242), (292343, 292341), (292343, 292342), (336647, 174428), (336647, 285286), (336647, 286788), (336647, 315594), (336647, 315597), (336647, 320393), (336647, 336645), (336647, 336646), (336647, 336648), (336647, 343147), (344591, 308491), (344591, 344582), (344591, 344583), (344591, 344584), (344591, 344585), (344591, 344586), (344591, 344587), (344591, 344588), (344591, 344589), (344591, 344590)]
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193105: 0
225049: 1
313153: 1
51330: 1
72908: 1
144221: 1
170218: 1
170220: 1
213274: 1
213275: 1
241242: 1
292341: 1
292342: 1
292343: 0
174428: 1
285286: 1
286788: 1
315594: 1
315597: 1
320393: 1
336645: 1
336646: 1
336647: 0
336648: 1
343147: 1
308491: 1
344582: 1
344583: 1
344584: 1
344585: 1
344586: 1
344587: 1
344588: 1
344589: 1
344590: 1
344591: 0
Average distance from original nodes: 0.90909094
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