

# Graphs

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# Graphs

- Graph  $G=(V,E)$
- set  $V$  of **vertices** or **nodes** – represents collection of objects
- set of **edges** (pairs of nodes) – represents relation between objects undirected or directed
- **undirected graph**: edge  $(u,v)$  same as  $(v,u)$
- **Directed graph**: edge  $(u,v)$  not same as  $(v,u)$
- **Simple graph**: no self-loops, no parallel (duplicate) edges
- **Multigraph**: allows multiple edges
- Fundamental model.
- Many applications

# Modeling by Graphs

- Physical connections

- communication networks: nodes=switches, computers
- electric circuits: nodes=gates, edges=wires
- Chemistry: nodes=molecules, edges=bonds
- Neural networks: nodes=neurons, edges=synapses
- geographical maps: nodes=cities, edges= roads, flights, railroads
- City maps: nodes=intersections, edges=streets
- ...

# Modeling by Graphs

- Logical connections & relations
  - Data structures: nodes and pointers
  - Social relationships, social networks (“knows”, “works for”..)
  - entity relationship diagrams in data modeling
  - dependency relation
  - control/data flow graphs
  - message flow graphs
  - AI: puzzles, mazes
  - Games: nodes=positions, edges=moves
- Structure of other models in mathematics, CS
  - finite automata, state machines
  - Markov chains,
  - partial orders, lattices, ...

# Graphs - Terminology

- $G(N,E)$  , Undirected or Directed
- $N$ : nodes (or vertices)
- $E$ : edges (or arcs for directed)
- Main size parameters:  $n=|N|$ ,  $e=|E|$
- Paths, Cycles
- Forest, Tree : undirected acyclic graphs
- DAG : directed acyclic graph
- Sometimes, weighted graph:  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Review Appendix B

# Some Basic Problems

- Reachability:

Which nodes can reach which other nodes

- Graph Structure:

Connected components, Cycles

## Optimization problems:

- Shortest Paths between nodes
- Minimum Spanning Tree
- Maximum Flow, Minimum Cut, Matching, .....

# Graph Representation

- **Node representation:** Integers  $1, \dots, n$ , so we can index on them (build arrays)
- Generally, nodes belong to some domain  $D$  (eg. strings).
- Use a dictionary (symbol table) eg. hash map, trie, search tree, etc, to map between  $D$  and  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , both ways.
- Example:  
Newark airport: 1  
Kennedy airport: 2  
La Guardia airport: 3  
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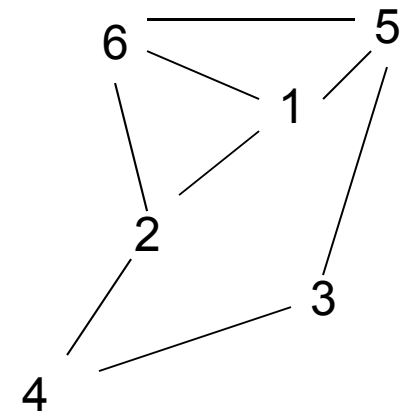
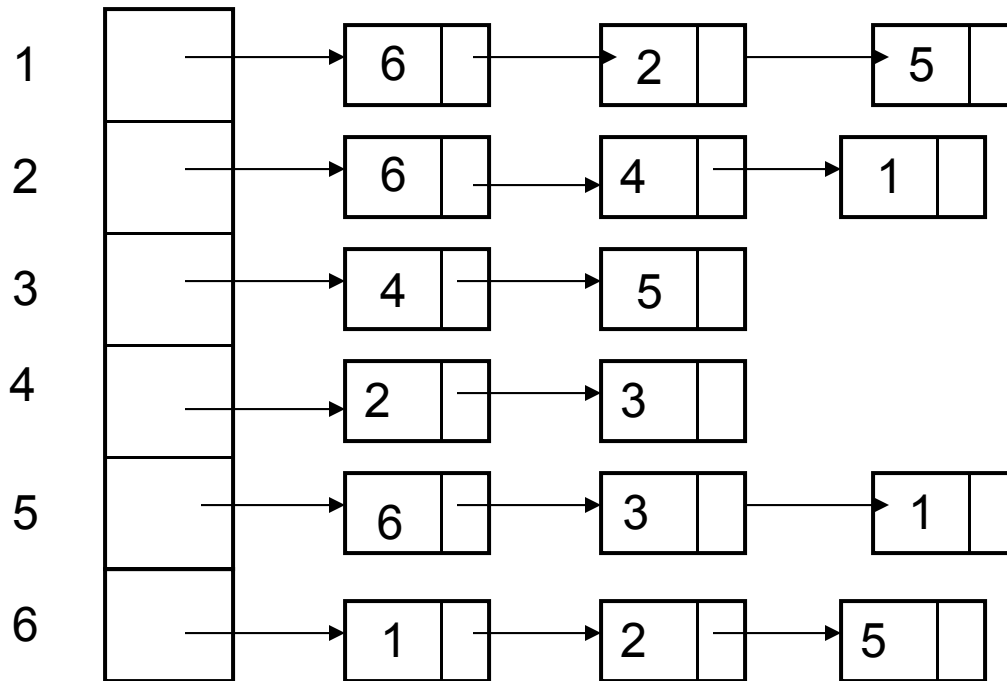
# Graph Representation - Edges

- List of edges, i.e. pairs  $i,j$
- Space =  $O(e)$
- Adjacency matrix indexed by nodes: 2d boolean array  $A[i,j]$  is 1 if edge  $(i,j)$  is in  $E$ , 0 otherwise
- Undirected graph: matrix is symmetric  $A[i,j] = A[j,i]$
- Directed graph:  $A$  maybe asymmetric
- Space =  $O(n^2)$
- Good for dense graphs: #edges close to  $(\# \text{ nodes})^2$



# Adjacency list representation

- Array of lists = adjacency lists of vertices



Space proportional to  $n+e$

# Adjacency list representation ctd.

- Undirected Graphs:
  - Every edge  $(i,j)$  leads to two entries:  $j$  in  $\text{adj}[i]$  and  $i$  in  $\text{adj}[j]$
  - Sometimes it is helpful to connect the two entries so that we can access easily one from the other. That is, node in  $\text{adj}$  list contains in addition a link to the mate node
  - Also, sometimes may use doubly linked lists
- Directed Graphs
  - Every edge appears once

# Nonuniqueness of representation

- A graph on node set  $N=\{1,\dots,n\}$  has one adjacency matrix representation but many different adjacency list representations (lists with different orderings)
- Can tell if two adj list representations represent same graph in  $O(n+e)$  time (HW exercise)
- A graph with vertex names from a general domain has many representations depending how vertex names are mapped to  $\{1,\dots,n\}$
- **Graph isomorphism problem:** Determine whether two representations are isomorphic, i.e. same graph except for the vertex mapping to  $\{1,\dots,n\}$
- Is there vertex permutation that preserves the edges?
- Much harder problem. Complexity is open.

# Weighted Graphs

- Weights or other info associated with edges and/or vertices
- For example, if graph = connections/roads between cities, lengths of edges
- Weighted adjacency matrix:  $A[i,j] = \text{weight}(i,j)$
- Adjacency list: node contains also weight field
- Same for “labels” on nodes (for example, chemical compound has nodes labeled by molecules C, Fe etc)

# Comparison between representations

• Rep/Task	Space	Edge (i,j) ?	List edges(i)
• List of edges	$e$	$e$	$e$
• Adj matrix	$n^2$	1	$n$
• Adj lists	$n+e$	$\deg(i)$	$\deg(i)$

- Often in practice, sparse graphs  $\rightarrow$  use adj lists
- Sometimes use doubly linked for easy deletion
- Also, for undirected graphs may have pointers connecting the two occurrences of an edge

# Simple Tasks

- Assume Adj lists representation
- Print all edges

For Directed Graphs:

for  $i=1$  to  $n$  { for each  $j$  in  $Adj[i]$  print  $(i,j)$  }

For Undirected Graphs:

for  $i=1$  to  $n$  { for each  $j$  in  $Adj[i]$  if  $(i < j)$  print  $(i,j)$  }

// so that every edge is printed only once

- Construct Adjacency matrix
  - Initialize matrix to 0
  - Traverse every Adj list and change entry to 1
- Construct reverse of a directed graph
- Compute degree of nodes
- .....

# Graph Searching – Single Source Reachability

Input: directed or undirected graph  $G=(N,E)$ , “source” node  $s$   
Which nodes are reachable from node  $s$ ?

SEARCH( $G,s$ )

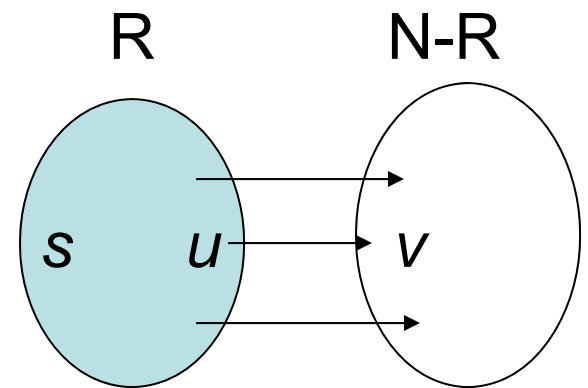
$R = \{s\}$

while  $\exists$  edge from  $R$  to  $N-R$

{  $(u,v)$ =such an edge

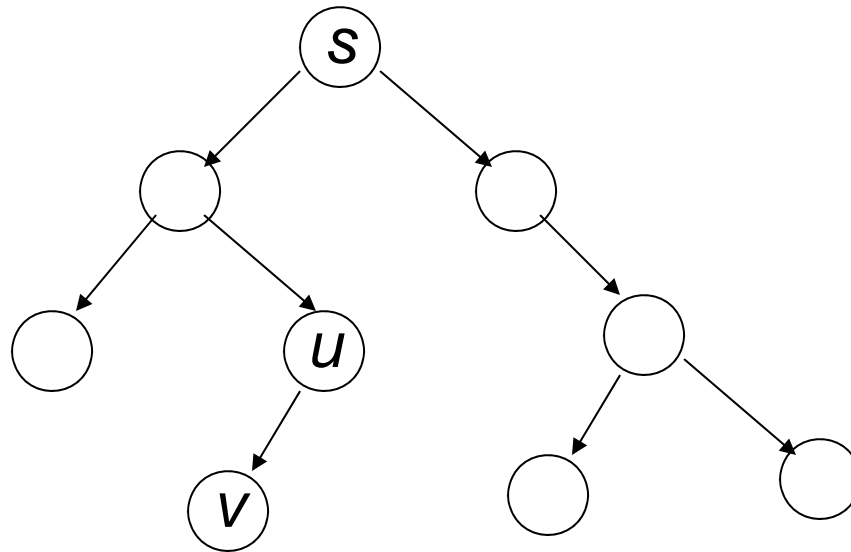
$R = R \cup \{v\}$

}



# Reachability (Search) Tree

- Rooted tree with root  $s$
- Includes all nodes of  $R$
- parent  $p[v] = \text{node } u \text{ that added } v \text{ to } R$





# Correctness

**Theorem:** At the end,  $R$  = set of nodes that are reachable from  $s$

**Proof:**

-  $v \in R \Rightarrow v$  reachable

By induction on time that  $v$  was added to  $R$

->  $s$ - $v$  path in Search tree

-  $v$  reachable  $\Rightarrow v \in R$

By induction on length of  $s$ - $v$  path

$R$  can be implemented by a bitvector *mark*:  $N \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

Selection of edge from  $R$  to  $N-R$  depends on policy

# Search Strategies

- In general, many edges from  $R$  to  $N-R$
- Different policies for choosing node  $u$  in  $R$  and the edge  $(u,v)$  to  $N-R$ 
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- Different algorithms useful in different contexts:
  - Breadth-First Search (BFS) → BFS tree
  - Depth-First Search (DFS) → DFS tree
  - Dijkstra's algorithm → shortest path tree
  - Prim's algorithm → minimum spanning tree
  - ...

# Breadth First Search

**Policy:** Choose edge  $(u,v)$  where  $u$  is **earliest** node added to  $R$

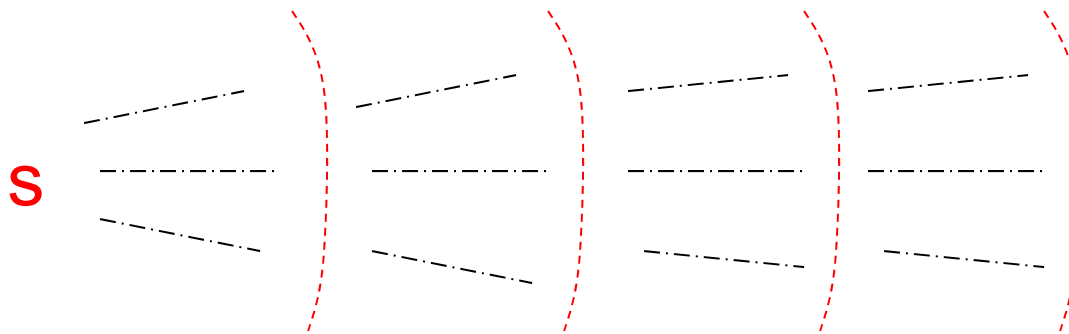
**Queue  $Q$**  keeps reached, unprocessed nodes

- CLRS colors nodes: **white** ( $\in N-R$ : not reached),  
**gray** ( $R \cap Q$ : reached active), **black** ( $R-Q$ : done)

Queue  $\Rightarrow$  nodes reached earlier are processed earlier

**$d[v]$ :** length of path of BFS tree from the source  $s$  to node  $v$

Theorem:  $d[v]$  = distance from  $s$  to  $v$  in the graph = length of shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$



# Breadth First Search

BFS( $G, s$ )

for each  $v \in N - \{s\}$  do  $\{d[v] = \infty; p[v] = \perp\}$

$d[s] = 0; p[s] = \perp$  ;

$Q = \{s\}$

while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do

{  $u = \text{Dequeue}(Q)$

for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$  do

if  $d[v] = \infty$  then

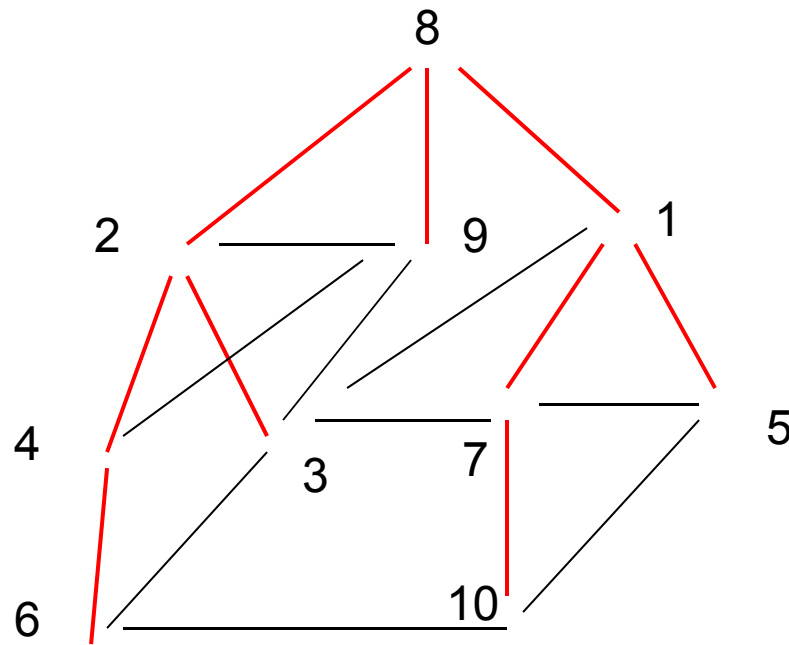
$\{d[v] = d[u] + 1; p[v] = u; \text{Enqueue}(Q, v)\}$

}

Reachable nodes:  $d[v] = \text{finite}$ . Unreachable nodes:  $d[v] = \infty$

Time Complexity:  $O(n + e)$

# Example



## Adjacency lists:

**1:** 3, 7, 5, 8

**2:** 4, 3, 8, 9

**3:** 2, 9, 6, 7, 1

**4:** 6, 2, 9

**5:** 1, 7, 10

**6:** 4, 3, 10

**7:** 3, 1, 10, 5

**8:** 2, 9, 1

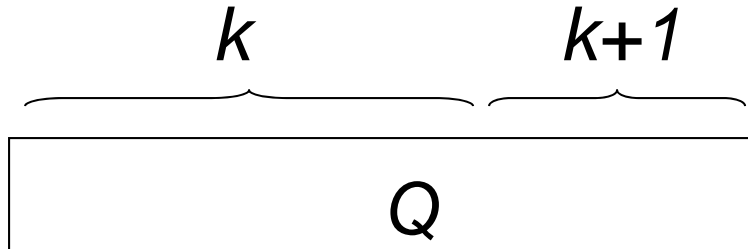
**9:** 8, 2, 4, 3

**10:** 6, 7, 5

BFS from node 8

# BFS Invariants

- Reached nodes  $R = \{ u \mid d[u] < \infty \}$
- $d[u]: u \in \text{Done} \leq k \quad u \in Q: k \text{ or } k+1$



**Theorem:**  $\forall v: d[v] = \text{length of shortest s-v path}$

Proof:

- $\geq$ : length of s-v path in BFS tree =  $d[v]$
- $\leq$ : By induction on length of shortest s-v path

Consider shortest path  $s - - - u - v$  .

By i.h.  $d[u] \leq \text{length of s---u path}$

After u is processed,  $d[v] \leq d[u] + 1 \leq \text{length of s---v path}$

# BFS Tree & Partitioning Graph into Layers

- Layer 0:  $L_0 = \{s\}$
- Layer i:  $L_i = \{ v \mid d[v]=i \}$
- Undirected graphs: edges connect nodes in same layer or adjacent layers
- Directed graphs: edges can go only to next layer, to same layer or to previous layers

