

Algorithms Lab

Tutorial Session IV

First Steps with the BGL

Introduction

- boost is a free collection of portable C++ libraries



- boost graph library (BGL) is for graph algorithms:
 - shortest paths
 - flows
 - matchings
 - planar graphs
- BGL is highly customizable and extensible
 - ⇒ generic programming

Introduction

- A short “tutorial” paper is available on moodle
 - “copy & paste tutorial”
- This presentation will also be available
- You will still need the BGL documentation a lot!
- Programming BGL requires some practice, be sure to start early!

Introduction

Timeline

You are
here



T	STL
T	basic algorithms
T	
T	BGL
T	graph algorithms
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T	CGAL
T	geometric algorithms & LP/QP
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T	mixed weeks
T	

Introduction

Timeline

T	Week I: First steps with BGL
T	Week II: Flow-Week
T	Week III: Relax-Week (Matchings)
T	Week IV: Surprise-Week

Generic Programming

Generic Programming

```
void bubbleSort(vector<int>& v)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i)
        for(int j = 0; j < v.size()-1; ++j)
            if(v[j+1] < v[j])
                swap(v[j+1], v[j]);
}
```

- What if we want to sort floats, doubles, strings, etc.?

```
void bubbleSort(vector<float>& v) { ... }
void bubbleSort(vector<Sprite>& v) { ... }
void bubbleSort(vector<string>& v) { ... }
void bubbleSort(vector<unsigned int>& v) { ... }
void bubbleSort(vector<char>& v) { ... }
```

?

Generic Programming

```
template<typename T>    //'<' must be defined for T
void bubbleSort(vector<T>& v)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i)
        for(int j = 0; j < v.size()-1; ++j)
            if(v[j+1] < v[j])
                swap(v[j+1], v[j]);
}
```

- Use templates to abstract from internal type
- It is a best practice to specify our requirements for T
- What if we want to sort containers other than vector for which the '[]'-operator is sensibly defined?

Generic Programming

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template<typename T>
void bubbleSort(T& v)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i)
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                swap(v[j+1], v[j]);
}
```

- Advantage: generalized to all kinds of types with []-operator
- Disadvantage: requirements for T are not clear
 - Unfortunately, there is no way of enforcing an interface
 - ⇒ Need to comment our function very carefully
 - ⇒ Introduce ‘concepts’ as informal interfaces

Generic Programming

```
/*  
    'RandomAccessContainer' concept:  
    - t[i] must be a valid expression  
    - t[i] must be a valid left-hand-side  
    - t.size() must return the size of the container  
    - '<' must be defined for all t[i], t[j]  
*/  
  
// T must be a model of the RandomAccess concept!  
template<typename T>  
void bubbleSort(T& v)  
{  
    for(int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i)  
        for(int j = 0; j < v.size()-1; ++j)  
            if(v[j+1] < v[j])  
                swap(v[j+1], v[j]);  
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Generic Programming

```
/*  
    'ForwardIt' concept: ++, ==, !=  
    'ReadWrite' concept: *it is valid lhs  
    'Comparable' concept: *it1 < *it2  
*/  
  
// Iterator must model ForwardIt, ReadWrite, Comparable  
template<typename Iterator>  
void bubbleSort(Iterator begin, Iterator end)  
{  
    for(Iterator it = begin; it != end; ++it)  
        for(Iterator it3 = begin, it2 = it3++; it3 != end;  
            ++it2, ++it3)  
            if(*it3 < *it2)  
                swap(*it3, *it2);  
}
```

⇒ STL style generic programming

Enter BGL

BGL

Generic Programming

- BGL aims at being extremely versatile and extensible
 - ⇒ BGL algorithms should be applicable to any custom graphs that exhibit a minimal interface
 - ⇒ generic programming
- BGL also provides graph implementations that model the different concepts

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Graph Traversal Concepts

Concept	refines	types (traits)	expressions	runtime
Graph	--	vertex_descriptor directed_category edge_parallel_category traversal_category		
Incidence Graph	Graph	edge_descriptor out_edge_iterator degree_size_type	source(e,g) target(e,g) out_edges(v,g) out_degree(v,g)	O(1) O(1) O(1) O(d ⁻ (v))
Bidirectional Graph	Incidence Graph	in_edge_iterator	in_edges(v,g) in_degree(v,g) degree(v,g)	O(1) O(d ⁺ (v))
AdjacencyGraph	Graph	adjacency_iterator	adjacent_vertices(v,g)	O(1)
VertexListGraph	Graph	vertex_iterator vertices_size_type	vertices(g) num_vertices(g)	O(1) O(n)
EdgeListGraph	Graph	edge_descriptor edge_iterator edges_size_type	edges(g) source(e,g) target(e,g) num_edges(g)	O(1) O(1) O(1) O(m)
AdjacencyMatrix	Graph		edge(u,v,g)	O(1)

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Graph Modification Concepts

Concept	refines	types (traits)	expressions	O
VertexMutable Graph	Graph		add_vertex(g) remove_vertex(v,g)	O(I*) O(m+n)
EdgeMutable Graph	Graph		clear_vertex(v,g) add_edge(u,v,g) remove_edge(u,v,g) remove_edge(e,g)	O(m+n) O(I*) O(m) O(m)
Mutable IncidenceGraph	IncidenceG, EdgeMutableG		remove_edge(eiter,g) remove_out_edge_if(u,p,g)	O(I) O(d ⁻ (v))
MutableBidirecti onalGraph	MutableIncidence G,BidirectionalG		remove_edge(eiter,g) remove_out_edge_if(u,p,g)	O(I) O(d ⁺ (v))
PropertyEdgeList Graph	Graph	property_map <G,T>::type proper... ::const_type	get(ptag,g) get(ptag,g,x) get(ptag,g,x,v)	O(I) O(I) O(I)
VertexMutable PropertyGraph	VertexMutableG, PropertyG		add_vertex(vp,g)	O(I*)
EdgeMutableGraph PropertyGraph	EdgeMutableG, PropertyG		add_edge(u,v,ep,g)	O(I*)

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Example Algorithm

`topological_sort`

```
template <typename VertexListGraph, typename OutputIterator,
          typename P, typename T, typename R>
void topological_sort(VertexListGraph& g, OutputIterator result,
                     const bgl_named_params<P, T, R>& params = all_defaults)
```

The topological sort algorithm creates a linear ordering of the vertices such that if edge (u,v) appears in the graph, then v comes before u in the ordering. The graph must be a directed acyclic graph (DAG). The implementation consists mainly of a call to [depth_first_search\(\)](#).

Where Defined:

[boost/graph/topological_sort.hpp](#)

Parameters

IN: `VertexListGraph& g`

A directed **acyclic** graph (DAG). The graph type must be a model of [Vertex List Graph](#) and [Incidence Graph](#). If the graph is not a DAG then a [not_a_dag](#) exception will be thrown and the user should discard the contents of `result` range.

Python: The parameter is named `graph`.

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(note: this is not the whole truth!)

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Named Parameters

UTIL/OUT: `color_map(ColorMap color)`

This is used by the algorithm to keep track of its progress through the graph. The type `ColorMap` must be a model of [Read/Write Property Map](#) and its key type must be the graph's vertex descriptor type and the value type of the color map must model [ColorValue](#).
Default: an [iterator property map](#) created from a `std::vector` of `default_color_type` of size `num_vertices(g)` and using the `i_map` for the index map.

Python: The color map must be a `vertex_color_map` for the graph.

IN: `vertex_index_map(VertexIndexMap i_map)`

This maps each vertex to an integer in the range `[0, num_vertices(g))`. This parameter is only necessary when the default color property map is used. The type `VertexIndexMap` must be a model of [Readable Property Map](#). The value type of the map must be an integer type. The vertex descriptor type of the graph needs to be usable as the key type of the map.

Default: `get(vertex_index, g)` Note: if you use this default, make sure your graph has an internal `vertex_index` property. For example, `adjacency_list` with `VertexList=lists` does not have an internal `vertex_index` property.

Python: Unsupported parameter.

Complexity

The time complexity is $O(V + E)$.



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some graph alternatives

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Problem Statement

Scheduling is important in various contexts: scheduling calculations for CPUs, scheduling processes in businesses, scheduling engineering tasks in automated manufacturing.

We consider the general case of conflict-free scheduling of abstract tasks. Every task may depend upon the prior execution of other tasks and may be selected only once these tasks have been performed.

Problem: Find an ordering of the tasks such that all dependencies are respected.

Example

Illustrated

0
leave home
--

1
visit Pete
leave home

2
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number
of tasks

Input:

6
7
number of
dependencies

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4	5
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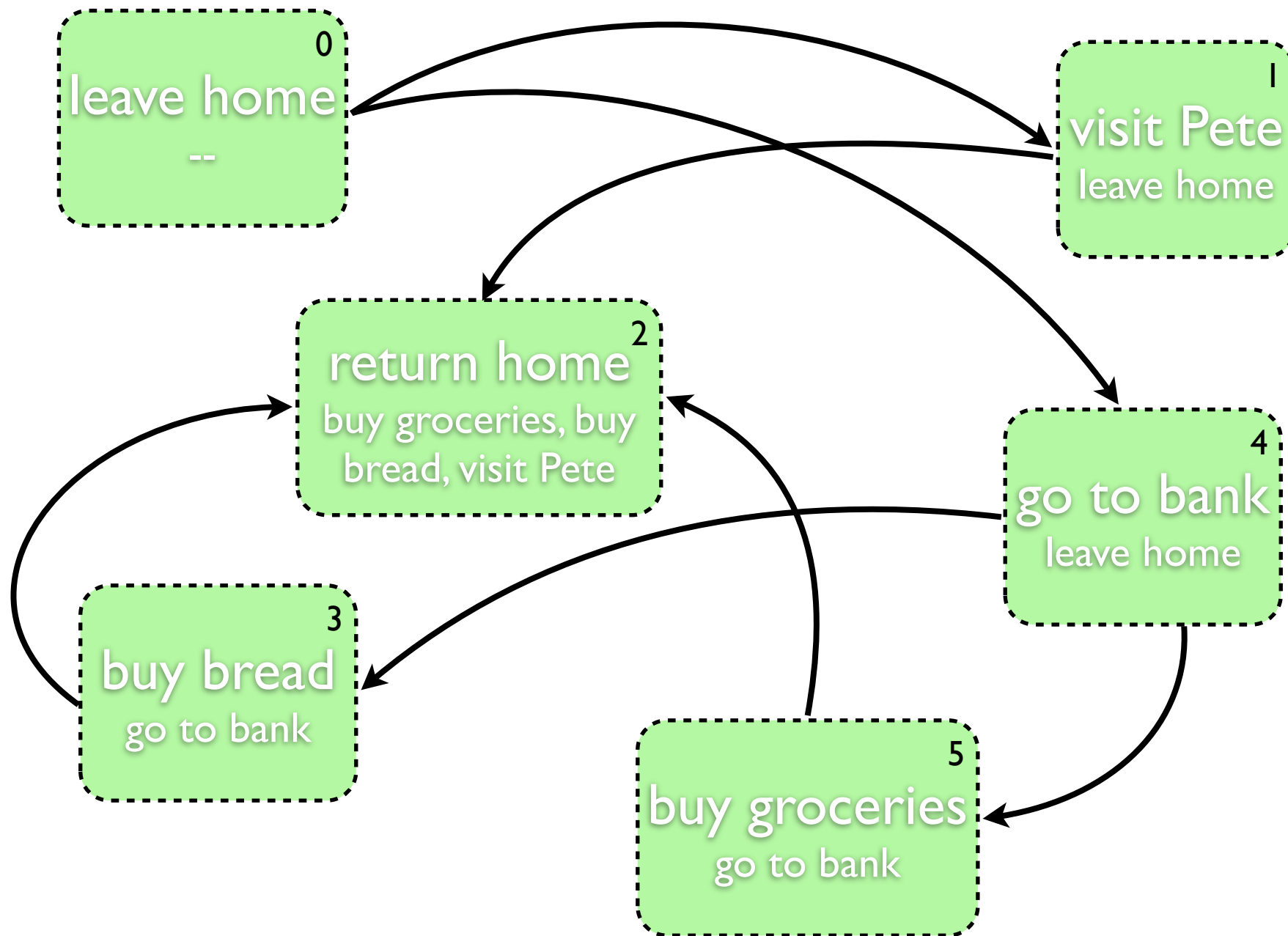
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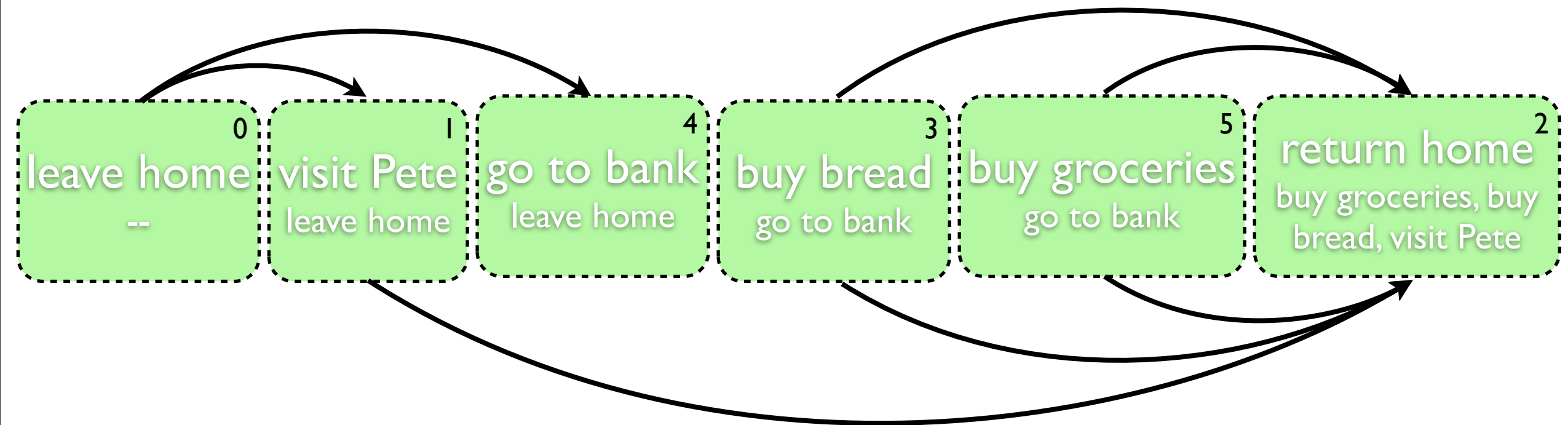
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⇒ Topological Sort

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Easy to use!

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Graph Setup

```
#include <iostream>
#include <boost/graph/adjacency_list.hpp>
using namespace std;
using namespace boost;

typedef adjacency_list<vecS, vecS, directedS> Graph;

int main()
{
    int n, m; cin >> n >> m;
    Graph graph(n);

    for(int i = 0; i < m; ++i)
    {
        int u, v; cin >> u >> v;
        add_edge(u, v, graph);
    }
}
```

Example

Invoking BGL

```
...  
#include <vector>  
#include <boost/graph/topological_sort.hpp>  
...  
  
int main()  
{  
    ...  
  
    vector<int> order(n);  
    topological_sort(graph, &order[0]);  
  
    for(int i = n-1; i >= 0; --i)  
        cout << order[i] << (i > 0 ? " " : "\n");  
}
```

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The End.