Graph Parser Project Phase 3 - README

Project Overview

This project implements a graph parser program hat processes a DOT file and generates a visual depiction in addition to other features such as modifying nodes, modifying edges, performing BFS and DFS on the graph. Furthermore, this phase contains five individual refactors, applies the template and strategy pattern design, and implements a Random Walk Search algorithm. This project also includes a JUnit test feature to ensure the program passes the expected test cases.

GitHub Link

https://github.com/anishnallani22/CSE-464-2024-anallani

Instructions to Run the Project

1. Clone the repository git clone https://github.com/anishnallani22/CSE-464-2024-anallani.git

- 2. Navigate into project directory cd CSE-464-2024-anallani
- 3. Build the project with Maven mvn package
- 4. Run the Program java -jar target/CSE464-GraphManager-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar src/main/resources/input.dot
- 5. Run Unit Tests mvn test

Input DOT Graph

```
digraph {
    a -> b;
    b -> c;
    c -> d;
    d -> a;
    a -> e;
    e -> f;
    e -> g;
    f -> h;
    g -> h;
}
```

Refactor Description

Refactor 1: Extract Method – checkNodeExists in addEdges.java

Summary: Applied the extract method refactoring to improve code readability and reusability in the addEdge method by encapsulating repeated logic for verifying node existence into a new helper method, checkNodeExists. The original addEdge method contained repeated logic for verifying node existence, making the code redundant and harder to maintain. The changes aim to reduce duplication, and make the logic modular.

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2. Refactor 2: Extract Variable – Neighbor Determination in BFS and DFS methods Summary: Applied the Extract Variable refactoring to simplify complex expressions in the graphSearchBFS and graphSearchDFS methods by encapsulating the neighbor determination logic into a variable, neighbor. The original methods contained inline logic for determining neighbors, which was repeated and reduced readability, so the change reduced duplication and clarified the logic loop.

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3. Refactor 3: Consolidate Functionality – printGraph methods into GraphPrintUtility Summary: Refactored the printGraph methods from multiple classes into a single utility method, GraphPrintingUtility.printGraph, to consolidate functionality and reduce duplication. This change improves maintainability by centralizing graph-printing logic in one place and enhances readability by removing repetitive code across the project.

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4. Refactor 4: Rename Method – removeGraphNode to removeNode in removeNode.java Summary: Renamed the method removeGraphNode to removeNode in removeNode.java to align with the naming conventions already present in the codebase. This change improves code consistency and readability by making method names more uniform across the project.

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5. Refactor 5: Extract Method – Edge Writing logic in outputDOTGraph in outputGraph.java Summary: Refactored the outputDOTGaph method in outputGraph.java by extracting the edge-writing logic into a new helper method, writeEdges. This change simplifies the outputDOTGraph method and improves maintainability by centralizing the edge-writing logic, making the code easier to modify.

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Template Pattern Design Description

Description: The template method pattern was applied to refactor the BFS and DFS algorithms by extracting their shared behaviors into a base class, GraphSearchTemplate. This base class encapsulates common steps such as initializing collections, processing nodes, and reconstructing paths using a parentMap to track the parent-child relationships. The search method in the GraphSearchTemplate class serves as a template for traversal, handling high-level logic while delegating algorithm-specific details to abstract methods implemented in subclasses. For instance, the buildPath method in the base class ensures consistent path reconstruction for both algorithms, while methods such as initializeCollection, isCollectionEmpty, getNextNode, and addToCollection are customized in subclasses to define the behavior of BFS and DFS. For example, the BFSTemplate subclass uses a queue to maintain FIFO order, while the DFSTemplate uses a stack for LIFO order and relies on the pop technique for node retrieval.

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Strategy Pattern Design Description

Description: The strategy pattern was applied to enable dynamic selection of graph traversal algorithms, allowing the system to switch between BFS and DFS at runtime based on the algo parameter in the GraphSearch method of the Path class. A GraphStrategyPattern interface was introduced to define a common contract for all traversal strategies, including methods like getGraph() and search(). Concrete classes, BFSTemplate and DFSTemplate, implement this interface and encapsulate their respective traversal behaviors, with BFS using a queue for level-by-level exploration and DFS using a stack for depth-first traversal. The GraphSearch method is responsible for determining the appropriate strategy based on the algo parameter and passing it to the context. For example, if Algorithm.BFS is provided, a BFSTemplate object is created and used for search. This ensures modularity and that the graph traversal implementation can be dynamically switched.

BFS and DFS Sample Output:

=== Performing BFS Search ===
Path found using BFS: Path{nodes=[a, b, c, d, l]}

=== Performing DFS Search ===
Path found using DFS: Path{nodes=[a, b, c, d, l]}

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Random Walk Search Description

Description: The Random Walk Search algorithm performs traversal by randomly selecting a neighbor of the current node at each step and continues until the destination node is reached or no more unvisited neighbors remain.

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Sample Output:
=== Performing Random Walk Search ===

random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{j}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.

random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
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visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{c}]}

Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{c}]}

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Path{nodes=[a, b, c]}
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}, Node{f}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}, Node{f}, Node{h}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}, Node{g}]]
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{e}, Node{g}, Node{h}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{j}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{j}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{j}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{j}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}]}
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{c}]}
Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{b}, Node{c}]}
Path{nodes=[a, b, c]}
random testing
visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}]}
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visiting Path{nodes=[Node{a}, Node{i}]}
No more unvisited neighbors. Random walk failed.

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Merge refactor into main



