Coursework 2
“Deliveries”, version 1.0

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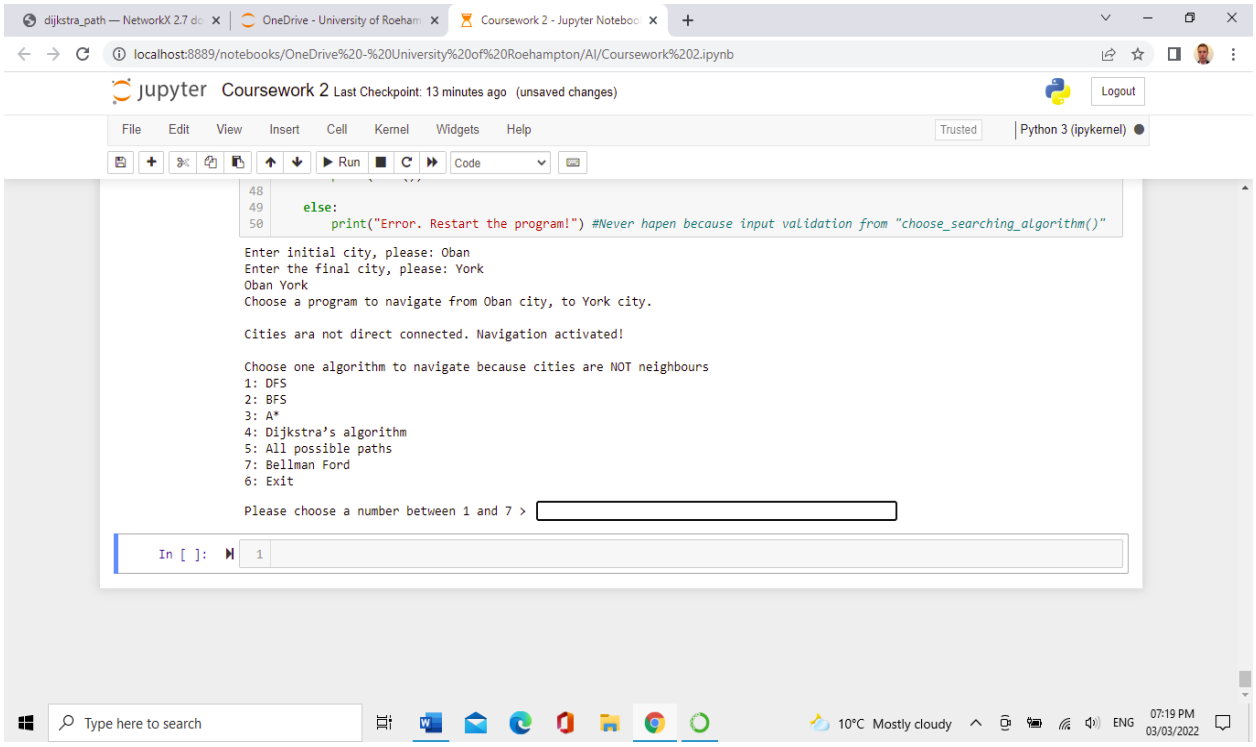
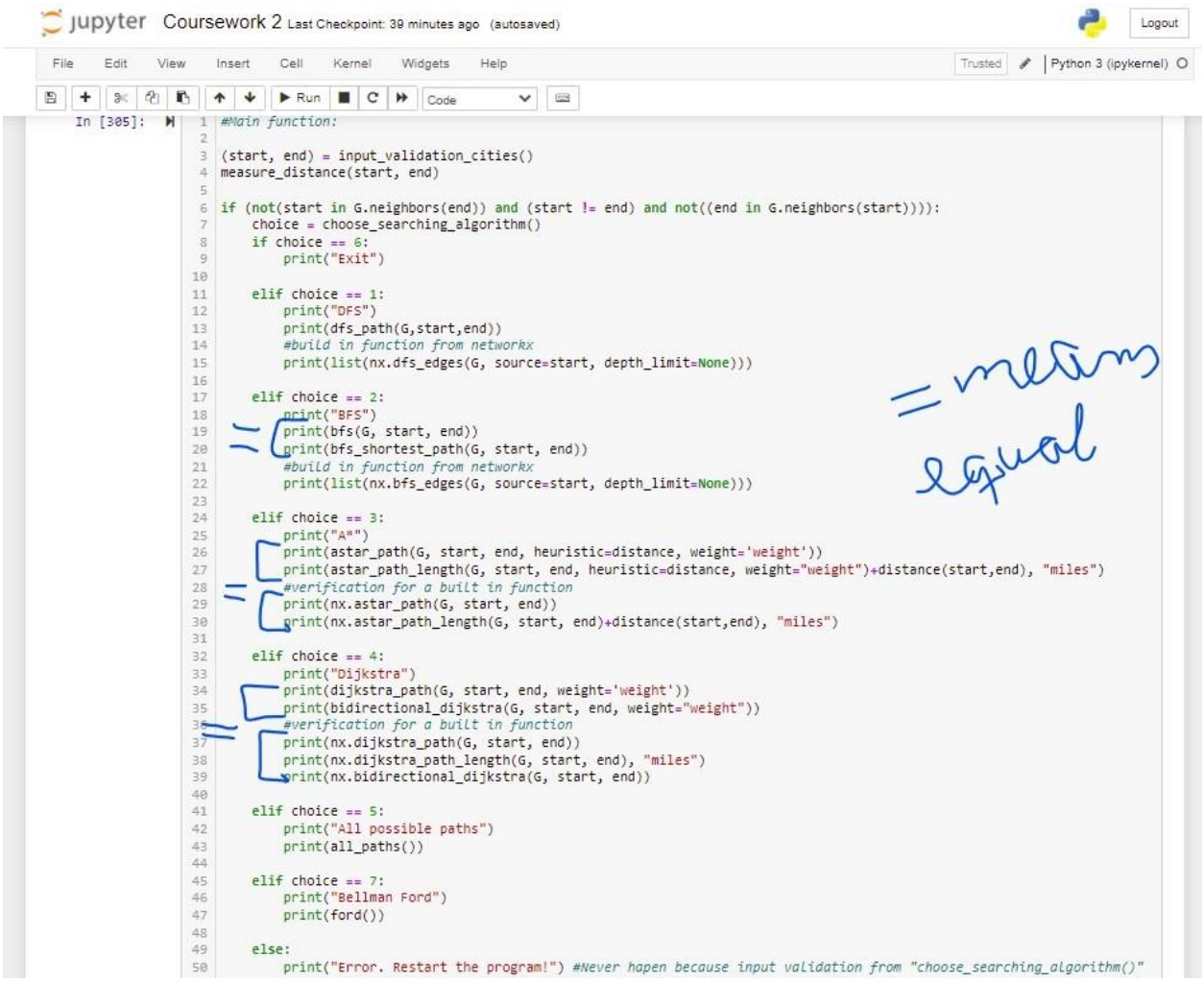
• A brief explanation of how you designed your navigation program. If you add a 4th algorithm, you should explain why you choose this algorithm.

This program is designed using only functions with a driving block code at the end. The program called “Deliveries” is allowing the user first to choose the initial city and the destination city, and secondly choose an algorithm to travel between cities. There are 5 algorithms in total designed in different block functions. Plus, there is an option to see all the possible routes between the two cities in two different formats. The algorithms are DFS, BFS, A*, Dijkstra and Bellman-Ford.



DFS, BFS and A* are explained in lectures with Dr Gu and Dr Arturo. Dijkstra's algorithm was explained by Dr Roberto in the previous semester this academic year. And Bellman-Ford algorithm is like Dijkstra, only allowing negative values of edges that do not exist in the present graph. A* algorithm uses and heuristic value and this is the only difference in between with Dijkstra's algorithm. BFS start from top to button and DFS from one side to the other side (left, right). I included some links commented in the source code in Jupyter Notebook.
I discovered while typing and doing my research about an interesting library called "Networkx" [https://networkx.org/, https://networkx.org/documentation/stable/index.html#]. I start developing my DFS and BFS algorithms and the next algorithms is a combination of long source code and build-in functions. The final block of code is just the build-in function. In the driving block, I combine both to verify that everything is the same, and this confirms that all is OK.

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#Main function:

(start, end) = input_validation_cities()
measure_distance(start, end)

if (not(start in G.neighbors(end)) and (start != end) and not((end in G.neighbors(start)))):
    choice = choose_searching_algorithm()
    if choice == 6:
        print("Exit")

    elif choice == 1:
        print("DFS")
        print(dfs_path(G,start,end))
        #build in function from networkx
        print(list(nx.dfs_edges(G, source=start, depth_limit=None)))

    elif choice == 2:
        print("BFS")
        print(bfs(G, start, end))
        print(bfs_shortest_path(G, start, end))
        #build in function from networkx
        print(list(nx.bfs_edges(G, source=start, depth_limit=None)))

    elif choice == 3:
        print("A*")
        print(astar_path(G, start, end, heuristic=distance, weight='weight'))
        print(astar_path_length(G, start, end, heuristic=distance, weight="weight")+distance(start,end), "miles")
        #verification for a built in function
        print(nx.astar_path(G, start, end))
        print(nx.astar_path_length(G, start, end)+distance(start,end), "miles")

    elif choice == 4:
        print("Dijkstra")
        print(dijkstra_path(G, start, end, weight='weight'))
        print(bidirectional_dijkstra(G, start, end, weight="weight"))
        #verification for a built in function
        print(nx.dijkstra_path(G, start, end))
        print(nx.dijkstra_path_length(G, start, end), "miles")
        print(nx.bidirectional_dijkstra(G, start, end))

    elif choice == 5:
        print("All possible paths")
        print(all_paths())

    elif choice == 7:
        print("Bellman Ford")
        print(ford())

    else:
        print("Error. Restart the program!") #Never hapen because input validation from "choose_searching_algorithm()"
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The beginning of my "Deliveries" program is to print a nice map of the UK. It has names and the distance between the cities. After I just developed code to confirm the correctness of my code and print a text with important and valued information.

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Graph with 11 nodes and 15 edges

[('Manchester', 'Liverpool', {'weight': 40}), ('Manchester', 'Carlisle', {'weight': 120}), ('Manchester', 'Edinburgh', {'wei
ght': 220}), ('Manchester', 'Newcastle', {'weight': 140}), ('Manchester', 'York', {'weight': 70}), ('Liverpool', 'Holyhead',
{'weight': 90}), ('Carlisle', 'Glasgow', {'weight': 100}), ('Edinburgh', 'Newcastle', {'weight': 110}), ('Edinburgh', 'Glasg
ow', {'weight': 50}), ('Newcastle', 'York', {'weight': 80}), ('Glasgow', 'Oban', {'weight': 100}), ('Glasgow', 'Inverness',
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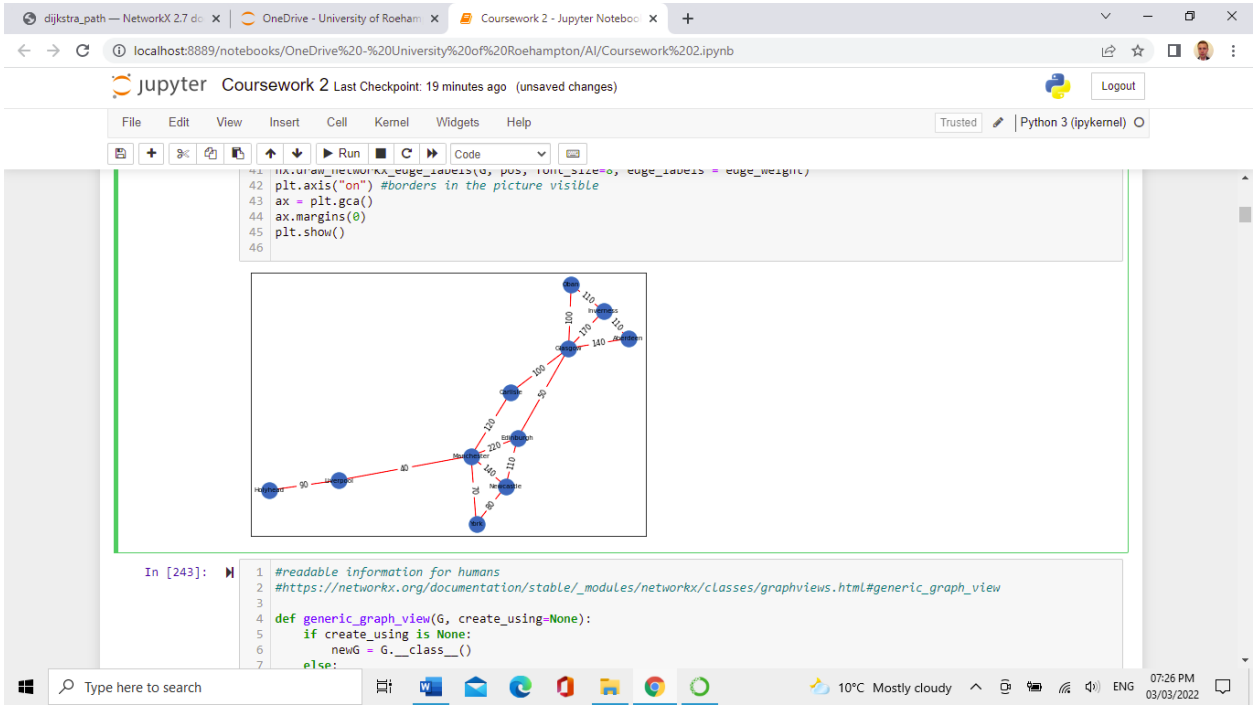
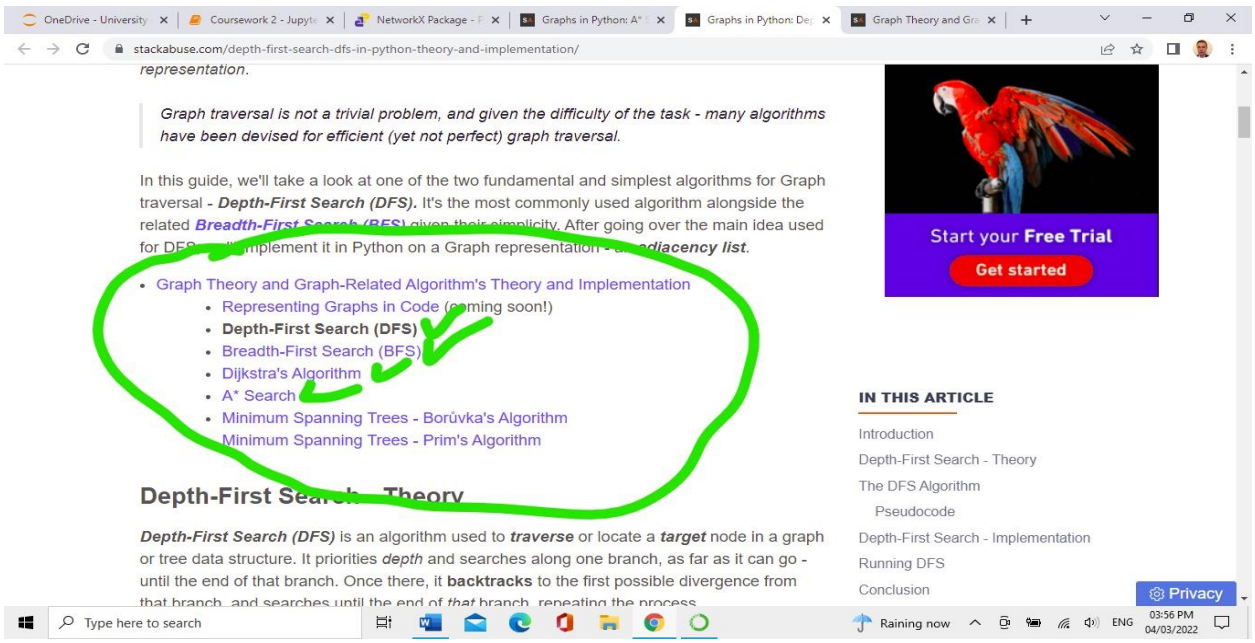
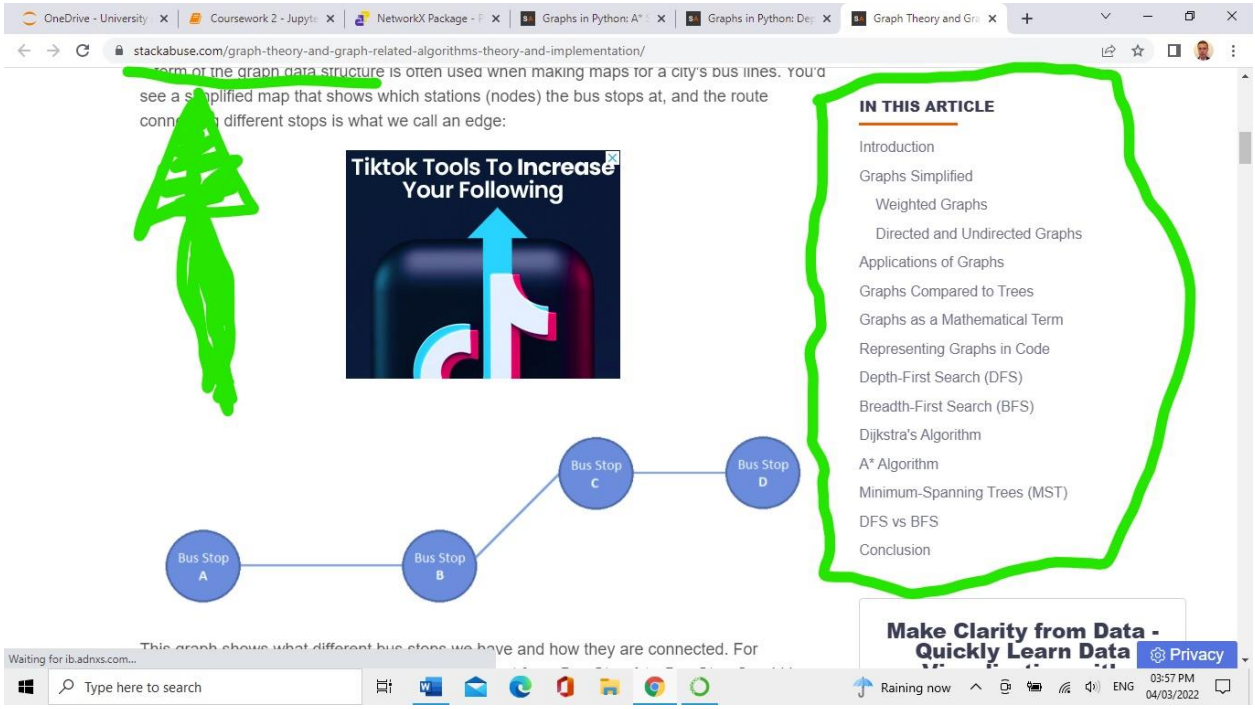


Next blocks of code validate input from the user. Only allowed names for cities. After, I check if cities are the same, neighbours or not neighbours. If cities are not neighbours, function "choose_searching_algorithm()" ask for input an integer to choose an algorithm to travel between the cities in the UK map. And next blocks of code are the implementation of the searching algorithms presented at the beginning.
Resources used in this coursework are principally from the Internet:
https://www.askpython.com/python-modules/networkx-package to begin my graph design without knowledge about the "Networkx" library.
https://www.annytab.com/a-star-search-algorithm-in-python/ to understand one of the searching algorithms (A*).
https://stackabuse.com/graph-theory-and-graph-related-algorithms-theory-and-implementation/ and in general https://stackabuse.com/depth-first-search-dfs-in-python-theory-and-implementation/ helped me to understand and develop the rest of the searching algorithm in python.





• Result of a demo run of your navigation program. You should take screenshots of your results from Jupyter Notebooks and insert them into your report.

This part of the coursework is included in the explanatory part of my program.

• A brief reflection. It may include but is not limited to the discussions about the topics below:

o Have you met any difficulties/bugs during this coursework, and how did you tackle them?

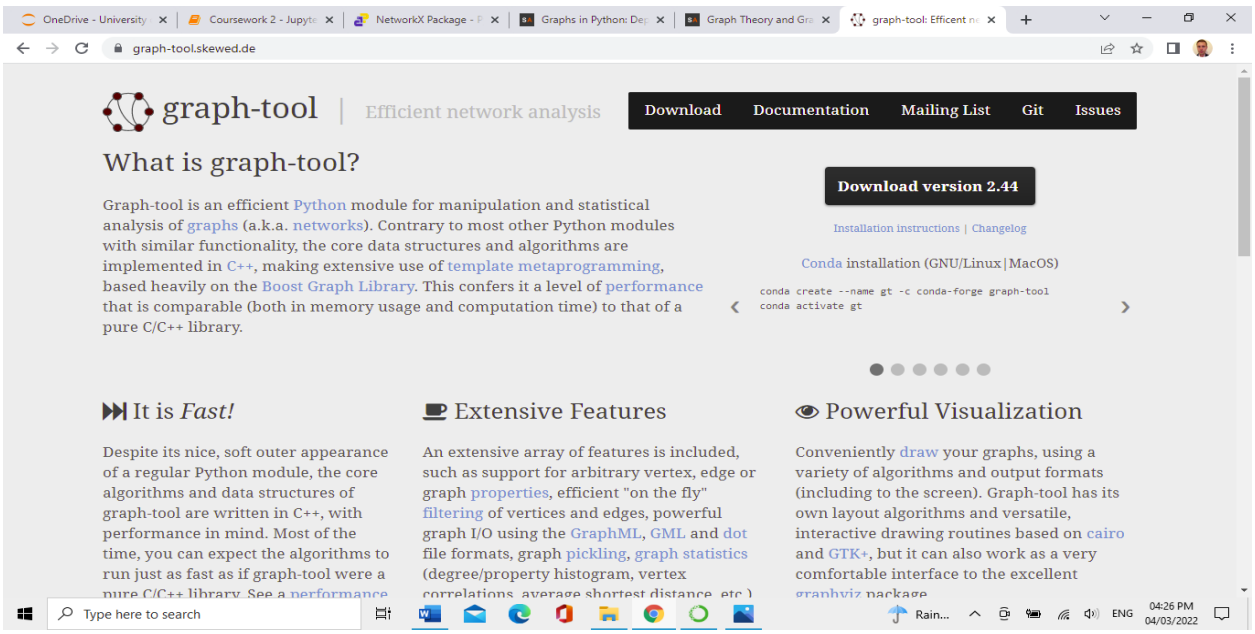
This coursework is easier than the previous, and the most difficult part was to design the A* searching algorithm because the heuristic function was difficult to define. I solved the problem by adding a heuristic value of the final node to the result.

o What did you think is the most difficult part of this coursework?

The most difficult part of this coursework is designing the searching algorithms.

o What have you learnt from investigating this problem?

I learned a new library that is very useful (“Networkx”). And I discovered another similar library but did not use it, because it is not popular and require installation. This last library is much advanced, complicated, and difficult to use. And I learned some build-in functions for searching algorithms in a weighted bidirected or undirected graph.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Graph-tool is an efficient Python module for manipulation and statistical analysis of graphs (a.k.a. networks). Contrary to most other Python modules with similar functionality, the core data structures and algorithms are implemented in C++, making extensive use of template metaprogramming, based heavily on the Boost Graph Library. This confers it a level of performance that is comparable (both in memory usage and computation time) to that of a pure C/C++ library.
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Conda installation (GNU/Linux|MacOS)
conda create --name gt -c conda-forge graph-tool
conda activate gt
It is Fast!
Despite its nice, soft outer appearance of a regular Python module, the core algorithms and data structures of graph-tool are written in C++, with performance in mind. Most of the time, you can expect the algorithms to run just as fast as if graph-tool were a
Extensive Features
An extensive array of features is included, such as support for arbitrary vertex, edge or graph properties, efficient "on the fly" filtering of vertices and edges, powerful graph I/O using the GraphML, GML and dot file formats, graph pickling, graph statistics (degree/property histogram, vertex
Powerful Visualization
Conveniently draw your graphs, using a variety of algorithms and output formats (including to the screen). Graph-tool has its own layout algorithms and versatile, interactive drawing routines based on cairo and GTK+, but it can also work as a very comfortable interface to the excellent graphviz package
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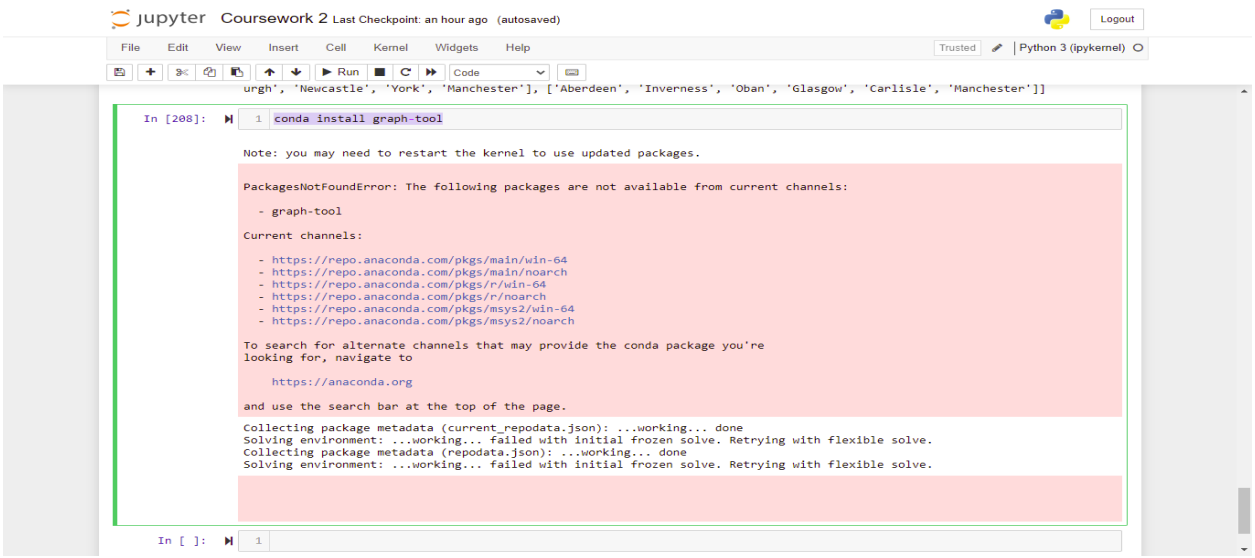
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conda install graph-tool
Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.
PackagesNotFoundError: The following packages are not available from current channels:
- graph-tool
Current channels:
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/main/win-64
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/main/noarch
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/r/win-64
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/r/noarch
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/msys2/win-64
- https://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/msys2/noarch
To search for alternate channels that may provide the conda package you're
looking for, navigate to
https://anaconda.org
and use the search bar at the top of the page.
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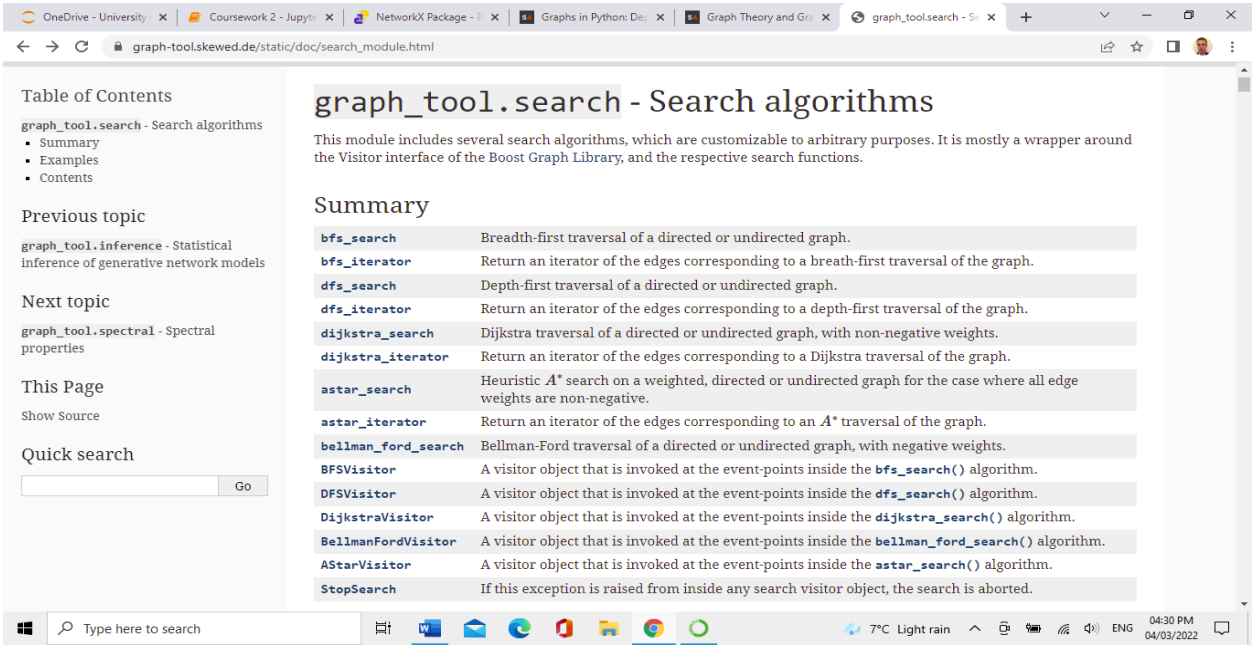
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graph_tool.search - Search algorithms
This module includes several search algorithms, which are customizable to arbitrary purposes. It is mostly a wrapper around the Visitor interface of the Boost Graph Library, and the respective search functions.
Summary
bfs_search Breadth-first traversal of a directed or undirected graph.
bfs_iterator Return an iterator of the edges corresponding to a breath-first traversal of the graph.
dfs_search Depth-first traversal of a directed or undirected graph.
dfs_iterator Return an iterator of the edges corresponding to a depth-first traversal of the graph.
dijkstra_search Dijkstra traversal of a directed or undirected graph, with non-negative weights.
dijkstra_iterator Return an iterator of the edges corresponding to a Dijkstra traversal of the graph.
astar_search Heuristic A* search on a weighted, directed or undirected graph for the case where all edge weights are non-negative.
astar_iterator Return an iterator of the edges corresponding to an A* traversal of the graph.
bellman_ford_search Bellman-Ford traversal of a directed or undirected graph, with negative weights.
BFSVisitor A visitor object that is invoked at the event-points inside the bfs_search() algorithm.
DFSVisitor A visitor object that is invoked at the event-points inside the dfs_search() algorithm.
DijkstraVisitor A visitor object that is invoked at the event-points inside the dijkstra_search() algorithm.
BellmanFordVisitor A visitor object that is invoked at the event-points inside the bellman_ford_search() algorithm.
AStarVisitor A visitor object that is invoked at the event-points inside the astar_search() algorithm.
StopSearch If this exception is raised from inside any search visitor object, the search is aborted.
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o Which part(s) in your code design is your favourite and why?

My favourite part of the code is the design of the map because it shows a graphical output. I am very familiar with text output on the screen but less familiar with graphics.

o Which of the searching algorithms that you implemented is the best? Why?

Bellman-Ford is my preferred algorithm because is a build-in function that requires only 1 line of code.

o Any references you might have used to complete the task.

All the references are included in the previous text.

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