

Programming Assignment #3

This project is designed to model a social network as a weighted directed graph. Each node represents a student in an alternate fictional universe, and directed edges represent social connections. The edges are weighed by the number of days a student waits before introducing someone in their network. The project demonstrates graph-related algorithms and operations, including building the graph from CSV files and enabling dynamic modifications.

Features

The system provides the following functionality through a command-line interface:

1. User Operations:

- a. **Print Network List for a Student:** Displays the students directly connected to the selected student.
- b. **Find Quickest Path Between Two Students:**
 - i. Computes the shortest path (in terms of days) from one student to another using **Dijkstra's Algorithm**.
 - ii. Outputs both the total days required, and the number of nodes traversed.
- c. **Disconnect Two Students:**
 - i. Removes a connection (edge) between a student and another.
- d. **Set Wait Days:**
 - i. Set the wait time (edge weight) for a student's connections.
- e. **Print The Full List of Students:**
 - i. Shows all of the students in the graph and prints their information (wait time, network, etc.)

2. Dynamic Updates:

- a. The graph updates dynamically after any of the modifications (operations 3, 4, or 5).
- b. Users can repeat operations on the updated graph until they choose to exit.

How to Run

Prerequisites

- **Java Development Kit (JDK)** version 8 or higher.
- A terminal or an IDE for compiling and running Java programs.

How to use

You will be given a command list to complete operations on the graph. Options include:

Operations Menu

1. **Print Network List for a Student:**
 - a. Enter the enrollment number of the student to view their direct network.
2. **Find Quickest Path Between Two Students:**
 - a. Enter the enrollment numbers of the source and target students.
 - b. Outputs:
 - i. The shortest path from one student to another (shown using each student's corresponding enrollment number)
 - ii. Total time (in days) to navigate the path.
 - iii. The number of nodes on the path.
3. **Disconnect Two Students:**
 - a. Enter the enrollment numbers of the source and target students.
 - b. Removes the edge from the source to the target.
4. **Set Wait Days:**
 - a. Enter the enrollment number of the student.
 - b. Specify the number of days to set their wait time to.
5. **Print A Full List of Students:**
 - a. Doesn't need any extra information, just prints the list.
6. **Exit the Program:**
 - a. Ends the program.

Graph Operations Overview

Data Structure

- **Graph:** Modeled as a weighted, directed graph.
- **Nodes:** Represent students.
- **Edges:** Represent connections, with weights corresponding to wait days.

Algorithms Used

- **Dijkstra's Algorithm:**
 - Computes the shortest path from one node to another based on edge weights (wait days).

Files Structure

1. **SocialNetwork.java:**
 - a. Implements the graph data structure and supports graph-related operations.
 - b. Handles building the graph, modifying edges, and computing shortest paths.
2. **Introduction.java:**
 - a. Provides the user interface, allowing users to interact with the program and execute operations.

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