

15) theBridge

UserApp program - (the controller & transaction file handler)

- declare mapData & route objects
- open transaction file (CityPairsTestPlan.txt) & Log file
- loop to process transaction file, one pair at a time
 - get a city pair,
 - find both of city numbers (from mapData's getCityNum),
 - find which peninsula the cities are in (from mapData's getPeninsula)
 - if either city is theBridge, fix its peninsula to MATCH the other city's peninsula,
 - since a MATCHED PAIR is better than a NON-MATCHED PAIR
 - write out intro info to Log file
 - if it's a UP/UP or LP/LP city-pair
 - find shortest route (using route's findShortestRoute),
 - else it's a UP/LP or a LP/UP city-pair, so for a more efficient search,
 - 1) find shortest route from startCity to theBridge
 - 2) find shortest route from theBridge to destinationCity
- finish up with mapData object (i.e., the file needs closing)
- close Log file

NOTE: Route class's methods do the actual writing of Trace of Targets, Total Distance & Shortest Route directly to Log file, so that file has to be passed in.

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MapData class

Handles everything to do with MapData.bin file, CityNames.txt file and mapData functionality in general, including:

- open files
- load header data into memory
- load city names into MEMORY into cityNameList (an array or arraylist)
 - [OR 2 separate lists, upNameList and lpNameList]
- DO NOT LOAD THE MATRIX INTO MEMORY
- close files

Some public services:

getCityNum (based on a cityName)
 getPeninsula (based on a cityName)
 getCityName (based on a cityNum)
 getRoadDistance (based on cityNumA and cityNumB)

NOTE:

- getRoadDistance(row, col) uses RANDOM ACCCESS to read the distance (a short) from the BINARY FILE.
- To calculate byteOffset, allow for
 - a. the sizeofHeaderRec (2 shorts) WHICH ISN'T PART OF FORMULA BELOW),
 - b. followed by the UPPER TRIANGULAR ARRAY. Here's a formula for dealing with this since it's mapped to a linear structure (the file, just a stream of shorts):
$$(n * (n - 1) / 2) - ((n - \text{row}) * ((n - \text{row}) - 1) / 2) - \text{row} - 1 + \text{col}$$

from: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/27086195/linear-index-upper-triangular-matrix>

NOTES on cityNameList:

- EVERYONE will have order of the cities (as description of CityNames file above)
- The list is NEVER SORTED
- The list starts at 0, not 1

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Route class

NOTE: This class needs access to Log file

NOTE: This class needs access to mapData methods like getRoadDistance and getCityName.

Storage: 3 working array (all of size N, not MAX_N, since you now already know N):

distance, included, predecessor

Public services:

findShortestRoute (= the local controller which handles a Start/Destination pair of city NUMBERS. **NOTE:** it is NOT this class's responsibility to handle searching for city names – use MapData's getCityName)

Local (private) methods used by findShortestRoute:

initialize3Arrays
 searchForPath (the "search" part of Dijkstra's Algorithm)
 (PLUS it prints the TRACE OF TARGETS **as it's selecting them**)
 reportAnswers (the TotalDistance and the ShortestRoute)
 (from Start to Destination, not Destination to Start)

NOTES:

- The Start/Destination pair for this module are not always the cityPair FILE's Start and Destination cities. See note above for LP/UP and UP/LP mismatched pairs where theBridge is used as an intermediate city to make the search more efficient. In that case, 2 partial routes are found and reported. But that is all controlled from UserApp – findShortestRoute has no idea this is happening – and that UserApp is calling findShortestRoute TWICE.
- The TraceOfTargets and ShortestRoute specify cityName not cityNUMBER. So the methods above have to have access to MapData's getCityName service.

MY ALGORITHM

You MUST USE THE ALGORITHM I SHOW IN CLASS for Dijkstra's Algorithm. Don't just take code/algorithm from a data structures book or the internet, (even though it would produce the same results) – BIG POINT-LOSS IF YOU DO.

My algorithm assumes that the graph (conceptually) contains THREE different possible values (not 2) in the graph, which differs from what's in the eReadings:

- 1) actual edge weights if there's an edge
- 2) 0 on the diagonal for a node to itself
- 3) "INFINITY" meaning there's NO edge (some books use 0's here too for "NO edge")