

# Data Structures

## Introduction to Graphs

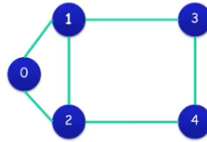
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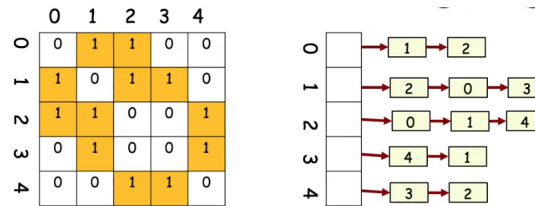
## Graphs

Graphs are made up of nodes which can be anything from data, to a person, to another network). The nodes are connected via edges which define with nodes are related to which.



## Graph Representation

A graph can be represented as either an adjacency matrix or edge list:



Because of the flexibility of the edge list, which is a linked list of arrays, it is a better option to implement and represent a graph in code. However, if you know your graph will be quite full, this flexibility isn't used and the speed from pre-allocating an array (adjacency matrix) will be more helpful.

Graphs can be both dense or sparse, an example of a sparse graph is a subway map like so:



## Graph as ADT

A conceptual Graph would have the following operations:

- Test if graph is empty
- Get number of nodes in graph
- Get number of edges in graph
- See whether edge exists between 2 nodes
- Insert node into graph
- Insert edge between nodes in graph
- Remove node from graph and any edges to said node
- Remove edge between two nodes in graph

```
class Vertex():
    def __init__(self, key):
        self.key = key
        self.neighbors = {}

    def add_neighbor(self, neighbor, weight=0):
        self.neighbors[neighbor] = weight

    def get_connections(self):
        return self.neighbors.keys()

    def get_weight(self, neighbor):
        return self.neighbors[neighbor]

    def __str__(self):
        return '{} neighbors: {}'.format(
            self.key,
            [x.key for x in self.neighbors]
        )
```

Adjacency List or  
Adjacency Matrix?

```
class Graph():
    def __init__(self):
        self.vertices = {}

    def add_vertex(self, vertex):
        self.vertices[vertex.key] = vertex

    def get_vertex(self, key):
        try:
            return self.vertices[key]
        except KeyError:
            return None

    def __contains__(self, key):
        return key in self.vertices

    def add_edge(self, from_key, to_key,
        weight=0): ... (not completed!)

    def get_vertices(self):
        return self.vertices.keys()
```

## Traversal

like with a tree (which is almost a kind of graph) there are many ways to traverse a graph:

**Breadth first Search** This way explores the graph in **growing concentric circles**, exploring a node's first edge, then their second, etc...Iterating over Graph

**Depth first Search** A depth first search keeps moving forward until it hits a dead end or a previously-visited node. It then backtracks and tries another path.

## Breadth First Implementation

```
def BFS(v):
    Q = new queue
    Q.enqueue(v)
    set the "added_to_queue" Boolean for v to True
    while Q is not empty:
        x = Q.dequeue()
        process x
        for each neighbour y of x:
            if (y not marked "added_to_queue"):
                Q.enqueue(y)
                set the "added_to_queue" Boolean for y to True
```