

Software Science Seminar

Week 8 - Graph Algorithms

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Outline

- *Part I:* Graph properties (node properties, cycles, etc)
- *Part II:* Graph algorithms (spanning tree, flow)

Part I: Graph Properties

Degree Properties

Vertex Degrees

- The **degree** of a vertex is the total number of edges connected to it.
- For *Undirected Graphs*: Total Degrees = $2 \times \text{total edges}$. Why?
- For *Directed Graphs*: We count in-degrees and out-degrees;
Total in-degrees = total out-degrees;

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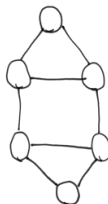


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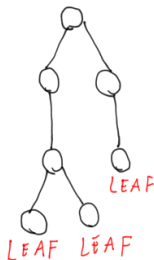
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Degree Properties

Trees

- Trees are undirected graphs with no cycles.
- **Leaf** nodes are nodes with degree 1;
- Every n -vertex tree contains $n-1$ edges.
- **Rooted Trees** are directed graphs where every node except the root has in-degree 1. Leaves have out-degree 0.

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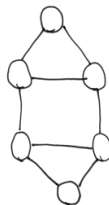


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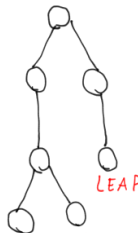
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Degree Properties

Spanning Trees

- The spanning tree of graph $G(V,E)$ is the subset $G(V,E')$ that forms a tree in G .
- Any connected graph has a spanning tree.
- The **Minimum Spanning Tree** is an important characteristic of weighted graphs.

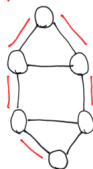
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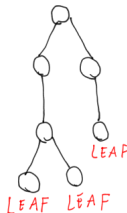
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Spanning Tree



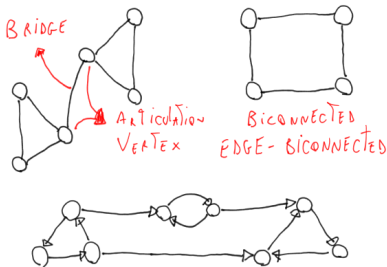
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Connectivity

Definitions of Connectivity

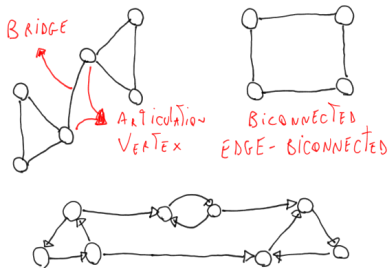
- **Connected Graph:** There is a path between any pair of vertices;
- The existence of a spanning tree guarantees connectivity;



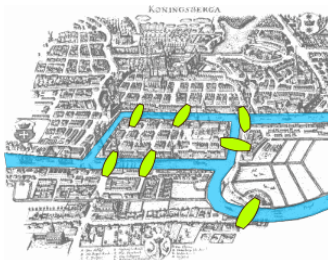
Connectivity

Definitions of Connectivity

- **Vertex Connectivity**: number of vertices that need to be deleted to “disconnect” the graph;
- If Vertex connectivity is 1, we have an **articulation vertex**
- If there are no articulation vertices, the graph is **biconnected**
- Finding by brute force: remove each vertex, and test for connectivity;



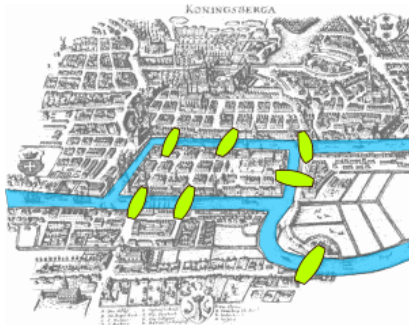
Cycles



Eulerian Cycle

- Each edge of the graph is visited exactly once.
- Connected, undirected graphs are eulerian if every vertex has even degree. Why?
- Directed graphs are Eulerian if $\text{in-degree} = \text{out-degree}$ for all vertices;
- How can we find an Eulerian cycle?

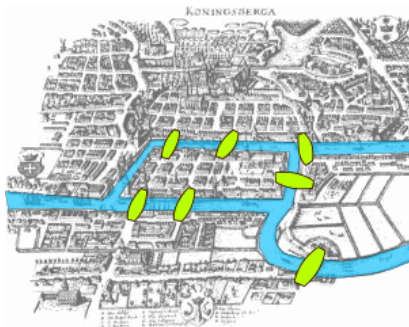
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Hamiltonian Cycles

- Each vertex of the graph is visited exactly once;
- Not so easy to find a solution as the Eulerian cycle;

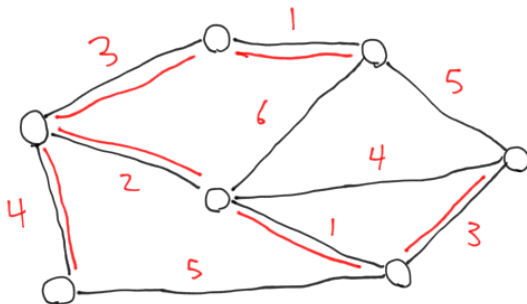
Cycles



Part II: Graph Algorithms

Minimum Spanning Trees

- **Spanning Tree**: A subset tree of a graph that includes all nodes.
- **Minimum Spanning Tree**: The spanning Tree that has minimal weight.

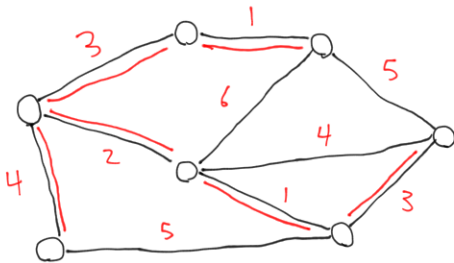


Minimum Spanning Tree

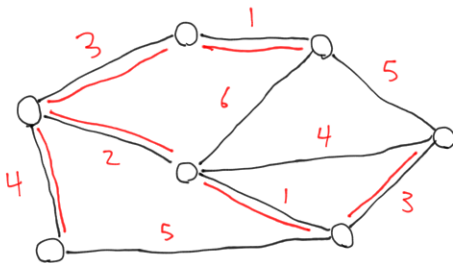
Prim's Algorithm to find the MST

Greedy algorithm:

- 1- Sort all edges by weight.
- 2- Add the smallest edge to MST.
- 3- Sort edges that are connected to the MST.
- 4- Add the smallest edge with one new node to MST.
- 5- Go to 3.



Minimum Spanning Tree



- Maximum Spanning Tree: $-1 \cdot \text{weight}$;
- Multiplication Spanning Tree: $\log(\text{weight})$;

Articulated Vertex Problem

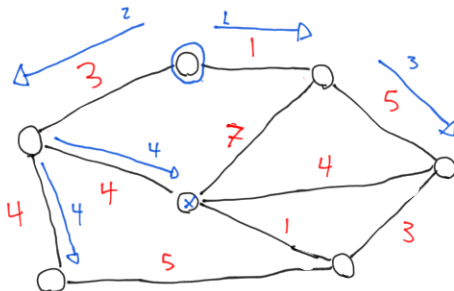
An algorithm to find an articulated vertex in a graph was discussed in the last class.

- 1- Create a spanning tree using DFS
- 2- Rank each node by search order.
- 3- Back edges are not part of the DFS
- 4- Give a second rank to each node, based on the highest rank they can reach using a back node.
- 5- Nodes where all children have second rank smaller than themselves are articulation nodes.

Shortest Path

Dijkstra Algorithm

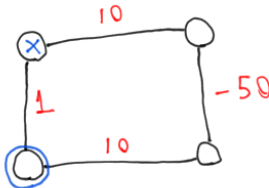
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- When does this algorithm encounter problems?



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Dijkstra Algorithm

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All-Pairs Shortest Path

Floyd's Algorithm (A bit similar to DP)

- We want to find the shortest distance from all nodes to all nodes;
- Needs an adjacency Matrix (code/idea is simple);
- Iterate over nodes usable in the path;
- usable to test for unreachable nodes (infinite distance at the end);

`weight[][]` is adjacency matrix, unconnected nodes are INF

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for (k = 1 to n-vertices):  
  for (i = 1 to n-vertices):  
    for (j = 1 to n-vertices):  
      path_k = weight[i][k]+weight[k][j]  
      if path_k < weight[i][j]:  
        weight[i][j] = path_k
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Union-Find Problem

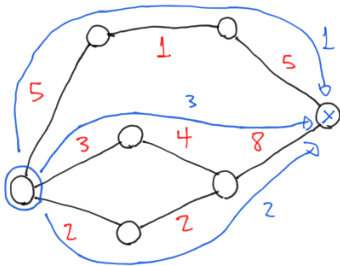
Union-find is an algorithms that creates a structure to **construct a set** from disjoint nodes. It has two main functions:

- Union(Set A, Set B) - Merges set A with set B
- Find(Node A) - finds what set node A belongs to.

In the beginning, all nodes belong to a set containing only themselves. Progressive application of Union will create the different sets using double linked lists.

Network Flow

- How much flow can we get from node *A* to node *B* at once?
- Ford-Fulkerson “Augmenting Path” algorithm:
- Basic idea: Do a BFS, remove “flow” from weight, repeat the BFS with new weights.



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This Week's Problems

- Freckles
- Fire Station
- Tourist Guide
- War