



Strongly connected components



- Introduction
- Theoretical presentation of the algorithms of Tarjan, Nuutila and Pearce
- Implementation of the algorithms of Tarjan, Nuutila and Pearce
- Experimental Results
- Conclusions



Main topic: Finding of Strongly Connected Components (SCC) of a directed graph

To reach this goal there will be presented the implementation and comparison of three different algorithms for finding the SCC of a directed graph:

- Tarjan's Algorithms for SCC
- Nuutila's Algorithms
- Pearce's Algorithm



Strongly Connected Component Definition

A directed graph is said to be strongly connected if every vertex is reachable from every other vertex.

The strongly connected components of an arbitrary directed graph form a partition into subgraphs that are themselves strongly connected.



Main features of Tarjan's Algorithm

- Based upon Depth First Search Algorithm (DFS)
- Stores information concerning root of each element
- Usage of stack (control of valid nodes)



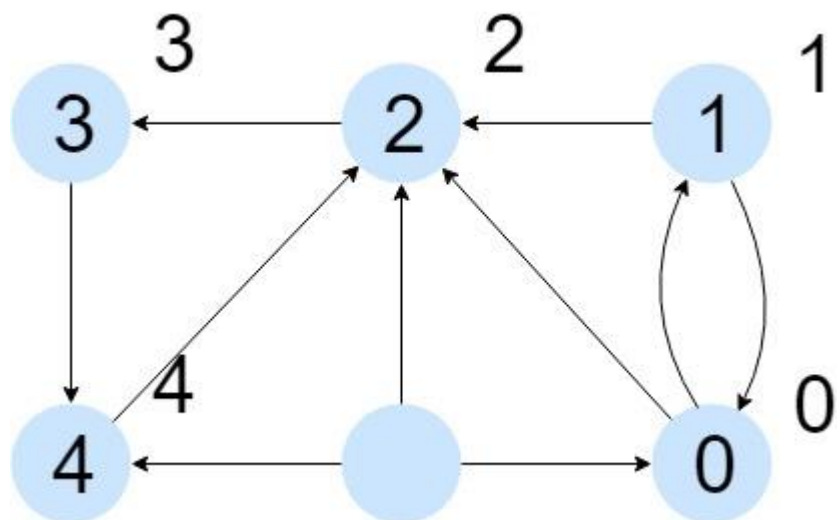
Tarjan's Algorithm

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(2)  begin
(3)    root[v] := v; InComponent[v] := False;
(4)    PUSH(v, stack);
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(14)    end;
(15)  begin/* Main program */
(16)    stack :=  $\emptyset$ ;
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Figure 1: Tarjan's algorithm detects the strongly connected components of graph $G = (V, E)$.

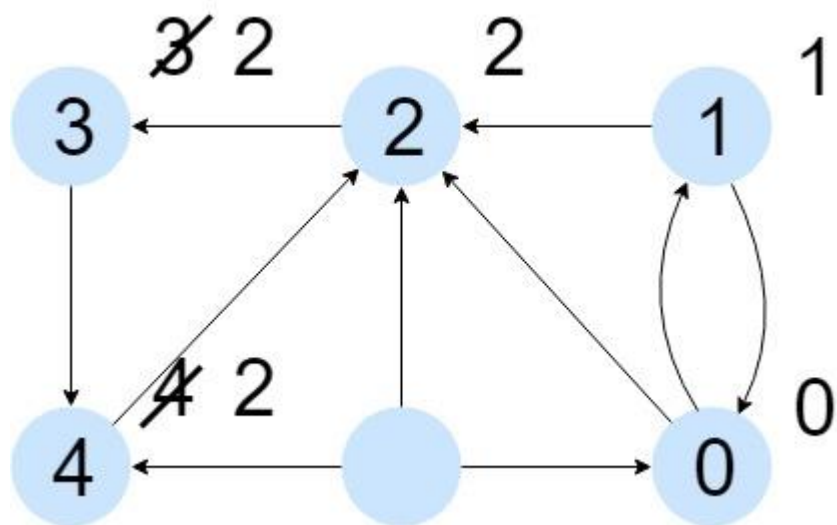


Tarjan's Algorithm



Stack:

0
1
2
3
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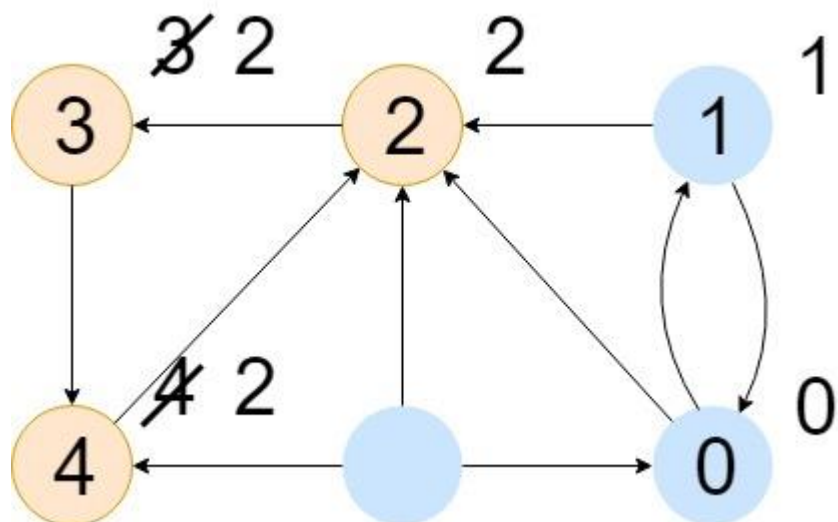


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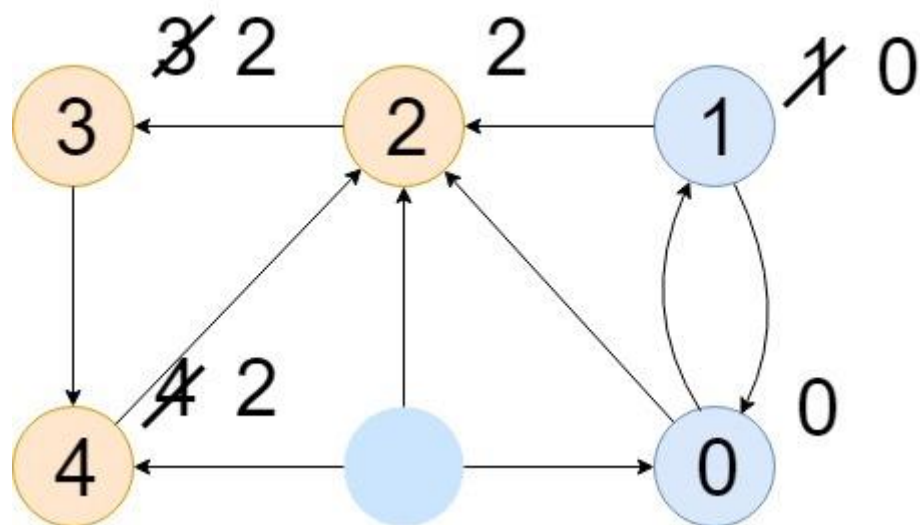
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Tarjan's Algorithm



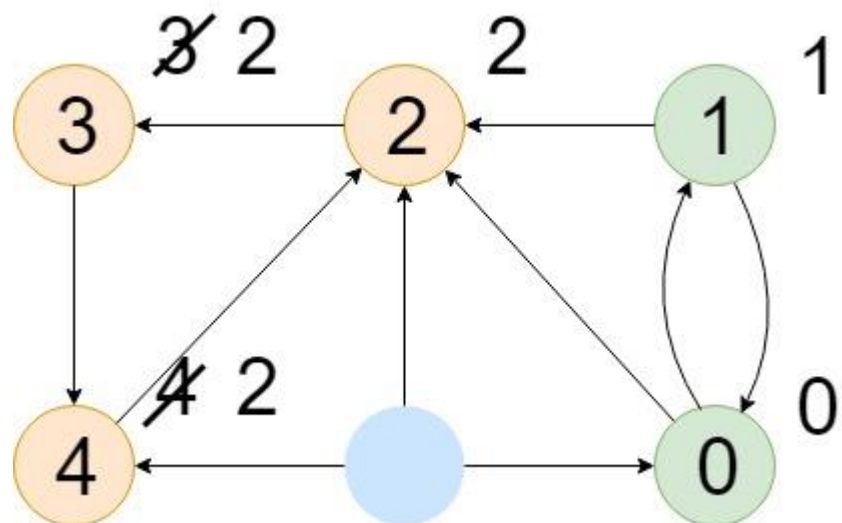
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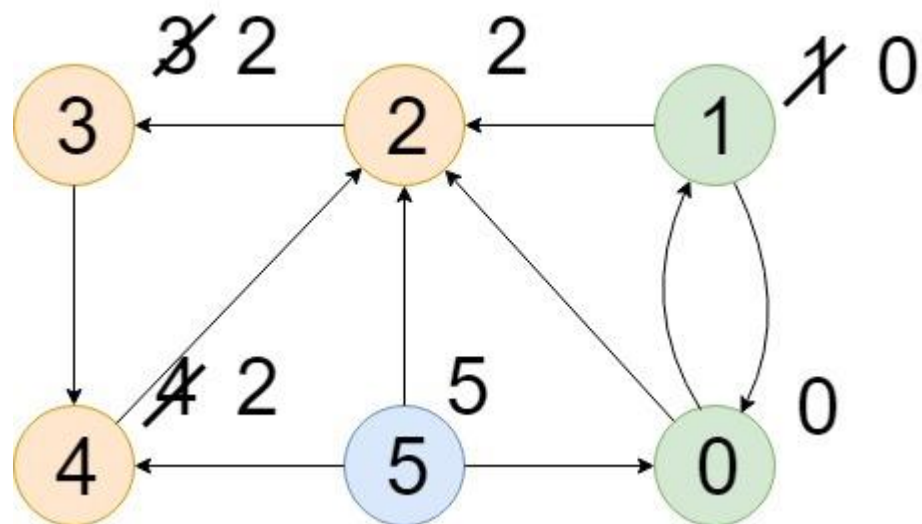


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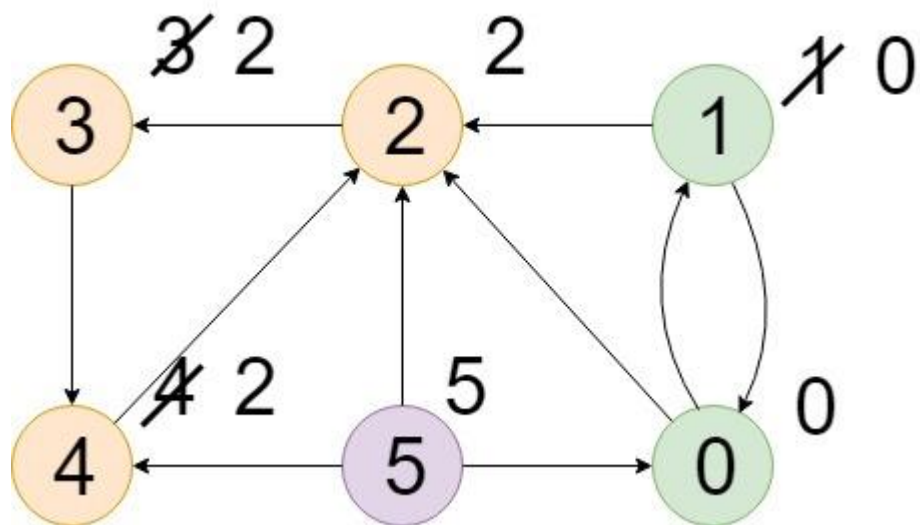


Stack:

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Tarjan's Algorithm



Stack:

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Main Features of Nuutila's Algorithm

- 2 improved versions of Tarjan's Algorithm
- Main idea: eliminate elements stored on the stack
- Improved runtime

1st algorithm: Stores only non root elements on the stack

2nd algorithm: Stores only final candidate roots on the stack



Comparison: Nuutila's 1st – Tarjan's

Tarjan's Algorithm

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Nuutila's 1st Algorithm

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(8)   if root[v] = v then begin  
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(10)    while TOP(stack) > v do begin  
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Figure 2: Algorithm 1 stores only nonroot nodes on the stack.

1st algorithm: Stores only non root elements on the stack



Comparison: Nuutila's 1st – Tarjan's

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Figure 2: Algorithm 1 stores only nonroot nodes on the stack.

- Nodes stored on the stack when it is ensured that they are nonroot nodes



Comparison: Nuutila's 1st – Tarjan's

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Figure 2: Algorithm 1 stores only nonroot nodes on the stack.

- Removes from the stack nodes that have been visited after the root (since root is not on the stack)



Comparison: Nuutila's 2nd – Tarjan's

2nd algorithm: Stores only final candidate roots on the stack

Definition: Node x is **Final Candidate root** if x is the root of a node y , for some y node that have already processed all its neighbours.



Comparison: Nuutila's 2nd – Tarjan's

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Nuutila's 2nd Algorithm

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(1) procedure VISIT2(v);
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(3)   root[v] := v; InComponent[v] := False;
(4)   for each node w such that (v, w) ∈ E do begin
(5)     if w is not already visited then VISIT2(w);
(6)     if not InComponent[root[w]] then root[v] := MIN(root[v], root[w]);
(7)   end;
(8)   if root[v] = v then
(9)     if TOP(stack) ≥ v then
(10)      repeat
(11)        w := POP(stack);
(12)        InComponent[w] := True;
(13)      until TOP(stack) < v;
(14)     else InComponent[v] := True;
(15)     else if root[v] is not on stack then PUSH(root[v], stack);
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(18)   Initialize stack to contain a value < any node in V;
(19)   for each node v ∈ V do
(20)     if v is not already visited then VISIT2(v)
(21) end.
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Figure 3: Algorithm 2 stores only final candidate root nodes on the stack.

- Nodes stored on the stack when it is ensured that they are final candidate root nodes



Comparison: Nuutila's 2nd – Tarjan's

Tarjan's Algorithm

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(1) procedure VISIT(v);
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Figure 3: Algorithm 2 stores only final candidate root nodes on the stack.

- Roots of trivial components (components consisting of a single node) are not stored on the stack
- They are just assigned to a component



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Figure 3: Algorithm 2 stores only final candidate root nodes on the stack.

- Removes from the stack nodes that have been visited after the root (since root is not on the stack)

First traversal: cannot be eliminated (cost: $O(n+m)$)

Second traversal:

1. Tarjan's Algorithm: All nodes on the stack (cost: $O(n)$).
2. 1st Nuutila's Algorithm: Only non root elements on the stack (cost: $O(n-s)$).
3. 2nd Nuutila's Algorithm: Only final candidate roots of non-trivial component on the stack (cost: $O(x)$ where $0 \leq x \leq n-s$).

n: number of nodes

m: number of edges

s: number of SCC

Dense graph ($M \approx N \times N$): not significant improvement

Sparse graph ($M \approx N$) :

- both Nuutila's Algorithms are expected to achieve better results
- especially the 2nd is expected to have even better results than the first.



Main Features of Pearce's Algorithm

- Based upon DFS
- Decreased the bits of storage of Tarjan's Algorithm
- Better results in memory usage



Comparison: Pearce's – Tarjan's

Tarjan's Algorithm

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Pearce's Algorithm

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4:   if rindex[v] = 0 then visit(v)
5: return rindex

procedure visit(v)
6: root = true // root is local variable
7: rindex[v] = index ; index = index + 1

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11: if root then
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13:   while S ≠ ∅ ∧ rindex[v] ≤ rindex[top(S)] do
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Pearces Algorithm: Less arrays used



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- rindex[.] instead of id[.] + root[.]



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- rindex[.] = 0 (initially) instead of IsVisited[.]



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procedure visit(v)  
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20:   push(S, v)
```

- Initializes: index= 1 (instead of index=0)
- Initializes: c= |n|-1 (instead of c=0)



Comparison: Pearce's – Tarjan's

Tarjan's Algorithm

```

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(3)   root[v] := v; InComponent[v] := False;
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(5)   for each node w such that (v, w) ∈ E do begin
(6)     if w is not already visited then VISIT(w);
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```

- Index is decreased when a node is assigned to a component
- C is decreased when a new component is found



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- Removes nodes from stack till finding a node with greater rindex



Expectedated results in memory usage

1. Tarjan's Algorithm: $n(2+5w)$ bits of storage
2. Nuutila's Algorithms: $n(1+4w)$ bits of storage
3. Pearce's Algorithm: $n(1+3w)$ bits of storage

n : number of nodes

w : machine's word size



Random Graph Generation

- createG.cpp
- ./createG N M graph.txt
- Create a random graph for a given number of Vertices and Edges.
- Use `std::rand` and current time as seed for the random generator.
- Implementing the Graph as

```
typedef boost::adjacency_list<boost::vecS, boost::vecS, boost::bidirectionalS> Graph;
```
- Store the graph as a .txt file in graphviz form.



Random Graph Generation

```
void RandDirectedGraph(Graph &g, int N, int M);

int main(int argc, char * argv [])
{
    using namespace boost;

    std::string a1=argv[1];
    std::string a2=argv[2];
    int N =std::atoi(a1.c_str());
    int M =std::atoi(a2.c_str());

    Graph G(N);

    std::ofstream myfile (argv[3]);

    RandDirectedGraph(G, N, M);

    if (myfile.is_open())
    {
        write_graphviz(myfile, G);
        myfile.close();
    }
    return 0;
}

void RandDirectedGraph(Graph &g, int N, int M)
{
    // directed_graph is a subclass of adjacency_list

    for (int i=0; i<M; i++){
        int k1= rand() % N;
        int k2= rand() % N;
        boost::add_edge(k1, k2, g);
    }
}
```



Tarjan's Algorithm Implementation

- An implementation of Tarjan's Algorithm already exists in BGL
 1. Defined in `boost/graph/strong_components.hpp`
 2. The implementation is mainly composed by the definition of the `tarjan_scc_visitor` class, that extends `dfs_visitor`.
 3. The class is equipped with `discover_vertex` and `finish_vertex` methods, that corresponds to the two phases of the DFS.



Tarjan's Algorithm Implementation

```
template <typename Graph>
void discover_vertex(typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor v,
                    const Graph& g) {
    put(root, v, v);
    put(comp, v, (std::numeric_limits<comp_type>::max)());
    put(discover_time, v, dfs_time++);
    s.push(v);
}

template <typename Graph>
void finish_vertex(typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor v,
                  const Graph& g) {
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor w;
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::out_edge_iterator ei, ei_end;
    for (boost::tie(ei, ei_end) = out_edges(v, g); ei != ei_end; ++ei) {
        w = target(*ei, g);
        if (get(comp, w) == (std::numeric_limits<comp_type>::max)())
            put(root, v, this->min_discover_time(get(root, v), get(root, w)));
    }
    if (get(root, v) == v) {
        do {
            w = s.top(); s.pop();
            put(comp, w, c);
        } while (w != v);
        ++c;
    }
}
}
```

File: boost/graph/strong_components.hpp
Lines 45-71



Nuutila's 1st Algorithm Implementation

- We modify the BGL implementation of Tarjan's Algorithm
 1. We define `nuutila_scc_visitor` class
 2. First traversal: the same
 3. Second traversal: Stores only non-root nodes on the stack



Nuutila's 1st Algorithm Implementation

```
template <typename Graph>
void finish_vertex(typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor v,
                  const Graph& g) {
    //Second traversal, stores only nonroot elements on the stack
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor w;
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::out_edge_iterator ei, ei_end;
    for (boost::tie(ei, ei_end) = out_edges(v, g); ei != ei_end; ++ei) {
        w = target(*ei, g);
        if (get(comp, w) == (std::numeric_limits<comp_type>::max)())
            put(root, v, this->min_discover_time(get(root,v), get(root,w)));
    }
    if (get(root, v) == v) {
        put(comp, v, c);
        if (! s.empty()){
            while (get(discover_time, s.top())>get(discover_time, v)){
                //Pop under the constrain that TOP(stack)>v
                w = s.top(); s.pop();
                put(comp, w, c);
                put(root, w, v);
                if (s.empty()) {
                    break;
                }
            }
        }
        ++c;
    }else{
        // Push after control
        s.push(v);
    }
}
private:
```

File: strcomp1.hpp

Lines: 58-87



Nuutila's 2nd Algorithm Implementation

- We modify the BGL implementation of Tarjan's Algorithm
 1. We define `nuutila2_scc_visitor` class
 2. Addition of vector `inStack` to instantly $O(1)$ check if a node exists in stack `s`
 3. Second traversal: Stores only final candidate root nodes on the stack



Nuutila's 2nd Algorithm Implementation

```
template <typename Graph>
void discover_vertex(typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor v,
                    const Graph&) {
    put(root, v, v);
    put(comp, v, (std::numeric_limits<comp_type>::max)());
    put(discover_time, v, dfs_time++);
    // Initialize a stack to contain a value < any node in Graph
    if (dfs_time==1) s.push(-1);
    // Vector for instant check if v is in the Stack s
    inStack.resize(dfs_time);
    inStack[dfs_time]=false;
}
```

File: strcomp2.hpp

Lines: 50-61



Nuutila's 2nd Algorithm Implementation

```
template <typename Graph>
void finish_vertex(typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor v,
                  const Graph& g) {
    //Only final candidate root nodes on the stack
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::vertex_descriptor w;
    typename graph_traits<Graph>::out_edge_iterator ei, ei_end;
    for (boost::tie(ei, ei_end) = out_edges(v, g); ei != ei_end; ++ei) {
        w = target(*ei, g);
        // if not InComponent[root[w]] then ... (before: if not InComponent[w]...)
        if (get(comp, get(root, w)) == (std::numeric_limits<comp_type>::max)())
            put(root, v, this->min_discover_time(get(root, v), get(root, w)));
    }
    if (get(root, v) == v) {
        //Check if s is not empty, to use .top()
        if (!s.empty()){
            //Removes if TOP(stack)>= v
            if (s.top() != -1 && get(discover_time, s.top()) >= get(discover_time, v)){
                do{
                    w = s.top(); s.pop();
                    // Update inStack
                    inStack[get(discover_time, w)] = false;
                    put(comp, w, c);
                    if (s.empty())
                        break;
                } while (s.top() != -1 && get(discover_time, s.top()) >= get(discover_time, v));
            } else {
                //roots of trivial components are not stored on the stack
                //ComponentMap is updated
                put(comp, v, c);
            }
        }
        ++c;
    } else if (!inStack[get(discover_time, get(root, v))]) {
        //Stores on stack the final candidate root nodes
        s.push(get(root, v));
        //Update inStack
        inStack[get(discover_time, v)] = true;
    }
}
```

File: strcomp2.hpp
Lines: 63-102



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

- As reported on Pearce's paper, a non-recursive implementation of this algorithm is required to obtain the reduced memory requirements in practice.
- So, we implement Algorithm 4 PEA_FIND_SCC3.



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

- We implemented it based on Pearce's Java imperative implementation from the following link (Reference [6] of the paper):
<https://github.com/DavePearce/StronglyConnectedComponents/>



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

```
Graph g;  
std::stack<Vertex> vS, S; // vS implements DFS stack  
                        // S implements Backtracking stack  
std::stack<int> iS;      // iS is the imperative version of recursive's call stack  
std::vector<int> rindex;  
std::vector<bool> root;  
int index, c;
```

File: pearce1.hpp

Lines: 136-142

Two stacks (vS, S) are needed to implement DFS stack and BackTracking Stack.

Note: The memory usage of them is still vw (worst case) since a node cannot exist in both stacks in parallel.



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

```
int scc () {  
    //Initialization  
    index=1;  
    c= num_vertices(g)-1;  
    std::pair<vertex_iter, vertex_iter> vp;  
    //Loop over vertices  
    for (vp = vertices(g); vp.first != vp.second; ++vp.first){  
        if (rindex[*vp.first] == 0) {  
            visit(*vp.first);  
        }  
    }  
    // Number of SCC  
    return num_vertices(g)-c-1;  
}
```

File: pearce1.hpp

Lines: 26-39



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

```
void visitLoop(){
    Vertex v=vS.top();
    int i=iS.top();
    out_edge_iter ai, ai_end;
    // help is used to store out edges of v
    // Based on Pearce's Java implementation
    std::vector<out_edge_iter> help;
    for (tie(ai, ai_end) = out_edges(v, g); ai != ai_end; ++ai) {
        help.push_back(ai);
    }
    while (i <= out_degree(v,g)){
        if ( i>0 ){
            finishEdge(v, i-1);
        }
        if ( i< out_degree(v,g) && beginEdge(v,i)){
            return;
        }
        i=i+1;
    }
    finishVisiting(v);
}

void visit (Vertex v){
    beginVisiting(v);
    while (!vS.empty()){
        visitLoop();
    }
}
```

File: pearce1.hpp

Lines: 107-134



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

```
void finishVisiting(Vertex v){
    //Pop from "DFS" Stack
    vS.pop();
    iS.pop();
    if (root[v]){
        index=index-1;
        while (!S.empty() && (rindex[v] <= rindex [S.top()])){
            //Removes evrything from backtracking stack, same component as v
            Vertex w=S.top();
            S.pop();
            rindex[w]=c;
            index=index-1;
        }
        rindex[v]=c;
        //v's component members found and marked
        c=c-1;
    }else{
        //v is not a root, store it on backtracking stack
        S.push(v);
    }
}

void beginVisiting(Vertex v){
    //Store on stack
    vS.push(v);
    iS.push(0);
    root[v]=true;
    rindex[v]=index;
    index=index+1;
}
```

File: pearce1.hpp

Lines: 75-104



Pearce's Algorithm Implementation

```
void finishEdge(Vertex v, int k){
    //Create help, to find the k-th out-edge of v
    out_edge_iter ai, ai_end;
    std::vector<out_edge_iter> help;
    for (tie(ai, ai_end) = out_edges(v, g); ai != ai_end; ++ai) {
        help.push_back(ai);
    }
    Vertex w= target (*help[k],g) ;
    if (rindex[w]< rindex[v]){
        rindex[v]=rindex[w];
        root[v]=false;
    }
}

bool beginEdge(Vertex v, int k){
    //Create help, to find the k-th out-edge of v
    out_edge_iter ai, ai_end;
    std::vector<out_edge_iter> help;
    for (tie(ai, ai_end) = out_edges(v, g); ai != ai_end; ++ai) {
        help.push_back(ai);
    }
    Vertex w= target (*help[k],g) ;
    if (rindex[w]==0){
        iS.pop();
        iS.push(k+1);
        beginVisiting(w);
        return true;
    }else{
        return false;
    }
}
```

File: pearce1.hpp

Lines: 43-73



Testing the algorithms: Runtime results

Runtimes:

	<i>Tarjan</i>	<i>Nuutila 1</i>	<i>Nuutila 2</i>	<i>Pearce</i>
n \approx 1000 e \approx 1000 (g1000_1000.txt) (sparse graph)	Result: 683 Runtime: Real: 0m0.016s User: 0m0.014s Sys: 0m0.002s	Result: 683 Runtime: Real: 0m0.011s User: 0m0.008s Sys: 0m0.004s	Result: 683 Runtime: Real: 0m0.009s User: 0m0.005s Sys: 0m0.004s	Result: 683 Runtime: Real: 0m0.017s User: 0m0.017s Sys: 0m0.001s
n \approx 1000 e \approx 500 (ag1k_100k.txt) (sparse graph)	Result: 8 Runtime: Real: 0m0.019s User: 0m0.015s Sys: 0m0.004s	Result: 8 Runtime: Real: 0m0.019s User: 0m0.012s Sys: 0m0.007s	Result: 8 Runtime: Real: 0m0.016s User: 0m0.016s Sys: 0m0.000s	Result: 8 Runtime: Real: 0m0.035s User: 0m0.032s Sys: 0m0.003s
n \approx 1000 e \approx 100000 (ag1k_100k.txt) (dense graph)	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m0.156s User: 0m0.157s Sys: 0m0.000s	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m0.157s User: 0m0.153s Sys: 0m0.004s	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m0.157s User: 0m0.148s Sys: 0m0.008s	Result: 8 Runtime: Real: 0m1.805s User: 0m1.797s Sys: 0m0.008s



Testing the algorithms: Runtime results

Runtimes:

	<i>Tarjan</i>	Nuutila 1	Nuutila 2	Pearce
n \approx 1000 e \approx 10500 (g10k_100k.txt) (sparse graph)	Result: 9973 Runtime: Real: 0m0.046s User: 0m0.047s Sys: 0m0.000s	Result: 9973 Runtime: Real: 0m0.043s User: 0m0.043s Sys: 0m0.000s	Result: 9973 Runtime: Real: 0m0.044s User: 0m0.036s Sys: 0m0.006s	Result: 9973 Runtime: Real: 0m0.078s User: 0m0.074s Sys: 0m0.004s
n \approx 10000 e \approx 1050000 (g10k_10500k.txt) (dense graph)	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m1.597s User: 0m1.561s Sys: 0m0.036s	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m1.585s User: 0m1.564s Sys: 0m0.020s	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m1.624s User: 0m1.583s Sys: 0m0.040s	Result: 1 Runtime: Real: 0m19.72s User: 0m19.64s Sys: 0m0.080s
n \approx 100000 e \approx 100000 (g100k_100k.txt) (sparse graph)	Result: 99977 Runtime: Real: 0m0.382s User: 0m0.377s Sys: 0m0.004s	Result: 99977 Runtime: Real: 0m0.371s User: 0m0.359s Sys: 0m0.013s	Result: 99977 Runtime: Real: 0m0.413s User: 0m0.402s Sys: 0m0.012s	Result: 99977 Runtime: Real: 0m0.748s User: 0m0.739s Sys: 0m0.008s



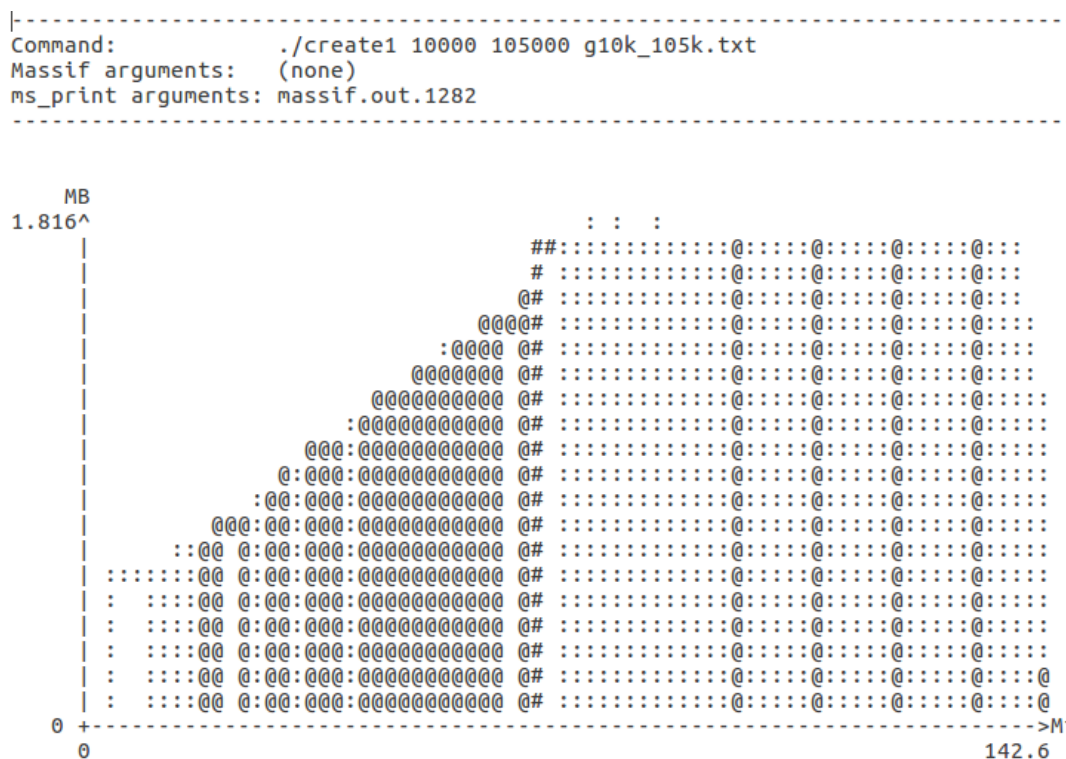
Comments on the runtimes:

- Pearce's runtimes are always worse (as expected).
- Between Tarjan and Nuutila Algorithms' runtimes, **in dense graphs**, we do not expect much differences. This happens since in that case the second travelsal cannot be optimised (with the described by the algorithm improvements).
- Between Tarjan and Nuutila Algorithms' runtimes, **in sparse graphs**, we expected Nuutila to achieve better runtimes than Tarjan. This does not happen (possible reason: implementation issues, not worst case graph).



Testing the algorithms: Memory Usage

We measure the actual memory footprint using Valgrind.





Testing the algorithms: Memory Usage

Memory Usage:

	<i>Tarjan</i>	Nuutila 1	Nuutila 2	Pearce
$n \approx 1000$ $e \approx 1000$	316 KB	315 KB	317 KB	504KB
$n \approx 10000$ $e \approx 100000$	1.81 MB	1.81 MB	1.82 MB	3.66MB
$n \approx 100000$ $e \approx 100000$	7.32 MB	7.32 MB	7.33 MB	17.10MB
$n \approx 10000000$ $e \approx 10000000$	1.65 GB	-	-	3.43MB



Comments on the usage of memory:

- Between Tarjan's and Nuutila's Algorithms there is not observed much difference in memory usage. We expected this results since in our implementations we didn't focused on decreasing the memory usage in Nuutila's Algorithms.
- Pearce's Algorithm was expected to use less memory tan the other algorithms (since less vectors are used). This does not happen (possible reason: implementation issues, not worst case graph, usage of extra memory –help[.] for finding neighbours in Pearce's non-recursive version).
- We observed that Pearce's memory usage in increased with lower pace than Tarjan.