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0.1 Strongly connected components

Since our methods require the input graph to be strongly connected, we review here briefly how to algorithmically validate that the input graph exhibits the requirement. A strongly connected component is any (maximal) subset of vertices C , such that any node $u \in C$ is reachable from any other node of C . A directed graph $G = (V, A)$ is called *strongly connected* if and only if V is a strongly connected component.

We say that u and v are *mutually reachable* whenever they are reachable from each other. Let $u \stackrel{r}{\sim} v$ denote the aforementioned reachability relation. Now, it is easy to see that

(Reflexivity) $u \stackrel{r}{\sim} u$, for all $u \in V(G)$.

(Symmetry) if $u \stackrel{r}{\sim} v$, then $v \stackrel{r}{\sim} u$.

(Transitivity) If $u \stackrel{r}{\sim} v$ and $v \stackrel{r}{\sim} v'$, then $u \stackrel{r}{\sim} v'$.

The above three properties imply that $\stackrel{r}{\sim}$ is an equivalence relation, and as such, implies that the graph has a unique partition into strongly connected components. Note that any node is contained within exactly one strongly connected component.

Algorithms for finding all strongly connected components of a graph in linear time ($\mathcal{O}(V + E)$) are known. We review three of them below.

0.1.1 Kosaraju's algorithm

Definition 0.1. Given a directed graph $G = (V, A)$, the *transpose* of G is the graph $G^T = (V, A^T)$, where $A^T = \{(v, u) : (u, v) \in A\}$.

Theorem 0.2. Any directed graph $G = (V, A)$ has exactly the same strongly connected components as its transpose $G^T = (V, A^T)$.

Proof. Let $u, v \in V$ be two distinct nodes of the graph. We need to show that u and v are mutually reachable in G if and only if they are mutually reachable in the transpose graph G^T . Suppose u and v are mutually reachable in G . Now, there are two distinct paths: π_{uv} is an $u - v$ path, and π_{vu} is a $v - u$ path. Taking the transpose of the graph (changing the direction of each arc), π_{uv} becomes a $v - u$ path, and π_{vu} becomes a $u - v$ path. Hence, the two nodes u and v are mutually reachable also in the transpose graph.

Suppose now that u and v are not mutually reachable. This implies that there may exist a $u - v$ path π_{uv} , or a $v - u$ path π_{vu} , but not both. Assume that only π_{uv} exists. Now, in the transpose graph, there is a $v - u$ path, yet no $u - v$ path, and so u and v are not mutually reachable in the transpose. The case of π_{vu} is symmetrical.

Since we assumed the nodes u and v to be arbitrary, the result follows. \square

Kosaraju's algorithm sacrifices two depth-first search traversals over the input graph: the first one in forward direction and the second one in backward direction (from a node to its parents). As such, it relies on the fact that any directed graph G has exactly the same strongly connected components than its transpose G^T , and uses that observation for detecting strongly connected components.

Algorithm 1: KOSARAJUVISIT(G, S, L, v)

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1 if  $v \notin S$  then
2    $S \leftarrow S \cup \{v\}$ 
3   foreach  $(v, w) \in G(A)$  do
4      $\lfloor$  KOSARAJUVISIT( $G, S, L, w$ )
5    $L \leftarrow \langle v \rangle \circ L$ 

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Algorithm 2: KOSARAJUASSIGN(G, μ, u, r)

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1 if  $u$  is not mapped in  $\mu$  then
2    $\mu(u) \leftarrow r$ 
   For all parents of  $u$ 
3   foreach  $(v, u) \in G(A)$  do
4      $\lfloor$  KOSARAJUASSIGN( $G, \mu, v, r$ )

```

Algorithm 3: KOSARAJUSCC(G)

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1  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2  $L \leftarrow \langle \rangle$ 
3  $\mu \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4 foreach  $v \in V(G)$  do
5    $\lfloor$  KOSARAJUVISIT( $G, S, L, v$ )
   Iterate the list  $L$  in its natural order
6 foreach  $v \in L$  do
7    $\lfloor$  KOSARAJUASSIGN( $G, \mu, v, v$ )
8  $f = \emptyset$ 
9 foreach  $(v, i) \in \mu$  do
10  if  $i$  is not mapped in  $f$  then
11     $\lfloor$   $f(i) \leftarrow \{v\}$ 
12  else
13     $\lfloor$   $f(i) \leftarrow f(i) \cup \{v\}$ 
14 foreach  $(i \mapsto C) \in f$  do
15   $\lfloor$  output  $C$ 

```

0.1.2 Tarjan's algorithm

Tarjan's algorithm ([2]) for strongly connected components achieves better running times than Kosaraju's algorithm despite the fact that the former was discovered prior to the latter. It does so by doing only one depth-first traversal over the graph, unlike the Kosaraju's algorithm that requires two.

Algorithm 4: TARJANSTRONGCONNECT(G, u, i, l, j, S)

```
1  $i(u) \leftarrow j$ 
2  $l(u) \leftarrow j$ 
3  $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
4 PUSH( $S, u$ )
5 foreach  $(u, v) \in G(A)$  do
6   if  $v$  is not mapped in  $i$  then
7     TARJANSTRONGCONNECT( $G, v, i, l, j, S$ )
8      $l(u) \leftarrow \min(l(u), l(v))$ 
9   else if  $v \in S$  then
10     $l(u) \leftarrow \min(l(u), i(v))$ 
11 if  $l(u) = i(u)$  then
12    $C = \emptyset$ 
13   repeat
14      $w = \text{POP}(S)$ 
15      $C \leftarrow C \cup \{w\}$ 
16   until  $w \neq u$ ;
17   output  $C$ 
```

Algorithm 5: TARJANSCC(G)

```
1  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2  $i \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
3  $l \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4  $j \leftarrow 0$ 
5 foreach  $u \in G(V)$  do
6   if  $u$  is not mapped in  $i$  then
7     TARJANSTRONGCONNECT( $G, u, i, l, j, S$ )
```

0.1.3 Path-based algorithm

What comes to path-based strongly connected component algorithms, there are several versions of the algorithm, with some of them running in superlinear

time. The following algorithm is due to Gabow ([1]) and runs in linear time:

Algorithm 6: GABOWVISIT(G, u, c, π, S, P, A)

```

1  $\pi(u) \leftarrow c$ 
2  $c \leftarrow c + 1$ 
3  $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$ 
4  $P \leftarrow P \cup \{u\}$ 
5 foreach  $(u, v) \in G(A)$  do
6   if  $v$  is not mapped in  $\pi$  then
7      $\text{GABOWVISIT}(G, v, c, \pi, S, P, A)$ 
8   else if  $v \notin A$  then
9     while  $\pi(\text{TOP}(P)) > \pi(v)$  do
10     $\text{POP}(P)$ 
11 if  $u = \text{TOP}(P)$  then
12    $\text{POP}(P)$ 
13    $C \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
14   repeat
15      $w \leftarrow \text{POP}(S)$ 
16      $A \leftarrow A \cup \{w\}$ 
17      $C \leftarrow C \cup \{c\}$ 
18   until  $\text{TOP}(S) \neq u$ ;
19   output  $C$ 

```

Algorithm 7: GABOWSCC(G)

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1  $S \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2  $P \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
3  $A \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
4  $\pi \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
5  $c \leftarrow 0$ 
6 foreach  $u \in V(G)$  do
7   if  $u$  is not mapped in  $\pi$  then
8      $\text{GABOWVISIT}(G, u, c, \pi, S, P, A)$ 

```

0.1.4 Comparing the algorithms

We implemented the three algorithms on a 2.5 GHz computer using Java programming language. We included a warm-up for the Java Virtual Machine so that it had a chance for optimizing the machine code prior to the performance benchmarks. It became evident that Tarjan's and Gabow's path based algorithms are comparable to each other, both outperforming Kosarajus's algorithm, with path-based algorithm being slightly more efficient than the algorithm of Tarjan (see Figure 1).

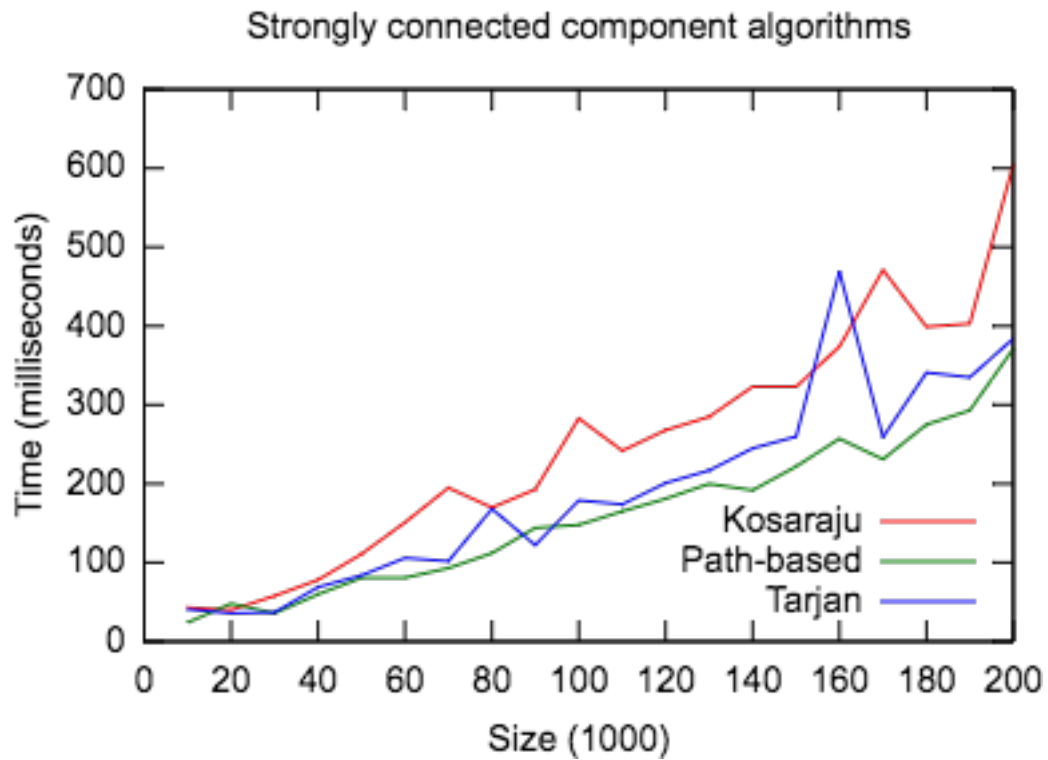


Figure 1: Running times of the strongly connected component algorithms

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