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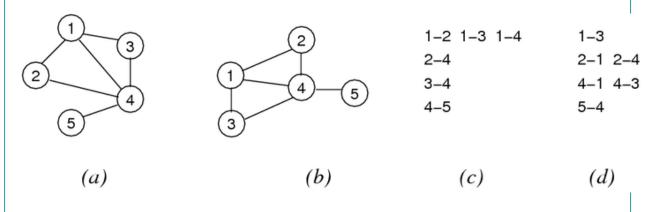
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Graph Representations

Describing graphs:

- could describe via a diagram showing edges and vertices
- could describe by giving a list of edges
- assume we identify vertices by distinct integers

E.g. four representations of the same graph:



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We discuss three different graph data structures:

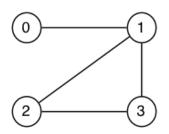
- 1. Array of edges
 - o explicit representation of edges as (v,w) pairs
- 2. Adjacency matrix
 - edges defined by presence value in VxV matrix
- 3. Adjacency list
 - edges defined by entries in array of V lists

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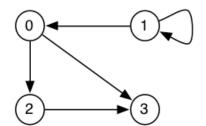
Array-of-edges Representation

Edges are represented as an array of **Edge** values (= pairs of vertices)

- space efficient representation
- adding and deleting edges is slightly complex
- undirected: order of vertices in an **Edge** doesn't matter
- directed: order of vertices in an **Edge** encodes direction



[(0,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,3)]



[(1,0), (1,1), (0.2), (0,3), (2,3)]

For simplicity, we always assume vertices to be numbered **0..V-1**

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❖ ... Array-of-edges Representation

Graph initialisation

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... Array-of-edges Representation

Edge insertion

We "normalise" edges so that e.g (v < w) in all (v,w)

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Edge removal

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... Array-of-edges Representation

Print a list of edges

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Array-of-edges Cost Analysis

Storage cost: O(E)

Cost of operations:

• initialisation: *O(1)*

• insert edge: O(E) (need to check for edge in array)

• delete edge: O(E) (need to find edge in edge array)

If array is full on insert

allocate space for a bigger array, copy edges across ⇒ still
O(E)

If we maintain edges in order

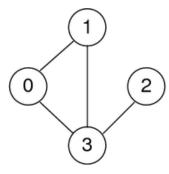
use binary search to find edge ⇒ O(log E)

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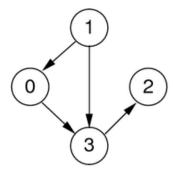
Adjacency Matrix Representation

Edges represented by a $V \times V$ matrix



Undirected graph

A	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	1
3	1	1	1	0



Directed graph

\boldsymbol{A}	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0

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... Adjacency Matrix Representation

Advantages

- easily implemented as 2-dimensional array
- can represent graphs, digraphs and weighted graphs
 - graphs: symmetric boolean matrix
 - digraphs: non-symmetric boolean matrix
 - weighted: non-symmetric matrix of weight values

Disadvantages:

• if few edges (sparse) \Rightarrow memory-inefficient ($O(V^2)$ space)

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... Adjacency Matrix Representation

Graph initialisation

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... Adjacency Matrix Representation

Edge insertion

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insertEdge(g,(v,w)):
Input graph g, edge (v,w)
Output graph g containing (v,w)
if g.edges[v][w] = 0 then // (v,w) not in graph
    g.edges[v][w]=1 // set to true
    g.edges[w][v]=1
    g.nE=g.nE+1
end if
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... Adjacency Matrix Representation

Edge removal

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removeEdge(g,(v,w)):
Input graph g, edge (v,w)
Output graph g without (v,w)
if g.edges[v][w] ≠ 0 then // (v,w) in graph
    g.edges[v][w]=0 // set to false
    g.edges[w][v]=0
    g.nE=g.nE-1
end if
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... Adjacency Matrix Representation

Print a list of edges

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Adjacency Matrix Cost Analysis

Storage cost: $O(V^2)$

If the graph is sparse, most storage is wasted.

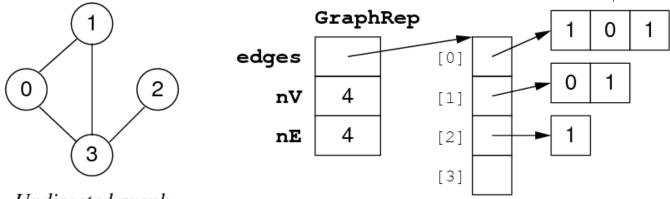
Cost of operations:

- initialisation: $O(V^2)$ (initialise $V \times V$ matrix)
- insert edge: O(1) (set two cells in matrix)
- delete edge: O(1) (unset two cells in matrix)

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... Adjacency Matrix Cost Analysis

A storage optimisation: store only top-right part of matrix.



Undirected graph

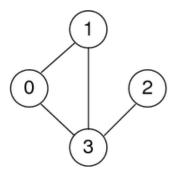
New storage cost: V-1 int ptrs + V(V+1)/2 ints (but still $O(V^2)$)

Requires us to always use edges (v,w) such that v < w.

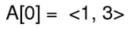
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Adjacency List Representation

For each vertex, store linked list of adjacent vertices:



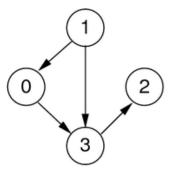
Undirected graph



$$A[1] = <0, 3>$$

$$A[2] = <3>$$

$$A[3] = <0, 1, 2>$$



Directed graph

$$A[0] = <3>$$

$$A[1] = <0, 3>$$

$$A[2] = <>$$

$$A[3] = <2>$$

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... Adjacency List Representation

Advantages

- relatively easy to implement in languages like C
- can represent graphs and digraphs
- memory efficient if *E:V* relatively small

Disadvantages:

• one graph has many possible representations (unless lists are ordered by same criterion e.g. ascending)

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... Adjacency List Representation

Graph initialisation

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... Adjacency List Representation

Edge insertion:

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Edge removal:

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... Adjacency List Representation

Print a list of edges

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Adjacency List Cost Analysis

Storage cost: O(V+E)

Cost of operations:

• initialisation: *O(V)* (initialise *V* lists)

• insert edge: *O(E)* (need to check if vertex in list)

• delete edge: O(E) (need to find vertex in list)

Could sort vertex lists, but no benefit (although no extra cost)

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Comparison of Graph Representations

Summary of operations above:

	array of edges	adjacency matrix	adjacency list
space usage	E	V^2	V+E
initialise	1	V^2	V
insert edge	E	1	Ε
remove edge	E	1	Ε

Other operations:

	array of edges	I -	adjacency list
disconnected(v)?	E	V	1
isPath(x,y)?	E·log V	V^2	V+E
copy graph	Ε	V^2	V+E
destroy graph	1	V	V+E

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