

Exercises:

- s-t path:
- $\forall v \in V$ add a field $L_v[v].parent$
 - modify $DFS(G, v)$ s.t. when a DISC. EDGE (v, w) is labeled then $L_v[w].parent = v$
 - Run $DFS(G, s)$. Check if t has been visited
→ NO: then return "No path"
→ YES: starting from t , follow the "parent" label so as to build a path from t to s

- cycle:
- $\forall v \in V$ add a field $L_v[v].parent$
 $\forall e \in E$ " $L_e[e].ancestor$
 - (v, w) is a DISC. EDGE then $L_v[w].parent = v$
 (v, w) is a BACK EDGE then $L_e[e].ancestor = w$
 → w is an ancestor of v in the DFS tree
 - Run DFS on each conn. component
 - Check all the edges. As soon as an edge $e = (v, w)$ is found as BACK EDGE and $L_e[e].ancestor = w$ then return a cycle adding to e all the edges found in the path from v to w . If no BACK EDGES then return "No cycle"

Complexity: $\Theta(n + m)$

More applications of DFS:

Connected components / connectivity

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labeling all the vertices of G
s.t. 2 vertices have the same
label \Leftrightarrow they are in the same
conn. component

$L_v[v].ID \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if not visited} \\ 1 & \text{if visited} \end{cases}$

↓
return whether the
graph is connected
or not

for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do
 $L_v[v].ID = 0$
 $k = 0$
 for $v \leftarrow 1$ to n do
 if $L_v[v].ID = 0$ then
 $k \leftarrow k + 1$
 DFS(G, v, k)
 if $k = 1$ then return YES
 return NO

Connectivity

Conn. Comp.

→ modify DFS(G, v):

~~$L_v[v].ID \leftarrow 1$~~
 $L_v[v].ID \leftarrow k$

Complexity: $\Theta(n + m)$

Summarizing:

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ the following problems can be solved in $\Theta(n+m)$ using the DFS

- test if G is connected
- find the connected components of G
- find a spanning tree of G (if G is connected)
- find a path between two vertices (if any)
- find a cycle (if any)

Breadth-First Search (BFS)

An iterative algorithm that starting from a source vertex s "visits" all the vertices in the same connected component of s , and partitioning the vertices in levels L_i depending on their distance i from s .

We'll use adjacency list to represent G

$L_V[v].ID < \begin{cases} 0 & \text{not visited} \\ 1 & \text{visited} \end{cases}$

$L_E[e].label < \begin{cases} \text{null} & \text{if } e \text{ has no label} \\ \text{DISCOVERY EDGE} \\ \text{CROSS EDGE} \end{cases}$

BFS (G, s)

visit s

$L_v[s].ID = 1$

create a set L_0 containing s

$i \leftarrow 0$

While ($\neg L_i.isEmpty()$) do

create a set of vertices L_{i+1} , empty

for all $v \in L_i$ do

for all $e \in G.incidentEdges(v)$ do

if $L_e[e].label = null$ then

$w \leftarrow G.opposite(v, e)$

if $L_v[w].ID = 0$ then

$L_e[e].label \leftarrow DISCOVERY\ EDGE$

visit w

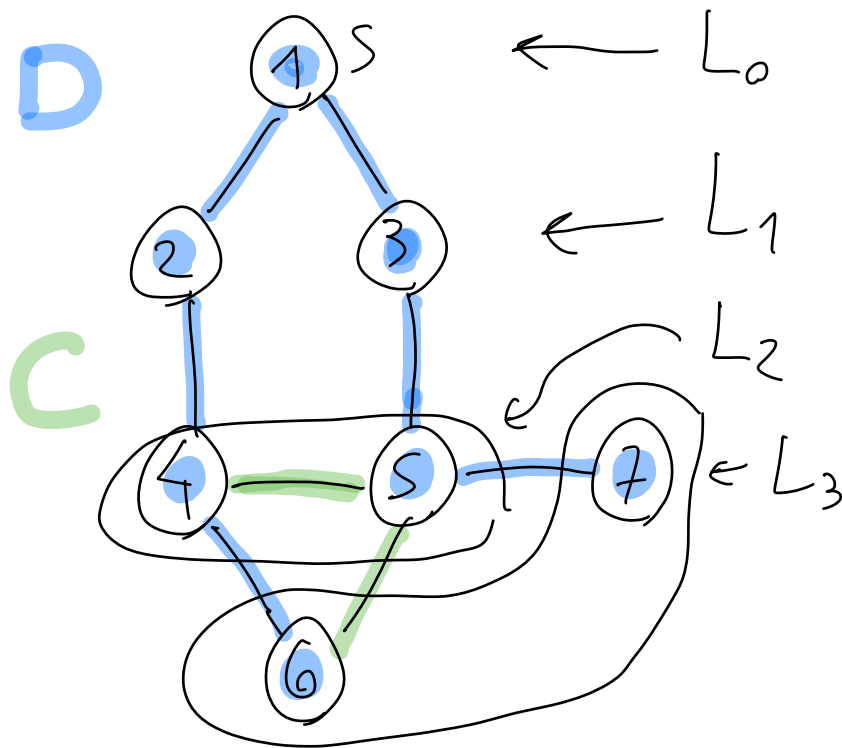
$L_v[w].ID \leftarrow 1$

add w in L_{i+1}

else $L_e[e].label \leftarrow CROSS\ EDGE$

$i = i + 1$

Example :



Correctness:

At the end of $\text{BFS}(G, s)$ we have:

- 1 all vertices in C_s are visited & all the edges are labeled DISC./CROSS EDGE
- 2 the set of DISC. EDGES are a spanning tree T of $C_s \rightarrow$ BFS tree
- 3 $\forall v \in L_i$ the path in T from s to v has i edges and every other path from s to v has $\geq i$ edges

proof of 3) :

$P: S = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_i = V$ where
 $v_j \in L_j$ is "discovered" from $v_{j-1} \quad \forall j \Rightarrow$
 (v_{j-1}, v_j) is a DISC. EDGE

By contradiction, assume \exists a path

$P': S = \underline{z_0 \rightarrow z_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow z_t = V}$ with $t < i$

$S = z_0 \in L_0$

$z_1 \in L_1$

$z_2 \in L_2 \text{ or } L_1$

\vdots

$z_t \in L_1 \text{ or } L_2 \text{ or } \dots L_t$

✓
 $z_t = V \rightarrow V \notin L_i : \text{contradiction}$

Complexity:

$\forall v \in C_S$ 1 iteration of the 1st for all and
 $d(v)$ iterations of the 2nd for all

$\Rightarrow \Theta(m_S) \rightarrow \Theta(m)$ if G is connected

Applications: same as for DFS, in $\Theta(n+m)$ time

Given $G=(V,E)$, $s,t \in V$, return (if any) a shortest path from s to t

- $\forall v \in V$ $L_v[v].\text{parent}$
- modify BFS (G,s) s.t. when (v,v) is labeled DISC. EDGE then $L_v[v].\text{parent} = v$
- Run BFS return the set of child-parent edges

$\Theta(m_s)$

Minimum Spanning Trees

Application: a set of objects that I want to interconnect in the cheapest possible way

example: computers — cable

a golden problem, studied since '20

Def.:

Input: a graph $G = (V, E)$ undirected, connected, and weighted

$$\hookrightarrow w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

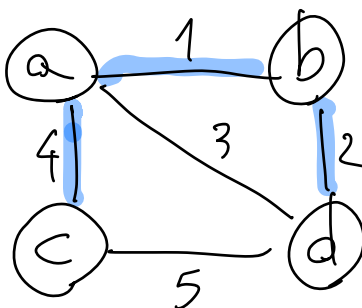
$$w(u, v) = \text{cost of edge } (u, v)$$

Output: a spanning tree $T \subseteq E$ of G s.t.

$$w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u, v) \text{ is minimized}$$

~~minimum-weight~~ spanning tree

example:



$$\text{MST}(G) = ?$$