

ICCS208: Assignment 8
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1: Breadth-First Search Running Time

I will annotate this BFS code to determine its runtime:

```
// total for nbrsExcluding – see below
Set<Integer> nbrsExcluding(UndirectedGraph<Integer> G, Set<Integer>
    vtxes, Set<Integer> excl) {
    Set<Integer> union = new TreeSet<>(); // not HashMap
    for (Integer src : vtxes) { // V
        for (Integer dst : G.adj(src)) // d (average degree of a
            vertex)
            if (!excl.contains(dst)) { union.add(dst); } // O(logS)
            and O(logE) for exclusion set
        }
    }
    return union;
}

Set<Integer> bfs(UndirectedGraph<Integer> G, int s) {
    // let V -> visited
    // let F -> frontier
    Set<Integer> frontier = new TreeSet<>(Arrays.asList(s)); //
        O(logF)
    Set<Integer> visited = new TreeSet<>(Arrays.asList(s)); //
        O(logV)
    while (!frontier.isEmpty()) {
        frontier = nbrsExcluding(G, frontier, visited); //
            O(F*d*logV)
        visited.addAll(frontier); // the i-th position is what's
            reached at i hops — O(FlogV)
    }
    return visited; // O(1)
}
```

Here are some additional notes for context (based on my own understanding of things):

1. I'd assume that the size of the graph G should be the same as the number of vertices. Thus, if the adjacency table stores non-duplicate edges meaning that say, the list of adjacent vertexes to vertex A is vertex B, but vertex A is not in the list of adjacent vertexes for vertex B.
2. If all vertices in the tree are connected, then $m \geq n$ in theory.
3. We use the textbook presumption that n = number of vertices and m = number of edges

For *nbrsExcluding*, here are some considerations for the total runtime:

- V is the size of the set $vtxes$
- d is the average size of the degree of each vertex
- *contains* and *add* both take logarithmic time, but I'd want to assume that *excl* would be larger than *union* so the dominant time is $O(\log E)$

Therefore, the total runtime for *nbrsExcluding* should be $O(V \cdot d \cdot \log E)$

As for *bfs*:

- Initializing the sets would in theory take logarithmic time, where since s is only one element, we won't need to do any additional multiplication
- One iteration of the while loop takes $O(Fd \log V + F \log V)$ which is $O(d + 1 \cdot F \log V)$
- In BFS, every edge is considered only once, so d would in theory approach m .
- Likewise, we must go through every vertex, so V should be of size n by the end.
- Each vertex enters F once. This means that F sums up to n in the end.

Consider the sum of iterations:

$$\sum d + 1 \cdot F \cdot \log V \quad (1)$$

In theory, the most dominant variant of this would be in the very end of the while-loop, where as said in the previous two bullet points, we'd have the worst case sizes of d , V , and thus F . I do this since the rest of the iteration is irrelevant when it comes to finding the dominant term that ends up being the runtime.

$$(nm + n) \cdot \log n \quad (2)$$

$$= (m + n) \cdot \log n \quad (3)$$

Thus, we can conclude that the runtime of this TreeMap / TreeSet based BFS is $O((m+n) \cdot \log n)$ which is slower than the textbooks' HashSet implementation of BFS but it does make sense since TreeSet operations take $O(\log n)$ per operation as opposed to HashSets that, on average, take $O(1)$ per operation.

2: Random Permutations

Consider the following code:

```
int minSoFar = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
int numUpdate = 0;
for (int i=1; i<=n; i++) {
    if (p(i) < minSoFar) {
        minSoFar = p(i);
        numUpdate++;
    }
}
```

Given that $p : [n] \rightarrow [n]$, one thing to note is that the probability of $p(i)$ being the new minimum depends on all $p(i-1) \dots p(2), p(1)$ before it. If p is truly random, then every permutation has an equal chance of being achieved. Because of this, we'd want to assume that the chances of us getting a new minimum each iteration would be $\frac{1}{i}$

We can give an iterator random variable R_i to *numUpdate* such that:

$$R_i \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & p(i) \text{ is less than minSoFar} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Therefore, per the expected value formula,

$$E[\text{numUpdate}] = \sum_{i=1}^n R_i \cdot P(i) \quad (5)$$

Since numUpdate only updates if we find a new minimum (since if we don't find the minimum, $R_i = 0$), and knowing that the chances of finding said new minimum is $\frac{1}{i}$, we actually find that the formula ends up looking like:

$$E[\text{numUpdate}] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \quad (6)$$

This looks a lot like the Harmonic series. Thus, finding the lower and upper bounds of this would look something like (using $x = i$ for simplicity), and also taking stuff from Wikipedia's page on the harmonic series:

$$\text{Lower bound} \quad (7)$$

$$\int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (8)$$

$$= [\ln(n+1) - \ln(1)] \quad (9)$$

$$= \ln(n+1) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Upper bound} \quad (11)$$

$$1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx \quad (12)$$

$$= 1 + [\ln(n) - \ln(1)] = 1 + \ln(n) \quad (13)$$

Therefore,

$$\ln(n+1) \leq E[\text{numUpdate}] \leq 1 + \ln(n) \quad (14)$$

3: HackerRank Problems

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