Final Project Write-Up

This Rust application implements the Six Degrees of Separation concept through detailed graph data analysis, leveraging graph traversal and statistical evaluation of graph characteristics. It utilizes the Breadth-First Search (BFS) and statistical methods including calculations of degree distribution, mean, variance, standard deviation, mode, and graph density.

The dataset, known as euroroad, can be found at: <u>Euroroad Network</u>. This dataset represents the international E-road network, primarily in Europe, consisting of undirected edges where nodes symbolize cities, and edges indicate direct E-road connections between them.

Key Features:

- 1. Graph Parsing: Efficient parsing of a provided CSV file to construct the graph in an adjacency list format.
- 2. Breadth-First Search (BFS): Implementation of BFS to navigate the graph and ascertain the shortest route between any two nodes (starting and target nodes).
- 3. Statistical Analysis: Capability to compute basic statistical measures such as degree distribution, mean, variance, standard deviation, mode, number of connected components, and the graph's density.
- 4. Modular Design: The software architecture is divided into three main modules:
 - a. bfs.rs: Contains the BFS algorithm for shortest path determination.
 - b. parser.rs: Handles reading and converting the CSV file into a usable graph format.
 - c. statistics.rs: Facilitates statistical analysis of the graph.
- 5. Testing: Includes two testing modules:
 - a. test.rs: Verifies the functionality of the statistical analysis.
 - b. graph_test.rs: Ensures that the graph construction functionality operates correctly.

Running the Program:

- 1. Prerequisites: Ensure that Rust and Cargo are installed on your system.
- 2. Compilation: From the project's root directory, compile the software using the command: cargo build --release
- 3. Execution: Run the program with the command: cargo run
- 4. Testing: Execute tests with: cargo test

Input Format:

The application requires a CSV file as input, with each line containing two values that represent an edge in the graph, such as:

node1, node2 node3, node4 node5, node6

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Program Output:

- 1. The application outputs various information:
- 2. BFS Output: Displays the shortest path between two specified nodes, or indicates the absence of a path.
- 3. Statistical Output: Includes degree distribution, mean, standard deviation, variance, mode, graph density, and the count of connected components.
- 4. Example Outputs:
- 5. Degree Distribution: Details such as {"1076": 1, "1115": 1, "1118": 4, ...}
- 6. Distance between nodes 316 and 330: 9
- 7. Mean degree: 2.41396933560477
- 8. Variance: 1.4129564760613882
- 9. Standard Deviation: 1.1886784578099276
- 10. Mode: [2]
- 11. Number of Connected Components: 26
- 12. Graph Density: 0.002057944872638338