

Directed graphs

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Recall that for digraphs (a.k.a. directed graphs) each edge is oriented from a tail node to a head node. An edge from node `0` to node `1` in a digraph does not imply that an edge exists from `1` to `0`. In fact it is possible for none, either or **both** such edges to exist in a given digraph! We can modify our dictionary representation of graphs to represent digraphs as follows:

To represent an edge from node `0` to node `1` we place `1` in `0`'s adjacency set but, unlike our graph representation, we do not automatically place `0` in `1`'s adjacency set. The adjacency set for a given node key then records only those nodes which are "pointed to" from the key. The statement

```
if 1 in digraph[0]:
```

thus represents the question "Is there an edge from node `0` to node `1`?" Because the adjacency sets of `0` and `1` are no longer symmetric we can now populate them independently to represent only those nodes immediately reachable from a given node.

Exercise 1 - Your First Digraph

Write the Python code to represent a digraph containing the nodes $V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ where an edge exists from `n` to `n+1` (for $n = 0 \dots 4$). Also include the edge $(5,0)$. Show your code to a lab assistant for verification.

Exercise 2 - In-Degree

Write a function

```
def in_degree(digraph, node):  
    """  
    Computes the in-degree of the given node.  
  
    Arguments:  
    digraph -- a dictionary representation of a digraph.  
    node     -- the given to node.  
  
    Returns:  
    The in-degree of node.  
    """  
    ...
```

to compute the in-degree for a node in a given digraph.

Assert your function produces the following output:

```
>>> digraph = { 1 : set([2]),  
                2 : set([3,4]),
```

```
        3 : set([]),  
        4 : set([3,2]),  
        5 : set() }  
>>> in_degree(digraph, 3)  
2
```

```
>> in_degree(digraph, 4)  
1
```

```
>> in_degree(digraph, 1)  
0
```