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Brief Description

- In this assignment, a Graph (directed or undirected) abstract data structure (ADT) is implemented.
- A depth-first search (DFS) algorithm is run on the given graph and a shortest path is returned from a given index (zero for this lab) to itself.
- The graphs are either inputted from a file or from stdin stream.
- Arguments: -h (prints the help message),
 -v (enables verbose printing),
 -u (to use undirected graphs),
 -i (input file),
 -o (output file).

Descriptions/Implementation

Argument Parsing

- Arguments are parsed using getopt GNU utility.
- If a valid argument is encountered, an integer is added to an abstract data type Set (a bit mask).
- For example, if -a is encountered, inside the case for -a, an integer value in an enum is added to the Set.

Pseudocode:

define flags

while (getopt returns valid)

 switch to the argument case if valid

add the flag to Set
if invalid print usage message and return

Graph

- The graph is implemented using a matrix. Each index of the matrix represents a vertex and each entry at <row, col> of the matrix has a weight.
- The weight represents how “far” a vertex <col> is from the vertex <row>.
- The graph can be either directed or undirected depending on the constructor parameters.
- Structure/Members of Graph:
 - a. Number of vertices : Total number of vertices.
 - b. Boolean for undirected graph : True if undirected. False otherwise.
 - c. Array for visited vertices : Indicates if vertex has been visited.
 - d. Matrix/Graph : Representation of the map/graph.
- Methods associated with a graph:
 - a. graph pointer graph_create(no. of vertices, boolean undirected)
 - i. Set number of vertices to vertices
 - ii. Set undirected graph boolean depending on argument -u
 - iii. Set each element of array for visited vertices to false
 - iv. Set each element of the matrix to zero
 - b. graph_delete(pointer to a graph)
 - i. Free the memory of stack (if present/possible).
 - ii. Free the memory of the path (if present/possible).
 - iii. Make the pointer pointing to path struct = null.
 - c. integer graph_vertices(pointer to a graph)
 - i. Return the element *number of vertices*

- d. `boolean graph_add_edge(pointer to a graph, row, column, weight)`
 - i. Make the matrix entry at `[row][column] = [weight]`
 - ii. If the graph is undirected, make `[column][row] = [weight]` as well.
 - iii. Mark the newly added entry or entries as unvisited.

- e. `boolean graph_has_edge(graph, row, column)`
 - i. Return true if the weight of matrix entry at `[row][col] > 0`.

- f. `integer graph_edge_weight(graph, row, column)`
 - i. Return value of matrix entry at `[row][col]`.

- g. `boolean graph_visited(graph, vertex)`
 - i. Return boolean entry of graph's visited vertices array at index *vertex*.

- h. `graph_mark_visited(graph pointer, vertex)`
 - i. Set the entry of the graph's visited vertices array at index *vertex* to true.

- i. `graph_mark_unvisited(graph pointer, vertex)`
 - i. Set the entry of the graph's visited vertices array at index *vertex* to false.

- j. `graph_print(graph_pointer)`
 - i. Loop over the matrix and print each element. Print a newline after each row.

Depth First Search (DFS)

- DFS is used to find all Hamiltonian paths from a starting vertex to itself.
- By doing so, a shortest path is found and returned.
- If the verbose option is not used only the shortest path is printed. Otherwise, all paths are printed.

- Pseudocode [CREDIT: Modified version of DFS pseudocode from the documentation uploaded to GitLab]

dfs(vertex v):

mark v as visited

if all vertices have been visited:

check is the last vertex connects to the starting vertex (Valid hamiltonian):

update shortest path if possible:

either shortest path has 0 length (does not exist) or

length of current path < length of shortest path

print current path

if it does not connect (graph does not have edge current to start):

return

else if all the vertices have been visited and the last edge does not connect to first:

return (no hamiltonian path)

else:

for all connected edges from v to w:

if w has not been visited already:

push vertex to current path

recurse from w (call dfs(vertex w))

pop vertex from the path

mark v as unvisited

Path

- The path ADT has two members: A stack of vertices and total length of the path.
- Each path (vertex) taken is added to the stack and the length of the path is updated by the weight of each vertex in the path as it is encountered.
- Structure/Members of Graph:
 - a. Stack : Stack to store new path
 - b. Length : Total length of the path so far

- Methods associated with a path:
 - a. `path path_create()`
 - i. Initialize *length* to zero.
 - ii. Create a stack of size VERTICES using `stack_create()`.
 - iii. Return pointer to newly created path.
 - b. `path_delete(path)`
 - i. Delete the stack using `stack_delete()` [if possible].
 - ii. Free the memory of the current path. [if possible]
 - iii. Set the pointer to path to null.
 - c. `boolean path_push_vertex(path, vertex, graph)`
 - i. If the stack is empty already, increase the length of path by weight from origin vertex to current vertex.
 - ii. Else increase the length by weight of the last element on the stack to the current vertex.
 - iii. Add the vertex onto the path's stack using `stack_push`.
 - iv. Return true if it can be pushed (stack not full). False otherwise.
 - d. `boolean path_pop_vertex(path, vertex, graph)`
 - i. Pop the vertex off the top of the stack.
 - ii. If the stack is empty already, decrease the length of path by weight from origin vertex to popped vertex.
 - iii. Else decrease the length by the weight from the current element on the stack to the popped vertex.
 - iv. Add the vertex onto the path's stack using `stack_push`.
 - v. Return true if it can be pushed (stack not full). False otherwise.
 - e. `integer path_vertices(path)`

- i. Return stack size of path's vertices stack.
- f. integer path_length(path)
 - i. Return *length* element of path structure.
- g. path_copy(destination path, source path)
 - i. Assign the destination path the same length as the source path.
 - ii. Copy the source's stack to destination's stack using stack_copy().
- h. path_print(path, output file, cities array)
 - i. Print the stack of the path to the output file using stack_print().
 - ii. Print the length of the path. (Optional)

Stack

- The stack ADT is implemented using a structure whose elements are: capacity, top, and
- Structure/Members of Stack:
 - a. Top : Index of next empty element
 - b. Capacity : Total elements a stack can hold
 - c. Items array : Array that actually stores the elements
- Stack methods implementation:
 - a. stack_create(capacity)
 - i. Allocate memory (dynamically) for stack struct.
 - ii. Create a pointer to stack structure.
 - iii. Initialize top element to 0, capacity to capacity.
 - iv. Allocate memory (dynamically) for items array of size capacity.
 - v. Return pointer to newly created stack.
 - b. stack_delete(pointer to stack pointer)

- i. Free the memory of items array (if present/possible).
 - ii. Free the memory of stack struct (if present/possible).
 - iii. Make the pointer pointing to stack struct null.
- c. stack_empty(stack pointer)
 - i. Return true if the top element is zero, otherwise false.
- d. stack_full(stack pointer)
 - i. Return true if the top element is greater than the capacity of stack.
- e. stack_size(stack pointer)
 - i. If the stack is full then return top element value - 1, else return top.
- f. stack_push(stack pointer, integer)
 - i. If the stack is not full, assign the element in the items array at index top x's value.
- g. stack_pop(stack pointer, integer pointer)
 - i. If the stack is not empty, decrement the value of top and assign x (after dereferencing) value of element in the array at index top.
- h. stack_peek(stack pointer, integer pointer)
 - i. If the stack is not empty, assign x (after dereferencing) the value of the element in the array at index top - 1. [No change in value of top].
- i. stack_copy(destination, source)
 - i. Since we have to copy not only the elements but also the elements pointed by the *items* array, memcpy() is used to copy the memory held by the source's structure and its *items* array.

- j. `stack_print(stack pointer)` [CREDITS: from the lab documentation]
 - i. Start from the tail, loop until `top+1` and print the contents `[array[i]]` out to a specified file(decrementing temporary each time).

Set

- A set in this assignment is just a value (bit mask) that is used to keep track of which flags are passed.
- Each bit corresponds to a flag. Upon encountering a flag, that bit is set to one to indicate the flag has been passed.
- The element of the set structure is a mask (8 bit integer).
- Set methods implementation:
 - a. `set_create()`
 - i. Allocate memory (dynamically) for set struct.
 - ii. Create a pointer to set structure.
 - iii. Initialize mask to 0.
 - iv. Return pointer to newly created set (if possible).
 - b. `set_delete(pointer to set pointer)`
 - i. Free the memory of set structure (if present/possible).
 - ii. Set the set pointer to null.
 - c. `is_member(set pointer, element)`
 - i. Return bitwise AND of the mask element of set struct with hex 1 left shifted by element (if possible).
 - d. `add_member(set pointer, element)`
 - i. Bitwise OR the mask element of the set struct with hex 1 left shifted by element (if possible).

Input/Graph Parsing

- The graphs are parsed from a stream (either a file or standard input).
- The format of the graph file/stream should be a number n followed by n city names and edges.
- Getting city names:
 1. City names are stored in an array of n size.
 2. As each city name is encountered, memory is allocated for each string to be saved in an array and the city name (one line or upto N bytes where $N < 1024$) is copied into the array at corresponding index.
- Adding edges:
 1. After each city name gets added, edges are set for a newly made graph with n vertices.
 2. Three characters--excluding spaces--are continuously read until the end of file. Those three characters are integers that correspond to matrix row, column, and weight at [row][column] respectively.
 3. If at the last read less than 3 characters are read then the edges are malformed and an error is printed and the program exits.
- Error Handling:
 1. If the first line does not have a valid input (integer > -1), an error is printed and the program exists.
 2. If the edges have invalid format (not a triplet consisting i, j, k), an error is printed and the program exists.

High-level Program Flow (error checking is done throughout the program)

parse arguments

read in graph file (make modifications according to flags)

setup for DFS (make a city array, initialize graphs with edges, etc.)

call DFS

clean up (free memory)

return