DS210 Final Project Writeup

**I went to Office Hours to work on this project.

In my project, I am using a directed graph of Gnutella's data (a peer to peer sharing network) from August 2002 with 36682 nodes and 88328 edges. A directed graph means that the two numbers on each line suggest that there is a connection from the first node to the other. For example, (3, 66) means that the graph edge is from $3 \rightarrow 66$. Let's say there is one on another line that is (66, 3), and then we'll know that these two nodes are bi-directional.

Within my code, I decided to perform my analysis on the data using functions like main, read_file, make_rand_sample, unique_nodes, adjacency_list (in main.rs), bfs_dist (in bfs.rs), and mean, max, and mode (in stats fc.rs).

• Main functions

The main function reads the Gnutella data from a file, creates a random sample of 20,000 nodes and edges, and generates a unique set of nodes from the sampled data from the "p2p-Gnutella30.txt" file. It then constructs an adjacency list for the unique nodes and computes the shortest path distances between all pairs of nodes using breadth-first search, storing the results in a hashmap. Subsequently, it iterates over the hashmap to print the distances between nodes, excluding -1 and 0 distances. Finally, it calculates and prints the average, maximum, and mode of the distances between nodes using statistical functions from the stats_fc module. Additionally, there are utility functions for reading the file, creating a random sample, finding unique nodes, and constructing the adjacency list.

read_file: This function reads the file that I inputted (i.e. the main Gnutella file), and parses each line of the file as a tuple of usize values (representing edges between nodes). It ends by returning a vector containing the parsed edges.

make_rand_sample: This takes a random sample of n nodes and edges from the input graph, and uses the choose_multiple function from the rand crate to select random elements. It finally returns the sampled nodes and edges as a vector.

unique_nodes: The following function finds unique nodes from the given vector of edges, inserts each unique one into a HashSet, and returns the set.

adjacency_list: With the use of this function, my project constructs an adjacency list from the given edges and set of unique nodes. It maps each node to its index for efficient indexing, and iterates over the edges and populates the adjacency list accordingly. Finally, it prints out non-empty adjacency lists for each vertex, returning the constructed adjacency list.

Modules

Breadth first search (BFS): The function in this module implements breadth-first search (BFS) to determine the distances between nodes in a graph represented as an adjacency list. Given a starting node index start and the graph, the function initializes a distance vector with -1 values indicating unreachable nodes. It also initializes an empty visited vector to keep track of visited nodes and a queue to store nodes to visit. Starting from the start node, the function iteratively explores neighboring nodes, updating their distances if they are reachable and not yet visited. If a shorter path to a node is found, or if the node was unreachable before, its distance is updated. The function continues until all reachable nodes are visited, updating their distances accordingly. Finally, it returns the distance vector, representing the shortest distances from the start node to all other nodes in the graph.

Statistical Functions:

- **mean:** This function calculates the mean (average) of a dataset represented as a slice of f64 values. It first checks if the input data is empty, returning None if so. Otherwise, it computes the sum of all elements in the dataset and divides it by the total number of values to obtain the mean, returned as an Option<f64>.
- **max:** The max function finds the maximum number of connections node in a dataset represented as a HashMap<usize, Vec<isize>>. If the input data is empty, it returns None, else it iterates over the entries in the hashmap to find the node with the maximum number of connections. It returns the node index with the maximum number of connections as an Option<usize>.
- *mode*: The mode function calculates the mode (most common value) of a dataset represented as a slice of f64 values. If the input data is empty, it returns None, else it creates a hashmap to store the frequency of each value in the dataset. It iterates over the values, updating the frequency map. Then, it identifies the value with the highest frequency and returns it as the mode value, wrapped in an Option<f64>.

Tests

For my tests, I generated my own data file with nodes (11) and edges (24) called "node_test_file.txt," which is either directly used to test the output of the functions as a file, or by hard coding the same data.

Unique nodes: This tests whether the unique_nodes function correctly finds the unique nodes from a test file. It compares the number of unique nodes found by the function to the expected value.

Max: Max tests whether the max function from the stats module correctly identifies the node with the most connections. It constructs a HashMap representing connections between nodes (hard-coded for testing), calls the max function to find the node with the highest number of connections, and compares the result to the expected value.

BFS: This test verifies the bfs_dist function's correctness by using a manually constructed graph (bfs_distance). It then calculates the shortest distance from node 0 to node 2 and asserts that it equals 2. If the assertion holds, it confirms the accurate computation of the shortest path distance.

• Output

** Please note that since I am randomly sampling my data of 20000 edges every time it is run, the outputs provided below won't be the same each time. Only the test functions have been hard-coded to test the functionality of certain functions such as unique nodes, the max statistical function, and BFS. Also, since the data I am sampling is very big, the terminal doesn't store all the data it prints for me to screenshot (and it's a lot), so I have put a portion of my results below.

- Up first is a screenshot of vertices with the nodes they're connected to listed as "Vertex (node itself): [the node/s it's connected to].
- Next, is a screenshot of a portion of the results of the breadth-first search algorithm that was run on the adjacency list. This output is printed as "Node (itself) is (distance) away from Node (connected node)."
- The screenshot after includes the output of my statistical functions (again, will be different each time it's printed). First is the average number of connections that the sample of nodes has which is approximately 4.86 below. Then, I printed out the maximum connections node, as more connections mean that it is more popular (2835 below). And finally is the mode, which looks at the BFS output and finds the most common degree of connectivity between the nodes, which is 1.0. Generally this is a very intuitive idea, and using this function helps prove the code's testing validity.
- And finally, I have included a screenshot of the tests in my project (already detailed above), to show that they pass.

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Vertex 18198: [12265, 268]
                                                     Node 2763 is 3 away from Node 15328
                                                     Node 2763 is 10 away from Node 15652
Vertex 18199: [3616, 5896]
Vertex 18200: [13588, 11666, 15915]
                                                     Node 2763 is 2 away from Node 15688
Vertex 18205: [6513, 6758, 15344, 4491]
                                                     Node 2763 is 8 away from Node 16054
                                                     Node 2763 is 3 away from Node 16661
Vertex 18206: [18124, 12227]
Vertex 18210: [10478, 3870]
                                                     Node 2763 is 3 away from Node 16888
                                                     Node 2763 is 6 away from Node 17254
Vertex 18215: [1568]
                                                  Node 627:
Vertex 18222: [10102, 15278, 891]
Vertex 18223: [14703]
                                                     Node 627 is 1 away from Node 6404
                                                     Node 627 is 1 away from Node 14012
Vertex 18226: [5204]
Vertex 18229: [4160, 7460, 2285, 16643]
                                                     Node 627 is 1 away from Node 15629
                                                     Node 627 is 1 away from Node 16918
Vertex 18231: [3838, 3922, 11926]
                                                  Node 8722:
Vertex 18232: [18280, 3723]
Vertex 18233: [13635, 6281]
                                                     Node 8722 is 8 away from Node 41
Vertex 18236: [13972]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 119
Vertex 18237: [2958, 3871, 12433, 6069, 12947]
                                                     Node 8722 is 9 away from Node 805
                                                     Node 8722 is 9 away from Node 879
Vertex 18238: [11445]
                                                     Node 8722 is 2 away from Node 998
Vertex 18239: [16032, 14714, 16297]
Vertex 18240: [14574, 11052, 17122]
                                                     Node 8722 is 1 away from Node 1117
                                                     Node 8722 is 2 away from Node 1189
Vertex 18241: [2008, 13448, 1984]
Vertex 18243: [10018, 8073]
                                                     Node 8722 is 2 away from Node 1794
Vertex 18244: [18265, 1759, 6373, 10895]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 1905
Vertex 18245: [6028]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 1946
Vertex 18247: [13186, 3103, 18228]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 2664
Vertex 18251: [16215, 17880, 1221, 2461, 1706, 4605]
                                                     Node 8722 is 10 away from Node 2719
Vertex 18252: [11390, 4636, 16774]
                                                     Node 8722 is 6 away from Node 3827
Vertex 18253: [2676, 16549]
                                                     Node 8722 is 8 away from Node 4126
Vertex 18254: [18305, 9008, 7165]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 4185
Vertex 18255: [12620, 4738, 12219]
                                                     Node 8722 is 8 away from Node 4460
Vertex 18261: [11015]
                                                     Node 8722 is 9 away from Node 5363
                                                     Node 8722 is 8 away from Node 7276
Vertex 18264: [10934, 15767, 16180, 473]
                                                     Node 8722 is 3 away from Node 7636
Vertex 18266: [4635, 5889]
Vertex 18267: [4390, 3864, 12598]
                                                     Node 8722 is 6 away from Node 8669
Vertex 18268: [7693, 18203, 1517, 10393, 3716]
                                                     Node 8722 is 2 away from Node 9024
Vertex 18269: [1457, 6902]
                                                     Node 8722 is 5 away from Node 9112
Vertex 18271: [849, 2698, 710]
                                                     Node 8722 is 7 away from Node 9444
Vertex 18273: [9905]
                                                     Node 8722 is 1 away from Node 10324
Vertex 18276: [12057, 12848, 4798, 5089, 7127]
                                                     Node 8722 is 7 away from Node 11116
Vertex 18277: [4690, 3255]
                                                     Node 8722 is 7 away from Node 11654
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The average value of node connections is: 4.86163097962297
The maximum number of node connections (showing which ones are most popular) are: 2835
The most common node connections distance value is: 1.0

```
Finished test [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.34s
    Running unittests src\main.rs (target\debug\deps\Project-e60b83151945242d.exe)

running 3 tests
test test_bfs_dist ... ok
test test_unique_nodes ... ok
test test_max ... ok

test result: ok. 3 passed; 0 failed; 0 ignored; 0 measured; 0 filtered out; finished in 0.00s
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Citation

Since I was having difficulties disabling the unreachable (-1) and self connection (0) nodes from being in my printed output in the BFS function, I used chat-gpt to help me as cited below:

ChatGPT

Sure, to exclude printing the distances with value -1 in the `bfs_distance_map`, you can modify the printing loop as follows:

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for (node, distances) in &bfs_distance_map {
    println!("Node {}: ", node);
    for (other_node, distance) in distances.iter().enumerate() {
        if *distance != -1 && *distance != 0 { // Exclude -1 and 0 distances
            println!(" Node {} is {}) away from Node {}", node, distance, other
        }
    }
}
```

This modification ensures that only distances greater than 0 are printed for each node. If the distance is -1 (indicating unreachable), it will not be printed. Let me know if you need further assistance!