
Tech Interview Prep

Lecture 19

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5:40pm ET, Thursday, November 9, 2023

Overview

- Roll Call
- 1:1 Meeting Request
- Regular Office Hours Reinstated!
- ICPC Practice Contest
- Presenter Feedback Form
- Presenters: Wo (wl2834); Ken (km3635); Tsai-Chen (th2990);
- Algorithms: Topological Sorting; Strongly Connected Component (Kosaraju); 2-SAT;

Roll Call

- **Please be on-time!**
- Your attendance will count only if you come to lecture prior to your roll call time.

1:1 Meeting Request

- Happy to meet with you to discuss anything you'd like.
- Please use <https://calendly.com/yongwhan/quick-chat-blitz> to sign up!

Regular Office Hours Reinstated!

- I will hold a **regular office hour** from **3pm ET** to **4pm ET** in **7th floor CEPSR** on Mondays.
- This will start **Monday, November 13!**
- If anything, I will discuss LeetCode problems more carefully.

ICPC Practice Contest

- We will have a practice contest on **Saturday, November 11, 2023!**
- **from 11am ET to 4pm ET**
- **Computer Cluster @ Mudd (2nd floor)**

Presenter Feedback Form

- Please use <https://bit.ly/techprep-feedback> to provide feedback for presenters today!



Presenters

- Wo (wl2834)
 - 1291. Sequential Digits

Presenters

- Ken (km3635)
 - 287. Find the Duplicate Number

Presenters

- Tsai-Chen (th2990)
 - 1362. Closest Divisors

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- Rinse and repeat!

Topological Sorting

- Of course, you can do it using DFS too!

Topological Sorting: Implementation

```
void dfs(int v) {  
    visited[v] = true;  
    for (int u : adj[v]) {  
        if (!visited[u])  
            dfs(u);  
    }  
    ans.push_back(v);  
}
```


Topological Sorting: Implementation

```
void topological_sort() {  
    visited.assign(n, false);  
    ans.clear();  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)  
        if (!visited[i])  
            dfs(i);  
    reverse(ans.begin(), ans.end());  
}
```

Strongly Connected Component (Kosaraju) & 2-SAT

- Kosaraju for SCC!
 - Do topological sorting (DFS);
 - Reverse the order;
 - Do DFS again!

Kosaraju: Implementation

```
vector<vector<int>> adj, adj_rev;  
vector<bool> used;  
vector<int> order, component;
```

Kosaraju: Implementation

```
void dfs1(int v) {  
    used[v] = true;  
  
    for (auto u : adj[v])  
        if (!used[u])  
            dfs1(u);  
  
    order.push_back(v);  
}
```

Kosaraju: Implementation

```
void dfs2(int v) {  
    used[v] = true;  
    component.push_back(v);  
  
    for (auto u : adj_rev[v])  
        if (!used[u])  
            dfs2(u);  
}
```

Kosaraju: Implementation

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    for (;;) {  
        int a, b;  
        // ... read next directed edge (a,b) ...  
        adj[a].push_back(b);  
        adj_rev[b].push_back(a);  
    }  
    used.assign(n, false);  
}
```

Kosaraju: Implementation

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    if (!used[i])  
        dfs1(i);  
used.assign(n, false);  
reverse(order.begin(), order.end());
```

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    if (!used[i])
        dfs1(i);
used.assign(n, false);
reverse(order.begin(), order.end());
for (auto v : order)
    if (!used[v]) {
        dfs2 (v);
        // ... processing next component ...
        component.clear();
    }
}
```


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- SAT is NP-complete, but 2-SAT can be solved in linear time!

Key Insight

- We can see that:

$$a \vee b$$

is equivalent to:

$$\neg a \Rightarrow b \wedge \neg b \Rightarrow a$$

Key Insight

- We now construct a directed graph of these implications: for each variable x there will be two vertices v_x and $v_{\neg x}$.
- The edges will correspond to the implications.

Key Insight

- So, for:

$$(a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (a \vee \neg c)$$

Example (con't)

- So, for:

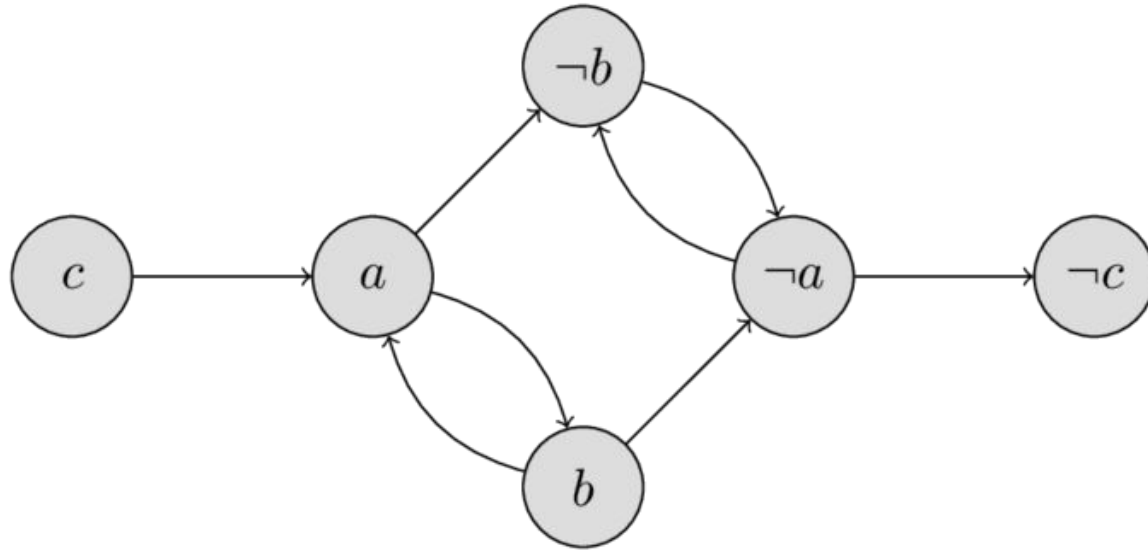
$$(a \vee \neg b) \wedge (\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b) \wedge (a \vee \neg c)$$

- We will have the following vertices and edges:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \neg a \Rightarrow \neg b & a \Rightarrow b & a \Rightarrow \neg b & \neg a \Rightarrow \neg c \\ b \Rightarrow a & \neg b \Rightarrow \neg a & b \Rightarrow \neg a & c \Rightarrow a \end{array}$$

Example (con't)

- Which will result in the following (implication) graph:



Key Insight

- In order for this 2-SAT problem to have a solution, *it is necessary and sufficient* that for any variable x the vertices x and $\neg x$ are in different strongly connected components of the implication graph.
- So, 2-SAT can be solved using SCC, or Kosaraju!

2-SAT: Implementation

```
int n;  
vector<vector<int>> adj, adj_t;  
vector<bool> used;  
vector<int> order, comp;  
vector<bool> assignment;
```

2-SAT: Implementation

```
void dfs1(int v) {  
    used[v] = true;  
    for (int u : adj[v]) {  
        if (!used[u])  
            dfs1(u);  
    }  
    order.push_back(v);  
}
```

```
void dfs2(int v, int cl) {  
    comp[v] = cl;  
    for (int u : adj_t[v]) {  
        if (comp[u] == -1)  
            dfs2(u, cl);  
    }  
}
```

2-SAT: Implementation

```
bool solve_2SAT() {  
    order.clear();  
    used.assign(n, false);  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
        if (!used[i])  
            dfs1(i);  
    }  
}
```

2-SAT: Implementation

```
comp.assign(n, -1);  
for (int i = 0, j = 0; i < n; ++i) {  
    int v = order[n - i - 1];  
    if (comp[v] == -1)  
        dfs2(v, j++);  
}
```

2-SAT: Implementation

```
assignment.assign(n / 2, false);  
for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {  
    if (comp[i] == comp[i + 1])  
        return false;  
    assignment[i / 2] = comp[i] > comp[i + 1];  
}  
return true;  
}
```

2-SAT: Implementation

```
void add_disjunction(int a, bool na, int b, bool nb) {  
    a = 2*a ^ na;  
    b = 2*b ^ nb;  
    int neg_a = a ^ 1;  
    int neg_b = b ^ 1;  
    adj[neg_a].push_back(b);  
    adj[neg_b].push_back(a);  
    adj_t[b].push_back(neg_a);  
    adj_t[a].push_back(neg_b);  
}
```


THANK YOU

