Graph Searching

CSE 373
Data Structures

Readings

• Reading
  › Goodrich and Tamassia, Sections 12.1-12.4
Graph Searching

- Find Properties of Graphs
  - Spanning trees
  - Connected components
  - Bipartite structure
  - Biconnected components

- Applications
  - Finding the web graph – used by Google and others
  - Garbage collection – used in Java run time system
  - Alternating paths for matching

Graph Searching Methodology

Breadth-First Search (BFS)

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  - Use a queue to explore neighbors of source vertex, then neighbors of neighbors etc.
  - All nodes at a given distance (in number of edges) are explored before we go further
**Graph Searching Methodology**

**Depth-First Search (DFS)**

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  - Searches down one path as deep as possible
  - When no nodes available, it backtracks
  - When backtracking, it explores side-paths that were not taken
  - Uses a stack (instead of a queue in BFS)
  - Allows an easy recursive implementation

**Depth First Search Algorithm**

- Recursive marking algorithm
- Initially every vertex is unmarked

```plaintext
DFS(i: vertex)
mark i;
for each j adjacent to i do
  if j is unmarked then DFS(j)
end{DFS}
```

Marks all vertices reachable from i
DFS Application: Spanning Tree

- Given a (undirected) graph $G(V,E)$ a spanning tree of $G$ is a graph $G'(V',E')$
  - $V' = V$, the tree touches all vertices (spans) the graph
  - $E'$ is a subset of $E$ such $G'$ is connected and there is no cycle in $G'$
  - A graph is connected if given any two vertices $u$ and $v$, there is a path from $u$ to $v$

Example of DFS: Graph connectivity and spanning tree
Example Step 2

Red links will define the spanning tree if the graph is connected.

Example Step 5
Example Steps 6 and 7

DFS(1)
DFS(2)
DFS(3)
DFS(4)
DFS(5)
DFS(3)
DFS(7)

Example Steps 8 and 9

DFS(1)
DFS(2)
DFS(3)
DFS(4)
DFS(5)
DFS(7)

Now back up.
Example Step 10 (backtrack)

Back to 5, but it has no more neighbors.

Example Step 12

Back up to 4. From 4 we can get to 6.
Example Step 13

DFS(1)  
DFS(2)  
DFS(3)  
DFS(4)  
DFS(6)

From 6 there is nowhere new to go. Back up.

Example Step 14

DFS(1)  
DFS(2)  
DFS(3)  
DFS(4)

Back to 4. Keep backing up.
Example Step 17

All nodes are marked so graph is connected; red links define a spanning tree

DFS(1)
All the way back to 1.
Done.

Adjacency List Implementation

• Adjacency lists
Another Use for Depth First Search: Connected Components

3 connected components

Connected Components

3 connected components are labeled
Depth-first Search for Labeling Connected Components

Main {
    i : integer
    for i = 1 to n do M[i] := 0; // initial label is zero
    label := 1;
    for i = 1 to n do
        if M[i] = 0 then DFS(G,M,i,label); // if i is not labeled
        label := label + 1;
    }

DFS(G[]): node ptr array, M[]: int array, i,label: int) {
    v : node pointer;
    M[i] := label;
    v := G[i]; // first neighbor //
    while v ≠ null do // recursive call (below)
        if M[v.index] = 0 then DFS(G,M,v.index,label);
        v := v.next; // next neighbor //
    }

Connected Components for Image Analysis

1  2  3  4

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Performance DFS

- n vertices and m edges
- Storage complexity $O(n + m)$
- Time complexity $O(n + m)$
- Linear Time!

Breadth-First Search

BFS
Initialize Q to be empty;
Enqueue(Q,1) and mark 1;
while Q is not empty do
  i := Dequeue(Q);
  for each j adjacent to i do
    if j is not marked then
      Enqueue(Q,j) and mark j;
  end{BFS}
Can do Connectivity using BFS

- Uses a queue to order search

Queue = 1

Beginning of example

Queue = 2, 4, 6

Mark while on queue to avoid putting in queue more than once
Depth-First vs Breadth-First

- Depth-First
  - Stack or recursion
  - Many applications
- Breadth-First
  - Queue (recursion no help)
  - Can be used to find shortest paths from the start vertex
  - Can be used to find short alternating paths for matching

Minimum Spanning Tree

- Edges are weighted: find minimum cost spanning tree
- Applications
  - Find cheapest way to wire your house
  - Find minimum cost to wire a message on the Internet