Inf-2101 - Algoritmer Graph Search

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Some foils are adapted from the book and the book's homepage.

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connected components

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Breadth-first search

Depth-first search . Put unvisited vertices on a stack.Breadth-first search . Put unvisited vertices on a queue.Shortest path . Find a path from *s* to *t* that uses fewest number of edges.

BFS(from source s to target t)

Put s onto a FIFO queue. Repeat until the queue is empty; * remove the least recently added vertex to v * add each of v's unvisited neighbours to the queue, and mark them as visited.

Property . BFS examines vertices in increasing distance from *s*.

Time for some code again

BFS application

- Facebook.
- · Kevin Bacon numbers.
- · Fewest number of hops in a communication network.



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Kevin Bacon graph

- Include vertex for each performer and movie.
- Connect movie to all performers that appear in movie.
- Compute shortest path from s = Kevin Bacon.



Iterative Deepening Depth First Search

Breadth-first search returns a shortest path, but may require a lot of edges to be put on the queue for dense, large graphs.

Depth-first search is efficient memory-wise, but returns the first path found, not the shortest.

Iterative Deepening Depth First Search

Idea: use DFS, but limit the depth of the search.

A depth-limited search will stop adding edges to the fringe when it has reached a depth limit.

By starting with a low depth limit and increasing by 1 until we find a solution, we effectively end up with a shortest path.

Memory requirements are similar to DFS.

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Source code

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Connectivity queries

Def. Vertices v and w are connected if there is a path between them.

- Def. A connected component is a maximal set of connected vertices.
- Goal. Preprocess graph to answer queries: is v connected to w? in constant time

0		Vertex	Component
		0	0
		1	1
11 10 7		2	1
		3	0
		4	0
4 5	2 12	5	0
		6	2
3		7	0
		8	2
	(8)(6)	9	1
	0.0	10	0
		11	0
Union-Find? Not quite		12	1
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Connected components

Goal: partition vertices into connected components. Method:

- Initialize all vertices v as unmarked.
- For each unmarked vertex, *v*, run DFS to identify all vertices discovered as part of the same component.

preprocess time	query time	extra space
E + V	1	V

Depth-first search for connected components



Depth-first search for connected components



Connected components



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Connected components application: image processing

Goal. Read in a 2D color image and find regions of connected pixels that have the same color.



Input. Scanned image.

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Efficient algorithm.

- Create grid graph.
- Connect each pixel to neighboring pixel if same color.
- Find connected components in resulting graph.



Connected components application: particle detection

Particle detection. Given grayscale image of particles, identify "blobs."

- Vertex: pixel.
- Edge: between two adjacent pixels with grayscale value ≥ 70.
- · Blob: connected component of 20-30 pixels.

black = 0 white = 255





Particle tracking. Track moving particles over time.

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Bridges of Königsberg

The Seven Bridges of Königsberg. [Leonhard Euler 1736]

"... in Königsberg in Prussia, there is an island A, called the Kneiphof; the river which surrounds it is divided into two branches ... and these branches are crossed by seven bridges. Concerning these bridges, it was asked whether anyone could arrange a route in such a way that he could cross each bridge once and only once."



Euler tour. Is there a cyclic path that uses each edge exactly once? Answer. Yes iff connected and all vertices have even degree. To find path. DFS-based algorithm (see Algs in Java).

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Problem. Are two graphs identical except for vertex names?

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Problem. Lay out a graph in the plane without crossing edges?



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