

Why Graphs?

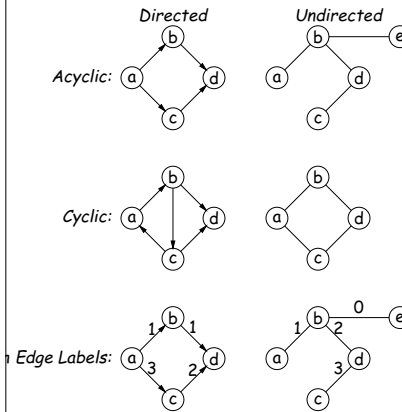
Representing non-hierarchically related items

Examples: pipelines, roads, assignment problems

Modeling processes: flow charts, Markov models

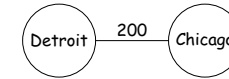
Computing partial orderings: PERT charts, makefiles

Some Pictures

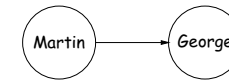
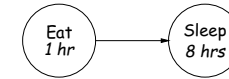


Examples of Use

Modeling a road, with length.



Task dependencies: Node label = time to complete.



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will run this evening.

Topics: Graph Structures: *DSIJ*, Chapter 12

Some Terminology

A graph consists of

nodes (aka *vertices*)

edges: pairs of nodes.

Nodes with an edge between them are *adjacent*.

Depending on problem, nodes or edges may have *labels* (or *weights*)

Given a node set $V = \{v_0, \dots\}$, and edge set E .

If edges have an order (first, second), they are *directed edges*, forming a *directed graph* (*digraph*), otherwise an *undirected graph*.

Edges are *incident* to their nodes.

Edges *exit* one node and *enter* the next.

A path is a sequence of nodes connected by edges (without repeated edges leading from a node back to itself, following arrows if directed).

A graph is *cyclic* if it has a cycle, else *acyclic*. Abbreviation: Directed Acyclic Graph—*DAG*.

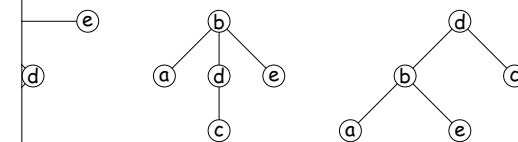
Trees are Graphs

A graph is *connected* if there is a (possibly directed) path between any two nodes.

For any pair of nodes, at least one node of the pair is *reachable* from the other.

A graph is a (rooted) *tree* iff connected, and every node but the root has exactly one parent.

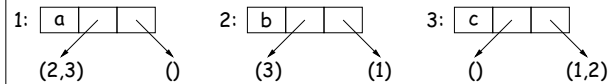
In an unrooted, acyclic, undirected graph is also called a *free tree*. You are free to pick the root; e.g.,



Representation

to number the nodes, and use the numbers in edges.

representation: each node contains some kind of list (e.g., array) of its successors (and possibly predecessors).



collection of all edges. For graph above:

{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)}

matrix: Represent connection with matrix entry:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Recursive Depth-First Traversal of a Graph

graphing and combinatorial problems using the "bread-crumbs" technique from earlier lectures for a maze.

mark nodes as we traverse them and don't traverse previously visited nodes.

to talk about *preorder* and *postorder*, as for trees.

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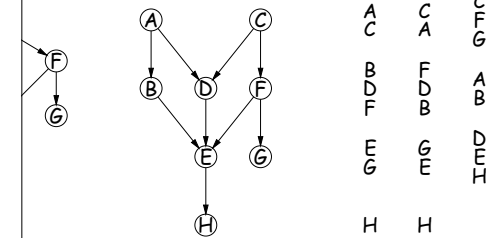
void postorderTraverse(Graph G, Node v)
{
    if (v is unmarked) {
        mark(v);
        for (Edge(v, w) ∈ G)
            traverse(G, w);
        visit v;
    }
}
    
```

Topological Sorting

In a DAG, find a linear order of nodes consistent with dependencies.

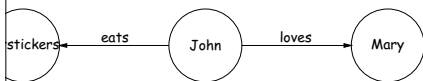
order the nodes v_0, v_1, \dots such that v_k is never reachable from v_{k+1} .

Use DFS to find this. Also PERT charts.

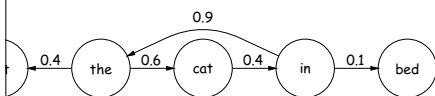


More Examples

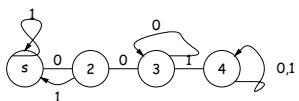
relationship



state machine might be (with probability)



state in state machine, label is triggering input. (Start state 4 means "there is a substring '001' somewhere in the input")

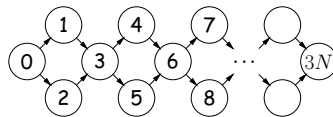


Traversing a Graph

Algorithms on graphs depend on traversing all or some nodes.

Use recursion because of cycles.

In recursive graphs, can get combinatorial explosions:



Use the root and do recursive traversal down the two edges to visit each node constant # of times (e.g., once).

Complexity: $\Theta(2^N)$ operations!

try to visit each node constant # of times (e.g., once).

Recursive Depth-First Traversal of a Graph (II)

If you are interested in traversing *all* nodes of a graph, not just a path, you can't start from one node.

Repeat the procedure as long as there are unmarked nodes.

```

void orderTraverse(Graph G) {
    for (v ∈ nodes of G) {
        orderTraverse(G, v);
    }
}
    
```

```

void orderTraverse(Graph G) {
    for (v ∈ nodes of G) {
        postorderTraverse(G, v);
    }
}
    
```

General Graph Traversal Algorithm

```

    OF_VERTICES fringe;
    INITIAL_COLLECTION;
    while (!fringe.isEmpty()) {
        fringe.REMOVE_HIGHEST_PRIORITY_ITEM();
    }
    DFS(v) {
        for each edge(v,w) {
            if (!w.DS_PROCESSING(w))
                w.to fringe;
        }
    }

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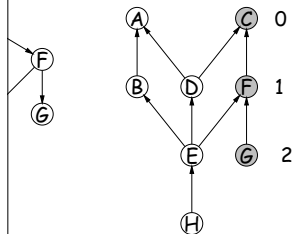
ADJUSTMENT_OF_VERTICES, INITIAL_COLLECTION, etc. are expressions, or methods to different graph algorithms.

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Sorting and Depth First Search

Suppose we *reverse the links* on our graph. Recursive DFS on the reverse graph, starting from node *H*, will find all nodes that must come *before* *H*. When DFS reaches a node in the reversed graph and there are no unvisited successors, we know that it is safe to put that node first. A *postorder* traversal of the reversed graph visits nodes in an order where all predecessors have been visited.

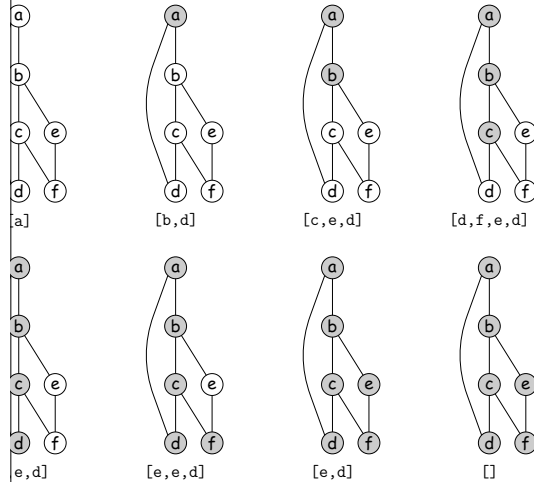


Numbers show post-order traversal order starting from *G*: everything that must come before *G*.

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Depth-First Traversal Illustrated



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Example: Depth-First Traversal

DFS visits every node reachable from *v* once, visiting nodes furthest from *v* first.

```

    <> fringe;
    DFS(v) {
        if (!fringe.contains(v))
            fringe.push(v);
        while (!fringe.isEmpty()) {
            v = fringe.pop();
            DFS(v);
        }
    }

```

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Shortest Paths: Dijkstra's Algorithm

Given a graph (directed or undirected) with non-negative edge weights, compute shortest paths from given source node, *s*, to all other nodes.

The path with the smallest sum of weights along path is shortest. For each node *v*, keep estimated distance from *s*, *dist(v)*. The predecessor node in shortest path from *s* to *v* is *v.back()*.

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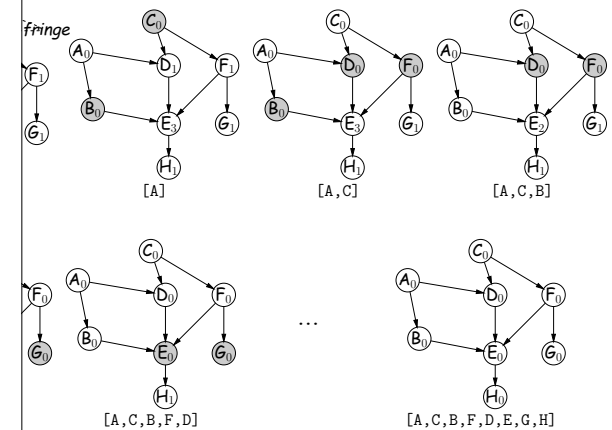
    <Vertex> fringe;
    for each v { v.dist() = ∞; v.back() = null; }
    priority queue ordered by smallest .dist();
    while (!fringe.isEmpty()) {
        v = fringe.removeFirst();
        for each edge(v,w) {
            if (v.dist() + weight(v,w) < w.dist())
                w.dist() = v.dist() + weight(v,w); w.back() = v; }
    }

```

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Topological Sort in Action



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Example

