Graphs

Friday Four Square! 4:15PM, Outside Gates

Announcements

- Second midterm is next Thursday, May 31.
- Exam location by last name:
 - A F: Go to Hewlett 201.
 - G Z: Go to Hewlett 200.
- Covers material up through and including today's lecture.
- Comprehensive, but primarily focuses on algorithmic efficiency and data structures.
- Practice exam posted to course website.
- Review session next Tuesday from 7-9PM in Hewlett 201.

In the news...

YOU DON'T GETTO 500 MILLION FRIENDS WITHOUT MAKING ENEMIES

A DAVID FINCHER FILM

the social network



A Social Network



Chemical Bonds



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http://strangemaps.files.wordpress.com/2007/02/fullinterstatemap-web.j

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You can think of them as directed graphs with edges both ways.

How can we represent graphs in C++?

Representing Graphs



The Wikipedia Graph



WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia

- Wikipedia (and the web in general) is a graph!
- Each page is a node.
- There is an edge from one page to another if the first page links to the second.

- Given a linked list, there was just one way to traverse the list.
 - Keep going forward.
- In a binary search tree, we saw three traversals:
 - Preorder
 - Inorder
 - Postorder.
- There are *many* ways to iterate over a graph.















































- Maintain a collection *C* of nodes to visit.
- Initialize *C* with a start node.
- While *C* is not empty:
 - Pick a node v out of C.
 - Follow all outgoing edges from *v*, adding each unvisited node found this way to *C*.
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Depth-First Search





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Iterative DFS

DFS(Node v, Set<Node> visited) {
Create a Stack<Node> of nodes to visit;
Add v to the stack;

while (The stack is not empty) {
 Pop a node from the stack, let it be u;

if (u has been visited) continue; Add u to the visited set;

for (Node w connected to u)
 Push w onto the stack;

}

}



















































Creating a Maze with DFS

- Create a **grid graph** of the appropriate size.
- Starting at any node, run a depth-first search, adding the arcs to the stack in random order.
- The resulting DFS tree is a maze with one solution.

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Breadth-First Search

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- Specialization of the general search algorithm where nodes to visit are put into a *queue*.
- Explores nodes one hop away, then two hops away, etc.
- Finds path with fewest edges from start node to all other nodes.







































































Implementing BFS

BFS(Node v, Set<Node> visited) {
Create a Queue<Node> of nodes to visit;
Add v to the queue;

while (The queue is not empty) {
 Dequeue a node from the queue, let it be u;

if (u has been visited) continue; Add u to the visited set;

for (Node w connected to u)
 Enqueue w in the queue;

}

}



Classic Graph Algorithms

Graph Coloring

- Given a graph G, assign **colors** to the nodes so that no edge has endpoints of the same color.
- The **chromatic number** of a graph is the fewest number of colors needed to color it.



















Graph Coloring is **Hard**.

- No efficient algorithms are known for determining whether a graph can be colored with k colors for any k > 2.
- Want \$1,000,000? Find a polynomialtime algorithm or prove that none exists.
Next Time

More Graphs

- Representing graphs with extra information.
- Dijkstra's algorithm.
- Kruskal's algorithm.