

Graph Theory and Applications

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Introduction to Graph Theory

- Definition: Graph theory is a field of mathematics and computer science that studies the properties of graphs.
- Importance: Widely used in computer science, engineering, biology, social science, and many other fields.
- Applications: Network analysis, circuit design, scheduling, data organization, etc.

Defining Graphs in Computer Science I

 Graph Structure: A set of nodes (or vertices) and a set of edges connecting pairs of nodes.



Defining Graphs in Computer Science II

- Types of Graphs:
 - Null Graph : A graph is known as a null graph if there are no edges in the graph.
 - Trivial Graph : Graph having only a single vertex, it is also the smallest graph possible.



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- Directed: A graph in which edges do not have any direction. That is the nodes are unordered pairs in the definition of every edge.
- Undirected graphs: A graph in which edge has direction. That is the nodes are ordered pairs in the definition of every edge.



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- Connected: The graph in which from one node we can visit any other node in the graph is known as a connected graph.
- Disconnected Graph: The graph in which at least one node is not reachable from a node is known as a disconnected graph.



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- Regular Graph: The graph in which the degree of every vertex is equal to K is called K regular graph.
- Complete Graph : The graph in which from each node there is an edge to each other node.



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- Cycle Graph: The graph in which the graph is a cycle in itself, the degree of each vertex is 2.
- Cyclic Graph: A graph containing at least one cycle is known as a Cyclic graph.



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- Directed Acyclic Graph A Directed Graph that does not contain any cycle.
- Bipartite Graph: A graph in which vertex can be divided into two sets such that vertex in each set does not contain any edge between them.



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 Weighted Graph: A graph in which the edges are already specified with suitable weight is known as a weighted graph.



Trees and Lists.

Overview of Graph Representation

- Importance: Effective representation of graphs is crucial for efficient graph algorithms.
- Criteria: Space complexity, ease of implementing operations, and suitability for specific algorithms.
- Common Methods: Adjacency matrices, incidence matrices, and adjacency lists.

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Adjacency Matrix Representation I

- Definition: A square matrix used to represent a finite graph.
- Representation: The element at row i and column j represents the presence (or absence) of an edge between vertex i and vertex j.
- Pros and Cons: Simple representation but may consume more space, especially for sparse graphs.

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Adjacency Matrix Representation II



Graph Representation of Undirected graph to Adjacency Matrix

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Adjacency Matrix Representation III



Graph Representation of Directed graph to Adjacency Matrix

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Incidence Matrix Representation I

- Definition: A matrix that shows the relationship between vertices and edges.
- Representation: Rows represent vertices, columns represent edges, and matrix entries indicate which vertex is incident to which edge.
- Usage: Useful for edge-centric operations and for graphs with more edges than vertices.

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Incidence Matrix Representation II



Figure: Graph Representation of directed graph to Incedence Matrix

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Adjacency List Representation I

- Definition: A collection of lists used to represent a finite graph.
- Structure: Each list describes the set of neighbors of a vertex in the graph.
- Efficiency: More space-efficient for sparse graphs, and allows for faster traversal operations.

Adjacency List Representation II



Graph Representation of Undirected graph to Adjacency List

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Adjacency List Representation III



Graph Representation of Directed graph to Adjacency List

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Overview of Graph Traversal

- Definition: Graph traversal refers to the process of visiting all the vertices in a graph.
- Purpose: Used for searching a graph, path finding, and analyzing structure.
- Common Methods: Breadth-First Search, Depth-First Search, Dijkstra's Algorithm, etc.

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Breadth-First Search

- Concept: BFS explores the graph level by level starting from a selected node.
- Process: It uses a queue to keep track of the next vertex to visit.
- Application: Used in shortest path finding in unweighted graphs, networking, and more.

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Example of Breadth-First Search I

Step1: Initially queue and visited arrays are empty.



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Example of Breadth-First Search II

• Step2: Push node 0 into queue and mark it visited.



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Example of Breadth-First Search III

• Step 3: Remove node 0 from the front of queue and visit the unvisited neighbours and push them into queue.



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Example of Breadth-First Search IV

• Step 4: Remove node 1 from the front of queue and visit the unvisited neighbours and push them into queue.



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Example of Breadth-First Search V

• Step 5: Remove node 2 from the front of queue and visit the unvisited neighbours and push them into queue.



Example of Breadth-First Search VI

• Step 6: Remove node 3 from the front of queue and visit the unvisited neighbours and push them into queue. As we can see that every neighbours of node 3 is visited, so move to the next node that are in the front of the queue.



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Example of Breadth-First Search VII

• Steps 7: Remove node 4 from the front of queue and visit the unvisited neighbours and push them into queue. As we can see that every neighbours of node 4 are visited, so move to the next node that is in the front of the queue.



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Example of Breadth-First Search VIII

 Now, Queue becomes empty, So, terminate these process of iteration.



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Depth-First Search

- Concept: DFS explores as far as possible along each branch before backtracking.
- Process: It uses a stack (either explicit or via recursion) for traversal.
- Application: Used for path finding, topological sorting, and solving puzzles with only one solution.

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Example of Depth-First Search I

• Step1: Initially stack and visited arrays are empty.



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Example of Depth-First Search II

 Step 2: Visit 0 and put its adjacent nodes which are not visited yet into the stack.



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Example of Depth-First Search III

 Step 3: Now, Node 1 at the top of the stack, so visit node 1 and pop it from the stack and put all of its adjacent nodes which are not visited in the stack.



Image: A matrix

Example of Depth-First Search IV

• Step 4: Now, Node 2 at the top of the stack, so visit node 2 and pop it from the stack and put all of its adjacent nodes which are not visited (i.e, 3, 4) in the stack.



DFS on Graph

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Example of Depth-First Search V

• Step 5: Now, Node 4 at the top of the stack, so visit node 4 and pop it from the stack and put all of its adjacent nodes which are not visited in the stack.



Example of Depth-First Search VI

• Step 6: Now, Node 3 at the top of the stack, so visit node 3 and pop it from the stack and put all of its adjacent nodes which are not visited in the stack.



Example of Depth-First Search VII

• Now, Stack becomes empty, which means we have visited all the nodes and our DFS traversal ends.

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Implementing Dijkstra's Algorithm

- Purpose: Finds the shortest path from a single source node to all other nodes in a weighted graph.
- Mechanism: Uses a priority queue to select the vertex with the minimum distance.
- Application: Widely used in network routing protocols, mapping services, and as a subroutine in other graph algorithms.

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Consider the start vertex, A Distance to A from A = 0 Distances to all other vertices from A are unknown, therefore ∞ (infinity)



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Questions & Answers

Thank you for your attention! Feel free to ask any questions or share your thoughts.

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