Graph Algorithms Using Depth First Search

Analysis of Algorithms
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a) Graph Definitions
b) DFS of Graphs
c) Biconnected Components
d) DFS of Digraphs
e) Strongly Connected Components
Readings on Graph Algorithms Using Depth First Search

• Reading Selection:
  – CLR, Chapter 22
Graph Terminology

- **Graph** $G=(V,E)$
- **Vertex set** $V$
- **Edge set** $E$ pairs of vertices which are adjacent
Directed and Undirected Graphs

- **$G$ directed**
  - if edges ordered pairs $(u,v)$
    
    ![Directed Graph Example](image)

- **$G$ undirected**
  - if edges unordered pairs \{u,v\}
    
    ![Undirected Graph Example](image)
Proper Graphs and Subgraphs

- **Proper graph:**
  - No loops
  - No multi-edges

- **Subgraph** $G'$ of $G$
  
  $G' = (V', E')$ where
  
  $V'$ is a subset of $V$, $E'$ is a subset of $E$
Paths in Graphs

• *Path p*

P is a sequence of vertices $v_0, v_1, ..., v_k$ where for $i=1, ... k$, $v_{i-1}$ is adjacent to $v_i$.

Equivalently, $p$ is a sequence of edges $e_1, ..., e_k$ where for $i = 2, ... k$ edges $e_{i-1}, e_i$ share a vertex.
Simple Paths and Cycles

- **Simple path**
  no edge or vertex repeated, except possibly \( v_o = v_k \)
- **Cycle**
  a path \( p \) with \( v_o = v_k \) where \( k > 1 \)
A Connected Undirected Graph

$G$ is *connected* if $\exists$ path between each pair of vertices.
else $G$ has $\geq 2$ connected components: maximal connected subgraphs
Biconnected Undirected Graphs

G is biconnected if \( \exists \) two disjoint paths between each pair of vertices

(or G is single edge)
Size of a Graph

- Graph $G = (V,E)$
  - $n = |V| = \# \text{ vertices}$
  - $m = |E| = \# \text{ edges}$
  - size of $G$ is $n+m$
Representing a Graph by an Adjacency Matrix

- Adjacency Matrix $A$

$A$ is size $n \times n$

$$A(i,j) = \begin{cases} 1 & (i,j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Space cost $n^2 - n$
Adjacency List Representation of a Graph

- **Adjacency Lists** $\text{Adj}(1), \ldots, \text{Adj}(n)$
  
  $\text{Adj}(v) =$ list of vertices adjacent to $v$

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & \rightarrow & 2 & \rightarrow & 3 \\
2 & \rightarrow & 1 & \rightarrow & 3 \\
3 & \rightarrow & 1 & \rightarrow & 2 & \rightarrow & 4 \\
4 & \rightarrow & 3 & \\
\end{array}
\]

space cost $O(n+m)$
Definition of an Undirected Tree

• **Tree**
  
  T is graph with unique path between every pair of vertices

  \[ n = \# \text{ vertices} \]
  \[ n-1 = \# \text{ edges} \]

• **Forest**
  
  – set of trees
Definition of a Directed Tree

- **Directed Tree**
  T is digraph with distinguished vertex *root* *r* such that each vertex reachable from *r* by a unique path

**Family Relationships:**
- ancestors
- descendants
- parent
- child
- siblings

*leaves* have no proper descendants
An Ordered Tree

- **Ordered Tree**
  - is a directed tree with siblings ordered
Preorder Tree Traversal

- **Preorder** A,B,C,D,E,F,H,I
  - [1] root (order vertices as pushed on stack)
  - [2] preorder left subtree
  - [3] preorder right subtree
Postorder Tree Traversal

- **Postorder** B,E,D,H,I,F,C,A
  - [1] postorder left subtree
  - [2] postorder right subtree
  - [3] root (order vertices as popped off stack)
Spanning Tree and Forest of a Graph

- T is a *spanning tree* of graph G if
  (1) T is a directed tree with the same vertex set as G
  (2) each edge of T is a directed version of an edge of G

- *Spanning Forest*: forest of spanning trees of connected components of G
Example Spanning Tree of a Graph

- **root**: 1
- **tree edge**: 1 → 2, 1 → 3, 1 → 4, 1 → 5, 1 → 6, 1 → 7
- **back edge**: 2 → 5, 5 → 6, 6 → 8
- **cross edge**: 9 → 10, 10 → 11, 10 → 12
Classification of Edges of $G$ with Spanning Tree $T$

- An edge $(u,v)$ of $T$ is *tree edge*.
- An edge $(u,v)$ of $G-T$ is *back edge* if $u$ is a descendent or ancestor of $v$.
- Else $(u,v)$ is a *cross edge*. 
Tarjan’s Depth First Search Algorithm

- We assume a RAM machine model
- Algorithm Depth First Search

\[
\text{Input} \quad \text{graph } G = (V, E) \text{ represented by adjacency lists } Adj(v) \text{ for each } v \in V
\]

\[
[0] \quad N \leftarrow 0
\]

\[
[1] \quad \text{for all } v \in V \text{ do } (\text{number } (v) \leftarrow 0 \quad \text{children } (v) \leftarrow ( ) ) \text{ od}
\]

\[
[2] \quad \text{for all } v \in V \text{ do }
\]

\[
\quad \text{if number } (v) = 0 \text{ then DFS}(v)
\]

\[
[3] \quad \text{output spanning forest defined by children}
\]
Recursive DFS Procedure

recursive procedure DFS(v)
[1] N ← N + 1; number (v) ← N
[2] for each u ∈ Adj(v) do
    if number (u) = 0 then
        (add u to children (v); DFS(u))
Time Cost of Depth First Search Algorithm on a RAM

- Input size \( n = |V|, m = |E| \)
- **Theorem**
  Depth First Search takes total time cost \( O(n+m) \)
- **Proof**
  can associate with each edge and vertex
  a constant number of operations.
Classification of Edges of G via DFS
Spanning Tree T
Classification of Edges of $G$ via DFS Spanning Tree $T$

- *Edge notation induced by*
- *Depth First Search Tree $T$*

\[
\begin{align*}
&u \to v \text{ iff } (u,v) \text{ is tree edge of } T \\
&u \to v \text{ iff } u \text{ is an ancestor of } v \\
&u \xrightarrow{} v \text{ iff } (u,v) \text{ is backedge if } (u,v) \in G-T \\
&\text{ with either } u \to v \text{ or } v \to u
\end{align*}
\]
Classification of Edges of G via DFS Spanning Tree T (cont’d)

- Note DFS tree T has no cross edges

will number vertices by order visited in DFS (preorder of T)
Verifying Vertices are Descendants via Preordering of Tree

- Suppose we **preorder** number a Tree $T$
  Let $D_v = \#$ of descendants of $v$
- **Lemma**
  $u$ is descendant of $v$
  iff $v \leq u < v + D_v$
Testing for Proper Ancestors via Preordering

• **Lemma**
  If $u$ is descendant of $v$ and $(u,w)$ is back edge s.t. $w < v$
  then $w$ is a proper ancestor of $v$
Low Values

- For each vertex $v$, define $\text{low}(v) = \min ( \{v\} \cup \{w \mid v \rightarrow w\} )$

- Can prove by induction:
  
  *Lemma*

  $\text{low}(v) = \min ( \{v\} \cup \{\text{low}(w) \mid v \rightarrow w\} \cup \{w \mid v \rightarrow w\} )$

  can be computed during DFS in postorder.
Graph with DFS Numbering and Low Values in Brackets

Number vertices by DFS number

Biconnected Components

- $G$ is *Biconnected* iff either
  1. $G$ is a single edge, or
  2. for each triple of vertices $u, v, w$

  $\exists$ a $w$-avoiding path from $u$ to $v$

  (equivalently: $\exists$ two disjoint paths from $u$ to $v$)
Example of Biconnected Components of Graph G

• Maximal subgraphs of G which are biconnected.
Biconnected Components Meet at Articulation Points

- The intersection of two biconnected components consists of at most one vertex called an Articulation Point.
- Example: 1, 2, 5 are articulation points
Discovery of Biconnected Components via Articulation Points

- If can find articulation points then can compute biconnected components:

**Algorithm:**

- During DFS, use auxiliary stack to store visited edges.
- Each time we complete the DFS of a tree child of an articulation point, pop all stacked edges currently in stack.
- These popped off edges form a biconnected component.
Characterization of an Articulation Point

- **Theorem**
  
  \( a \) is an *articulation point* iff either
  
  (1) \( a \) is root with \( \geq 2 \) tree children
  
  or
  
  (2) \( a \) is not root but \( a \) has a tree child \( v \) with
  
  \( \text{low} (v) \geq a \)
  
  *(note easy to check given low computation)*
Proof of Characterization of an Articulation Point

• **Proof**
  
The conditions are *sufficient* since any $a$-avoiding path from $v$ remains in the subtree $T_v$ rooted at $v$, if $v$ is a child of $a$

• To show condition *necessary*, assume $a$ is an articulation point.
Characterization of an Articulation Point (cont’d)

- **Case (1)**
  If $a$ is a root and is articulation point, $a$ must have $\geq 2$ tree edges to two distinct biconnected components.

- **Case (2)**
  If $a$ is not root, consider graph $G - \{a\}$ which must have a connected component $C$ consisting of only descendants of $a$, and with no backedge from $C$ to an ancestor of $v$. Hence $a$ has a tree child $v$ in $C$ and $\text{low}(v) \geq a$
Proof of Characterization of an Articulation Point (cont’d)

- **Case (2)**

Articulation Point $a$ is *not* the root

no back edges

subtree $T_v$
Computing Biconnected Components

- **Theorem**
  The Biconnected Components of $G = (V,E)$ can be computed in time $O(|V| + |E|)$ using a RAM

- **Proof idea**
  - Use characterization of Biconnected components via articulation points
  - Identify these articulation points dynamically during depth first search
  - Use a secondary stack to store the edges of the biconnected components as they are visited
  - When an articulation point is discovered, pop the edges of this stack off to output a biconnected component
Biconnected Components Algorithm

[0] initialize a STACK to empty
During a DFS traversal do
[1] add visited edge to STACK
[3] test if v is an articulation point
[4] if so, for each u ∈ children (v) in order
  where low (u) ≥ v
do Pop all edges in STACK
upto and including tree edge (v,u)
Output popped edges as a
biconnected component of G
od
Time Bounds of Biconnected Components Algorithm

- Time Bounds:
  Each edge and vertex can be associated with $O(1)$ operations. So time $O(|V| + |E|)$. 
Depth First Search in a Directed Graph

- Depth first search tree $T$ of Directed Graph

$G = (V, E)$

$i = \text{DFS number}$

$i = \text{postorder} = \text{order vertex popped off DFS stack}$

edge set $E$ partitioned
Classification of Directed Edge \((u, v)\) via DFS Spanning Tree \(T\)

- **Tree edge**
  
  \[
  \text{if } u \rightarrow v \text{ in } T
  \]

- **Cycle edge**
  
  \[
  \text{if } v \rightarrow u
  \]

- **Forward edge**
  
  \[
  \text{if } (u,v) \notin T
  \]
  
  \[
  \text{but } u \rightarrow v \text{ in } T
  \]

- **Cross edge**
  
  otherwise
Topological Order of Acyclic Directed Graph

- Digraph \( G = (V,E) \) is *acyclic* if it has no cycles

**Topological Order**

\[
V = \{v_1,...,v_n\} \text{ satisfies } (v_i,v_j) \in E \Rightarrow i < j
\]
Characterization of an Acyclic Digraph

G is acyclic iff ∃ no cycle edge

• Proof
Case (1):
• Suppose \((u,v) \in E\) is a cycle edge, so \(v \rightarrow u\).
• But let \(e_1, \ldots, e_k\) be the tree edges from \(v\) to \(u\).
• Then \((u,v), e_1, \ldots, e_k\) is a cycle.
Case (2):
- Suppose G has no a cycle edge
- Then order vertices in postorder of DFS spanning forest (i.e. in order vertices are popped off DFS stack).
- This is a reverse topological order of G.
- So, G can have no cycles.

Note:
Gives an $O(|V| + |E|)$ algorithm for computing Topological Ordering of an acyclic graph G = (V,E)
Strong Components of Directed Graph

- **Strong Component**
  
  maximum set vertices S of V such that ∀u,v ∈ S
  ∃ cycle containing u,v

- **Collapsed Graph**
  
  G* derived by collapsing each strong component into a single vertex.

**note:** G* is acyclic.
Directed Graph with Strong Components Circled

Directed Graph $G = (V, E)$
Algorithm Strong Components

Input digraph $G$


[2] Let $G^-$ be the reverse digraph derived from $G$ by reversing direction of each edge.
Algorithm Strong Components (cont’d)

Output resulting DFS tree of $G^-$ as a strongly connected component of $G$.

[4] repeat [3], starting at highest numbered vertex not so for visited (halt when all vertices visited)
Time Bounds of Algorithm Strong Components

- *Time Bounds*
  - each DFS costs time $O(|V| + |E|)$
  - ⇒ total time $O(|V| + |E|)$
Example of Step [1] of Strong Components Algorithm

Example Input Digraph G
Example of Step [2] of Strong Components Algorithm

Reverse Digraph $G^-$
Proof of Strong Components Algorithm

• **Theorem**
  The Algorithm outputs the strong components of G.

• **Proof**
  We must show these are exactly the vertices in each DFS spanning forest of $G^{-}$. 
Proof of Strong Components Algorithm (cont’d)

- Suppose:
  - \( v, w \) in the same strong component and DFS search in \( G^- \) starts at vertex \( r \) and reaches \( v \).

- Then \( w \) will also be reached.

- So \( v, w \) are output together in same spanning tree of \( G^- \).
Proof of Strong Components Algorithm (cont’d)

- **Suppose:**
  - $v, w$ output in same spanning tree of $G^-$. 

- Let $r$ be the root of that spanning tree.

- Then there exists paths in $G^-$ from $r$ to each of $v$ and $w$.

- So there exists paths in $G$ to $r$ from each of $v$ and $w$. 
Proof of Strong Components Algorithm (cont’d)

• Suppose:
  • no path in G to r from v.

• Then since r has a higher postorder than v, there is no path in G from v to r, a contradiction.

• Hence, there exists path in G from r to v, and similar argument gives path from r to w.

• So v and w are in a cycle of G and must be in the same strong component.
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