Advanced Algorithmic Techniques (COMP523)

Graph Algorithms #2

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- DFS and BFS on directed graphs
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 - Often, we write G=(A U B,E).



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 - By assumption, n is odd, so it must be red. But then u cannot be red, because G is bipartite.

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- Sometimes, these alternatives definitions are also called "characterisations".

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- Does this remind you of something?
 - It is essentially BFS!
 - We label the nodes of *level 1* red, the nodes of *level 2* green, and so on.
- Implementation:
 - Add a check for odd/even and assign a colour accordingly.
 - In the end, check all edges to see if they have endpoints of the same colour.

Breadth-First Search Pseudocode

Algorithm BFS(G,s)

Initialise empty list L_0 Initialise colour list C Insert s into L_0 Set C[s] = red

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Set i=0

While L_i is not empty

Initialise empty list L_{i+1}

for each node v in L_i

for all edges e incident to v

if edge e is unexplored

let w be the other endpoint of e

if node w is unexplored

label e as discovery edge

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If i+1 is odd, set C[w] = red, else set C[w] = green

else

label e as cross edge

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For all edges e=(u,v) in G
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- Running time O(m+n).

- We started at an arbitrary node s.
- Maybe we were lucky / unlucky?

Properties of BFS

- For simplicity, assume that the graph is connected.
- The traversal visits all vertices of the graph.
- The *discovery edges* form a spanning tree.
- The path of the spanning tree from s to a node v at level i has i edges, and this is the shortest path.
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 - Since the endpoints of any edge can not differ by more than one layer and layers have alternating colours, x and y must be in the same layer.

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Directed graphs

- Nodes are arranged as a list, each node points to the neighbours.
- For directed graphs, the node points in two directions, for in-degree and for out-degree.



DFS and BFS on directed graphs

- Very similar to their version on undirected graphs.
- When we are at a node and we examine its neighbours, a neighbour is now only a node that we can reach with a directed edge.
- The running time is still **O(n+m)**.




















Connectivity

- What BFS is computing is the set of nodes t such that there is a path from s to t.
- A path from s to t does not mean that there is path from t to s.
- (Weak) connectivity: If we ignored the directions for all edges, there would a path from any node to any node.
- Strong connectivity: For every two nodes u and v, there is a path from u to v and a path from v to u.
- Question: Given a graph G=(V,E), is it strongly connected?

Mutual reachability

- Two nodes u and v are mutually reachable, if there is path from u to v and a path from v to u in G.
- Strong connectivity: For every pair of nodes u and v, these nodes are mutually reachable.
- Transitivity: If u and v are mutually reachable and v and w are mutually reachable, then u and w are mutually reachable.

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- Pick any other node v. Since s and v are also mutually reachable, by transitivity, v and u are mutually reachable and the graph is strongly connected.

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- A strongly connected component of a *directed* graph G is subgraph such that any two nodes are mutually reachable.

Strongly connected components

- How do we find all strongly connected components of a graph G?
- We can run the "forward" and "backward" BFS for a node s and find the set of nodes that are mutually reachable from s.
 - This is the strongly connected component of s.
 - But BFS might produce different connected components, depending on how we visit the nodes.
 - We need a consistent way of visiting them in the "forward" and in the "backward" pass.

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- We perform DFS twice.
- The running time is **O(m+n)**.

Correctness

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