Lecture 34: Graphs I



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Assignment



Graphs

- Represent relationships that exist between pairs of objects
- Nothing to do with charts and function plots!
- Extremely versatile, can be used to represent many problems

The Graph ADT

A graph G = (V, E)

- *V* is a finite, non-empty set of vertices (or nodes)
- *E* is a binary relation on *V* (that is, *E* is a collection of edges that connects pairs of vertices)
- Edges are either *directed* or *undirected*

Applications

- transportation networks (flights, roads, etc.)
 - flights and flight patterns.
 - what sort of questions might we ask? What sort of application might we be interested in having a graph?
 - booking flights, picking shortest time? shortest distance?
 - airlines save fuel, number of people who use the route
- Google maps
 - driving directions, mapping out sightseeing

More Applications

- communications networks/utility networks
 - electrical grid, phone networks, computer networks
 - minimize cost for building infrastructure
 - minimize losses, route packets faster
- social networks
 - Does this person know that person.
 - Can this person introduce me to that person job opportunities

Undirected Graphs

Example: G = (V, E), where

- $V = \{A, B, C, D\}$
- $E = \{\{A, C\}, \{A, B\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, D\}\}$



Definitions for UnDirected Graphs

- **subgraph**: is a subset of a graph's edges (and associated vertices) that constitutes a graph.
- **path**: a sequence of connected vertices.
 - **simple path** a path where all vertices occur only once.
- path length: number of edges in the path.
 - Example: path C-A-D-B has length 3.
- **cycle**: path of length ≥ 1 that begins and ends with the same vertex.
 - Example: path A-D-B-A is a cycle.
- **simple cycle**: a simple path that begins and ends with the same vertex.

More Definitions for UnDirected Graphs

- **self loop**: Cycle consisting of one edge and one vertex.
- **adjacent vertices**: when connected by an edge.
- incident edge: the edge that is incident on two adjacent vertices
 - Edge (A,B) above is incident on adjacent vertices A and B
- **degree**: number of incident edges on a vertex.
- **simple graph**: a graph with no self loops.
- **acyclic graph**: a graph with no cycles.

Even More Definitions for UnDirected Graphs

- **connected vertices**: if path that connects them exists
- **connected graph**: a graph where every pair of vertices is connected by a path.
- **tree**: acyclic connected graph
- **forest**: disjoint set of trees

Directed Graphs (Digraphs)

Example: G = (V, E), where

- $V = \{1, 3, 9, 13\}$
- $E = \{(1,3), (3,1), (13,1), (9,9)(9,13)\}$



Definitions for Digraphs

- **subgraph**: subset of a digraph's edges (and associated vertices) that constitutes a digraph.
- **path**: sequence of vertices with a (directed) edge pointing from each vertex to its successor
 - **simple path** a path where all vertices occur only once.
- **length**: number of edges in the path.
- cycle: directed path of length ≥ 1 that begins and ends with the same vertex.
 - **simple cycle**: a simple path that begins and ends with the same vertex.

More Definitions for Digraphs

- **self loop**: Cycle consisting of one edge and one vertex.
 - Example: 9
- **outdegree**: number of edges pointing from it.
- **indegree**: number of edges pointing to it.
- **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**: a digraph with no directed cycles.

Even More Definitions for Digraphs

- **reachable vertices**: when there is a directed path from one to another.
- strongly connected vertices: if mutually reachable
- **strongly connected digraph**: directed path from every vertex to every other vertex
- weakly connected graph: a digraph that would be connected if all of its directed edges were replaced by undirected edges.