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DFS AND SHORTEST PATHS

Lecture 18
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Readings?

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- Read chapter 28

A3 “forgot a corner case”

```

while (true)
3 try {
    if (in first column)
        if in last row, return StoredMap;
        fly south; refresh and save state, fly east
    if (in last column)
        if in last row, return StoredMap;
        fly south; refresh and save state, fly west
    if (row number is even)
        fly east; refresh and save state;
    if (row number is odd)
        fly west; refresh and save state;
}
catch (cliff exception e){
    if in last row, return StoredMap;
    fly south; refresh and save state
}
    
```

It's not about “missing a corner case”. The design is seriously flawed in that several horizontal fly(...) calls could cause the Bfly to fly past an edge, and there is no easy fix for this.

A3 “forgot a corner case”

```

Direction dir= Direction.E;
while (true) {
    refresh and save the state;
    // Fly the Bfly ONE tile –return array if not possible
    if in first col going west or last col going east
        if in last row, return the array;
        fly south and change direction;
    else try {
        fly in direction dir;
    } catch (cliff collision e) {
        if in last row, return the array;
        fly south and change direction;
    }
}
    
```

If you FIRST write the algorithm at a high level, ignoring Java details, you have a better chance of getting a good design

Depth-First Search (DFS)

Visit all nodes of a graph reachable from r.

Depth-first because:
Keep going down a path until no longer possible

Depth-First Search

- Follow edges depth-first starting from an arbitrary vertex r, using a stack to remember where you came from
- When you encounter a vertex previously visited, or there are no outgoing edges, retreat and try another path
- Eventually visit all vertices reachable from r
- If there are still unvisited vertices, repeat
- O(m) time

Difficult to understand!
Let's write a recursive procedure

Depth-First Search

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```
boolean[] visited;
```

node **u** is **visited** means: `visited[u]` is true
 To visit **u** means to: set `visited[u]` to true

Node **v** is **REACHABLE** from node **u** if there is a path (u, \dots, v) in which all nodes of the path are **unvisited**.

Suppose all nodes are unvisited.
 The nodes that are **REACHABLE** from node 1 are 1, 0, 2, 3, 5

The nodes that are **REACHABLE** from 4 are 4, 5, 6.

Depth-First Search

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```
boolean[] visited;
```

To "visit" a node **u**: set `visited[u]` to true.

Node **u** is **REACHABLE** from node **v** if there is a path (u, \dots, v) in which all nodes of the path are unvisited.

Suppose 2 is already visited, others unvisited.
 The nodes that are **REACHABLE** from node 1 are 1, 0, 5

The nodes that are **REACHABLE** from 4 are 4, 5, 6.

Depth-First Search

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```
/** Node u is unvisited. Visit all nodes that are REACHABLE from u. */
public static void dfs(int u) {
    visited[u]= true;
}
```

Let **u** be 1
 The nodes that are **REACHABLE** from node 1 are 1, 0, 2, 3, 5

Depth-First Search

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```
/** Node u is unvisited. Visit all nodes that are REACHABLE from u. */
public static void dfs(int u) {
    visited[u]= true;
    for each edge (u, v)
        if v is unvisited then dfs(v);
}
```

Let **u** be 1
 The nodes to be visited are 0, 2, 3, 5

Have to do dfs on all unvisited neighbors of **u**

Depth-First Search

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```
/** Node u is unvisited. Visit all nodes that are REACHABLE from u. */
public static void dfs(int u) {
    visited[u]= true;
    for each edge (u, v)
        if v is unvisited then dfs(v);
}
```

Let **u** be 1
 The nodes to be visited are 0, 2, 3, 5

Suppose the for each loop visits neighbors in numerical order. Then `dfs(1)` visits the nodes in this order: 1, 0, 2, 3, 5

Depth-First Search

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```
/** Node u is unvisited. Visit all nodes that are REACHABLE from u. */
public static void dfs(int u) {
    visited[u]= true;
    for each edge (u, v)
        if v is unvisited then dfs(v);
}
```

That's all there is to the basic dfs. You may have to change it to fit a particular situation.

Example: There may be a different way (other than `visited`) to know whether a node has been visited

Example: Instead of using recursion, use a loop and maintain the stack yourself.

Shortest Paths in Graphs

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Problem of finding shortest (min-cost) path in a graph occurs often

- ▣ Find shortest route between Ithaca and West Lafayette, IN
- ▣ Result depends on notion of cost
 - Least mileage... or least time... or cheapest
 - Perhaps, expends the least power in the butterfly while flying fastest
 - Many “costs” can be represented as edge weights

Dijkstra’s shortest-path algorithm

Edsger Dijkstra, in an interview in 2010 (CACM):

... the algorithm for the shortest path, which I designed in about 20 minutes. One morning I was shopping in Amsterdam with my young fiancée, and tired, we sat down on the café terrace to drink a cup of coffee, and I was just thinking about whether I could do this, and I then designed the algorithm for the shortest path. As I said, it was a 20-minute invention. [Took place in 1956]

Dijkstra, E.W. A note on two problems in Connexion with graphs. *Numerische Mathematik* 1, 269–271 (1959).
 Visit <http://www.dijkstrascry.com> for all sorts of information on Dijkstra and his contributions. As a historical record, this is a gold mine.

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Dijkstra’s shortest-path algorithm

Dijkstra describes the algorithm in English:

- ▣ When he designed it in 1956, most people were programming in assembly language!
- ▣ Only *one* high-level language: Fortran, developed by John Backus at IBM and not quite finished.

No theory of order-of-execution time —topic yet to be developed. In paper, Dijkstra says, “my solution is preferred to another one ... “the amount of work to be done seems considerably less.”

Dijkstra, E.W. A note on two problems in Connexion with graphs. *Numerische Mathematik* 1, 269–271 (1959).

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Dijkstra’s shortest path algorithm

The n (> 0) nodes of a graph numbered $0..n-1$.

Each edge has a positive weight.

$weight(v_1, v_2)$ is the weight of the edge from node v_1 to v_2 .

Some node v be selected as the *start* node.

Calculate length of shortest path from v to each node.

Use an array $L[0..n-1]$: for **each** node w , store in $L[w]$ the length of the shortest path from v to w .

$L[0] = 2$
 $L[1] = 5$
 $L[2] = 6$
 $L[3] = 7$
 $L[4] = 0$

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Dijkstra’s shortest path algorithm

Develop algorithm, not just present it.

Need to show you the state of affairs —the relation among all variables— just before each node i is given its final value $L[i]$.

This relation among the variables is an *invariant*, because it is always true.

Because each node i (except the first) is given its final value $L[i]$ during an iteration of a loop, the *invariant* is called a *loop invariant*.

$L[0] = 2$
 $L[1] = 5$
 $L[2] = 6$
 $L[3] = 7$
 $L[4] = 0$

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The loop invariant

Settled

S

Frontier

F

Far off

B

(edges leaving the black set and edges from the blue to the red set are not shown)

1. For a Settled node s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. All edges leaving S go to F .
3. For a Frontier node f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using only red nodes (except for f)
4. For a Far-off node b , $L[b] = \infty$
5. $L[v] = 0, L[w] > 0$ for $w \neq v$

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Settled S **Frontier F** **Far off** **Theorem about the invariant**

1. For a Settled node s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. All edges leaving S go to F .
3. For a Frontier node f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using only Settled nodes (except for f).
4. For a Far-off node b , $L[b] = \infty$.
5. $L[v] = 0$, $L[w] > 0$ for $w \neq v$

Theorem. For a node f in F with minimum L value (over nodes in F), $L[f]$ is the length of the shortest path from v to f .

Case 1: v is in S .

Case 2: v is in F . Note that $L[v]$ is 0; it has minimum L value

The algorithm

For all w , $L[w] = \infty$; $L[v] = 0$;
 $F = \{v\}$; $S = \{v\}$;

1. For s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. Edges leaving S go to F .
3. For f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using red nodes (except for f).
4. For b in Far off, $L[b] = \infty$
5. $L[v] = 0$, $L[w] > 0$ for $w \neq v$

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, $L[f]$ is shortest path length

Loopy question 1: How does the loop start? What is done to truthfully the invariant?

The algorithm

For all w , $L[w] = \infty$; $L[v] = 0$;
 $F = \{v\}$; $S = \{v\}$;
while $F \neq \{v\}$ {

1. For s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. Edges leaving S go to F .
3. For f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using red nodes (except for f).
4. For b in Far off, $L[b] = \infty$
5. $L[v] = 0$, $L[w] > 0$ for $w \neq v$

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, $L[f]$ is shortest path length

Loopy question 2: When does loop stop? When is array L completely calculated?

The algorithm

For all w , $L[w] = \infty$; $L[v] = 0$;
 $F = \{v\}$; $S = \{v\}$;
while $F \neq \{v\}$ {
 $f =$ node in F with min L value;
 Remove f from F , add it to S ;
 }

1. For s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. Edges leaving S go to F .
3. For f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using red nodes (except for f).
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Loopy question 3: How is progress toward termination accomplished?

The algorithm

For all w , $L[w] = \infty$; $L[v] = 0$;
 $F = \{v\}$; $S = \{v\}$;
while $F \neq \{v\}$ {
 $f =$ node in F with min L value;
 Remove f from F , add it to S ;
for each edge (f,w) {
 if $(L[w] \text{ is } \infty)$ add w to F ;
 if $(L[f] + \text{weight}(f,w) < L[w])$
 $L[w] = L[f] + \text{weight}(f,w)$;
 }
 }
Algorithm is finished

1. For s , $L[s]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow s$ path.
2. Edges leaving S go to F .
3. For f , $L[f]$ is length of shortest $v \rightarrow f$ path using red nodes (except for f).
4. For b , $L[b] = \infty$
5. $L[v] = 0$, $L[w] > 0$ for $w \neq v$

Theorem: For a node f in F with min L value, $L[f]$ is shortest path length

Loopy question 4: How is the invariant maintained?

About implementation

1. No need to implement S .
2. Implement F as a min-heap.
3. Instead of ∞ , use `Integer.MAX_VALUE`.

For all w , $L[w] = \infty$; $L[v] = 0$;
 $F = \{v\}$; $S = \{v\}$;
while $F \neq \{v\}$ {
 $f =$ node in F with min L value;
 Remove f from F , add it to S ;
for each edge (f,w) {
 if $(L[w] \text{ is } \infty)$ ~~add w to F~~ ;
 if $(L[f] + \text{weight}(f,w) < L[w])$ add w to F ;
 ~~$L[w] = L[f] + \text{weight}(f,w)$;~~ } else $L[w] = \text{Math.min}(L[w], L[f] + \text{weight}(f,w))$;
 }
 }

Execution time

S → F → []

n nodes, reachable from v. $e \geq n-1$ edges
 $n-1 \leq e \leq n^2$

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For all w, L[w]=∞; L[v]=0;           O(n)
F= { v };                             O(1)
while F ≠ {} {
  f= node in F with min L value;       O(n)
  Remove f from F;                     O(n log n)
  for each edge (f,w) {                O(n + e)
    if (L[w] == Integer.MAX_VAL) { O(e)
      L[w]= L[f] + weight(f,w);       O(n-1)
      add w to F;                       O(n log n)
    }
    else L[w]=                         O((e-(n-1)) log n)
      Math.min(L[w], L[f] + weight(f,w));
  }
}
Complete graph: O(n2 log n). Sparse graph: O(n log n)

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outer loop:
n iterations.
Condition evaluated n+1 times.

inner loop:
e iterations.
Condition evaluated n + e times.