

Applications of Graphs

- · Communication networks
- · Routing and shortest path problems
- · Commodity distribution (flow)
- Traffic control
- Resource allocation
- · Geometric modeling
- ...

Graph Definitions

- A directed graph (or digraph) is a pair (V, E) where
 - V is a set
 - E is a set of ordered pairs (u,v) where u,v ∈ V
 Usually require u ≠ v (i.e., no self-loops)
- An element of V is called a vertex or node
- An element of E is called an edge or arc
- |V| = size of V, often denoted n
- |E| = size of E, often denoted m

Example Directed Graph (Digraph)

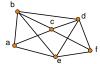
V = {a,b,c,d,e,f}
E = {(a,b), (a,c), (a,e), (b,c), (b,d), (b,e), (c,d), (c,f), (d,e), (d,f), (e,f)}

|V| = 6, |E| = 11

Example Undirected Graph

An *undirected graph* is just like a directed graph, except the edges are *unordered pairs* (sets) {u,v}

Example:



 $V = \{a,b,c,d,e,f\}$

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Some Graph Terminology

- Vertices u and v are called the source and sink of the directed edge (u,v), respectively
- Vertices u and v are called the endpoints of (u,v)
- Two vertices are adjacent if they are connected by an edge
- The <u>outdegree</u> of a vertex u in a directed graph is the number of edges for which u is the source
- The indegree of a vertex v in a directed graph is the number of edges for which v is the sink
- The degree of a vertex u in an undirected graph is the number of edges of which u is an endpoint



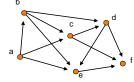


More Graph Terminology



- A path is a sequence $v_0,v_1,v_2,...,v_p$ of vertices such that $(v_i,v_{i+1})\in E,\, 0\leq i\leq p-1$
- The length of a path is its number of edges
 In this example, the length is 5
- A path is simple if it does not repeat any vertices
- A cycle is a path $v_0, v_1, v_2, ..., v_p$ such that $v_0 = v_p$
- A cycle is simple if it does not repeat any vertices except the first and last
- A graph is acyclic if it has no cycles
- A directed acyclic graph is called a dag

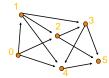
Is This a Dag?



- Intuition:
 - If it's a dag, there must be a vertex with indegree zero
- · This idea leads to an algorithm
 - A digraph is a dag if and only if we can iteratively delete indegree-0 vertices until the graph disappears

Topological Sort

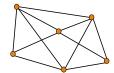
- We just computed a topological sort of the dag
 - This is a numbering of the vertices such that all edges go from lower- to higher-numbered vertices



· Useful in job scheduling with precedence constraints

Graph Coloring

 A coloring of an undirected graph is an assignment of a color to each node such that no two adjacent vertices get the same color

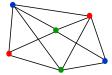


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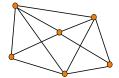
An Application of Coloring

- · Vertices are jobs
- Edge (u,v) is present if jobs u and v each require access to the same shared resource, and thus cannot execute simultaneously
- Colors are time slots to schedule the jobs
- Minimum number of colors needed to color the graph = minimum number of time slots required

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Planarity

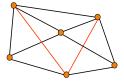
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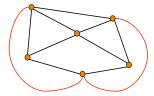


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Is this graph planar?

- Yes

Detecting Planarity

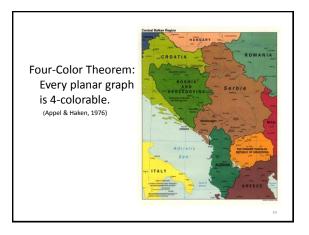
· Kuratowski's Theorem





• A graph is planar if and only if it does not contain a copy of $\rm K_5$ or $\rm K_{3,3}$ (possibly with other nodes along the edges shown)

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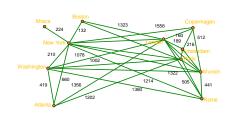


Bipartite Graphs

- A directed or undirected graph is bipartite if the vertices can be partitioned into two sets such that all edges go between the two sets
- · The following are equivalent
 - G is bipartite
 - G is 2-colorable
 - G has no cycles of odd length



Traveling Salesperson



Find a path of minimum distance that visits every city

Representations of Graphs Adjacency List Adjacency Matrix Adjacency Matrix

Adjacency Matrix or Adjacency List?

- Definitions
 - n = number of vertices
 - m = number of edges
 - d(u) = degree of u = number of edges leaving u
- Adjacency Matrix
 - Uses space O(n2)
 - Can iterate over all edges in time O(n²)
 - $-\,$ Can answer "Is there an edge from u to v?" in O(1) time
 - Better for dense graphs (lots of edges)
- · Adjacency List
 - Uses space O(m+n)
 - Can iterate over all edges in time O(m+n)
 - Can answer "Is there an edge from u to v?" in O(d(u)) time
 - Better for sparse graphs (fewer edges)

Graph Algorithms

- Search
 - depth-first search
 - breadth-first search
- Shortest paths
 - Dijkstra's algorithm
- · Minimum spanning trees
 - Prim's algorithm
 - Kruskal's algorithm

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