Breadth First Search, Dijkstra's Algorithm for Shortest Paths

Lecture 17
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Breadth First Search (BFS)

Overview

A. BFS is obtained from BasicSearch by processing edges using a queue data structure.

B. It processes the vertices in the graph in the order of their shortest distance from the vertex $s$ (the start vertex).

As such...

1. DFS good for exploring graph structure
2. BFS good for exploring distances
xkcd take on DFS

PREPARING FOR A DATE:
WHAT SITUATIONS MIGHT I PREPARE FOR?
1) MEDICAL EMERGENCY
2) DANCING
3) FOOD TOO EXPENSIVE
4) NO DINNER COURTESY

OKAY, WHAT KINDS OF EMERGENCIES CAN HAPPEN?
1) SNAKEBITE
2) LIGHTNING STRIKE
3) FALL FROM CHAIR

HMM, WHICH SNAKES ARE DANGEROUS? LET'S SEE...
1) CORN SNAKE
2) GARTER SNAKE
3) COPPERHEAD

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Queue Data Structure

Queues

A queue is a list of elements which supports the operations:

1. **enqueue**: Adds an element to the end of the list
2. **dequeue**: Removes an element from the front of the list

Elements are extracted in *first-in first-out (FIFO)* order, i.e., elements are picked in the order in which they were inserted.
**BFS Algorithm**

Given (undirected or directed) graph $G = (V, E)$ and node $s \in V$

### BFS($s$)

Mark all vertices as unvisited
Initialize search tree $T$ to be empty
Mark vertex $s$ as visited
set $Q$ to be the empty queue

enqueue($Q, s$)

**while** $Q$ is nonempty **do**

$u = \text{dequeue}(Q)$

for each vertex $v \in \text{Adj}(u)$

if $v$ is not visited **then**

add edge $(u, v)$ to $T$

Mark $v$ as visited and enqueue($v$)

**Proposition**

$\text{BFS}(s)$ runs in $O(n + m)$ time.
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BFS: An Example in Directed Graphs

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**BFS**

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set $Q$ to be the empty queue

**enqueue**($s$)

while $Q$ is nonempty do

\[ u = \text{dequeue}(Q) \]

for each vertex $v \in \text{Adj}(u)$ do

\[ \text{if } v \text{ is not visited do} \]

add edge $(u, v)$ to $T$

Mark $v$ as visited, enqueue($v$)

and set $\text{dist}(v) = \text{dist}(u) + 1$
Properties of BFS: Undirected Graphs

Theorem

The following properties hold upon termination of $\text{BFS}(s)$

A. The search tree contains exactly the set of vertices in the connected component of $s$.

B. If $\text{dist}(u) < \text{dist}(v)$ then $u$ is visited before $v$.

C. For every vertex $u$, $\text{dist}(u)$ is the length of a shortest path (in terms of number of edges) from $s$ to $u$.

D. If $u, v$ are in connected component of $s$ and $e = \{u, v\}$ is an edge of $G$, then $|\text{dist}(u) - \text{dist}(v)| \leq 1$. 
Properties of BFS: Directed Graphs

**Theorem**

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B. If $\text{dist}(u) < \text{dist}(v)$ then $u$ is visited before $v$

C. For every vertex $u$, $\text{dist}(u)$ is indeed the length of shortest path from $s$ to $u$

D. If $u$ is reachable from $s$ and $e = (u, v)$ is an edge of $G$, then $\text{dist}(v) - \text{dist}(u) \leq 1$.

*Not necessarily the case that $\text{dist}(u) - \text{dist}(v) \leq 1$.***
BFS with Layers

**BFS Layers**(*s*):
Mark all vertices as unvisited and initialize *T* to be empty
Mark *s* as visited and set *L*<sub>0</sub> = {*s*}

*i* = 0

while *L*<sub>*i*</sub> is not empty do
  initialize *L*<sub>*i*+1</sub> to be an empty list
  for each *u* in *L*<sub>*i*</sub> do
    for each edge (*u*, *v*) ∈ Adj(*u*) do
      if *v* is not visited
        mark *v* as visited
        add (*u*, *v*) to tree *T*
        add *v* to *L*<sub>*i*+1</sub>

  *i* = *i* + 1

Running time: *O*(n + m)
**BFS Layers**

**BFSLayers(s):**

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Mark $s$ as visited and set $L_0 = \{s\}$

$i = 0$

**while $L_i$ is not empty do**

initialize $L_{i+1}$ to be an empty list

for each $u$ in $L_i$ do

for each edge $(u, v) \in \text{Adj}(u)$ do

if $v$ is not visited

mark $v$ as visited

add $(u, v)$ to tree $T$

add $v$ to $L_{i+1}$

$i = i + 1$

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Example
BFS with Layers: Properties

**Proposition**

The following properties hold on termination of \( \text{BFSLayers}(s) \).

1. **BFSLayers**(s) outputs a **BFS** tree
2. \( L_i \) is the set of vertices at distance exactly \( i \) from \( s \)
3. If \( G \) is undirected, each edge \( e = \{u, v\} \) is one of three types:
   1. **tree** edge between two consecutive layers
   2. non-tree **forward/backward** edge between two consecutive layers
   3. non-tree **cross-edge** with both \( u, v \) in same layer
   4. \( \implies \) Every edge in the graph is either between two vertices that are either (i) in the same layer, or (ii) in two consecutive layers.
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BFS with Layers: Properties

For directed graphs

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For each edge $e = (u, v)$ is one of four types:

1. a tree edge between consecutive layers, $u \in L_i, v \in L_{i+1}$ for some $i \geq 0$
2. a non-tree forward edge between consecutive layers
3. a non-tree backward edge
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Part II

Shortest Paths and Dijkstra’s Algorithm
Shortest Path Problems

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1. \(s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow v_i\) is the shortest path from \(s\) to \(v_i\)
2. \(\text{dist}(s, v_i) \leq \text{dist}(s, v_k)\). Relies on non-neg edge lengths.

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**Proof.**

Suppose not. Then for some \(i < k\) there is a path \(P'\) from \(s\) to \(v_i\) of length strictly less than that of \(s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow v_i\). Then \(P'\) concatenated with \(v_i \rightarrow v_{i+1} \ldots \rightarrow v_k\) contains a strictly shorter path than \(s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow \ldots \rightarrow v_k\).
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A proof by picture

$s = v_0$

Shortest path from $v_0$ to $v_6$
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Shorter path from $v_0$ to $v_4$

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A shorter path from $v_0$ to $v_6$. A contradiction.

Shortest path from $v_0$ to $v_6$
A Basic Strategy

Explore vertices in increasing order of distance from $s$:
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2. Want to find the $i$th closest node from $V - X$

What do we know about the $i$th closest node?

**Claim**

Let $P$ be a shortest path from $s$ to $v$ where $v$ is the $i$th closest node. Then, all intermediate nodes in $P$ belong to $X$.

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![Graph Diagram]
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[Diagram of a graph with nodes labeled 0, a, b, 9, c, 6, d, 18, e, 13, f, 19, g, 6, h, 16, and edges with weights indicated by arrows and numbers.]
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![Graph](image)
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**Corollary**

The $i$th closest node is adjacent to $X$. 
Finding the $i$th closest node

1. $X$ contains the $i - 1$ closest nodes to $s$
2. Want to find the $i$th closest node from $V - X$.
3. For each $u \in V - X$ let $P(s, u, X)$ be a shortest path from $s$ to $u$ using only nodes in $X$ as intermediate vertices.
4. Let $d'(s, u)$ be the length of $P(s, u, X)$

Observations: for each $u \in V - X$,
1. $\text{dist}(s, u) \leq d'(s, u)$ since we are constraining the paths
2. $d'(s, u) = \min_{t \in X}(\text{dist}(s, t) + \ell(t, u))$ - Why?

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If $v$ is the $i$th closest node to $s$, then $d'(s, v) = \text{dist}(s, v)$. 
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Proof Sketch.

1. The edge set \(\{(u, \text{prev}(u)) \mid u \in V\}\) induces a directed in-tree rooted at \(s\) (Why?)
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You want to go from your house to a friend’s house. Need to pick up some dessert along the way and hence need to stop at one of the many potential stores along the way. How do you calculate the “shortest” trip if you include this stop?

Given \( G = (V, E) \) and edge lengths \( \ell(e), e \in E \). Want to go from \( s \) to \( t \). A subset \( X \subset V \) that corresponds to stores. Want to find 

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\min_{x \in X} d(s, x) + d(x, t).
\]

**Basic solution:** Compute for each \( x \in X \), \( d(s, x) \) and \( d(x, t) \) and take minimum. \( 2|X| \) shortest path computations. \( O(|X|(m + n \log n)) \).

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