Graphs & Graph Traversal

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Graph Data Structures

- Many-to-many relationship between elements
  - Each element has multiple predecessors
  - Each element has multiple successors
Graph Definitions

• **Node**
  - Element of graph
  - State
    - List of adjacent/neighbor/successor nodes

• **Edge**
  - Connection between two nodes
  - State
    - Endpoints of edge
Graph Definitions

- Directed graph
  - Directed edges
- Undirected graph
  - Undirected edges

(a) Directed graph

(b) Undirected graph
Graph Definitions

• Weighted graph
  • Weight (cost) associated with each edge
Graph Definitions

- **Path**
  - Sequence of nodes $n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k$
  - Edge exists between each pair of nodes $n_i, n_{i+1}$
  - Example
    - A, B, C is a path
    - A, E, D is not a path
Graph Definitions

• Cycle
  • Path that ends back at starting node
  • Example
    • A, E, A
    • A, B, C, D, E, A

• Simple path
  • No cycles in path

• Acyclic graph
  • No cycles in graph
  • What is an example?
Graph Definitions

• Connected Graph
  • Every node in the graph is reachable from every other node in the graph

• Unconnected graph
  • Graph that has several disjoint components

Unconnected graph
Graph Operations

• Traversal (search)
  • Visit each node in graph exactly once
  • Usually perform computation at each node
• Two approaches
  • Breadth first search (BFS)
  • Depth first search (DFS)
Traversals Orders

- Order of successors
  - For tree
    - Can order children nodes from left to right
  - For graph
    - Left to right doesn’t make much sense
    - Each node just has a set of successors and predecessors; there is no order among edges
- For breadth first search
  - Visit all nodes at distance $k$ from starting point
  - Before visiting any nodes at (minimum) distance $k+1$ from starting point
Breadth-first Search (BFS)

- Approach
  - Visit all neighbors of node first
  - View as series of expanding circles
  - Keep list of nodes to visit in queue
- Example traversal
  1. n
  2. a, c, b
  3. e, g, h, i, j
  4. d, f
Breadth-first Tree Traversal

• Example traversals starting from 1

Left to right

Right to left

Random
Depth-first Search (DFS)

- Approach
  - Visit all nodes on path first
  - **Backtrack** when path ends
  - Keep list of nodes to visit in a stack
- Similar to process in maze without exit
- Example traversal
  1. N
  2. A
  3. B, C, D, ...
  4. F...
Depth-first Tree Traversal

- Example traversals from 1 (preorder)

Left to right

Right to left

Random
Traversal Algorithms

• Issue
  • How to avoid revisiting nodes
  • Infinite loop if cycles present

• Approaches
  • Record set of visited nodes
  • Mark nodes as visited
**Traversal – Avoid Revisiting Nodes**

- Record set of visited nodes
  - Initialize \{ Visited \} to empty set
  - Add to \{ Visited \} as nodes are visited
  - Skip nodes already in \{ Visited \}

\[
V = \emptyset \quad \rightarrow \quad V = \{ 1 \} \quad \rightarrow \quad V = \{ 1, 2 \}
\]
**Traversal – Avoid Revisiting Nodes**

- Mark nodes as visited
  - Initialize tag on all nodes (to False)
  - Set tag (to True) as node is visited
  - Skip nodes with tag = True
Traversing Algorithm Using Sets

\{ \text{Visited} \} = \emptyset
\{ \text{Discovered} \} = \{ \text{1st node} \}

\text{while} ( \{ \text{Discovered} \} \neq \emptyset )

\quad \text{take node } X \text{ out of } \{ \text{Discovered} \}

\quad \text{if } X \text{ not in } \{ \text{Visited} \}

\quad \quad \text{add } X \text{ to } \{ \text{Visited} \}

\quad \quad \text{for each successor } Y \text{ of } X

\quad \quad \quad \text{if } ( Y \text{ is not in } \{ \text{Visited} \} )

\quad \quad \quad \quad \text{add } Y \text{ to } \{ \text{Discovered} \}
Traversing Algorithm Using Tags

for all nodes X
    set X.tag = False
{ Discovered } = { 1st node }
while ( { Discovered } ≠ ∅ )
    take node X out of { Discovered }
    if (X.tag == False)
        set X.tag = True
        for each successor Y of X
            if (Y.tag == False)
                add Y to { Discovered }
BFS vs. DFS Traversal

- Order nodes taken out of { Discovered } key
- Implement { Discovered } as Queue
  - First in, first out
  - Traverse nodes breadth first
- Implement { Discovered } as Stack
  - First in, last out
  - Traverse nodes depth first
**BFS Traversal Algorithm**

for all nodes X

   X.tag = False

put 1\textsuperscript{st} node in Queue

while ( Queue not empty )

   take node X out of Queue

   if (X.tag == False)
      set X.tag = True

   for each successor Y of X

      if (Y.tag == False)
         put Y in Queue
DFS Traversal Algorithm

for all nodes X
    X.tag = False
put 1st node in Stack
while ( Stack not empty )
    pop X off Stack
    if (X.tag == False)
        set X.tag = True
        for each successor Y of X
            if (Y.tag == False)
                push Y onto Stack
Example

- Let’s do a BFS/DFS using the following graph (start vertex C)

![Graph Diagram]

- Which Java class can help us implement BFS/DFS?
Recursive Graph Traversal

- Can traverse graph using recursive algorithm
  - Recursively visit successors

- Approach
  Visit ( X )
  for each successor Y of X
  Visit ( Y )

- Implicit call stack & backtracking
  - Results in depth-first traversal
Recursive DFS Algorithm

Traverse()
    for all nodes X
        set X.tag = False
    Visit ( 1st node )

Visit ( X )
    set X.tag = True
    for each successor Y of X
        if ( Y.tag == False )
            Visit ( Y )