Data Structures in Java

Lecture 19: Applications of DFS

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Draw this Figure

Without lifting your pen off the paper.





















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Conditions for Euler Paths and Circuits

- For an Euler Circuit to exist in a graph, all vertices need to have even degree (even number of edges).
- For an Euler Path to exist in a graph, exactly 0 or 2 vertices need to have odd degree.

These conditions are also sufficient!

 (i.e. every graph that contains only vertices of even degree has an Euler circuit).
 (Hierholzer, 1873)

Seven Bridges of Königsberg Leonhard Euler, 1735

The city of Königsberg in Prussia (now Kaliningrad, Russia) was set on both sides of the Pregel River, and included two large islands which were connected to each other and the mainland by seven bridges.

Euler's Problem: Find a walk through the city that crosses every bridge exactly once!



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There is no Euler Path in this graph.

- Start with any vertex *s*. First, using DFS find *any* circuit starting and ending in *s*. Mark all edges on the circuit as visited.
 - Because all vertices have even degree, we are guaranteed to not get stuck before we arrive at *s* again.
- While there are still edges in the graph that are not market visited:
 - Find the first vertex v on the circuit that has unvisited edges.
 - Find a circuit starting in v and *splice* this path into the first circuit























Hamiltonian Cycle

- A Hamiltonian Path is a path through an undirected graph that visits *every vertex* exactly once (except that the first and last vertex may be the same).
- A Hamiltonian Cycle is a Hamiltonian Path that starts and ends in the same node.



Hamiltonian Cycle

- We can check if a graph contains an Euler Cycle in linear time.
- Surprisingly, checking if a graph contains a Hamiltonian Path/Cycle is much harder!
- No polynomial time solution (i.e. $O(N^k)$) is known.



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Connectivity

- An undirected graph is **connected** if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex.
- Test for connectivity: See if DFS can reach all vertices.



unconnected₃ graph











Testing for Biconnectivity

- A graph G is biconnected if:
 - G is connected.
 - G does not contain any articulation points.
- Naive approach:
 - Remove each vertex. Test if the resulting graph is still connected.

$|V| \cdot O(|V| + |E|) = O(|V|^2 + |V| \cdot |E|)$

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- Depends on which vertex we start DFS from.



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Preorder Numbers

 Assign numbers to each vertex in the order in which they are visited by DFS.

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В

G

- For every tree edge (u,v): Num(u) < Num(v)
- For every back edge (u,v): Num(u) > Num(v)

V	Num(v)
А	1
В	2
С	3
D	4
E	5
F	6
G	7

Low numbers

• For each vertex, find the lowest numbered vertex that is reachable by following a path that contains *at most one back edge.*

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weakly connected graph

Strongly Connected Graphs

• A directed graph is **strongly connected** if there is a path from every vertex to every other vertex.



Weakly connected, but not strongly connected (no other vertex can be reached from v).

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• Reverse the edge directions.



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