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Graphs

# **Data Types**

### Feature vectors

We care about attributes of individuals.

### Graphs

We care about relationships between individuals.

### **Example: Facebook**



## **Example: Twitter**



### Definition

A **directed graph** (or **digraph**) G is a pair (V, E) where V is a finite set of **nodes** (or **vertices**) and E is a set of ordered pairs (the **edges**).

Example:



# **Directed Graphs (More Formally)**

*E* is a subset of the Cartesian product, *V* × *V*.

Example:  $\{a, b, c\} \times \{1, 2\} =$   $\begin{cases}
(a, 1), (a, 2), \\
(b, 1), (b, 2), \\
(c, 1), (c, 2), \\
\end{cases}$ 

### Consequences

Because the edge set of a directed graph is allowed to be *any* subset of  $V \times V$ :

- the edges have directions.
  - e.g., (a, b) is "from a to b"
- can have "opposite" edges.
   e.g., (a, b) and (b, a).
- can have "self-loops"
   e.g., (a, a)

### Definition

An **undirected graph** *G* is a pair (*V*, *E*) where *V* is a finite set of **nodes** (or **vertices**) and *E* is a set of unordered, distinct pairs (the **edges**).

Example:

 $V = \{a, b, c, d\}$ E = {{a, c}, {a, b}, {d, b}}



# **Undirected Graphs (More Formally)**

An edge in an undirected graph is a set  $\{u, v\}$  where  $u \neq v$ . This has consequences:

- the edges have no direction.
  - e.g., {a, b} is **not** "from" a "to" b.
- cannot have "opposite" edges.
   e.g., {a, b} and {b, a} are the same.
- cannot have "self-loops"
   e.g., {a, a} is not a valid edge

## Notational Note

Although edges in undirected graphs are sets, we typically write them as pairs: (u, v) instead of  $\{u, v\}$ .

## Summary

- Edges have direction:
  - Directed: yes
  - Undirected: no
- ► Self-loops, (*u*, *u*)?
  - Directed: yes
  - Undirected: no
- Opposite edges, (u, v) and (v, u)?
  - Directed: yes
  - Undirected: no (they are the same edge)

## Note

# Neither directed nor undirected graphs can have **duplicate edges**<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>There are other definitions which allow duplicate edges.

### Note

### Graphs don't need to be "connected"<sup>2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>There are other definitions which allow duplicate edges.



# **Counting Edges**

What is the greatest number edges possible in a **directed** graph?

4+4+4+4 =16



n nodes V N<sup>2</sup>

### Exercise

What is the greatest number edges possible in an **undirected** graph?

# **Counting Edges**

# What is the greatest number edges possible in an **undirected** graph?

3+2+1



### Degree

The **degree** of a node in an undirected graph is the number of edges containing that node.



# In-Degree/Out-Degree

The **in-degree** of a node in an directed graph is the number of edges **entering** that node.

The **out-degree** of a node in an directed graph is the number of edges **leaving** that node.

The **degree** of a node in a directed graph is the in-degree + out-degree.

## Examples



# Neighbors

**Definition:** in an undirected graph, the set of **neighbors** of a node u is the set of all nodes which share an edge with u. *Neighbors*(6) =  $\frac{1}{2}a_{1}c^{2}$ 



### Predecessors

**Definition:** in an directed graph, the set of **predecessors** of a node *u* is the set of all nodes which are at the **start** of an edge **entering** *u*.



### Successors

**Definition:** in an directed graph, the set of **successors** of a node *u* is the set of all nodes which are at the **end** of an edge **leaving** *u*.

Succ (b) = {c} Succ (d) = {d} a Suce (c) = 26, d2

## **A** Convention

In a directed graph, the **neighbors** of *u* are the **successors** of *u*.



### **Other Graphs**

- Graphs can be used to represent states of a process, system, game, etc.
- They could (in principle) have infinitely-many nodes and edges.



### **Example: Robot Navigation**



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**Paths** 

# Example

- Consider a graph of direct flights.
- Each node is an airport.



Each edge is a direct flight.

Should the graph be directed or undirected?

# Example



# Example

- Can we get from San Diego to Columbus?
- Not with a single edge.
- But with a path.

#### Definition

A **path** from *u* to *u'* in a (directed or undirected) graph G = (V, E) is a sequence of one or more nodes  $u = v_0, v_1, ..., v_k = u'$  such that there is an edge between each consecutive pair of nodes in the sequence.

## Path Length

**Definition:** The **length** of a path is the number of nodes in the sequence, minus one. Paths of length zero are possible!

 $(a) \rightarrow (b)$ 

(a,b,c,d)







# Examples



### Note

Paths can go through the same node more than once!


# **Simple Paths**

# **Definition:** A **simple path** is a path in which every node is unique.



# Reachability

**Definition:** node v is **reachable** from node u if there is a path from u to v.



# **Reachability and Directedness**

If G is undirected, reachability is symmetric.
 If u reachable from v, then v reachable from u.

If G is directed, reachability is not symmetric.
 If u reachable from v, then v may/may not be reachable from u.

 $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow d$ 

## **Important Trivia**

In any graph, any node is reachable from itself.

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**Connected Components** 

# Example



#### Example



#### Connectedness

A graph is **connected** if every node *u* is reachable from every other node *v*. Otherwise, it is **disconnected**.

Equivalent: there is a path between every pair of nodes.



A **connected component** is a maximally-connected set of nodes.

I.e., if G = (V, E) is an undirected graph, a connected component is a set  $C \subset V$  such that

- Any pair u, u' ∈ C are reachable from one another; and
- ▶ if  $u \in C$  and  $z \notin C$  then u and z are not reachable from one another.

#### Exercise

What are the connected components?

$$V = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$
  
E = {(0, 2), (1, 5), (3, 1), (2, 4), (0, 4), (5, 3)}

# Example

What are the connected components?



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# Representations

- How do we store a graph in a computer's memory?
- Three approaches:
  - 1. Adjacency matrices.

  - Adjacency lists.
    "Dictionary of sets"

# **Adjacency Matrices**

- Assume nodes are numbered 0, 1, ..., |V| 1
- Allocate a |V| × |V| (Numpy) array
- Fill array as follows:
  arr[i,j] = 1 if (i,j) ∈ E
  arr[i,j] = 0 if (i,j) ∉ E







# Observations

▶ If *G* is undirected, matrix is symmetric.

▶ If G is directed, matrix may not be symmetric.

# **Time Complexity**

operation3codetimeedge queryadj[i,j] == 1 $\Theta(1)$ degree(i)np.sum(adj[i,:]) $\Theta(|V|)$ 

<sup>3</sup>For undirected graphs

# **Space Requirements**

• Uses  $|V|^2$  bits, even if there are very few edges.

But most real-world graphs are sparse.
 They contain many fewer edges than possible.

#### **Example: Facebook**

Facebook has 2 billion users.

$$(2 \times 10^9)^2 = 4 \times 10^{18}$$
 bits

- = 500 petabits
- $\approx$  6500 years of video at 1080p
- $\approx$  60 copies of the internet as it was in 2000

# **Adjacency Matrices and Math**

Adjacency matrices are useful mathematically.

Example: (i, j) entry of A<sup>2</sup> gives number of hops of length 2 between i and j.

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Lecture 10 | Part 5 Adjacency Lists

#### What's Wrong with Adjacency Matrices?

- ▶ Requires  $\Theta(|V|^2)$  storage.
- Even if the graph has no edges.
- Idea: only store the edges that exist.

# Adjacency Lists

- Create a list adj containing |V| lists.
- adg[i] is list containing the neighbors of node i.

#### Example



# Example



# Observations

▶ If G is undirected, each edge appears twice.

▶ If G is directed, each edge appears once.

# **Time Complexity**

operation<sup>4</sup> code time edge query j in adj[i]  $\Theta(degree(i))$ degree(i) len(adj[i])  $\Theta(1)$ 

<sup>4</sup>For undirected graphs

# **Space Requirements**

- ▶ Need Θ(|V|) space for outer list.
- Plus Θ(|E|) space for inner lists.
- In total: Θ(|V| + |E|) space.

## **Example: Facebook**

- Facebook has 2 billion users, 400 billion friendships.
- If each edge requires 32 bits:
  - (2 bits × 200 × (2 billion)
  - = 64 × 400 × 10<sup>9</sup> bits
  - = 3.2 terabytes
  - = 0.04 years of HD video

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**Dictionary of Sets** 

# Tradeoffs

- Adjacency matrix: fast edge query, lots of space.
- Adjacency list: slower edge query, space efficient.
- Can we have the best of both?

#### Idea

- Use hash tables.
- Replace inner edge lists by sets.
- Replace outer list with dict.
  - Doesn't speed things up, but allows nodes to have arbitrary labels.

# Example



# **Time Complexity**

operation5codetimeedge queryj in adj[i]Θ(1) averagedegree(i)len(adj[i])Θ(1) average

<sup>5</sup>For undirected graphs

# **Space Requirements**

Requires only Θ(E).

But there is overhead to using hash tables.
## **Dict-of-sets implementation**

- Install with pip install dsc4ograph
- Import with import dsc40graph
- Docs: https://eldridgejm.github.io/dsc40graph/
- Source code: https://github.com/eldridgejm/dsc40graph
- Will be used in HW coding problems.