

### Felix Xiaozhu Lin Lecture 21: Introduction to Graphs

Graph Definitions and Examples: <u>http://www.personal.kent.edu/~rmuhamma/GraphTheory/MyGraphTheory/defEx.htm</u>

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# Introduction to Graphs

- Graph: Set of vertices (also called nodes) that are connected by edges
- Graph G = (V, E) consists of two sets:
  - V is a finite set of *vertices (nodes)*
  - E is a set of *edges*, where each edge is a pair of vertices
- A vertex (node) is represented by a point or circle and an edge by a line joining the relevant pair of points

# Introduction to Graphs

• A graph can be drawn in different ways



- Any binary relation is a graph, so a graph can be used to represent essentially any relationship
- To understand many important problems, we must think of in terms of graphs!

## Graph Terminology

• Two vertices are *neighbors* if there exists an edge between them. In the below graph, vertices x, y, and z are *neighbors* of a since  $(a, x) \in E$ ,  $(a, y) \in E$ , and  $(a, z) \in E$ , whereas vertices a & b are *non-neighbors* 



• Friendship Graph: The vertices are people and an edge exists between two people if and only if they are friends

- This friendship graph is well-defined on any set of people: 368 students, Purdue students, people living in Indiana, etc.
- What questions can we ask about this?

## **Directed Graphs**

- If I am your friend, does that mean that you are my friend?
- A graph is a *directed graph* (*digraph*) if
  - each edge in E is an ordered pair (x, y) of elements of V
  - edges are drawn as *directed* lines



- In a digraph,  $(u, v) \in E$  *does not* mean that  $(v, u) \in E$ .
- If  $(u, v) \in E$  implies that  $(v, u) \in E$ , then the graph is undirected
- Heard-of graph: Directed/Undirected?

## Simple Graphs

- Am I my own friend?
- An edge (x, x) is said to be a loop
- If x is y's friend many times over, that could be modeled using multiple edges between x and y
- A graph that has no loops and no multi-edges is called a simple graph





## Paths and Cycles

- Is there a friendship link between me and President Obama?
- A *path* is a sequence of edges connecting two vertices. In the below graph,
  a x b y c is a path of length 4



- How long will it take for some gossip that I started to get back to me?
- A *cycle* is a path that starts and ends at the same vertex. In the above graph, a x- c- z- a is a cycle of length 4
- A cycle in which no vertex repeats is called a simple cycle.
- In a digraph, paths and cycles must follow edge directions

### Degree of a vertex

• How many friends do I have?

• The *degree* of a vertex is the number of edges attached to it. In the below graph, every vertex has a degree of 3



- •The *in-degree* of a vertex is the number of edges entering the vertex
- •The *out-degree* of a vertex is the number of edges leaving a vertex
- In below, y has *in-degree* 2 & *out-degree* 1



### An undirected graph is:

•*Connected*, if every pair of vertices is joined by a path, e.g.,



## An undirected graph is:

• A non-connected graph has two or more *connected components*,



## A graph is:

• *Complete*, or *a clique* if every pair of vertices is joined by an edge



#### HANDSHAKE LEMMA:

- In any graph G = (V, E), the *sum of the degrees* of all the vertices in V is *even* and is equal to  $2 \times |E|$
- For a directed graph D = (V, E), the *sum of the in-degrees* of all vertices is equal to *|E|* and the *sum of the out-degrees* of all vertices is equal to *|E|*

# Summary of Graph Concepts

- Edge/vertex
- Neighbors
- Directed/undirected graphs
- Loop/path/cycles
- Component/tree/forest
- Degree
- Connected/complete

## A brief history of graphs

• First known application of graph theory

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Is there a cyclic path that uses each edge exactly once?

Answer: Yes, if and only if the graph is connected and *all* vertices have an *even* degree. Such a cycle is called an "Euler tour" or "Euler cycle"

## A few graph questions

Path. Is there a path between s to t? Shortest path. What is the shortest path between s and t? Longest path. What is the longest simple path between s and t?

Cycle. Is there a cycle in the graph? Euler tour. Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once? Hamilton tour. Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once?

Connectivity. Is there a way to connect all of the vertices? MST. What is the best way to connect all of the vertices? Biconnectivity. Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?

Planarity. Can you draw the graph in the plane with no crossing edges?

### Representation: undirected graph G

#### Adjacency matrix for G u v w x y z u: 0 1 0 1 0 0 v: 1 0 1 1 1 0

w :

x:

y:

0 1 0 1 1 0

1 1 1 0 1 0

0 1 1 1 0 1

Adjacency lists for G

V x V array

**z:** 0 0 0 0 1 0





### Representation: Directed graph D





### Graph representations

- Adjacency matrix
- one row and one column for each vertex
- the element at row i & column j contains a 1 if there is an edge between vertex i to vertex
- j, contains 0 otherwise
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#### For directed graphs:

- Adjacency matrix
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  - the element at row i & column j contains a 1 if there is an edge *from* vertex i to vertex j, contains 0 otherwise
- Adjacency lists
  - one list for each vertex
  - list i is a linked list of all nodes j such that there is an edge from vertex i to vertex j