

# COSC160: Data Structures Graph Structures

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# Graphs

- Definition:
  - A graph is a 2-tuple: G = (N,E)
  - N is a set of nodes
  - E is a set of edges
- Note a tree is a type of graph
  - With added constraints



# Graph Terminology

- An edge e is **incident** on a node  $n_1$  if  $e = (n_1, n_i)$  or  $e = (n_i, n_1)$ 
  - A directed edge e emanates from n1 if  $e = (n_1, n_i)$
  - A directed edge e terminates at n1 if  $e = (n_i, n_1)$
- A **path** on a graph between two nodes  $n_1$  and  $n_i$ , is a sequence of edges  $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_j$  where  $e_1$  emanates at  $n_1$  and  $e_i$  terminates at  $n_i$ , and all intermediate edges  $e_k$  are appropriately connected, ie,  $e_k$  terminates at  $n_{k+1}$  and  $e_{k+1}$  emanates from  $n_{k+1}$ .
- A **loop** is a path that emanates and terminates at the same node.
- A simple path is a path that contains no loops



(A,B), (B,C), (C,D), (D,E)

OR (more compactly)

A - B - C - D - E



# Graph Terminology

- A directed graph consists of edges which have implied direction.
- An undirected graph consists of edges without implied direction.
- A mixed graph consists of edges with and without direction.
- An attributed graph is a graph where attributes are associated with the edges or nodes (usually the edges)
- A weighted graph is a graph with weight attributes associated with the edges.



**Edge Weights** 

Quantify the relationship between two nodes.



# Graph Terminology

- A graph is **connected** if there exists a path from any node to any other node.
- A **fully connected** simple graph is a graph with the maximum number of edges (*Assuming it is not a multi-graph*!):
  - (n-1)<sup>2</sup> edges: with no self-loops.
  - (n)<sup>2</sup> edges: with self-loops
- A **simple graph** is a graph such that there is never multiple edges connected the same node pair.
- A multigraph is a graph where there exists multiple edges connecting the same node pair.
- The order or degree of a node is the number of edges incident upon it.
  - In-degree: the number of edges terminating at a node
  - Out-degree: the number of nodes emanating at a node





# Node Degree:

The number of neighbors an Individual node has.

In directed graphs, we have in-degrees and out-degrees.

- **Sink**: nodes with out-degree = 0
- **Source:** nodes with in-degree = 0



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# Implementation of a Graph

- How might we implement a Graph Structure?
- Chaining:
  - Nodes and pointers
- Array:
  - Adjacency Matrix
- Efficient (chain or array):
  - Sparse matrix



Different Ways to Represent a Graph: Adjacency Matrix M

- Representing edges (who is adjacent to whom) as a matrix
  - $M_{ij} = 1$  if node i has an edge to node j = 0 if node i does not have an edge to j
  - $M_{ii} = 1$  if the network has self-loops
  - $M_{ij} = M_{ji}$  if the network is undirected, or if i and j share a reciprocated edge





#### Adjacency Matrix Example





#### Compute the Adjacency Matrices





# Analysis of Adjacency Matrix Implementation

- Space requirements
  - $O(N^2)$  where N is the number of nodes
- Time requirements
  - Creation / initialization: O(N<sup>2</sup>)
- In many applications, graphs are very sparse!
  - A sparse representation may be more efficient.



## Different Ways to Represent a Graph – Adjacency List

Keep track of all the edges in the graph

- Edge Set

  2 3
  2 4
  3 2
  3 4
  4 5
  5 2
  5 1
- Node Set with edges
  1:
  2: 3 4
  3: 2 4
  4: 5
  5: 1 2





# Adjacency List Implementation (Sparse)

- Space Requirements:
  - O(N+E), where  $E \le N^2$  is the number of edges
    - Inequality holds assuming there are no repeated edges (with different weights)
    - The number of edges is quite low in sparse graphs
- Time Requirements:
  - Creation / initialization: O(N+E), where E is the number of edges



# Traversing a Graph

- Class Discussion:
  - Design a graph traversal algorithm assuming graph is connected.
- Notes: Similar to tree, but there may be cycles!
  - Thus must assure no looping during traversal





## Traversing a Graph



#### • DFS

function DFS(node)
stack.push(node)
while(stack is not empty)
thisNode ≔ stack.pop()
for all nodes c adjacent to thisNode that have not been previously visited
if c is not null,stack.push(c)

#### • BFS



# Single Source Path Length: unweighted graphs

Problem: find the distance from one vertex v to all other vertices

- Use a breadth-first traversal
- Vertices are added in *layers*
- The starting vertex is defined to be in the zeroeth layer,  $L_0$
- While the  $k^{\text{th}}$  layer is not empty:
  - All unvisited vertices adjacent to verticies in  $L_k$  are added to the  $(k + 1)^{st}$  layer

Any unvisited vertices are said to be an infinite distance from v



Consider this graph: find the distance from A to each other vertex





A forms the zeroeth layer,  $L_0$ 





The unvisited vertices B, F and G are adjacent to A

– These form the first layer, *L* 





#### We now begin popping $L_1$ vertices: pop B

- H is adjacent to B
- It is tagged  $L_2$





#### Popping F pushes E onto the queue

– It is also tagged  $L_2$ 





We pop G which has no other unvisited neighbours

– G is the last  $L_1$  vertex; thus H and E form the second layer,  $L_2$ 





Popping H in  $L_2$  adds C and I to the third layer  $L_3$ 





- E has no more adjacent unvisited vertices
- Thus C and I form the third layer,  $L_3$





The unvisited vertex D is adjacent to vertices in  $L_3$ 

– This vertex forms the fourth layer,  $L_4$ 





# Finding Shortest Paths from 1 source: weighted graphs

- Class Discussion:
  - Given a graph, design an algorithm to find the shortest path between the two nodes
  - What is the shortest path between
    - A and C?
    - A and F?
- How would you do this?
  - Which scheme is most appropriate here?
    - BFS
    - DFS



# Dijkstra's Algorithm: Shortest

```
function shortestWeightedPath(s: source) // computes shortest path from 1 source to all other nodes 
N := list of all Nodes 
dist[<math>\forall n \in N] := inf // initialize distance to be inf , dist [j] is distance from source to node j 
dist[s] := 0 // distance to source is 0 
V := \phi // nodes visited 
while V \neq N 
min := argmin_{i \notin V} (dist [i]) 
V := V \cup {min} 
for all nodes v \notin V adjacent to min // check all unvisited neighbors 
if dist[v] > dist[min] + weight(min, v) 
dist[v] := dist[min] + weight(min, v) // update shortest dist
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return dist

toward node with least aggregate weight



# Example Graph Structure Implementation

- Graph Structure: to allow for an efficient shortest path determination
  - Table with N rows, each col would hold
    - · List of nodes names: implemented as a hash to allow for direct indexing
    - Adjacency List (represents edges and weights)
    - Marked (for any traversal)
      - Initialize all nodes as unmarked
      - During traversal, mark a node upon visit
    - Dist (for shortest path)
      - Keep track of shortest path from source to each node
    - Previous (for shortest path)
      - When updating shortest path, keep track of preceding node in shortest path. Allows for easy retrieval of nodes sequence of shortest path (in reverse)

```
 \begin{aligned} function \ shortestWeightedPath(s: \ source) \ // \ computes \ shortest \ path \ from \ source \ to \ all \ other \ nodes \\ N & \coloneqq \ list \ of \ all \ Nodes \\ dist[\forall \ n \in N \ ] := \ inf \ // \ initialize \ distance \ to \ be \ inf \ , \ dist[j] \ is \ distance \ from \ source \ to \ node \ j \\ dist[s] := 0 \ // \ distance \ to \ source \ is \ 0 \\ V & \coloneqq \phi \ // \ nodes \ visited \\ while \ V \neq N \\ & \min \coloneqq \ argmin_{i\notin V}(dist \ [i]) \\ V & \coloneqq V \cup \{min\} \\ for \ all \ nodes \ v \notin \ V \ adjacent \ to \ min \ // \ check \ all \ unvisited \ neighbors \\ if \ dist[v] > \ dist[v] = \ dist[min] + weight(min, v) \\ & dist[v] \coloneqq dist[win] + weight(min, v) \ // \ update \ shortest \ dist \\ & prev[v] \coloneqq min \end{aligned}
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#### Graph Structure Example: Source is A.

Run Shortest Path and update graph table Step 1: Visit A and Update Neighbors Distances



#### Try this at home:

1. Given a graph table implementation, try to algorithmically update the members of the table when computing the shortest path, that is implement, graph::sp(string node1, string node2)



- argmin of dist (not previously visited) is B
- B is visited
  - marked
  - prev is updated







- argmin of dist (not previously visited) is E
- E is visited
  - marked
  - prev is updated





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- argmin of dist (not previously visited) is D
- D is visited
  - marked
  - prev is updated





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- argmin of dist (not previously visited) is C
- C is visited
  - marked
  - prev is updated







- argmin of dist (not previously visited) is B
- B is visited
  - marked
  - prev is updated
- B's neighbors are updated in dist
- All items in dist are marked .. DONE!





#### Another Example

Find the shortest distance from (K) to every other node




#### We set up our table

- Which unvisited vertex has the minimum distance to it?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	$\infty$	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	$\infty$	Ø
Е	F	$\infty$	Ø
F	F	$\infty$	Ø
G	F	$\infty$	Ø
Н	F	$\infty$	Ø
	F	00	Ø
J	F	$\infty$	Ø
K	F	0	Ø
L	F	00	GEOR

#### We visit vertex K



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	$\infty$	Ø
D	F	$\infty$	Ø
Е	F	$\infty$	Ø
F	F	$\infty$	Ø
G	F	$\infty$	Ø
Н	F	$\infty$	Ø
l	F	$\infty$	Ø
J	F	$\infty$	Ø
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	$\infty$	GEOR

#### Vertex K has four neighbors: H, I, J and L



We have now found at least one path to each of these vertices



#### We're finished with vertex K

- To which vertex are we now guaranteed we have the shortest path?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	œ	Ø
В	F	œ	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	00	Ø
F	F	00	Ø
G	F	00	Ø
Н	F	8	K
Ι	F	12	K
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

We visit vertex H: the shortest path is (K, H) of length 8 – Vertex H has four unvisited neighbors: E, G, I, L



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	00	Ø
В	F	œ	Ø
С	F	œ	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	00	Ø
F	F	00	Ø
G	F	00	Ø
Η	Т	8	K
	F	12	K
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

#### Consider these paths:

(K, H, E) of length 8 + 6 = 14 (K, H, G) of length 8 + 11 = 19

(K, H, I) of length 8 + 2 = 10 (K, H, L) of length 8 + 9 = 17

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Which of these are shorter than any known path?



# We already have a shorter path (K, L), but we update the other three



#### We are finished with vertex H

– Which vertex do we visit next?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	$\infty$	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	$\infty$	Ø
G	F	19	Н
Н	Т	8	K
	F	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEORGE

The path (K, H, I) is the shortest path from K to I of length 10

– Vertex I has two unvisited neighbors: G and J



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	$\infty$	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	00	Ø
G	F	19	Н
	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEORO

#### Consider these paths:

(K, H, I, G) of length 10 + 3 = 13 (K, H, I, J) of length 10 + 18 = 28

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G 3 12 K	0
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Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	00	Ø
G	F	19	Н
H /	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

We have discovered a shorter path to vertex G, but (K, J) is still the shortest known path to vertex J

Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	00	Ø
G	F	13	I
Η/	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

#### Which vertex can we visit next?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	$\infty$	Ø
Е	F	14	Н
F	F	$\infty$	Ø
G	F	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

# The path (K, H, I, G) is the shortest path from K to G of length 13

- Vertex G has three unvisited neighbors: E, F and J



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	œ	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	00	Ø
G	Т	13	I
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEORG

Consider these paths:

(K, H, I, G, E) of length 13 + 15 = 28 (K, H, I, G, F) of length 13 + 4 = 17

(K, H, I, G, J) of length 13 + 19 = 32

– Which do we update?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
Е	F	14	Н
F	F	00	Ø
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

#### We have now found a path to vertex F



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
Е	F	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

#### Where do we visit next?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	F	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

Example

# The path (K, H, E) is the shortest path from K to E of length 14

- Vertex G has four unvisited neighbors: B, C, D and F



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	Т	14	Η
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
	Т	8	K
	Т	10	$\left  \cdot \right $
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

Example

# The path (K, H, E) is the shortest path from K to E of length 14

– Vertex G has four unvisited neighbors: B, C, D and F



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
Ε	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	H
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
	F	16	GEOR

Consider these paths:

(K, H, E, B) of length 14 + 5 = 19 (K, H, E, C) of length 14 + 1 = 15

(K, H, E, D) of length 14 + 10 = 24 (K, H, E, F) of length 14 + 22 = 36



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	00	Ø
С	F	00	Ø
D	F	00	Ø
E	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
	F	16	GEOR

#### We've discovered paths to vertices B, C, D



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	E
С	F	15	E
D	F	24	E
E	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
$\left  - \right $	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	T	0	Ø
	F	16	GEOR

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#### Which vertex is next?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	E
С	F	15	E
D	F	24	E
Е	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

We've found that the path (K, H, E, C) of length 15 is the shortest path from K to C

- Vertex C has one unvisited neighbor, B



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	E
С	Т	15	Ε
D	F	24	Е
	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
$\left  - \right $	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

# The path (K, H, E, C, B) is of length 15 + 7 = 22 We have already discovered a shorter path through vertex E



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	Е
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	E
Ε /	Т	14	H
F/	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR

#### Where to next?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	$\infty$	Ø
В	F	19	Е
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	E
Е	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	F	16	GEOR



#### Where to next?

– Does it matter if we visit vertex F first or vertex J first?



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	E
Е	Т	14	Н
F	F	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
	Т	16	GEOR

#### Let's visit vertex F first

- It has one unvisited neighbor, vertex D



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
A	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	Е
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	E
Е	Т	14	Н
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	H
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GEOR

The path (K, H, I, G, F, D) is of length 17 + 14 = 31– This is longer than the path we've already discovered



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	00	Ø
В	F	19	Е
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	Е
Е	Т	14	
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	$\left  - \right $
J	F	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GEOR

#### Now we visit vertex J

- It has no unvisited neighbors



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous	
А	F	00	Ø	
В	F	19	E	
С	Т	15	E	
D	F	24	E	
Е	Т	14	Η	
F	Т	17	G	
G	Т	13		
Н	Т	8	K	
	Т	10	Η	
J	Т	17	K	
K	Т	0	Ø	~
	Т	16	GEOR	FE FR

Next we visit vertex B, which has two unvisited neighbors:

(K, H, E, B, A) of length 19 + 20 = 39 (K, H, E, B, D) of length 19 + 13 = 32

- We update the path length to A



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	F	39	В
В	Т	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	F	24	Е
E	Т	14	Н
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	H
J	Т	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GEOR

#### Next we visit vertex D

- The path (K, H, E, D, A) is of length 24 + 21 = 45
- We don't update A



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	F	39	В
В	Т	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	Т	24	Ε
E	Т	14	Н
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	Т	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GEOR

#### Finally, we visit vertex A

- It has no unvisited neighbors and there are no unvisited vertices left
- We are done



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	Т	39	В
В	Т	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	Т	24	E
Е	Т	14	$\left  - \right $
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	Т	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
	Т	16	GEOR

# Thus, we have found the shortest path from vertex K to each of

the other vertices



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Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
Α	Т	39	В
В	Т	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	Т	24	E
E	Т	14	Н
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	Т	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GRORG

# Using the *previous* pointers, we can reconstruct the paths



Vertex	Visited	Distance	Previous
А	Т	39	В
В	Т	19	E
С	Т	15	E
D	Т	24	E
Е	Т	14	Н
F	Т	17	G
G	Т	13	
Н	Т	8	K
	Т	10	Н
J	Т	17	K
K	Т	0	Ø
L	Т	16	GEOR

Note that this table defines a rooted parental tree

- The source vertex K is at the root
- The previous pointer is the *parent* of the vertex in the tree





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## Comments on Dijkstra's algorithm

Questions:

- What if at some point, all unvisited vertices have a distance  $\infty$ ?
  - This means that the graph is unconnected
  - We have found the shortest paths to all vertices in the connected subgraph containing the source vertex
- What if we just want to find the shortest path between vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_k$ ?
  - Apply the same algorithm, but stop when we are <u>visiting</u> vertex  $v_k$
- Does the algorithm change if we have a directed graph?
  - No



## Implementation and analysis

The initialization requires  $\Theta(|V|)$  memory and run time

We iterate |V| - 1 times, each time finding next closest vertex to the source

- Iterating through the table requires is  $\Theta(|V|)$  time
- Each time we find a vertex, we must check all of its neighbors
- With an adjacency matrix, the run time is  $\Theta(|V|(|V| + |V|)) = \Theta(|V|^2)$
- With an adjacency list, the run time is  $\Theta(|V|^2 + |E|) = \Theta(|V|^2)$  as  $|E| = O(|V|^2)$

Can we do better?

- Recall, we only need the closest vertex
- How about a priority queue?
  - Try using a binary min heap



## Implementation and analysis

The initialization still requires  $\Theta(|V|)$  memory and run time

- The priority queue will also requires O(|V|) memory
- We must use an adjacency list, not an adjacency matrix

<u>Pick Min From Heap</u>: We iterate |V| times, each time finding the *closest* vertex to the source

- Initialize: Place the distances into a priority queue
- The size of the priority queue is O(|V|)
- Each pick is constant, but then must swapDown  $O(\ln(|V|))$
- Each p, the work required for this is  $O(|V| \ln(|V|))$

Repeatedly Update Heap:

- Recall that each edge visited may result in a new edge being placed to the very top of the heap.
- Thus, the work required for this is  $O(|E| \ln(|V|))$
- NOTE: there must be a way to "eliminate" repeated nodes in the heap to keep the size restricted to V. But How? Can we do this in constant time?

Thus, the total run time is  $O(|V| \ln(|V|) + |E| \ln(|V|))$ 

Thus a priority heap may be preferred when the graph is sparse.



# Applications of Graphs

- Modeling/Analyzing Networks
  - Social networks
  - Computer networks
  - Markov Processes
  - Connected components / Image analysis
- Flows
  - Matching Problem
  - Critical Paths
  - Security: points of weakness



## Common Paths on a Graph

- Shortest Paths
  - Path connecting two nodes with minimum aggregate weight
- Hamilton Paths:
  - Path that visits each node once
- Euler Paths
  - Path that traverses each edge once



#### Tokyo Railway Network

How would you represent this as a graph? What are the nodes? Edges? Analysis

- Shortest Path
- Traffic (max) Flow/ Bottle Neck
- Critical points / critical edges



Source: TRTA, March 2003 - Tokyo rail map



## Social Network Example: Political Blogs Community Structure





# Strength of Community



**Citations of posts of top 20 liberal** & conservative blogs

≥ 25 citations GEORGETOWN

## Difficult Problems on a Graph

- The general graph does not have many constraint imposed on edges (unlike trees)
  - Problems that represented as graphs may have fairly high computational complexity
- What is the time complexity of the previously noted Shortest Path Algorithm?



## Example: Traveling Salesman Problem

- Assume a salesman must visit a collection of cities to sell a product. The salesman wishes to *minimize* the total distance traveled. What is the best itinerary?
- How would you describe the solution to this problem?





# Summary of Graphs

- A very general structure used to model many problem types
- Implementations
  - Chaining
  - Adjacency Matrix
  - Sparse Matrix (graphs in application are generally very very sparse!)
- Time complexities can be fairly high compared to trees (given reduced structural constraints)





## Appendix

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## Spanning Trees

- Idea: Given a graph, produce a subgraph that is a tree (that connects all nodes with n-1 edges)
- Algorithms
  - Kruskals Algorithm
  - Prim's Algorithm

