

## Graph Theory Review

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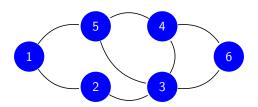
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- ▶ Graph  $G(V, E) \Rightarrow A$  set V of vertices or nodes
  - $\Rightarrow$  Connected by a set *E* of edges or links
  - $\Rightarrow$  Elements of *E* are unordered pairs (u, v),  $u, v \in V$
- ► In figure ⇒ Vertices are  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ⇒ Edges  $E = \{(1, 2), (1, 5), (2, 3), (3, 4), ...$  $(3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 5), (4, 6)\}$
- ▶ Often we will say graph G has order  $N_v := |V|$ , and size  $N_e := |E|$

#### From networks to graphs



- ▶ Networks are complex systems of inter-connected components
- ▶ Graphs are mathematical representations of these systems
  - ⇒ Formal language we use to talk about networks



- ► Components: nodes, vertices
- ► Inter-connections: links, edges
- Systems: networks, graphs

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## Vertices and edges in networks

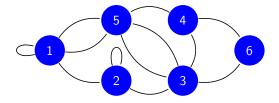


Network	Vertex	Edge
Internet	Computer/router	Cable or wireless link
Metabolic network	Metabolite	Metabolic reaction
WWW	Web page	Hyperlink
Food web	Species	Predation
Gene-regulatory network	Gene	Regulation of expression
Friendship network	Person	Friendship or acquaintance
Power grid	Substation	Transmission line
Affiliation network	Person and club	Membership
Protein interaction	Protein	Physical interaction
Citation network	Article/patent	Citation
Neural network	Neuron	Synapse
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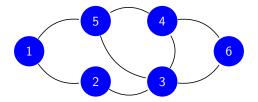
## Simple and multi-graphs



- ▶ In general, graphs may have self-loops and multi-edges
  - ⇒ A graph with either is called a multi-graph

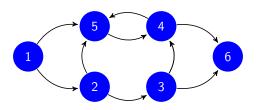


► Mostly work with simple graphs, with no self-loops or multi-edges



#### Directed graphs



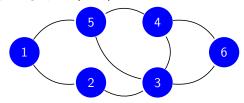


- ▶ In directed graphs, elements of E are ordered pairs (u, v),  $u, v \in V$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  Means (u, v) distinct from (v, u)
  - ⇒ Directed edges are called arcs
- ► Directed graphs often called digraphs
  - $\Rightarrow$  By convention arc (u, v) points to v
  - $\Rightarrow$  If both  $\{(u,v),(v,u)\}\subseteq E$ , the arcs are said to be mutual
- Ex: who-calls-whom phone networks, Twitter follower networks

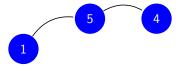
## Subgraphs



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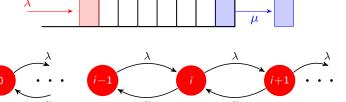
- ▶ **Def:** Graph G'(V', E') is an induced subgraph of G if  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$  is the collection of edges in G among that subset of vertices
- ► Ex: Graph induced by  $V' = \{1, 4, 5\}$



#### Weighted graphs



- ▶ Oftentimes one labels vertices, edges or both with numerical values
  - ⇒ Such graphs are called weighted graphs
- Useful in modeling are e.g., Markov chain transition diagrams
- $\triangleright$  Ex: Single server queuing system (M/M/1 queue)



- ▶ Labels could correspond to measurements of network processes
- Ex: Node is infected or not with influenza, IP traffic carried by a link

# Typical network representations



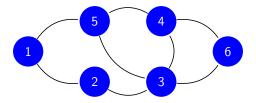
Network	Graph representation	
WWW	Directed multi-graph (with loops), unweighted	
Facebook friendships	Undirected, unweighted	
Citation network	Directed, unweighted, acyclic	
Collaboration network	Undirected, unweighted	
Mobile phone calls	Directed, weighted	
Protein interaction	Undirected multi-graph (with loops), unweighted	
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▶ Note that multi-edges are often encoded as edge weights (counts)

# Adjacency



- ▶ Useful to develop a language to discuss the connectivity of a graph
- A simple and local notion is that of adjacency
  - $\Rightarrow$  Vertices  $u, v \in V$  are said adjacent if joined by an edge in E
  - $\Rightarrow$  Edges  $e_1, e_2 \in E$  are adjacent if they share an endpoint in V

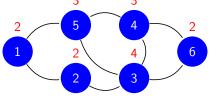


- ▶ In figure ⇒ Vertices 1 and 5 are adjacent; 2 and 4 are not
  - $\Rightarrow$  Edge (1,2) is adjacent to (1,5), but not to (4,6)



- ightharpoonup An edge (u, v) is incident with the vertices u and v
- **Def:** The degree  $d_v$  of vertex v is its number of incident edges

⇒ Degree sequence arranges degrees in non-decreasing order



- ▶ In figure  $\Rightarrow$  Vertex degrees shown in red, e.g.,  $d_1 = 2$  and  $d_5 = 3$   $\Rightarrow$  Graph's degree sequence is 2,2,2,3,3,4
- ► High-degree vertices likely influential, central, prominent. More soon

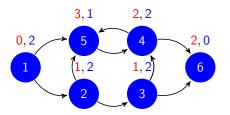
# Properties and observations about degrees



- ▶ Degree values range from 0 to  $N_v 1$
- ► The sum of the degree sequence is twice the size of the graph

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{N_{\nu}} d_{\nu} = 2|E| = 2N_{\rm e}$$

- ⇒ The number of vertices with odd degree is even
- ▶ In digraphs, we have vertex in-degree  $d_v^{in}$  and out-degree  $d_v^{out}$



▶ In figure ⇒ Vertex in-degrees shown in red, out-degrees in blue ⇒ For example,  $d_1^{in} = 0$ ,  $d_1^{out} = 2$  and  $d_5^{in} = 3$ ,  $d_5^{out} = 1$ 

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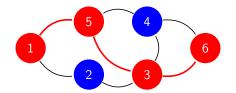
#### Movement in a graph



**Def:** A walk of length I from  $v_0$  to  $v_I$  is an alternating sequence

$$\{v_0, e_1, v_1, \dots, v_{l-1}, e_l, v_l\}$$
, where  $e_i$  is incident with  $v_{i-1}, v_i$ 

- A trail is a walk without repeated edges
- ► A path is a walk without repeated nodes (hence, also a trail)

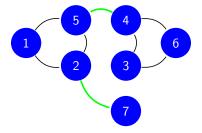


- ightharpoonup A walk or trail is closed when  $v_0 = v_I$ . A closed trail is a circuit
- ▶ A cycle is a closed walk with no repeated nodes except  $v_0 = v_I$
- ► All these notions generalize naturally to directed graphs

#### Connectivity



- $\blacktriangleright$  Vertex v is reachable from u if there exists a u-v walk
- ▶ **Def:** Graph is connected if every vertex is reachable from every other

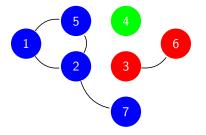


▶ If bridge edges are removed, the graph becomes disconnected

#### Connected components



- ▶ **Def:** A component is a maximally connected subgraph
  - ⇒ Maximal means adding a vertex will ruin connectivity

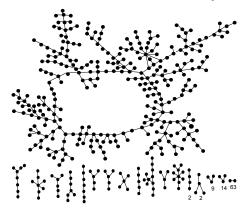


- ▶ In figure  $\Rightarrow$  Components are  $\{1,2,5,7\}$ ,  $\{3,6\}$  and  $\{4\}$  $\Rightarrow$  Subgraph  $\{3,4,6\}$  not connected,  $\{1,2,5\}$  not maximal
- ▶ Disconnected graphs have 2 or more components
  - ⇒ Largest component often called giant component

#### Giant connected components



- ► Large real-world networks typically exhibit one giant component
- Ex: romantic relationships in a US high school [Bearman et al'04]

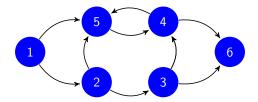


- ▶ Q: Why do we expect to find a single giant component?
- A: Well, it only takes one edge to merge two giant components

#### Connectivity of directed graphs



- ► Connectivity is more subtle with directed graphs. Two notions
- ▶ **Def:** Digraph is strongly connected if for every pair  $u, v \in V$ , u is reachable from v (via a directed walk) and vice versa
- ▶ **Def:** Digraph is weakly connected if connected after disregarding arc directions, i.e., the underlying undirected graph is connected

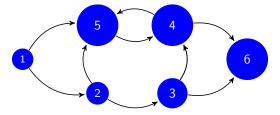


- ► Above graph is weakly connected but not strongly connected
  - ⇒ Strong connectivity obviously implies weak connectivity

#### How well connected nodes are?



- ▶ Q: Which node is the most connected?
- ► A: Node rankings to measure website relevance, social influence
- ► There are two important connectivity indicators
  - ⇒ How many links point to a node (outgoing links irrelevant)
  - ⇒ How important are the links that point to a node



- ► Idea exploited by Google's PageRank<sup>©</sup> to rank webpages
  - ... by social scientists to study trust & reputation in social networks
  - ... by ISI to rank scientific papers, journals ... More soon

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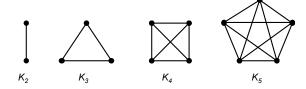
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# Complete graphs and cliques



 $\triangleright$  A complete graph  $K_n$  of order n has all possible edges

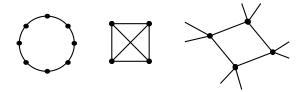


- ightharpoonup Q: What is the size of  $K_n$ ?
- ▶ A: Number of edges in  $K_n$  = Number of vertex pairs =  $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
- ▶ Of interest in network analysis are cliques, i.e., complete subgraphs
  - ⇒ Extreme notions of cohesive subgroups, communities

#### Regular graphs



A d-regular graph has vertices with equal degree d

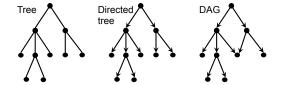


- ▶ Naturally, the complete graph  $K_n$  is (n-1)-regular
  - ⇒ Cycles are 2-regular (sub) graphs
- ► Regular graphs arise frequently in e.g.,
  - ▶ Physics and chemistry in the study of crystal structures
  - ► Geo-spatial settings as pixel adjacency models in image processing
  - Opinion formation, information cycles as regular subgraphs

#### Trees and directed acyclic graphs



- ► A tree is a connected acyclic graph. An acyclic graph is a forest
- Ex: river network, information cascades in Twitter, citation network

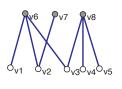


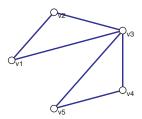
- A directed tree is a digraph whose underlying undirected graph is a tree
  - ⇒ Root is only vertex with paths to all other vertices
- ► Vertex terminology: parent, children, ancestor, descendant, leaf
- ► Underlying graph of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) may not be a tree
  - ⇒ DAGs have a near-tree structure, also useful for algorithms

#### Bipartite graphs



- ightharpoonup A graph G(V, E) is called bipartite when
  - $\Rightarrow$  V can be partitioned in two disjoint sets, say  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ ; and
  - $\Rightarrow$  Each edge in E has one endpoint in  $V_1$ , the other in  $V_2$





- ▶ Useful to represent e.g., membership or affiliation networks
  - $\Rightarrow$  Nodes in  $V_1$  could be people, nodes in  $V_2$  clubs
  - $\Rightarrow$  Induced graph  $G(V_1, E_1)$  joins members of same club

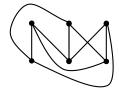
## Planar graphs



A graph G(V, E) is called planar if it can be drawn in the plane so that no two of its edges cross each other







- ▶ Planar graphs can be drawn in the plane using straight lines only
- Useful to represent or map networks with a spatial component
  - ⇒ Planar graphs are rare
  - ⇒ Some mapping tools minimize edge crossings

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## Adjacency matrix



- ► Algebraic graph theory deals with matrix representations of graphs
- ightharpoonup Q: How can we capture the connectivity of G(V, E) in a matrix?
- ▶ A: Binary, symmetric adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \{0,1\}^{N_v \times N_v}$ , with entries

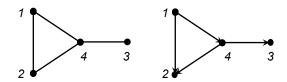
$$A_{ij} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1, & ext{if } (i,j) \in E \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{array} 
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- $\Rightarrow$  Note that vertices are indexed with integers  $1, \ldots, N_{\nu}$
- ⇒ Binary and symmetric **A** for unweighted and undirected graph
- In words, **A** is one for those entries whose row-column indices denote vertices in *V* joined by an edge in *E*, and is zero otherwise

## Adjacency matrix examples



Examples for undirected graphs and digraphs



$$\mathbf{A}_{u} = \left( egin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} 
ight), \quad \mathbf{A}_{d} = \left( egin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} 
ight)$$

▶ If the graph is weighted, store the (i, j) weight instead of 1

## Adjacency matrix properties



- ▶ Adjacency matrix useful to store graph structure. More soon
   ⇒ Also, operations on A yield useful information about G
- **Degrees:** Row-wise sums give vertex degrees, i.e.,  $\sum_{j=1}^{N_v} A_{ij} = d_i$
- ► For digraphs **A** is not symmetric and row-, colum-wise sums differ

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_v} A_{ij} = d_i^{out}, \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{N_v} A_{ij} = d_j^{in}$$

- ► Walks: Let  $\mathbf{A}^r$  denote the r-th power of  $\mathbf{A}$ , with entries  $A_{ij}^{(r)}$   $\Rightarrow \text{Then } A_{ij}^{(r)} \text{ yields the number of } i-j \text{ walks of length } r \text{ in } G$
- ► Corollary:  $tr(\mathbf{A}^2)/2 = N_e$  and  $tr(\mathbf{A}^3)/6 = \#\triangle$  in G
- **Spectrum**: G is d-regular if and only if  $\mathbf{1}$  is an eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e.,

$$A1 = d1$$

#### Incidence matrix



- A graph can be also represented by its  $N_v \times N_e$  incidence matrix **B**  $\Rightarrow$  **B** is in general not a square matrix, unless  $N_v = N_e$
- For undirected graphs, the entries of **B** are

$$B_{ij} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1, & ext{if vertex } i ext{ incident to edge } j \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{array} 
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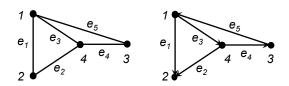
For digraphs we also encode the direction of the arc, namely

$$B_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if edge } j \text{ is } (k, i) \\ -1, & \text{if edge } j \text{ is } (i, k) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

#### Incidence matrix examples



Examples for undirected graphs and digraphs



$$\mathbf{B}_{u} = \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right), \quad \mathbf{B}_{d} = \left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

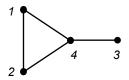
▶ If the graph is weighted, modify nonzero entries accordingly

#### Graph Laplacian



▶ Vertex degrees often stored in the diagonal matrix **D**, where  $D_{ii} = d_i$ 

$$\mathbf{D} = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{array}\right)$$



▶ The  $N_{\nu} \times N_{\nu}$  symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{A}$  is called graph Laplacian

$$L_{ij} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} d_i, & \text{if } i = j \\ -1, & \text{if } (i,j) \in E \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right., \ \mathbf{L} = \left( \begin{array}{ll} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

## Laplacian matrix properties



▶ Smoothness: For any vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_v}$  of "vertex values", one has

$$\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

which can be minimized to enforce smoothness of functions on G

- ▶ Positive semi-definiteness: Follows since  $\mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x} \geq 0$  for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_v}$
- ▶ Rank deficiency: Since L1 = 0, L is rank deficient
- **Spectrum and connectivity:** The smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  of **L** is 0
  - ▶ If the second-smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda_2 \neq 0$ , then *G* is connected
  - ▶ If **L** has n zero eigenvalues, G has n connected components

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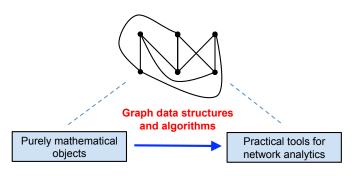
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ightharpoonup Q: How can we store and analyze a graph G using a computer?



- ▶ Data structures: efficient storage and manipulation of a graph
- ► Algorithms: scalable computational methods for graph analytics
  - ⇒ Contributions in this area primarily due to computer science

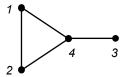
# Adjacency matrix as a data structure



- $\triangleright$  Q: How can we represent and store a graph G in a computer?
- ightharpoonup A: The  $N_v \times N_v$  adjacency matrix **A** is a natural choice

$$A_{ij} = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1, & ext{if } (i,j) \in E \ 0, & ext{otherwise} \end{array} 
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$$\mathbf{A} = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$



- ► Matrices (arrays) are basic data objects in software environments
  - $\Rightarrow$  Naive memory requirement is  $O(N_{\nu}^2)$
  - ⇒ May be undesirable for large, sparse graphs

## Networks are sparse graphs



► Most real-world networks are sparse, meaning

$$N_{
m e} \ll rac{N_{
m v}(N_{
m v}-1)}{2}$$
 or equivalently  $ar{d}:=rac{1}{N_{
m v}}\sum_{
m v=1}^{N_{
m v}}d_{
m v} \ll N_{
m v}-1$ 

▶ Figures from the study by Leskovec et al '09 are eloquent

Network dataset	Order $N_{\nu}$	Avg. degree $\bar{d}$
WWW (Stanford-Berkeley)	319,717	9.65
Social network (LinkedIn)	6,946,668	8.87
Communication (MSN IM)	242,720,596	11.1
Collaboration (DBLP)	317,080	6.62
Roads (California)	1,957,027	2.82
Proteins (S. Cerevisiae)	1,870	2.39

• Graph density  $\rho := \frac{N_e}{N_v^2} = \frac{\bar{d}}{2N_v}$  is another useful metric

# Adjacency and edge lists



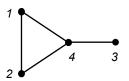
► An adjacency-list representation of graph G is an array of size  $N_v$ ⇒ The i-th array element is a list of the vertices adjacent to i

$$L_a[1] = \{2, 4\}$$

$$L_a[2] = \{1, 4\}$$

$$L_a[3] = \{4\}$$

$$L_a[4] = \{1, 2, 3\}$$



► Similarly, an edge list stores the vertex pairs incident to each edge

$$L_e[1] = \{1, 2\}$$
  
 $L_e[2] = \{1, 4\}$   
 $L_e[3] = \{2, 4\}$   
 $L_e[4] = \{3, 4\}$ 

▶ In either case, the memory requirement is  $O(N_e)$ 

# Graph algorithms and complexity



- Numerous interesting questions may be asked about a given graph
- ► For few simple ones, lookup in data structures suffices
  - Q1: Are vertices u and v linked by an edge?
  - Q2: What is the degree of vertex u?
- ▶ Some others require more work. Still can tackle them efficiently
  - Q1: What is the shortest path between vertices u and v?
  - Q2: How many connected components does the graph have?
  - Q3: Is a given digraph acyclic?
- ► Unfortunately, in some cases there is likely no efficient algorithm Q1: What is the maximal clique in a given graph?
- ► Algorithmic complexity key in the analysis of modern network data

## Testing for connectivity



- ► Goal: verify connectivity of a graph based on its adjacency list
- ▶ Idea: start from vertex s, explore the graph, mark vertices you visit

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Output: List M of marked vertices in the component
Input: Graph G (e.g., adjacency list)
Input: Starting vertex s
L := \{s\}; M := \{s\}; \% Initialize exploration and marking lists
while L \neq \emptyset do
     choose u \in L; % Pick arbitrary vertex to explore
     if \exists (u, v) \in E such that v \notin M then
           choose (u, v) with v of smallest index;
           L := L \cup \{v\}; M := M \cup \{v\}; % Mark and augment
     else
      L := L \setminus \{u\}; \% Prune
     end
end
```

#### Graph exploration example



ightharpoonup Below we indicate the chosen and marked nodes. Initialize s=2

L	Mark			
{2}	2	S1 2 5 7	S2 <b>(5)</b> (7)	S3 2 7
$\{2,1\}$	1			
$\{2,1,5\}$	5	0 8	0 8	6 8
$\{2,1,5,6\}$	6	4 3	<u>4</u> 3	4) 3
{1,5, <mark>6</mark> }				9
$\{1,5,6,4\}$	4	S4 🙉	S5 🙉	S6 👝
{5, <mark>6</mark> ,4}		<b>5</b> 7	<b>5</b> 7	<b>(5)</b> (7)
{5, <b>4</b> }				II
{5, <b>4</b> ,3}	3			6 8
{5, <mark>3</mark> }		<b>4</b> ——3	<b>4</b> 3	4 3
{5,3, <del>7</del> }	7			
<b>{5</b> ,3}		S7 2	S8 🙉	
<b>{3</b> }		<b>5 0</b>	<b>5 0</b>	
{3, <mark>8</mark> }	8	6 8		
<b>3</b> }				
{}		(4)——(3)	<b>4 3</b>	

 $\triangleright$  Exploration takes  $2N_v$  steps. Each node is added and removed once

#### Breadth-first search



- ► Choices made arbitrarily in the exploration algorithm. Variants?
- ightharpoonup Breadth-first search (BFS): choose for u the first element of L

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Output: List M of marked vertices in the component
Input: Graph G (e.g., adjacency list)
Input: Starting vertex s
L := \{s\}; M := \{s\}; \% Initialize exploration and marking lists
while L \neq \emptyset do
     u := first(L); % Breadth first
     if \exists (u, v) \in E such that v \notin M then
           choose (u, v) with v of smallest index;
           L := L \cup \{v\}; M := M \cup \{v\}; \% Mark and augment
     else
       L := L \setminus \{u\}; \% Prune
     end
end
```

## BFS example



 $\blacktriangleright$  Below we indicate the chosen and marked nodes. Initialize s=2

L	Mark			
{2} {2,1} {2,1,5} {1,5}	2 1 5	S1 0 0 0 8	S2 0 0 0 8	S3
{1,5,4} {1,5,4,6}	4 6	S4 👧	S5 👧	S6 👧
{5,4,6} {4,6} {4,6,3}	3			
{6,3} {3}	3	4 3	4 3	4 3
{3,7} {3,7,8} { <b>7</b> ,8}	7 8	S7 2 6 7	S8 2 6 7	
{8} {}		6 8	4 3	

► The algorithm builds a wider tree (breadth first)

# Depth-first search



ightharpoonup Depth-first search (DFS): choose for u the last element of L

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Output: List M of marked vertices in the component
Input: Graph G (e.g., adjacency list)
Input : Starting vertex s
L := \{s\}; M := \{s\}; \% Initialize exploration and marking lists
while L \neq \emptyset do
     u := last(L); % Depth first
     if \exists (u, v) \in E such that v \notin M then
           choose (u, v) with v of smallest index;
           L := L \cup \{v\}; M := M \cup \{v\}; \% Mark and augment
     else
      L := L \setminus \{u\}; \% Prune
     end
end
```

#### DFS example



ightharpoonup Below we indicate the chosen and marked nodes. Initialize s=2

{2} S1	7
$\{2,1\}$ 1 $\{2,1,4\}$ 4 0 8 8 6	8
{2,1,4,3} 3	
{2,1,4,3,7} 7	•
{2,1,4,3} S4  S5  S6  S6  S6	
{2,1,4,3,8} 8	7
$\{2,1,4,3\}$ $\{2,1,4\}$ $\{3,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$ $\{4,1,4\}$	8
{2,1,4,6} 6	-3
{2,1,4,6,5} 5	
{2,1,4,6} S7 S8	
$\{2,1,4\}$ $(5)$ $(6)$	
$\{2,1\}$	
{2}	
{}	

► The algorithm builds longer paths (depth first)

# Distances in a graph



- ► Recall a path  $\{v_0, e_1, v_1, \dots, v_{l-1}, e_l, v_l\}$  has length I
  - $\Rightarrow$  Edges weights  $\{w_e\}$ , length of the walk is  $w_{e_1} + \ldots + w_{e_l}$
- ▶ **Def:** The distance between vertices u and v is the length of the shortest u v path. Oftentimes referred to as geodesic distance
  - $\Rightarrow$  In the absence of a u-v path, the distance is  $\infty$
  - $\Rightarrow$  The diameter of a graph is the value of the largest distance
- Q: What are efficient algorithms to compute distances in a graph?
- ► A: BFS (for unit weights) and Dijkstra's algorithm

## Computing distances with BFS



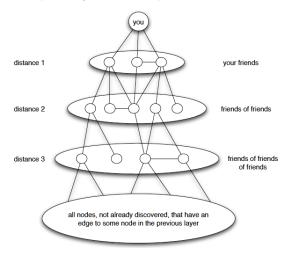
- ▶ Use BFS and keep track of path lengths during the exploration
- Increment distance by 1 every time a vertex is marked

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Output: Vector d of distances from reference vertex
Input : Graph G (e.g., adjacency list)
Input: Reference vertex s
L := \{s\}; M := \{s\}; d(s) = 0; \%  Initialization
while L \neq \emptyset do
     u := first(L); % Breadth first
     if \exists (u, v) \in E such that v \notin M then
           choose (u, v) with v of smallest index;
           L := L \cup \{v\}; M := M \cup \{v\}; \% Mark and augment
           d(v) := d(u) + 1 % Increment distance
     else
       L := L \setminus \{u\}; \% Prune
     end
end
```

#### Example: Distances in a social network



▶ BFS tree output for your friendship network



#### Glossary



- ► (Di) Graph
- ► Arc
- ► (Induced) Subgraph
- Incidence
- ► Degree sequence
- ► Walk, trail and path
- ► Connected graph
- Giant connected component
- Strongly connected digraph
- Clique
- Tree

- ► Bipartite graph
- Directed acyclic graph (DAG)
- Adjacency matrix
- ► Graph Laplacian
- Adjacency and edge lists
- Sparse graph
- Graph density
- Breadth-first search
- Depth-first search (DFS)
- Geodesic distance (BFS)
- Diameter