Introduction to Computers and Programming

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- Problem Formulation
 - Problem solving as state space search
- Definition of Graphs
 - Types of Graphs
- Shortest Path problems
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Complex missions must carefully:

- Plan complex sequences of actions
- Schedule tight resources
- Monitor and diagnose behavior
- Repair or reconfigure hardware.
- ⇒ Most AI problems, like these, may be formulated as state space search.

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Graph

- A graph is a generalization of the simple concept of a set of dots (called vertices or nodes) connected by links (called edges or arcs)
 - Example: graph with 6 vertices and 7 edges



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Graphs

- A **multigraph** has two or more edges that connect the same pair of vertices
- A cycle is a path that begins and ends with the same vertex
 - A cycle of length 1 is a loop
 - (1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 2, 1) is a cycle of length 6



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 Two vertices, u and v in an undirected graph G are called adjacent (or neighbors) in G, if { (u,v)} is an edge of G.

Vertices

 The degree of a vertex in an undirected graph is the number of edges incident with it, except that a loop at a vertex contributes twice to the degree of that vertex.

Adjacency Matrix

- A finite graph is often represented by its **adjacent matrix**.
 - An entry in row / and column j gives the number of edges from the *i*th to the jth vertex.





Walks and Paths

- A walk is a sequence of vertices (v₁, v₂, ..., v_k) in which each *adjacent* vertex pair is an edge
- A path is a walk with no repeated vertices





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"The 1st problem in Graph Theory" Seven Bridges of Königsberg

- The city of Königsberg was set on the River Pregel, and included two large islands which were connected to each other and the mainland by seven bridges.
 - Was it possible to walk a route that crossed each bridge exactly once, and return to the starting point?





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- An **Eulerian path** in a graph is a path that uses each edge precisely once.
 - If such path exists, the graph is called traversable
- Euler showed that an Eulerian cycle exists if and only if all vertices in the graph are of even **degree**.

Weighted Graph

- A **weighted** graph associates a value (weight) to every edge in the graph.
 - A weight of a path in a weighted graph is the sum of the weights of the traversed edges.



 Directed graph (digraph) is a graph with one-way edges 21

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Shortest Path Problems

- The shortest path from v₁ to v₂
 - Is the path of the smallest weight between the two vertices
 - Shortest may be least number of edges, least total weight, etc.
 - The weight of that path is called the distance between them

Shortest Path Problems

• Example: the weight can be mileage, fares, etc.



Shortest Path Problems

Dijkstra's algorithm

- Finds shortest path for a directed and connected graph G(V,E) which has nonnegative weights.
- Applications:
 - Internet routing
 - Road generation within a geographic region
 - ...

• Dijkstra(G,w,s)

Init_Source(G,s) S := empty set Q := set of all vertices

Q = Set of all vertices

while Q is not an empty set loop
u := Extract_Min(Q)
S := S union {u}
for each vertex v which is a neighbor of u loop

Relax(u,v,w)

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Dijkstra's Algorithm

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    Init_Source(G,s)
        for each vertex v in V[G] loop
            d[v] := infinite
            previous[v] := 0
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d[s] := 0

 v = Extract_Min(Q) searches for the vertex v in the vertex set Q that has the least d[v] value. That vertex is removed from the set Q and then returned.

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• Relax(u,v,w)
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if d[v] > d[u] + w(u,v) then
 d[v] := d[u] + w(u,v)
 previous[v] := u





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