Network Flow

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What is a residual graph?

Forward edges = capacity left Back edges = flow Original Residual



Idea: Find a way to add some flow, modify graph to show this flow reserved... repeat.





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Ford-Fulkerson(G, s, t) initialize network flow to 0 while (exists path from s to t) augment flow, f, in G along path return f

(Note: "augment flow" means add this flow to network)



Subscript "f" denotes <u>residual</u> (or modified graph) "forward edge" G_{f} = residual graph capacity - flow E_{f} = residual edges c_f = residual capacity "back edge" $C_{f}(u,v) = c(u,v) - f(u,v)$ just flow $C_f(v,u) = f(u,v)$

Ford-Fulkerson(G, s, t) for: each edge (u,v) in G.E: (u,v).f=0 while: exists path from s to t in G_f find $C_{f}(p)$ // minimum edge cap. on path for: each edge (u,v) in p if(u,v) in E: (u,v).f=(u,v).f + $c_f(p)$ else: (v,u).f=(v,u).f - $c_{f}(p)$



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- |f*| (paths might use only 1 flow)
 so, O(E |f*|)

Edmonds-Karp exists shortest path (BFS) Ford-Fulkerson(G, s, t) for: each edge (u,v) in G.E: (u,v).f=0 while: exists path from s to t in G_f find c_f(p) // minimum edge cap. for: each edge (u,v) in p if(u,v) in E: (u,v).f=(u,v).f + $c_f(p)$ else: (u,v).f=(u,v).f - $c_{f}(p)$

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Edmonds-Karp

Lemma 26.7 Shortest path in G_{f} is non-decreasing

Theorem 26.8 Number of flow augmentations by Edmonds-Karp is O(|V||E|) So, total running time: O(|V||E|²)

 $(f \uparrow f')(u,v) = flow f augmented by f'$ $(f \uparrow f')(u,v) = f(u,v) + f'(u,v) - f'(v,u)$

Lemma 26.1: Let f be the flow in G, and f' be a flow in G_f , then $(f \uparrow f')$ is a flow in G with total amount: $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$ Proof: pages 718-719

For some path p: c_f(p) = min(c_f(u,v) : (u,v) on p) ^^ (capacity of path is smallest edge)

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Claim 26.3:
Let f_p = c_f(p), then
|f \uparrow f_p| = |f| + |f_p|
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More bad notation: c(u,v) = capacity of an edge if u and v are single vertexes

c(S,T) = capacity across a cut if S and T are sets of vertexes

... Similarly for f(u,v) and f(S,T)





Lemma 26.4 Let (S,T) be any cut, then f(S,T) = |f|

Proof: Page 722 (Kinda long)

Corollary 26.5 Flow is not larger than cut capacity Proof:

 $\begin{aligned} |f| &= \sum_{u \text{ in } S} \sum_{v \text{ in } T} f(u,v) - \sum_{u} \sum_{v \text{ } V} f(v,u) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \text{ in } S} \sum_{v \text{ in } T} f(u,v) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \text{ in } S} \sum_{v \text{ in } T} c(u,v) \\ &= c(S,T) \end{aligned}$

Theorem 26.5 All 3 are equivalent: 1. f is a max flow 2. Residual network has no aug. path 3. |f| = c(S,T) for some cut (S,T) **N**maximum network flow Proof: = min cut (i.e. bottlneck) Will show: 1 => 2, 2=>3, 3=>1

f is a max flow => Residual network has no augmenting path

Proof: Assume there is a path p $|f \uparrow f_p| = |f| + |f_p| > |f|$, which is a contradiction to |f| being a max flow

- Residual network has no aug. path => |f| = c(S,T) for some cut (S,T) Proof:
- Let S = all vertices reachable from s in G_f
- u in S, v in T => f(u,v) = c(u,v) else there would be path in G_f

Also, f(v,u) = 0 else c_f(u,v) > 0 and again v would be reachable from s

 $f(S,T) = \sum_{u \text{ in } S} \sum_{v \text{ in } T} f(u,v) - \sum_{u} \sum_{v \text{ in } V} f(v,u)$ $= \sum_{u \text{ in } S} \sum_{v \text{ in } T} c(u,v) - \sum_{u} \sum_{v \text{ o} V} 0$ = c(S,T)

|f| = c(S,T) for some cut (S,T) => f is a max flow

Proof: $|f| \le c(S,T)$ for all cuts (S,T)

Thus trivially true, as |f| cannot get larger than C(S,T)

Matching

Another application of network flow is maximizing (number of)matchings in a bipartite graph



Each node cannot be "used" twice

Matching

Add "super sink" and "super source" (and direct edges source -> sink) capacity = 1 on all edges

Efficient matrix multiplication



If you have square matrices A and B, then C = A*B is defined as:

$$c_{i,j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_{i,k} \cdot b_{k,j}$$

For
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$
 $\mathbf{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 13 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
Takes O(n³) time

Can we do better?

What is the theoretical lowest running time possible?

Can we do better? Yes!

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O(n²), must read every value at least once

Block matrix multiplication says:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 & \mathbf{A}_2 \\ \mathbf{A}_3 & \mathbf{A}_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \mathbf{B}_2 \\ \mathbf{B}_3 & \mathbf{B}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1 & \mathbf{C}_2 \\ \mathbf{C}_3 & \mathbf{C}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus $C_1 = A_1 * B_1 + A_2 * B_3$,

We can use this fact to make a recursive definition

Divide&conquer algorithm: Mult(A,B) If |A| == 1, return A*B (scalar) else... divide A&B into 4 equal parts C1 = Mult(A1,B1) + Mult(A2,B3)C2 = Mult(A1,B2) + Mult(A2,B4)C3 = Mult(A3,B1) + Mult(A4,B3)C4 = Mult(A3,B2) + Mult(A4,B4)

Running time: Base case is O(1) Recursive part needs to add two n/4 x n/4 matrices, so O(n²) 8 recursive calls, each size n/2

 $T(n) = 8 T(n/2) + O(n^2)$ $T(n) = O(n^{\log 2 8}) = O(n^3)$



Although the simple divide&conquer did not improve running time...

Can eliminate one recursive call to get $O(n^{\log^2 7})$ with fancy math

Has a much larger constant factor, so not useful unless matrix big

Step 1: compute some S's (just 'cause!)

S1=B2-B4 S2=A1+A2 S3=A3+A4 S4=B3-B1 S5=A1+A4 S6=B1+B4 S7=A2-A4 S8=B3+B4 S9=A1-A3 S10=B1+B2

Step 2: compute some P's (7 < 8) P1=A1*S1 P2=S2*B4P3=S3*B1 P4 = A4 * S4P5=S5*S6P6 = S7 * S8P7=S9*S10

Step 3: Magic!

C1 = P5 + P4 - P2 + P6 C2 = P1 + P2 C3 = P3 + P4C4 = P5 + P1 - P3 - P7

(Book works out algebra for you)

In practice, you should never use this on a matrix smaller than 16x16

The break-point is debatable, but Strassen's is better if over 100x100

Theoretical methods exist to reduce to O(n^{2.3728639}), but not practical at all

The FFT is a very nice algorithm (ranks up there with bucket sort)

It has many uses, but we will use it to solve polynomial multiplication

Naive approach takes O(n²) time (i.e. FOIL)

Assume we have polynomials: $A(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} a_j \cdot x^j, B(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} b_j \cdot x^j$



O(n) per c_j, up to $2n c_j's = O(n^2)$

Rather than directly computing C(x), map to a different representation

$$A(x) = (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \dots (x_n, y_n)$$

Theorem 30.1: If $x_i \neq x_j$ for all $i \neq j$, then above gives a unique polynomial

Proof: (direct) Represent in matrix form: $[1 x_0 x_0^2 ... x_0^n] [a_0] [y_0]$ $[1 x_1 x_1^2 ... x_1^n] [a_1] = [y_1]$

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_n \end{bmatrix}$ The left matrix is invertible, done

Q: Why bother with point-values? A: We can do A(x) * B(x) in O(n) in this space

Namely, $(x_i, cy_i) = (x_i, ay_i*by_i)$

Need to get to point-value and back to coefficients in less than O(n²)



Coming soon! (next time)