

1. Intro. This program finds all cycles of length k in a given graph, using brute force.

More precisely, the task is to find a sequence of distinct vertices $(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1})$ such that $v_{i-1} \text{ --- } v_i$ for $1 \leq i < k$ and $v_{k-1} \text{ --- } v_0$. To avoid duplicates, I also require that $v_0 = \max v_i$ and that v_{k-1} precedes v_1 on the adjacency list of v_0 . Straightforward backtracking is used to run through all of these possibilities.

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#define maxn 100    /* upper bound on vertices in the graph */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "gb_graph.h"
#include "gb_save.h"
int kk;             /* the given cycle length */
Vertex *vv[maxn];   /* tentative cycle */
Arc *aa[maxn];      /* pointers to them the adjacency lists */
long count;         /* the number of cycles found */
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    register int i, j, k;
    register Graph *g;
    register Vertex *u, *v;
    register Arc *a, *b;
    Vertex *v0;

    <Process the command line 2>;
    <Clear the eligibility tags 5>;
    for (v0 = g->vertices + g->n - 1; v0 >= g->vertices; v0--) <Print all cycles whose largest vertex is v0 3>;
    fprintf(stderr, "Altogether %ld cycles found.\n", count);
}

2. <Process the command line 2> ≡
if (argc ≠ 3 ∨ sscanf(argv[2], "%d", &kk) ≠ 1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s foo.gb k\n", argv[0]);
    exit(-1);
}
g = restore_graph(argv[1]);
if (!g) {
    fprintf(stderr, "I couldn't reconstruct graph %s!\n", argv[1]);
    exit(-2);
}
if (g->n > maxn) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Recompile me: %g->n=%ld, maxn=%d!\n", g->n, maxn);
    exit(-3);
}
if (kk < 3) {
    fprintf(stderr, "The cycle length must be 3 or more, not %d!\n", kk);
    exit(-4);
}
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This code is used in section 1.

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3. #define elig u.I /* is this vertex a legal candidate for  $v_{k-1}$ ? */
⟨Print all cycles whose largest vertex is  $v_0$  3⟩ ≡
{
    vv[0] = v0;
    for (v = g-vertices; v < v0; v++) v-elig = 0;
    for (a = v-arcs; a; a = a-next)
        if (a-tip < v0) break;
    if (a ≡ 0) continue; /* reject  $v_0$  if it has no smaller neighbors */
    aa[1] = a, k = 1;
    try_again: if (k ≡ 1) aa[1]-tip-elig = 1;
    for (a = aa[k]-next; a; a = a-next)
        if (a-tip < v0) break;
    tryit: if (a ≡ 0) goto backtrack;
    aa[k] = a, vv[k] = v = a-tip;
    for (j = 0; vv[j] ≠ v; j++) ;
    if (j < k) goto try_again; /*  $v$  is already present */
    k++;
    new_level: if (k ≡ kk) ⟨Check for a solution, then backtrack 4⟩;
    for (a = vv[k - 1]-arcs; a; a = a-next)
        if (a-tip < v0) break;
    goto tryit;
    backtrack: if (--k) goto try_again;
}

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This code is used in section 1.

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4. At this point I use the slightly tricky fact that  $v = vv[k - 1]$ .
⟨Check for a solution, then backtrack 4⟩ ≡
{
    if (v-elig) {
        for (j = 0; j < kk; j++) printf("%s", vv[j]-name);
        printf("\n");
        count++;
    }
    goto backtrack;
}

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This code is used in section 3.

5. I've avoided tricks, except in one respect that could have caused a bug: The code above assumes that $v-elig$ is zero for all $v \geq v_0$.

That assumption will be valid if we make sure that it holds the first time, since v_0 continues to decrease.

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⟨Clear the eligibility tags 5⟩ ≡
(g-vertices + g-n - 1)-elig = 0;

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This code is used in section 1.

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- ⟨ Check for a solution, then backtrack 4 ⟩ Used in section 3.
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