

# Graph Matching

CSE 373

Data Structures

DS.GR.14

## Graph Matching

Input: 2 digraphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ ,  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$

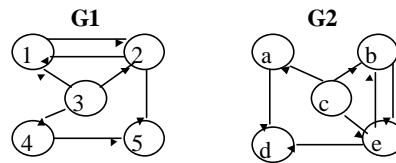
Questions to ask:

1. Are  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  **isomorphic**?
2. Is  $G_1$  **isomorphic to a subgraph** of  $G_2$ ?
3. How **similar** is  $G_1$  to  $G_2$ ?
4. How **similar** is  $G_1$  to the most similar **subgraph** of  $G_2$ ?

**Isomorphism for Digraphs**

$G_1$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  if there is a 1-1, onto mapping  $h: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  such that

$$(v_i, v_j) \in E_1 \text{ iff } (h(v_i), h(v_j)) \in E_2$$



Find an isomorphism  $h: \{1,2,3,4,5\} \rightarrow \{a,b,c,d,e\}$ .  
Check that the condition holds for every edge.

**Subgraph Isomorphism for Digraphs**

$G_1$  is isomorphic to a **subgraph** of  $G_2$  if there is a 1-1 mapping  $h: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  such that

$$(v_i, v_j) \in E_1 \Rightarrow (h(v_i), h(v_j)) \in E_2$$



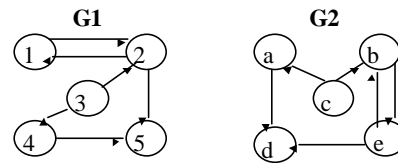
Isomorphism and subgraph isomorphism are defined similarly for **undirected graphs**.

In this case, when  $(v_i, v_j) \in E_1$ , either  $(v_i, v_j)$  or  $(v_j, v_i)$  can be listed in  $E_2$ , since they are equivalent and both mean  $\{v_i, v_j\}$ .

**Similar Digraphs**

Sometimes two graphs are close to isomorphic, but have a few "errors."

Let  $h(1)=b$ ,  $h(2)=e$ ,  $h(3)=c$ ,  $h(4)=a$ ,  $h(5)=d$ .



(1,2)	(b,e)	The mapping $h$ has <b>2 errors</b> .
(2,1)	(e,b)	
<b>X</b>	(c,b)	$(c,b) \in G2$ , but $(3,1) \notin G1$
(4,5)	(a,d)	
(2,5)	(e,d)	
(3,2)	<b>X</b>	$(3,2) \in G1$ , but $(c,e) \notin G2$
(3,4)	(c,a)	

**Error of a Mapping**

Intuitively, the **error** of mapping  $h$  tells us

- how many edges of  $G1$  have no corresponding edge in  $G2$  and
- how many edges of  $G2$  have no corresponding edge in  $G1$ .

Let  $G1=(V1,E1)$  and  $G2=(V2,E2)$ , and let  $h:V1 \rightarrow V2$  be a 1-1, onto mapping.

forward error  $EF(h) = |\{(v_i, v_j) \in E1 \mid (h(v_i), h(v_j)) \notin E2\}|$   
edge in  $E1$  corresponding edge not in  $E2$

backward error  $EB(h) = |\{(v_i, v_j) \in E2 \mid (h^{-1}(v_i), h^{-1}(v_j)) \notin E1\}|$   
edge in  $E2$  corresponding edge not in  $E1$

total error  $Error(h) = EF(h) + EB(h)$

relational distance  $GD(G1, G2) = \min_{\text{for all 1-1, onto } h: V1 \rightarrow V2} Error(h)$

**Variations of Relational Distance**

1. **normalized relational distance:**  
Divide by the sum of the number of edges in E1 and those in E2.
2. **undirected graphs:**  
Just modify the definitions of EF and EB to accommodate.
3. **one way mappings:**  
h is 1-1, but need not be onto  
Only the forward error EF is used.
4. **labeled graphs:**  
When nodes and edges can have labels, each node should be mapped to a node with the same label, and each edge should be mapped to an edge with the same label.

**Graph Matching Algorithms**

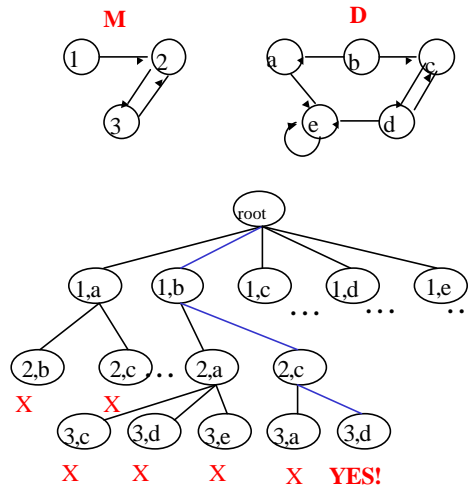
1. graph isomorphism
- \* 2. subgraph isomorphism
- \* 3. relational distance
4. attributed relational distance (uses labels)

**Subgraph Isomorphism**

Given model graph  $M = (VM, EM)$   
data graph  $D = (VD, ED)$

Find 1-1 mapping  $h: VM \rightarrow VD$

satisfying  $(vi, vj) \in EM \Rightarrow ((h(vi), h(vj)) \in ED.$

**Method: Backtracking Tree Search****Treesearch for Subgraph Isomorphism in Digraphs**

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procedure Treesearch(VM, VD, EM, ED, h)
{
  v = first(VM);
  for each w ∈ VD
  {
    h' = h ∪ {(v,w)}; //add to set
    OK = true;
    for each edge (vi,vj) in EM (with vi < vj for undirected graphs)
      if one of vi or vj is v and the other
        has been assigned a value in h'
        if ( (h'(vi),h'(vj)) is NOT in ED )
          {OK = false; break;};

    if OK {
      VM' = VM - v; //remove from set
      VD' = VD - w'
      if isempty(VM') output(h');
      else Treesearch(VM',VD',EM,ED,h')
    } } }

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**Branch-and-Bound Tree Search** DS.GR.23

Keep track of the least-error mapping.

