

# Graph Matching

CSE 373  
Data Structures

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### Graph Matching

Input: 2 digraphs  $G1 = (V1, E1), G2 = (V2, E2)$

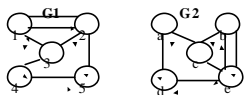
Questions to ask:

- 1 Are  $G1$  and  $G2$  **isomorphic**?
- 2 Is  $G1$  **isomorphic to a subgraph** of  $G2$ ?
- 3 How **similar** is  $G1$  to  $G2$ ?
- 4 How **similar** is  $G1$  to the most similar **subgraph** of  $G2$ ?

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### Isomorphism for Digraphs

$G1$  is isomorphic to  $G2$  if there is a 1-1, onto mapping  $h: V1 \rightarrow V2$  such that

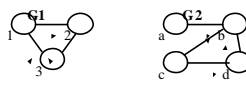
$$(vi, vj) \in E1 \text{ iff } (h(vi), h(vj)) \in E2$$


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

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### Subgraph Isomorphism for Digraphs

$G1$  is isomorphic to a **subgraph** of  $G2$  if there is a 1-1 mapping  $h: V1 \rightarrow V2$  such that

$$(vi, vj) \in E1 \Rightarrow (h(vi), h(vj)) \in E2$$


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

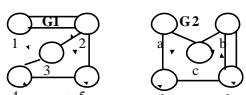
In this case, when  $(vixj) \in E1$ , either  $(vixj)$  or  $(vj,vi)$  can be listed in  $E2$ , since they are equivalent and both mean  $\{vixj\}$ .

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### Similar Digraphs

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

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



The mapping  $h$  has **2 errors**.

(1,2)	(b,e)	
(2,1)	(e,b)	
X	(c,b)	(c,b) ∈ G2, but (3,1) ∉ G1
(4,5)	(a,d)	
(2,5)	(e,d)	
(3,2)	X	(3,2) ∈ G1, but (c,e) ∉ G2
(3,4)	(c,a)	

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### 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  $EF(h) = |\{(vi, vj) \in E1 \mid (h(vi), h(vj)) \notin E2\}|$   
edge in  $E1$  corresponding edge not in  $E2$

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

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

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

**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)

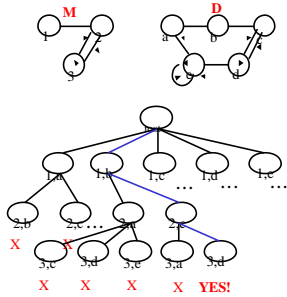
**Subgraph Isomorphism**

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

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

satisfying  $(v_i v_j) \in EM \Rightarrow ((h(v_i), h(v_j)) \in ED)$ .

**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 in 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')
    }
  }
}
    
```

**Branch-and-Bound Tree Search**

Keep track of the least-error mapping.

