Graphs and Networks

#### A Social Network





#### **Chemical Bonds**





#### PANFLUTE FLOWCHART



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You can think of them as directed graphs with edges both ways.

How can we represent graphs in Java?

## **Representing Graphs**



# The Wikipedia Graph



WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia

- Wikipedia (and the web in general) is a graph!
- Each page is a node.
- There is an edge from one page to another if the first page links to the second.

#### Time Out for Announcements!

## General Announcements

- Assignment 6 due Friday at 3:15PM.
- Have questions?
  - Stop by the LaIR!
  - Email your section leader!
  - Stop by Keith's or Alisha's office hours!
- Exam regrades due at 4:15PM today hand them to Keith or Alisha.

### Assignment 5 Grades



# Midterm Logistics

- Second midterm is next Tuesday, March 3 from 7PM - 10PM, locations TBA.
- Closed-book, closed-computer, open-one-page-of-notes.
  - Reference sheet will be provided; available up on the course website.
- Topic coverage:
  - Covers material up through and including today's lecture on graphs.
  - Will *not* cover interactors or Karel the Robot.
  - Focus is on material from Assignment 5 and Assignment 6, though by nature will be cumulative.
- Need to take the exam at an alternate time? Contact Alisha by tonight.

## Preparing for the Exam

- Practice exam tomorrow (Thursday) night from 7PM - 10PM in Cubberly Auditorium.
- Our recommendation:
  - Take the practice exam under realistic conditions. If you can't make it on Thursday night, find a group of fellow CS106Aers and hold your own practice exam. Trust me – this is hugely valuable!
  - Type all of your solutions into a computer and debug them until they work correctly. What sorts of corrections did you have to make?
  - Look over the reference solutions. Do you understand how they work? Type them up and try modifying them – do you see why all the pieces are there?
  - Rewrite your old assignments and problems from section handouts on paper, then repeat the above process.
  - Read over the textbook to see new patterns and learn more about concepts.

#### Back to CS106A!

## Network Analysis

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# Finding Important Nodes

- Suppose that we want to have the computer find "important" articles on Wikipedia.
- We just have the link structure, not the text of the page, the number of edits, the length of the article, etc.
- How might we do this?

- To find important Wikipedia pages, let's look at the links between pages.
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## The Random Surfer Model



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#### (seriously though)

## The Random Surfer Model

- Think about the behavior of a Wikipedia reader who randomly surfs Wikipedia.
- Visits some initial page at random.
- From there, the user either
  - Clicks a random link on the page to some other article, or
  - hits the "random page" link to visit a totally random page.

































































































## Ranking Articles with the RSM

- Randomly walk through the graph.
- At each step, either
  - Jump to a totally random article, or
  - Follow a random link.
- Record how many times each article was visited.
- The most-visited articles are, in some sense, the most important.

## Other Applications of the RSM

- Ecosystem Stability:
  - Represent all the species in an ecosystem as nodes.
  - Draw edges representing energy flow through the ecosystem (predator/prey).
  - "Important" nodes represent places where energy concentrates; important for extinction models.
- Learn more:
  - http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8238462.stm

## Who invented this?

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## The Anatomy of a Large-Scale Hypertextual Web Search Engine

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