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Summary. The three most common graph representations, namely the adjacency matrix, one way adjacency lists and adjacency multilist, are implemented in PASCAL and their performance evaluated for twelve graphs typical to computer network configurations.

We show that both adjacency multilist and one way adjacency lists are preferred over the adjacency matrix representation. Although their implementation is slightly more complicated it out performs the latter by a factor of at

Introduction

The choice of a particular graph representation is an important design decision in implementing algorithms to perform functions on graphs. We know intuitively that the performance characteristics of software, given the same set of simple, connected and undirected graphs will be different for each representation implemented. It is this claim that we are set forth to prove. In the next section we will define the terminology and notation

for the three most common graph representations: Adjacency matrix, adjacency list and adjacency multilist, as well as indicating two possible implementations for each. Section 3 is devoted to the implementation strategies for each graph representation using the programming language PASCAL. Sample programs to initialize the structure for each graph representation are given.

In Section 4 we describe the experiment conducted to measure the time performance of each representation implemented for a single set of 12 graphs. The results of the test runs are reported and discussed. The last Section is devoted to comments and concluding remarks.

2. Graph Representations

Since many problems or instances of problems can best be visualized and analyzed by simple, connected and undirected graphs, efficient methods for representing them are desirable, both in terms of processing time and storage [1] [2].

In an adjacency matrix representation of a graph G the matrix entry (v_i, v_j) equals one if and only if there is an edge between vertex v_i and vertex v_j . Since for this investigation only simple graphs are considered, the main diagonals in the adjacency matrix will always equal zero. Accordingly, in the adjacency matrix representation of a graph, only the upper triangle of the adjacency matrix will be used to represent the graph.

The same adjacency matrix could, if PL/I or FORTRAN are used, be implemented in two different ways. In the first implementation the matrix entries would consist of single bits while in a second implementation the matrix entries would consist of one word of storage (w bits). Computer storage will be conserved in the first implementation but more processing time will be required to access the matrix entries. In the second implementation the processing time to access the entries of the adjacency matrix will be less but more storage will be required to represent the graph.

In the adjacency list representation of a graph G there will be one list for each vertex v_i in G. In each list the nodes represent the specific vertices adjacent to vertex v_i . Each node consists of two fields, INFO and LINK. The INFO field contains the identifier of the next vertex that is also adjacent to vertex v_i .

Again, if PL/I or FORTRAN were to be used, the same adjacency list would be implemented in two different ways. In the first implementation the adjacency list will consist of n header nodes each of log n bits and will consist of 2e list nodes each of (logn = loge) bits. In the second implementation each of the n header nodes would consist of w/2 bits (a halfword) and each of the n list nodes will consist of w bits (w/2 bits for the INFO field and w/2 bits for the LINK field). These two implementations correspond to the tradeoffs noted previously concerning storage utilization and processing time.

The adjacency lists method for representing graphs is compared by Itali [3] to the information theoretic lower bounds, and it is shown to be optimal in many instances. They also propose a procedure that works in linear time and produces a representation more compact than the adjacency list, which requires at most 3/2 n log n + O(n) bits.

In the adjacency multilist representation of a graph G there will be one list for each vertex in G. Each list has one node for each edge in G. The node represents the edge that has verticies v_i and v_j incident to a specific edge. Thus each node will be a member of two lists; one a member for vertex v_i and one a member for vertex v_j .

Each list node has five fields. Let M, INFOVI, INFOVJ, LINKVI, and LNIKVJ denote these five fields. The first field M is an indicator of whether the edge has been inspected. The second field INFOVI contains the identifier of vertex \mathbf{v}_i that is incident to the edge represented by the node. The third field INFOVJ contains the identifier of vertex \mathbf{v}_j for which both \mathbf{v}_i and \mathbf{v}_j are incident to the edge represented by the node. The fourth field LINKVI contains a pointer to another node for which an edge is incident to vertex \mathbf{v}_i . The fifth field LINKVJ contains a pointer to another node for which an edge is incident to vertex \mathbf{v}_j . Thus the node structure is as follows:

| . | + . | + | | | + | + |
|---|------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|---|
| | M | INFOVI | INFOVJ | LINKVI | LINKVJ | |
| • | | · | | | | |

The storage requirements are the same as for adjacency lists except for the addition of the mark bit M. The same adja-, cency multilist could, if PL/I or Fortran is used, be implemented in two different ways. In the first implementation the adjacency multilist would consist of n header nodes each of log n bits and each list will consist of e nodes (one node for each edge). storage for the five fields of each list node is as follows: bit for the inspection off field M, log n bits each for fields INFOV1 and INFOV2, and log e bits each for fields LINKV1 and LINKV2. In the second implementation the same adjacency multilist would consist of n header nodes each of w/2 bits (a halfword) and each list will consist of e nodes. The storage for the five fields of each list node is as follows: one bit inspection field M, w/2 bits each for fields INFOV1 and INFOV2, and (w-1)/2 bits for fields LINKV1 and LINKV2. Thus in the second implementation each list node requires a double word of stor-

Implementation of Graph Representations 3.

All three graph representations described above were implemented in both IBM and DEC computers using the programming language PASCAL. The choice of PASCAL eliminated any consideration to alternative implementations within a particular graph representation. Therefore, the emphasis was in finding the proportion of CPU time consumed in representing graph G as opposed to storage requirements.

of the three graph representations requires a different design approach when implemented. The adjacency matrix representation is certainly the easiest to implement, it requires is an input via a disk file and a structure initialisince all zation of the form:

```
PROGRAM; ADJACENCY MATRIX REPRESENTATION
     CONST
      MAX_N = 45
                     {NUMBER OF VERTICES}
  TYPE
     VERTEX = 0 .. MAX N;
ADJ MATRIX = ARRAY [1....MAX_N, 1....MAX_N] OF VERTEX;
  VAR
            N, V_Z, V_W, MATRIX_A: ADJ_MATRIX, TEMP: VERTEX, SUM_ARROW_ROW:
    READLN(N) [INITIALIZE ADJACENCY MATRIX]
FOR TEMP; = 1 to N DO
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PROGRAM 1

READ (MATRIX A [V Z, V W]);
SUM ARR ROW[V Z] :=
SUM_ARR_ROW[V Z] + MATRIX_A[V Z, V W]

SUM ARROW ROW [TEMP]: = 0
FOR V Z: = 1 TO N DO

BFGIN

The adjacency list implementation is derived from the adjacency matrix representation, since the n rows of the adjacency matrix are represented as n linked lists. The nodes in a particular list represent the vertices that are adjacent to that list. The record structure and its initialization is a follows:

```
PROGRAM; ADJACENCY LIST REPRESENTATION
       CONST
      MAX_N = 45;
                            { NUMBER OF VERTICIES }
  TYPE
      NODE_POINTER = ^VERTEX_NODE;
      VERTEX_NODE = RECORD
                                                              STRUCTURE OF EACH NODE IN THE ADJACENCY LISTS
                           V INFO : VERTEX RANGE;
V LINK : NODE POINTER
                          END;
 VAR
    V INDEX, NUM NODES, SUM ARR ROW, INDEX_VAR, ADJ PTR, N
TOP_ADJ: FIRST_POINTER; { AN ARRAY OF POINTERS THAT POINT TO
THE TOP OF EACH ADJACENCY LIST
    FOT_ADJ_PTR: NODE_POINTER;
      INITIALIZE YOUR STRUCTURES }
     READLN (N);
    FOR V_INDEX := 1 TO N DO
        BEGIN
            READ (NUM_NODES); { READ THE NUMBER OF ADJACENT VERTICIES }
            SUM ARR ROW [ V_INDEX ] := NUM_NODES;
INDEX VAR := NUM NODES;
TOP ADJ [ V_INDEX ] := NIL;
WHILE (NUM_NODES > 0) DO

BEGIN
                          NEW (ADJ PTR);
READ (ADJ PTR^.V_INFO);
IF (INDEX_VAR = NUM_NODES)
                                THEN
                                        TOP_ADJ[ V_INDEX ] := ADJ_PTR;
                                        BOT_ADJ_PTR := ADJ_PTR
                                   END
                               ELSE
                                   BEGIN
                                       BOT_ADJ_PTR^.V_LINK := ADJ_PTR;
BOT_ADJ_PTR := ADJ_PTR
                          END;
ADJ_PTR^.V_LINK := NIL;
                          NUM_NODES := NUM_NODES - 1
                     END:
                READLN
           END:
                                           END
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The first problem encountered in implementing the adjacency multilist is determining in what INFOV field (i or j) the vertex V_Z being examined is located. The use of an inspection indicator of the form I_INDEX and J_INDEX permits us to check for the validity of the statement LOC_V_Z = I_INDEX. If the equality holds V_Z is in the INFOVI field, otherwise V_Z is in the INFOVI field. Furthermore, a flag of type boolean is used to indicate if the vertex currently being focused on is in the INFOVI component of the node.

The adjacency multilist representation is actually established by means of an array of top pointers and two temporary pointers, PTRT1 and PTRT2. For the first record, the M field is set to zero while the two INFO fields are read in. Finally, both LINK fields are given the value nil. As we set up our second record the LINKVI field of the predecessor will be pointing to this second record if the vertex is common to both edges. The LINKVJ field on the other hand will be nil until a record is established that contains that vertex. One interesting aspect of this implementation is that the vertex can appear in either the I or the J INFO field. A flag of type boolean is used throughout to test for the exact location of the vertex. The complete code for the establishment of an adjacency multilist representation is given by Program 3.

```
RAM: ADJACENCY MULTILIST REPRESENTATION CONST
PROGRAM:
                                                                                              MAX_N = 45
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               { NUMBER OF TERTICIES!}
                                                FYPE

FLAG FIELD = 0....1;

VERTEX RANGE = 0....MAX N;

STACK NODE = RECORD

VINFO: VERTEX RANGE
VINFO: VERTEX STACK POINTER

END;

NODE POINTER = VERTEX NODE

THIS IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE ADJACENCY MULTILIST |

VERTEX NODE = RECORD

INSPECT : FLAG FIELD; THIS FIELD

WHETHER T
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          THIS FIELD INDICATES
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    WHETHER THE NOOE HAS
REEN INSPECTED
                                                                                                                                                                                                         V_INFO_I : VERTEX_RANGE: { THIS FIELD HOLDS ONE VERTEX IDENTIFIER
                                                                                                                                                                                                         V_INFO_J : VERTEX_RANGE: [ THIS FIELD HOLDS A SECOND VERTEX IDENTIFIER
                                                                                                                                                                                                     V_CINK_I : NOOE_POINTER; | THIS FIELD POINTS TO THE MEXT EDGE INCIDENT TO VERTEX V_INFO_I
                                                                                                                                                                                                   V_LINK_J: NODE_POINTER { TRIS FIELD POINTS TO THE TEXT POINTER TO VETTEX V_INFO_J }
                                                                                                                                                                                 END:
                                                                          V W. N, NUM_NODES, ML PTR. INDEX_VAR: VERTEX_RANGE
SUM_ARR ROW: VERTEX_ARRAY;
TOP_ML: FIRST_POINTER; CONTAINS POINTERS TO THE TOP
BOT_ML_PTR: NODE_POINTER
                              PESTABLISH THE ADJACENCY MULTILISTS FOR V W := 1 TO N DO SEGIN READ (NUM NODES); EMDEX VAR := NUM NODES; WHILE (NUM NODES > 0) DO SEGIN NODES > 0) DO
                                                                                                                                                SIN

NEW (ML_PTR);

ML_PTR'.INSPECT := 0;

ML_PTR'.V INFO I := V W;

READ (ML_PTR'.V INFO I);

SUM_ARR_ROW( ML_PTR'.V INFO I !:= 1;

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SUM_ARR_ROW( ML_PTR'.V INFO I !:= 1;

SUM_ARR_ROW( ML_PTR'.V INFO J !:= 1;

SUM_ARR_ROW( 
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   IF TOP POINTER IS NOT ASSIGNED THEM SET [ THE TOP POINTER TO THE PRESENT NODE IF (TOP ML[ V_W ] = NIL)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           THEN
TOP ML( V W ) := ML STR
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           LSE

IF TOP POINTER IS ASSIGNED THEN
SEARCH THE LIST OF V W FOR
LINK FIELD J WHICH HAS NIL VALUE
PERFORM THE SEARCH FROM THE TOP
POINTER ON DOWN THE LIST
THEST IF IT IS THE FIRST NODE
THAT HAS A LINK FIELD J WITH
A NIL VALUE
TO THE SEARCH FROM THE LIST
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THEN MAL( V_M )^.V_LINK_J := ML_PTR
SLSE
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               BEGIN
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           EGIN

SEARCH THE LIST FOR A NODE WITH

A LINK J FIELD VALUE OF NIL!

INITIALIZE A WORKING PTR

TEMP PTR W:

TOP MLI V W | V LINK J;

INITIATE THE SEARCH |

ON THE COMMING THE SEARCH |

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(SET V LINK J FIELD WHICH WAS
VIL TO ML PTR POINTER

TEMP PTR W .V LINK J := ML PTR

();
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END;
SOT_ML_PIR: = ML_PIR
END [ INDEX_VAR = NUM_NODES ]
ELSE [ INDEX_VAR <> NUM_NODES ]
                                                                                                                                                                                 IE | INDEX VAN
BEGIN

{ SET LINE FIELD I OF PREVIOUS MODE }
BOT_ML_PTR := ML_PTR;
BOT_ML_PTR := ML_PTR
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4. Experiment and Test Results

A preslected sample set of graphs from typical computer network configurations [4,5] were produced for the test runs. These graphs are illustrative examples of the following small network structures:

- A) Distributed Network: This graph has 11 vertices and is configured so that no vertex is further away than three edges from any other vertex (Figure A).
- B) Point to Point Long Haul Network: This graph has 41 vertices, with 8 vertices forming a ring structure. One of the ring vertices is connected to a subnet structure while the others are the roots of tree structures (Figure B).
- C) Double Ring Network: This graph has a double ring like structure consisting of 12 vertices. Each ring vertex is connected to one and only one vertex of the other ring (Figure C).
- D) Intersecting Loop: This graph has two distinct cycles with one vertex in common (Figure D).
- E) Two Level Hierarchy with Five Regions: This graph, comprised of 17 vertices has two levels of hierarchy and five distinct regional topology (Figure E).

- F) Interconnection Network of Networks: This graph has a complete subgraph of five vertices as the interconnecting network and five separate network structures connected to the complete subgraph by only one edge (Figure F).
- G) Regular Network Representation: This graph has 20 vertices with every vertex of degree four (Figure G).
- H) Irregular Network Representation: This graph has 12 vertices with one star tree configuration as one subgraph (Figure H).
- I) Linked Network Representation: This graph has 24 vertices with a "unibus" structure to which five subgraphs are connected (Figure I).
- J) Distributed Network Representation: This graph has 128 vertices with a complete subgraph and four star like configurations. This network is similar in structure to the DATAPAC Packet Switched Network [7]. The graph is given in Figure K.
- K) Subnet 1: This planer graph has 8 vertices forming to squares with one face in common.
- L) Subnet 2: This graph is comprised of 15 vertices.
- All of the above graphs are given pictorially in Appendix A.

For each of the above graphs we measured the CPU minutes consumed in the execution of a particular PASCAL program, hereby referred to as the "initialization" program, for each of the three graph representations.

The virtual CPU minutes consumed was used to measure CPU minute consumption on the IBM 4341 VM/CMS. This quantity was obtained by involving a QUERY TIME command just prior to execution, immediately after execution and then subtracting the first from the second. On the other hand, the total CPU minutes consumed was used for measuring CPU minute consumption in the VAX-11/780 VMS. This quantity was obtained by invoking a SHOW STATUS command just prior to executing a program, immediately after execution and then substracting the first from the second. Since the total CPU time on both machines were influenced by the load on the system at the time of execution, the measures of CPU minute consumption were averaged over three executions, performed at different times of the day, of the same program.

Tables I, II and III give for each graph the IBM 4341 VM/CMS virtual CPU minute and VAX-11/780 VMS CPU minutes consumption values using an adjacency matrix, adjacency list and adjacency multilist graph representations are respectively.

TABLE I

a. IBM 4341 VM/CMS VIRTUAL CPU HINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY

MATRIX GRAPH REPRESENTATION

| GRAPHS | A | В | С | D | E | _ | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| INITIALIZATION | | | • | U | E | F | G | 17 | I | J | к | 7. |
| THE TABLEAUTON | -05 | .23 | ٠05 | .07 | .07 | .20 | -07 | 05 | | | | - |
| | .05 | .23 | -06 | .07 | .07 | | | .05 | .10 | .08 | -07 | . 04 |
| | .05 | . 24 | 05 | | | .20 | .07 | .05 | .11 | .07 | .06 | .04 |
| AVERAGE | .05 | | .05 | | .07 | .21 | .07 | .06 | .11 | .07 | .07 | .05 |
| | .07 | .2333 | .0533 | .0667 | -07 | .2033 | .07 | .0533 | .1067 | .0733 | .0667 | .0433 |

b. VAX-11/VMS CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY MATRIX GRAPH REPRESENTATION

| GRAPHS | A | В | С | ħ | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| INITIALIZATION | | _ | • | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | К | 1 |
| THEFTALLIAM | . 29 | .66 | .30 | .32 | .34 | .59 | .33 | 20 | | | | |
| | .31 | .66 | .30 | .31 | . 33 | | | . 30 | .40 | .34 | .30 | .29 |
| | .27 | .67 | | | | .62 | .31 | . 29 | .41 | .37 | . 32 | . 25 |
| AVERAGE | . 29 | | .29 | .33 | .34 | .64 | .31 | .31 | .41 | .33 | .31 | 20 |
| AVERAGE | .29 | .6633 | .2967 | .32 | .0337 | -6167 | .3167 | .30 | .4067 | | | - 49. |
| | | | | | | | | | .4007 | .3467 | .31 | :2767 |

TABLE II

IBM 4341 VM/CMS VIRTUAL CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY LIST GRAPH REPRESENTATION

| | CRAPHS | A | В | _ | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| . : | INITIALIZATION | .05 | | С | Đ | E | F | G | н | I | J | ĸ | 7 |
| | | .05 | .11 .11 | .05 | .05 .05 | .07 | .11 | .06 | .05 | .07 | .06 | .06 | ٠05 |
| | AVERAGE | .05 | .11 | .05 | .05 | .06 | .11 | .07 | . 05 | .08 | .06 | .06 | .05 |
| | · | .05 | .11 | .05 | .05 | -0633 | .1067 | .0667 | .05 | .07 | .06 | .06 | .05 |
| | | | | | | | | | .03 | .0733 | .06 | .06 | .05 |

VAX-11/VMS CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY LIST GRAPH REPRESENTATION

| CRAPHS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 730 The second | A | В | С | D | E | F | G | | | | | |
| INITIALIZATION | .27 | .33 | .25 | . 29 | . 27 | | | H | 1 | J | K | L |
| | .27 | .31 | . 29 | . 27 | .30 | .31 | .29 | .26 | .30 | -29 | . 28 | . 27 |
| | .27_ | . 34 | . 29 | | | .33 | . 27 | .26 | .29 | .28 | . 28 | .27 |
| AVERAGE | .27 | -0327 | | | .30 | | | .25 | .30 | .28 | .28 | . 78 |
| - | | | | | • 2 9 | . 32 | . 29 | .2567 | .2967 | .2767 | 22 | 2722 |

TABLE III

IBM 4341 VM/CMS VIRTUAL CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY MULTILIST REPRESENTATION

| GRAPHS | A | В | С | D | ** | _ | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|
| T11*** | | | ū | b | Æ | F | G | Н | I | J | K. | 1. |
| INITIALIZATION | .05 | .08 | .05 | .05 | .05 | .09 | .06 | .05 | | | | • |
| | .05 | .08 | .05 | .05 | | | | .03 | .07 | .05 | .06 | .04 |
| | 01 | | | , U.J | .06 | -10 | .06 | .04 | .06 | .06 | .05 | .04 |
| AVERAGE | .04 | .09 | <u>.05</u> | .05 | <u>.05</u> | .09 | .05 | .05 | .07 | .05 | .05 | .04 |
| C. EUNGE | .0467 | .0833 | .05 | .05 | .0533 | .0933 | .0567 | .0467 | .0667 | 0522 | 0533 | -04 |

VAX-11/VMS CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING THE ADJACENCY

MULTILIST REPRESENTATION

| GRAPHS | A | В | С | D | E | F | G | 11 | т | , | 1,5 | _ |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| INITIALIZATION | .25 | .29 | .21 | 27 | .25 | 0.7 | | | • | J | K | L |
| | .25 | . 30 | .27 | , | | | .28 | .25 | . 26 | .28 | . 26 | .24 |
| | | | | . 27 | .29 | . 28 | .29 | .29 | .27 | .27 | . 29 | .25 |
| AVERAGE | .26 | -31 | .25 | .28_ | .28 | .29 | .29 | .25 | .28 | -28 | .27 | .28 |
| | .2533 | - 30 | .2433 | .2733 | .2733 | .28 | 2867 | .2633 | .27 | .2767 | | .2567 |

TABLE IV

SUMMARY ACROSS TWELVE GRAPHS OF THE CPU MINUTES CONSUMED IN IMPLEMENTING ALL THREE GRAPH REPRESENTATIONS

| IBM 4341 VM/CMS | Adjacency Matrix | Adjacency List | Adjacency Multilist |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| VAX - 11-780 VMS | .0230 | -2619 | 2936 |

Three different runs per representation were made and average computed. Table IV summarizes the results of Tables I, II, and III. It shows that the adjacency multilist graph representation yielded the minimal expenditure of virtual CPU minutes, the one way adjacency list yielded the next lowest while the adjacency matrix representation was by far the one with the highest expenditure of virtual CPU minutes. difference in CPU The minute consumption between the adjacency multilist and the one way adjacency list representation is minimal compared to the CPU minutes consumed in implementing the adjacency matrix representation. The same ranking of the three representations was obtained for both IBM 4341 and VAX-11/780 machines. As expected, the implementation of all three representations on the VAX-11/780 consumed, on the average, five times more CPU time than the equivalent run on the IBM 4341. Which shows that the smaller the computer we have available the more critical, in terms of both time and store, the choice of a graph representation becomes.

One of the main findings of this research effort was that the choice of graph representation substantially influences the CPU time consumed in initializing the structure in question. The impact of the representation is also felt in time it takes to traverse a graph as found in [6]. There we demonstrated that across algorithms for generating the set of fundamental cycles the adjacency multilist and the one way adjacency list graph representation implementations were found to require considerable less CPU time than did the adjacency matrix graph representation.

Furthermore, we found that, for the same set of graphs than those given in this paper, 40 to 60 percent of the total time was consumed in graph representation and traversal of the structure, while the rest was consumed in executing the algorithm. Therefore, the argument that choosing a representations other than the adjacency matrix for graphs with more than 20 vertices is so far convincing. Ongoing research, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, hopes to further ascertain the impact of alternative graph representations in algorithm design and program performance.

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APPENDIX A

A SPECIAL CLASS OF GRAPHS

This appendix contains the topologies for the twelve graphs used in this research effort.

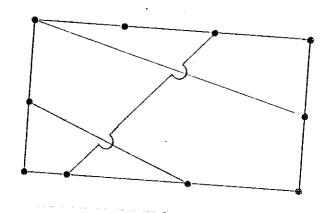


FIGURE A
Distributed Network

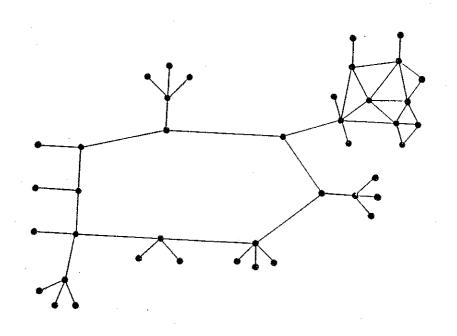


FIGURE B Point to Point Long Haul Network

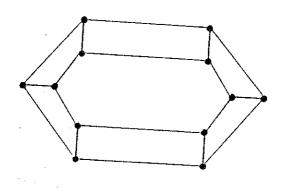


FIGURE C Double Ring Like Network

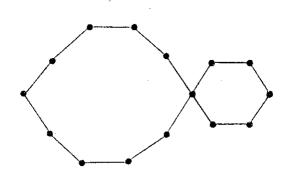


FIGURE D Intersecting Loop

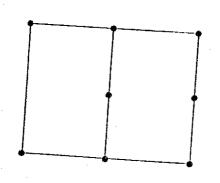


FIGURE E Subnet 2

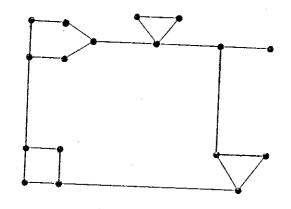


FIGURE F Two Level Hierarchy With Five Regions

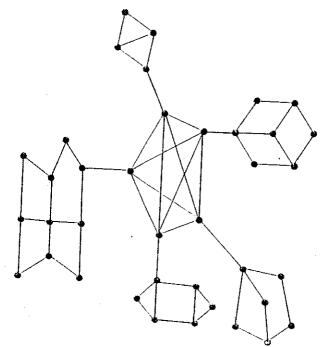


FIGURE G Interconnection Network of Networks

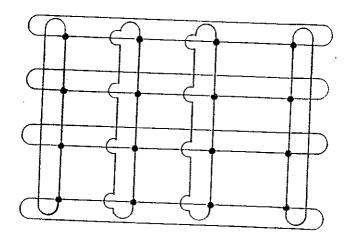


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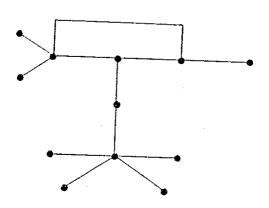


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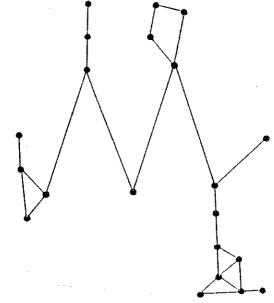


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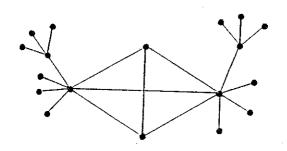


FIGURE K
DATAPAC Packet Switched Network

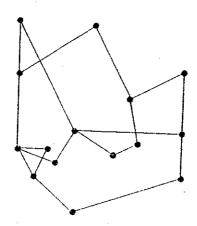


FIGURE L Subnet 1