

1) 20 pts

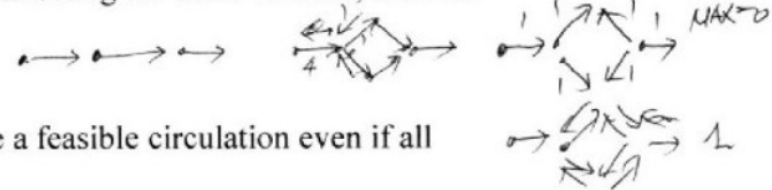
Mark the following statements as **TRUE** or **FALSE**. No need to provide any justification.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

In a flow network, a flow  $f$  is a max flow if and only if there exists no cut with the same capacity as  $v(f)$

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

If we replace each directed edge in a flow network with two directed edges in opposite directions with the same capacity and connecting the same vertices, then the value of the maximum flow remains unchanged.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

It is possible for a circulation network to not have a feasible circulation even if all edges have unlimited capacity.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

If subset sum can be solved in polynomial time, then 3SAT can be solved in polynomial time.

X [ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

If problem A is NP-complete and  $A \leq_p B$ , then problem B is also NP-complete.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

Some problems in the set P do not have efficient certifiers.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

If an NP-hard problem can be solved in polynomial time then  $P=NP$

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

A dynamic programming algorithm always uses some type of recurrence relation

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

The main difference between divide and conquer and dynamic programming is that divide and conquer solves problems in a top-down manner whereas dynamic-programming does this bottom-up.

[ **TRUE/FALSE** ]

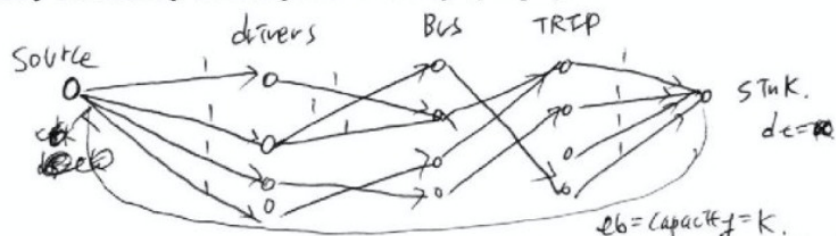
A dynamic programming solution will always have a polynomial running time.

5) 15 pts

A bus rental company needs to solve the following problem daily and they need an efficient algorithm to help with their planning. They have  $n$  buses,  $m$  drivers, and they need to plan for  $k$  trips. Each bus is suitable only for certain types of trips. For example, a trip to the mountains may require shorter and more powerful buses. They also know that not every driver can drive every bus. Note: a driver and a bus are assigned to a trip for the whole day.  $n > k$ ,  $m > k$

- a- Describe a Network Flow based solution to determine, given  $k$  trips (with type of trip specified) if they can satisfy all  $k$  trips for that day. (10 pts)

(n) bus  $\leftrightarrow$  trip  
E.g.  
(m) drivers.



- ① Connect source to drivers / drivers to Buses / and Buses to trips.

(there is a relation between drivers & bus  $\rightarrow$  bus and TRIP)  
Set 1 to all capacities in edges.

- ② ~~Set source to sink and sink to source.~~ ~~Max Flow Algorithm~~  
Connect sink to source and set value (lower bound ~~source to sink~~  $= k$ , capacity  $= k$ )

- ③ we can check ~~max flow~~  $\geq k$  or not.  
The circulation since there must be a flow  $k$   
due to <sup>from</sup> sink to source ( $k$ )  
edge

- b- If they cannot meet all the demand for trips on a given day, they want to know whether it is due to the fact that they don't have an appropriate set of drivers or a suitable set of buses, or both. Describe how they can make that determination.

(5 pts)

we can check ~~the appropriate~~ using cut (driver, bus) and cut (bus to trip)

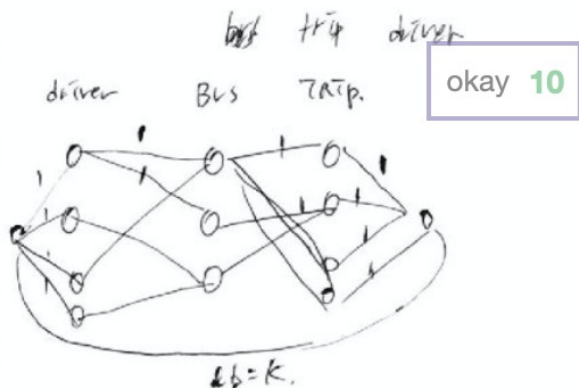
- ① we can check the total value of flow between driver nodes and bus nodes using cut between them.

if the  $v(f) < k$ , it means there is not enough demand for drivers.

missing a case for "both"

② we can check ~~bus~~ to TRIP using cut between them.  
the flow between

if  $v(f)$  between drivers and bus  $\geq k$  but  $v(f)$  between bus and trip  $< k$ , then it means there is not enough bus to trip.



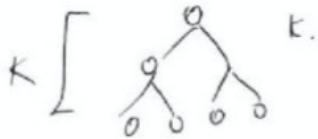
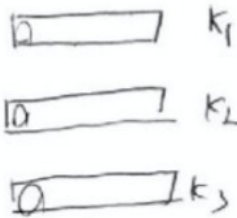


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6) 10 pts

In the MERGE-SORT algorithm we merge two sorted lists into one sorted list in  $O(n)$  time. Describe an  $O(n \log k)$ -time algorithm to merge  $k$  sorted lists into one sorted list, where  $n$  is the total number of elements in all the input lists. Be sure to explain why your algorithm runs in  $O(n \log k)$ -time.



we can create  $k$  size of MIN heap

and put ~~first~~ first value from Each List.  $(K_1(1), K_2(1), K_3(1), \dots)$

The total number of elements is  $n$ , which means that we add value to min heap  $n$  times, and sort into heap

$\log k$  times (since the size of heap is  $k$ ).

(Sort in min heap takes  $\log k$  times)

This takes  $n \log k$  time to combine these all

Sorted list into one sorted list.

$$O(n \log k) + \rightarrow n \log k \text{ (sort, insert min heap, extract value)} \\ + n \text{ (assign value to array)} \\ \text{Size of } n.$$

$$\therefore O(n \log k)$$

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