Solution notes

Data Structures and Algorithms 2005 (MR) Paper 5 Question 1, Paper 12 Question 1

Warshall's and Floyd's algoriths are covered in detail in the course.

- a) Mij=1 (or true) iff there is an edge from vi->vj
- b) Bookwork plus proof by induction based on a statements of the meaning of the matrix after processing column k.
- c) Also book work, and not difficult.
- d) This is NOT bookwork and requires some thought. On way is to copy the elements of M into an integer matrix and apply Floyd's algorithm to obtain the minimum costs matrix. Then fill in each entry Rij with k where i-k is an edge and k Ckj=Cij-1. After cost of k (n*n*n) the cost of this final stage is no worse and can probably be done in k (n*n). A better alternative is: for all i,j initialise Cij to 1 if Mij otherwise maxint/2, and initialise Rij to j if Mij is true and zero otherwise, and add the assignment Rij := Rik at the point in Floyd's algorithm updates Cij with a smaller value. Ie