

Quiz 4

Question:

Suppose that we wish to maintain the transitive closure of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ as we insert edges into E . After each edge has been inserted, we want to update the transitive closure of the edges inserted so far. Assume that the graph G has no edges initially and that we represent the transitive closure as a boolean matrix. Show how to update the transitive closure $G^* = (V, E^*)$ of a graph $G = (V, E)$ in $\mathcal{O}(V^2)$ time when a new edge is added to G .

Answer (100pts): Pseudocode (60pts) + Explanation (40pts)

Let T be the transitive closure matrix and is initialized as follows:

$$T[i, j] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

T is updated when an edge (u, v) is added to G as follows:

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UpdateTransitiveClosure(T, u, v) {
    for i = 1 to |V|
        for j = 1 to |V|
            if T[i, u] == 1 and T[v, j] == 1 {
                T[i, j] = 1
            }
}
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With this procedure, the effect of adding edge (u, v) is to create a path (via the new edge) from every vertex that could already reach u to every vertex that could already be reached from v . Note that the procedure sets $T[u, v] = 1$, because both $T[u, u]$ and $T[v, v]$ are initialized to 1. This procedure takes $\Theta(V^2)$ time because of the two nested loops.