

Tarek Rarola HW3

Q1) Given: Undirected graph  $\rightarrow G$   
Edge  $\rightarrow e$

Goal: Find if  $G$  has a cycle containing  $e$   
in linear time

\* Depth First Search (DFS) \*

↳ Visits all vertices and marks them as not visited

↳ Visits all vertices again and if vertex  $v$  is not visited, explore the vertex, checking all adjacent points reachable from  $v$ .

Step 1: Run DFS normally from  $v$  to  $v$   
If  $v$  isn't visited, but  $e$  is,  $e$  ~~is~~ is contained in a cycle.

Step 2: If step one was false, run DFS in reverse, meaning from  $v$  to  $v$ .  
If  $v$  isn't visited, but  $e$  is,  $e$  is contained in a cycle. If not,  $e$  is not contained in a cycle.

Runtime:  $O(|V| + |E|)$

The runtime of DFS is  $O(|V| + |E|)$  and we perform DFS twice.

$O(|V|)$  checks all vertices in the visited is false step.

$O(|E|)$  handles the explore portion.

Justification: This works, because we are checking for back edges which are necessary to create a cycle.



Jared Rotolo

HW3

Q2) Given: graph of the city  $\rightarrow G = (V, E)$   
 $V$  is the intersections  
 $E$  is one way roads

a) Since the streets are one way we have a directed graph. The claim is that there is a way to legally drive from any intersection to another. This falls under the relation for strongly connected component: Two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are at a directed graph are connected if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  and  $v$  to  $u$ . This can be checked in linear time by using DFS (Depth First Search)

b) Using the same directed graph, taking the turnhall as  $s$ , we can perform DFS again for an intersection (vertex)  $v$  and repeat for all vertices. The property will hold true if  $s$  cannot reach a vertex with a different connected component. If the vertex has a different connected component, it cannot make it back to  $s$ .

Runtime:  $O(|V| + |E|) \rightarrow$  DFS is run for both situations.

Justification: Directed graphs are connected if there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$  and from  $v$  to  $u$ .

## Jared Rolala HW3

Q3)

Given: Graph of roads  $\rightarrow G = (V, E)$

$V \rightarrow$  Cities

$E \rightarrow$  Roads

$l_e \rightarrow$  length of Road  $E$

$E' \rightarrow$  list of city pairs

Goal: Find the road that creates maximum decrease in driving time

\* Dijkstra's \*

$\hookrightarrow$  Takes input of graph, vertices and edge lengths

$\hookrightarrow$  Finds shortest path from starting point to every vertex by attempting every path and exiting once the distance becomes greater.

Step 1: Run Dijkstra's using  $s$  as starting point

Step 2: Run Dijkstra's using  $t$  as starting point.

\* Now we have all possible distances between  $s$  and  $t$  \*

Step 3: Cycle through  $E'$  and choose the path that creates the shortest distance between  $s$  and  $t$

Runtime:  $O(|E| + |E| \log |V|)$

$O(|E|) \rightarrow$  searching  $E'$

$O(|E| \log |V|) \rightarrow$  Dijkstra's



Dijkstra's

Justification: We run twice for the undirected graph to precompute the shortest distances from  $s$  and  $t$  so we can search for the closest pairs of cities from  $E'$  to  $s$  and  $t$ .

## Jared Rolola HW3

Q4) Given: Weighted graph  $\rightarrow G = (V, E)$   
positive weights  $\rightarrow L_i$  for  $i \in E$

Goal: Decide if input  $e = (u, v) \in E$  with weight  $L_e$  is part of an MST of  $G$  in linear time.

Step 1: Remove all weighted edges having a greater weight than  $L_e$

Step 2: With the new graph, run DFS (Depth First Search) to look for a cycle.

\* Cycles break tree properties, so if a cycle exists, it cannot be a tree \*

Step 3: If no cycle is found:  $v$  cannot be reached from  $u$  with max weight being  $L_e$ . There is a minimum spanning tree containing  $e$ .

Runtime:  $O(|E| + |V|)$

$O(|E|) \rightarrow$  Traversing all edges to remove those with higher weight than  $L_e$ .

$O(|E| + |V|) \rightarrow$  DFS



Justification: Since we do not have to find the MST; just the existence of one, we only have to prove that a cycle does not exist to uphold the properties of trees being acyclic. This means we can use DFS to check for cycles.