CSCI-UA.0310-004/005 Basic Algorithms May 6, 2015

Solutions to Problem 1 of Homework 11 (8 points)

Name: Jason Yao *Due: Wednesday, April 29*

(a) (5 points) Design $O(n)$ algorithm to test if a given *undirected* graph G is acyclic. Notice, the running time of your algorithm should not depend on the number of edges m!
(**Hint**: Could you argue fater termination of a regular DFS tester on undirected graph?)

Solution:

```
void testGraph (Graph G, Vertex V)
{
        Q = Queue.instantiate
        Q.enqueue(V)
        V.label = 'black'

        while (!Q.isEmpty())
        {
                v = Q.dequeue
                for (edges from v to w in G.adjacentEdges(v))
                        if (w.label != 'black')
                        {
                                Q.enqueue(w)
                                w.label = 'black'
                        }
        }
}
```

□

(b) (3 points) Extend the above algorithm to actually print the cycle, in case G is cyclic.

Solution: **************** INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE *************** □

CSCI-UA.0310-004/005 Basic Algorithms May 6, 2015

Solutions to Problem 2 of Homework 11 (10 points)

Name: Jason Yao *Due: Wednesday, April 29*

Your job is to arrange n rambunctious children in a straight line, facing front, i.e., in the direction of the line. You are given a list of m statements of the form i hates j. If i hates j, then you do not want put i somewhere behind j, because then i is capable of throwing a pebble at j.

(a) (4 points) Give an algorithm that orders the line, (or says that it is not possible) in $O(m+n)$. time.

Solution: ***************** INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE *************** □

(b) (6 points) Suppose instead you want to arrange the children in rows, such that if i hates j then i must be in a (strictly) lower numbered row than j. Give an efficient algorithm to find the minimum number of rows needed, if it is possible.

Solution: ***************** INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE *************** □

CSCI-UA.0310-004/005 Basic Algorithms	May 6, 2015

Solutions to Problem 3 of Homework 11 (12 (+6) points)

Name: Jason Yao *Due: Wednesday, April 29*

Assume G is an undirected graph with weight function w, and $e_1 \ldots e_m$ are the m edges of G sorted according to their weight: $w(e_1) \leq w(e_2) \leq \ldots \leq w(e_m)$. Imagine you just ran the Kruskall's algorithm of G and it output an MST T of G. Now assume that somebody changes the weight of a single edge e_i from $w(e_i)$ to some other value w'. For each of the following 4 scenarios, describe the fastest algorithm you can think of to transform the original MST T of G to a new (and correct) MST T' of G after the edge weight change. Make sure you justify your answer, and express your running time as a function of m and n.

(a) (4 points) Assume $e_i \in T$ and $w' < w(e_i)$ (so we decreased an MST edge).

Solution:

A decrease an MST edge w_2 results in:

$w_1 \leq w_2$

MST stays the same

□

(b) (4 points) Assume $e_i \notin T$ and $w' < w(e_i)$ (so we decreased a non-MST edge). (**Hint**: Compute the unique shortest path in T between the two end-points of e_i.)

Solution:

decrease a non-MST edge, w_i

old MST + edge w

=¿ creates cycle in MSY

=¿ find edge with MAX weight on this cycle =¿ remove it □

(c) (4 points) Assume $e_i \notin T$ and $w' > w(e_i)$ (so we increased a non-MST edge).

Solution:

increase a non MST edge

MST stays the same

□

(d) **Extra Credit:** (6 points) Assume $e_i \in T$ and $w' > w(e_i)$ (so we increased an MST edge). (**Hint**: Try to find the smallest weight edge e_j which should replace e_i under the new weight.)

Solution: ***************** INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE *************** □

CSCI-UA.0310-004/005 Basic Algorithms	May 6, 2015

Solutions to Problem 4 of Homework 11 (11 points)

Name: Jason Yao *Due: Wednesday, April 29*

(a) (5 points) Let e be the maximum weight edge on some cycle of a connected graph $G = (V, E)$. Prove that there exists an MST T of $G' = (V, E \backslash \{e\})$ which is also an MST of G. Namely, some MST of G does not include e.

Solution:

if G has a cycle and w_i is the max-weight edge on this cycle =¿ there exists an MST of G such that w_i does not exist in the set of MST

case 1 MST(G) does not have w_i =¿ proved

case 2

w_i = fat edge on cycling

w_i exists in the set of MST(G) remove w_i =¿ 2 disjoint subtrees

look at cycle from u ——-¿ t find edge (u_{new}, t_{new}), $u_{new} \exists V_1$, $t_{new} \exists V_2$

=¿ new MST has weight $\leq$ old MST

$(w_{new} \leq w_1)$

□

(b) (2 points) Consider the following idea for a greedy algorithm for finding some minimal spanning tree in an undirected weighted graph G:

(I) find a cycle in G.
(II) if there is no cycle, output G and terminate;
(II) else, if there is a cycle,
- find an edge e with maximum weight on this cycle;
- remove e from the graph G;
- return to step (I).

Prove correctness of this algorithm using induction and part (a).

Solution:

□

(c) (4 points) Describe details of the fastest implementation you can find for the algorithm in part (b) (or write a pseudocode), and analyze its complexity as a function of n (number of vertices) and m (number of edges).

Solution: ***************** INSERT YOUR SOLUTION HERE *************** □