

## Solutions to Problem 1 of Homework 11 (8 points)

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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 faster termination of a regular DFS tester on undirected graph?)

**Solution:**

```
boolean testGraphForCycle (Graph G, Vertex v)
    S = stack.initialize()
    S.push(v)
    while (!S.isEmpty())
        v = S.pop()
        if (v.label == 'white')
            v.label = 'gray'
            for all edges from v to w in G.adjacentEdges(v)
                if edge is not visited && vertex is gray
                    // Cycle is detected, so exits
                    return true
            else
                S.push(w)
        endFor
    endIf
endWhile
// No cycle is detected
return false
END testGraph
```

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

**Solution:**

```
boolean testGraphForCycle (Graph G, Vertex v)
    S = stack.initialize()
    printQueue = queue.initialize()

    S.push(v)
    printQueue.enqueue(v)
    while (!S.isEmpty())
        v = S.pop()
        if (v.label == 'white')
            v.label = 'gray'
            for all edges from v to w in G.adjacentEdges(v)
                if edge is not visited && vertex is gray
                    // Cycle is detected, so exits
                    return true
            else
                S.push(w)
                printQueue.enqueue(w)
        endFor
    endIf
endWhile
// No cycle is detected
while (!printQueue.isEmpty())
    print(printQueue.pop())
return false
END testGraph
```

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## Solutions to Problem 2 of Homework 11 (10 points)

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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:**

We say that there are  $n$  vertex (children), with a list of  $m$  edges (statements) with direction. Direction is from some  $i$  to some  $j$  such that  $i$  "hates"  $j$ . This forms a directed graph  $G$ , and we can order this line via BFS, assuming no cycles inside of  $G$ .

```

void orderChildren(Graph G, vertex v)
    Q = queue.initialize()
    Q.enqueue(v)

    v.label = 'gray'
    while (!Q.isEmpty())
        v = Q.dequeue()
        for all edges from v to w in G.adjacentEdges(v)
            if (w.label == 'white')
                Q.enqueue(w)
                w.label = 'gray'
            endIf
            if (w.label == 'gray')
                // Cycle was found, breaks out
                return
            endFor
        endWhile
    END orderChildren

```

□

- (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:**

```
int orderChildrenRows(Graph G, vertex v)
    Q = queue.initialize()
    Q.enqueue(v)
    rowArray [][] = ArrayList.initialize()
    maxSize = 0;

    v.label = 'gray'
    while (!Q.isEmpty())
        v = Q.dequeue()
        for all edges from v to w in G.adjacentEdges(v)
            if (w.label == 'white')
                Q.enqueue(w)
                w.label = 'gray'
                rowArray[i][0] = w
                if (maxSize == 0)
                    ++maxSize
            if (w.label == 'gray')
                rowArray[i][maxSize] = w
                ++maxSize
        endFor
    endWhile
    return maxSize
END orderChildrenRows
```

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

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Assume  $G$  is an undirected graph with weight function  $w$ , and  $e_1 \dots e_m$  are the  $m$  edges of  $G$  sorted according to their weight:  $w(e_1) \leq w(e_2) \leq \dots \leq w(e_m)$ . Imagine you just ran the Kruskal'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  $w$

$\Rightarrow$  creates cycle in MST

$\Rightarrow$  find edge with MAX weight on this cycle  $\Rightarrow$  remove it

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- (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

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- (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 \*\*\*\*\*

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## Solutions to Problem 4 of Homework 11 (11 points)

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- (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  $G' = (V, E \setminus \{e\})$  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  $\Rightarrow$  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  $w_i \Rightarrow$  proved

case 2

$w_i$  = fat edge on cycling

$w_i$  exists in the set of MST( $G$ ) remove  $w_i \Rightarrow$  2 disjoint subtrees

look at cycle from  $u \rightarrow t$  find edge  $(u_{new}, t_{new})$ ,  $u_{new} \in V_1$ ,  $t_{new} \in V_2$

$\rightarrow$  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:**

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- (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 \*\*\*\*\*

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