

**CMPS 101**  
**Fall 2018**  
**Midterm Exam 2**

**Solutions**

1. (20 Points) Use the Master Theorem to find tight asymptotic bounds for the following recurrences.

a. (10 Points)  $T(n) = 5T(n/2) + n^2 \log(n)$

**Solution:**

Let  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}(\log_2(5) - 2)$ . Then  $4 < 5 \Rightarrow 2 < \log_2(5) \Rightarrow \epsilon > 0$ . We have  $2\epsilon = \log_2(5) - 2$ , and hence  $\log_2(5) - \epsilon = 2 + \epsilon$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 \log(n)}{n^{\log_2(5) - \epsilon}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 \log(n)}{n^{2 + \epsilon}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log(n)}{n^\epsilon} \right) = 0,$$

and hence

$$n^2 \log(n) = o(n^{\log_2(5) - \epsilon}) \subseteq O(n^{\log_2(5) - \epsilon}).$$

Case 1 of the Master Theorem gives us  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2(5)})$ . ■

b. (10 Points)  $T(n) = 16T(n/8) + n^{4/3}$

**Solution:**

Observe that  $\log_8(16) = 4/3$  since  $8^{4/3} = 2^4 = 16$ . Thus  $n^{4/3} = n^{\log_8(16)} = \Theta(n^{\log_8(16)})$ , and by case 2 we have  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{4/3} \log n)$ . ■

2. (20 Points) Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Use induction on  $m$  to prove that  $m \geq n - 1$ . (Hint: you may use the following fact without proof. If an edge  $e$  is removed from  $G$ , then the resulting graph  $G - e$  is either connected, or has exactly two connected components  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ .)

**Proof:**

- I. Let  $m = 0$ . Then  $G$ , being connected, can have only one vertex. Therefore  $m \geq n - 1$  reduces to  $0 \geq 0$ , and the base case is satisfied.
- II. Let  $m > 0$ . Assume for any connected graph  $G'$  with  $|E(G')| < m$  that  $|E(G')| \geq |V(G')| - 1$ . We must show that  $m \geq n - 1$ . Pick any edge  $e \in E(G)$  and remove it. By the above hint, we have two cases to consider.

Case 1:  $G - e$  is connected.

In this case the induction hypothesis gives  $m - 1 = |E(G - e)| \geq |V(G - e)| - 1 = n - 1$ , whence  $m \geq n > n - 1$ , and therefore  $m \geq n - 1$  as required.

Case 2:  $G - e$  is disconnected.

Following the hint,  $G - e$  consists of two connected components  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , each having fewer than  $m$  edges. The induction hypothesis now guarantees  $|E(H_i)| \geq |V(H_i)| - 1$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since no vertices were removed,  $n = |V(H_1)| + |V(H_2)|$ , and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} m &= |E(H_1)| + |E(H_2)| + 1 \\ &\geq (|V(H_1)| - 1) + (|V(H_2)| - 1) + 1 && \text{(by the induction hypothesis)} \\ &= (|V(H_1)| + |V(H_2)|) - 1 \\ &= n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

In this case also,  $m \geq n - 1$ .

The result now follows for all connected graphs by induction. ■

3. (20 Points) Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices,  $m$  edges and  $k$  connected components. Prove  $m \geq n - k$ . (Hint: Use the result of problem 2).

**Proof:**

Let the connected components of  $G$  be  $H_1, H_2, H_3, \dots, H_k$ . Suppose component  $H_i$  has  $n_i$  vertices and  $m_i$  edges (for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ). Then by the result of problem 2, we have  $m_i \geq n_i - 1$  (for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ). Summing these inequalities we get

$$m = \sum_{i=1}^k m_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^k (n_i - 1) = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i - \sum_{i=1}^k 1 = n - k,$$

i.e.  $m \geq n - k$ , as required. ■

4. (20 Points) Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Suppose also that  $m = n$ . Prove that  $G$  contains exactly one cycle. (Hint: Use the result of problem 2, and also Lemma 1 which says that if  $T$  is a tree then  $|E(T)| = |V(T)| - 1$ .)

**Proof:**

$G$  contains at least one cycle since if not,  $G$  is a tree and hence  $m = n - 1$  (by Lemma 1), contrary to the hypothesis  $m = n$ . It remains to show that  $G$  contains at most one cycle.

Assume, to get a contradiction, that  $G$  contains two distinct cycles, call them  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . It is not possible that either  $E(C_1) \subsetneq E(C_2)$  or  $E(C_2) \subsetneq E(C_1)$  since removing an edge from a cycle destroys it. Therefore both  $E(C_1) - E(C_2) \neq \emptyset$  and  $E(C_2) - E(C_1) \neq \emptyset$ . Pick  $e_1 \in E(C_1) - E(C_2)$  and  $e_2 \in E(C_2) - E(C_1)$ . Then  $G - e_1$  is a connected graph with the cycle  $C_2$  still intact. Therefore  $G - e_1 - e_2$  is also connected. Applying the result of problem 2 to this graph, we have  $|E(G - e_1 - e_2)| \geq |V(G - e_1 - e_2)| - 1$ , which says  $m - 2 \geq n - 1$ , and hence  $m \geq n + 1 > n$ , contrary to the hypothesis  $m = n$ . This contradiction shows our assumption was false, and therefore  $G$  must contain exactly one cycle. ■

5. (20 Points) Run BFS on the graph pictured on the back page of this exam, using source vertex  $s = 9$ . Pseudo-code for BFS is also included on the back page. Execute the for loop on lines 12-17 of BFS in increasing order by vertex label.

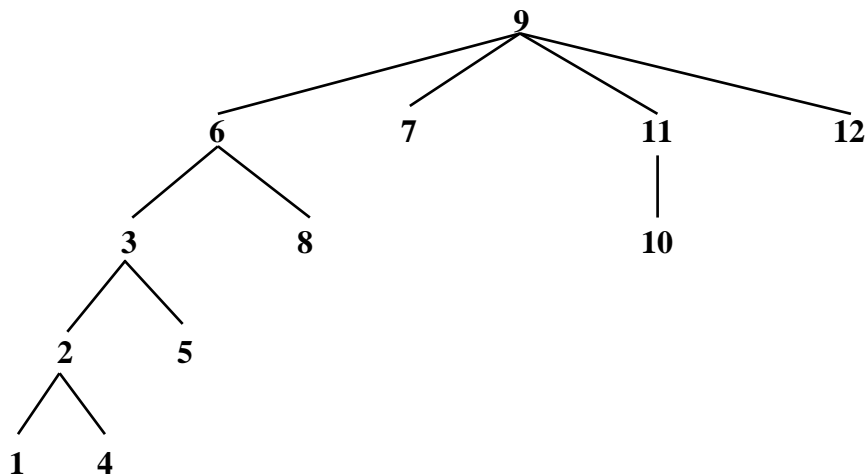
- a. (14 Points) Fill in the following table, determine the order in which vertices enter the Queue, and draw the BFS Tree.

**Solution:**

	Adjacency List	Color	Distance	Parent
1	2 4	b	4	2
2	1 3 4 5	b	3	3
3	2 5 6	b	2	6
4	1 2	b	4	2
5	2 3 8	b	3	3
6	3 7 8 9	b	1	9
7	6 9	b	1	9
8	5 6	b	2	6
9	6 7 11 12	b	0	NIL
10	11	b	2	11
11	9 10 12	b	1	9
12	11 9	b	1	9

Queue	9 6 7 11 12 3 8 10 2 5 1 4
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**BFS Tree:**



- b. (6 Points) Determine the shortest 9-4 path found by BFS, and the shortest 9-10 path found by BFS. Find a shortest 9-5 path *not* found by BFS.

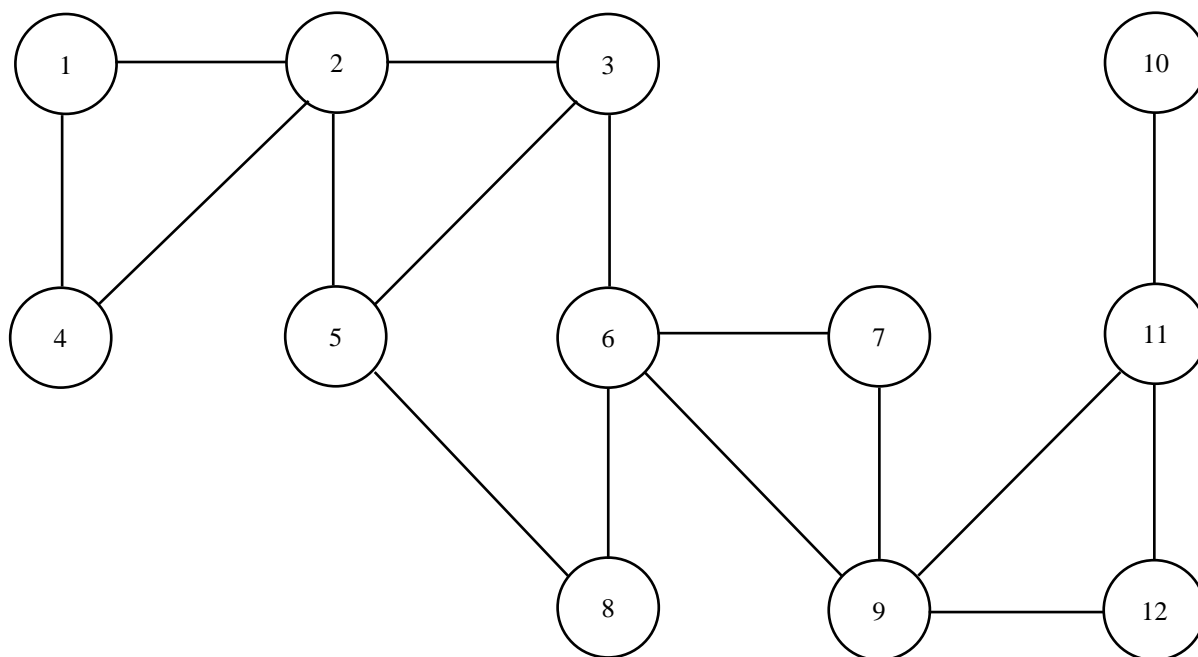
**Solution:**

Shortest 9-4 path found by BFS: 9 6 3 2 4

Shortest 9-10 path found by BFS: 9 11 12

Shortest 9-5 path *not* found by BFS: 9 6 8 5

Problem 5 refers to the following graph (you may tear off this page and keep it)



The following pseudo-code is included for reference.

BFS( $G, s$ )

1. for all  $x \in V(G) - \{s\}$
2.      $\text{color}[x] = \text{white}$
3.      $d[x] = \infty$
4.      $p[x] = \text{NIL}$
5.  $\text{color}[s] = \text{gray}$
6.  $d[s] = 0$
7.  $p[s] = \text{NIL}$
8.  $Q = \emptyset$
9. Enqueue( $Q, s$ )
10. while  $Q \neq \emptyset$
11.      $x = \text{Dequeue}(Q)$
12.     for all  $y \in \text{adj}[x]$
13.         if  $\text{color}[y] == \text{white}$
14.              $\text{color}[y] = \text{gray}$
15.              $d[y] = d[x] + 1$
16.              $p[y] = x$
17.             Enqueue( $Q, y$ )
18.      $\text{color}[x] = \text{black}$