

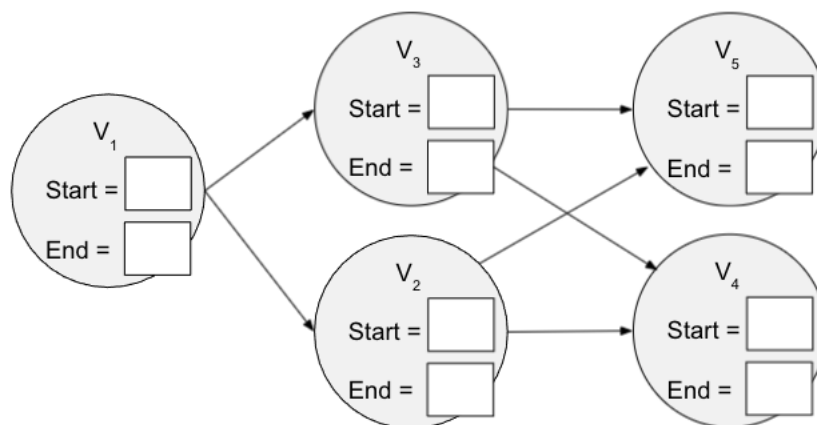
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Sources: Cormen, et al, Introduction to Algorithms. (add others here)

PROBLEM 1 DFS and Topological Sort

- Run DFS on the following graph. List start and finish times (beginning at $t = 1$) for each node in the table shown below the image of the graph. Note: For this problem, by "start" we mean the discovery time, and by "end" we mean finish times.) Use V_1 as your start node. To help us grade this more easily, when multiple nodes can be searched, always search neighboring nodes in increasing order (e.g., if V_2 and V_3 are both adjacent to the current node, search V_2 first).



Vertex	V_1	V_2	V_3	V_4	V_5
Start	1	2	8	3	5
End	10	7	9	4	6

Solution:

- Using your answer above, give the specific *Topological Ordering* that would be produced by the DFS-based algorithm we discussed in class.

Solution: V_1, V_3, V_2, V_5, V_4

PROBLEM 2 True or False. (You don't have to explain this in your submission, but you should understand the reason behind your answer.)

- A. If you use DFS to find a topological sorting on a directed graph, the last vertex discovered in the search could legally be the last vertex in the sorted ordering of the vertices. *Update: Assume your first call to DFS-visit() visits every node in the digraph!*

Solution: True.

- B. For the disjoint set data structure we studied, if we had a $\Theta(\log n)$ implementation of *find-set()*, then the order class for the time-complexity of *union(i,j)* would be improved (i.e., better than the result we learned).

Solution: True.

- C. Both path-compression and union-by-rank try to improve the cost of future calls to *find-set()* by making the trees representing a set shorter without changing the set membership for the items in that set.

Solution: True.

PROBLEM 3 *Kruskal's Runtime*

What is the runtime of Kruskal's algorithm if *find()* and *union()* are $\Theta(1)$ time?

Solution: $\Theta(E * \log(V))$

PROBLEM 4 *Strongly Connected Components*

Your friend Kai wants to find a digraph's SCCs by initially creating G_T and running DFS on that. In other words, he believes he might be able to *first* do something with the the transpose graph as the first step for finding the SCCs. (The algorithm we gave you first did something with G and not with G_T .)

Do you think it's possible for Kai to make this approach work? If not, describe a counter-example or explain why this will fail.

If it is possible, explain the steps Kai's algorithm would have to do to complete the algorithm, and briefly say why this approach can lead to a correct solution.

Solution: It is possible for Kai to make this approach work.

Algorithm: 1. creating G_T and call DFS-sweep(G_T) to find the finishing times for all vertices. 2. Call DFS-sweep(G) but do the recursive calls on nodes in the order of decreasing finishing times from Step 1. And the DFS forest produced in Step 2 is the set of SCCs.

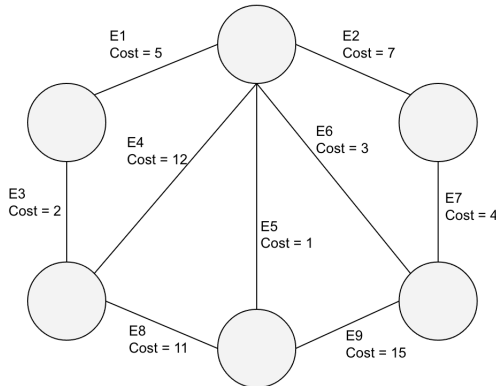
Why it works: the algorithm above returns the SCCs for G_T (the same steps for getting SCCs for G in slides, just replace G with G_T).

the SCCs of G and the SCCs of G_T are the same, so we can get the right SCCs for G .

PROBLEM 5 Executing Kruskal's MST Algorithm

Run Kruskal's algorithm on the graph below. List the order in which the edges are added to the MST, referring to the edges by their provided labels.

(Consider how your answer would change if E_1 had weight 12. However, you don't need to provide an answer to us for this part.)



Your answer (list of edges in order):

Solution: E_5, E_3, E_6, E_7, E_1

PROBLEM 6 Difference between Prim's MST and Dijkstra's SP

In a few sentences, summarize the relatively small differences in the code for Prim's MST algorithm and Dijkstra's SP algorithm.

Solution: The Prim, which searches for the minimum spanning tree, only cares about the minimum of the total edges cover all the vertices. So it just cares about the weight of the edge between the node and the tree. The Dijkstra, which searches for the minimum path length, so it cares about the edge accumulation. For the coding, whenever you need to use the distance of a node in Dijkstra's algorithm, you will just need to replace it by the weight of the edge between the node and the tree in Prim's algorithm correspondingly.

PROBLEM 7 True or False. (You don't have to explain this in your submission, but you should understand the reason behind your answer.)

- A. An indirect heap makes $find()$ and $decreaseKey()$ faster (among others), but $insert()$ becomes asymptotically slower because the indices in the indirect heap must be updated while percolating value up towards the root of the heap.

Solution: False.

- B. If all edges in an undirected connected graph have the same edge-weight value k , you can use either BFS or Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest path from s to any other node t , but one will be more efficient than the other.

Solution: True.

- C. In the proof for the correctness of Dijkstra's algorithm, we learned that the proof fails if edges can have weight 0 because this would mean that another edge could have been chosen to another fringe vertex that has a smaller distance than the fringe vertex chosen by Dijkstra's.

Solution: False.

PROBLEM 8 Gradescope Submission

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