

Due by the beginning of class, Oct. 1.

1. Define a subtree to be any connected subgraph of a tree (this is different than the definition in the book).
  - (a) Prove that the number of subtrees of a complete binary tree is not polynomial in the number of nodes.
  - (b) Give an example of a class of trees  $\{T_n\}$  where the number of subtrees is a polynomial in the number of nodes.
2. Show that if you have a polynomial time algorithm for Hamiltonian Path, that you have a polynomial time algorithm for sorting.

3. The *Bounded Degree Spanning Tree* (BDST) problem is the following:

**Input:** Graph  $G$  and integer  $k$ .

**Output:** Yes, if  $G$  has a spanning tree where every node has degree at most  $k$ ,  
No, otherwise.

Suppose there is no polynomial time algorithm for Hamiltonian Path. Show that there is no polynomial time algorithm for BDST.

4. Let  $T = (V, E)$  be an edge weighted tree such that  $e \in E$  has minimal weight. Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the trees derived from  $T$  by removing  $e$ . Then we define a *cartesian tree* of  $T$  to be a binary tree such that  $e$  is the root, and the left and right children of  $e$  are the cartesian trees of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , respectively. If either  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  are singleton nodes, then their cartesian trees are empty.

Give an algorithm for finding a cartesian tree of a tree. Give an analysis of its running time. The faster the algorithm, the better your grade. (Hint: Read about the  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$  algorithm for Union-Find in the book or online.)

5. Give a lower bound of  $\Omega(n \log n)$  for constructing the cartesian tree of a tree.