

Assignment 4

Question 1

a)

Let S_i denote the number of swaps performed by the algorithm in the i -th iteration of the for-loop. Then,

$$S_1 = \{0, 1\},$$

$$S_2 = \{0, 1, 2\},$$

$$S_i = \{0, 1, \dots, i\},$$

$$S_{n-1} = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

For any given S_i , there are $i + 1$ possible number of swaps. Therefore, the probability that one of these number of swaps occurs is $1 / (i + 1)$. In order to find the expected value of S_i , the sum of the number of possible swaps must be multiplied by the probability that a given number of swaps occurs, which is $1 / (i + 1)$.

$$E[S_1] = (0 + 1) * 1 / (1 + 1) = 1 * 1 / 2 = 1 / 2 = 0.5$$

$$E[S_2] = (0 + 1 + 2) * 1 / (2 + 1) = 3 * 1 / 3 = 1$$

$$E[S_i] = (0 + 1 + \dots + i) * 1 / (i + 1)$$

$$E[S_i] = 1 / (i + 1) * \sum k, \text{ for } k = 0 \text{ to } k = i$$

$$E[S_i] = 1 / (i + 1) * i(i + 1) / 2 \quad \# (\sum k, \text{ for } k = 0 \text{ to } k = i) = i(i + 1) / 2$$

$$E[S_i] = i(i + 1) / 2(i + 1)$$

$$E[S_i] = i / 2$$

Therefore, $E[S_i] = i / 2$ and $E[S_{n-1}] = (n - 1) / 2$

b)

S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n-1} are all independent variables which means that their expected values are independent.

$$S = S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_{n-1}$$

$$E[S] = E[S_1 + S_2 + \dots + S_{n-1}]$$

$$E[S] = E[S_1] + E[S_2] + \dots + E[S_{n-1}]$$

$$E[S] = 1/2 + 2/2 + \dots + (n-1)/2$$

$$E[S] = 1/2 * (1 + 2 + \dots + n-1)$$

$$E[S] = 1/2 * \sum k, \text{ for } k = 1 \text{ to } k = n-1$$

$$E[S] = 1/2 * n(n-1)/2$$

$$\# (\sum k, \text{ for } k = 1 \text{ to } k = n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

$$E[S] = n(n-1)/4$$

$$E[S] = (n^2 - n)/4$$

$$\text{Therefore, } E[S] = (n^2 - n)/4$$

Question 2

Cycle-Detection(A, n)

1 $i = 0$

2 for $j = 1$ to n

3 Make-Set(j)

4 $e = 0$

5 for each edge (u, v) in A

6 $e++$

7 $\text{minimum_edges} = e - n + 1$

8 if $\text{minimum_edges} < 0$

9 $\text{minimum_edges} = 0$

10 $k = 0$

11 for each edge (u, v) in $A[\text{minimum_edges} + 1 \dots e]$

12 if Find-Set(u) \neq Find-Set(v)

13 Union(u, v)

14 else

15 $i = \text{minimum_edges} + k$

16 return i

17 $k++$

18 $i = \text{minimum_edges} + 1$

19 return i

There are exactly n iterations of the for loop on lines 2-3 so there are exactly n calls to Make-Set on line 3 and Make-Set runs in $O(1)$ time complexity, which means the time complexity of this for loop is $O(n)$. There are exactly m — m being the number of edges in A — iterations of the for loop on lines 5-6 so e is incremented by 1 on line 6 m times and each increment has time complexity $O(1)$, which means the time complexity of this loop is $O(m)$. The for loop on lines 11-17 calls Find-Set a maximum of n times and calls Union a maximum of n times. Find-Set runs in $O(1)$ time complexity and Union runs in $O(\lg n)$ time complexity when using the weighted union heuristic and the linked list representation. This means this for loop runs in $O(n + n \lg n)$ time complexity. Lines 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18 and 19 all run in $O(1)$ time complexity. Bringing all of this information together, the entire algorithm runs in $O(m + n + n \lg n)$ time complexity, which is asymptotically better than $O(mn)$.

The first for loop creates a set for every vertex in G . The second for loop counts the total number of edges in G . The variable *minimum_edges* represents the minimum number of edges that need to be removed in order for all cycles to be removed from G . This is because a connected graph with n vertices that has more than $n - 1$ edges has at least one cycle, therefore the minimum number of edges to be removed in order to remove all cycles in a graph is the **total number of edges - the total number of vertices + 1**. If there are no cycles in G to begin with or if $e - n + 1 < 0$ (the graph is not connected), then *minimum_edges* = 0 which means $A[\text{minimum_edges} + 1 \dots e] = A$. If there are no cycles in G then i will be returned as 1. e represents the total number of edges in G , and to remove all possible cycles from G , the algorithm checks the remaining

$e - \text{minimum_edges}$ edges to check if there are any cycles remaining. There is a counter (k) used to keep track of how many edges have been visited in the third for loop, and once a cycle is found the value of i is set to $\text{minimum_edges} + k$ and returned. Overall what this means is that the first $i - 1$ edges are to be removed from G in order ensure there are no cycles remaining. If no cycles are found, then $i = \text{minimum_edges} + 1$, because minimum_edges is the number of edges to be removed, so i must be one greater than that number. Therefore, this algorithm clearly returns the smallest integer i such that the graph $G_i = (V, E - \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{i-1}\})$ has no cycles.