

1. (a) $\overline{\text{FRUGAL}}$ is defined as follows:

Input: A set of *ingredients* $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m\}$, a set of *recipes* $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$, where each recipe is a subset of ingredients ($r_i \subseteq G$), and a positive integer M .

Output: Is there **NO** subset of recipes $R' \subseteq R$ with size $|R'| \leq M$ such that all together, the recipes in R' use up exactly the ingredients from G ($\bigcup_{r \in R'} r = G$ and $r_1 \cap r_2 = \emptyset$ for all $r_1, r_2 \in R'$)?

- (b) **Verifier for FRUGAL:**

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VERIFYFRUGAL( $G, R, M, C$ ):
  #  $C$  is a subset of  $R$ 
  if  $|C| > M$ : return FALSE
   $H \leftarrow \bigcup_{r \in C} r$ 
  if  $H \neq G$ : return FALSE
  for  $q, r \in C$ :
    if  $q \cap r \neq \emptyset$ : return FALSE
  return TRUE

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Correctness: Clearly, $\text{VERIFYFRUGAL}(G, R, M, C) = \text{TRUE}$ iff C is a subset of R with the desired properties: $|C| \leq M$ and $\bigcup_{r \in C} r = G$ and $q \cap r = \emptyset$ for all $q, r \in C$.

Hence, the answer for (G, R, M) is **TRUE** iff $\text{VERIFYFRUGAL}(G, R, M, C) = \text{TRUE}$ for some C .

Runtime: Assuming that sets are stored simply as unsorted lists, the total running time is $\mathcal{O}(n^2m)$:

- $\mathcal{O}(|C|) = \mathcal{O}(n)$ to compute $|C|$ and compare it with M ;
- $\mathcal{O}(mn)$ to compute H (each union takes time $\mathcal{O}(m)$ and there are $\mathcal{O}(n)$ unions performed);
- $\mathcal{O}(m)$ to compare H with G ;
- $\mathcal{O}(n^2m)$ to verify that every pair of recipes in C ($\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ many pairs) contains no common ingredient ($\mathcal{O}(m)$ to compute the intersection).

2. (a) $\overline{\text{SHORTPATHS}}$ is defined as follows:

Input: An undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ and a positive integer k .

Output: Does **some** simple path in G contain **more than** k edges?

- (b) **Verifier for SHORTPATHS:**

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VERIFYNoSHORTPATHS( $G, k, C$ ):
  #  $C = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\ell]$  is a list of vertices from  $G$ 
  if  $\ell \leq k$ : return FALSE
  for  $i \leftarrow 2, 3, \dots, \ell$ :
    if  $(v_{i-1}, v_i) \notin E$ : return FALSE
    for  $j \leftarrow i-1, i-2, \dots, 1$ :
      if  $v_j = v_i$ : return FALSE
  return TRUE

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Correctness: Clearly, $\text{VERIFYNoSHORTPATHS}(G, k, C) = \text{TRUE}$ iff C is a path in G with the desired properties: $\text{len}(C) > k$ and C is simple (no repeated vertex or edge).

Hence, the answer for (G, k) is **TRUE** iff $\text{VERIFYNoSHORTPATHS}(G, k, C) = \text{TRUE}$ for some C .

Runtime: Assuming that vertices and edges are stored simply as unsorted lists, with $n = |V|$ and $m = |E|$, the total running time is $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$:

- $\mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$ to compare ℓ with k (because both are at most n);
- $\mathcal{O}(n)$ to verify that G contains every edge between successive vertices in C ;
- $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ to compare every pair of vertices in C (to ensure there are no duplicates).