

SOLUTIONS

Problem 1

need to be able to get from any edge vert to any other edge vert in $d - 1$ steps exactly... create either 1 or 2

For each of the following problems, argue whether it is a) in P or b) NP-complete.

- a. **Bipartite Determination.** Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, is G bipartite (that is, can we partition $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ such that V_1, V_2 are disjoint and for all $u, v \in V_i$, $(u, v \notin E?)$)

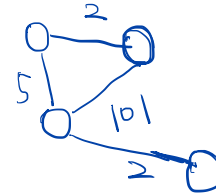
This is in P. We perform a BFS, labelling nodes "1" or "0" on the odd or even iterations of our algorithm, respectively. If we ever examine an already-examined node of the wrong parity, terminate and return False, otherwise return True. BFS takes polynomial time.

- b. **Heavy Cycle Detection.** Given a (nonnegatively) weighted graph $G = (V, E, w)$ and number $k \geq 0$, is there a simple cycle of weight at least k ?

This is NP-complete.

First, we claim this is in NP. Given a cycle as an ordering of vertices $C = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V$, we check that:

- $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ and $(v_m, v_1) \in E$ $O(m)$
- the total weight of edges taken is at least k $O(m)$
- no vertices appear twice in C $O(m^2)$



the first two steps takes $O(n)$ time, and the final one takes at most $O(n^2)$ time, so all checks can be completed in polynomial time.

Second, we show that this is NP-complete via reduction from **Hamiltonian Cycle**. Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, run **Heavy Cycle Detection**($G = (V, E, 1), k = n$), where all edges have weight 1 and we ask if there is a simple cycle of weight at least n .

No simple cycle can have weight greater than n (it would have to take more edges than there are vertices and thus visit some vertex twice), and a simple cycle of weight n visits exactly all vertices once.

Thus, a Hamiltonian cycle satisfies the **Heavy Cycle Detection** problem, and a heavy cycle detected corresponds to a Hamiltonian cycle on the original graph.

- c. **Unit-Weight Knapsack.** Given a capacity $C \in \mathbb{R}$ and set S of objects, each of which has weight 1 and value v_i , can we choose a subset of items with total weight at most C and total value $\geq k$?

This is in P.

CAUTION: Unconstrained Knapsack is NP-complete. The dynamic programming formulation is pseudopolynomial, meaning it is polynomial in the size of inputs rather than the number of inputs.

The greedy-by-largest-value algorithm produces the most valuable collection, which can be computed in $O(n \log n)$ time for the sort.

KNAPSACK PROBLEM "Pseudo-Polynomial" (NP-Complete)

$O(nW)$

$n = \# \text{ of items}$

$W = \text{max capacity}$

int n

for 1 to n :

print n

$n=4 = \overbrace{100}^3$
 $n=8 = \overbrace{1000}^4$
 $n=16 = \overbrace{10000}^5$