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Homework #4

1. Problem 1

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Iteration										
Node	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	∞	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
B	∞	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
C	∞	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
D	∞	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
E	∞	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
F	∞	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
G	∞	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
H	∞	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
I	∞	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

2. Counterexample: suppose you have nodes A, B, and C with edges going from A \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C with weights of 2, 5, and -10 respectively. We also have a large constant $C = 1000$. We add 1000 to each edge weight and get $AC = 1002$, $AB = 1005$, and $BC = 990$. We then run Dijkstra's Algorithm in order to find the shortest path from A to C. While the correct answer should be A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C, by

using the large constant method we get a shortest path of A \rightarrow C. Therefore this approach is not correct.

3. Pseudocode: Given a graph g and positive edge lengths L

shortestCycle:

shortestCycle = infinity;

for each vertex $u \in g$ do

dist[] = dijkstra(g, L, u);

for each vertex $v \in g$ do

if $(v, u) \in E$ then

shortestCycle = min(shortest, dist[v] + length(u, v));

if shortestCycle == infinity then return ('Graph is acyclic');

else return shortestCycle;

Explanation: We begin by initializing shortestCycle to infinity. We then have a loop which runs through all vertices of the graph. This loop runs Dijkstra's Algorithm on the current vertex u . Then a nested loop runs through all other vertices v and this checks to see whether or not there is an edge (v, u) , if so then this would complete a cycle. We update shortestCycle if the new cycle is shorter. We then exit the loop. If shortestCycle is infinity then we return 'Graph is acyclic. Otherwise we return shortestCycle.

Running Time Analysis: We are running Dijkstra's Algorithm V times. If we use the array implementation of Dijkstra (which has a running time of $O(V^2)$) then the running time would be $O(V^3)$.