

## Homework 2 version 1.12

Assigned: Feb 7

Due: Feb 21

**Problem 1** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple undirected graph with weights  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  and let  $n = |V|$ . The *inductivity* of a vertex ordering (permutation  $\Pi$  of  $V$ )  $\langle v_{\Pi(1)}, v_{\Pi(2)}, \dots, v_{\Pi(n)} \rangle$  is defined by

$$\max_{j : 2 \leq \Pi(j) \leq n} \sum_{i : 1 \leq \Pi(i) < \Pi(j)} w(v_{\Pi(i)} v_{\Pi(j)}). \quad (1)$$

Use (even if not completely covered yet) Fibonacci heaps to obtain a  $O(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$ -time algorithm (present pseudocode) to produce a least-inductivity vertex ordering of  $G$ , together with the proof of correctness. That is, find the permutation  $\Pi$  of  $V$  that minimizes Formula (1)

**Hint:** Use a greedy strategy paying attention to nodes with smallest weighted degree in  $G$ .

Give a  $O(|E| + |V|)$ -time algorithm for the unweighted case (all the weights are 1).

**Problem 2** Describe a binary search tree on  $n$  nodes such that the average depth of a node in the tree is  $\Theta(\lg n)$  but the height of the tree is not  $O(\lg n)$ . How large can the height of an  $n$ -node binary search tree be if the average depth of a node is  $\Theta(\lg n)$ ?

**Problem 3** Assume every node in a binary *search* tree has a pointer to its parent, in addition to pointers to the left and right child. Design an algorithm (write pseudocode), which, given a node  $v$ , finds  $w$ , the node-successor of  $v$  in inorder (the element of  $w$  is also the successor of the element of  $v$  in the sorted order of elements).

Analyze the running time of  $s$  consecutive calls to successor (that is,  $w$  is given as the argument to the next call, and so on) in terms of  $s$  and  $h$ , the height of the tree. A tight (within a constant) analysis is worth one third of the points.

**Problem 4** Suppose we wish not only to increment a binary number, but also to reset it to zero (i.e., make all bits in it 0). Counting the cost to examine or modify a bit as 1, show how to implement a binary number as an array of bits so that any sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT and RESET operations costs  $O(n)$  on an initially zero number.

**Hint:** Keep a pointer to the high-order 1.