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Single Round Match 608

Friday, February 7th, 2014

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Match summary

This problem set was brought to you by algorithm director **rng_58**. A tough match that put emphasis in mathematical thought. Division 1 coders began having to solve a problem that required some good analysis to reveal the greedy solution. **Petr** solved this problem in seemingly supernatural 4 minutes. The mathematical reasoning was not missing from the graph theory division 1 medium either, **Petr** also had a stunning speed in this problem solving it correctly in under 12 minutes. Many great coders solved the division 1 hard, but **WJMZBMR** did it in glorious 17 minutes. Some similar speed records (second fastest submission in medium, fourth fastest submission in easy), allowed **WJMZBMR** to score a significant division win over **Petr** (2nd place), **ainu7** (3rd), **tomek** (4th) and **mr.ilchii** (5th). Division 2 actually faced similar themes and complexities, with slightly simpler versions of the division 1 easy and medium. The fastest submission in their division 2 problem gave **andyooo** the division 2 win.

The Problems

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Used as: Division One - Level Two:

Value	600
Submission Rate	102 / 743 (13.73%)
Success Rate	59 / 102 (57.84%)
High Score	Petr for 516.31 points (11 mins 50 secs)
Average Score	305.32 (for 59 correct submissions)

[The explanation for the division 2 version](#) explains how to identify unbounded graphs (those in which we need to return -1) and also a proof that also finds a method to calculate the degree of the polynomial in bounded graphs.

Code

The specific division 1 code:

```

static const int MAX_N = 50;
int m;
bool compressed[MAX_N];
int degree[MAX_N];
int g[MAX_N][MAX_N];
int dp[MAX_N];

// finds the path with the maximum number of compressed nodes starting at
// node x in the SCC graph.
int rec(int x)
{
    int res = dp[x];
    if (res == -1) {
        res = 0;
        for (int i=0; i < degree[x]; i++) {
            res = std::max(res, rec(g[x][i]) );
        }
        if ( compressed[x] ) {
            res++;
        }
    }
    dp[x] = res;
    return res;
}

int minK(vector<string> graph)
{
    // Find the SCCs in the graph:
    int n = graph.size();
    int reach[n][n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            reach[i][j] = ( graph[i][j] == 'Y' ) ? 1 : 0 ;
        }
    }
}

```

Alternative solutions and additional comments.

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Next problem: [OneDimensionalRobot](#)

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Posted by vexorian at Feb 13, 2014 15:09 Updated by vexorian | [Reply To This](#)

(j != k) && reach[j][k] && (graph[j][k] == 'Y')
the "reach[j][k]" maybe unnecessary ?

 Posted by cepin at Feb 20, 2014 01:49 Updated by cepin | [Reply To This](#)

In bigOEasy, there is a sentence "For each walk of length $L-6$ that includes vertex 1"..It doesn't make sense to me. Do you mean for each walk such that $L-6 \geq 0$? Also, there are a few typos and repeated words in the editorial for this problem. Could you proof read and correct them please?

 Posted by arviman at [Mar 09, 2014 06:29](#) | [Reply To This](#)

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