

# Assignment 1

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## Q1

(a) **Proof by contradiction**

Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  has 2 distinct MSTs  $T_1 = (V, E_1)$  and  $T_2 = (V, E_2)$ . Let the set  $S$  contain the edges lying in exactly one of the two trees  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . That is,

$$S = (E_1 \setminus E_2) \cup (E_2 \setminus E_1)$$

Since  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are distinct,  $|S| \geq 2$

Consider the edge  $e \in S$  such that  $e$  has the smallest weight. Since all the weights are distinct,

$$wt(e) < wt(k) \forall k \in S - \{e\}$$

We know  $e$  belongs to either  $E_1$  or  $E_2$ .

w.l.o.g assume  $e \in E_1$ . Consider  $G' = (V, E_2 \cup \{e\})$ .  $G'$  will contain a cycle  $C = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  such that  $e \in C$ .

*Claim:*  $\exists e' \in C$  such that  $e' \notin E_1$ .

*Proof:* If there exists no such  $e'$ ,  $C \subseteq E_1$ . This implies there exists a cycle in  $T_1$ . However,  $T_1$  is a tree and thus can't contain a cycle.

Hence, proved  $\exists e' \in C$  such that  $e' \notin E_1$ .

Let  $e' \in C$  such that  $e' \notin E_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow e' \neq e$$

$$\Rightarrow e' \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow wt(e') > wt(e)$$

Now,  $T_3 = (V, E_3)$  where  $E_3 = E_2 \cup \{e\} \setminus \{e'\}$  is a spanning tree. Also,

$$\sum_{k \in E_3} wt(k) = \sum_{k \in E_2} wt(k) + wt(e) - wt(e')$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k \in E_3} wt(k) < \sum_{k \in E_2} wt(k)$$

This contradicts the fact that  $T_2 = (G, E_2)$  is an MST.

Thus, if all edges in a graph  $G$  are distinct, it has a unique MST.

(b) **Algorithm to check edge-fault-resistance**

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 $T \leftarrow MST(V, E)$ 
 $Visited \leftarrow \phi$ 

function CHECK-RESISTANCE( $G', x, y, w$ )
  if  $x=y$  then
     $return(True)$ 
  end if
  for all  $z \in x.children$  do
    if  $z \notin Visited \ \& \ (x, z).weight \leq w$  then
       $Visited \leftarrow Visited \cup \{z\}$ 
      if CHECK-RESISTANCE( $G', z, y, w$ ) then
         $return(True)$ 
      end if
    end if
  end for
   $return(False)$ 
end function

function REMOVEEDGE( $node$ )
  for all  $e \in T.Edges$  do
     $G' \leftarrow (V, E \setminus \{e\})$ 
     $(x, y) \leftarrow e$ 
    if CHECK-RESISTANCE( $G', x, y, e.wieght$ ) =  $False$  then
       $return(False)$ 
    end if
  end for
   $return(True)$ 
end function

 $return(REMOVEEDGE(T.root))$ 

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**Proof of Correctness**

*Claim:*  $\forall e \in E, e$  is part of a cycle  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e)$  and  $wt(e) \geq wt(e_i)$ ,  
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  an MST  $T$  such that  $e \notin T$ .

*Proof:* Consider any minimum spanning tree  $T'$  containing  $e$ . Now, removing  $e$  from  $T'$  results in two disconnected trees. Adding any  $e_i$  will again connect these trees. Moreover,  $wt(e) \geq wt(e_i)$  and thus  $T' - e + e'$  is also a minimum spanning tree.

Conversely, let there exist an MST  $T$  such that  $e \notin T$ . Now, if  $e$  was not part of a cycle,  $e$  must have been in the MST. Thus,  $e$  is part of a cycle. Moreover, if  $\exists$  an edge  $e'$  in the cycle such that  $wt(e') > wt(e)$ , then  $e'$  cannot be in the MST, which implies  $e$  must be in the MST, which is a

contradiction. Hence, proved.

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be the graph and  $T$  be an MST. Now for any edge  $e = (x, y) \in T$ , if we find a path  $(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, y)$  such that  $wt(x, a_1), wt(a_i, a_{i+1}), wt(a_n, y) \leq wt(e)$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow e$  is part of a cycle  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e)$  and  $wt(e) \geq wt(e_i)$ .  
 $\exists$  an MST of  $G$  without  $e$ . Moreover, this MST will also be an MST of  $G - e$ .

However, if for an edge, we find no such path, it implies there is no cycle  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e)$  such that  $e$  has the maximum weight in the cycle. Thus,  $e$  is present in all MSTs of  $G$ , and the graph is not edge resilient.

### Time Complexity

It takes  $O(m + n)$  time to find out the *MST* of Graph  $G = (V, E)$   
For every edge  $e \in MST$  it takes  $O(m + n)$  time to check if its possible to find another *MST* of  $G$  by using *DFS*. Now there are at most  $(n - 1)$  edges in an *MST*.  
 $\therefore$  total time complexity =

$$\begin{aligned} T &= O(m + n) + O(n) \cdot O(m + n) \\ &\Rightarrow O(mn + n^2) \end{aligned}$$

Now since the graph is connected  $m \geq (n - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2mn &\geq mn + n^2 \\ \therefore O(mn + n^2) &= O(2mn) = O(mn) \end{aligned}$$

## Q2

### Algorithm

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 $L' \leftarrow \text{SORTBYSTART}(L)$ 
 $I \leftarrow [L'[0]]$ 
 $toAppend \leftarrow L'[0]$ 
 $lastAdded \leftarrow L'[0]$ 
 $i \leftarrow 1$ 
while  $i < L'.length$  do
  if  $L'[i].end \leq toAppend.end$  then
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
    continue ▷ Do nothing
  else if  $L'[i].start < lastAdded.end$  and  $toAppend.end < L'[i].end$  then
     $toAppend \leftarrow L'[i]$ 
  else if  $L'[i].start \geq lastAdded.end$  then
     $I.append(toAppend)$ 
     $lastAdded \leftarrow toAppend$ 
  end if
   $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
end while

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**Proof of Correctness** Consider an optimal solution  $I' \subset L$ , sorted by start time. The first element of  $I$  (from algorithm) and  $I'$  have to be same, and be the interval with minimum start time.

Now, if  $I[1].start < I[0].end$ ,  $I'[1].start$  must be  $< I'[0].end$  as well. We also know  $I[1].end \geq I'[1].end$ . Thus,  $I[1]$  completely overlaps at least as many intervals as  $I'[1]$ . In case  $I'[1].start > I[0].end$ , both  $I$  and  $I'$  must include  $I[1]$ , and thus  $I[1]$  completely overlaps exactly as many intervals as  $I'[1]$ .

Thus, in any case, we can exchange  $I[1]$  and  $I'[1]$  without losing optimality. This forms the exchange argument.

Continuing in this way,  $I[0], I[1], \dots, I[i]$  will completely cover at least as many intervals as  $I'[0], I'[1], \dots, I'[i]$ . Thus, to cover the same number of intervals  $|L|$ ,  $I$  will contain at most as many intervals as  $I'$ .

**Time Complexity** Sorting the intervals takes  $O(n \log n)$  time, and then the iteration takes  $O(n)$  time. Thus, the overall time

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= O(n \log n) + O(n) \\
 &= O(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

### Q3

(a) **Proof by construction**

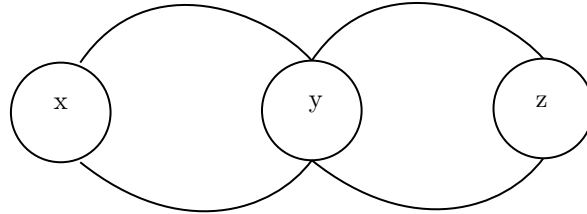
Let's take 3 vertices  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{R} : (x\mathcal{R}y) \ \& \ (y\mathcal{R}z)$

Now, we know that no bridge edge between  $x$  and  $y \Leftrightarrow \exists$  atleast 2 paths  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  between  $x$  and  $y$  : there is no common edge in  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

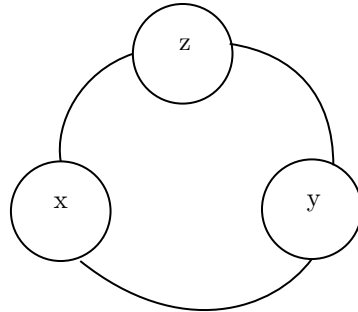
Similarly,  $\exists$  atleast 2 paths  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  between  $y$  and  $z$  : there exists no common edge in  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ .

Now there can be 2 cases :

**Case 1:**



**Case 2:**



In both cases we can see that there exists 2 paths from  $x$  to  $z$  that do not have any edge in common.  $\therefore$  There exists no bridge edge between  $x$  and  $z$ . Hence,  $x\mathcal{R}z$

- (b) From lecture 7, we already know an algorithm to compute the bridge edges of a graph.

**Algorithm:**

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 $T = \text{DFS-TREE}(G)$ 
 $B = \text{BRIDGE-EDGES}(G)$ 
 $\text{ConnectingBE}(i, j) \leftarrow \text{NULL} \forall 0 \leq i, j \leq |B|$ 
function COMPUTE-EC( $x, c, k$ )
     $x.\text{class} \leftarrow c$ 
    for all  $e = (x, y) \in T$  do
        if  $e \notin B$  then
             $k \leftarrow \text{COMPUTE-EC}(y, c, k)$ 
        else
             $\text{ConnectingBE}(c, k) \leftarrow e$ 
             $k \leftarrow \text{COMPUTE-EC}(y, k, k + 1)$ 
        end if
    end for
    return  $k$ 
end function
 $\text{num} - \text{classes} \leftarrow \text{COMPUTE-EC}(\text{root}, 0, 1)$ 
for all  $x \in V$  do
     $\text{classes}[x.\text{class}].\text{append}(x)$ 
end for

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### Proof of Correctness

*Claim:* Vertices of an equivalence class are connected in the DFS-Tree of a graph. i.e.,  $\forall$  equivalence classes  $C_i$ ,  $\forall x, y \in C_i, \exists$  path  $(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, y)$  in DFS-Tree  $T$  such that  $a_j \in C_i \forall 1 \leq j \leq k$ .

*Proof:* If possible, let  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  be two subsets of an equivalence class  $C$  such that  $C_a$  and  $C_b$  are disconnected in  $T$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in C_a, y \in C_b$ , path  $(x, a_1, \dots, a_k, y), k \geq 1$  in  $T$  such that  $\exists a_j \notin C_a \cup C_b$

Since  $x$  and  $y$  are related,  $\exists$  at least 1 more path in graph  $G$  between  $x$  and  $y$ . Let this path be  $(x, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_l, y)$ .

Consider  $a_j \notin C_a \cup C_b$ . There are two paths from  $a_j$  to  $x$ :  $(a_j, a_{(j-1)}, \dots, x)$  and  $(a_j, a_{(j+1)}, \dots, a_k, y, b_l, \dots, b_1, x)$ . However, this contradicts the fact  $a_j \notin C_a \cup C_b$ . Thus, proved the vertices in an equivalence class are connected in the DFS-Tree of  $G$ .

This claim, along with the fact that bridge edges separate two equivalence classes, prove the algorithm.

### Time Complexity

Generating the DFS-Tree of  $G$  takes  $O(n + m)$  time. As discussed in lecture 7, we can compute all the bridge edges of a given graph in  $O(m + n)$  time as well. Moreover, the function *Compute - EC* essentially performs

a DFS traversal, and thus requires  $O(n + m)$  time as well. Finally, since the maximum number of connected components in  $G$  is  $n$ , the last for loop requires  $O(n)$  time. Thus, total time

$$\begin{aligned} T &= O(n + m) + O(n + m) + O(n + m) + O(n) \\ &= O(n + m) \end{aligned}$$



- (c) We can compute the equivalence classes  $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$  and the connecting bridge edges  $ConnectingBE(C_i, C_j)$  as per (b). Consider a new graph  $G' = (C, E')$  where  $C$  represents the set of equivalence classes of  $V$ , and  $\forall e = (x, y) \in B, e' = (class(x), class(y)) \in E'$  where  $B$  is the set of bridge edges of  $G$ .

*Claim:*  $G'$  is a tree.

*Proof:* Since each bridge edge connects two disconnected components in a class,

$$|B| = |C| - 1$$

Moreover, from definition,

$$|E'| = |B|$$

$$\Rightarrow |E'| = |C| - 1$$

Thus,  $G$  is a tree.

#### Algorithm

$T \leftarrow Super - Graph(C, Connecting - BE).$

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function SINGLE-DFS( $n, x, e$ )
  for all  $a \in n$  do
    for all  $b \in x$  do
       $W(a, b) \leftarrow e$ 
    end for
  end for
  for all  $(x, y) \in T, Level(y) > Level(x)$  do
    SINGLE-DFS( $n, y, e$ )
  end for
end function
for all  $C_i \in C$  do
  for all  $e = (C_i, C_j) \in T$  do
    SINGLE-DFS( $C_i, C_j, e$ )
  end for
end for

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**Proof of Correctness** The algorithm is trivially correct since we have already proved that the super-graph must be a tree ( $T$ ). Thus, for any  $x \in C_i, y \in C_j, \exists$  a unique path from  $C_i$  to  $C_j$ ,  $(C_i, C_{a_1}, C_{a_2}, \dots, C_{a_k}, C_j)$  in  $T$ , which must be a subset of any path from  $x$  to  $y$ .

If  $(C_i, C_j)$  is an edge  $e$ , both  $Single - DFS(C_i)$  and  $Single - DFS(C_j)$  adds this edge to  $W$ . Otherwise,  $W(C_i, C_j)$  is either  $(C_i, C_{a_1})$  or  $(C_{a_k}, C_j)$  depending on whether  $Single - DFS(C_i)$  or  $Single - DFS(C_j)$  is called last.

#### Time Complexity

*Single – DFS* visits every class node once and takes time

$$\begin{aligned} O(|C_i|) * O\left(\sum_{j=0, j \neq i}^c |C_j|\right) \\ = O(|C_i|) * O(n) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the outer loop calling *Single – DFS* is essentially a traversal as well, and thus runs once for every  $C_i$ . Thus, total time

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{i=0}^c T(\text{Single} - \text{DFS}(C_i)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^c O(|C_i|) * O(n) \\ &= O(n) \sum_{i=0}^c O(|C_i|) \\ &= O(n) * O(n) \\ &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

(d) **Algorithm**

We take the graph  $G'$  used in the  $c$  part of the question for our solution.

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 $T \leftarrow \text{Super} - \text{Graph}(C, \text{Connecting} - BE)$ 
 $L \leftarrow \text{NULL}$ 
if  $|T.\text{root}.\text{children}| = 1$  then
     $L.\text{insert}(T.\text{root})$ 
end if
function GET-LEAF-NODES( $node$ )
    if  $|node.\text{children}| = 0$  then
         $L.\text{insert}(node)$ 
    else
        for all  $n \in node.\text{children}$  do
            GET-LEAF-NODES( $n$ )
        end for
    end if
end function
GET-LEAF-NODES( $T.\text{root}$ )
 $cn \leftarrow L.\text{head}$ 
 $E_0 \leftarrow \phi$ 
while  $cn.\text{next} \neq \text{NULL}$  do
     $E_0 \leftarrow E_0 \cup \{(cn, cn.\text{next})\}$ 
     $cn \leftarrow cn.\text{next}$ 
end while
return  $E_0$ 

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**Proof of Correctness** For any two nodes  $x, y \in G'$ , there can be two cases:

*Case 1:  $x$  and  $y$  share ancestor-descendant relationship.* w.l.o.g assume  $x$  is ancestor of  $y$ . Now,  $\exists$  a path  $(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, y)$  in  $T$ . Moreover, let  $k_1$  be any leaf node in subtree of  $y$ .

From  $x$ ,  $\exists$  a path to the root. Now, if root in  $T$  had degree  $\geq 2$ , go into another subtree from root, to a leaf node  $k_2$ . Otherwise, let  $k_2 = \text{root}$  itself. In both cases,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are connected in the new edge set  $E_0$ . Consider the path  $(x, b_1, b_2, \dots, \text{root}, c_1, c_2, \dots, k_2, d_1, d_2, \dots, k_1, e_1, e_2, \dots, y)$ . Clearly, none of  $b_i, c_i, d_i, e_i$  can be equal to  $a_j$ . Thus, we have 2 paths having no common edges between  $x$  and  $y$ .

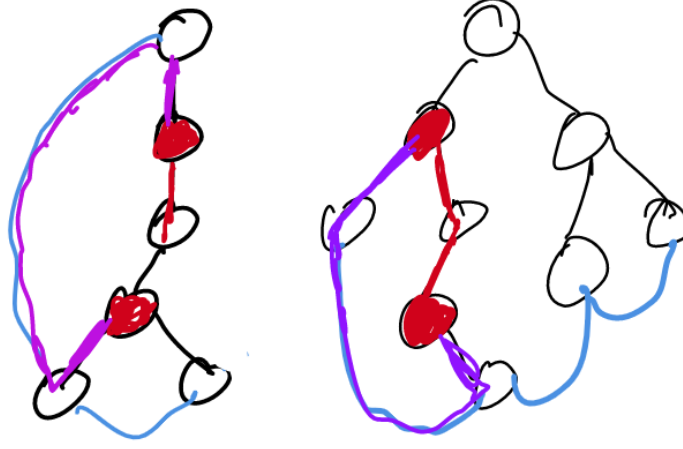


Figure 1: Case 1

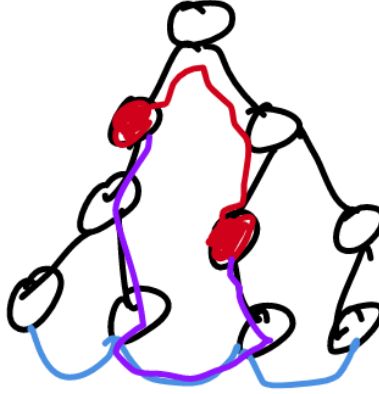


Figure 2: Case 2

*Case 2:  $x$  and  $y$  do not have an ancestor-descendant relationship.* In this case, again  $\exists$  a path  $(x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, y)$  in  $T$ . Moreover, subtrees of  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct.

Consider any leaf  $k_1$  in subtree of  $x$  and leaf  $k_2$  in subtree of  $y$ . Again,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are connected in the new edge set  $E_0$ .

Consider the path  $(x, b_1, b_2, \dots, k_1, c_1, c_2, \dots, k_2, d_1, d_2, \dots, y)$ . Again, none of  $b_i, c_i, d_i$  can be equal to  $a_j$ . Thus, we have 2 path shaving no common edges between  $x$  and  $y$ .

Hence, for any two equivalence class nodes  $x, y \in T$ , there exist 2 paths between  $x$  and  $y$  with no common edges. Hence, for each node  $a \in x$  and  $b \in y$ , there exist 2 paths between  $a$  and  $b$  with no common edges. Hence, there exist no bridge edges in this new graph.

We know the maximum number of leaves (including root) in a tree with  $n$  nodes can be  $n$ . Since  $e \in E_0$  connect only leaves,  $|E_0| \leq n - 1$ .

**Time Complexity** Computing the equivalence classes and tree  $T$  takes  $O(n + m)$  time. The function *Get-Leaf-Nodes* is essentially a DFS traversal and thus also takes  $O(n)$  time. Finally, creating  $E_0$  also takes  $O(n)$  time, resulting in overall complexity of:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= O(n + m) + O(n) + O(n) \\ &= O(n) \end{aligned}$$