

**BRAC UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

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**CSE 221: Algorithms**

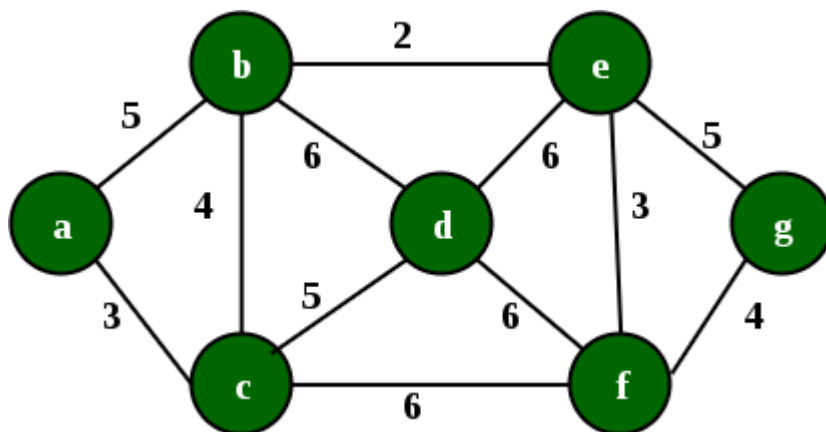
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- 1 a. You work as an engineer for the Roads and Highways department in a district. The district has 7 thanas that are represented by the 7 vertices in the following graph. The edges between the vertices represent the roads that connect one thana with another and the weight of an edge represents the length of the road. 07
- CO2

A recent flood has totally damaged these roads and immediate repair work is needed. The cost to repair a road is proportionate to its length. However, your department does not have the budget to repair all the roads so you need to repair a subset of the roads. Which algorithm should you use here to find out the roads that need to be repaired to keep all the thanas connected to one another with the **minimum** possible cost?

**Show** the step by step simulation of the algorithm. You may pick any algorithm of your preference that you think will solve the problem.



- b. Problem Y is NP-complete. If A professor takes an instance of Y, converts it into an instance of the shortest path problem in  $2^n$  time, and claims that Y is in P now, is the claim valid? 02
- CO3 **Explain** your answer.
- c. **Rank** the following three approximation algorithms from the worst to the best: 01
- CO3 2-approximation algorithm, 1.5-approximation algorithm, n-approximation algorithm

- 2 Two infamous thieves, Denver and Nairobi, planned to rob the famous Louvre Museum. Before the scene, they both agreed on the fact that none of them will break any item as all the items in the museum are too precious, and taking a fraction of any item won't sell on the black market. If it fits in the bag as a whole, they will take it, otherwise, leave it as it is.

Both of them arrived at the Royal Treasury with an empty knapsack weighing a total of **7 kg** each. Even though both thieves are experts in their fields, they take slightly different approaches. Denver believes he will use a Dynamic Programming Approach to rob the items in the most efficient manner possible. Nairobi, on the other hand, believes that if she chooses a Greedy Approach, she will make the most money.

The objects in the Royal Treasury Museum are listed below.

Objects	Diamond	Jewelry	Sculpture	Painting	Gold Crest
<b>Profit (\$)</b>	3	4	12	9	12
<b>Weight (kg)</b>	1	2	8	4	5

- CO2 a) **Simulate** your dynamic programming algorithm to find the maximum profit Denver can make. **05**
- CO2 b) From your memory/dp table, **find** out which items would he take to make this amount of profit? **02**
- CO3 c) Does Nairobi's belief remain valid after the robbery? **Prove** it. **03**

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You are also given the following information:

- The frequency of each leaf node except *e*, *l*, and *t* is 1.
- The left and right child nodes of the root have frequencies 5 and 8 respectively.

Now answer the following questions.

- CO2 a) Suppose in a Huffman tree, the distances from the root to the pair of leaves denoting the letters *k* and *b* are 5 and 2 respectively, which letter between them is more frequent in the original text? Just **mention** the letter. **01**
- b) **Draw** the Huffman tree from the given coding table above. **03**
- c) Continuing on Q(b), what are the frequencies of *l*, and *t* in the original text? Just **mention** the frequencies. **02**

Your lazy friend, Tom, used a very simple encoding method for compressing a text file. The text file contains the string : *Sudden Hello*. He used a constant number of bits for encoding each of the *n* distinct characters in this text. The constant is  $\text{ceil}(\log_2 n)$  in this case. On the other hand, you have compressed the text file using your own Huffman tree from Q(b).

- d) **Mention** how many bits each of the characters in Tom's encoding scheme contain. **01**
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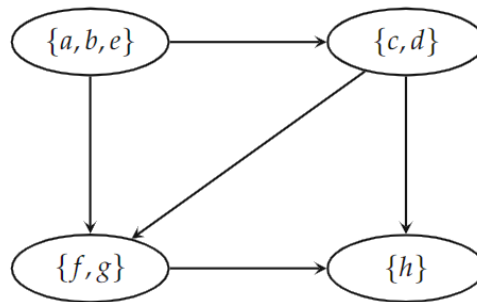
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	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$	$g$	$h$	$i$
$\text{finish}(G)$	6	4	8	18	5	14	17	16	15
$\text{finish}(G^R)$	18	17	12	10	16	6	8	9	4

Now answer the following questions.

**CO2**

- a) **Find** a vertex in  $G$  that is guaranteed to be contained in a source connected component. **01**  
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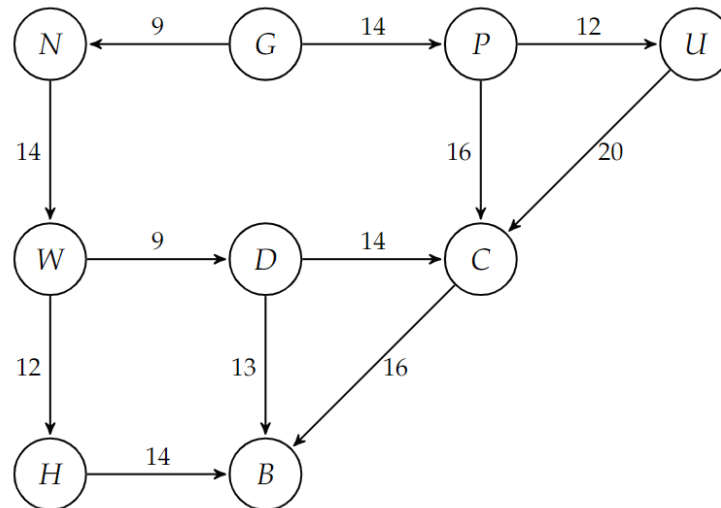


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- b) Let  $x$  be your answer to (a). **Find** all the vertices in the strongly connected component that contains  $x$ . **05**
- c) If the vertices you found in (b) are deleted from  $G$ , which set of vertices is guaranteed to be a source connected component of the resulting graph? **Write** the list of those vertices. **01**
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- Simulate** Dijkstra's algorithm to find the weight of the shortest path from  $G$  to  $B$ .
- There is a proposal to add one new road to this network, and there is a list of five pairs of cities between which the new road can be built. Each such potential road has an associated length. As a designer for the public works department, you are asked to determine the road whose addition to the existing network would result in the maximum decrease in the distance from  $G$  to  $B$ . One way to do this would be to add each of the five edges separately, run Dijkstra's algorithm five different times, and then compare the results. But can you do this by invoking Dijkstra's algorithm only two times (and possibly doing a linear amount of extra work)?

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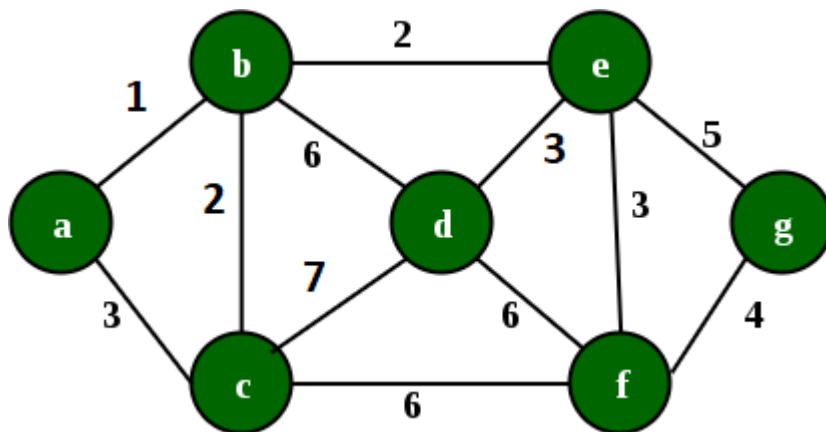
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- 2 You are Monco, a video game character, you have just stepped into level 2. This game requires you to acquire necessity items to sustain through a level and this is done by trading reward points from the previous level. From level 1 you have gained 9,000 points. Below is a list of items you can get by trading your reward points. Each item has certain properties but be wise to pick the ones which will maximize your sustainability by maximizing mission impact.

	Gold Bar	Pain Killer	Waterproof Boots	Sun glasses	Energy Bar	Night Vision
Trade Price (points)	8000	2000	2000	2000	1000	3000
Mission Impact	1	5	3	2	2	4

- CO2 a) **Simulate** your chosen algorithm on the below items to find your picked items. 07  
CO3 b) If you were to apply brute force, what would be the time complexity and why? **Explain.** 03  
Assume that points you have gained are denoted as P, and the number of items is N.

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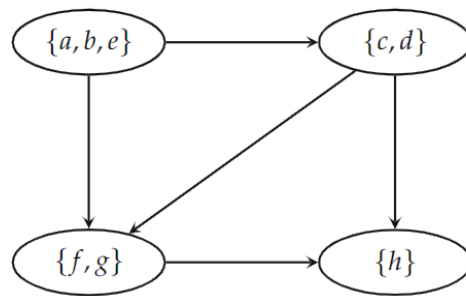
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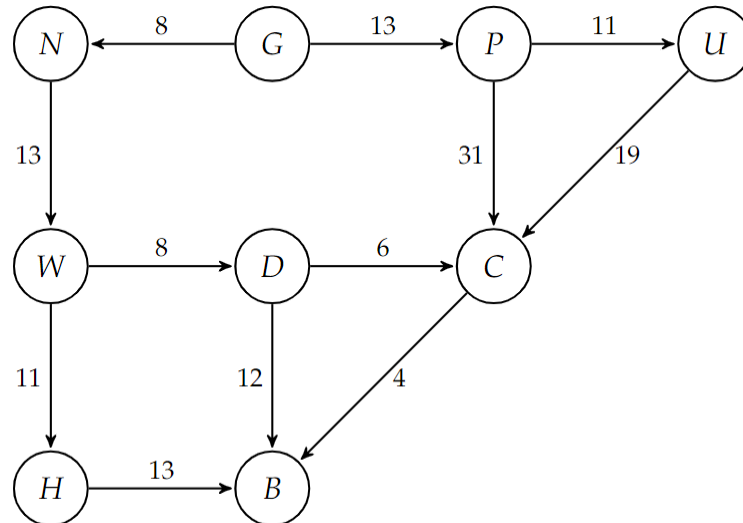


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