ISyE 7510: Graph Algorithms

The following topics are representative of those covered in this course.

• Spanning trees:

Depth-first and breadth-first search spanning trees, minimum-weight spanning trees, Kruskal's and Prim's algorithms, the greedy algorithm and relation to matroids

• Shortest paths:

Algorithms of Dijkstra, Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall

• Matchings:

Augmenting paths, bipartite matching, the Hungarian method, Edmonds' blossom algorithm, minimum weight perfect matching and Edmonds' matching polyhedron theorem, the Chinese postman problem, T-cuts and T-joins

Network flows:

The max-flow min-cut theorem and the associated algorithm, Hoffman's circulation theorem, Hu's 2-commodity flow theorem

• Connectivity:

Vertex- and edge-disjoint paths in graphs, testing connectivity, decomposing a connected graph into blocks, Tutte's decomposition of a 2-connected graph into cleavage units ("3-connected pieces"), edge-connectivity, Gomory-Hu trees, the two disjoint paths problem

• Coloring:

Theorems of Brooks and Vizing, edge-coloring bipartite graphs, 5-coloring planar graphs

• Testing planarity:

Kuratowski's theorem, a planarity testing algorithm that runs in quadratic time or better

• Directed graphs:

Testing connectivity of digraphs, decomposing a directed graph into strong components, ear decompositions, Roy-Gallai's theorem

• Tree-width:

Basic properties, linear-time algorithms for problems on graphs of bounded treewidth

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