

CS577 Assignment 2

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PROBLEM 1

- 1.1 First we say L_i is the i th layer when perform BFS from a node v in a graph G (as the definition in book P79) $L_0 = \{v\}$.

We modify the original BFS. In each vertex x , we add an additional field C to count the number of shortest paths from the v to that vertex x . So initially for start node v , we set $C(v) = 1$ (itself), for other vertices x we set $C(x) = 0$.

Then we use BFS. During BFS process, for a node x in L_j , we set $C(x)$ to be the sum of the *paths* of its neighbor nodes in L_{j-1} . So

$$C(x) = \sum_{y \in \text{Neighbors}(x) \text{ AND } \text{layer}(y) = \text{layer}(x) - 1} C(y)$$

All the shortest paths from v to a node w (layer j) must have length i , and each of these shortest path is like $\langle v, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j = w \rangle$, where x_i is the node at L_i in the BFS tree and $1 \leq i \leq j$. The only changed to the original BFS is the counter $C(x)$ for each vertex x . Obviously, the initialization takes $O(n)$ time and updating counter at any vertex x takes $O(|\text{Neighbors}(x)|)$ time. Since

$$\sum_{x \in V(G)} |\text{Neighbors}(x)| = 2E = 2m$$

and the original BFS takes $O(m + n)$, therefore the total time of this algorithm is:
 $O(m + n) + O(m) + O(n) = O(m + n)$

PROBLEM 2

- 2.(a) Let s be the root of G_π . Then consider the following 2 situations:

(1) If s has at most one child:

if s has no child, G must have exactly one node, so in this case, s is not an articulation point.

if s has one child x , if s is removed, only the edge (s, x) and the back edges to s will be removed. so that all other nodes will still be connected. So s is not an articulation point.

(2) If s has at least two children: since there is no any cross edge for each child tree in G DFS trees, then deleting s will make each child tree disconnected. Thus if s is an articulation point of G then it at least has two children.

2.(b) We prove it from two directions:

(1) If v has a child s such that there is no back edge from s or from any descendant of s to a proper descendant of v , then v is an articulation point.

Prove: Consider the subtree of the DFS tree rooted at s . Consider edge (x,y) , which x is in this subtree. Then y must either be v or within the subtree. Because if (x,y) is a tree edge, y must be in the subtree; otherwise, (x,y) is a back edge, y could not be connected to an ancestor of v in given condition, so that it must link to v or a node in the subtree. In this case, if we remove v , x and the parent of v must be disconnected. So v must be an articulation point.

(2) If for each child s of v , there is some back edge from s or from some descendant of s to a proper descendant of v , v is not an articulation point.

Prove: let p be the parent of v in the DFS tree. We assume v has k children in the DFS tree. Then consider delete v from the graph. For the DFS tree, it will be partitioned into exactly $(k+1)$ connected components, where the vertex p and v 's child vertices be indistinct parts. However, from our condition, each child vertex of v must be connected to p in G . Thus, the graph G after removal of v is still connected, so that v is not an articulation point.

2.(c) We can compute $v.\text{low}$ for all vertices v by starting at the leaves of the tree G_π . We compute $v.\text{low}$ as follows: $v.\text{low} = \min(v.d, \min y.\text{low}, \min w.d \mid \text{backedge}(v,w))$. For leaves v , there are no descendants u of v , so this returns either $v.d$ or $w.d$ if there is a back edge (v, w) . For vertices v in the tree, if $v.\text{low} = w.d$, then either there is a back edge (v, w) , or there is a back edge (u, w) for some descendant u . The last term in the min expression handles the case where (v, w) is a back edge. If u is a descendant of v in G_π , we know that $u.d > v.d$ since u is visited after v in the depth first search. Therefore, if $w.d < v.d$, we also have $w.d < u.d$, so we will have set $u.\text{low} = w.d$. The middle term in the min expression therefore handles the case where (u, w) is a back edge for some descendant u . Since we start at the leaves of the tree and work our way up, we will have computed everything we need when computing $v.\text{low}$. For each node v , we look at $v.d$ and something related to all the edges leading from v , either tree edges leading to the children or back edges. So, the total running time is linear in the number of edges in G , $O(E)$.

2.(d) For root, we only need to check if it has more than 1 child based on (b). If root has more than 1 child, it is an articulation point $O(1)$ time.

Then for other vertices use the same algorithm in (c). If $s.\text{low} \geq v.d$, which means that subtree rooted at s has no back edge to the ancestors of v in G , then delete v would disconnect G , because based on (b) any nonroot vertex v is an articulation point if and only if it has a child s in G_π with no back edge to a proper ancestor of v . The algorithm in (c) takes $O(E)$ time. So the total time is $O(E)$.

2.(e) We prove it from two directions:

(1) if an edge (u, v) is a bridge then it can not lie on a simple cycle.

Prove: Assuming (u,v) is a bridge. After we remove (u,v) , G will be disconnected, so then there is no path from u to v . However, if (u,v) is on a simple cycle, then based on the property of cycle, there will be a path like $u.x_1.x_2 \dots x_n.v.u$, remove edge (u,v) will not affect the other edges in this path, so there still is a path from u to v , which means (u,v) is not a bridge. This is against our assumption. So (u,v) is not on a simple cycle.

(2) if an edge (u, v) is not on a simple cycle, then it is a bridge. Prove: Because if edge (u,v) is not on a simple cycle, there will be only one path from u to v (If there are two paths $u.x_1.x_2 \dots x_n.v$ and $u.v$, then $u.x_1 \dots x_n.v.u$ is a cycle). Then delete (u,v) would disconnect u,v .

2.(f) Use the algorithms and conclusions in (c) (d)

Any bridge in the graph G must exist in the graph $G \setminus A$. Otherwise, assume that (u, v) is a bridge and that we explore u first. Since removing (u, v) disconnects G , the only way to explore v is through the edge (u, v) . So, we only need to consider the edges in $G \setminus A$ as bridges. If there are no simple cycles in the graph that contain the edge (u, v) and we explore u first, then we know that there are no back edges between v and anything else. Also, we know that anything in the subtree

of v can only have back edges to other nodes in the subtree of v . Therefore, we will have $v.\text{low} = v.d$ since v is the first node visited in the subtree rooted at v . Thus, we can look over all the edges of G_{low} and see whether $v.\text{low} = v.d$. If so, then we will output that $(\text{parent}[v]G_{\text{low}}, v)$ is a bridge, i.e. that v and its parent in G_{low} form a bridge. Computing $v.\text{low}$ for all vertices v takes time $O(E)$ as we showed in part (c). Looping over all the edges takes time $O(V)$ since there are $|V| - 1$ edges in G_{low} . Thus the total time to calculate the bridges in G is $O(E)$.

2.(g) A Biconnected component of G is a maximal set of edges such that every two edges in the set lie on a common simple cycle, thus all the edges inside this component are not bridges based on (e). So all the other edges are bridge edges. Thus, it partitions the nonbridge edges of G .

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PROBLEM 3

3.1 I think the running time should be $O(L \log L + Ln)$

We reduce the problem to the shortest-path problem:

First we construct a graph with L vertices, labeled $v_0, v_1 \dots v_{L-1}$. For a vertex v_x , we perform the following process: For each $l_i (i = 1, 2 \dots n)$, calculate $(x + l_i) \bmod L$, say y then we add an edge from v_x to v_y , and $w(v_x, v_y)$ is the value l_i . So for two nodes v_x and v_y , if $v_x - v_y \equiv l_i \pmod{L}$, then there is an edge between them.

Example: say $n = 2, l_1 = 2, l_2 = 3$ and $L = 7$. So we have 7 vertices: $v_0, v_1 \dots v_6$.

At vertex $v_5, 5 + l_1 = 5 + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$, so there is an edge from v_5 to v_0 with weight l_1 ,

$5 + l_2 = 5 + 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$, so there is an edge from v_5 to v_1 with weight l_2

This problem is converted to find the shortest path from v_0 to v_L .

Then, we add another node v_L , serve as the "mirror" vertex of v_0 , which means v_L connects to the same vertices as v_0 , so this problem is converted to find the shortest path from v_0 to v_L .

Then we use Dijkstra's algorithm. The graph has $L + 1$ vertices and at most $(L + 1)n$ edges; constructing it takes $O(Ln)$ time. The cost of running Dijkstra's algorithm on the graph is $O(L \log L + Ln)$, hence the total running time is also $O(L \log L + Ln)$.

PROBLEM 4

4.1 In the graph G , use BFS until find a cycle, then delete the heaviest edge on this cycle. For each 'delete' operation, we get a new Graph G_i and we say the original graph G is G_0 . so G_i is still connected and has the same spanning tree with G_{i-1} , and but $E(G_i) = E(G_{i-1}) - 1 (i = 1, 2 \dots)$ (For any cycle C in the graph, if the weight of an edge e of C is larger than the weights of all other edges of C , then this edge cannot belong to an MST). Repeat same process 8 times (total 9 times), the G_0 become a connected graph G_9 . G_9 has at most $n-1$ edges and the same spanning tree as G_0 . In fact, G_9 is connected, has n vertices and $n-1$ edges, so G_9 is a tree. From previous process, we know G_9 is also the minimum spanning tree of $G_0 = G$. BFS and find heaviest edge take $O(V+E) = O((n+8)+n) \approx O(n)$ time.