

## 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  $G_\pi$ . 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  $G_\pi$ . We compute  $v.\text{low}$  as follows:  $v.\text{low} = \min(v.d, \min y.\text{low}, \min w.d \mid y \text{ children}(v) \text{ backedge}(v,w))$ . 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  $G_\pi$ , 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 a 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  $G_\pi$  with no back edge to a proper ancestor of  $v$ . The algorithm in (c) take  $O(E)$  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) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Use the algorithms and conclusions in (c) (d)

Any bridge in the graph  $G$  must exist in the graph  $G$ . 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  $G$  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  $G$  and see whether  $v.\text{low} = v.d$ . If so, then we will output that  $(\text{parent}[v]G, v)$  is a bridge, i.e. that  $v$  and its parent in  $G$  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  $G$ . Thus the total time to calculate the bridges in  $G$  is  $O(E)$ .

2.(g) To prove this statement, we need to show:

a) Any non-bridge edge belongs to a biconnected component.

According to part(e), we know that such edge should appear on at least one simple cycle. Thus it means it must be in some biconnected component.

b) A non-bridge edge can only belong to one biconnected component.

If not then we assume a non-bridge edge  $e = (u, v)$  belongs to two biconnected components  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . From the definition we just need to show that: for any  $e_1 = (u_1, v_1)$  and  $e_2 = (u_2, v_2)$  in  $G_1 \cup G_2$ , there is a simple cycle containing  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . If  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  both belong to  $G_1$  or  $G_2$ , then it is obvious. Not losing generality we assume  $e_1 \in G_1/G_2$  and  $e_2 \in G_2/G_1$ , and we show that there is a simple cycle  $C$  containing  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ .

For convenience we use  $a - b$  to represent there is a simple path between vertex  $a$  and  $b$ . The cycle construction could be following:

- according to definition of  $e$ , there would be a cycle  $C_1 = u_1 - u - v - v_1 - u_1$  containing  $e$  and  $e_1$ , we define  $u_1 - u$  as  $p_1$ , and  $v - v_1$  as  $q_1$ . Similarly, we have another cycle  $C_2 = u_2 - u - v - v_2 - u_2$ , and  $p_2, q_2$  defined correspondingly.
- starting from  $u_1$  along the path  $p_1 - u$ , until we meet the first vertex  $x$  on  $p_2$  or  $q_2$ . The existence of such vertex is guaranteed by  $u$ . Similarly, we could find  $y$  by travelling along  $q_1 - v$ .
- if  $x$  and  $y$  are on the same path, assuming it to be  $p_2$ , then we can paste  $x - u_1 - v_1 - y$  into cycle  $C_2$ , replacing the path of  $x - y$ , and it's easy to see this new cycle is simple.
- if  $x$  and  $y$  are on different paths, let  $x$  on  $p_2$  and  $y$  on  $q_2$ , then paste  $x - u_1 - v_1 - y$  into  $C_2$  by replacing the path  $x - u - v - y$ , producing a simple cycle containing  $(u_1, v_1)$  and  $(u_2, v_2)$

So we could always produce a simple cycle containing  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , thus any non-bridge edge could only appear in one biconnected component.

2.(h) We could DFS once to compute the biconnected components. But an easier way is to DFS twice: the first time we find all the bridges. Then we remove all the bridges, and do DFS on the generated forest. Each connected sub-graph is then a biconnected component. The correctness is supported by part(2.g), since biconnected components are a partition of the non-bridge graph. The total cost of doing this is:

- cost of find all bridges,  $O(E)$
- cost of removing bridges, doing on the original graph requires  $O(E)$
- cost of DFS on the generated forest, requiring  $O(E)$
- cost of labeling bcc of the bridges, requiring  $O(E)$

so the total complexity is  $O(E)$

## 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  $v_0$ .

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.