

## Problem 1 (20 points)

Given an array  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots; a_n\}$ , a reverse is a pair  $(a_i, a_j)$  such that  $i < j$  but  $a_i > a_j$ . Design a divide-and-conquer algorithm with a run-time of  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$  for computing the number of reverses in the array. Your solution to this question needs to include both a written explanation and a Python implementation of your algorithm, including:

- (a) Explain how your algorithm works, including pseudocode.

In the problem, we're given the restraints of

- (b) Implement your algorithm in Python.

Here is my Python code, which is also included in `Letey-John-Final.py`:

- (c) Randomly generate an array of 100 numbers and use it as input to run your code. Report on both the input to your code and on how the output demonstrates the correctness of your algorithm.

## Problem 2 (25 points)

Suppose that you are assigned a task to do a survey about  $n$  important issues (such as education policy and health insurance mandate), by asking a group of  $m$  persons questions about these issues. Suppose that a person may not have an opinion about all the issues, and you can ask a person about an issue only if s/he has an opinion about it. We use a bipartite graph  $G = \{P \cup I, E\}$  to capture whether a person  $p \in P$  has an opinion about an issue  $i \in I$  or not:  $(p, i) \in E$  means that  $p$  has an opinion about  $i$ . For each issue  $i$ , in order to have a reliable survey you need to ask at least  $l_i$  persons about it, but you may have certain budget constraint so that you can only ask at most  $u_i$  persons about it. For each person  $p$ , you may ask her/him between  $b_p$  and  $t_p$  issues.

Given  $G$  and parameters  $(l_i, u_i), i \in I$  and  $(b_p, t_p), p \in P$ , design an algorithm to determine if these parameters are feasible, by formulating it as a problem of finding a routing with lower bounds as in Problem 1 of homework set #9. You shall solve the problem according to the following steps.

- (a) Show how to formulate the parameter feasibility problem as a problem of finding

a routing with lower bounds. The resulting problem should be specified by certain graph  $G' = \{V', E'\}$  with capacity  $c(e)$  and lower bound  $l(e)$  for each edge  $e \in E'$  and demand  $r(v)$  at each vertex  $v \in V'$ .

- (b) Further formulate the problem as a maximum flow problem as in Problem 1 of homework set #9. The resulting problem should be specified by certain graph  $\hat{G} = \{\hat{V}, \hat{E}\}$  with source  $s$ , sink  $t$  and capacity  $c(e)$  for each edge  $e \in \hat{E}$ .
- (c) Implement (a) – (b) in Python. Your code should take the graph  $G$  and parameters  $(l_i, u_i), i \in I$  and  $(b_p, t_p), p \in P$  as the input, and produce the graph  $\hat{G}$  with source  $s$ , sink  $t$  and capacity  $c(e), e \in \hat{E}$  as the output.
- (d) Further implement the Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm in Python to find the maximum flow from  $s$  to  $t$  over the graph  $\hat{G}$ .
- (e) Generate a test case of parameters according to the following specifications, and run your code to see if the parameters generated are feasible.
  - The number of issues  $n = 10$  and the number of person  $m = 1000$ ;
  - For any person  $p$  and for any issue  $i$ , s/he has a probability of 50% to have an opinion about the issue, i.e., there is a 50% probability that there is a link from  $p$  to  $i$  in the graph  $G$ ;
  - For any person  $p$ , denote  $h_p$  the number of issues that s/he has an opinion about. Let  $b_p = \lfloor h_p/2 \rfloor$  and  $t_p = h_p$ .
  - For each issue  $i$ ,  $l_i$  is drawn uniformly from the interval  $[300, 400]$  and  $u_i$  uniformly from  $[500, 700]$

### Problem 3 (10 points)

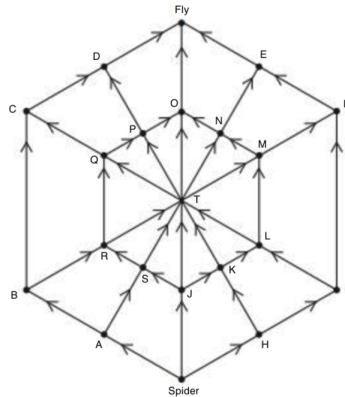
Suppose you have been sent back in time and have arrived at the scene of an ancient Roman battle. It is your job to assign  $n$  spears to  $n$  Roman soldiers so that each soldier has a spear. It is best if your assignments minimize the difference in heights between the height of the man and the height of his spear. That is, if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  man has height  $m_i$ , and his spear has height  $s_i$ , then you want to minimize:  $\sum_i |m_i - s_i|$

- (a) *Design algorithm to find the optimal, or near optimal, solution without evaluating all possible combinations. Include an explanation and pseudocode showing how your algorithm works.*
- (b) *Compare the runtime complexity of your algorithm with the complexity of a brute force solution.*

The brute force solution for this algorithm would have a runtime of  $\Theta(n!)$ .

## Problem 4 (20 points)

Consider the following spider-web graph that shows a spider sitting at the bottom of its web, and a fly sitting at the top. On moodle, there is a file called `graphExample.py` that implements the graph using a library called `NetworkX`.



- (a) *Write an algorithm to determine how many different ways can the spider reach the fly by moving along the webs lines in the directions indicated by the arrows?*

I am going to use recursion for this algorithm. My algorithm will start off by getting all of the predecessor nodes to the target (predecessors are the nodes that you can go to the target from). If any of those predecessor nodes happen to be the source, my algorithm will return 1, since there's exactly one path that goes from the source to the target. Else, it will go through each of the predecessors and count how many paths there are from the source to that predecessor (thus, recursion). My algorithm will return the sum of the counts that each of the recursive calls returned.

- (b) *Implement your algorithm in Python using the NetworkX graph provided as your data structure. You may need to install NetworkX if it isn't part of your Python*

installation. Do not use any of the NetworkX features that would make this problem trivial as part of your solution. However, you can use anything in NetworkX to verify your solution. Your algorithm should return an answer to the question in part (a).

Here is my Python code, which is also included in `Letey-John-Final.py`:

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1 ## Implementation of countPaths
2 def countPaths(G, s, t):
3     # Get the predecessors of the target t
4     predecessors = list(G.predecessors(t))
5     # Search the list of predecessors for the source s
6     for predecessor in predecessors:
7         if predecessor == s:
8             return 1
9     # Define a variable that will hold the count of how many paths there
10    # are from s to t
11    count = 0
12    # Go to each of the predecessors and calculate the number of paths
13    for predecessor in predecessors:
14        count += countPaths(G, s, predecessor)
15    # Return the number of paths
16    return count

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My program reports that there are 141 paths that the spider can take to get to the fly.

## Problem 5 (25 points)

There are  $n \geq 3$  people positioned on a field (Euclidean plane) so that each has a unique nearest neighbor. Each person has a water balloon. At a signal, everybody hurls his or her balloon at the nearest neighbor. Assume that  $n$  is odd and that nobody can miss his or her target.

- (a) Write an algorithm to answer the question: Is it true or false that there always remains at least one person not hit by a balloon?
- (b) Implement your algorithm in Python such that it takes a data structure of people and distances and produces a data structure of who was hit by a balloon.
- (c) Prove that your algorithm is correct. Your proof needs to include specific features of your algorithm.

(d) *Analyze the runtime behavior of your algorithm.*