

Problem Set #5

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1.

Consider a directed graph with distinct and nonnegative edge lengths and a source vertex s . Fix a destination vertex t , and assume that the graph contains at least one s - t path. Which of the following statements are true? [Check all that apply.]



The shortest (i.e., minimum-length) s - t path might have as many as $n - 1$ edges, where n is the number of vertices.



Correct Response



There is a shortest s - t path with no repeated vertices (i.e., a "simple" or "loopless" such path).



Correct Response

☐ The shortest s - t path must include the minimum-length edge of G .



Correct Response

☐ The shortest s - t path must exclude the maximum-length edge of G .



Correct Response



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2.

Consider a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ and a source vertex s with the following properties: edges that leave the source vertex s have arbitrary (possibly negative) lengths; all other edge lengths are nonnegative; and there are no edges from any other vertex to the source s . Does Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm correctly compute shortest-path distances (from s) in this graph?



Always



Correct Response

One approach is to see that the proof of correctness from the videos still works. A slicker solution is to notice that adding a positive constant M to all edges incident to s increases the length of every s - v path by exactly M , and thus preserves the shortest path.



Never



Maybe, maybe not (depends on the graph)



Only if we add the assumption that G contains no directed cycles with negative total weight.



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3.

Suppose you implement the functionality of a priority queue using a *sorted* array (e.g., from biggest to smallest). What is the worst-case running time of Insert and Extract-Min, respectively? (Assume that you have a large enough array to accommodate the Insertions that you face.)

☐ $\Theta(n)$ and $\Theta(n)$

☐ $\Theta(1)$ and $\Theta(n)$

☒ $\Theta(n)$ and $\Theta(1)$



Correct Response

☐ $\Theta(\log n)$ and $\Theta(1)$



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4.

Suppose you implement the functionality of a priority queue using an *unsorted* array. What is the worst-case running time of Insert and Extract-Min, respectively? (Assume that you have a large enough array to accommodate the Insertions that you face.)

☐ $\Theta(n)$ and $\Theta(1)$

☐ $\Theta(n)$ and $\Theta(n)$

☐ $\Theta(1)$ and $\Theta(\log n)$

☒ $\Theta(1)$ and $\Theta(n)$



Correct Response



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5.

You are given a heap with n elements that supports Insert and Extract-Min. Which of the following tasks can you achieve in $O(\log n)$ time?

- ☐ Find the largest element stored in the heap.
- ☒ Find the fifth-smallest element stored in the heap.

Correct Response

- ☐ Find the median of the elements stored in the heap.
- ☐ None of these.

