

(1) (10 points)

(1a) (3 points) Let  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  be an undirected  $p$ -regular bipartite graph, i.e., every vertex in  $A \cup B$  has degree exactly  $p$ . Prove that  $G$  has a perfect matching.

(1b) (7 points) Latin rectangles are well studied objects in combinatorics, and various popular puzzles are based on Latin rectangles. For integers  $m \leq n$ , any  $m \times n$  matrix, with each entry in the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , such that each integer appears at most once in each row and at most once in each column is called an  $(m, n)$ -Latin rectangle. An  $(n, n)$ -Latin rectangle is called an  $n$ -Latin square. Prove that any  $(m, n)$ -Latin rectangle can be extended to an  $n$ -Latin square. Given as input an  $(m, n)$ -Latin rectangle, design an efficient algorithm that extends the Latin rectangle to an  $n$ -Latin square.

(1a)

Claim: A graph  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  which is an undirected  $p$ -regular bipartite graph has a perfect matching.

Proof: We take graph  $G$  to be made of two sets of vertices  $A$  and  $B$  such that it is a bipartite graph. This means that for each vertex in  $A$  it is not connected to any other vertex in  $A$ . As the Graph is also  $p$ -regular this means that each vertex is connected to  $p$  other vertices. As each vertex is connected to  $p$  other vertices and is not connected to any within it's own subset ( $A$  not connected to  $A$ ,  $B$  not connected to  $B$ ) we can say that each vertex in  $A$  is connected to exactly  $p$  vertices in  $B$  and vice versa. If we let  $|A|=n$  then we know that there are  $p \cdot n$  edges leaving  $A$  going to  $B$  and for each vertex of  $B$  it has  $p$  connections, then  $|B|=n$  as well and thus  $|A| = |B|$ . By Hall's theorem, if for all subsets of  $A$ ,  $|X_A|, |\text{neighbors of } X_A \text{ in } B| \geq |X_A|$ , then  $G$  has a matching that covers every node of  $X$ . Thus, we want to show that each subset of  $A$  has at least as many neighbors in  $B$  as it's own cardinality. This is shown as for each subset of  $A$ , we let the size of this subset be called  $m$ . For each node in this subset, there are  $p$  connections to set  $B$ . Thus, there are  $mp$  total edges to  $B$  for this subset. As every node in the graph is  $p$ -regular, the minimum number of nodes in  $B$  that can be connected to by these  $mp$  edges is  $m$  nodes as each of these nodes in  $B$  can be connected by a maximum of  $p$  edges from  $A$ . Thus, as the minimum number of nodes in  $B$  which are neighbors of this subset of  $A$ , is  $m$  and size of this subset of  $A$  is also  $m$ , then we can see that  $|\text{neighbors of } X_A \text{ in } B| \geq |X_A|$ , for all subsets of  $A$ . Thus, we can conclude by Hall's marriage theorem, that there exists a matching in  $G$  which covers every node in  $A$ . As was shown earlier that  $|A| = |B|$  and each node in  $A$  is covered, then each node in  $B$  must be also a part of this matching as a single node in  $B$  cannot be connected to more than 1 node in  $A$ . Thus, as for all nodes in  $A$  are connected to a node in  $B$  and  $|A| = |B|$ , each node in  $G$  is matched with another node in  $G$  and thus, this is a perfect matching. Thus, the claim holds.

(1b)

Algorithm:

LATIN(( $m, n$ )-Matrix)

initialize a graph  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  where  $E = \{\}$ ,  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ , and  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$

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TrueTab[] = n x n matrix initialized to False for all entries
for each i in 0..m-1 do
    for each j in 0..n-1 do
        int k = Matrix[i][j]
        TT[k][j] = TRUE
    end for
end for

for each i in 0..n-1 do
    for each j in 0..n-1 do
        if TT[i][j] = FALSE then
            E = E ∪ Edge( $a_{i+1}$  to  $b_{i+1}$ , weight =  $\infty$ )
        end if
    end for
end for
A ∪ B = A ∪ B ∪ S ∪ T
for each i in 1..n do
    E = E ∪ Edge(S to  $a_i$ , weight = 1) ∪ Edge( $b_i$  to T, weight = 1)
end for
while Ford-Fulkerson(G) != no flow do
    Edgeset = Ford-Fulkerson(G)
    Remove each selected edge that goes from A to B from G
    For each removed edge ( $a_i$  to  $b_j$ ) insert i to the matrix row m+1 column j
end while

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Runtime Analysis:

The first set of for-loops will take  $O(mn)$  time as it is nested  $n$  loops for each  $m$  thus  $O(mn)$ . The second set will be  $O(n^2)$  as it is a loop which goes  $n$  times nested inside another loop that will take  $n$  time thus  $O(n^2)$  time. The third for-loop will take  $O(n)$  time. Finally, the while loop will operate a maximum of  $n$  times in the case that the matrix is empty initially. Each loop runs Ford-Fulkerson which will take  $O(mC)$  time and as the max flow is  $C = n$   $O(mn)$ . As there are  $n$  edges selected which must be removed and the removal is done by iterating over the  $n^2$  edges. Thus,  $O(n^3)$  for the removal of these edges. Finally, removed edges are added to the matrix in  $O(n)$  time. Thus overall runtime for the While loop is  $O(n^4)$ . Thus, the overall runtime as  $m \leq n$  is  $O(n^4)$ .

Proof of Correctness:

Subclaim: For every  $(m, n)$ -Latin rectangle can be extended to an  $(m+1, n)$ -Latin rectangle given  $m \leq n$ .

Proof: As a proof of this claim, as in the algorithm we construct a Graph  $G = (A \cup B, E)$ .  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  to represent the the integers of the matrix 1..n, and  $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  to represent the entries in each column 1..n in the new row. The edge set is constructed to represent all edges connecting integers  $a$  to column  $b$  which they don't currently occupy in the first  $m$  rows and thus can be placed in in the new row  $m+1$ . We want to show that for each subset of  $A$ ,  $X$ ,  $|X| \leq |\text{Neighbors of nodes in } X|$ . Each integer  $a$  in  $A$  is of degree  $n-m$  as it has already been in  $m$  different columns and thus  $n-m$  columns remain for it to be placed in. Similarly, each column

b has degree  $n-m$  as in the first  $m$  rows, it saw  $m$  different symbols and thus  $n-m$  remain that can be placed in column  $b$ . As was shown in part (1a), given a graph that is bipartite and  $p$  regular, a perfect matching exists. Thus, as our graph is bipartite and  $n-m$ -regular, we conclude that a perfect matching exists. As a perfect matching exists, edges going from integer  $a$  to column  $b$  mean that  $a$  can be placed in column  $b$  in matrix row  $m+1$ . Thus, we conclude that every  $(m,n)$ -latin rectangle can be extended to an  $(m+1,n)$ -latin rectangle.

Claim: Any  $(m,n)$ -Latin rectangle can be extended to an  $n$ -Latin square.

Proof: By the subclaim, the  $(m,n)$  latin rectangle can be extended to an  $(m+1, n)$  rectangle. This extension can be repeated for all instances where  $m < n$ . Once,  $m=n$ , we are at an  $n$ -latin square. Thus, for all  $(m,n)$  latin rectangles where  $m < n$  we can extend to an  $n$ -latin square. In the case where  $m=n$  initially we have already reached an  $n$ -latin square and thus the claim holds in this case as well. Thus, the overall claim holds.