

# **Homework 6**

CMPSC 465

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**Problem 1:**

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**Problem 2: DFS Variations**

a) To find if there is a feasible path from  $s$  to  $t$ , we can simply run DFS on the graph starting at  $s$ , ignoring all edges whose weight is greater than  $L$ . Thus, the only edges we can travel are those for which  $\ell_e \leq L$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** feasibleRoute

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**Input** :  $G = (V, (E, \ell_e))$  (in adjacency list format),  $s, t, L$   
**Output**: A feasible path exists or not

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1 Initialize an empty stack,  $st$ , that will store nodes
2 Create visited list for all nodes and set all to false
3 Push  $s$  into  $st$ 
4 while  $st$  is not empty do
5    $x \leftarrow$  pop first element in  $st$ 
6   if  $x$  not in visited then
7     add  $x$  to visited
8     forall neighbors  $a$  of  $x$  do
9       if  $\ell_a \leq L$  then
10        if  $a$  is  $t$  then
11          return True
12        end if
13        push  $a$  onto stack
14      end if
15    end forall
16  end if
17 end while
18 return False

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Proof of correctness

Initialization:

The stack is initialized with only  $s$  at the beginning. This represents the first city you leave from, thus the base case holds.

Maintenance:

Assuming we are at an arbitrary city  $k$ , which means that there is a path to  $k$  that is valid and we know  $k$  is the top of the stack, we can pop  $k$  off. If  $k$  has already been visited, then we don't do anything. If it hasn't been visited, then we add  $k$  to the visited list and look at the cities that are adjacent to  $k$ . We can iterate through all the cities that are adjacent to  $k$ , and check if the weights on those edges are less than  $L$ . If they are, then we can push them onto the stack. When we push them onto the stack, we know that they are reachable from  $k$ , thus we can check if the adjacent node is  $t$ , in which case we know that  $t$  is reachable, and we can return true. If it isn't, we simply continue.

Termination:

When the stack is empty, which means that all the reachable nodes have been visited, we can confidently say that there is no feasible route from  $s$  to  $t$  and return False.  $\square$

Runtime: Since this algorithm is simply DFS, and all the modifications we make to the algorithm complete in constant time, this will run in  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

b) To find the minimum fuel tank capacity we need to find a path that has the least maximum distance. We start by finding all the unique edge distances in the graph. We can go through the graph's adjacency list and add all the distances to list  $l$ , making sure not to add duplicate distances into  $l$ . Once we have all distances, we sort  $l$  using merge sort such that all the unique distances are increasing in order. We can then call `leastMaxDistance` using this sorted list.

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**Algorithm 2:** `leastMaxDistance`

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**Input** :  $l, G = (V, (E, \ell_e))$  (in adjacency list format),  $s, t$

**Output:** Least maximum distance if path exists, -1 if a path does not exist

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1 low ← 1
2 high ← length of  $l$ 
3 lowMax ← -1
4 while low ≠ high do
5   mid ← (low + high) / 2
6   if feasibleRoute( $G, s, t, l[mid]$ ) is True then
7     high := mid - 1
8     lowMax :=  $l[mid]$ 
9   end if
10  else
11    low := mid + 1
12  end if
13 end while
14 return lowMax

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Proof of correctness:

Initialization:

We can assume that we have a sorted array  $l$  with all the distances. We initialize the current lowest maximum distance (`lowMax`) to -1. We find the lower value (`low`) to be 1 and the upper value (`high`) to be the number of entries in  $l$ . This sets up the bounds for which we will search through the array, thus the statement holds.

Maintenance:

Assuming we are at arbitrary iteration  $k$ , we know that  $low_k < high_k$ . Running through the loop, we find that  $mid_k$  is  $(low_k + high_k)/2$ . We now check if there is a feasible route on the length  $l[mid_k]$ . If a feasible route does exist, then we can set `high` (which will be  $high_{k+1}$ ) to  $mid_k - 1$  and `lowMax` to  $l[mid_k]$ . In this case, we know that  $low_{k+1} = low_k$ . If a path does not exist, then we set `low` (which will be  $low_{k+1}$ ) to  $mid + 1$ .

Termination:

When `low` is equal to `high`, then we know we must terminate our loop and return whatever is in `lowMax`. If there is never a feasible route, then `lowMax` will be -1.  $\square$

Runtime:

Gathering all the edges will take  $\Theta(2E)$ . Then sorting will be  $O(E \log E)$ . The binary traversal takes  $\Theta(\log E)$ . And with each iteration of the binary traversal, `feasibleRoute` takes  $O(|V| + |E|)$ .

**Problem 3:**