

1857 Largest color value in a directed graph

Initial thinking

Step 1: detect for cycles

do topological sort

if $\text{len}(\text{topo-sort}) = \text{len}(\text{colors})$

no cycle

else cycle

return -1

Step 2 Thinking this as a dp problem

$\text{dp}[\text{node}][\text{clr}] = \text{largest color value of}$
path starting from
node, and having
color = 'clr'

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def solve_dp(node, color):
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    ans = 0
    for nei in graph[node]:
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        if colors[nei] > color:
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            ans = max(ans, 1 + solve_dp(nei, color))
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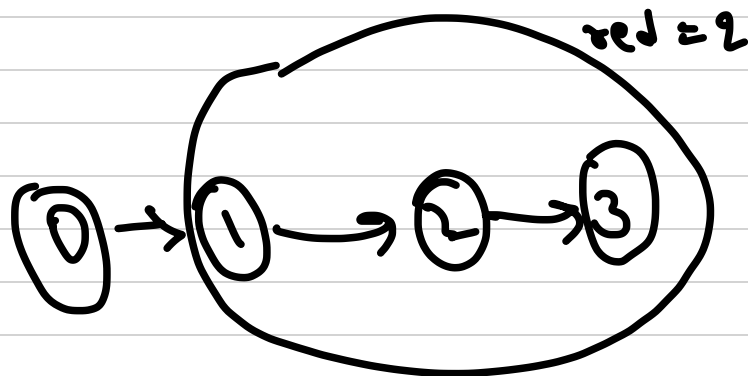
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    else:
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        ans = max(ans, solve_dp(nei, color))
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    return ans
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step 3: Find nodes with 0 in degree

Why?



Say for path 1-2-3 $red = 2$

then considering path 0-1-2-3 ~~we~~ have $red \geq 2$

basically nodes with 0 indegree can be considered as start of paths (longest)

$nts = []$ # nodes with 0 indegree

result = 0

for x in range(len(nts)):

for clx in all_colors:

result = max(result, solve_dp(nts[x], clx))

return result

