

Homework 1

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Problems	1	2	3	Total
Max. Score	20	30	30	80
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Problem 1. Asymptotic Notations.

- (1a) For each pair of functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ in the following table, indicate whether $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ respectively.

$f(n)$	$g(n)$	O	Ω	Θ
$\log_2(n^3)$	$10 \log_2(\sqrt{n})$	✓	✓	✓
$5n^2 + n$	$n \log n$	✗	✓	✗
$10n^2 + n + 10$	n^3	✓	✗	✗
e^n	2^{2n}	✓	✗	✗

- (1b) Prove $\lceil 10n\sqrt{n} \rceil = O(n\sqrt{n})$ using the definition of the O -notation.

In the following two problems, we assume every vertex is incident to at least one edge. So we have $n = O(m)$. Then the running time $O(n + m)$ on the slides becomes $O(m)$.

Problem 2: Cycle detection in (undirected) graphs A cycle in an *undirected* graph $G = (V, E)$ is a sequence of $t \geq 3$ *different* vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t such that $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$ and $(v_t, v_1) \in E$. Given the linked-list representation of an (undirected) graph $G = (V, E)$, design an $O(m)$ -time algorithm to decide if G contains a cycle or not; if it contains a cycle, output one (you only need to output one cycle). To output the cycle, you can just output v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t .

If the correctness of the algorithm is easy to see from your pseudo-code, then there is no need to prove the correctness separately. However, you should briefly mention why the algorithm runs in time $O(m)$.

Problem 3: Cycle detection in directed graphs A cycle in a *directed* graph $G = (V, E)$ is a sequence of $t \geq 2$ *different* vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t such that $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1$ and $(v_t, v_1) \in E$. Given the linked-list representation of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, design an $O(m)$ -time algorithm to decide if G contains a cycle or not; if it contains a cycle, output one (you only need to output one cycle). To output the cycle, you can just output v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t .

If the correctness of the algorithm is easy to see from your pseudo-code, then there is no need to prove the correctness separately. However, you should briefly mention why the algorithm runs in time $O(m)$.

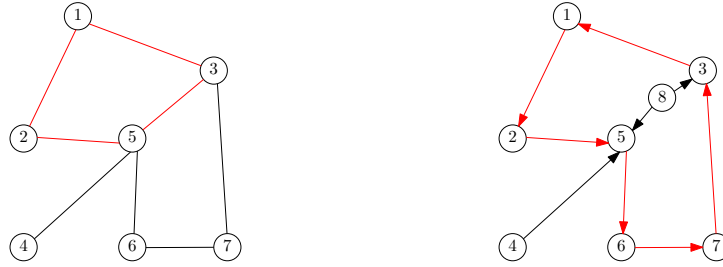


Figure 1: Cycles in undirected and directed graphs are denoted as red edges. $(1, 2, 5, 3)$ is a cycle in the undirected graph. $(1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 3)$ is a cycle in the directed graph. However, $(1, 2, 5, 8, 3)$ is not a cycle in the directed graph.

Remark In a cycle of a directed graph, the directions of the edges have to be consistent. See Figure 1. So, converting a directed graph to an undirected graph and then using algorithm for Problem 2 does not give you a correct algorithm for Problem 3.