

# Homework 1

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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.

| $f(n)$           | $g(n)$                | $O$ | $\Omega$ | $\Theta$ |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----|----------|----------|
| $\log_2(n^3)$    | $10 \log_2(\sqrt{n})$ | ✓   | ✓        | ✓        |
| $5n^2 + n$       | $n \log n$            | ✗   | ✓        | ✗        |
| $10n^2 + n + 10$ | $n^3$                 | ✓   | ✗        | ✗        |
| $e^n$            | $2^{2n}$              | ✓   | ✗        | ✗        |

- (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 1

(b) for every  $n \geq 1$ , we have

$$\lceil \log \sqrt{n} \rceil \leq \lceil \log \sqrt{n} + 1 \rceil \leq \lceil \log \sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n} \rceil = \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$$

So, for every  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $\lceil \log \sqrt{n} \rceil \leq \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$ .

$$\text{So, } \lceil \log \sqrt{n} \rceil = O(\sqrt{n}).$$

## Problem 2

We can use DFS to detect cycles while maintaining a parent variable, and a list for traversed vertices

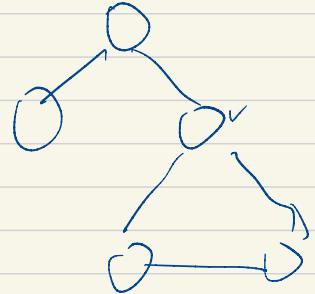
mark all vertices as "unvisited"

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cycle-detect( $v$ )

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- 1: mark  $v$  as "visited"
  - 2: append  $v$  to  $\text{traversed}[]$
  - 3: for all neighbours  $u$  of  $v$  do
  - 4:   if  $u$  is "unvisited"
  - 5:     parent[u] =  $v$
  - 6:     cycle-detect( $u$ )
  - 7:   else if parent[v]  $\neq u$
  - 8:     print ("Cycle detected!")
  - 9:     print (from  $\text{traversed}[u]$  to  $\text{traversed}[v]$ ) and exit
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This algorithm will only visit all the vertices and edges once, so the running time would be  $O(n+m) = O(m)$

**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 a undirected graph and then using algorithm for Problem 2 does not give you a correct algorithm for Problem 3.

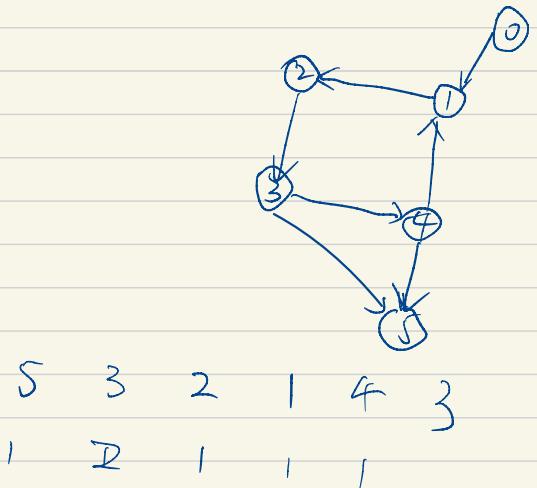
### Problem 3

We can first use the topological sort algorithm on the graph, and then remove all the vertices that have zero in-degrees. After that, we start from any vertex in the remaining graph, and traverse back along edges until we visit a vertex second time. The vertices in between two visits form a cycle.

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1: let  $d[v] \leftarrow 0$  for every  $v \in V$ 
2: for every  $v \in V$  do
3:   for every  $u$  that  $(u, v) \in E$  do
4:      $d[u] \leftarrow d[u] + 1$ 
5:  $S \leftarrow \{v : d[v] = 0\}$ ,  $i \leftarrow 0$ 
6: while  $S \neq \emptyset$  do
7:    $v \leftarrow$  arbitrary vertex in  $S$ ,  $S \leftarrow S \setminus \{v\}$ 
8:    $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
9:   for every  $u$  that  $(v, u) \in E$  do
10:     $d[u] \leftarrow d[u] - 1$ 
11:    if  $d[u] = 0$  then add  $u$  to  $S$ 
12: if  $i = n$  then output "no cycles" and exit
13: let  $\text{traversed} \leftarrow$  queue of size  $n$ 
14: let  $\text{visited}[v] \leftarrow 0$  for every  $v \in V$ 
15:  $S \leftarrow \{v : d[v] \neq 0\}$ 
16:  $v \leftarrow$  arbitrary vertex in  $S$ ,  $i \leftarrow 0$ 
17: while true do
18:    $\text{traversed}[i] \leftarrow v$ ,  $\text{visited}[v] \leftarrow 1$ 
19:   for first incoming edge  $(u, v)$  of  $v$  do
20:     if  $\text{visited}[u] \neq 0$ 
21:        $\text{visited}[u] \leftarrow \text{visited}[u] + 1$ 
22:       do print ( $\text{traversed}[i]$ ),  $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
23:       until  $\text{visited}[\text{traversed}[i]] = 2$ , then exit
24:     else
25:        $v = u$ ,  $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 

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| 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |

The topological ordering takes time  $O(n+m)$ . After that, in finding cycles, each vertex will be handled at most once in the while loop (line 17). So those will take  $O(n)$ . Since  $n = O(m)$ , the total running time will be  $O(m)$ .