

CMPS 102 — Quarter Spring 2017 – Homework 4

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Solution to Problem 2: Cycle Cover

Assume we have a directed graph $G(V, E)$. (V = nodes, E = edges).

We transform the directed graph $G(V, E)$ into a bipartite graph $G' (V_1 \cup V_2, E')$ as following:

The nodes N of G' is made of two sets: $(V_1 == V) \cup (V_2 == V)$.

For each node $v \in V$ we create two nodes: v_1 in the set V_1 of the bipartite graph G' , and a related node $v_2 \in V_2$.

For each directed edge $e = (v_1, v_2) \in E$ of our directed graph, we create an undirected edge $e' = (v_1, v_2) \in E'$ in our bipartite graph.

Thus, each directed edge of G becomes an undirected edge in G' . We use the direction of the arc in our bipartition of vertices in G' . The set V_1 contains the tail of the edge, and the set V_2 contains the head of the edge.

I will use the algorithm bipartite matching explained in class.

The algorithm to find a cycle cover for a given graph G :

Input : Graph $G(V, E)$

Output : (C = cycle cover) return C or C does not exist.

1. Build the bipartite graph $G'(V_1 \cup V_2, E')$ from G (as I previous described)
2. Run the bipartite matching algorithm described in class.
3. If the maximum matching is perfect
4. Use the informations from G' to create a cycle cover C in G
5. Return C
6. Else if the maximum matching is not perfect
7. Return C does not exist

Claim 1. *A disjoint-cycle cover for G exist iff G' has a perfect matching.*

Proof. We have an if and only if condition to prove.

a) If G' has a perfect matching then a disjoint cycle cover exist.

Assume G' has a perfect matching. Then we know that for each node $u_1 \in V_1$ there is an edge $e' \in E'$ matching it to $v_2 \in V_2$. The edge e' corresponds to an edge $e = (u, v) \in E$. Because we have a perfect

matching, there can not be another edge that include u_1 or v_2 in our matching. Assuming this was the case, it means that we would have two edges sharing a vertex, which is impossible. Nothing in our matching can have the edge (v, u) in G . On the other hand, $v_2 \in V_2$ has a copy $v_1 \in V_1$. The node v_1 has to be connected, by an edge e' , to another node in V_2 . This shows an important lemma:

Each vertex $v \in V$ has indegree and outdegree 1 in the graph G' , corresponding to the perfect matching. This is true for all the vertices and it implies that: the directed subgraph in G , created by this edges, is made of directed cycles. Because of the properties of the matching, these cycles must be vertex-disjoint.

b) If we have a disjoint cycle cover, then every vertex is covered. In the same time, every vertex has indegree and outdegree 1 in the edge cover.

Assume v is such a vertex. There is an edge $(u, v) \in E$ because its indegree is one. This edge is part of the cycle cover. Also, there is an edge $(v, t) \in E$ because its outdegree is one. This edge is part of the cycle cover. Corresponding to these edges in G , we have the edges (u_1, v_2) and (v_1, t_2) in G' . Our perfect bipartite algorithm ensures that both copies of v , $(v_1, \text{ and } v_2)$ are matched. Hence a cover implies a perfect matching.

The running time:

1. Building the bipartite graph G' is done in $O(m + n)$
2. Computing the bipartite matching algorithm is done in $O(mn)$
3. Creating the cycle cover in G is done in $O(n)$

The algorithm runs in $O(mn)$ time.