

1. [20 points] TRUE/FALSE. *No need for justification.*

(a) TRUE/FALSE

For an undirected, connected graph  $G$  with distinct edge weights, the minimum spanning tree of  $G$  includes the minimum-weight edge in *every* cycle in  $G$ .

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(b) TRUE/FALSE

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(Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected connected graph with distinct edge weights.)

For every vertex  $v \in V$ , the edge with the smallest weight incident to  $v$  must be an edge in the minimum spanning tree of  $G$ .

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(c) TRUE/FALSE

(Consider an undirected, connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with distinct edge weights. The second smallest spanning tree of a given graph  $G$ , is defined as a/the spanning tree of  $G$  with the smallest total weight except for the minimum spanning tree.)

The second smallest spanning tree of  $G$  is unique.

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(d) TRUE/FALSE

If all edge capacities in a flow network are integer multiples of 35, then the value of the maximum flow must be a multiple of both 5 and 7.

(e) TRUE/FALSE

(Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph with nonnegative weights on edges, and  $\gamma(p, q)$  denote the length of the *longest simple path* between  $p$  and  $q$ .)

The triangle inequality  $\gamma(p, q) + \gamma(q, r) \leq \gamma(p, r)$  holds for every  $p, q$ , and  $r$  in  $V$ .

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2. [30 points] MINIMUM SPANNING TREE UPDATE

Consider an undirected, connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and a minimum spanning tree  $T = (V, E')$  of  $G$ , both given as adjacency lists. Consider the following updates on  $G$ . For each case, decide whether an update might be necessary, and if so, describe and analyze an efficient algorithm for updating the minimum spanning tree.

- (a) The weight of a particular edge  $e \in E - E'$  is increased to  $\hat{w}(e) > w(e)$ .
- (b) The weight of a particular edge  $e \in E - E'$  is decreased to  $\hat{w}(e) < w(e)$ .
- (c) The weight of a particular edge  $e \in E'$  is decreased to  $\hat{w}(e) < w(e)$ .
- (d) The weight of a particular edge  $e \in E'$  is increased to  $\hat{w}(e) > w(e)$ .
- (e) A new edge  $e = (u, v) \notin E$  is added to  $E$  with weight  $\hat{w}(e)$ .

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3. [30 points] AN ALTERNATIVE ALGORITHM FOR ALL PAIRS SHORTEST PATH PROBLEM

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph with  $n$  vertices and weighted ( $-$ ,  $0$ , or  $+$ ) edges.

- (a) How could we delete an arbitrary vertex  $v$  from this graph, without changing the shortest-path distance between any other pair of vertices? Describe and analyze an algorithm that constructs a directed graph  $G' = (V', E')$  with weighted edges, where  $V' = V - \{v\}$ , and the shortest-path distance between any two nodes in  $G'$  is equal to the shortest-path distance between the same two nodes in  $G$ , in  $O(n^2)$  time.
- (b) Suppose we have already computed all pairs shortest-path distances in  $G'$ . Describe and analyze an algorithm to compute the shortest-path distances from  $v$  to every other vertex, and from every other vertex to  $v$ , in the original graph  $G$ , in  $O(n^2)$  time.
- (c) Describe and analyze a new all-pairs shortest path algorithm that runs in  $O(n^3)$  time by combining parts (a) and (b).

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4. [30 points] FLOW NETWORKS

Consider the flow network  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $V = \{s, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, t\}$ ,  $s$  is the source,  $t$  is the sink, and the edge set with capacities is  $E = \{((s, a), 3), ((s, b), 6), ((a, c), 4), ((a, d), 2), ((b, d), 3), ((b, e), 5), ((c, f), 1), ((d, f), 6), ((d, g), 7), ((e, g), 2), ((f, t), 8), ((g, t), 5)\}$ .

- (a) Draw this flow network  $G$  and find a minimum cut on it.
- (b) Give a maximum flow function  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on  $G$  matching the minimum cut.
- (c) Is the maximum flow function  $f$  on  $G$  unique? Justify.
- (d) Prove or disprove the claim: The maximum flow function on a flow network is unique if and only if the minimum cut on it is unique.
- (e) Draw the residual graph for flow  $f$  that you built in part (b).
- (f) Describe and analyze an efficient algorithm to determine whether a given flow network has a unique maximum flow. [Hint: First give a characterization on the residual graph.]

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