

ESO207: Data Structures and Algorithms (Practice Problems – II)

Question 1: Cycle Detection in a graph

- (a) Using BFS design an $O(n)$ time algorithm to determine if a given undirected graph has a cycle.
- (b) Using DFS design an $O(m + n)$ time algorithm to determine if a directed graph has a cycle.

Question 2: On size of connected component

You are given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and two vertices u and v . Furthermore, you are told that u and v belong to different connected components. The size of a connected component is defined as the number of edges present in that component. You have to determine whether the component of u is smaller than the component of v . Design a simple algorithm for this problem whose running time is of the order of the size of the smaller component.

Question 3: Topological ordering in DAG

Given a directed acyclic graph of n vertices and m edges, design an $O(n + m)$ time algorithm to compute its topological ordering (see textbook for the definition of topological sorting).

Question 4: Structure for answering ancestor descendent query

Given a rooted tree on n vertices where the vertices are numbered from 0 to $n - 1$. Let r be the index of the root node. Design an $O(n)$ size data structure using which it takes $O(1)$ time to answer the following query for any $0 \leq i, j < n$.

IsAncestor(i, j): Is i an ancestor of j ?

Question 5: Determine if a tree is DFS tree

We know that there may be many possible DFS trees for a graph depending upon the start vertex and the order in which we explore the neighbors of each vertex.

Given a connected graph $G = (V, E)$, you are given a rooted tree T such that each edge of this tree is present in E . Design an efficient algorithm to determine if T is a DFS tree of G .

Question 6: Constructing a DAG

You are given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ which is connected. G may have many cycles in it. You want to assign a direction to each edge in the graph so that the resulting directed graph does not have a cycle. Design an efficient algorithm for this task.

Question 7: Euler tour of a graph

(Difficult) A connected graph G is said to be a Eulerian graph if starting from any vertex v , it is possible to make a walk on the graph which terminates at v such that each edge is visited exactly once (though a vertex may be visited multiple times). The corresponding tour is called an Euler tour of G . Design an $O(m + n)$ time algorithm to output an Euler tour of a graph G , if it exists.

(Hint: You may try using DFS along with the following characterization of an Eulerian graph. A connected graph is Eulerian if and only if the number of edges incident on each vertex is even.)

Question 8: Computing k -smallest elements

Given an array A storing n numbers. Design an $O(n + k \log n)$ time algorithm to compute k -smallest elements from A . You may modify the array A if you wish.

Question 9: Comparison with k -th smallest element

You are given a binary heap H of size n , a number x , and a positive integer k . Design an $O(k)$ time algorithm to determine if x is smaller than k -th smallest element in H . You may use $O(k)$ extra space.

Question 10: Equivalent definition of tree

Prove that the following are equivalent for a graph $G = (V, E)$ where $|V| = n$ and $|E| = m$.

1. G is connected and acyclic.
2. G is connected and $m = n - 1$.
3. There is a unique path between every pair of vertices in G .