

CMPT 360 Assignment Two

due: in Canvas at 11:59PM on November 13, 2023.

This assignment offers opportunities to construct, verify, find counter-examples, and implement dynamic-programming.

Submit your solutions to the following problems. Upload them as two files:

1. a PDF of your written answers
2. a tar archive (named `abc123-a3.tar`) of your directory (named `abc123-a3`) containing your solution to first coding problem. Please consult assignment 0 for detailed instructions on the content, format, naming, and development techniques. Recall that the absence of a git commit log showing incremental development yields a zero grade – even if the code works correctly.

1 Problems

1. (35 pts) Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph with $|V| = n$. A set $I \subseteq V$ of the vertices is *independent* if no pair of vertices $(u, v) \in I$ has an edge in G :

$$\forall u, v \in I \subseteq V \quad (u, v) \notin E$$

Finding independent sets is difficult in general, but it can be done efficiently if the graph is simple enough.

The graph $G = (V, E)$ is a path if its nodes can be arranged in a sequence

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$$

where each vertex appears in the sequence exactly once, and the edges E of G are only those between consecutive vertices in the sequence:

$$\forall (u, v) \in E \quad \exists i \in [1, \dots, n] \text{ with } u = v_i \text{ and } v = v_{i+1}$$

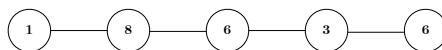
Each vertex will have an associated weight $w \in \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\}$. An example of a path is:

path $G = (V, E)$ with

$$V = \{ v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 \}$$

$$E = \{ (v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), (v_3, v_4), (v_4, v_5) \}$$

and weights $\{ v_1 \mapsto 1, v_2 \mapsto 8, v_3 \mapsto 6, v_4 \mapsto 3, v_5 \mapsto 1 \}$



The goal is to find an independent set in a path with maximum total weight.

- (5 pts) Give an example path where the following greedy algorithm does not find the maximum weight independent set:

```

// heaviest-first
// given G=(V,E)
S := ∅
while V ≠ ∅ do
  choose vi ∈ V with maximum weight
  S = S ∪ {vi}
  V = V \ {vi-1, vi, vi+1}
done
return S

```

You need to give the independent set identified by the algorithm and show that it is not maximal.

- (5 pts) Give an example path where the following algorithm also does not find the maximum weight independent set:

```

// largest independent sets
// given G=(V,E)
Seven := { vi : i ∈ [1, ..., n] where i % 2 = 0 }
Sodd := { vi : i ∈ [1, ..., n] where i % 2 = 1 }
if total_weight(Seven) > total_weight(Sodd)
then return Seven
then return Sodd

```

You need to give the independent set identified by the algorithm and show that it is not maximal.