

Question 1. (20 points) Consider the following problem \mathcal{P} : Given an unsorted linked list L of n arbitrary distinct items, and an n -node binary tree T in which every internal node has exactly 2 children, the problem is to place the n items of L in the n nodes of T (one per node) such that for every internal node v whose left child is u and whose right child is w , the item at node v is greater than all the items in the subtree of u , and smaller than all the items in the subtree of w . Prove an $\Omega(n \log n)$ time lower bound for problem \mathcal{P} .

Question 2. (20 points) Given two unsorted lists A and B of respective lengths n_A and n_B , give an algorithm that computes the intersection of A and B in time $O((n_A + n_B) \log \min(n_A, n_B))$.

Question 3. (25 points) Let G be a connected undirected graph with n vertices and e edges. The graph G is already known to have no odd-length cycles in it (where the length of a cycle is the number of edges on it, i.e., every edge has a cost of 1). Give an $O(n^2)$ time algorithm for computing the length of a shortest cycle in G . (Note: An $O(ne)$ time algorithm is not acceptable.)

Hint. For every vertex v do a *breadth*-first search starting at v and stop that search as soon as you encounter a non-tree edge (one of these n “search-stopping” non-tree edges belongs to a shortest cycle).

Question 4. (25 points) Let G be a directed graph whose vertex set is $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m\}$ and whose adjacency lists representation is given below.

L[a]: b, c
L[b]: a, d, e
L[c]: h, i
L[d]: e, g
L[e]: f, g
L[f]: d
L[g]: f
L[h]: d, j, l
L[i]: k, m
L[j]: d, h
L[k]: c, g
L[l]: j
L[m]: k

For example, the $L[a]$ list encodes the fact that vertex a is the tail of two directed edges (a, b) and (a, c) . In answering the questions below, the order of the contents of each of the above lists is important (a different order for a list's contents will result in a different answer, so please use the above orders for list contents).

1. (10 points) Draw the depth-first search tree of G that results from carrying out a depth-first search starting from vertex a . In the figure you draw, show all the tree edges, and write next to each vertex both its original name and its depth-first number.
2. (5 points) List the non-tree edges that are forward edges, those that are backward edges, and those that are cross edges; within each of these 3 categories of non-tree edges, the order in which you list them should be the same as the order in which they are encountered by the depth-first search.
3. (10 points) List the strongly connected components of G in the order in which they are produced by the algorithm we covered in class (within a component you can list the vertices in any order you want).

Question 5. (10 points) Draw the breadth-first search tree of G that results from carrying out a breadth-first search starting from vertex a . In the figure you draw, show all the tree edges, and write next to each vertex both its original name and its breadth-first number.

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