CS4102 - ALGORITHMS - SPRING 2022

DUE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 AT **11:30 pm** VIA GRADESCOPE

D1 BASIC (WYZ5RGE)

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Sources: Cormen, et al, Introduction to Algorithms. *(add others here)*

PROBLEM 1 *True or False. (You don't have to explain this in your submission, but you should understand the reason behind your answer.)*

1. When the *Ford-Fulkerson* algorithm completes, each back-flow edge from v back to u in the residual graph G_f represent the final flow values for edge (u, v) in the flow-graph G.
   Solution: True

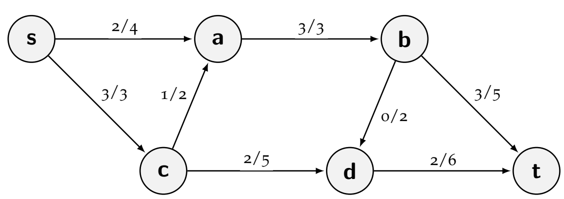
2. In a standard network flow-graph, under certain conditions a vertex v that is not the source or the sink can have total in-flow that has a different value than its total out-flow.
   Solution: False

3. In *Ford-Fulkerson*, for a pair of vertices u and v connected in the residual capacity graph G_f, the sum of the values for the back-flow and the residual capacity edges between that vertex-pair must always equal the capacity of the edge between them in the flow-graph G.
   Solution: True

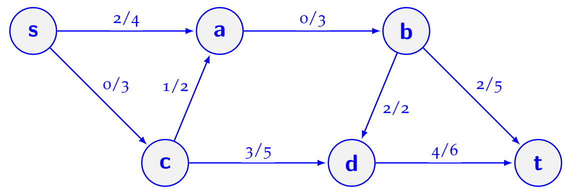
4. When using Ford-Fulkerson, if there is no augmenting path in G_f, then there exists a cut in G whose capacity equals f, the max-flow value for graph G.
   Solution: True

PROBLEM 2 *Max Flow*

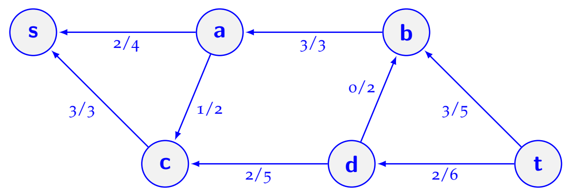
Given the following Flow Network G:



1. Find the Residual Graph G_f for G by listing all the edges in G_f and the numeric value associated with each edge.
   Solution: Forward edges:



Back Edges:



2. Find an augmenting path in the graph G_f. List the nodes in the path you found in order (e.g., $s \to a \to b \to t$).
Solution: $s \to a \to c \to d \to d$

3. Find the min cut of the graph. List the nodes below on each side of the cut.

S **(one side)**	$V - S$ **(other side)**
s, a	b, c, d, t

4. What is the maximum flow of this graph?

Solution: 6

PROBLEM 3

We used *Ford-Fulkerson* to solve the *Vertex-Disjoint Paths* problem in class by reducing *Vertex-Disjoint Paths* to *Edge-Disjoint Paths* and *Edge-Disjoint Paths* to *Max Flow*. Recall that a set of vertex-disjoint paths is a set of edge-disjoint paths where each node is used at most once. How would we modify the reduction from *Vertex-Disjoint Paths* to *Max Flow* if we want to compute a set of edge-disjoint paths where each vertex is used at most *twice*? Briefly describe our original reduction and the change(s) you would make. **Note:** If you prefer, you may just modify the reduction from *Vertex-Disjoint Paths* to *Edge-Disjoint Paths*.
Solution: The modification we make to the reduction is make the edge connecting the inflow and outflow vertices have a capacity of 2, so that a vertex isn't ruled out after being used in one path.

PROBLEM 4 *NP Completeness*

1. We know that C is NP-Hard and that $A \in NP$. Which of these show that A is NP-Complete?
   a) A reduces to B and B reduces to C
   b) C reduces to B and B reduces to A

   Solution: (b)

2. Which shows that $P = NP$, given that A reduces to B and B reduces to C?
   a) $A \in P$ and $C \in NP$-Hard
   b) $A \in NP$-Hard and $C \in P$

   Solution: (b)

PROBLEM 5 *True or False. (You don't have to explain this in your submission, but you should understand the reason behind your answer.)*

1. In our reduction of an instance G of the *vertex-disjoint path* problem to an instance G' for *edge-disjoint path* problem, if two paths in G' share a vertex, then the two paths that correspond to those in G must share an edge.
   Solution: False

2. In our example illustrating bipartite matching, we can tell if every hard-working TA was matched with exactly one adorable dog and *vice versa* by transforming the bipartite graph to a network flow problem and checking if the max-flow $|f| = V$, the total number of vertices in bipartite graph.
   Solution: False

3. If we find a polynomial solution to a problem in NP, then this proves that $P = NP$.
   Solution: False

4. If someone proves that a given problem X in NP has an exponential lower bound, then no problem in NP-complete can be solved in polynomial time.
   Solution: True

5. It is not possible that an algorithm that solves the 3-CNF problem in polynomial time exists.

   Solution: False

PROBLEM 6 *Create a Reduction*

Reduce *Element Uniqueness* to *Closest Pair of Points* in $O(n)$ time. Element Uniqueness is defined as: given a list of numbers, return true if no number appears more than once (i.e., every number is distinct). Closest Pair of Points is defined as: given a list of points (x, y), return the smallest distance between any two points.
Solution: Instantiate a set of points such that there is a point with x-coordinate equal to each number in the list of numbers for element uniqueness, and y-coordinate equal to 0 (or any other number, as long as every point has the same y-coordinate). Then run closest pair of points, returning false is the distance returned is 0, true otherwise

PROBLEM 7 *Gradescope Submission*

Submit a version of this `.tex` file to Gradescope with your solutions added, along with the compiled PDF. You should only submit your `.pdf` and `.tex` files.