

Q1. (10 points) An undirected graph is said to be bipartite if all its vertices can be partitioned into two disjoint subsets X and Y so that every edge connects a vertex in X with a vertex in Y. Design a linear time, i.e.,  $O(|V| + |E|)$ , time algorithm to check if a graph is bipartite or not.

**Answer:** Just perform a DFS from any vertex  $v$ . Label vertex  $v$  as 'X', and in the DFS, label all its neighbors as 'Y'. Likewise, if a vertex has label 'Y', its neighbors should be labeled 'X'. If at any point we ever see a neighbor with the same label, then the graph cannot be bipartite. Here is the algo:

**Bipartite**( $G = (V, E)$ ):

Set  $\text{label}(v) = 0$  for all  $v$  in  $V$

For  $v$  in  $V$  with  $\text{label}(v) = 0$ :

$\text{res} = \text{BipartiteDFS}(v, \text{'X'})$

    if  $\text{res} = \text{False}$ : Return  $\text{res}$

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**BipartiteDFS**( $v, L$ ):

$\text{label}(v) = L$

if  $L = \text{'X'}$ :  $\text{newL} = \text{'Y'}$

else:  $\text{newL} = \text{'X'}$

For all  $x$  in  $\text{neighbors}(v)$ :

    if  $\text{label}(x) = 0$ : return  $\text{BipartiteDFS}(x, \text{newL})$

    elseif  $\text{label}(x) = L$ : return  $\text{False}$

return  $\text{True}$

Since it is a DFS, the time is  $O(|V| + |E|)$

Q2. (15 points) Answer the following questions:

- Prove that a non-empty DAG must have at least one source.
- What is the time complexity of finding a source in a directed graph or to determine such a source does not exist if the graph is represented by its adjacency matrix? Describe the algorithm.
- What is the time complexity of finding a source in a directed graph or to determine such a source does not exist if the graph is represented by its adjacency list? Describe the algorithm.

**Answer:**

- Consider a vertex  $v$  in  $V$ . Let  $S(v)$  be the set of all vertices that can reach  $v$  in the DAG. Now if  $S(v)$  is empty, then  $v$  is a source vertex. On the other hand, if  $S(v)$  is not empty, then it can be at most of size  $n-1$ , since  $v$  does not belong to  $S(v)$ . Now, take any vertex  $x$  in  $S(v)$ , and compute  $S(x)$  – the set of all vertices in  $S(v)$  that can reach  $x$ . Again either  $S(x)$  is empty in which case  $x$  is a source, or it is not empty. But this time  $S(x)$  has size at most  $n-2$ , since we have excluded both  $v$  and  $x$ . If we continue in this manner, by induction, we will be left with some vertex  $y$  for which  $S(y)$  is empty, since the size of the ‘S’ sets decreases by at least 1 at each step. This last vertex  $y$  must be the source.
- Given the adjacency matrix of a directed graph, we have to traverse all  $O(|V|^2)$  entries to add the number of incoming edges for each vertex  $v$ , which gives the in-degree of that node. So, if entry  $(v,x)$  is 1 in the matrix, we increment the in-degree of  $x$ . If there exists a node with in-degree 0, we have found a source. And if all in-degrees are more than 0, then there is no source. Total time  $O(|V|^2)$ .
- For an adjacency list, we can scan all entries in the adjacency list and update the in-degree of each vertex. For each vertex  $v$ , if  $x$  belongs to the adjacency list of  $v$ , we increment the in-degree of  $x$ . This takes time  $O(|V|+|E|)$ .

Q3. (10 points) Describe a linear time algorithm to compute the neighbor degree for each vertex in an undirected graph. The neighbor degree of a node  $x$  is defined as the sum of the degree of all of its neighbors.

**Answer:** We make two passes. In the first pass, we compute the degree of each vertex  $v$ , by looking at the length of its adjacency list. This takes time  $O(|V|)$  if the length of the adjacency list is already available, or in the worst case  $O(|V|+|E|)$  if we have to traverse the list to compute its length.

In the second pass, we initialize  $ND(v) = 0$ , and then simply add the degrees of all of  $v$ 's neighbors into  $ND(v)$ .

For all  $v$  in  $V$ :

$ND(v) = 0$

For all  $x$  in  $\text{neighbors}(v)$ :

$ND(v) = ND(v) + \text{degree}(x)$

Total time is  $O(|V|+|E|)$ . We can also use DFS search.

Q4. (20 points) Consider a directed graph that has a weight  $w(v)$  on each vertex  $v$ . Define the reachability weight of vertex  $v$  as follows:

$$r(v) = \max \{ w(u) \mid u \text{ is reachable from } v \}$$

That is, the reachability weight of  $v$  is the largest weight that can be reached from  $v$ . Answer the following questions:

a. Assume the graph is a DAG. Describe a linear time algorithm to compute the reachability weight for all vertices.

**Answer:**

First, perform a topological sort of the DAG. Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the list of vertices in sorted order. Now we just process each vertex in reverse order and update its reachability weight as follows:

For  $i = n$  to  $1$ :

$r(v_i) = w(v_i)$

for all neighbors  $x$  of  $v_i$ :

if  $r(v_i) < r(x)$ :  $r(v_i) = r(x)$

Topological sort takes  $O(|V|+|E|)$  time and so does the code snippet above.

b. Assume that the graph is a general directed graph (with possible cycles). Describe a linear time algorithm to find the reachability weight for all vertices.

**Answer:**

The solution is to first compute the set of strongly connected components of the directed graph. Next, set the weight of each SCC as the maximum  $w(v)$  value for vertices in that SCC. Next run algorithm a) on the SCC. Total time is  $O(|V|+|E|)$ .