

CS180-Fall20 Midterm-10am

TOTAL POINTS

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QUESTION 4

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- ✓ - 0 pts **Correct**

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Total Time: 1.5 hours

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Each problem has 20 points.

All algorithms should be described in bullet format (with justification/proof).
 You cannot quote any time complexity proofs we have done in class: you need to prove it yourself.

Assuming we want to traverse?

Problem 1: Describe the Breadth First Search algorithm in a DAG. Prove its correctness. Analyze its complexity.

Find the first node with in-degree 0. (or some other chosen root).
 Begin with all nodes unvisited, and an empty queue.
 Push our root node onto the queue.

While the queue is not empty:
 Pop the first node off the queue.
 Denote this node as n .
 Add it to our tree

For all neighbors of n :
 if the neighbor has not been visited,
 AND there is a directed edge $n \rightarrow \text{neighbor}$,
 add it to the queue.

Time:

We visit each node once, and perform a constant number of operations per node. We visit each edge a constant number of times, therefore, overall complexity is $O(m+n)$.

Proof:

↓ accessible

Our BFS will traverse all connected nodes:

If all nodes are connected, but our BFS has terminated without visiting the node:

The node must have been pushed onto the queue and not processed (which means BFS has not finished), a contradiction.

If the node was not pushed into the queue, there must have been no edges checked for which it (in-degree 0) which means it is inaccessible.

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Problem 2: Consider a set of intervals/tasks. Each task has a start and an end time and each processor can handle one task at any given time. If tasks do not overlap, then we can use one processor to schedule them all. If they do overlap, we need more processors to schedule them. For example, in the figure below we need two processors to schedule all four intervals/tasks. A. Design an algorithm that finds the minimum number of processors needed to schedule all intervals/tasks. B. Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm. C. Prove the correctness of your algorithm.

Processor 1 -----
 Processor 2 -----

Greedy Alg:

Given set S of tasks, list P of processors

- Initialize P with 1 processor
 - Each processor keeps track of its end-time.
 - A processor is "free" if the task we are trying to assign has start time $>$ end time.
 - When we assign a task to a processor, it inherits the task's end time.
- Sort the tasks by start time.
- As long as there are tasks remaining:
 - Choose the first remaining task T , and add it to the first free processor.
 - For all tasks overlapping with T : (same start t')
 - Choose the first task in t'
 - Assign it to the first avail. processor
 - If there are none free, add a new one
- Return length of processor list.

Time Complexity:

- Sorting: $O(n \log n)$ (known)
- Assigning tasks: Worst case n processors, n^2 operations

$$\text{Total: } O(n^2)$$

Average case assuming # processors $\ll n$:

$$O(n \log n)$$

Proof:

If a processor is added, then all other processors must be busy / overlapping. Therefore, that processor is needed to accommodate all tasks.

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Problem 3: Design an algorithm that decides if a connected undirected graph is 2-colorable and finds a 2-coloring if it is indeed 2-colorable. Prove the correctness of your algorithms and analyzes its time complexity.

For simplicity, assume we will attempt to 2-color with **R (red)** and **B (blue)**.

Algorithm:

Color an start node **B (blue)** and push it to the queue
Run BFS with the following modifications:

- When we are examining neighbour of a node to push onto the queue, color the neighbour the opposite color of our current node
 - If a node we encounter has already been colored a different color, exit - our graph IS NOT 2-colorable
 - otherwise, continue BFS as usual.

If we finish BFS successfully, output the colored graph and decide that our graph IS 2-colorable

Time Complexity:

BFS is known to be $O(m+n)$. Our modifications to BFS involve a constant number of color comparisons per edge and a max of n colorings of nodes, so the modified algorithm is still $O(m+n)$. ↓ see #1

Proof:

If the graph IS 2-colorable and we determined it was not:

- If it is 2-colorable, then nodes in any layer must only have edges to layers immediately above or below them, not within their own layer.

- Our algorithm alternates colors layer by layer.

If the above holds true, then we cannot have determined the graph is not 2-colorable, since we only determine that if a node is adjacent to a node in its own layer or layer.

- Therefore, our algorithm must have exited and concluded YES, a contradiction.

If a graph is NOT 2-colorable:

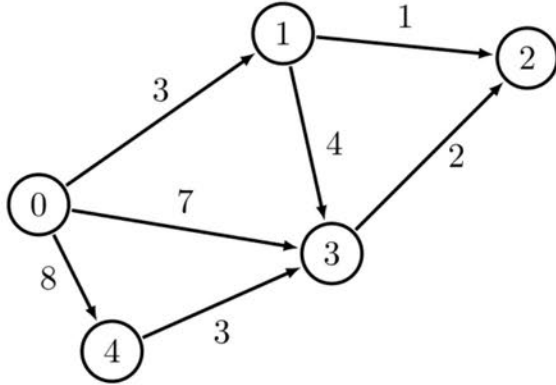
▷ There must be some odd-number cycle.

- Our BFS will encounter the same node on the cycle twice, from 2 origin nodes of different colors, meaning it must have exited and concluded the graph is NOT 2-colorable.

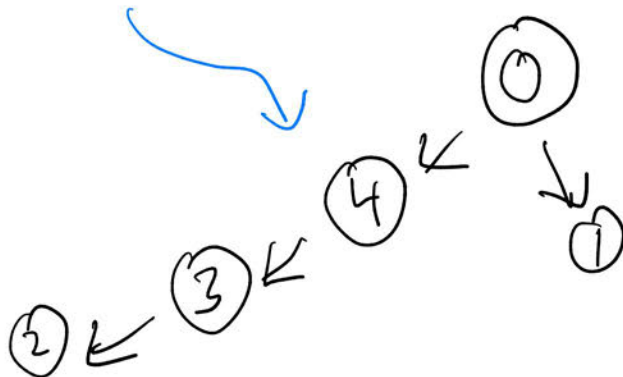
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Problem 4: Apply the DFS algorithm to the graph shown below (step by step) starting from vertex zero (0), and show the final DFS Tree. (You can ignore the weight on the edges.)



Step	Af	stack	visited	Tree
1	0	0,		0,
2		4,3,1	0	0
3	4	3,1	0,4	4
4		,3,1	0,4	4-0
5	3	2,1	0,4,3	4-3
6	2	1	0,4,3,2	4-3-2
7	1		0,4,3,2,1	4-3-2-1



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Problem 5: It takes $n-1$ comparisons to find the minimum number in a given list of integers $L = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$. Similarly, it takes $n-1$ comparisons to find the maximum. Therefore, it is trivial to design an algorithm that finds both the minimum and the maximum with about $2n-2$ comparisons. Design an algorithm to find both the minimum and the maximum in a list using about $3n/2$ comparisons.

Given a list of n unsorted numbers L :

$a \leftarrow 1$

$b \leftarrow n$

While $a \neq b$:

If $a < b$:

Add a into a list X of smaller numbers

Add b into a list Y of bigger numbers

If $a > b$:

Add a into a list Y of bigger numbers

Add b into a list X of smaller numbers

If $a = b$, or there is 1 element remaining:

Add a into both lists

Find the max of Y :

Trivial - keep track of the largest element so far,
iterate and compare

Find the min of X :

Trivial

Time Complexity

- $\binom{n}{2}$ comparisons to split the list into X & Y , which have $\binom{n}{2}$ elements each
- $\left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)$ comparisons to find the max of Y , $\left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)$ to find the min of X

5) continued

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total complexity} &= \binom{n}{2} + 2\binom{n}{2} - 1 = \frac{3n}{2} - 2 \\ &= O\left(\frac{3n}{2}\right) \text{ as desired.} \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

1) Algo, finds the correct min

- If the actual min ends up in X , the algorithm will find it. (simple min, by comparison)
- the actual min must be in X .

- If the min is compared with any other number, it will be larger and be added to X , except if:
 - If the number is added to Y because there were even integers or an odd # of ints, it would have also been added to X .

2) We will find the correct max

- same logic as min, switch $X \leftrightarrow Y$ and less \leftrightarrow more etc.

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