

10. Homework

Due 4/19/12 before class

1. Dijkstra variants

- Let G be a directed graph with non-negative edge weights. Consider changing the condition in the while loop of Dijkstra's algorithm to $|Q| > 1$. Prove that at the end of the algorithm the d -values contain the shortest path weights (so, the shortest path weights are correctly computed even when skipping the last iteration from Dijkstra's algorithm).
- Let G be a directed graph with non-negative edge weights. Consider changing the condition in the while loop of Dijkstra's algorithm to $|Q| > 2$. Show that at the end of the algorithm the d -values do not necessarily contain the shortest path weights (give a counter-example).
- Now, let G be a directed graph with arbitrary edge weights, and assume that some of the edge weights are negative. Let W be the smallest (negative) weight of any edge. Consider reweighing each edge weight by adding $-W$ to every edge, which yields a graph G' with non-negative edge weights. Then run Dijkstra's algorithm on G' , and in the end add W to every computed d -value. Give a counter-example to show that this approach does not always compute the correct d -values.

2. Floyd-Warshall

- Show how to use the Floyd Warshall algorithm to detect whether a weighted graph contains a negative weight cycle.
- Suppose you run the Floyd Warshall algorithm for $k = 1$ to $n - 1$, and not to n . Does this still compute the correct output? Justify your answer.
- In the Floyd Warshall algorithm, can you switch the order of the three for-loops and still compute the correct output? Justify your answer.

3. P or NP?

Which of the problems below are in P or not? Which of the problems below are in NP or not? Justify your answers.

- Given an array A of n numbers. Does A have the structure of a min-heap?
- Compute a heap from an array A of n numbers.
- Given an array A of n numbers, and a number k . Does A contain the number k ?
- Given an array A of n numbers, and a number k , is there a subset of numbers in A that sum up to exactly k ?

- (e) Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$. Is G a DAG?
- (f) Given an undirected edge-weighted graph $G = (V, E)$, compute a MST.
- (g) Given two undirected graphs $G = (V_G, E_G)$ and $H = (V_H, E_H)$. Is H an isomorphic subgraph of G ? (Intuitively, this means that G contains a “copy” of H . More formally, there is a one-to-one correspondence between all vertices in V_H and a subset V' of vertices of V_G such that each edge in E_H corresponds to an edge between vertices in V' .)

4. Reductions

Let Π, Π', Π'' be three decision problems. Use the definitions of P , NP , and the polynomial-time reduction “ \leq ”, to prove the following three facts (from slide 17):

- (a) If $\Pi \in P$ and $\Pi' \leq \Pi$ then $\Pi' \in P$.
- (b) If $\Pi \in NP$ and $\Pi' \leq \Pi$ then $\Pi' \in NP$.
- (c) If $\Pi \leq \Pi'$ and $\Pi' \leq \Pi''$ then $\Pi \leq \Pi''$.