CS 170 HW 5

Due on 2019-02-25, at 10:00 pm

1 Study Group

List the names and SIDs of the members in your study group.

2 Updating Labels

You are given a tree $T = (V, E)$ with a designated root node $r$, and for each vertex $v \in V$, a non-negative integer label $l(v)$. If $l(v) = k$, we wish to relabel $v$, such that $l_{\text{new}}(v)$ is equal to $l(w)$, where $w$ is the $k$th ancestor of $v$ in the tree. We follow the convention that the root node, $r$, is its own parent. Give a linear time algorithm to compute the new label, $l_{\text{new}}(v)$ for each $v$ in $V$

Slightly more formally, the parent of any $v \neq r$, is defined to be the node adjacent to $v$ in the path from $r$ to $v$. By convention, $p(r) = r$. For $k > 1$, define $p^k(v) = p^{k-1}(p(v))$ and $p^1(v) = p(v)$ (so $p^k$ is the $k$th ancestor of $v$). Each vertex $v$ of the tree has an associated non-negative integer label $l(v)$. We want to find a linear-time algorithm to update the labels of all vertices in $T$ according to the following rule: $l_{\text{new}}(v) = l(p^k(v))$.

3 Count Four Cycle

Given as input an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ design an algorithm to decide whether $G$ contains a four cycle (A cycle $v - u_1 - u_2 - u_3 - v$ where $u_1 \neq u_2 \neq u_3 \neq u_1$ and $u_i \neq v$). Your algorithm should run in time $O(|V|^3)$. You may assume that the graph is given as either an adjacency matrix or an adjacency list.

4 Constrained Dijkstra

Given as input a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, positive edge weights, $\ell_e$, for each edge $e \in E$ and a particular vertex $v_0 \in V$. Compute the shortest paths between all pairs of vertices in $O((|V| + |E|) \log |E|)$ time with the restriction that each of these paths pass through $v_0$.

5 Arbitrage

Shortest-path algorithms can also be applied to currency trading. Suppose we have $n$ currencies $C = \{c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n\}$: e.g., dollars, Euros, bitcoins, dogecoins, etc. For any pair $i, j$ of currencies, there is an exchange rate $r_{i,j}$: you can buy $r_{i,j}$ units of currency $c_j$ at the price of one unit of currency $c_i$. Assume that $r_{i,i} = 1$ and $r_{i,j} \geq 0$ for all $i, j$.

The Foreign Exchange Market Organization (FEMO) has hired Oski, a CS170 alumnus, to make sure that it is not possible to generate a profit through a cycle of exchanges; that is,
for any currency $i \in C$, it is not possible to start with one unit of currency $i$, perform a series of exchanges, and end with more than one unit of currency $i$. (That is called arbitrage.)

More precisely, arbitrage is possible when there is a sequence of currencies $c_{i_1}, \ldots, c_{i_k}$ such that $r_{i_1,i_2} \cdot r_{i_2,i_3} \cdot \cdots \cdot r_{i_{k-1},i_k} \cdot r_{i_k,i_1} > 1$. This means that by starting with one unit of currency $c_{i_1}$ and then successively converting it to currencies $c_{i_2}, c_{i_3}, \ldots, c_{i_k}$ and finally back to $c_{i_1}$, you would end up with more than one unit of currency $c_{i_1}$. Such anomalies last only a fraction of a minute on the currency exchange, but they provide an opportunity for profit.

We say that a set of exchange rates is arbitrage-free when there is no such sequence, i.e. it is not possible to profit by a series of exchanges.

(a) Give an efficient algorithm for the following problem: given a set of exchange rates $r_{i,j}$ which is arbitrage-free, and two specific currencies $s, t$, find the most advantageous sequence of currency exchanges for converting currency $s$ into currency $t$.

Hint: represent the currencies and rates by a graph whose edge weights are real numbers.

(b) Oski is fed up of manually checking exchange rates, and has asked you for help to write a computer program to do his job for him. Give an efficient algorithm for detecting the possibility of arbitrage. You may use the same graph representation as for part (a).

6 Bounded Bellman-Ford

Modify the Bellman-Ford algorithm to find the weight of the lowest-weight path from $s$ to $t$ with the restriction that the path must have at most $k$ edges.