CS 170 Homework 10

Due 11/7/2022, at 10:00 pm (grace period until 11:59pm)

1 Study Group

List the names and SIDs of the members in your study group. If you have no collaborators, you must explicitly write “none”.

2 A Reduction Warm-up

In the Undirected Rudrata path problem (aka the Hamiltonian Path Problem), we are given a graph $G$ with undirected edges as input and want to determine if there exists a path in $G$ that uses every vertex exactly once.

In the Longest Path in a DAG, we are given a DAG, and a variable $k$ as input and want to determine if there exists a path in the DAG that is of length $k$ or more.

Is the following reduction correct? If so, provide a concise proof. If not, justify your answer and provide a counter example.

Undirected Rudrata Path can be reduced to Longest Path in a DAG. Given the undirected graph $G$, we will use DFS to find a traversal of $G$ and assign directions to all the edges in $G$ based on this traversal. In other words, the edges will point in the same direction they were traversed and back edges will be omitted, giving us a DAG. If the longest path in this DAG has $|V| - 1$ edges then there must be a Rudrata path in $G$ since any simple path with $|V| - 1$ edges must visit every vertex, so if this is true, we can say there exists a Rudrata path in the original graph. Since running DFS takes polynomial time ($O(|V| + |E|)$), this reduction is valid.
3 Reduction to 3-Coloring

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, a valid 3-coloring assigns each vertex in the graph a color from \{0, 1, 2\} such that for any edge $(u, v)$, $u$ and $v$ have different colors. In the 3-coloring problem, our goal is to find a valid 3-coloring if one exists. In this problem, we will give a reduction from 3-SAT to the 3-coloring problem. Since we know that 3-SAT is NP-Hard (there is a reduction to 3-SAT from every NP problem), this will show that 3-coloring is NP-Hard (there is a reduction to 3-coloring from every NP problem).

In our reduction, the graph will start with three special vertices, labelled “True”, “False”, and “Base”, and the edges (True, False), (True, Base), and (False, Base).

(a) Consider the following graph, which we will call a “gadget”:

![Gadget Diagram]

Show that in any valid 3-coloring of this graph which does not assign the color 2 to any of the gray vertices, the gray vertex on the left is assigned the color 1 only if at least one of the gray vertices on the right is assigned the color 1.

(b) For each variable $x_i$ in a 3-SAT formula, we will create a pair of vertices labeled $x_i$ and $\neg x_i$. How should we add edges to the graph such that in any valid 3-coloring, one of $x_i, \neg x_i$ is assigned the same color as True and the other is assigned the same color as False?

(c) We observe the following about the graph we are creating in the reduction:

(i) For any vertex, if we have the edges $(v, \text{False})$ and $(v, \text{Base})$ in the graph, then in any valid 3-coloring $v$ will be assigned the same color as True.

(ii) Through brute force one can also show that in the gadget, for any assignment of colors to gray vertices such that:

1. All gray vertices are assigned the color 0 or 1
2. The gray vertex on the left is assigned the color 1
3. At least one gray vertex on the right is assigned the color 1

Then there is a valid coloring for the black vertices in the gadget.

Using these observations and your answers to the previous parts, give a reduction from 3-SAT to 3-coloring. Prove that your reduction is correct.