

SPRING 2004: **COT 6405** ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS  
[HOMEWORK 3; DUE MAR 30 IN CLASS]

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## Problems

18. (**Regular**) Given below is an algorithm for checking whether a given connected,  $G(V, E)$  undirected graph has an odd length cycle. The algorithm is a simple modification of DFS and it is called as `ODDCYCLE-VISIT( $G, 1, +1$ )`. Note that instead of assigning DFS numbers to vertices, it assigns a label of  $+1$  or  $-1$  to vertices.

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ODDCYCLE-VISIT( $G, u, b$ )
Comment: DFS in graph  $G$  from vertex  $u$ 
1   $color[u] \leftarrow gray$ 
2   $label[u] \leftarrow b$ 
3  for each vertex  $v \in Adj[u]$  do
4      if  $color[v] = white$  then
5           $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$ 
6          ODDCYCLE-VISIT( $G, v, -b$ )
7      else if  $label[u] = label[v]$  then
8          Print "Odd Cycle Exists"; Stop
9   $color[u] \leftarrow BLACK$ 
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- (a) Analyze the time complexity of the above algorithm.  
(b) Prove the following four claims:

**Claim 1:** If  $e = (u, v)$  is a **tree edge** of the DFS tree, then  $label[u] \neq label[v]$ .

**Claim 2:** If the above algorithm encounters an edge  $e = (u, v)$  with  $label[u] = label[v]$ , then  $e$  is a **back edge** of the DFS tree, and this edge along with the unique path in the tree from  $u$  to  $v$  forms an odd cycle.

**Claim 3:** If there exists an edge  $e = (u, v)$  with  $label[u] = label[v]$ , then the algorithm will find it.

**Claim 4:** If there exists an odd cycle in  $G$ , then there must be two adjacent vertices with the same label, i.e., there must be an edge  $e = (u, v)$  with  $label[u] = label[v]$ .

- (c) Finally show that proving the above four claims is enough to prove correctness of the algorithm.

19. (**Regular**) The adjacency list representation consists of  $n$  lists, one for each vertex. This is usually implemented as a linked list of "edge" records. Sorting one of these  $n$

lists can be done in  $O(n)$  time using bucket sort (with  $n$  buckets). So it is trivial to sort all the  $n$  lists in  $O(n^2)$  time. Assuming the adjacency list representation, design a linear-time ( $O(m+n)$ ) algorithm to sort each of the  $n$  adjacency lists of a given simple undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ . **Hint:** Use radix sort with  $n$  buckets.

20. (**Regular**) In an undirected graph, the adjacency list representation consists of  $n$  linked lists of “edge” objects. For each undirected edge of the form  $e = \{v_i, v_j\}$ , the adjacency list representation contains two edge objects. One edge object is in the list  $Adj[i]$  containing the source index  $i$  and the destination index  $j$ , while the other edge object is in the list  $Adj[j]$  containing the source index  $j$  and the destination index  $i$ . Since an undirected edge can be thought of as being composed of two “directed” edges, we could think of one edge object as representing the edge  $e = (v_i, v_j)$ , with the other referring to the edge  $e' = (v_j, v_i)$ . We also say that the two “directed” edges  $e = (v_i, v_j)$  and  $e' = (v_j, v_i)$  are *partners* of each other. In general, for a given edge  $e$ , it takes  $O(n)$  time to locate its partner edge object, unless we can store in each edge object a pointer to its partner edge object. Note that storing the index of a vertex in the edge object is not sufficient to locate the partner edge object. Design a linear-time ( $O(m+n)$ ) algorithm so that each edge object contains a pointer to its partner edge object. Assume that such a field already exists in each edge record (called `PartnerEdge`), initialized to `NULL`. **Hint:** It helps to use the algorithm from the previous problem and sort each of the adjacency lists first.
21. (**Regular**) Assume that you are given a simple undirected graph  $G(V, E)$  represented as an adjacency list. Assume that it has  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Also assume that you are given a set of special edges  $E'$  given as a list of pairs of vertices. Design an efficient linear-time algorithm to **contract** all the edges in  $E'$ . When an edge  $(u, v)$  is contracted, the two vertices are to be merged into a single new vertex. Furthermore, all edges that were incident on either  $u$  or  $v$  are now to be made incident on the new vertex. You also need to make sure that the resulting graph is *simple* in the sense that it should not have any *multiple edges* or *self loops*.