CSE 5500 Algorithms

Model Exam II, Fall 2018

Note: You are supposed to give proofs to the time bounds of your algorithms. Read the questions carefully before attempting to solve them.

- 1. (16 points) Present an $O(n \log^2 n)$ time algorithm to compute all the roots of a given degree-n polynomial f(x). Assume the following: 1) The roots of f(x) are integers in the range [1, cn] where c is a constant; 2) The polynomial is given in coefficients form. (Recall that a is a root of f(x) if f(a) = 0.)
- 2. (18 points) Input is a sequence X of pairs of real numbers $(r_1, a_1), (r_2, a_2), \ldots, (r_n, a_n)$. The problem is to find a polynomial f(x) of minimum degree (d) such that $f(r_i) = a_i$, for $1 \le i \le n$. For example, if the input sequence is (0,1), (1,3), (2,5), (3,7), (4,9), the answer is f(x) = 2x + 1. Present an algorithm to solve this problem that runs in $O(n \log^3 d)$ time. (Assume that $n > d \log d$).
- 3. (17 points) Fibonacci heap is a data structure that can perform the following operations in $O(\log n)$ time each: FindMin, Insert, and DeleteMin. Here n is the number of elements in the heap. It can also perform the DecreaseKey(k,k') operation in O(1) time. (This operation decreases the value of key k by k'). Show that if we use this data structure in Prim's algorithm, its run time will be $O(|V|\log |V| + E)$.
- 4. (16 points) Input is an undirected graph G(V, E). Present an $O(|V|^2)$ time algorithm to compute the reflexive transitive closure matrix A^* of G. (Recall that $A^*[i,j] = 1$ iff there is a path from node i to node j in G.)
- 5. (17 points) Given are three strings x, y, and z where $x = x_1x_2...x_m$, $y = y_1y_2...y_n$, and $z = z_1z_2...z_{m+n}$. Give an O(mn) time dynamic programming algorithm to check if z is a shuffle of x and y. (For example, if $x = x_1x_2x_3$, and $y = y_1y_2$, then, $x_1x_2y_1y_2x_3$, and $y_1x_1y_2x_2x_3$ are (two of the) shuffles of x and y, but $x_2x_1y_1y_2x_3$ is not a shuffle.)
- 6. (16 points) Consider a flow network G(V, E) with $V = \{s, a, b, c, d, t\}$ where s and t are the source and the sink, respectively. c(s, a) = 8, c(s, c) = 10, c(a, b) = 8, c(b, a) = 3, c(a, c) = 7, c(c, a) = 5, c(c, d) = 7, c(d, c) = 2, c(b, c) = 6, c(d, b) = 3, c(b, t) = 4, and c(d, t) = 10. Use the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm to find a maximum flow for G. Show the steps of your algorithm.