

## Homework 8

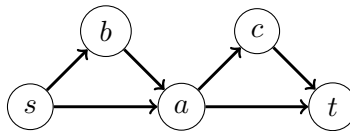
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Please see <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse421/18wi/grading.html> for general guidelines about Homework problems.

Most of the problems only require one or two key ideas for their solution. It will help you a lot to spell out these main ideas so that you can get most of the credit for a problem even if you err on the finer details. Please justify all answers.

- P1) Let  $G$  be a weighted directed graph where every edge has a capacity  $c[e]$ . We have stored water at a number of nodes in this graph. Suppose that node  $i$  has a reserve of  $r[i]$  (liters) of water; note that  $r[i]$  can be zero for many nodes in this graph. On the other hand, each node has a demand of water. Node  $i$  need  $d[i]$  (liters of) water. You can assume that  $\sum_i r[i] \geq \sum_i d[i]$ . Design an algorithm that runs in time polynomial in  $n, \max_e c[e]$  and outputs if there exists a way to send water from the storages to the nodes and satisfy all demands while sending at most  $c[e]$  amount of water on every edge. Your algorithm just needs to output yes/no.
- P2) Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a pair of vertices  $s, t$  and an integer  $k$ . We want to output yes if there are  $k$  vertex disjoint paths from  $s$  to  $t$  and no otherwise. For example, in the following graph there are two edge disjoint paths from  $s$  to  $t$  but no two vertex disjoint paths from  $s$  to  $t$ . Design a polynomial time algorithm for this problem.



- P3) Give a polynomial time algorithm to find the minimum vertex cover in a bipartite graph.
- Construct a flow network from the input bipartite graph just as in the maximum matching algorithm.
  - Show that every min-cut in this flow network gives a vertex cover whose size is the same as the capacity of the cut.
  - Show that every minimum sized vertex cover in the bipartite graph gives a cut whose capacity is the same as the size of the vertex cover.
  - Write down the algorithm and prove that it works.
- P4) 3-Color problem is defined as follows: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , does it have a 3-coloring?  
 4-Color problem is defined as follows: Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , does it have a 4-coloring?  
 Prove that 3-Color  $\leq_P$  4-Color.
- P5) **Extra Credit:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a directed graph such that the indegree of every vertex is equal to its outdegree and that is equal to  $k$ . Let  $T \subseteq E$  be a spanning tree of  $G$ ; this means

that if we drop the direction of the edges of  $G, T$ ,  $T$  will be a spanning tree of the underlying graph. Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$  be fixed parameter such that  $T$  satisfies the following inequality for every cut  $(S, V - S)$  of  $G$ :

$$|T(S, V - S)| \leq \alpha |E(S, V - S)|$$

where the  $|T(S, V - S)|$  is the number of edges of  $T$  in the cut  $(S, V - S)$  and the  $|E(S, V - S)|$  is the number of edges of  $G$  in the cut  $(S, V - S)$ .

Prove that  $G$  has a TSP tour of length at most  $O(nk\alpha)$ , i.e., a sequence of vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  for  $r = O(nk\alpha)$  such that  $v_1 = v_r$ , each vertex appears at least once in this sequence and that for all  $i$ ,  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$