

9. Homework

Due 11/15/17 at the beginning of class

Remember, you are allowed to turn in homeworks in groups of two. One writeup, with two names.

1. Bellman-Ford (8 points)

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a weighted, directed graph that possibly has negative weights. Let $|V| = n$ and $|E| = m$, and let $s \in V$ be a source vertex.

Bellman-Ford's algorithm takes $O(nm)$ time, because it makes $n - 1$ passes relaxing all edges. In practice, this large number of passes may not always be necessary.

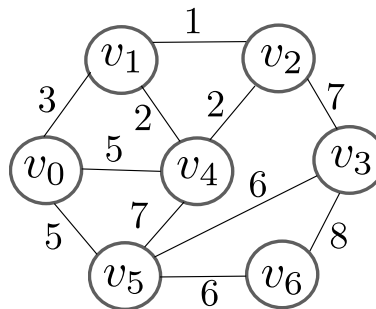
- (a) (7 points) Suggest a simple change to the Bellman-Ford algorithm such that the algorithm does not hard-code $n - 1$ many passes, but that it makes only the number of passes necessary to guarantee that all d -values are correctly computed.

Give your answer in pseudo code. Justify why your code correctly computes the d -values.

- (b) (1 points) How can you express the runtime of your algorithm? It should be different from $O(nm)$.

(Hint: What if you are allowed to introduce another variable, other than m and n , to express the runtime?)

2. MST (12 points)



- (a) (2 points) What is the cost of a minimum spanning tree in the graph above?
- (b) (4 points) How many minimum spanning trees does this graph have? List them all.
- (c) (6 points) Run Prim's algorithm on this graph. Similar to question 1 on homework 8 for Dijkstra's algorithm, list all the different stages: The key for each vertex, the priority queue, the vertex extracted from the priority queue, and the predecessor array storing the tree.