
CMPSCI 311: Introduction to Algorithms

First Midterm Exam

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Instructions:

- Answer the questions directly on the exam pages.
- Show all your work for each question. Providing more detail including comments and explanations can help with assignment of partial credit.
- If you need extra space, use the blank pages at the end of the exam.
- No books, notes, calculators or other electronic devices are allowed. Any cheating will result in a grade of 0.
- If you have questions during the exam, raise your hand.

Question	Value	Points Earned
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
Total	50	

Question 1. (10 points) For each pair of functions f and g , circle the statements that are true. No justification is needed.

1.1 (2 points): $f(n) = 10n$, $g(n) = n + 1000$. Circle all that apply:

(a) $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ (b) $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$

1.2 (2 points): $f(n) = 5 \log n$, $g(n) = (\log n)^2$. Circle all that apply:

(a) $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ (b) $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$

1.3 (2 points): $f(n) = 5 \log n$, $g(n) = \log(n^2)$. Circle all that apply:

(a) $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ (b) $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$

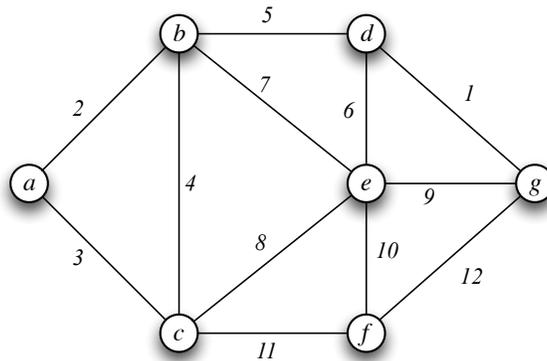
1.4 (2 points): $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i^3$, $g(n) = n^3$. Circle all that apply:

(a) $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ (b) $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$

1.5 (2 points): $f(n) = n2^n$, $g(n) = 3^n/n^3$. Circle all that apply:

(a) $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ (b) $f(n)$ is $\Omega(g(n))$

Question 2. (10 points) Consider the following graph with distinct edge costs.



2.1 (2 points): List the costs of the edges of the minimum-spanning tree in the order they are added by Kruskal's algorithm. Recall Kruskal's algorithm considers edges in a fixed order.

2.2 (2 points): List the costs of the edges of the minimum-spanning tree in the order they are added by Prim's algorithm starting from node a . Recall that Prim's algorithm maintains a single connected component containing the starting node.

2.3 (2 points): Recall that Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm starts with a set $S = \{s\}$ of explored nodes and defines $d[s] = 0$. In each iteration, the algorithm adds some node v to S . Suppose Dijkstra's algorithm is run with $s = g$. List the next two nodes that are added to S by the algorithm.

2.4 (1 points): Suppose a BFS is performed starting at node e . How many layers will the BFS tree have?

2.5 (1 points): What is the length of the shortest path from a to g ?

2.6 (1 points): Suppose a DFS is performed starting at node a . How deep will the DFS tree be? (Recall that the depth is the maximum number of edges in the path from the root to to any leaf.)

2.7 (1 points): Is this graph bipartite?

Question 3. (10 points) Indicate whether each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE. No justification required.

3.1 (2 points): Consider a stable matching instance where every student has a different top-ranked college. There is a unique stable matching in this instance.

3.2 (2 points): Suppose G is an undirected graph where every node has degree exactly two, and n is odd. Then G is not bipartite.

3.3 (2 points): Suppose G is an undirected graph with edge costs c_e . Let $(S, V - S)$ be any cut. If e is not the lowest-cost edge across cut $(S, V - S)$, then e does not belong to any minimum spanning tree.

3.4 (2 points): Suppose G is an undirected graph with edge costs c_e . Let $(S, V - S)$ be any cut. If e is lowest-cost edge across cut $(S, V - S)$, then e belongs to every minimum spanning tree.

3.5 (2 points): Let T be a minimum spanning tree of an undirected graph G with edge costs c_e . Suppose the edge costs are all increased by one, i.e., $c'_e = c_e + 1$. Then T is still a minimum spanning tree with the new edge costs c'_e .

Question 4. (10 points) Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph where every node has exactly one incoming edge, and there is a node s that has a directed path to every other node.

4.1 (2 points): Draw an example graph with at least 6 nodes that satisfies the conditions stated about G . Identify s in your example.

4.2 (2 points): Prove that G is not a DAG.

4.3 (3 points): Suppose you want to carefully delete edges from G to turn it into a DAG. What is the smallest number of edges you need to delete to guarantee that the resulting graph G' is a DAG? Prove that your answer is correct.

4.4 (3 points): Now give an $O(m+n)$ time algorithm to identify the specific set of edges to delete. This set should be as small as possible and result in a graph G' that is a DAG. Prove that your algorithm is correct.

Question 5. (10 points) You play on a local game show where you will complete n different challenges and try to make as much money as possible. The i th challenge takes t_i minutes to complete, and starts with a value of v_i dollars, but its value decreases by one dollar per minute. In other words, if you complete challenge i at time $f(i)$, you earn $v_i - f(i)$ dollars. Every challenge has starting value $v_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n t_i$, so you will make *some* money from each challenge. Your goal is to order the challenges to earn as much as possible.

5.1 (2 points): Suppose $v_1 = 10, v_2 = 15, v_3 = 20$ and $t_1 = 2, t_2 = 5, t_3 = 1$.

What is the optimal ordering?

How much do you earn?

5.2 (3 points): Your friend claims that if all challenges have their value changed to the same number V , this will not change the optimal ordering. Is she right? Either prove she is right or provide a counterexample to show that she is wrong.

5.3 (2 points): One of these orderings is guaranteed to be optimal. Circle the correct one.

Sort challenges by:

increasing v_i

decreasing v_i

increasing t_i

decreasing t_i

5.4 (3 points): *Prove that the ordering you circled always finds an optimal solution.*

