# **CS 577: Introduction to Algorithms**

# **Homework 8**

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### **Ground Rules**

- Review problems will be discussed at the following week's review.
- Self-graded problems will be discussed at the following week's review, and are to be self-graded by you during the review. Only students present at the review session and turning in their graded solutions in person will earn points.
- Graded problems are to be turned in on the due date at the beginning of the lecture.
- Self-graded problems should be done individually.
- Graded problems should be done in pairs.
- Please follow page limits for all self-graded and graded problems.
- Write your name(s) clearly on your submissions, and turn in each problem on separate sheets of paper.

### **Review Problems**

- 1. An edge in a flow network is called *lower-binding* if reducing its capacity by one unit decreases the maximum flow in the network. Describe and analyze an algorithm for finding all the lower-binding edges in a network G when given the edge capacities, the source and the sink, as well as a maximum flow  $f^*$  in G. Your algorithm should run in time O(mn).
- 2. Describe and analyze an efficient algorithm to determine whether a given flow network contains a *unique* maximum flow.

## **Self-graded Problems**

3. (Page limit: 1 sheet; 2 sides) (Taken from "Algorithms, Etc.") A data stream is an extremely long sequence of items that you can read only once, in order. A good example of a data stream is the sequence of packets that pass through a router. Data stream algorithms must process each item in the stream quickly, using very little memory; there is simply too much data to store, and it arrives too quickly for any complex computations. Every data stream algorithm looks roughly like this:

| Algorithm 1: DoSomethingInteresting(stream S) |   |
|---|---|
| 1 repeat                                      |   |
| 2   | $x \leftarrow \text{next item in } S.$                                  |
| 3   | $\langle\!\langle Do \text{ something fast with } x \rangle\!\rangle$ . |
| 4 until S ends;                               |   |
| 5 return (something).                         |   |

Describe and analyze an algorithm that chooses one element uniformly at random from a data stream, without knowing the length of the stream in advance. Your algorithm should spend O(1) time per stream element and use O(1) space (not counting the stream itself).

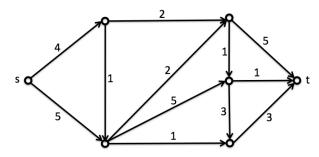
#### **Graded Problems**

- 4. (Page limit: 2 sheets; 3 sides) (Taken from "Algorithms, Etc.") Let M[1...n, 1...n] be an  $n \times n$  matrix in which every row and every column is sorted. Such a matrix is called *totally monotone*. No two elements of M are equal.
  - (a) Describe and analyze an algorithm to solve the following problem in O(n) time: Given indices i, j, i', j' as input, compute the number of elements of M smaller than M[i, j] and larger than M[i', j'].
  - (b) Describe and analyze an algorithm to solve the following problem in O(n) time: Given indices i, j, i', j' as input, return an element of M chosen uniformly at random from the elements smaller than M[i, j] and larger than M[i', j']. Assume the requested range is always non-empty, and that you have a random number generator that returns a uniformly random integer in a specified range.
  - (c) Describe and analyze a randomized algorithm to compute the median element of M in  $O(n \log n)$  expected time.

Hint: Use a randomized version of binary search, as in HW 7 problem 3.

#### 5. (Page limit: 1 sheet; 2 sides)

(a) For the network G below determine the max s-t flow,  $f^*$ , the residual network  $G_{f^*}$ , and a minimum s-t cut.



- (b) An edge in a flow network is called *upper-binding* if increasing its capacity by one unit increases the maximum flow in the network. See problem 1 for the definition of lower-binding edges. Identify all of the upper-binding and all of the lower-binding edges in the above flow network.
- (c) Describe and analyze an algorithm for finding all the upper-binding edges in a network G when given a maximum flow  $f^*$  in G. Your algorithm should run in linear time.