

Homework assignment 1

Due date: October 4, 2021

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1. **40 points.** For each of the following, indicate whether $f(n) = O(g(n))$, $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$, or $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$. Justify your answer.
- (a) $f(n) = n^6$ and $g(n) = 5n^6 + 10n^4 - 120n^2 + 1000$;
 - (d) $f(n) = n^{\frac{1}{5}}$ and $g(n) = \log_2 n \cdot \log_2 \log_2 n$.
 - (b) $f(n) = 2^n$ and $g(n) = (\sqrt{n})^{\sqrt{n}}$;
 - (c) $f(n) = n$ and $g(n) = (\sqrt{n})^{\log_2 n}$.
2. **30 points.** Let $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be an undirected, connected, finite graph with the weight function $w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. Propose an algorithm that finds a circuit-free subgraph $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_1)$ of \mathcal{G} such that $\sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}_1} w(e)$ is maximal possible. Prove correctness of your algorithm and analyze its complexity.
3. **30 points.** Let $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ be an undirected connected finite graph with the weight function $w : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. It is known that the weights of the edges in \mathcal{E} are all different. Can \mathcal{G} have *multiple different* minimum spanning trees? Justify your answer (provide an example or prove a converse).
4. **Bonus: 20 points.** Let $\mathcal{T}_1(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_1)$ and $\mathcal{T}_2(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_2)$ be two spanning trees of the undirected, connected, finite graph $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$. Prove that for every edge $e \in \mathcal{E}_1 \setminus \mathcal{E}_2$ there exists an edge $e' \in \mathcal{E}_2 \setminus \mathcal{E}_1$, such that each of the edge sets

$$(\mathcal{E}_1 \cup \{e'\}) \setminus \{e\} \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathcal{E}_2 \cup \{e\}) \setminus \{e'\}$$

defines a spanning tree.