

**Problem 1.** Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed acyclic graph represented by adjacency lists. Devise a linear time algorithm that, given such a  $G$ , returns the length of the longest path in  $G$ . Prove your algorithm runs in  $O(|V| + |E|)$ -time.

SOLUTION: Note that the longest path from vertex  $u$  is  $\max(\{1 + \text{the length of the longest path from } v : (u, v) \in E\})$  where, by convention,  $\max(\emptyset) = 0$ . Now, to solve the problem, first do a topological sort of  $G$  and number  $G$ 's vertices 1 through  $n$  where  $i < j$  implies that vertex  $i$  comes before vertex  $j$  in the topological sort. Next compute:

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1. for  $i = n, n-1, \dots, 1$  do
2.    $longest[i] \leftarrow 0$ 
3.   for each  $j$  adjacent to  $i$  do // so  $(i, j) \in E$ 
4.      $longest[i] \leftarrow \max(longest[i], 1 + longest[j])$ 
5. return  $\max(\{longest[i] : i = 1, \dots, n\})$ 
    
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Since we are considering vertices in reverse-top-sort order, we know that in line 4, each  $longest[j]$  has its correct value, hence when we are done with the for-loop of lines 3–4,  $longest[i]$  has its correct value.

Runtime analysis: Line 2 is done once for each  $i \in V$ , line 4 is done once for the  $(i, j) \in E$  and line 5 takes  $\Theta(n)$  time. Hence, the entirety takes  $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$ -time.

**Problem 2.** Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed graph represented by adjacency lists. Devise a linear time algorithm that, given such a  $G$ , returns a list of all the source vertices of  $G$ . Prove your algorithm runs in  $O(|V| + |E|)$ -time.

SOLUTION: The *in-degree* of a vertex  $v$  = the number of edges with end-point  $v$ . So,  $v$  is a source iff  $in-degree(v) = 0$ .

Now, we can compute in-degrees and identify sources as follows

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1. for each  $u \in V$  do  $inDegree[u] \leftarrow 0$ ;
2. for each  $(u, v) \in E$  do
3.    $inDegree[v] \leftarrow inDegree[v] + 1$ ;
4. return  $\{v : v \in V, inDegree[v] = 0\}$ .
    
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Clearly, this is  $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$ .

**Problem 3.** DPV Problem 3.18

Starting at the root vertex do a DFS with pre and post numbering. Then:  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$  in the tree  $\iff$  **Corrected**

$$(pre[u], post[u]) \supset (pre[v], post[v]) \tag{1}$$

and we can test (1) in constant time.

**Problem 4.** DPV Problem 3.22

In the case where we know that  $G$  is a directed acyclic graph, there is such a vertex in  $G$  if and only if  $G$  has exactly one source vertex. Problem 2 showed how to determine the source vertex of a dag in linear time.

In the case where  $G$  is not necessarily a dag, compute the strongly connected component dag of  $G$  (which takes linear time) and then test if that dag has just one source.

**Problem 5.** DPV Problem 3.23

This is a variation of what we did for Problem 1. First do a topological sort of  $G$ . Remove all vertices that are either before  $s$  or after  $t$  in the topological-sort (because they cannot be in any path from  $s$  to  $t$ ). Number the remaining vertices 1 through  $n$  in topological sort order. (So  $s = 1$  and  $t = n$ .) Next compute:

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1.  $paths[n] \leftarrow 1$ 
2. for  $i = n-1, \dots, 1$  do
3.    $paths[i] \leftarrow 0$ 
4.   for each  $j$  adjacent to  $i$  do // so  $(i, j) \in E$ 
5.      $paths[i] \leftarrow \max(paths[i], paths[j] + 1)$ 
6. return  $paths[1]$ 
    
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**Problem 6.** DPV Problem 4.1

(a) Here is the table. **Corrected**

Step	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
init	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
1	<b>0</b>	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	4	8	$\infty$	$\infty$
2	0	<b>1</b>	3	$\infty$	4	7	7	$\infty$
3	0	1	<b>3</b>	4	4	7	5	$\infty$
4	0	1	3	<b>4</b>	4	7	5	8
5	0	1	3	4	<b>4</b>	7	5	8
6	0	1	3	4	4	6	<b>5</b>	6
7	0	1	3	4	4	<b>6</b>	5	<b>6</b>
8	0	1	3	4	4	6	5	<b>6</b>

(b) Here is the tree. Solid edges make up the tree; edges not in the tree are dashed.

