

1. Given a directed graph $G=(V, E)$, and two vertices u and v in V , we call vertex v is **reachable** from u , if there exists a directed path from u to v . A vertex s in V is called a **source vertex** if every vertex in V is reachable from s .
 - a) Given a directed graph $G=(V, E)$, and a specified vertex v , design a linear time algorithm (i.e. your algorithm should run in $\Theta(|V|+|E|)$ time) to determine if v is a source vertex. You need to describe the data structure used in your algorithm. (10%)
 - b) Given a directed acyclic graph (DAG; a directed graph is acyclic if it contains no directed cycles) $G=(V, E)$, you are asked to determine if G contains a source vertex. If you apply the algorithm of subproblem (a) on every vertex of G , you will get an algorithm runs in $\Theta(|V|^2+|V||E|)$ time. It is not desirable. Design a more efficient algorithm for this problem. Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm. (10%)
2. Design an algorithm to determine whether a given undirected graph with n vertices contains a cycle of length 4 as a subgraph. There is a naïve $\Theta(n^4)$ time algorithm that solves this problem by checking all possible 4 vertices of the graph. Your algorithm must be more efficient than this algorithm. (20%)
3. For a set of variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , you are given some equality constraints, of the form " $x_i = x_j$ " and some disequality constraints, of the form " $x_i \neq x_j$ ". Is it possible to satisfy all of them? For instance, the constraints :
$$x_1 = x_2,; x_2 = x_3; x_3 = x_4; x_1 \neq x_4;$$
cannot be satisfied. Give an efficient algorithm that takes as input m constraints over n variables and decides whether the constraints can be satisfied. Describe the data structure used by your algorithm, and analysis the time complexity of your algorithm. (20%)
4. Consider the following decision problem called "Square" appeared in the problem set of a program contest: Given a set of sticks of various lengths, is it possible to join them end-to-end to form a square? For example, if the given lengths are 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, then the answer is "no"; if they are 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 4, 3, 5, then the answer is "yes".
 - a) Show that this problem is an NP problem. (10%)
 - b) Prove that it is NP-hard. (10%)
 - c) If the total sum of lengths is a polynomial of n , the number of given lengths, then it is possible to solve this problem in polynomial time. Design such an algorithm to solve this problem. (20%)