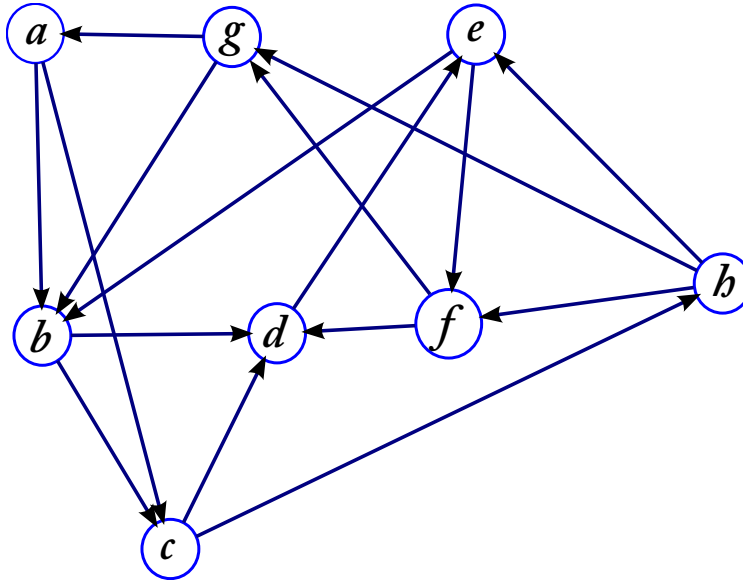


# CS 473: Algorithms, Fall 2009

## HBS 1

1.



Draw the DFS tree rooted at A for the above graph. Use alphabetic ordering to break ties. Label the vertices of the tree with their  $\text{pre}(v) : \text{post}(v)$  time. Add in the remaining edges of the graph and label them as forward (F), backward (B), and cross (C) edges. Sort the vertices by their post visit order.

2. Let  $G$  be a directed graph and  $G^{\text{SCC}}$  its strong connected component meta-graph (which is a DAG). Prove or disprove the following. For any DFS of  $G$  the vertex with smallest post-visit number is in a sink component of  $G^{\text{SCC}}$ .
3. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph with  $n$  vertices ( $|V| = n$ ) and  $m$  edges ( $|E| = m$ ). Give an  $O(n)$  time algorithm to check if  $G$  has at least *two* distinct cycles and output them if it does. Assume that the graph is represented using adjacency lists. Note that  $m$  can be much larger than  $n$  so the algorithm should not check all edges. *Hint:* What is the structure of a minimal connected graph that has two cycles? Use DFS.
4. There are  $n$  light bulbs in a garden. These bulbs can be turned on manually by flipping on the switches at the light posts. Also, each light post can broadcast turn-on signals to some other pre-defined light posts in the garden, turning them on. When a light post is turned on, it will automatically broadcast a turn-on signal to its pre-defined light posts.

This signal broadcasting is directional. If  $a$  broadcasts to  $b$ , it is not necessarily true that  $b$  also broadcasts to  $a$ .

So one can manually flip on some of the switches to the light posts, and those light posts will broadcast a turn-on signal to other light posts. These will in turn be switched on and broadcast signals to their own pre-defined set of light posts, and so on.

Given each light post in the garden and the respective light posts to which they broadcast, derive a linear time algorithm for finding the minimum number of switches needed to be flipped to light up the whole garden. (Linear time means  $O(n + m)$  where  $n$  is the number of light posts and  $m$  is the number of broadcast associations between them).

**Source:** *ACM ICPC 2010 World Finals Warmup 2*

**Example Case:** Number of lights : 5 , Number of broadcast associations: 4  
Associations : 1=>2, 1=>3 3=>4, 5=>3

**Answer:** Minimum number of flips required : 2 ,  
Turning on switches 1 and 5 should light up the whole garden

**Hints:**

- (a) Model the problem using directed graphs.
- (b) What is the solution if the graph in question is strongly connected?
- (c) What is the solution in general?