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Fundamental Algorithms

Solution Keys 9

1. Let w and v be arrays of length n denoting weights and values, respectively, for all object types. The maximum value can be obtained by calling the following procedure fill(1, W).

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Procedure fill

Input: object type i, weight r

Output: the maximum value obtained from filling with object types i to n

with total weight not exceeding r

m := 0;
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for k = i to n do

if w[k] \le r then

m := \max(m, v[k] + \texttt{fill}(k, r - w[k]));

fi

od

return m;
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return
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2. (a)
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- (b) The resulting distances are identical to (a). However, the distances for f and c are wrong because there is a shorter parth from e to f, i.e. via g.
- (c) The shortest path has infinite length, since the weight of the cycle d, e, f is negative. Therefore, one can always obtain shorter paths by repeating the cycle again and again.
- (d) In the following, we use a data structure called *queue*. In a queue, the first element added to the queue will be the first one to be removed. Given a queue and a node v, the operation enqueue(v) adds v into the queue. The operation dequeue(), on the other hand, removes the first element from the queue.

Given a graph and a node u, the following algorithm calculates the shortest distances from u to all nodes in the graph.

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Input: graph (V, E), distance function x, node u
Output: array of distances from u
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for each v \in V do d[v] = \infty;

d[u] = 0;

enqueue(u);

while queue not empty do

v := dequeue();

for each w adjacent to v do

if d[v] + x(v, w) < d[w] then

d[w] = d[v] + x(v, w);

if w not in queue then

enqueue(w);

fi

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return d;
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Notice that the algorithm does not terminate when negative cycles are present. However, by stopping after any vertex has dequeued |V| + 1 times, termination can be guaranteed.

Since each vertex can dequeue at most |V| times, it can be shown that the running time of the algorithm is $\mathcal{O}(|V| \cdot |E|)$.