

Discrete Mathematics
Problem Set 11
Directed Graphs

1. Prove that for any digraph G and any vertices u, v, w of G ,

$$d_G(u, w) \leq d_G(u, v) + d_G(v, w)$$

This is called the *triangle inequality* for directed graphs.

2. Consider the directed graph G in Figure 1.

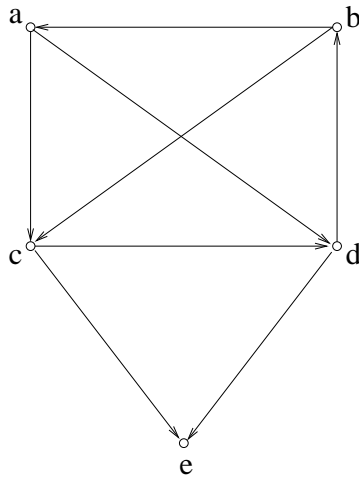


Figure 1: A directed graph G

- (a) What is the in-degree and out-degree of each vertex?
(b) List the cycles of G . Do not distinguish two cycles if they trace through the same arcs starting at a different vertex.

- (c) Find the distances between each pair of vertices. (There are 25 values.)
- (d) What is the length of longest path in G ? List all paths of that length.
3. Let G be a digraph with $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. For which of the following sets of arcs does $G = (V, A)$ contain a cycle?
- (a) $A = \{(a, b), (c, a), (c, b), (d, b)\}$
- (b) $A = \{(a, c), (b, c), (b, d), (c, d), (d, a)\}$
- (c) $A = \{(a, c), (b, d), (c, b), (d, c)\}$
- (d) $A = \{(a, b), (a, d), (b, d), (c, b)\}$
4. Prove that in any digraph, the sum of the in-degrees of all vertices is equal to the sum of the out-degrees of all vertices.
5. (a) Prove that any digraph with n vertices and more than $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ arcs contains a cycle.
- (b) What is the minimum value of m that makes the following statement true? Any digraph with n vertices and more than m arcs contains a cycle of length at least 2.
6. Consider the digraph $D = (\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}, A)$, where $u \rightarrow v \in A$ if and only if $u < v$ and $u|v$.
- (a) Draw the subgraph induced by the vertex set $\{2, \dots, 12\}$.
- (b) Which vertices of the infinite digraph D have in-degree 0? 1?
- (c) What are the minimum and maximum out-degrees of any vertex in D ?
- (d) Prove that D is acyclic.
7. Consider the digraph (V, A) , where V is the set of all bit strings and $u \rightarrow v \in A$ if and only if $v = u0$ or $v = u1$.
- (a) What are the in-degrees and out-degrees of the vertices?
- (b) Under what circumstances is vertex v reachable from vertex u ?