

**Worth:** 8%**Due:** By 5:59pm on Tuesday 17 November

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1. In this question, we will use a graph algorithm to solve a problem in philosophy.

A *paradox* is a group of statements that lead to a contradiction. For example, the following two statements form a famous paradox:

1. Statement 2 is FALSE.
2. Statement 1 is TRUE.

If we assume Statement 1 is TRUE, then Statement 2 is FALSE, which in turn means Statement 1 is FALSE. But if we assume Statement 1 is FALSE, then Statement 2 is TRUE, which in turn means Statement 1 is TRUE. So Statement 1 is TRUE iff Statement 1 is FALSE, a blatant contradiction.

Now, suppose you are given a group of  $N$  statements, numbered from 1 to  $N$ . Each statement has the form: "Statement  $X$  is TRUE/FALSE," where  $X$  is a number between 1 and  $N$ . Your task is to figure out whether this group of statements forms a paradox. In particular, answer the following questions.

- (a) Describe how to construct a graph to solve this problem. Be precise: state clearly what vertices your graph contains (and what each vertex represents) and what edges your graph contains (and what each edge represents).
  - (b) Give a **necessary and sufficient** condition for the  $N$  statements to form a paradox. Justify your answer.
  - (c) How do you efficiently detect whether your graph from part (a) satisfies your condition described in part (b)? Describe your algorithm in concise (but precise) English.
  - (d) Analyse the worst-case runtime of your algorithm.
2. In this question, you will use a graph algorithm to solve the general form of a well-known brain-teaser.

You are given two **initially empty** buckets  $A$  and  $B$ , with capacities of  $m$  litres and  $n$  litres, respectively. Your goal is to measure exactly  $k$  litres of water using these two buckets. Assume that  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $k$  are positive **integers** and that  $k \leq \max(m, n)$ . You want to achieve this goal by performing a sequence of **moves** until one of the buckets has exactly  $k$  litres of water. Each move can be one of the following:

- Fill a bucket until it's full.
- Empty a bucket.
- Use the water in one bucket to fill the other until one of the buckets is full or empty.

Now, you must devise an algorithm  $\text{BUCKETMEASURE}(m, n, k)$ , which takes  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $k$  as inputs and outputs a sequence of moves that results in one bucket (it does not matter which one) having exactly  $k$  litres of water. The number of moves in the returned sequence must be the **smallest possible** number of moves that are needed to achieve the goal. If it is impossible to measure  $k$  litres of water using the two buckets, the algorithm returns `NIL`.

Answer the following questions.

- (a) How do you construct a graph for solving this problem? Describe the vertices and edges in your graph clearly and precisely.
- (b) How does your algorithm work? Give a detailed description and justify its correctness.
- (c) Analyse the worst-case runtime of your algorithm.