

This problem set is due at the beginning of class on *February 25*. Below, “graph” means “simple finite graph” except where otherwise noted.

1. **(15 points)** Demonstrate the following facts about a directed graph  $D$ .
  - (a) **(5 points)** Prove that  $\sum_{v \in V(D)} d_D^-(v) = \sum_{v \in V(D)} d_D^+(v)$ . Recall that  $d^-$  and  $d^+$  represent the indegree and outdegree respectively.
  - (b) **(10 points)** Prove that a directed Eulerian tour (i.e. a directed closed trail traversing every edge) exists if and only if  $d^-(v) = d^+(v)$  for all  $v \in V(D)$ .
2. **(10 points)** Suppose each edge in a digraph  $D$  with a source  $s$  and sink  $t$  has not only a maximum capacity  $c(e)$  but also a *minimum required flow*  $b(e)$ , so that a flow  $f$  must satisfy  $b(e) \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$ . Assume we know of a legal but not necessarily maximal flow  $f_0$ . Explain how the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm could be modified to produce a maximum flow under these constraints.
3. **(10 points)** Let us consider a problem of *committee assignment* akin to traditional matching problems. Suppose we have individuals  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  and committees  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_\ell$ , such that each individual  $x_i$  has qualifications to serve on some subset  $S_i$  of the committees, and in addition, each committee  $c_j$  can only have at most  $n_j$  members. The goal is to assign as many individuals to committees as possible.
  - (a) **(5 points)** Produce a bipartite graph on  $k + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} n_j$  vertices on which the committee-assignment problem may be solved by finding a maximal matching.
  - (b) **(5 points)** Produce a digraph on  $k + \ell + 2$  vertices on which the committee-assignment problem may be solved by finding a maximal integer flow.
4. **(5 points)** Prove that if  $D$  is a digraph on  $n$  vertices such that no two vertices have the same indegree, then  $D$  is acyclic.
5. **(5 point bonus)** Prove that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the posets on a set of  $n$  elements and the transitive digraphs on  $n$  labeled vertices.

Life is like a sewer. What you get out of it depends on what you put into it.

—Tom Lehrer