Graph Algorithms - Problem Set 1

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1 Algorithm Design by Induction

- 1. Prove by induction that trees are always bipartite.
- 2. Let G = (V, E) be a binary tree. The **distance** between two vertices in G is the length of the path connecting these two vertices (neighbors have distance 1). The diameter of G is the maximal distance over all pairs of vertices. Design a linear-time algorithm to find the diameter of a given tree.
- 3. Let G = (V, E) be a binary tree with n vertices. We want to construct an $n \times n$ matrix whose ijth entry is equal to the distance between v_i and v_j (Since the tree is undirected, the matrix will be symmetric). Design an $O(n^2)$ algorithm to construct such a matrix for a tree that is given in the adjacency-list representation.
- 4. Let G = (V, E) be directed graph. The **celebrity** vertex in G, is a vertex v where for each vertex $w \in V$ ($w \neq v$) we have $(w, v) \in E$ and $(v, w) \notin E$. Design an O(n) time algorithm to find a celebrity vertex in G, or determine that there is no such a vertex in G.