CENG567: Homework #2

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1 Checking Consistency of Judgements

Given the collection of n butterflies and a potential judgement between every pair (or not if the judgement is ambiguous), we have a graph G = (V, E) with n = |V| vertices and $|E| = m \le \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ edges, with every edge $(i, j) \in E$ labelled either "same" or "different". At the end of our algorithm, the vertices should be *consistently* labelled as either A and B or our algorithm should be able to prove that G cannot be labelled as so.

A modified graph traversal using either BFS or DFS (since a node can be discovered multiple times in both of them) will work. Here we will modify the graph traversal given on page 42 on our 3rd lecture slides that uses BFS. The input of the algorithm is a node $s \in E$. If, due to ambiguous (i.e. missing) nodes, the graph is not connected, the algorithm should be run until every connected component is discovered.

Algorithm 1: Modified graph traversal algorithm so solve judge-
ment consistency checking problem
function consistency_check(s: node) Data: $K = \text{data structure of discovered nodes}$ Result: boolean = whether G is consistent or not
label s as A $/*$ the opposite label is B */
put s in K
while K is not empty do
take a node v from K
if v is not marked "explored" then
mark v "explored"
for each edge (v, w) incident to v do
if w is labelled then
if the label of w is not consistent with the label
of v with respect to the judgement (v, w) then
terminate the algorithm; G is inconsistent
end if
else
$\mathbf{if}(v,w)$ is labelled "same" then
label w with the label of v
else /* (v, w) is labelled "different" */
label w with the opposite label of v
end if
end if
put w in K
end for
end if
end while
the spanned connected component is consistent
end

With the assumption that accessing the labels (u, w) takes $\mathcal{O}(1)$ time this algorithm has the same running time as BFS; $\mathcal{O}(m+n)$.

2 Reachability