

9 Algorithms (djw1005)

We are given a directed graph $g = (V, E)$. A vertex $v \in V$ is said to be an *origin* if for any other vertex $w \in V$ there is a directed path from v to w .

- (a) Consider the `dfs_recurse(g, s)` algorithm as described in lecture notes. Show carefully that, once it terminates, if it has visited a vertex v then it has also visited all vertices reachable from v . [4 marks]
- (b) Suppose g has an origin. Give an algorithm that returns an origin, and which has $O(V + E)$ running time. [*Hint*: Consider `dfs_recurse_all(g)`. What happens after it visits an origin?] [5 marks]
- (c) Suppose g has an origin. Prove that the vertex returned by your algorithm in part (b) is indeed an origin. [6 marks]
- (d) Give an algorithm that returns *all* origins, and which has $O(V + E)$ running time. If the graph has no origins, your algorithm should return an empty set. Explain briefly why your algorithm is correct. [5 marks]