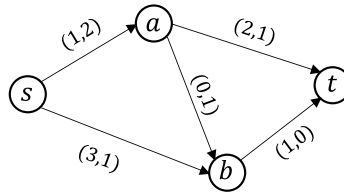


9 Algorithms (djw1005)

Consider a directed graph in which each edge is labelled by a pair of non-negative costs, for example a distance and a travel time.

We say that a path with costs (c_a, c_b) is *Pareto dominated* if there is another path with the same start and end vertices and with costs (c'_a, c'_b) such that $c'_a \leq c_a$ and $c'_b \leq c_b$ and at least one of these inequalities is strict. A path is called *Pareto efficient* if it is not Pareto dominated by any other path. (These concepts are named after the economist Vilfredo Pareto.)



- (a) In the graph shown here, find all Pareto efficient paths from s to t , and state their costs. [1 mark]
- (b) Show that, if $v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$ is a Pareto efficient path from v_0 to v_k , then $v_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{k-1}$ is a Pareto efficient path from v_0 to v_{k-1} . [3 marks]
- (c) Let $v_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$ be a Pareto efficient path from v_0 to v_k , and let its costs be (c_a, c_b) . Show that there is a Pareto efficient path from v_0 to v_k with costs (c_a, c_b) that has $\leq V - 1$ edges, where V is the number of vertices in the graph. [3 marks]
- (d) We are given a start vertex s . Give an algorithm to compute *all* costs achievable by Pareto efficient paths from s to every other vertex. [6 marks]
- (e) Prove that your algorithm is correct. [7 marks]

[Note: The version of this question that appeared in the exam contained an error, which has now been corrected.]