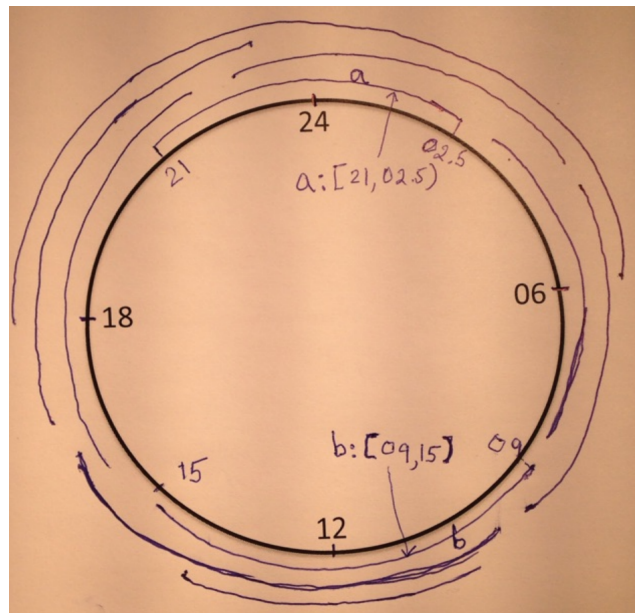


Practice Problems from the text

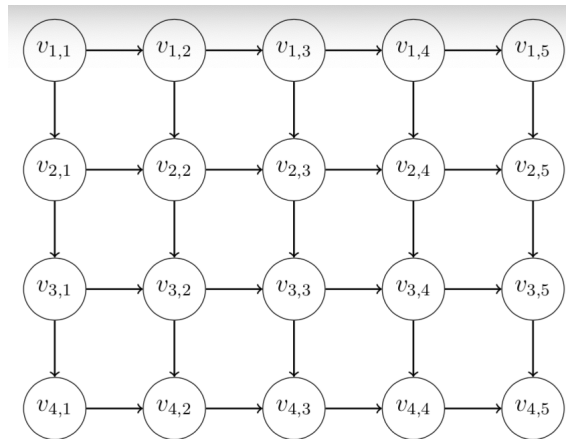
1. **Chapter 4:** 4.7, 4.9, 4.10, 4.13, 4.14, 4.17, 4.20
2. **Chapter 5:** 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.23

Homework problems

1. Consider a set S of activities in a 24 hour day schedule (see the figure) where the i th activity a_i has starting time s_i and finish time f_i . An activity a_j contains an activity a_i if the interval $[s_j, f_j)$ contains the interval $[s_i, f_i)$. An activity a_i is called a proper activity if it does not contain another activity. Two activities a_i and a_j are compatible if $[s_i, f_i)$ and $[s_j, f_j)$ do not overlap. The problem we are solving is to select a maximum size subset (A^*) of mutually compatible activities.



- (a) Show that all the activities of A^* are proper activities.
 - (b) Design an algorithm to determine all the proper activities of S . Let S' denote the set of all proper activities of S .
 - (c) Design a greedy algorithm to select a maximum size subset of mutually compatible activities that contains a proper activity x . Let $A^*(x)$ denote this set.
 - (d) It is possible for two proper intervals a and b realizing $A(a)$ and $A(b)$ such that $|A^*(a)| \neq |A^*(b)|$. (see the figure)
 - (e) Show the size difference of $A^*(a)$ and $A^*(b)$ is at most one.
 - (f) Design an algorithm to compute A^* , given S .
2. We are given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ where the vertices are weighted (could be positive or negative) and the arcs are all weighted (non-negative). The cost of a path (cycle) is the sum of the weights of the edges and the vertices of the path (cycle). We are interested in determining if there is a negative cost cycle in G . Describe an algorithm with a complete analysis to perform such a task.
 3. Consider a grid graph $G = (V, E)$. A 4×5 grid graph is shown below. There is a directed edge from $v_{i,j}$ to $v_{i,j+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$. Similarly there is a directed edge from $v_{i,j}$ to $v_{i+1,j}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$.



We are interested in computing the shortest path distance from $v_{1,1}$ to $v_{n,m}$ where the cost of edge e is c_e , possibly negative. Describe the most efficient algorithm to compute the shortest path. Provide a clear analysis of the algorithm.

4. The following questions are on minimum spanning tree.

- (a) Suppose we have an undirected graph with weights that can be either positive or negative. Do Prim's and Kruskal's algorithm produce a MST for such a graph? Explain.
 - (b) Prove that for any weighted undirected graph such that the weights are distinct (no two edges have the same weight), the minimal spanning tree is unique.
5. We are given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative edge weights. Design an $O(|V| \log |V| + |E| \log |V|)$ algorithm to compute the shortest path from s to t where one of the edge costs in the shortest path is allowed to be ignored.
6. Problem 5.9 of the text.