Assignment #6:
Due July 19 [Firm!!!! (Please note change in date!!!!]
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1. 23.1-2; 23.1-3; 23.1-4
2. 23.2-8
3. 23-4
4. Consider the minimum spanning tree problem on a connected undirected graph. Show that Boruvka algorithm produces a spanning tree if all weights are distinct (equally if they are totally ordered). Give a counter-example to show that if edges have equal weight, we may not get a spanning tree.

5. Let $G = [V,E]$ be a directed graph and $w[e] (= w[u,v]$ if $e = (u,v))$ (not necessarily nonnegative) be weight on edge $e \in E$. Let $K$ be a constant satisfying the condition that $r[e] = w[e] + K > 0 \forall e \in E$

(a) Give an example to show that the shortest path in $G$ from $s$ to all other nodes depends on whether we use the weights $w[e]$ or $r[e]$.

(b) We know that lengths of the shortest path from $s$ satisfy the relations:

$$\delta(s,v) \leq \delta(s,u) + w(u,v) \quad \forall (u,v) \in E$$

Suppose $\{x_v\}; v \in V$ satisfy the relations:

$$x_v \leq x_u + w(u,v) \quad \forall (u,v) \in E$$

Does this imply $x_v = \delta(s,v)$ for all $v \in V$?

(c) Let $r[u,v] = w[u,v] + x_u - x_v$ for $(u,v) \in E$ with the above $\{x_v\}$. Now $r[u,v] \geq 0$ for all $(u,v) \in E$. So we can apply Dijkstra algorithm to the problem with $r$. Are these paths also shortest paths with $w$?

(d) In case (c), do we get to do less work in determining the shortest paths from $s$ to all other nodes?

(e) In case (c), there was no mention of negative cycles in the problem with $w$ — how come?

6. 26.2-9
7. 26-1
8. 26-4