

T₉. Beginning at each possible source and ending at the sink, we find that the maximal paths in the figure are

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- T₁ → T₂ → T₃ → T₄ → T₅ → T₆ → T_{8c} → T₁₀
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- T₁ → T₂ → T₃ → T₄ → T₅ → T₆ → T_{8e} → T₁₀
- T_{7a} → T_{8a} → T₁₀
- T_{7b} → T_{8b} → T₁₀
- T₉ → T₁₀

We compute the weight of each maximal path, as shown in Figure 7.14, and note which path has the largest weight.

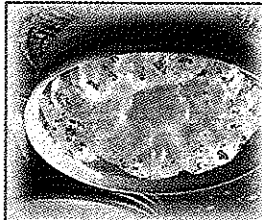
| Maximal Path | Weight of Path |
|---|--------------------------------------|
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| T _{7a} → T _{8a} → T ₁₀ | 10 + 1 + 3 = 14 |
| T _{7b} → T _{8b} → T ₁₀ | 10 + 1 + 3 = 14 |
| T ₉ → T ₁₀ | 5 + 3 = 8 |

The largest weight of a maximal path is 52, so 52 hours is the critical time for the model railroad project. Thus, it will take at least 52 hours to complete the project.

PROBLEM SET 7.1

1. The following recipe will be used to make a potato dish. Divide this project into tasks.

Cheesy Potatoes

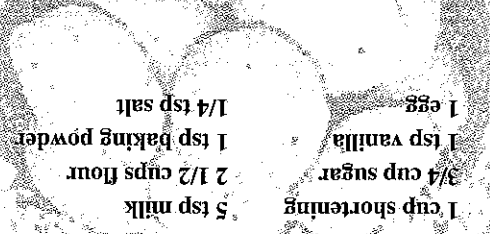


- 3 large potatoes
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 10 1/2 ounce can cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper

Peel and dice potatoes. Add cheese, onion, soup, salt, pepper, and milk. Stir until well mixed. Cook for 1 hour at 375° or until the potatoes can be easily pierced with a fork.

2. The following recipe will be used to make cookies. Divide this project into tasks.

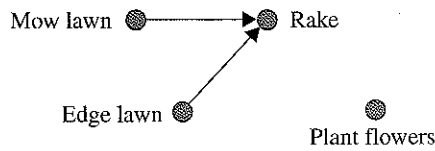
Sugar Cookies



- 1 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 5 tsp milk

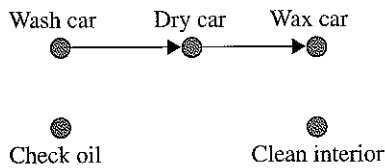
Cream shortening, sugar, and vanilla. Add egg and milk and beat until fluffy. Mix dry ingredients and stir into creamed mixture. Chill for 2 hours. Roll dough to 1/8 inch thickness and cut into shapes. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes.

3. Consider the following digraph.

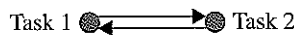


- a. How many vertices are there?
- b. Is this an order-requirement digraph? Explain.
- c. Are there any isolated vertices? Identify them.

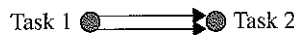
4. Consider the following digraph.



- a. How many vertices are there?
 - b. Is this an order-requirement digraph? Explain.
 - c. Are there any isolated vertices? Identify them.
5. Explain why the following order-requirement digraph does not make sense.



6. Explain what is wrong with the following order-requirement digraph.



7. The tasks for the project of getting ready for bed are wash face, brush teeth, floss teeth, put on pajamas, set alarm, and climb into bed.

- a. Use a digraph to represent the precedence relations for getting ready for bed. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.
- b. How many vertices are there and which vertices, if any, are isolated?

8. The tasks for the project of washing clothes are sort clothes, open the lid of the washer, turn on the washer, add soap, add clothes, and close the lid.

- a. Use a digraph to represent the precedence relations for washing clothes. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.
- b. How many vertices are there and which vertices, if any, are isolated?

9. Construct an order-requirement digraph for the project of planting a tree. The tasks are find a location, dig a hole, insert tree, fill hole, fertilize, and water. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.

10. Construct the order-requirement digraph for the project of leaving for work. The tasks are unlock the car door, open the door, sit in the car, start the car, release the parking brake, put the car in gear, and drive. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.

11. Construct the order-requirement digraph for the project of making a pizza. The tasks are grease pan, roll out the dough, put dough on the pan, add sauce, add cheese, add toppings, turn on the oven, put pizza in oven, bake, and remove from oven. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.

12. Construct an order-requirement digraph for the project of making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. The tasks are remove two slices of bread from the package, open the peanut butter, open the jelly, get a knife from the drawer, spread the peanut butter, spread the jelly, and assemble the sandwich. Be sure to define the labels you use to represent the tasks involved.

13. Consider the tasks and the precedence relations listed in the following table.

| Task | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|---|------|
| Prerequisite Task | D | | A | | | A, G | B, E | G | H, C |

- a. Construct an order-requirement digraph to represent the tasks and precedence relations.
- b. Which vertices appear only at the beginning of an arc?
- c. Which vertices appear only at the end of an arc?
- d. Which vertices, if any, are isolated?

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| Precedence | C, F | A | A, H, B | A, H, B | H, E | | | | |

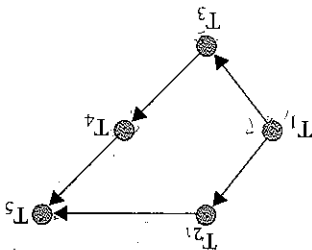
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15. College courses often have prerequisites. Consider the following engineering courses offered at a community college and their prerequisites. Construct an order-requirement digraph that represents the order relationship between the courses.

| Course | Title | Prerequisite |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Engr 201 | Electrical Fundamentals I | |
| Engr 202 | Electrical Fundamentals II | Engr 201 |
| Engr 203 | Electrical Fundamentals III | Engr 202 |
| Engr 211 | Statics | |
| Engr 212 | Dynamics | Engr 211 |
| Engr 213 | Strengths of Materials | Engr 211 |
| Engr 271 | Digital Logic Design | Engr 201 |

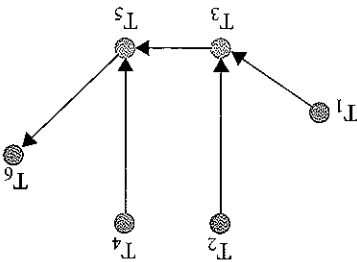
16. College courses often have prerequisites. Consider the following mathematics courses offered at a community college and their prerequisites. Construct an order-requirement digraph that represents the order relationship between the courses.

| Course | Title | Prerequisite |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Math 20 | Basic Mathematics | |
| Math 60 | Introduction to Algebra | Math 20 |
| Math 65 | Elementary Algebra | Math 60 |
| Math 95 | Intermediate Algebra | Math 65 |
| Math 97 | Practical Geometry | Math 95 |
| Math 111 | College Algebra | Math 97 |
| Math 112 | Trigonometry | Math 111 |
| Math 241 | Calculus for Social Sciences | Math 111 |
| Math 243 | Introduction to Statistics | Math 111 |
| Math 245 | Math for Sciences | Math 111 |
| Math 251 | Differential Calculus | Math 112 |

17. List all the paths in the following order-requirement digraph.



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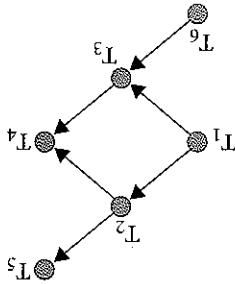
19. For the following paths, construct an order-requirement digraph that contains them and then list all the maximal paths.

$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2, T_2 \rightarrow T_3, T_3 \rightarrow T_4, T_4 \rightarrow T_5 \rightarrow T_6$$

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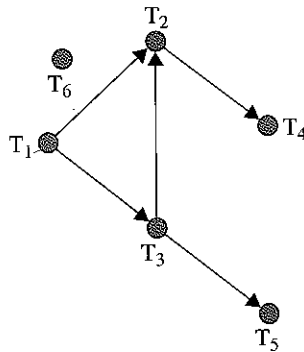
$$T_1 \rightarrow T_2, T_2 \rightarrow T_4, T_6 \rightarrow T_3, T_2 \rightarrow T_3, T_1 \rightarrow T_5 \rightarrow T_6 \rightarrow T_7$$

21. Consider the following order-requirement digraph.



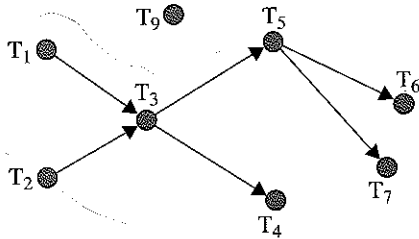
- List all the sinks that are not isolated vertices.
- List all the sources that are not isolated vertices.
- List all the paths.
- Which paths from part (c) are maximal paths?

22. Consider the following order-requirement digraph.



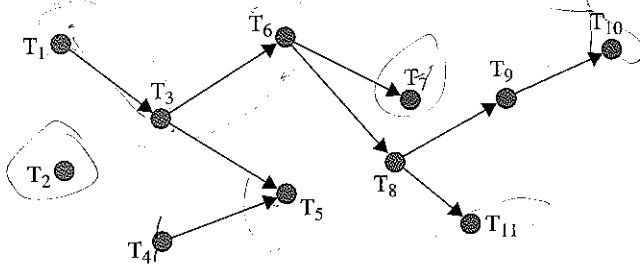
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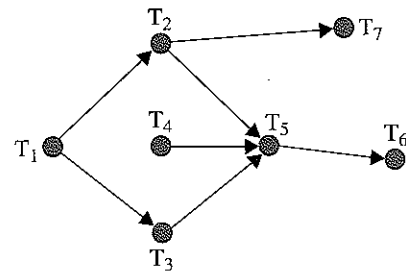
- List all the sinks that are not isolated vertices.
- List all the sources that are not isolated vertices.
- List all the maximal paths.

24. Consider the following order-requirement digraph.



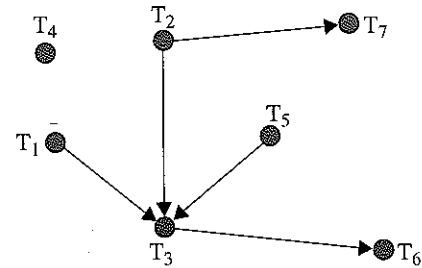
- List all the sinks that are not isolated vertices.
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- List all the maximal paths.

25. Consider the following order-requirement digraph.



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- List all the maximal paths.

26. Consider the following order-requirement digraph.



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- List all the maximal paths.

27. Suppose the tasks involved in making a bed have the following completion times.

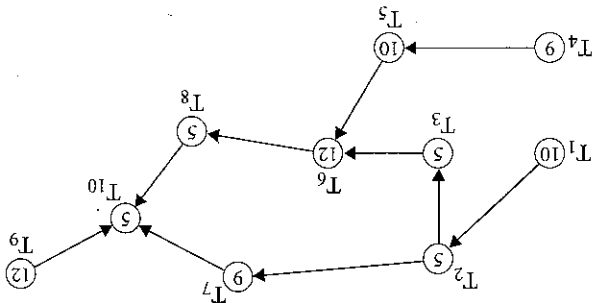
| Task Number | Task | Completion Time |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| T ₁ | Put on fitted bottom sheet | 120 seconds |
| T ₂ | Put on flat top sheet | 120 seconds |
| T ₃ | Put on blanket | 60 seconds |
| T ₄ | Tuck in sheets and blanket | 60 seconds |
| T ₅ | Put on bedspread | 60 seconds |
| T ₆ | Put pillowcases on pillows | 60 seconds |
| T ₇ | Put pillows on bed | 20 seconds |

- Construct a weighted order-requirement digraph to represent making the bed.
- If there is one processor to perform all of the required tasks, what is the shortest possible finishing time?

28. Suppose the tasks involved in making breakfast have the following completion times.

| Task Number | Task | Completion Time |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| T ₁ | Warm up griddle | 5 minutes |
| T ₂ | Mix the pancake batter | 6 minutes |
| T ₃ | Cook pancakes | 10 minutes |
| T ₄ | Warm up skillet | 10 minutes |
| T ₅ | Fry bacon | 4 minutes |
| T ₆ | Set table | 2 minutes |
| T ₇ | Serve food | 1 minute |
| T ₈ | Pour juice | 1 minute |

30. Consider the following weighted order-requirement digraph. All times are in seconds.



a. Find the weight of the path $T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_7 \rightarrow T_9$.
 b. If there is exactly one processor, what is the finishing time?

c. List all maximal paths and their weights.

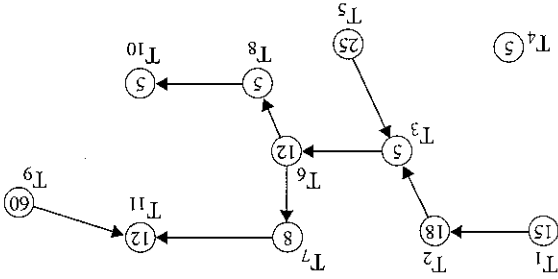
d. Find the critical path for this project.

e. What is the critical time for this project?

31. For the project of making the bed in problem 27, find the critical time.

32. For the project of making breakfast in problem 28, find the critical time.

33. Consider the following weighted order-requirement digraph. All times are in days.



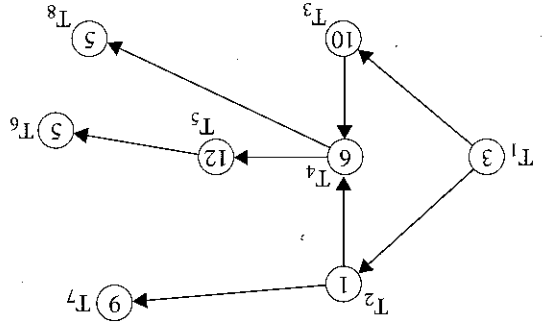
a. List all maximal paths and their weights.

b. Find the finishing time.

c. Find the critical path and the critical time for this project.

d. What is the critical time for this project?

29. Consider the following weighted order-requirement digraph. All times are in hours.



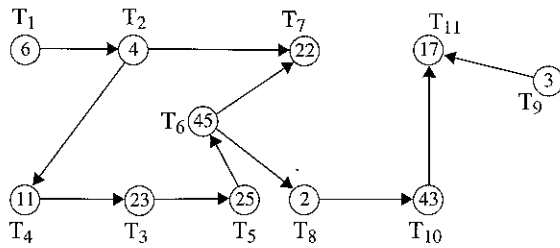
a. Find the weight of the path $T_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow T_8$.
 b. If there is exactly one processor, what is the finishing time?

c. List all maximal paths and their weights.

d. Find the critical path for this project.

e. What is the critical time for this project?

34. Consider the following weighted order-requirement digraph. All times are in minutes.



- List all maximal paths and their weights.
- Find the finishing time.
- Find the critical path and the critical time for this project.

35. A certain project has four tasks and a critical time of 78 minutes. For each of the following conditions, construct a weighted order-requirement digraph to represent the project.

- The critical path is $T_1 \rightarrow T_4$.
- The critical path is $T_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4$.
- The critical path is $T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4$.

36. A certain project has five tasks and a critical time of 58 minutes. For each of the following conditions, construct a weighted order-requirement digraph to represent the project.

- The critical path is $T_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4$.
- The critical path is $T_1 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow T_5$.
- The critical path is $T_2 \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow T_5$.

37. Suppose that one person will take on the project of updating a living room. The associated tasks, precedence relations, and completion times are listed in the following table. Construct a weighted order-requirement digraph, calculate the finishing time, and find the critical time.

| Task | Description | Completion Time in Minutes | Prerequisite Task |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| T ₁ | Remove furniture | 45 | |
| T ₂ | Take down curtains | 10 | |
| T ₃ | Remove curtain rods and hardware | 15 | T ₂ |
| T ₄ | Remove all pictures and nails from walls | 10 | |
| T ₅ | Patch holes | 30 | T ₃ , T ₄ |
| T ₆ | Remove switch plates | 10 | |
| T ₇ | Tape room | 60 | T ₁ , T ₅ , T ₆ |
| T ₈ | Paint ceiling | 70 | T ₇ |
| T ₉ | Paint walls | 180 | T ₈ |
| T ₁₀ | Let ceiling and walls dry | 120 | T ₉ |
| T ₁₁ | Apply second coat to walls | 180 | T ₁₀ |
| T ₁₂ | Let walls dry | 120 | T ₁₁ |
| T ₁₃ | Remove tape | 20 | T ₁₂ |
| T ₁₄ | Install switch plates | 20 | T ₁₂ |
| T ₁₅ | Install new window blinds | 60 | T ₁₃ |
| T ₁₆ | Move in furniture | 45 | T ₁₃ |

the following table. Construct a weighted order-requirement digraph, calculate the finishing time, and find the critical time.

| Task | Description | Completion Time in Hours | Prerequisite Task |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| T ₁ | Clear debris | 2 | |
| T ₂ | Measure yard | 0.5 | T ₁ |
| T ₃ | Mark post locations | 1 | T ₂ |
| T ₄ | Make a list of needed supplies | 0.5 | T ₂ |
| T ₅ | Buy supplies | 2 | T ₄ |
| T ₆ | Dig post holes | 3 | T ₃ , T ₁ |
| T ₇ | Mix concrete | 0.5 | T ₆ , T ₅ |
| T ₈ | Set posts | 2 | T ₇ |
| T ₉ | Let concrete dry | 24 | T ₈ |
| T ₁₀ | Attach brackets to posts | 0.75 | T ₉ |
| T ₁₁ | Attach 2-by-4s between posts | 3 | T ₁₀ |
| T ₁₂ | Nail up boards | 6 | T ₁₁ |
| T ₁₃ | Stain fence | 24 | T ₁₂ , T ₁₅ |
| T ₁₄ | Construct gate | 2 | T ₅ |
| T ₁₅ | Install gate | 1 | T ₁₄ |

Extended Problems

38. Suppose that one person will take on the project of constructing a fence. The associated tasks, precedence relations, and completion times are listed in

39. When did the idea of using systematic project management tools, such as digraphs, first originate? For what purpose was it first used? Research the origins of scheduling and critical paths. For information on the Internet, search keywords "origins of project management." Summarize your findings in a report.

40. Decisions about care provided to patients at UCLA School of Medicine have been based on critical-path methods. The academic institution had to make cost-cutting changes to compete with other hospitals. For one procedure called a "radical prostatectomy," they devised "critical-care pathways" to efficiently and effectively schedule medicines, patient education, treatment, nutrition, and activity. The results of implementing critical-care pathways were dramatic. Read about how scheduling methods were applied at the UCLA School of Medicine in *Oncology News International*, Vol. 5, No. 5 (May 1996). Summarize your findings in a report.

41. President John F. Kennedy spoke these words to Congress on May 25, 1961, as a challenge to get Americans to the moon within 10 years.

I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of

42. Think of a project you completed recently. For example, you may have cleaned a room, prepared a meal, built a doghouse, landscaped a yard, or repaired a car. For a project of your choice, create the task list and assign reasonable completion times for each task. Construct a weighted digraph for the project, and find the critical path and critical time. What is the finishing time if you are the lone processor?

After only a little more than eight years, on July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed on the moon. The planning, coordinating, construction, and management efforts required to complete such an amazing project in such a short time were accomplished, in part, because of the use of critical paths. Research the Apollo Project to find out how critical paths helped land men on the moon. Summarize your findings in a report.

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