

# Practice Problems: Gomory-Hu Tree

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1. (★) Design an iterative algorithm to compute a Gomory-Hu tree of a connected undirected weighted graph by computing  $n - 1$  many  $s - t$  minimum cut computations. Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm. Prove its correctness.
2. (★) Design a recursive algorithm to compute a Gomory-Hu tree of a connected undirected weighted graph by computing  $n - 1$  many  $s - t$  minimum cut computations. Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm. Prove its correctness.
3. Prove or disprove: Every connected, undirected, unweighted graph has a unique Gomory-Hu tree.
4. Prove or disprove: if a connected, undirected, weighted graph  $\mathcal{G}$  has a unique min  $s - t$  cut for every pair of vertices  $s$  and  $t$ , then  $\mathcal{G}$  has a unique Gomory-Hu tree.
5. Prove or disprove: There exists an algorithm that, given an unweighted graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , its Gomory-Hu tree  $\mathcal{T}$ , and an edge  $e$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ , outputs a Gomory-Hu tree of  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$  in  $o(n)$  time.
6. Prove or disprove: There exist a connected, undirected, unweighted graph on  $n$  vertices that has  $2^{\Theta(n)}$  distinct Gomory-Hu trees.