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Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 04 — Minimum-Weight Spanning Trees (Chapter 23)

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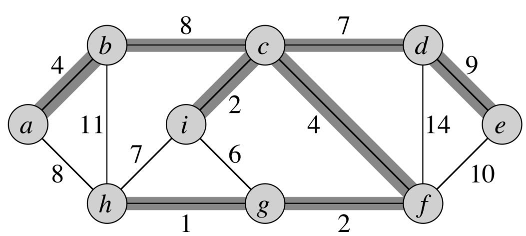
Introduction

- Given a connected, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, a **spanning tree** is an acyclic subset $T \subseteq E$ that connects all vertices in V
  - T acyclic $\Rightarrow$ a tree
  - T connects all vertices $\Rightarrow$ **spans** G
- If G is weighted, then T's weight is $w(T) = \sum_{(u,v)\in T} w(u, v)$
- A **minimum weight spanning tree** (or **minimum spanning tree**, or MST) is a spanning tree of minimum weight
  - Not necessarily unique
- Applications: anything where one needs to connect all nodes with minimum cost, e.g. wires on a circuit board or fiber cable in a network

MST Example



Kruskal's Algorithm

- Greedy algorithm: Make the locally best choice at each step
- Starts by declaring each vertex to be its own tree (so all nodes together make a forest)
- Iteratively identify the minimum-weight edge (u, v) that connects two distinct trees, and add it to the MST T, merging u's tree with v's tree

MST-Kruskal(G, w)

```
A = ∅
for each vertex v ∈ V do
    Make-Set(v)
end
sort edges in E into nondecreasing order by weight w
for each edge (u, v) ∈ E, taken in nondecreasing order do
    if Find-Set(u) ≠ Find-Set(v) then
        A = A ∪ {(u, v)}
        Union(u, v)

end
return A
```

More on Kruskal's Algorithm

- Find-Set(u) returns a representative element from the set (tree) that contains u
- Union(u, v) combines u's tree to v's tree
- These functions are based on the **disjoint-set data structure**
- More on this later

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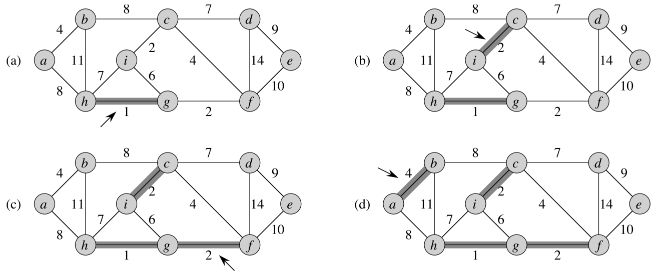

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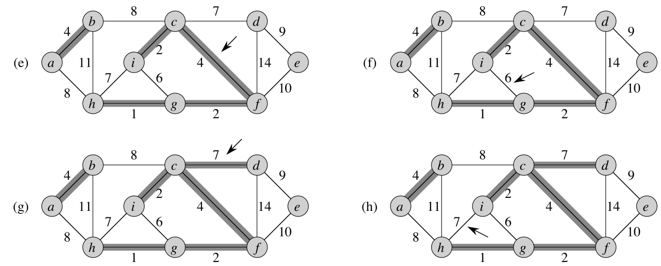

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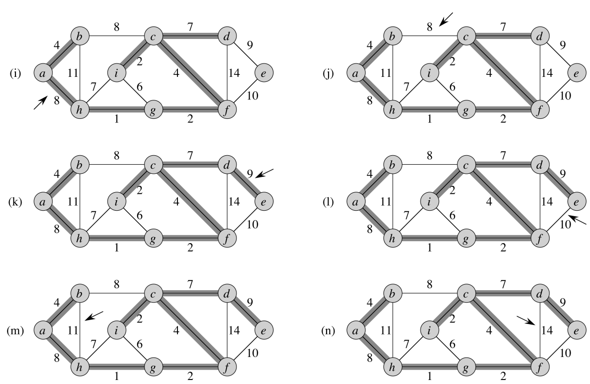

Disjoint-Set Data Structure

- Given a **universe** $U = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ of elements (e.g. the vertices in a graph G), a DSDS maintains a collection $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, \ldots, S_k\}$ of disjoint sets of elements such that
  - Each element x_i is in exactly one set S_j
  - No set S_j is empty
- Membership in sets is dynamic (changes as program progresses)
- Each set $S \in \mathcal{S}$ has a **representative element** $x \in S$
- Chapter 21

Disjoint-Set Data Structure (2)

- DSDS implementations support the following functions:
  - MAKE-SET(x) takes element x and creates new set $\{x\}$; returns pointer to x as set's representative
  - UNION(x, y) takes x's set (S_x) and y's set (S_y, assumed disjoint from S_x), merges them, destroys S_x and S_y, and returns representative for new set from $S_x \cup S_y$
  - FIND-SET(x) returns a pointer to the representative of the unique set that contains x
- Section 21.3: can perform d D-S operations on e elements in time $O(d\,\alpha(e))$, where $\alpha(e) = o(\lg^* e) = o(\log e)$ is *very* slowly growing:

$$\alpha(e) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \le e \le 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } e = 3 \\ 2 & \text{if } 4 \le e \le 7 \\ 3 & \text{if } 8 \le e \le 2047 \\ 4 & \text{if } 2048 \le e \le 16^{512} \end{cases}$$

Analysis of Kruskal's Algorithm

- Sorting edges takes time $O(|E| \log |E|)$
- Number of disjoint-set operations is $O(|V| + |E|)$ on $O(|V|)$ elements, which can be done in time $O((|V| + |E|)\,\alpha(|V|)) = O(|E|\,\alpha(|V|))$ since $|E| \ge |V| - 1$
- Since $\alpha(|V|) = o(\log |V|) = O(\log |E|)$, we get total time of $O(|E| \log |E|) = O(|E| \log |V|)$ since $\log |E| = O(\log |V|)$

Prim's Algorithm

- Greedy algorithm, like Kruskal's
- In contrast to Kruskal's, Prim's algorithm maintains a single tree rather than a forest
- Starts with an arbitrary tree root r
- Repeatedly finds a minimum-weight edge that is incident to a node not yet in tree

MST-Prim(G, w, r)

```
A = ∅
for each vertex v ∈ V do
    key[v] = ∞
    π[v] = NIL
end
key[r] = 0
Q = V
while Q ≠ ∅ do
    u = EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
    for each v ∈ Adj[u] do
        if v ∈ Q and w(u, v) < key[v] then
            π[v] = u
            key[v] = w(u, v)

    end
end
```

More on Prim's Algorithm

- $key[v]$ is the weight of the minimum weight edge from v to any node already in MST
- EXTRACT-MIN uses a **minimum heap** (minimum priority queue) data structure
  - Binary tree where the key at each node is $\leq$ keys of its children
  - Thus minimum value always at top
  - Any subtree is also a heap
  - Height of tree is $\lfloor \lg n \rfloor$
  - Can build heap on n elements in $O(n)$ time
  - After returning the minimum, can filter new minimum to top in time $O(\log n)$
  - Based on Chapter 6

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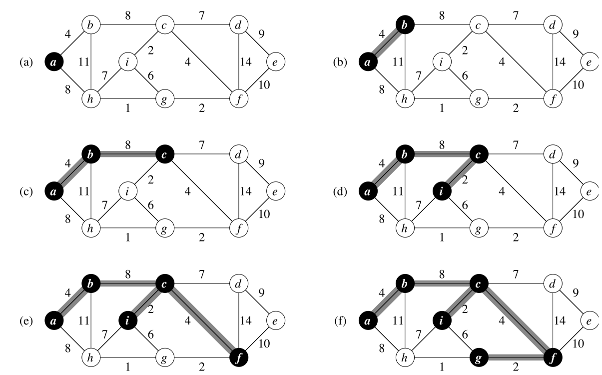

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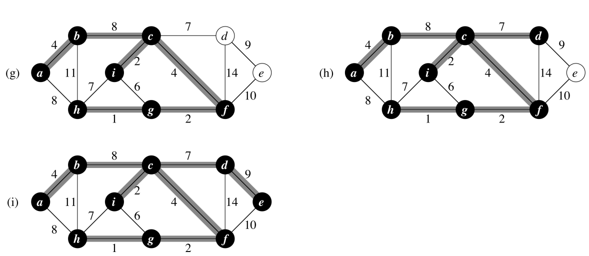

Analysis of Prim's Algorithm

- **Invariant:** Prior to each iteration of the while loop:
  1. Nodes already in MST are exactly those in $V \setminus Q$
  2. For all vertices $v \in Q$, if $\pi[v] \neq \text{NIL}$, then $key[v] < \infty$ and $key[v]$ is the weight of the lightest edge that connects v to a node already in the tree
- Time complexity:
  - Building heap takes time $O(|V|)$
  - Make $|V|$ calls to EXTRACT-MIN, each taking time $O(\log |V|)$
  - For loop iterates $O(|E|)$ times
    - In for loop, need constant time to check for queue membership and $O(\log |V|)$ time for decreasing v's key and updating heap
  - Yields total time of $O(|V| \log |V| + |E| \log |V|) = O(|E| \log |V|)$
  - Can decrease total time to $O(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$ using Fibonacci heaps