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Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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

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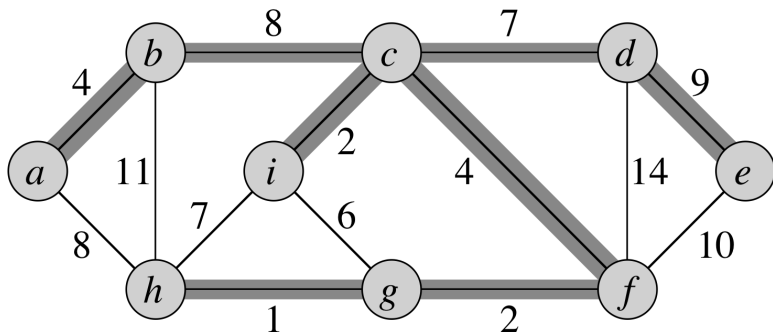
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Introduction

- ▶ 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

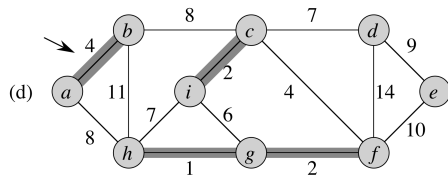
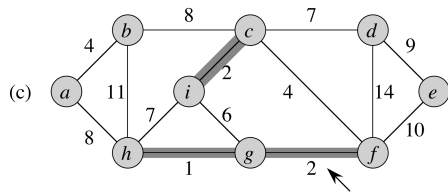
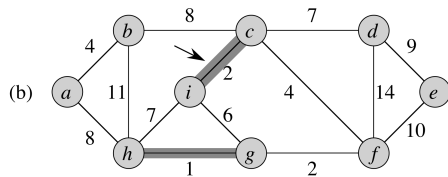
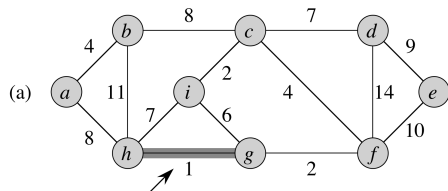
MST-Kruskal(G, w)

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1  $A = \emptyset$ 
2 for each vertex  $v \in V$  do
3   | MAKE-SET( $v$ )
4 end
5 sort edges in  $E$  into nondecreasing order by weight  $w$ 
6 for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ , taken in nondecreasing order
7   | do
8     | if FIND-SET( $u$ )  $\neq$  FIND-SET( $v$ ) then
9       |   |  $A = A \cup \{(u, v)\}$ 
10      |   | UNION( $u, v$ )
11   | end
12 return  $A$ 
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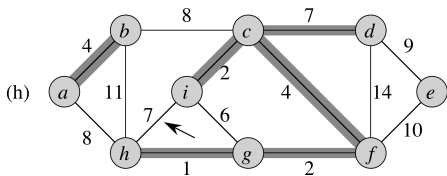
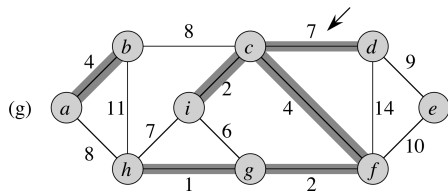
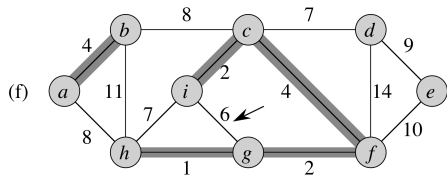
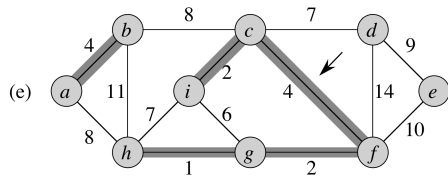
More on Kruskal's Algorithm

- ▶ $\text{FIND-SET}(u)$ returns a representative element from the set (tree) that contains u
- ▶ $\text{UNION}(u, v)$ combines u 's tree to v 's tree
- ▶ These functions are based on the **disjoint-set data structure**
- ▶ More on this later

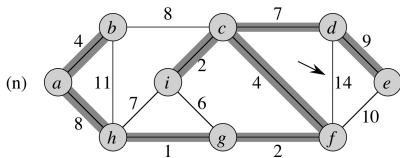
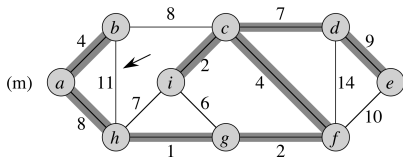
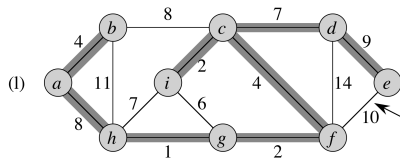
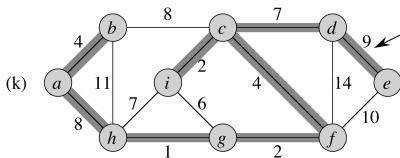
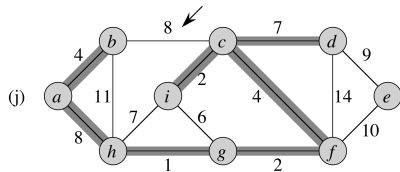
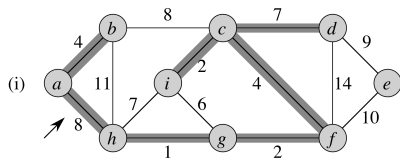
Example (1)



Example (2)



Example (3)



Disjoint-Set Data Structure

- ▶ Given a **universe** $U = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of elements (e.g. the vertices in a graph G), a DSDS maintains a collection $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, \dots, S_k\}$ 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:

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

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 $|E| \geq |V| - 1$
- ▶ 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

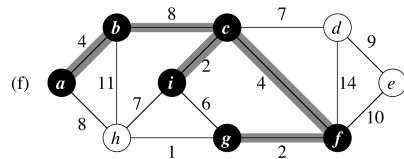
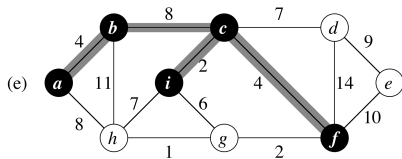
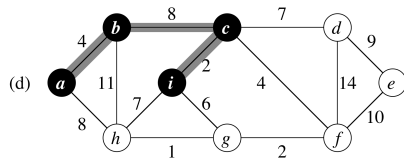
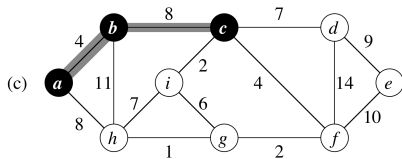
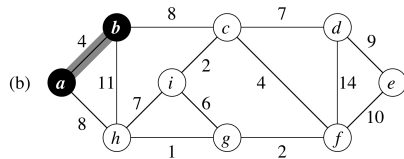
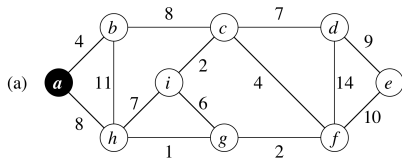
MST-Prim(G, w, r)

```
1  $A = \emptyset$ 
2 for each vertex  $v \in V$  do
3    $key[v] = \infty$ 
4    $\pi[v] = \text{NIL}$ 
5 end
6  $key[r] = 0$ 
7  $Q = V$ 
8 while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do
9    $u = \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$ 
10  for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$  do
11    if  $v \in Q$  and  $w(u, v) < key[v]$  then
12       $\pi[v] = u$ 
13       $key[v] = w(u, v)$ 
14    end
15  end
16 end
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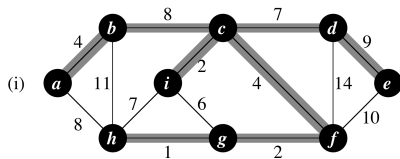
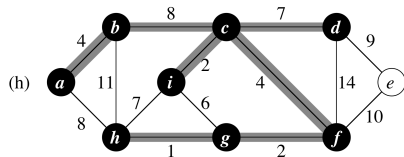
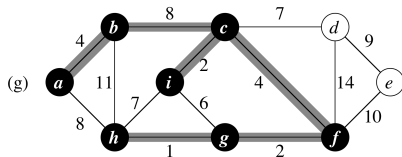
More on Prim's Algorithm

- ▶ $key[v]$ 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

Example (1)



Example (2)



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 $\text{key}[v] < \infty$ and $\text{key}[v]$ 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