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- Midterm 2 Thurs 11-17
 - mid2 review Problems Posted.
Will Post solns. tonight.
 - hw6 due tonight
 - Supplemental lecture: Greedy.

Minimum weight Spanning trees (MWST)

Definitions

- Graph $G = (V, E)$
- connected
- cycle , , ,
- acyclic

• tree : connected & acyclic.

• Trees theorem

• A subgraph T of G is called a spanning tree iff

(1) T is a tree, and

(2) $V(T) = V(G)$

• weighted graph $G = (V, E, w)$

$$w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

• weight of a subgraph H

$$w(H) = \sum_{e \in E(H)} w(e)$$

- min weight sp. tree in G is a sp. tree T such that

$$w(T) \leq w(S)$$

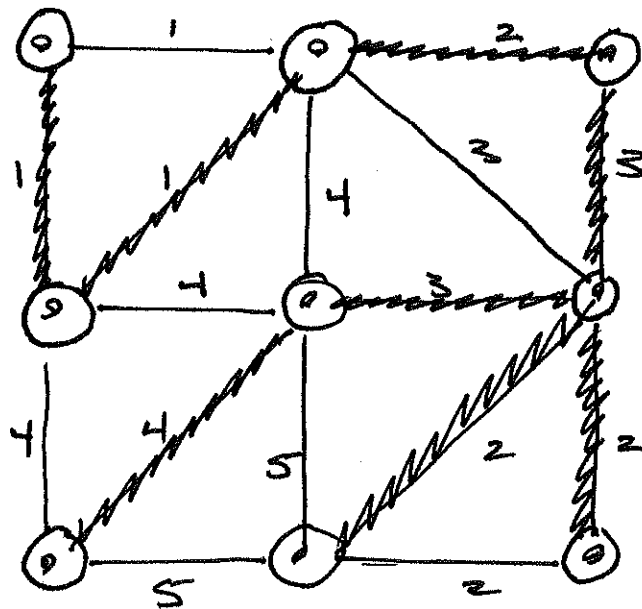
for all sp. trees S in G .

Prim's Algorithm

- choose an init. vertex (which is a tree.)
- amongst all edges incident with the current tree T whose addition to T would not create a cycle, choose one of minimum weight.
- add that edge to T

— repeat and stop after $n-1$ edges were selected.

Ex.



$$W(T) = 18$$

Then
when Prim is complete, T
is a mwt in G .

Kruskal's Algorithm

- choose an edge of min weight
- Amongst all edges which do not create a cycle with previously selected edges ^F, choose one of min weight
- add that edge to F
- stop when $n-1$ edges have been selected.

Then when complete $T = (V(G), F)$ is a mwt in G .

Proof:

let T be the SP. tree in G produced by Kruskal, and let S be any other SP. tree. we must show

$$w(T) \leq w(S).$$

Let $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-1}\} = E(T)$ be the edges of T in the order selected by Kruskal.

since $S \neq T$, there is a first edge e_k which is not in S .

i.e.

- $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}\} \subseteq E(S)$
- $e_k \notin E(S)$

Let H be the subgraph

$$H = S + e_k$$

By the tree-ness theorem, H contains a unique cycle, which includes e_k , call it C . Note C must contain an edge e of S which is not in T , for otherwise C is contained in T .

Now remove e from H
to get a subgraph R .

$$R = H - e = S + e_k - e$$

R is connected since e is
a cycle edge. R has $n-1$
edges, $\therefore R$ is a sp. tree.

Kruskal's algorithm guarantees
that

$$w(e_k) \leq w(e).$$

Pf: e does not form a cycle with
 $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k-1}\}$ since $\{e_1, \dots, e_{k-1}, e\}$
 $\subseteq E(S)$. Thus if $w(e) < w(e_k)$

Kruskal would have chosen e instead of e_k on k^{th} iteration. 

$\therefore R$ is a SP. tree of G with one more edge in common with T than S . Also

$$w(R) \leq w(S).$$

If $R = T$ we are done, otherwise perform the same construction with R in place of S , to get R_2 having yet another edge in common with T , and $w(R_2) \leq w(R)$.

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$\Rightarrow w(T) \leq w(S)$, as required.



16.3 Huffman Codes

16.4 Matroids

16.5 Scheduling unit-time tasks.

Lower Bounds & Comp. Complexity

Consider P a problem, and
all of its instances. we have
 $\geq$ goals

- (1) find an algorithm that solves
 P , and find an asymptotic
upper bound on its runtime.
 $O(f(n))$. we try to minimize
 $f(n)$ as far as possible.

(2) Prove that any algorithm solving P must run in time $\Omega(g(n))$. we try to increase $g(n)$ as much as possible.

we're happy when

$$f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$$