

#37: Minimum Spanning Trees (MST)

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Graph Traversal - BFS

Big Ideas: Utility of a BFS Traversal

Obs. 1: Traversals can be used to count components.

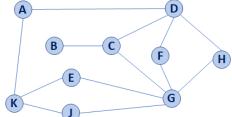
Obs. 2: Traversals can be used to detect cycles.

Obs. 3: In BFS, **d** provides the shortest distance to every vertex.

Obs. 4: In BFS, the endpoints of a cross edge never differ in distance, d, by more than 1: $|\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{v})| = \mathbf{1}$

DFS Graph Traversal

Idea: Traverse deep into the graph quickly, visiting more distant nodes before neighbors.

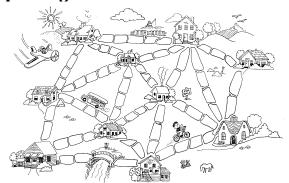


Two types of edges:

22 23 24 25 26 27

Modifying BFS to create DFS BFS(G): Input: Graph, G 2 3 Output: A labeling of the edges on 4 G as discovery and cross edges 5 6 foreach (Vertex v : G.vertices()): 7 setLabel(v, UNEXPLORED) foreach (Edge e : G.edges()): 9 setLabel(e, UNEXPLORED) 10 foreach (Vertex v : G.vertices()): 11 if getLabel(v) == UNEXPLORED: 12 BFS(G, v) 13 BFS(G, v): 14 15 Queue q 16 setLabel(v, VISITED) 17 q.enqueue(v) 18 19 while !q.empty(): v = q.dequeue() 20 21 foreach (Vertex w : G.adjacent(v)): if getLabel(w) == UNEXPLORED: setLabel(v, w, DISCOVERY) setLabel(w, VISITED) q.enqueue(w) elseif getLabel(v, w) == UNEXPLORED: setLabel(v, w, CROSS)

Minimum Spanning Tree



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A **Spanning Tree** on a connected graph **G** is a subgraph, **G**', such that:

- 1. Every vertex is G is in G' and
- 2. G' is connected with the minimum number of edges

This construction will always create a new graph that is a _____ (connected, acyclic graph) that spans G.

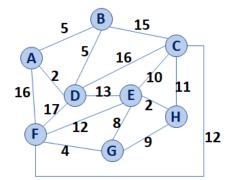
A **Minimum Spanning Tree** is a spanning tree with the **minimal total edge weights** among all spanning trees.

- Every edge must have a weight
 - o The weights are unconstrained, except they must be additive (eg: can be negative, can be non-integers)
- Output of a MST algorithm produces G':
 - o G' is a spanning graph of G
 - o G' is a tree

G' has a minimal total weight among all spanning trees. There may be multiple minimum spanning trees, but they will have the same total weight.

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Pseudocode for Kruskal's MST Algorithm
   KruskalMST(G):
     DisjointSets forest
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     foreach (Vertex v : G):
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       forest.makeSet(v)
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     PriorityQueue Q
                         // min edge weight
7
     foreach (Edge e : G):
8
        Q.insert(e)
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     Graph T = (V, \{\})
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     while |T.edges()| < n-1:
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       Vertex (u, v) = Q.removeMin()
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        if forest.find(u) == forest.find(v):
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           T.addEdge(u, v)
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           forest.union( forest.find(u),
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                         forest.find(v) )
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     return T
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Kruskal's Algorithm



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(E, H)

(F, G) (A, B)

(B, D)

(G, E) (G, H)

(E, C)

(C, H) (E, F)

(F, C)

(1, 0)

(D, E)

(B, C) (C, D)

(A, F)

(D, F)

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

- **1. Programming Exam C is different than usual schedule:** Exam: Sunday, Dec 2 Tuesday, Dec 4
- **2. MP7 Released Slightly different structure:** Hard Deadline on Monday, Dec. 3 for Part 1
- 3. lab ml this week in lab
- **4.** Daily POTDs are ongoing for +1 point /problem