CS 225

#37: MSTs: Kruskal + Prim's Algorithm

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Kruskal's Algorithm

Pseudocode for Kruskal's MST Algorithm

```
1  KruskalMST(G):
2    DisjointSets forest
3    foreach (Vertex v : G):
4      forest.makeSet(v)
5
6    PriorityQueue Q    // min edge weight
7    foreach (Edge e : G):
8      Q.insert(e)
9
10   Graph T = (V, {})
11
12   while |T.edges()| < n-1:
13     Vertex (u, v) = Q.removeMin()
14     if forest.find(u) != forest.find(v):
15        T.addEdge(u, v)
16        forest.union( forest.find(u),
17                      forest.find(v) )
18
19   return T
```

Kruskal's Running Time Analysis

We have multiple choices on which underlying data structure to use to build the Priority Queue used in Kruskal's Algorithm:

Priority Queue Implementations:	Heap	Sorted Array
Building :6-8		
Each removeMin :13		

Based on our algorithm choice:

Priority Queue Implementation:	Total Running Time
Heap	
Sorted Array	

Reflections

Why would we prefer a Heap?

Why would be prefer a Sorted Array?

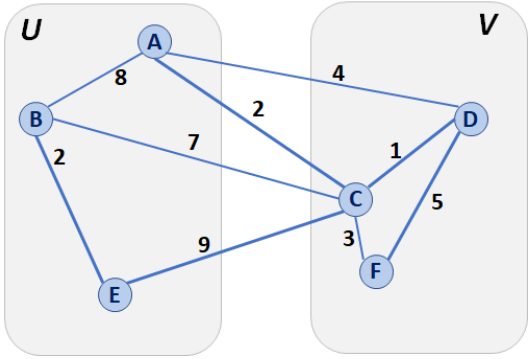
Partition Property

Consider an arbitrary partition of the vertices on **G** into two subsets **U** and **V**.

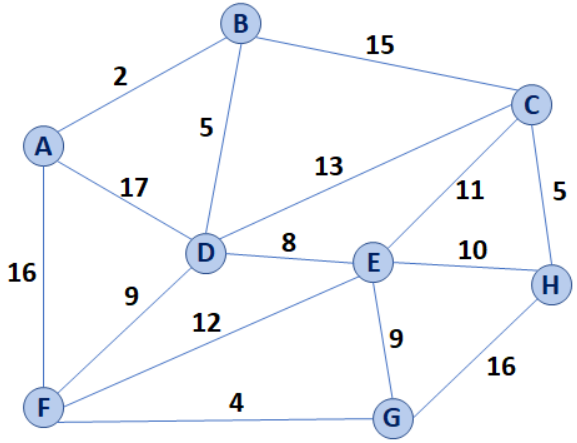
Let **e** be an edge of minimum weight across the partition.

Then **e** is part of some minimum spanning tree.

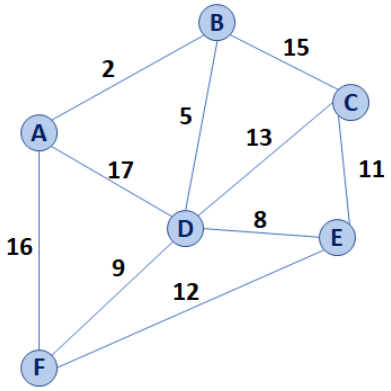
Proof in CS 374!



Partition Property Algorithm



Prim's Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithm



Pseudocode for Prim's MST Algorithm

```
1   PrimMST(G, s):
2     Input: G, Graph;
3            s, vertex in G, starting vertex of algorithm
4     Output: T, a minimum spanning tree (MST) of G
5
6     foreach (Vertex v : G):
7       d[v] = +inf
8       p[v] = NULL
9     d[s] = 0
10
11    PriorityQueue Q   // min distance, defined by d[v]
12    Q.buildHeap(G.vertices())
13    Graph T           // "labeled set"
14
15    repeat n times:
16      Vertex m = Q.removeMin()
17      T.add(m)
18      foreach (Vertex v : neighbors of m not in T):
19        if cost(v, m) < d[v]:
20          d[v] = cost(v, m)
21          p[v] = m
22
23    return T
```

	Adj. Matrix	Adj. List
Heap		
Unsorted Array		

Running Time of MST Algorithms

Kruskal's Algorithm:

Prim's Algorithm:

Q: What must be true about the connectivity of a graph when running an MST algorithm?

...what does this imply about the relationship between **n** and **m**?

Kruskal's MST	Prim's MST

Q: Suppose we built a new heap that optimized the decrease-key operation, where decreasing the value of a key in a heap updates the heap in amortized constant time, or O(1)*. How does that change Prim's Algorithm runtime?

Final big-O Running Times of classical MST algorithms:

Kruskal's MST	Prim's MST

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

1. lab_ml due today!
2. Work with your mentor to schedule mid-project check-in meetings
3. Daily POTDs are ongoing for +1 point