
CS 374 LAB 20: SPANNING TREES

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Problem 1. [Category: Proof] Suppose we are given both an undirected graph G with weighted edges and a minimum spanning tree T of G . In all cases, the input to your algorithm is the edge e and its new weight; your algorithms should modify T so that it is still a minimum spanning tree. Of course, we could just recompute the minimum spanning tree from scratch in $O(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$ time, but you can do better.

1. Describe an efficient algorithm to update the minimum spanning tree when the weight of one edge $e \in T$ is decreased.
2. Describe an efficient algorithm to update the minimum spanning tree when the weight of one edge $e \notin T$ is increased.
3. Describe an efficient algorithm to update the minimum spanning tree when the weight of one edge $e \in T$ is increased.
4. Describe an efficient algorithm to update the minimum spanning tree when the weight of one edge $e \notin T$ is decreased.

Problem 2. [Category: Design] Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph where each edge has a weight from the set $\{1, 10, 25\}$. Describe a *linear-time* algorithm to find an MST of G .