

Objectives

- Wrap Up Minimum Spanning Tree
- Union-Find data structure
- Clustering

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Let's Talk About Algorithms

- Challenge
- Rules
- Wiki purpose
- Suggestions
- Honor Code

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Review

- When we have a problem about shortest path, what algorithm should we think about applying?
- BFS or Dijkstra's
 - Difference: Dijkstra's when edges have positive (and different) weights

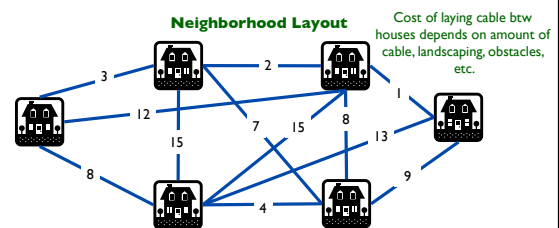
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Review: Laying Cable

- Comcast wants to lay cable in a neighborhood
 - Reach all houses
 - Least cost



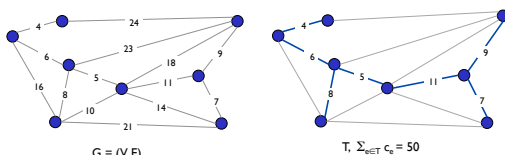
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Review: Minimum Spanning Tree

- Spanning tree: spans all nodes in graph
- Given a connected graph $G = (V, E)$ with positive edge weights c_e , an **MST** is a subset of the edges $T \subseteq E$ such that T is a **spanning tree** whose **sum of edge weights** is **minimized**



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What were the three algorithms we proposed?

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Review: Greedy Algorithms

All three algorithms produce a MST

- **Prim's algorithm.** Start with some root node s and greedily grow a tree T from s outward. At each step, add the cheapest edge e to T that has exactly one endpoint in T .
 - Similar to Dijkstra's (but simpler)
- **Kruskal's algorithm.** Start with $T = \emptyset$. Consider edges in ascending order of cost. Insert edge e in T unless doing so would create a cycle.
- **Reverse-Delete algorithm.** Start with $T = E$. Consider edges in descending order of cost. Delete edge e from T unless doing so would disconnect T .

What do these algorithms have/do/check in common?

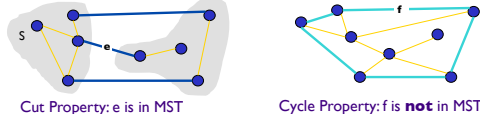
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Review: Important Properties

- Simplifying assumption:** All edge costs c_e are distinct
→ MST is unique
- Cut property.** Let S be any subset of nodes, and let e be the min cost edge with exactly one endpoint in S . Then MST contains e .
- Cycle property.** Let C be any cycle, and let f be the max cost edge belonging to C . Then MST does *not* contain f .



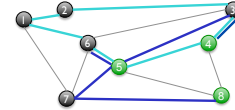
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We want to prove these properties

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Review: Cycle-Cut Intersection

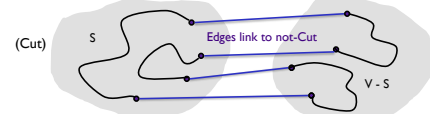
- Claim.** A **cycle** and a **cutset** intersect in an **even number of edges**



Cycle $C = 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-1$
 Cut $S = \{4, 5, 8\}$
 Cutset $D = 3-4, 3-5, 5-6, 5-7, 7-8$
 Intersection = $3-4, 5-6$

1. Cycle all in S
2. Cycle not in S
3. Cycle has to go from $S \rightarrow V-S$ and back

- Proof sketch**



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Proving Cut Property: OK to Include Edge

- Simplifying assumption.** All edge costs c_e are distinct.
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- Pf.?**

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 - Suppose there is an MST T^* that does not contain e
 - What do we know about T , by defn?
 - What do we know about the nodes e connects?

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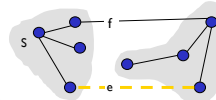
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 - Adding e to T^* creates a cycle C in T^*
 - Edge e is in cycle C and in cutset corresponding to S
 - ⇒ there exists another edge, say f , that is in both C and S 's cutset

Which means?



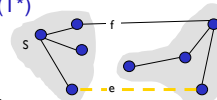
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Proving Cycle Property: OK to Remove Edge

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Ideas about approach?

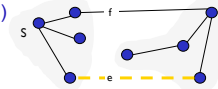
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Cycle Property: OK to Remove Edge

- **Cycle property.** Let C be any cycle in G , and let f be the **max cost edge** belonging to C . Then the MST T^* does not contain f .
- **Pf. (exchange argument)**
 - Suppose f belongs to T^*
 - Deleting f from T^* creates a cut S in T^*
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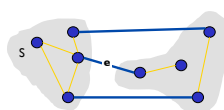
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Summary of What Just Proved

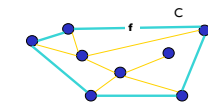
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Cycle Property: f is **not** in MST

Prim's Algorithm

[Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959]

- Start with some root node s and greedily grow a tree T from s outward.
- At each step, add the cheapest edge e to T that has exactly one endpoint in T .

How can we prove its correctness?

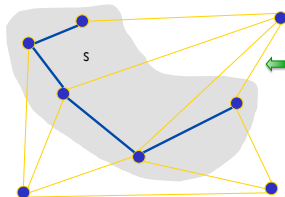
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Prim's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

- Initialize S to be any node
- Apply cut property to S
 - Add min cost edge (v, u) in **cutset** corresponding to S , and add one new explored node u to S



Ideas about implementation?

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Implementation: Prim's Algorithm

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm

- Maintain set of explored nodes S
- For each unexplored node v , maintain attachment cost $a[v]$ → cost of cheapest edge v to a node in S

Running Time?

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foreach (v ∈ V) a[v] = ∞
Initialize an empty priority queue Q
foreach (v ∈ V) insert v onto Q
Initialize set of explored nodes S = ∅
while (Q is not empty)
    u = delete min element from Q
    S = S ∪ {u}
    foreach (edge e = (u, v) incident to u)
        if ((v ∉ S) and (c_e < a[v]))
            decrease priority a[v] to c_e
    
```

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$O(m \log n)$ with a heap

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foreach ( $v \in V$ )  $a[v] = \infty$   $O(n)$ 
Initialize an empty priority queue  $Q$ 
foreach ( $v \in V$ ) insert  $v$  onto  $Q$   $O(n \log n)$ 
Initialize set of explored nodes  $S = \emptyset$ 
while ( $Q$  is not empty)  $O(n)$ 
     $u =$  delete min element from  $Q$   $O(\log n)$ 
     $S = S \cup \{u\}$ 
    foreach (edge  $e = (u, v)$  incident to  $u$ )  $O(\deg(u))$ 
        if ( $(v \notin S)$  and  $(c_e < a[v])$ )
            decrease priority  $a[v]$  to  $c_e$   $O(\log n)$ 
  
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Kruskal's Algorithm [1956]

- Start with $T = \emptyset$
- Consider edges in *ascending order of cost*
- Insert edge e in T *unless doing so would create a cycle*
 - Add edge as long as "compatible"

How can we prove algorithm's correctness?

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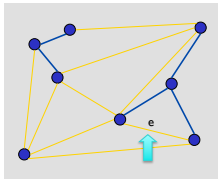
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Kruskal's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

What is tricky about implementing Kruskal's algorithm?

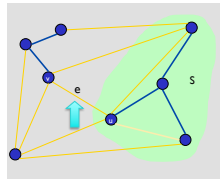
- Consider edges in ascending order of weight
- **Case 1:** If adding e to T creates a cycle, discard e according to *cycle property* (e must be max weight)
- **Case 2:** Otherwise, insert $e = (u, v)$ into T according to *cut property* where $S =$ set of nodes in u 's *connected component*



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Case 1

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Case 2

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Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

What is tricky about implementing Kruskal's algorithm?

How do we know when adding an edge will create a cycle?

- What are the properties of a graph/its nodes when adding an edge will create a cycle?

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UNION-FIND DATA STRUCTURE

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Union-Find Data Structure

- Keeps track of a graph as edges are added
 - Cannot handle when edges are deleted
- Maintains disjoint sets
 - E.g., graph's connected components
- Operations:
 - **Find(u):** returns name of set containing u
 - How utilized to see if two nodes are in the same set?
 - Goal implementation: $O(\log n)$
 - **Union(A, B):** merge sets A and B into one set
 - Goal implementation: $O(\log n)$

Best darn Union-Find Data Structure

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Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

- Using the **union-find** data structure
 - Build set T of edges in the MST
 - Maintain set for each connected component

Costs?

```

Sort edge weights so that  $c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_m$ 
 $T = \{\}$ 
foreach  $(u \in V)$  make a set containing singleton  $u$ 

for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
   $(u, v) = e_i$ 
  if  $(u$  and  $v$  are in different sets)
     $T = T \cup \{e_i\}$ 
    merge the sets containing  $u$  and  $v$ 
return  $T$ 

```

Annotations: "are u and v in different connected components?" points to the if condition. "merge two components" points to the merge step.

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Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

- Using best implementation of **union-find**
 - Sorting: $O(m \log n)$ $\leftarrow m \leq n^2 \Rightarrow \log m$ is $O(\log n)$
 - Union-find: $O(m \alpha(m, n))$
 - $O(m \log n)$ essentially a constant

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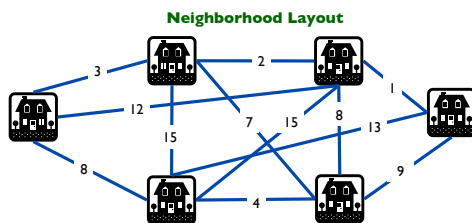
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Limitations to Applying MST?

- Motivating Example: Comcast laying cable



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Looking ahead

- Wiki: Chapter 4 (front matter through 4.6, skipping 4.3)
 - Due Tues midnight after break
- PS 5 due Friday after break
- I will be at a conference Wed afternoon through Saturday after break
 - No class Friday \rightarrow Traded for Danner external memory algorithms discussion
 - Plan accordingly for the problem sets
 - Available over email

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