Algorithms & Models of Computation CS/ECE 374, Fall 2020

20.3 The Algorithms for computing MST

Greedy Template



Main Task: In what order should edges be processed? When should we add edge to spanning tree?



Process edges in the order of their costs (starting from the least) and add edges to T as long as they don't form a cycle.



Figure: Graph G





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Figure: MST of $\textbf{\textit{G}}$





























































Reverse Delete Algorithm

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Initially Z is the set of all edges in G

T \Leftarrow Z (* T will store edges of a MST *)

while Z is not empty do

choose e \in Z of largest cost

remove e from Z

if removing e does not disconnect T then

remove e from T

return the set T
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Returns a minimum spanning tree.

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Simplest to implement. See notes.

Assume G is a connected graph.

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 \begin{array}{l} T \hspace{0.1cm} \text{is} \hspace{0.1cm} \emptyset \hspace{0.1cm} (* \hspace{0.1cm} T \hspace{0.1cm} \text{will store edges of a MST *}) \\ \text{while} \hspace{0.1cm} T \hspace{0.1cm} \text{is not spanning } \textbf{do} \\ \hspace{0.1cm} X \hspace{0.1cm} \leftarrow \hspace{0.1cm} \emptyset \\ \hspace{0.1cm} \text{for each connected component } S \hspace{0.1cm} \text{of} \hspace{0.1cm} T \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{do} \\ \hspace{0.1cm} \text{add to} \hspace{0.1cm} X \hspace{0.1cm} \text{the cheapest edge between } S \hspace{0.1cm} \text{and} \hspace{0.1cm} V \setminus S \\ \hspace{0.1cm} \text{Add edges in } X \hspace{0.1cm} \text{to} \hspace{0.1cm} T \\ \textbf{return the set} \hspace{0.1cm} T \end{array}
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