CSE 332: Spanning Trees

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Announcements

- HW3 part 3 due Thursday night
- Final exam topics posted online
 - also sample final
 - covers everything except NP-completeness
 - closed book, notes
 - 4:30 or 6:30 on Monday (attend either one)

A Hidden Tree



Spanning Tree in a Graph



Spanning tree

- Connects all the vertices
- No cycles

Undirected Graph

- G = (V,E)
 - V is a set of vertices (or nodes)
 - E is a set of unordered pairs of vertices



$$V = \{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$$

E = {(1,2),(1,6),(1,5),(2,7),(2,3),
(3,4),(4,7),(4,5),(5,6)}

2 and 3 are adjacent2 is incident to edge (2,3)

Spanning Tree Problem

- Input: An undirected graph G = (V,E). G is connected.
- Output: $\mathbf{T} \subset \mathbf{E}$ such that
 - -(V,T) is a connected graph
 - -(V,T) has no cycles





Best Spanning Tree

Finding a reliable routing subnetwork:

- edge cost = probability that it won't fail
- Find the spanning tree that is least likely to fail



Example of a Spanning Tree



Probability of success = $.85 \times .95 \times .89 \times .95 \times 1.0 \times .84$ = .5735 Minimum Spanning Trees Given an undirected graph G=(V,E), find a graph G'=(V, E') such that:

- E' is a subset of E

-G' is connected

$$-\sum_{(u,v)\in E'} c_{uv}$$
 is minima

G' is a minimum spanning tree.

Applications: wiring a house, power grids, Internet connections

Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

- Input: Undirected Graph G = (V,E) and C(e) is the cost of edge e.
- Output: A spanning tree T with minimum total cost. That is: T that minimizes

$$C(T) = \sum_{e \in T} C(e)$$

Kruskal's MST Algorithm

Idea: Grow a forest out of edges that do not create a cycle. Pick an edge with the smallest weight.



Kruskal's Algorithm for MST

An *edge-based* greedy algorithm Builds MST by greedily adding edges

- 1. Initialize with
 - empty MST
 - all vertices marked unconnected
 - all edges unmarked
- 2. While there are still unmarked edges
 - a. Pick the lowest cost edge (u, v) and mark it
 - b. If u and v are not already connected, add (u, v) to the MST and mark u and v as connected to each other





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Data Structures for Kruskal

• Sorted edge list

- Disjoint Union / Find
 - Union(*a*,*b*) merge the disjoint sets named by *a* and *b*
 - Find(a) returns the name of the set containing a

Example of DU/F 1



Find(5) = 7Find(4) = 7

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Example of DU/F 2



Kruskal's Algorithm with DU / F

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Sort the edges by increasing cost;
Initialize A to be empty;
for each edge (i,j) chosen in increasing order do
u := Find(i);
v := Find(j);
if not(u = v) then
add (i,j) to A;
Union(u,v);
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This algorithm will work, but it goes through all the edges.

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Is this always necessary?
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Kruskal code



Kruskal's Algorithm: Correctness

It clearly generates a spanning tree. Call it T_{K} .

Suppose T_{K} is *not* minimum:

Pick another spanning tree T_{min} with *lower cost* than T_{K}

Pick the smallest edge $e_1 = (u, v)$ in T_K that is not in T_{min}

 T_{min} already has a path *p* in T_{min} from *u* to *v*

 \Rightarrow Adding e_1 to T_{min} will create a cycle in T_{min}

Pick an edge e_2 in p that Kruskal's algorithm considered after adding e_1 (must exist: u and v unconnected when e_1 considered)

 $\Rightarrow \operatorname{cost}(e_2) \ge \operatorname{cost}(e_1)$

 \Rightarrow can replace e_2 with e_1 in T_{min} without increasing cost!

Keep doing this until T_{min} is identical to T_{K}

 \Rightarrow T_K must also be minimal – contradiction!