CSE332: Data Abstractions
Lecture 25: Minimum Spanning Trees

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A quick note about Gradescope

IT'S

Everything is broken
Today’s XKCD

Figuring out why my home server keeps running out of swap space and crashing:

1-10 hours

Why everything I have is broken

Plugging it into a light timer so it reboots every 24 hours:

5 minutes
You guys are awesome

Nicholas James Anderson via cs.washington.edu
to Conrad

Uncaught TypeError: Cannot read property 'image_attachments' of undefined

Gradescope fix your javascript pls
Do you still see this?
Announcements

• **Homework 8** – the last homework!
  – due Wednesday March 11th at 11PM

• **Project 3** – the last programming project!
  – ALL Code - Tues March 10, 2015 11PM
  – Experiments & Writeup - Thurs March 12, 2015, 11PM
“Scheduling note”

• “We now return to our interrupted program” on graphs
  – Last “graph lecture” was lecture 16
    • Shortest-path problem
    • Dijkstra’s algorithm for graphs with non-negative weights

• Why this strange schedule?
  – Needed to do parallelism and concurrency in time for project 3 and homeworks 6, 7, and 8

• So: not the most logical order, but hopefully not a big deal
Minimum Spanning Trees

Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, find a graph $G' = (V, E')$ such that:

- $E'$ is a subset of $E$
- $|E'| = |V| - 1$
- $G'$ is connected

$G'$ is a minimum spanning tree.

Applications:

- Example: Electrical wiring for a house or clock wires on a chip
- Example: A road network if you cared about asphalt cost rather than travel time
Find the MST

Student Activity
Two Different Approaches

Prim’s Algorithm
Almost identical to Dijkstra’s

Kruskals’s Algorithm
Completely different!
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Prim’s Algorithm
Almost identical to Dijkstra’s
One node, grow greedily

Kruskals’s Algorithm
Completely different!
Forest of MSTs,
Union them together.
I wonder how to union…
Prim’s algorithm

Idea: Grow a tree by picking a vertex from the unknown set that has the smallest cost. Here cost = cost of the edge that connects that vertex to the known set. *Pick the vertex with the smallest cost that connects “known” to “unknown.”*

**A node-based greedy algorithm**
Builds MST by greedily adding nodes
Prim’s Algorithm vs. Dijkstra’s

Recall:

Dijkstra picked the unknown vertex with smallest cost where 

cost = \textit{distance to the source}.

Prim’s pick the unknown vertex with smallest cost where 

cost = \textit{distance from this vertex to the known set} (in other words, 
the cost of the smallest edge connecting this vertex to the known set)

– Otherwise identical
– Compare to slides in lecture 16!
Prim’s Algorithm for MST

1. For each node \( v \), set \( v.\text{cost} = \infty \) and \( v.\text{known} = \text{false} \).
2. Choose any node \( v \). (this is like your “start” vertex in Dijkstra)
   a) Mark \( v \) as known
   b) For each edge \( (v,u) \) with weight \( w \):
      set \( u.\text{cost} = w \) and \( u.\text{prev} = v \)
3. While there are unknown nodes in the graph
   a) Select the unknown node \( v \) with lowest cost
   b) Mark \( v \) as known and add \( (v, v.\text{prev}) \) to output (the MST)
   c) For each edge \( (v,u) \) with weight \( w \),
      \[
      \text{if}(w < u.\text{cost}) \{
      \begin{align*}
      u.\text{cost} &= w; \\
      u.\text{prev} &= v;
      \end{align*}
      \}
      \]
Example: Find MST using Prim’s

Order added to known set:

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D      | Y      | 1    | A    
E      | Y      | 1    | D    
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Find MST using Prim’s

Start with $V_1$

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Order Declared Known:

$V_1 \cup \{\}$

Total Cost: $16$
Prim’s Analysis

• Correctness ??
  – A bit tricky
  – Intuitively similar to Dijkstra
  – Might return to this time permitting (unlikely)

• Run-time
  – Same as Dijkstra
  – $O(|E| \log |V|)$ using a priority queue
Kruskal’s MST Algorithm

Idea: Grow a forest out of edges that do not create a cycle. Pick an edge with the smallest weight.
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    - To perform the union operation, we replace sets x and y by \((x \cup y)\)

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Kruskal’s pseudo code

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On heap of edges
Deletemin = \( \log |E| \)

\[ |E| \text{ heap ops} \]

\[ 2|E| \text{ finds} \]

One for each vertex in the edge
Find = \( \log |V| \)

\[ |V| \text{ unions} \]

\[ \text{Union} = O(1) \]

\[ O( |E| \log |E| + |E|\sim O(1)) = O(|E| \log |E|) = O(|E| \log |V|) \]

\[ \text{b/c log |E| < log|V|^2 = 2log|V|} \]
Find MST using Kruskal’s

- Now find the MST using Prim’s method.
- Under what conditions will these methods give the same result?

Total Cost: 14
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**Example: Find MST using Kruskal’s**

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Output:

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Correctness

Kruskal’s algorithm is clever, simple, and efficient
- But does it generate a minimum spanning tree?
- How can we prove it?

First: it generates a spanning tree
- Intuition: Graph started connected and we added every edge that did not create a cycle
- Proof by contradiction: Suppose $u$ and $v$ are disconnected in Kruskal’s result. Then there’s a path from $u$ to $v$ in the initial graph with an edge we could add without creating a cycle. But Kruskal would have added that edge. Contradiction.

Second: There is no spanning tree with lower total cost…
The inductive proof set-up

Let \( F \) (stands for “forest”) be the set of edges Kruskal has added at some point during its execution.

Claim: \( F \) is a subset of one or more MSTs for the graph (Therefore, once \( |F| = |V| - 1 \), we have an MST.)

Proof: By induction on \( |F| \)

Base case: \( |F| = 0 \): The empty set is a subset of all MSTs

Inductive case: \( |F| = k + 1 \): By induction, before adding the \( (k + 1) \)th edge (call it \( e \)), there was some MST \( T \) such that \( F \setminus \{e\} \subseteq T \) …
**Staying a subset of some MST**

Claim: $F$ is a subset of *one or more* MSTs for the graph.

So far: $F - \{e\} \subseteq T$.

Two disjoint cases:

- If $\{e\} \subseteq T$: Then $F \subseteq T$ and we’re done.
- Else $e$ forms a cycle with some simple path (call it $p$) in $T$.
  - Must be since $T$ is a spanning tree.
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- There must be an edge \( e_2 \) on \( p \) such that \( e_2 \) is not in \( F \)  
  - Else Kruskal would not have added \( e \)

- Claim: \( e_2.\text{weight} = e.\text{weight} \)
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So far: $F - \{e\} \subseteq T$
- $e$ forms a cycle with $p \subseteq T$
- $e2$ on $p$ is not in $F$

- Claim: $e2.weight == e.weight$
  - If $e2.weight > e.weight$, then $T$ is not an MST because $T - \{e2\} + \{e\}$ is a spanning tree with lower cost: contradiction
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- Claim: \( T - \{e2\} + \{e\} \) is an MST
  - It’s a spanning tree because \( p - \{e2\} + \{e\} \) connects the same nodes as \( p \)
  - It’s minimal because its cost equals cost of \( T \), an MST

- Since \( F \subseteq T - \{e2\} + \{e\} \), \( F \) is a subset of one or more MSTs

Done.
Handout #2
Kruskal’s Algorithm for MST

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