## Data Abstractions

## Graphs 4: <br> Minimum Spanning Trees



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Definition (Minimum Spanning Tree)
Given a graph $G=(V, E)$, find a subgraph $G^{\prime}=\left(V^{\prime}, E^{\prime}\right)$ such that

- $G^{\prime}$ is a tree.
- $V=V^{\prime}$ ( $G^{\prime}$ is spanning.)
- $\sum_{e \in E^{\prime}} w(e)$ is minimized.


## Example



- Given a layout of houses, where should we place the phone lines to minimize cost?

How can we design circuits to minimize the amount of wire?

- Implementing efficient multiple constant multiplications

Minimizing the number of packets transmitted across a network

Machine learning (e.g., real-time face verification)

- Graphics (e.g., image segmentation)


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A disjoint sets data structure keeps track of multiple sets which do not share any elements. Here's the ADT:

UnionFind ADT

| find $(\mathbf{x})$ | Returns a number representing the set that $\mathbf{x}$ is in. |
| :--- | :--- |
| union $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ | Updates the sets so whatever sets $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$ were in are now <br> considered the same sets. |

## Example

1
2
3
4
4
5
6
7
8
9
9
10
11

```
list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];
UF uf = new UF(list); // State: {1}, {2}, {3}, {4}, {5}, {6}
uf.find(1); // Returns 1
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So, now, we know that $G^{\prime}$ is a spanning tree!
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Let the edges we add to $G^{\prime}$ be, in order, $e_{1}, e_{2}, \ldots e_{k}$.
Claim: For all $0 \leq i \leq k,\left\{e_{1}, e_{2}, \ldots e_{i}\right\} \subseteq T_{i}$ for some MST $T_{i}$.
Proof: We go by induction.
Base Case. $\varnothing \subseteq G$ for every graph $G$.
Induction Hypothesis. Suppose the claim is true for iteration $i$.
Induction Step. By our IH , we know that $\left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{i}\right\} \subseteq T_{i}$, where $T_{i}$ is some MST of $G$.
We consider two cases:

- If $e_{i+1} \in T_{i}$, then we choose $T_{i+1}=T_{i}$, and we're done.
- Otherwise...

So far, we know...

- $T_{i}$ is a spanning tree of $G$. (earlier proof)
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- Since $T_{i}$ is a spanning tree, it must have some other edge (call it $e^{\prime}$ ) which was added in place of $e_{i+1}$.
- It follows that $T_{i}+e_{i+1}$ must have a cycle!
- Note that $w\left(T_{i}-e^{\prime}+e_{i+1}\right)=w\left(T_{i}\right)-w\left(e^{\prime}\right)+w(e)$.
- Since we considered $e_{i+1}$ before $e^{\prime}$, and the edges were sorted by weight, we know $w(e) \leq w\left(e^{\prime}\right) \Longleftrightarrow w(e)-w\left(e^{\prime}\right) \leq 0$.
- So,

$$
w\left(T_{i}-e^{\prime}+e_{i+1}\right)=w\left(T_{i}\right)-w\left(e^{\prime}\right)+w(e) \leq w\left(T_{i}\right)
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This means that $T_{i}-e^{\prime}+e_{i+1}$ has no more than the weight of any MST!

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Finally, choose $T_{i+1}=T_{i}-e^{\prime}+e_{i+1}$.

- We already know it has the weight of an MST.
- Note that $e$ connects the same nodes as $e^{\prime}$; so, it's also a spanning tree.
That's it! For each $i$, we found an MST that extends the previous one. So, the last one must also be an MST!
- Sort takes $\mathcal{O}(n \lg n)$
- We don't know how UnionFind works, but if we know...
- find is $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$
union takes $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ time

The runtime is $\mathcal{O}(|E| \lg (|E|)+|E| \lg (|V|))$

Just how does union-find work? Stay tuned!

