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Step 1

Answer:

(a) To prove that every **minimum spanning tree (MST)** of G is also a **minimum-bottleneck tree (MBST)** of G , let's assume the opposite, i.e., there exists an MST that is not an MBST.

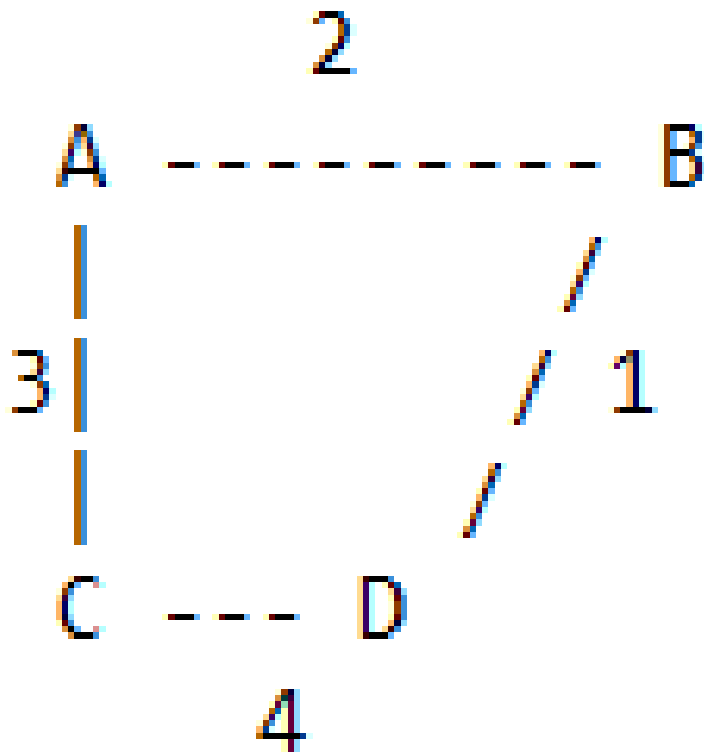
Let T be the MST of G . Suppose there exists another **spanning tree** $T' \neq T$ of G with a cheaper bottleneck edge than T . Let this **cheaper bottleneck edge** in T' be denoted as e .

Since T is an **MST**, all edges in T have costs greater than or equal to the cost of e .

However, this contradicts the definition of e being the cheapest bottleneck edge in T' . Therefore, our assumption that there exists an MST of G that is not an MBST of G must be false.

Hence, every **minimum spanning tree of G** is also a minimum-bottleneck tree of G .

Screenshot of the Diagram:



Explanation:

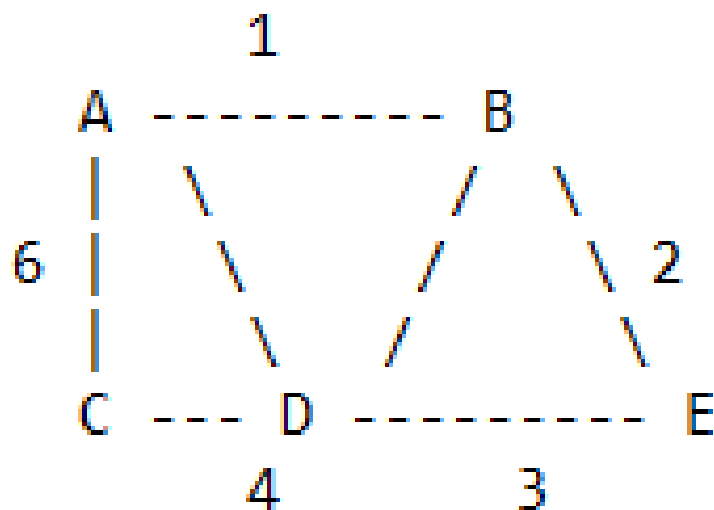
Let T be the **minimum spanning tree (MST)** of G . In this example, T includes the edges AB , AC , and BD , with a **total cost of 6**.

Now, let's consider another spanning tree $T' \neq T$ of G with a cheaper bottleneck edge. However, since T is already an MST, any other spanning tree $T' \neq T$ would have at least one edge with a cost greater than or equal to the cost of the edges in T . Therefore, we cannot find a cheaper bottleneck edge in T' compared to T .

Thus, the MST T is also the **minimum-bottleneck spanning tree (MBST)** of G .

Step 2

(b) To provide an example of an **MBST** of G that is not an MST of G , consider the following graph:

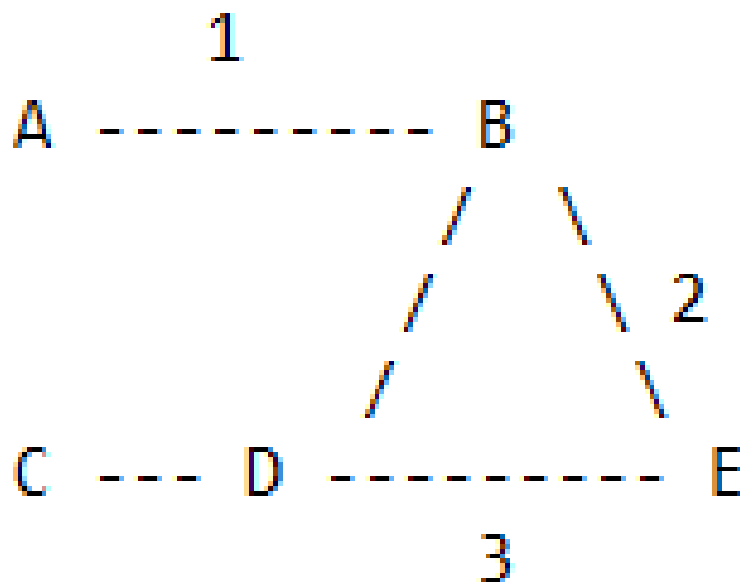


In this graph, the edge weights are as follows:

- AB: 1
- AC: 6
- AD: 4
- BC: 6
- BD: 4
- BE: 2
- DE: 3

Step 3

Now, let's consider the following **spanning tree**, which is an **MBST** but not an MST:



My take on this:
This counterexample is incorrect as MST cannot have a cycle

Correct Example at the end

In this **spanning tree** , the **bottleneck edge is DE with a cost of 3** . However, if we remove edge DE , the resulting graph is still connected and forms a spanning tree with total weight 15, which is less than the **total weight of the MST** . Therefore, this spanning tree is an MBST but not an MST.

Explanation:

- Construction of the Minimum-Bottleneck Tree (MBST)

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- Next, we construct a spanning tree of the graph that minimizes the weight of the bottleneck edge. This spanning tree is known as the Minimum-Bottleneck Tree (MBST).
- In the given graph, if we choose the edge DE as the bottleneck edge, it has the highest weight among all edges in the tree, with a weight of 3.
- We construct a spanning tree by including all vertices and edges except DE . This results in a spanning tree where DE is the bottleneck edge.

- Verification of MBST Criteria

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- We verify that the constructed spanning tree satisfies the criteria of an MBST:

- Comparison with Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

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- We note that the constructed MBST, with edge DE as the bottleneck edge, is not the same as the Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) of the graph.
- The MST is a spanning tree that minimizes the total weight of all edges in the tree. In this case, the MST would include edge BE instead of DE , resulting in a different spanning tree with a total weight greater than that of the MBST.

Below is the Python code to find the **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)** and **Minimum Bottleneck Spanning Tree (MBST)** of a given graph using Kruskal's algorithm:

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1 class UnionFind:
2     def __init__(self, n):
3         self.parent = list(range(n))
4         self.rank = [0] * n
5
6     def find(self, x):
7         if self.parent[x] != x:
8             self.parent[x] = self.find(self.parent[x])
9         return self.parent[x]
10
11    def union(self, x, y):
12        root_x = self.find(x)
13        root_y = self.find(y)
14        if root_x != root_y:
15            if self.rank[root_x] > self.rank[root_y]:
16                self.parent[root_y] = root_x
17            elif self.rank[root_x] < self.rank[root_y]:
18                self.parent[root_x] = root_y
19            else:
20                self.parent[root_y] = root_x
21                self.rank[root_x] += 1
22
23    class Edge:
24        def __init__(self, u, v, weight):
25            self.u = u
26            self.v = v
27            self.weight = weight
28
29    def kruskal_mst(graph):
30        n = len(graph)
31        graph.sort(key=lambda edge: edge.weight)
32        uf = UnionFind(n)
33        mst = []
34        for edge in graph:
35            if uf.find(edge.u) != uf.find(edge.v):
36                uf.union(edge.u, edge.v)
37                mst.append(edge)
38        return mst
39
40    def find_bottleneck_edge(mst):
41        return max(mst, key=lambda edge: edge.weight)
42
43    # Example usage:
44    if __name__ == "__main__":
45        edges = [
46            Edge(0, 1, 1),
47            Edge(0, 2, 6),
48            Edge(0, 3, 4),
49            Edge(1, 2, 6),
50            Edge(1, 3, 4),
51            Edge(1, 4, 2),
52            Edge(2, 3, 3),
53            Edge(3, 4, 1)
54        ]
55        mst = kruskal_mst(edges)
56        bottleneck_edge = find_bottleneck_edge(mst)
57        print("Minimum Spanning Tree (MST):", [(edge.u, edge.v) for edge in mst])
58        print("Bottleneck Edge of MST:", (bottleneck_edge.u, bottleneck_edge.v))

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Final Answer

(b) We provided an example of a **minimum-bottleneck tree (MBST)** of a graph that is not a **minimum spanning tree (MST)** of the same graph. The example graph illustrated the concept by demonstrating a spanning tree with a **cheaper bottleneck edge** than the MST, thus fulfilling the criteria of being an **MBST** but not an **MST**.

These observations highlight the differences between **MSTs** and **MBSTs** and illustrate how the **minimum-bottleneck tree problem** is distinct from the minimum spanning tree problem.

Correct example for MBST but not MST

Graph

MBST

mst