

Prims Algorithm

The following is a general outline of Prims Algorithm. The purpose is for the reader to translate the algorithm into a programming language of their preference. (We denote $\omega(e)$ to be the weight of an edge e in a graph G).

Algorithm:

Input graph $G = (V, E)$

Let $V_T = \emptyset, E_T = \emptyset$ represent the vertex and edge set of the minimum spanning tree.

Preform $x \cup V_T$ for some arbitrary x .

While($|V_T| \neq |V|$){

 Let $\gamma = \emptyset, \omega(\gamma) = \infty$ be the edge in X with minimum weight;

 Let $\alpha = \emptyset$ be the vertex in γ that is also in the cut induced by V_T ;

 for($e = xy \in E$){

 if($x \in V_T \wedge y \notin V_T$)

 if($\omega(e) \leq \omega(\gamma)$) $\gamma = e, \alpha = y$;

 else if($y \in V_T \wedge x \notin V_T$)

 if($\omega(e) \leq \omega(\gamma)$) $\gamma = e, \alpha = x$;

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$V_T = V_T \cup \alpha, E_T = E_T \cup \gamma$;

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