School of Computer Science

Applications of Algorithms

Tutorial 2

1 Trees

1.1 Properties of trees

Theorem 1.1. Let T be a graph with n vertices. Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1. T is a tree;
- 2. T is connected, and has n-1 edges;
- 3. T contains no cycles and has n-1 edges;
- 4. *T* is connected, and every edge is a bridge;
- 5. Any two vertices of T are connected by exactly one path;
- 6. T contains no circuits, but the addition of any new edge creates exactly one circuit.
- 1. Prove $(5) \Rightarrow (4)$
- 2. Prove $(4) \Rightarrow (2)$

1.2 Minimum-weighted spanning tree

Consider the graph shown in Figure 1.

- 1. Work through the algorithm done in class in detail to find a minimum-weighted spanning tree rooted at 0.
- 2. In general there can be a number of MWSTs rooted at the same vertex. Give an example of a graph which has multiple MWSTs and in this case verify that the MWSTs have the same weight.
- 3. Show that there are other MWST rooted at other vertices, but that they have the same weight.

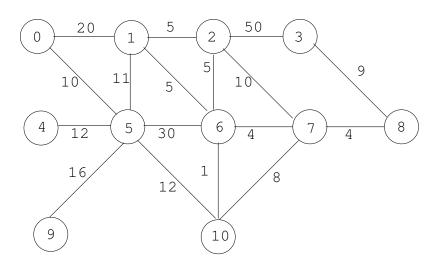


Figure 1: Graph for Search Trees