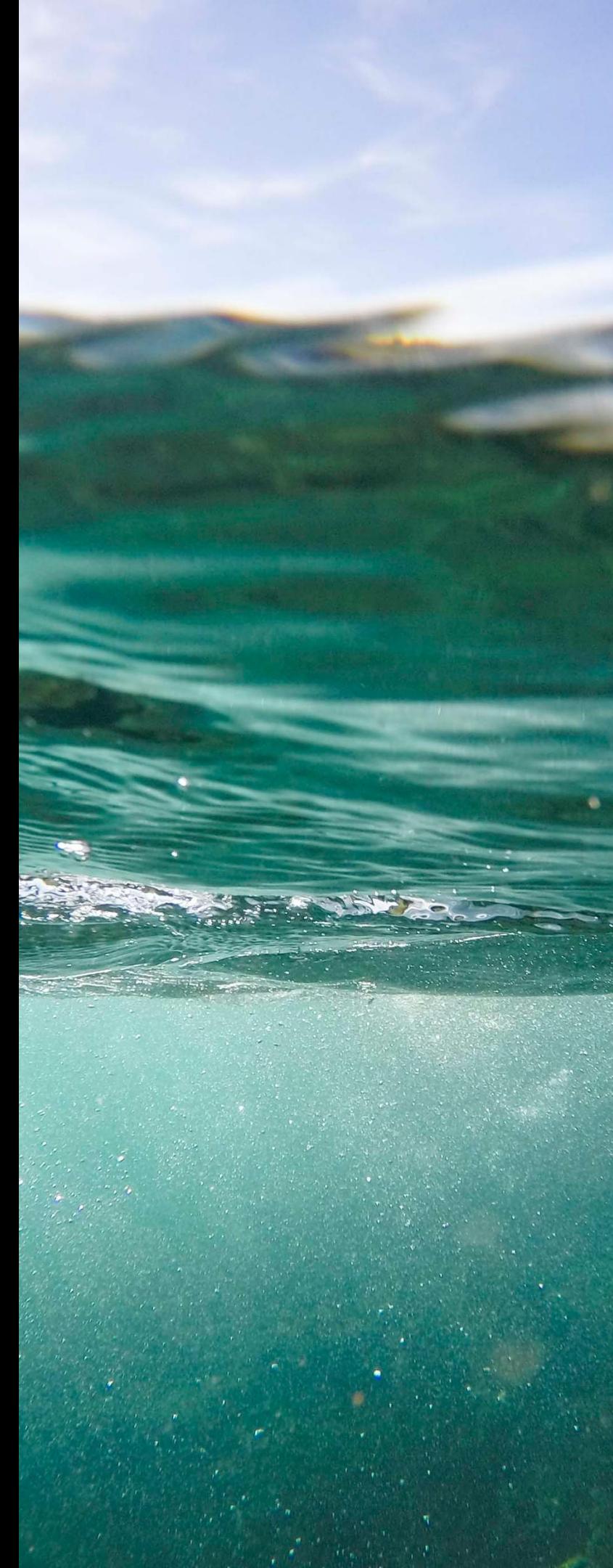
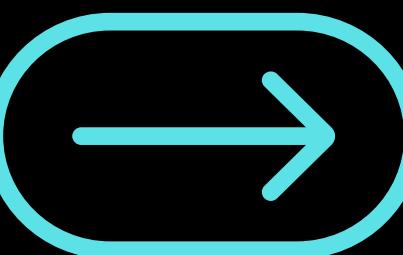


WATER CONSERVATION:
**PRESERVING LIFE
ON EARTH**

The Importance of Water Conservation



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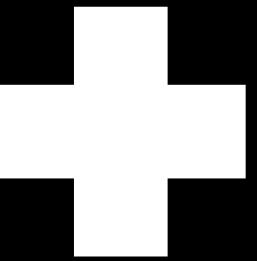
The Importance of Water



Water is critical for all life on Earth. It supports ecosystems, agriculture, and human survival. Scarcity and pollution harm global health and economy.



Current Challenges



Global water crisis
worsens with
population growth
and industry.



Climate change,
pollution, and
unsustainable use
are major causes.



Impacts include
water quality decline
and biodiversity
loss.

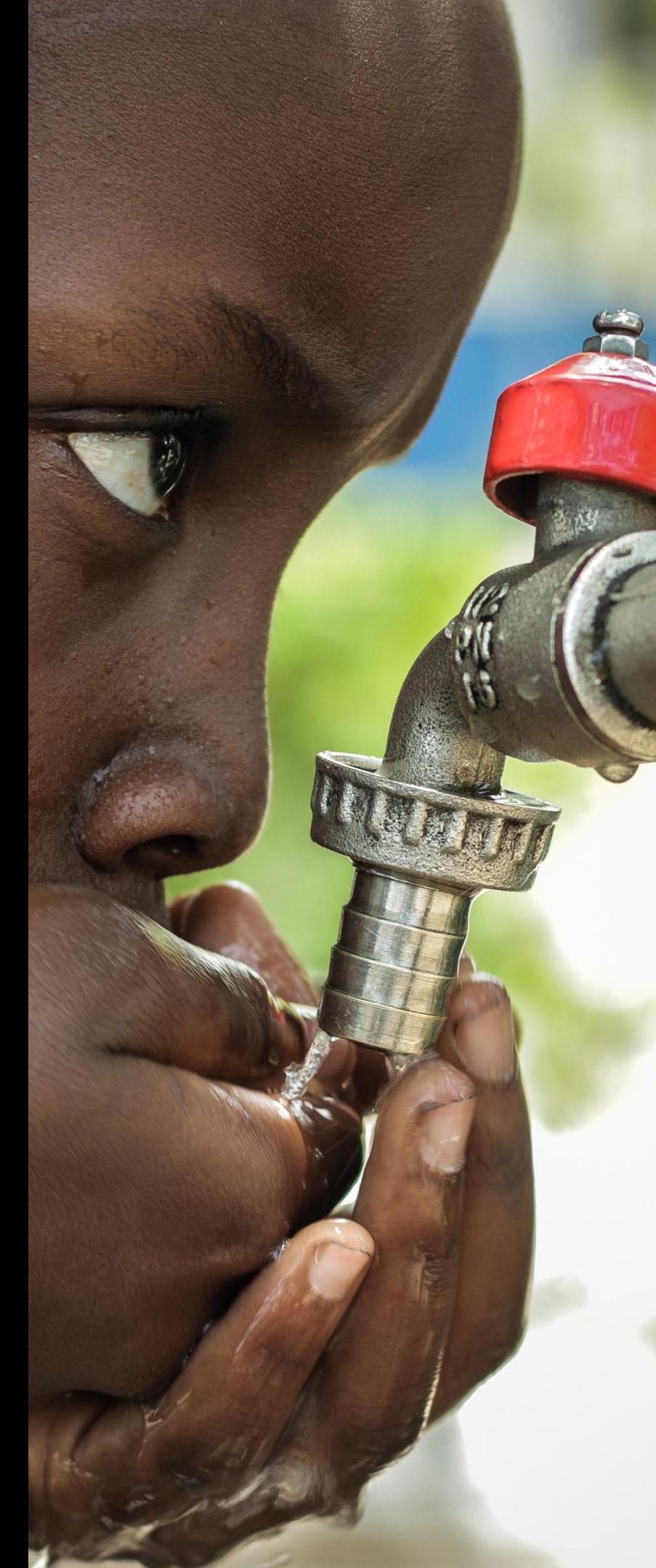
Impact on society

Clean Water is essential for drinking cooking and sanitation. Lack of access to clean water can lead to waterborne disease such as cholera



Overuse and pollution of water bodies can damage ecosystems, affecting wildlife and biodiversity

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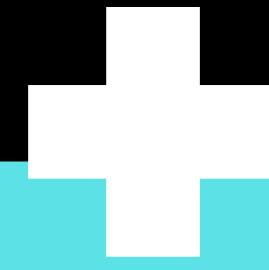


Solutions?



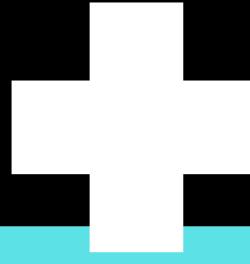
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Automated Water Quality
Detection Application
(Java Desktop)



Reason for this approach

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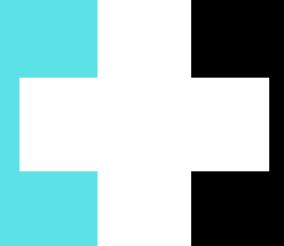


- 01 Accuracy – Ensures reliable classification of water quality.
- 02 Efficiency – Automates detection, reducing manual effort and human error.
- 03 Trend Insights – Identifies contamination patterns for water management.

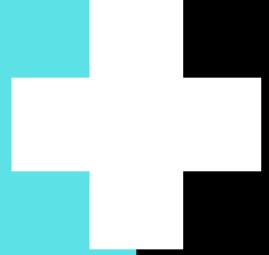
Graph construction



- Pixel to Vertex Conversion – Transform image pixels into graph vertices.
- Vertex Attributes – Store location and colour for each vertex.
- Edge Weighting – Calculate colour differences to determine edge strengths.



Graph construction



- Edge Pruning – Remove weak edges iteratively to simplify the graph.
- Adaptive Super pixels – Dynamically adjust region size:
- Large images → Use larger super pixels relative to graph size.
- Small images → Treat each pixel as its own region (size = 1).

```
final int width = image.getWidth();
final int height = image.getHeight();
final int gridWidth = width / pixelRegionSize + 1;
final int gridHeight = height / pixelRegionSize + 1;

// create a grid that will temporarily store pixels next to each other
@SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
Vertex<Point>[][] vertexGrid = new Vertex[gridHeight][gridWidth];

// Only two directions (left and up) to prevent duplicate edges
final int[][] neighborDirections = { { -1, 0 }, { 0, -1 } };

for (int y = 0; y < height; y += pixelRegionSize) {
    for (int x = 0; x < width; x += pixelRegionSize) {
        // Calculate relative grid coordinates
        final int gridX = x / pixelRegionSize;
        final int gridY = y / pixelRegionSize;

        // Compute average color for the current block
        Color averageColor = calculateBlockAverageColor(x, y);
        // creates a point representation of the points in the region
        Point regionPoint = createRegionPoint(x, y, averageColor);

        // if the point does not already exist
        if (pixelVertices.get(regionPoint) == null) {
            // Create and store vertex
            Vertex<Point> vertex = graph.insertVertex(regionPoint);
            // add the vertex to the adjacency map
            vertexGrid[gridY][gridX] = vertex;
            pixelVertices.put(regionPoint, vertex);

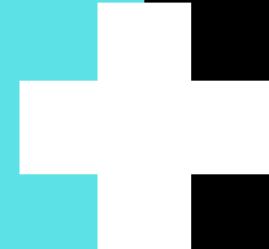
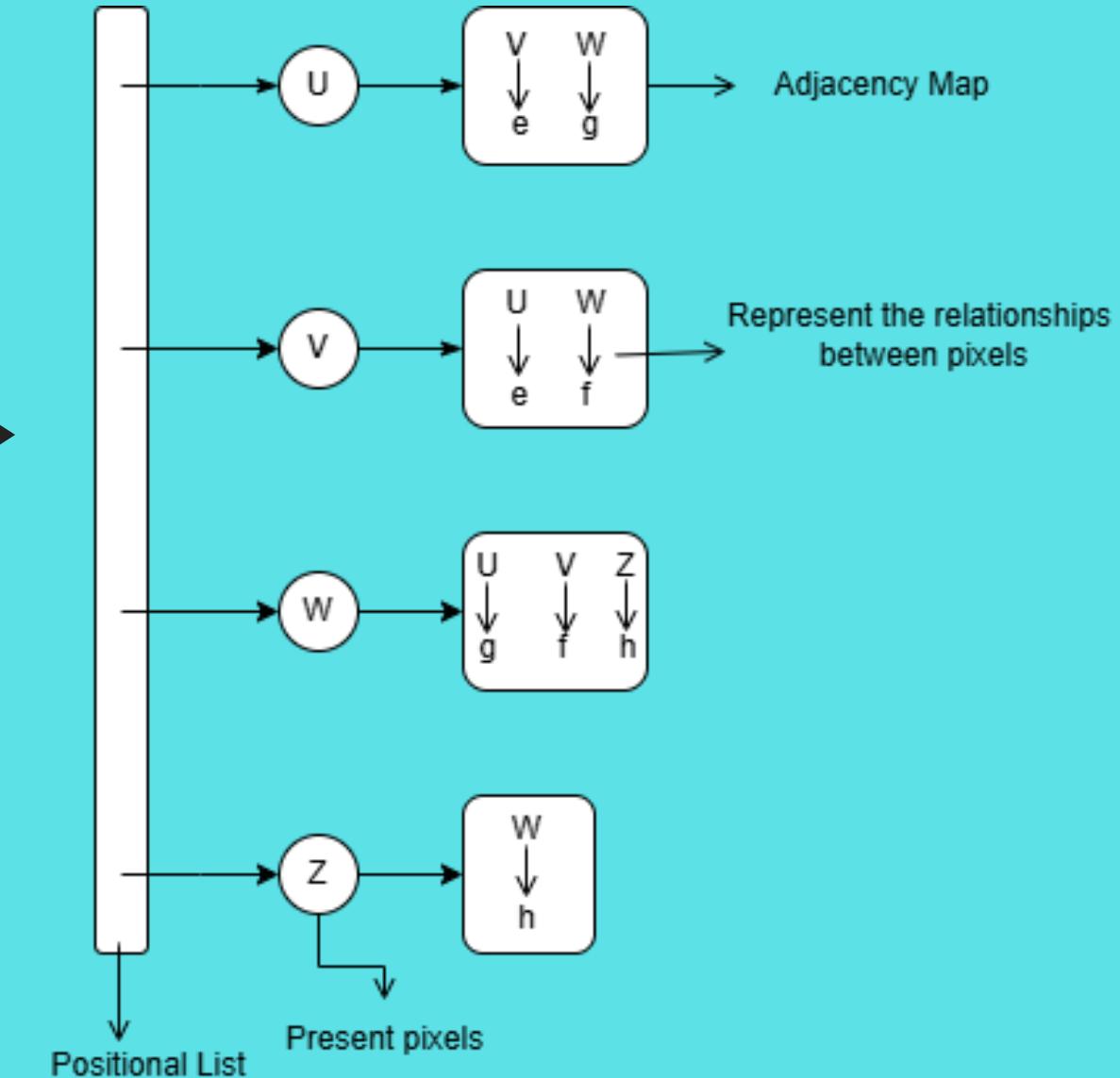
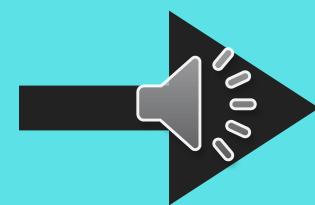
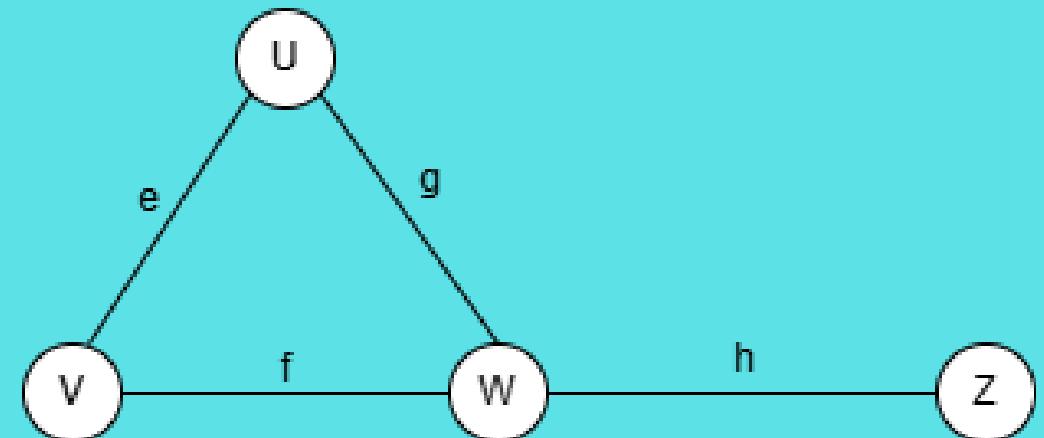
            // Connect to neighbors with smart edge pruning
            connectToNeighbors(vertexGrid, vertex, gridX, gridY, averageColor, neighborDirections);
        }
    }
}
```



Graph



Adjacency Map Structure



Graph



Our graph ADT

- an undirected graph, includes:
- a Vertex (InnerVertex<V>) and an Edge (InnerEdge<E>) class,
- maintaining a positional list of all vertices and edges,
- each vertex(pixel) has a map of adjacent vertices.



Adjacency Map Structure?

- Stores pixel and their neighbours.
- Efficient for MST construction.

- Easy to retrieve pixel information.

Prim's Minimum Spanning Tree



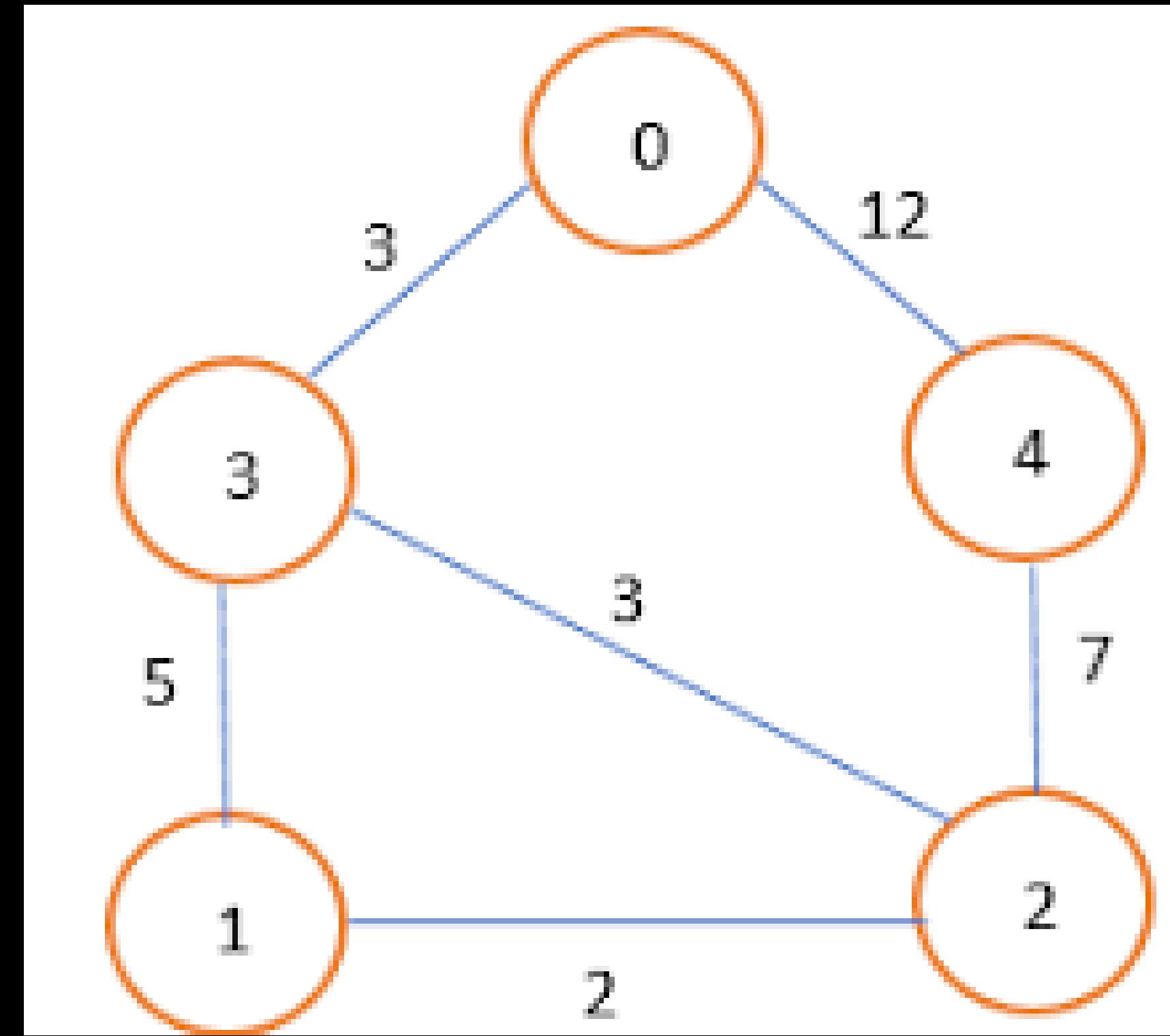
Find the minimum-cost paths that link all graph nodes without cycles.

- 01 Total weight of connected edges
- 02 Number of edges in the path
- 03 The average weight of edges in the path
- 04 The variance of edge weights

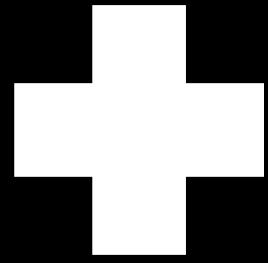


Prim's Minimum Spanning Tree

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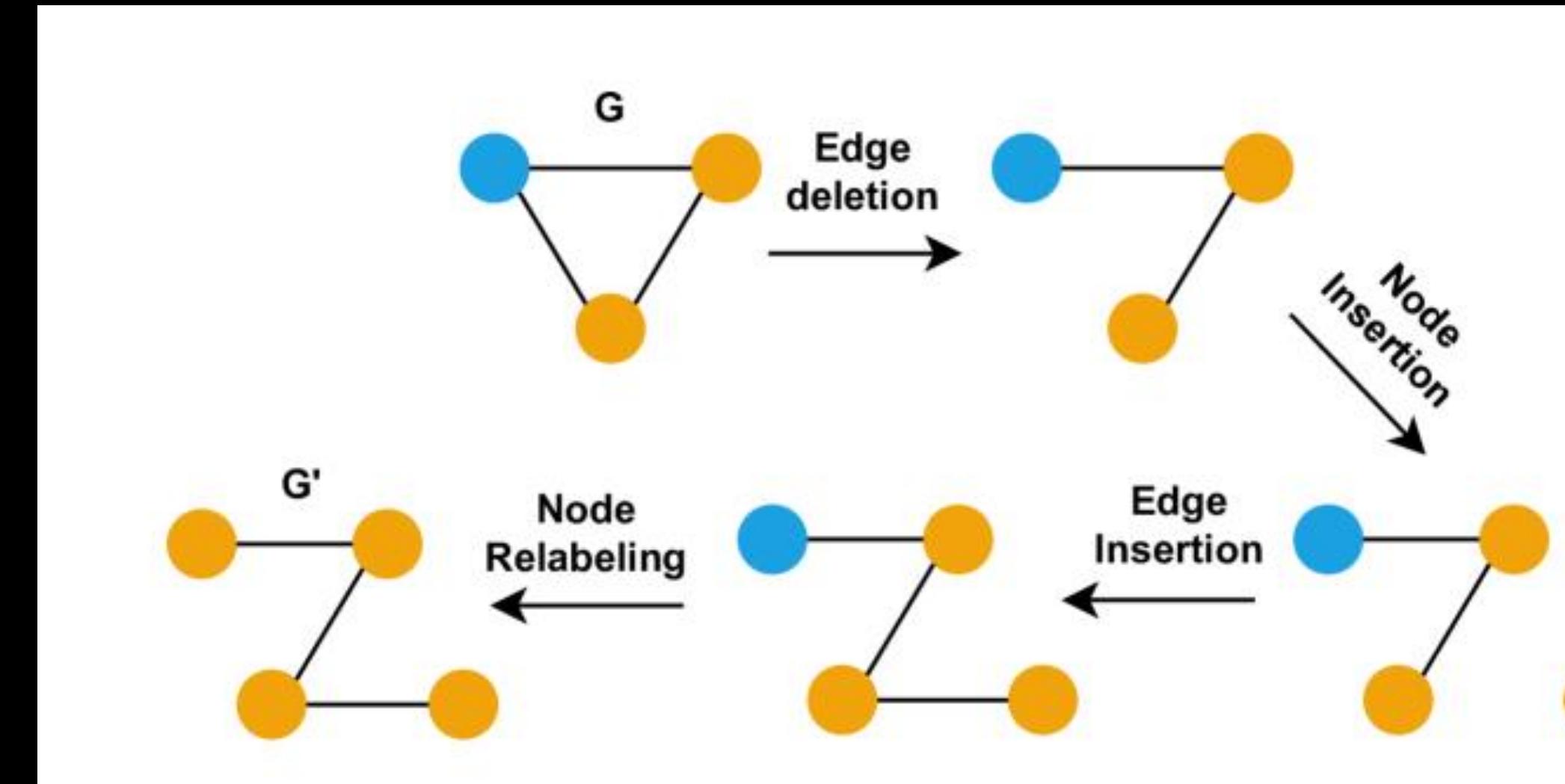
Graph Edit Distance



Calculates the cost of edits to convert graph A to graph B

- 01 Extract graph from new image
- 02 Compare it to a known clean/ dirty water graphs
- 03 Simulate conversion to see how similar A and B are
- 04 Smart cost functions determine how expensive conversion operation would be 

Graph Edit Distance



```
/*
 * @param graphA the graph being queried
 * @param graphB the graph being compared with
 * @return the value of the edit distance
 */
public float calculateGraphEditDistance(ImageGraph graphA, ImageGraph graphB) {
    float editDistance = 0.0f;

    // Vertex matching, matching vertices from graphA to graphB to compute costs
    Iterator<Vertex<Point>> graphAVertices = graphA.getGraph().vertices().iterator();
    // sort graph b vertices and edges to compare
    Iterator<Vertex<Point>> graphBVertices = graphB.getGraph().vertices().iterator();

    // Iterate through both to calculate vertex substitution cost
    while (graphAVertices.hasNext() && graphBVertices.hasNext()) {
        Point graphAPoint = graphAVertices.next().getElement();
        Point graphBPoint = graphBVertices.next().getElement();

        editDistance += vertexSubstitutionCost(graphAPoint, graphBPoint);
    }

    editDistance += VERTEX_INSERTION_DELETION_COST
        * Math.abs(graphA.getVerticies().size() - graphB.getVerticies().size());

    // 2. Edge matching, matching edges from graphA to graphB to compute costs
    Iterator<Edge<Float>> graphAEdges = graphA.getGraph().edges().iterator();

    Iterator<Edge<Float>> graphBEdges = graphB.getGraph().edges().iterator();

    while (graphAEdges.hasNext() && graphBEdges.hasNext()) {
        Float graphAWeight = graphAEdges.next().getElement();
        Float graphBWeight = graphBEdges.next().getElement();

        editDistance += edgeSubstitutionCost(graphAWeight, graphBWeight);
    }

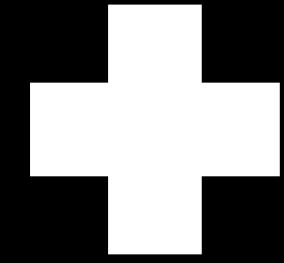
    editDistance += EDGE_INSERTION_DELETION_COST
        * Math.abs(graphA.getGraph().numEdges() - graphB.getGraph().numEdges());

    return (editDistance / MAXIMUM_POSSIBLE_GED) * 1000;
}
```



k-Nearest Neighbor

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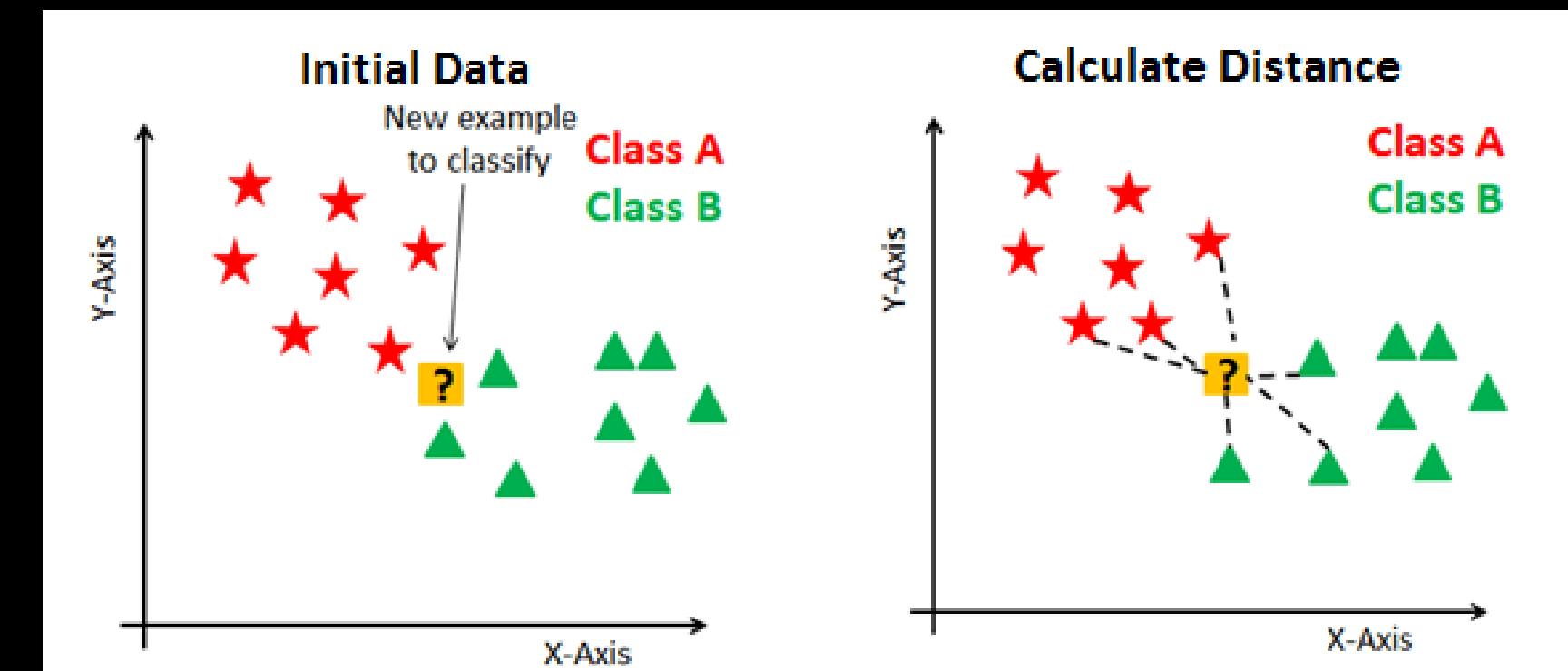


- 01 Compute distances between the new graph and other reference graphs
- 02 Get the k closest reference graphs with regards to the distance calculated
- 03 Determine the most common label amongs the k reference graphs
- 04 The mst common label is the the “winner”



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k-Nearest Neighbor



```
// sort the list in ascending order (from biggest to smallest)
Collections.sort(matchList);

/*
 * get only the first K pairs in the list (check that K is not more than the
 * size of the classification list)
 */
matchList = matchList.subList(0, Math.min(K, matchList.size()));

/* create a map that will store the label and the frequency of occurrences
and the weight of occurrences the list*/
Map<MATCH_TYPE, Double> weightedVotes = new AdjacencyMap<>();

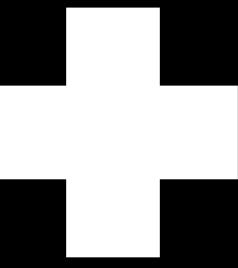
// add the labels and the votes
for (KClass<MATCH_TYPE, Double> kClass : matchList) {
    Double currentVote = weightedVotes.get(kClass.label);

    double weight = 1.0 / (kClass.distance + Double.MIN_VALUE);

    // if it is a new entry
    if (currentVote == null) {
        weightedVotes.put(kClass.label, weight);
    } else {
        weightedVotes.put(kClass.label, currentVote + weight);
    }
}

MATCH_TYPE bestMatch = MATCH_TYPE.BLACK;
double highestVote = Float.MIN_VALUE;
/* Find the label with the most occurrences and least distance (highest vote) */
Iterator<MATCH_TYPE> iterator = weightedVotes.keySet().iterator();
// iterate through all keys and find the one with the highest vote
while (iterator.hasNext()) {
    MATCH_TYPE currentMatch = iterator.next();
    double currentVote = weightedVotes.get(currentMatch);
    if (currentVote > highestVote) {
        highestVote = currentVote;
        bestMatch = currentMatch;
    }
}
return bestMatch;
```





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Reference Data Set

Prepare and train data

- Gather images
- Label and categorize manually images
- Calculate and store MST features
- Calculate the mean and standard deviation of the feature vector
- Normalize MST features vector





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Graph-Based Tasks

Similarity

- Similarity measures help the system assess how closely a new water sample matches previously identified contaminated or safe samples, aiding in accurate contamination detection.

Classification

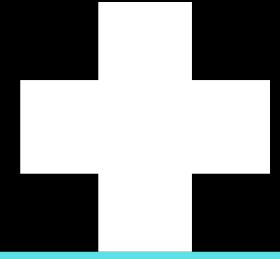
- Classification allows the system to automatically label water samples into predefined categories enabling quick decision-making without manual analysis.





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Classification



- Get new graphs MST features
- Determine MST Feature Euclidean distances
- Get K closest feature distances
- Classify under the most common category within the K set of graphs



```
75
76     // add the labels and the votes
77     for (KClass<CATEGORY_TYPE, Distance> kClass : classificationList) {
78         Integer currentFrequency = frequencyMap.get(kClass.label);
79         // if it is a new entry
80         if (currentFrequency == null) {
81             frequencyMap.put(kClass.label, 1);
82         }
83     }
84
85     CATEGORY_TYPE bestMatch = CATEGORY_TYPE.ONLY_WATER_TOP_VIEW;
86     int highestFrequency = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
87
88     Iterator<CATEGORY_TYPE> iterator = frequencyMap.keySet().iterator();
89     // iterate through all keys and find check each vote
90     while (iterator.hasNext()) {
91         CATEGORY_TYPE currentMatch = iterator.next();
92         int currentFrequency = frequencyMap.get(currentMatch);
93         if (currentFrequency > highestFrequency) {
94             highestFrequency = currentFrequency;
95             bestMatch = currentMatch;
96         }
97     }
98
99     return bestMatch;
100    }
101 }
```

```
47     public static CATEGORY_TYPE classify(ImageGraph inputGraph, ImageIterator referenceGraphs, int K) {
48
49         if (referenceGraphs == null || !referenceGraphs.hasNext() || K <= 0) {
50             throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid input parameters");
51         }
52
53         List<KClass<CATEGORY_TYPE, Distance>> classificationList = new ArrayList<>();
54         Prims_MST<Point> MST = new Prims_MST<>();
55         MSTFeatures inputGraphFeatures = MST.CalcMST(inputGraph.getGraph());
56
57         while (referenceGraphs.hasNextMSTFeature()) {
58             MSTFeatures currentFeature = referenceGraphs.nextFeature();
59
60             if (currentFeature != null) {
61                 classificationList.addLast(new KClass<CATEGORY_TYPE, Distance>(currentFeature.category_TYPE,
62                     MSTFeatures.calculateDistance(inputGraphFeatures, currentFeature)));
63             }
64         }
65
66         referenceGraphs = null;
67         System.gc();
68
69         Collections.sort(classificationList);
70
71         classificationList = classificationList.subList(0, Math.min(K, classificationList.size()));
72
73         // create a map that will store the label and the frequency of occurrences
74         Map<CATEGORY_TYPE, Integer> frequencyMap = new AdjacencyMap<>();
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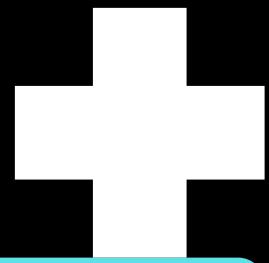


```
23
24  public class kNearestNeighbor {
25
26      public static class KClass<A, B extends Comparable<B>> implements Comparable<KClass<A, B>> {
27          public A label;
28          public B distance;
29
30          public KClass(A label, B distance) {
31              this.label = label;
32              this.distance = distance;
33          }
34
35          @Override
36          public String toString() {
37              // TODO Auto-generated method stub
38              return String.format("KClass{label: %s distance: %s}", label, distance);
39          }
40
41          @Override
42          public int compareTo(KClass<A, B> o) {
43              return this.distance.compareTo(o.distance);
44          }
45      }
46  }
```



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Similarity Detection



- Find most similar graphs under the classified data set
- MST quick reject to further filter unlikely matches
- GED as a similarity metric between graphs
- Get K most similar graphs
- Image is mostly similar with the most common type

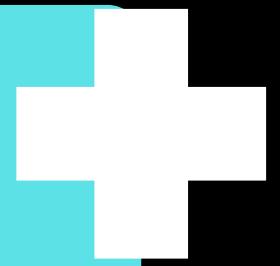




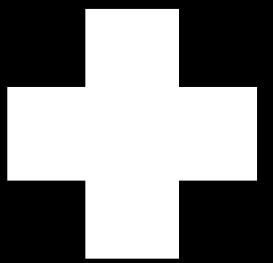
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Our ADTs

- Graph
- Map
- Array List
- Linked Positional List
- Heap Priority Queue



Social Impact



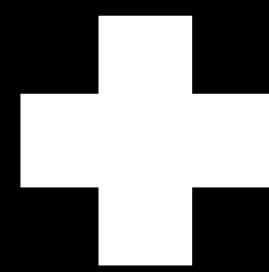
Critical for biodiversity: rivers, lakes, wetlands.

Community involvement vital for water quality.

Local efforts show collective action works.

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Some novelty

01 Functional Interfaces and Lambda Expressions



02 Asynchronous Programming



03 Observer and Proxy design patterns



Limitations



Data set collection
and training

Similarity relies on
classification



Possible Improvements



Finding node mappings

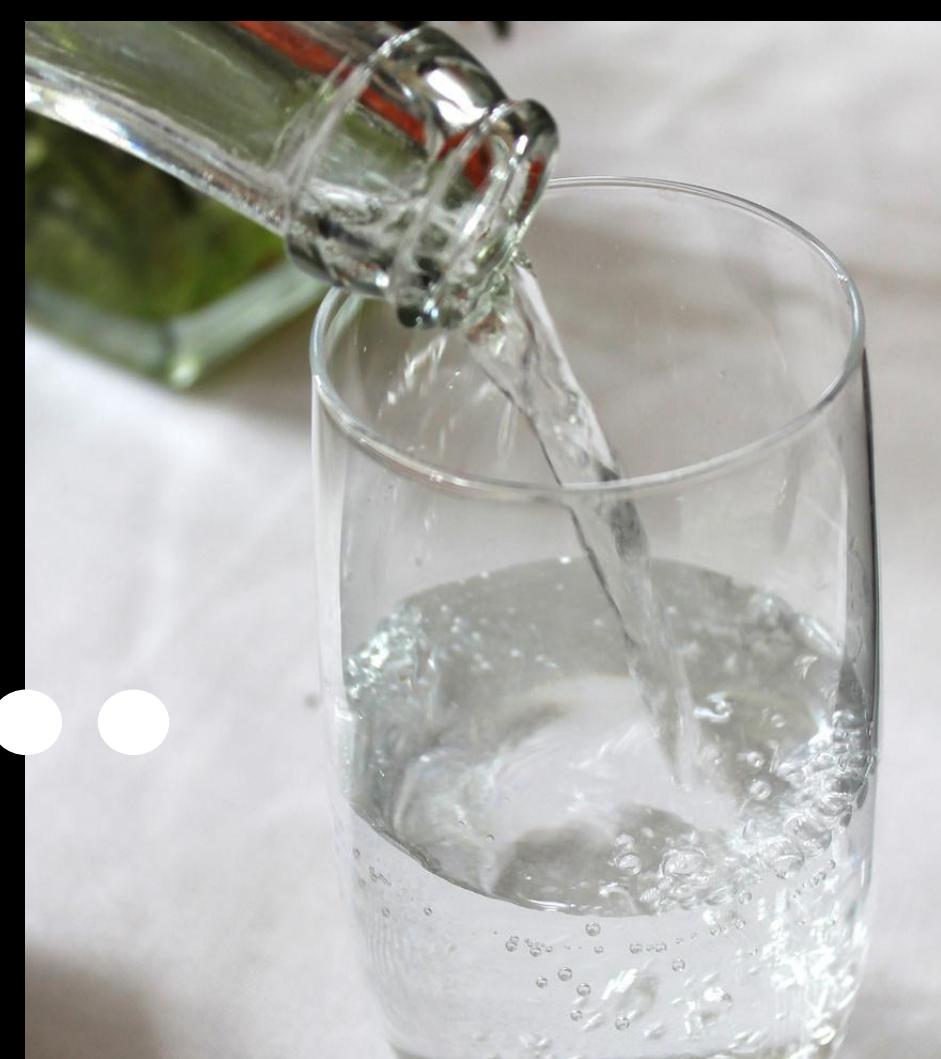
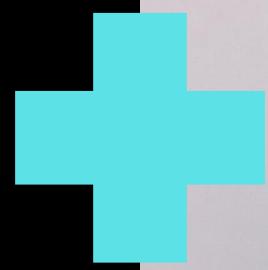
Distributed database and
more reference graphs

Industry and Agriculture Impact

Early Contamination Detection

Faster Response Time

Cost-Effective Monitoring





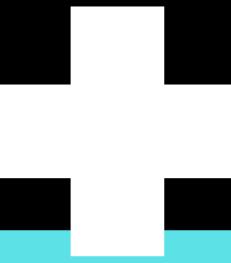
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Average Weight: -0.017945576
Variance: -0.22445753
Edge Count: -1
Degree Map: null
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Classify: ONLY_WATER_SIDE_VIEW Similar To: GREEN
MST Features:
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Average Weight: -0.4428747
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Results

Water Conservation at Home

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01

Tips: fix leaks, use efficient appliances,
save water in baths.

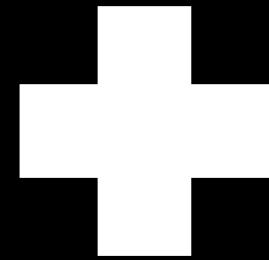
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Every drop saved counts.





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Call to Action

Take daily steps for water conservation.

Support policies for sustainable water management.

Join local and global initiatives.

