Minimum Spanning Tree

Description In the Minimum Spanning Tree problem, we are given as input an undirected graph G = (V, E) together with weight w(u, v) on each edge $(u, v) \in E$. The goal is to find a minimum spanning tree for G. Recall that we learned two algorithms, Kruskal's and Prim's in class. In this assignment, you are asked to implement Prim's algorithm. The following is a pseudo-code of Prim's algorithm.

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Initialize a min-priority queue Q.
for all u \in V do
  u.key = \infty.
  u.\pi = NIL.
  Insert (Q, u).
end for
Decrease-key(Q, r, 0).
while Q \neq \emptyset do
  u = \text{Extract-Min}(Q).
  for all v \in Adj[u] do
     if v \in Q and w(u, v) < v.key then
       v.\pi = u.
       Decrease-Key(Q, v, w(u, v)).
     end if
  end for
end while
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The code takes as input G, w and r where r is an arbitrary vertex the user can specify as root. The input will have the following format. The first integer refers to the number of vertices, i.e. |V|. The second integer is the number of edges, i.e. |E|. Vertices are indexed by 0, 1, ..., |V|-1. Then, two numbers u, v, w(u, v) appearing in each line means an edge (u, v) with weight w(u, v). Use vertex 0 as the root r. In every input, all edges will have distinct weights. Hence the resulting MST must be unique, and the above pseudo-code outputs the MST by π . Here $v.\pi = u$ means that u became v's unique parent in the process of Prim's algorithm; $r.\pi = NIL$ since r has no parent. You are asked to output the MST by outputting the π value of a vertex in each line, in the order of 1, 2, ..., |V| - 1. Here we excluded the root's parent. See an example below for more details.

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Implementation Issues Prim's algorithm needs min-priority queue that supports Decrease-key operation, which is not supported by the standard c++ priority queue. So you are allowed to use 'inefficient' priority queue which support each operation in O(|V|) time. Such an inefficient priority queue can be easily implemented using an array. Then, the running time of your implementation will be roughly O(|E||V|).

However, if you use min-priority queue and your code runs in $O(|E| \log |V|)$ time, you will get extra credits, which will be worth half a lab. Here's a simple trick you can exploit when using c++ standard priority queue. Instead of decreasing an element's key, we just mark the element invalid, and push a new element with the new key value to the queue. Here we have to

be careful when extracting a minimum element since what we really want is a minimum element that is valid. So extraction a valid min element could take more time. However, at any point in time, the priority queue has at most O(|E|) elements, so each extract-min operation will take $O(\log |E|) = O(\log |V|)$ time. Since you will extract minimum elements at most O(|E|) times, you will only need $O(|E|\log |V|)$ time for extracting valid min elements.

Examples of input and output

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The first number refers to the parent of vertex 1, and the second number to the parent of vertex 2, and so on.

Your solutions Before leaving the lab, submit a zipped tar archive of your program through the assignments page of CatCourse. Please use your UCMNetID as the filename for the zipped tar archive.