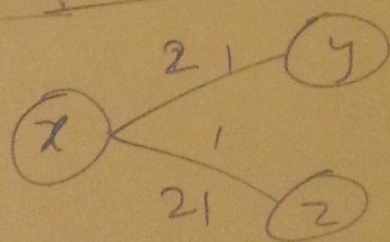


Lab 11. Q2. MST Proof:

Suppose that for every cut of G , there is unique light edge crossing the cut. Let us consider two MSTs, T & T' , of G . We will show that T and T' are the same & hence there exists unique MST.

Consider any edge $(u, v) \in T$. If we remove (u, v) from T , then it results in a cut $(S, V-S)$. The edge (u, v) is a light edge crossing the cut. Now, consider the edge $(x, y) \in T'$ that crosses $(S, V-S)$. It is also a light edge crossing the cut. Since the light edge crossing $(S, V-S)$ is unique, these two edges are same. Thus, $(u, v) \in T'$. And it holds true for all edge in T , also in T' .

Counter Example for the converse:



Here, the graph is its own MST, so the MST is unique. Consider the cut $(\{x\}, \{y, z\})$. Both of the edges (x, y) & (x, z) are edges crossing the cut, and they're both light edges, so the converse is not true.