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HomeWork 2

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Problem 3 Solution:

Problem 4 Solution:

Problem 8 Solution:

Assume that T and T' is two different minimum spanning trees. An edge $e \in T$, and $e \notin T'$. Let's add e into Tree T, then there are two different situation.

- (a) e is the most expensive among the circle Because all weights are different, at least one edge's weight larger than e, let's assume it is e'. Substitute e for e', it forms a new tree with smaller weight. Contradict with T'is a minimum spanning tree.
- (b) e is not the most expensive among the circle There must be an edge in the circle which is not belong to tree T(Otherwise e form a circle in the tree T).Let assume it is e''. By substituting e'' for e in tree T, we construct a new tree with smaller sum weight. It contradicts with the assumption.

In conclusion, G's minimum spanning tree is unique.

Problem 9 Solution:

- (a)
- (b)

Problem 11 Solution:

Problem 17 Solution:

Problem 27 Solution: