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The problem: City Connector

Task:

For a given country, it is necessary to connect cities by roads so that you can get from any city to any other. Cities are given by their geographical coordinates, the roads are drawn directly and the length of each is the Euclidean distance between them. The target spanning tree should be visualised and obtained distances should be compared with existing.

Preparations:

1. Obtaining data
2. Creating Graphs for different methods.

All data was collected by using geonames.org api. This one allows users to request a lot of information about countries or regions. Needed for us was list of cities with their latitude (lat) and length (len)

```
paa={'country':'UK','maxRows':'300','type':'json','username':"premium",'cities':'cities1000'}  
r =rs.get('http://api.geonames.org/search?', paa)
```

The form of our request. As you can see we request information about 300 cities in the UK with a population of at least 1000. Also, we would like to get this information as .json file.

The only restriction was limit of 25000 requests per day, but by saving downloaded information it can be easily avoided.

Next step is storing information in lists and .json files. Json file is used for storing all information and lists are the representation of our Graphs. For Prim's algorithm we will need NxN matrix with Euclidean distances between different cities stored in each cell.

Example: suppose i = London and j = Cambridge, then $\text{Graph}[i][j]$ - Euclidean distance between these cities.

However, for Kruskal's algorithm we will need Matrix, such that 1st cell would be city - start of the edge, 2nd - end of the edge, 3rd- distance between them. We will need this Matrix be sorted by distance, so we use lambda function.

Key for sorting by specific column would be:

$\text{key} = \text{lambda } x: x[n]$, where n = number of column.

Prim's algorithm.

It is based on adding new vertices to the tree by taking from already included vertex edge with the minimum weight. It starts from one arbitrary taken vertex and ends up with minimal spanning tree. It also can be compared to Dijkstra algorithm.

```
def searchMin_Prims(Graph, visited):# Prims start  
    min = max_of_list_in_list(Graph)  
    for i in visited:  
        graph_temp = enumerate(Graph[i])  
        for j, elem in graph_temp:  
            if elem < min and j not in visited:  
                min = elem  
                index_res = j  
    return [min, index_res]  
  
def Prims(Graph):  
    visitPlan = list()  
    for i in range(1, len(Graph)):  
        visitPlan.append(i)  
    visited, result = [0], [0]  
    for i in visitPlan:  
        weight, j = searchMin_Prims(Graph, visited)  
        result.append(weight)  
        visited.append(j)  
    return result# Prims End
```

Result:

We get a list of weights of edges, which are included in our spanning tree. To add it to map we just go through the whole primary matrix of distances and look for equalities.

One of the main purposes of our internship was learning new stuff about programming languages and also becoming used to work in team. I enjoyed working on this project, searching for information and finding new ways of solving problems.