# **Project Title: Graph Algorithms for Shortest Paths and Minimum Spanning Trees**

**Objective:** The goal of this project is to implement and compare algorithms for finding shortest paths and minimum spanning trees in graphs.

#### Tasks:

### 1. Implement Graph Data Structure:

 Create a data structure to represent a weighted graph. Include operations for adding vertices, edges, and weights.

# 2. Choose Shortest Path Algorithms:

 Select at least two different algorithms for finding shortest paths (e.g., Dijkstra's Algorithm, Bellman-Ford Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm, etc.).

# 3. Choose Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithms:

 Select at least two different algorithms for finding minimum spanning trees (e.g., Prim's Algorithm, Kruskal's Algorithm, etc.).

### 4. Generate Random Weighted Graphs:

 Write a function to generate random weighted graphs with varying sizes and structures.

#### 5. Measure Execution Time:

o Implement a timer to record the execution time of each shortest path and minimum spanning tree algorithm for different input graph sizes.

# 6. Analyze Time Complexity:

 Based on the execution times, analyze and compare the time complexity of the algorithms. Consider factors like best case, worst case, and average case time complexity.

### 7. Visualize the Data:

Create plots or graphs to visually represent the execution times of the algorithms.
This will help in demonstrating the differences in performance.

#### 8. Write a Report:

- Summarize your findings in a report. Include the following:
  - Introduction to graph algorithms for shortest paths and minimum spanning trees and their time complexity.
  - Explanation of the chosen algorithms.
  - Execution time results for different input graph sizes.
  - Analysis of time complexity.
  - Visual representations (graphs or plots).
  - Conclusions and observations.

### **Optional Enhancements:**

#### 1. Compare Space Complexity:

o Extend the project to compare the space complexity of the algorithms.

# 2. Apply to Real-world Graphs:

• Test the algorithms on real-world graphs (e.g., transportation networks, social networks) and analyze their performance.

# 3. Optimization Techniques:

• Explore and implement optimization techniques for the selected algorithms to see how they affect performance.

#### **Submission:**

Submit the following:

- 1. Source code files implementing the graph data structure and algorithms for finding shortest paths and minimum spanning trees.
- 2. A report documenting the project, including findings and visualizations.

**Note:** Ensure to provide comprehensive comments in your code and use meaningful variable names for better readability and understanding.