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# PRACTICAL NO.

#### AIM:

From a given weighted connected graph, find the Minimum Spanning Tree using **Prim's Algorithm**.

#### THEORY:

A Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) of a weighted, connected, undirected graph is a subset of edges that connects all vertices without forming a cycle and with the minimum possible total edge weight.

**Prim's Algorithm** is a Greedy Algorithm. It builds the MST by starting from an arbitrary node and at each step, adding the smallest weight edge that connects a visited vertex to an unvisited vertex.

## **ALGORITHM:**

- 1. Start with any node and mark it as visited.
- 2. Initialize a priority queue (or min-heap) to store edges connected to the visited nodes.
- 3. Pick the edge with the minimum weight that connects to an unvisited node.
- 4. Mark that node as visited and add its edges to the priority queue.
- 5. Repeat steps 3–4 until all vertices are included.

# TIME COMPLEXITY:

- Using Min Heap with adjacency list: O(E log V)
- Using adjacency matrix: O(V<sup>2</sup>)

# **ADVANTAGES:**

- 1. Better performance for dense graphs
- 2. Always finds the globally optimal MST
- 3. No need to sort all edges initially

#### **DISADVANTAGES:**

- 1. Not as efficient for sparse graphs
- 2. Requires more memory due to adjacency structures
- 3. Needs a good priority queue for optimal performance

## **APPLICATIONS:**

- 1. Network design (telecom, electrical grids)
- 2. Image processing and segmentation
- 3. Cluster analysis
- 4. Circuit design and layout
- 5. Map and route optimizations

## **EXAMPLE:**

Graph (Edge - Weight):

B-D - 5

A - B - 6

C-F-9

F-E - 10

B-C - 11

G-F - 12

A-G - 15

C-D - 17

D-E - 22

C-G - 25

Steps (starting from A):

- 1.  $A-B \rightarrow 6$
- 2.  $B-D \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow Total = 11$
- 3.  $B-C \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow Total = 22$
- 4.  $C-F \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow Total = 31$
- 5.  $F-E \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow Total = 41$
- 6.  $F-G \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow Total = 53$

# Minimum Cost = 53

## **PROGRAM:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <limits.h>
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#include <stdbool.h>

#define MAX 100

```
int minKey(int key[], bool mstSet[], int V) {
  int min = INT_MAX, min_index;
  for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
   if (!mstSet[v] && key[v] < min)
      min = key[v], min_index = v;</pre>
```

return min\_index;

```
void printMST(int parent[], int graph[MAX][MAX], int V) {
  int totalWeight = 0;
  printf("Edges in Minimum Spanning Tree:\n");
  for (int i = 1; i < V; i++) {
     printf("\%d -- \%d == \%d\n", parent[i], i, graph[i][parent[i]]);
    totalWeight += graph[i][parent[i]];
  }
  printf("Total Weight of MST: %d\n", totalWeight);
}
void primMST(int graph[MAX][MAX], int V) {
  int parent[MAX];
  int key[MAX];
  bool mstSet[MAX];
  for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
    key[i] = INT_MAX, mstSet[i] = false;
  }
  key[0] = 0;
  parent[0] = -1;
  for (int count = 0; count < V - 1; count++) {
     int u = minKey(key, mstSet, V);
     mstSet[u] = true;
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}

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for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
       if (graph[u][v] \&\& !mstSet[v] \&\& graph[u][v] < key[v])
          parent[v] = u, key[v] = graph[u][v];
  }
  printMST(parent, graph, V);
}
int main() {
  int V;
  printf("Enter number of vertices: ");
  scanf("%d", &V);
  int graph[MAX][MAX];
  printf("Enter adjacency matrix (enter 0 if no edge exists):\n");
  for (int i = 0; i < V; i++)
     for (int j = 0; j < V; j++)
       scanf("%d", &graph[i][j]);
  primMST(graph, V);
  return 0;
}
```

#### **#OUTPUT:**

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Enter number of vertices: 7
Enter adjacency matrix (enter 0 if no edge exists):
0 6 0 0 0 0 15
6 0 11 5 0 0 0
0 11 0 17 0 9 25
0 5 17 0 22 0 0
0 0 0 22 0 10 0
0 0 9 0 10 0 12
15 0 25 0 0 12 0
Edges in Minimum Spanning Tree:
0 -- 1 == 6
1 -- 2 == 11
1 -- 3 == 5
5 -- 4 == 10
2 -- 5 == 9
5 -- 6 == 12
Total Weight of MST: 53
Process exited after 83.42 seconds with return value 0
Press any key to continue . . .
```

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What is the difference between Prim's and Kruskal's algorithm?

  Ans:
  - Prim's grows a single tree by selecting the smallest edge from visited to unvisited.
  - Kruskal's adds edges in order of increasing weight, avoiding cycles using Union-Find.
- 2. Why is Prim's preferred for dense graphs?

  Ans:
  - It checks all adjacent vertices, making it faster for graphs with many edges.

# 3. How does Prim's Algorithm ensure no cycles are formed? Ans:

- It only adds edges from visited to unvisited nodes, ensuring a tree structure.
- 4. Explain how Prim's Algorithm works step by step with an example.

  Ans:
  - Start from any node, choose the smallest connecting edge to an unvisited node, repeat until all nodes are included.
- 5. List applications where Prim's is more effective than Kruskal's. Ans:
  - In network design and dense graphs where adjacency matrices or heaps are efficient.

#### Conclusion:

Prim's Algorithm is a greedy approach that finds the minimum spanning tree by growing one edge at a time, always choosing the smallest edge that adds a new vertex. It is efficient and reliable for various real-world applications, especially for dense graphs.

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