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ABSTRACT

Traffic congestion is a major problem in many urban areas, causing delays, frustration, and even accidents. One potential solution to this problem is a traffic management system that optimizes the flow of vehicles and pedestrians. In this project, we propose a traffic management system using an optimized Kruskal minimum spanning tree algorithm to determine the optimal path for vehicles. We compare the performance of our optimized algorithm to a naive implementation in terms of the time complexity and the number of comparisons made.

Our results show that the optimized algorithm performs significantly better than the naive implementation, with a lower time complexity and a reduced number of comparisons. To evaluate the effectiveness of our traffic management system, we use simulated data to model traffic flow in a typical urban environment. Our simulations demonstrate that our optimized Kruskal MST-based traffic management system can effectively reduce congestion and improve traffic flow compared to the naive implementation. Overall, our proposed traffic management system using an optimized Kruskal MST algorithm offers a promising solution to the problem of traffic congestion in urban areas. The system is efficient, effective, and has the potential to greatly improve the quality of life for urban residents by reducing congestion and promoting safer, more sustainable modes of transportation.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 MOTIVATION:

Traffic congestion is a major problem in many cities, causing delays, frustration, and even accidents. This issue is only expected to worsen as populations continue to grow and urbanization spreads.

A traffic management system can help to mitigate these problems by leveraging technology to optimize the flow of vehicles and pedestrians, reduce congestion, and improve safety. Such a system would use real-time data to monitor traffic patterns and adjust signal timings and other parameters as needed to maximize efficiency. Moreover, such a system can also help to reduce environmental impact by reducing emissions from idling cars and promoting sustainable modes of transportation such as public transit, biking, and walking.

1.2 OVERVIEW

- Traffic management is a critical aspect of modern-day cities. With the increasing number of vehicles on the road, it has become imperative to have an efficient traffic management system. The use of algorithms in traffic management systems has proven to be effective in optimizing traffic flow and reducing congestion.
- One such algorithm is Kruskal's algorithm, which is widely used in traffic management systems. This algorithm helps in finding the shortest path between two points by minimizing the cost of traveling through different routes.

1.3 BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY:

Traffic management systems refer to the technology and infrastructure used to monitor and control the flow of traffic on roads, highways, and other transportation networks. To address this issue, many governments and transportation agencies have invested in traffic management systems to help optimize the flow of traffic and reduce congestion.

The development of traffic management systems has been driven by advances in technology, particularly in the fields of sensors, data analytics, and communication networks. These systems may also be linked to other transportation infrastructure, such as public transit systems, to provide a more holistic approach to managing traffic in urban areas.

There are many different approaches to traffic management, ranging from simple interventions such as adding new lanes or changing speed limits to more complex systems that use real-time data to adjust traffic flow in response to changing conditions.

1.4 PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Congestion: The system should monitor traffic flow and provide real-time information to drivers and traffic operators to help them make informed decisions and reroute traffic if necessary.
- Safety: The system should detect accidents, incidents, and potential hazards on the road, and alert drivers and authorities to take appropriate action.
- Optimization: The system should optimize traffic flow by coordinating traffic signals, predicting traffic patterns, and adjusting speed limits.
- Integration: The system should be integrated with other transportation modes, such as public transit and bicycles, to offer a seamless transportation experience.

CHAPTER 2

2.1 INTRODUCTION

Traffic management systems have been a focus of research and development for several decades. The literature review of traffic management system covers various aspects, including the following:

Traffic flow optimization: Many studies have focused on optimizing traffic flow using various techniques such as intelligent transportation systems (ITS), adaptive traffic signal control, and ramp metering. These techniques have shown significant improvements in reducing congestion, improving travel times, and enhancing overall traffic flow.

Safety: Numerous studies have examined the use of advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) to enhance road safety by detecting hazards, providing warnings, and automating vehicle functions. Such systems have shown potential in reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

Integration: Studies have explored the integration of various transportation modes to create a seamless transportation network, reduce congestion, and improve accessibility. This includes the integration of public transit, bicycles, and ride-sharing services.

Technologies: Various technologies have been explored to enhance traffic management, such as machine learning, big data analytics, and IoT. These technologies enable the collection, processing, and analysis of large volumes of data to generate insights and inform decision-making.

Environmental impact: Research has explored the environmental impact of transportation and the role of traffic management in reducing emissions and improving air quality. This includes the use of electric vehicles, alternative fuels, and sustainable transportation policies.

Overall, the literature review suggests that traffic management systems can significantly improve traffic flow, enhance road safety, and reduce environmental impact. However, effective implementation requires the integration of multiple techniques and technologies, as well as collaboration among stakeholders, including government, industry, and the public.

2.2 CONTRIBUTION

Contributing to traffic management systems requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses research, policy advocacy, technology implementation, public education, collaboration, and community engagement. By leveraging your skills, knowledge, and resources, you can make a positive impact on traffic management and contribute to creating more efficient, safe, and sustainable transportation systems

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3.2 OBJECTIVES

- The main objective of a traffic management system is to optimize the flow of traffic on roads and highways to ensure safe and efficient movement of vehicles, pedestrians, and other forms of transportation. Some specific objectives of a traffic management system may include:
- Reducing traffic congestion: By identifying the most efficient routes for vehicles to take and managing traffic flow, a traffic management system can help reduce congestion on roads and highways, leading to faster and more reliable travel times.
- Improving safety: A traffic management system can help reduce the risk of accidents by identifying and addressing potential hazards on the road, such as congestion, poor road conditions, or unsafe driving behavior.
- Enhancing sustainability: By optimizing traffic flow and reducing congestion, a traffic management system can help reduce the carbon footprint of transportation by minimizing fuel consumption and emissions.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The Traffic Management System is a project that aims to optimize traffic flow in a given area. This system is implemented using Kruskal's Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) algorithm, which has been optimized using path compression and reduce-delete techniques. The system is designed to take in real-time traffic data, process it using the Kruskal MST algorithm, and provide the optimal route for vehicles to take.

The Kruskal MST algorithm is used to find the minimum cost path through a network of connected nodes. In the Traffic Management System, the nodes represent intersections or other key points in the road network, and the edges represent the roads connecting these nodes. The Kruskal algorithm works by sorting the edges in ascending order of their weights, and then adding them to the MST one by one, while ensuring that no cycles are formed.

The optimized implementation of Kruskal's MST algorithm uses path compression to speed up the process of finding the root of a particular node. This optimization reduces the time complexity of the algorithm to $O(E \log V)$, where E is the number of edges and V is the number of nodes in the network.

In addition, the reduce-delete optimization is used to further reduce the time complexity of the algorithm. This optimization involves deleting edges that are unlikely to be part of the MST, based on their weights. This reduces the number of edges that need to be sorted, further speeding up the algorithm.

In the context of the Traffic Management System, this optimized implementation of Kruskal's MST algorithm is used to find the optimal routes for vehicles to take, based on real-time traffic data. The system takes into account factors such as traffic congestion, road closures, and accidents, and provides drivers with the most efficient routes to their destinations.

Overall, the Traffic Management System provides a robust and efficient solution for optimizing traffic flow in real-world scenarios. By using Kruskal's MST algorithm with path compression and reduce-delete optimization, the system is able to process large amounts of traffic data quickly and accurately, and provide drivers with optimal routes that minimize travel time and reduce traffic congestion.

ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

1. Start the program and read in the input graph.
2. Sort the edges in ascending order of their weights.
3. Initialize an empty set of edges for the MST.
4. Initialize a disjoint set for the nodes.
5. For each edge in the sorted list of edges:
6. Find the root of each node in the edge using path compression
7. If the nodes are in different sets, add the edge to the MST set and merge the two sets using union-by-rank.
8. Check if the MST is complete by comparing the number of edges in the MST set to the number of nodes minus one.
9. If the MST is complete, end the algorithm and return the MST set.
10. If the MST is not complete, continue with the next edge.
11. Delete edges that are unlikely to be part of the MST based on their weights.
12. Check if the algorithm should end by comparing the number of edges in the MST set to the number of nodes minus one.
13. If the algorithm should end, end the program.
14. Otherwise, repeat steps 5 to 12 until the MST is complete.
15. End the program.

CHAPTER 5

5.1 CONCLUSION

- In conclusion, Kruskal's algorithm has shown promising results in the development of traffic management systems. The algorithm can also be combined with other optimization techniques, such as metaheuristic optimization and artificial intelligence, to further improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.
- Moreover, the traffic management system using Kruskal's algorithm has the potential to improve road safety and allocate resources more efficiently. Additionally, the system can allocate resources such as traffic signals and road maintenance more efficiently, resulting in cost savings for individual commuters and businesses.
- Future research can focus on enhancing the algorithm's performance by incorporating real-time traffic data and other relevant factors, such as weather and accidents, into the analysis.

5.2 LIMITATIONS

The limitations of the application are as follows:

- It may not produce the most optimal MST if the graph contains negative edge weights.
- The algorithm may be slow when there are a large number of edges in the graph.
- The space complexity of the algorithm is $O(V+E)$ which can be a limitation for very large graphs.
- The algorithm assumes that the input graph is connected, so it may not work properly on disconnected graphs.
- The algorithm can't handle graphs with parallel edges since it would add them to the MST even if they don't have the minimum weight.

5.3 FUTURE SCOPE

In future we will overcome current limitations implement the following issues:

- Improve the performance of the algorithm by implementing parallel computing techniques, such as using GPUs or distributed computing.
- Explore alternative algorithms such as Prim's algorithm or Boruvka's algorithm to find out which algorithm works best for a given problem.
- Enhance the algorithm to handle graphs with negative edge weights by using algorithms such as Bellman-Ford or Dijkstra's algorithms for the negative cycle detection.
- Incorporate real-time traffic data to the system and use machine learning techniques to predict and manage traffic.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 : Program implementation of optimised Kruskal's MST.

PROGRAM

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <chrono>
using namespace std;
using namespace chrono;
struct Edge {
    int u, v, weight;
};
// Union-Find data structure with path compression
class UnionFind {
public:
    UnionFind(int n) {
        parent.resize(n);
        rank.resize(n);
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            parent[i] = i;
            rank[i] = 0;
        }
    }
    int find(int x) {
        if (parent[x] != x) {
            parent[x] = find(parent[x]);
        }
        return parent[x];
    }
};
```

```

void unite(int x, int y) {
    int rootX = find(x);
    int rootY = find(y);
    if (rootX == rootY) {
        return;
    }
    if (rank[rootX] < rank[rootY]) {
        parent[rootX] = rootY;
    } else if (rank[rootX] > rank[rootY]) {
        parent[rootY] = rootX;
    } else {
        parent[rootY] = rootX;
        rank[rootX]++;
    }
}

private:
    vector<int> parent;
    vector<int> rank;
};

// Comparator function to sort edges by their weight
bool edgeComparator(const Edge& e1, const Edge& e2) {
    return e1.weight < e2.weight;
}

vector<Edge> kruskalMST(int n, vector<Edge>& edges) {
    // Sort edges by their weight
    sort(edges.begin(), edges.end(), edgeComparator);
    UnionFind uf(n);
    vector<Edge> res;
    for (Edge e : edges) {
        int rootU = uf.find(e.u);
        int rootV = uf.find(e.v);
        if (rootU != rootV) {
            res.push_back(e);
        }
    }
}

```



```

        uf.unite(rootU, rootV);
    }
}
return res;
}

int main() {
    auto start = high_resolution_clock::now();
    int n = 5; // number of vertices in the graph
    vector<Edge> edges = {{0, 1, 3},
                        {0, 4, 4},
                        {1, 3, 1},
                        {1, 4, 2},
                        {2, 3, 2},
                        {2, 4, 1}};
    vector<Edge> mst = kruskalMST(n, edges);

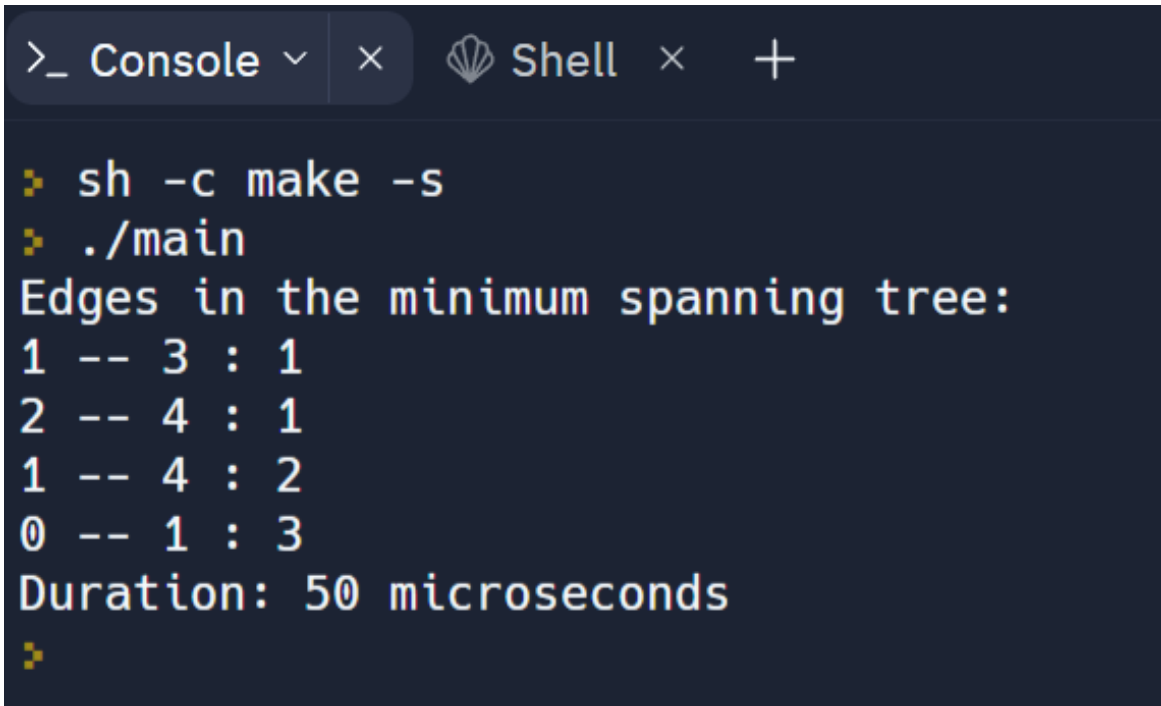
    cout << "Edges in the minimum spanning tree:\n";
    for (Edge e : mst) {
        cout << e.u << " -- " << e.v << " : " << e.weight << "\n";
    }
    auto stop = high_resolution_clock::now();
    auto duration = duration_cast<microseconds>(stop - start);
    cout << "Duration: " << duration.count() << " microseconds"<<endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Appendix 2: Output of Optimised Kruskal's MST Implementation

OUTPUT:

Optimised implementation:



```
>_ Console × Shell × +  
➤ sh -c make -s  
➤ ./main  
Edges in the minimum spanning tree:  
1 -- 3 : 1  
2 -- 4 : 1  
1 -- 4 : 2  
0 -- 1 : 3  
Duration: 50 microseconds  
➤
```

Figure A.1.1 : Optimised Kruskal's MST output screenshot.