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**Analytical Report: Optimization of a City Transportation Network (Minimum Spanning Tree)**

**1. Introduction**

The purpose of this project was to apply **Prim’s** and **Kruskal’s algorithms** to optimize a city’s transportation network by finding the **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)**.  
The goal was to determine the minimum set of roads that connect all city districts with the **lowest total construction cost**.  
Both algorithms were implemented in **Java**, and the program reads data from a **JSON file** and outputs results into another JSON file.

**2. Methodology**

**2.1 Data Representation**

The city transportation network was represented as a **weighted undirected graph**, where:

* **Vertices** represent districts.
* **Edges** represent roads between districts.
* **Edge weights** represent construction costs.

Custom classes Graph.java and Edge.java were created to model this structure.

**2.2 Algorithms Implemented**

* **Prim’s Algorithm:**  
  Builds the MST starting from one vertex and repeatedly adds the smallest edge that connects a new vertex to the growing tree.
* **Kruskal’s Algorithm:**  
  Sorts all edges by weight and adds them one by one, ensuring that no cycles are formed using the **Disjoint Set Union (Union-Find)** structure.

**2.3 Input and Output**

* Input graphs were stored in JSON files (e.g., assign\_3\_input.json) with different sizes:
  + Small graphs (4–6 vertices)
  + Medium graphs (10–15 vertices)
  + Large graphs (20–30+ vertices)
* Each output JSON file recorded:
  + List of MST edges
  + Total MST cost
  + Execution time (in milliseconds)
  + Operation count (comparisons, unions, etc.)

**3. Experimental Results**

| **Graph ID** | **Vertices** | **Edges** | **Algorithm** | **Total Cost** | **Operations** | **Execution Time (ms)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 5 | 7 | Prim | 16 | 42 | 1.52 |
| 1 | 5 | 7 | Kruskal | 16 | 37 | 1.28 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | Prim | 6 | 29 | 0.87 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | Kruskal | 6 | 31 | 0.92 |

**4. Analysis and Comparison**

**4.1 Correctness**

Both algorithms produced identical MST total costs, confirming that the implementations were correct.

**4.2 Performance**

* **Prim’s Algorithm:**  
  Performed slightly better on **sparse graphs** (fewer edges).  
  Works efficiently with adjacency lists and a priority queue.
* **Kruskal’s Algorithm:**  
  Was slightly faster on **dense graphs** where sorting edges becomes efficient.  
  The union-find structure ensures no cycles are formed.

**4.3 Complexity**

* **Prim’s Algorithm:** O(E log V) using a priority queue.
* **Kruskal’s Algorithm:** O(E log E) due to sorting all edges.

**5. Conclusions**

Both Prim’s and Kruskal’s algorithms successfully optimized the city transportation network.  
They produced the same MST total cost, but their **efficiency differed** based on graph density:

* **Prim’s** is better for **sparse graphs**.
* **Kruskal’s** is better for **dense graphs**.

This project helped me understand how theoretical graph algorithms can be applied to real-world optimization problems.  
It also improved my skills in **data structures**, **algorithm design**, and **Java programming**.

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**Summary**

In this project, I implemented **Prim’s** and **Kruskal’s algorithms** in Java to find the **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)** for a city transportation network.  
The goal was to minimize the total road construction cost while keeping all city districts connected.

I created custom Graph and Edge classes to follow **object-oriented programming principles** and used **JSON files** for input and output.  
Both algorithms were tested on small, medium, and large graphs to analyze their **correctness**, **efficiency**, and **execution time**.

The results showed that both algorithms produced the same total MST cost, confirming correctness.  
However, **Prim’s algorithm** performed better on sparse graphs, while **Kruskal’s algorithm** was slightly faster on dense graphs.  
Overall, this project helped me understand graph optimization techniques, algorithm performance analysis, and practical implementation in Java.