

a. Required Algorithms for Finding MST Using Kruskal's Algorithm

Overview of Kruskal's Algorithm:

Kruskal's algorithm finds the Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) of a graph by:

1. Sorting all edges by weight.
2. Using a union-find (disjoint set) data structure to avoid cycles while adding the smallest edge to the MST.

Algorithm 1: Kruskal's Algorithm $Kruskal(G)$:

Input:

A graph $G = (V, E)$, where V is the set of vertices and E is the set of edges with weights.

Output:

The edges of the Minimum Spanning Tree (MST).

1. Initialize $MST = \{\}$.
2. Sort all edges in E by weight (ascending).
3. Initialize a disjoint set for all vertices in V .
4. For each edge (u, v) in the sorted edge list:
 - a. If u and v are not in the same set:
 - i. Add (u, v) to MST.
 - ii. Union the sets of u and v .
5. Return MST.

Algorithm 2: Disjoint Set Operations

- Find: Determines the representative of the set containing an element.

- Union: Combines two sets.

MakeSet(v):

Input: A vertex v .

Output: Initializes a new set containing v .

1. Parent[v] = v .

2. Rank[v] = 0.

Find(v):

Input: A vertex v .

Output: The representative of the set containing v .

1. If Parent[v] $\neq v$:

a. Parent[v] = Find(Parent[v]) (path compression).

2. Return Parent[v].

Union(u, v):

Input: Two vertices u and v .

Output: Merges the sets containing u and v .

1. RootU = Find(u).

2. RootV = Find(v).

3. If RootU \neq RootV:

a. If Rank [RootU] > Rank [RootV], Parent [RootV] = RootU.

b. Else if Rank [RootU] < Rank [RootV], Parent [RootU] = RootV.

c. Else, Parent [RootV] = RootU and increment Rank [RootU].

b. Analysis of Kruskal's Algorithm

Time Complexity:

1. Sorting the Edges:

- Sorting all edges E takes $O(E \log E)$.

2. Union-Find Operations:

- For E edges, the union and find operations are performed.
- Using path compression and union by rank, each operation runs in nearly constant time $O(\alpha(V))$, where α is the inverse Ackermann function.
- Total time: $O(E \alpha(V))$.

Overall time complexity: $O(E \log E + E \alpha(V))$ approx $O(E \log E)$.

Space Complexity:

- Storing the edges and disjoint set requires $O(V + E)$ space.