

CS 677 Homework  
Assignment 08

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1. (a) Kruskal's Algorithm: Order that edges are added to the MST:

- Add (G, H): [G, H], [A], [B], [C], [D], [E], [F], [I]
- Add (A, C): [A, C], [G, H], [B], [D], [E], [F], [I]
- Add (I, H): [A, C], [G, I, H], [B], [D], [E], [F]
- Add (A, B): [A, B, C], [G, I, H], [D], [E], [F]
- Add (C, D): [A, B, C, D], [G, I, H], [E], [F]
- Add (C, G): [A, B, C, D, G, I, H], [E], [F]
- Ignore (B, D): [A, B, C, D, G, I, H], [E], [F]
- Ignore (D, I): [A, B, C, D, G, I, H], [E], [F]
- Add (G, F): [A, B, C, D, G, I, H, F], [E]
- Add (C, E): [A, B, C, D, G, I, H, F, E]

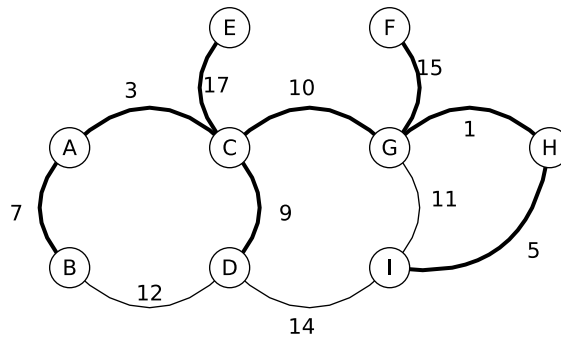


Figure 1: Minimum Spanning Tree.

(b) Prim's Algorithm: Order that edges are added to the MST, starting from vertex A:

- (A, C) → (A, B) → (C, D) → (C, G) → (G, H) → (H, I) → (G, F) → (C, E)

Both algorithms yield the same MST as shown in Fig. 1.

2. Page 602, **22.2-9**

- Apply DFS on the given undirected graph. We know that DFS takes  $O(V + E)$  to finish. Also, we know that a DFS forms a depth-first forest which will cover all edges and forms a path along the way. This path will also traverse each edge in  $E$  exactly once in each direction because DFS only back-track when it needs to.
- To find a way out of a maze if we are given a large supply of pennies, we can perform a DFS and use pennies for marking the path that we already traversed through. Each time we traverse through a path we put a penny down and when we back track we put another down. We never traverse in a path with 2 pennies. By this way, we can discover the whole maze and find the way out.

3. Page 621, **22.5-6** The algorithm works as follows:

- Apply *STRONGLY-CONNECTED-COMPONENTS* algorithm to find all strongly connected components in  $G$  and component graph  $G^{SCC} = (V^{SCC}, E^{SCC})$ : Time  $O(V + E)$ .

- In each strongly connected component, there will be a directed cycle connected all vertices. Start with  $E' = \emptyset$ . Time:  $O(1)$ . For each SCC of  $G$ , let the vertices in the SCC be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$ , and add to  $E'$  the directed edges  $(v_1, v_2), (v_2, v_3), \dots, (v_{k-1}, v_k), (v_k, v_1)$ . These edges form a simple, directed cycle that includes all vertices of the SCC. Time for all SCC's:  $O(V)$ .
- For each edge  $(u, v)$  in the graph  $G^{\text{SCC}}$ , select any vertex  $x$  in  $u$ 's SCC and any vertex  $y$  in  $v$ 's SCC, and add the directed edge  $(x, y)$  to  $E'$ . Time:  $O(E)$ .
- Total time  $O(V + E)$ .

4. Page 663, **24.3-2**

Given an example of a directed graph with negative-weight edges for which Dijkstra's algorithm produces incorrect answers.

Assume that we apply Dijkstra's algorithm to the graph with negative-weight edges as shown in Figure 2. After the algorithm terminates, we see that the shortest path from the vertex A (the source) to vertex B is 2. However, if we follow the path  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$ , the cost is smaller:  $2 + 3 - 6 + 2 = 1 < 2$ .

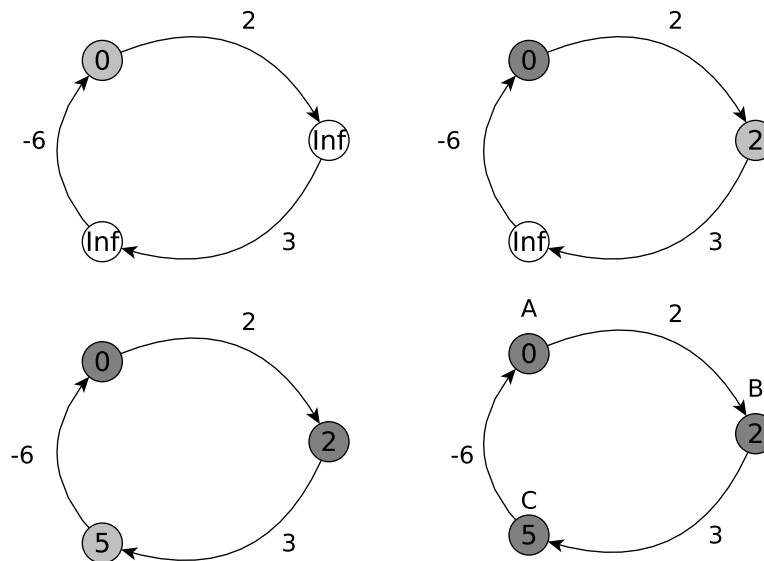


Figure 2: Dijkstra's algorithm on negative-weight edges.

The proof of Theorem 24.6 fails at (24.2), because it needs to assume non-negative weight on path  $p_2$  (Figure 3) in order to have:

$$y.d = \delta(s, y) \leq \delta(s, u) \leq u.d$$

5. Page 692, **25.1-6**

Suppose that we are given the completed matrix  $L(n, n)$  and the weight matrix  $W$ , we want to compute the predecessor matrix  $\Pi$ :

*Algorithm:*

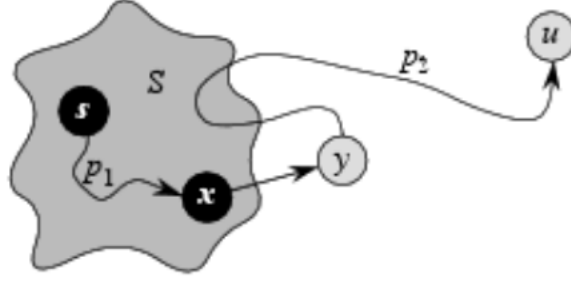


Figure 3: The proof of Theorem 24.6.

COMPUTE-PI(L, W)

**for**  $i = 1 : n$

**for**  $j = 1 : n$

**for**  $k = 1 : n$

**if**  $L(i, j) = L(i, k) + W(k, j)$

$\Pi(i, j) = k$

The given algorithm runs in  $O(n^3)$  and for a pair of vertices  $(i, j)$ , it searches all vertices  $k$  in between to see if vertex  $k$  is in the shortest-path weights from vertex  $i$  to vertex  $j$ .

6. Page 663, **24.3-6** We build a direct graph  $G' = (V, E)$  such that each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  the associated weight is  $W(u, v) = -\log(r(u, v))$ , as shown in Figure 4. As  $0 \leq r(u, v) \leq 1$ , we have  $W(u, v) \geq 0$ . By using Dijkstra's algorithm, we can find the path between the two given vertices such that the total weight is smallest.

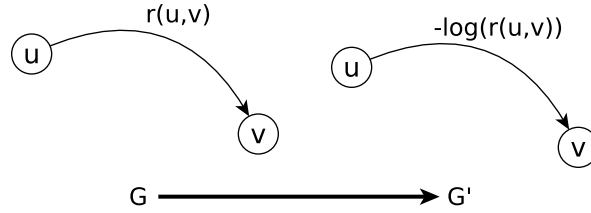


Figure 4: Turning  $G$  to  $G'$ .

We have:

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^k W_i = -\log\left(\prod_{i=1}^k r_i\right)$$

$S$  is minimum so we have  $\prod_{i=1}^k r_i$  is maximum, meaning that path is also the most reliable path.