

Project #6

For this project, you are the Minister of Transportation for an island nation. The only way to get from one island to another is by boat, which is very slow. You believe that the nation's economy will be improved if there is a quick way to travel from island to island. Your plan is to build a collection of bridges that let people easily get from island to island.

However, the cost to build a bridge between two islands varies, and not all islands can be directly connected by a bridge. An engineering survey has been done to determine all pairs of islands that can be connected by a bridge, and the cost to build each bridge.

Because the nation is democratic, it is important that the network of bridges allows travel between as many pairs of islands as possible. However, it is not necessary that every pair of islands be directly connected.

Given a set of islands, a set of potential bridges, and a cost for each potential bridge, your goal is to select the bridges to build such that it is possible to travel between as many islands as possible, and the cost of the bridges is minimized.

Part a

A legal solution to the transportation problem is a network of bridges that allows travel between as many pairs of islands as possible, and which does not create any cycles. Note that the cost of a legal solution is not necessarily minimized.

In this part of the project, you will develop an algorithm to find a spanning forest that does not necessarily have minimum cost.

Write the following global functions:

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bool isConnected(graph &g)
// Returns true if the graph g is connected. Otherwise returns false.

bool isCyclic(graph &g)
// Returns true if the graph g contains a cycle. Otherwise, returns false.

void findSpanningForest(graph &g1, graph &sf)
// Create a graph sf that contains a spanning forest on the graph g.
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The code you submit should read a graph's file name from the keyboard and then apply the functions to the graph to check if the graph is connected and if contains a cycle. The results of these tests should be printed to the screen.

Then, you should find a spanning forest on the graph and perform the same checks on this new graph. You should also print out the edges in the spanning forest, the total cost, and the number of connected components.