

Exercise 16.6. Let $G = (V, E)$ be an undirected graph with distinct nonnegative edge weights $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. For a spanning tree T , we say that the *bottleneck weight of T* is the maximum weight edge in T , $\max_{e \in T} w(e)$.

Exercise 16.6.1. Prove that the MST is also a minimum bottleneck weight spanning tree of G .

Solution.

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Exercise 16.6.2. Design and analyze a $O(m + n)$ -time algorithm for computing a minimum bottleneck weight spanning tree of G . (This is faster than any of our algorithms for MST.)⁴

⁴Here's step 1: compute the median edge weight in $O(m)$ time.

Solution.

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