

# CSCI 3104 PS5a

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TOTAL POINTS

**11 / 11**

## QUESTION 1

7 pts

### 1.1 2 / 2

- ✓ + 2 pts Correct
- + 1 pts partially correct
- + 0 pts Incorrect or not attempted

### 1.2 2 / 2

- ✓ + 2 pts All steps correctly followed. Good Work!!!
- + 1.5 pts Minor mistake in any one of the steps of Kruskal's Algo. Please refer to the solution file.
- + 1 pts Minor mistake in either two or three steps of Kruskal's Algo. Please refer to the solution file.
- + 0 pts Empty solution submitted or incorrect approach followed. Please refer to the solution file.

### 1.3 1 / 1

- ✓ + 1 pts Correct answer with justification
- + 0.5 pts Correct answer without justification
- + 0 pts Incorrect
- 💬 Dijkstra's algorithm will not necessarily generate a MST.

### 1.4 2 / 2

- ✓ + 2 pts Correct
- + 0 pts Incorrect/ No solution

## QUESTION 2

### 2 1 / 1

- ✓ + 0.5 pts Correct description of find(v)
- ✓ + 0.5 pts Correct description of union(a,b)
- + 0 pts Incorrect answer or not attempted
- + 0.5 pts Partially correct

## QUESTION 3

### 3 3 / 3

- ✓ + 1 pts Get first edge correctly.
- ✓ + 1 pts Get second edge correctly.
- ✓ + 1 pts Get third edge correctly.
- + 0 pts Incorrect/Not attempted

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- Verbal reasoning is typically insufficient for full credit. Instead, write a logical argument, in the style of a mathematical proof.
- For every problem in this class, you must justify your answer: show how you arrived at it and why it is correct. If there are assumptions you need to make along the way, state those clearly.
- You may work with other students. However, **all solutions must be written independently and in your own words**. Referencing solutions of any sort is strictly prohibited. You must explicitly cite any sources, as well as any collaborators.

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1. (7 pts) Consider the following weighted graph.

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- (a) (2 pts) Run Dijkstra's algorithm on this graph to obtain a tree of shortest paths.  
Use vertex 1 as the source vertex.

*Solution.*

VerticeVisited	Distance
1	0
2	2
4	5
5	6
3	16

$cost = 29$

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- (b) (2 pts) Run Kruskal's algorithm on this graph to obtain a minimum spanning tree.

*Solution.*

$(x, y)$  = edges from  $x$  to  $y$

- 1) (1,2)
- 2) (2,5)
- 3) (2,4)
- 4) (2,3)

- (c) (1 pts) Is the tree of shortest paths produced by Dijkstra's algorithm a minimum spanning tree? Justify your answer.

*Solution.*

The graph produced is a minimum spanning tree because the graph produced is acyclic, includes all vertices, and is the minimum cost path possible where  $cost = 29$

- (d) (2 pts) Find two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , where the  $u - v$  path in the Kruskal tree is not a shortest  $u - v$  path.

*Solution.*

We can examine the vertices 1 and 4 and we will see the path from 1-4 using Kruskal's algorithm is not the true shortest path from 1-4 because the cost of that path with Kruskal's is 7 as opposed to the optimal path being 5.

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2. (1 pt) Provide a brief description of what the  $find(v)$  and  $union(A,B)$  features of the union-find algorithm produce.

*Solution.*

Union find data structure is intended to maintain partitions of a set of objects, more specifically,

$find(v)$  returns the name of the group that 'v' belongs to and

$union(c_1, c_2)$  fuses the group  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  together in a single group.

3. (3 pts) Identify three edges in the following graph  $G$  that won't be included in any MST of  $G$ . Provide a 3-4 sentence explanation of your answer.

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*Solution.*

An MST is an acyclic tree, connects all vertices, and produces a minimum total cost of the path to all vertices. We also know that an MST must follow cut properties such that minimum crossing edge of two partitions separated by a cut must be in the MST. Therefore, we can identify edges (A,B), (B,C), (C,D) and know that they will not be in the MST.