

Problem 1. (30 points)

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Consider the following two graph algorithms. Each algorithm takes two input: a connected graph $G = (V, E)$, and a weight function w that maps each edge in E to a unique positive integer. Each algorithm returns a subset T of E .

| Algorithm A | Algorithm B |
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| $S \leftarrow$ Sort the edges in E in a list, by decreasing order of their weights. $T = E$ for $i = 1$ to $ S $ do if $T \setminus \{S[i]\}$ is a connected graph then $T = T \setminus \{S[i]\}$ return T | $S \leftarrow$ Put the edges in E in a list, in an arbitrary order. $T = \emptyset$ for $i = 1$ to $ S $ do if $T \cup \{S[i]\}$ has no cycle then $T = T \cup \{S[i]\}$ return T |

For each algorithm, check whether it finds a minimum spanning tree (MST) in a given graph.

(a) Does Algorithm A find an MST (i.e., is T an MST in G)? **Yes** or **No**

If Algorithm A is an MST algorithm:

- 1) give an example and show the value of T at each step of the algorithm, and
- 2) analyze the asymptotic time complexity of Algorithm A (do not forget to analyze the running time of checking whether $T \setminus \{S[i]\}$ is connected).

If Algorithm A is not an MST algorithm: give a counterexample and show the value of T at each step.

(b) Does Algorithm B find an MST (i.e., is T an MST in G)? **Yes** or **No**

If Algorithm B is an MST algorithm:

- 1) give an example and show the value of T at each step of the algorithm, and
- 2) analyze the asymptotic time complexity of Algorithm A (do not forget to analyze the running time of checking whether $T \cup \{S[i]\}$ has a cycle).

If Algorithm B is not an MST algorithm: give a counterexample and show the value of T at each step.