

What is another way of creating spanning trees besides guess-and-check and breadth-first search?

Theorem 5.7:

Let the depth-first search algorithm be applied to a graph \mathcal{G} .

- (a) The edges and vertices selected form a tree.
- (b) If \mathcal{G} is connected, this tree is a spanning tree.

Definitions:

The tree created using the depth-first search algorithm is called a _____.

The edges are called _____ and the other edges are called _____. The labeling of the vertices is called a _____.

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Example: Consider the graph below. Apply the (a) breadth-first search algorithm and (b) depth-first search algorithm to create a spanning tree.

Definition:

The absence of an edge, called a _____, whose removal disconnects the graph is necessary and sufficient to guarantee that there is a way to assign directions to edges so as to produce a strongly connected directed graph.

Theorem 5.8:

Suppose depth-first search is applied to a connected graph without a bridge. If directions are assigned to tree edges by going from the lower depth-first search number to the higher and to back edges by going from the higher number to the lower, then the resulting directed graph is strongly connected.

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