6.7.1 Implementations of Prim's Algorithm

The following is a straightforward implementation of Prim's algorithm.

What is the running time of this implementation? Answer: O(nm). At each iteration, we need to do the validity check for all the edges, that is whether, for (u, v), $u \in X$ and $v \notin X$.

Improvement using heap-based priority queue We can improve using a heap-based priority queue. Together with the usual pop() and push(), we use update key operation that runs, again, in $O(\log n)$ time. [[Revise the code in the style of Dijkstra!!!]]

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     Init:
2
       X \leftarrow \{s\}; T \leftarrow \{\}
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       Q: priority queue (of vertices with keys)
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5
       for each v != s
6
         if there is edge (s,v)
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             key(v) \leftarrow w(s,v); e(v) \leftarrow (s,v)
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9
             key(v) <- infty; e(v) <- NULL
10
         push(v)
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12
     Main loop: Htt.
13
       while Q is non-empty
14
         v* <- pop()
                                // the closest vertex chosen.
15
         Add v* into X
16
         Add e(v*) into T
17
         // update keys
18
         for each edge (v*,y) with y not in X // we're using adj list!
19
            if w(v*,y) < key(y)
              update key(y) <- w(v*,y); e(y) <- (v*,y)
20
21
       return T
```

The loop in the initialization (lines 5–10) performs n heap operations. Therefore, it takes $O(n \log n)$ time. The main loop has n-1 iterations, in which we have a heap operation and constant-time operations (lines 14–16) and a for loop (lines 18–20). Except for the for loop, it takes $O(n \log n)$ time. Now, the inner for loop itself is hard to estimate, but during the overall lifetime of the main loop, O(m) edges are checked for key updates, and so, it takes $O(m \log n)$. Therefore, in total, the running time is $O((n+m) \log n)$.

6.7.2 Implementation of Kruskal's algorithm

While Prim's algorithm grows a single tree that eventually becomes the minimum spanning tree, Kruskal's algorithm maintains a subgraph that can have more than one component, which grows to become a minimum spanning tree. For example, see the following illustration:

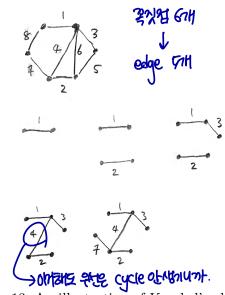


Figure 13: An illustration of Kruskal's algorithm.

Edges are added in the order of weights, and note that the edge of weight 6 could not be added because it makes a cycle. Now, let us see the following straightforward implementation of Kruskal's algorithm:

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Input: Connected undirected weighted graph G as adjacency list Output: the edges of a minimum spanning tree of G

Preprocessing:
S <- {} // chosen edges; initially empty. S for subgraph:)

Sort edges by weights なれれ なる いか → O(n log N)

Main loop:
for each edge e, in increasing order of weight
  if S and e does not make a cycle
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