

Homework 5

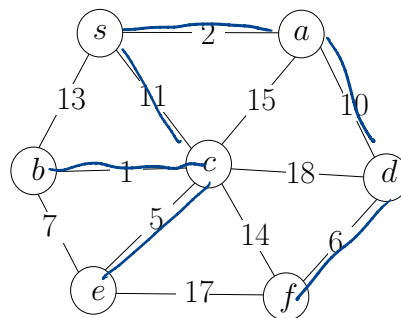
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Problem 1. Consider the following graph G with non-negative edge weights. Use



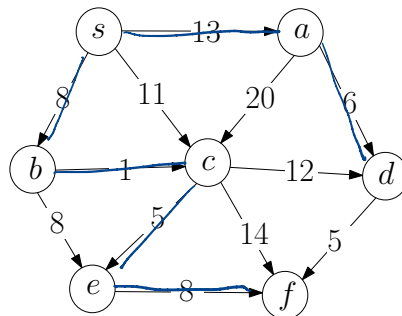
Prim's algorithm to compute the minimum spanning tree of G . You need to use the following table to describe the execution of the algorithm and give the minimum spanning tree and its weight.. If $d[v] = \infty$, then $\pi[v] = \perp$. Also, when a vertex v has been added to S , you can leave its d and π values empty, to make the table clean (but it is not required to do so).

iteration	vertex added to S in iteration i	a		b		c		d		e		f	
		d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π
1	s	2	s	13	s	11	s	∞	\perp	∞	\perp	∞	\perp
2	a			13	s	11	s	10	a	∞	\perp	∞	\perp
3	d			13	s	11	s			∞	\perp	6	d
4	f			13	s	11	s			17	f		
5	c			1	c					5	c		
6	b									5	c		
7	e												

Table 1: Prim's Algorithm for Minimum Spanning Tree

The edges in the MST are (s, a) (a, d) (d, f) (s, c) (b, c) (c, e).
 Its weight is 35.

Problem 2. Consider the following directed graph G with non-negative edge weights. Use Dijkstra's algorithm to compute the shortest paths from s to all other vertices in G .



You need to fill the following table, and give the shortest path from s to f , and its length. When $d[v] = \infty$, we set $\pi[v] = \perp$. Also, when a vertex v has been added to S , you can leave its d and π values empty, to make the table clean (but it is not required to do so).

iteration i	vertex added to S in iteration i	a		b		c		d		e		f	
		d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π	d	π
1	s	13	s	8	s	11	s	∞	\perp	∞	\perp	∞	\perp
2	b	13	s			9	b	∞	\perp	16	b	∞	\perp
3	c	13	s					21	c	14	c	23	c
4	a							19	a	14	c	23	c
5	e							19	a			22	e
6	d											22	e
7	f												

Table 2: Dijkstra's algorithm for Shortest Paths

The shortest path from s to f is s, b, c, e, f .
Its length is 22.

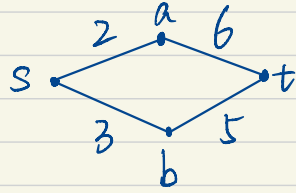
Problem 3. We are given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative edge weights $(w_e)_{e \in E}$. Assume all the weights are different and G is connected.

- (3a) True or False: The minimum spanning tree of G is unique. Justify your answer.
- (3b) Let s and t be two distinct vertices in V . True or False: The shortest path from s to t in G is unique. Justify your answer.

By justifying your answer, we mean the following: If the answer is yes, you need to give a proof. If your answer is no, you need to give a counter-example.

Problem 3 a) True. The Prim's algorithm only depends on the relative order of weights. Since all the weights are different and the graph is connected, running the Prim's algorithm will always take the same order thus generating the same minimum spanning tree.

b) False. Consider the following graph:



All the weights are different. However, the shortest path from s to t can be $\begin{cases} s-a-t \ (2+6=8) \\ s-b-t \ (3+5=8) \end{cases}$

two paths' total weights are the same, so the shortest path is not unique.