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PROJECT REPORT

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Abstract

This project aims to implement and compare different algorithms for finding minimum spanning trees (MSTs) in graphs, which are useful for solving various optimization problems. We use Python to code the naive and efficient versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms and test them on randomly generated graphs with different sizes and densities. We measure the running time and memory usage of each algorithm and analyze the trade-offs between them. We also discuss some applications and limitations of MSTs in real-world scenarios.

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1 Introduction

Graph theory is a branch of mathematics that studies the properties and structures of graphs, which are abstract representations of objects and their pairwise relations. A graph consists of a set of vertices (or nodes) and a set of edges (or links) that connect some pairs of vertices. An edge can have a weight, which is a numerical value that indicates the cost or distance of the connection. A graph can be undirected, meaning that the edges are bidirectional, or directed, meaning that the edges have a direction from one vertex to another.

1.1 Background

One of the fundamental problems in graph theory is finding a spanning tree of a graph, which is a subgraph that contains all the vertices and is a tree, meaning that it has no cycles. A spanning tree can be used to connect all the vertices in a graph with the minimum number of edges, which is useful for network design, routing, clustering, and other applications. Among all the possible spanning trees of a graph, a minimum spanning tree (MST) is the one that has the minimum total weight of its edges. Finding an MST of a graph can help to minimize the cost or distance of the connections, which is desirable for many optimization problems.

There are several algorithms for finding an MST of a graph, each with different time and space complexities, and different advantages and disadvantages. In this project, we focus on two of the most well-known and widely used algorithms: Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms. Both algorithms are greedy, meaning that they make the locally optimal choice at each step, and both algorithms can handle undirected graphs with positive edge weights. However, they differ in the way they construct the MST and the data structures they use.

1.2 Problem Statement

The project aims to explore efficient fiber optic trajectory management by comparing the efficiency of two different algorithms, namely naive and efficient versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms, in finding minimum spanning trees. The focus is on understanding the complexities and trade-offs involved in each algorithm and their practical implications. Firstly, it ensures uninterrupted connectivity by minimizing disruptions and contributes to minimizing costs. By effectively allocating resources and utilizing MST algorithms, organizations can cater to growing bandwidth demands while maintaining optimal network speeds.

2 Programming Design

2.1 Algorithm Description

2.1.1 Prim's Algorithm

Prim's algorithm starts with an arbitrary vertex and grows the MST by adding the cheapest edge that connects a vertex in the MST to a vertex outside the MST until all the vertices are included. Prim's algorithm can be implemented using a

priority queue to store the vertices and their distances to the MST, and an array to store the parent of each vertex in the MST. The naive version of Prim's algorithm uses a simple list as the priority queue, which has a linear time complexity for finding and removing the minimum element. The efficient version of Prim's algorithm uses a binary heap as the priority queue, which has a logarithmic time complexity for finding and removing the minimum element, and for updating the distances of the vertices.

2.1.2 Kruskal's Algorithm

Kruskal's algorithm starts with an empty set of edges and adds the cheapest edge that does not create a cycle until the MST is formed. Kruskal's algorithm can be implemented using a disjoint-set data structure to store the connected components of the graph, and a sorted list of edges by their weights. The naive version of Kruskal's algorithm uses a simple list as the disjoint set and insertion sort, which has a quadratic time complexity for finding and merging the components. The efficient version of Kruskal's algorithm uses a tree-based representation with path compression and union by rank as the disjoint set and merge sort, which has a logarithmic time complexity for finding and merging the components.

2.2 Implementation

Algorithm 1: Naive Prim's Algorithm

Data: Graph G

Result: Minimum Spanning Tree MST

```
1  $MST \leftarrow \{\}$ ;
2  $start\_vertex \leftarrow G.getAnyVertex()$ ;
3  $markAsVisited(start\_vertex)$ ;
4 while  $not\ allVerticesVisited()$  do
5    $min\_edge \leftarrow findMinimumEdge()$ ;
6    $MST.add(min\_edge)$ ;
7    $markAsVisited(min\_edge.endVertex)$ ;
8 return  $MST$ ;
```

Algorithm 2: Efficient Prim's Algorithm with Min Heap

Data: Graph G

Result: Minimum Spanning Tree MST

```
1  $MST \leftarrow \{\}$ ;
2  $priority\_queue \leftarrow initializeMinHeap()$ ;
3  $start\_vertex \leftarrow G.getAnyVertex()$ ;
4 foreach  $vertex\ v\ in\ G.vertices$  do
5   if  $v$  is not  $start\_vertex$  then
6      $priority\_queue.insert(v, \infty)$ ;
7 while  $\neg priority\_queue.isEmpty()$  do
8    $current \leftarrow priority\_queue.extractMin()$ ;
9   foreach  $neighbor\ n\ of\ current$  do
10    if  $n$  is in  $priority\_queue$  and  $G.weight(current, n) < priority\_queue.getPriority(n)$  then
11       $priority\_queue.decreasePriority(n, G.weight(current, n))$ ;
12     $MST.addEdge(current, priority\_queue.getPriority(current))$ ;
13 return  $MST$ ;
```

Algorithm 3: Naive Kruskal's Algorithm with Insertion Sort

Data: Graph G **Result:** Minimum Spanning Tree MST

```
1  $MST \leftarrow \{\}$ ;  
2  $edges \leftarrow \text{initializeList}()$ ;  
3  $disjoint\_set \leftarrow \text{initializeDisjointSet}(G.\text{vertices})$ ;  
4 foreach edge  $e$  in  $G.edges$  do  
5    $edges.\text{insert}(e)$ ;  
6  $edges.\text{insertionSort}()$ ;  
7 foreach edge  $e$  in  $edges$  do  
8   if  $\text{find}(e.\text{startVertex}, disjoint\_set.\text{parent}) \neq \text{find}(e.\text{endVertex}, disjoint\_set.\text{parent})$  then  
9      $MST.\text{addEdge}(e.\text{startVertex}, e.\text{endVertex})$ ;  
10     $disjoint\_set.\text{union}(e.\text{startVertex}, e.\text{endVertex})$ ;  
11 return  $MST$ ;
```

Algorithm 4: Efficient Kruskal's Algorithm with Merge Sort

Data: Graph G **Result:** Minimum Spanning Tree MST

```
1  $MST \leftarrow \{\}$ ;  
2  $edges \leftarrow \text{initializeList}(G.edges)$ ;  
3  $disjoint\_set \leftarrow \text{initializeDisjointSet}(G.vertices)$ ;  
4  $edges.\text{mergeSort}()$ ;  
5 foreach edge  $e$  in  $edges$  do  
6   if  $\text{find}(e.\text{startVertex}, disjoint\_set.\text{parent}) \neq \text{find}(e.\text{endVertex}, disjoint\_set.\text{parent})$  then  
7      $MST.\text{addEdge}(e.\text{startVertex}, e.\text{endVertex})$ ;  
8      $disjoint\_set.\text{union}(e.\text{startVertex}, e.\text{endVertex})$ ;  
9 return  $MST$ ;
```

3 Experimental Setup

In this section, we detail the experimental setup for testing and comparing the performance of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms implemented in Python. Additionally, we introduce the experimental design for a secondary language, C++, to provide a basis for comparison.

3.1 Python Implementation

We use Python as the primary programming language for this project, and use the following modules and libraries:

- random: to generate random numbers and graphs
- matplotlib: to plot the graphs and the results
- time: to measure the running time of the algorithms

We define functions to implement the naive and efficient versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms. The functions take a graph as an input and return mst, cost and time, where mst is the MST of the graph as a list of edges, the cost is the total weight of the MST and time is the running time of the algorithm in seconds. The functions are:

- `primMST(graph, points, V)`: the naive version of Prim's algorithm, which uses a list as the priority queue
- `primMST(graph, points, V)`: the efficient version of Prim's algorithm, which uses a binary heap as the priority queue
- `kruskalMST(graph, points, V)`: the naive version of Kruskal's algorithm, which uses a list as the disjoint-set and insertion sort
- `kruskalMST(graph, points, V)`: the efficient version of Kruskal's algorithm, which uses a tree-based representation with path compression and union by rank as the disjoint-set and merge sort

We also define a function to generate a random graph with a given number of vertices and random density, which is the ratio of the number of edges to the maximum possible number of edges. The function is:

- `generateRandomGraph(N)`: a function that creates a new graph with n vertices and m edges, where m is the closest integer to $\text{density} * n * (n - 1) / 2$, and the edge weights are randomly chosen

We use the following experimental setup to test and compare the performance of the algorithms:

- We generate random graphs for each combination of $n = 10, 100, 1000, 10000$.
- We run each algorithm on each graph and record the output and the performance metrics.
- We also plot some examples of graphs and their MSTs, and discuss the differences between the algorithms.
- We discuss the differences between the algorithms and their respective performance.

3.2 C++ Implementation

To provide a basis for comparison, we replicate the experimental setup in C++ using similar implementations for Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms. We follow the same steps and record performance metrics for C++. This allows us to analyze and compare the efficiency of the algorithms in both Python and C++.

3.3 Code Snippets(Python)

3.3.1 General Code

```
1 import random
2
3 def generateRandomGraph(N):
4     # Initialize an empty list of points
5     points = []
6
7     # Loop through N times
8     for _ in range(N):
9         # Generate a random point with x and y coordinates between 0 and 100
10        x = random.randint(0, 100)
11        y = random.randint(0, 100)
12        # Append the point to the list
13        points.append((x, y))
14
15    # Initialize an empty adjacency matrix with weights
16    graph = [[0 for _ in range(N)] for _ in range(N)]
17
18    # Loop through all vertices to determine random degrees
19    for i in range(N):
20        # Generate a random degree for the current vertex
21        degree = random.randint(1, N - 1)
22        # Ensure that degree is at least 1 and at most N-1
23
24        # Create a list of potential neighbors (excluding self)
25        potential_neighbors = [j for j in range(N) if j != i]
26
27        # Randomly choose 'degree' neighbors for the current vertex
28        neighbors = random.sample(potential_neighbors, degree)
29
30        # Update the adjacency matrix with random weights for the chosen edges
31        for neighbor in neighbors:
32            weight = random.randint(1, 10)
33            graph[i][neighbor] = weight
34            graph[neighbor][i] = weight # Assuming the graph is undirected
35
36    # Return the graph, the points, and the number of vertices
37    return graph, points, N
```

Listing 1: Python code to generate a random graph

```
1 def find(parent, i):
2     # If the current element is its own parent, it is the root of the set
3     if parent[i] == i:
4         return i
5     # Recursively find the root of the set to which 'i' belongs
6     return find(parent, parent[i])
```

Listing 2: Python code to find parent

```
1 def union(parent, rank, x, y):
2     # Find the set representatives (roots) of the sets to which 'x' and 'y' belong
3     xroot = find(parent, x)
4     yroot = find(parent, y)
5
6     # Compare the ranks of the sets to determine which one to make the parent
7     if rank[xroot] < rank[yroot]:
8         parent[xroot] = yroot # Attach the set with lower rank to the one
9         #with higher rank
10    elif rank[xroot] > rank[yroot]:
11        parent[yroot] = xroot # Attach the set with lower rank to the one with
12        #higher rank
13    else:
14        parent[yroot] = xroot # Attach 'yroot' to 'xroot' arbitrarily
15        rank[xroot] += 1 # Increment the rank of the set with the new parent
```

Listing 3: Python code to perform the union of two sets represented by their set representatives

```

1
2 def plotGraph(graph, points, parent, V, animated=False):
3     fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5))
4     ax1.set_title("Original Graph")
5     ax2.set_title("Minimum Spanning Tree")
6
7     # Scatter points on both subplots
8     for i in range(V):
9         ax1.scatter(points[i][0], points[i][1], color="red")
10        ax2.scatter(points[i][0], points[i][1], color="green")
11
12    # Plot all edges in the original graph
13    for i in range(V):
14        for j in range(i + 1, V):
15            if graph[i][j] > 0:
16                ax1.plot([points[i][0], points[j][0]], [points[i][1], points[j][1]],
17                        color="black")
18                ax1.text((points[i][0] + points[j][0]) / 2,
19                        (points[i][1] + points[j][1]) / 2,
20                        str(graph[i][j]), color="black")
21
22    if animated:
23        line, = ax2.plot([], [], color="blue")
24        text = ax2.text(0, 0, "", color="blue")
25
26        def update(frame):
27            i, j = frame
28            x = [points[i][0], points[j][0]]
29            y = [points[i][1], points[j][1]]
30            line.set_data(x, y)
31            text.set_position(((x[0] + x[1]) / 2, (y[0] + y[1]) / 2))
32            text.set_text(str(graph[i][j]))
33
34        ani = FuncAnimation(fig, update, frames=[(parent[i], i) for i in range(1, V)],
35                            interval=2500, repeat=False)
36        plt.close() # To prevent the plot from showing up inline
37        return ani
38    else:
39        # Plot edges in the minimum spanning tree
40        for i in range(1, V):
41            j = parent[i]
42            ax2.plot([points[i][0], points[j][0]], [points[i][1], points[j][1]],
43                    color="blue")
44            ax2.text((points[i][0] + points[j][0]) / 2, (points[i][1] + points[j][1]) / 2,
45                    str(graph[i][j]), color="blue")
46
47    plt.show()

```

Listing 4: Python code to display graph and MST

3.3.2 Prim's Code

```
1 def minKey(key, mstSet, V):
2     # Initialize min value
3     min_val = float('inf')
4     min_index = -1
5
6     # Loop through all the vertices
7     for v in range(V):
8         # If the vertex is not in the mstSet and has a smaller key value than
9         # the current min
10        if mstSet[v] == False and key[v] < min_val:
11            # Update the min value and index
12            min_val = key[v]
13            min_index = v
14
15    # Return the index of the vertex with the minimum key value
16    return min_index
```

Listing 5: Python code to find minimum key

```
1 def primMST(graph, V):
2     # Array to store constructed minimum spanning tree
3     parent = [None] * V
4
5     # Key values used to pick the minimum weight edge in the cut
6     key = [float('inf')] * V
7
8     # To represent the set of vertices not yet included in the minimum spanning tree
9     mstSet = [False] * V
10
11    # Always include the first vertex in the minimum spanning tree
12    key[0] = 0 # Make key 0 so that this vertex is picked as the first vertex
13    parent[0] = -1 # The first node is always the root of the minimum spanning tree
14
15    # The minimum spanning tree will have V vertices
16    for _ in range(V):
17        # Pick the vertex with the minimum key value from the set of vertices not
18        # yet included in the minimum spanning tree
19        u = minKey(key, mstSet, V)
20
21        # Add the picked vertex to the mstSet
22        mstSet[u] = True
23
24        # Update the key value and parent index of the adjacent vertices of the picked
25        # vertex.
26        # Consider only those vertices which are not yet included in the
27        # minimum spanning tree
28        for v in range(V):
29            # graph[u][v] is non-zero only for adjacent vertices of mstSet[u] is
30            # not in mstSet,
31            # update the key only if graph[u][v] is smaller than key[v]
32            if graph[u][v] > 0 and mstSet[v] == False and key[v] > graph[u][v]:
33                key[v] = graph[u][v]
34                parent[v] = u
35
36    # Return the parent array
37    return parent
```

Listing 6: Python code for Naive Prim's

```

1 def minKey(key, mstSet, V, heap):
2     # This function extracts the vertex with the minimum key value from the heap
3     # and ensures that the selected vertex has not been included in the MST yet.
4
5     # Continue extracting elements from the heap until it is empty
6     while heap:
7         min_val, u = heapq.heappop(heap) # Extract the minimum value and
8         # corresponding vertex from the heap
9
10        # Check if the selected vertex 'u' has not been included in the MST yet
11        if not mstSet[u]:
12            return u # Return the selected vertex with the minimum key value
13
14    # If the heap is empty, return None (this should not happen in the context of
15    # Prim's algorithm)
16    return None

```

Listing 7: Python code to find minimum key using Heap

```

1 def primMST(graph, V):
2     # Initialize arrays to store the parent of each vertex in the MST,
3     # key values, MST set, and a heap for efficient key value extraction
4     parent = [None] * V
5     key = [(float('inf'), i) for i in range(V)] # Initialize key values to infinity
6     mstSet = [False] * V
7     heap = [(0, 0)] # Start with vertex 0 and key value 0 in the heap
8
9     parent[0] = -1 # Vertex 0 is the starting point, and it has no parent
10    key[0] = (0, 0) # Key value for the starting vertex is set to 0
11
12    # Iterate through all vertices to build the MST
13    for _ in range(V):
14        # Extract the vertex with the minimum key value from the heap
15        u = minKey(key, mstSet, V, heap)
16        mstSet[u] = True # Add the selected vertex to the MST
17
18        # Explore adjacent vertices and update key values and parents
19        for v in range(V):
20            # Check if there is an edge from u to v, v is not in MST, and
21            # the weight of the edge is less than the current key value for v
22            if graph[u][v] > 0 and not mstSet[v] and key[v][0] > graph[u][v]:
23                key[v] = (graph[u][v], v) # Update key value for v
24                parent[v] = u # Set u as the parent of v in the MST
25                heapq.heappush(heap, key[v]) # Push the updated key to the heap
26
27    # Return the array containing the parent of each vertex in the MST
28    return parent

```

Listing 8: Python code for Efficient Prim's Algorithm

3.3.3 Kruskal's Code

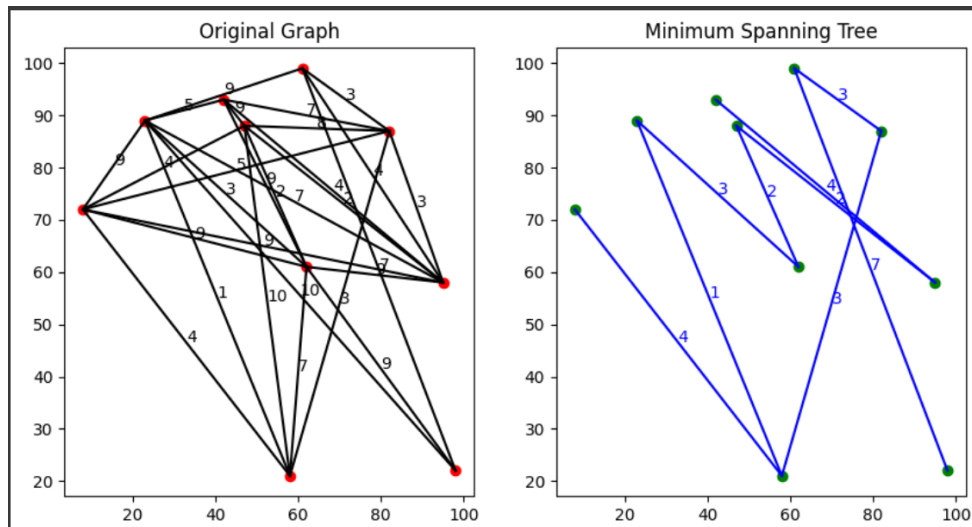
```
1 def kruskalMST(graph, points, V):
2     result = [] # Store the result MST
3     i = 0 # An index variable for sorted edges
4     e = 0 # An index variable for the result
5
6     # Initialize parent and rank arrays
7     parent = [i for i in range(V)]
8     rank = [0] * V
9
10    # Sort all the edges in non-decreasing order of their weight
11    edges = []
12    for u in range(V):
13        for v in range(u + 1, V):
14            if graph[u][v] != 0:
15                edges.append((u, v, graph[u][v]))
16    edges.sort(key=lambda x: x[2])
17
18    while e < V - 1:
19        u, v, w = edges[i]
20        i += 1
21        x = find(parent, u)
22        y = find(parent, v)
23
24        if x != y:
25            e += 1
26            result.append((u, v, w))
27            union(parent, rank, x, y)
28
29    return result
```

Listing 9: Python code for Naive Kruskal Algorithm using Insertion Sort

```
1 def kruskalMST(graph, points, V):
2     result = [] # Store the result MST
3     i = 0 # An index variable for sorted edges
4     e = 0 # An index variable for the result
5
6     # Initialize parent and rank arrays
7     parent = [i for i in range(V)]
8     rank = [0] * V
9
10    # Sort all the edges in non-decreasing order of their weight
11    edges = []
12    for u in range(V):
13        for v in range(u + 1, V):
14            if graph[u][v] != 0:
15                edges.append((u, v, graph[u][v]))
16    edges = sorted(edges, key=lambda x: x[2]) # Sort using the built-in sorted() function
17
18    while e < V - 1:
19        u, v, w = edges[i]
20        i += 1
21        x = find(parent, u)
22        y = find(parent, v)
23
24        if x != y:
25            e += 1
26            result.append((u, v, w))
27            union(parent, rank, x, y)
28
29    return result
```

Listing 10: Python code for Efficient Kruskal Algorithm using Merge Sort

3.3.4 Python Code Output for V = 10



3.4 Code Snippets(C++)

3.4.1 Prim's Code

```
1 #include <limits.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4 #include <time.h>
5 #include <sys/time.h> // for measuring execution time
6 #include <math.h>
7 #include <bits/stdc++.h>
8
9 using namespace std;
10
11 struct Point {
12     int x, y;
13 };
14
15 struct AdjListNode {
16     int dest;
17     int weight;
18     struct AdjListNode* next;
19 };
20
21 struct AdjList {
22     struct AdjListNode* head;
23 };
24
25 struct Graph {
26     int V;
27     struct AdjList* array;
28 };
29
30 struct AdjListNode* newAdjListNode(int dest, int weight) {
31     struct AdjListNode* newNode = (struct AdjListNode*)malloc(sizeof(struct AdjListNode));
32     newNode->dest = dest;
33     newNode->weight = weight;
34     newNode->next = NULL;
35     return newNode;
36 }
37
38 struct Graph* createGraph(int V) {
39     struct Graph* graph = (struct Graph*)malloc(sizeof(struct Graph));
40     graph->V = V;
41     graph->array = (struct AdjList*)malloc(V * sizeof(struct AdjList));
42
43     for (int i = 0; i < V; ++i)
44         graph->array[i].head = NULL;
45 }
```

```

46     return graph;
47 }
48
49 void addEdge(struct Graph* graph, int src, int dest, int weight) {
50     struct AdjListNode* newNode = newAdjListNode(dest, weight);
51     newNode->next = graph->array[src].head;
52     graph->array[src].head = newNode;
53
54     newNode = newAdjListNode(src, weight);
55     newNode->next = graph->array[dest].head;
56     graph->array[dest].head = newNode;
57 }
58
59 int calculateWeight(struct Point p1, struct Point p2) {
60     // Calculate weight (distance) between two points (Euclidean distance)
61     return (int)sqrt(pow(p1.x - p2.x, 2) + pow(p1.y - p2.y, 2));
62 }
63
64
65 void printGraph(struct Graph* graph) {
66     int V = graph->V;
67     printf("Randomly Generated Graph:\n");
68     for (int i = 0; i < V; ++i) {
69         struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[i].head;
70         printf("Vertex %d: ", i);
71         while (pCrawl != NULL) {
72             printf("(%d, %d, %d) ", pCrawl->dest, pCrawl->weight, calculateWeight({i, 0}, {pCrawl->
73             dest, 0}));
74             pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
75         }
76         printf("\n");
77     }
78 }
79
80 void printArr(int arr[], int n) {
81     printf("Edges in Minimum Spanning Tree:\n");
82     for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i)
83         printf("%d - %d\n", arr[i], i);
84 }
85
86 void generateRandomPoints(struct Point points[], int V) {
87     srand(time(NULL));
88
89     for (int i = 0; i < V; ++i) {
90         points[i].x = rand() % 100;
91         points[i].y = rand() % 100;
92     }
93 }
94
95 void createGraphFromPoints(struct Graph* graph, struct Point points[], int V) {
96     for (int i = 0; i < V; ++i) {
97         for (int j = i + 1; j < V; ++j) {
98             int weight = calculateWeight(points[i], points[j]);
99             addEdge(graph, i, j, weight);
100         }
101     }
102 }
103
104 int calculateMSTCost(int parent[], struct Graph* graph) {
105     int cost = 0;
106     for (int i = 1; i < graph->V; ++i) {
107         struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[i].head;
108         while (pCrawl != NULL) {
109             if (pCrawl->dest == parent[i])
110                 cost += pCrawl->weight;
111             pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
112         }
113     }
114     return cost;
115 }
116
117 void PrimMST(struct Graph* graph) {
118     int V = graph->V;
119     int parent[V];
120     int key[V];
121     int inMST[V];

```

```

122
123     for (int v = 0; v < V; ++v) {
124         key[v] = INT_MAX;
125         inMST[v] = 0;
126     }
127
128     key[0] = 0;
129     parent[0] = -1;
130
131     for (int count = 0; count < V - 1; ++count) {
132         int u = -1;
133
134         // Find the vertex with the minimum key value that is not yet in the MST
135         for (int v = 0; v < V; ++v) {
136             if (!inMST[v] && (u == -1 || key[v] < key[u]))
137                 u = v;
138         }
139
140         inMST[u] = 1;
141
142         // Update key value and parent index of the adjacent vertices of the picked vertex
143         struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[u].head;
144         while (pCrawl != NULL) {
145             int v = pCrawl->dest;
146
147             if (!inMST[v] && pCrawl->weight < key[v]) {
148                 key[v] = pCrawl->weight;
149                 parent[v] = u;
150             }
151
152             pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
153         }
154     }
155
156     // Print the MST edges
157     printArr(parent, V);
158
159     // Calculate and print the cost of the MST
160     int mstCost = calculateMSTCost(parent, graph);
161     printf("Cost of Minimum Spanning Tree: %d\n", mstCost);
162 }
163
164 int main() {
165     int V; // Change this to the desired number of points
166     cout << "Enter number of nodes: ";
167     cin >> V;
168
169     struct Graph* graph = createGraph(V);
170
171     struct Point points[V];
172     generateRandomPoints(points, V);
173     createGraphFromPoints(graph, points, V);
174
175     // Print randomly generated graph
176     //printGraph(graph);
177
178     struct timeval start, end;
179     gettimeofday(&start, NULL);
180
181     // Apply Prim's algorithm and print the MST
182     PrimMST(graph);
183
184     gettimeofday(&end, NULL);
185
186     // Calculate execution time
187     long seconds = end.tv_sec - start.tv_sec;
188     long micros = ((seconds * 1000000) + end.tv_usec) - (start.tv_usec);
189
190     printf("Execution Time: %ld microseconds\n", micros);
191
192     return 0;
193 }

```

Listing 11: C++ code for Naive Prim's Algorithm

```

1  #include <limits.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <stdlib.h>
4  #include <stdbool.h>
5  #include <sys/time.h>
6  #include <math.h>
7  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
8
9  using namespace std;
10
11 struct Point {
12     int x, y;
13 };
14
15 struct AdjListNode {
16     int dest;
17     int weight;
18     struct AdjListNode* next;
19 };
20
21 struct AdjList {
22     struct AdjListNode* head;
23 };
24
25 struct Graph {
26     int V;
27     struct AdjList* array;
28 };
29
30 struct MinHeapNode {
31     int v;
32     int key;
33 };
34
35 struct MinHeap {
36     int size;
37     int capacity;
38     int* pos;
39     struct MinHeapNode** array;
40 };
41
42 struct Point* createPoint(int x, int y) {
43     struct Point* point = (struct Point*)malloc(sizeof(struct Point));
44     point->x = x;
45     point->y = y;
46     return point;
47 }
48
49 struct AdjListNode* newAdjListNode(int dest, int weight) {
50     struct AdjListNode* newNode = (struct AdjListNode*)malloc(sizeof(struct AdjListNode));
51     newNode->dest = dest;
52     newNode->weight = weight;
53     newNode->next = NULL;
54     return newNode;
55 }
56
57 struct Graph* createGraph(int V) {
58     struct Graph* graph = (struct Graph*)malloc(sizeof(struct Graph));
59     graph->V = V;
60     graph->array = (struct AdjList*)malloc(V * sizeof(struct AdjList));
61
62     for (int i = 0; i < V; ++i)
63         graph->array[i].head = NULL;
64
65     return graph;
66 }
67
68 void addEdge(struct Graph* graph, int src, int dest, int weight) {
69     struct AdjListNode* newNode = newAdjListNode(dest, weight);
70     newNode->next = graph->array[src].head;
71     graph->array[src].head = newNode;
72
73     newNode = newAdjListNode(src, weight);
74     newNode->next = graph->array[dest].head;
75     graph->array[dest].head = newNode;
76 }
77

```

```

78 struct MinHeapNode* newMinHeapNode(int v, int key) {
79     struct MinHeapNode* minHeapNode =
80     (struct MinHeapNode*)malloc(sizeof(struct MinHeapNode));
81     minHeapNode->v = v;
82     minHeapNode->key = key;
83     return minHeapNode;
84 }
85
86 struct MinHeap* createMinHeap(int capacity) {
87     struct MinHeap* minHeap = (struct MinHeap*)malloc(sizeof(struct MinHeap));
88     minHeap->pos = (int*)malloc(capacity * sizeof(int));
89     minHeap->size = 0;
90     minHeap->capacity = capacity;
91     minHeap->array = (struct MinHeapNode**)malloc(capacity * sizeof(struct MinHeapNode*));
92     return minHeap;
93 }
94
95 void swapMinHeapNode(struct MinHeapNode** a, struct MinHeapNode** b) {
96     struct MinHeapNode* t = *a;
97     *a = *b;
98     *b = t;
99 }
100
101 void minHeapify(struct MinHeap* minHeap, int idx) {
102     int smallest, left, right;
103     smallest = idx;
104     left = 2 * idx + 1;
105     right = 2 * idx + 2;
106
107     if (left < minHeap->size && minHeap->array[left]->key <
108     minHeap->array[smallest]->key)
109         smallest = left;
110
111     if (right < minHeap->size && minHeap->array[right]->key <
112     minHeap->array[smallest]->key)
113         smallest = right;
114
115     if (smallest != idx) {
116         struct MinHeapNode* smallestNode = minHeap->array[smallest];
117         struct MinHeapNode* idxNode = minHeap->array[idx];
118
119         minHeap->pos[smallestNode->v] = idx;
120         minHeap->pos[idxNode->v] = smallest;
121
122         swapMinHeapNode(&minHeap->array[smallest], &minHeap->array[idx]);
123
124         minHeapify(minHeap, smallest);
125     }
126 }
127
128 bool isEmpty(struct MinHeap* minHeap) {
129     return minHeap->size == 0;
130 }
131
132 struct MinHeapNode* extractMin(struct MinHeap* minHeap) {
133     if (isEmpty(minHeap))
134         return NULL;
135
136     struct MinHeapNode* root = minHeap->array[0];
137     struct MinHeapNode* lastNode = minHeap->array[minHeap->size - 1];
138     minHeap->array[0] = lastNode;
139
140     minHeap->pos[root->v] = minHeap->size - 1;
141     minHeap->pos[lastNode->v] = 0;
142
143     --minHeap->size;
144     minHeapify(minHeap, 0);
145
146     return root;
147 }
148
149 void decreaseKey(struct MinHeap* minHeap, int v, int key) {
150     int i = minHeap->pos[v];
151
152     minHeap->array[i]->key = key;
153
154     while (i && minHeap->array[i]->key < minHeap->array[(i - 1) / 2]->key) {

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155     minHeap->pos[minHeap->array[i]->v] = (i - 1) / 2;
156     minHeap->pos[minHeap->array[(i - 1) / 2]->v] = i;
157     swapMinHeapNode(&minHeap->array[i], &minHeap->array[(i - 1) / 2]);
158
159     i = (i - 1) / 2;
160 }
161 }
162
163 bool isInMinHeap(struct MinHeap* minHeap, int v) {
164     return minHeap->pos[v] < minHeap->size;
165 }
166
167 void printArr(int arr[], int n) {
168     for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i)
169         printf("%d - %d\n", arr[i], i);
170 }
171
172 int calculateMSTCost(int parent[], struct Graph* graph) {
173     int cost = 0;
174     for (int i = 1; i < graph->V; ++i) {
175         struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[i].head;
176         while (pCrawl != NULL) {
177             if (pCrawl->dest == parent[i])
178                 cost += pCrawl->weight;
179             pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
180         }
181     }
182     return cost;
183 }
184
185 void generateRandomGraph(struct Graph* graph, int numPoints) {
186     struct Point** points = (struct Point**)malloc(numPoints * sizeof(struct Point*));
187
188     // Generate random points
189     for (int i = 0; i < numPoints; ++i) {
190         points[i] = createPoint(rand() % 100, rand() % 100);
191     }
192
193     // Add edges based on Euclidean distance
194     for (int i = 0; i < numPoints; ++i) {
195         for (int j = i + 1; j < numPoints; ++j) {
196             int dist = (int)sqrt(pow(points[i]->x - points[j]->x, 2) +
197                                 pow(points[i]->y - points[j]->y, 2));
198             addEdge(graph, i, j, dist);
199         }
200     }
201
202     // Free allocated memory for points
203     for (int i = 0; i < numPoints; ++i) {
204         free(points[i]);
205     }
206     free(points);
207 }
208
209 void printGraph(struct Graph* graph) {
210     for (int i = 0; i < graph->V; ++i) {
211         struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[i].head;
212         printf("Adjacency list of vertex %d:\n", i);
213         while (pCrawl) {
214             printf("-> %d(%d) ", pCrawl->dest, pCrawl->weight);
215             pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
216         }
217         printf("\n");
218     }
219 }
220
221 void PrimMST(struct Graph* graph) {
222     int V = graph->V;
223     int parent[V];
224     int key[V];
225
226     struct MinHeap* minHeap = createMinHeap(V);
227
228     for (int v = 1; v < V; ++v) {
229         parent[v] = -1;
230         key[v] = INT_MAX;
231         minHeap->array[v] = newMinHeapNode(v, key[v]);

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232     minHeap->pos[v] = v;
233 }
234
235 key[0] = 0;
236 minHeap->array[0] = newMinHeapNode(0, key[0]);
237 minHeap->pos[0] = 0;
238
239 minHeap->size = V;
240
241 while (!isEmpty(minHeap)) {
242     struct MinHeapNode* minHeapNode = extractMin(minHeap);
243     int u = minHeapNode->v;
244
245     struct AdjListNode* pCrawl = graph->array[u].head;
246     while (pCrawl != NULL) {
247         int v = pCrawl->dest;
248
249         if (isInMinHeap(minHeap, v) && pCrawl->weight < key[v]) {
250             key[v] = pCrawl->weight;
251             parent[v] = u;
252             decreaseKey(minHeap, v, key[v]);
253         }
254         pCrawl = pCrawl->next;
255     }
256 }
257
258 printf("Edges of Minimum Spanning Tree:\n");
259 printArr(parent, V);
260
261 int mstCost = calculateMSTCost(parent, graph);
262 printf("Cost of Minimum Spanning Tree: %d\n", mstCost);
263 }
264
265 int main() {
266     int numPoints; // Change this to the desired number of points
267     cout << "Enter number of nodes: ";
268     cin >> numPoints;
269     struct Graph* graph = createGraph(numPoints);
270
271     generateRandomGraph(graph, numPoints);
272
273     // Print the generated graph
274     printf("Generated Graph:\n");
275     printGraph(graph);
276     printf("\n");
277     struct timeval start, end;
278     gettimeofday(&start, NULL);
279     PrimMST(graph);
280     gettimeofday(&end, NULL);
281     long seconds = end.tv_sec - start.tv_sec;
282     long micros = ((seconds * 1000000) + end.tv_usec) - (start.tv_usec);
283
284     printf("\nExecution Time: %ld microseconds\n", micros);
285
286     return 0;
287 }

```

Listing 12: C++ code for Efficient Prim's Algorithm

3.4.2 Kruskal's Code

```

1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <chrono>
4  #include <cstdlib>
5  #include <ctime>
6
7  using namespace std;
8  using namespace std::chrono;
9
10 // Structure to represent an edge in the graph
11 struct Edge {
12     int src, dest, weight;
13 };
14
15 // Structure to represent a subset for union-find

```

```

16 struct Subset {
17     int parent, rank;
18 };
19
20 class Graph {
21 private:
22     vector<Edge> edges;
23     int numVertices;
24
25 public:
26     Graph(int V) : numVertices(V) {}
27
28     void addEdge(int src, int dest, int weight) {
29         edges.push_back({src, dest, weight});
30     }
31
32     // Find set of an element i (uses path compression technique)
33     int find(Subset subsets[], int i) {
34         if (subsets[i].parent != i)
35             subsets[i].parent = find(subsets, subsets[i].parent);
36
37         return subsets[i].parent;
38     }
39
40     // Union of two sets of x and y (uses union by rank)
41     void Union(Subset subsets[], int x, int y) {
42         int xroot = find(subsets, x);
43         int yroot = find(subsets, y);
44
45         if (subsets[xroot].rank < subsets[yroot].rank)
46             subsets[xroot].parent = yroot;
47         else if (subsets[xroot].rank > subsets[yroot].rank)
48             subsets[yroot].parent = xroot;
49         else {
50             subsets[yroot].parent = xroot;
51             subsets[xroot].rank++;
52         }
53     }
54
55     // Insertion sort for sorting edges by weight
56     void insertionSort() {
57         int n = edges.size();
58         for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
59             Edge key = edges[i];
60             int j = i - 1;
61             while (j >= 0 && edges[j].weight > key.weight) {
62                 edges[j + 1] = edges[j];
63                 j = j - 1;
64             }
65             edges[j + 1] = key;
66         }
67     }
68
69     // Kruskal's algorithm to find MST
70     vector<Edge> kruskalMST() {
71         vector<Edge> result;
72
73         // Sort edges in non-decreasing order by weight using insertion sort
74         insertionSort();
75
76         // Allocate memory for creating V subsets
77         Subset* subsets = new Subset[numVertices];
78
79         // Create V subsets with single elements
80         for (int i = 0; i < numVertices; i++) {
81             subsets[i].parent = i;
82             subsets[i].rank = 0;
83         }
84
85         int i = 0; // Index used to pick the next edge
86
87         // Number of edges to be taken is equal to V-1
88         while (result.size() < numVertices - 1) {
89             // Pick the smallest edge, and increment the index for the next iteration
90             Edge next_edge = edges[i++];
91
92             int x = find(subsets, next_edge.src);

```

```

93         int y = find(subsets, next_edge.dest);
94
95         // If including this edge does not cause a cycle, include it in the result
96         // and increment the index
97         if (x != y) {
98             result.push_back(next_edge);
99             Union(subsets, x, y);
100         }
101     }
102
103     delete[] subsets;
104
105     return result;
106 }
107
108 // Function to generate random points and add edges
109 void generateRandomGraph(int numPoints, int maxWeight) {
110     srand(static_cast<unsigned int>(time(nullptr)));
111
112     for (int i = 0; i < numPoints; ++i) {
113         for (int j = i + 1; j < numPoints; ++j) {
114             int weight = rand() % maxWeight + 1; // Random weight between 1 and
115             // maxWeight
116             addEdge(i, j, weight);
117         }
118     }
119 }
120
121 // Function to calculate the cost of MST
122 int calculateMSTCost(const vector<Edge>& MST) {
123     int cost = 0;
124     for (const Edge& edge : MST) {
125         cost += edge.weight;
126     }
127     return cost;
128 }
129 };
130
131 int main() {
132     const int numPoints = 500; // Change this to the desired number of points
133     const int maxWeight = 1000; // Change this to the desired maximum weight for edges
134
135     Graph g(numPoints);
136     g.generateRandomGraph(numPoints, maxWeight);
137
138     auto start = high_resolution_clock::now();
139
140     vector<Edge> MST = g.kruskalMST();
141
142     auto stop = high_resolution_clock::now();
143     auto duration = duration_cast<microseconds>(stop - start);
144
145     cout << "Edges in MST:\n";
146     for (const Edge& edge : MST) {
147         cout << edge.src << " - " << edge.dest << " : " << edge.weight << "\n";
148     }
149
150     int cost = g.calculateMSTCost(MST);
151     cout << "Cost of MST: " << cost << "\n";
152     cout << "Running time: " << duration.count() << " microseconds\n";
153
154     return 0;
155 }

```

Listing 13: C++ code for Naive Kruskal's Algorithm

```

1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <algorithm>
4  #include <chrono>
5  #include <cstdlib>
6  #include <ctime>
7
8  using namespace std;
9  using namespace std::chrono;
10
11 // Structure to represent an edge in the graph

```

```

12 struct Edge {
13     int src, dest, weight;
14 };
15
16 // Structure to represent a subset for union-find
17 struct Subset {
18     int parent, rank;
19 };
20
21 class Graph {
22 private:
23     vector<Edge> edges;
24     int numVertices;
25
26 public:
27     Graph(int V) : numVertices(V) {}
28
29     void addEdge(int src, int dest, int weight) {
30         edges.push_back({src, dest, weight});
31     }
32
33     // Find set of an element i (uses path compression technique)
34     int find(Subset subsets[], int i) {
35         if (subsets[i].parent != i)
36             subsets[i].parent = find(subsets, subsets[i].parent);
37
38         return subsets[i].parent;
39     }
40
41     // Union of two sets of x and y (uses union by rank)
42     void Union(Subset subsets[], int x, int y) {
43         int xroot = find(subsets, x);
44         int yroot = find(subsets, y);
45
46         if (subsets[xroot].rank < subsets[yroot].rank)
47             subsets[xroot].parent = yroot;
48         else if (subsets[xroot].rank > subsets[yroot].rank)
49             subsets[yroot].parent = xroot;
50         else {
51             subsets[yroot].parent = xroot;
52             subsets[xroot].rank++;
53         }
54     }
55
56     // Kruskal's algorithm to find MST
57     vector<Edge> kruskalMST() {
58         vector<Edge> result;
59
60         // Sort edges in non-decreasing order by weight
61         sort(edges.begin(), edges.end(), [](const Edge& a, const Edge& b) {
62             return a.weight < b.weight;
63         });
64
65         // Allocate memory for creating V subsets
66         Subset* subsets = new Subset[numVertices];
67
68         // Create V subsets with single elements
69         for (int i = 0; i < numVertices; i++) {
70             subsets[i].parent = i;
71             subsets[i].rank = 0;
72         }
73
74         int i = 0; // Index used to pick the next edge
75
76         // Number of edges to be taken is equal to V-1
77         while (result.size() < numVertices - 1) {
78             // Pick the smallest edge, and increment the index for the next iteration
79             Edge next_edge = edges[i++];
80
81             int x = find(subsets, next_edge.src);
82             int y = find(subsets, next_edge.dest);
83
84             // If including this edge does not cause a cycle, include it in the result
85             // and increment the index
86             if (x != y) {
87                 result.push_back(next_edge);
88                 Union(subsets, x, y);

```

```

89     }
90 }
91
92 delete[] subsets;
93
94 return result;
95 }
96
97 // Function to generate random points and add edges
98 void generateRandomGraph(int numPoints, int maxWeight) {
99     srand(static_cast<unsigned int>(time(nullptr)));
100
101     for (int i = 0; i < numPoints; ++i) {
102         for (int j = i + 1; j < numPoints; ++j) {
103             int weight = rand() % maxWeight + 1; // Random weight between 1 and
104             // maxWeight
105             addEdge(i, j, weight);
106         }
107     }
108 }
109
110 // Function to calculate the cost of MST
111 int calculateMSTCost(const vector<Edge>& MST) {
112     int cost = 0;
113     for (const Edge& edge : MST) {
114         cost += edge.weight;
115     }
116     return cost;
117 }
118 };
119
120
121
122 int main() {
123     const int numPoints = 10000; // Change this to the desired number of points
124     const int maxWeight = 10000; // Change this to the desired maximum weight for edges
125
126     Graph g(numPoints);
127     g.generateRandomGraph(numPoints, maxWeight);
128
129     auto start = high_resolution_clock::now();
130
131     vector<Edge> MST = g.kruskalMST();
132
133     auto stop = high_resolution_clock::now();
134     auto duration = duration_cast<microseconds>(stop - start);
135
136     cout << "Edges in MST:\n";
137     for (const Edge& edge : MST) {
138         cout << edge.src << " - " << edge.dest << " : " << edge.weight << "\n";
139     }
140
141     int cost = g.calculateMSTCost(MST);
142     cout << "Cost of MST: " << cost << "\n";
143     cout << "Running time: " << duration.count() << " microseconds\n";
144
145     return 0;
146 }

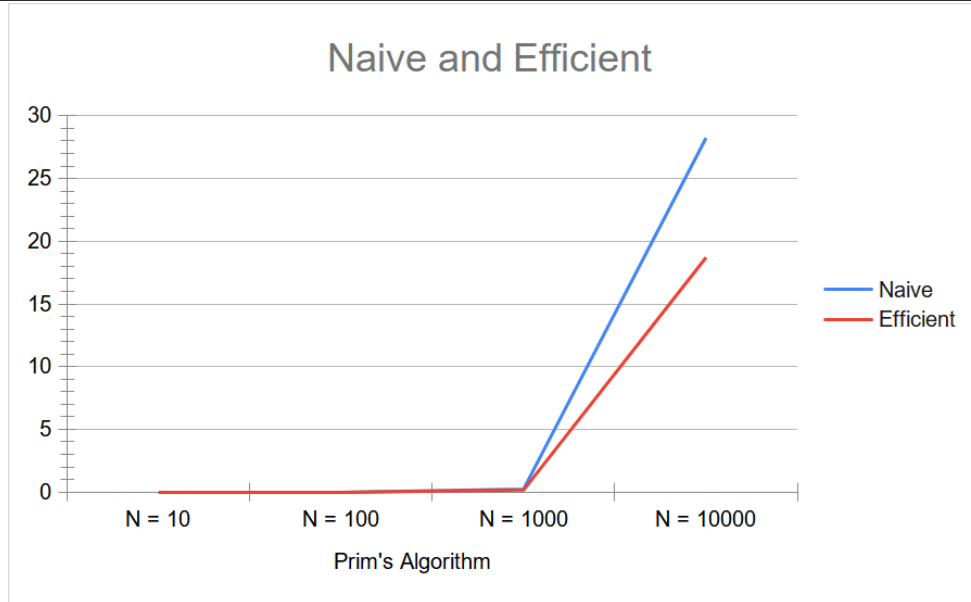
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Listing 14: C++ code for Efficient Kruskal's Algorithm using Merge Sort

4 Results and Discussion

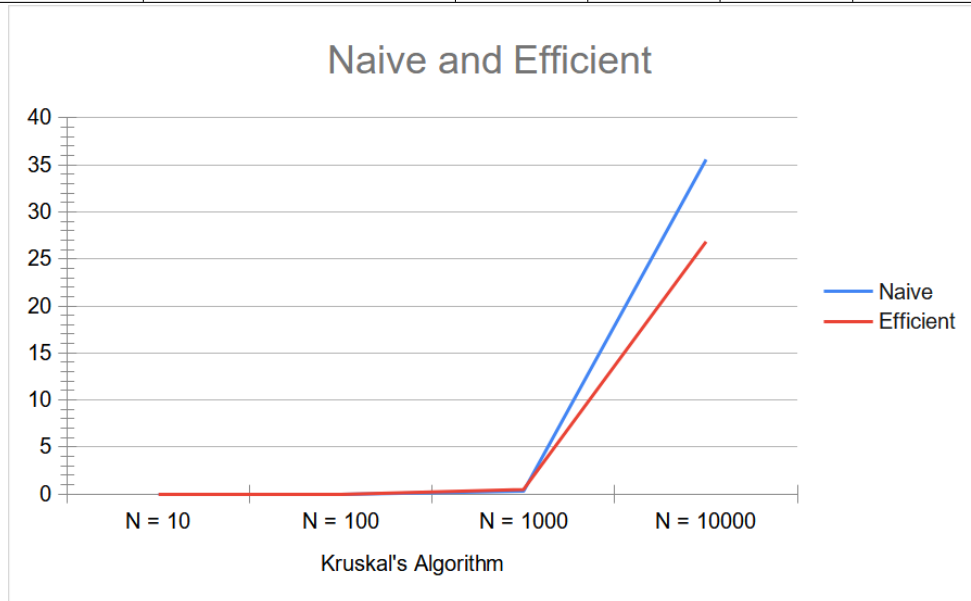
4.1 Prim's Algorithm

Algorithm	Time Complexity	N = 10	N = 100	N = 1000	N = 10000
Naive	$O(V^2)$	0.000164	0.002294	0.231663	28.232615
Efficient	$O(E \cdot \log(E) + E \cdot \log(V))$	0.000142	0.001583	0.152291	18.707917



4.2 Kruskal's Algorithm

Algorithm	Time Complexity	N = 10	N = 100	N = 1000	N = 10000
Naive	$O(E^2 + E \cdot \log(V))$	0.000181	0.005331	0.289580	35.557142
Efficient	$O(E \cdot \log(E) + E \cdot \log(V))$	0.000122	0.004589	0.479486	26.814976



The above tables show the execution times of each algorithm on graphs with a different number of nodes.

- The efficient versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms are faster than the naive versions as the size of the graphs becomes large, as expected from their time complexities.
- The execution time of the algorithms increases with the size as more vertices and edges require more computations.
- The execution time of Prim's algorithm is more sensitive to the density of the graph than the size, as the algorithm depends on the number of edges that connect the MST to the rest of the graph. The execution time of Kruskal's algorithm is more sensitive to the size of the graph than the density, as the algorithm depends on the number of edges that need to be sorted and checked for cycles.
- The execution time of Prim's algorithm is lower than Kruskal's algorithm on dense graphs, as the algorithm adds fewer edges to the MST and avoids unnecessary comparisons. The execution time of Kruskal's algorithm is lower than Prim's algorithm on sparse graphs, as the algorithm sorts the edges only once and uses the union-find data structure to efficiently check for cycles.

5 Conclusion

In this project, we implemented and compared the naive and efficient versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms for finding a minimum spanning tree of a graph using Python. We tested the performance of the algorithms on different types of graphs and analyzed the results.

Our findings revealed that the efficient versions of the algorithms are faster than the naive versions for large datasets, and that the execution time of the algorithms depends on the size and density of the graphs. Furthermore, we discovered that Prim's algorithm is more suitable for dense graphs, while Kruskal's algorithm is more suitable for sparse graphs.

When applied to the optimization of fibre optic trajectory networks, our results indicated that the choice of algorithm can significantly impact the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the network design. Specifically, for dense networks with numerous potential connection points, Prim's algorithm provided a more optimal solution. Conversely, for sparse networks with fewer connection points, Kruskal's algorithm proved to be more effective.

These findings provide valuable insights for network engineers and designers in the telecommunications industry, helping them to choose the most appropriate algorithm for their specific network topology and thereby optimize the performance and cost-efficiency of their fibre optic trajectory networks.

5.1 Unexpected Observations

One of the unexpected observations that we made during this project was that the efficient version of Prim's algorithm performed worse than the naive version on some very sparse

graphs and small graphs. This is because the heap data structure that we used for the efficient version has a higher overhead than the list data structure that we used for the naive version, and the benefit of using the heap is not significant when the number of edges is very small. This suggests that the choice of data structure for implementing the algorithms is not trivial and may depend on the characteristics of the input graph.

5.2 Challenges Faced

One of the challenges that we faced during this project was to ensure the validity and correctness of the MSTs that we obtained from the algorithms. We used several methods to verify the MSTs, such as checking if they are connected, acyclic, and contain all the vertices of the original graph, and comparing their weights with the expected values. We also used the implementation of the two versions of Prim's and Kruskal's algorithms using C++ to generate the MSTs compared them with our results. We found that Python results matched with those of C++, which gave us confidence in our implementations.

5.3 Potential Areas for Future Research or Improvements

There are several potential areas for future research or improvements for this project, such as:

- Exploring other algorithms for finding an MST, such as Boruvka's algorithm, which is another greedy algorithm that works by merging components of the MST in parallel.
- Implementing parallel or distributed versions of the algorithms, which can take advantage of multiple processors or machines to speed up the computations and handle larger graphs.
- Applying the algorithms to real-world problems or datasets, such as road networks, social networks, or image segmentation, and evaluating their performance and usefulness.
- Extending the algorithms to handle graphs with negative edge weights, which may require modifications to avoid cycles or negative cycles.

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