

CS F364

Design & Analysis of Algorithms

ALGORITHM DESIGN: GREEDY TECHNIQUE

Minimum Spanning Trees

Kruskal's Algorithm –
Implementation Issues and Analysis

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MINIMUM SPANNING TREES – KRUSKAL'S ALGORITHM

○ Input: simple, connected, weighted graph $G = (V, E)$

for each u in V define cluster $C[u] = \{ u \}$

Let Q be a priority queue with all edges in E in increasing order of weights.

$T = \{ \}$ // tree represented as a set of edges

while $(|T| < n-1)$ {

$(u, v) = \min(Q)$; $Q = \text{deleteMin}(Q)$;

 Let $C[u]$ be the cluster containing u and

$C[v]$ be the cluster containing v

 if $(C[u] \neq C[v])$ then {

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Time Complexity:

• $O(m)$ for heap construction;

• $O(m \cdot \log m + L(m, n))$ for the loop

• $L(m, n)$ – cost of all clustering operations

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$L(m, n)$ – cost of all cluster operations

• **Cluster – unordered linked list of vertices;**

• **each vertex has a reference to the cluster;**

• **Merging (i.e. union) of clusters:**

• **add elements of smaller cluster to larger one.**

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○ Time Complexity:

- $O(m \cdot \log m + L(m, n))$ where L is the cost of all clustering operations
- $L(m, n)$
 - Represent clusters as unordered linked lists of vertices
 - Each vertex holds a pointer to the head of the list
 - m comparisons – each of $O(1)$ cost
 - n merge operations
 - Each costs $O(\min(|C[u]|, |C[v]|))$ if smaller list is appended to the larger list.
 - Total cost = $n \log n$
 - Why?
 - Total cost is $L(m, n) = m + n \cdot \log n$
- Total complexity: $O(m \cdot \log m + n \cdot \log n)$