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Aim: Create a program that finds the Minimum Cost Spanning Tree of a given undirected graph using Prim's algorithm.

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AIM: Create a program that finds the Minimum Cost Spanning Tree of a given undirected graph using Prim's algorithm.

OBJECTIVE/EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOME:

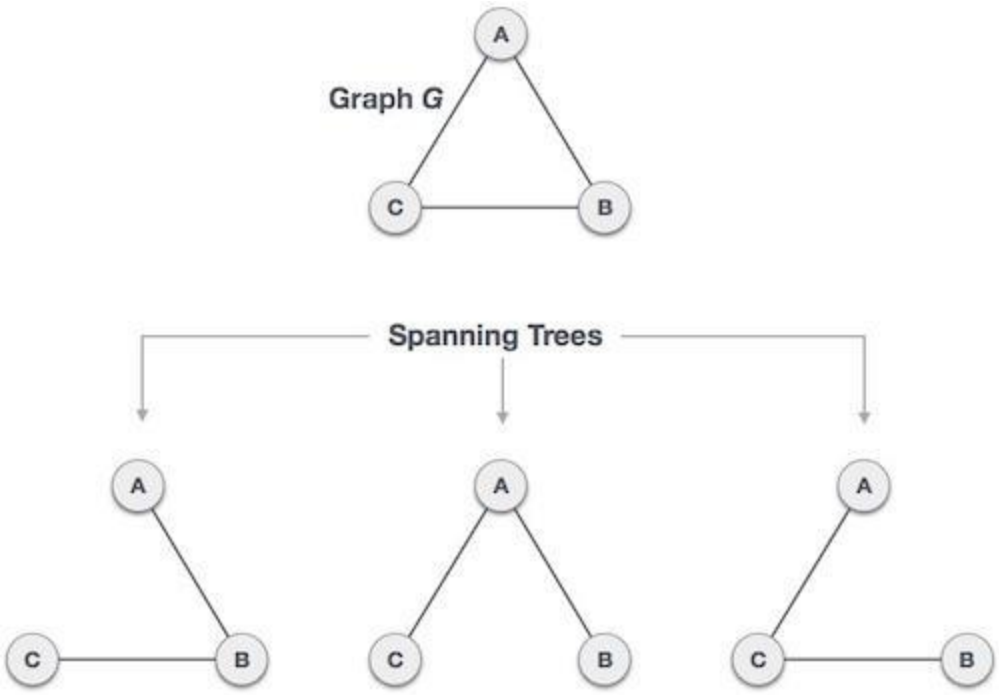
The objectives and expected learning outcome of this practical are:

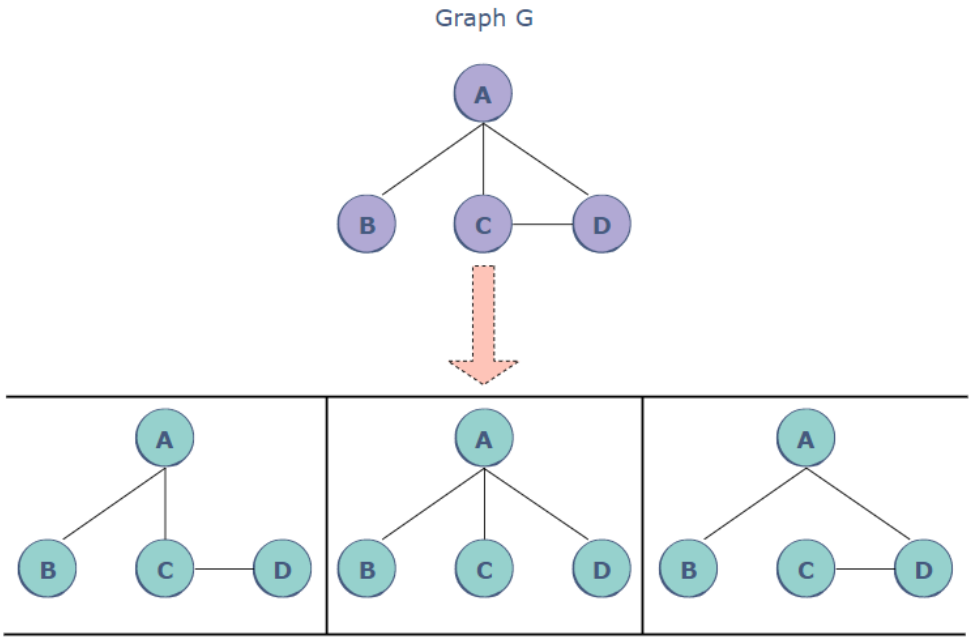
- To understand the concepts of spanning trees of the graph.
- To understand and implement the minimum cost spanning trees using greedy method.

THEORY:

A spanning tree is a subset of Graph G, which has all the vertices covered with minimum possible number of edges. Hence, a spanning tree does not have cycles and it cannot be disconnected.

By this definition, we can draw a conclusion that every connected and undirected Graph G has at least one spanning tree. A disconnected graph does not have any spanning tree, as it cannot be spanned to all its vertices.





Different possible spanning trees

General Properties of Spanning Tree:

- A connected graph G can have more than one spanning tree.
- All possible spanning trees of graph G, have the same number of edges and vertices.
- The spanning tree does not have any cycle (loops).
- Removing one edge from the spanning tree will make the graph disconnected, i.e. the spanning tree is **minimally connected**.
- Adding one edge to the spanning tree will create a circuit or loop, i.e. the spanning tree is **maximally acyclic**.

Mathematical Properties of Spanning Tree:

- Spanning tree has **n-1** edges, where **n** is the number of nodes (vertices).
- A complete graph can have maximum $\mathbf{n^{n-2}}$ number of spanning trees.

Therefore, spanning trees are a subset of connected Graph G and disconnected graphs do not have spanning tree.

Application of Spanning Tree:

Spanning tree is basically used to find a minimum path to connect all nodes in a graph. Common application of spanning trees are,

- Civil Network Planning
- Computer Network Routing Protocol
- Cluster Analysis

Minimum Cost Spanning Tree (MCST):

In a weighted graph, a minimum spanning tree is a spanning tree that has minimum weight than all other spanning trees of the same graph.

Minimum Spanning-Tree Algorithm:

- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Prim's Algorithm

How does Prim's Algorithm Work?

The working of Prim's algorithm can be described by using the following steps:

Step 1: *Determine an arbitrary vertex as the starting vertex of the MST.*

Step 2: *Follow steps 3 to 5 till there are vertices that are not included in the MST (known as fringe vertex).*

Step 3: *Find edges connecting any tree vertex with the fringe vertices.*

Step 4: *Find the minimum among these edges.*

Step 5: *Add the chosen edge to the MST if it does not form any cycle.*

Step 6: *Return the MST and exit*

ALGORITHM:

MST-PRIM (G, w, r)

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1 for each u ∈ V [G]
2       do key[u] ← ∞
3             π [u] ← NIL
4 key[r] ← 0
5 Q ← V [G]
6 while Q #= ∅
7       do u ← EXTRACT-MIN (Q)
8             for each v ∈ Adj[u]
9                   do if v ∈ Q and w(u, v) < key[v]
10                        then π [v] ← u
11                             key[v] ← w(u, v)
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CODE:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define V 5

int minKey(int key[], bool mstSet[]) {
   int min = INT_MAX, min_index;

   for (int v = 0; v < V; v++) {
      if (!mstSet[v] && key[v] < min) {
         min = key[v];
         min_index = v;
      }
   }
   return min_index;
}
void printMST(int parent[], int graph[V][V]) {
   int sum = 0;
   printf("Edge \tWeight\n");
   for (int i = 1; i < V; i++) {
      printf("%d - %d \t%d \n", parent[i], i, graph[i][parent[i]]);
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        sum += graph[i][parent[i]];
    }
    printf("Total sum: %d\n", sum);
}

void primMST(int graph[V][V]) {
    int parent[V];
    int key[V];
    bool mstSet[V];

    for (int i = 0; i < V; i++) {
        key[i] = INT_MAX;
        mstSet[i] = false;
    }

    key[0] = 0;
    parent[0] = -1;

    for (int count = 0; count < V - 1; count++) {
        int u = minKey(key, mstSet);
        mstSet[u] = true;

        for (int v = 0; v < V; v++) {
            if (graph[u][v] && !mstSet[v] && graph[u][v] < key[v]) {
                parent[v] = u;
                key[v] = graph[u][v];
            }
        }
    }
    printMST(parent, graph);
}

int main() {
    int graph[V][V] = { { 0, 10, 5, 0, 0 },
                        { 10, 0, 0, 9, 6 },
                        { 5, 0, 0, 7, 11 },
                        { 0, 9, 7, 0, 21 },
                        { 0, 6, 11, 21, 0 } };

    primMST(graph);

    return 0;
}
```

INPUT & OUTPUT WITH DIFFERENT TEST CASES:

CONCLUSION:

Thus, create a program that finds the Minimum Cost Spanning Tree of a given undirected graph using Prim's algorithm.

DISCUSSION AND VIVA VOCE:

- What is a minimum cost spanning tree?
- Discuss Prim's algorithm.
- Discuss the Kruskal's algorithm.
- Explain the properties of minimum spanning tree.

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