

**Experiment No. : 3**

**Title: Virtual lab on Kruskal's algorithm to construct  
Minimum spanning trees**

**Aim:** Explore the virtual lab on Kruskal's algorithm to construct minimum spanning trees.

**Resource Needed:**

<https://ds2-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/min-spanning-trees/index.html>

## Kruskal Algorithm

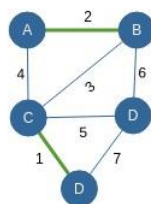
### Introduction :

In Kruskal's Algorithm, we take the fastest possible approach to create MST.

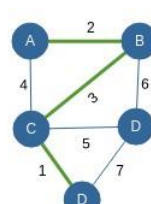
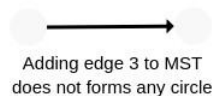
- We first sort the edges of graph in increasing order.
- Check the edges in sorted order if they should be in MST or not.
- Whenever we see the newly taken edge making circle (checked by Union-find) (refer picture below), we do not keep it in MST or else we will proceed further.
- We keep performing the above steps over the array again and again till all the edges are checked.

When should we add edge to mst?

Edges 1,2 are added to MST

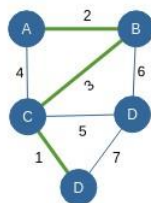


Edge 3 is next smallest edge

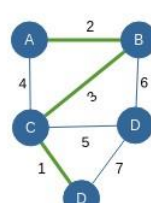
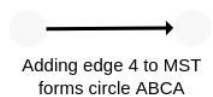


So, edge 3 is added to MST in this step

Edges 1,2,3 are added to MST



Edge 4 is next smallest edge



So, edge 4 is not added to MST in this step

### Algorithm of Kruskal Algorithm:

**MST-KRUSKAL( $G, w$ )**

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1   $A = \emptyset$ 
2  for each vertex  $v \in G.V$ 
3      MAKE-SET( $v$ )
4  sort the edges of  $G.E$  into nondecreasing order by weight  $w$ 
5  for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ , taken in nondecreasing order by weight
6      if FIND-SET( $u$ )  $\neq$  FIND-SET( $v$ )
7           $A = A \cup \{(u, v)\}$ 
8          UNION( $u, v$ )
9  return  $A$ 

```

### Explanation and Working of Kruskal Algorithm:

Let's have a final look at the consolidated algorithm to find MST of given graph:

- **STEP 1:** Sort the given edges.
- **STEP 2:** Check each edge in sorted order if it forms a cycle with already selected edges. If not Add it to list of MST. If it does move to next edge.
- **STEP 3:** Run steps 1 and 2 till  $v-1$  edges are selected ( $v$ = no. of vertices).

### Time complexity and derivation of Kruskal Algorithm:

Running Time of Kruskal's

Lets assume that we are finding MST of a  $N$  vertices graph using Kruskal's.

- To check edges we need to sort the given edges based on weights of edges. The best way to sort has a order of  $O(N \log(N))$ .
- To Check one edge if it needs to be in MST or not, we apply Union-find to check if it forms a circle with edges present and add to MST exactly once and apply Union-Find algorithm of order  $\log(E)$ .
- Since we perform atmost  $N$  checks for a graph total complexity is  $O(N \log(E))$  for the checkings.
- So, total complexity is  $O(N \log(E) + N \log(N))$

Best and Worst Cases for Kruskal's

For regular Kruskal's, time complexity will be  $O(N \log(E) + N \log(N))$  in all cases. For Kruskal's:

- In best case scenario, we have  $N$  no cycles and we have to run  $N-1$  iterations to determine MST.
- Time complexity will be  $O((N-1) * \log(E) + E \log(E))$  in this case.
- In worst case we will have to check all  $E$  edges. Time complexity in such case would be  $O(E \log(E) + N \log(N))$

Space Complexity of Kruskal's

While sorting, we need an extra array to store sorted array of edges (Space comlexity of  $O(E)$ ), Another array for Union-Find of size  $O(E)$ . So, total Space Complexity would be  $O(\log(E))$ .

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### Demo : Kruskal's

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Min.Speed
Max.Speed

**Observations:**  
Checking smallest edge among unchecked edges - 8

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### Demo : Kruskal's

Instructions

Min.Speed
Max.Speed

**Observations:**  
No circle is formed due to edge 8. So edge 8 is added to MST

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Observations

No circle is formed due to edge 9. So edge 9 is added to MST

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```

graph LR
    a ---|8| b
    b ---|9| c
    c ---|11| d
    d ---|12| a

```

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**Observations**  
Checking smallest edge among unchecked edges.  
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**Observations**  
No circle is formed due to edge 11. So edge 11 is added to MST

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Observations:  
Finished adding n-1 edges MST is formed by the edges in brown

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**Kruskal's Exercise:**

**Self evaluation:** Solve both Kruskal Quiz and Analysis quiz and Display the result of your first attempt.

**Kruskal's Quiz:**




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**Q2. Which edge gets judged if it should or shouldn't be in MST after n iterations?**

☒ (A) Smallest edge ✓  
☐ (B) Largest Edge  
☐ (C) Middle Edge in inc order  
☐ (D) No element

**Explanation**

**Q3. How many minimum edges should we add to MST to stop checking?**

☐ (A) V edges  
☒ (B) V-1 edges ✓  
☐ (C) E edges


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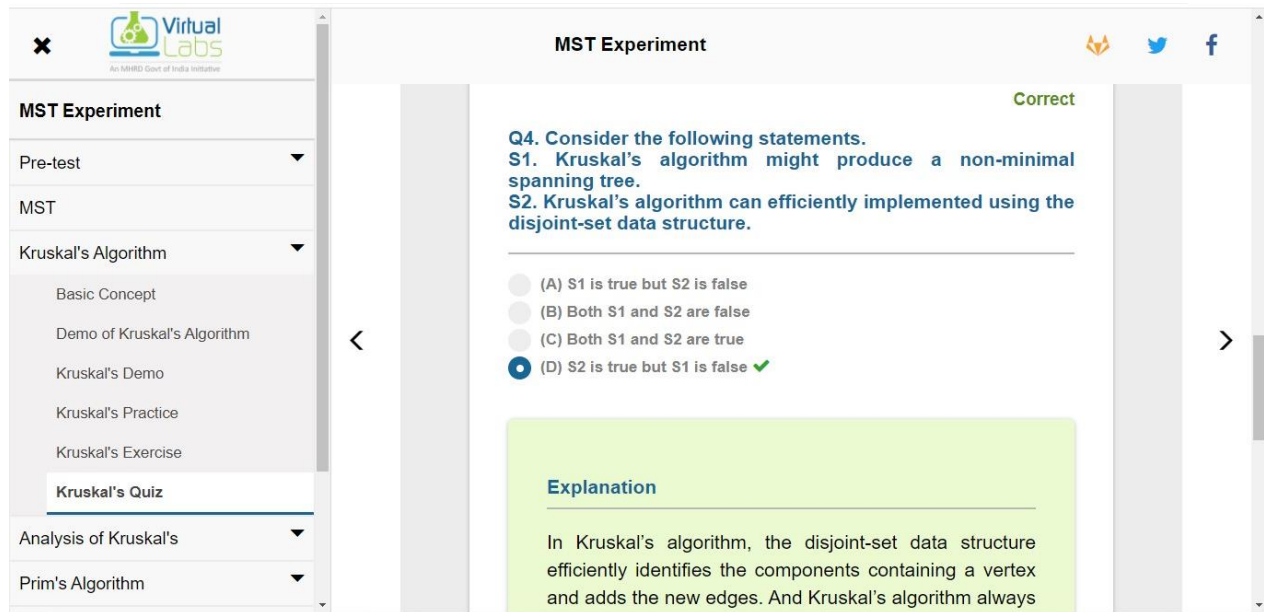
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☐ (A) V edges  
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☐ (D) E-1 edges

**Explanation**

Since min spanning tree is a tree with V vertices it contains V-1 edges.

**Q4. Consider the following statements.**  
**S1. Kruskal's algorithm might produce a non-minimal spanning tree.**  
**S2. Kruskal's algorithm can efficiently implemented using the disjoint-set data structure.**



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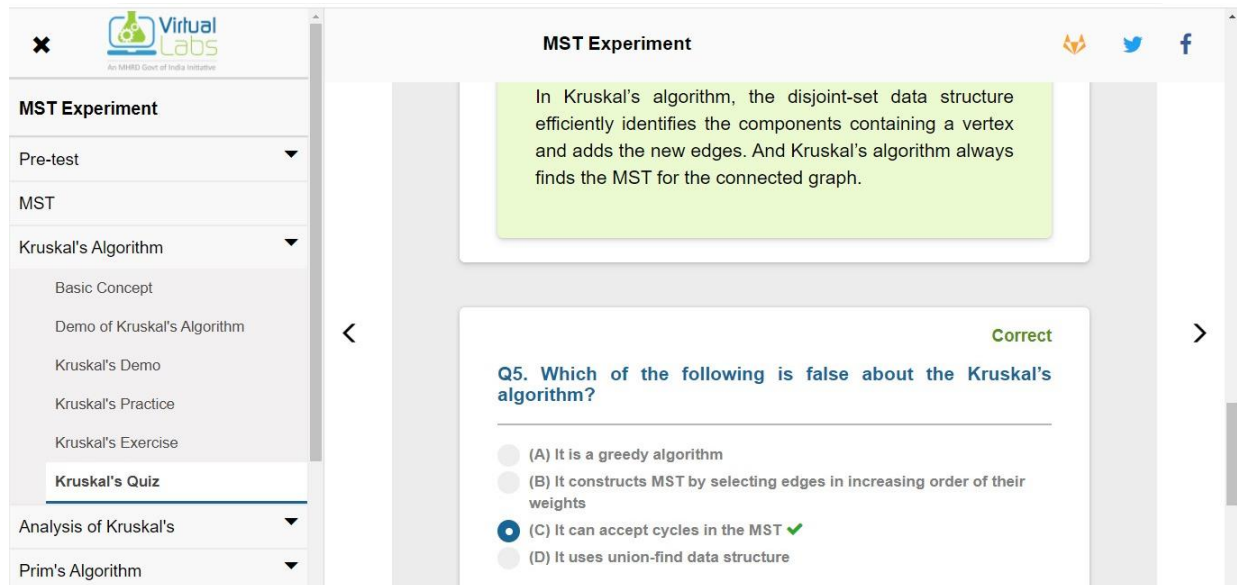
Correct

**Q4. Consider the following statements.**  
**S1. Kruskal's algorithm might produce a non-minimal spanning tree.**  
**S2. Kruskal's algorithm can efficiently implemented using the disjoint-set data structure.**

(A) S1 is true but S2 is false  
 (B) Both S1 and S2 are false  
 (C) Both S1 and S2 are true  
☒ (D) S2 is true but S1 is false ✓

**Explanation**

In Kruskal's algorithm, the disjoint-set data structure efficiently identifies the components containing a vertex and adds the new edges. And Kruskal's algorithm always



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In Kruskal's algorithm, the disjoint-set data structure efficiently identifies the components containing a vertex and adds the new edges. And Kruskal's algorithm always finds the MST for the connected graph.

Correct

**Q5. Which of the following is false about the Kruskal's algorithm?**

(A) It is a greedy algorithm  
 (B) It constructs MST by selecting edges in increasing order of their weights  
☒ (C) It can accept cycles in the MST ✓  
 (D) It uses union-find data structure

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☒ (C) It can accept cycles in the MST ✓

☐ (D) It uses union-find data structure

**Explanation**

Kruskal's algorithm is a greedy algorithm to construct the MST of the given graph. It constructs the MST by selecting edges in increasing order of their weights and rejects an edge if it may form the cycle. So, using Kruskal's algorithm is never formed.

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### Analysis Quiz in Kruskal's:

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**Your score: 5/5**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

**Correct**

**Q1. What is the time complexity of Kruskal's algorithm?**

☐ (A) Best case is when given graph is a tree it self

☐ (B) Best case  $O(n^2)$

☐ (C) Worst case is when all edges are to be checked.

☐ (D) Average case  $O(N\log(E)+N\log(N))$

☒ (E) A, C, D ✓

**Explanation**

All statements are self explanatory.

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All statements are self explanatory

**Q2. Does Kruskal's need more than one MST ?**

Correct

☐ (A) Yes  
☒ (B) No ✓  
☐ (C) Depend  
☐ (D) Can't say

**Explanation**

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Kruskal's generate only one MST.

**Q3. Which case is the best case Time Complexity of Kruskal's ?**

Correct

☐ (A) Max.no of edges and many cycles  
☒ (B) Min.no of edges and minimum cycles ✓  
☐ (C) Min No.of edges with max no of cycles  
☐ (D) Can't Say

**Explanation**



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Complexity is min when no of edges and cycles are Minimum.

**Correct**

**Q4. If Kruskal's algorithm is used for finding a minimum spanning tree of a weighted graph G with n vertices and m edges and edge weights are already given in a sorted list, then, What will be the time complexity to compute the minimum cost spanning tree given that union and find operations take amortized  $O(1)$  ?**

☐ (A)  $O(m \log n)$   
☐ (B)  $O(n)$   
☒ (C)  $O(m)$  ✓  
☐ (D)  $O(n \log m)$


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**Explanation**

$O(m)$  as you are already given edge weights in sorted order. You just have to pick the edges in the increasing order and add it to the current spanning set if its addition does not result in a cycle else throw it away.

**Correct**

**Q5. What is the best case Time Complexity of Kruskal's?**

☒ (A)  $O((N-1)\log(E)+E\log(E))$  ✓  
☐ (B)  $O((N)\log(N)+E\log(E))$   
☐ (C)  $O((N)\log(E)+E\log(E))$   
☐ (D) Cannot Determine

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**Conclusion: (Based on the observations):**

Performed the experiment using virtual lab to construct minimum spanning trees using Kruskal's algorithm.

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**Outcome:** CO 3: Implement Greedy and Dynamic Programming algorithms.

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