# **Spanning Trees**

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## 0.1 Spanning Trees

#### 0.1.1 Disjoint Sets

- Also know as union-find data structures
- Data structure to keep track of a set of elements partitioned into a number of disjoint (non everlapping) subsets
- Three main operations: union and find and makeSet
- Disjoint sets can be represented with the help of linked lists but usually we implment it as a tree like structure
- In Kruskal algorithm it will be useful: with disjoint sets we can decide in approximately O(1) time whether two vertices are in the same set or not

#### 0.1.2 Make Set

```
function makeSet(x)
    x.parent = x
```

- So the make sets operation is quite easy to implement. ~ we set the parent of the given node to the itself
- Basically we create a distinct set to all the items/nodes

#### 0.1.3 find

```
function find(x)
  if x.parent == x
     return x
  else
    return find(x.parent)
```

- Several items can belong to the same set -> we usually represent the set with one of its items "representative of the set"
- When we search for an item with find() then the operation is going to return with the representative

#### 0.1.4 Union

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function union(x,y)
xRoot = find(x)
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yRoot = find(y)

xRoot.parent = yRoot
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- The union operation is merge two disjoint sets togethere by connecting them according tot he representatives
- Problems: this tree like structure can become unbalanced
  - 1) Union by rank -> always attach the smaller tree to the root of the larger one. The tree will become more balanced: faster!!!
  - 2) Path compression -> flattening the structure of the tree. We set every visited node to be connected to the root directly !!!

#### 0.1.5 Applications

- It is used mostly in Kruskal-algorithm implementation
- We have to check whether adding a given edge to the MST would form a cycle or not
- For checking this -> union-find data structure is extremely helpful
- We can check whether a cycle is present -> in asymtotically O(1) constant time complexity!!!

## 0.1.6 Spanning trees

- A spanning tree of an undirected **G** graph is a subgraph that includes all the vertices of **G**
- In general, a tree may have several spanning trees
- We can assign a weight to each edge
- A minimum spanning tree is then a spanning tree with wight less than or equal to the weight of every other spanning tree
- Has lots of applications: in big data analysis, clustering algorithms, finding minimum cost for a telecommunications company laying cable to a new neighborhhod
- Standard algorithms: Prim's-Jarnik, Kruskal -> greedy algorithms

## 0.2 Kruskal-algorithm

- We sort the edges according to ehir edge weights
- It can be done in **O(NlogN)** with mergesort or quicksort
- Union find data structure: disjoint set
- We start start adding edges to the MST and we want to make sure there will be no cycles in the spanning tree. It can be done in **O(LogV)** with the help of union find data structure
- We could use a heap instead sorting the edges in the beginning but the running time would be the same. So sometimes Kruskal's algorithm is implemented with priority queues
- Worst case running time: \*\*O(E\*logE)\*\*, so we can use it for huge graphs too
- If the edges are sorted: the algorithm will be quasi-linear
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- If we multiply the weights with a constant or add a constant to the edge weights: the result will be the same

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In [20]: class Vertex(object):
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name;
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self.node = None;
         class Node(object):
           def __init__(self, height, nodeId, parentNode):
             self.height = height;
             self.nodeId = nodeId;
             self.parentNode = parentNode;
         class Edge(object):
           def __init__(self, weight, startVertex, targetVertex):
             self.weight = weight
             self.startVertex = startVertex;
             self.targetVertex = targetVertex;
           def __cmp__(self, otherEdge):
             return self.cmp(self.weight, otherEdge.weight);
           def __lt__(self, other):
             selfPriority = self.weight;
             otherPriority = other.weight;
             return selfPriority < otherPriority;</pre>
In [21]: class DisjointSet(object):
           def __init__(self, vertexList):
             self.vertexList = vertexList;
             self.rootNodes = [];
             self.nodeCount = 0;
             self.setCount = 0;
             self.makeSets(vertexList);
           def find(self, node):
             currentNode = node;
             print(node);
             while currentNode.parentNode is not None:
               currentNode = currentNode.parentNode;
             root = currentNode;
             currentNode = node;
             while currentNode is not root:
               temp = currentNode.parentNode;
               currentNode.parentNode = root;
               currentNode = temp;
             return root.nodeId
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index1 = self.find(node1);
             index2 = self.find(node2);
             if index1 == index2:
               return; # they are in the same set!!!
             root1 = self.rootNodes[index1];
             root2 = self.rootNodes[index2];
             if root1.height < root2.height:</pre>
               root1.parentNode = root2;
             elif root1.height > root2.height:
               root2.parentNode = root1;
             else:
               root2.parentNode = root1;
               root1.height = root1.height + 1;
           def makeSets(self, vertexList):
             for v in vertexList:
               self.makeSet(v);
           def makeSet(self, vertex):
             node = Node(0, len(self.rootNodes), None);
             vertex.parentNode = node;
             self.rootNodes.append(node);
             self.setCount = self.setCount + 1;
             self.nodeCount = self.nodeCount + 1;
In [22]: class KruskalAlgorithm(object):
           def spanningTree(self, vertexList, edgeList):
             disjointSet = DisjointSet(vertexList);
             spanningTree = [];
             edgeList.sort();
             for edge in edgeList:
               u = edge.startVertex;
               v = edge.targetVertex;
               if disjointSet.find(u.node) is not disjointSet.find(v.node):
                 spanningTree.append(edge);
                 disjointSet.merge(u.node, v.node);
             for edge in spanningTree:
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def merge(self, node1, node2):

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print(edge.startVertex.name, " - ", edge.targetVertex.name);
In [23]: vertex1 = Vertex("a");
         vertex2 = Vertex("b");
         vertex3 = Vertex("c");
         vertex4 = Vertex("d");
         vertex5 = Vertex("e");
         vertex6 = Vertex("f");
         vertex7 = Vertex("g");
         edge1 = Edge(2,vertex1, vertex2)
         edge2 = Edge(6,vertex1, vertex3)
         edge3 = Edge(5,vertex1, vertex5)
         edge4 = Edge(10, vertex1, vertex6)
         edge5 = Edge(3,vertex2, vertex4)
         edge6 = Edge(3,vertex2, vertex5)
         edge7 = Edge(1,vertex3, vertex4)
         edge8 = Edge(2,vertex3, vertex6)
         edge9 = Edge(4,vertex4, vertex5)
         edge10 = Edge(5,vertex4, vertex7)
         edge11 = Edge(5,vertex6, vertex7)
         vertexList = [];
         vertexList.append(vertex1);
         vertexList.append(vertex2);
         vertexList.append(vertex3);
         vertexList.append(vertex4);
         vertexList.append(vertex5);
         vertexList.append(vertex6);
         vertexList.append(vertex7);
         edgeList = [];
         edgeList.append(edge1);
         edgeList.append(edge2);
         edgeList.append(edge3);
         edgeList.append(edge4);
         edgeList.append(edge5);
         edgeList.append(edge6);
         edgeList.append(edge7);
         edgeList.append(edge8);
         edgeList.append(edge9);
         edgeList.append(edge10);
         edgeList.append(edge11);
         algorithm = KruskalAlgorithm();
         algorithm.spanningTree(vertexList, edgeList);
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AttributeError
                                                  Traceback (most recent call last)
        <ipython-input-23-5bb47987b6b8> in <module>()
         44 algorithm = KruskalAlgorithm();
    ---> 45 algorithm.spanningTree(vertexList, edgeList);
        <ipython-input-22-88162a13eba6> in spanningTree(self, vertexList, edgeList)
                  v = edge.targetVertex;
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    ---> 14
                  if disjointSet.find(u.node) is not disjointSet.find(v.node):
                    spanningTree.append(edge);
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                    disjointSet.merge(u.node, v.node);
        <ipython-input-21-4dca8e6dac36> in find(self, node)
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                print(node);
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    ---> 13
                while currentNode.parentNode is not None:
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                  currentNode = currentNode.parentNode;
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        AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'parentNode'
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## 0.3 Prim-Jarnik algorithm

- In Kruskal implementation we build the spanning tree separately, adding the smallest edge to the spanning tree if there is no cycle
- Prims algorithm we build the spanning tree from a given vertex, adding the samllest edge to the MST
- Kruskal -> edge based
- Prims -> vertex based!!!
- There are two implementations: lazy and eager
- Lazy implementation: add the new neighbour edges to the heap without deleting its content
- Eager implementation: we keep updating the heap if the distance from a vertex to the MST has changed
- Average running time: \*\*O(E\*logE) but we need additional memory space O(E)\*\*

• Worst case: \*\*O(E\*logV)\*\*

#### 0.4 Prims VS Kruskal

- Prim's algorithm is significantly faster in the limit when you've got a really dense graph with many more edges than vertices
- Kruskal performs vetter in typical situations (sparse graphs) because it used simpler data structures
- Kruskal can have better performance if the dges can be sorted in linear time or the edges are already sorted
- Prim's better if the number of edges to vertices is high (dense graphs)

```
In [24]: class Vertex(object):
           def __init__(self, name):
             self.name = name;
             self.visited = False;
             self.predecessor = None;
             self.adjacenciesList = [];
           def __str__(self):
             return self.name;
         class Edge(object):
           def __init__(self, weight, startVertex, targetVertex):
             self.weight = weight;
             self.startVertex = startVertex;
             self.targetVertex = targetVertex;
           def __cmp__(self, otherEdge):
             return self.cmp(self.weight, otherEdge.weight)
           def __lt__(self, other):
             selfPriority = self.weight;
             otherPriority = other.weight;
             return selfPriority < otherPriority;</pre>
In [25]: import heapq;
         class PrimsJarrik(object):
           def __init__(self, unvisitedList):
             self.unvisitedList = unvisitedList;
             self.spanningTree = [];
             self.edgeHeap = [];
             self.fullCost = 0;
           def calculateSpanningTree(self, vertex):
             self.unvisitedList.remove(vertex)
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while self.unvisitedList:
               for edge in vertex.adjacenciesList:
                 if edge.targetVertex in self.unvistedList:
                   heapq.heappush(self.edgeHeap, edge)
                 minEdge = heapq.heappop(self.edgeHeap);
                 self.spanningTree.append(minEdge);
                 print("Edge added to spanning tree: %s - %s" % (minEdge.startVertex.name, minE
                 self.fullCost = self.fullCost + minEdge.weight;
                 vertex = minEdge.targetVertex;
                 self.unvisitedList.remove(vertex);
           def getSpanningTree(self):
             return self.spanningTree;
In [27]: node1 = Vertex("A")
         node2 = Vertex("B")
         node3 = Vertex("C")
         edge1 = Edge(100, node1, node2);
         edge2 = Edge(100, node2, node1);
         edge3 = Edge(1000, node1, node3);
         edge4 = Edge(1000, node4, node1);
         edge5 = Edge(0.01, node3, node2);
         edge6 = Edge(0.01, node2, node3);
                                                  Traceback (most recent call last)
        NameError
        <ipython-input-27-767eaaa8b572> in <module>()
          7 edge2 = Edge(100, node2, node1);
          8 edge3 = Edge(1000, node1, node3);
    ---> 9 edge4 = Edge(1000, node4, node1);
         10 edge5 = Edge(0.01, node3, node2);
         11 edge6 = Edge(0.01, node2, node3);
        NameError: name 'node4' is not defined
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In []: