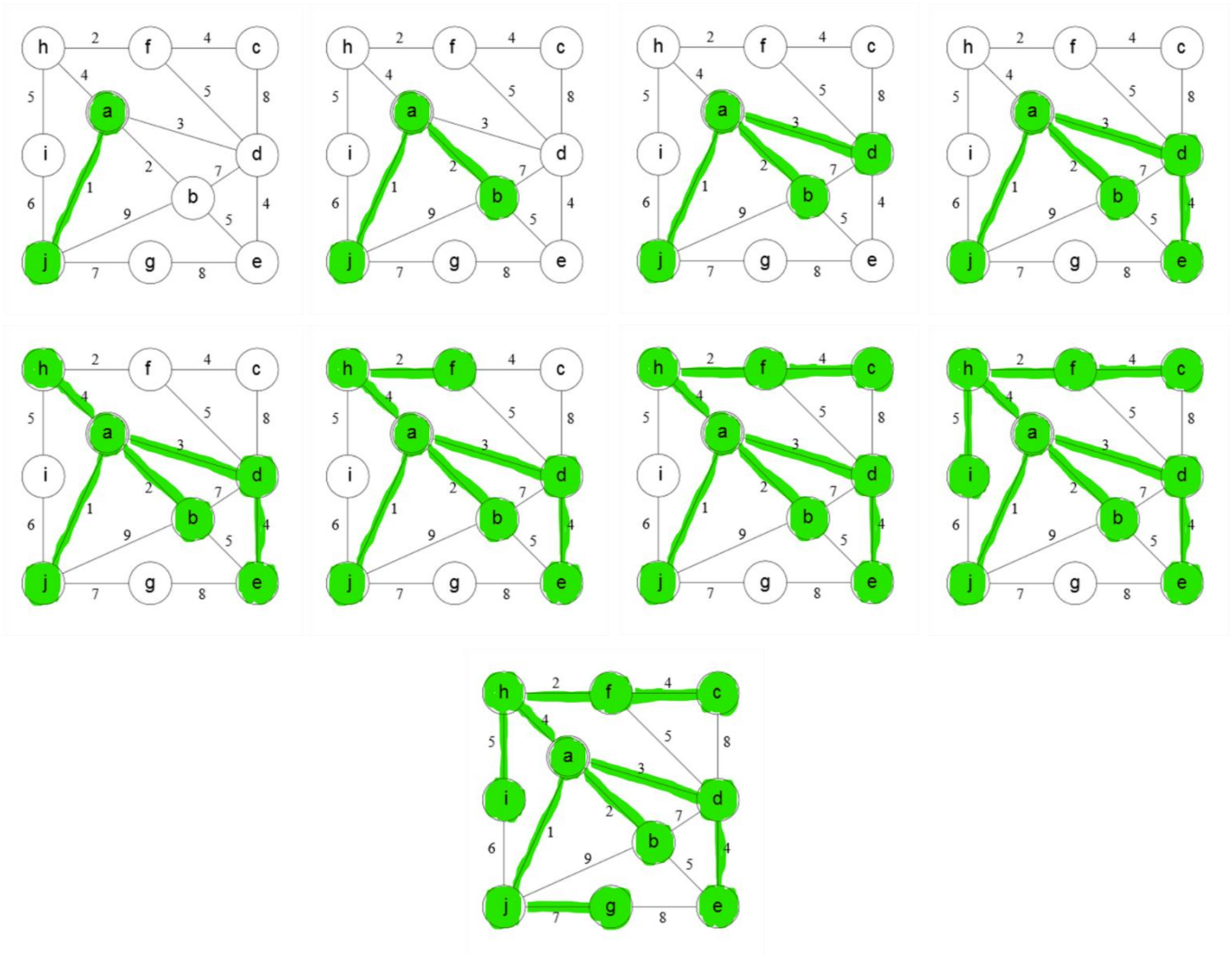


Assignment 5

1. (3 points) Demonstrate Prim's algorithm on the graph below by showing the steps in subsequent graphs as shown in Figures 23.5 on page 635 of the text. What is the weight of the minimum spanning tree? Start at vertex a.

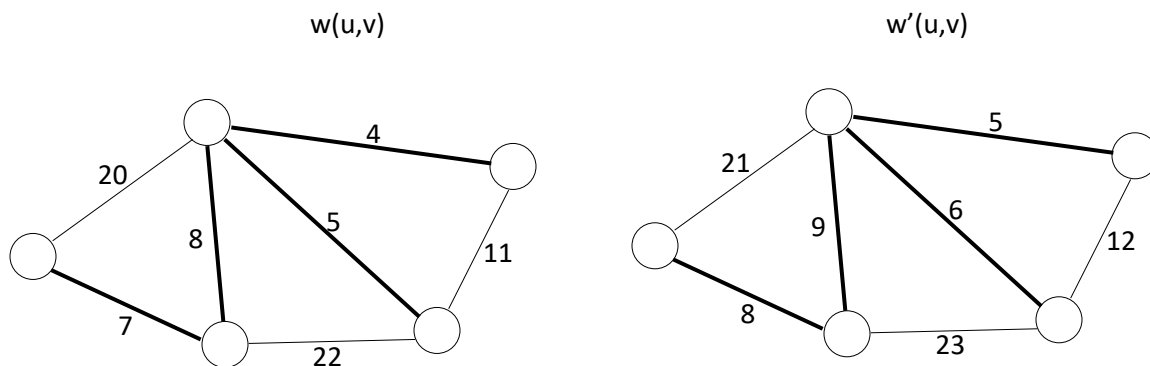


2. (6 points) Now suppose each edge weight is increased by 1: the new weights $w'(u,v) = w(u,v) + 1$.

(a) Does the minimum spanning tree change? Give an example it changes or prove it cannot change.

The minimum spanning tree would not change because each edge's weight is growing at the same rate. As a result, the graph will have the same structure and will not be different. If we wanted to prove this then it can be seen by using Prim or Kruskal's to find the MST. If these two algorithms are correct then they will follow the same path to get the same result and display the same structure.

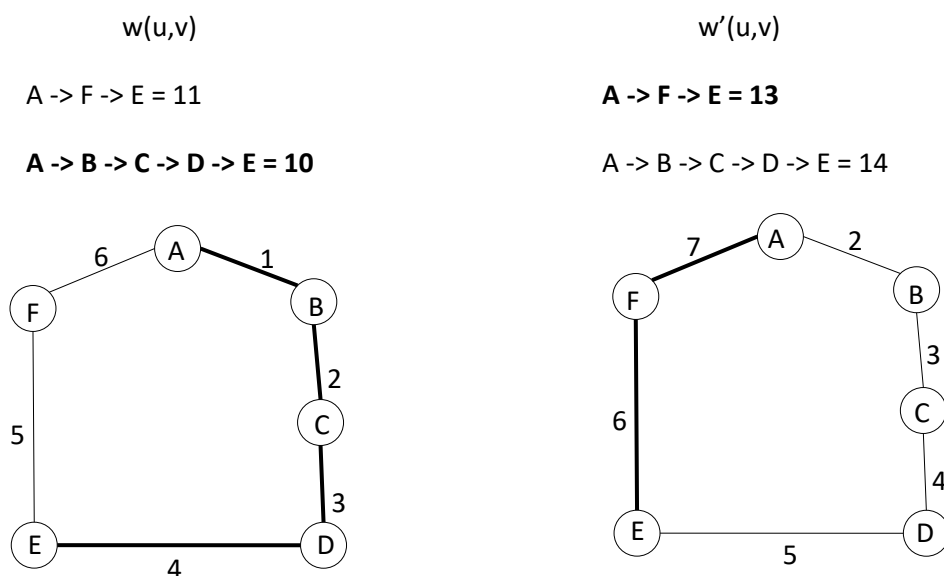
Use Prim's Algorithm to find the MST.



(b) Do the shortest paths change? Give an example where they change or prove they cannot change.

Yes the shortest path can change. For example, if you have a graph where one side has more edges than the other. If you look at the example below you will see that with $w(A, E)$ the shortest path is $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$. Once we use $w'(A, E)$, the shortest path changes to $A \rightarrow F \rightarrow E$.

Using Kruskal's Algorithm to find the MST.



3. (4 points) In the bottleneck-path problem, you are given a graph G with edge weights, two vertices s and t and a particular weight W ; your goal is to find a path from s to t in which every edge has at least weight W .

(a) Describe an efficient algorithm to solve this problem.

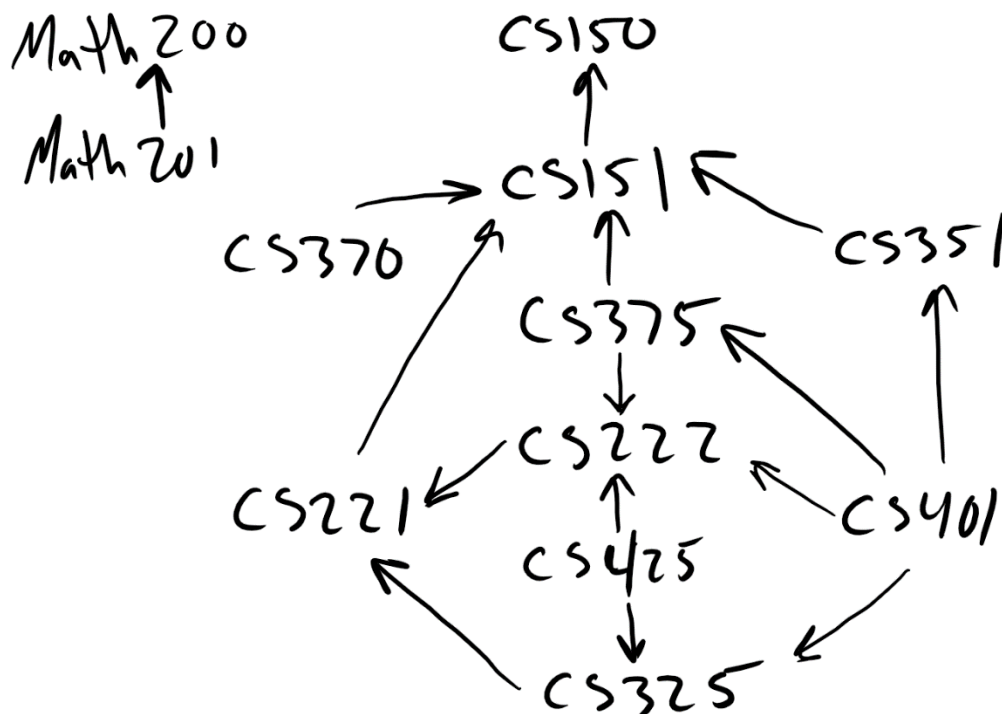
An efficient algorithm could use a modified BFS implementation. Since the weight of the edges needs to be at least that of weight W we could go ahead and ignore the edges whose weight is less than W . The algorithm would start at s and check the nearby edges. If an edge has a weight less than W then it can disregard that edge as a possible path. The process will repeat until we run out of edges or when it finds its way to t .

(b) What is the running time of your algorithm.

The running time will be based on the algorithm transversing the graph. As a result, with a typical BFS algorithm, it should run in $\Theta(V+E)$ time. This means that the running time is dependant on the amount of V and $V-1$ edges.

4. (5 points) List of courses and prerequisites for a factious CS degree.

(a) Draw a directed acyclic graph (DAG) that represents the precedence among the courses.



(b) Give a topological sort of the graph.

Math 200

Math 201

CS 150

CS 151

CS 221

CS 222

CS 325

CS 425

CS 351

CS 370

CS 375

CS 401

(c) If you are allowed to take multiple courses at one time as long as there is no prerequisite conflict, find an order in which all the classes can be taken in the fewest number of terms.

Quarter One

Math 200

CS 150

Quarter Two

Math 201

CS 151

Quarter Three

CS 221

CS 351

CS 370

Quarter Four

CS 222

CS 325

CS 375

Quarter Five

CS 375

CS 425

Quarter Six

CS 401

- (d) Determine the length of the longest path in the DAG. How did you find it? What does this represent?

The longest path I found in reverse order is:

CS 401
 CS 375
 CS 351
 CS 325
 CS 222
 CS 221
 CS 151
 CS 150

To do this I worked backwards from the class with the highest prerequisites. I wrote down the prerequisites and check what their prerequisites were. This allowed me to gather a path of classes that needed to be taken and giving what I believe to be the longest path. The length is 7. This is the minimum number of classes needed to complete the CS degree with the given prerequisites.

5. (12 points) Babyfaces vs Heels

(a) Pseudocode

Function BFS(vertices, edges)

for i=0; i < # of vertices

arr[0][i] = vertices

if(arr[0][i] = vertices)

arr[j+1][i] = edge;

//Place edge in row under the verticy

arr[i+1][j] = vert;

//Place returning edge under rival

Check(arr[[]])

Function Check(arr[[]])

BabyfaceArr[]

HeelsArr[]

for j = 0; j < # of vertices

if (arr[j + 1][i] != empty

heels[j] = arr[j + 1][i];

else

babyface[j] = arr[j + 1][i];

(b) What is the running time of your algorithm?

Since I am looking to use the BFS algorithm, the running time should be equivalent to $\Theta(V + E)$.