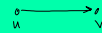


DFS application:
topological sorting

Given a directed acyclic graph (dag) G as input, arrange the vertices in a linear order, say, $V[1], \dots, V[n]$ so that if $(V[i], V[j]) \in E$, then $i < j$.

vertices are tasks to be performed. An edge indicates a dependency:



means u must be completed before v starts.

Topological sort: G a dag with n vertices.

Initialize an array $V[1..n]$

$j := n$

Run DFS on G , as each vertex v finishes:

$V[j] := v$

$j := j - 1$

V stores vertices in decreasing order by finish time.

Time = $\Theta(|G.V| + |G.E|)$
worst case recursion time + DFS

Why does this work?

Claim: If there is an edge from u to v ($u \rightarrow v$), then u finishes after v finishes.

Why? when DFS is run, at some point $DFS_{from}(u)$ is called.

Key: When $DFS_{from}(u)$ traverses the edge (u,v) , either v has not started yet (then $DFS_{from}(v)$ is called and returns) or v has already finished. If v has started but not finished, then there is a cycle involving (u,v) . [we assume no cycles]

Minimum Spanning trees

Let G be a weighted (undirected) graph.

$n = \#$ nodes (vertices)
 $m = \#$ edges

A spanning tree of G is a set of $n-1$ edges that connects the graph. For a spanning tree to exist, G must be connected. We will assume this.

A tree is a connected acyclic graph. A tree on n vertices must have exactly $n-1$ edges. In fact

$m \geq n$: there must be a cycle
 $m < n-1$: G cannot be connected.

A forest is any acyclic graph (connected components are trees).

Generic algorithm

$T := \emptyset$ (T is a set of edges)

while $|T| < n-1$:
look for an edge $e \in E$ that is safe to add to T
 $T := T \cup \{e\}$
[MST = Min Spanning Tree]

e safe means $T \cup \{e\}$ is a subset of some MST.

Def: Let T be a subset of a MST. (G, V, T) is a spanning forest. Let C be some connected component of T . Any min weight edge one (but not both) of whose endpoints in C is safe.

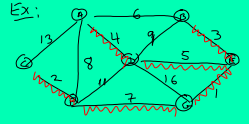
2 MST algos:

Kruskal's algo
Prim's algo

Kruskal(G)

// G weighted, connected graph
 $T := \emptyset$
Sort the edges into a list sorted by ascending weight

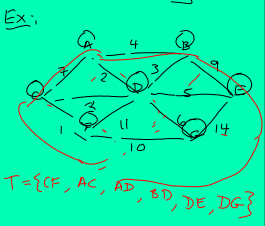
Kruskal(G)
 // G weighted, connected graph
 $T := \emptyset$
 Sort the edges into a list
 sorted by ascending weight
 for each edge $e \in L$ in order:
 if e 's endpoints are not in the same component, then
 $T := T \cup \{e\}$ // e is safe
 Do this until $|T| = n-1$.
 // e is safe because processing edges in ascending order by weight.



MST (red) has total wt 22
 Maintain vertices in a disjoint set system whose sets are the connected components
 while for all vertices v with $e = (u, v)$ is processed:
 if $\text{Find}(u) \neq \text{Find}(v)$:
 add e to T
 Union(u, v)

Time:
 Sort the edges $\Theta(m \lg m)$
 Union-Find $\Theta(m \alpha(n))$
 since $\alpha(n) = O(n)$ and $m \geq n-1$ (G is connected)
 so $\alpha(m) = O(m)$
 Time spent is $\Theta(m \lg m)$ worst case
 $= \Theta(m \lg n)$
 because $n-1 \leq m \leq n^2$
 dominated by the sorting.

Prim's Algo
 Start at some vertex s (arbitrarily chosen).
 $T := \emptyset$
 $C := \{s\}$ // the connected component containing s
 Do $n-1$ times:
 choose a light edge $e = (u, v) = (v, u)$ such that $u \in C$ and $v \notin C$
 $T := T \cup \{e\}$
 $C := C \cup \{v\}$



Prim(s)
 $T := \emptyset$
 $C := \emptyset$
 $s.d := -\infty$
 $s.\pi := Nil$
 for each $v \neq s$
 $v.d := \infty$
 $v.\pi := Nil$
 Insert all vertices into a min-priority queue Q
 while Q is not empty
 $u := \text{DeleteMin}(Q)$
 $C := C \cup \{u\}$
 for each $v \in Q$ s.t. that $(u, v) \in G$
 if $w(u, v) < v.d$
 $\text{DecreaseKey}(v)$
 $v.\pi := u$
 end-while
 $T := \{(v, v.\pi) : v \neq s\}$