Advanced Algorithms

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Lab 4 – Solutions of assignment
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Suppose we want to find the minimum spanning tree of the following graph

![Graph Image]

Run Kruskal’s algorithm on the graph. Show how the disjoint-sets data structure looks at every intermediate stage (including the structure of the directed trees), assuming path compression is used.

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Solution

Let’s run the Kruskal’s algorithm

1. Call makeset(u) for all u ∈ V →
   data structure: A⁰ B⁰ C⁰ D⁰ E⁰ F⁰ G⁰ H⁰
2. Initialize the solution →
   X = {}
3. Sort edges in E by increasing weight →
   

**NB:** \((x,y):w\) means that the edge \(x,y\) has weight \(w\)
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Solution (cont.)

4. Loop over ordered edges
   - (A,B)
     - find(A)≠find(B); no compression; X={(A,B)};
     - union(A,B)={(A,B),(A→B)}
     - data structure: ({A,B},(A→B))
   - (D,G)
     - find(D)≠find(G); no compression; X={(A,B),(D,G)};
     - union(D,G)={(D,G)}(D→G)
     - data structure: ({A,B,D,G},(A→B,D→G))
   - (F,G)
     - find(F)≠find(G); no compression; X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G)};
     - union(F,G)={(D,G,F,G)}(D→G,F→G)
   - (H,G)
     - find(H)≠find(G); no compression; X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G)};

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5. Loop over ordered edges
   - (C,G)
     - find(C)≠find(G); no compression; X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G),(B,C),(C,G)};
     - union(C,G)={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G),(B,C),(C,G)};
   - (C,D)
     - find(C)≠find(D); compression: X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G),(B,C),(C,G)};
   - (A,E)
     - find(A)≠find(E); compression: X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G),(B,C),(C,G),(A,E)};
   - (D,H),(E,F),(B,F),(B,G),(A,F)
     - find(x)≠find(y); no compression; X={(A,B),(D,G),(F,G),(H,G),(B,C),(C,G),(A,E)}

    cost(MST)=1+1+1+2+2+4=12
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The following statements may or may not be correct. In each case, either prove it (if it is correct) or give a counterexample (if it isn’t correct). Always assume that the graph $G = (V, E)$ is undirected. Do not assume that edge weights are distinct unless this is specifically stated.

1. If graph $G$ has more than $|V| - 1$ edges, and there is a unique heaviest edge, then this edge cannot be part of a minimum spanning tree.
2. If $G$ has a cycle with a unique heaviest edge $e$, then $e$ cannot be part of any MST.
3. Let $e$ be any edge of minimum weight in $G$. Then $e$ must be part of some MST.
4. If the lightest edge in a graph is unique, then it must be part of every MST.
5. If $e$ is part of some MST of $G$, then it must be a lightest edge across some cut of $G$.

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Solution

1. **False**, consider the case where the heaviest edge is a bridge (is the only edge connecting two connected components of $G$).
2. **True**, consider removing $e$ from the MST and adding another edge belonging to the same cycle. Then we get a new tree with less total weight.
3. **True**, $e$ will belong to the MST produced by Kruskal’s algorithm.
4. **True**, if not there exists a cycle connecting the two endpoints of $e$, so adding $e$ and removing another edge of the cycle, produces a lightest tree.
5. **True**, consider the cut that has $u$ in one side and $v$ in the other, where $e=(u, v)$. 