CSE 421
Algorithms

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Lecture 10

Minimum Spanning Trees

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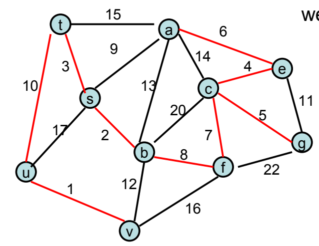
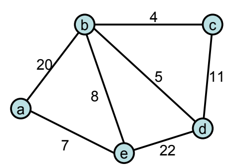
Undirected Graph G=(V,E) with edge weights



Greedy Algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree

- [Prim] Extend a tree by including the cheapest out going edge
- [Kruskal] Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components
- [ReverseDelete] Delete the most expensive edge that does not disconnect the graph

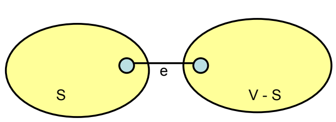


Why do the greedy algorithms work?

- For simplicity, assume all edge costs are distinct

Edge inclusion lemma

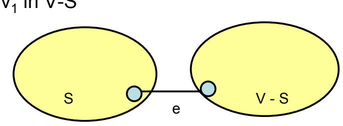
- Let S be a subset of V, and suppose e = (u, v) is the minimum cost edge of E, with u in S and v in V-S
- e is in every minimum spanning tree of G
  - Or equivalently, if e is not in T, then T is not a minimum spanning tree



e is the minimum cost edge between S and V-S

Proof

- Suppose T is a spanning tree that does not contain e
- Add e to T, this creates a cycle
- The cycle must have some edge $e_1 = (u_1, v_1)$ with u_1 in S and v_1 in V-S



- $T_1 = T - \{e_1\} + \{e\}$ is a spanning tree with lower cost
- Hence, T is not a minimum spanning tree

Optimality Proofs

- Prim's Algorithm computes a MST
- Kruskal's Algorithm computes a MST

- Show that when an edge is added to the MST by Prim or Kruskal, the edge is the minimum cost edge between S and V-S for some set S.

Prim's Algorithm

S = { };   T = { };

while S != V

choose the minimum cost edge
e = (u,v), with u in S, and v in V-S

add e to T

add v to S

Prove Prim's algorithm computes an MST

- Show an edge e is in the MST when it is added to T

Kruskal's Algorithm

Let C = {{v_1}, {v_2}, . . ., {v_n}}; T = { }

while |C| > 1

Let e = (u, v) with u in C_i and v in C_j be the minimum cost edge joining distinct sets in C

Replace C_i and C_j by C_i U C_j

Add e to T

Prove Kruskal's algorithm computes an MST

- Show an edge e is in the MST when it is added to T

Reverse-Delete Algorithm

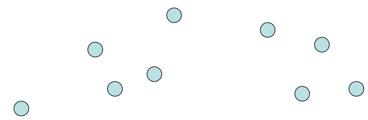
- Lemma: The most expensive edge on a cycle is never in a minimum spanning tree

Dealing with the assumption of no equal weight edges

- Force the edge weights to be distinct
  - Add small quantities to the weights
  - Give a tie breaking rule for equal weight edges

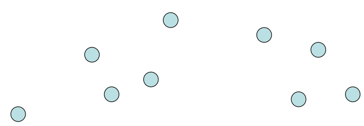
Application: Clustering

- Given a collection of points in an r-dimensional space, and an integer K, divide the points into K sets that are closest together

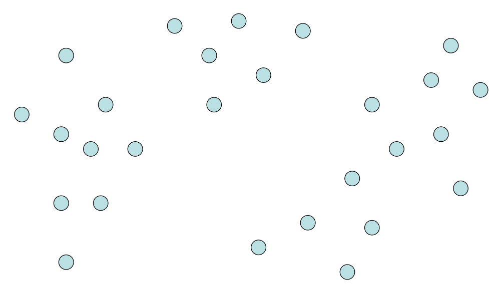


Distance clustering

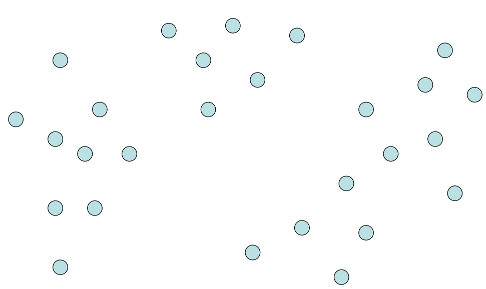
- Divide the data set into K subsets to maximize the distance between any pair of sets
  - dist (S_1, S_2) = min {dist(x, y) | x in S_1, y in S_2}



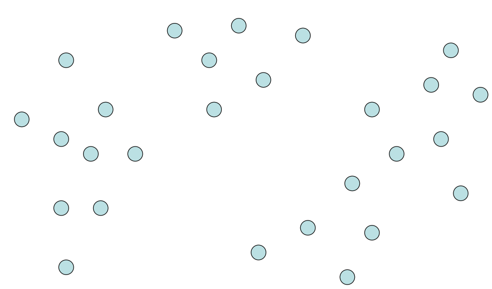
Divide into 2 clusters



Divide into 3 clusters



Divide into 4 clusters



Distance Clustering Algorithm

Let $C = \{\{v_1\}, \{v_2\}, \ldots, \{v_n\}\}$; $T = \{ \}$

while $|C| > K$

Let $e = (u, v)$ with u in C_i and v in C_j be the minimum cost edge joining distinct sets in C

Replace C_i and C_j by $C_i \cup C_j$

K-clustering