Chapter 4
Data Structures

Algorithm Theory
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Minimum Spanning Trees

Given: weighted graph

Goal: spanning tree with minimum total weight

Prim Algorithm:

1. Start with any node v (v is the initial component)
2. In each step:
   Grow the current component by adding the minimum weight edge e connecting the current component with any other node

Kruskal Algorithm:

1. Start with an empty edge set
2. In each step:
   Add minimum weight edge e such that e does not close a cycle

Implementation of Prim Algorithm

Start at node s, very similar to Dijkstra's algorithm:

1. Initialize $d(s) = 0$ and $d(v) = \infty$ for all $v \neq s$
2. All nodes $s \geq v$ are unmarked

3. Get unmarked node u which minimizes $d(u)$:

4. For all $e = \{u, v\} \in E$, $d(v) = \min\{d(v), w(e)\}$

5. mark node u

6. Until all nodes are marked

Implementation of Prim Algorithm

Implementation with Fibonacci heap:

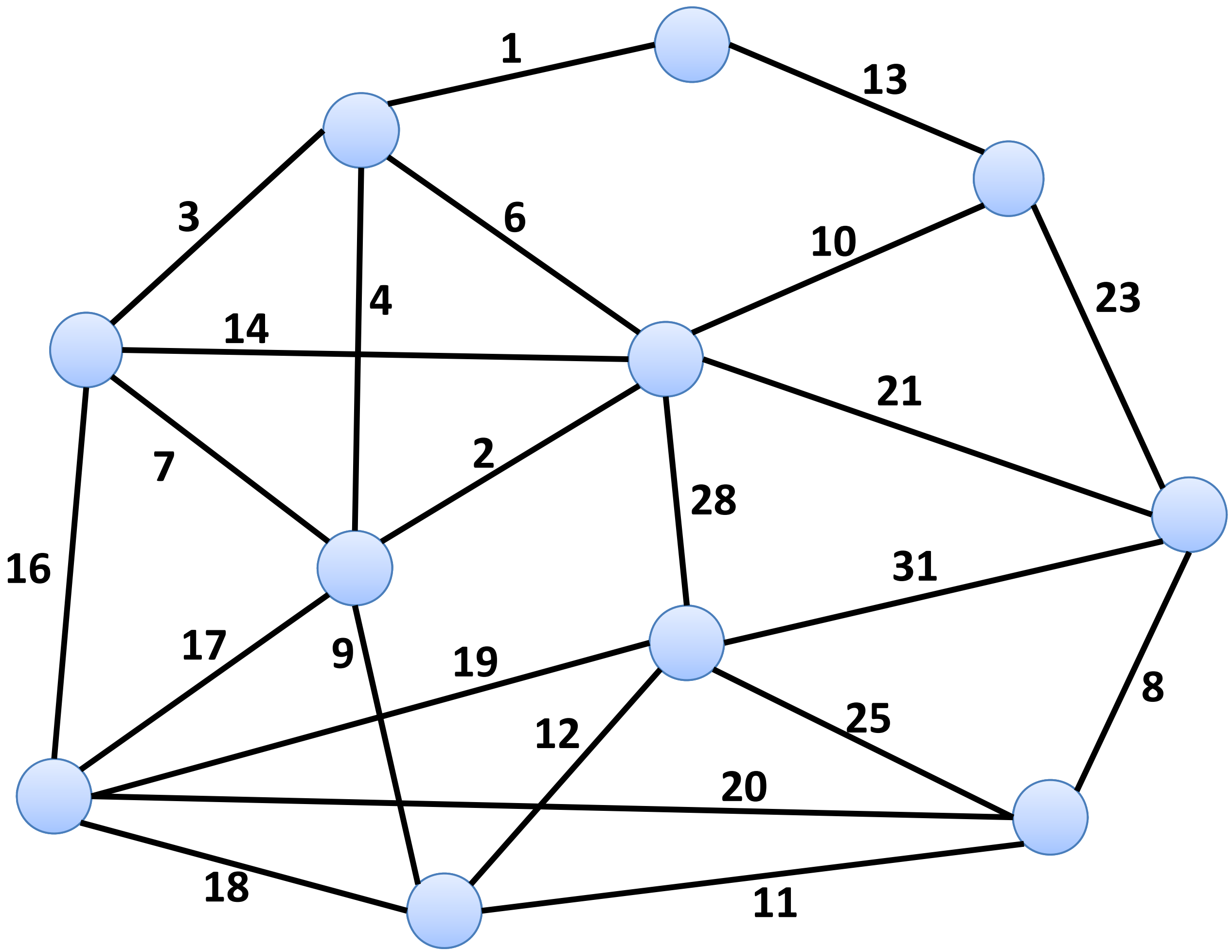
- Analysis identical to the analysis of Dijkstra's algorithm:

  $O(n)$ insert and delete-min operations

  $O(m)$ decrease-key operations

- Running time: $\boldsymbol{O(m + n \log n)}$

Kruskal Algorithm



1. Start with an empty edge set

2. In each step: Add minimum weight edge e such that e does *not* close a cycle

Implementation of Kruskal Algorithm

1. Go through edges in order of increasing weights

2. For each edge e:

   if **e does not close a cycle** **then**

   add e to the current solution

Union-Find Data Structure

Also known as **Disjoint-Set Data Structure**…

Manages partition of a set of elements

- set of disjoint sets

Operations:

- $\mathbf{make\_set}(\boldsymbol{x})$**:** create a new set that only contains element x

- $\mathbf{find}(\boldsymbol{x})$**:** return the set containing x

- $\mathbf{union}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$**:** merge the two sets containing x and y

Implementation of Kruskal Algorithm

1. Initialization:
   For each node v: $\mathrm{make\_set}(v)$

2. Go through edges in order of increasing weights:
   Sort edges by edge weight

3. For each edge $e = \{u, v\}$:

   if $\mathbf{find}(\boldsymbol{u}) \neq \mathbf{find}(\boldsymbol{v})$ **then**

   add e to the current solution

   $\mathbf{union}(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})$

Managing Connected Components

- Union-find data structure can be used more generally to manage the connected components of a graph

  … if edges are added incrementally

- $\text{make\_set}(v)$ for every node v
- $\text{find}(v)$ returns component containing v
- $\text{union}(u, v)$ merges the components of u and v
  (when an edge is added between the components)

- Can also be used to manage biconnected components

Basic Implementation Properties

Representation of sets:

- Every set S of the partition is identified with a representative, by one of its members $x \in S$

Operations:

- $\text{make\_set}(x)$: x is the representative of the new set $\{x\}$
- $\text{find}(x)$: return representative of set S_x containing x
- $\text{union}(x, y)$: unites the sets S_x and S_y containing x and y and returns the new representative of $S_x \cup S_y$

Observations

Throughout the discussion of union-find:

- n: total number of make_set operations
- m: total number of operations (make_set, find, and union)

Clearly:

- $m \geq n$
- There are at most $n - 1$ union operations

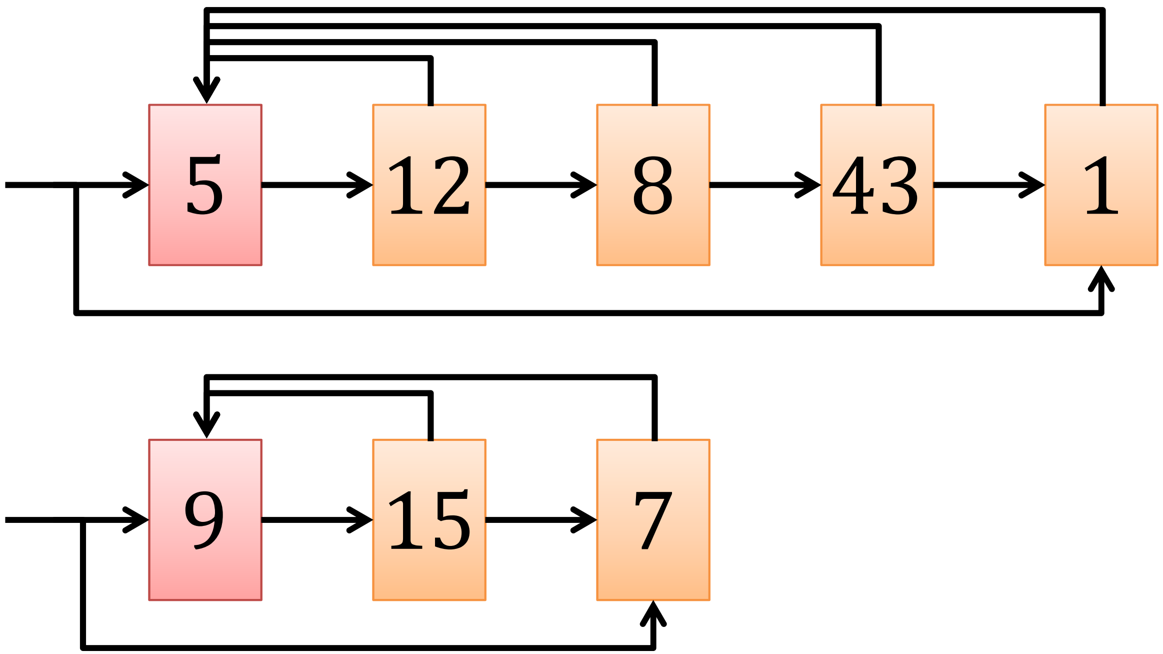
Remark:

- We assume that the n make_set operations are the first n operations
  - Does not really matter…

Linked List Implementation

Each set is implemented as a linked list:

- representative: first list element (all nodes point to first elem.) in addition: pointer to first and last element



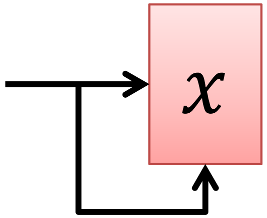
- sets: $\{1,5,8,12,43\}, \{7,9,15\}$; representatives: $5, 9$

Linked List Implementation

make_set(x):

- Create list with one element:

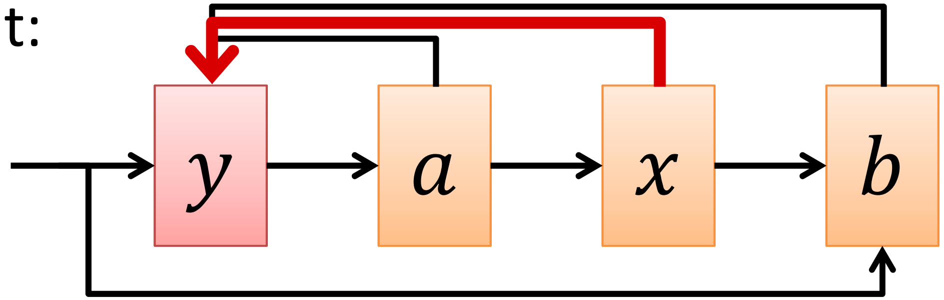
time: $O(1)$



find(x):

- Return first list element:

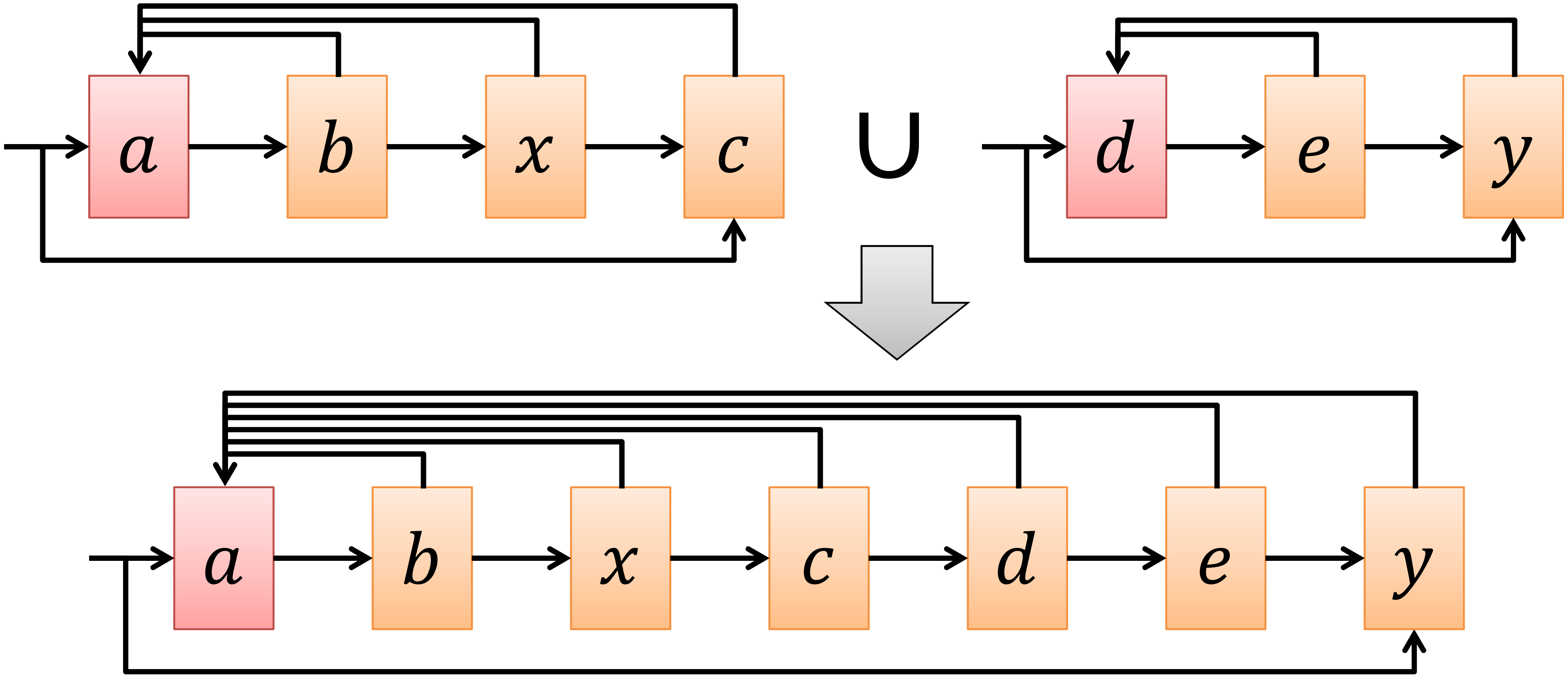
time: $O(1)$



Linked List Implementation

union(x, y):

- Append list of y to list of x:



Time: O(length of list of y)

Cost of Union (Linked List Implementation)

Total cost for $n-1$ union operations can be $\Theta(n^2)$:

- $\mathrm{make\_set}(x_1), \mathrm{make\_set}(x_2), \dots, \mathrm{make\_set}(x_n)$, $\mathrm{union}(x_{n-1}, x_n), \mathrm{union}(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}), \dots, \mathrm{union}(x_1, x_2)$

Weighted-Union Heuristic

- In a bad execution, average cost per union can be $\Theta(n)$
- Problem: The longer list is always appended to the shorter one

Idea:

- In each union operation, append shorter list to longer one!

Cost for union of sets S_x and S_y: $O\big(\min\{|S_x|, |S_y|\}\big)$

Theorem: The overall cost of m operations of which at most n are make_set operations is $\boldsymbol{O(m + n \log n)}$.

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Proof: