

Prim's Implementation - Continued.

Lets assume that there is an array
 $\text{Entry}[1..n]$. For each $v \in V-S$,
 $\text{Entry}[v]$ points to priority queue
entry $(v, \delta(v), c(v, \delta(v)))$ of v .

For $v \in S$, $\text{Entry}[v]$ is null.

$T \leftarrow \emptyset$

$\text{Entry}[s] \leftarrow \text{null}$ // Take $s=1$.

For each $v \in \text{Adj}[s]$

Set $\text{Entry}[v]$ to $(v, s, c(v, s))$
and insert into priority queue.

For each $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$,

If $\text{Entry}[v] = \text{null}$ (priority queue
entry for v has not been created),
set $\text{Entry}[v]$ to $(v, -, \infty)$ and
insert into priority queue.

For $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n-1$ do

Do Extract-min on priority queue.

Suppose this yields $(v, u, c(v, u))$.

For each $w \in \text{Adj}[v]$

If $\text{Entry}[w] \neq \text{null}$

Suppose $\text{Entry}[w]$ points to
 $(w, -, c)$. If $c(v, w) < c$,

set $\text{Entry}[w]$ to $(w, v, c(w, v))$

and update priority queue.

$\text{Entry}[v] \leftarrow \text{null}$

Add (u, v) to T .

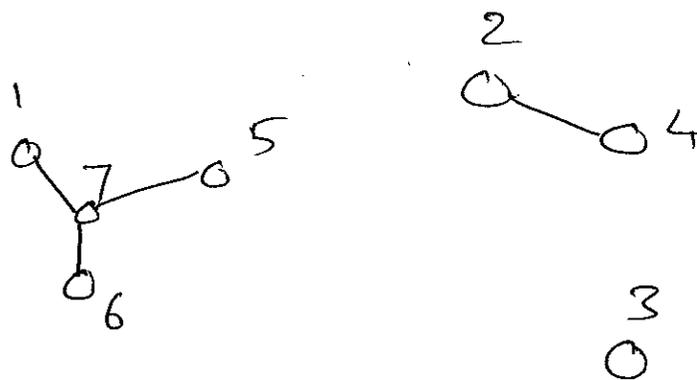
Running time is $O(n+m)$ plus time
for $n-1$ inserts, $n-1$ extract mins,
and m (why?) update keys.

Since each operation on a priority queue can be performed in $O(\log n)$ time, running time is $O(m \log n)$.

(We assume $n = O(m)$, which holds because the input graph is connected.)

Kruskal's implementation:

We need a data structure that maintains connected components. Suppose the graph constructed by Kruskal so far is:



This graph has 3 connected components:

$\{1, 7, 5, 6\}$, $\{2, 4\}$, $\{3\}$

Suppose algo examines edge $(5,6)$ at this point. It needs to know if 5 and 6 are in the same connected component. When it discovers they are, it doesn't add edge $(5,6)$. So connected components remain unchanged.

Suppose next edge examined is $(5,2)$. Algorithm will add $(5,2)$.

The connected components change — the components containing 5 and 2 have to be merged.

$\{1, 7, 5, 6, 2, 4\}$ $\{3\}$

A Union-find data structure is one that maintains disjoint sets under the union operation and that supports the find operation: given an element,

return the set that it contains.

For the name of a set, we'll use one of ~~the~~ ^{its} elements. The choice is arbitrary but ~~is~~ should be consistent across all elements of the set.

Here are the operations supported by the Union-Find Structure:

Make Union Find (V) - Create a data structure with each element of V in a separate set.

Find (u) - Return name of set containing u

Union (A, B) - Merge the sets A and B into a single set.

With these primitives, here is Kruskal again.
We can assume that an edge $e = (u, v)$
is represented as a triple $(u, v, c(u, v))$.

Suppose $E \leftarrow e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$ in order of
increasing costs.

Make Union Find (V)
 $T \leftarrow \emptyset$

For $i \leftarrow 1$ to m do

Suppose $e_i = (u, v, c(u, v))$.

If $\text{Find}(u) \neq \text{Find}(v)$,

Add e_i to T .

Union ($\text{Find}(u), \text{Find}(v)$).

end if

end for

Running time is $O(m \log m)$ plus
time for $2m$ find operations,
 $n-1$ union operations (why?), and
one make union find operation on V .

How to implement the data structure.

lets first consider a list, array-based, implementation. There is an array $Set[1..n]$. $Set(v)$ identifies the set to which v belongs.

In the example, before components are merged, the array would look like:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	2	1	1	1

After the two components are merged, the array looks like:

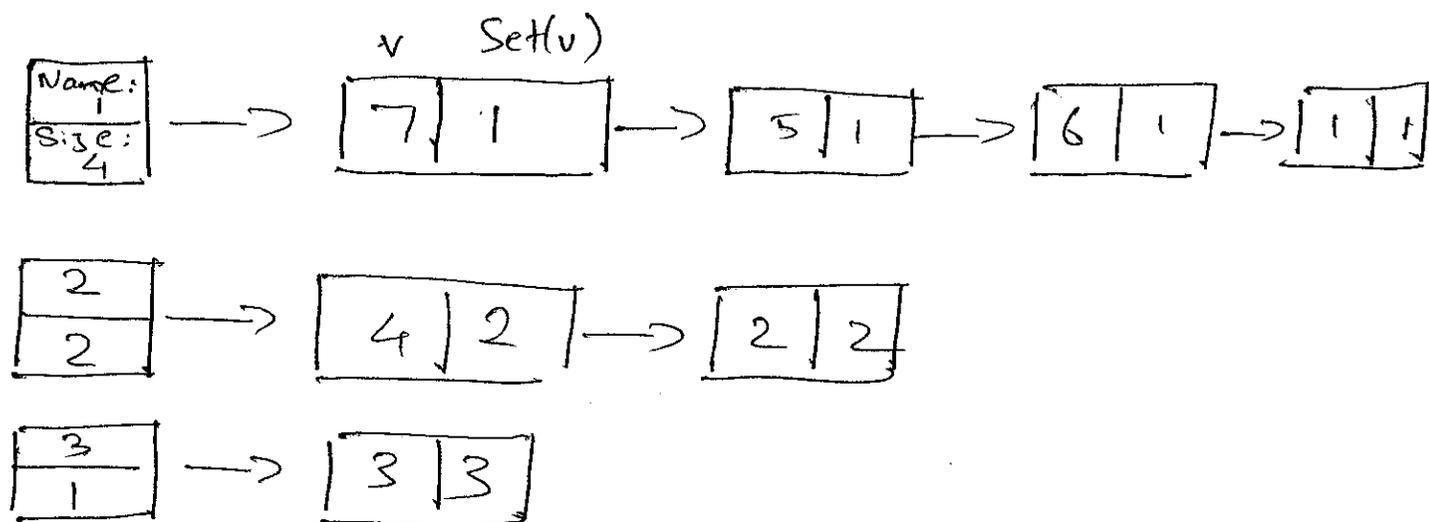
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	3	1	1	1	1

For such a data structure, ~~Union~~
MakeUnion $Find(v)$ takes $O(n)$ time,
 $Find()$ takes $O(1)$ time.

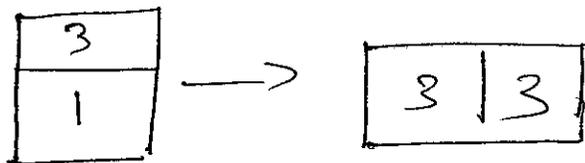
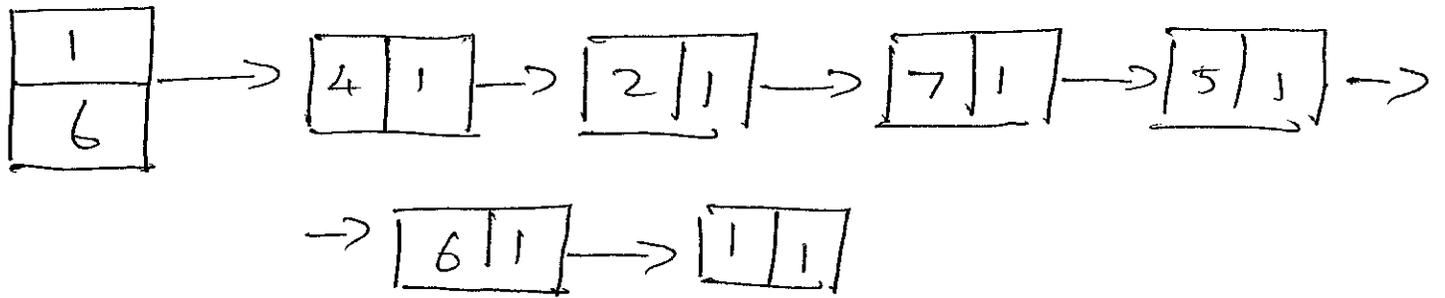
The problem is that each union operation requires us to scan the entire array, and thus takes $\Omega(n)$ time.

A better idea is to represent sets using linked lists. Corresponding to each $v \in V$, there is an object which has a Set field. $\text{Set}(v)$ identifies the set to which v belongs. This object should be accessible from v .

In the example, just before the merge:



After the merge:



In a union operation, we merge the smaller set into the larger set. We can use the size field of the lists to determine the smaller set.

In this implementation,

MakeUnionFind(V) takes $O(n)$ time.

Find() takes $O(1)$ time.

Union(A, B) could still take

$\Omega(n)$ time in worst case. For

example when $|A| = |B| = \frac{n}{2}$.

The key is to look at the combined running time of all $n-1$ unions.

~~(Why are there $n-1$?)~~ Note that a single union operation takes time equal to the size of the smaller set (ignoring constant factors). Charge this running time to the elements of the smaller set, assigning a charge of 1 to each element.

Thus, running time for all the

$$\text{unions} = \sum_{v \in V} \text{Total Charge to } v$$

$$= \sum_{v \in V} \text{No. of}$$

Notice that each time v is changed, the size of the set in which v resides doubles (at least).

After v is changed for i^{th} time, size of set in which v resides is at least 2^i .

Now, we must have

$$2^{(\text{No. of times } v \text{ is changed})} \leq n.$$

So No of times v is changed $\leq \log_2 n$.

We conclude that running time for $n-1$ unions $= O(n \log_2 n)$.

We also conclude that our implementation of Kruskal takes

$$O(m \log m + m + n + n \log n) \\ = O(m \log n) \text{ time.}$$