Advanced Core in Algorithm Design #4
算法設計要論 第4回

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1. Minimum Spanning Tree Problem
2. Matroids

Minimum spanning problem

Problem

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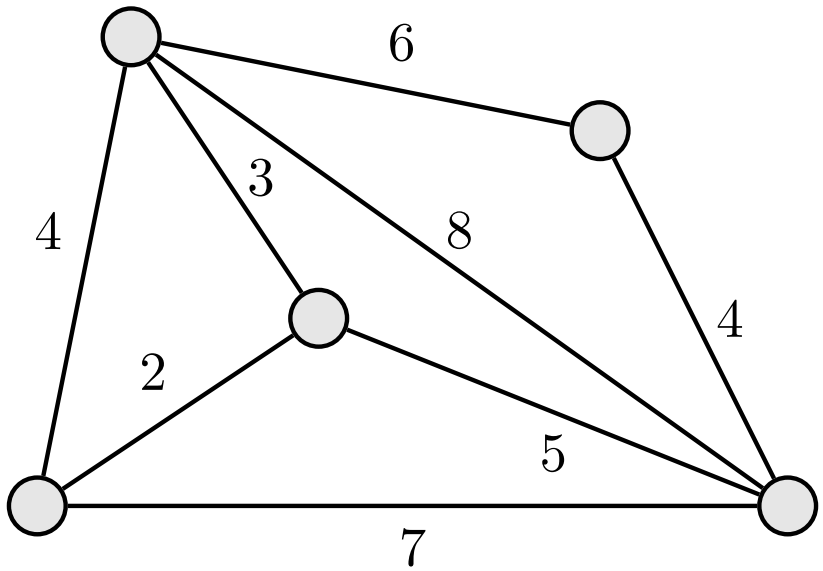
- Goal: Compute a minimum cost spanning tree (MST)

subgraph that is both connected and acyclic

Example minimum cost $= 14$



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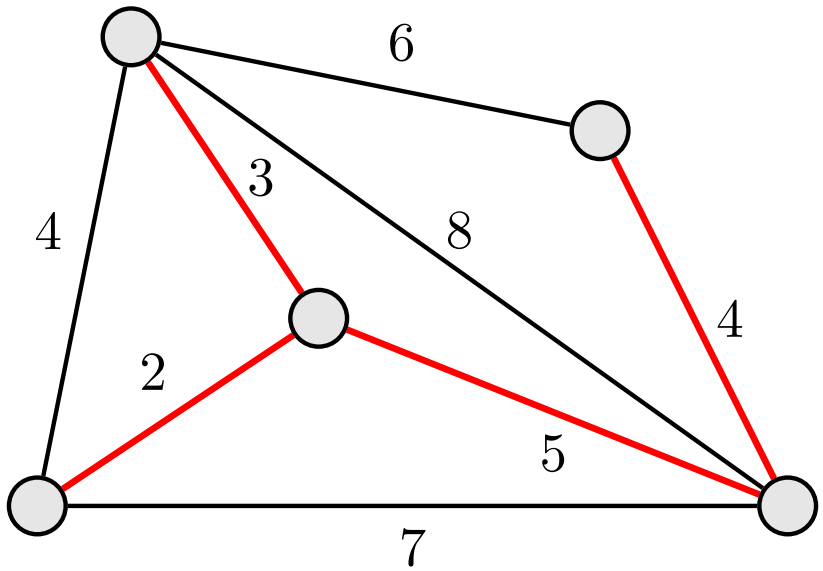

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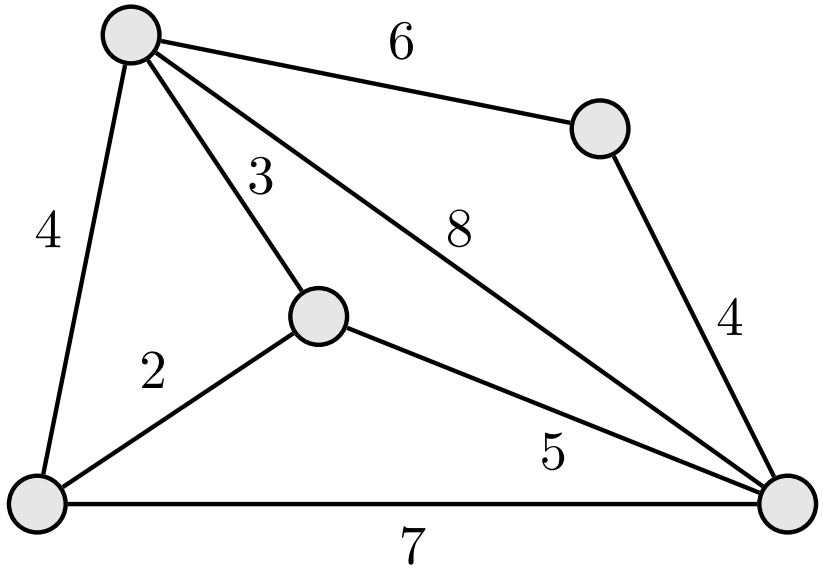

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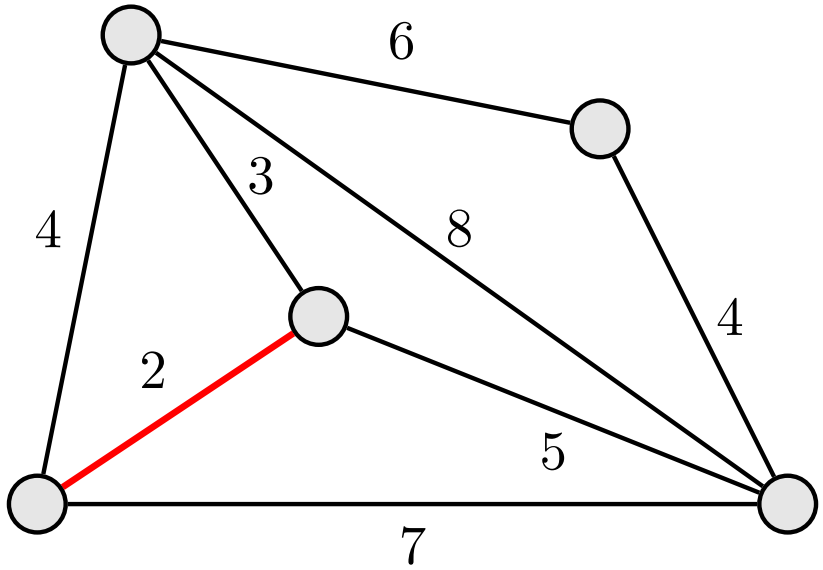

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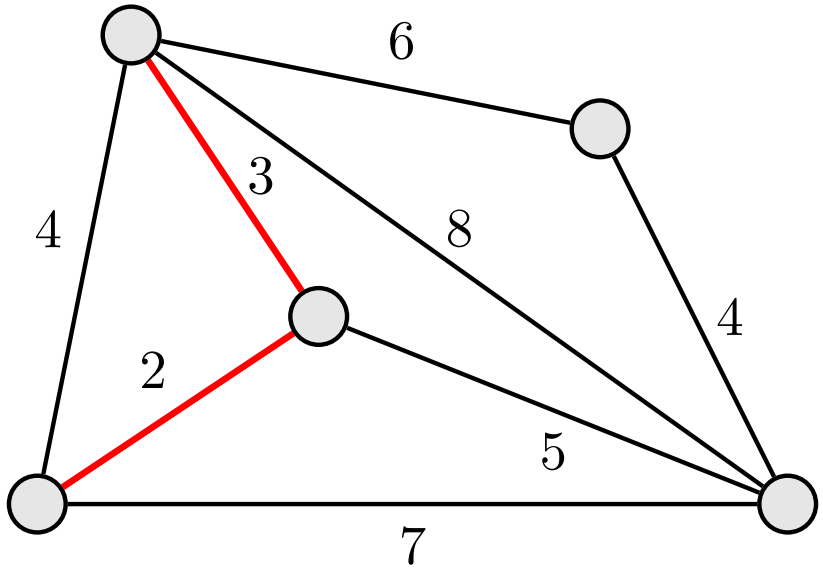

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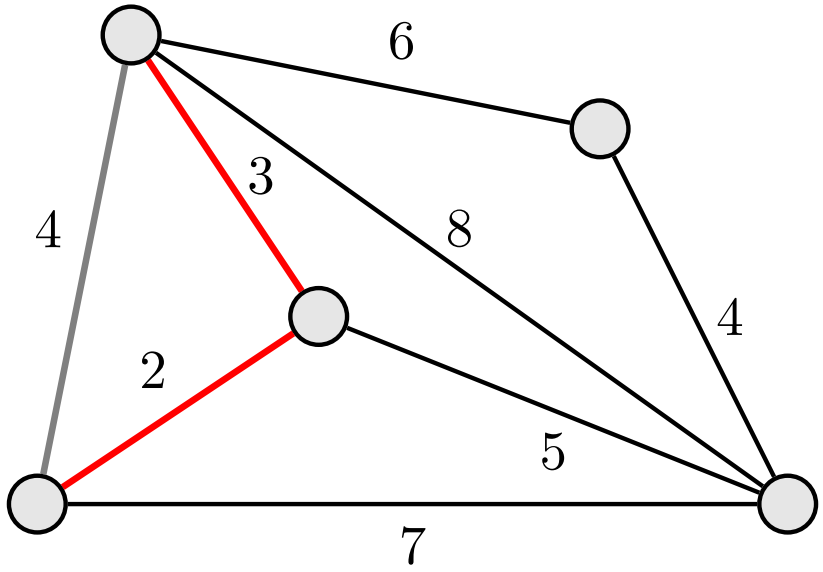

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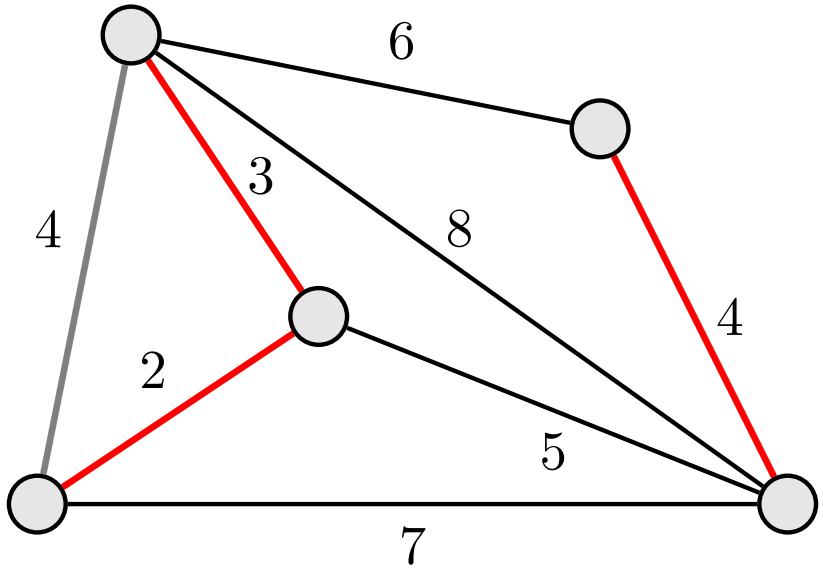

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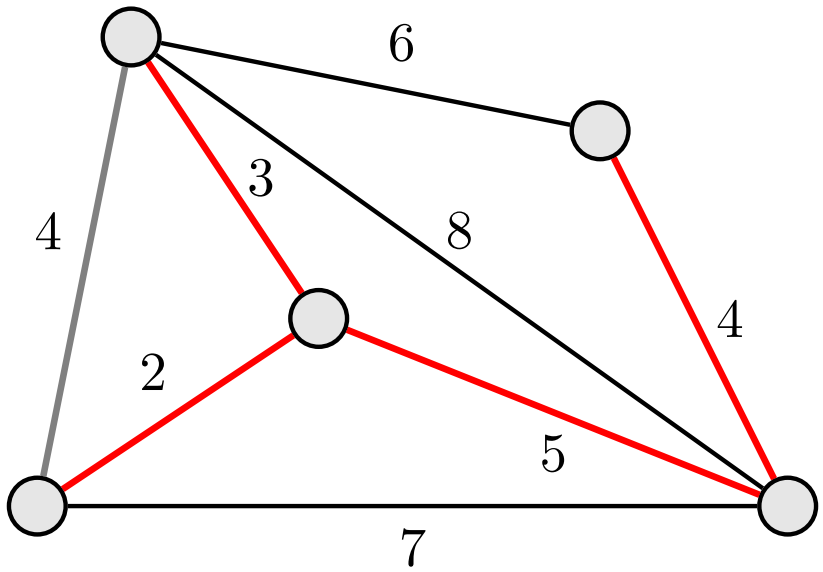

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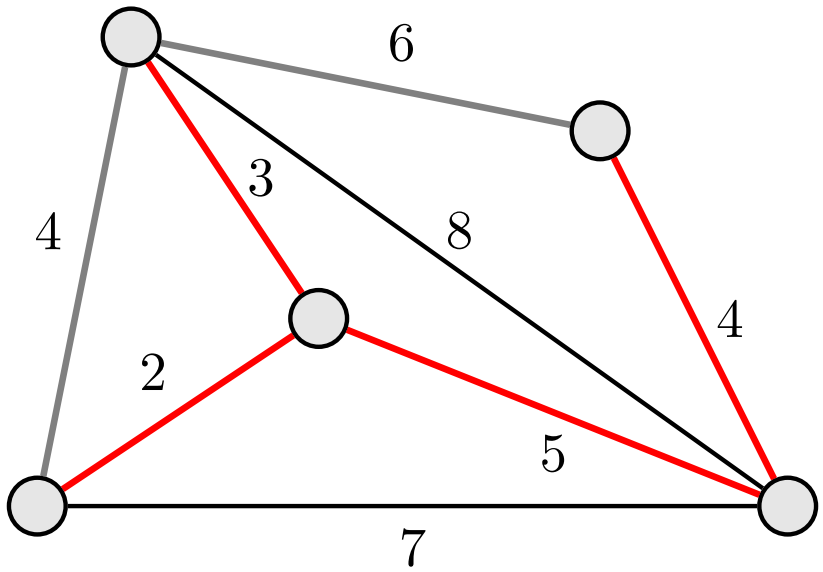

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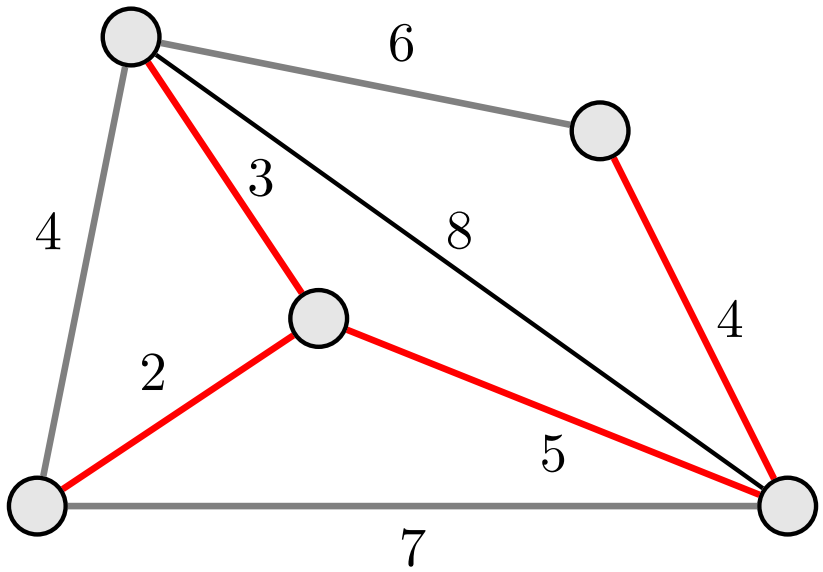

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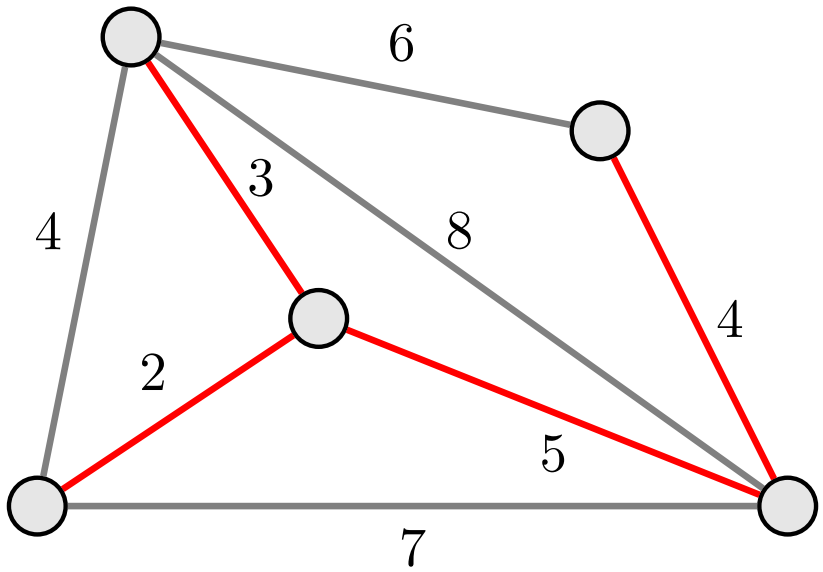
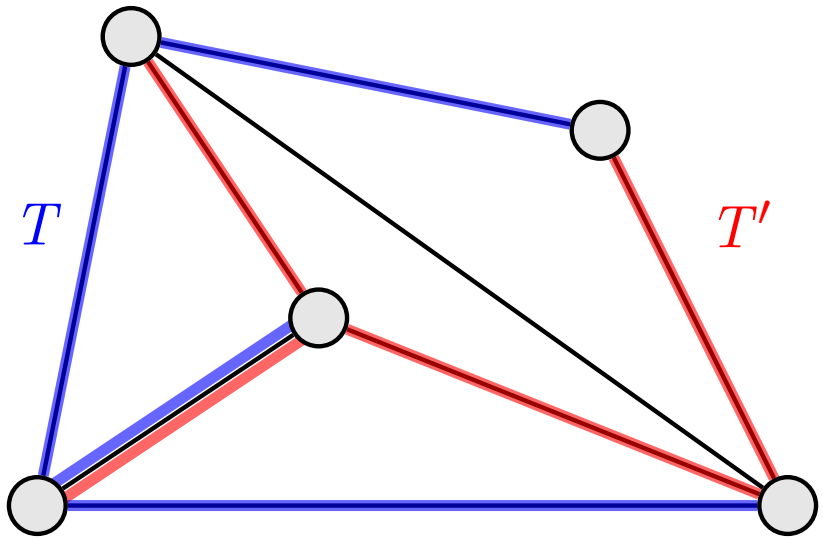


Structure of Spanning Trees

Lemma for spanning trees T, T'

$\forall e \in T \setminus T', \exists f \in T' \setminus T$, $T' \cup \{e\} \setminus \{f\}$ is a spanning tree



- There is a cycle C in $(V, T' \cup \{e\})$
- Since T is a tree, $C \not\subseteq T$, and hence $\exists f \in C \setminus T \subseteq T' \setminus T$
- $T' \cup \{e\} \setminus \{f\}$ is a spanning tree

Correctness

Theorem

Kruskal's algorithm outputs a minimum spanning tree

Proof by contradiction

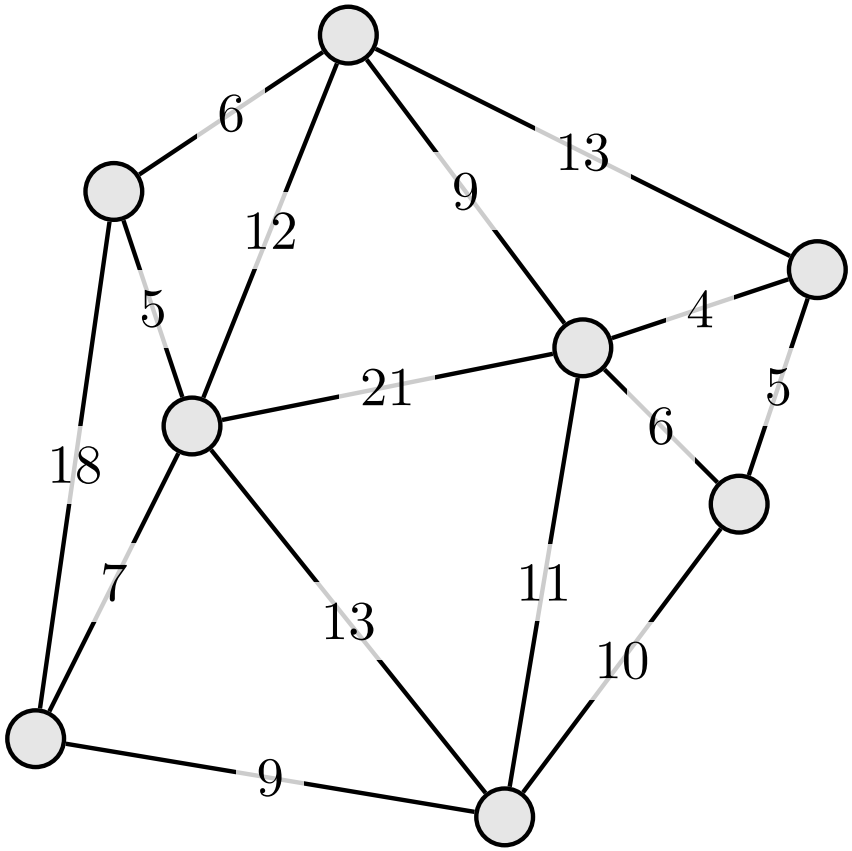
- T: output of Kruskal's algorithm
- T^*: MST with maximum $|T \cap T^*|$ ($T^* \neq T$ by assumption)
- $e \in T \setminus T^*$: the edge not in T^* that the algorithm firstly choose
- $\exists f \in T^* \setminus T$ such that T^{**} is a spanning tree (by lemma)

  $T^{**} = T^* \cup \{e\} \setminus \{f\}$

- the algorithm is greedy → $c_e \leq c_f$
- $c(T^{**}) = c(T^*) + c_e - c_f \leq c(T^*)$ → T^{**} is MST
- $|T \cap T^{**}| = |T \cap T^*| + 1$ → contradicts to the definition of T^*

Quiz

Compute a minimum spanning tree



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Matroids

Definition

For a finite set E and a subset family $\mathcal{I} \subseteq 2^E$, $(E, \mathcal{I})$ is a matroid if

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$
- $X \subseteq Y \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{I}$
- $X, Y \in \mathcal{I}, |X| > |Y| \Rightarrow \exists x \in X \setminus Y,\ \ Y \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$

$X \in \mathcal{I}$ is called independent set

Simple Examples

- $E = \{1, 2\}$, $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$ (matroid)
- $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}\}$ (matroid)
- $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$ (not matroid)
- $E = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ (not matroid)

Uniform matroid

Proposition

For any natural number $r \geq 0$, $(E,\ \{X \subseteq E \mid |X| \leq r\})$ is a matroid

Example

- $E = \{1, 2, 3, 4\},\ r = 2$
- $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}\}$

Linear matroid

Proposition

$\mathbb{F}$ is a field

For $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}^m$ and $E = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n\}$,
$(E,\ \{X \subseteq E \mid X$ is linearly independent$\})$ is a matroid

Example

- $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},\ a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},\ a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},\ a_4 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},\ \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$
- $E = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$
- $\mathcal{I} = \{\emptyset, \{a_1\}, \{a_2\}, \{a_3\}, \{a_4\}, \{a_1, a_2\}, \{a_1, a_3\}, \{a_2, a_3\}, \{a_2, a_4\}, \{a_3, a_4\}\}$

Graphic matroid (cycle matroid)

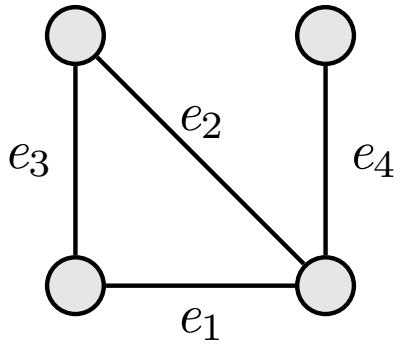
Proposition

For an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$,
$(E,\ \{X \subseteq E \mid X$ does not contain a cycle$\})$ is a matroid

a graphic matroid is a linear matroid ($\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}_2$)

Example

- $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$
- $\mathcal{I} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \emptyset, \{e_1\}, \{e_2\}, \{e_3\}, \{e_4\}, \{e_1, e_2\}, \{e_1, e_3\}, \{e_1, e_4\}, \{e_2, e_3\} \\ \{e_2, e_4\}, \{e_3, e_4\}, \{e_1, e_2, e_4\}, \{e_1, e_3, e_4\}, \{e_2, e_3, e_4\} \end{matrix} \right\}$



Transversal matroid

Proposition

For a bipartite graph $G = (U, V; E)$,
$(U, \{X \subseteq U \mid \text{there exists a matching that covers } X\})$ is a matroid

a transversal matroid is a linear matroid (e.g. $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$)

Example

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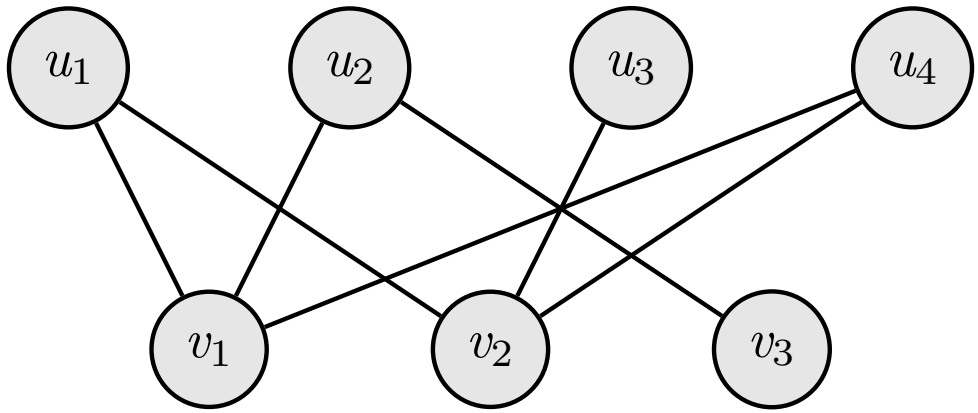

Base

Definition

For a matroid $(E, \mathcal{I})$, $B \in \mathcal{I}$ is called base if $\forall e \in E \setminus B$, $B \cup \{e\} \notin \mathcal{I}$

Proposition

All the bases of a matroid have the same size.

Example

- $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$
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- $\mathcal{B} = \{\{e_1, e_2, e_4\}, \{e_1, e_3, e_4\}, \{e_2, e_3, e_4\}\}$

the set of bases

Basis axiom

Definition (basis axioms)

For a finite set E and a subset family $\mathcal{B} \subseteq 2^E$,

- $\mathcal{B} \neq \emptyset$
- $B, B' \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \in B \setminus B' \Rightarrow \exists y \in B' \setminus B$ such that $B \setminus \{x\} \cup \{y\} \in \mathcal{B}$

Theorem

- $(E, \mathcal{I})$ is a matroid $\Rightarrow$ the set of bases satisfies the basis axioms
- $(E, \mathcal{B})$ satisfies the basis axioms $\Rightarrow (E, \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} 2^B)$ is a matroid

Minimum cost base problem

Problem

- Input: matroid $(E, \mathcal{I})$, cost $c\colon E \to \mathbb{R}$
- Goal: minimize $\sum_{e \in X} c(e)$ subject to X is a base of $(E, \mathcal{I})$

Greedy algorithm

$I \leftarrow \emptyset$ and sort the elements E by cost;
foreach $e \in E$ *in increasing order of cost* **do**
  if $I \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{I}$ **then** $I \leftarrow I \cup \{e\}$;
Return I;

Theorem

The greedy algorithm outputs a minimum cost base

The proof is the same as the MST case (graphic matroid)

Maximum weight independent set problem

Problem

- Input: matroid $(E, \mathcal{I})$, weight $w\colon E \to \mathbb{R}_+$
- Goal: maximize $\sum_{e \in X} w(e)$ subject to $X \in \mathcal{I}$

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Theorem

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$\because$ the algorithm outputs a base X that minimizes $\sum_{e \in X} -w(e)$

Matroids and Greedy algorithm (1/2)

Problem

$\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ and $Y \subseteq X \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow Y \in \mathcal{I}$

- Input: independence system $(E, \mathcal{I})$, weight $w\colon E \to \mathbb{R}_+$
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Matroids and Greedy algorithm (2/2)

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Proof

- We only prove $\overline{(ii)} \Rightarrow \overline{(i)}$ since $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$ is already shown
- Suppose that $(E, \mathcal{I})$ is not a matroid. Then, we have
  $\exists X, Y \in \mathcal{I}$ s.t. $|X| > |Y|$ and $\forall e \in X \setminus Y,\ \ Y \cup \{e\} \notin \mathcal{I}$
- The greedy algorithm does not output an optimal solution when

$$w(e) = \begin{cases} 1+\epsilon & \text{if } e \in Y \\ 1 & \text{if } e \in X \setminus Y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$