

1. Dynamic MSTs

Suppose that you already have a minimum spanning tree (MST) in a graph. Now one of the edge weights changes. Give an efficient algorithm to find an MST in the new graph.

2. Minimum Bottleneck Trees

In a graph G , for any pair of vertices u, v , let $\text{bottleneck}(u, v)$ be the maximum over all paths p_i from u to v of the minimum-weight edge along p_i . Construct a spanning tree T of G such that for each pair of vertices, their bottleneck in G is the same as their bottleneck in T .

One way to think about it is to imagine the vertices of the graph as islands, and the edges as bridges. Each bridge has a maximum weight it can support. If a truck is carrying stuff from u to v , how much can the truck carry? We don't care what route the truck takes; the point is that the smallest-weight edge on the route will determine the load.

3. Eulerian Tours

An *Eulerian tour* is a “walk along edges of a graph” (in which successive edges must have a common endpoint) that uses each edge exactly once and ends at the vertex where it starts. A graph is called Eulerian if it has an Eulerian tour.

Prove that a connected graph is Eulerian iff each vertex has even degree.