MA/CSSE 473 Day 33 Announcements and Summary

Announcements:

- 1. Exam 2 tomorrow in class. Exam specification is linked from Day 34 in the schedule page.
 - You can bring a calculator and an 8.5" x 11" page with anything you want handwritten on one side.
 - A previous Exam 2 is also linked from the schedule page.
- 2. HW 13 due Friday, Nov 7, I removed one problem (#7) and renumbered the Huffman problems to be 7 and 8.
- 3. HW 14 due Tuesday, Nov 11. No late days allowed for this assignment.
- 4. **HW 15 and 16.** You should do them, but it is not feasible to get them graded before the exam, so you do not have to carefully write them up for submission.
- 5. Final Exam Monday Nov 17 at 6:00 PM.
- 6. In my office today: Hours 6, 8, 9.

Main ideas from today: Finding a minimal spanning tree for a connected graph G.

- 1. If G is a weighted connected graph (a graph whose edges are labeled by numbers), what is a minimal spanning tree (MST)?
- 2. Can a given weighted graph have more than one MST?
- 3. What is the approach of Kruskal's algorithm for finding a MST for connected graph G?

4. What is the approach of Prim's algorithm for finding a MST for connected graph G?

5. Te following lemma can be used to prove that Krushkal's algorithm produces a MST. Prove it.

Lemma: Let G be a weighted connected graph with a MST T; let G' be any subgraph of T, and let C be any connected component of G'.

If we add to C an edge e=(v,w) that has minimum-weight among all of the edges that have one vertex in C and the other vertex not in C, then G has an MST that contains the union of G' and e. [Let v be our name for the vertex of e that is in C, and w our name for the vertex of e that is not in C].

Use the above lemma to prove that Kruskal's algorithm is correct:
Claim: After every step of Kruskal's algorithm, we have a set of edges that is part of an MST of G
Proof of claim: Base case ...

Induction Assumption: before adding an edge we have a subgraph of an MST We must show that after adding the next edge we have a subgraph of an MST Details:

7. Data Structures for Prim's algorithm.