

# Algorithms and datastructures I

## Lecture 6: shortest paths and minimum spanning trees

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### Definition (Distance in edge-valued graph)

Given two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$  their **distance**, denoted by  $d(u, v)$ , is the minimum over lengths of all possible paths from  $u$  to  $v$ . Every path from  $u$  to  $v$  of length  $d(u, v)$  is called a **shortest a path** from  $u$  to  $v$ .

## Negative versus non-negative lengths

### Lemma (About simplifying walks)

*Let  $G$  be an labelled graph such that all lengths are non-negative. Then for every walk  $W$  from  $u$  to  $v$  there exists a path  $P$  from  $u$  to  $v$  such that  $\ell(P) \leq \ell(W)$ .*

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Consequences to Jarník algorithm:

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Remark: Algorithm was later rediscovered by Florek, Łukasiewicz, Perkal, Steinhaus a Zubrzycki in 1951 and in 1960's by Sollin. It is useful in parallel computation and known as Sollin's algorithm.

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## Definition (Union-find data-structure)

Data-structure **Union-find** represents connected components and supports operations

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We will show a data-structure which implements both FIND and UNION in  $O(\log n)$ .  
From this we obtain  $O(m \log n)$  running time.

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Homework: Try to analyze variant where you always rename the smaller component in time  $O(s)$  where  $s$  is the size of the component. (it does improve time complexity).