

**question: unique MST** Let  $G$  be an undirected graph with costs on the edges. Prove by contradiction that  $G$  has a unique minimum spanning tree if all the edge costs are distinct (i.e. no two edges have the same cost).

**question:** The following statements may or may not be correct. In each case, either prove it (if it is correct) or give a counterexample (if it isn't correct). Always assume that the graph  $G = (V; E)$  is undirected. Do not assume that edge weights are distinct unless this is specifically stated.

- (a) If graph  $G$  has more than  $|V| - 1$  edges, and there is a unique heaviest edge, then this edge cannot be part of a minimum spanning tree.
- (b) If  $G$  has a cycle with a unique heaviest edge  $e$ , then  $e$  cannot be part of any MST.
- (c) Let  $e$  be any edge of minimum weight in  $G$ . Then  $e$  must be part of some MST.
- (d) If the lightest edge in a graph is unique, then it must be part of every MST.
- (e) If  $e$  is part of some MST of  $G$ , then it must be a lightest edge across some cut of  $G$ .
- (f) If  $G$  has a cycle with a unique lightest edge  $e$ , then  $e$  must be part of every MST.
- (g) The shortest-path tree computed by Dijkstra's algorithm is necessarily an MST
- (h) The shortest path between two nodes is necessarily part of some MST.
- (i) Prim's algorithm works correctly when there are negative edges.
- (j) (For any  $r > 0$ , define an  $r$ -path to be a path whose edges all have weight  $< r$ .) If  $G$  contains an  $r$ -path from node  $s$  to  $t$ , then every MST of  $G$  must also contain an  $r$ -path from node  $s$  to node  $t$ .