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To prove that the graph is a tree, I need to show that:

a. it is connected.

b. it is acyclic.

Let us call $G_d(V_d, E_d)$ the directed and $G_u(V_u, E_u)$ the undirected

a. Connectivity:

We need to show that:

any two nodes u, w in V_u have a path in G_u .

In the directed graph, there exist paths:

$$v_0 \rightsquigarrow u : (x_1, \dots, x_k) \quad x_1 = v_0, x_k = u$$

$$v_0 \rightsquigarrow w : (y_1, \dots, y_m) \quad y_1 = v_0, y_m = w$$

Because of the construction of the undirected graph we know that the above paths are also undirected paths in G_u . In other words these paths

(x_k, \dots, x_1) is a legitimate undirected path in G_u .

Combining the two paths:

$(x_k, \dots, x_1) \cup (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ we get a path.

$(x_k, \dots, x_2, v_0, y_2, \dots, y_{m-1}, w)$ which is a path v_0 and w .

b. Acyclicity: Do not extract any points for this part. only for (a)