

Lecture 21

CSE 331

Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

Input: Undirected, connected $G = (V, E)$, edge costs c_e

Output: Subset $E' \subseteq E$, s.t. $T = (V, E')$ is connected
 $C(T)$ is minimized

If all $c_e > 0$, then T is indeed a tree

Rest of today's agenda

Greedy algorithm(s) for MST problem

Kruskal's Algorithm

Input: $G=(V,E)$, $c_e > 0$ for every e in E

$T = \emptyset$

Sort edges in increasing order of their cost

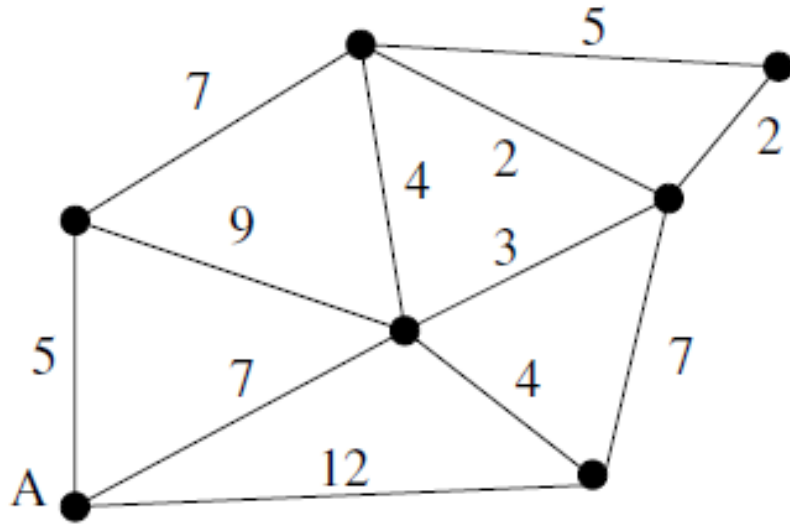
Consider edges in sorted order

If an edge can be added to T without adding a cycle then add it to T

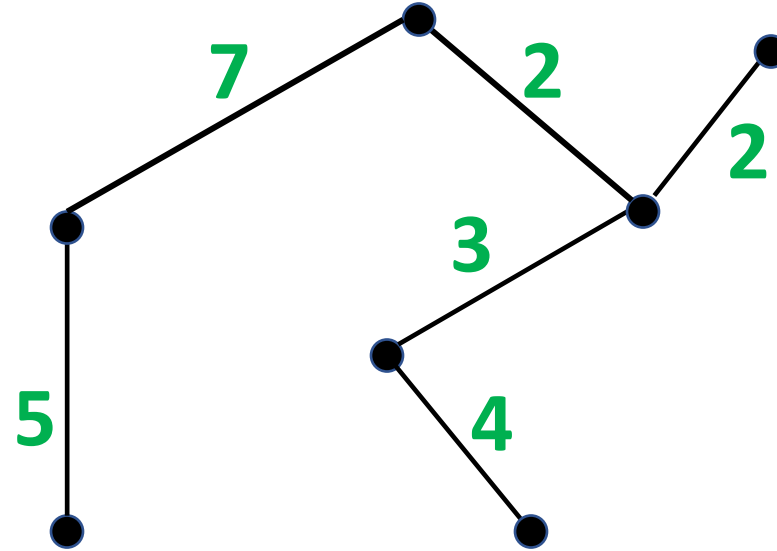


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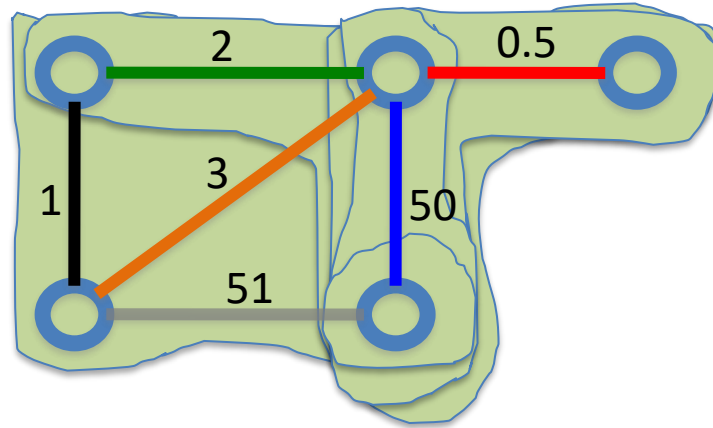
2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 9, 12

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Prim's algorithm

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm



Robert Prim

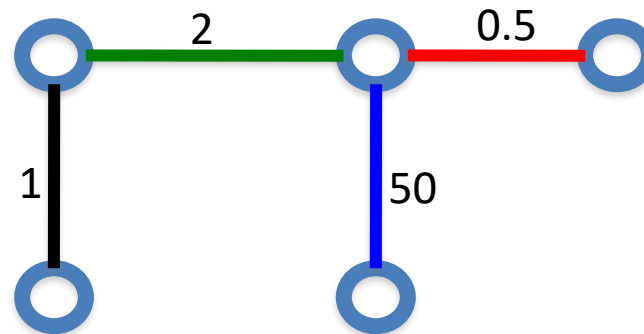
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$S = \{s\}$, $T = \emptyset$

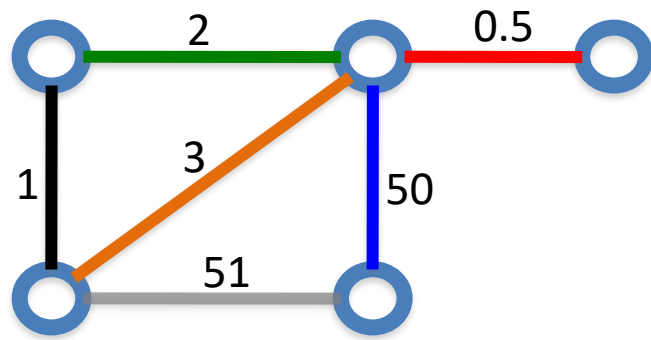
While S is not the same as V

Among edges $e = (u,w)$ with u in S and w not in S , pick one with minimum cost

Add w to S , e to T



Reverse-Delete Algorithm



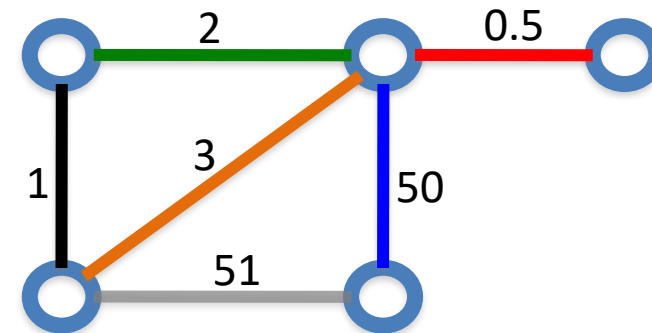
Input: $G=(V,E)$, $c_e > 0$ for every e in E

$T = E$

Sort edges in **decreasing** order of their cost

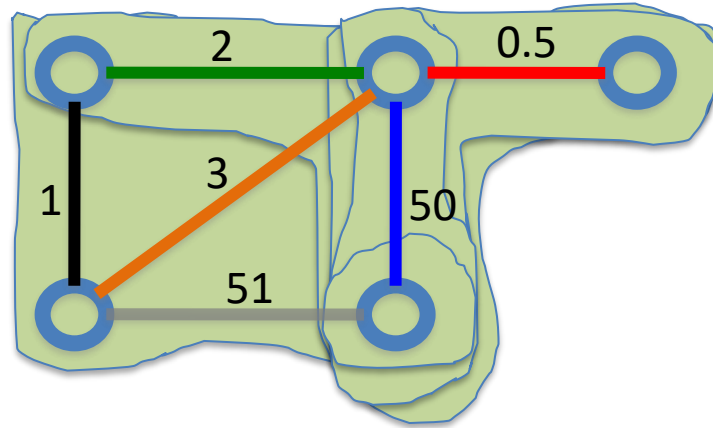
Consider edges in sorted order

If an edge can be removed T without disconnecting T then remove it



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Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm



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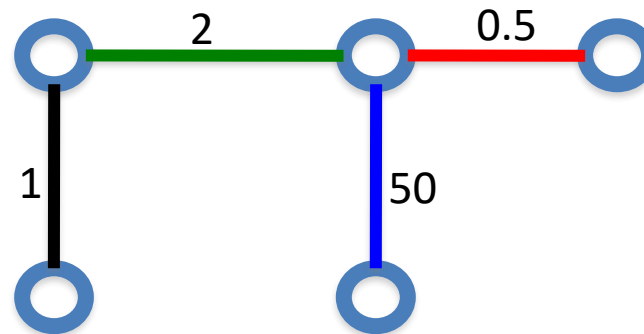
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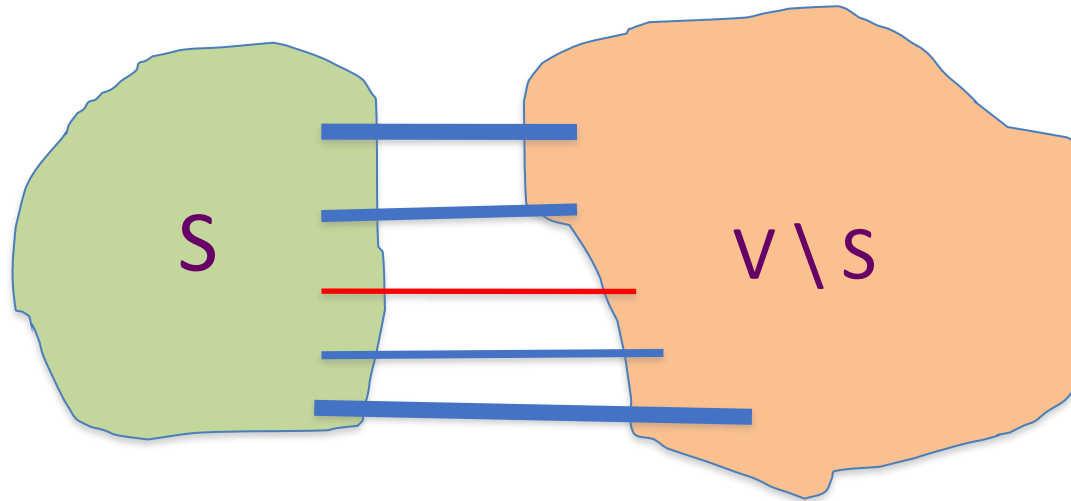
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Cut Property Lemma for MSTs

Condition: S and $V \setminus S$ are non-empty



Cheapest crossing edge is in **all** MSTs

Assumption: All edge costs are distinct

Agenda

Optimality of Prim's algorithm

Prove Cut Property Lemma

Optimality of Kruskal's algorithm

Remove distinct edge weights assumption

On to the board...