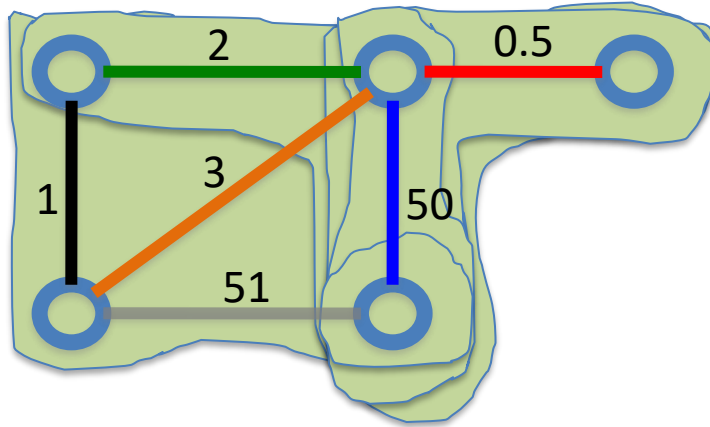


# Lecture 22

CSE 331

# Prim's algorithm

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm



Robert Prim

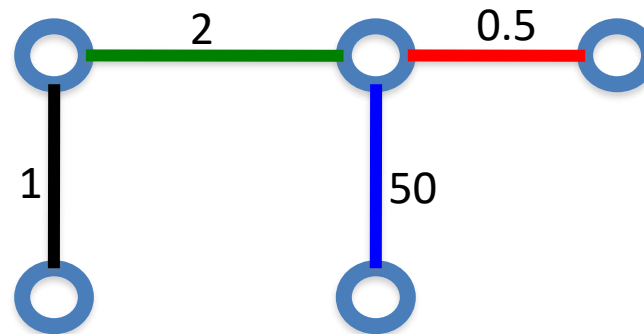
Input:  $G=(V,E)$ ,  $c_e > 0$  for every  $e$  in  $E$

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

While  $S$  is not the same as  $V$

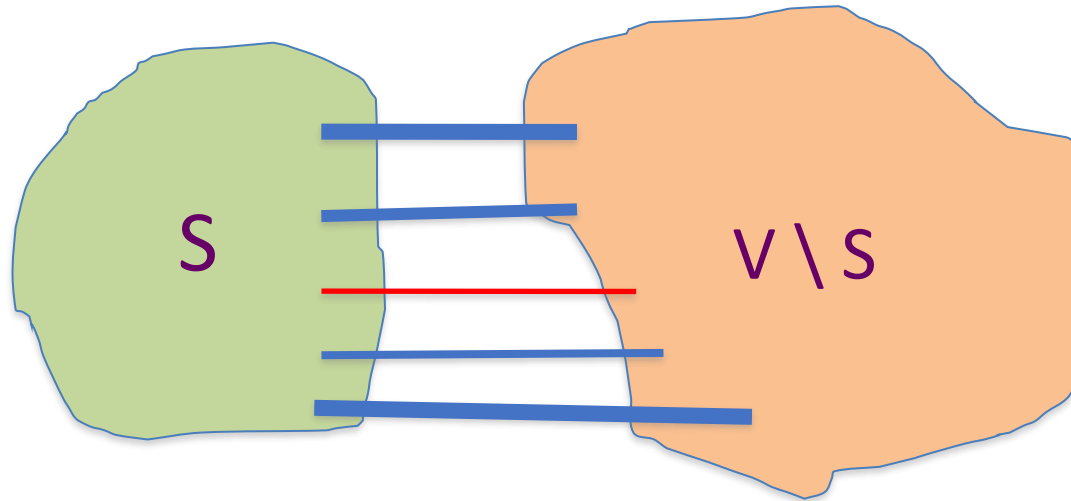
Among edges  $e = (u,w)$  with  $u$  in  $S$  and  $w$  not in  $S$ , pick one with minimum cost

Add  $w$  to  $S$ ,  $e$  to  $T$



# 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...

# 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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# Kruskal's Algorithm

Theorem 2: Kruskal's algorithm is correct.

(Similar to correctness of Prim's)

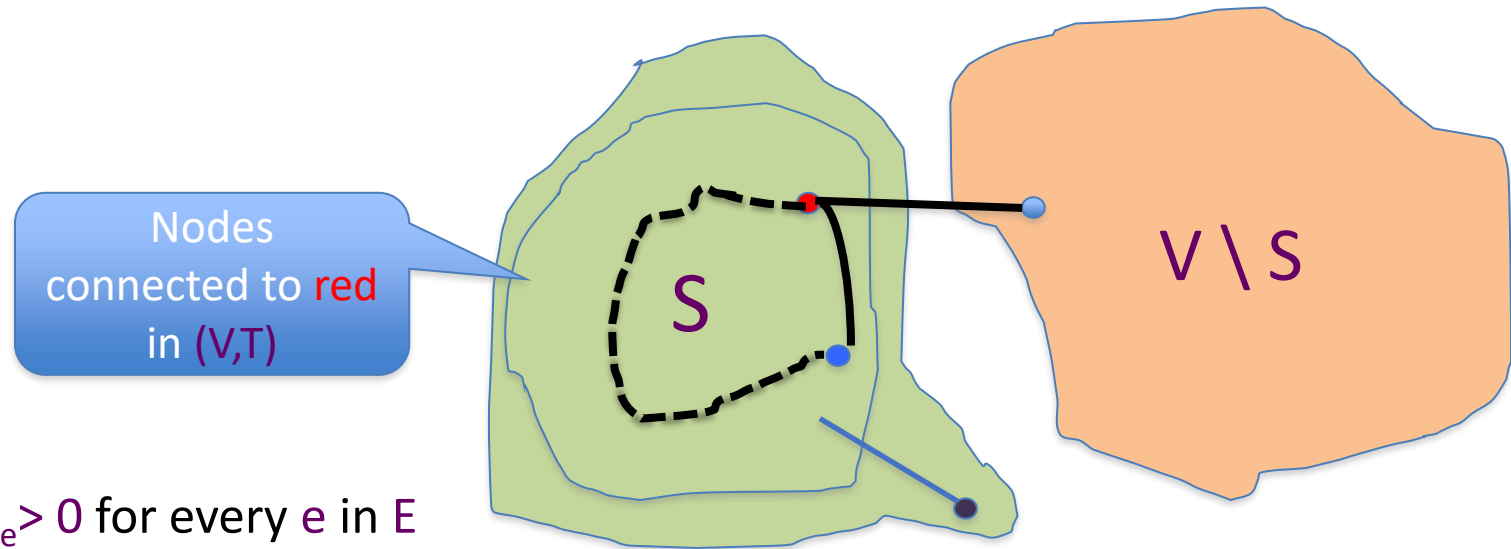
Consider a run of the algorithm when it is about to add edge  $(u, w)$  to  $T$ .

**Goal**: show that  $e$  is the cheapest "crossing" edge across some cut  $(S, V \setminus S)$ .

**Define  $S$** :

Let  $S$  be the set of vertices connected to  $u$  using only the edges in  $T$  (i.e.,  $u$  has a path to all nodes in  $S$ ).

# Optimality of Kruskal's Algorithm



$T = \emptyset$

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  $T$

$S$  is non-empty

$V \setminus S$  is non-empty

First crossing edge considered



# Is $(V, T)$ a spanning tree?

No cycles by design

Just need to show that  $(V, T)$  is connected

