

Lecture 22

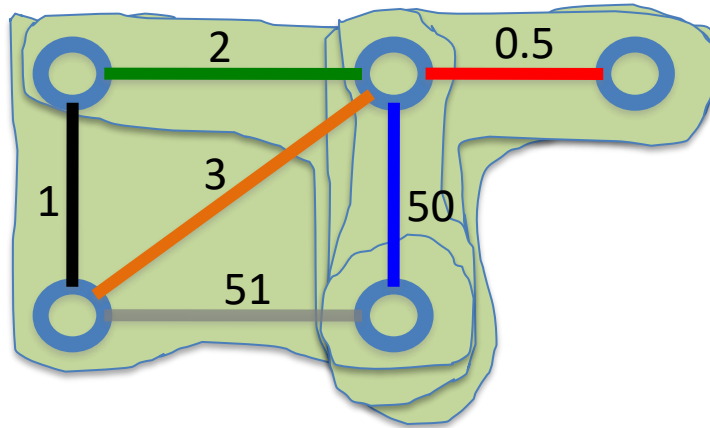
CSE 331

Prim's algorithm



Robert Prim

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm



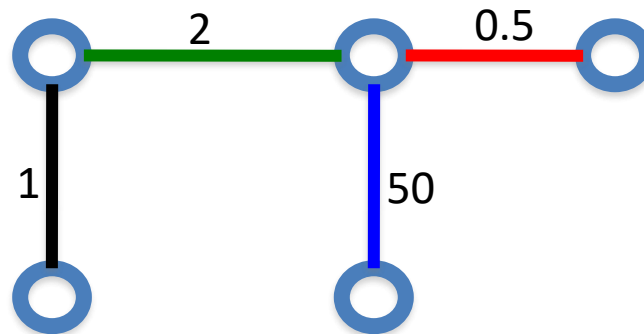
Input: $G=(V,E)$, $c_e > 0$ for every e in E

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

While S is not the same as V

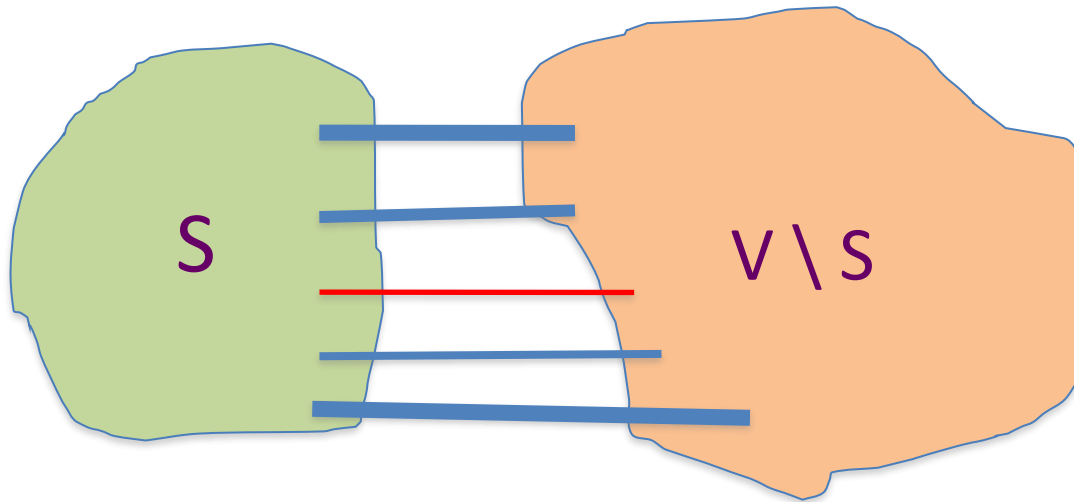
Among edges $e = (u,w)$ with u in S and w not in S , pick one with minimum cost

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



Joseph B. Kruskal

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 .

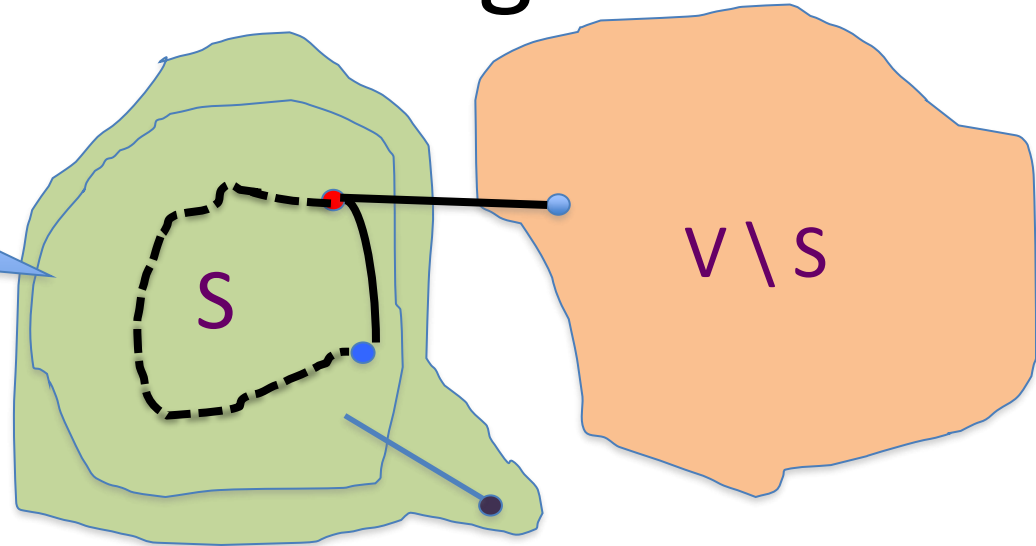
Goal: show that e is the cheapest “crossing” edge across some cut $(S, V \setminus S)$.

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

Nodes connected to red in (V, T)



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S is non-empty

$V \setminus S$ is non-empty

First crossing edge considered