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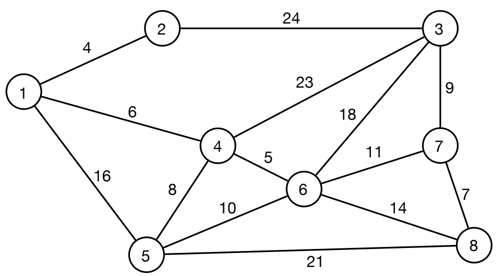

Graph G

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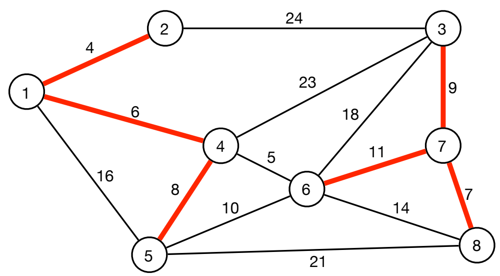

Not connected

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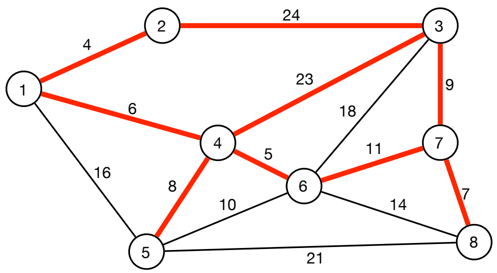

Connected and cyclic

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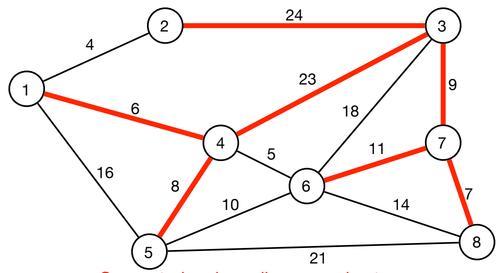

Connected and acyclic = spanning tree

Total weight = 6 + 8 + 23 + 24 + 9 + 11 + 7 = 88

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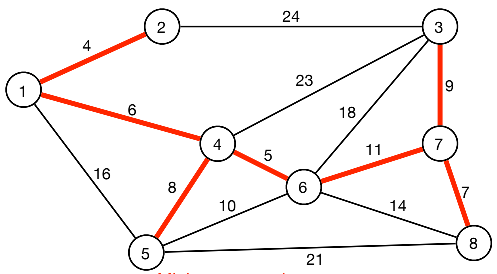

Minimum spanning tree

Total weight = 4 + 6 + 5 + 8 + 11 + 9 + 7 = 50

Applications

- Network design.
  - Computer, road, telephone, electrical, circuit, cable tv, hydralic, …
- Approximation algorithms.
  - Travelling salesperson problem, steiner trees.
- Other applications.
  - Meteorology, kosmology, biomedical analysis, encoding, image analysis, ...

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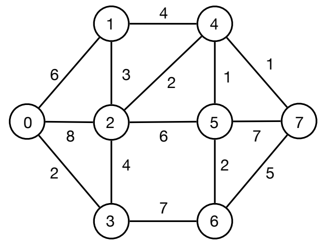
Representation of Weighted Graphs

- Adjacency matrix and adjacency list.
- Similar for directed graphs.



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3	2	0	4	0	0	0	7	0
4	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	1
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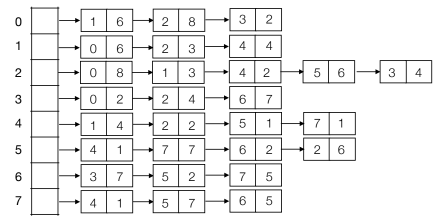

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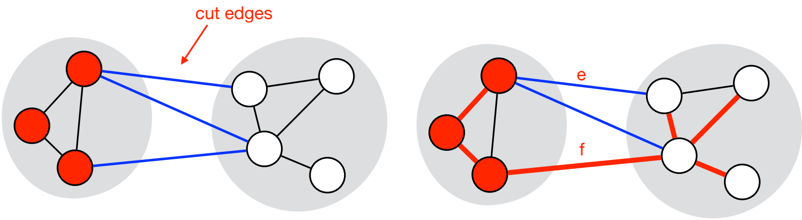
Properties of Minimum Spanning Trees

- Assume for simplicity:
  - All edge weights are distinct.
  - G is connected.
- ⟹ MST exists and is unique.

Cut Property

- Def. A cut is a partition of the vertices into two non-empty sets.
- Def. A cut edge is an edge crossing the cut.
- Cut property. For any cut, the lightest cut edge is in the MST.
- Proof.
  - Assume the lightest cut edge e is not in the MST.
  - Replace e with the other cut edge f.
  - Produces a new MST with smaller weight.



Cycle Property

- Cycle property. For any cycle, the heaviest edge is not in the MST.
- Proof.
  - Assume heaviest edge f in cycle is in MST.
  - Replace f with lighter edge e in cycle.
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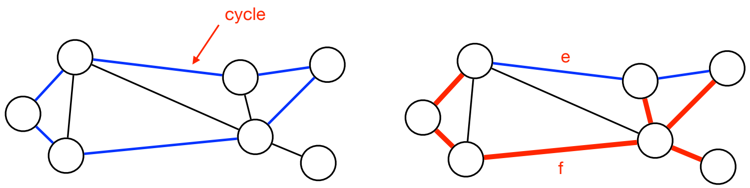

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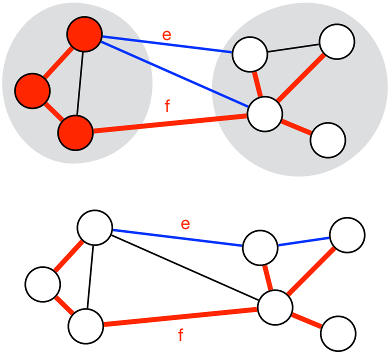

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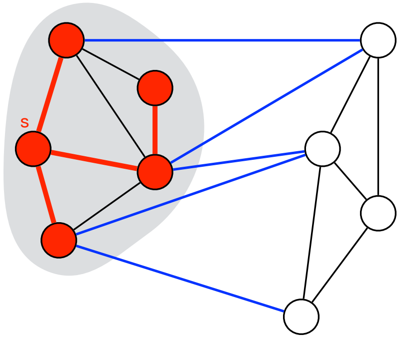

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- Grow a tree T from some vertex s.
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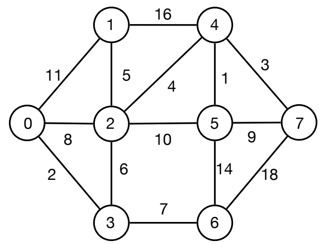
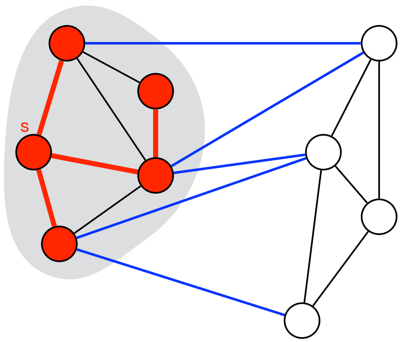
- Exercise. Show execution of Prim's algorithm from vertex 0 on the following graph.



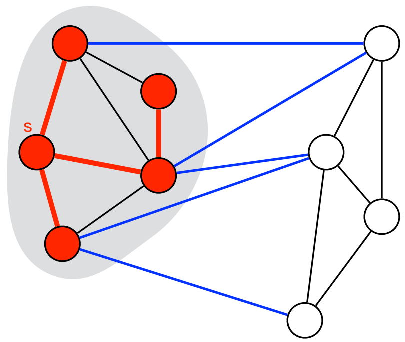
Prim's Algorithm

- Lemma. Prim's algorithm computes the MST.
- Proof.
  - Consider cut between explored and unexplored vertices.
  - Vi add lightest cut edge to T.
  - Cut property ⟹ edge is in MST ⟹ T is MST after n-1 steps.



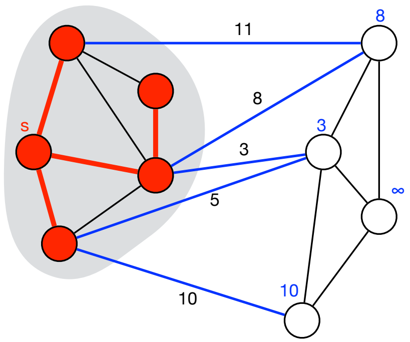
Prim's Algorithm

- Implementation. How do we implement Prim's algorithm?
- Challenge. Find the lightest cut edge.



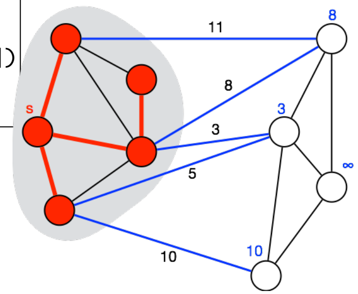
Prim's Algorithm

- Implementation. Maintain vertices outside T in priority queue.
  - Key of vertex v = weight of lightest cut edge (∞ if no cut edge).
  - In each step:
    - Find lightest edge = EXTRACT-MIN
    - Update weight of neighbors of new vertex with DECREASE-KEY.



Prim's Algorithm

```
PRIM(G, s)
   for all vertices v∈V
      v.key = ∞
      v.π = null
      INSERT(P,v)
   DECREASE-KEY(P,s,0)
   while (P ≠ ∅)
      u = EXTRACT-MIN(P)
      for all neighbors v of u
         if (v ∈ P and w(u,v)<key[v])
            DECREASE-KEY(P,v,w(u,v))
            v.π = u
```



- Time.
  - n EXTRACT-MIN
  - n INSERT
  - O(m) DECREASE-KEY
- Total time with min-heap. O(n log n + n log n + m log n) = O(m log n)

Prim's Algorithm

- Priority queues and Prim's algorithm. Complexity of Prim's algorithm depend on priority queue.
  - n INSERT
  - n EXTRACT-MIN
  - m + 1 DECREASE-KEY

Priority queue	INSERT	EXTRACT-MIN	DECREASE-KEY	Total
array	O(1)	O(n)	O(1)	O(n^2)
binary heap	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(m log n)
Fibonacci heap	O(1)†	O(log n)†	O(1)†	O(m + n log n)

† = amortized

- Greed. Prim's algorithm is a greedy algorithm.
  - Makes local optimal choices in each step that lead to global optimal solution.

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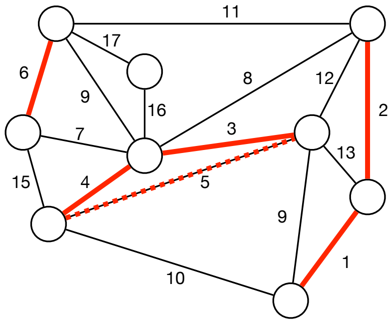
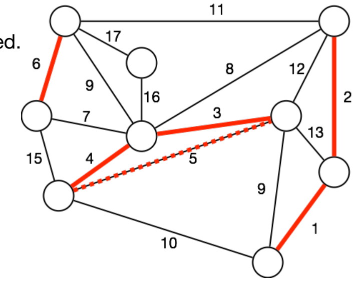
- In each step, add edge to T if it does not create a cycle.
- Stop when T has n-1 edges.



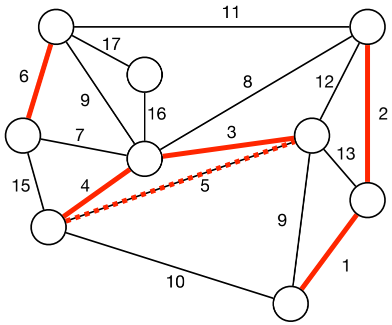
Kruskal's Algorithm

- Lemma. Kruskal's algorithm computes the MST.
- Proof.
  - Consider edge e = (u,v) added to T at some point.
  - Case 1. e creates a cycle and is not added to T.
    - e must be heaviest edge on cycle.
    - Cycle property ⟹ e is not in MST.
  - Case 2. e does not create a cycle and is added to T.
    - e must be lightest edge in cut.
    - Cut property ⟹ e is in MST.
  - ⟹ T is MST when n-1 edges are added.



Kruskal's Algorithm

- Implementation. How do we implement Kruskal's algorithm?
- Challenge. Check if an edge form a cycle.



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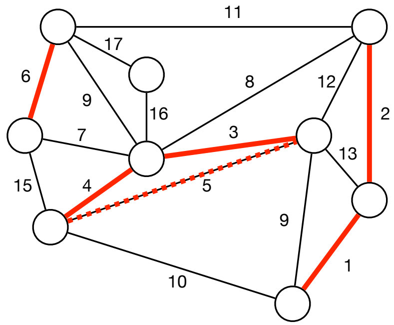
- Implementation. Maintain edges in a data structure for dynamic connectivity.
- In each step:
  - Check if an edge creates a cycle = CONNECTED.
  - Add new edge = INSERT.



Kruskal's Algorithm

```
KRUSKAL(G)
    Sort edges
    INIT(n)
    for all edges (u,v) i sorted order
        if (!CONNECTED(u,v))
            INSERT(u,v)
    return all inserted edges
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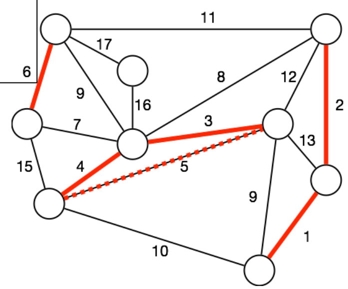

- Time.
    - Sorting m edges.
    - 1 INIT
    - m CONNECTED
    - n INSERT
- Total time. O(m log m + n + m log n + n log n) = O(m log n).
- Greed. Kruskal's algorithm is also a greedy algorithm.

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- What is the best algorithm for computing MSTs?

Year	Time	Authors
???	O(n log m)	Jarnik, Prim, Dijkstra, Kruskal, Boruvka, ?
1975	O(m log log n)	Yao
1986	O(m log* n)	Fredman, Tarjan
1995	O(m)‡	Karger, Klein, Tarjan
2000	O(nα(m,n))	Chazelle
2002	optimal	Pettie, Ramachandran

‡ = randomized

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