



# CSE 417

# Algorithms and Complexity

Autumn 2023

Lecture 12

Shortest Paths Algorithm and Minimum  
Spanning Trees

# Announcements

- Reading
  - 4.4, 4.5, 4.7
- Midterm
  - Monday, October 30
  - In class, closed book
  - Material through 4.7
  - Old midterm questions available
    - Note – some listed questions are out of scope

Assume all edges have non-negative cost

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

$S = \{ \}; \quad d[s] = 0; \quad d[v] = \text{infinity for } v \neq s$

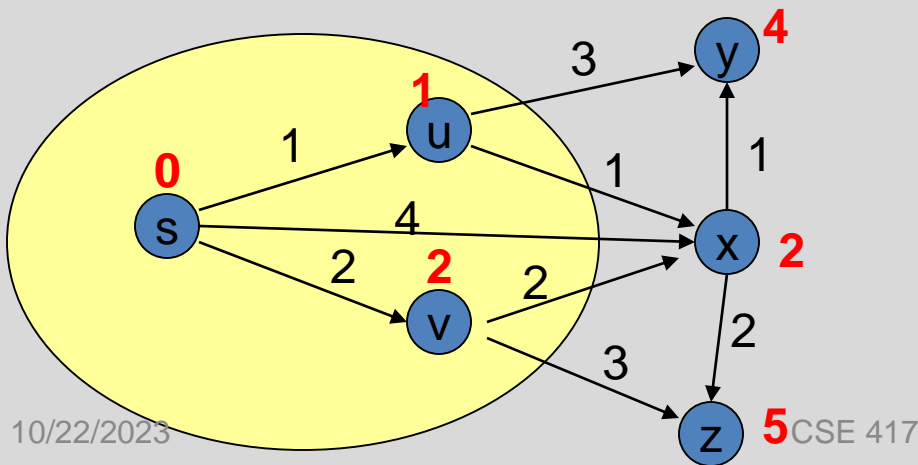
While  $S \neq V$

    Choose  $v$  in  $V-S$  with minimum  $d[v]$

    Add  $v$  to  $S$

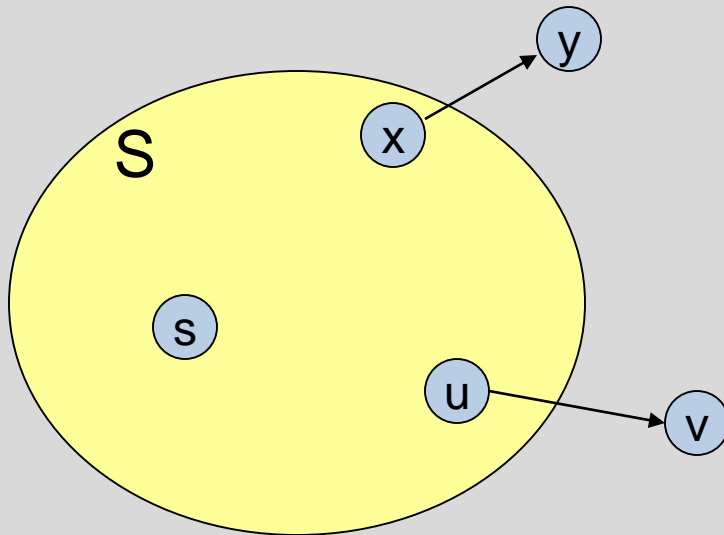
    For each  $w$  in the neighborhood of  $v$

$d[w] = \min(d[w], d[v] + c(v, w))$



# Correctness Proof

- Elements in  $S$  have the correct label
- Induction: when  $v$  is added to  $S$ , it has the correct distance label
  - $\text{Dist}(s, v) = d[v]$  when  $v$  added to  $S$



# Dijkstra Implementation

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    Add  $v$  to  $S$

    For each  $w$  in the neighborhood of  $v$

        if ( $d[w] > d[v] + c(v, w)$ )

$d[w] = d[v] + c(v, w)$

$\text{pred}[w] = v$

- Basic implementation requires Heap for tracking the distance values
- Run time  $O(m \log n)$

# $O(n^2)$ Implementation for Dense Graphs

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FOR i := 1 TO n
    d[i] := Infinity;  visited[i] := FALSE;
d[s] := 0;

FOR i := 1 TO n
    v := -1;  dMin := Infinity;
    FOR j := 1 TO n // Find v in V-S to minimize d[v]
        IF visited[j] = FALSE AND d[j] < dMin
            v := j; dMin := d[j];
    IF v = -1
        RETURN;
    visited[v] := TRUE;

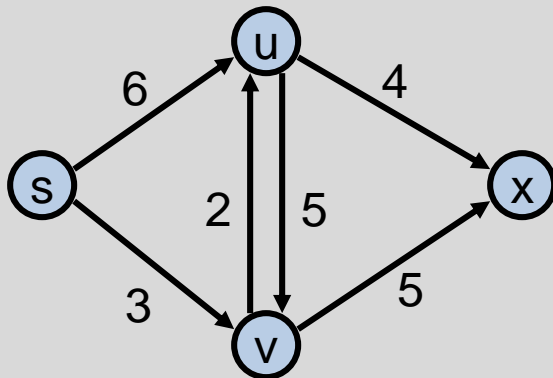
    FOR j := 1 TO n // Update d values from v
        IF d[v] + len[v, j] < d[j]
            d[j] := d[v] + len[v, j];
            prev[j] := v;
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# Future stuff for shortest paths

- Bellman-Ford Algorithm
  - $O(nm)$  time
  - Handles negative cost edges
    - Identifies negative cost cycle if present
  - Dynamic programming algorithm
  - Very easy to implement

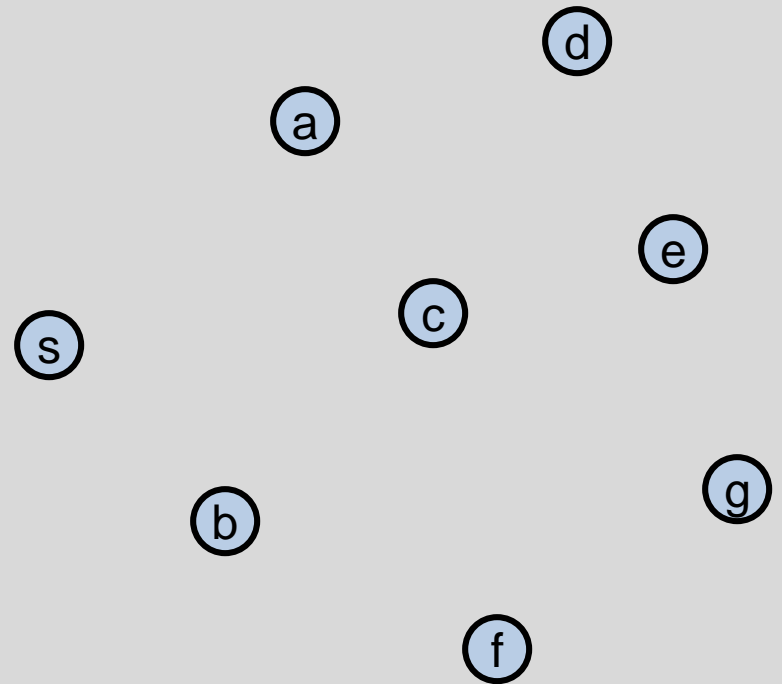
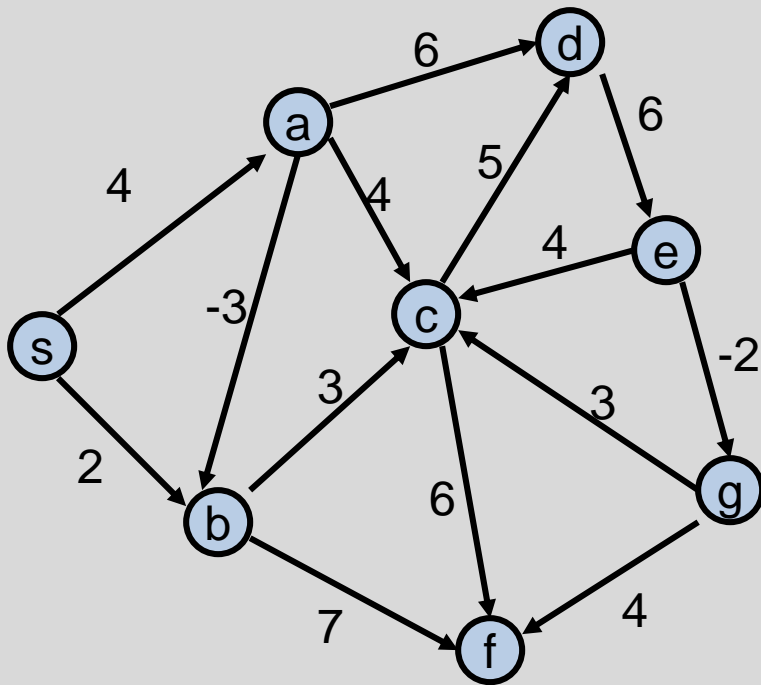
# Bottleneck Shortest Path

- Define the bottleneck distance for a path to be the maximum cost edge along the path





# Compute the bottleneck shortest paths



# How do you adapt Dijkstra's algorithm to handle bottleneck distances

- Does the correctness proof still apply?

# Dijkstra's Algorithm for Bottleneck Shortest Paths

$S = \{ \}$ ;  $d[s] = \text{negative infinity}$ ;  $d[v] = \text{infinity}$  for  $v \neq s$

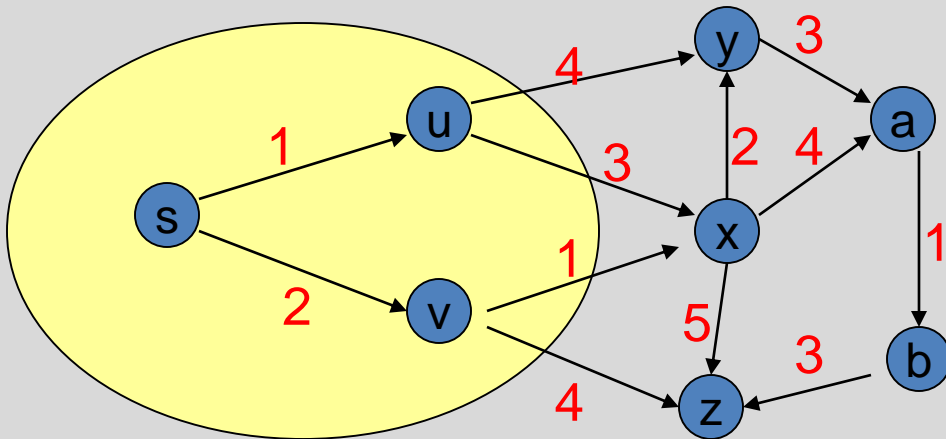
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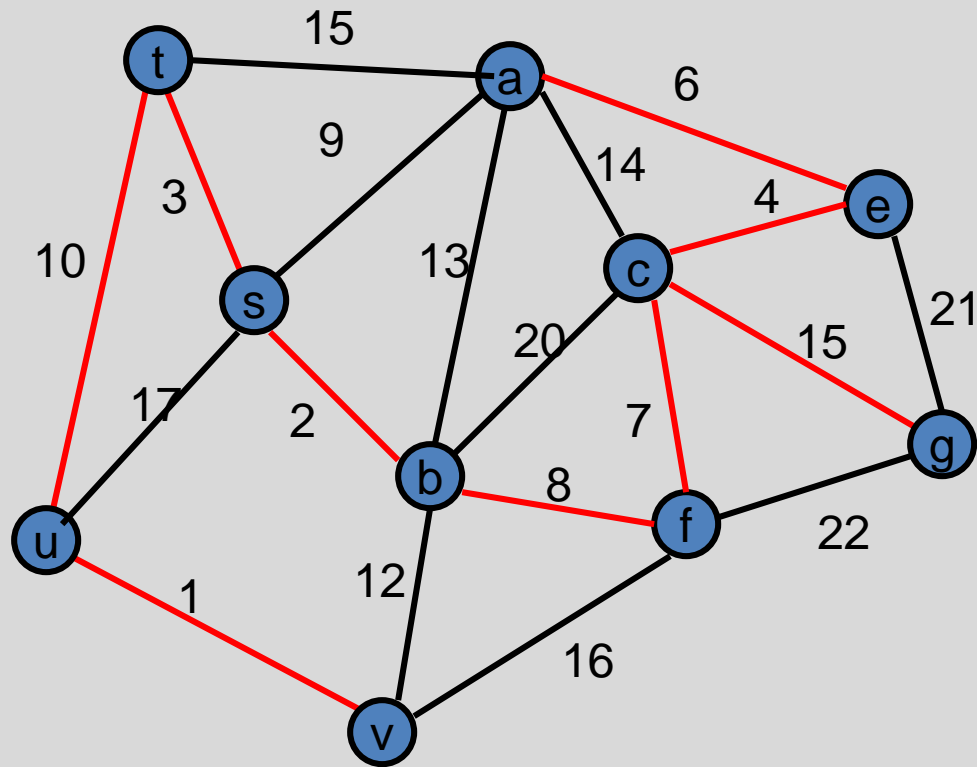
# Minimum Spanning Tree

- Introduce Problem
- Demonstrate three different greedy algorithms
- Provide proofs that the algorithms work

# Minimum Spanning Tree Definitions

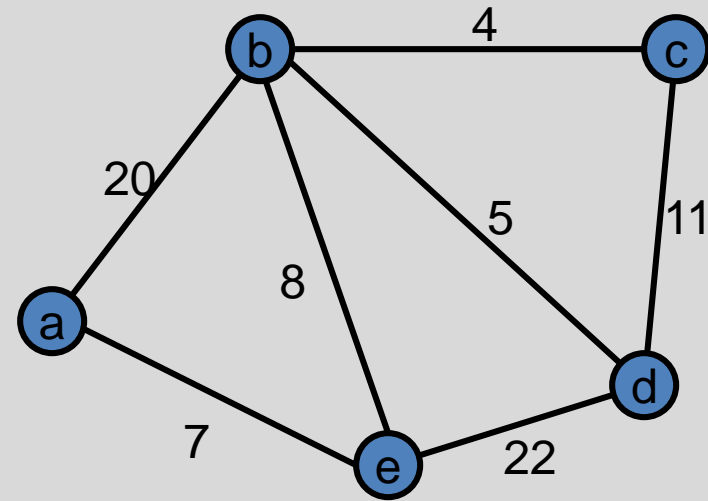
- $G=(V,E)$  is an UNDIRECTED graph
- Weights associated with the edges
- Find a spanning tree of minimum weight
  - If not connected, complain

# Minimum Spanning Tree



# Greedy Algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree

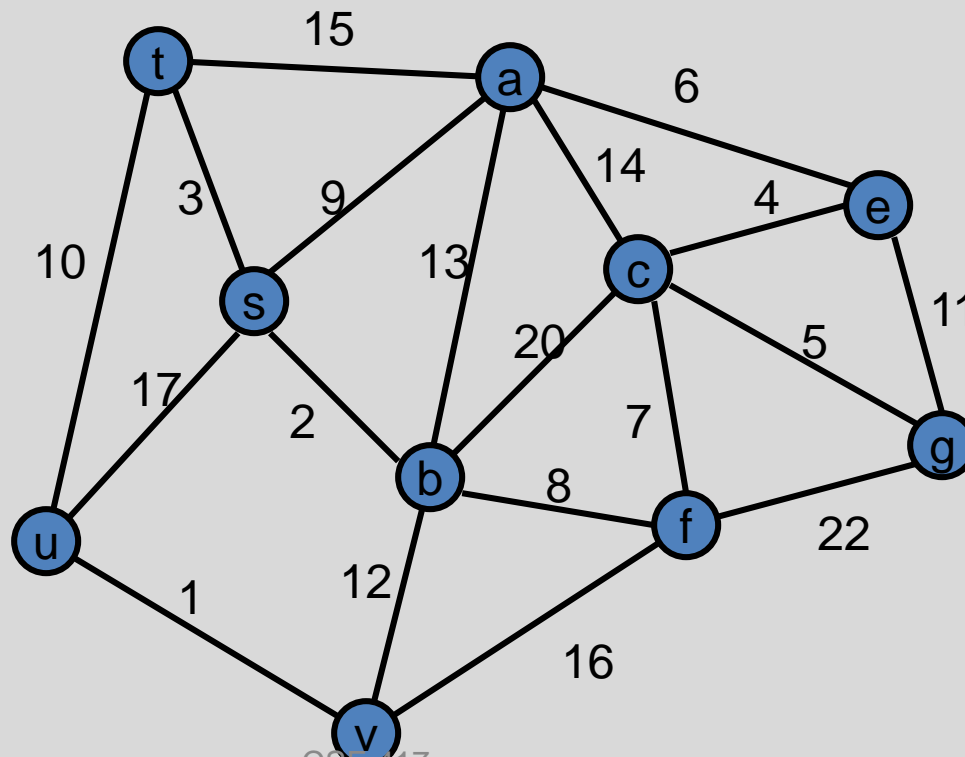
- Extend a tree by including the cheapest outgoing edge
- Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components
- Delete the most expensive edge that does not disconnect the graph



# Greedy Algorithm 1

## Prim's Algorithm

- Extend a tree by including the cheapest out going edge



Construct the MST  
with Prim's  
algorithm starting  
from vertex a

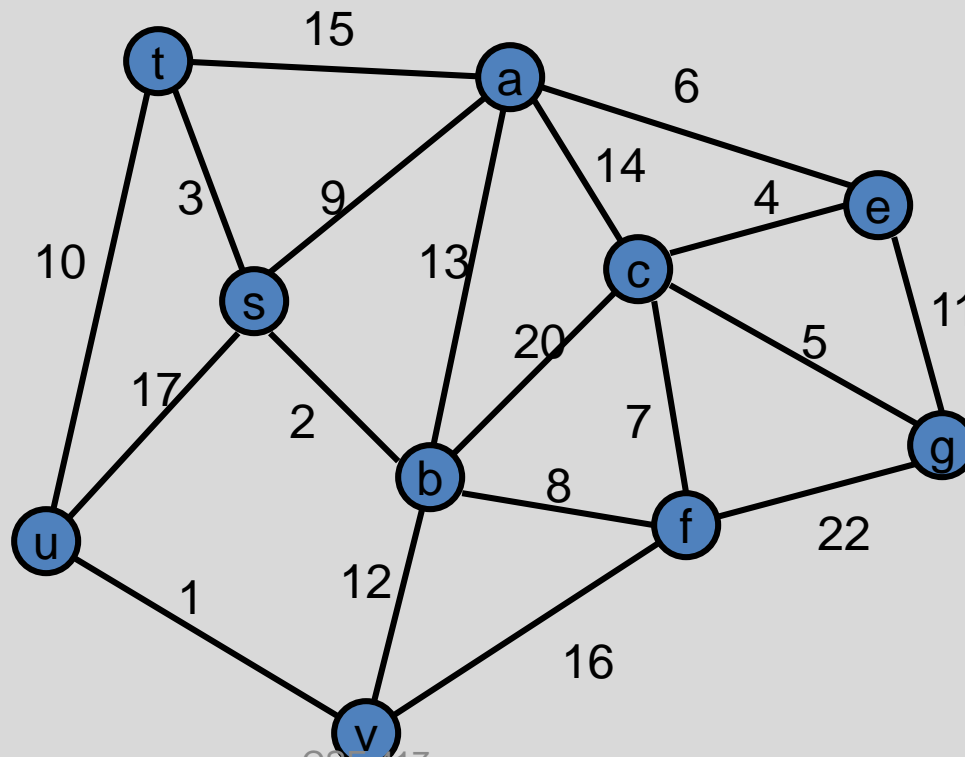
Label the edges in  
order of insertion



# Greedy Algorithm 2

## Kruskal's Algorithm

- Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components



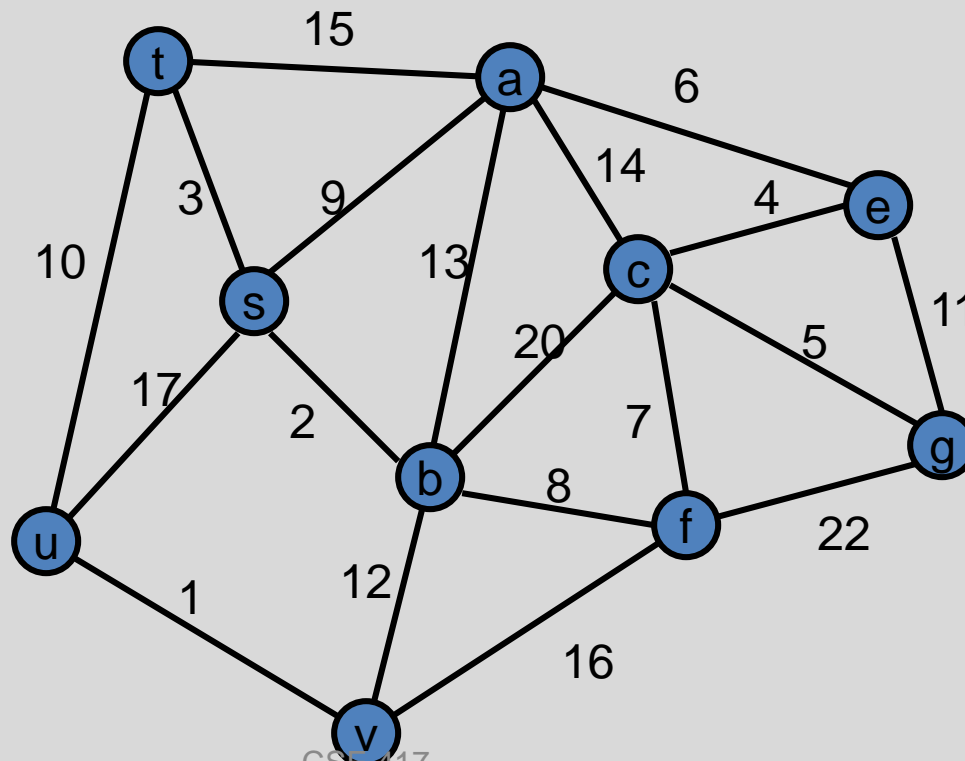
Construct the MST  
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Label the edges in  
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# Greedy Algorithm 3

## Reverse-Delete Algorithm

- Delete the most expensive edge that does not disconnect the graph



Construct the MST  
with the reverse-  
delete algorithm

Label the edges in  
order of removal

# Dijkstra's Algorithm for Minimum Spanning Trees

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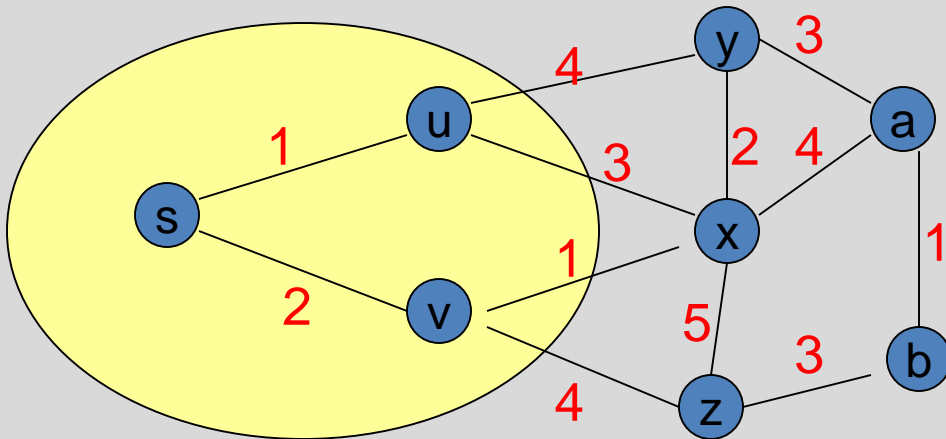
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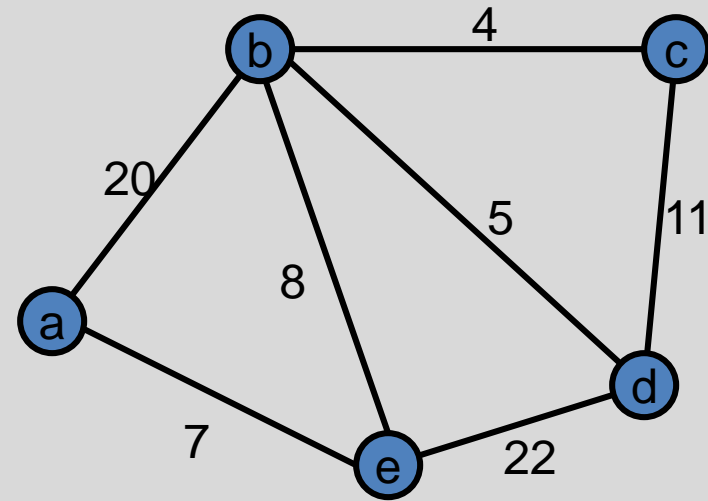
$$d[w] = \min(d[w], c(v, w))$$





# Greedy Algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree

- **[Prim]** Extend a tree by including the cheapest outgoing edge
- **[Kruskal]** Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components
- **[ReverseDelete]** Delete the most expensive edge that does not disconnect the graph

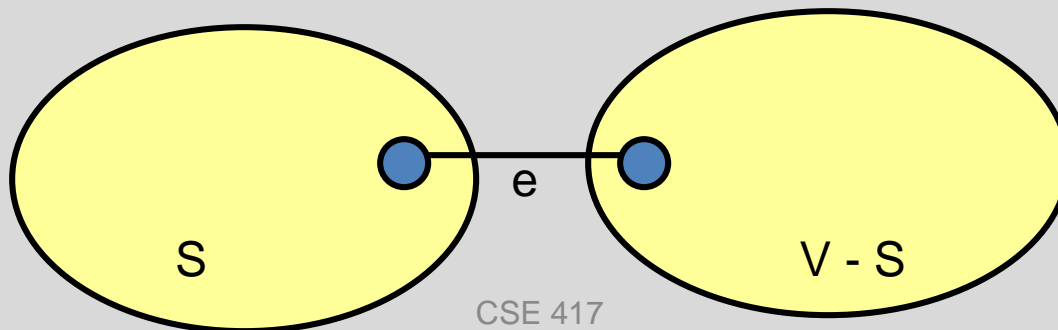


# Why do the greedy algorithms work?

- For simplicity, assume all edge costs are distinct

# Edge inclusion lemma

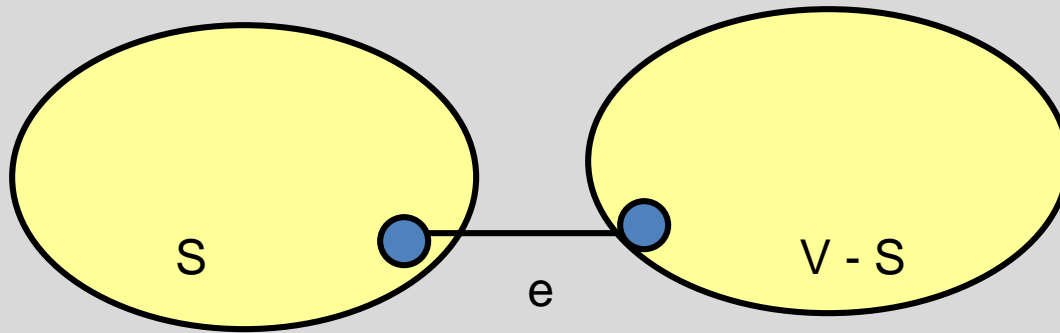
- Let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ , and suppose  $e = (u, v)$  is the minimum cost edge of  $E$ , with  $u$  in  $S$  and  $v$  in  $V-S$
- $e$  is in every minimum spanning tree of  $G$ 
  - Or equivalently, if  $e$  is not in  $T$ , then  $T$  is not a minimum spanning tree



$e$  is the minimum cost edge  
between  $S$  and  $V-S$

# Proof

- Suppose  $T$  is a spanning tree that does not contain  $e$
- Add  $e$  to  $T$ , this creates a cycle
- The cycle must have some edge  $e_1 = (u_1, v_1)$  with  $u_1$  in  $S$  and  $v_1$  in  $V-S$



- $T_1 = T - \{e_1\} + \{e\}$  is a spanning tree with lower cost
- Hence,  $T$  is not a minimum spanning tree