

# Lecture13

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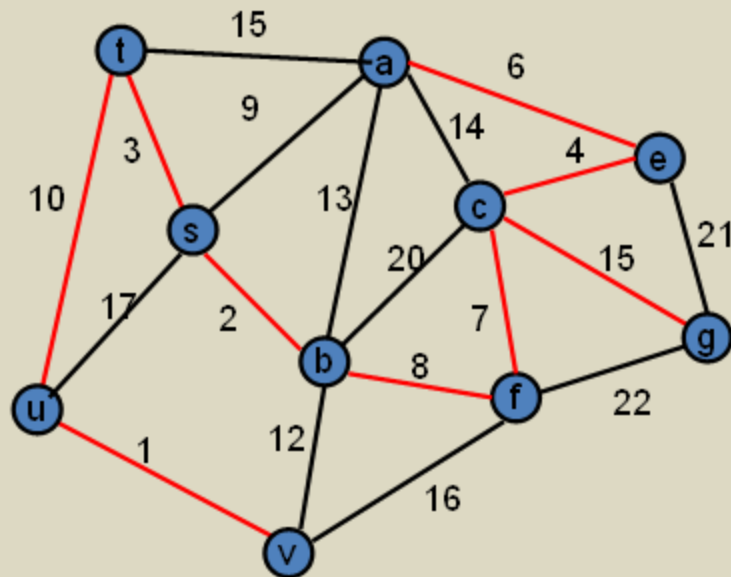
## CSE 417 Algorithms and Complexity

Autumn 2023  
Lecture 13  
Minimum Spanning Trees

# Announcements

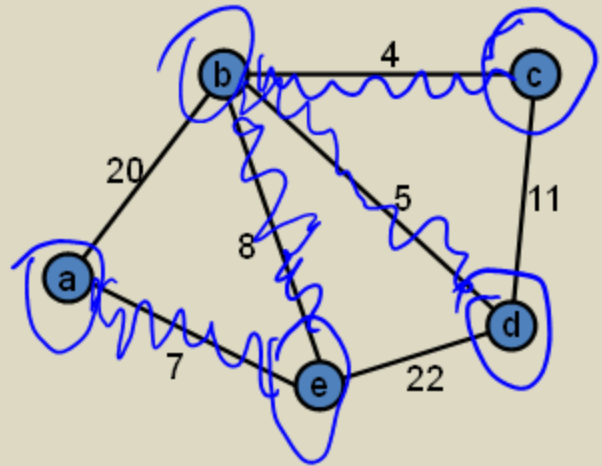
- Midterm, Monday, October 30
- Topics: Material Presented in Lecture
  - Stable Matching
  - Graphs and simple graph algorithms
    - Breadth First Search
    - Topological Sort
  - Greedy Algorithms
    - Interval Scheduling Problems
    - Graph Coloring
  - Shortest Paths Algorithms
  - Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithms

# Minimum Spanning Tree



# Greedy Algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree

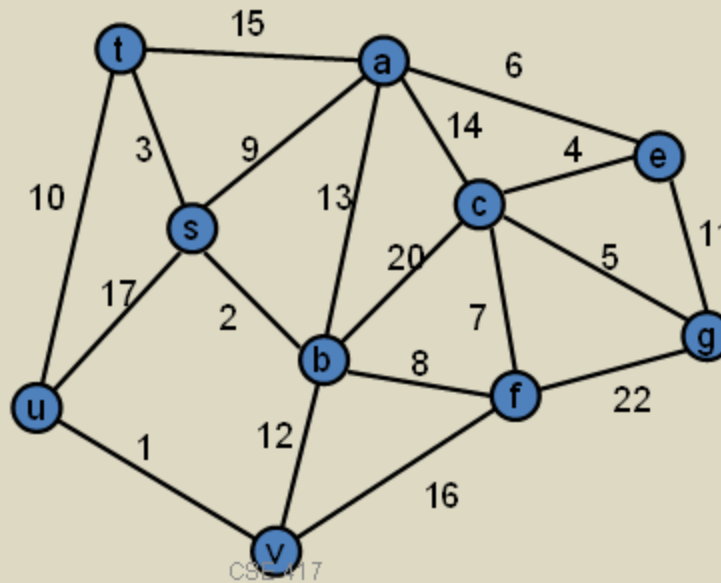
- Prim's Algorithm:  
Extend a tree by including the cheapest outgoing edge
- Kruskal's Algorithm:  
Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components



# 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

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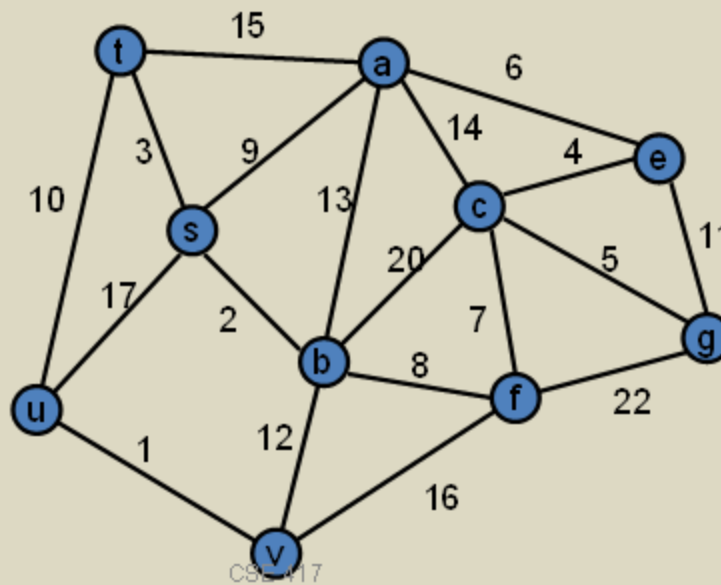
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## Greedy Algorithm 2

### Kruskal's Algorithm

- Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components



Construct the MST  
with Kruskal's  
algorithm

Label the edges in  
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# Why do the greedy algorithms work?

- For simplicity, assume all edge costs are distinct

Show smallest edge  
 $e = (u, v)$   
 in graph is in every MST



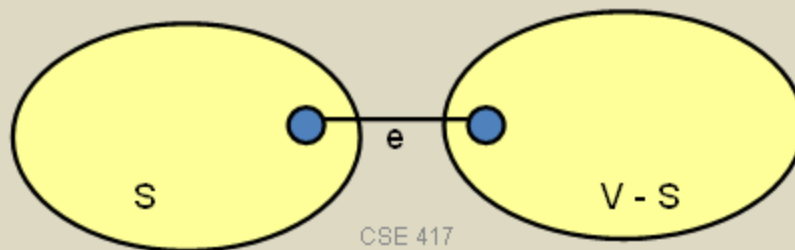
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# Edge inclusion lemma

- 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



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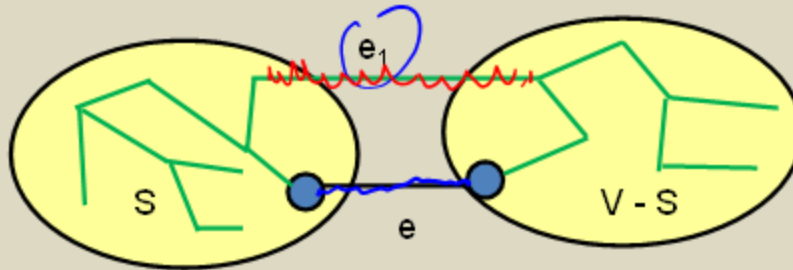


**e is the minimum cost edge  
between S and V-S**

## 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

# Optimality Proofs

- Prim's Algorithm computes a MST
- Kruskal's Algorithm computes a MST
  
- Show that when an edge is added to the MST by Prim or Kruskal, the edge is the minimum cost edge between  $S$  and  $V-S$  for some set  $S$ .

# Prim's Algorithm

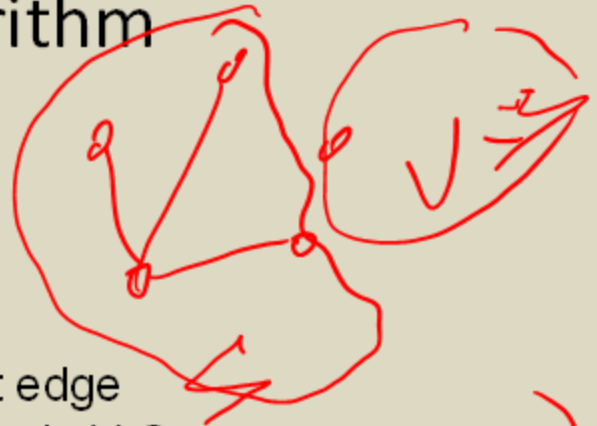
$S = \{a\}; T = \{\};$

while  $S \neq V$

choose the minimum cost edge  
 $e = (u,v)$ , with  $u$  in  $S$ , and  $v$  in  $V-S$

add  $e$  to  $T$

add  $v$  to  $S$



*Prim's Heap*

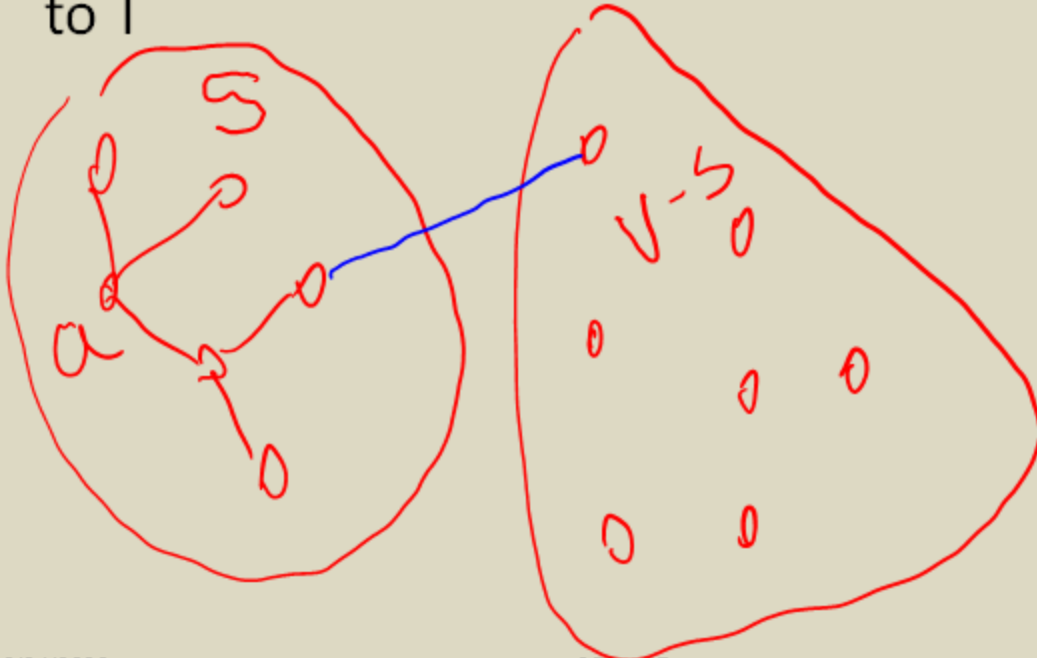
*edge is heap  $M \log n$*



*$O(\log n)$   
 $n \log n$*

# Prove Prim's algorithm computes an MST

- Show an edge  $e$  is in the MST when it is added to  $T$

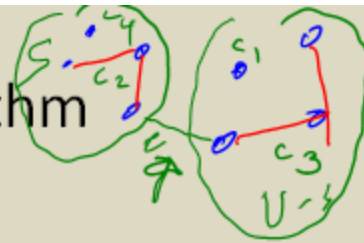


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# Kruskal's Algorithm



$$m \leq n^2$$

Let  $C = \{\{v_1\}, \{v_2\}, \dots, \{v_n\}\}; T = \{\}$

while  $|C| > 1$

Let  $e = (u, v)$  with  $u$  in  $C_i$  and  $v$  in  $C_j$  be the minimum cost edge joining distinct sets in  $C$

Replace  $C_i$  and  $C_j$  by  $C_i \cup C_j$

Add  $e$  to  $T$

$O(m \log m)$   
 $= O(m \log n)$

sorting edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  in increasing cost.

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for  $i = 1$  to  $m$   
 if  $e_i$  joins distinct components  
 merge components joined by  $e$

# Prove Kruskal's algorithm computes an MST

- Show an edge  $e$  is in the MST when it is added to  $T$

# MST Implementation and runtime

- Prim's Algorithm
  - Implementation, runtime: just like Dijkstra's algorithm
  - Use a heap, runtime  $O(m \log n)$
- Kruskal's Algorithm
  - Sorting edges by cost:  $O(m \log n)$
  - Managing connected components uses the Union-Find data structure
    - Amazing, pointer based data structure
    - Very interesting mathematical result

# Disjoint Set ADT



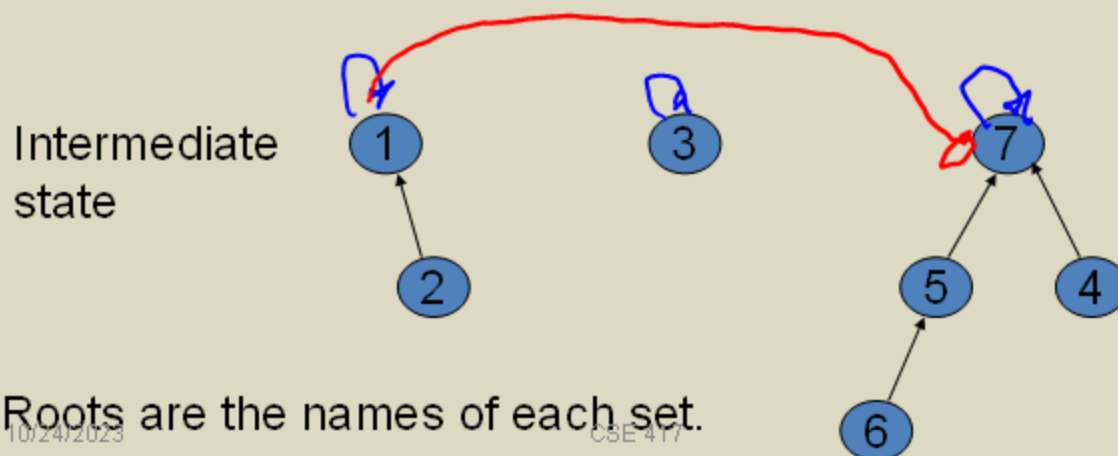
- Data: set of pairwise **disjoint sets**.
- Required operations
  - **Union** – merge two sets to create their union
  - **Find** – determine which set an item appears in
- Check  $\text{Find}(v) \neq \text{Find}(w)$  to determine if  $(v,w)$  joins separate components
- Do  $\text{Union}(v,w)$  to merge sets



# Up-Tree for DS Union/Find

**Observation:** we will only traverse these trees upward from any given node to find the root.

**Idea:** *reverse* the pointers (make them point up from child to parent). The result is an **up-tree**.

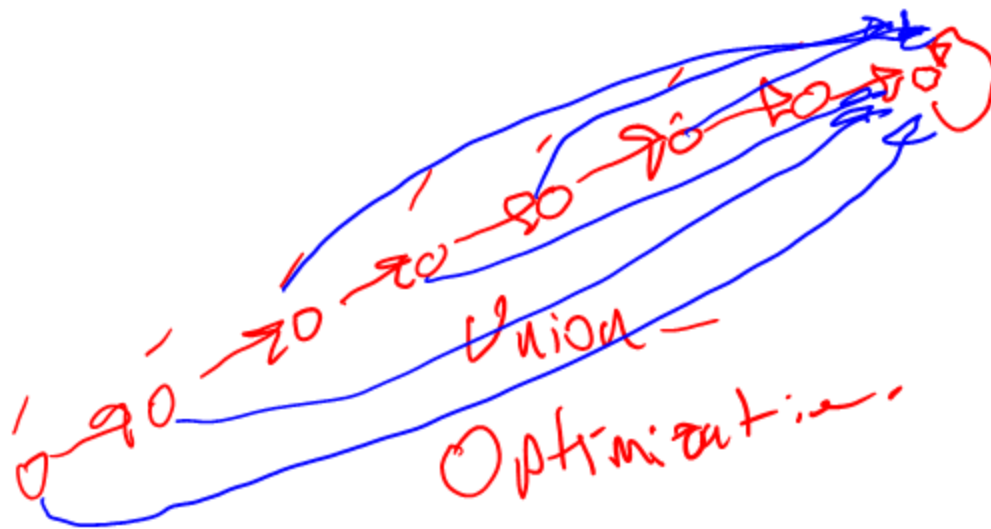


Roots are the names of each set.

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Union by size  $O(\log n)$   
 path compression  $O(\log n)$   
 Size + compression  $O(\alpha(n))$