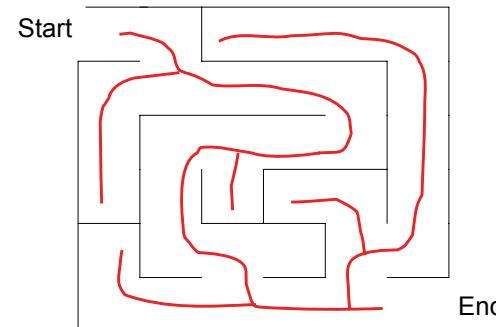


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Spanning Trees

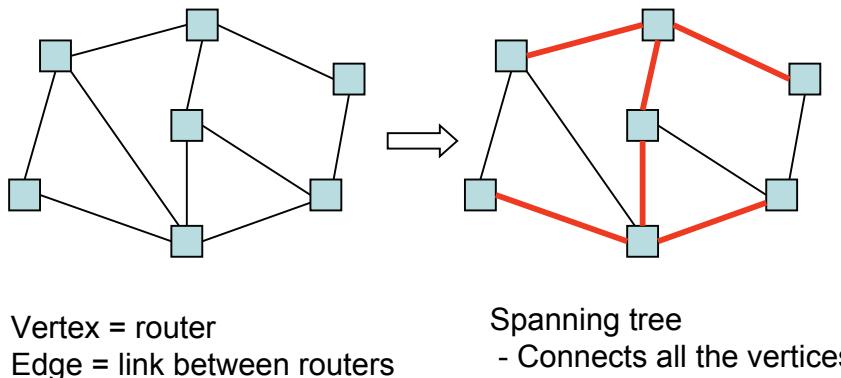
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A Hidden Tree



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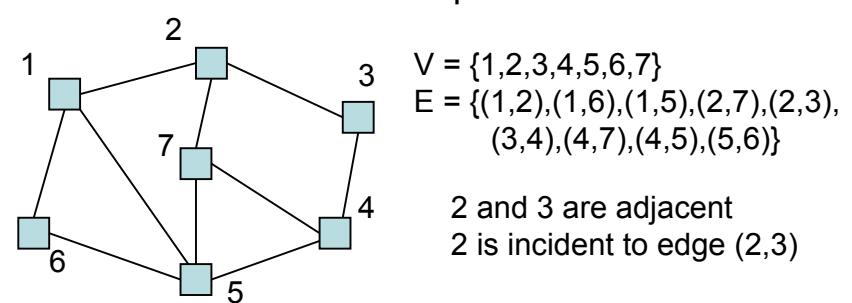
Spanning Tree in a Graph



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Undirected Graph

- $G = (V, E)$
 - V is a set of vertices (or nodes)
 - E is a set of unordered pairs of vertices



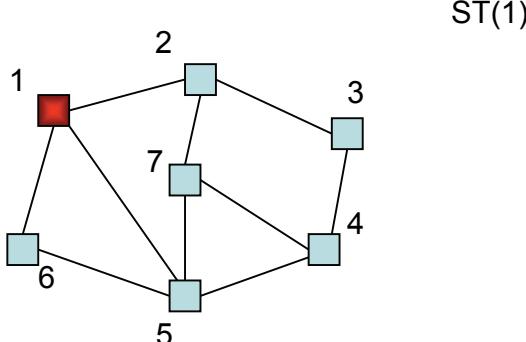
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Spanning Tree Problem

- Input: An undirected graph $G = (V, E)$. G is connected.
- Output: T contained in E such that
 - (V, T) is a connected graph
 - (V, T) has no cycles

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Example of Depth First Search



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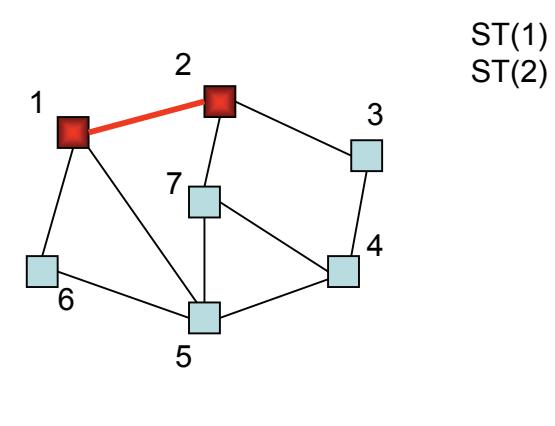
Spanning Tree Algorithm

```
ST(Vertex i) {  
    mark i;  
    for each j adjacent to i {  
        if (j is unmarked) {  
            Add (i,j) to T;  
            ST(j);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
Main( ) {  
    T = empty set;  
    ST(1);  
}
```

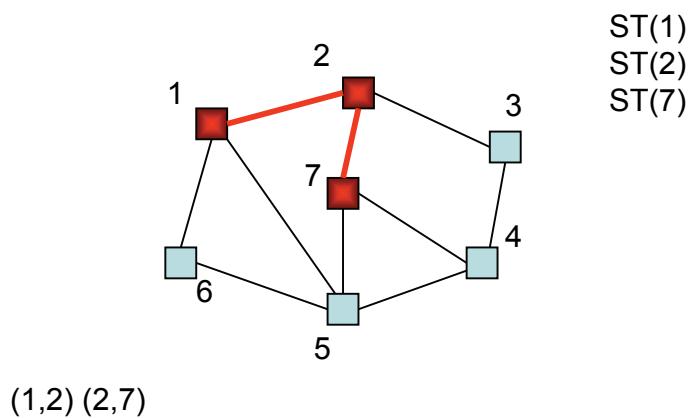
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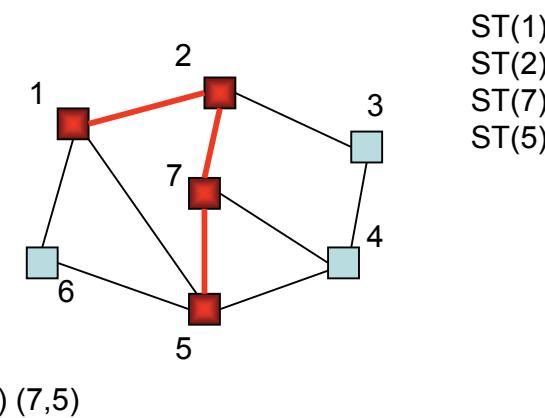


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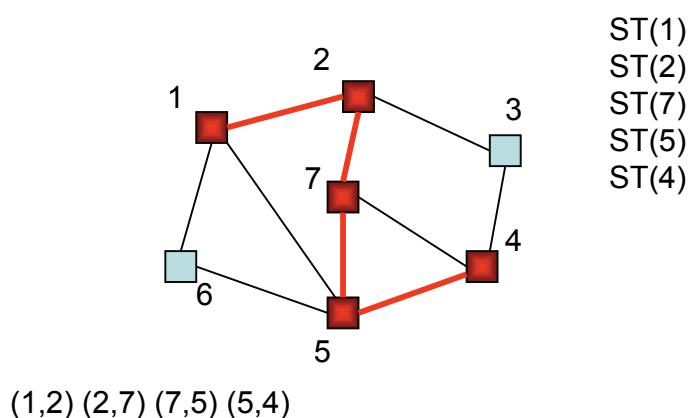
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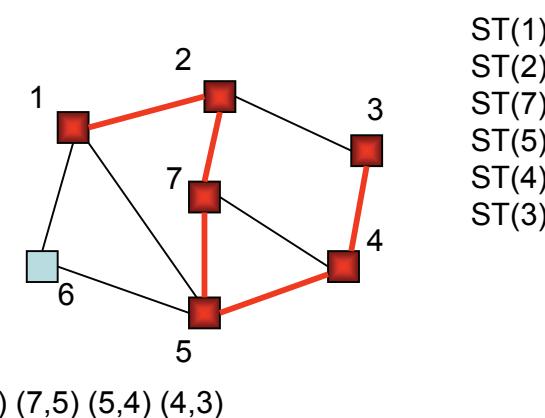
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Example Step 5



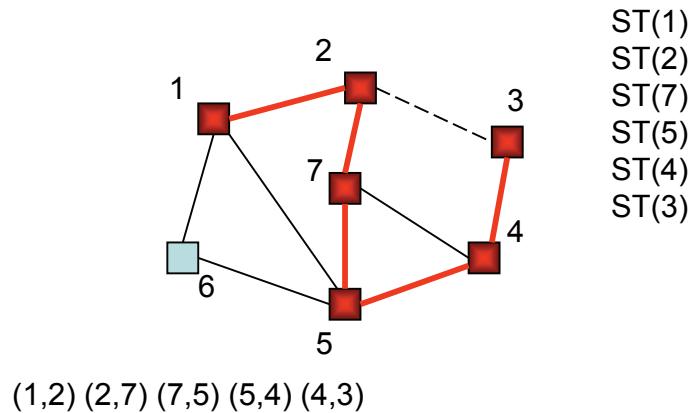
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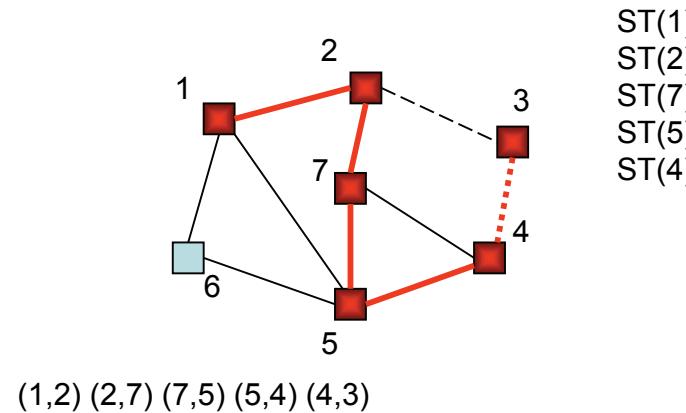
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Example Step 7



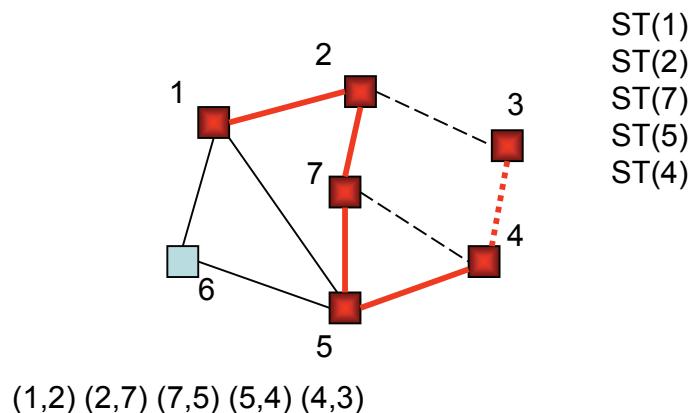
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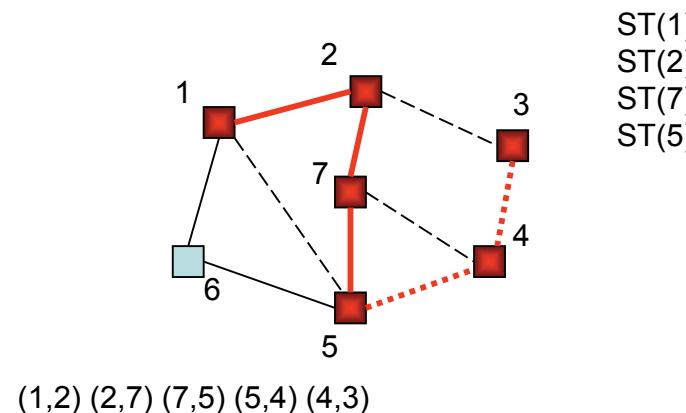
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Example Step 9



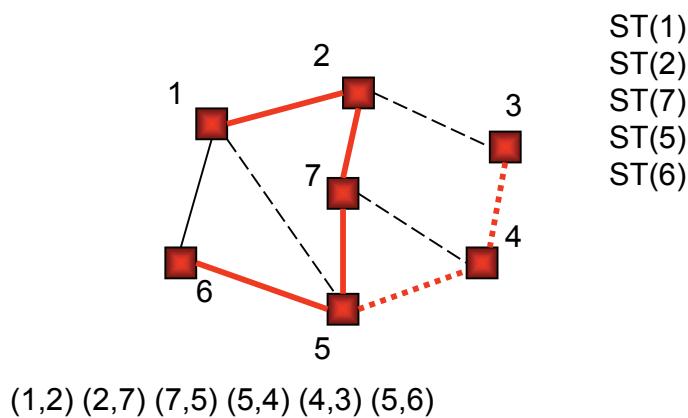
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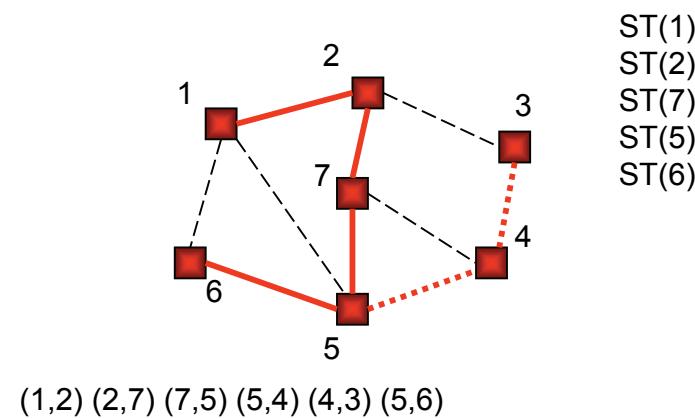
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Example Step 11



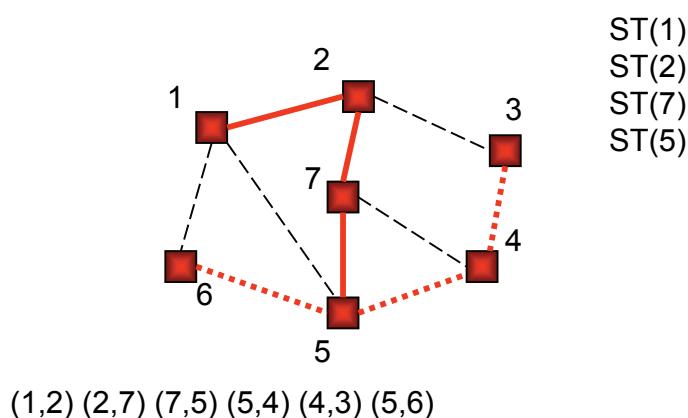
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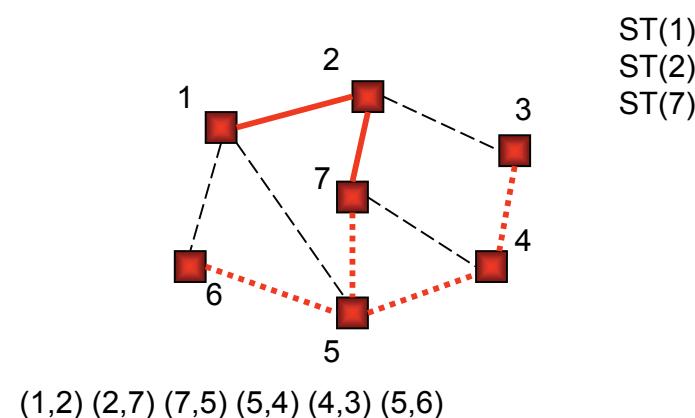
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Example Step 13



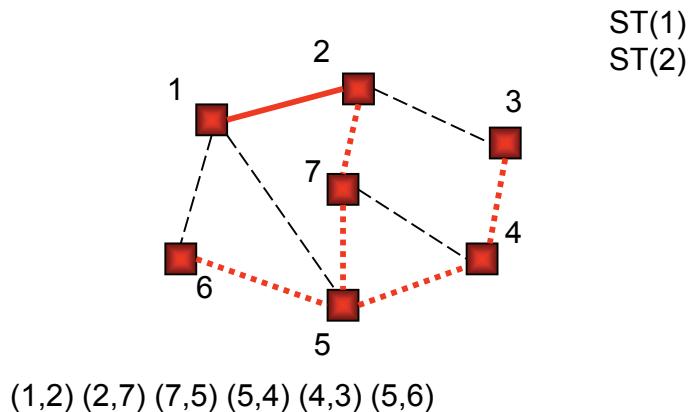
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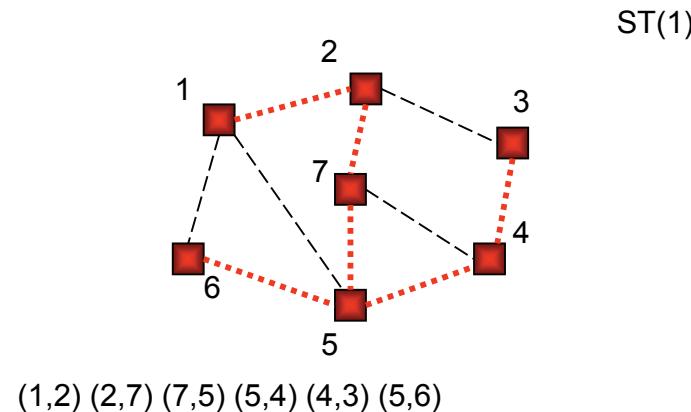
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Example Step 15



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Example Step 16



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How many edges in a spanning tree?

Before moving on, it will help us to know how many edges a spanning tree must have.

First, a couple of properties of trees...

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A tree has one vertex of degree one

Property: a tree with $|V| > 1$ has at least one vertex of degree one (i.e., with only one edge incident to it).

Proof by contradiction:

- Assume a “tree” with no such vertex.
- The graph has no endpoints and must contain a cycle.
- The graph is not a tree.

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Removing a vertex of degree one gives a tree

Property: removing a vertex of degree one and the corresponding edge from a tree results in a tree.

Proof:

- Removing an edge cannot introduce cycles.
- Removing a vertex of degree one will not result in a disconnected graph.

So, the graph is acyclic and connected, i.e., a tree.

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A spanning tree has $|V|-1$ edges

Property: a spanning tree over a graph with $|V|$ vertices has $|V|-1$ edges.

Proof by induction:

- Base case: 1 vertex $\rightarrow |V|-1 = 0$ edges.
- Inductive hypothesis: a spanning tree with $k-1$ vertices has $k-2$ edges.
- Inductive step: spanning tree with k vertices has $k-1$ edges.

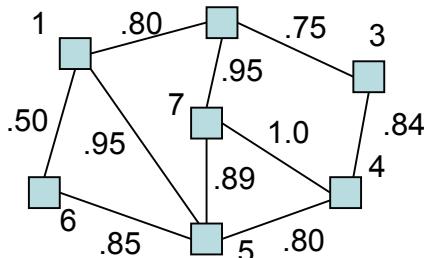
We must prove the inductive step:

- Spanning tree with k vertices has at least one vertex of degree 1.
- Remove that vertex and its edge from the graph and the spanning tree.
- The result is a spanning tree of $k-1$ vertices, which must have $k-2$ edges (inductive hypothesis).
- Restoring that vertex and edge gives a tree with k vertices and $k-1$ edges.

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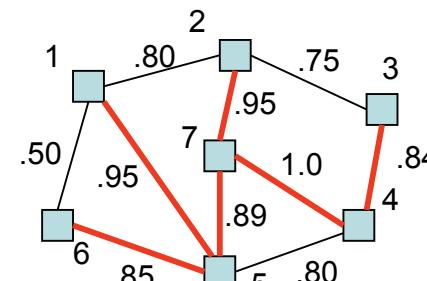
Best Spanning Tree

- Each edge has the probability that it won't fail
- Find the spanning tree that is least likely to fail



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Example of a Spanning Tree



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability of success} &= .85 \times .95 \times .89 \times .95 \times 1.0 \times .84 \\ &= .5735 \end{aligned}$$

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Minimum Spanning Trees

Given an undirected graph $G=(V,E)$, find a graph $G'=(V, E')$ such that:

- E' is a subset of E
- $|E'| = |V| - 1$
- G' is connected
- $\sum_{(u,v) \in E'} c_{uv}$ is minimal

G' is a **minimum spanning tree**.

Applications: wiring a house, power grids, Internet connections

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Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

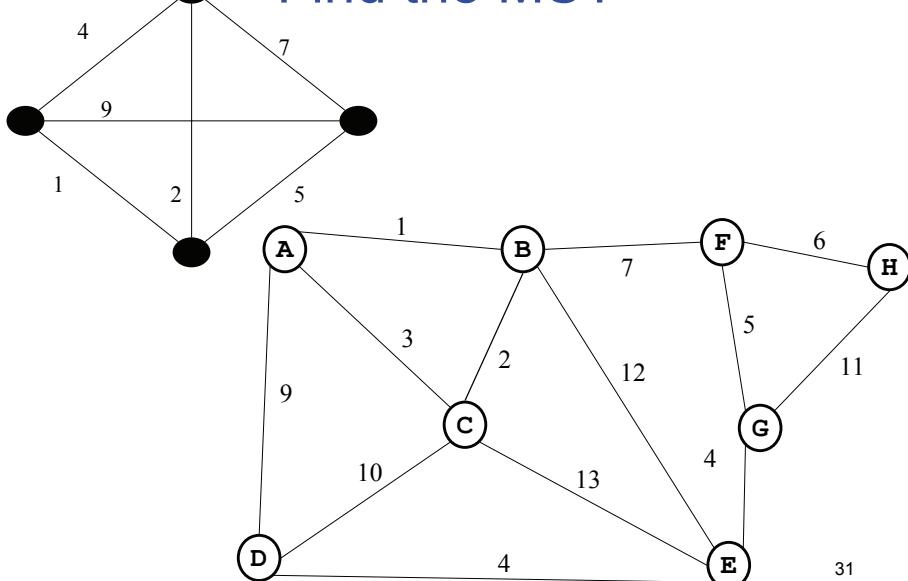
- Input: Undirected Graph $G = (V,E)$ and a cost function C from E to the reals. $C(e)$ is the cost of edge e .
- Output: A spanning tree T with minimum total cost. That is: T that minimizes

$$C(T) = \sum_{e \in T} C(e)$$

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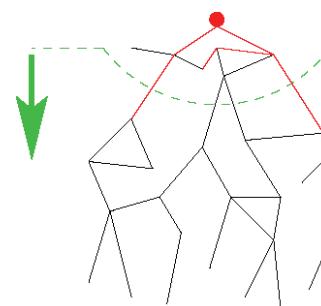
Your Turn

Find the MST



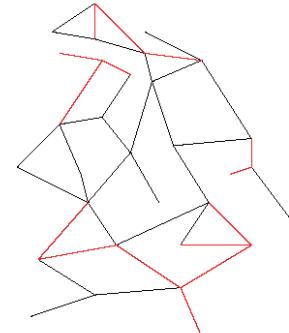
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Two Different Approaches



Prim's Algorithm

Almost identical to Dijkstra's



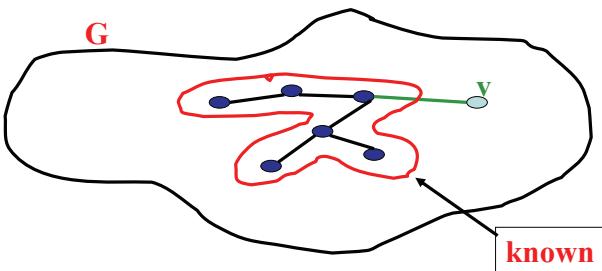
Kruskals's Algorithm

Completely different!

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Prim's algorithm

Idea: Grow a tree by adding an edge from the “known” vertices to the “unknown” vertices. Pick the edge with the smallest weight.



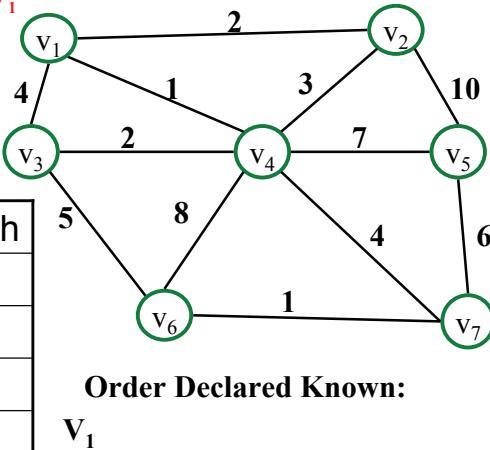
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Your Turn

Find MST using
Prim's

V	Kwn	Distance	path
v1			
v2			
v3			
v4			
v5			
v6			
v7			

Start with v_1



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Prim's Algorithm for MST

A **node-based greedy algorithm**
Builds MST by greedily adding nodes

1. Select a node to be the “root”
 - mark it as known
 - Update cost of all its neighbors
2. While there are unknown nodes left in the graph
 - a. Select an unknown node b with the smallest cost from some *known* node a
 - b. Mark b as known
 - c. Add (a, b) to MST
 - d. Update cost of all nodes adjacent to b

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Prim's Algorithm Analysis

Running time:

Same as Dijkstra's: $O(|E| \log |V| + |V| \log |V|)$
Can we reduce this?

Correctness:

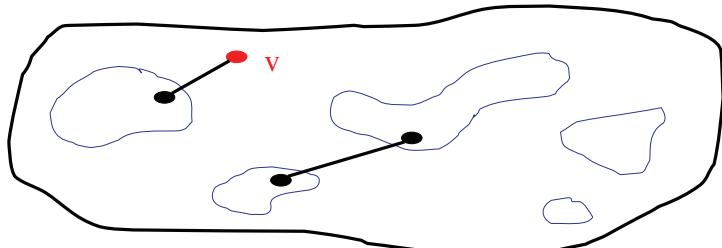
Proof is similar to Dijkstra's

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Kruskal's MST Algorithm

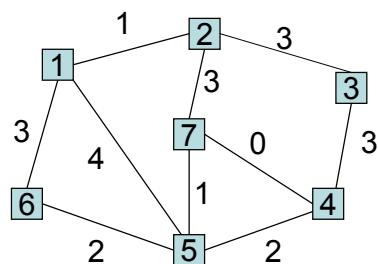
Idea: Grow a **forest** out of edges that do not create a cycle. Pick an edge with the smallest weight.

$G=(V,E)$



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Example of Kruskal 1



(7,4) (2,1) (7,5) (5,6) (5,4) (1,6) (2,7) (2,3) (3,4) (1,5)
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Kruskal's Algorithm for MST

An **edge-based greedy algorithm**

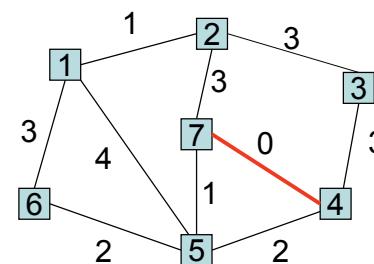
Builds MST by greedily adding edges

1. Initialize with
 - empty MST
 - all vertices marked unconnected
 - all edges unmarked
2. While there are still unmarked edges
 - a. Pick the lowest cost edge (u,v) and mark it
 - b. If u and v are not already connected, add (u,v) to the MST and mark u and v as connected to each other

Doesn't it sound familiar?

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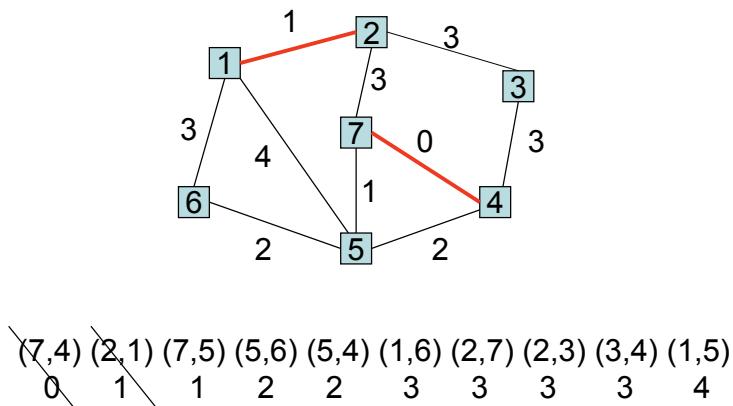
Example of Kruskal 2



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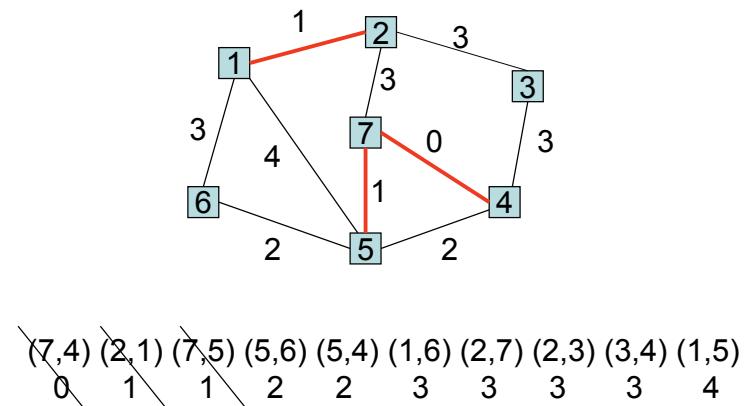
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Example of Kruskal 2



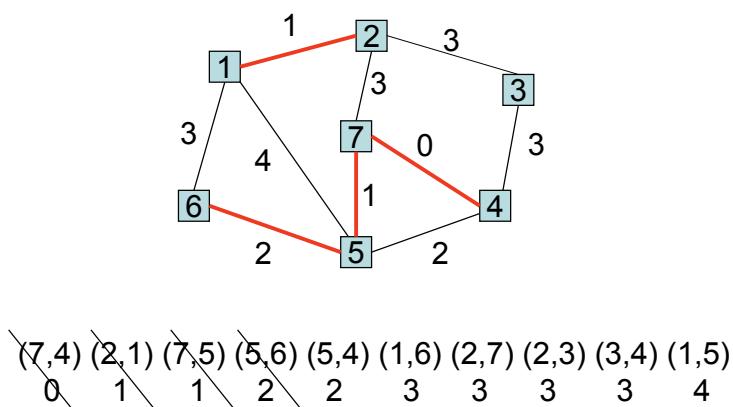
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Example of Kruskal 3



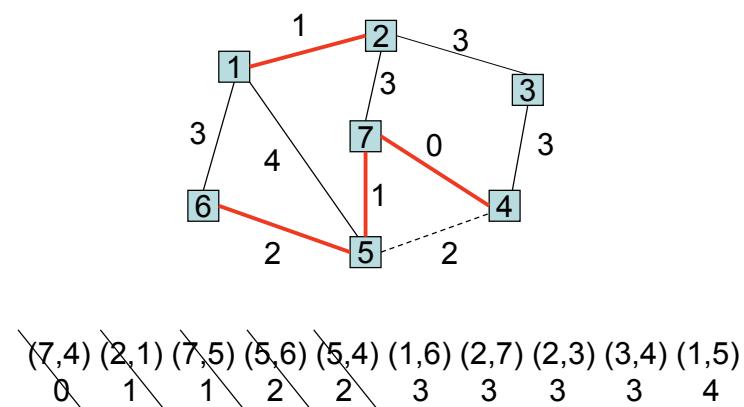
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Example of Kruskal 4



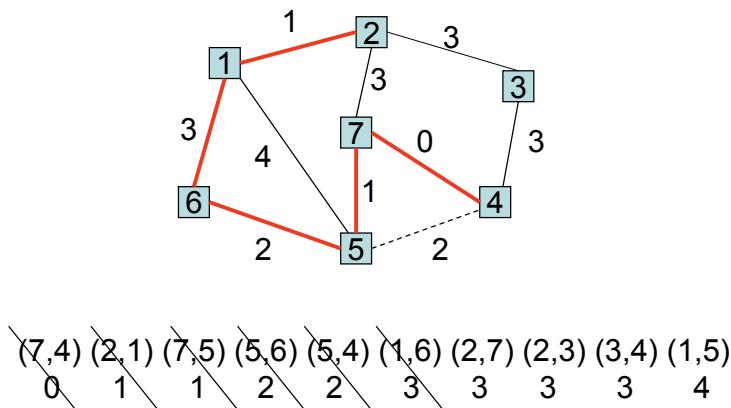
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Example of Kruskal 5



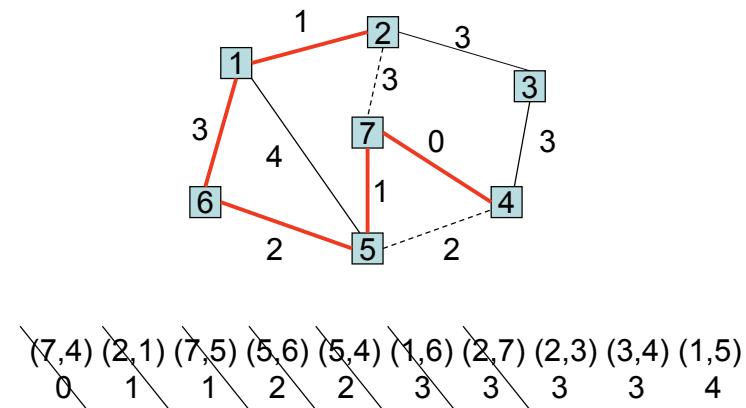
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Example of Kruskal 6



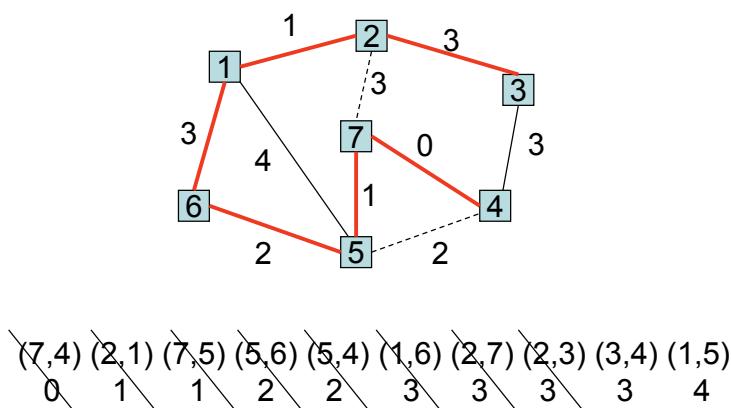
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Example of Kruskal 7



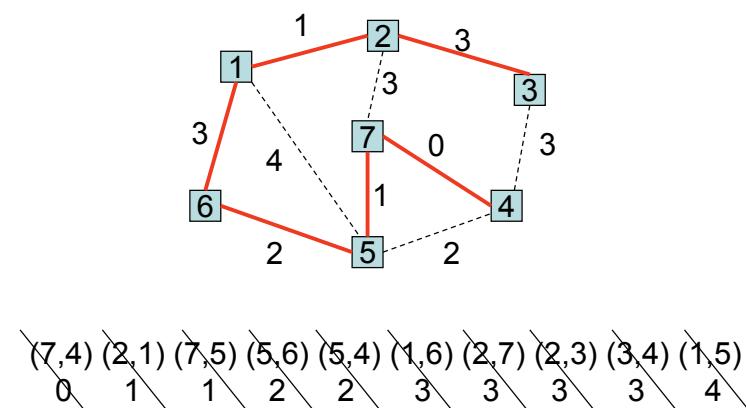
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Example of Kruskal 7



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Example of Kruskal 8,9



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Data Structures for Kruskal

- Sorted edge list

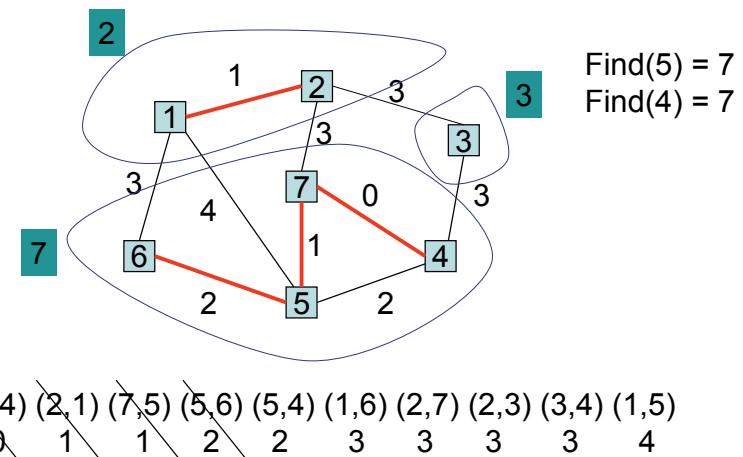
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- Disjoint Union / Find

- Union(a, b) - union the disjoint sets named by a and b
- Find(a) returns the name of the set containing a

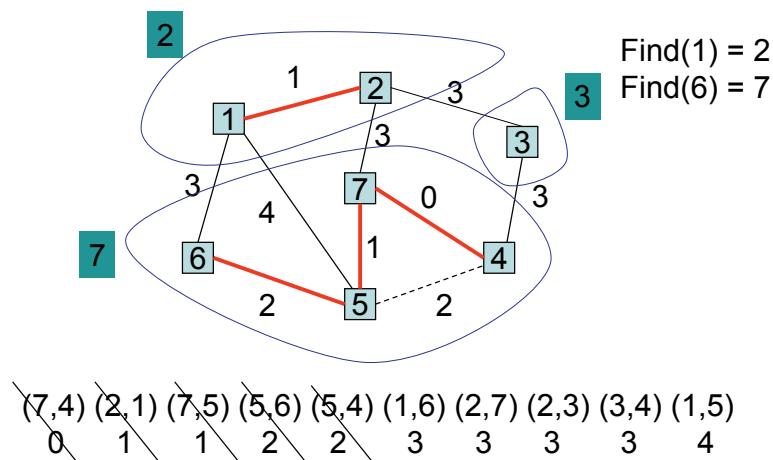
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Example of DU/F 1



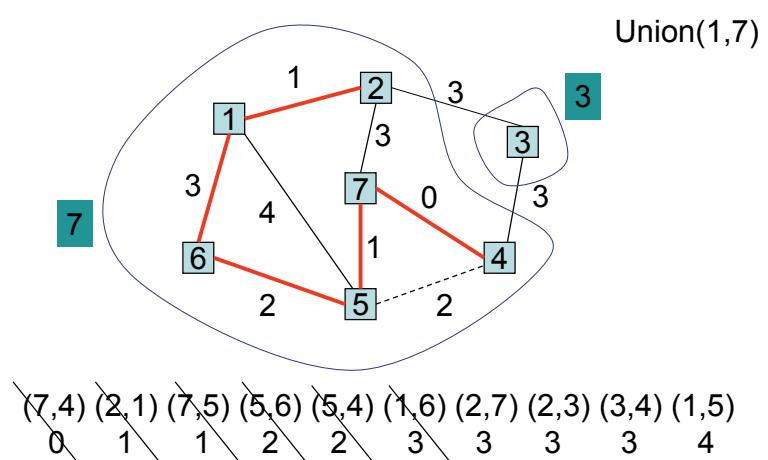
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Example of DU/F 2



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Example of DU/F 3



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Kruskal's Algorithm with DU / F

```

Sort the edges by increasing cost;
Initialize A to be empty;
for each edge (i,j) chosen in increasing order do
    u := Find(i);
    v := Find(j);
    if not(u = v) then
        add (i,j) to A;
        Union(u,v);
    
```

This algorithm will work, but it goes through all the edges.

Is this always necessary?

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Kruskal code

```

void Graph::kruskal() {
    int edgesAccepted = 0;
    DisjSet s(NUM_VERTICES);

    while (edgesAccepted < NUM_VERTICES - 1) {
        e = smallest weight edge not deleted yet;
        // edge e = (u, v)
        uset = s.find(u);
        vset = s.find(v);
        if (uset != vset) {
            edgesAccepted++;
            s.unionSets(uset, vset);
        }
    }
}

Total Cost:
    
```

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Kruskal's Algorithm: Correctness

It clearly generates a spanning tree. Call it T_K .

Suppose T_K is *not* minimum:

Pick another spanning tree T_{\min} with *lower cost* than T_K

Pick the smallest edge $e_1 = (u, v)$ in T_K that is not in T_{\min}

T_{\min} already has a path p in T_{\min} from u to v

⇒ Adding e_1 to T_{\min} will create a cycle in T_{\min}

Pick an edge e_2 in p that Kruskal's algorithm considered
after adding e_1 (must exist: u and v unconnected when e_1 considered)

⇒ $\text{cost}(e_2) \geq \text{cost}(e_1)$

⇒ can replace e_2 with e_1 in T_{\min} without increasing cost!

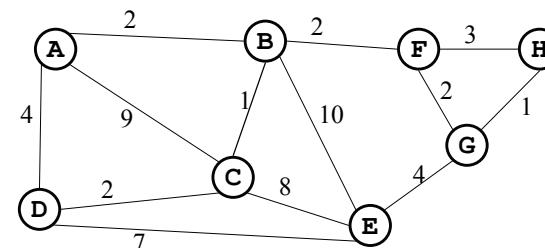
Keep doing this until T_{\min} is identical to T_K

⇒ T_K must also be minimal – contradiction!

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Your Turn

Find MST using Prim's and Kruskal's



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Reducing Best to Minimum

Let $P(e)$ be the probability that an edge doesn't fail.
Define:

$$C(e) = -\log_{10}(P(e))$$

Minimizing $\sum_{e \in T} C(e)$

is equivalent to maximizing $\prod_{e \in T} P(e)$

because $\prod_{e \in T} P(e) = \prod_{e \in T} 10^{-C(e)} = 10^{-\sum_{e \in T} C(e)}$