



# CSE332: Data Abstractions

## Lecture 25: Minimum Spanning Trees

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# *A quick note about Gradescope*



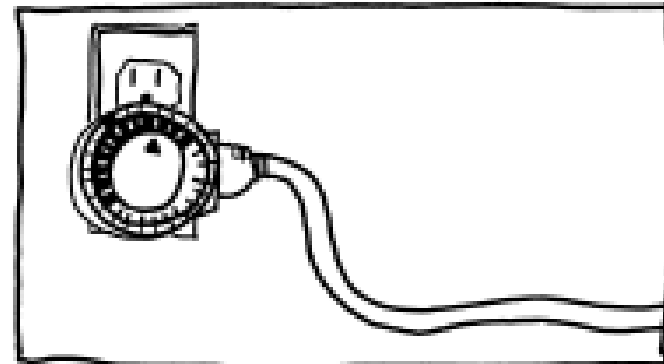
# Today's XKCD

FIGURING OUT WHY MY HOME  
SERVER KEEPS RUNNING OUT  
OF SWAP SPACE AND CRASHING:



1-10 HOURS

PLUGGING IT INTO A LIGHT TIMER  
SO IT REBOOTS EVERY 24 HOURS:



5 MINUTES

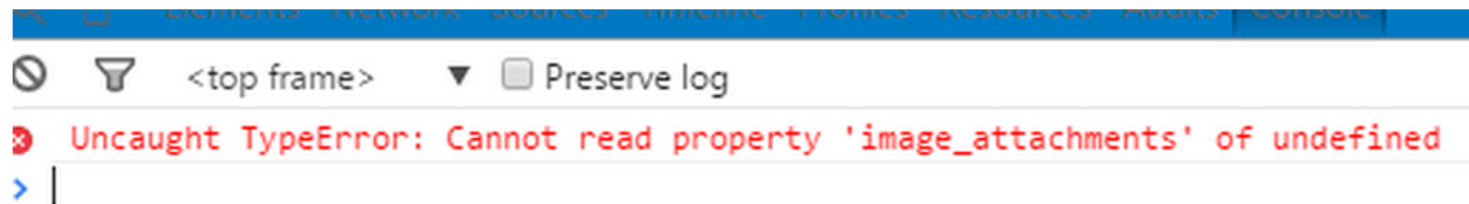
WHY EVERYTHING I HAVE IS BROKEN

# *You guys are awesome*



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# Do you still see this?

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**Homework 7** ● UNGRAD

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QUESTION 1

Amdahl's Law: Graphing the Pain 2 p

1.1 ..... a 1 p

1.2 ..... b 1 p

QUESTION 2

Filter "Pack" 3 p

2.1 ..... Java Code: Mapping to a Bit Vector 1 p

2.2 ..... Prefix Tree Drawing(s) 1 p

2.3 ..... Java Code: Mapping from Parallel Prefix Output to Final Output 1 p

QUESTION 3

Parallel Quicksort 2 p

3.1 ..... a 1 p

3.2 ..... b 1 p

1.1: a

Resubmit →

# *Announcements*

- **Homework 8** – the last homework!
  - due Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11PM
- **Project 3** – the last programming project!
  - ALL Code - Tues March 10, 2015 11PM
  - Experiments & Writeup - Thurs March 12, 2015, 11PM

# *“Scheduling note”*

- “We now return to our interrupted program” on graphs
  - Last “graph lecture” was lecture 16
    - Shortest-path problem
    - Dijkstra’s algorithm for graphs with non-negative weights
- Why this strange schedule?
  - Needed to do parallelism and concurrency in time for project 3 and homeworks 6, 7, and 8
- So: not the most logical order, but hopefully not a big deal

# 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

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

- $\sum_{(u,v) \in E'} c_{uv}$  is minimal

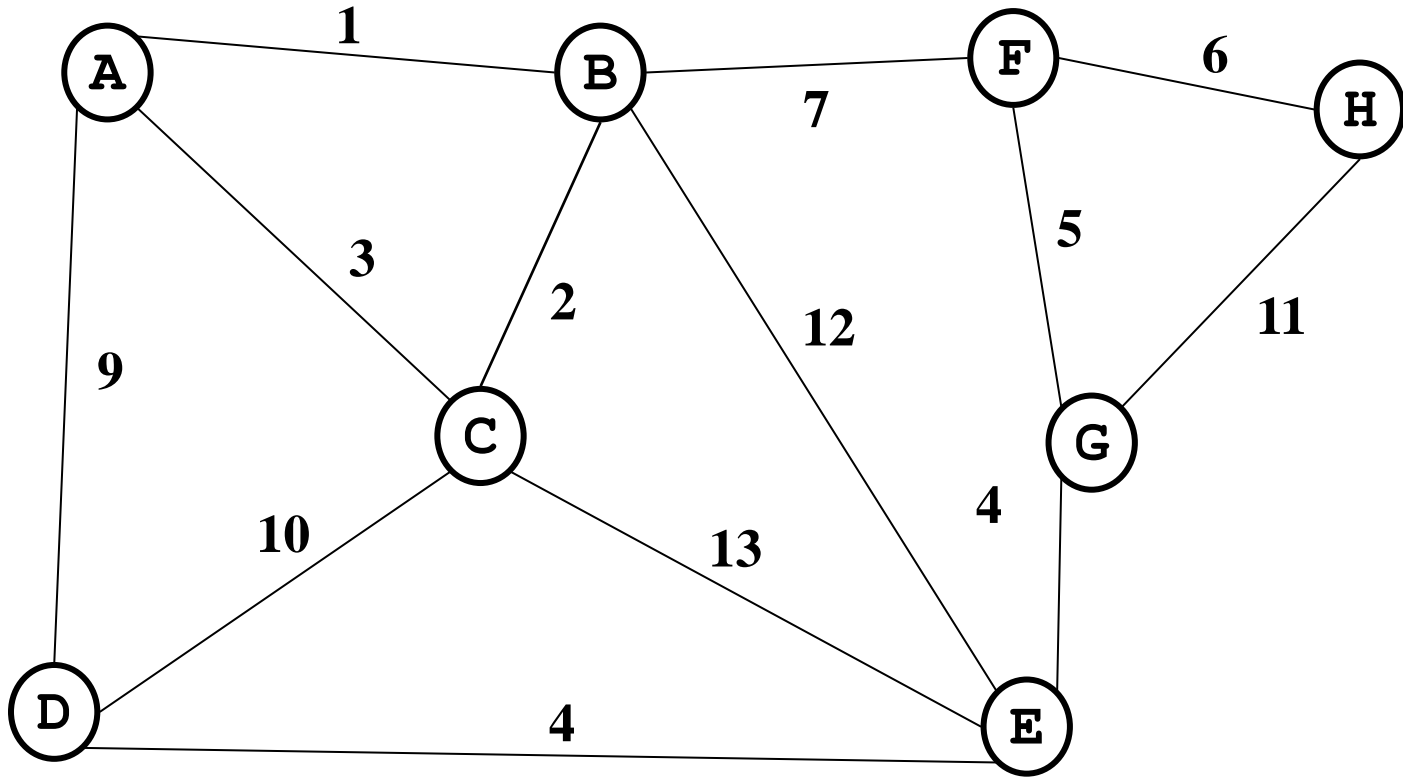
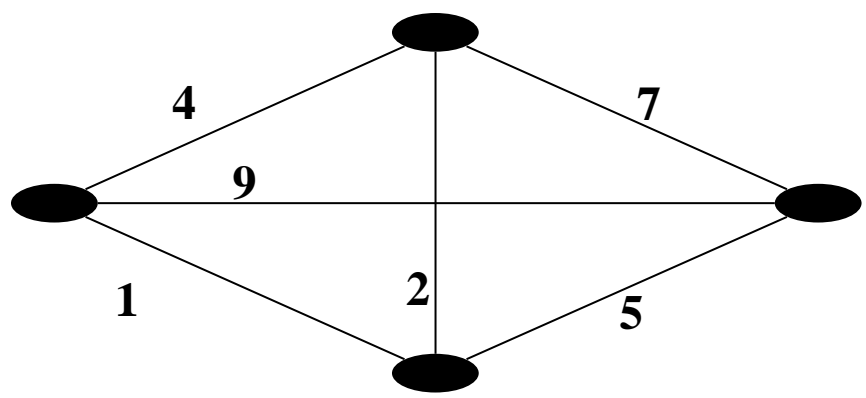
## Applications:

- Example: Electrical wiring for a house or clock wires on a chip
- Example: A road network if you cared about asphalt cost rather than travel time

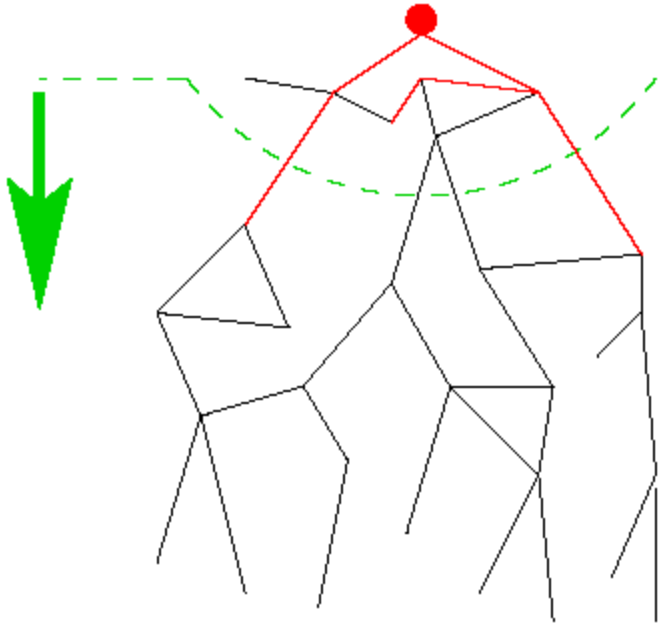


**Student Activity**

*Find the MST*

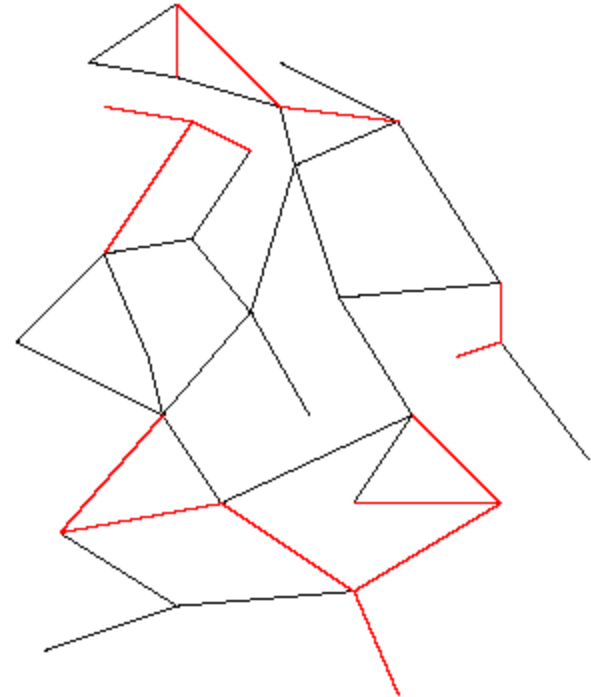


# Two Different Approaches



**Prim's Algorithm**

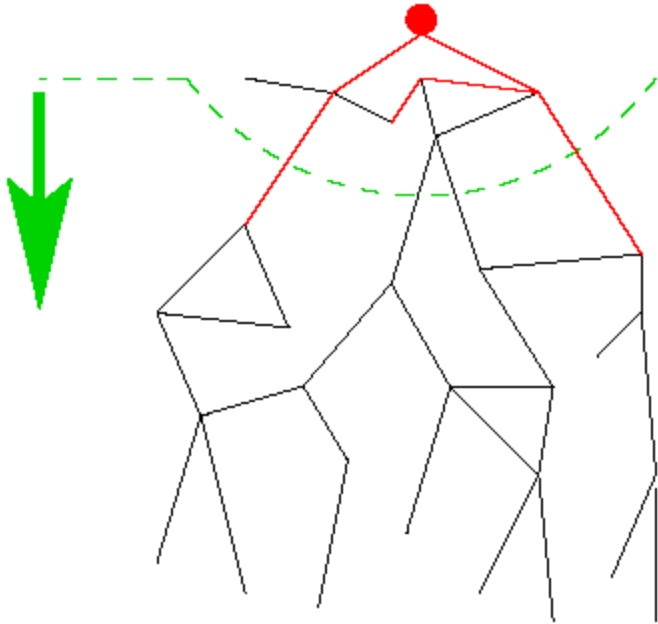
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**Kruskals's Algorithm**

**Completely different!**

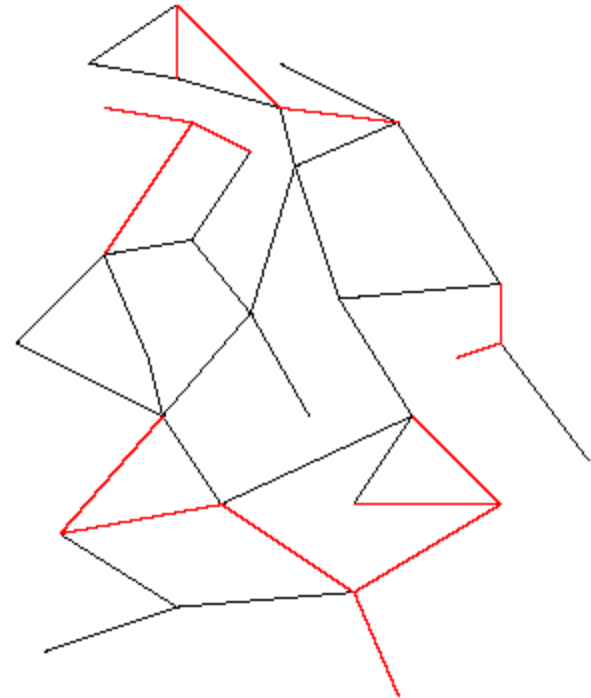
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## Prim's Algorithm

Almost identical to Dijkstra's

One node, grow greedily



## Kruskals's Algorithm

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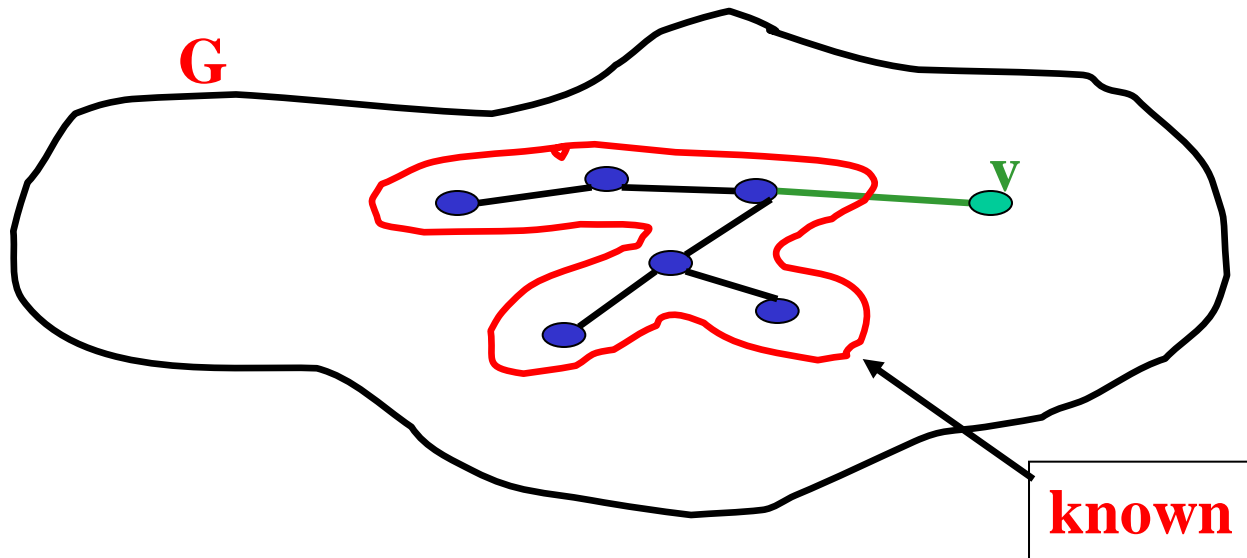
Forest of MSTs,  
*Union* them together.  
I wonder how to union...

# Prim's algorithm

**Idea:** Grow a tree by picking a vertex from the unknown set that has the smallest cost. Here cost = cost of the edge that connects that vertex to the known set. *Pick the vertex with the smallest cost that connects “known” to “unknown.”*

**A node-based greedy algorithm**

**Builds MST by greedily adding nodes**



# *Prim's Algorithm vs. Dijkstra's*

Recall:

Dijkstra picked the unknown vertex with smallest cost where  
cost = ***distance to the source***.

Prim's pick the unknown vertex with smallest cost where  
cost = ***distance from this vertex to the known set*** (in other words,  
the cost of the smallest edge connecting this vertex to the known  
set)

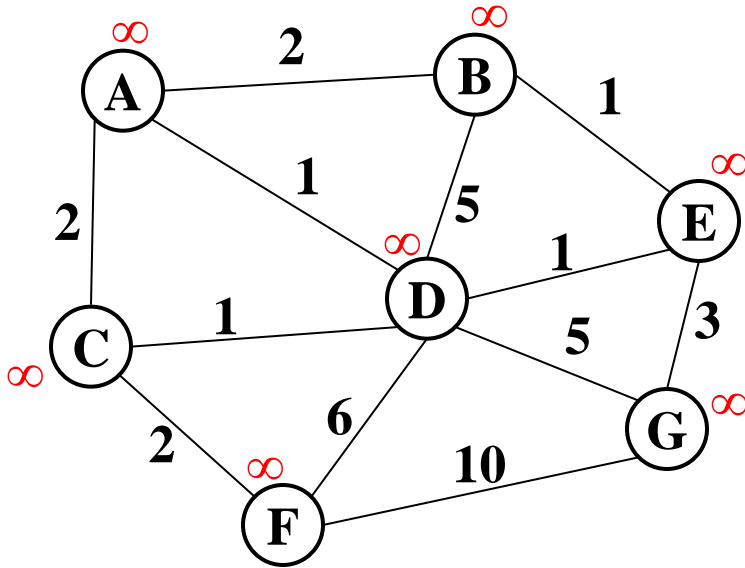
- Otherwise identical
- Compare to slides in lecture 16!

# *Prim's Algorithm for MST*

1. For each node  $v$ , set  $v.cost = \infty$  and  $v.known = false$
2. Choose any node  $v$ . (this is like your “start” vertex in Dijkstra)
  - a) Mark  $v$  as known
  - b) For each edge  $(v, u)$  with weight  $w$ :  
set  $u.cost = w$  and  $u.prev = v$
3. While there are unknown nodes in the graph
  - a) Select the unknown node  $v$  with lowest **cost**
  - b) Mark  $v$  as known and add  $(v, v.prev)$  to output (the MST)
  - c) For each edge  $(v, u)$  with weight  $w$ ,

```
        if(w < u.cost) {
            u.cost = w;
            u.prev = v;
        }
```

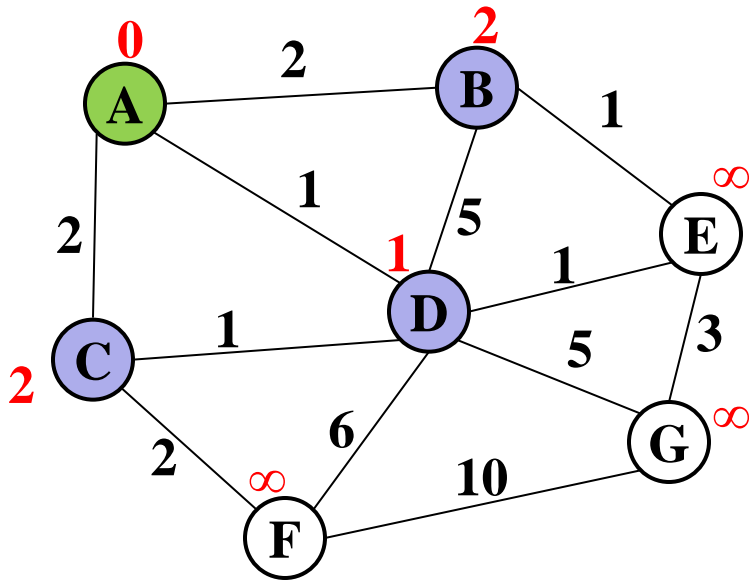
# Example: Find MST using Prim's



Order added to known set:

vertex	known?	cost	prev
A		??	
B		??	
C		??	
D		??	
E		??	
F		??	
G		??	

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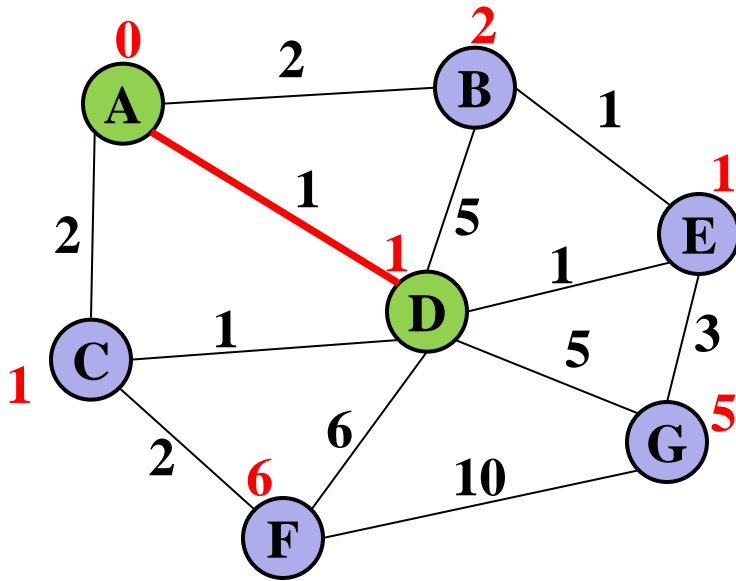
Order added to known set:

A

vertex	known?	cost	prev
A	Y	0	
B		2	A
C		2	A
D		1	A
E		??	
F		??	
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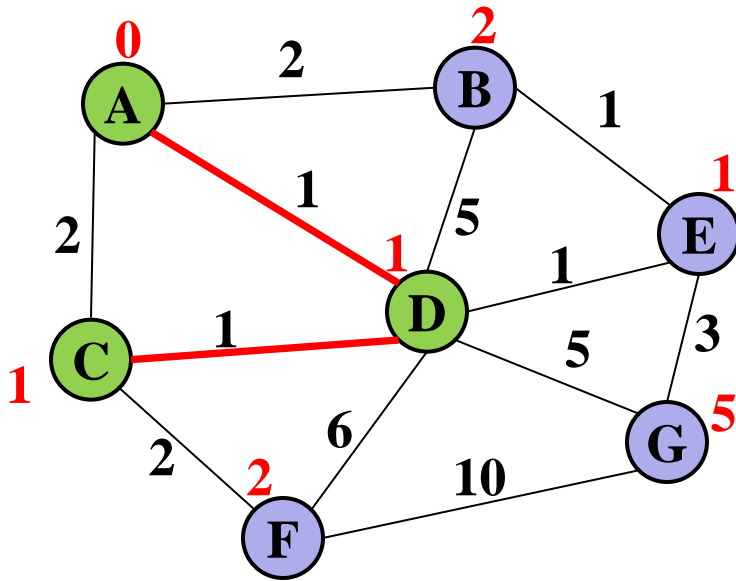


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D	Y	1	A
E		1	D
F		6	D
G		5	D

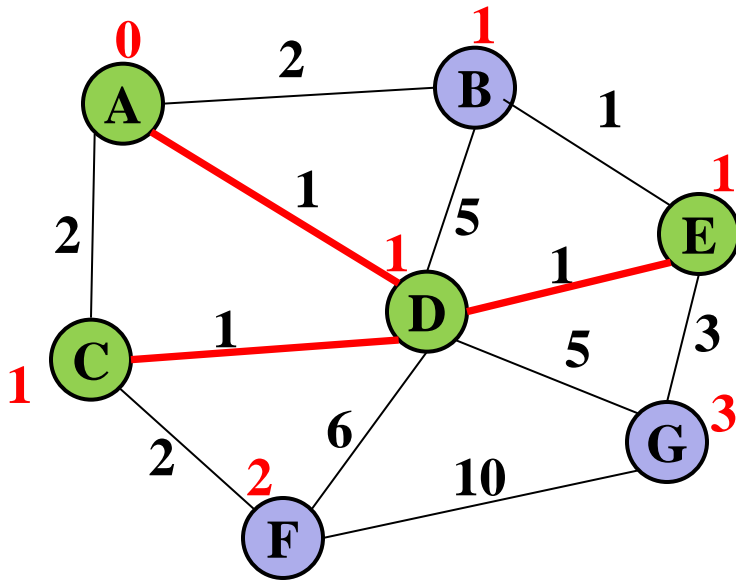
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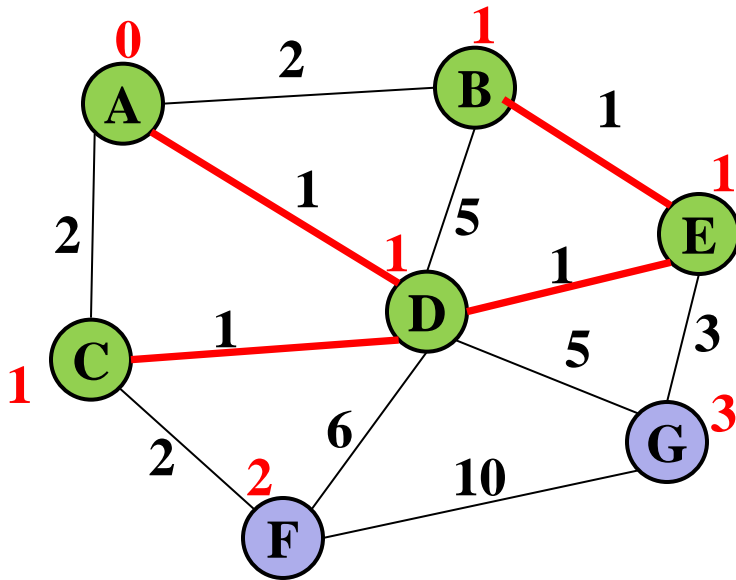
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G		3	E

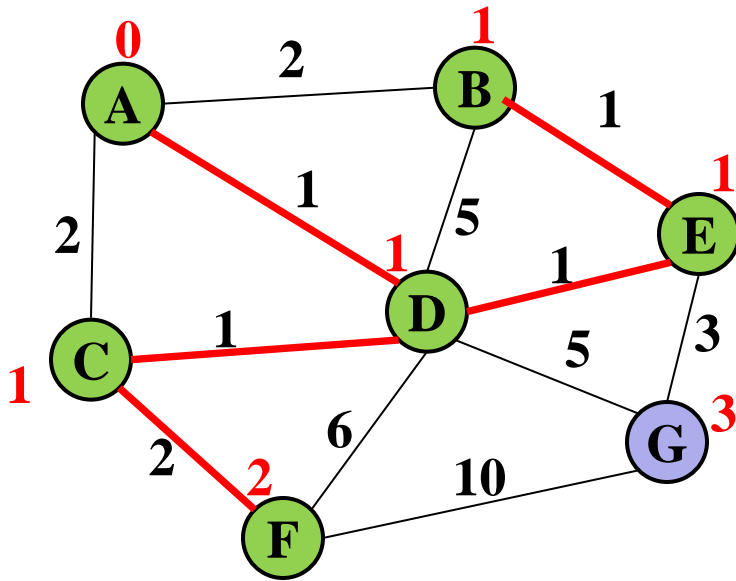
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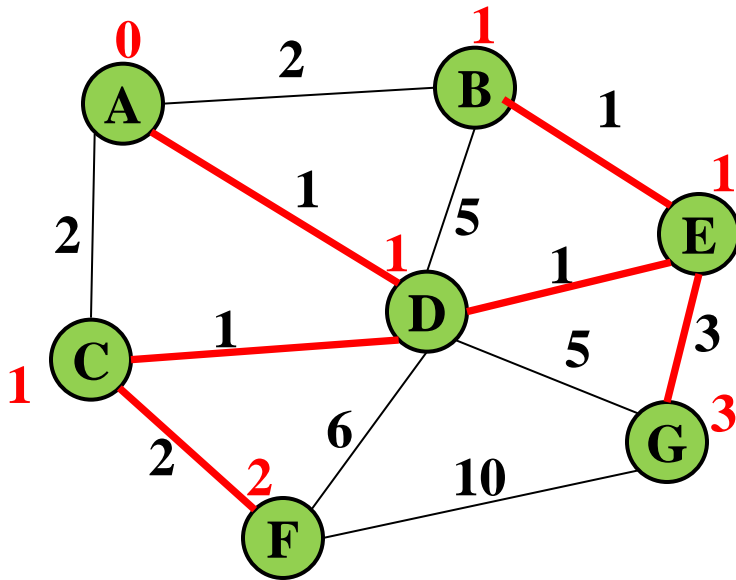
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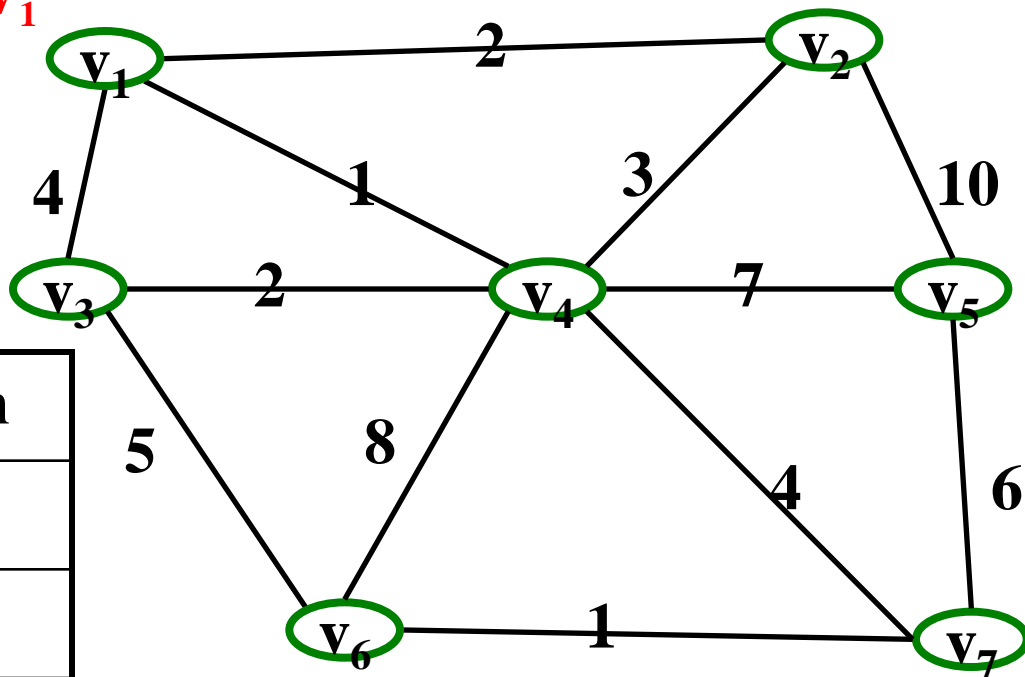
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Start with  $V_1$

Find MST using Prim's



Order Declared Known:

$V_1$

Total Cost:

V	Kwn	Distance	path
v1			
v2			
v3			
v4			
v5			
v6			
v7			

# *Prim's Analysis*

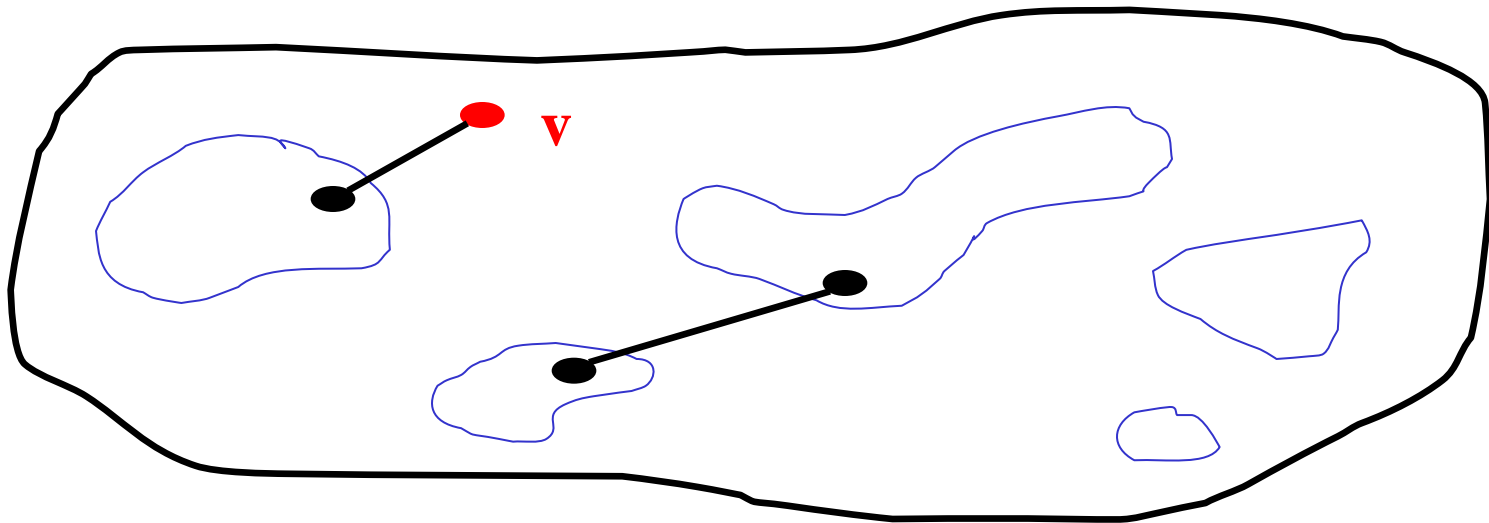
- Correctness ??
  - A bit tricky
  - Intuitively similar to Dijkstra
  - Might return to this time permitting (unlikely)
- Run-time
  - Same as Dijkstra
  - $O(|E| \log |V|)$  using a priority queue



# Kruskal's MST Algorithm

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

$G=(V,E)$



# *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 all vertices are not connected
  - 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

## *Aside: Union-Find aka Disjoint Set ADT*

- **Union(x,y)** – take the union of two sets named x and y
  - Given sets: {3,5,7} , {4,2,8}, {9}, {1,6}
  - **Union(5,1)**  
Result: {3,5,7,1,6}, {4,2,8}, {9},
  - To perform the union operation, we replace sets x and y by  $(x \cup y)$
- **Find(x)** – return the name of the set containing x.
  - Given sets: {3,5,7,1,6}, {4,2,8}, {9},
  - **Find(1)** returns 5
  - **Find(4)** returns 8
- We can do Union in constant time.
- We can get Find to be ***amortized*** constant time (worst case  $O(\log n)$  for an individual Find operation).

# Kruskal's pseudo code

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

```
    while (edgesAccepted < NUM_VERTICES - 1) {  
        e = smallest weight edge not deleted yet;
```

**|E| heap ops**



```
        // edge e = (u, v)
```

```
        uset = s.find(u);
```

**2|E| finds**



```
        vset = s.find(v);
```

```
        if (uset != vset) {
```

```
            edgesAccepted++;
```

```
            s.unionSets(uset, vset);
```

**|V| unions**



```
        }
```

```
    }
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```
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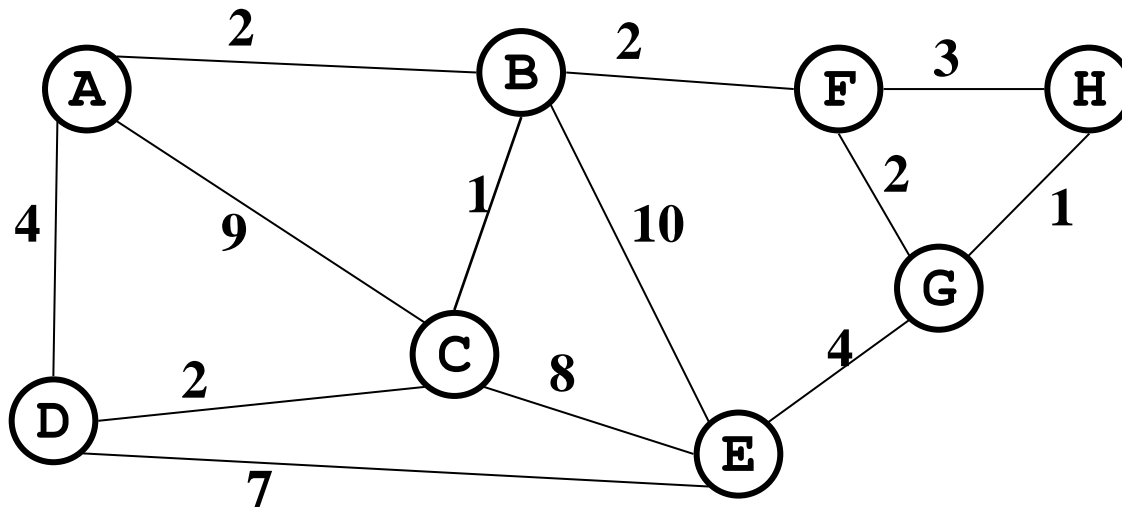
On heap of  
edges  
Delete min =  
 $\log |E|$

One for each  
vertex in the  
edge  
Find =  $\log |V|$

Union =  $O(1)$

$|E| \log |E| + \underline{2|E|\log|V| + |V|}$   
 $O(|E|\log|E| + |E|\sim O(1)) = O(|E|\log|E|) = O(|E|\log|V|)$   
b/c  $\log |E| < \log |V|^2 = 2\log|V|$

# Find MST using Kruskal's

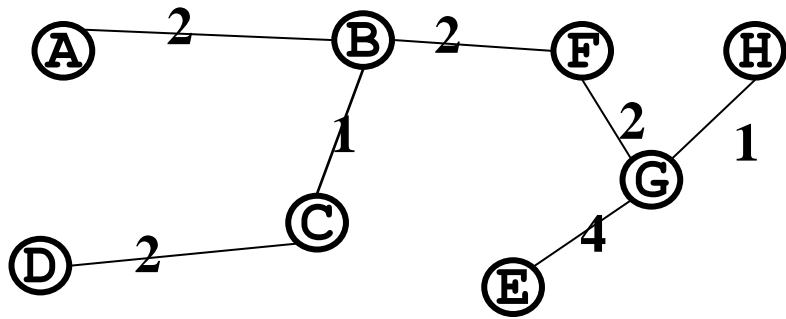


Total Cost:

- Now find the MST using Prim's method.
- Under what conditions will these methods give the same result?

# *Draw the UpTree*

<b>Nodes</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
Parent								
Size								

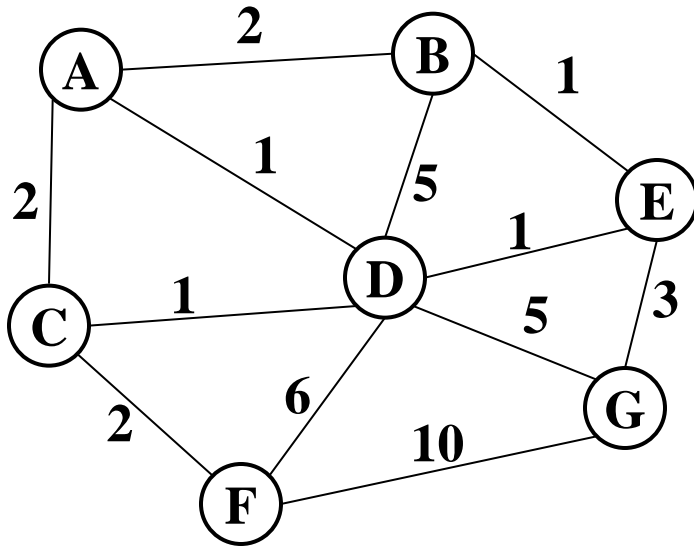


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## Example: Find MST using Kruskal's



Edges in sorted order:

1: (A,D), (C,D), (B,E), (D,E)

2: (A,B), (C,F), (A,C)

3: (E,G)

5: (D,G), (B,D)

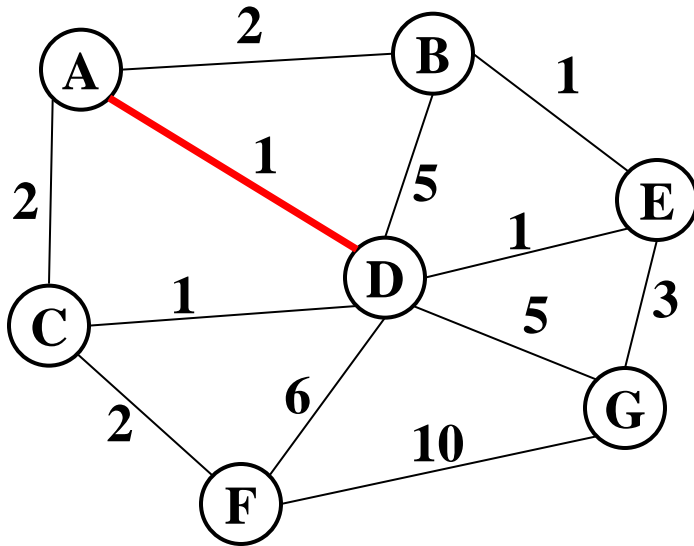
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Output:

Note: At each step, the union/find sets are the trees in the forest

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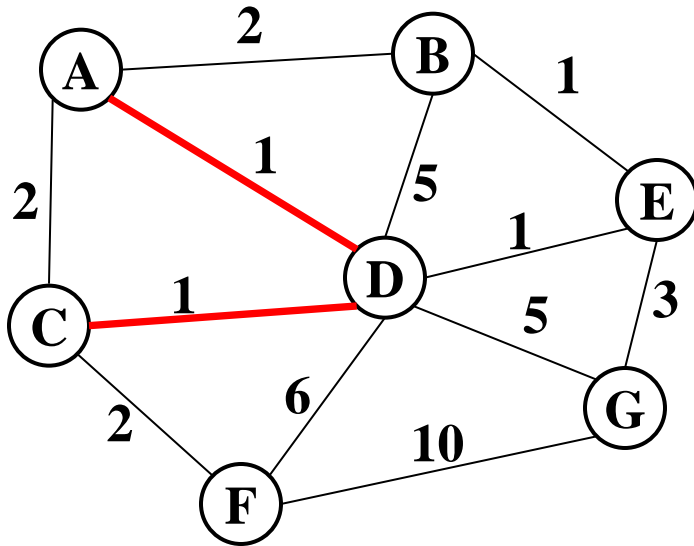
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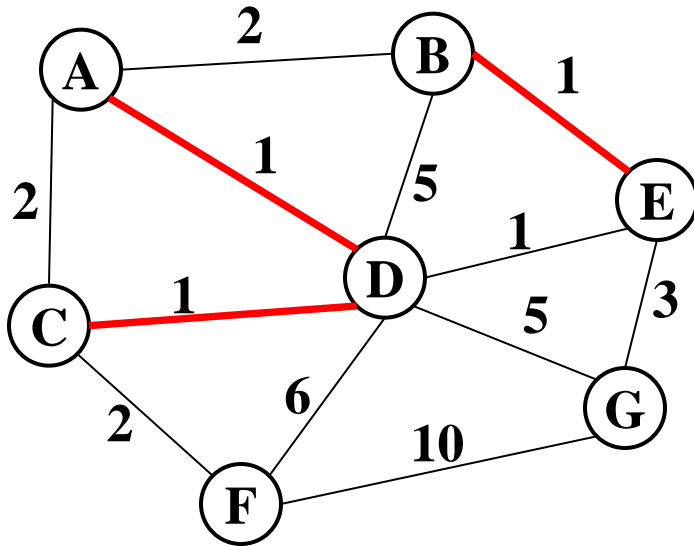
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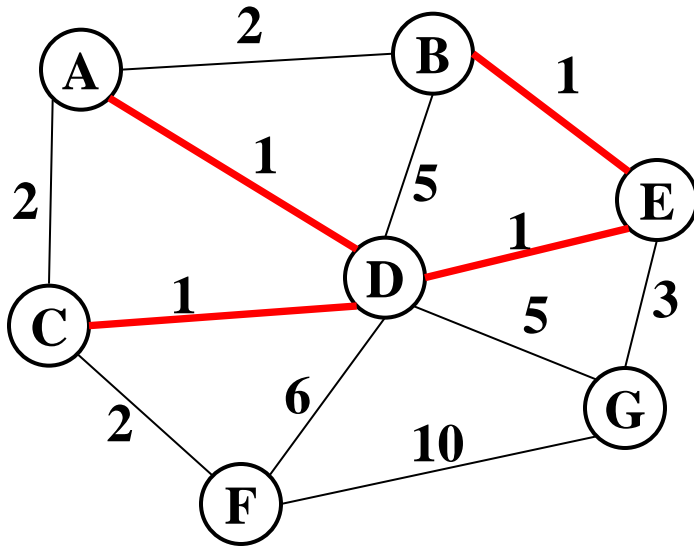
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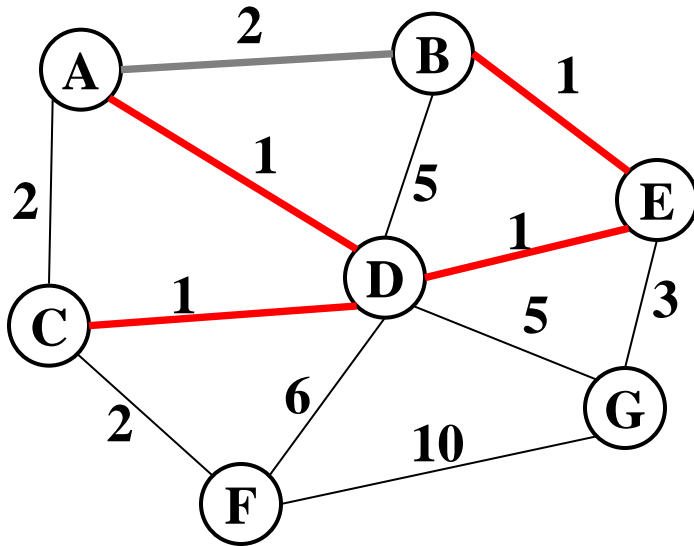
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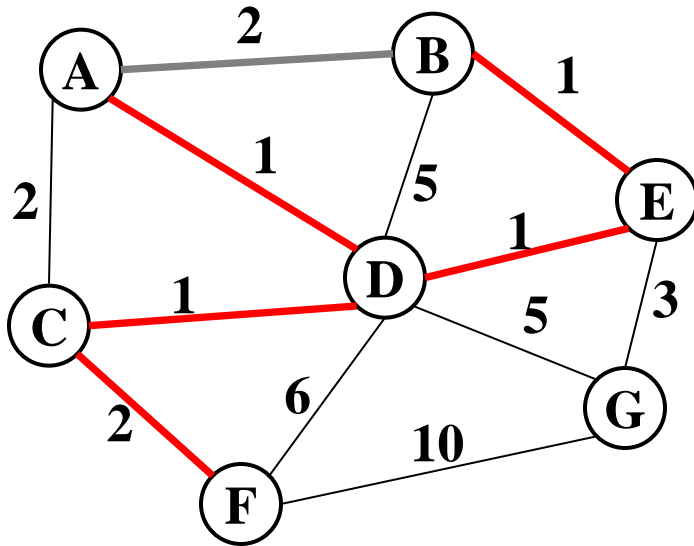
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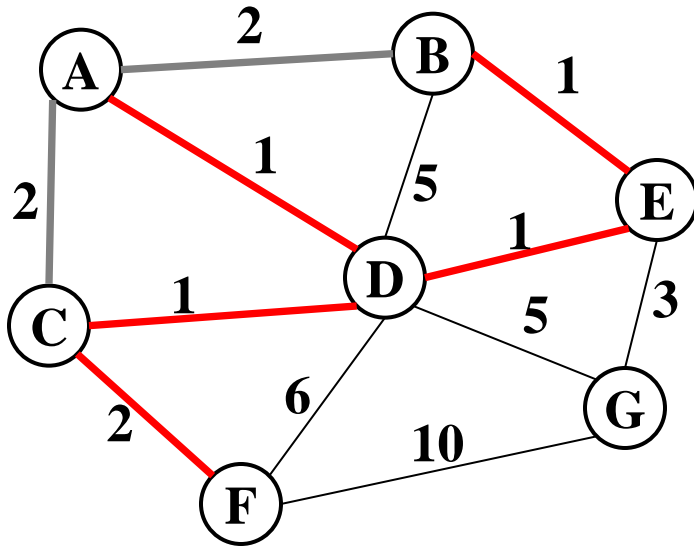
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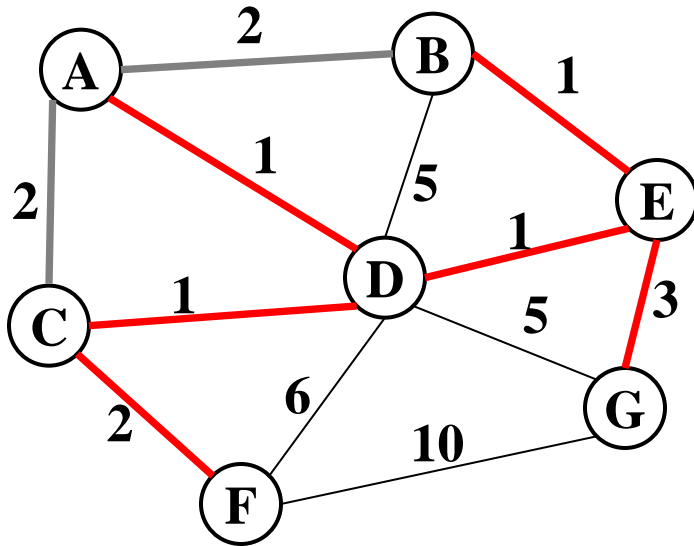
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# Correctness

Kruskal's algorithm is clever, simple, and efficient

- But does it generate a minimum spanning tree?
- How can we prove it?

First: it generates a spanning tree

- Intuition: Graph started connected and we added every edge that did not create a cycle
- Proof by contradiction: Suppose  $u$  and  $v$  are disconnected in Kruskal's result. Then there's a path from  $u$  to  $v$  in the initial graph with an edge we could add without creating a cycle. But Kruskal would have added that edge. Contradiction.

Second: There is no spanning tree with lower total cost...

# *The inductive proof set-up*

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  (stands for “forest”) be the set of edges Kruskal has added at some point during its execution.

Claim:  $\mathbf{F}$  is a subset of *one or more* MSTs for the graph  
(Therefore, once  $|\mathbf{F}|=|\mathbf{V}|-1$ , we have an MST.)

Proof: By induction on  $|\mathbf{F}|$

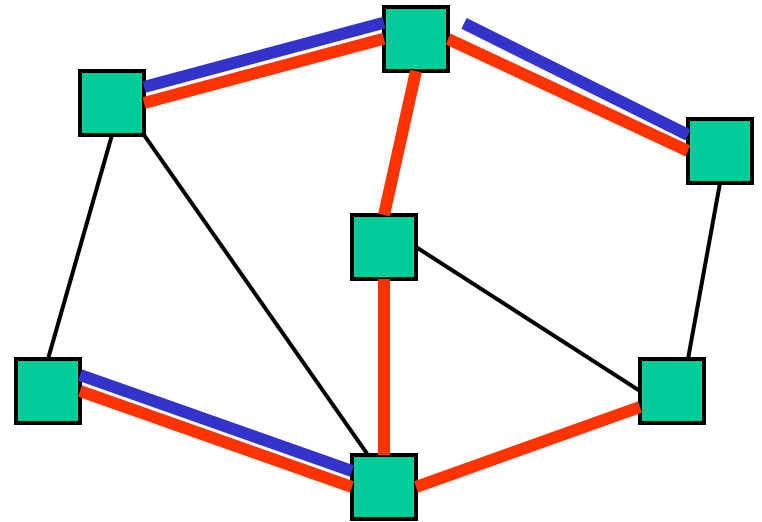
Base case:  $|\mathbf{F}|=0$ : The empty set is a subset of all MSTs

Inductive case:  $|\mathbf{F}|=k+1$ : By induction, before adding the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  edge (call it  $\mathbf{e}$ ), there was some MST  $\mathbf{T}$  such that  $\mathbf{F}-\{\mathbf{e}\} \subseteq \mathbf{T} \dots$

# Staying a subset of **some** MST

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So far: **F**-{**e**}  $\subseteq$  **T**:



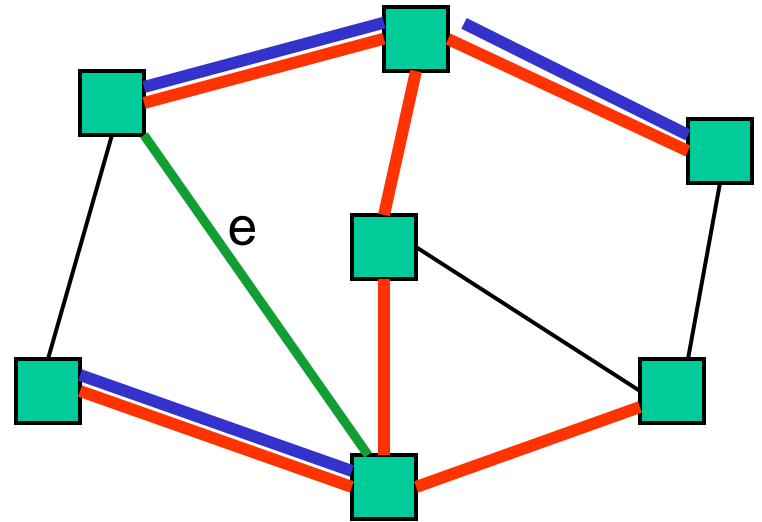
Two disjoint cases:

- If **{e}**  $\subseteq$  **T**: Then **F**  $\subseteq$  **T** and we're done
- Else **e** forms a cycle with some simple path (call it **p**) in **T**
  - Must be since **T** is a spanning tree

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So far:  $\mathbf{F} - \{\mathbf{e}\} \subseteq \mathbf{T}$  and  
 $\mathbf{e}$  forms a cycle with  $\mathbf{p} \subseteq \mathbf{T}$



- There must be an edge  $\mathbf{e2}$  on  $\mathbf{p}$  such that  $\mathbf{e2}$  is not in  $\mathbf{F}$ 
  - Else Kruskal would not have added  $\mathbf{e}$
- Claim:  $\mathbf{e2.weight} == \mathbf{e.weight}$

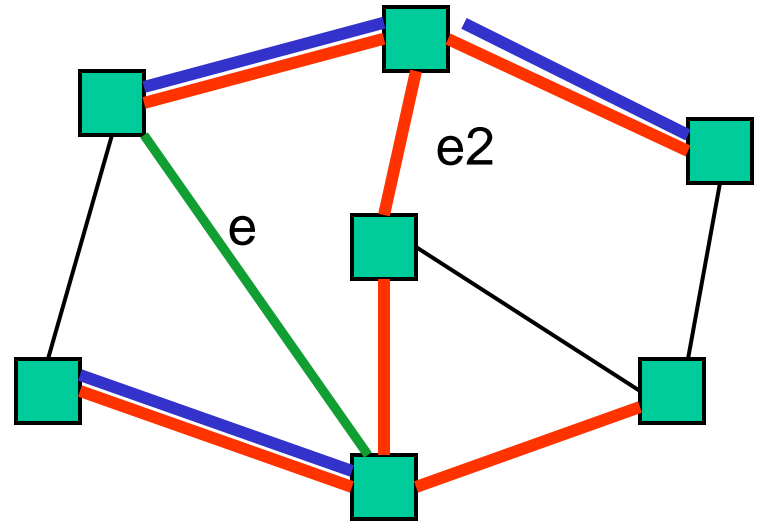
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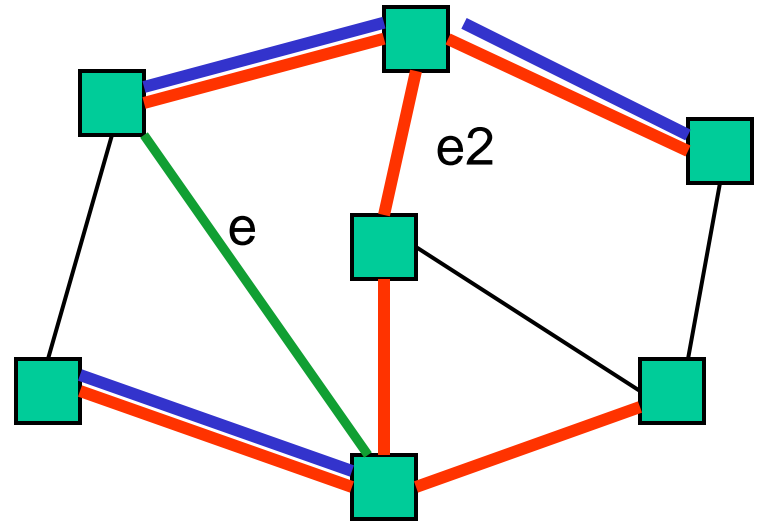
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- Claim: **T** - {**e2**} + {**e**} is an MST
  - It's a spanning tree because **p** - {**e2**} + {**e**} connects the same nodes as **p**
  - It's minimal because its cost equals cost of **T**, an MST
- Since **F**  $\subseteq$  **T** - {**e2**} + {**e**}, **F** is a subset of one or more MSTs

Done.