

Lecture 15 : Graphs 4

Single Source Shortest Path

Task: given start node s in a weighted graph with non-negative edge weights, find the shortest path from s to all other vertices
(or a specific node)

Dijkstra's Algorithm!

intuition: in BFS, we visited nodes in order based on their layer/depth
in Dijkstra, we visit nodes in order based on their distance

Dijkstra's Pseudocode

- ① extract node $curr$ from priority queue
this makes $curr$ "done"
- ② for each not done neighbor of $curr$:
 - update its distance if we have found a better path.

seen = added to PQ

done = removed from PQ

BFS Pseudocode

- ① extract node $curr$
- ② for each not visited neighbor of $curr$:
 - add it to queue
 - depth of neighbor = depth($curr$) + 1

Dijkstra Pseudocode

dijkstra(G, s):

PQ = new priority queue

add s to PQ with priority 0

mark s "seen"

while PQ not empty:

curr = PQ.extract()

mark curr as done

for u in neighbors(curr):

$d = \text{dist to curr} + w(\text{curr}, u)$

if u not "seen":

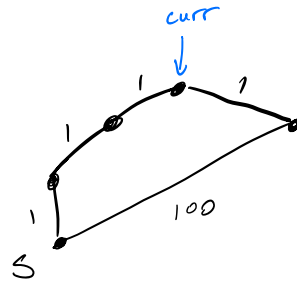
mark u seen

PQ.add(u, d)

if u not done AND $d < \text{dist to } u$:

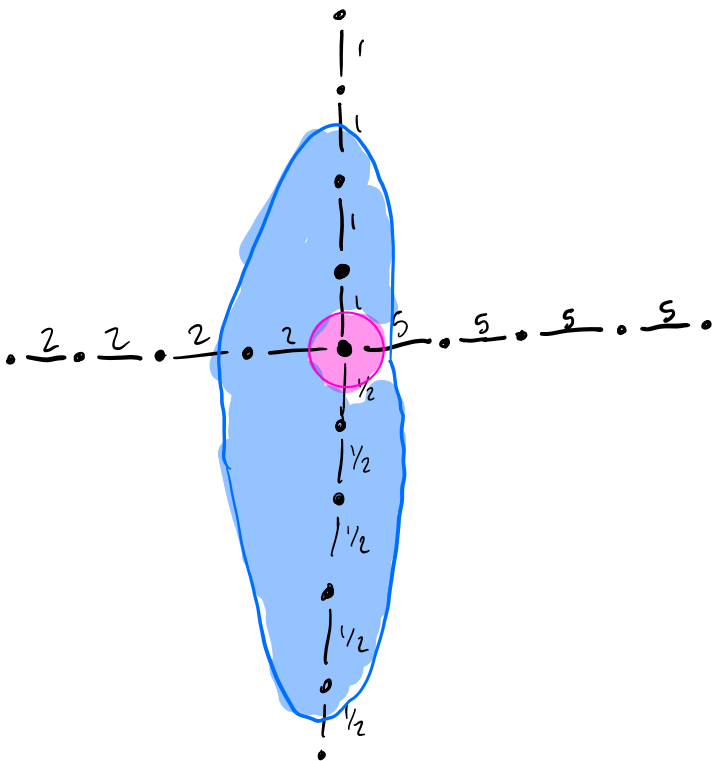
distance to $u = d$

PQ.decreaseKey(u, d)

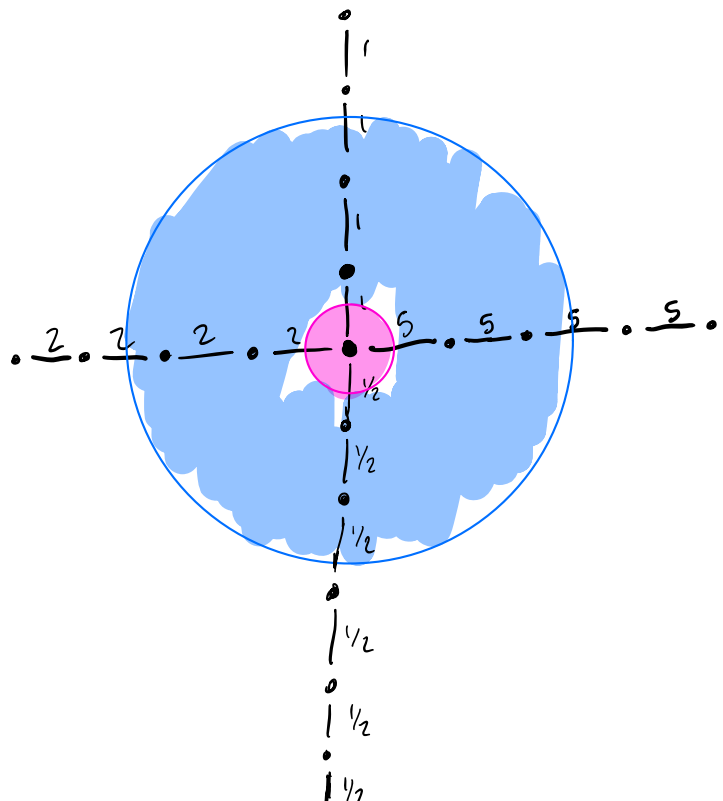


Runtime?

Dijkstra

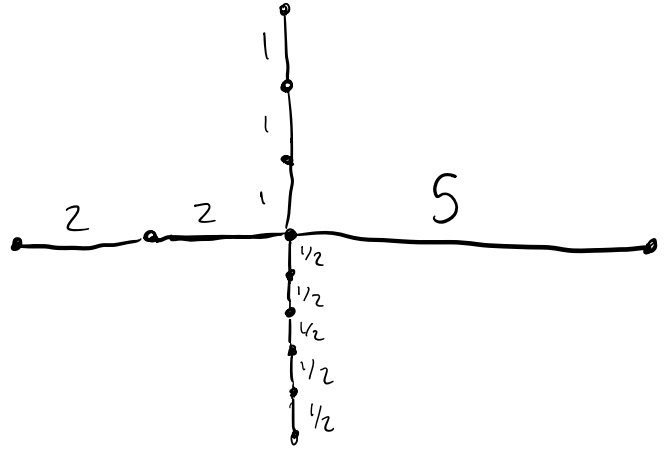
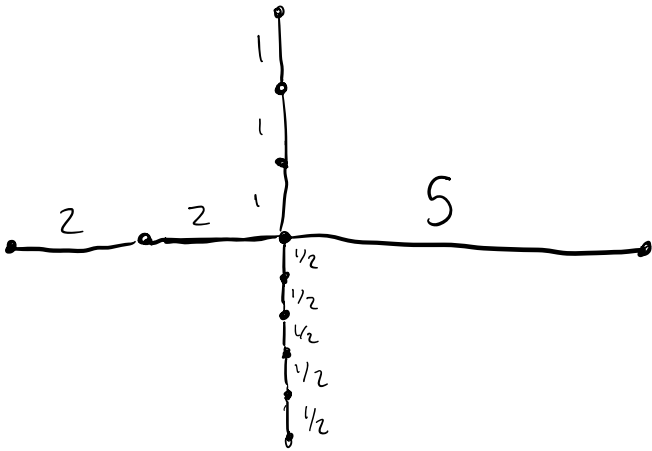


BFS

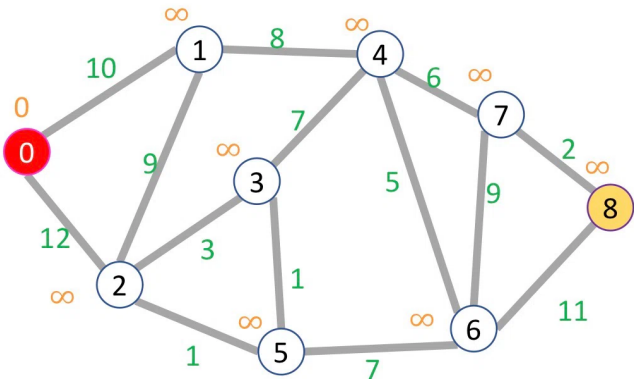


Dijkstra

BFS



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node seen? done? distance

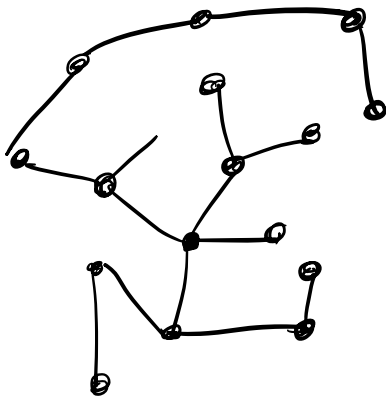
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1			∞
2			∞
3			∞
4			∞
5			∞
6			∞
7			∞
8			∞

PQ:

Minimum Spanning Trees

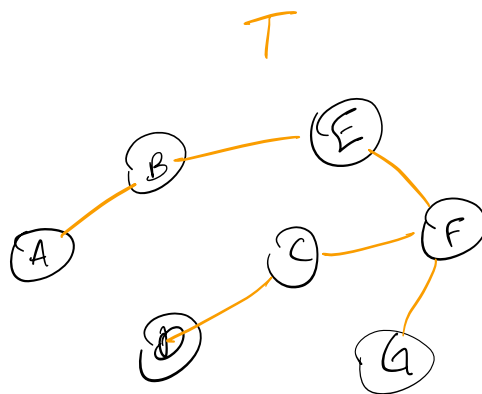
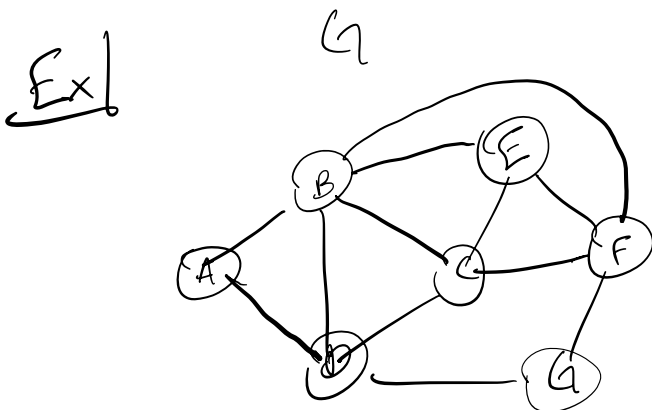
recall trees are (connected) graphs with no cycles

question: how many edges in a tree?



Def (spanning tree) $T = (V_T, E_T)$ is a spanning tree

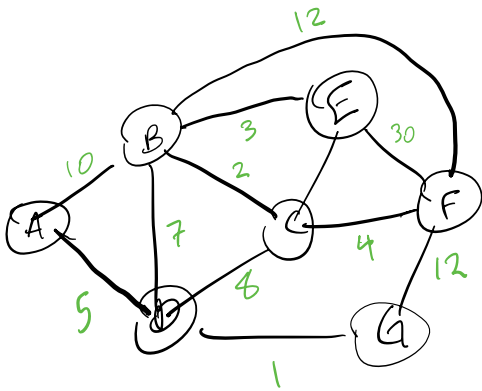
for $G = (V, E)$ iff $V_T = V$, $E_T \subseteq E$, and T is a tree.



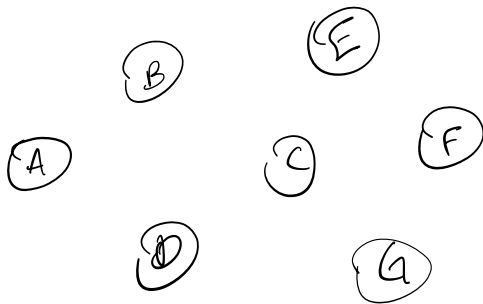
Aside: The number of spanning trees for a complete graph on n vertices is n^{n-2}

Def (Minimum Spanning Tree) Given a (weighted) graph $G = (V, E)$ and weight function $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $T = (V, E_T)$ is a minimum spanning tree if T is a spanning tree and has minimum cost

$$\text{cost}(T) = \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e)$$



minimum spanning tree T



$$\text{cost}(T) =$$

intuition: any "trade" only increases cost.

question: is the minimum spanning tree unique?

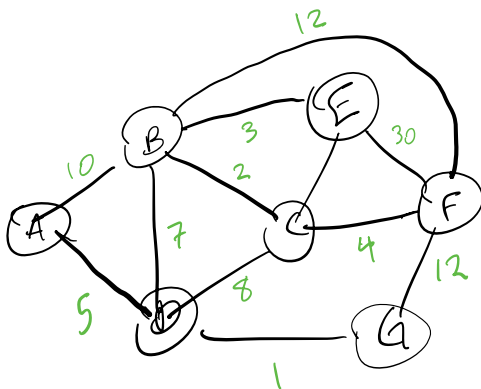
Applications?

- electric grids
- transportation
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Prim's Algorithm

- Start with empty tree T
- Pick starting node s , add to T
- Repeat $|V|-1$ times:
add the **min weight edge** with one endpoint in T and one endpoint outside of T

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$s = A$

Prim's Pseudocode

Prim(G, s):

PQ = new priority queue

add s to PQ with priority 0

mark s "seen"

while PQ not empty:

curr = PQ.extract()

mark curr as done

for u in neighbors(curr):

$d = w(\text{curr}, u)$

if u not "seen":

mark u seen

PQ.add(u, d)

if u not done AND $d < \text{dist to } u$:

distance to $u = d$

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Runtime: still $O(|E| \log |V|)$!

caveat: Java does not have decreaseKey built in!

solution 1: add edges to PQ, check if their "destination" is done when extracting

solution 2: allow PQ to have duplicate vertices

both solutions have runtime $O(|E| \log |E|)$

$$= O(|E| \log |V|)$$

(unchanged!)

Question: why does Prim's work?

① Prim's produces a spanning tree (when G connected)

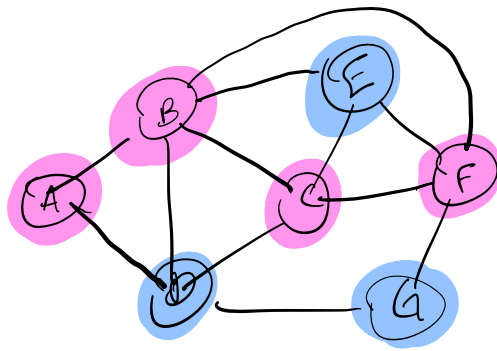
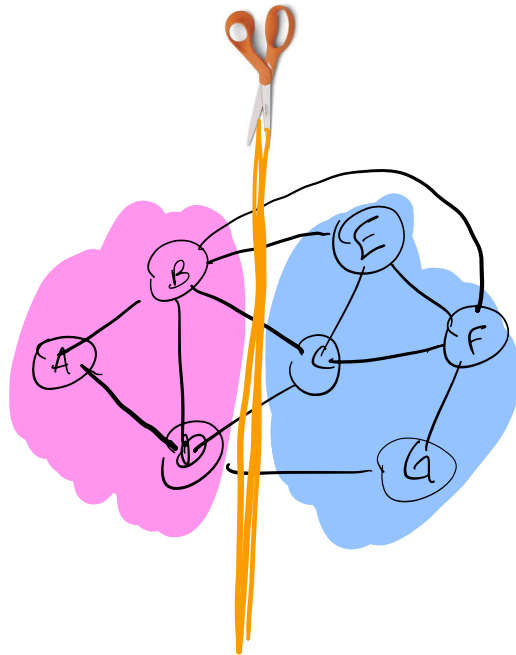
need to show 2 of:

- connected
- acyclic
- $|V|-1$ edges

② Prim's produces minimum spanning tree

- uses the "Cut Theorem"

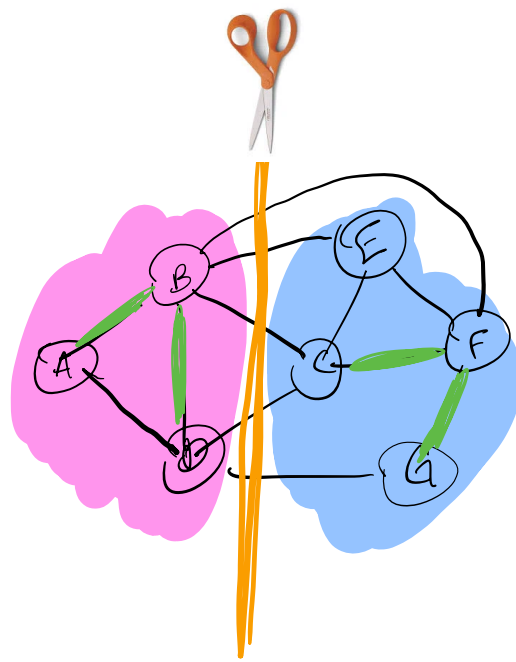
Def (cut) a cut of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a partition of the vertices into two sets, S and $V \setminus S$



edge $e = (v_1, v_2)$ crosses a cut $(S, V \setminus S)$ if $v_1 \in S$ and $v_2 \in V \setminus S$
or $v_1 \in V \setminus S$ and $v_2 \in S$

A set of edges R "respects a cut" iff

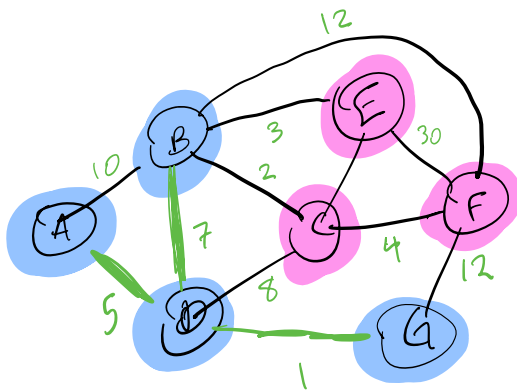
$\forall e \in R$, e does not cross the cut



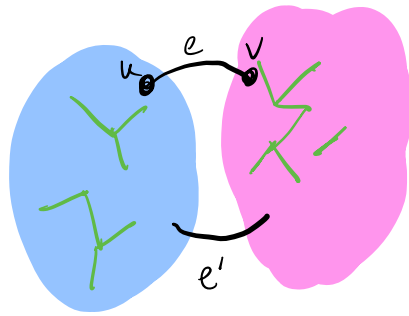
$$R = \{(A,B), (B,D), (C,F), (F,G)\}$$

Theorem (Cut Theorem) Suppose $A \subseteq E$ is a subset of a minimum spanning tree T , and let $(S, V \setminus S)$ be any cut which A respects. If e is a smallest-weight edge crossing $(S, V \setminus S)$, then $e \in T$.

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Proof



any T must have at least one edge crossing $(S, V \setminus S)$

Suppose towards a contradiction that $e = (u, v) \notin T$

There must exist path from u to v in T

That path must involve some e' that crosses $(S, V \setminus S)$

consider $\tilde{T} = T \setminus \{e'\} \cup \{e\}$ (swap e' with e !)

$\tilde{T}$ is a spanning tree

$\text{cost}(\tilde{T}) =$

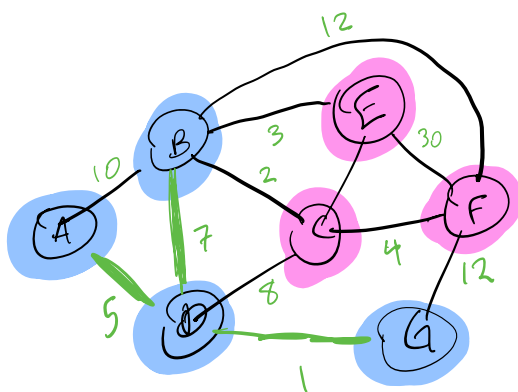
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So... why does Prim's produce a minimum spanning tree?

- Start with empty tree A
- Pick starting node s , add to A
- Repeat $|V|-1$ times:

add the min weight edge with one endpoint in A and one endpoint outside of A $\uparrow$

this crosses the cut $(A, V \setminus A)$, which is respected by the current subtree!



General MST Algorithm

- Start with empty tree A
- Repeat $|V|-1$ times:
 - Pick a cut $(S, V \setminus S)$ that A respects and add the min-weight edge crossing that cut.

Kruskal's Algorithm

- Start with empty tree A
- repeatedly add lowest weight e that does not create a cycle.

if $e = (u, v)$ $S =$ connected component of A containing u .