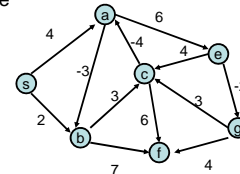


# CSE 421 Algorithms

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Lecture 10-11  
Minimum Spanning Trees

## Shortest Paths

- Negative Cost Edges
  - Dijkstra's algorithm assumes positive cost edges
  - For some applications, negative cost edges make sense
  - Shortest path not well defined if a graph has a negative cost cycle

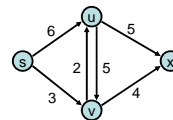


## Negative Cost Edge Preview

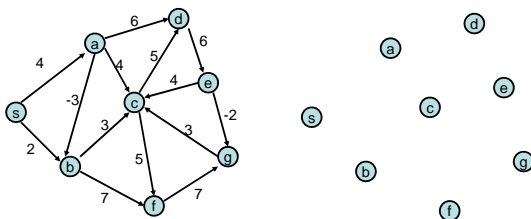
- Topological Sort can be used for solving the shortest path problem in directed acyclic graphs
- Bellman-Ford algorithm finds shortest paths in a graph with negative cost edges (or reports the existence of a negative cost cycle).

## Bottleneck Shortest Path

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



## Compute the bottleneck shortest paths



## Dijkstra's Algorithm for Bottleneck Shortest Paths

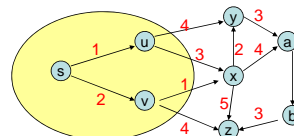
$S = \{\}$ ;  $d[s] = \text{negative infinity}$ ;  $d[v] = \text{infinity}$  for  $v \neq s$   
While  $S \neq V$

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

Add  $v$  to  $S$

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

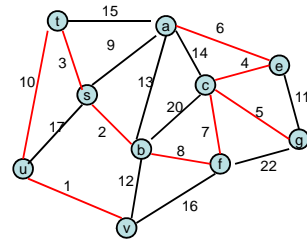
$d[w] = \min(d[w], \max(d[v], c(v, w)))$



## Minimum Spanning Tree

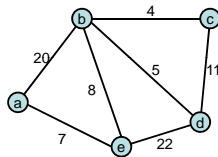
- Introduce Problem
- Demonstrate three different greedy algorithms
- Provide proofs that the algorithms work

## Minimum Spanning Tree



## Greedy Algorithms for Minimum Spanning Tree

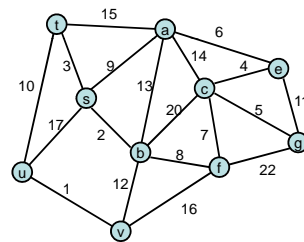
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- Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components
- Delete the most expensive edge that does not disconnect the graph



## Greedy Algorithm 1 Prim's Algorithm

- Extend a tree by including the cheapest out going edge

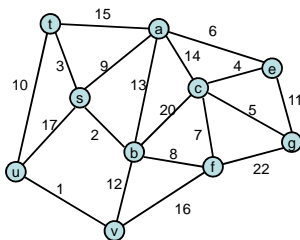
Construct the MST with Prim's algorithm starting from vertex a  
Label the edges in order of insertion



## Greedy Algorithm 2 Kruskal's Algorithm

- Add the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components

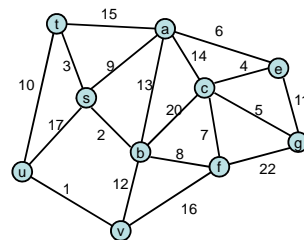
Construct the MST with Kruskal's algorithm  
Label the edges in order of insertion



## 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



### Why do the greedy algorithms work?

- For simplicity, assume all edge costs are distinct
- 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

### 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

### Reverse-Delete Algorithm

- Lemma: The most expensive edge on a cycle is never in a minimum spanning tree

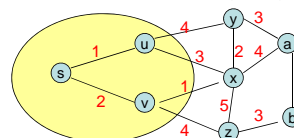
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- Force the edge weights to be distinct
  - Add small quantities to the weights
  - Give a tie breaking rule for equal weight edges

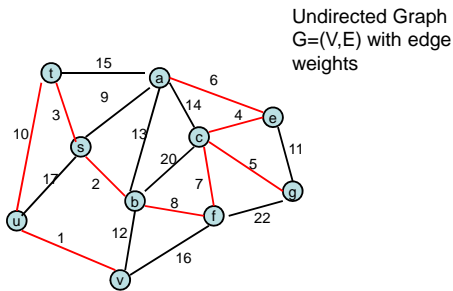
### Dijkstra's Algorithm for Minimum Spanning Trees

```

S = {}; d[s] = 0; d[v] = infinity for v != s
While S != 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], c(v, w))
    
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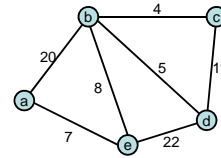


## Minimum Spanning Tree



## 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

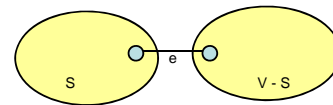


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## Edge inclusion lemma

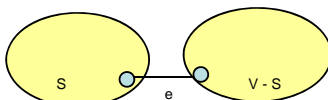
- Let  $S$  be a subset of  $V$ , and suppose  $e = (u, v)$  is the minimum cost edge of  $E$ , with  $u$  in  $S$  and  $v$  in  $V-S$
- $e$  is in every minimum spanning tree of  $G$ 
  - Or equivalently, if  $e$  is not in  $T$ , then  $T$  is not a minimum spanning tree



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

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## 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 = {}; T = {};  
while S != 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
```

### Prove Prim's algorithm computes an MST

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

### Kruskal's Algorithm

```
Let C = {{v1}, {v2}, . . . , {vn}}; T = { }  
while |C| > 1  
    Let e = (u, v) with u in Ci and v in Cj be the  
    minimum cost edge joining distinct sets in C  
    Replace Ci and Cj by Ci U Cj  
    Add e to T
```

### Prove Kruskal's algorithm computes an MST

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### Reverse-Delete Algorithm

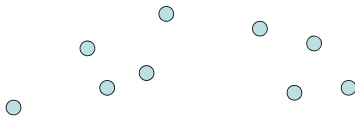
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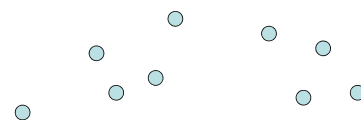
## Application: Clustering

- Given a collection of points in an  $r$ -dimensional space, and an integer  $K$ , divide the points into  $K$  sets that are closest together

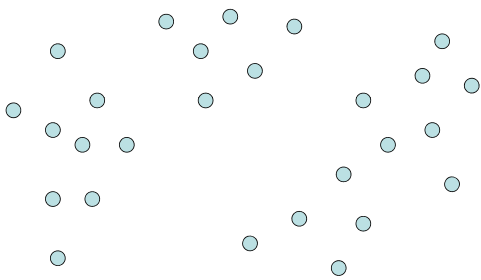


## Distance clustering

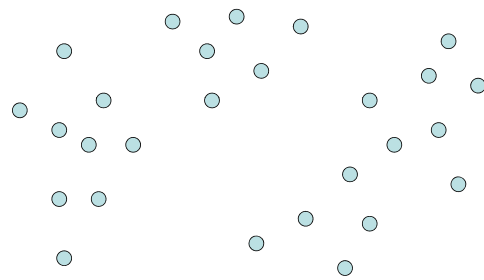
- Divide the data set into  $K$  subsets to maximize the distance between any pair of sets
  - $\text{dist}(S_1, S_2) = \min \{ \text{dist}(x, y) \mid x \in S_1, y \in S_2 \}$



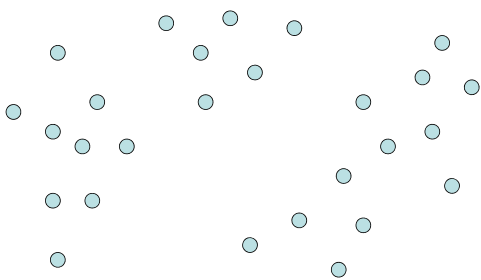
## Divide into 2 clusters



## Divide into 3 clusters



## Divide into 4 clusters



## Distance Clustering Algorithm

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

while  $|C| > K$

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  $C_i \cup C_j$

