



Design and Analysis of Algorithms III

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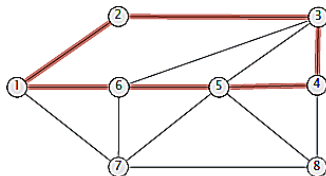
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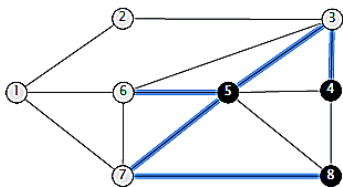
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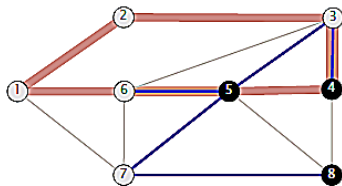


cut $S = \{4, 5, 8\}$

cutset $D = \{(3, 4), (3, 5), (5, 6), (5, 7), (8, 7)\}$

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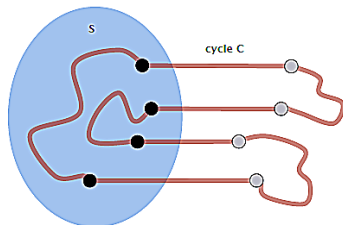
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- H is connected and has $|V| - 1$ edges.
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- H is minimally connected: removal of any edge disconnects it.
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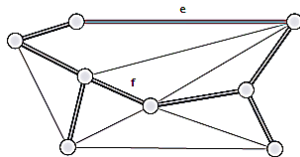
MST is fundamental problem with diverse applications.

- Dithering.
- Cluster analysis.
- Max bottleneck paths.
- Real-time face verification.
- LDPC codes for error correction.
- Image registration with Renyi entropy.
- Find road networks in satellite and aerial imagery.
- Model locality of particle interactions in turbulent fluid flows.
- Reducing data storage in sequencing amino acids in a protein.
- Autoconfig protocol for Ethernet bridging to avoid cycles in a network.
- **Approximation algorithms** for NP-hard problems.
- Network design (communication, electrical, hydraulic, computer, road).

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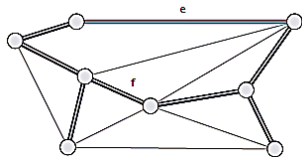


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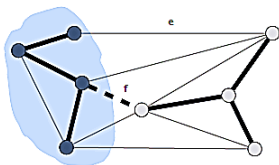
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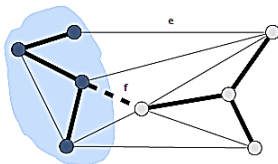


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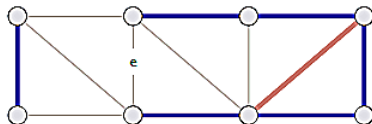
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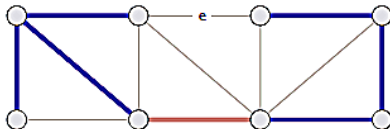


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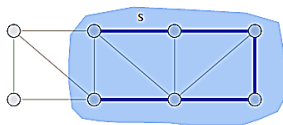
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output: A minimum spanning tree defined by the array  $prev$ 

for all  $u \in V$  do
  |  $cost(u) = \infty$ ;
  |  $prev(u) = nil$ ;
end
pick any initial node  $u_0$ ;
 $cost(u_0) = 0$ ;
 $H = \text{makequeue}(V) \setminus \setminus$  using cost-values as keys;
while  $H$  is not empty do
  |  $v = \text{deletemin}(H)$ ;
  | for each  $(v, z) \in E$  do
  | | if  $cost(z) > w(v, z)$  then
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   $T \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;
  for each  $v \in V$  do MAKESET( $v$ );
  for  $i = 1$  TO  $m$  do
     $(u, v) \leftarrow e_i$ ;
    if FINDSET( $u$ )  $\neq$  FINDSET( $v$ ) then
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Special cases. Prim, Kruskal, reverse-delete, ...

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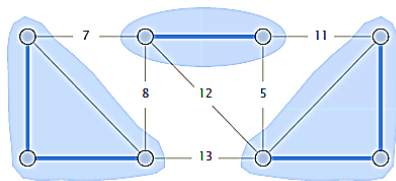
Repeat until only one tree.

- Apply blue rule to cutset corresponding to **each** blue tree.
- Color **all** selected edges blue.

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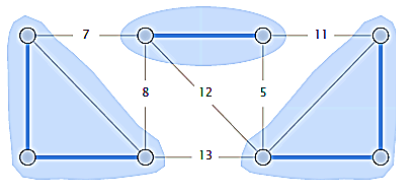
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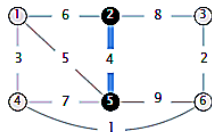


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Contraction version.

- After each phase, **contract** each blue tree to a single supernode.
- Delete self-loops and parallel edges (keeping only cheapest one).
- Borůvka phase becomes: take cheapest edge incident to each node.

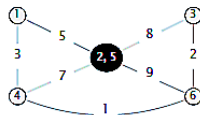
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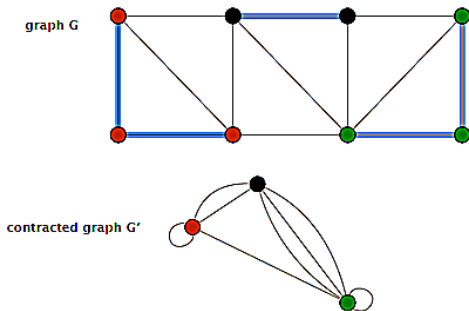
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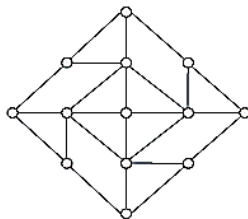
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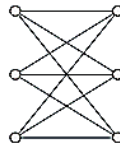
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Thus, overall running time $\leq c \cdot |V| + c \cdot |V|/2 + c \cdot |V|/4 + c \cdot |V|/8 + \dots = O(|V|)$.

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- The $\log_2 \log_2 |V|$ phases of Borůvka's algorithm take $O(|E| \log \log |V|)$ time; resulting graph has $\leq |V|/\log_2 |V|$ nodes and $\leq |E|$ edges.
- Prim's algorithm (using Fibonacci heaps) takes $O(|E| + |V|)$ time on a graph with $|V|/\log_2 |V|$ nodes and $|E|$ edges.

Linear-Time Algorithm?

year	worst case	discoverec by
1975	$O(E \log \log V)$	Yao
1976	$O(E \log \log V)$	Cheriton-Tarjan
1984	$O(E \log^* V), O(E + V \log V)$	Fredman-Tarjan
1986	$(E \log(\log^* V))$	Gabow-Galil-Spencer-Tarjan
1997	$O(E \alpha(V) \log \alpha(V))$	Chazelle
2000	$O(E \alpha(V))$	Chazelle
2002	asymptotically optimal	Pettie-Ramachandran
20xx	$O(E)$???

deterministic compare-based MST algorithms

iterated logarithm function

$$\lg^* n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 1 + \lg^*(\lg n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

n	$\lg^* n$
$(-\infty, 1]$	0
$(1, 2]$	1
$(2, 4]$	2
$(4, 16]$	3
$(16, 2^{16}]$	4
$(2^{16}, 2^{65536}]$	5

Minimum Bottleneck Spanning Tree

Problem. Given a connected graph G with positive edge costs, find a spanning tree that **minimizes the most expensive edge**.

Goal. $O(|E| \log |E|)$ time or better.

