Algorithm Design and Analysis (III)

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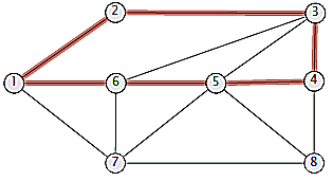

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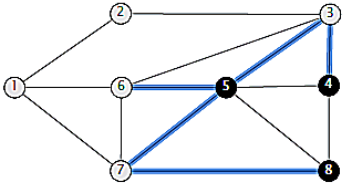

cut $S = \{4, 5, 8\}$
cutset $D = \{(3, 4), (3, 5), (5, 6), (5, 7), (8, 7)\}$

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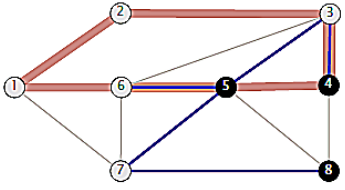

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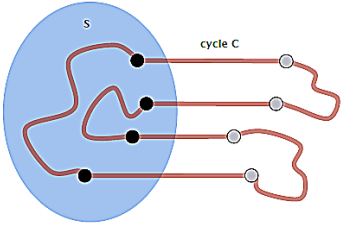

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- *H is connected and has $|V| - 1$ edges.*
- *H is acyclic and has $|V| - 1$ edges.*
- *H is minimally connected: removal of any edge disconnects it.*
- *H is maximally acyclic: addition of any edge creates a cycle.*

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Cayley's theorem. The complete graph on n nodes has n^{n-2} spanning trees.

Applications

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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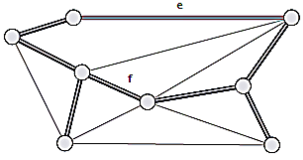

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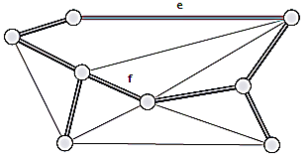

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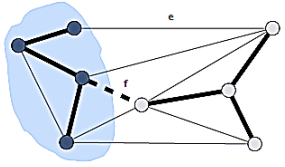

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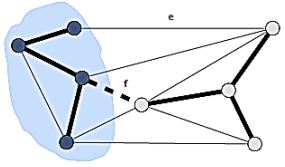

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Greedy algorithm.

- Apply the red and blue rules (nondeterministically!) until all edges are colored. The blue edges form an MST.
- Note: can stop once $|V| - 1$ edges colored blue.

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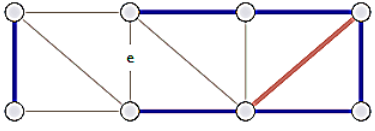

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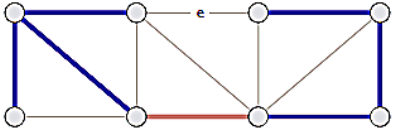

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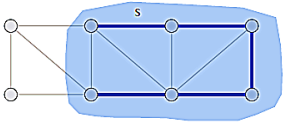

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PRIM(G, w)
input : A connected undirected graph G = (V, E), with edge weights w_e
output: A minimum spanning tree defined by the array prev
for all u ∈ V do
    cost(u) = ∞;
    prev(u) = nil;
end
pick any initial node u_0;
cost(u_0) = 0;
H =makequeue(V)\\ using cost-values as keys;
while H is not empty do
    v=deletemin(H);
    for each (v, z) ∈ E do
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SORT m edges by cost and renumber so that
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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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Blue rule.

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- Note: can stop once $|V| - 1$ edges colored blue.

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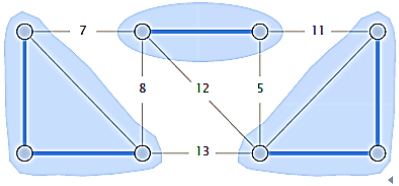

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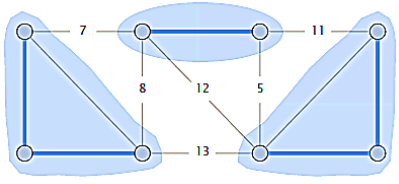

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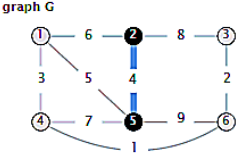
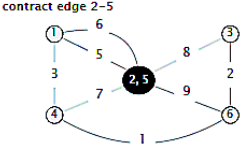
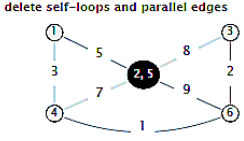
- After each phase, contract each blue tree to a single supernode.
- Delete self-loops and parallel edges (keeping only cheapest one).
- Borůvka phase becomes: take cheapest edge incident to each node.







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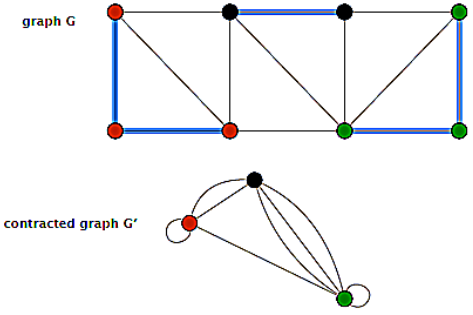

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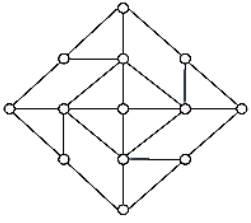

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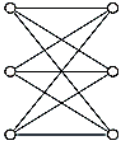

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- Prim's algorithm (using Fibonacci heaps) takes $O(|E| + |V|)$ time on a graph with $|V| / \log_2 |V|$ nodes and $|E|$ edges.

Linear-Time Algorithm?

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

deterministic compare-based MST algorithms

iterated logarithm function

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

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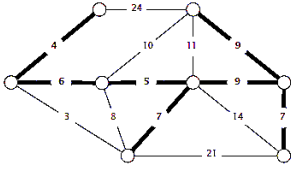
$(2, 4]$	2
$(4, 16]$	3
$(16, 2^{16}]$	4
$(2^{16}, 2^{65536}]$	5

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.