



Questions and Exercises to work out and turn in:

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- IF USING HAND WRITING (STRONGLY DISCOURAGED), **USE THIS FILE** BY CREATING SUFFICIENT SPACE AND WRITE IN YOUR ANSWERS.
- FAILING TO FOLLOW TURN IN DIRECTIONS /GUIDELINES WILL COST **A 30% PENALTY.**

Objectives of this assignment:

- to use and manipulate the concepts presented in this module
- to propose and write algorithms in pseudocode
- to analyze the time complexity of algorithms
- to analyze the space complexity of algorithms
- to learn autonomously new concepts

What you need to do:

Answer the questions and/or solve the exercises described below.

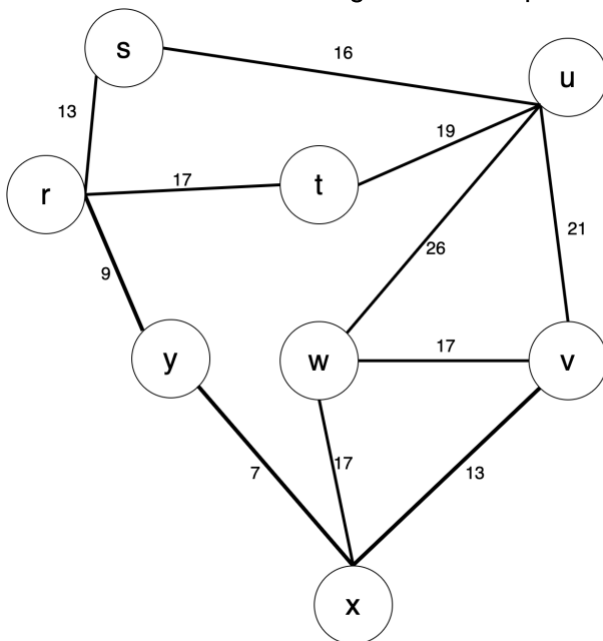


Exercise I (50 points) Kruskal's Algorithm

Consider this graph $G=(V, E, w)$ provided as an adjacency-matrix. $V = (r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y)$

	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y
r		13	17					9
s	13			16				
t	17			19				
u		16	19		21	26		
v				21		17	13	
w				26	17		17	
x					13	17		7
y	9						7	

- 1) (5 points) Draw this graph. If needed, you can draw by hand, take a picture and insert it. Just make sure the drawing is neat and pleasant (neatness is worth 15%)





- 2) (45 points) Trace **Kruskal's** algorithm and **show step by the step** the construction of the minimum spanning tree. **Draw** the MST each time you add an edge. **Highlight** the latest added edge with its weight.

We start with a set of edges A, building by adding one edge at a time. We set A to an empty set.

After that we create small sets of the vertices of the graph. We will then take all edges of G and sort them in non-decreasing order. For each edge, we look at the endpoint of the edges. If they belong to different sets, we will add that edge to A and we will make a union of the two sets to which u and v belong.

Edges: non-decreasing order:

(x, y) 7

(r, y) 9

(r, s) 13

(v, x) 13

(s, u) 16

(r, t) 17

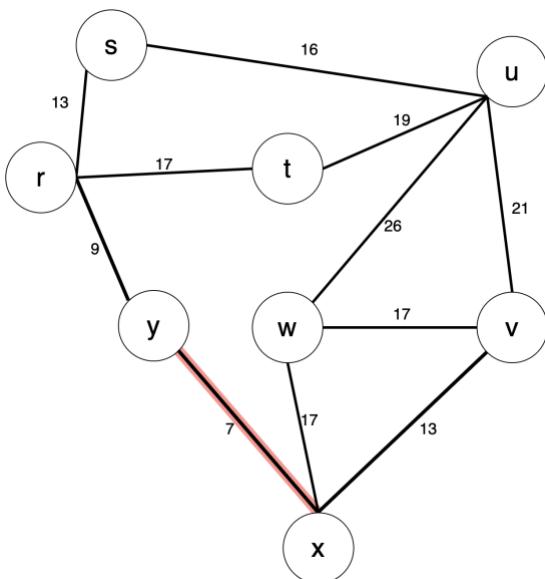
(v, w) 17

(w, x) 17

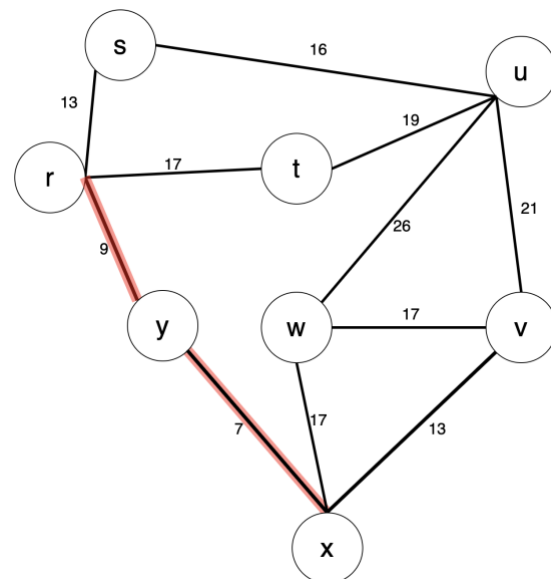
(t, u) 19

(u, v) 21

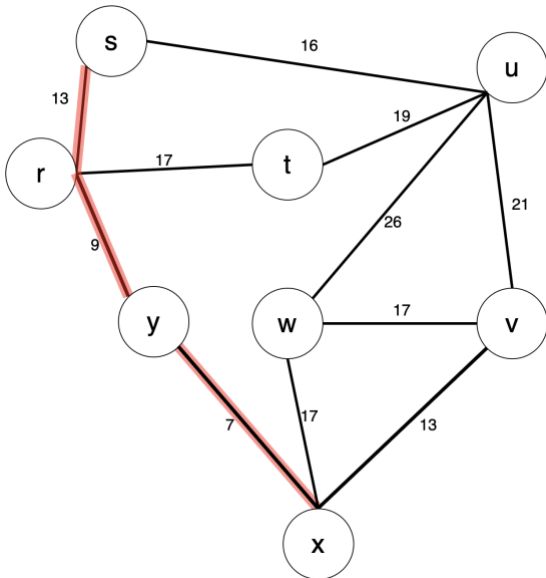
(u, w) 26



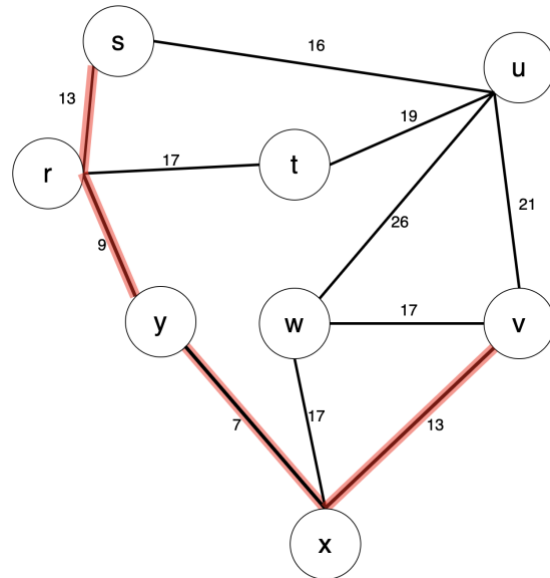
The first edge in non-decreasing order is with weight of 7 is (x, y). We will add this edge to A and we will create a union of {x, y}. After this, look to the next smallest edge.



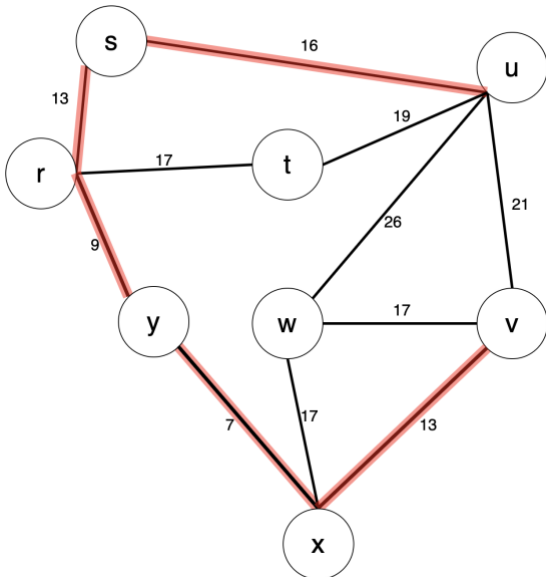
(r, y) is the next smallest edge. We look to see if r and y belong to the same set. They do not so we add to A and make a union. The new set is {r, y, x}. After this, we look to the next smallest edge.



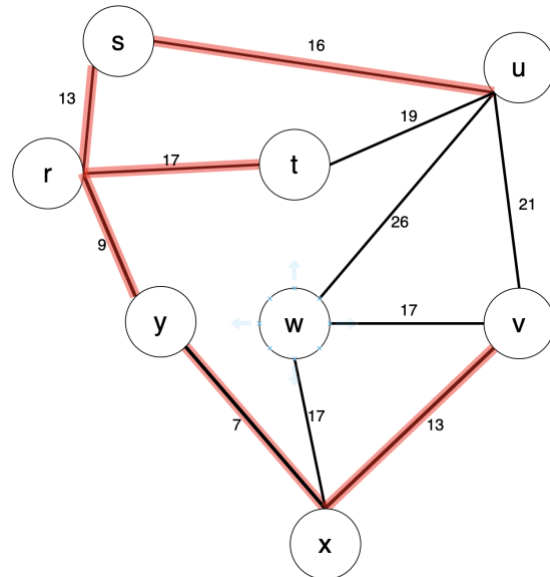
(r,s) is the next smallest edge. They do not belong to the same set so we add to A and make a union. The new set is $\{s, r, y, x\}$. After this, we look to the next smallest edge.



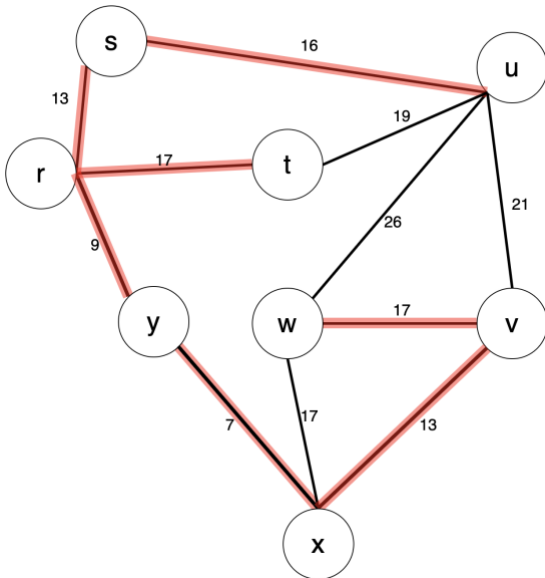
(v, x) is the next edge. We look to see if v and x belong to the same set. They do not so we add to A and make a union. The new set is $\{s, r, y, x, v\}$. After this, we look to the next smallest edge.



(s, u) is the next edge. We look to see if s and u belong to the same set. They do not so we add to A and make a union. The new set is $\{u, s, r, y, x, v\}$. After this, we look to the next smallest edge.



(r, t) is the next edge. We look to see if r and t belong to the same set. They do not so we add to A and make a union. The new set is $\{r, t\}$. After this, we look to the next smallest edge.



(v, w) is the next edge. We look to see if v and w belong to the same set. They do not so we add to A and make a union. The new set is $\{u, s, r, y, x, v, w\}$

(t, u) is the next edge. We look to see if t and u belong to the same set. They do. They both belong to the same set therefore we leave this edge out. We then look to the next smallest edge.

(u, w) is the next edge. We look to see if u and w belong to the same set. They do. They both belong to the same set therefore we leave this edge out. A is now empty we are left with the resulting graph.

(w, x) is the next edge. We look to see if w and x belong to the same set. They do. Both belong to set $\{u, s, r, y, x, v, w\}$ therefore we leave this edge out. We then look to the next smallest edge.

(u, v) is the next edge. We look to see if u and v belong to the same set. They do. They both belong to the same set therefore we leave this edge out. We then look to the next smallest edge.

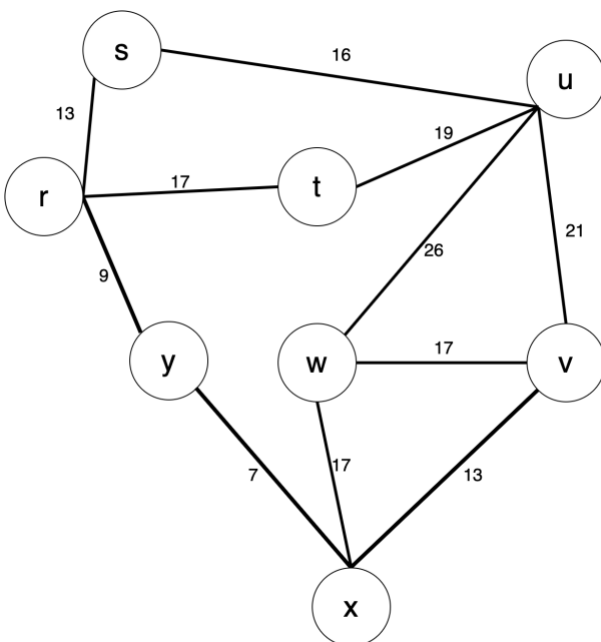


Exercise 2 (50 points) Prim's Algorithm

Consider this graph $G=(V, E, w)$ provided as an adjacency-matrix. $V = (r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y)$

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1) Draw this graph (It is the same as the previous question. Copy/Paste would be just fine)



- 2) (45 points) Trace **Prim's** algorithm starting from Vertex **u** and **show step by the step** the construction of the minimum spanning tree. **Draw** the MST each time you add an edge. **Highlight** the latest added edge with each weight.

We start with an empty set A and slowly add edges to it. The way this is done is to start at a specific vertex, for this we pick u. A queue is generated with ∞ in the key position for everything except vertex u, u gets a 0 since it is where we start. All vertices get a NIL for the parent position at this point. Then at each step we find the edge with the lowest weight that connects a vertex in the MST to a vertex outside of it and add that edge to the MST. We repeat this until all vertices are included in the MST. During this the queue is continually updated if the edge connecting the two vertex is less than the previous parent and key. We also keep up with all the edges added to make sure there are no cycles that get formed.

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(r, s) 13

(v, x) 13

(s, u) 16

(r, t) 17

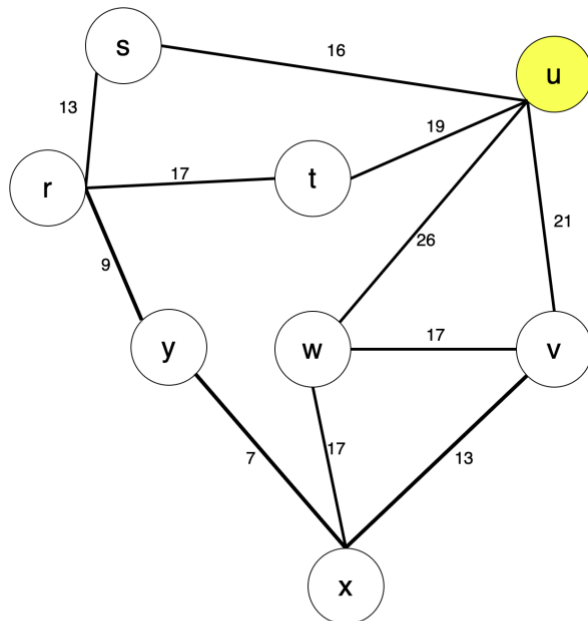
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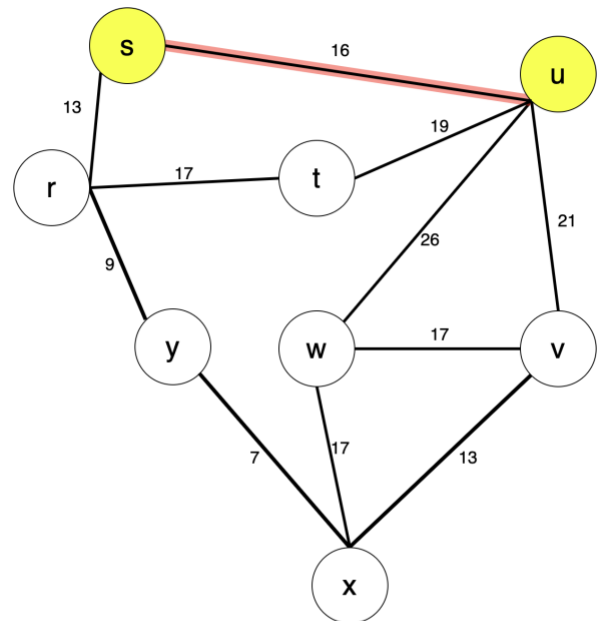
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r	s	t
∞	16	19
NIL	u	u

v	w	x	y
21	26	∞	∞
u	u	NIL	NIL

We start with the vertex u dequeuing it which is observed by the deletion of the letter and fill in the queue information for all of the edges that connect u with another vertex outside of the MST

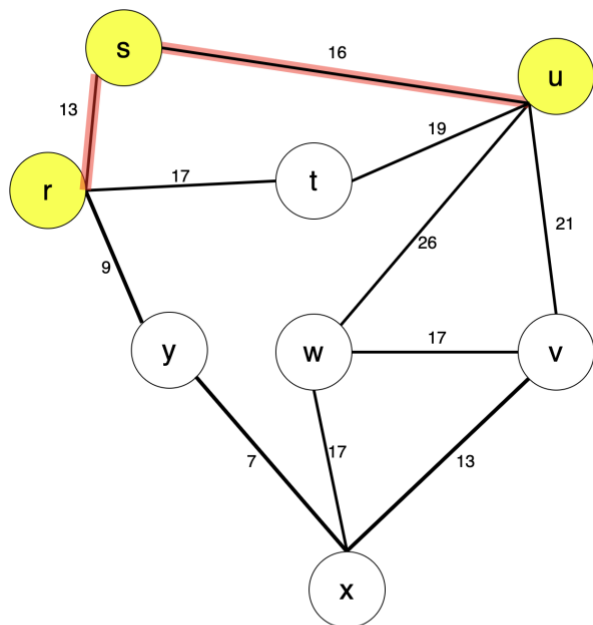


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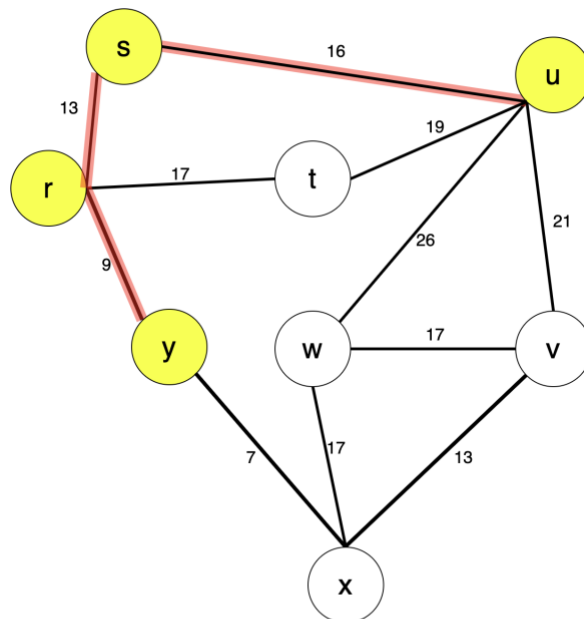
v	w	x	y
21	26	∞	∞
u	u	NIL	NIL

After observing the edges we find that the edge $\{s,u\}$ is the one with the least weight so we add it to A. We then dequeue s which means we delete it and then add the key and parent information for s to the queue if it is less than the current keys. In this case that would only be the edge to r.



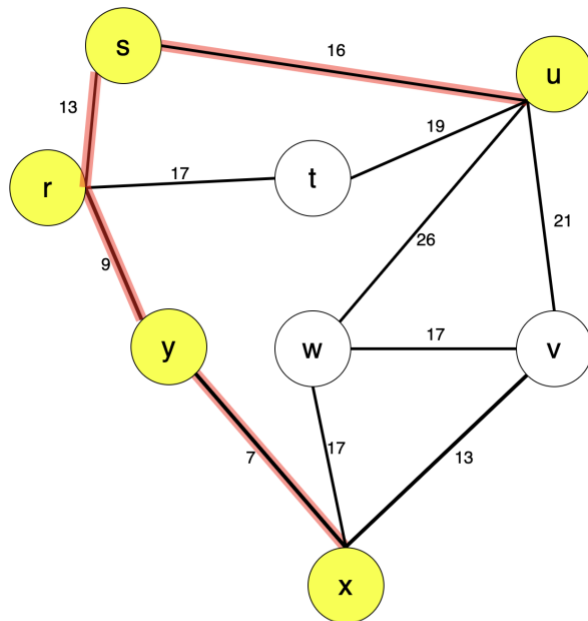
t	v	w	x	y
17	21	26	∞	9
r	u	u	NIL	r

Since the the edge $\{r,s\}$ is the least weight we add that edge to A, dequeue r, and update the parent and key information for vertex with edges that are less weight than current. That would be the information for vertex t and y.



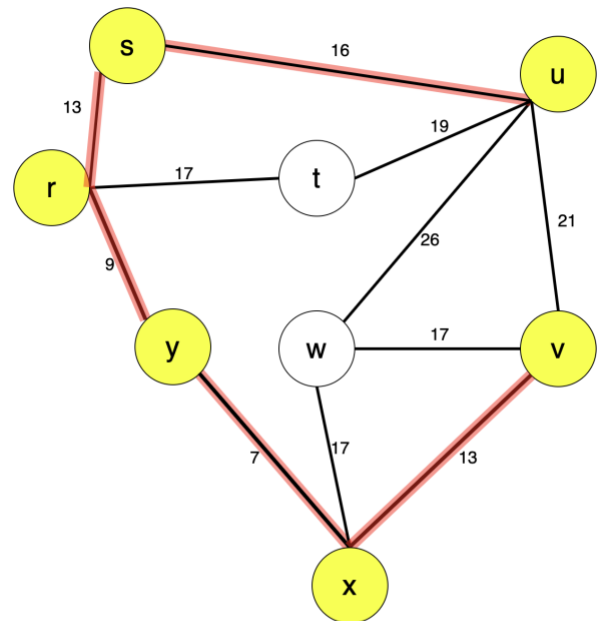
t	v	w	x
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r	u	u	y

The edge with the least weight is $\{r,y\}$ so this gets added to A, y is dequeued and the parent and key information for the vertex outside of the MST that weigh less than their current values. The only one applicable is x.



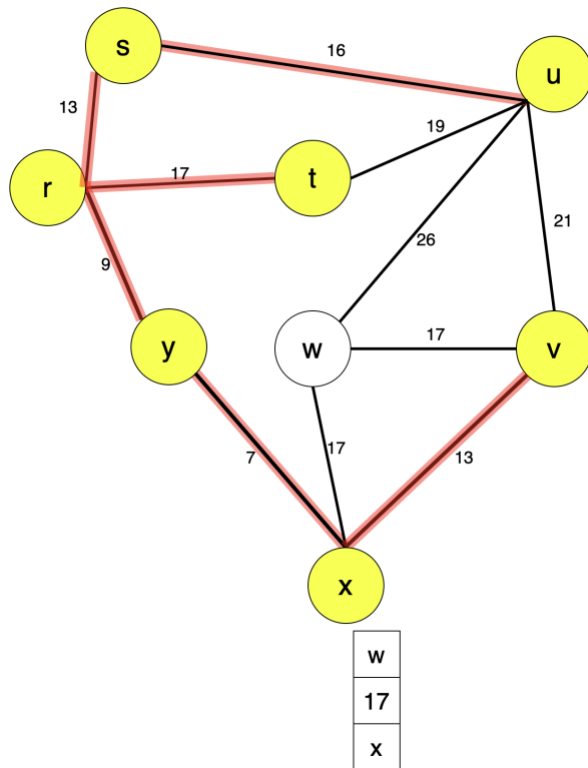
t	v	w
17	13	17
r	x	x

The next lowest weight edge in the queue is $\{x,y\}$ so as before we deque x , update the parent and key information for vertex with edges weigh less than their current weight. For x this is both w and v .

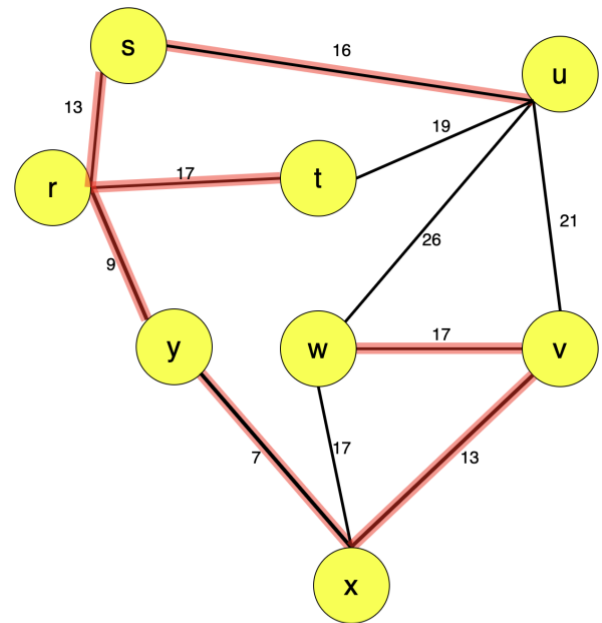


t	w
17	17
r	x

With the queue getting smaller our next edge is $\{x,v\}$ with a weight of 13 it is the smallest weight available. We add this edge to A , queue v and update any parents and keys in which the weight is less. There are no edges that v is the parent of that weigh less than the ones in the queue.



Since the last two edges in the queue have the same weight we arbitrarily pick the left one which is $\{r,t\}$. This edge is added to A , and since there are no other vertices that are not already in the MST there is nothing further to update while t is selected.



The last edge in the queue is $\{w,v\}$, this edge is added to A and since the queue is now empty the resulting graph is the fully formed MST

- 3) (5 points) **Compare** the minimum spanning trees obtained by Kruskal's and Prim's algorithms, respectively.

The resulting minimum spanning trees obtained by Kruskal's and Prim's algorithms are both the same despite the different approach. Prim's algorithm approaches it by starting from a specified vertex, Vertex u , and extends the tree by adding the cheapest outgoing edge. Whereas Kruskal's algorithm sorts by the weight in non-decreasing order and then adds the cheapest edge that joins disjoint components. They both accomplish the goal of providing a solution that results in the minimum weight connection between the vertices.



What you need to turn in:

- Electronic copy of this file (including your answers) (standalone). Submit the file as a Microsoft Word or PDF file.
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Appendix: Grading: What is an OBVIOUS and CLEAR LINK?

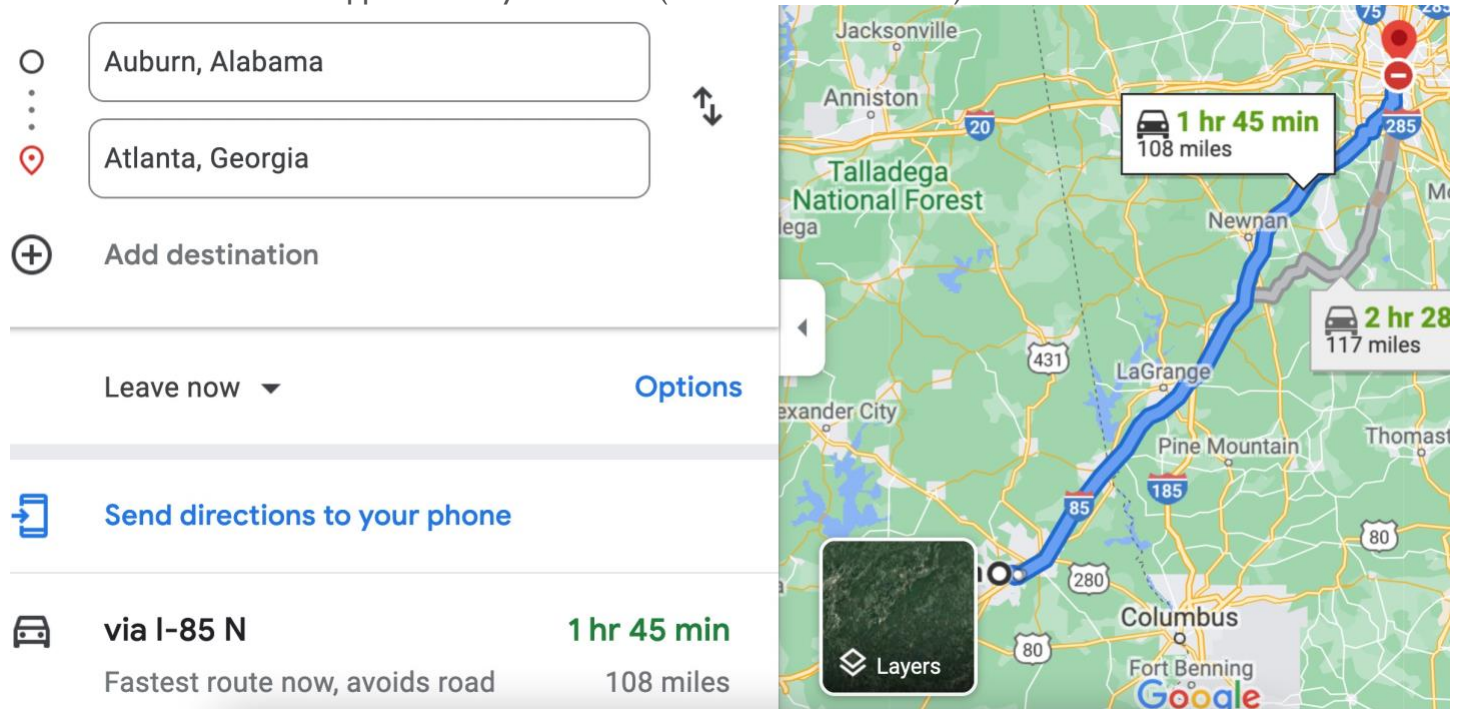
Here is an example to explain what an **obvious and clear link** is and how we grade your work.

Consider the following problem:

"(100 points) John travels from Auburn to Atlanta in his car at a speed of 60 mph. Leaving at 8am, at what time will John reach Atlanta".

Here are the answers of three students and their scores:

- **Student 1** answers: "9:48am". Student 1 will get 25 points.
- **Student 2** answers : "John will reach Atlanta at 9:48am". Student 2 will get 25+15 = 40 points
- **Student 3** answers: "The time t to travel a distance d at speed v is equal to $d/v = d/60\text{mph}$. The problem does not provide the distance d from Auburn to Atlanta. Based on GoogleMaps, the distance from Auburn to Atlanta is approximately 108 miles (document is attached).



Therefore, the time $t = 108 \text{ miles} / 60 \text{ mph} * 60 \text{ minutes/hour} = 108 \text{ minutes}$. Since John left at 8am, he will then reach Atlanta at $8\text{am} + 108 \text{ minutes} = 8 \text{ am} + 60 \text{ minutes} + 48 \text{ minutes} = 9:48"$.

Student 3 will get $25 + 15 + 60 = 100$ points

Do you see the **direct link** going from the data provided in the question to the final answer, using general knowledge/formula and documents?.... Can you now solve the following problem and get 100 points?

"(100 points) Alice travels from Auburn to Atlanta in her car at a speed of 60 mph. Leaving at 8am, at what time will Alice reach Atlanta assuming that she had a flat tire that delayed her 30 minutes".