

Suppose by way of contradiction that T and T' are two distinct minimum spanning trees of G . Since T and T' have the same number of edges, but are not equal, there is some edge e' in T' but not in T . If we add e' to T , we get a cycle C . Let e be the most expensive edge on this cycle. Then by the Cycle Property, e does not belong to any minimum spanning tree, contradicting the fact that it is in at least one of T or T' .