

# Augment the Study

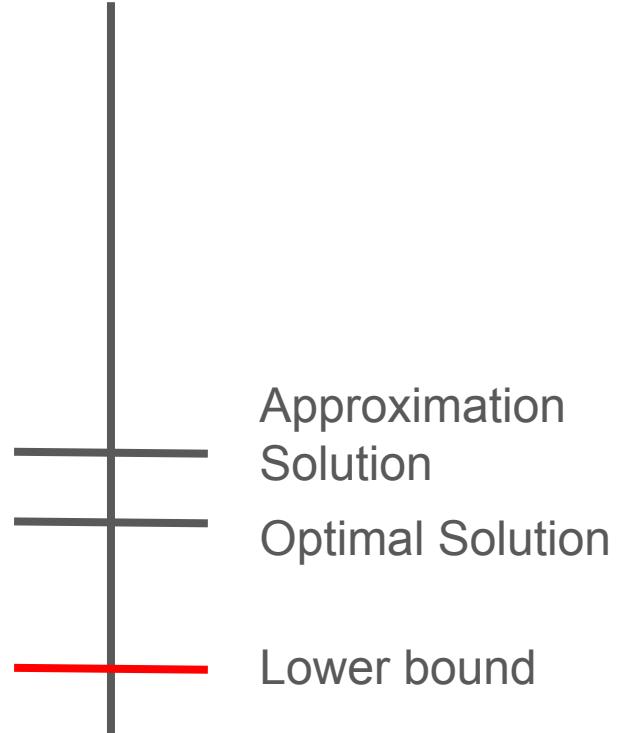
-Finding our lower bound-

Has to be:

Lower Bound cost  $\leq$  Optimal cost  $\leq$  Approx cost

Poly time      Exp time      Poly time

It is important because it provides a baseline so we know how close our approximation is to our optimal



# How to get our lower bound – 1 tree bound

Step 1 - pick a root

Step 2 - build an MST with on all nodes except  
the root

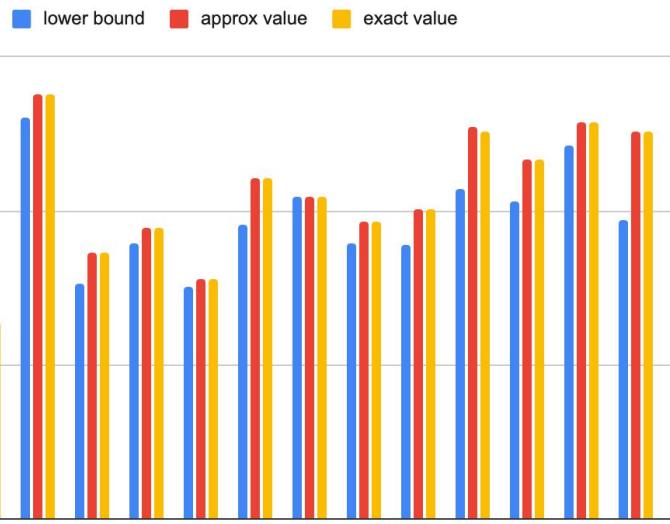
Step 3 - add the two cheapest edges incident to  
the root



Runtime  $O(n^2 \log n)$

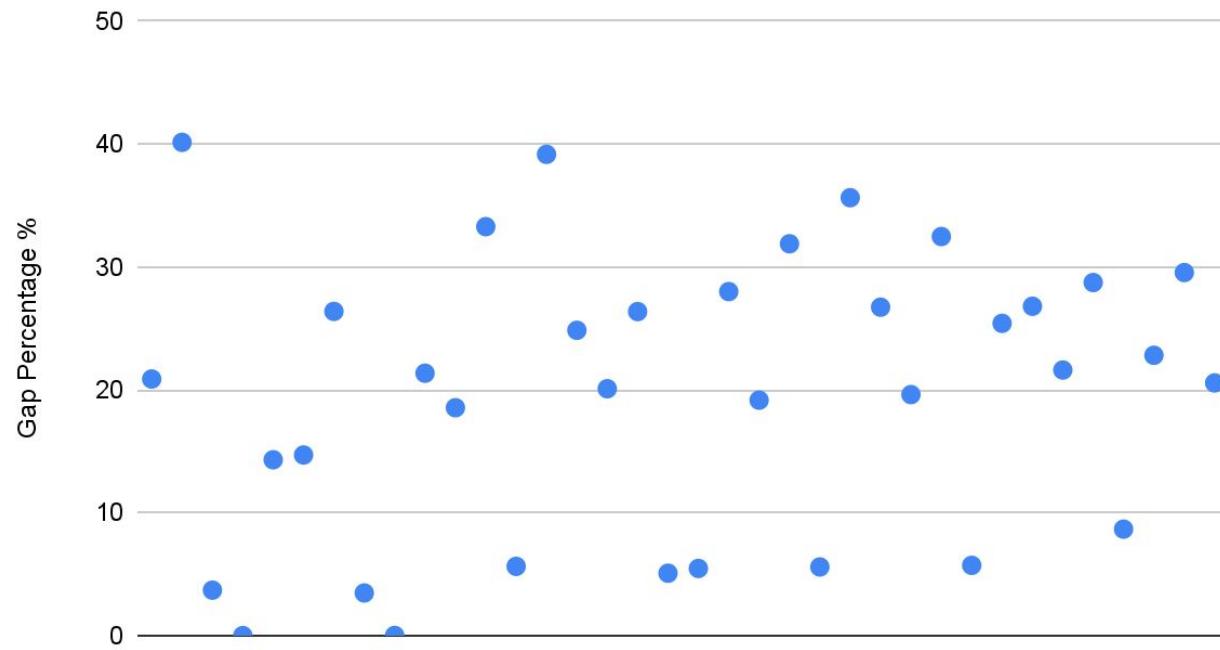
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# Comparing - lower bound / approx / exact-



# Comparing values - Gap Percentage

## Gap Percentage Lower Bound vs Approximation



$$= (\text{approx} - \text{lower}) / \text{lower}$$

The average:  
19.9%



# What does this mean?



# Thank you

