# Greedy algorithms ♦ Prim MST Algorithm

Kruskal MST **Fractional Knapsack Greedy Algorithms Prim MST** Dijkstra shortest path

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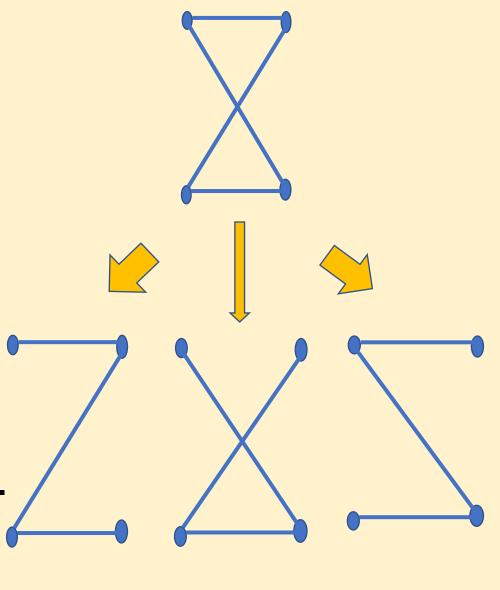
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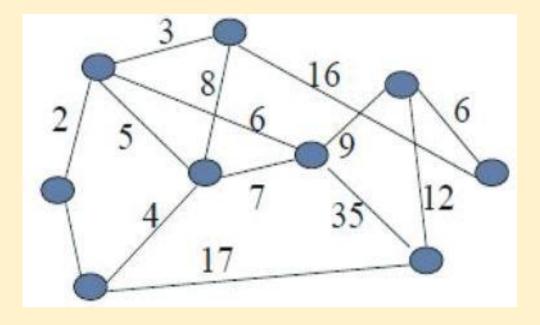
#### Spanning tree

- ightharpoonup Let G = (V, E) be an undirected connected graph.
- ➤ A subgraph T= (V, E') of G is a spanning tree of G if T is a tree. e.g. three spanning trees of G.
- ➤ Both *T* and *G* have same set of vertices *V*.
- $\succ$  T is connected but has no cycles.
- ightharpoonup T has (n-1) edges, n is the number of vertices.



#### Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

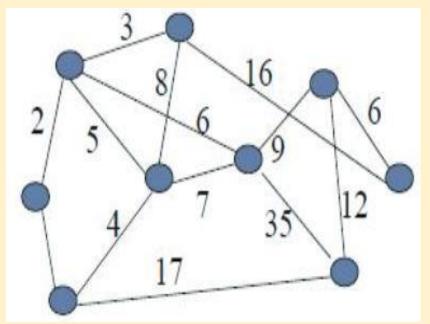
➤ Given a connected weighted graph *G*, wish to find a set of edges with minimum (sum) weights with all vertices connected.



- Feasible solution The spanning trees T=(V, E) represent feasible choices
- ➤ Optimal solution The spanning tree  $T_{opt} = (V, E)$  with the lowest total edge cost.
- ➤ In practical applications, the edges have weights assigned to them, which may represent some cost, e.g. the length of link, etc

#### **MST** applications

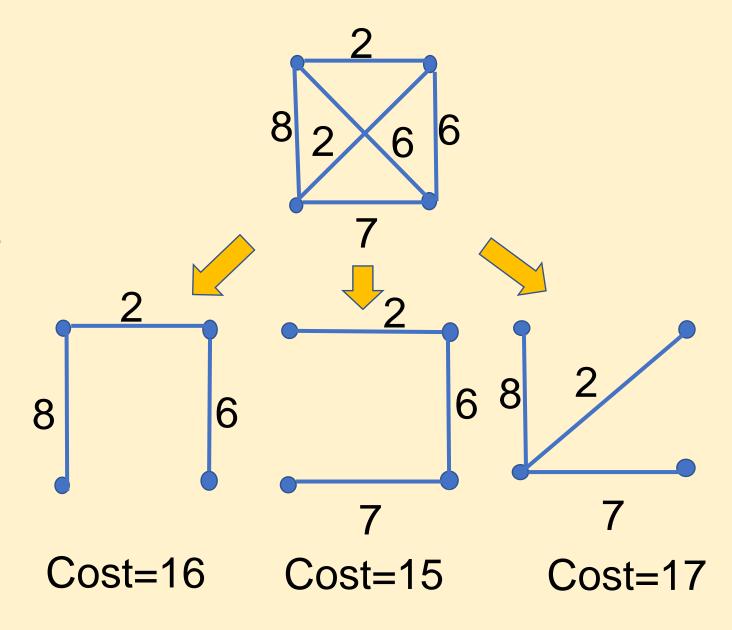
MST a fundamental problem that arises in many scenarios



- Network design (Telephone, electric, computer, road, ...)
- Image processing, LDPC codes
- Protocol in networks (Multicast, auto-config protocol for Ethernet bridges)
- Cluster Analysis (Image, data, ...)
- Approximate algorithms for NP-hard problems (TSP)

#### **MST** example

- ➤ What is MST?
- How many more trees can you find?
- What is the smallest cost?
- Can you find a smaller cost spanning tree?



#### **MST** algorithms

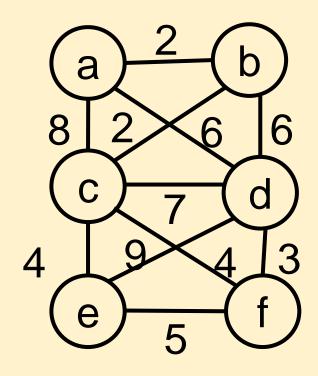
- Brute Force For small graphs, MST by enumeration may be possible.
- Since the identification of a MST involves the selection of a subset of edges, fits the subset paradigm.
- We will look at two Greedy Algorithms.
  - Kruskal greedily expand a forest of trees into an MST
  - Prim greedily grow a tree from a starting vertex
- Both yield an optimal solution.

#### Prim's greedy Strategy

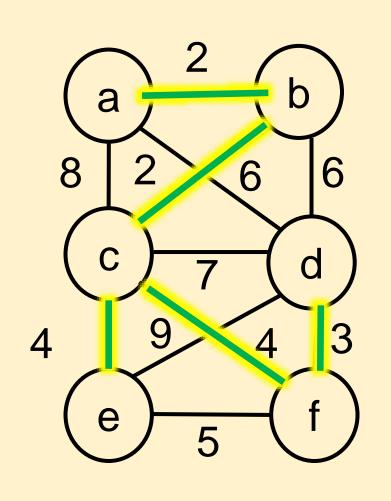
- Start with a single node tree by arbitrarily choosing a root node.
- At each irrevocable step expand the current tree in a greedy manner by simply attaching a nearest node not in the tree.
- Of all possible nearest nodes choose the one which minimizes the attachment cost.
- Include this edge into the current tree.
- $\triangleright$  Continue until (n-1) nodes have been explored.

#### **Example: MST communication network**

- Given a set of cities and communication links between them and a cost associated with each communication link.
- Network Structure: Any connected graph with n vertices must have at least (n-1) edges.
- All connected graphs with (n-1) edges are 'trees'
- The problem to is find a minimum cost network that connects all the cities.



#### **Example: MST communication network**



- > The problem to is find a minimum cost network that connects all the cities.
- > The minimum number of links needed to connect n cities is (n-1).
- > Start with a root node and 'greedily' grow a tree
- > (a,b) Cost = 2
- > (a,b),(b,c) Cost = 2 + 2 = 4

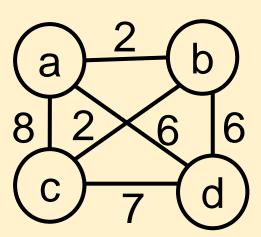
- (a,b),(b,c),(c,e) Cost =4+4=8 (a,b),(b,c),(c,e),(c,f) Cost = 8+4=12 (a,b),(b,c),(c,e),(c,f),(d,f) Cost =12+3=15

- Input: Weighted graph of size n
- Output: T = (V, E). the minimum spanning tree
- Starting with initial vertex v0, Empty edge set,
- Spanning

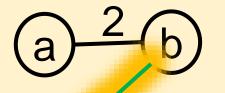
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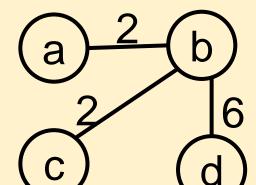
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Algorithm PRIM(graph G; int n){
   T = \{v0\};
   E' = \{ \}, for (i = 1, i < n, i + +) \}
   find a minimum weight edge e^*=(v^*, u^*)
    among all edges (v, u)
   such that v is in T and u is not in T;
    T=T\cup\{u^*\};
    E'=E'\cup\{e^*\};
```

#### **Example:**















$$(a,c)$$
 8  $(b,c)$  2

$$(a,d)$$
 6

$$(c,d)$$
 6  $(c,d)$  7

$$E'=$$
{  $(a,b), (b,c), (b,d)$  }
 $N=4, |E|=n-1=3$ 
 $Cost=10$ 

#### Prim's MST - Towards an implementation

The process of construction indicates the following:

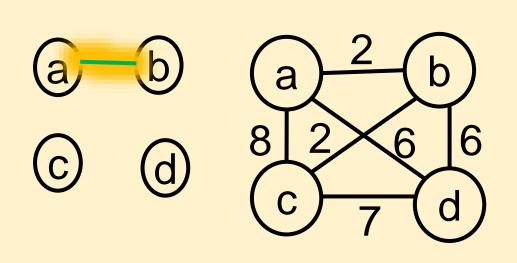
A data structure with the cost of edges (e.g. an adjacency matrix)

$$Cost = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 8 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 7 \\ 6 & 6 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ➤ A structure indicating for each vertex the possible edges incident on them but so far unused.
- An observation that any edge that results in moving to vertex already visited will form a cycle and is not admissible.
- $\succ$  The tree T can be represented by the edge set E' as all vertices are included.

#### To find the next minimum cost edge efficiently

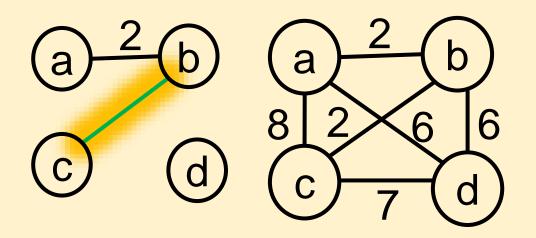
- Associate with every vertex j not in the tree a value Next(j) (Next(j) = 0 for all vertices already in the tree).
- Next(j) is a vertex in the tree such that cost[j, next(j)] is minimum among all choices for Next(j)



Next 
$$(b)$$
 =  $a$   
 $cost(b, Next(b))$  =  $cost(b, a)$  =  $2$   
Next  $(c)$  =  $a$   
 $cost(c, Next(c))$  =  $cost(c, a)$  =  $8$   
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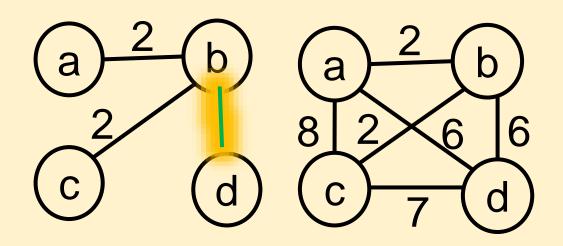


Next 
$$(c) = b$$
 (NOT a)  
 $cost(c, Next(c)) = cost(c, b) = 2$ 

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$$(d)$$
=  $a$   $(OR b)$   
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#### Prim's Algorithm – An implementation

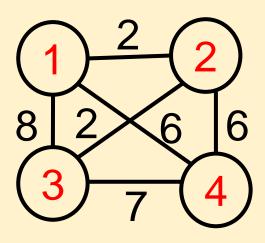
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- Next: array[1...n]of integer
- Start spanning
- find which edges are possible from vertex k or m
- Don't reuse k or m

```
Algorithm PRIM(E; T:Set; Cost: Matrix; n;
mincost:integer){
   (k, m) =position of the minimum cost edge in Cost;
   mincost = Cost[k, m];
   T[1] = (k, m);
  for(i=1,i<=n,i++)
     if(Cost(i, m) > Cost(i, k))
        Next[i] = k
        else\ Next[i] = m
        Next[k] = 0, Next[m] = 0
        for(i=2;i <=n-1;i++)
         j=value such that Next[j]!= 0 and Cost[j, Next[j]]
      is a minimum
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- For remaining edges
- vertex j in T
- Adjust Next for edges available

```
mincost=mincost+Cost[j, next[j]]);
    T[i] = (j, Next(j))
    Next[j] = 0
    for(k=1;k <=n;k++)
    if(Next[k]! = 0) and (Cost[k, Next[k]] > 0)
  Cost(k, j)
    Next[k] = i;
if mincost = \infty, then print('No tree possible');
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#### **Example:**



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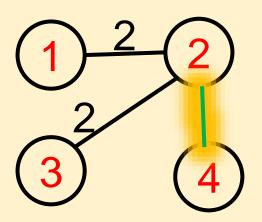
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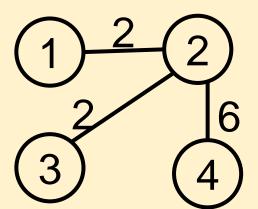


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 $mincost = 2+2=4$   
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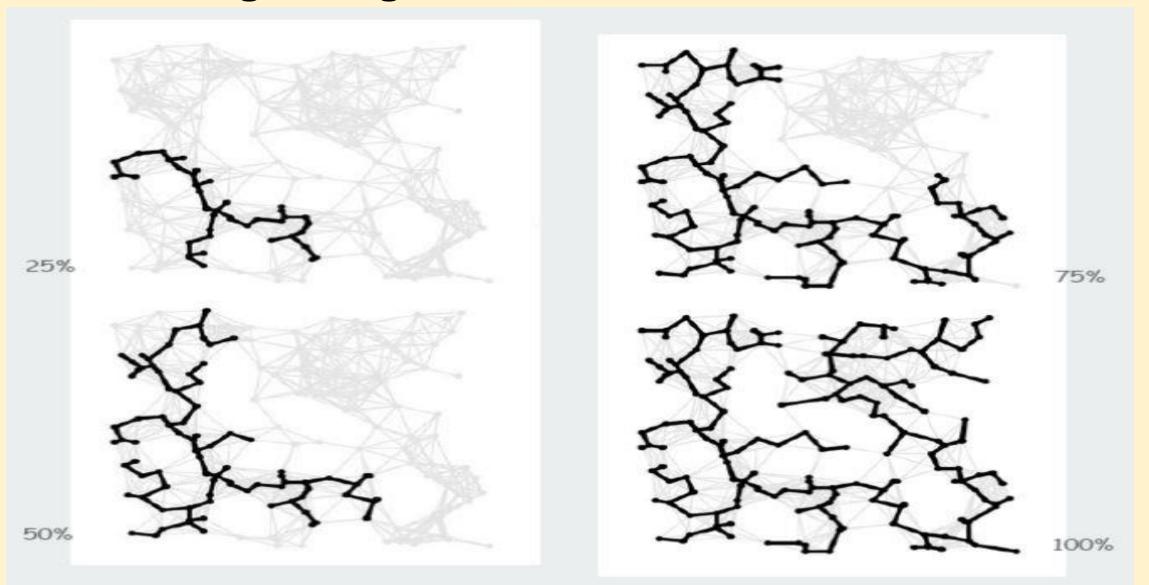
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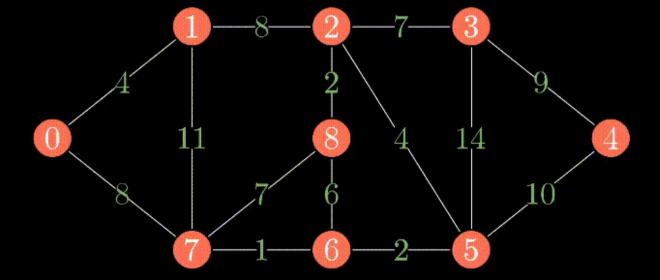
#### Prim MST growing tree illustration







#### $Prim \quad Algorithm$



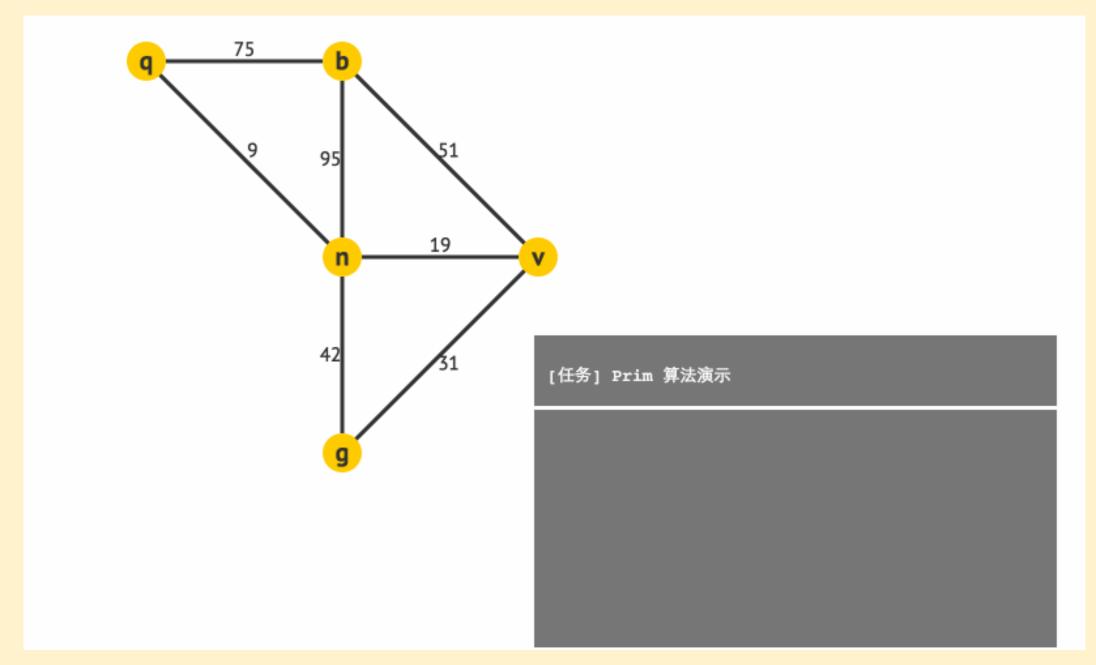












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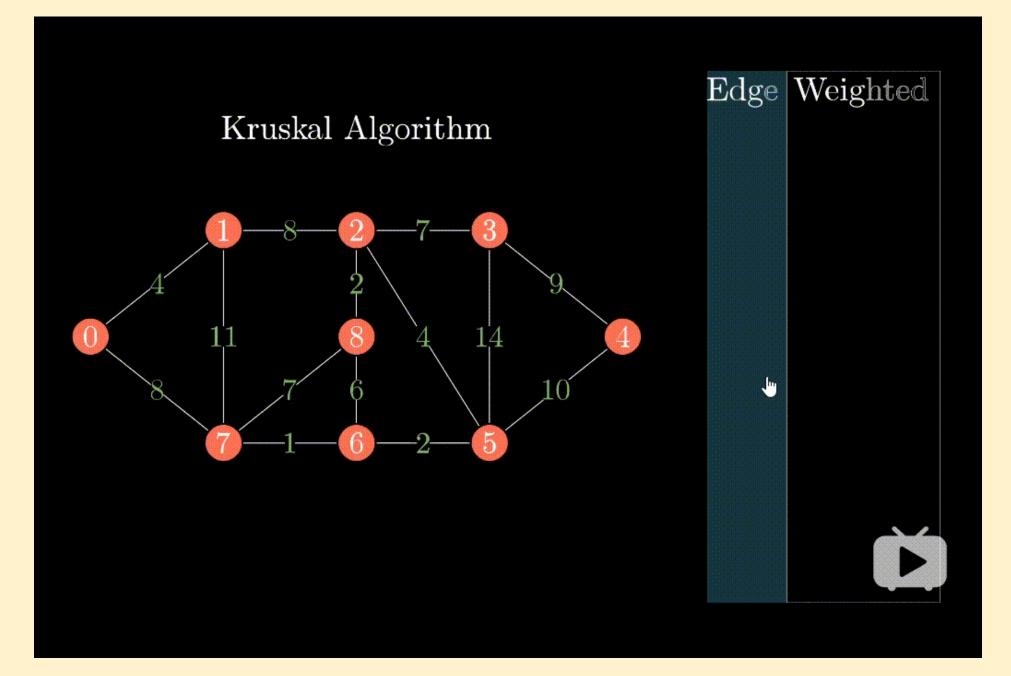
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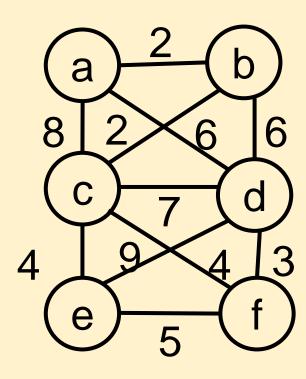
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#### Kruskal's Greedy Strategy:

`greedily' expand a sequence of sub-graphs into an acyclic bigger subgraph that is a tree.

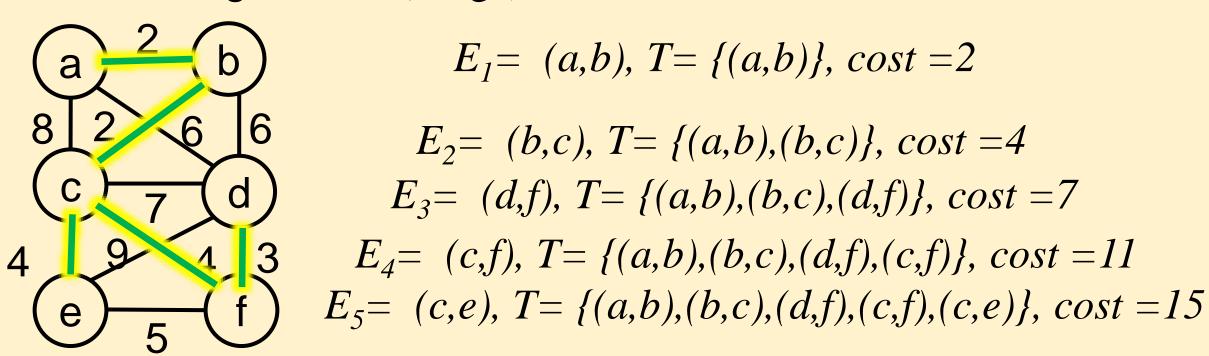
- Sort the edges in increasing order
- Start with an empty sub-graph
- Add the next edge on the list to the current graph
- ➤ If an inclusion results in a cycle discard the edge



> Sort the edges in increasing order of cost

$$E = \{ (a,b),(b,c),(d,f),(c,f),(c,e),(e,f),(b,d),(a,d),(c,d),(a,c),(d,e)\}, T = \{ \}$$

- $\rightarrow$  n=6, so n-1=5 to make T
- $\triangleright$  Sorting takes  $O(e \log e)$  where e = |E|



### Kruskal's Algorithm Outline Algorithm Kruskal(graph G; int n) {

- Input: Weighted graph of size n
- Output: T = (V, E)the minimum spanning tree
- $e_{ik}$  next edge

```
Sort edges of G in increasing
  order of weight
   T=\{\}; k=0;
    while (T \text{ has less than } (n-1))
     edges) {
       k=k+1;
       if T \cup \{e_{ik}\} is acyclic
       add e_{ik} to T;
return T
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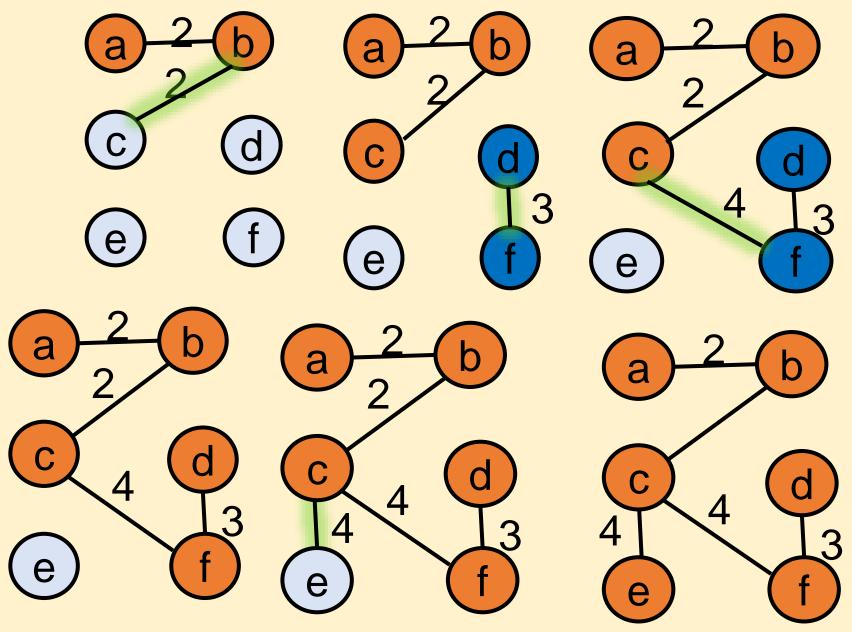
#### Kruskal's Algorithm -- implementation

#### Main step: Cycle detection

- Check if adding an edge to T creates a cycle
- Solution is connected components
- Maintain a set of connected components
- Initially each vertex in its own component
- $\triangleright$  When a new edge (u, v) is selected
  - If *u* and *v* are in the same component, then adding vertices, (*u*, *v*) would create a cycle. Thus we reject those.
  - If not a cycle, then merge the connected components containing *u* and *v*.

The connected components are color coded as orange and blue.

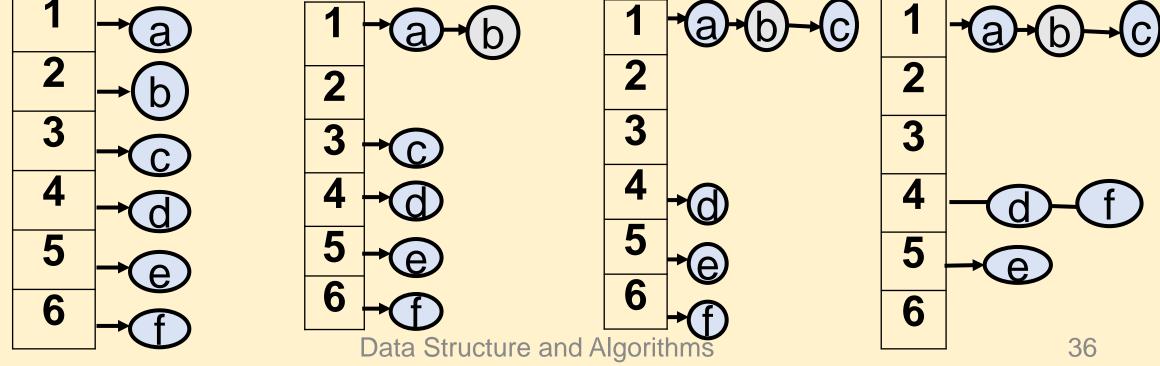
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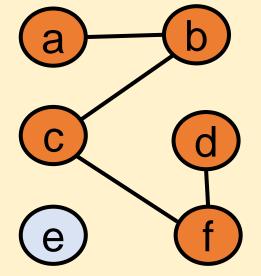


#### **Forest of Trees**

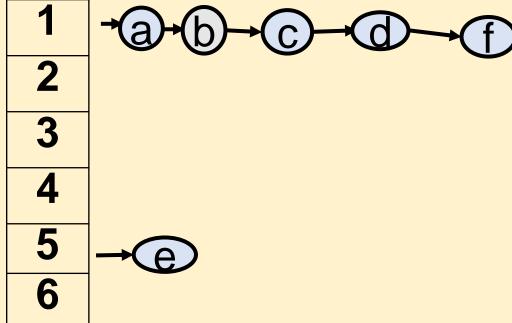
- Use a linked list of vertices (or an array) for each connected component.
- > Implement routines
  - Locate the tree contain a vertex, e.g.
     FindVertex(Forest, v)
  - To merge one tree *i* with another *j*, e.g. Merge(Forest, i, j)

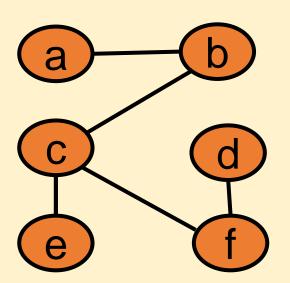
### **Forest Implementation** Merge (forest, 4, 6) **Initial forest** Merge (forest, 1, 3) Merge (forest ,1,2)



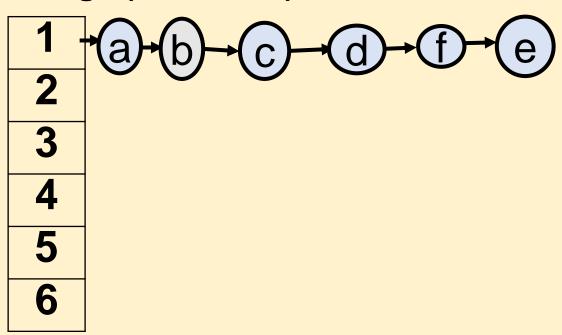


Merge (forest ,1,4)





Merge (forest ,1,5)



#### Kruskal's Algorithm –Sorted Edge List

- Forest: Array[1::n] of Vertex List
- Sort edge list E in ascending order of cost
- Make initial forest, initial cost
- Current edge to add?
- Locate vertices in components

```
Algorithm Kruskal(E, T:Set; Cost:matrix){
   Forest: Array[1...n]of Vertex List;
   Sort(E)
  for(i=1;i <=n;i++) Insert(Forest;i);
    i=0; mincost=0;
       while((i \le n-1))
     &(NotEmpty(Edgelist))){
     (u, v) = Next(Edgelist);
      j=FindVertex(Forest, u);
      k=FindV\ ertex(Forest;\ v);
```

- Locate vertices in components
- If different components
- Add edge to spanning tree
- Update total cost
- Update forest

```
if(j! = k)
 i=i+1; T[i] = (u, v);
 mincost = mincost + Cost[u, v];
 Merge(Forest, j, k)
if(i! = n-1) print('no spanning tree');
return(T, mincost);
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#### Kruskal's Algorithm – Heap Edge List

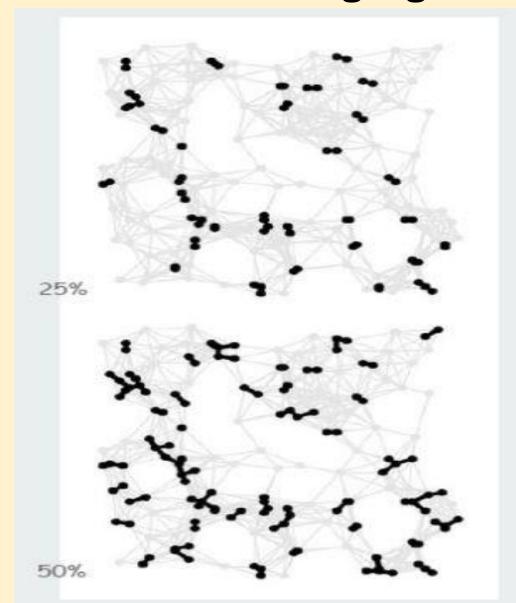
- Forest: Array[1::n] of Vertex List
- Make initial forest
- Order edges by least cost
- start cost
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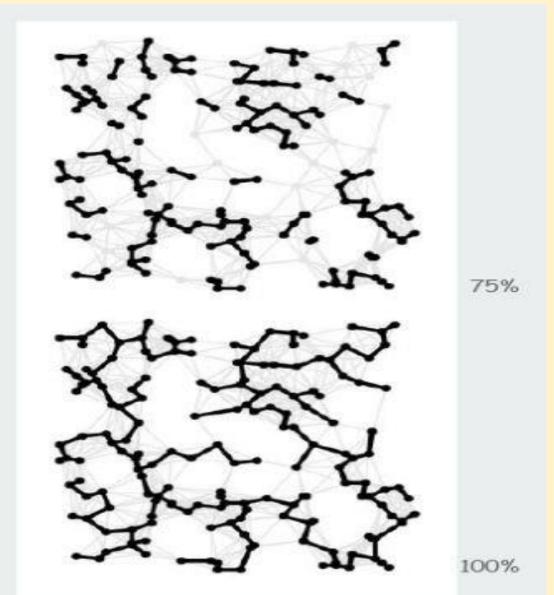
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     Insert(Forest, i);
      MakeHeap(Edgelist, e);
      i=0; mincost=0;
       while((i \le n-1))
      &&(NotEmpty(Edgelist))){
         (u, v) = Next(Edgelist);
         FixHeap(Edgelist, e,1)
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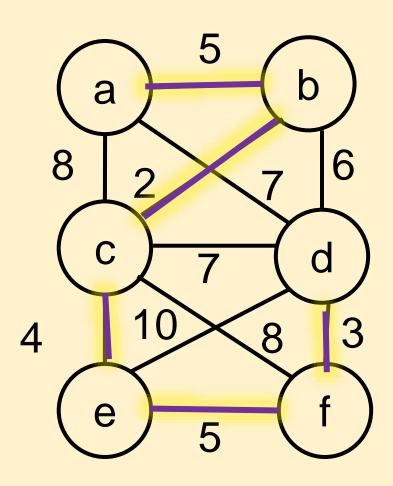
#### Kruskal MST merging connected components illustration





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### In class exercise: Find the MST using Prim algorithm



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