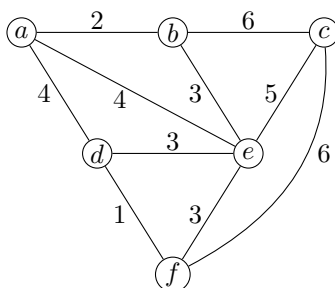


**Problem 1 (20 points).** Run Kruskal's algorithm on the following undirected graph: give the order of edges that are added to the MST (whenever you have a choice, always choose the smallest edge in lexicographic order); for each edge added, give a cut (i.e., the certificate) that justifies its addition does not break optimality.



**Problem 2 (20 points).** Run Prim's algorithm on the above undirected graph: give the order of vertices that are added to the MST (whenever you have a choice, always choose the smallest vertex in alphabetic order); before adding each vertex to the MST, give the *key* (i.e., priority) value for all vertices in the priority queue.

**Problem 3 (20 points).** Design an efficient algorithm for the *maximum spanning tree* problem, i.e., given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weight  $w(e)$  for any  $e \in E$ , to compute a spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$  such that  $\sum_{e \in T} w(e)$  is maximized.

**Problem 4 (20 points).** Give a counter-example or prove the following statement: Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph. Let  $C$  be one cycle in  $G$  and let  $e$  be an edge in  $C$ . If the weight of  $e$  is strictly larger than any other edge in  $C$ , then  $e$  is not in any minimum spanning tree of  $G$ .

**Problem 5 (20 points).** Give a counter-example or prove the following statement: Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an undirected graph with edge weight  $w(e)$  for any  $e \in E$ . Let  $T$  be an MST of  $G$ . Let  $X$  be a connected subgraph of  $G$ . Then  $T \cap X$  is contained in some MST of  $X$ .