

Binary Heaps  
Huffman Codes  
MST  
Union-Find

## The Money Changing Problem

You are to compute the **minimum** number of coins needed to make change for a given amount.



### Example

Suppose we have an unlimited supply of nickels, dimes and quarters. What is the number of coins needed to make change for \$0.40?

$$40 = 0*25 + 2*10 + 4*5$$

$$40 = 0*25 + 4*10 + 0*5$$

What is the **minimum** number of coins?

$$40 = 1*25 + 1*10 + 1*5$$

### The Algorithm

$$40 = 1*25 + 1*10 + 1*5$$

We always start with the largest coin and use it as many times as we can;

then we use the second largest coin, and so on.

This is a so-called **greedy algorithm**.

### Greedy Algorithm

- It is used to solve **optimization** problems
- It makes a **local optimal** choice at each step
- Earlier decisions are **never undone**
- Do **not** always yield **optimal** solutions

Now, you have to think about this question:

*where does efficiency come from?*

### Greedy Algorithm

Greedy Algorithm does not always yield optimal solutions.

Example:

Let coins be **5**, **10**, and **25**.

Make a change of **40** cents.  $40 = 25 + 10 + 5$

Let coins be **5**, **10**, **20** and **25**.

Make a change of **40** cents.  $40 = 20 + 20$

## Scheduling Problem

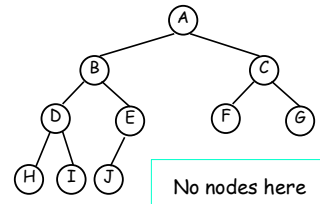
In the scheduling problem (from the previous lecture) we use sorting to solve the optimization problem.

Sorting in general could be expensive, especially if your data changes during the algorithm execution.

In such problems, we use heaps to represent almost ordered data.

## Terminology: complete binary tree

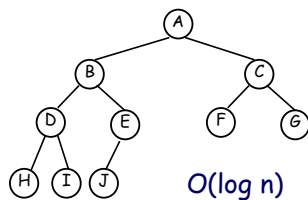
completely filled, except the bottom level that is filled from left to right



## Complete Binary Tree



What is the height of a complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes?

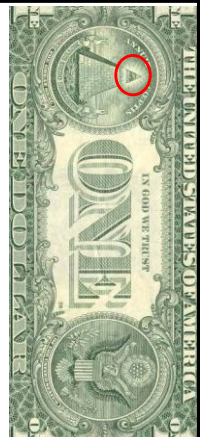


## Binary Heaps

A heap is a complete binary tree which satisfies the heap ordering property.

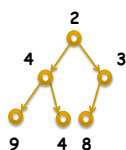
the min-heap property: the value of each node is greater than or equal to the value of its parent

the max-heap property: the value of each node is less than or equal to the value of its parent,

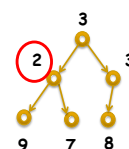
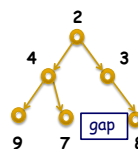


## Binary Heap

The word "heap" will always refer to a min-heap, unless otherwise noted.



## Not a Heap



## Binary Heap Invariants

1. Structure Property
2. Ordering Property

## Heap Operations

insert  
deleteMin  
decreaseKey  
build  
meld

## Implementation

A heap tree is uniquely represented by storing it in an array.



## Implementation



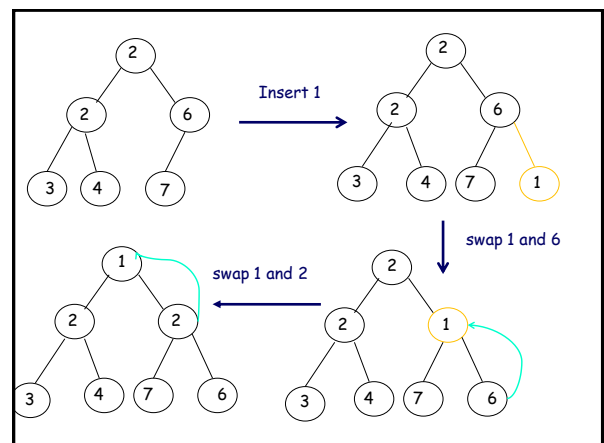
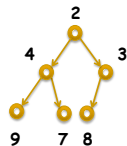
- Consider  $k$ -th element of the array,
- its left child is located at  $2*k$  index
  - its right child is located at  $2*k+1$  index
  - its parent is located at  $k/2$  index

## Insert

The new element is initially appended to the end of the heap array.

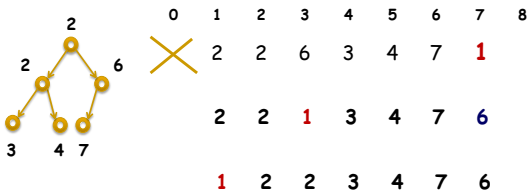
This will preserve the structure property.

Then we **percolate it up** by swapping positions with the parent, if it's necessary.



## Implementation

Insert 1.



## Insert



What is the worst-case complexity of `insert()`?

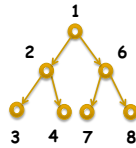
$O(\log n)$

## deleteMin

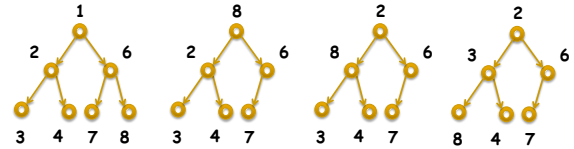
The minimum element can be found at the root of the heap, which is the first element of the array.

Clearly, we cannot delete it.

We move the **last** element of the heap to the root and then restore the heap property by **percolating down**.

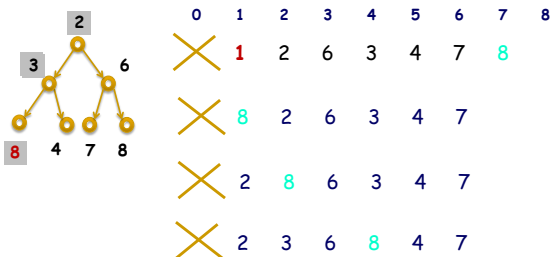


## Delete Min



## Implementation

delMin



## deleteMin



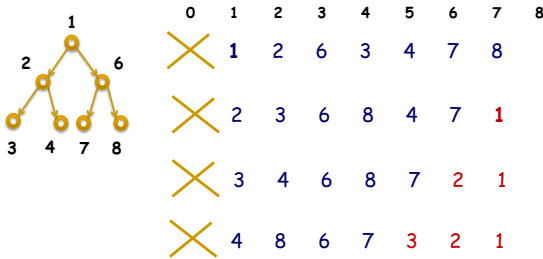
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$O(\log n)$

## HEAPSORT

Run delMin n-times

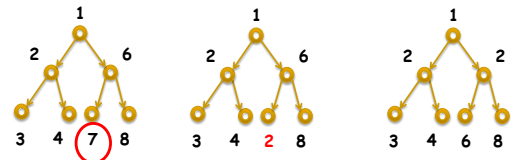
in-place  
nonstable



## decreaseKey

We change the key (value) of one of the heap elements.

To restore a heap property we need to **percolate up** this item.



## Building a heap

Given an array - turn it into a heap.

There are two algorithms:

- 1) by insertion  $O(n \log n)$
- 2) heapify  $O(n)$

## Heapify

We insert all the elements into an array in any order.

Next, starting at position  $n/2$  and working toward position 1, we push each element down the heap by swapping it with its smallest child.

## Heapify



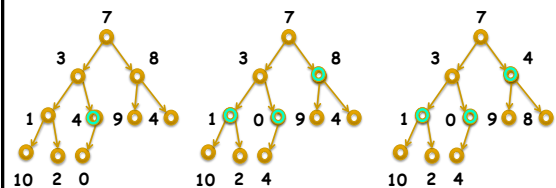
Apply buildHeap operation to the following set of data. Show all intermediate steps.

7, 3, 8, 1, 4, 9, 4, 10, 2, 0

## Heapify

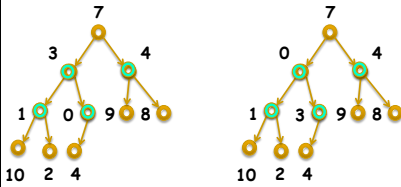
swap 4 and 0

swap 8 and 4



## Heapify

swap 3 and 0

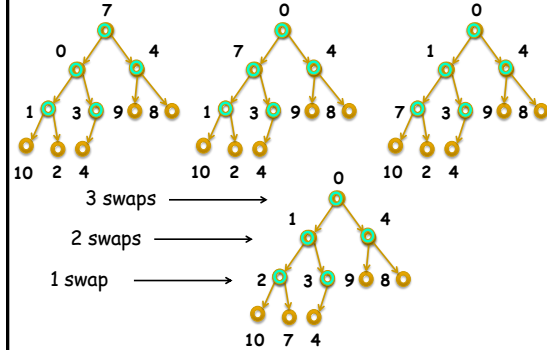


## Heapify

swap 7 and 0

swap 7 and 1

swap 7 and 2



What is the worst-case complexity of **heapify**?

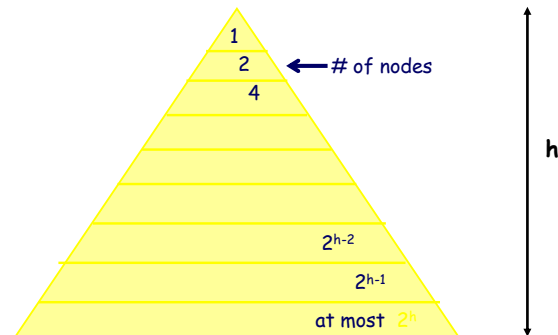
Quick analysis:

during the algorithm execution at most  $n/2$  heap elements percolate down the heap.

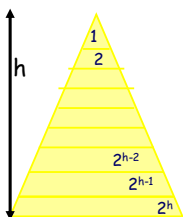
Thus,  $O(n \log n)$  in the worst-case.

A good upper bound, but it's not asymptotically tight.

## Complexity of heapify



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We will count the number of swaps at each level

height	# of nodes	# of swaps
0	1	$h$
1	2	$h-1$
2	4	$h-2$
...	...	...
$h-1$	$2^{h-1}$	1

What is total work?

## Complexity of heapify

To compute the total work we multiply the number of swaps by the number of nodes on each level:

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=1}^h k 2^{h-k}$$

height	# of nodes	# of swaps
0	1	$h$
1	2	$h-1$
...	...	...
$h-2$	$2^{h-2}$	2
$h-1$	$2^{h-1}$	1

### Complexity of heapify

$$\sum_{k=1}^h k 2^{h-k} = 2^h \sum_{k=1}^h \frac{k}{2^k} \leq 2^h \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2^k} = 2^{h+1} = O(n)$$

Let  $x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{8} + \dots$

Compute  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{16} + \dots$

Subtract  $x - \frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = 1$

Building a heap has a linear runtime complexity.



Devise the algorithm of **merging** two heaps into one. What is its running time?

$O(n)$

Merge two arrays in one, and then run heapify.

### Priority Queues

A **priority queue** is a data structure which supports two basic operations: insert a new item according its priority, and remove the item with the highest priority.

It's implemented as a heap.

### Binary Heaps

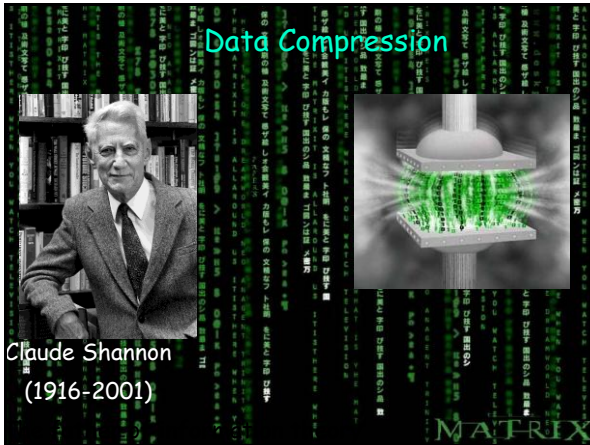
	Complexity
findMin	$\Theta(1)$
deleteMin	$\Theta(\log n)$
insert	$\Theta(\log n)$
decreaseKey	$\Theta(\log n)$
build	$\Theta(n)$
merge (meld)	$\Theta(n)$

Efficient searching is not supported

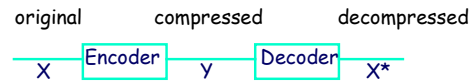
### MORE HEAPS

In the next lecture I will describe a different kind of heap that has a slight improvement over the binary heap.

That data structure was introduced by Vuillemin in 1978, and then further extended by Fredman and Tarjan in 1987.



## Basic Data Compression Concepts



Compression - bit reduction  
byte (char) → codeword (bit string)

Lossless compression  $X = X^*$

Lossy compression  $X \neq X^*$

## Why is Data Compression Possible?

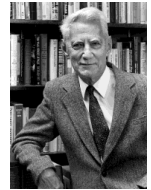
Most data has **redundancy**

There is more data than the actual information contained in the raw data.

The more data random - the less it's compressible.

## Entropy

Shannon (1948) established that there is a **fundamental limit** to lossless data compression.

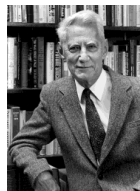


This limit is called the **entropy rate  $H$** .

Entropy is a measure of the amount of information contained in the source.

## Entropy

It is possible to compress the source, in a lossless manner, with compression rate close to the **entropy  $H$** .



It is mathematically impossible to do better than  **$H$** .

## First-Order Model

In the English language some letters occur more frequently than others.



Let each letter in the alphabet has a certain probability  $p_k$ . The entropy is given by

$$H = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k \log \frac{1}{p_k}$$



## Huffman coding (1952)



David Huffman developed this algorithm as a PhD student in a class of information theory at MIT.

## Huffman Code

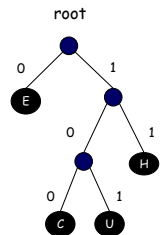
Algorithm is used to assign a **prefix-free codeword** to each char (byte) in the text according to their frequencies.

A **prefix-free code** is one where NO codeword is a prefix of another codeword.

A codeword is a path from the root to the character.

A codeword for C is 100.

A codeword for H is 11.



## Huffman Code

In general, we want to **minimize** the overall length of encoding.

$$\text{cost of tree} = \text{MIN} \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) d(x_k)$$

$f(x)$  - frequency of  $x$  char/node.

$d(x)$  - depth of  $x$  char/node

This suggests *a greedy approach* to constructing a tree.

## Building a Huffman Tree

Given the table of frequencies, let us draw a Huffman tree

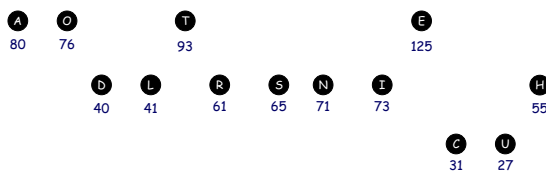
Char	Freq
E	125
T	93
A	80
O	76
I	72
N	71
S	65
R	61
H	55
L	41
D	40
C	31
U	27

We need to get chars with the lowest frequencies at the bottom of the tree. This will guarantee longer codewords assigned to them.

This suggests using a min-heap.

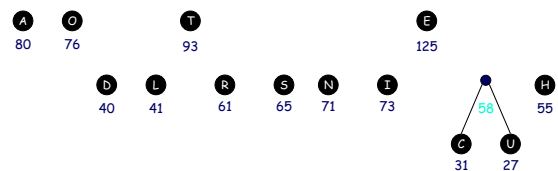
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Initially, there are only single-node trees: one for each character.



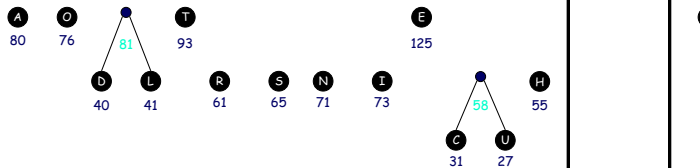
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Select two trees of the smallest weights (C and U in this example), breaking ties arbitrarily, and form a new tree with the weight  $31+27=58$ , and put it back into a heap.

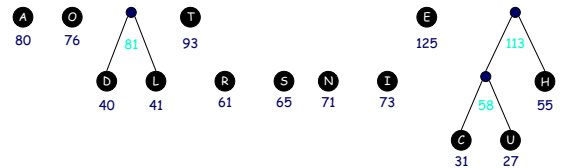


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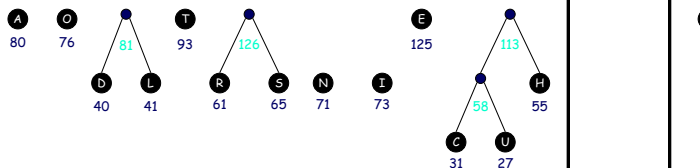
Select two trees of the smallest weights (D and L in this example), and form a new tree with the weight  $40+41=81$ , and put it back into a heap.



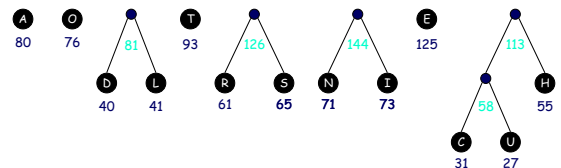
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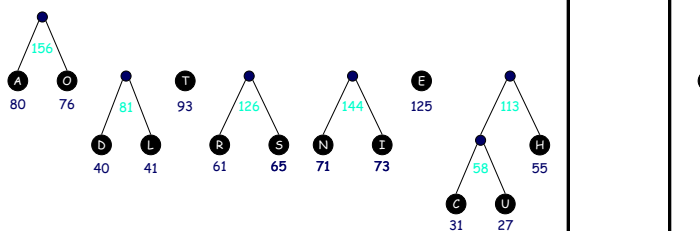


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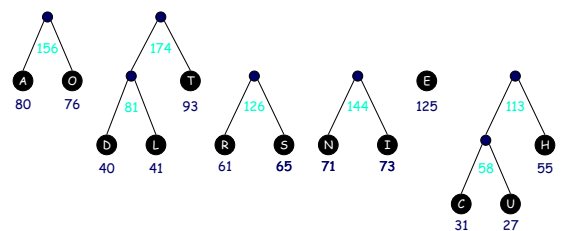


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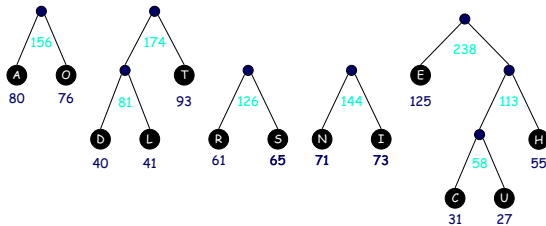
Continue until there is only 1 tree. That tree is the optimal Huffman coding tree.



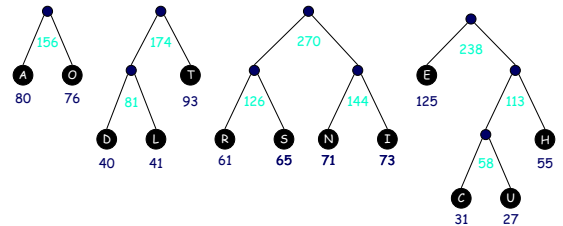
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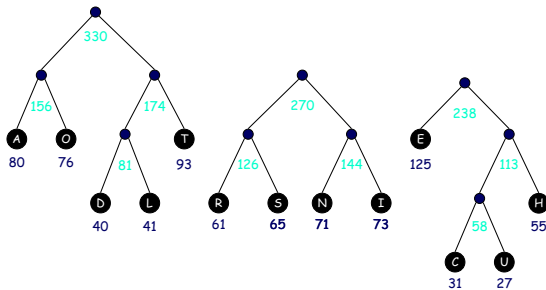
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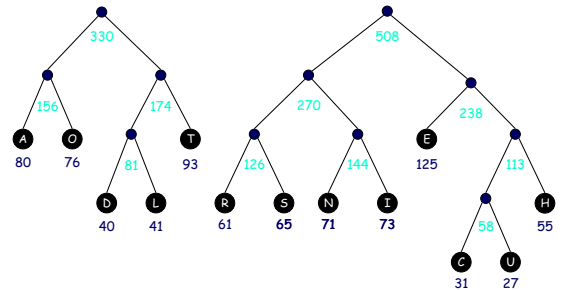
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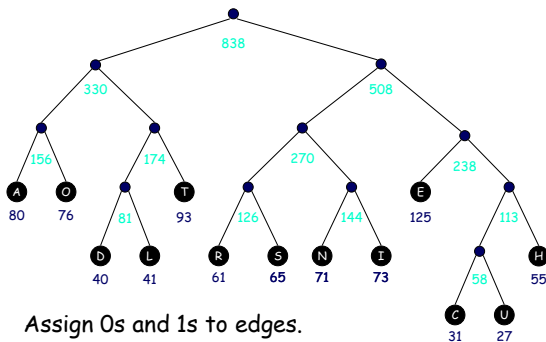
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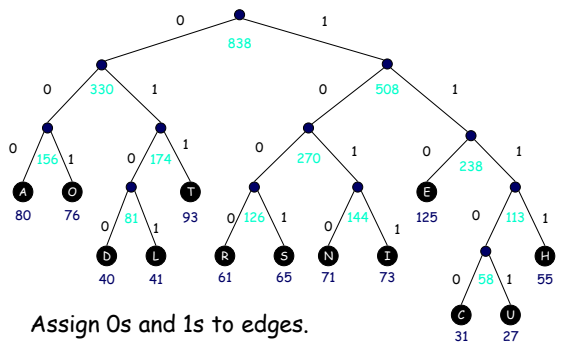
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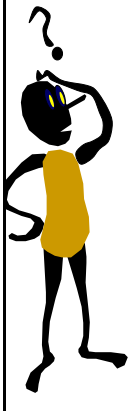


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## Huffman Algorithm

What about decompress?

How do we decompress  
000011011001011?

To be able to decompress we have to  
have the Huffman tree.



## Theorem

The Huffman tree provides  
the optimal prefix-free  
encoding.

## Proof

$A$  - alphabet  
 $f(x)$  - frequency of  $x$  char/node.  
 $d(x)$  - depth of  $x$  char/node

$$\text{cost of tree} = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k) d(x_k)$$

## Proof (by induction)

For  $|A|=2$ , the tree (2 leaves) is optimal.  
 Suppose, it holds for  $|A|-1$ .  
 Choose two least frequent chars,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .  
 Consider a new alphabet  
 $A^* = A - \{c_1, c_2\} \cup \{c^*\}$   
 Observe, that  $|A^*| = |A| - 1$  and  
 $f(c_1) + f(c_2) = f(c^*)$

$$A^* = A - \{c_1, c_2\} \cup \{c^*\}$$

We have two trees now  
 $T$  - over the alphabet  $A$   
 $T^*$  - over the alphabet  $A^*$   
 Note,  $T^*$  is optimal by ind. hypothesis  
 We want to prove that  $T$  is also optimal.

$$A^* = A - \{c_1, c_2\} \cup \{c^*\}$$

By contradiction.

Let us assume that there is  $T_1$  such that  
 $\text{cost}(T_1) < \text{cost}(T)$

Compute  $\text{cost}(T)$

$$A^* = A - \{c_1, c_2\} \cup \{c^*\}$$

$$\text{cost}(T) = \text{cost}(T^*) + f(c_1)d(c_1) + f(c_2)d(c_2) - f(c^*)d(c^*)$$

But

$$f(c^*) = f(c_1) + f(c_2)$$

$$d(c^*) = d(c_1) - 1 = d(c_2) - 1$$

Then

$$\text{cost}(T) = \text{cost}(T^*) + f(c_1) + f(c_2)$$

Need to prove  $\text{cost}(T_1) < \text{cost}(T)$

We showed that

$$\text{cost}(T) = \text{cost}(T^*) + f(c_1) + f(c_2)$$

Similarly, we can remove  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  (if they are siblings) from  $T_1$ .

Thus

$$\text{cost}(T_1) = \text{cost}(T_1^*) + f(c_1) + f(c_2)$$

It follows,

$$\text{cost}(T_1) < \text{cost}(T) \Rightarrow \text{cost}(T_1^*) < \text{cost}(T^*)$$

But  $T^*$  is optimal. Contradiction.

What if  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are not siblings?

Lemma.

Pick  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $f(x)$  and  $f(y)$  are minimal. Then there is an optimal prefix code such that  $x$  and  $y$  are siblings.

Without proof.

The Minimum Spanning Tree

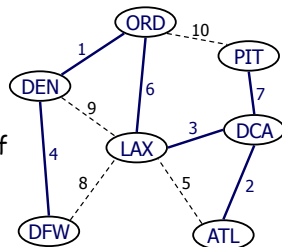


Find a spanning tree of the minimum total weight.

MST is fundamental problem with diverse applications.

Spanning tree is a subgraph (connected and acyclic) of a graph containing all the vertices

Minimum spanning tree (MST) is a spanning tree of a weighted undirected graph with the minimum total edge weight



The weight of a spanning tree is the sum of the weights on all the edges which comprise the spanning tree.

The Minimum Spanning Tree




Joseph Kruskal (1929-2010)

Prim's Algorithm (1957)  
Kruskal's Algorithm (1956)  
Boruvka's Algorithm (1926)



Robert Prim (1921-)



## The MST

Brute Force Algorithm:


Using BFS, find ALL spanning trees and then pick one with the minimum cost.

What's wrong with this idea?

## Cayley's Formula

The number of spanning trees in  $K_n$  is  $n^{n-2}$

$K_n$  is a *complete* simple graph in which every pair of distinct vertices is connected by a unique edge.



Arthur Cayley  
(1821-1895)

## Prim's Algorithm

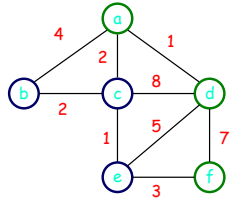
algorithm builds a tree one VERTEX at a time.

- Start with an arbitrary vertex as component  $C$
- Expand  $C$  by adding a vertex having the minimum weight edge of the graph having exactly one end point in  $C$ .
- Continue to grow the tree until  $C$  gets all vertices.

## Cut Property

A *cut* of a graph is a partition of its vertices into two disjoint sets. Yellow and green below.

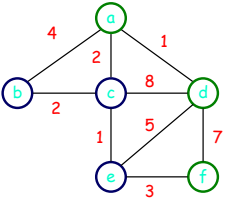
A *crossing edge* is an edge that connects a vertex in one set with a vertex in the other. For example,  $(d, e)$  in the picture



## Proof of the correctness.

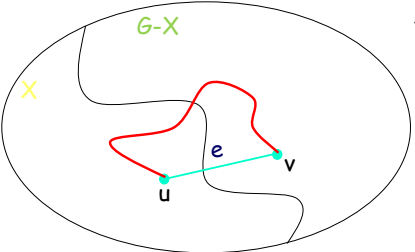
**Lemma:** Given any cut in a weighted graph, the crossing edge of minimum weight is in the MST of the graph.

Among five crossing edges,  $(a, c)$  is the smallest, so it must be in the MST.



## Proof of the Lemma

Let  $T$  be the MST but  $e$  (crossing edge) is not in  $T$ . Adding  $e$  to  $T$  creates a cycle.

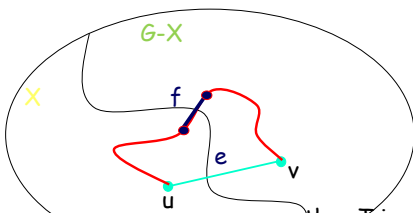


$e$  is the smallest edge  
 $e$  is not in  $T$

## Proof of the Lemma

There is some other crossing edge  $f > e$  in  $T$ .

Create another  $T_1 = T - f + e < T$

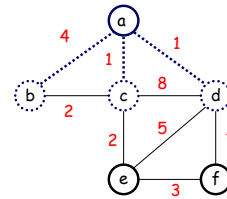


$e$  is the smallest edge  
 $e$  is not in  $T$   
 $f$  is in  $T$   
 $f > e$

thus  $T$  is not the MST  
**CONTRADICTION**

## Prim's Algorithm

$C = \{a\}$

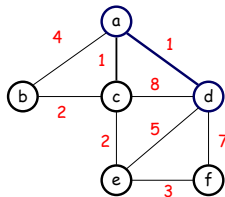


heap

d-1 c-1 b-4 e-oo f-oo

## Prim's Algorithm

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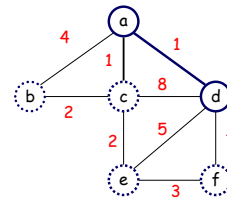


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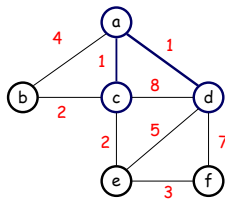
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c-1 b-4 e-5 f-7

decreaseKey

## Prim's Algorithm

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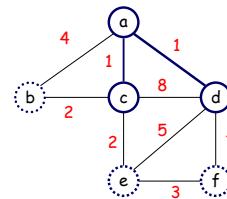


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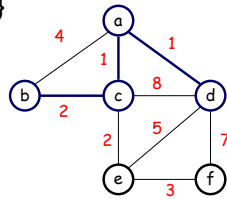


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b-2 e-2 f-7

### Prim's Algorithm

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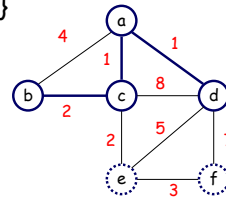


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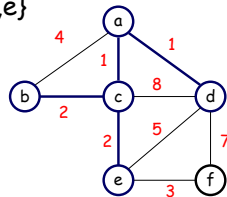


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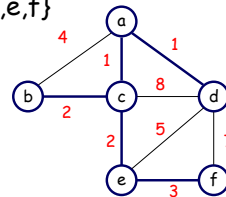


heap

f-3

### Prim's Algorithm

$C = \{a, d, c, b, e, f\}$



Weight =  $1+1+2+2+3 = 9$



What is the worst-case runtime complexity of Prim's Algorithm?

### Complexity of Prim's Algorithm

To find a shortest distance to  $C$ , we maintain a **priority queue** of vertices.

deleteMin -  $O(\log V)$

decreaseKey -  $O(\log V)$

We run deleteMin  $V$  times.

We update the queue  $E$  times.

The total cost:

$O(V \cdot \log V + E \cdot \log V)$



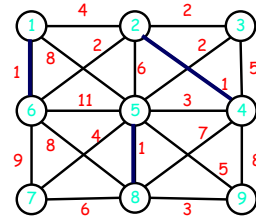
## Kruskal's Algorithm

algorithm builds a tree one EDGE at a time.

- Start with all vertices as a forest
- Choose the cheapest edge and joint correspondent vertices (subject to cycles)
- Continue to grow the forest

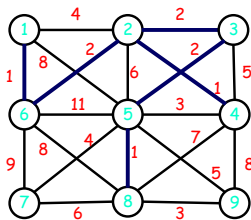
## Kruskal's Algorithm

Start with minimal weight edges.  
There are three edges of weight 1



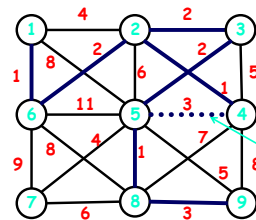
## Kruskal's Algorithm

There are three edges of weight 2



## Kruskal's Algorithm

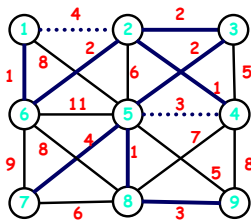
There are two edges of weight 3



Edge is not in  
MST since it  
will create a  
cycle

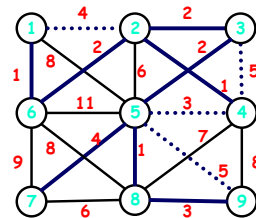
## Kruskal's Algorithm

There are two edges of weight 4



## Kruskal's Algorithm

There are two edges of weight 5



We don't have to consider all edges, we stop  
as soon as we get a spanning tree.

## Complexity of Kruskal's Algorithm

Sorting edges -  $O(E \log E)$

Cycle detection -  $O(V)$

Total:  $O(V \cdot E + E \cdot \log E)$

Compare it with Prim's:  $O(V \cdot \log V + E \cdot \log V)$

## Implementation of Kruskal's Algorithm

We need a new data structure:

a disjoint set

When examining an edge, we need to check if both vertices are in the same disjoint set:

if no, accept the edge and take the union of the two sets, otherwise

if yes, then this would cause a cycle

## Disjoint Set

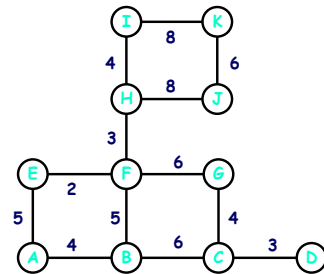
This data structure maintains a collection of disjoint sets, with the operations:

-find(u): return the set storing u

-union(u, v): joins two sets containing u and v together

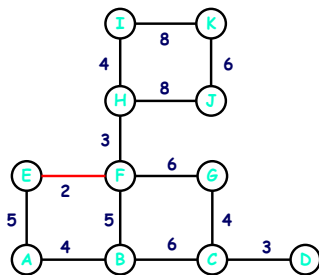
## Kruskal's Algorithm: Disjoint Set

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	I	K
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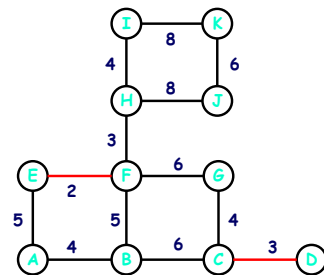
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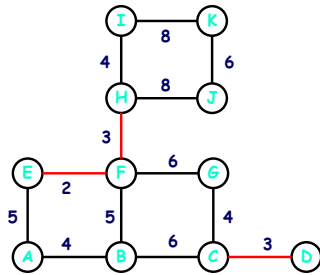
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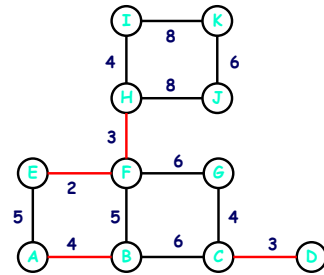
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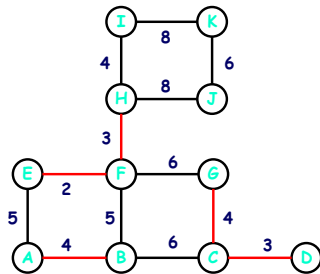
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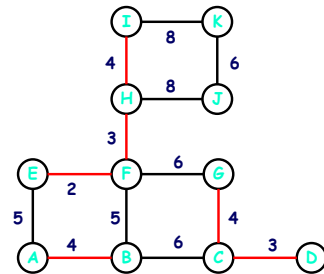
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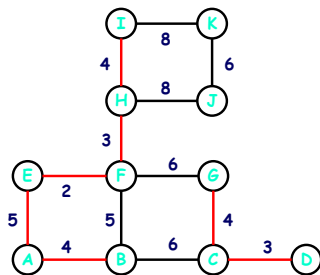
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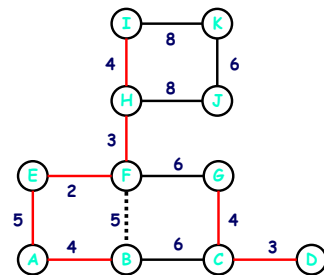
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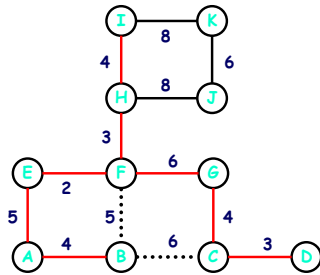
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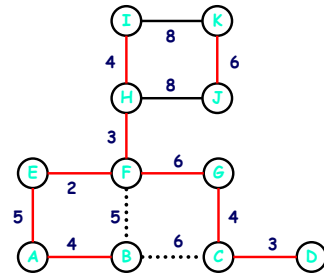
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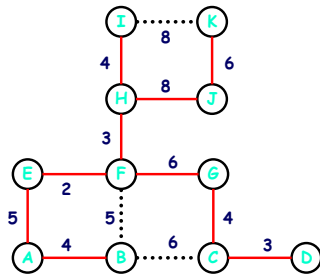
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### Union - Find: implementation

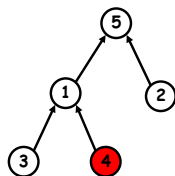
We implement each set as a tree, using **parent pointers**.

The root is a representative of all nodes in this tree.

**Find()** means a tree traversal to the root.  
**Union()** means joining two trees.

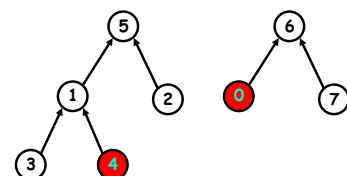
### FIND

FIND(4) returns the root, which is 5



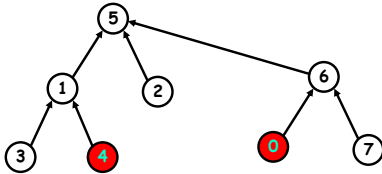
### UNION

UNION(4, 0) calls FIND(4) and FIND(0)



## UNION

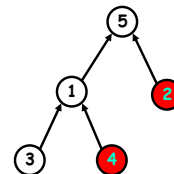
UNION(4, 0) calls FIND(4) and FIND(0)



In which order do we join two trees?

## UNION

UNION(4, 2) calls FIND(4) and FIND(2)



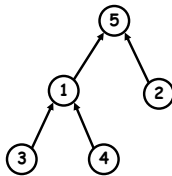
2 and 4 belong to the same set.

## FIND: implementation

Actually, a tree is implemented as an array.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
-1	5	5	1	1	5	-1	-1

Vertex  $k$  has a parent that is stored at  $\text{parent}[k]$



## FIND: implementation

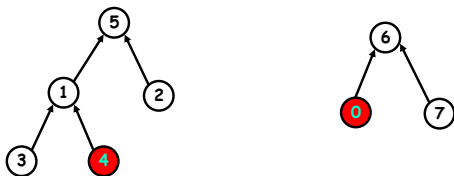
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```
find(i):
while( i != parent[i] && parent[i] >= 0 )
    i = parent[i];
return i;
```

## UNION: implementation

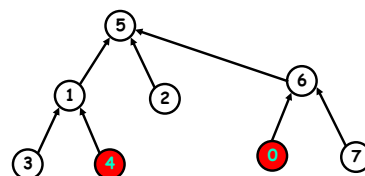
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## UNION: implementation

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## Union by Rank

Maintain heights (called rank) of all trees.

During UNION, make a shorter tree a subset of a taller tree.

## UNION: implementation

```
union(i,j):
    root1 = find(i); root2 = find(j);
    if(root1 != root2)
        if(height(root1) > height(root2))
            parent[root2] = root1;
        else
            parent[root1] = root2;
```

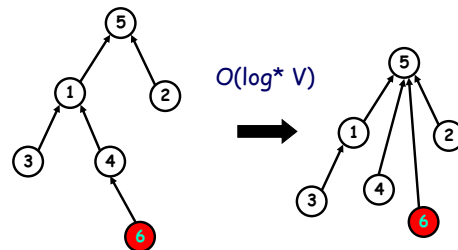
## Worst-case Complexity

FIND has cost  $O(V)$

UNION has cost  $O(V) + O(1)$

## Path Compression

The idea is to make the tree height smaller. During a FIND operation, we redirect all nodes on the path to the root.



## $\log^* n$ - iterated log

$\log^* n$  is the number of times we need to apply  $\log$  to get 1.

$\log^* 16 = 3$  since  $\log \log \log 2^4 = 1$

$\log^* 2^{16} = 4$

$\log^* 2^{65536} = 5$

## Amortized Cost

$n$  Union/Find operations take  $O(n \log^* n)$  which is almost linear.

I will formally define an amortized cost in the next lecture.

