

Tree

A connected graph that contains no cycle or circuits is called a Tree.

Forest

A graph with no cycle such that whose connected components are trees, or In other words, the set of disjoint trees called a forest.

Leaf or Terminal Node

A vertex of degree one in a tree is called a leaf or terminal

Properties of a Tree

1) The number of vertices is one more than the number of edges in a tree

$$|V| = |E| + 1$$

2) A tree with two or more vertices has at least two leaves.

3) A K_2 i.e. complete graph with two vertices is a tree.

Minimally Connected Graph

A connected graph G is said to be minimally connected graph if removal of any edge e from it disconnects the graph.

Spanning Tree

Spanning Tree of graph G of n vertices and e edges as the following property —

- (1) It passes through all vertices of Graph G .
- (2) It connected subgraph of G
- (3) It does not have any closed circuit

Rank of a Graph

No. of edges of Graph G which are including in spanning tree are called branches of a tree.

The rank of a Graph $\stackrel{(R)}{=} (n-1)$
 $n \rightarrow$ no. of vertices

Nullity of a Graph

The edges of Graph G which are not included in tree are called nullity of a graph.

$$T = e - (n-1)$$

$e \rightarrow$ no. of edges
 $n \rightarrow$ no. of vertices.

Minimal Spanning Tree

Minimal Spanning tree of a graph G is that spanning tree that as smallest length sum among all the spanning tree.

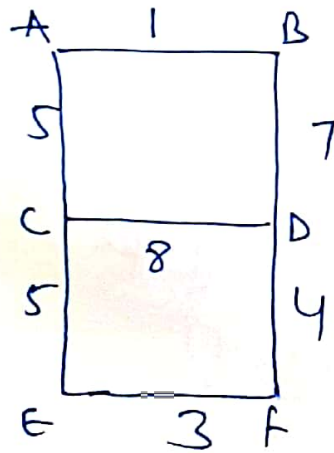
There are two types of methods for finding the minimal spanning tree.

1) Kruskal's Algorithm

Step 1 — Arrange the edges of the graph in order of increasing weight.

Step 2 — Draw an isolated vertex vertices.

Step 3 — Starting only with vertices of G and proceeding sequentially, at each edges which does not result in a cycle, until $(n-1)$ edges are.



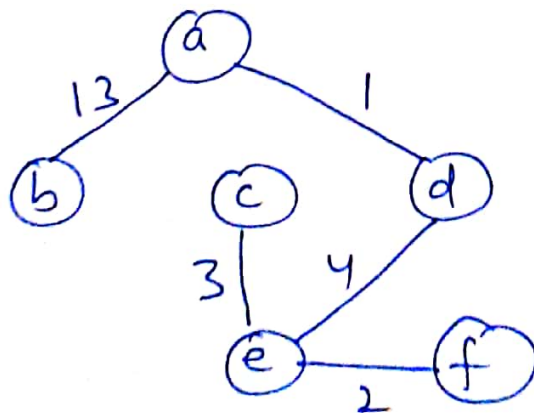
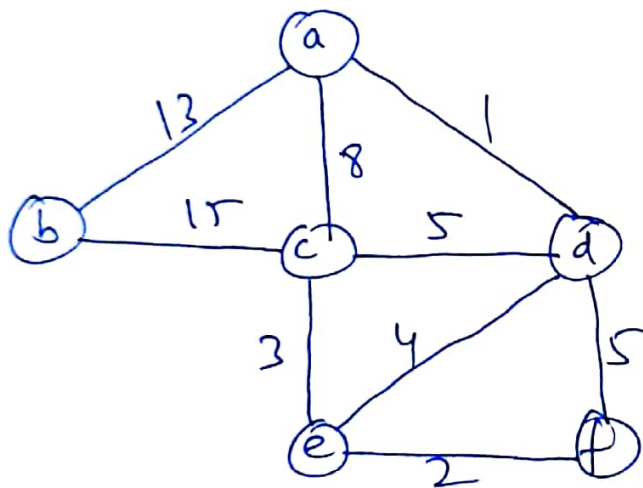
$A-B \rightarrow 1$

$E-F \rightarrow 3$

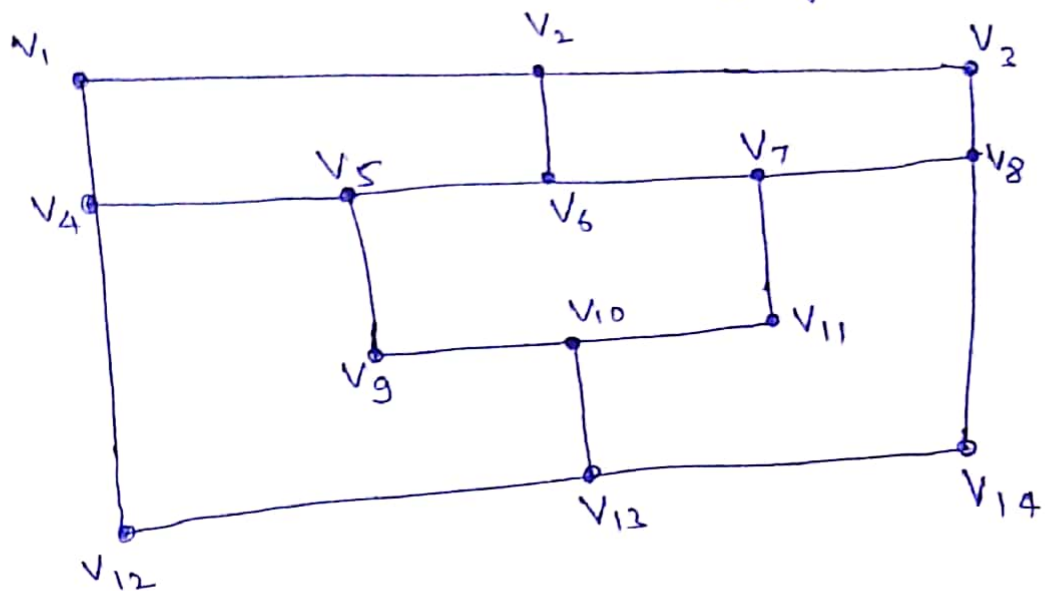
Prim's Algorithm

Prim's Algorithm finds a minimum cost spanning tree by selecting edges from the graph one-by-one as follows:

- (i) It starts with a tree, T , consisting of the starting vertex x .
- (ii) Then, it adds the shortest edge emerged from x that connects T to the rest of the graph.
- (iii) It then moves to added vertex and repeats the process.



Example : Find the rank & nullity of a graph G .



$$\underline{n=14 \quad e=18}$$

$$\therefore \text{Rank of Graph} = n-1 = 14-1 = 13$$

$$\text{Nullity of Graph} = e - (n-1) = 18 - 13 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of edges} &= \text{Rank} + \text{Nullity} \\ &= 13 + 5 \\ &= 18. \end{aligned}$$

Minimal Spanning Tree

The minimal spanning tree T of graph G is that spanning tree that has smallest length sum among all spanning tree.