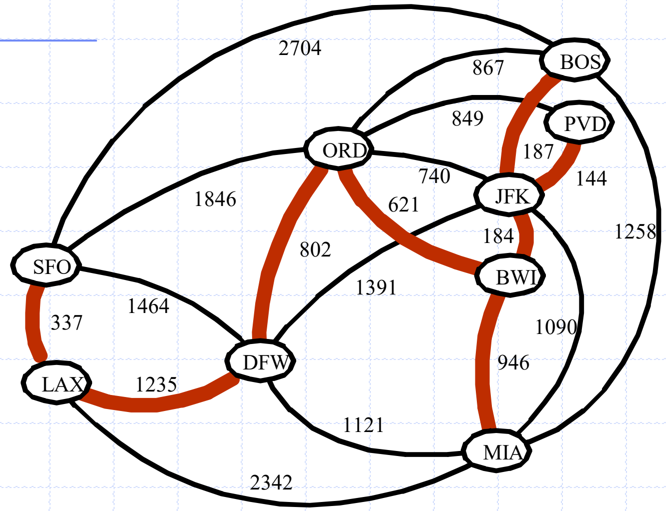
Minimum Spanning Trees



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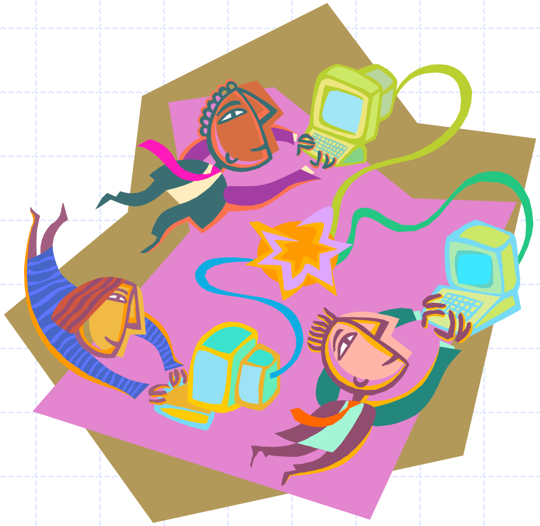


- Minimum Spanning Trees
  - Definitions
  - A crucial fact
- The Prim-Jarnik Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Baruvka's Algorithm
- TSP (briefly)

Minimum Spanning Tree

Spanning subgraph

- Subgraph of a graph ***G*** containing all the vertices of ***G***

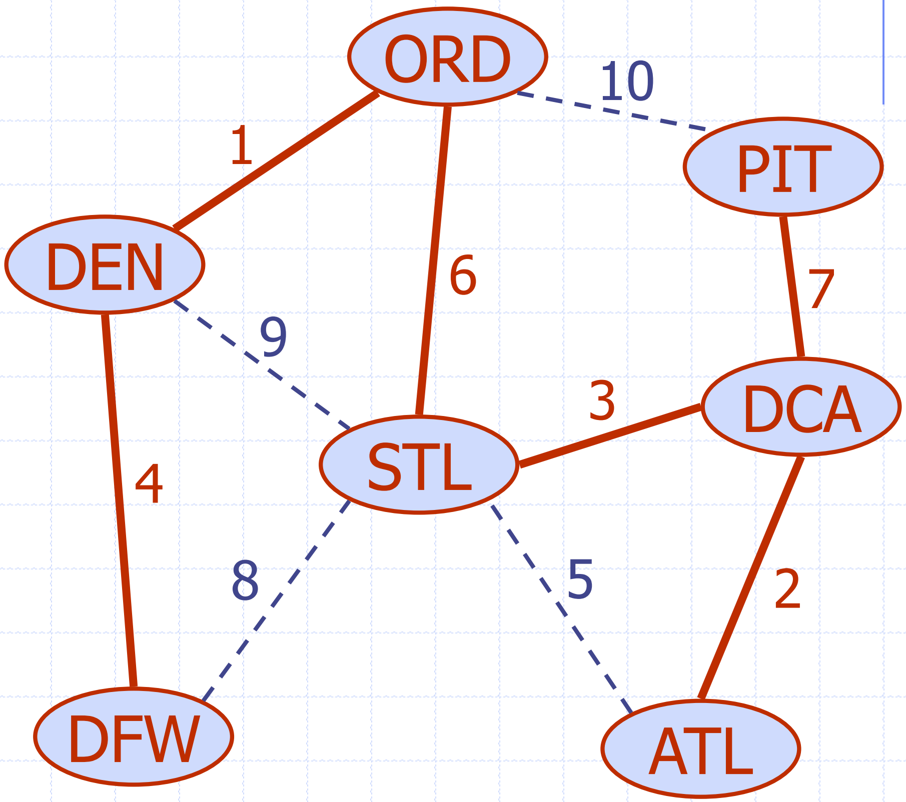
Spanning tree

- Spanning subgraph that is itself a (free) tree

Minimum spanning tree (MST)

- Spanning tree of a weighted graph with minimum total edge weight

- Applications
  - Communications networks
  - Transportation networks



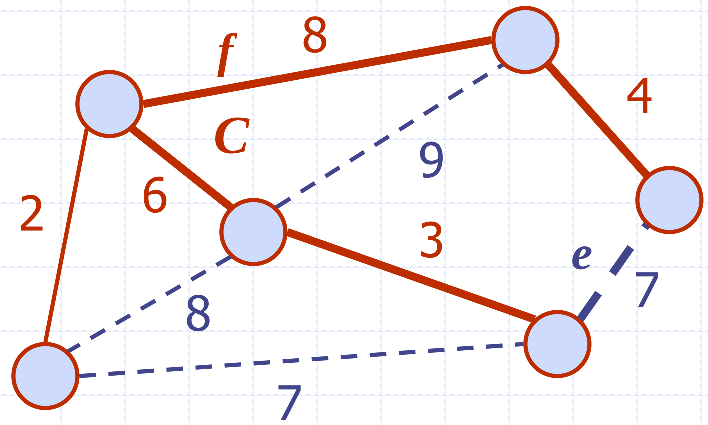
Cycle Property

Cycle Property:

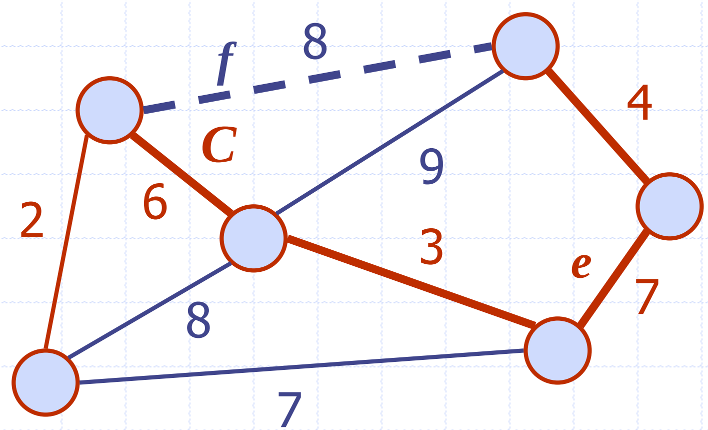
- Let T be a minimum spanning tree of a weighted graph G
- Let e be an edge of G that is not in T and C let be the cycle formed by e with T
- For every edge f of C, $weight(f) \le weight(e)$

Proof:

- By contradiction
- If $weight(f) > weight(e)$ we can get a spanning tree of smaller weight by replacing e with f



Replacing f with e yields a better spanning tree



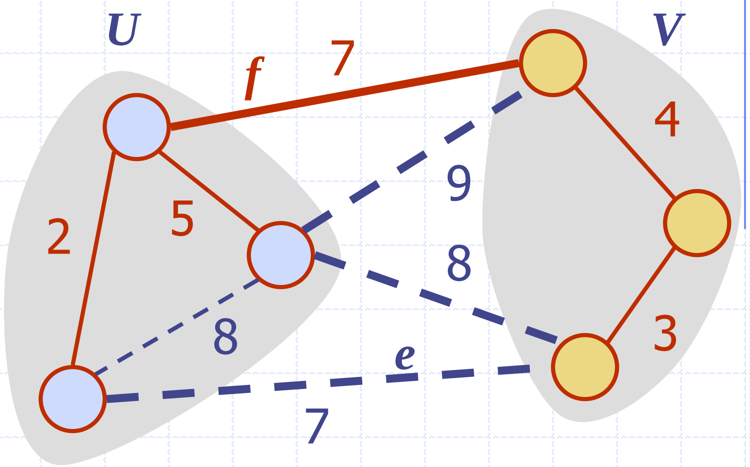
Partition Property

Partition Property:

- Consider a partition of the vertices of G into subsets U and V
- Let e be an edge of minimum weight across the partition
- There is a minimum spanning tree of G containing edge e

Proof:

- Let T be an MST of G
- If T does not contain e, consider the cycle C formed by e with T and let f be an edge of C across the partition
- By the cycle property,
  $$weight(f) \leq weight(e)$$
- Thus, $weight(f) = weight(e)$
- We obtain another MST by replacing f with e



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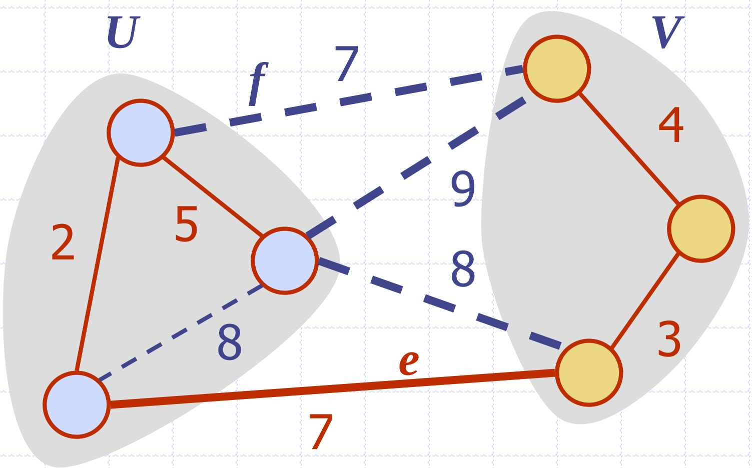
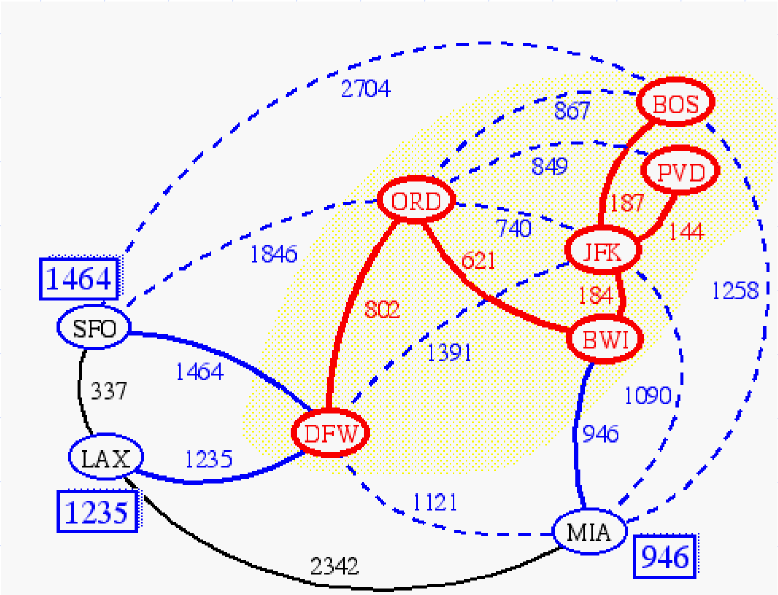


Prim-Jarnik's Algorithm

- Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm (for a connected graph)
- We pick an arbitrary vertex s and we grow the MST as a cloud of vertices, starting from s
- We store with each vertex v a label $d(v)$ = the smallest weight of an edge connecting v to a vertex in the cloud
- At each step:
  - We add to the cloud the vertex u outside the cloud with the smallest distance label
  - We update the labels of the vertices adjacent to u



Prim-Jarnik's Algorithm (cont.)

- A priority queue stores the vertices outside the cloud
  - Key: distance
  - Element: vertex
- Locator-based methods
  - *insert*(*k*,*e*) returns a locator
  - *replaceKey*(*l*,*k*) changes the key of an item
- We store three labels with each vertex:
  - Distance
  - Parent edge in MST
  - Locator in priority queue

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Algorithm PrimJarnikMST(G)
  Q ← new heap-based priority queue
  s ← a vertex of G
  for all v ∈ G.vertices()
    if v = s
      setDistance(v, 0)
    else
      setDistance(v, ∞)
    setParent(v, ∅)
    l ← Q.insert(getDistance(v), v)
    setLocator(v,l)
  while ¬Q.isEmpty()
    u ← Q.removeMin()
    for all e ∈ G.incidentEdges(u)
      z ← G.opposite(u,e)
      r ← weight(e)
      if r < getDistance(z)
        setDistance(z,r)
        setParent(z,e)
        Q.replaceKey(getLocator(z),r)
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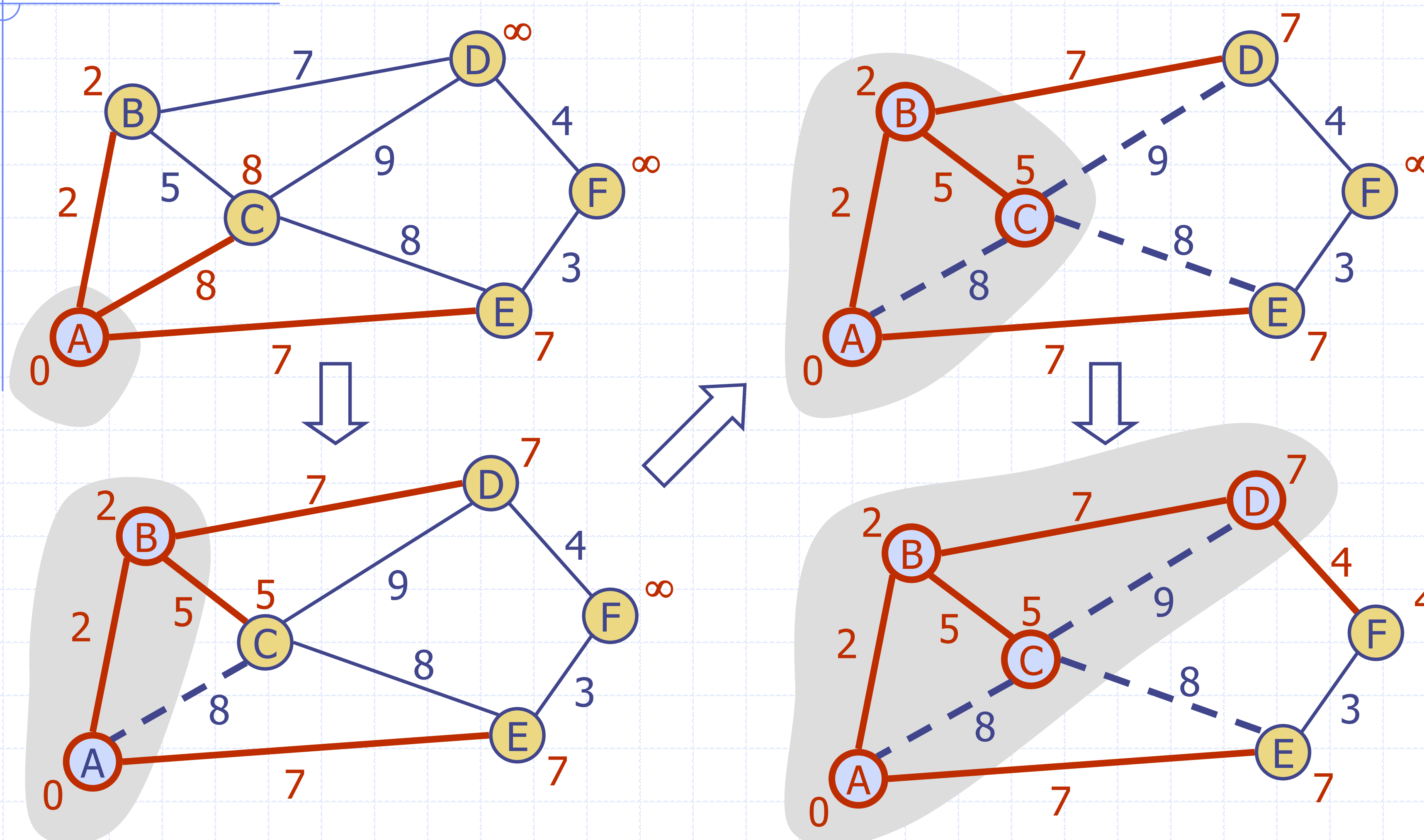
Example



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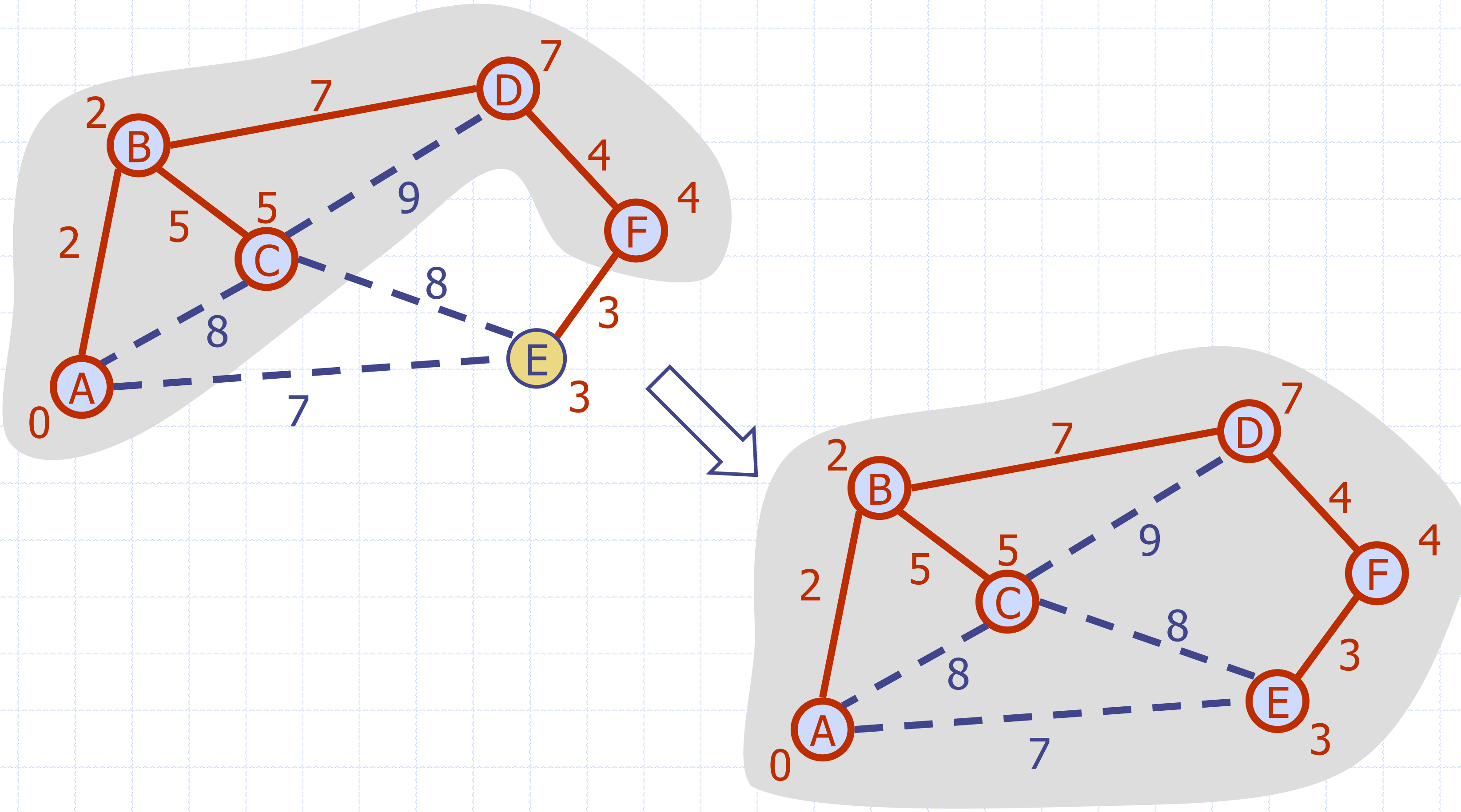


Analysis

- Graph operations
  - Method incidentEdges is called once for each vertex
- Label operations
  - We set/get the distance, parent and locator labels of vertex z $O(\deg(z))$ times
  - Setting/getting a label takes $O(1)$ time
- Priority queue operations
  - Each vertex is inserted once into and removed once from the priority queue, where each insertion or removal takes $O(\log n)$ time
  - The key of a vertex w in the priority queue is modified at most $\deg(w)$ times, where each key change takes $O(\log n)$ time
- Prim-Jarnik's algorithm runs in $O((n + m) \log n)$ time provided the graph is represented by the adjacency list structure
  - Recall that $\Sigma_v \deg(v) = 2m$
- The running time is $O(m \log n)$ since the graph is connected

Kruskal's Algorithm

- A priority queue stores the edges outside the cloud
  - Key: weight
  - Element: edge
- At the end of the algorithm
  - We are left with one cloud that encompasses the MST
  - A tree *T* which is our MST

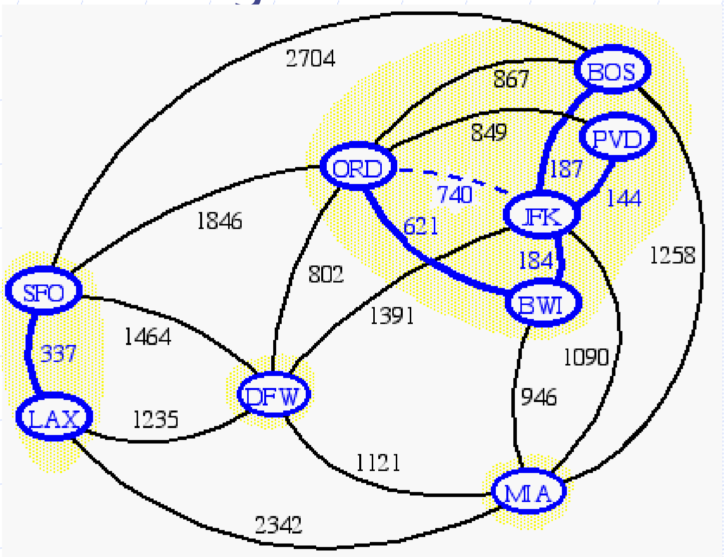
Algorithm *KruskalMST*(*G*)
    for each vertex *V* in ***G*** **do**
        define a ***Cloud(v)*** of $\leftarrow$ {*v*}
    let ***Q*** be a priority queue.
    Insert all edges into ***Q*** using their weights as the key
    $T \leftarrow \varnothing$
    while *T* has fewer than ***n***-1 edges **do**
        edge ***e*** = ***T.removeMin()***
        Let ***u, v*** be the endpoints of *e*
        if ***Cloud(v)*** ≠ ***Cloud(u)*** **then**
            Add edge ***e*** to ***T***
            Merge ***Cloud(v)*** and ***Cloud(u)***
    return ***T***

Data Structure for Kruskal Algortihm

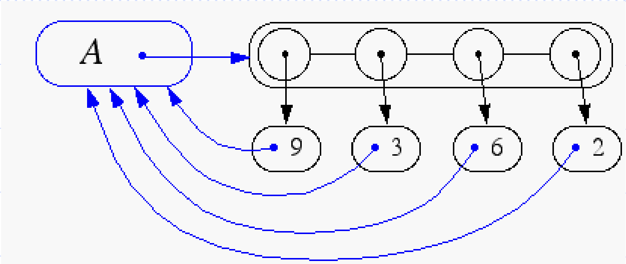
- The algorithm maintains a forest of trees
- An edge is accepted it if connects distinct trees
- We need a data structure that maintains a **partition**, i.e., a collection of disjoint sets, with the operations:

  -**find**(u): return the set storing u

  -**union**(u,v): replace the sets storing u and v with their union



Representation of a Partition



- Each set is stored in a sequence
- Each element has a reference back to the set
  - operation find(u) takes O(1) time, and returns the set of which u is a member.
  - in operation union(u,v), we move the elements of the smaller set to the sequence of the larger set and update their references
  - the time for operation union(u,v) is $\min(n_u,n_v)$, where n_u and n_v are the sizes of the sets storing u and v
- Whenever an element is processed, it goes into a set of size at least double, hence each element is processed at most log n times

Partition-Based Implementation

- A partition-based version of Kruskal's Algorithm performs cloud merges as unions and tests as finds.

Algorithm **Kruskal**(***G***):

  Input: A weighted graph ***G***.

  Output: An MST ***T*** for ***G***.

Let ***P*** be a partition of the vertices of ***G***, where each vertex forms a separate set.

Let ***Q*** be a priority queue storing the edges of ***G***, sorted by their weights

Let ***T*** be an initially-empty tree

while ***Q*** is not empty **do**

  (***u***,***v***) ← ***Q***.removeMinElement()

  if ***P***.find(***u***) != ***P***.find(***v***) **then**

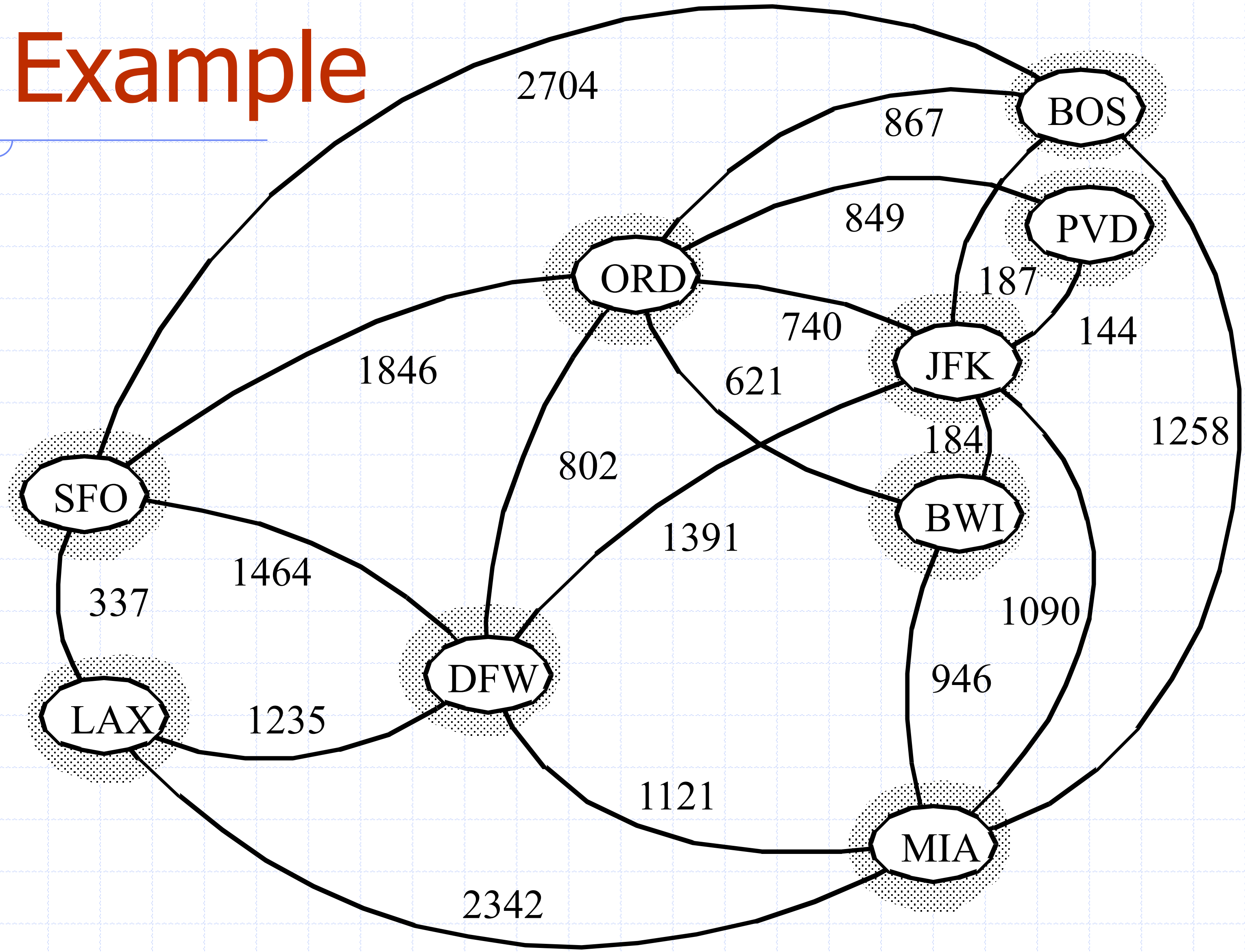
    Add (***u***,***v***) to ***T***

    P.union(***u***,***v***)

return ***T***

Running time: O((n+m)log n)

Kruskal Example



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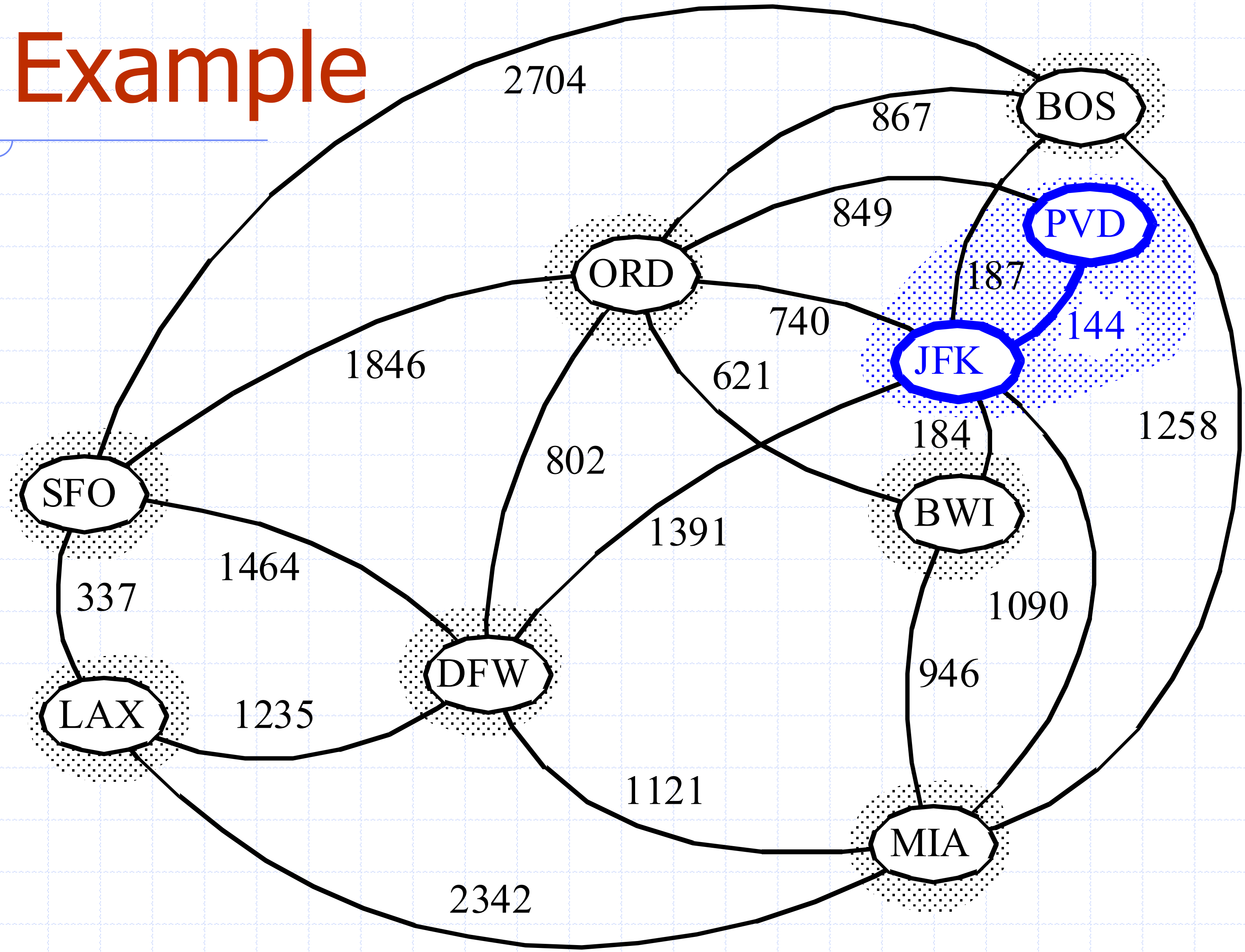

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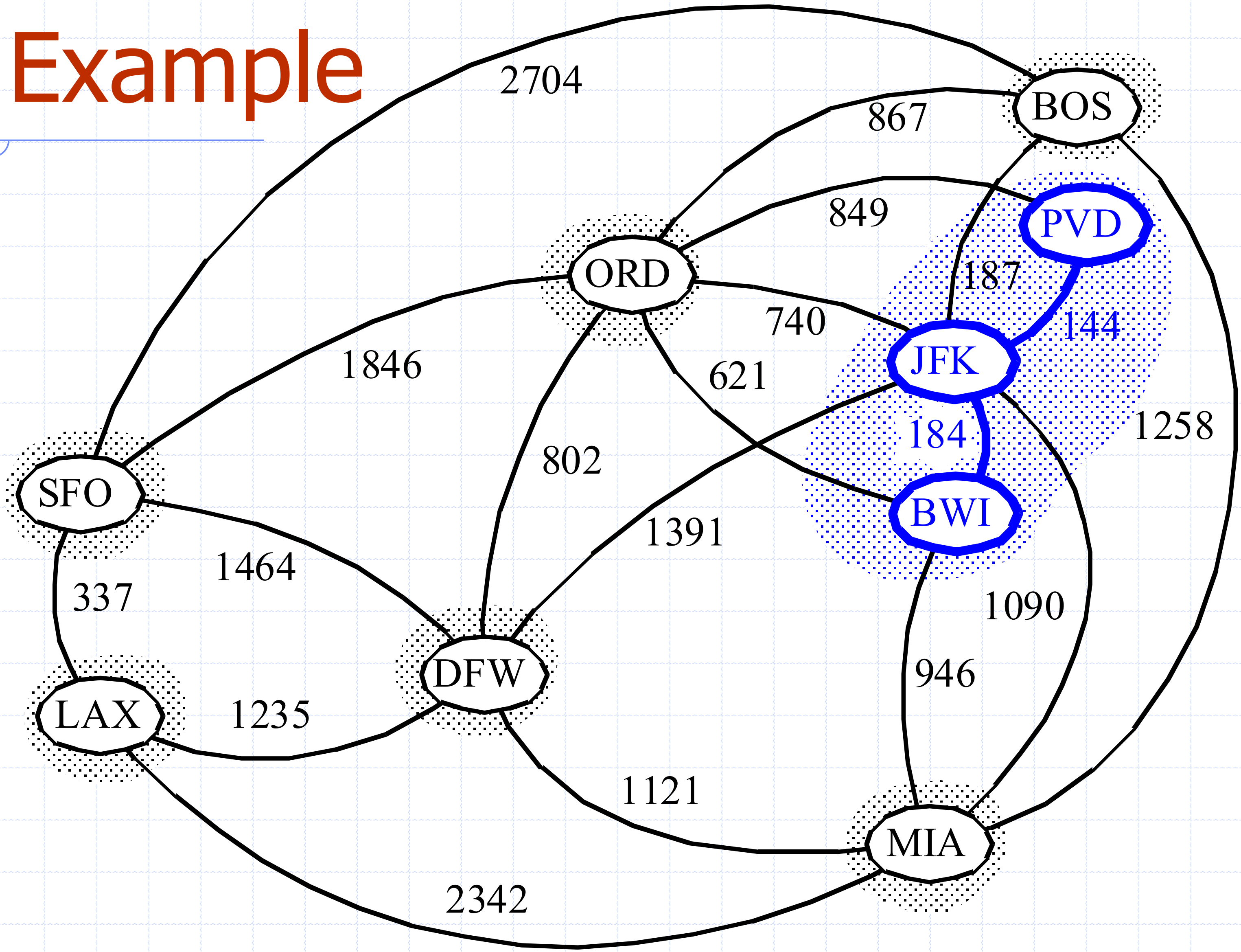

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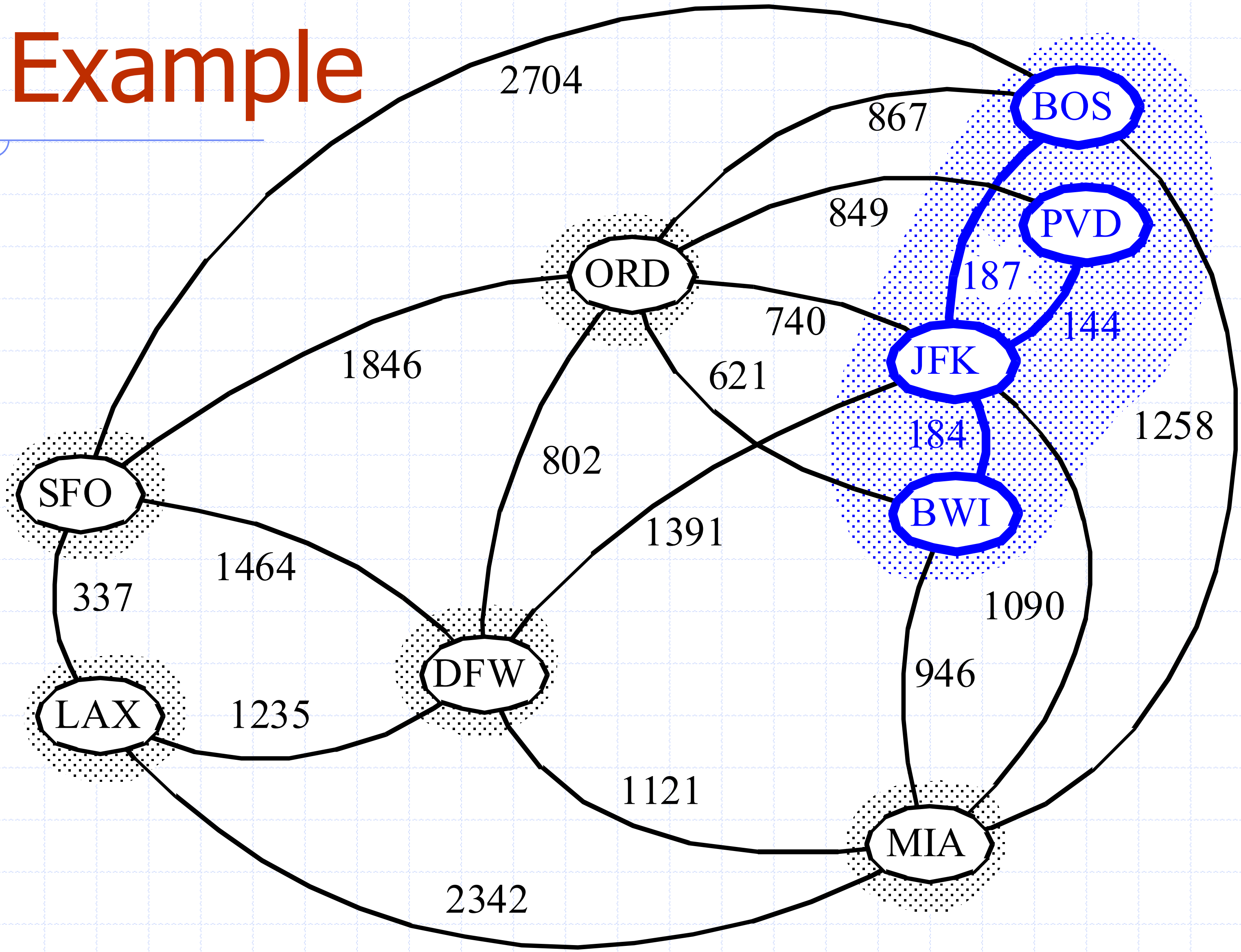

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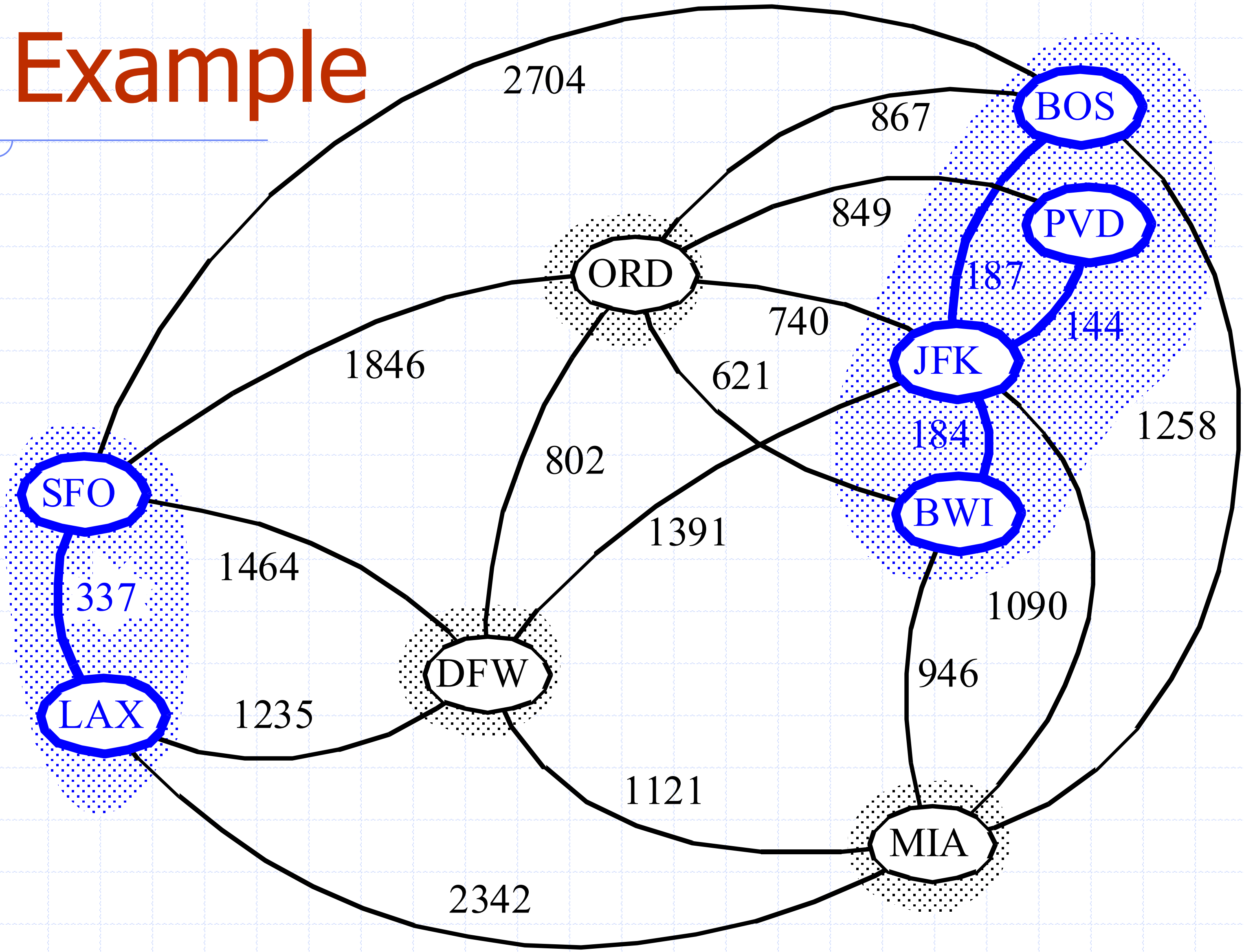

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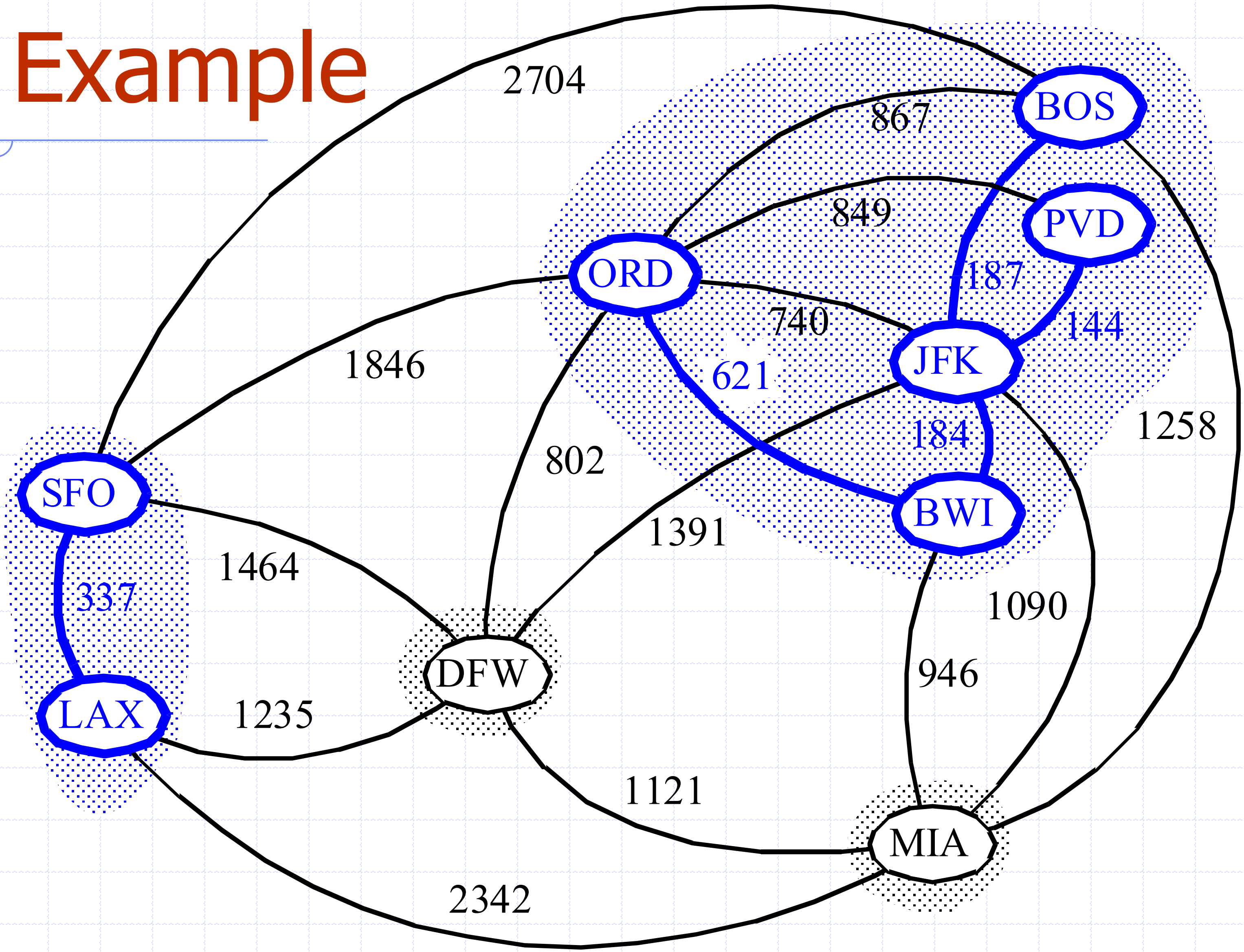
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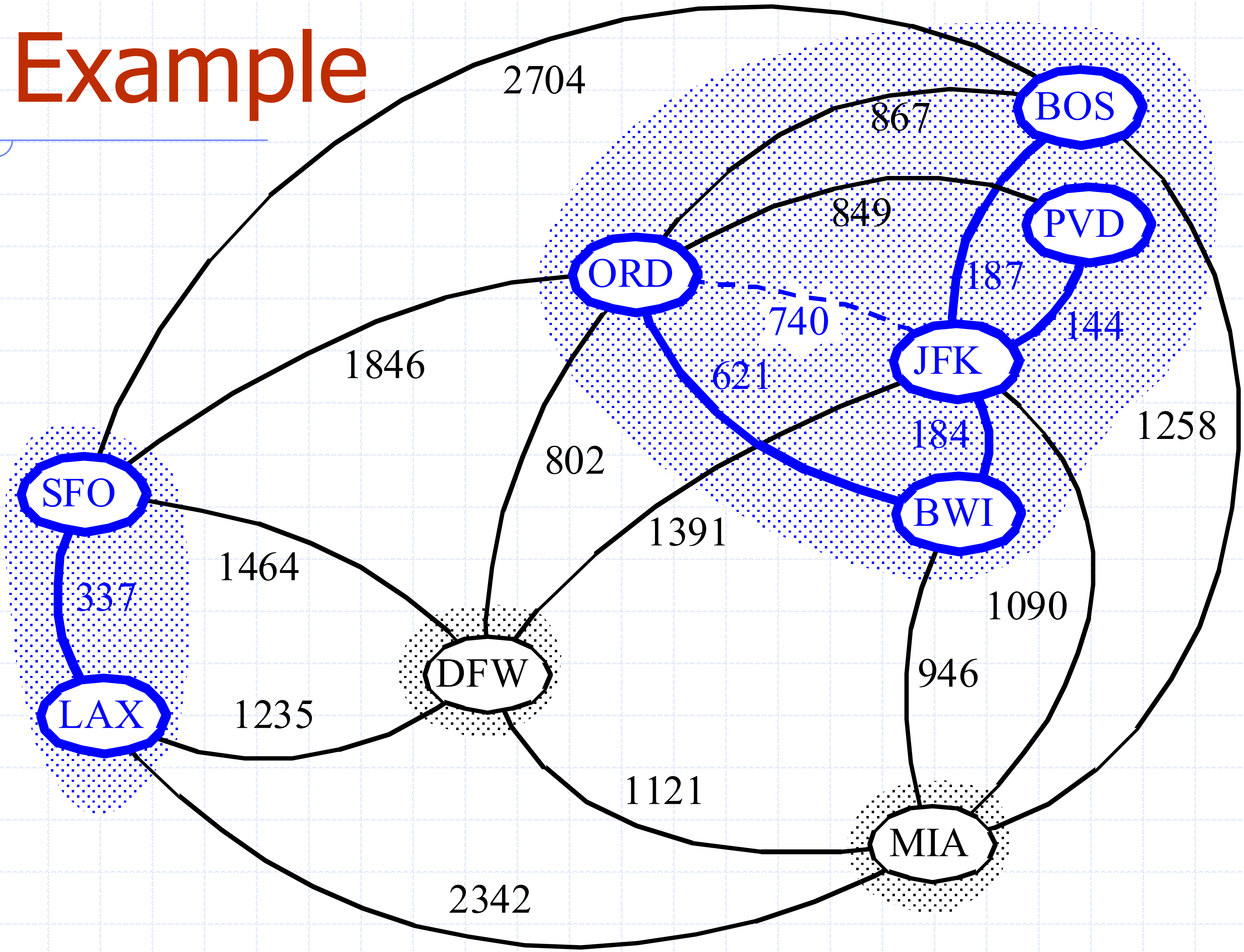

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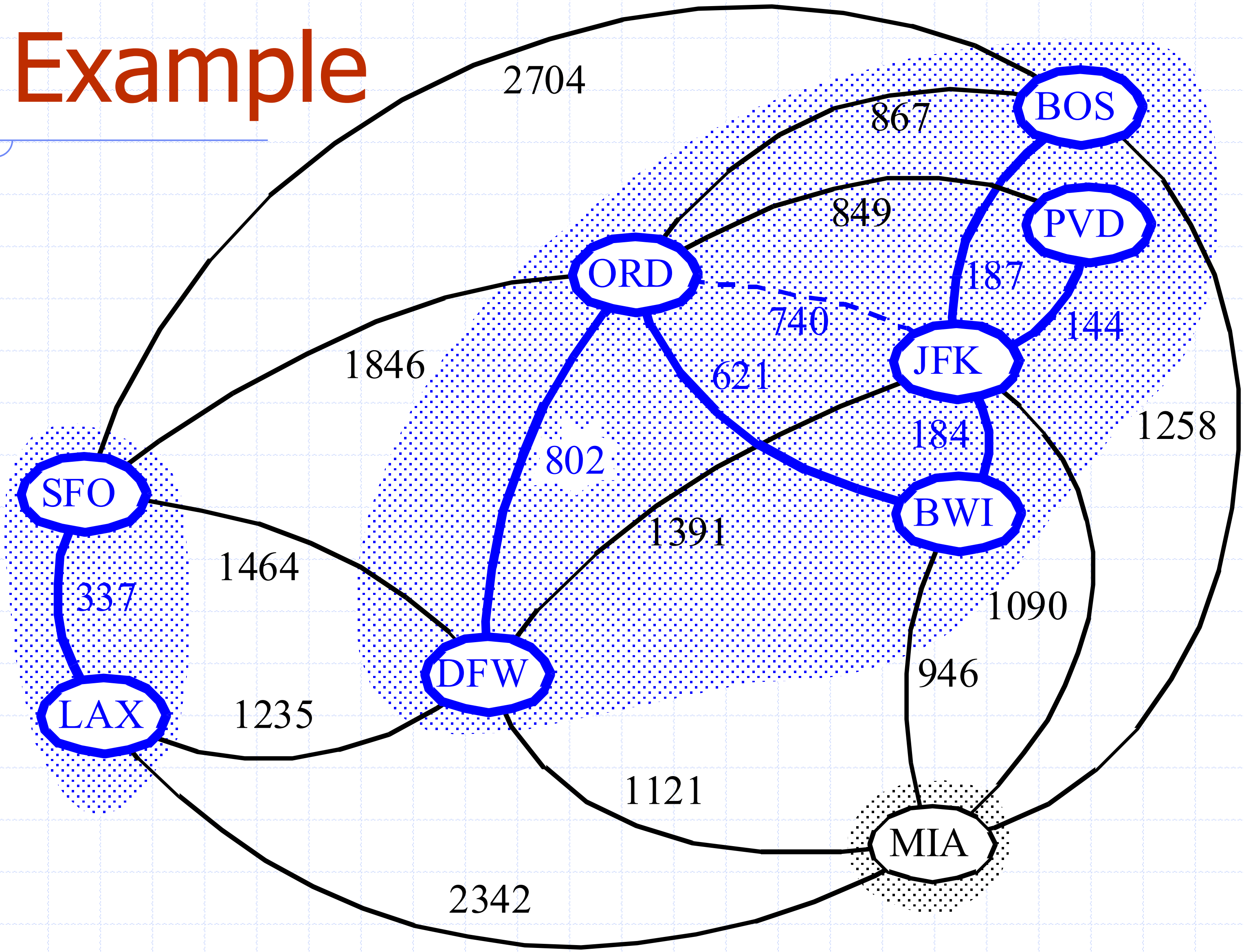

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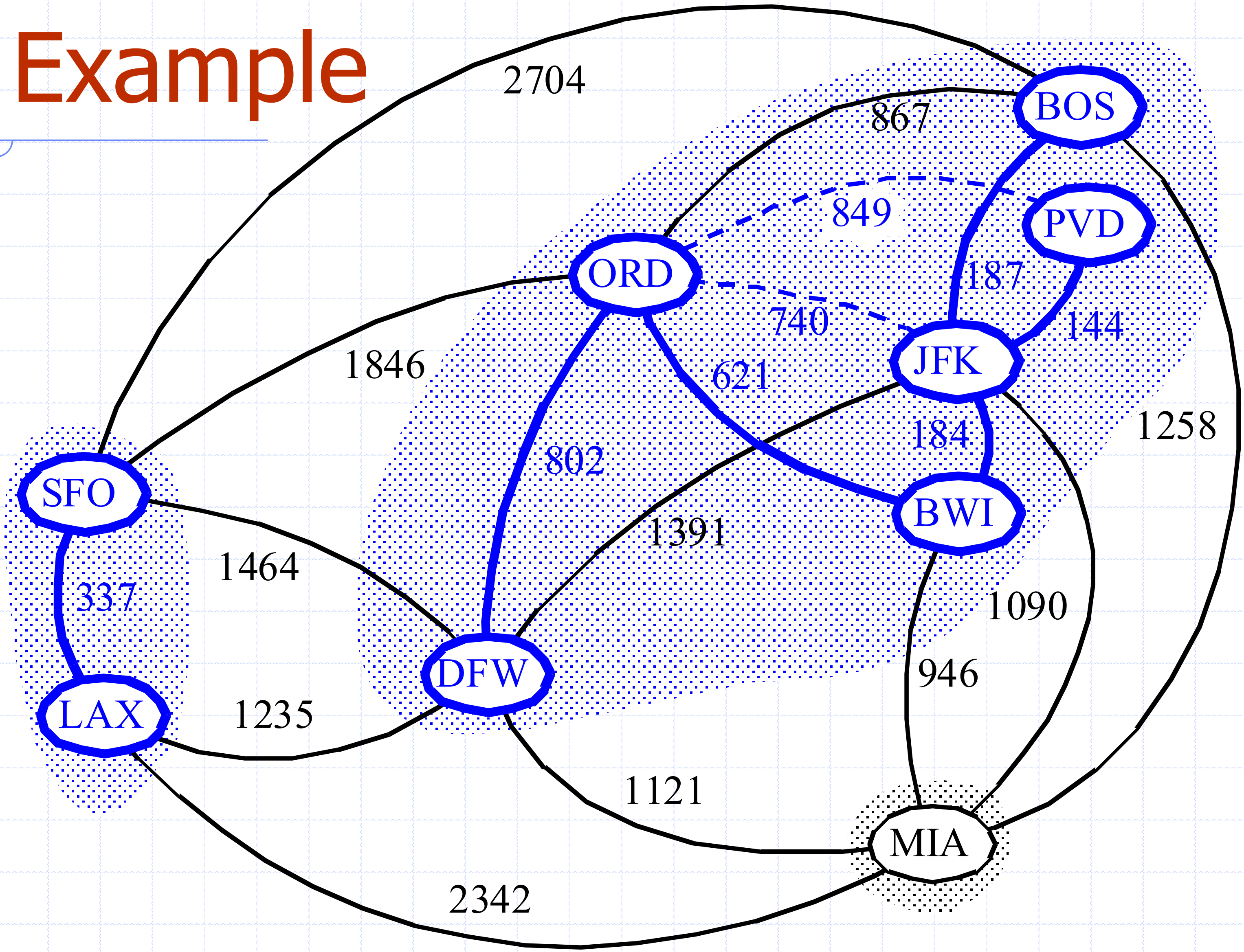

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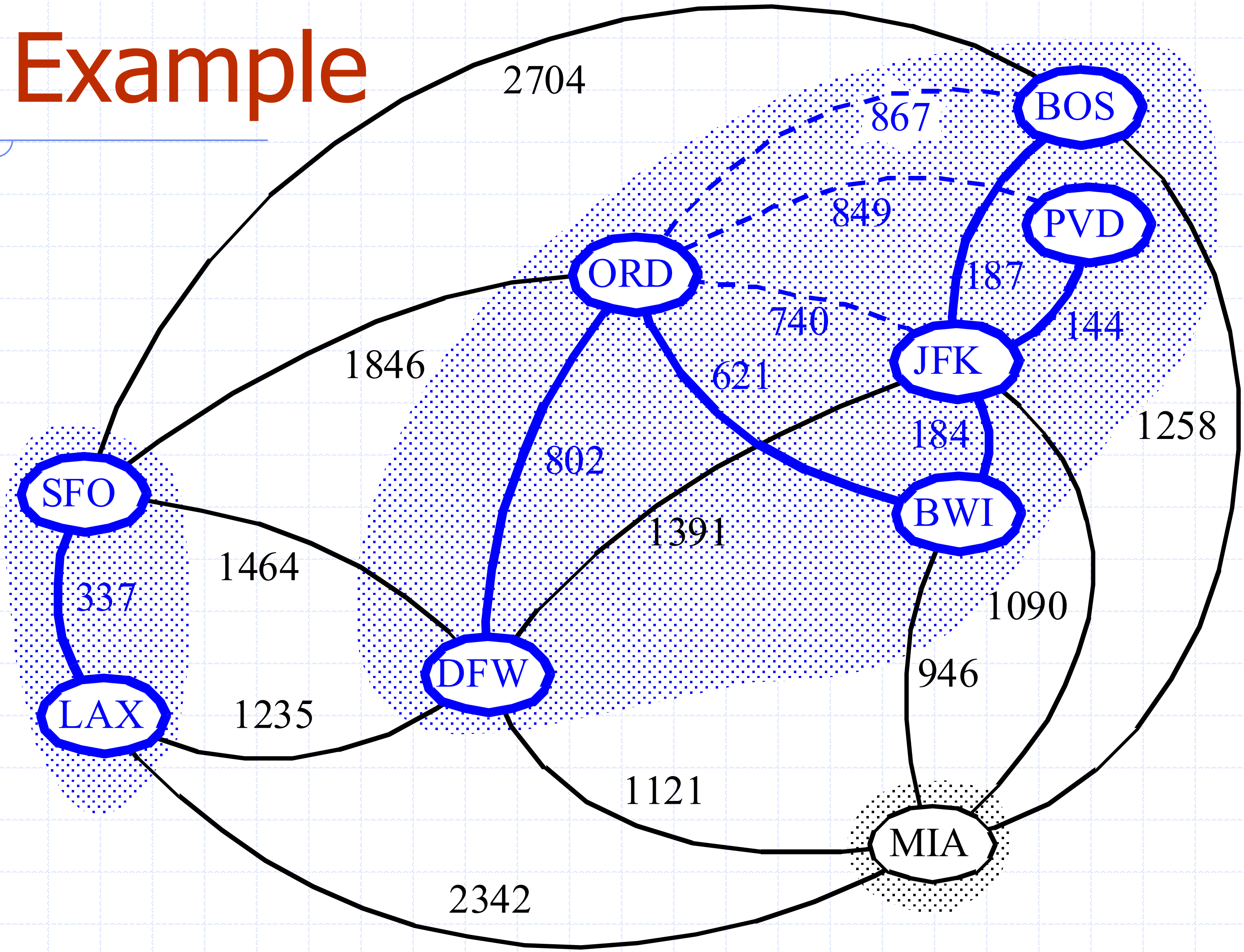

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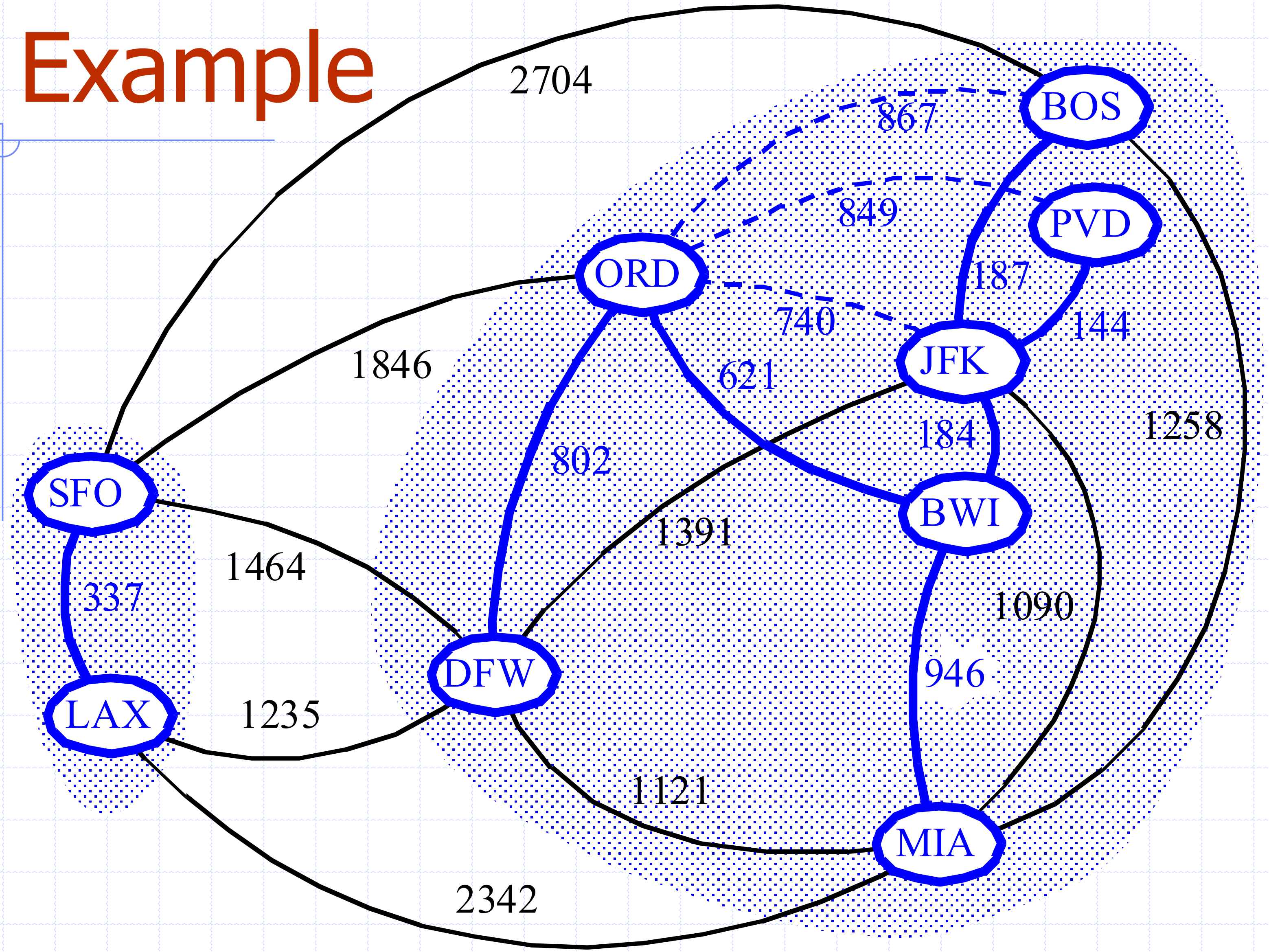

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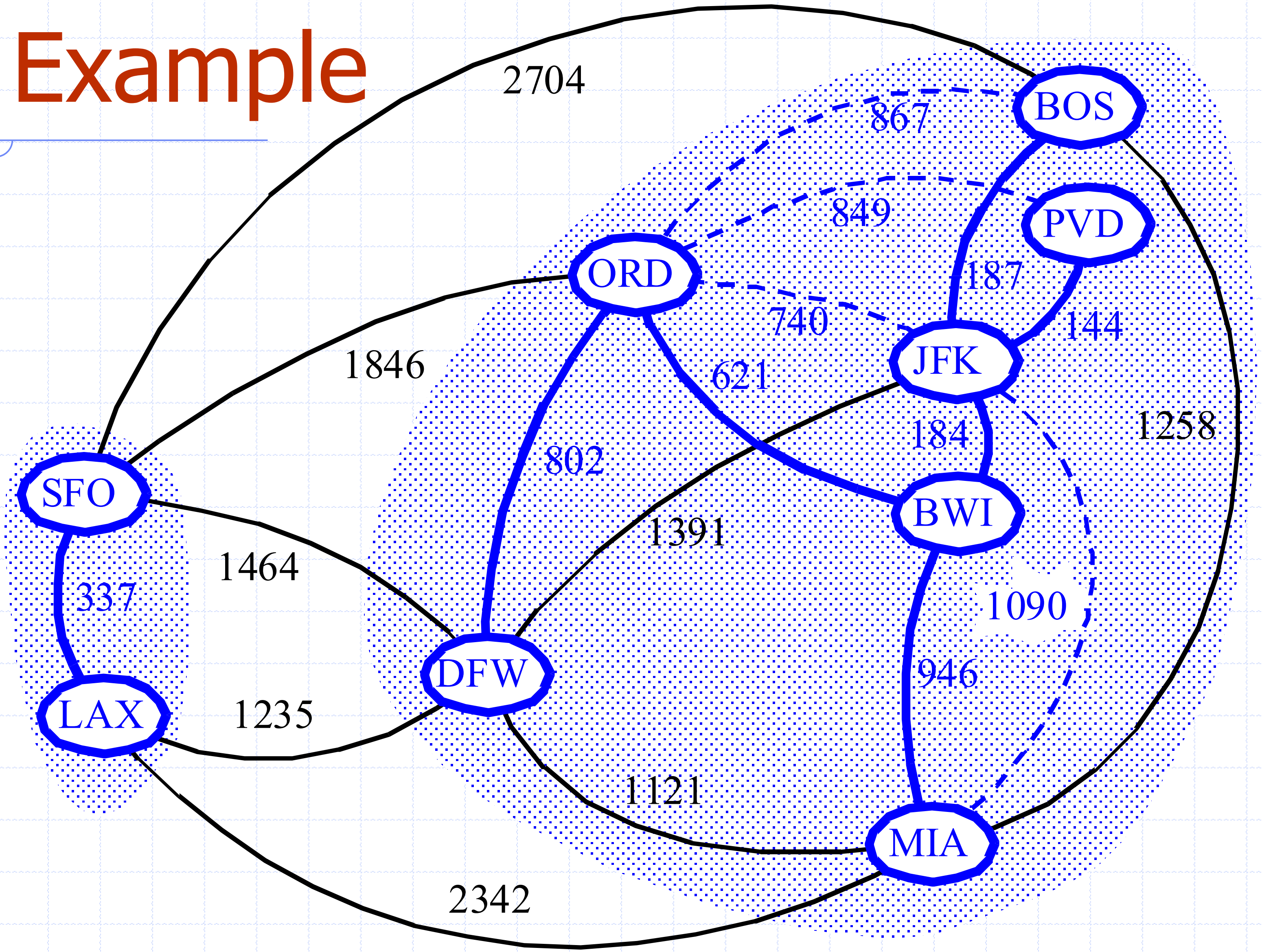

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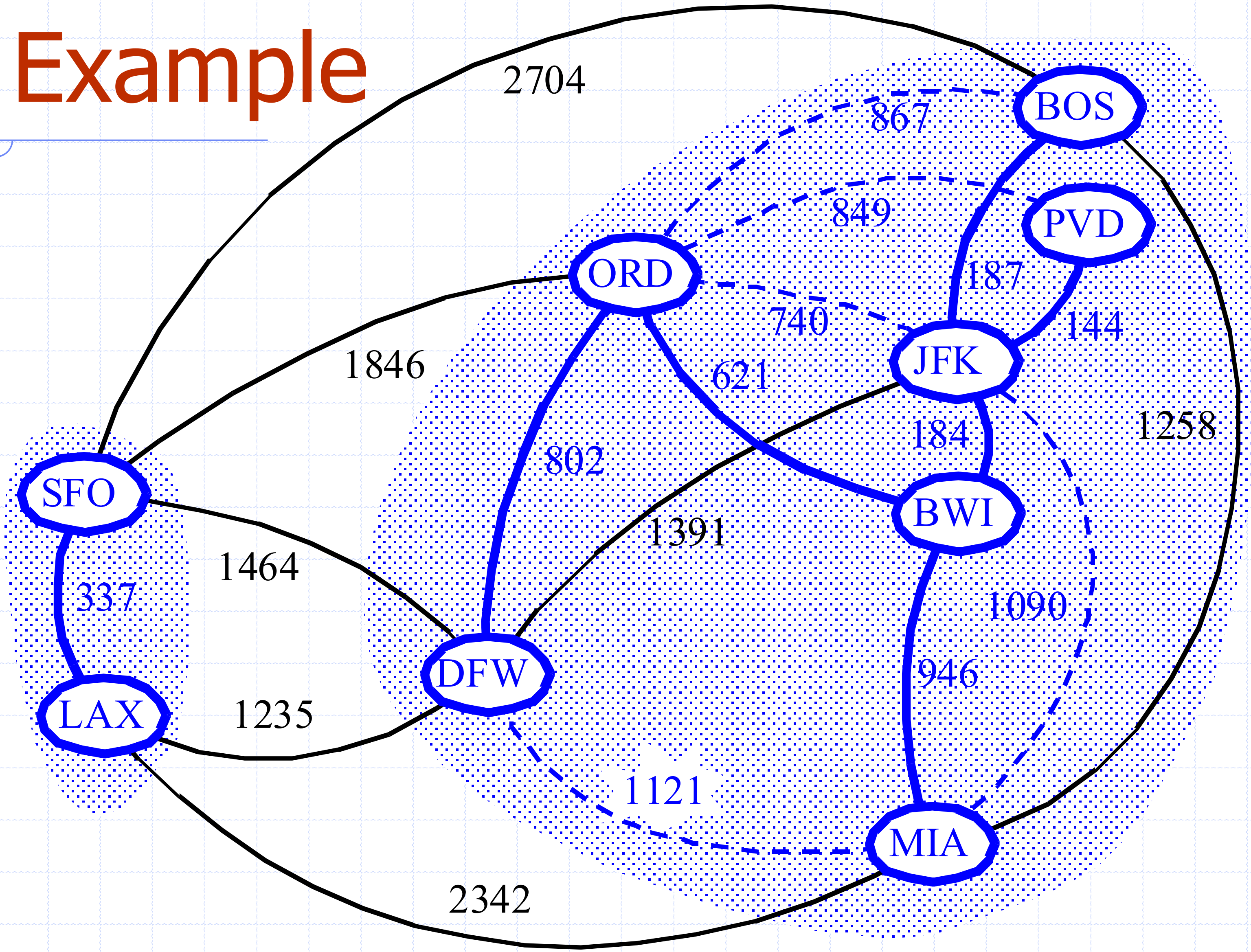

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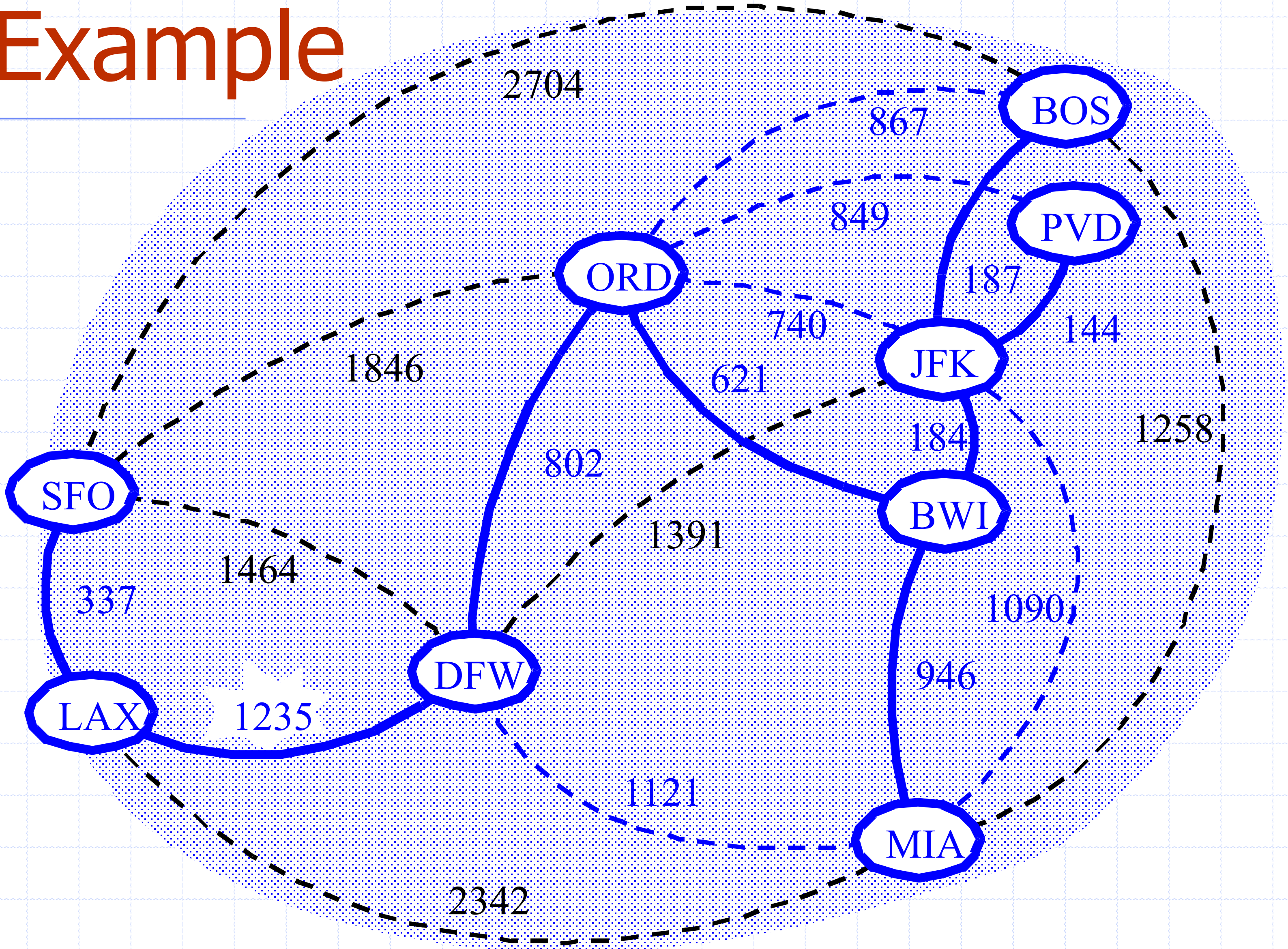
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Baruvka's Algorithm

- Like Kruskal's Algorithm, Baruvka's algorithm grows many "clouds" at once.

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Algorithm BaruvkaMST(G)
    T ← V {just the vertices of G}
  while T has fewer than n-1 edges do
    for each connected component C in T do
      Let edge e be the smallest-weight edge from C to another component in T.
      if e is not already in T then
        Add edge e to T
  return T
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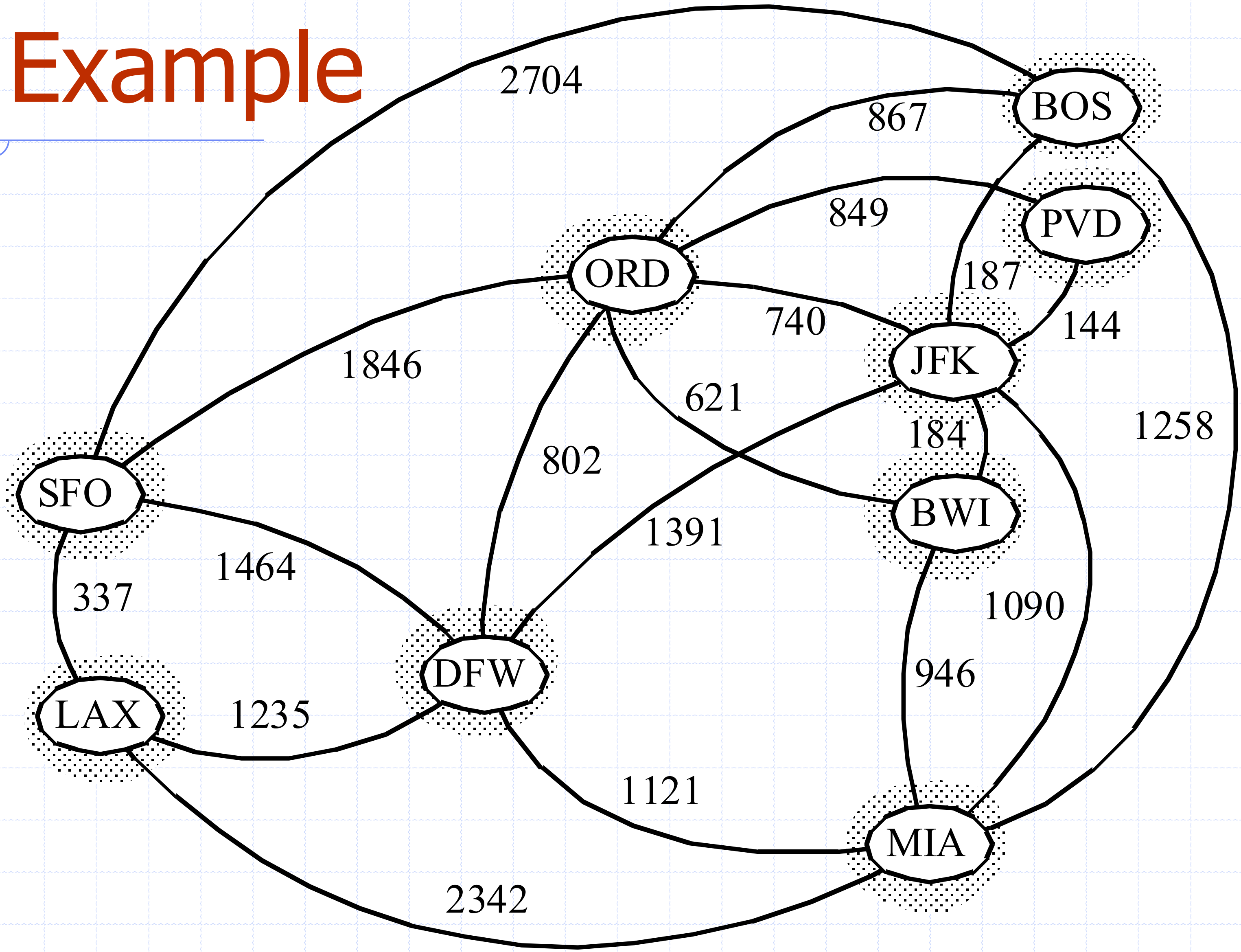
- Each iteration of the while-loop halves the number of connected components in T.
  - The running time is $O(m \log n)$.

Baruvka Example



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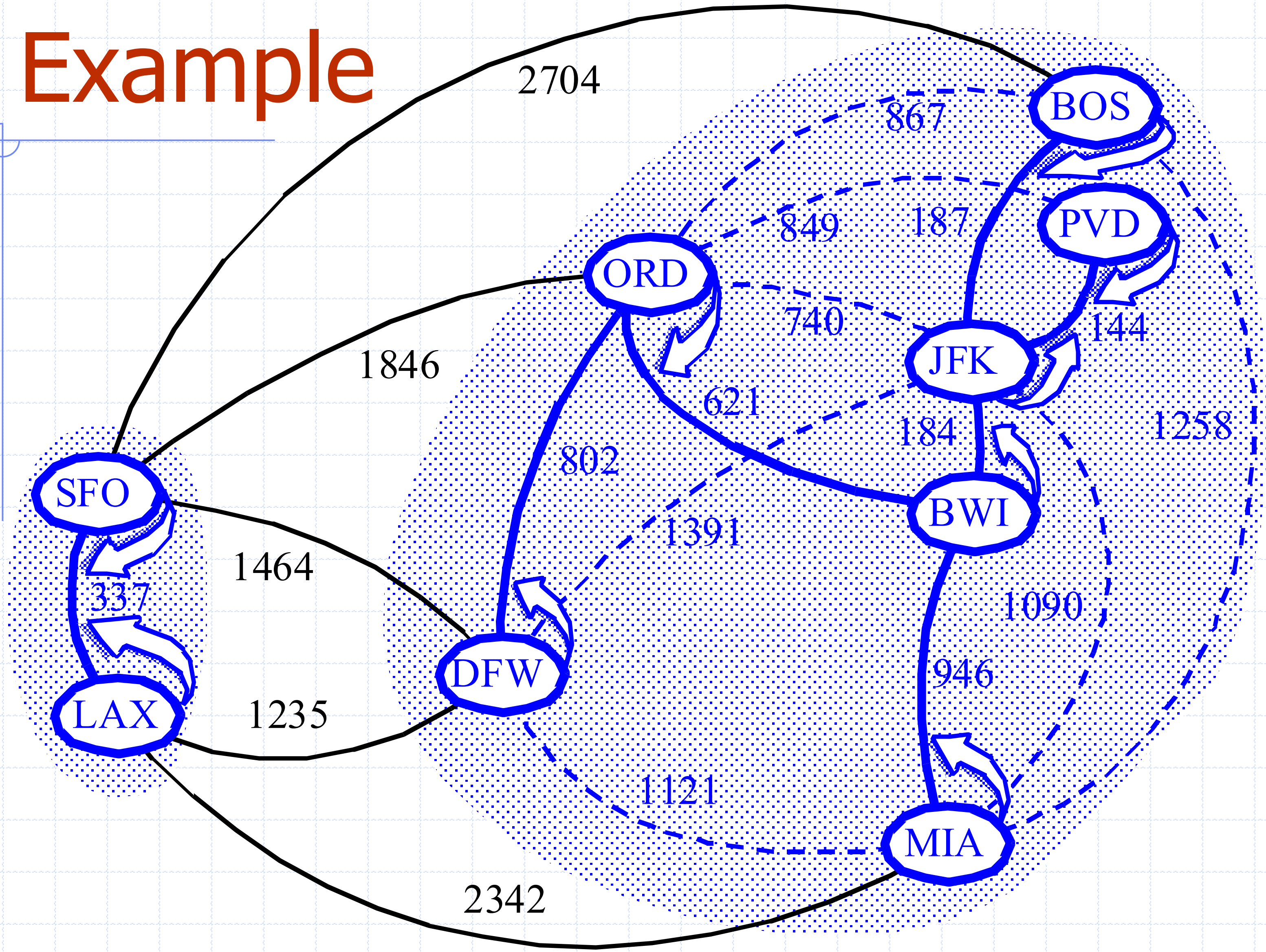

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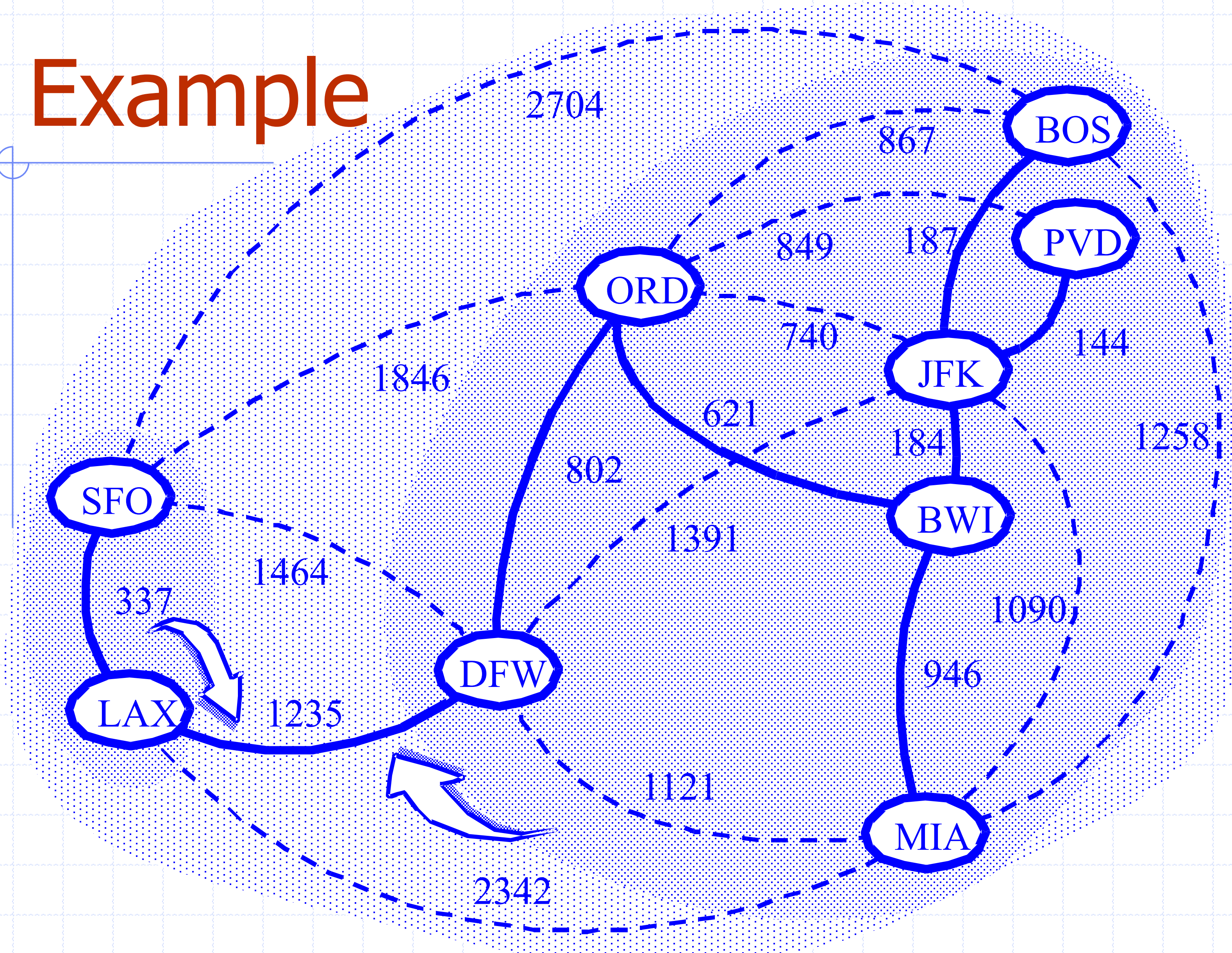

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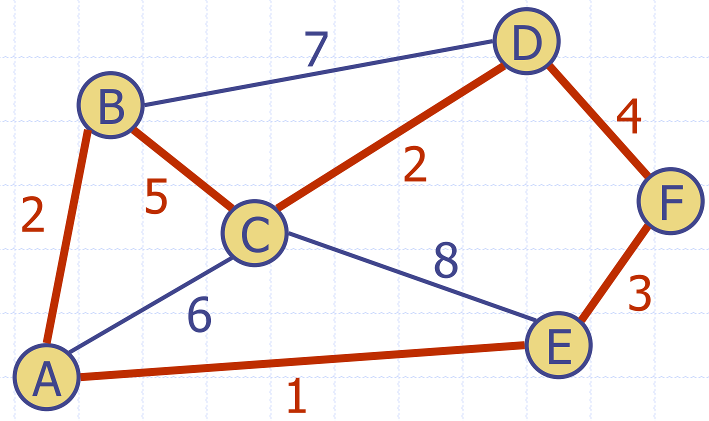
Traveling Salesperson Problem

- A tour of a graph is a spanning cycle (e.g., a cycle that goes through all the vertices)
- A traveling salesperson tour of a weighted graph is a tour that is simple (i.e., no repeated vertices or edges) and has has minimum weight
- No polynomial-time algorithms are known for computing traveling salesperson tours
- The traveling salesperson problem (TSP) is a major open problem in computer science
  - Find a polynomial-time algorithm computing a traveling salesperson tour or prove that none exists



Example of traveling salesperson tour (with weight 17)

TSP Approximation

- We can approximate a TSP tour with a tour of at most twice the weight for the case of Euclidean graphs
  - Vertices are points in the plane
  - Every pair of vertices is connected by an edge
  - The weight of an edge is the length of the segment joining the points
- Approximation algorithm
  - Compute a minimum spanning tree
  - Form an Eulerian circuit around the MST
  - Transform the circuit into a tour