

# Algorithms Design

## Chap04-Greedy Algorithms

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# Chap04-Greedy Algorithms Outline

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## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

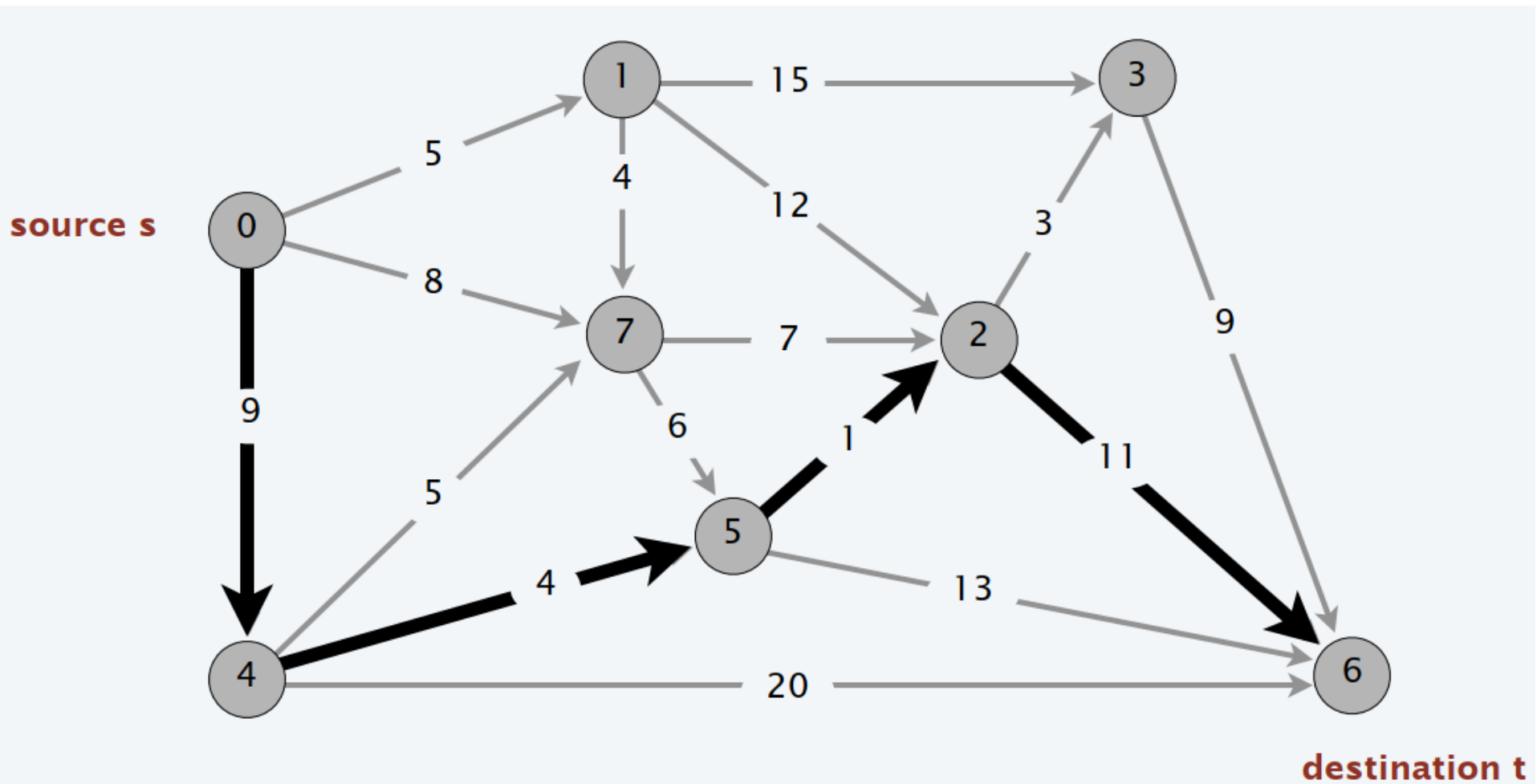
### Shortest path network.

- Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .
- Source  $s \in V$ , destination  $t \in V$ .
- Length  $l_e = \text{length of edge } e. (l_e \geq 0)$

### Goal

- find a shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ .
- Cost of path = sum of edge costs in path

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Suppose that you change the length of every edge of  $G$  as follows. For which is every shortest path in  $G$  a shortest path in  $G'$ ?

- A. Add 17.
- B. Multiply by 17.
- C. Either A or B.
- D. Neither A nor B

## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

### Shortest path applications

- Map routing.
- Robot navigation.
- Texture mapping.
- Urban traffic planning.
- Network routing protocols (OSPF, BGP, RIP).
- ...

## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

Which variant in car GPS?

- A. Single source: from one node  $s$  to every other node.
- B. Single target: from every node to one node  $t$ .
- C. Source–target: from one node  $s$  to another node  $t$ .
- D. All pairs: between all pairs of nodes.

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### Dijkstra's algorithm

- single-source shortest paths problem

### Greedy approach

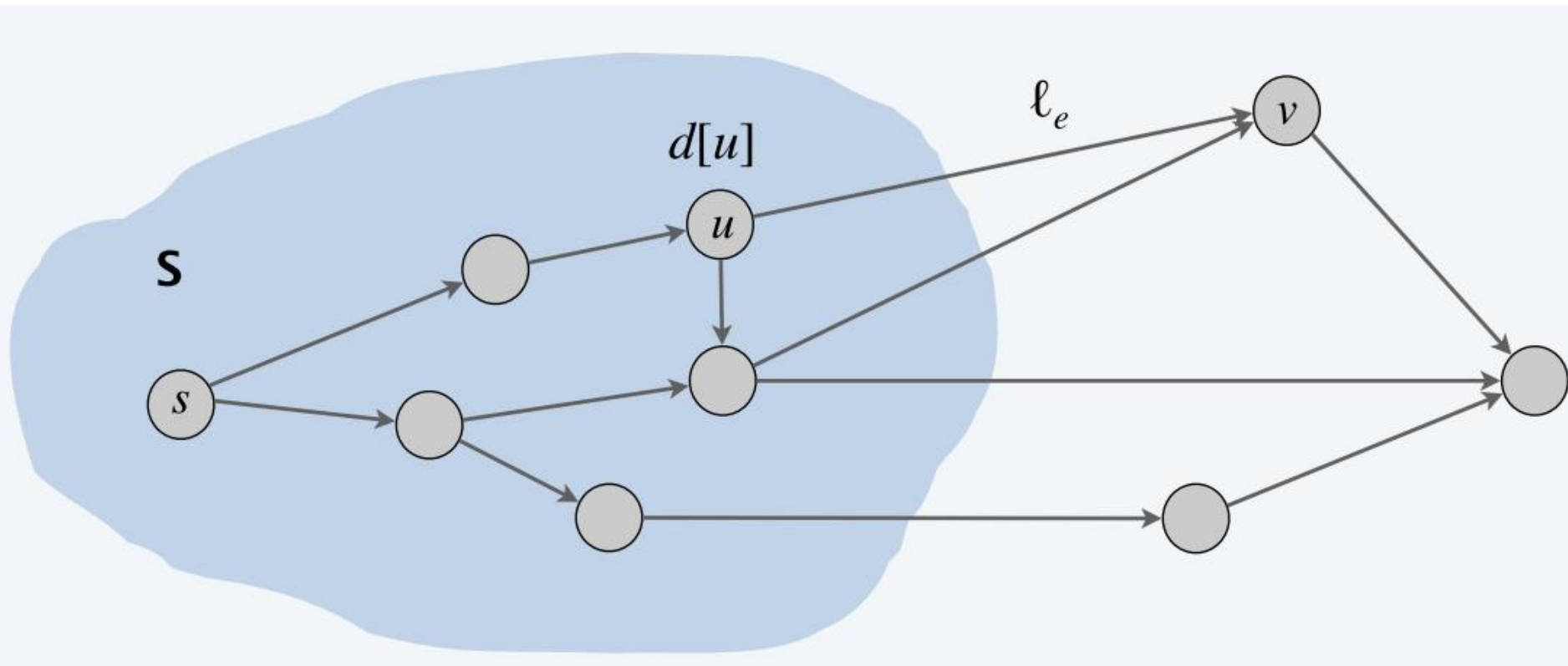
- Maintain a set of **explored nodes**  $S$  for which algorithm has determined the shortest path distance  $d[u]$  from  $s$  to  $u$ .
- Initialize  $S = \{s\}$ ,  $d[s] = 0$ .



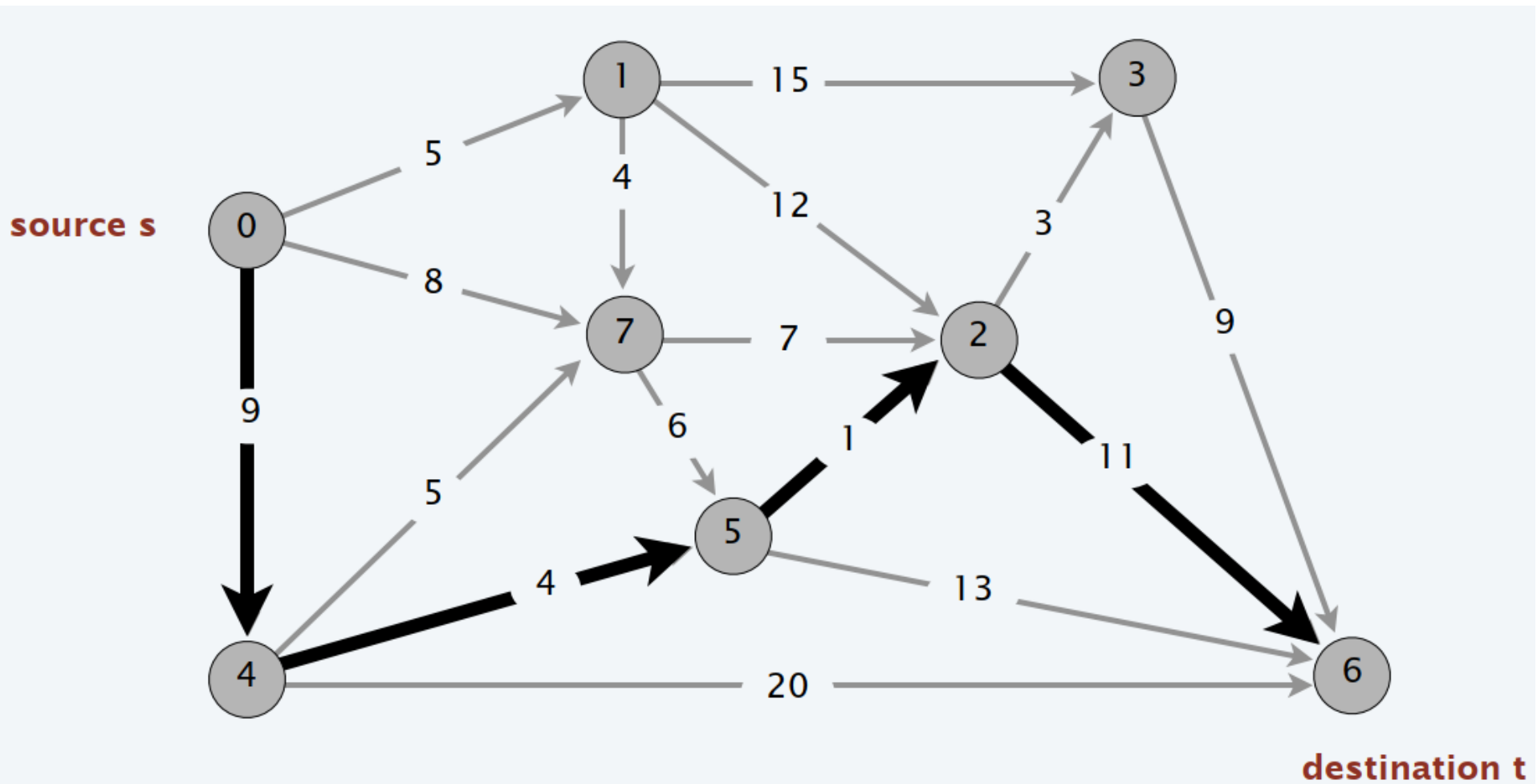
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- [continue]
- Repeatedly choose unexplored node  $v \notin S$  which minimizes
$$\pi(v) = \min_{e=(u,v):u \in S} d[u] + l_e$$
Add  $v$  to  $S$ , and set  $d[v] = \pi(v)$
- To recover path, set  $\text{pred}[v] \leftarrow e$  that achieves min.

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$$S = \{0\}, d[0] = 0$$

$$\pi[1] = 5, \pi[7] = 8, \pi[4] = 9, S = \{0, 1\}, d[1] = 5, \text{pred}[1] = 0$$

$$\pi[7] = \min(8, 9), \pi[3] = 15 + 5 = 20, \pi[2] = 17, |\pi[4] = 9, \\ S = \{0, 1, 7\}, d[7] = 8, \text{pred}[7] = 0$$

$$\pi[5] = 8 + 6 = 14, \pi[2] = \min(8 + 7, 5 + 12), |\pi[4] = 9, \\ \pi[3] = 20, S = \{0, 1, 4, 7\}, d[4] = 9, \text{pred}[4] = 0$$

$$\pi[5] = \min(9 + 4, 14), \pi[6] = 9 + 20 = 29, |\pi[2] = 15, \\ \pi[3] = 20, S = \{0, 1, 4, 5, 7\}, d[5] = 13, \text{pred}[5] = 4$$

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$\pi[2]=\min(13+1, 8+7)$ ,  $\pi[6]=\min(13+13, 29)$  ,  
 $\pi[3]=20$ ,  $S=\{0,1,2,4,5,7\}$ ,  $d[2]=14$ ,  $\text{pred}[2]=5$

$\pi[3]=\min(20, 14+3)$ ,  $\pi[6]=\min(26, 14+11)$  ,  
 $S=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,7\}$ ,  $d[3]=17$ ,  $\text{pred}[3]=2$

$\pi[6]=\min(17+9, 14+11)=25$ ,  
 $S=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ ,  $d[6]=25$ ,  $\text{pred}[6]=2$

# 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	S
R1	5=5 (v <sub>0</sub> )	∞	∞	9 (v <sub>0</sub> )	∞	∞	8 (v <sub>0</sub> )	{0,1}
R2		5+12=17 (v <sub>1</sub> )	5+15=20 (v <sub>1</sub> )	9 (v <sub>0</sub> )	∞	∞	min(9,8) =8(v <sub>0</sub> )	{0,1,7}
R3		min(15,17) =15(v <sub>7</sub> )	20 (v <sub>1</sub> )	9=9( v <sub>0</sub> )	8+6=14 (v <sub>7</sub> )	∞		{0,1,4,7 }
R4		15 (v <sub>7</sub> )	20 (v <sub>1</sub> )		min(13, 14)=13 (v <sub>4</sub> )	20+9=29 (v <sub>4</sub> )		{0,1,4,5, 7}
R5		min(14,15) =14(v <sub>5</sub> )	20 (v <sub>1</sub> )			min(26,29) =26(v <sub>5</sub> )		{0,1,2,4, 5,7}
R6			min(17,20 )=17(v <sub>2</sub> )			min(25,26) =25(v <sub>2</sub> )		{0,1,2,3, 4,5,7}
R7						min(26,25) =25(v <sub>2</sub> )		{0,1,2,3, 4,5,6,7}

## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

**Invariant.** For each node  $u \in S$ ,  $d[u]$  is the length of the shortest  $s$ - $u$  path.

**Pf.** (by induction on  $|S|$ )

**Base case:**  $|S| = 1$  is easy since  $S = \{s\}$  and  $d[s] = 0$ .

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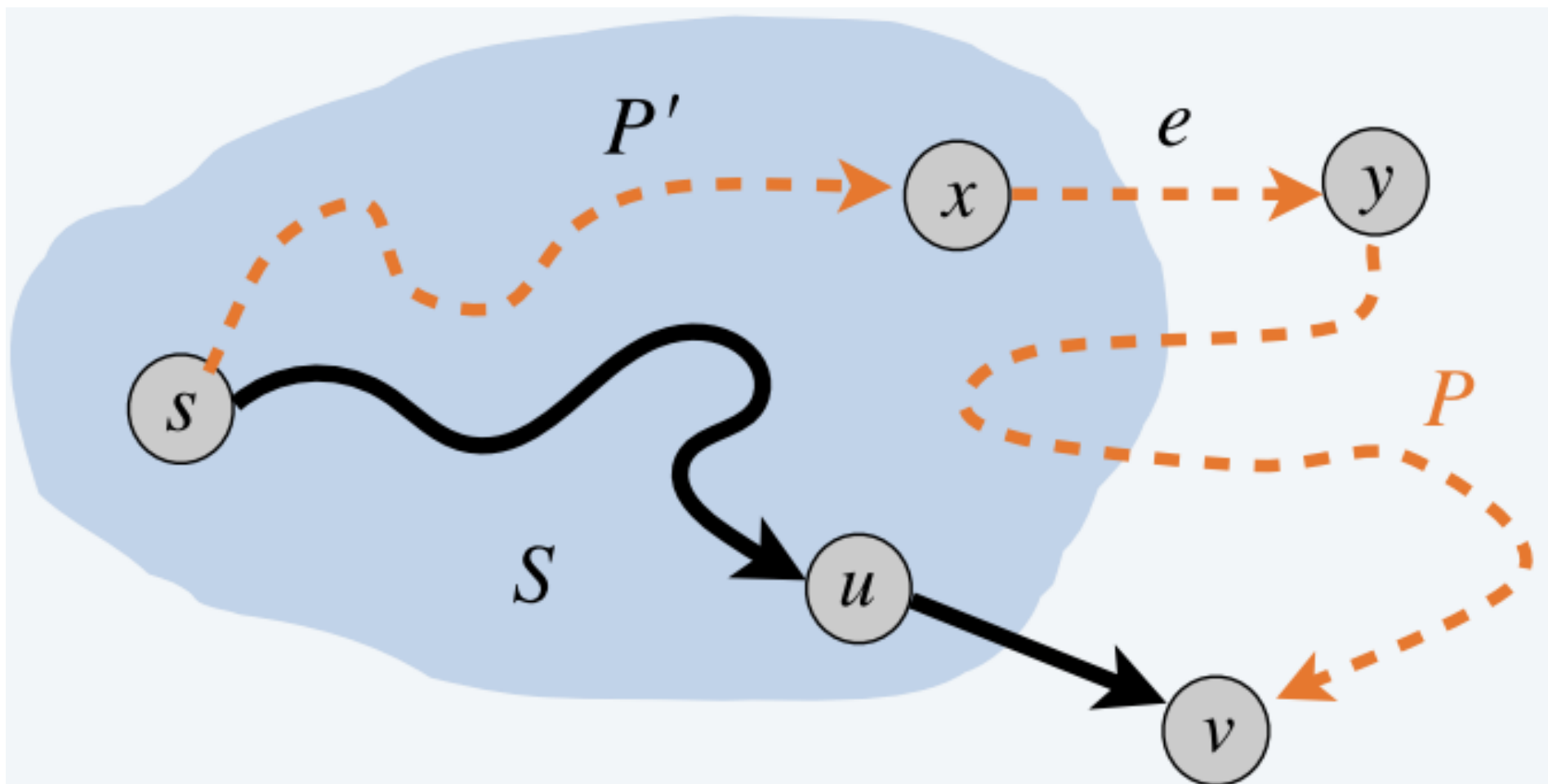
Inductive hypothesis:

Assume true for  $|S| = k \geq 1$ .

- Let  $v$  be next node added to  $S$ , and let  $u-v$  be the chosen edge.
- The shortest  $s-u$  path plus  $(u, v)$  is an  $s-v$  path of length  $\pi(v)$ .
- Consider any  $s-v$  path  $P$ . We'll see that it's no shorter than  $\pi(v)$ .
- Let  $x-y$  be the first edge in  $P$  that leaves  $S$ , and let  $P'$  be the subpath to  $x$ .
- $P$  is already too long as soon as it leaves  $S$ .



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### Efficient implementation

- For each unexplored node  $v \notin S$  :  
explicitly maintain  $\pi[v]$  instead of  
computing directly from definition

$$\pi(v) = \min_{e=(u,v):u \in S} d[u] + l_e$$

- The set of unexplored nodes can only decrease because set  $S$  increases.
- Specifically, it suffices to update:

$$\pi[v] = \min(\pi[v], \pi[u] + l_e)$$

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### Efficient implementation

Use a min-oriented **priority queue** (PQ) to choose an unexplored node that minimizes  $\pi[v]$ .

## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

### Efficient Implementation.

- Algorithm maintains  $\pi[v]$  for each node  $v$ .
- Priority Queue(PQ) stores unexplored nodes, using  $\pi[]$  as priorities.
- Once  $u$  is deleted from the PQ,  $\pi[u] =$  length of a shortest  $s$ - $u$  path.

DIJKSTRA ( $V, E, \ell, s$ )

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FOREACH  $v \neq s$  :  $\pi[v] \leftarrow \infty, pred[v] \leftarrow null; \pi[s] \leftarrow 0$ .

Create an empty priority queue  $pq$ .

FOREACH  $v \in V$  : INSERT( $pq, v, \pi[v]$ ).

WHILE (IS-NOT-EMPTY( $pq$ ))

$u \leftarrow$  DEL-MIN( $pq$ ).

    FOREACH edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$  leaving  $u$ :

        IF ( $\pi[v] > \pi[u] + \ell_e$ )

            DECREASE-KEY( $pq, v, \pi[u] + \ell_e$ ).

$\pi[v] \leftarrow \pi[u] + \ell_e; pred[v] \leftarrow e$ .

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**Performance.**  $n$  INSERT,  $n$  DELETE-MIN,  
 $\leq m$  DECREASE-KEY.

priority queue	INSERT	DELETE-MIN	DECREASE-KEY	total
node-indexed array ( $A[i]$ = priority of $i$ )	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(n^2)$
binary heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(m \log n)$
d-way heap (Johnson 1975)	$O(d \log_d n)$	$O(d \log_d n)$	$O(\log_d n)$	$O(m \log_{m/n} n)$
Fibonacci heap (Fredman-Tarjan 1984)	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)^\dagger$	$O(1)^\dagger$	$O(m + n \log n)$
integer priority queue (Thorup 2004)	$O(1)$	$O(\log \log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(m + n \log \log n)$

## 4.4 Shortest Paths in a Graph

Dijkstra's algorithm and proof extend to several related problems

- Shortest paths in undirected graphs:  
 $\pi[v] \leq \pi[u] + \ell(u, v)$ .
- Maximum capacity paths:  $\pi[v] \geq \min(\pi[u], c(u, v))$ .
- Maximum reliability paths:  $\pi[v] \geq \pi[u] \times \gamma(u, v)$ .
- ...

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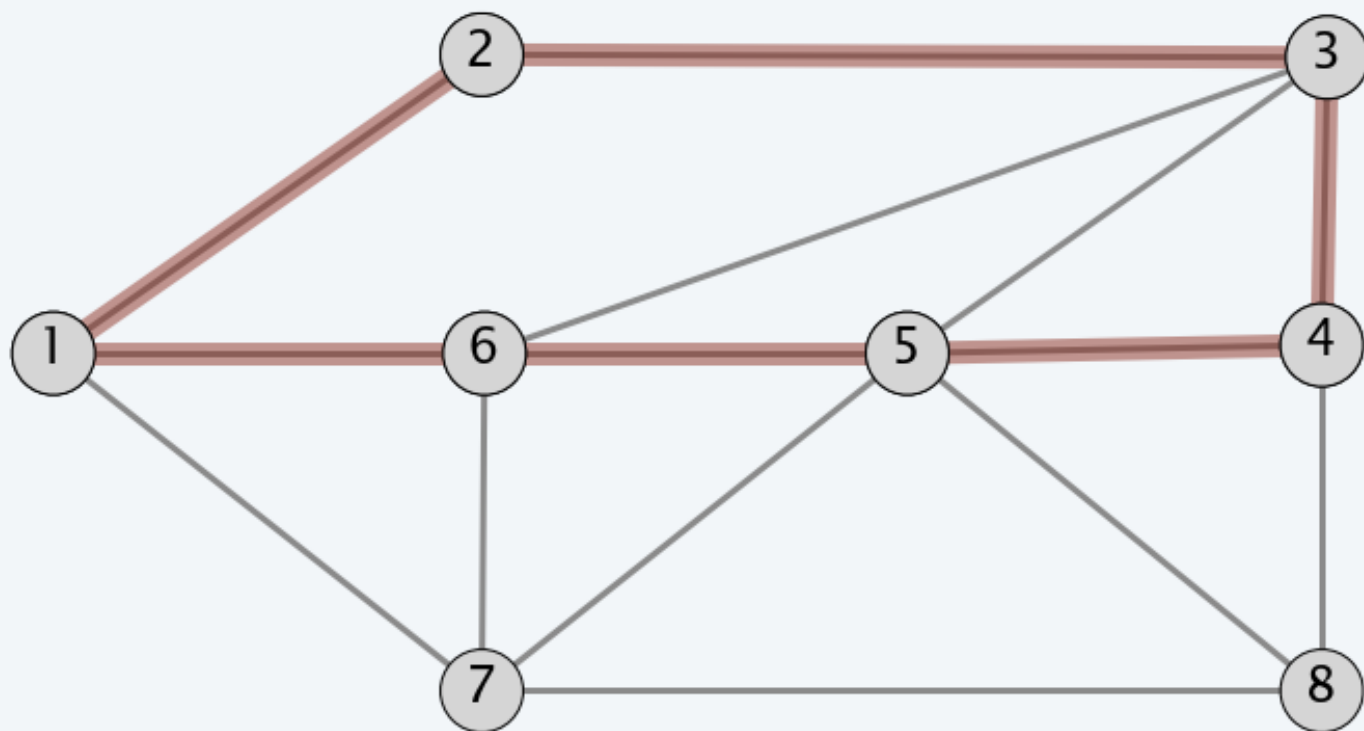


## 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree

Def.(4.5.2) A **path** is a sequence of edges which connects a sequence of nodes.

Def.(4.5.3) A **cycle** is a path with no repeated nodes or edges other than the starting and ending nodes.

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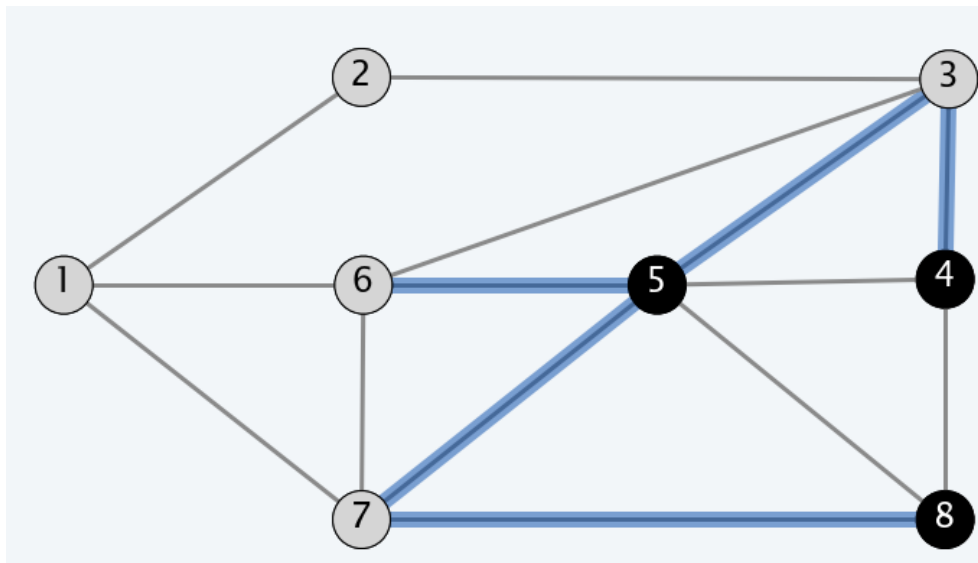
**path  $P = \{ (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6) \}$**

**cycle  $C = \{ (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 5), (5, 6), (6, 1) \}$**

## 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree

**Def.** A **cut** is a partition of the nodes into two nonempty subsets  $S$  and  $V - S$ .

**Def.** The **cutset** of a cut  $S$  is the set of edges with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ .



## Quiz(4.5.1)

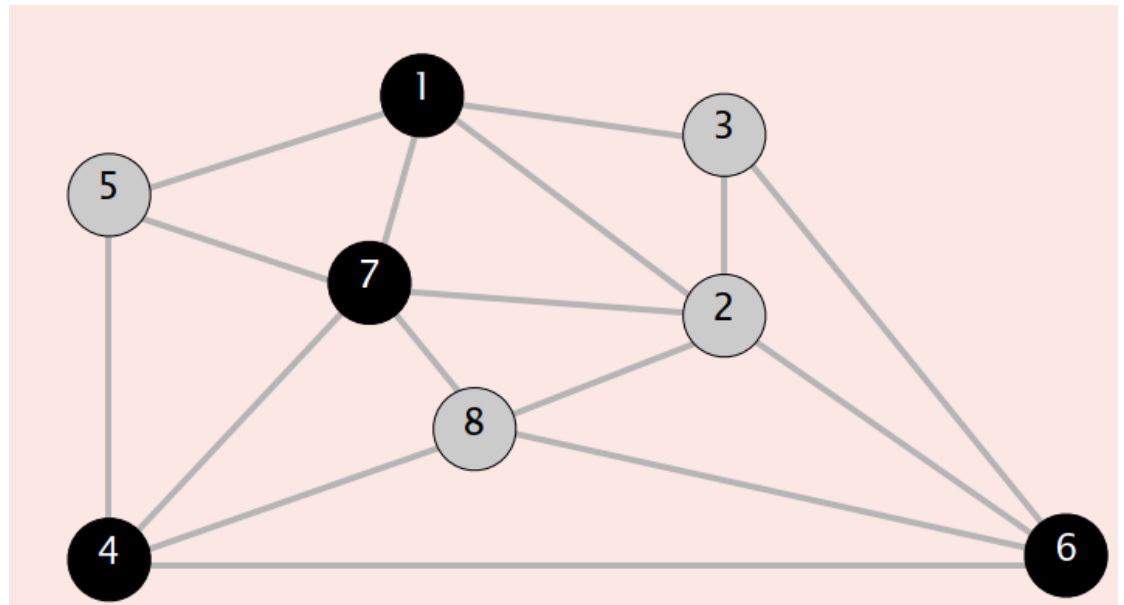
Consider the cut  $S = \{ 1, 4, 6, 7 \}$ .  
Which edge is in the cutset of  $S$ ?

A.  $S$  is not a cut (not connected)

B. 1–7

C. 5–7

D. 2–3



## Quiz(4.5.2)

Let  $C$  be a cycle and let  $D$  be a cutset. How many edges do  $C$  and  $D$  have in common? Choose the best answer.

A. 0

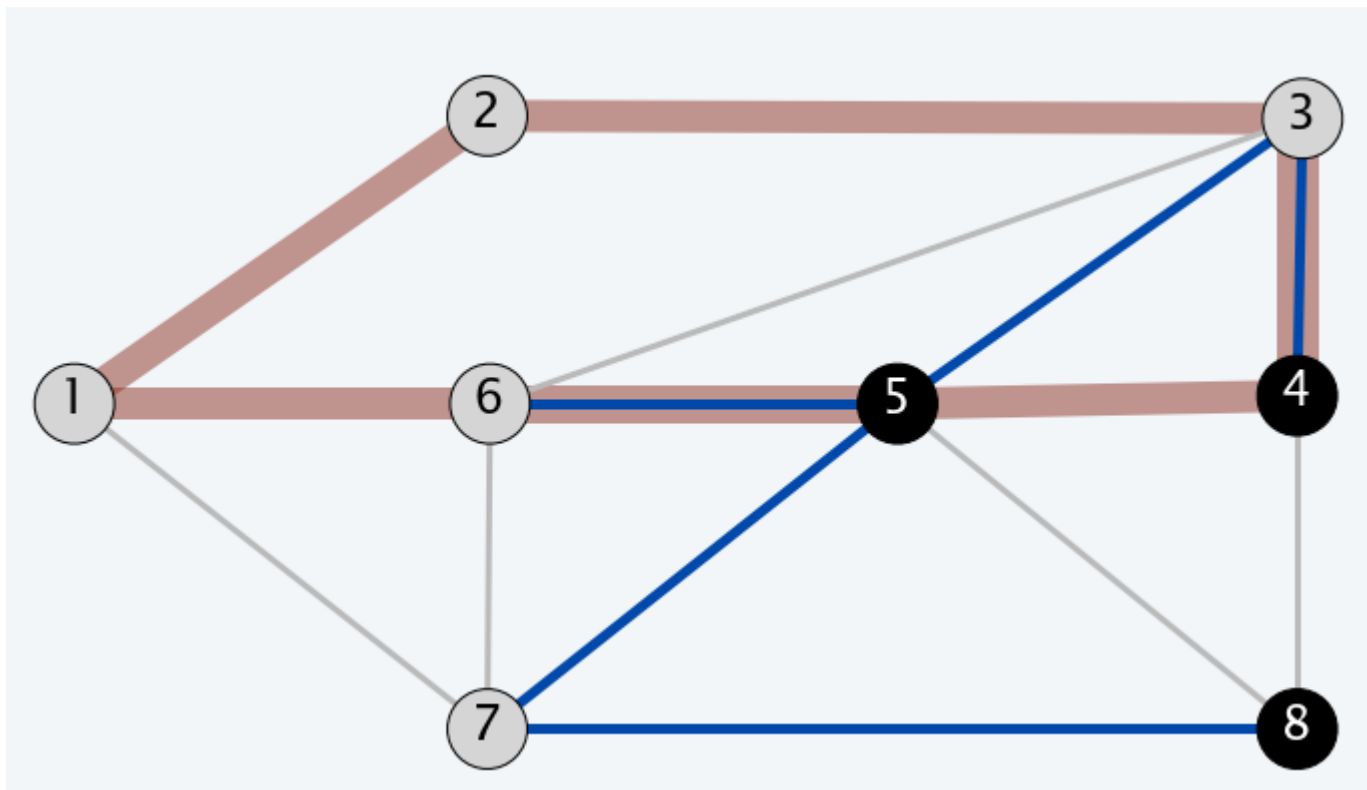
B. 2

C. not 1

D. an even number

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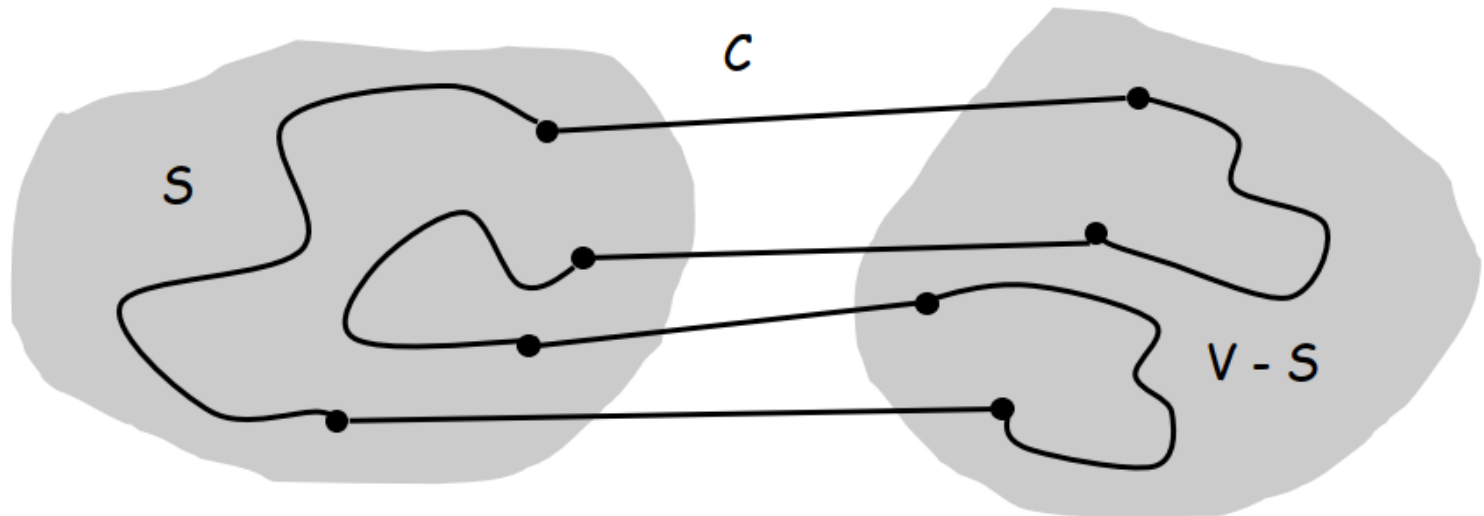
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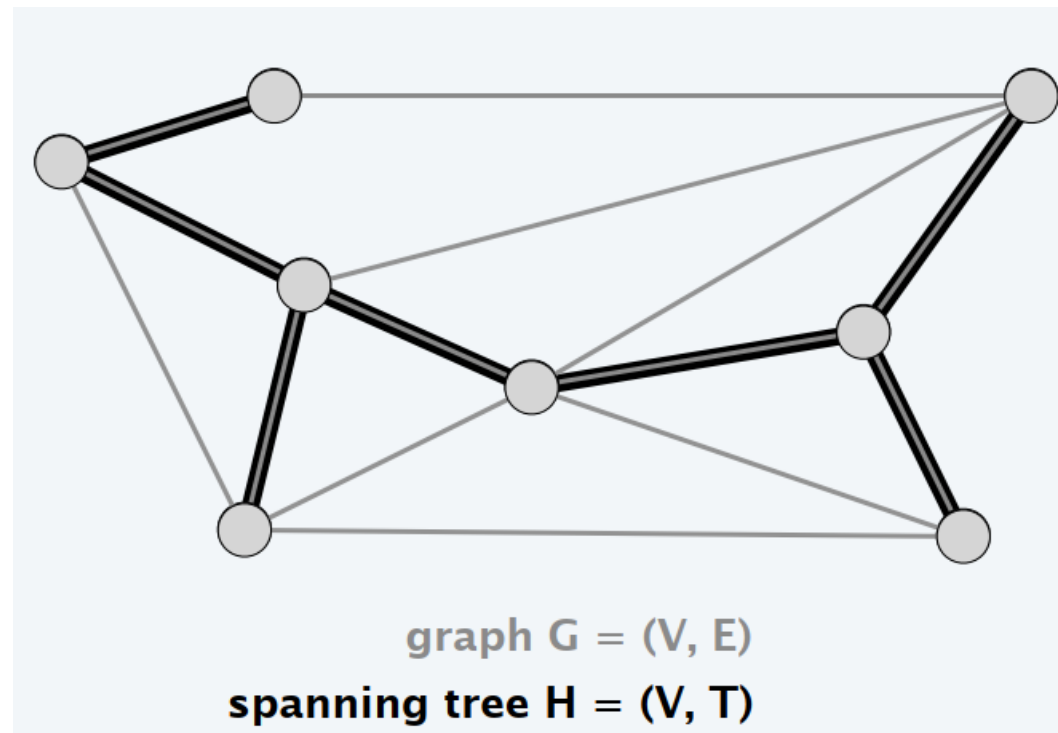
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**Pf.** [by picture]



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**Def.** Let  $H = (V, T)$  be a subgraph of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ .  $H$  is a **spanning tree** of  $G$  if  $H$  is both acyclic and connected.





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### Proposition.

Let  $H = (V, T)$  be a subgraph of an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

Then, the following are equivalent:

- $H$  is a **spanning tree** of  $G$ .
- $H$  is acyclic and connected.
- $H$  is connected and has  $|V| - 1$  edges.
- $H$  is acyclic and has  $|V| - 1$  edges.
- $H$  is minimally connected: removal of any edge disconnects it.
- $H$  is maximally acyclic: addition of any edge creates a cycle.

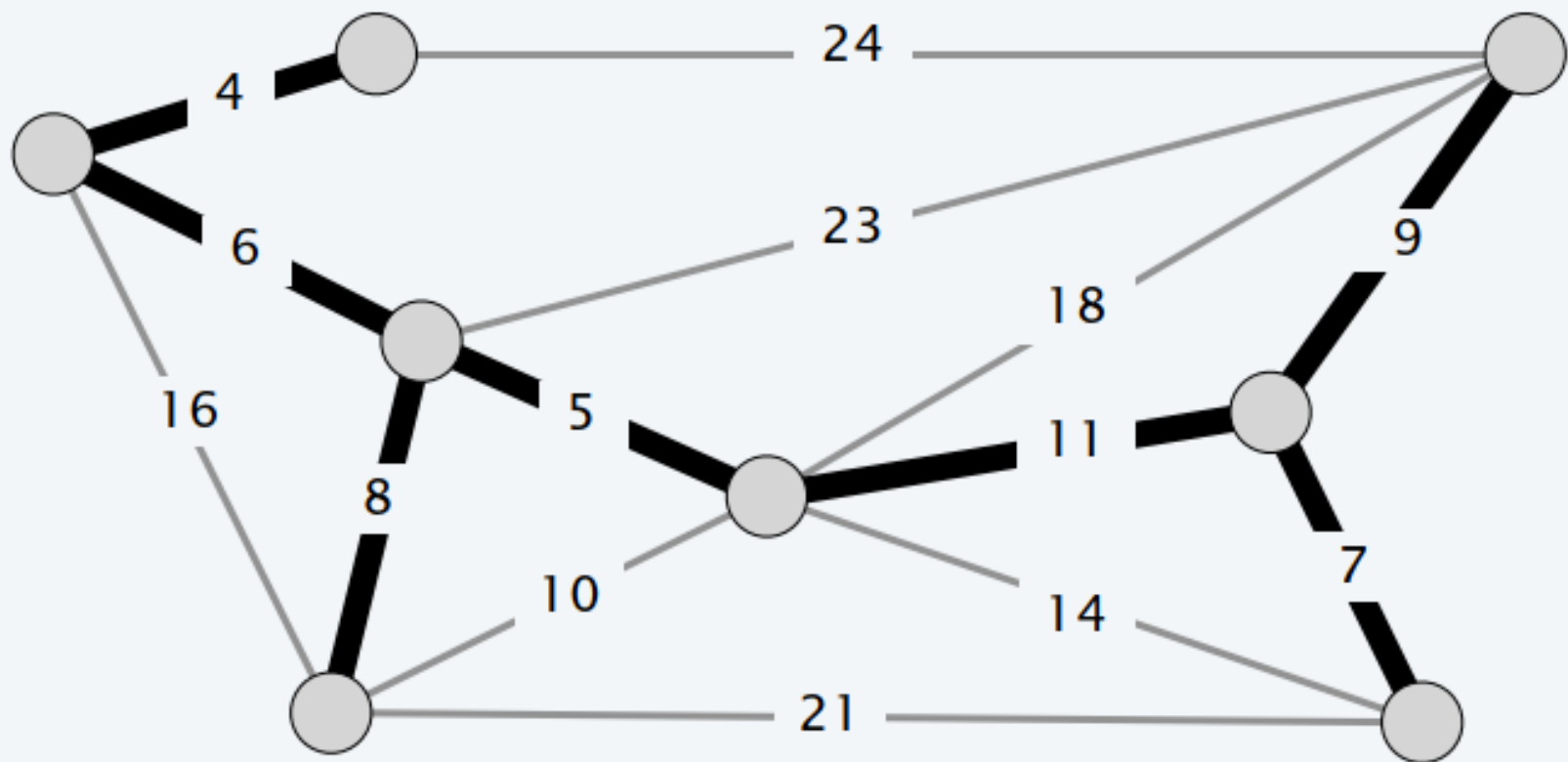
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Minimum Spanning Tree(MST).

**Def.** Given a connected, undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $c_e$ , a **MST** is a spanning tree of  $G$  such that the sum of edge weights of tree is minimized.

- Note that the set of edges of a MST is a subset of the edges  $E$ .

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**MST cost = 50 = 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 11 + 9 + 7**

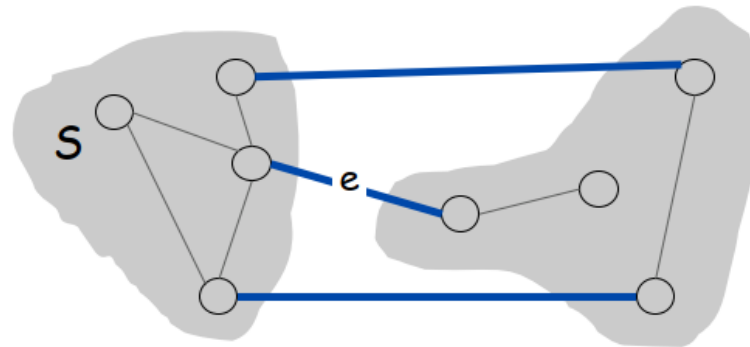
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Simplifying assumption.

- All edge costs  $c_e$  are distinct.

Cut property.

- Let  $S$  be any subset of nodes, and let  $e$  be the min cost edge with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ . Then the MST contains  $e$ .



$e$  is in the MST

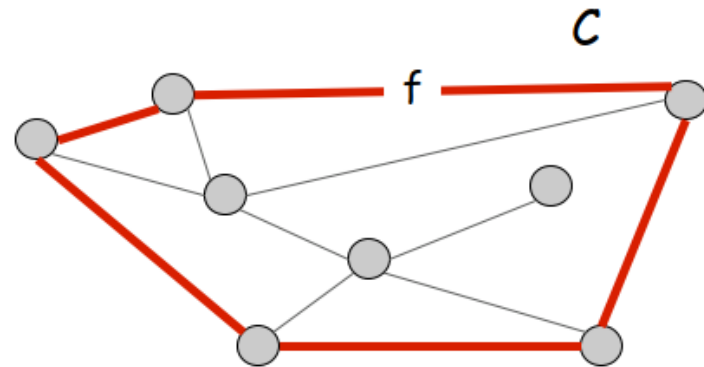
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- Let  $C$  be any cycle, and let  $f$  be the max cost edge belonging to  $C$ . Then the MST does not contain  $f$ .



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**Cut property.** Let  $S$  be any subset of nodes, and let  $e$  be the min cost edge with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ . Then the MST contains  $e$ .

**Pf.**

- Suppose  $e$  does not belong to  $T^*$ , and let's see what happens.
- Adding  $e$  to  $T^*$  creates a cycle  $C$  in  $T^*$ .
- Edge  $e$  is both in the cycle  $C$  and in the cutset  $D$  corresponding to  $S \Rightarrow$  there exists another edge, say  $f$ , that is in both  $C$  and  $D$ .
- $T' = T^* \cup \{e\} - \{f\}$  is also a spanning tree.
- Since  $c_e < c_f$ ,  $\text{cost}(T') < \text{cost}(T^*)$ .
- This is a contradiction.

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- Suppose  $f$  belongs to  $T^*$ , and let's see what happens.
- Deleting  $f$  from  $T^*$  creates a cut  $S$  in  $T^*$ .
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Prim's algorithm. [Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959]

- Initialize  $S = \{s\}$  for any node  $s$ ,  $T = \emptyset$ .
- Repeat  $n - 1$  times:
  - Add to  $T$  a min-cost edge in the cutset corresponding to  $S$ .
  - Add the other endpoint to  $S$ .



## 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree

**Theorem.** Prim's algorithm can be implemented to run in  $O(m \log n)$  time.

**Pf.** Implementation almost identical to Dijkstra's algorithm.

PRIM ( $V, E, c$ )

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$S \leftarrow \emptyset, T \leftarrow \emptyset.$

$s \leftarrow$  any node in  $V$ .

FOREACH  $v \neq s : \pi[v] \leftarrow \infty, pred[v] \leftarrow null; \pi[s] \leftarrow 0.$

Create an empty priority queue  $pq$ .

FOREACH  $v \in V : \text{INSERT}(pq, v, \pi[v]).$

WHILE ( $\text{IS-NOT-EMPTY}(pq)$ )

$u \leftarrow \text{DEL-MIN}(pq).$


$S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}, T \leftarrow T \cup \{pred[u]\}.$

FOREACH edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$  with  $v \notin S :$

IF ( $c_e < \pi[v]$ )

$\text{DECREASE-KEY}(pq, v, c_e).$

$\pi[v] \leftarrow c_e; pred[v] \leftarrow e.$



$\pi[v]$  = cost of cheapest  
known edge between  $v$  and  $S$

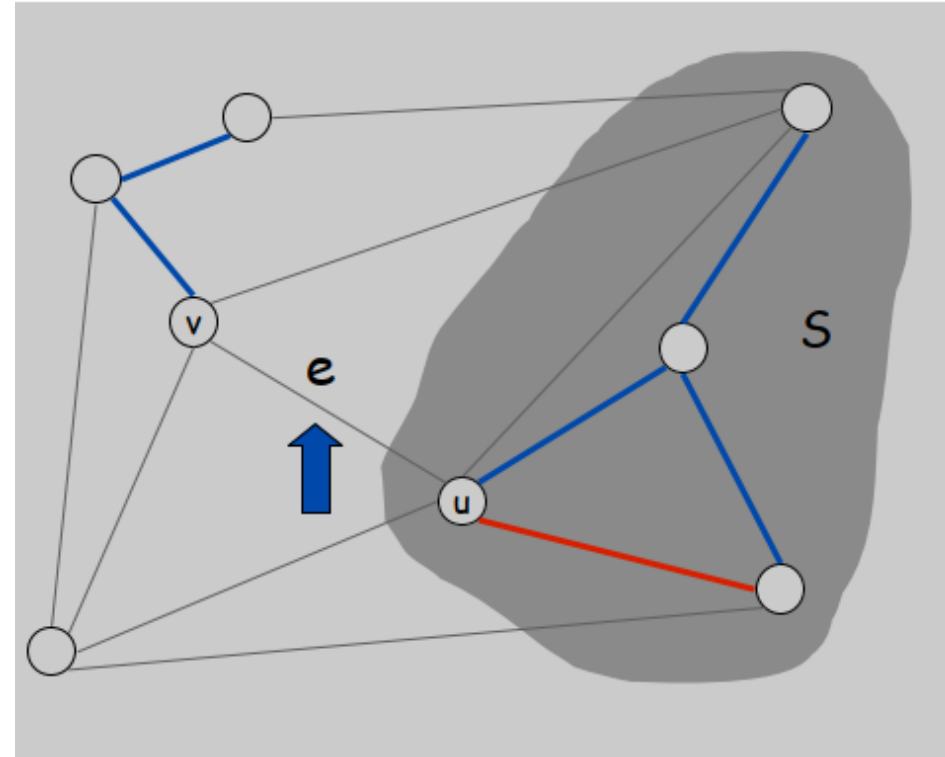
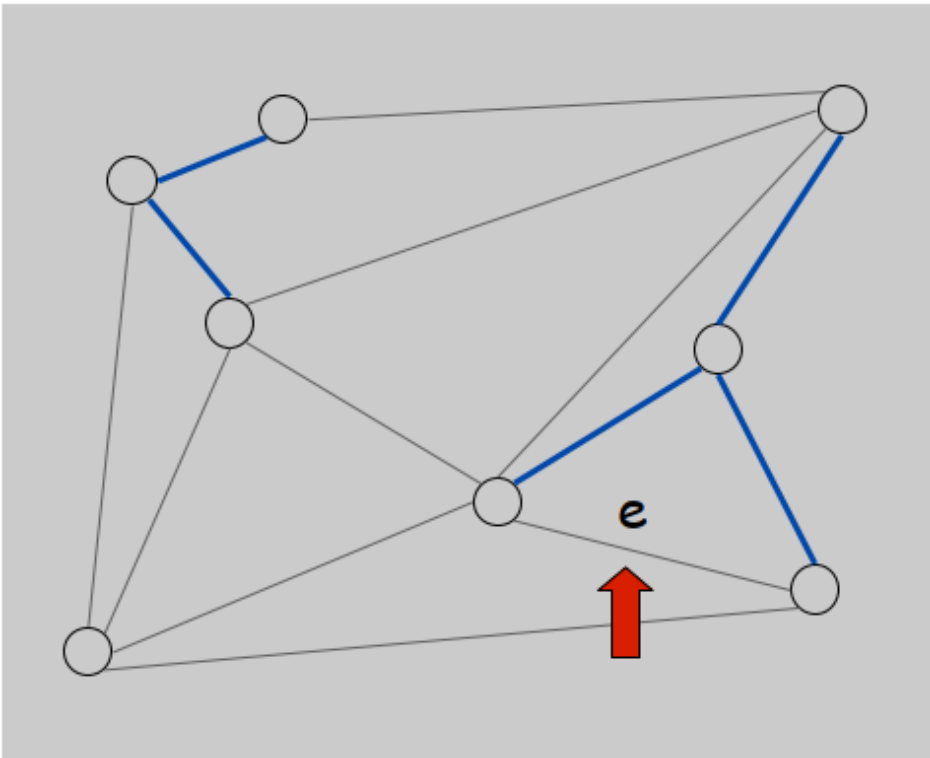
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Kruskal's algorithm. [Kruskal, 1956]

- Sort edges in ascending order of cost
- Repeat  $m$  times:
  - Select the min-cost edge  $e$  so far
  - If adding  $e$  to  $T$  creates a cycle, discard  $e$  according to cycle property.
  - Otherwise, insert  $e = (u, v)$  into  $T$  according to cut property where  $S$  = set of nodes in  $u$ 's connected component.

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E.g.



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**Theorem.** Kruskal's algorithm can be implemented to run in  $O(m \log m)$  time.

- Sort edges by cost.
- Use union–find data structure to dynamically maintain connected components.

## 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree

```
Kruskal(G, c) {  
    Sort edges weights so that  $c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_m$ .  
     $T \leftarrow \phi$   
  
    foreach ( $u \in V$ ) make a set containing singleton u  
  
    for i = 1 to m      are u and v in different connected components?  
        ( $u, v$ ) =  $e_i$       ↙  
        if (u and v are in different sets) {  
             $T \leftarrow T \cup \{e_i\}$   
            merge the sets containing u and v  
        }  
        ↖ merge two components  
    return T  
}
```

## 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree

### Reverse-delete algorithm

- Start with all edges in  $T$  and consider them in descending order of cost
- Delete edge from  $T$  unless it would disconnect  $T$

# Thanks for Listening

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