Algorithms Design
Chap04-Greedy Algorithms

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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 = 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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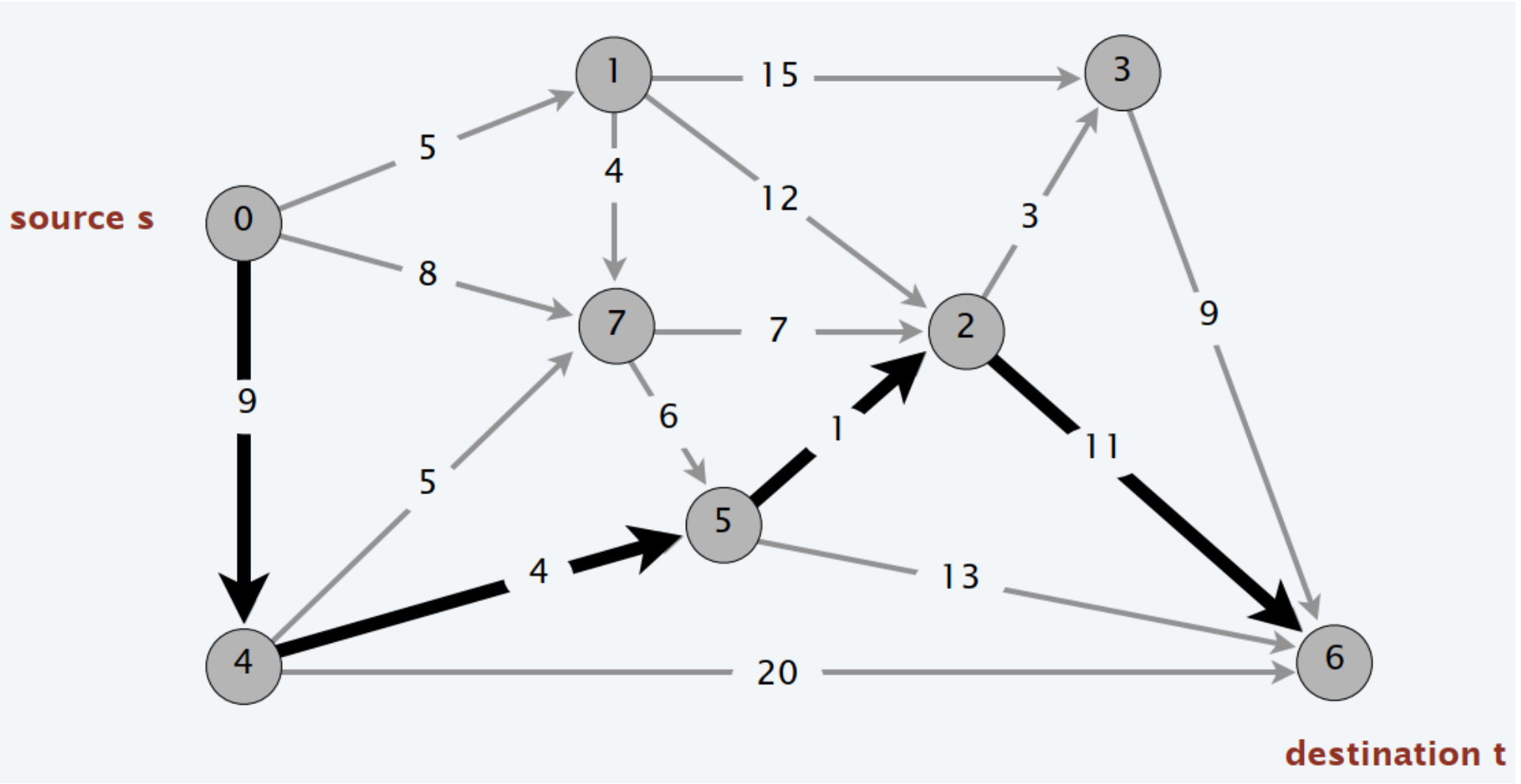

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Suppose that you change the length of every edge of G as follows. For which is every shortest path in G a shortest path in G'?

A. Add 17.

B. Multiply by 17.

C. Either A or B.

D. Neither A nor B

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Shortest path applications

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

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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 pred[v] ← e that achieves min.

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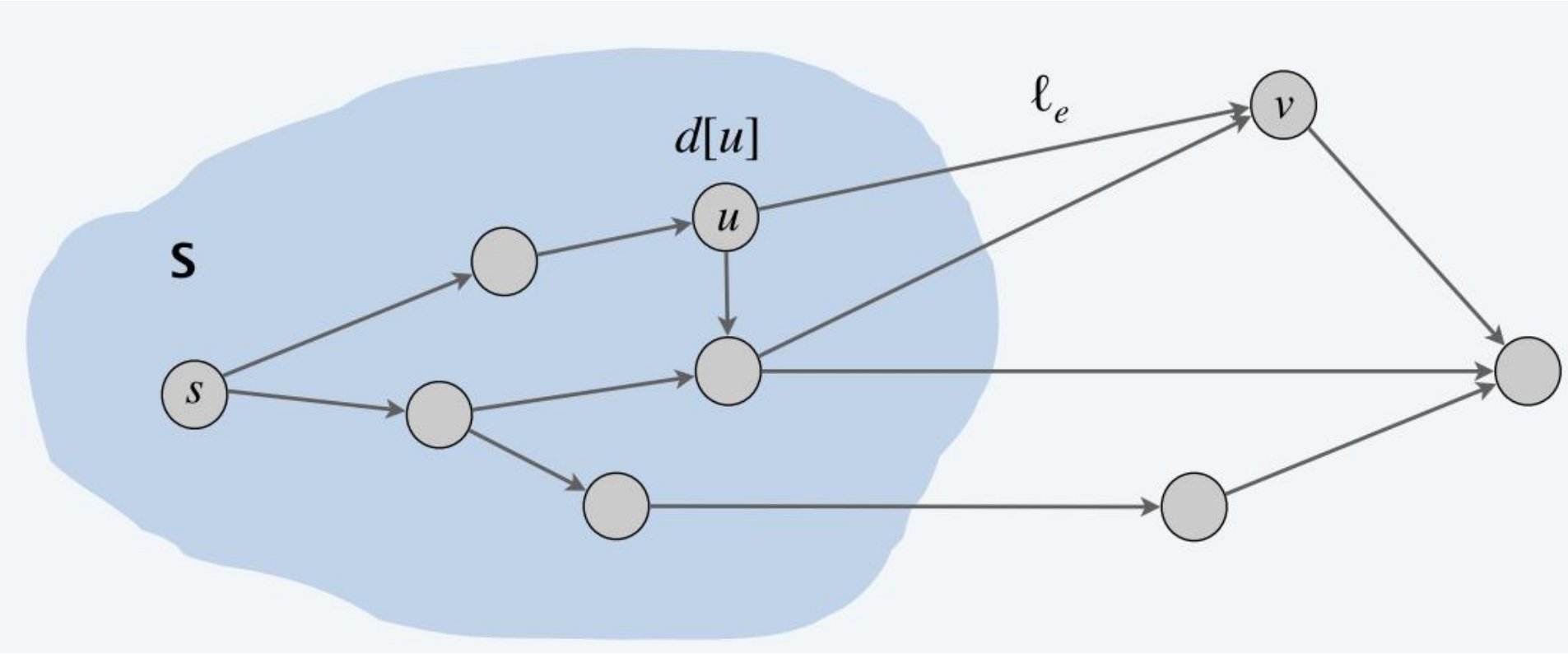

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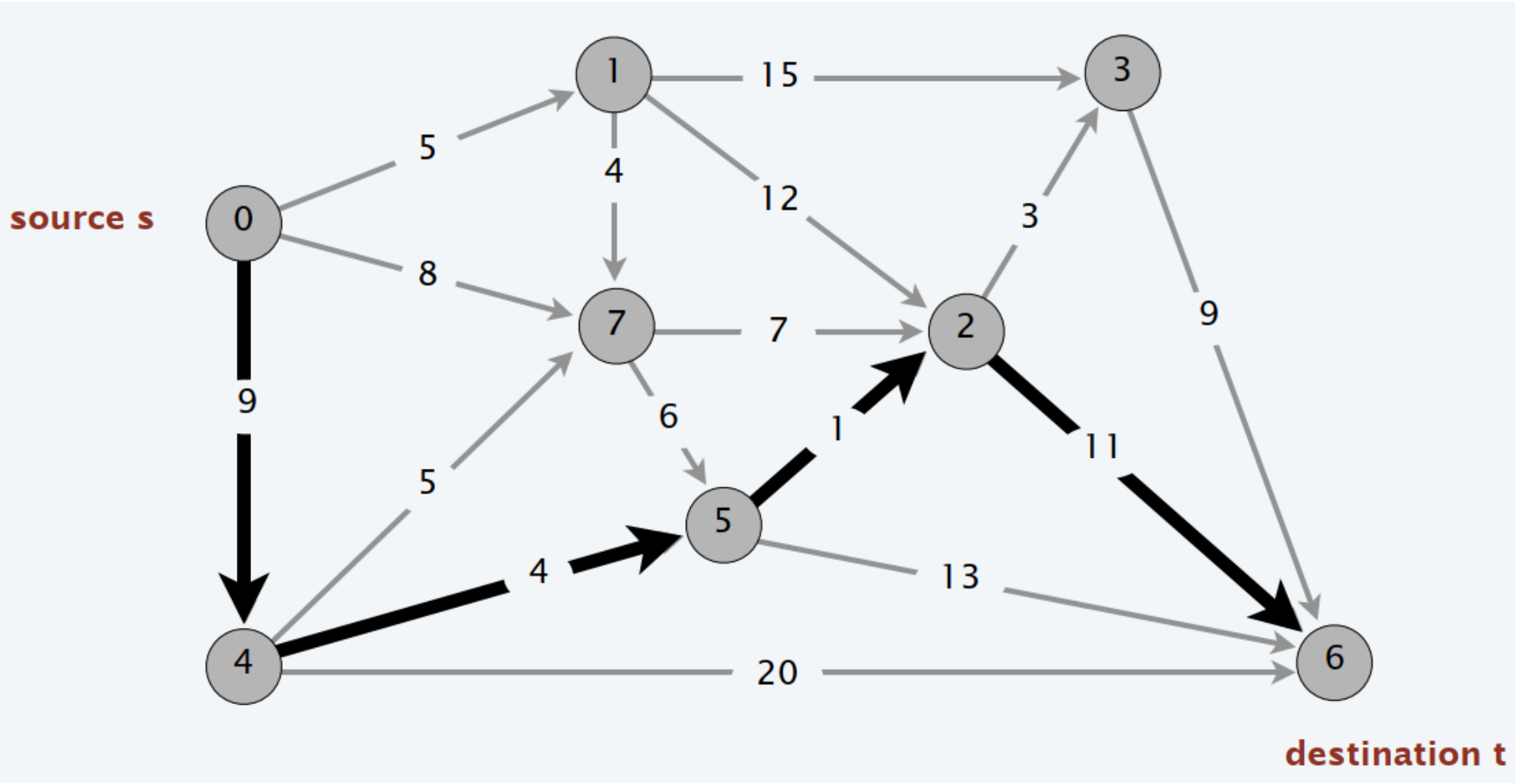

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S={0},d[0]=0

π[1]=5, π[7]= 8, π[4]=9, S={0,1},d[1]=5,

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

π[5]= 8+6=14, π[2]=min(8+7, 5+12),|
π[4]=9,π[3]=5+15=20, S={0,1,4,7}, d[4]=9

π[5]=min(9+4,8+6),π[6] = 9+20 = 29, |
π[2]=8+7=15, π[3]=20, S={0,1,4,5,7},d[5]=13

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$\pi[2]=\min(13+1,8+7)$ $\pi[6]=\min(13+13,29)$,
| $\pi[3]=5+15=20$,

S={0,1,2,4,5,7}, $d[2]=14$

$\pi[3]=\min(5+15, 14+3)$,

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

$\pi[6]=\min(17+9, 14+11)=25$, d[6]=25

S={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7},

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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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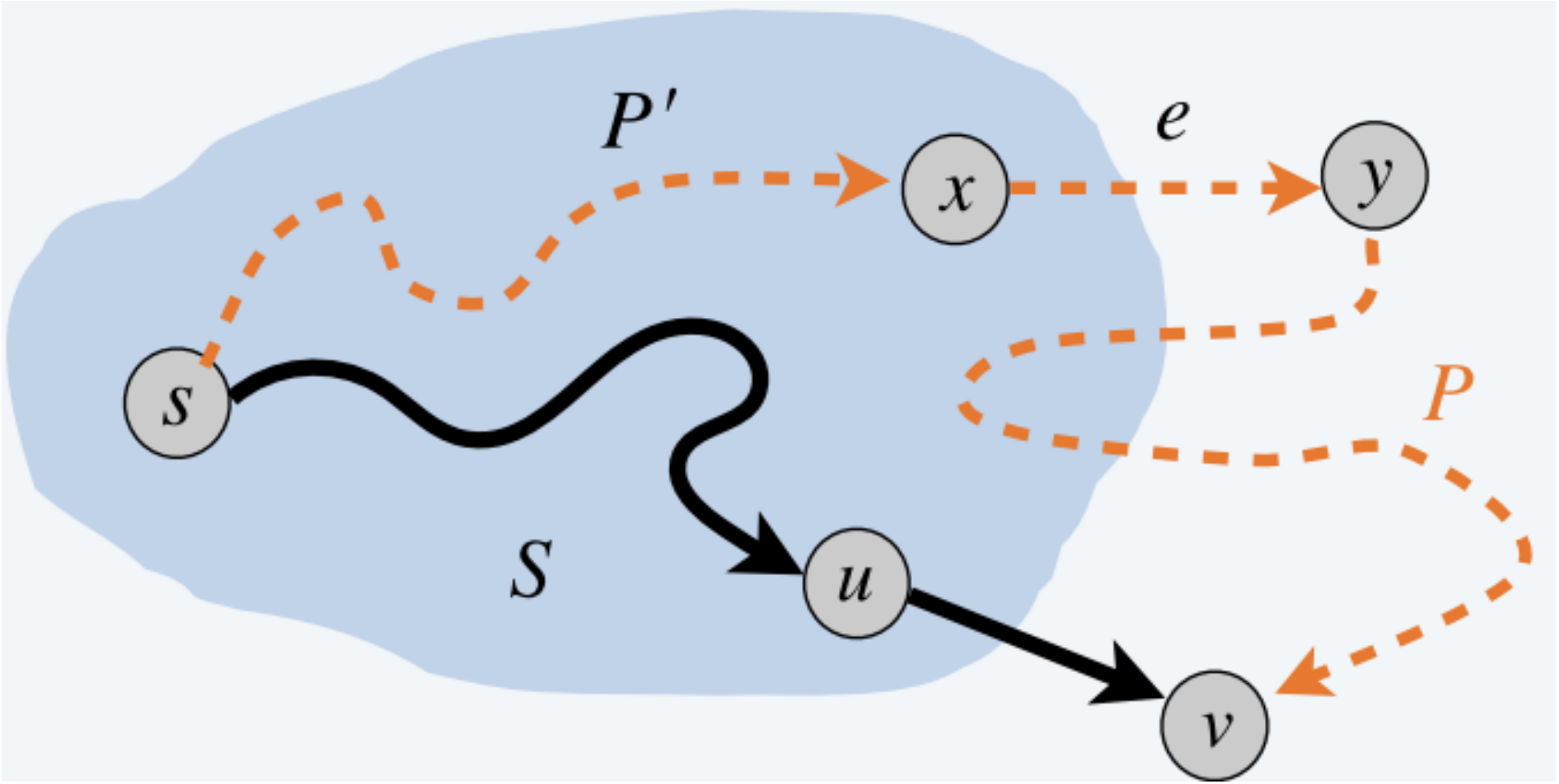

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Efficient implementation

- 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 $\pi[v]$.

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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, ℓ, s)

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)	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$ †	$O(1)$ †	$O(m + n \log n)$
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: $\pi[v] \geq \min\big(\pi[u], c(u, v)\big)$.
- Maximum reliability paths: $\pi[v] \geq \pi[u] \times \gamma(u, v)$.
- …

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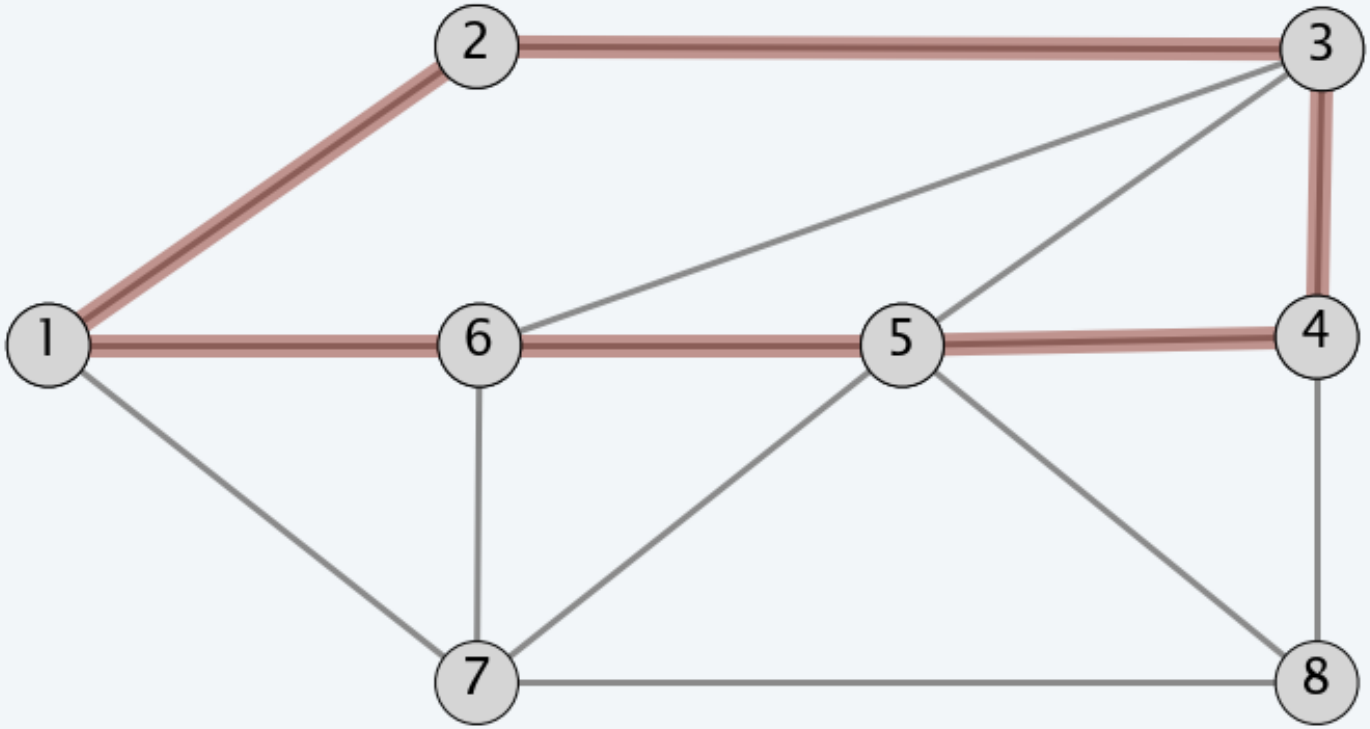
Def.(4.5.2) A path is a sequence of edges which connects a sequence of nodes.

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

4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree



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) }

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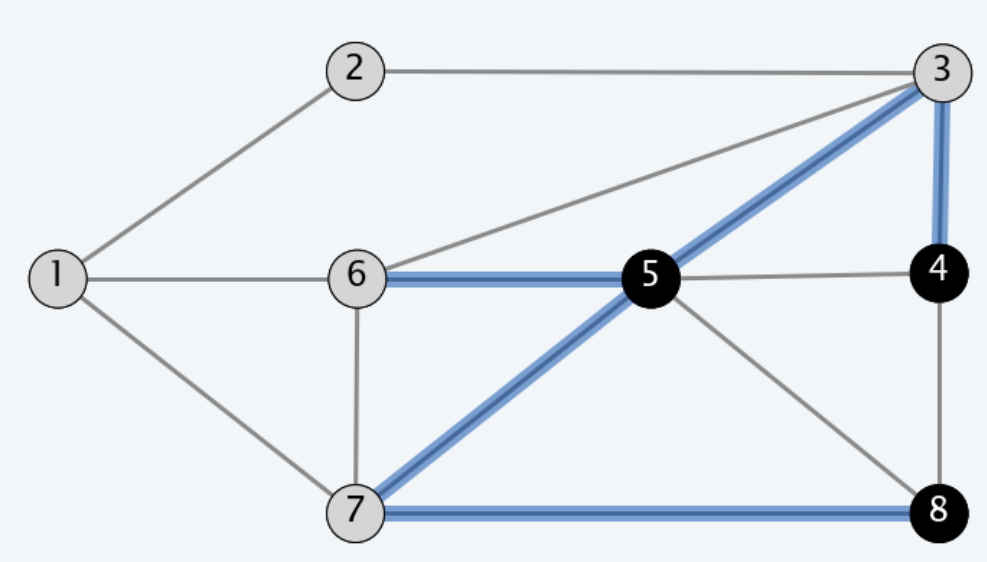
Def. A cut is a partition of the nodes into two nonempty subsets S and $V - S$.

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



Quiz(4.5.1)

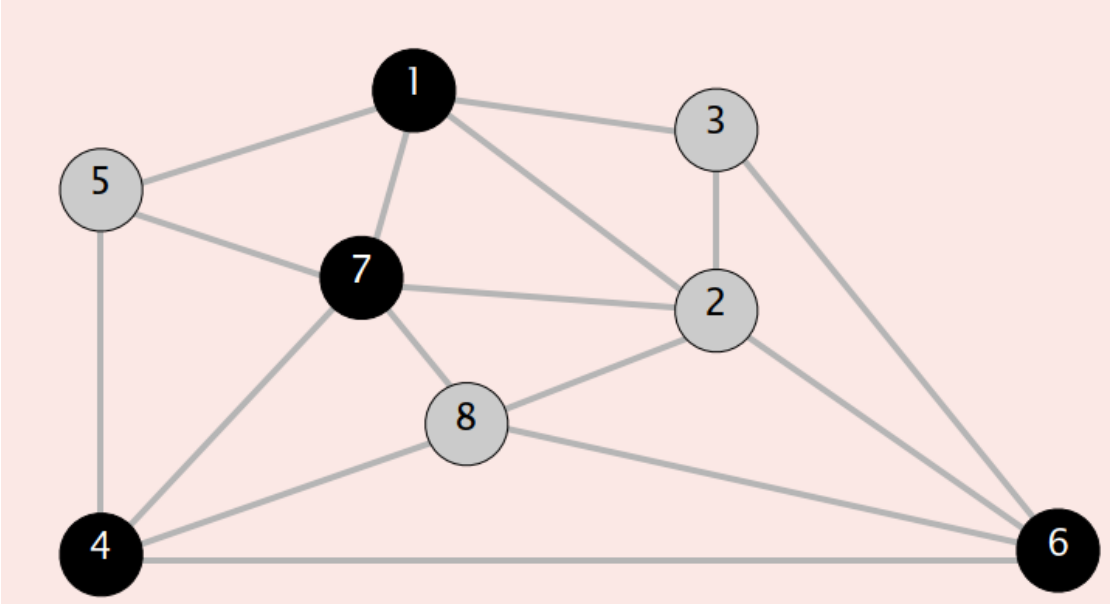
Consider the cut S = { 1, 4, 6, 7 }.
Which edge is in the cutset of S?

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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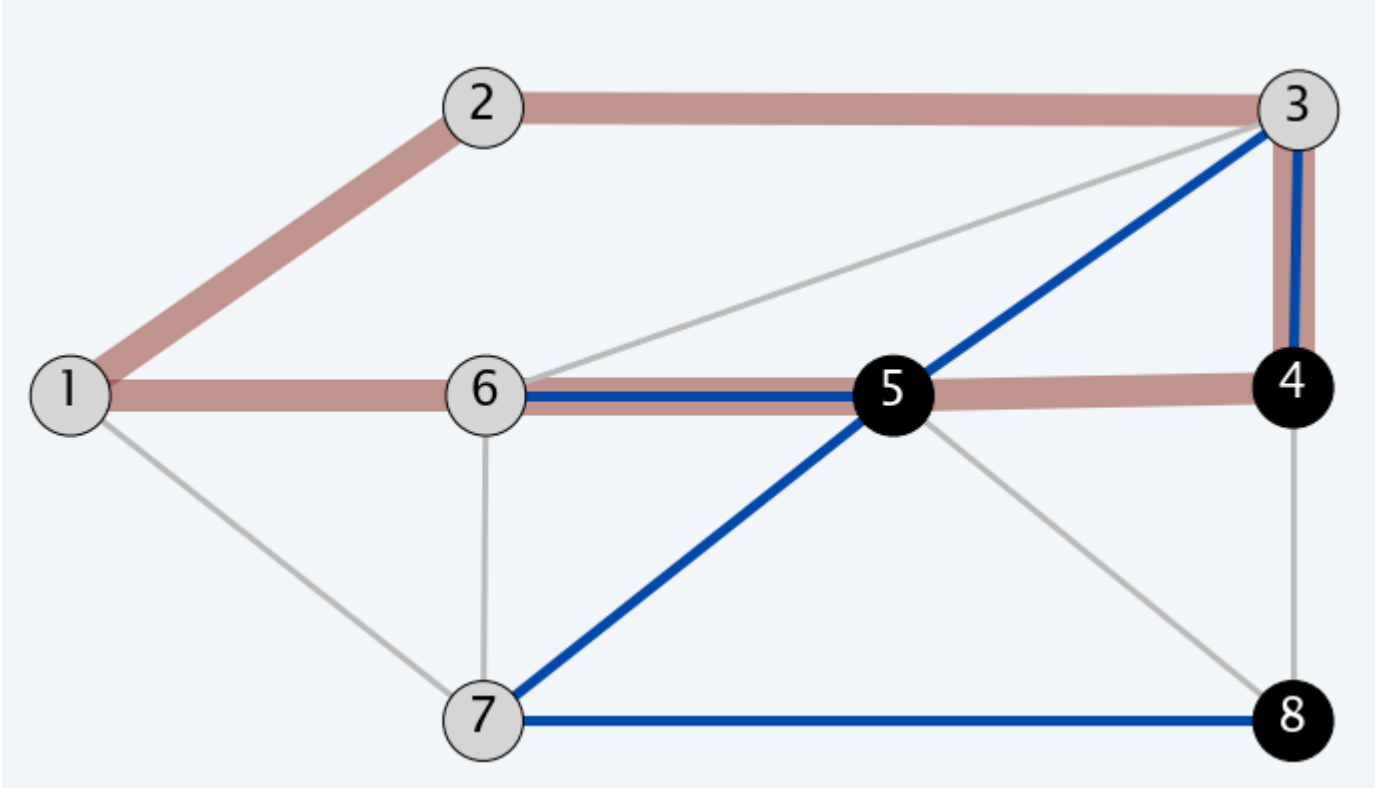
Proposition. A cycle and a cutset intersect in an even number of edges.



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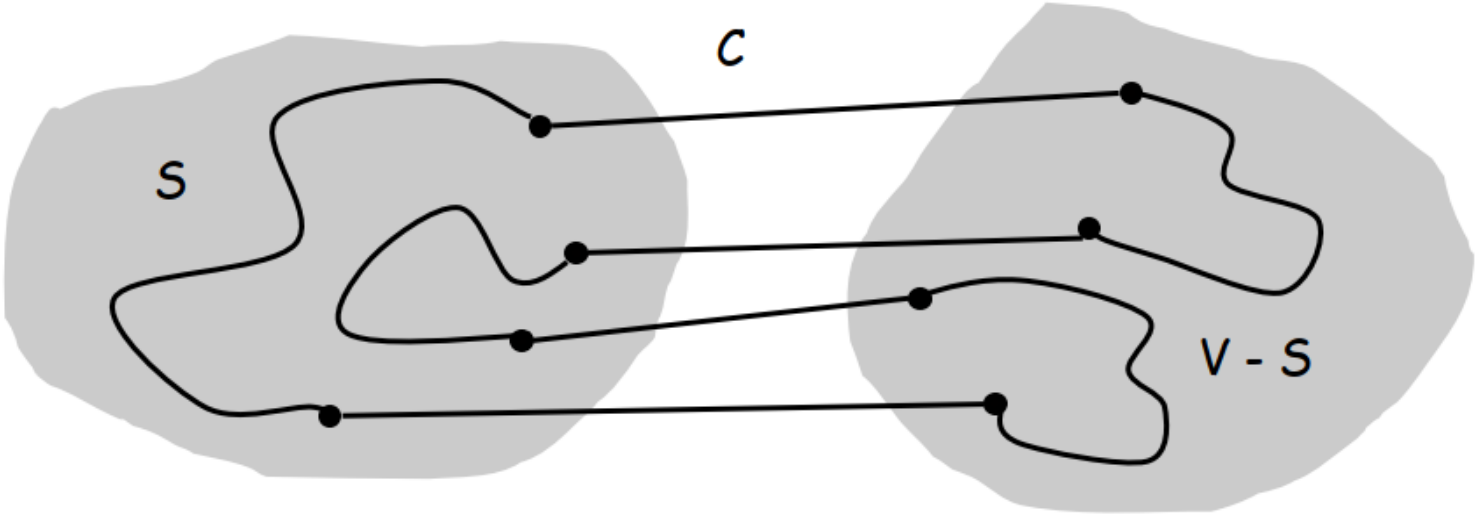
Pf. [by picture]



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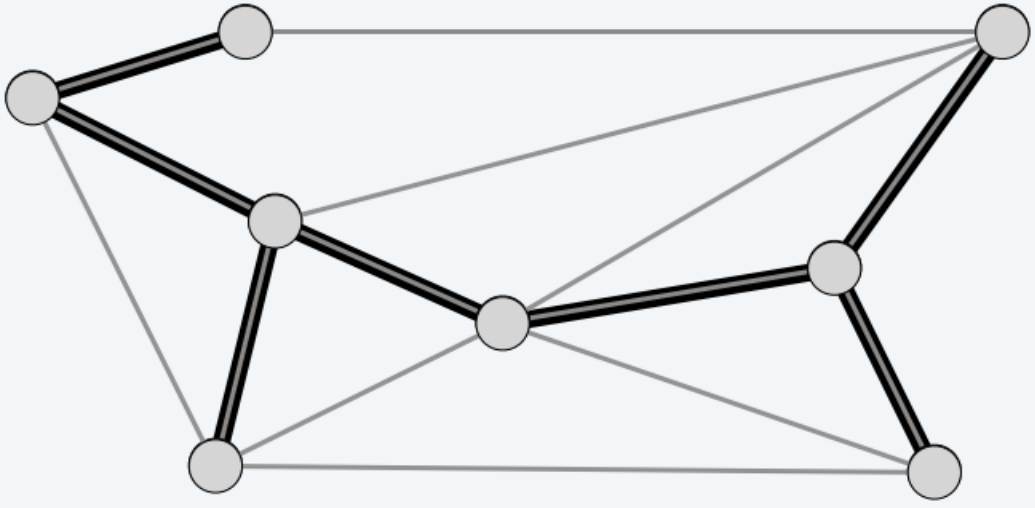
Def. Let $H = (V, T)$ be a subgraph of an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$. H is a spanning tree of G if H is both acyclic and connected.



graph G = (V, E)

spanning tree H = (V, T)

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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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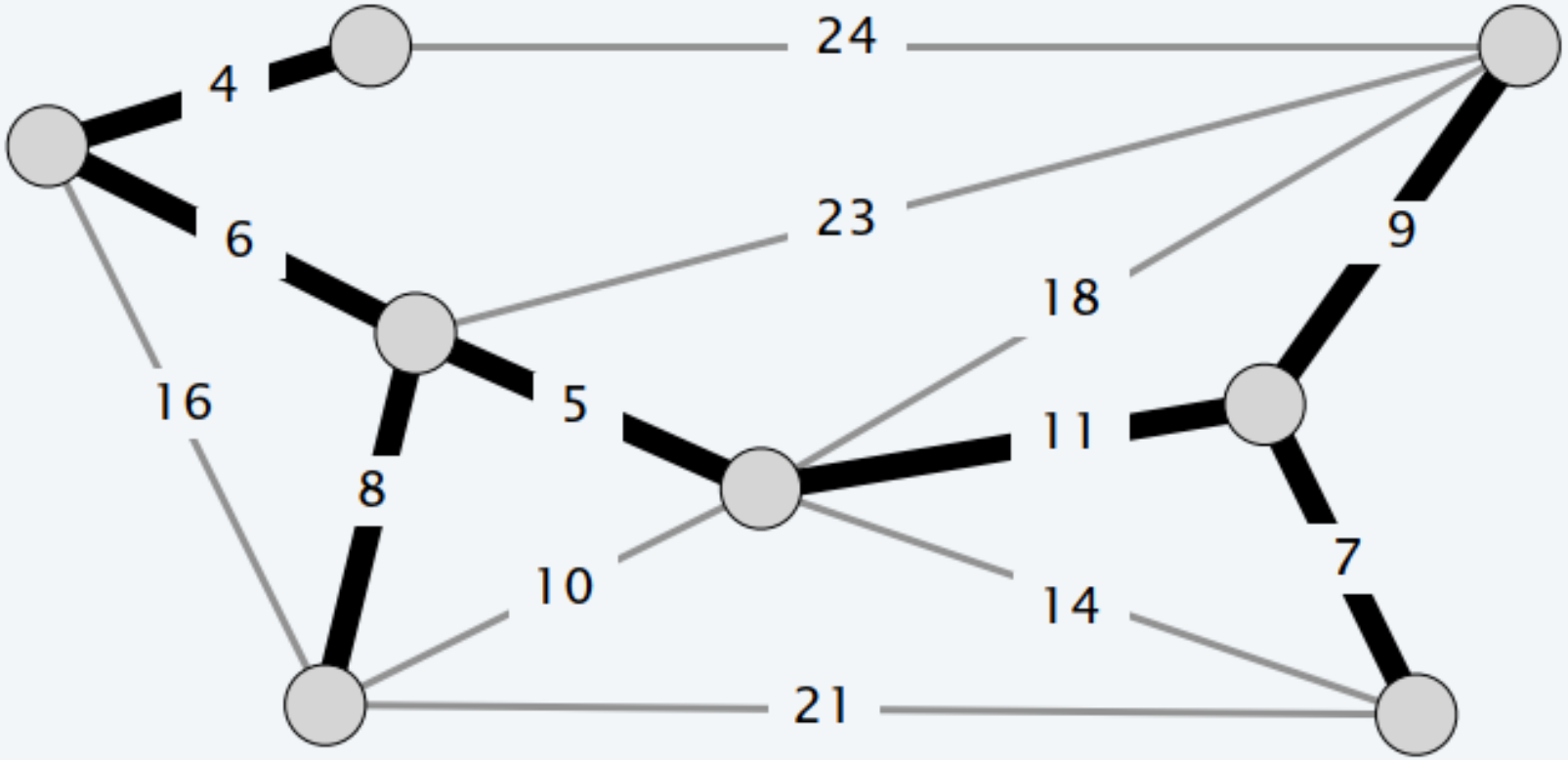

MST cost = 50 = 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 11 + 9 + 7

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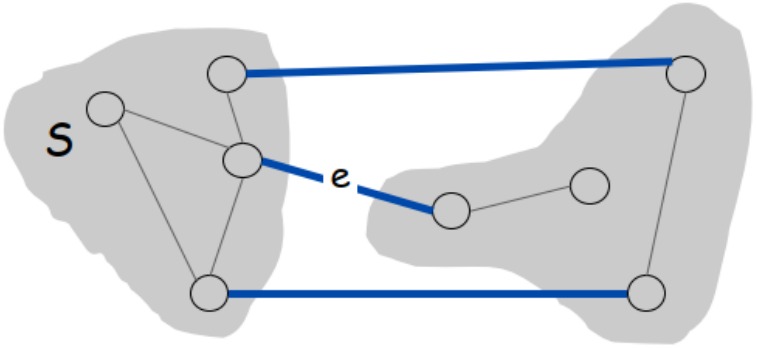
Simplifying assumption.

- 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.



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Cycle property.

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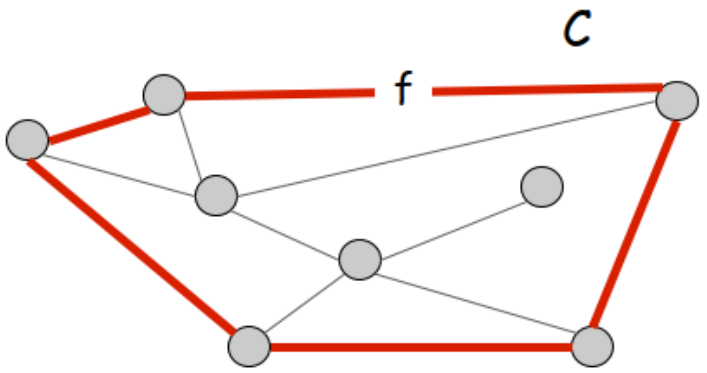

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Cut property. Let S be any subset of nodes, and let e be the min cost edge with exactly one endpoint in S. Then the MST contains e.

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 $c_e < c_f$, cost(T') < cost(T^*).
- This is a contradiction.

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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)

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

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

WHILE (IS-NOT-EMPTY(pq))

  $u \leftarrow$ 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 $(c_e < \pi[v])$

      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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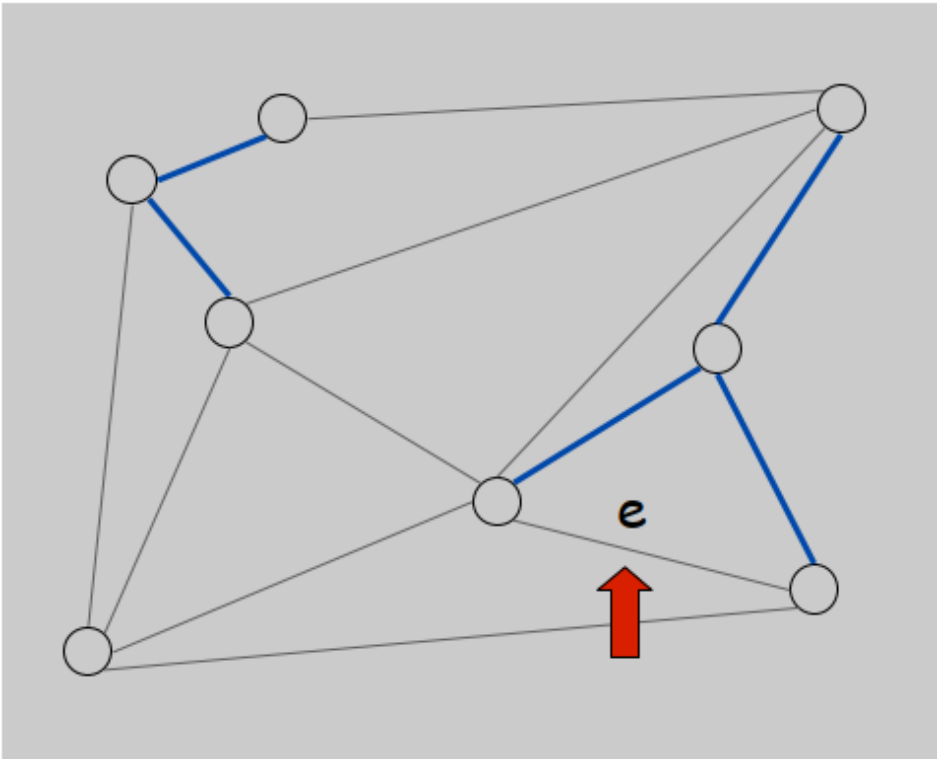
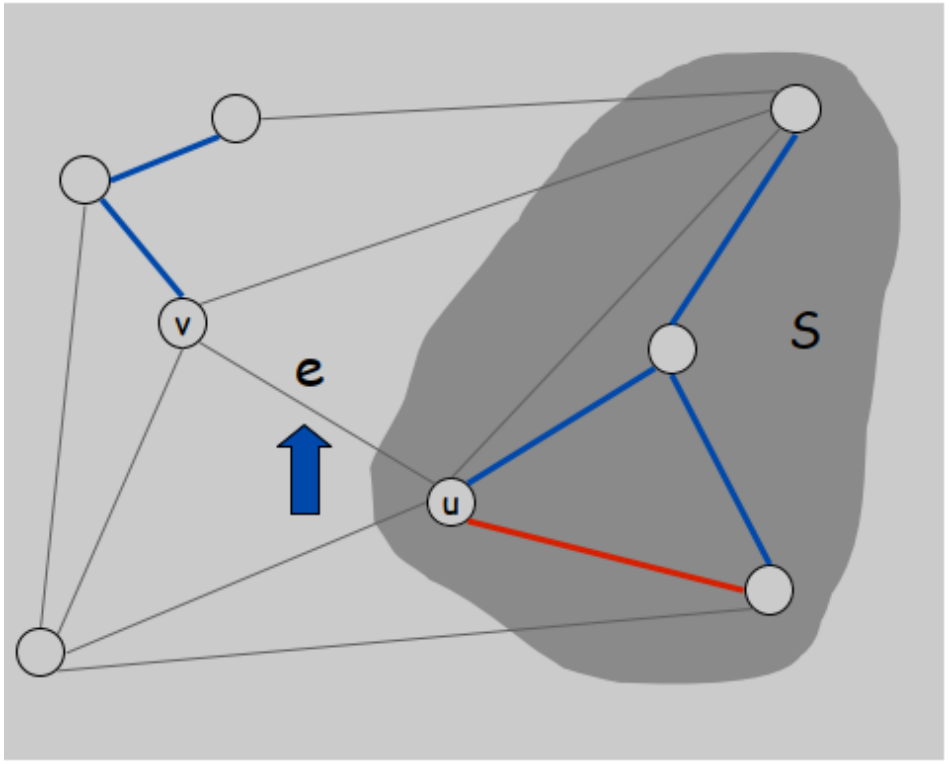
E.g.





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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.

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```
Kruskal(G, c) {
    Sort edges weights so that c_1 ≤ c_2 ≤ ... ≤ c_m.
    T ← φ

    foreach (u ∈ V) make a set containing singleton u

    for i = 1 to m
        (u,v) = e_i
        if (u and v are in different sets) {
            T ← T ∪ {e_i}
            merge the sets containing u and v
        }
    return T
}
```

are u and v in different connected components?

merge two components

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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

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