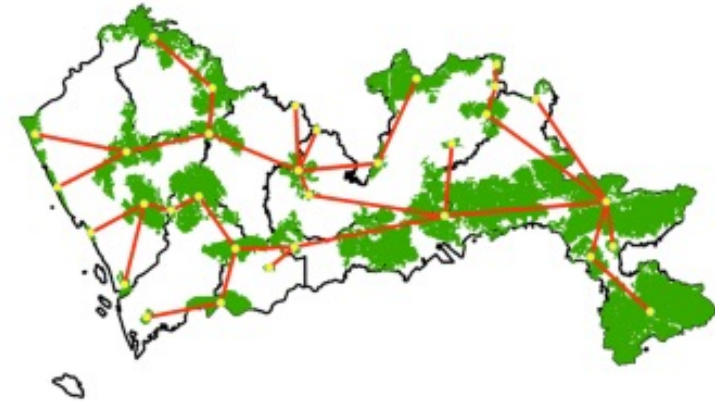


[CSED233-01] Data Structure

# Minimum Spanning Trees

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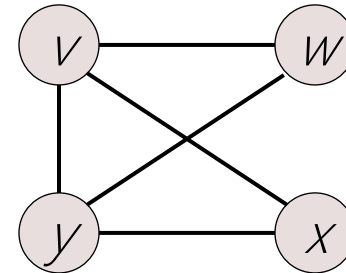
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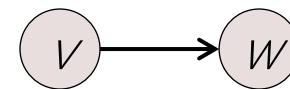
# Graph: Terminology

- **Graph**  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - $V$ : a finite set of **vertices/nodes**,
    - $n = |V|$ : # of vertices
  - $E$ : a finite set of **edges/arcs**  $(v, w)$  where  $v, w \in V$ 
    - $e = |E|$ : # of edges

- Example:  $G = (V, E)$ 
  - $V = \{v, w, x, y\}$
  - $E = \{(v, w), (v, y), (w, y), (y, x), (x, v)\}$



- Two vertices are **adjacent** if they are connected by an edge
  - $v$  is adjacent **to**  $w$  ( $w$  is adjacent **from**  $v$ )
  - $(v, w)$  is **incident** to  $w$  (from  $v$ )



# Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree

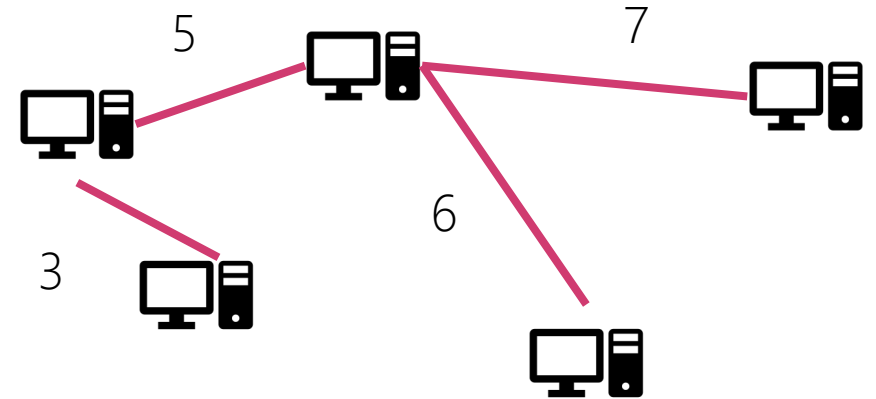
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- For a given weighted connected undirected graph  $G$
- Spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$ 
  - A tree that includes all the vertices of the original graph  $G$
- Minimum-cost spanning tree (MST)
  - A spanning tree whose tree cost is minimum
    - Tree cost is a sum of edge costs

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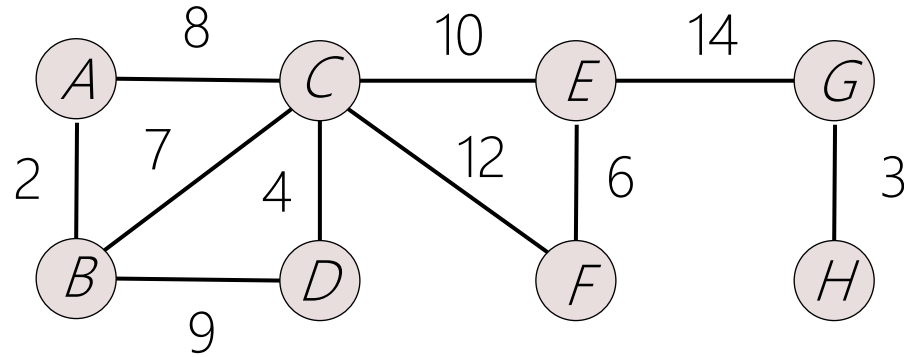
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- Internet
  - Connecting every computers
  - Minimizing cost for network infrastructure
  - Reducing data transferring time
- Road network
  - Connecting every cities
  - Minimizing the total length of highways
- Electronic circuit
- Water pipes



# Minimum-Cost Spanning Tree

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- A connected graph of 8 vertices with 10 edges
- A spanning tree has only  $(n - 1) = 7$  edges
  - Need to select 7 edges or discard 3 ones

# Possible Greedy Strategies (1)

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  - Start with a **1-vertex tree** and grow it into an  **$n$ -vertex tree** by repeatedly adding a **cheapest edge** (& a vertex)
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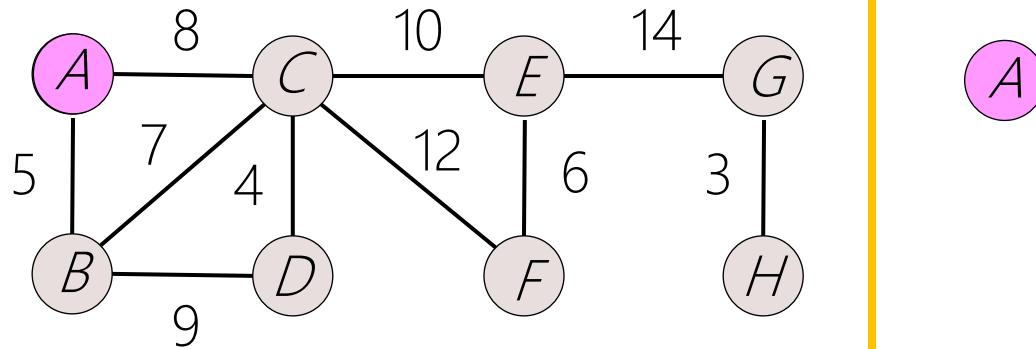
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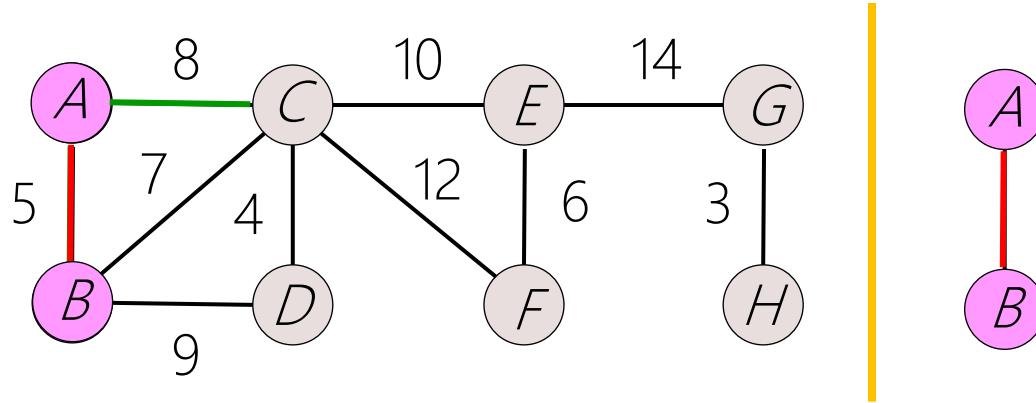
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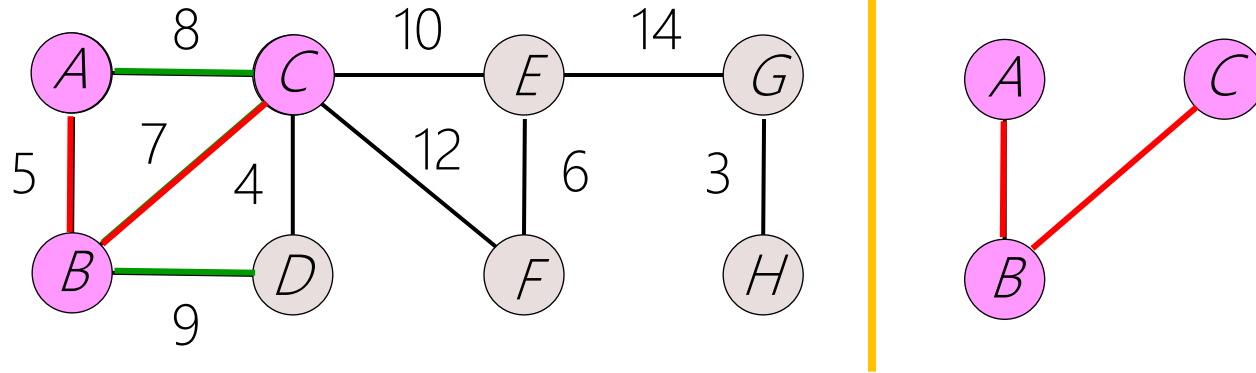


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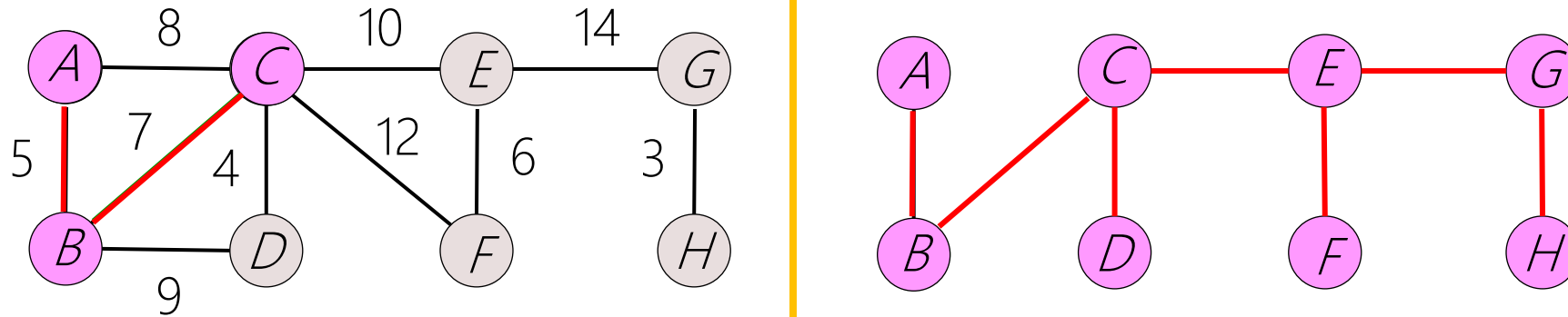
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# Prim's Algorithm



- Start with any single vertex tree
- Get a 2-vertex tree by adding a cheapest edge
- Get a 3-vertex tree by adding a cheapest edge
- Grow the tree one edge at a time until it has  $n - 1$  edges (& hence has all  $n$  vertices)

# Prim's Algorithm: Implementation

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- Idea
  - Growing 1-vertex tree into an  $n$ -vertex tree by repeatedly adding a lowest-cost edge (& its incident vertex)
- Let
  - $Q$ : priority queue
    - Contains the vertices NOT contained in the already-generated tree
  - $D[k]$ : priority (vertex  $k$ )
    - the shortest distance (from the "*already-generated*" tree) to vertex  $k$
  - $P[k]$ : predecessor/parent (vertex  $k$ )

# Prim's Algorithm: Implementation

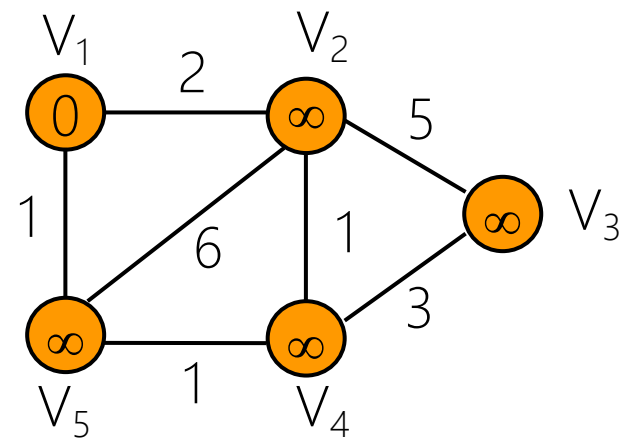
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Q ← V // initialize Q with all vertices
D[1] := 0; P[1] := 0; and // initialize priorities D[] & parents P[]
for all others D[i] := ∞; P[i] := 0

while Q not empty do begin
    w ← DeleteMin(Q) // w has the lowest D[]
    for each vertex v ∈ Adj[w] do
        if v ∈ Q and C[w, v] < D[v] then begin
            D[v] := C[w, v]; // update with shorter cost
            P[v] := w end; // update v's parent as w
    end;
```

# Prim's Algorithm: Step-by-Step

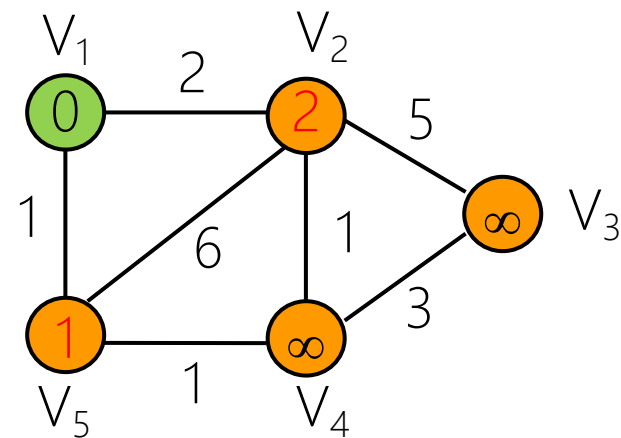
Step-0:



V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	F	0	0
2	F	$\infty$	0
3	F	$\infty$	0
4	F	$\infty$	0
5	F	$\infty$	0

$Q = (V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5)$

Step-1:

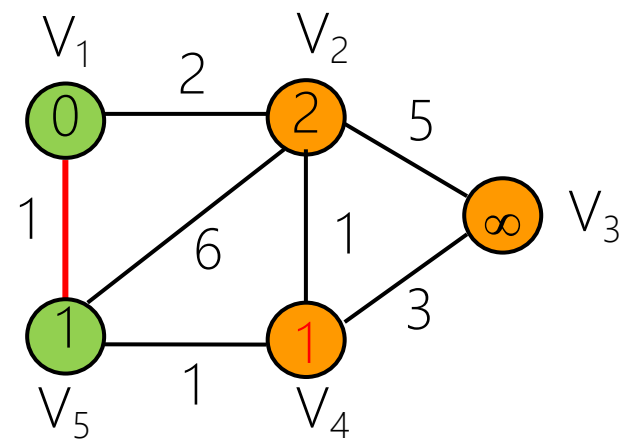


V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	T	0	0
2	F	2	1
3	F	$\infty$	0
4	F	$\infty$	0
5	F	1	1

$Q = (V_5, V_2, V_3, V_4)$

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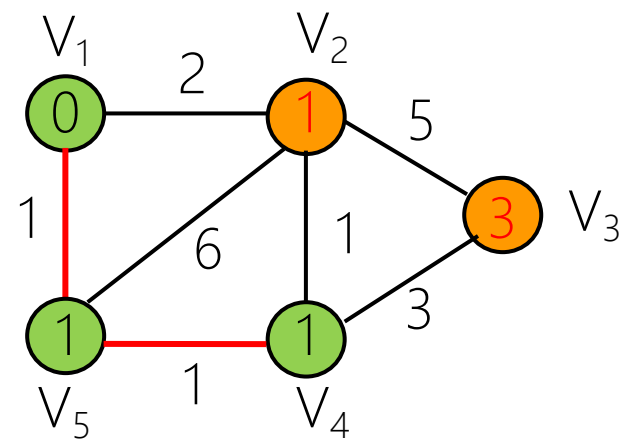
Step-2:



V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	T	0	0
2	F	2	1
3	F	$\infty$	0
4	F	1	5
5	T	1	1

$Q = (V_4, V_2, V_3)$

Step-3:

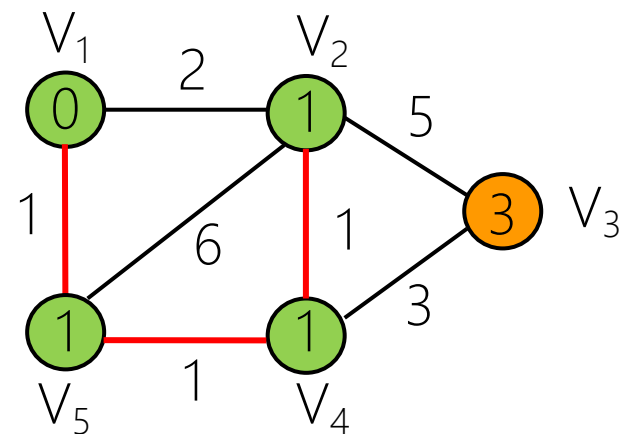


V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	T	0	0
2	F	1	4
3	F	3	4
4	T	1	5
5	T	1	1

$Q = (V_2, V_3)$

# Prim's Algorithm: Step-by-Step

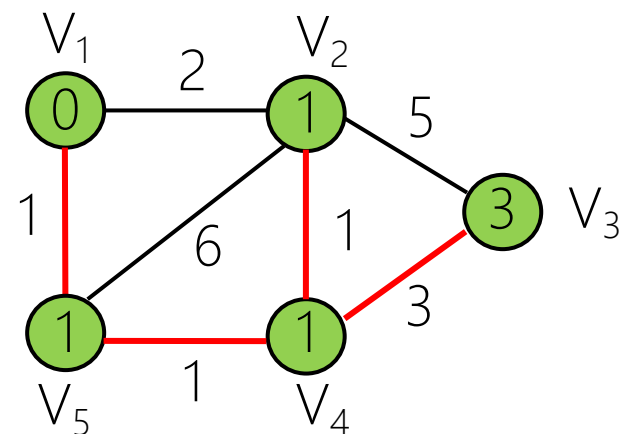
Step-4:



V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	T	0	0
2	T	1	4
3	F	3	4
4	T	1	5
5	T	1	1

Q = (V<sub>3</sub>)

Step-5:



V	in Q	D[i]	P[i]
1	T	0	0
2	T	1	4
3	T	3	4
4	T	1	5
5	T	1	1

Q = ( )



# Why Prim's Algorithm Works (1)

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- MST property

- Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph  
 $U (\subset V)$ : a proper subset of  $V$   
 $(u, v)$ : an edge of lowest cost s.t.  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V - U$

Then, there exists an MST that includes the edge  $(u, v)$

- MST property satisfies the greedy-choice property

- A globally-optimal solution can be arrived at by making a locally-optimal choice

# Why Prim's Algorithm Works (2)

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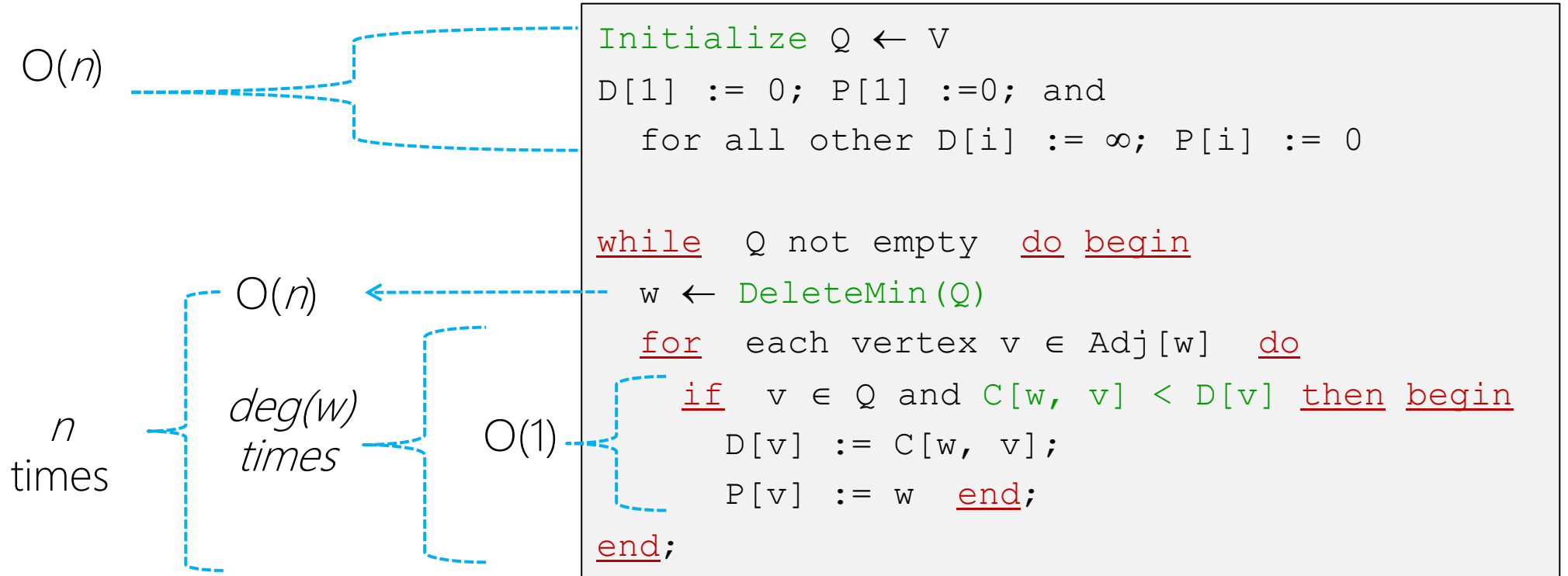
- How to prove the MST property?
- Proof **by contradiction**
  - Assume that there is no MST including  $(u, v)$ 
    - By adding  $(u, v)$  to any MST  $T$ , which does not include  $(u, v)$ , we create a cycle
    - That is, there must exist an edge  $(u', v')$  s.t.  $u' \in U$  and  $v' \in V - U$
  - $c(u, v) \leq c(u', v')$  by assumption
  - By replacing  $(u', v')$  by  $(u, v)$ , we can get another MST which contains  $(u, v)$
  - Contradiction!

# Complexity: Prim's Algorithm

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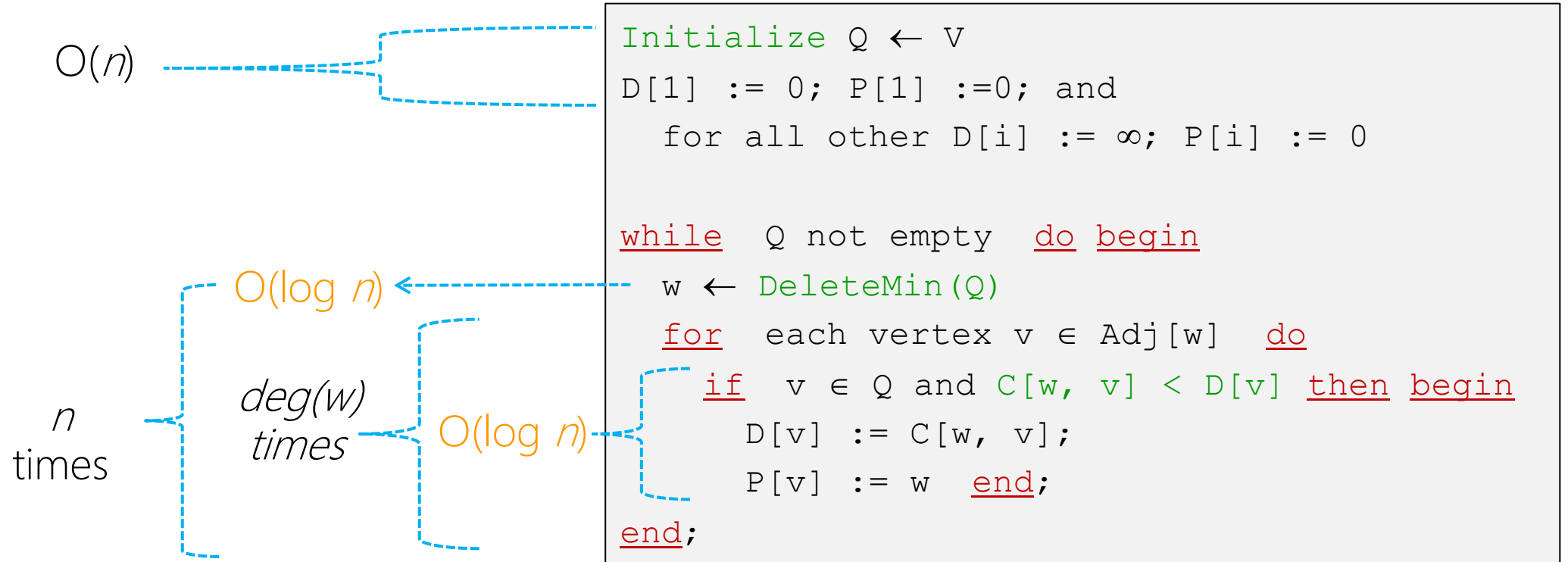
- Depending on the choice of data structure
  - Adjacent matrix & searching
    - Simple implementation
    - $O(n^2)$  – better for dense graph
  - Adjacent list & min-heap
    - $O(e \log n)$  – better for sparse graph

# Prim's: Adjacent Matrix (Array)



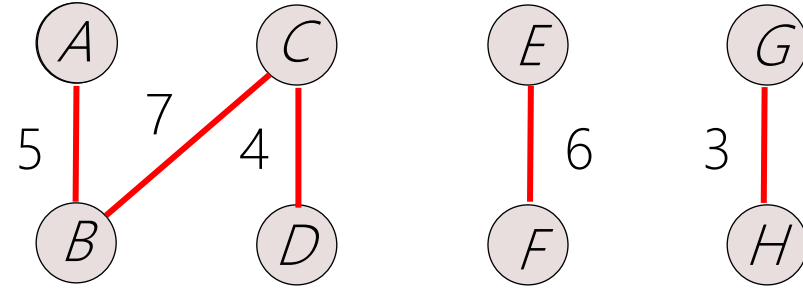
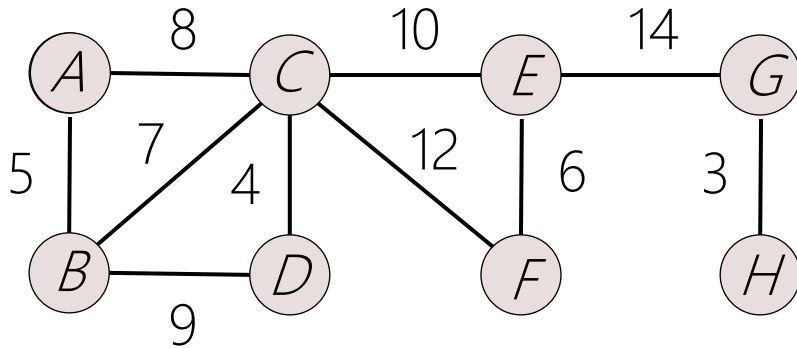
→ Time complexity = ?  $O(n) + O(n \cdot n + e \cdot 1) = O(n^2)$

# Prim's: Adjacent List & Min-Heap



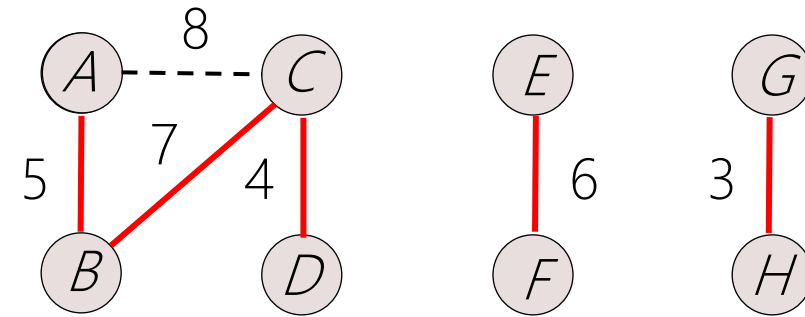
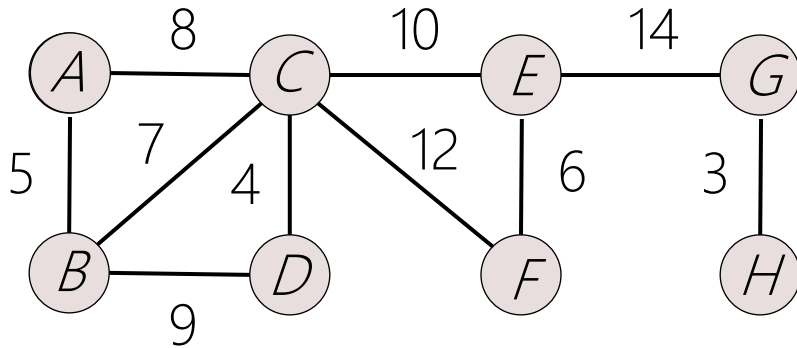
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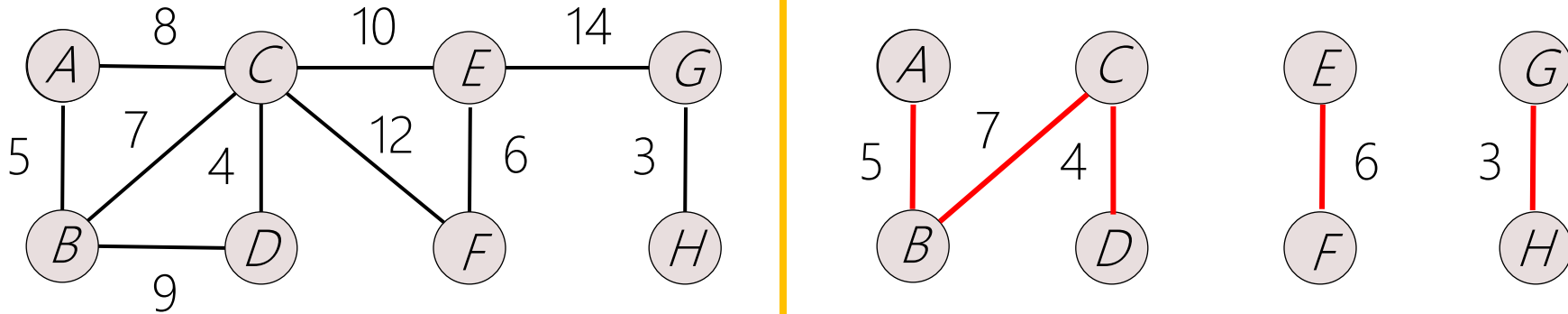
- Start with a forest that has no edge
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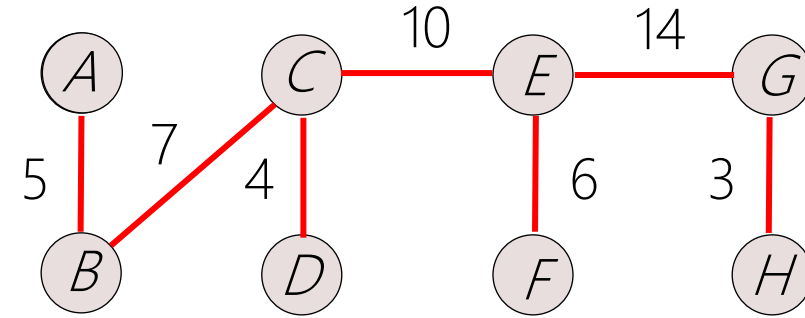
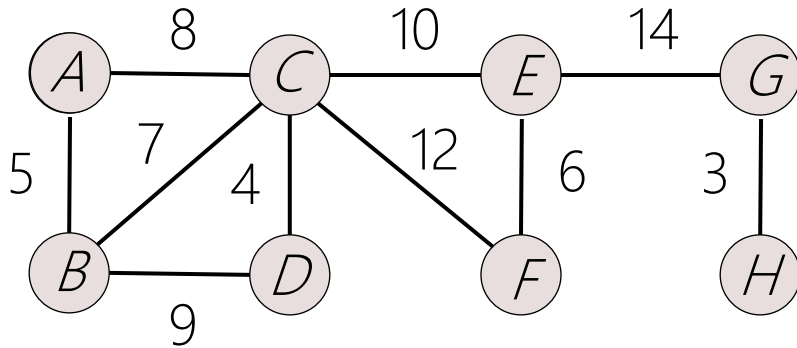
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    - But it is **rejected** because it creates a cycle

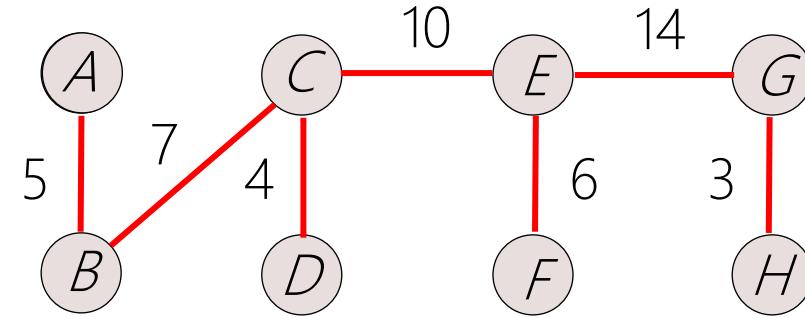
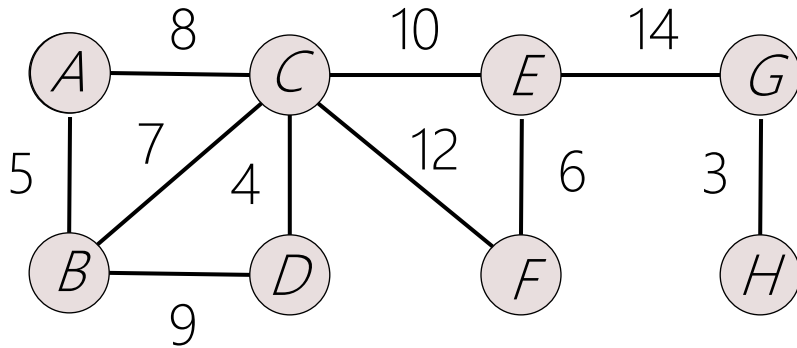


# Kruskal's Algorithm



- Consider edges in ascending order of **edge cost**
  - Edge (B, D) is considered next, but **rejected** because it creates a cycle
  - Edge (C, E) is considered next, & added
  - Edge (C, F) is considered next, but **rejected** because it creates a cycle
  - Edge (E, G) is considered next, & added

# Kruskal's Algorithm



- A total of  $(n - 1)$  edges are selected with no cycle formed
- So, we must have an MST whose cost is 49
- Are there any other MST?
  - MST is **unique** when **all edge costs are different**

# Complexity: Kruskal's Algorithm

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- Kruskal's algorithm (recap)
  - Sort edges by cost & examine them from the cheapest
  - Put each edge into the current forest if it doesn't form a cycle
    - To do this efficiently, we need a data structure that can support Union-Find operations

# Complexity: Kruskal's Algorithm

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- Union-Find problem

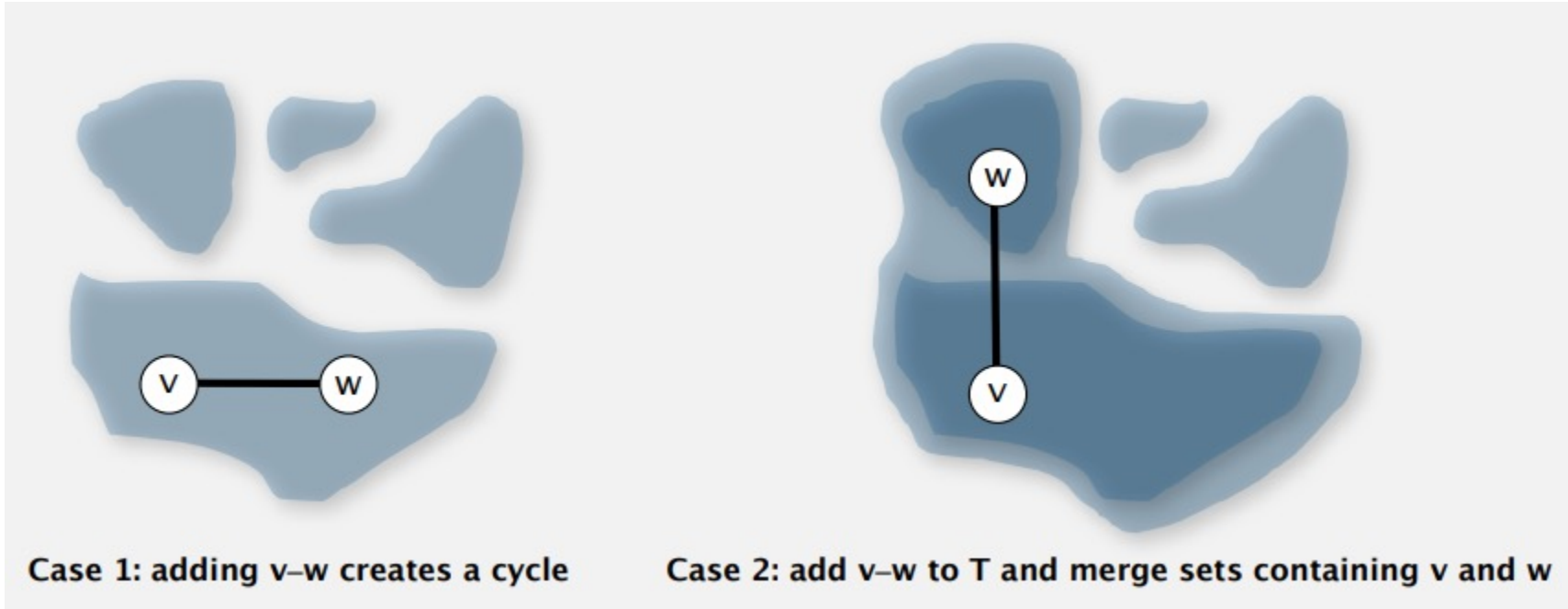
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- For each edge,
  - If it connects two different components (FIND), insert the edge, merging the two components (UNION)
  - Otherwise, that is, if the two nodes are in the same component (FIND), then we will skip this edge

# Union Find

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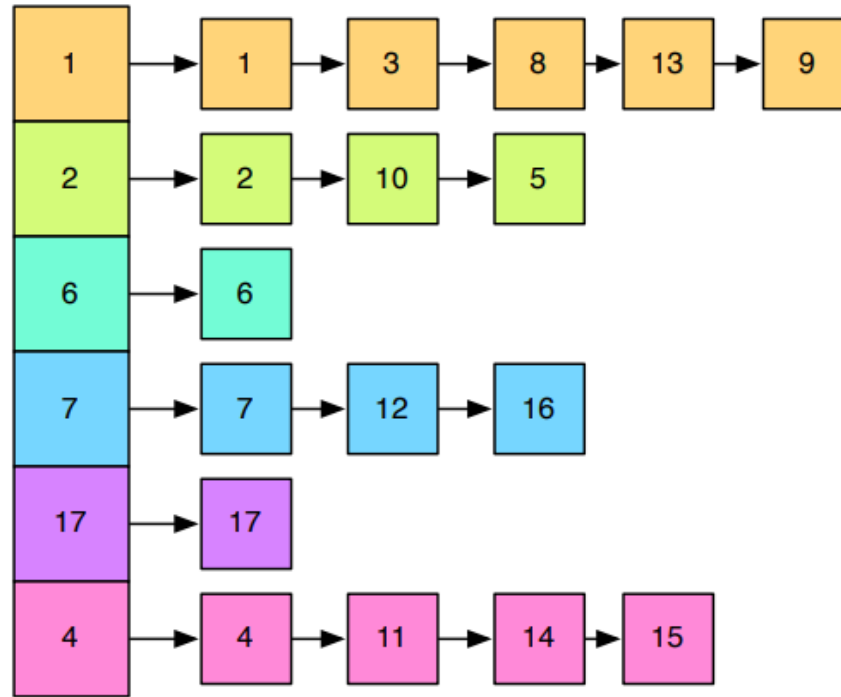
# Union-Find Abstract Data Type

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- `UF.create(S)`
  - create the data structure containing  $|S|$  sets, each containing one item from  $S$ .
- `UF.find(i)`
  - return the “name” of the set containing item  $i$ .
- `UF.union(a,b)`
  - merge the sets with names  $a$  and  $b$  into a single set.

# A Union-Find Data Structure

**UF Items:**



**UF Sizes:**

1	5
2	3
6	1
7	3
17	1
4	4

**UF Sets Array:**

1	2	1	4	2	6	7	1	1	2	4	7	1	4	4	7	17
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

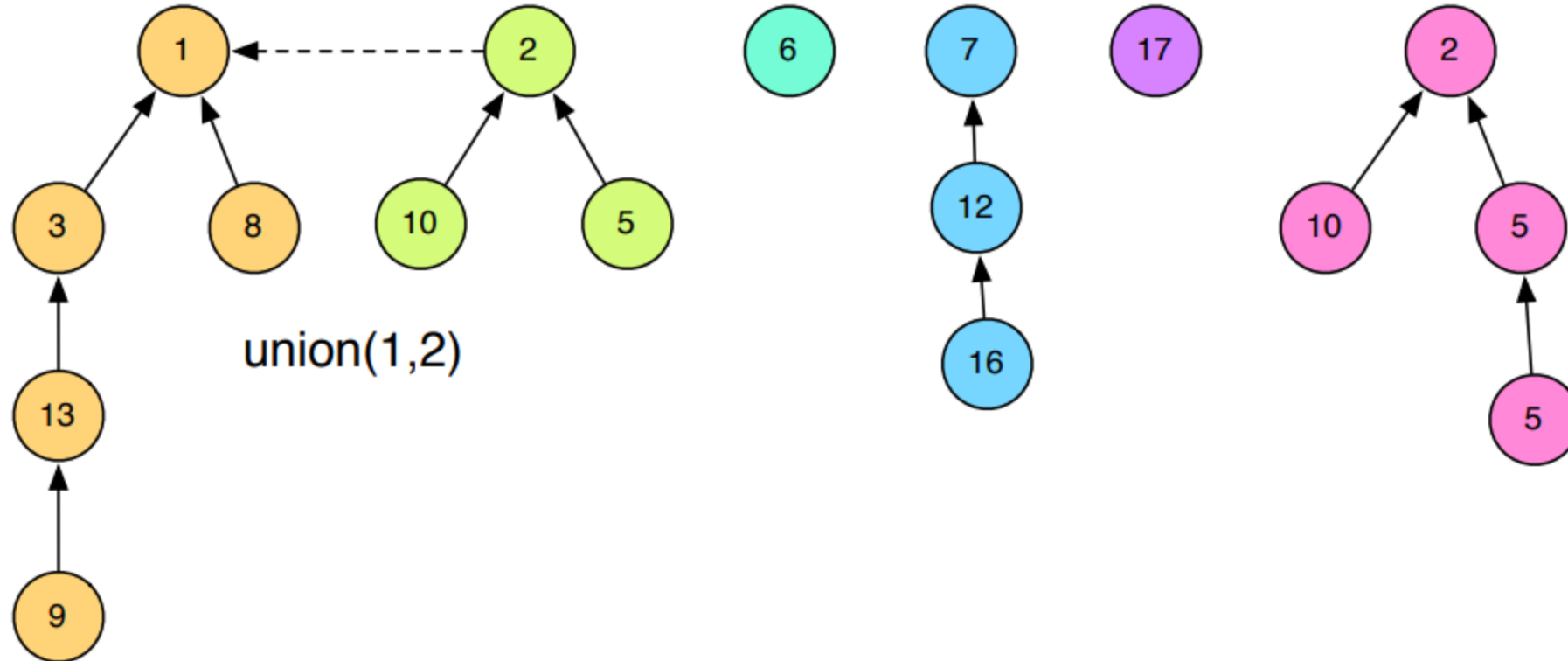
# Implementing the union & find operations

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- `make_union_find(S)`
  - Create data structures on previous slide.
  - Takes time proportional to the size of  $S$ .
- `find(i)`
  - Return `UF.sets[i]`.
  - Takes a constant amount of time.
- `union(x,y)`
  - Use the "size" array to decide which set is smaller.
  - Assume  $x$  is smaller.
  - Walk down elements  $i$  in set  $x$ , setting `sets[i] = y`.
  - Set `size[y] = size[y] + size[x]`.



# Another way to implement Union-Find



# Tree-based Union-Find

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- make union find(S)
  - Create  $|S|$  trees each containing a single item and size 1.
  - Takes time proportional to the size of  $S$ .
- find(i)
  - Follow the pointer from  $i$  to the root of its tree.
- union(x,y)
  - If the size of set  $x$  is  $<$  that of  $y$ , make  $y$  point to  $x$ .
  - Takes constant time.

# Complexity: Kruskal's Algorithm

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- **Kruskal's** algorithm (using min-heap)
  - Sort edges by cost (i.e., construct a **min-heap**)
    - $O(e \log e)$  or
    - $O(e)$  (if we heapify them all at once)
  - Repeat up to the-number-of-edges times
    - Find the **least-cost** edge from min-heap
      - $O(\log e)$
    - Does it form a cycle (FIND)? If not, put it into the forest (UNION)
      - $O(\log e)$  for **union/find** operations

➔ Time complexity = ?     $O(e \log e) = O(e \log n)$
- Prim's method is faster for dense graph, but Kruskal's for **sparse** case

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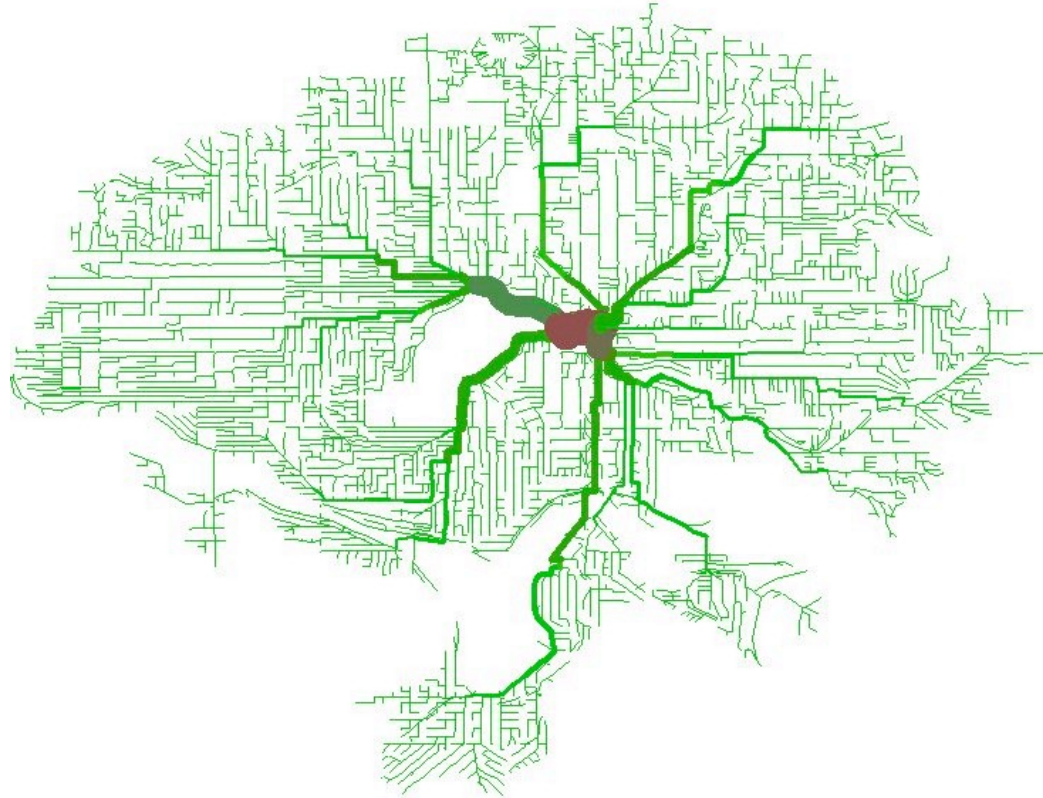
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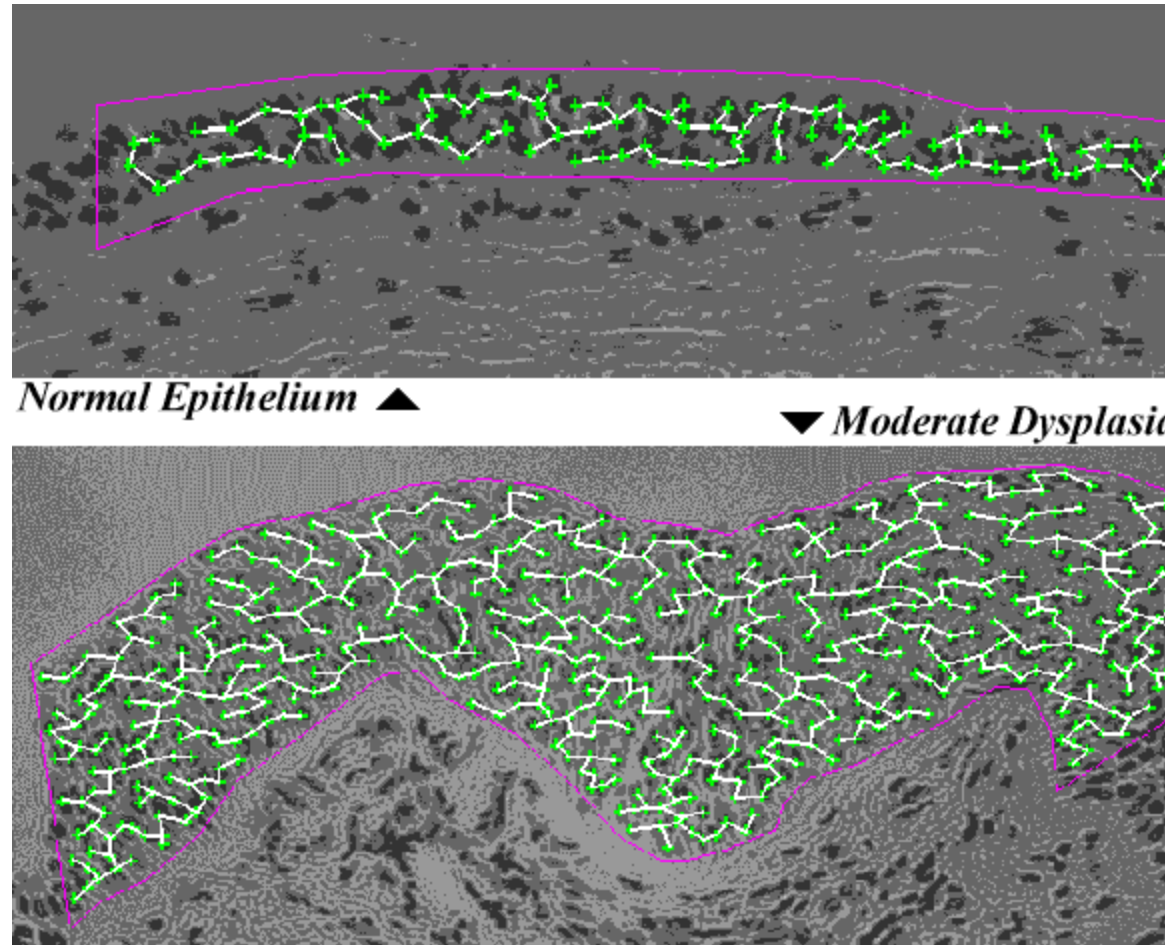
# MST of bicycle routes in North Seattle

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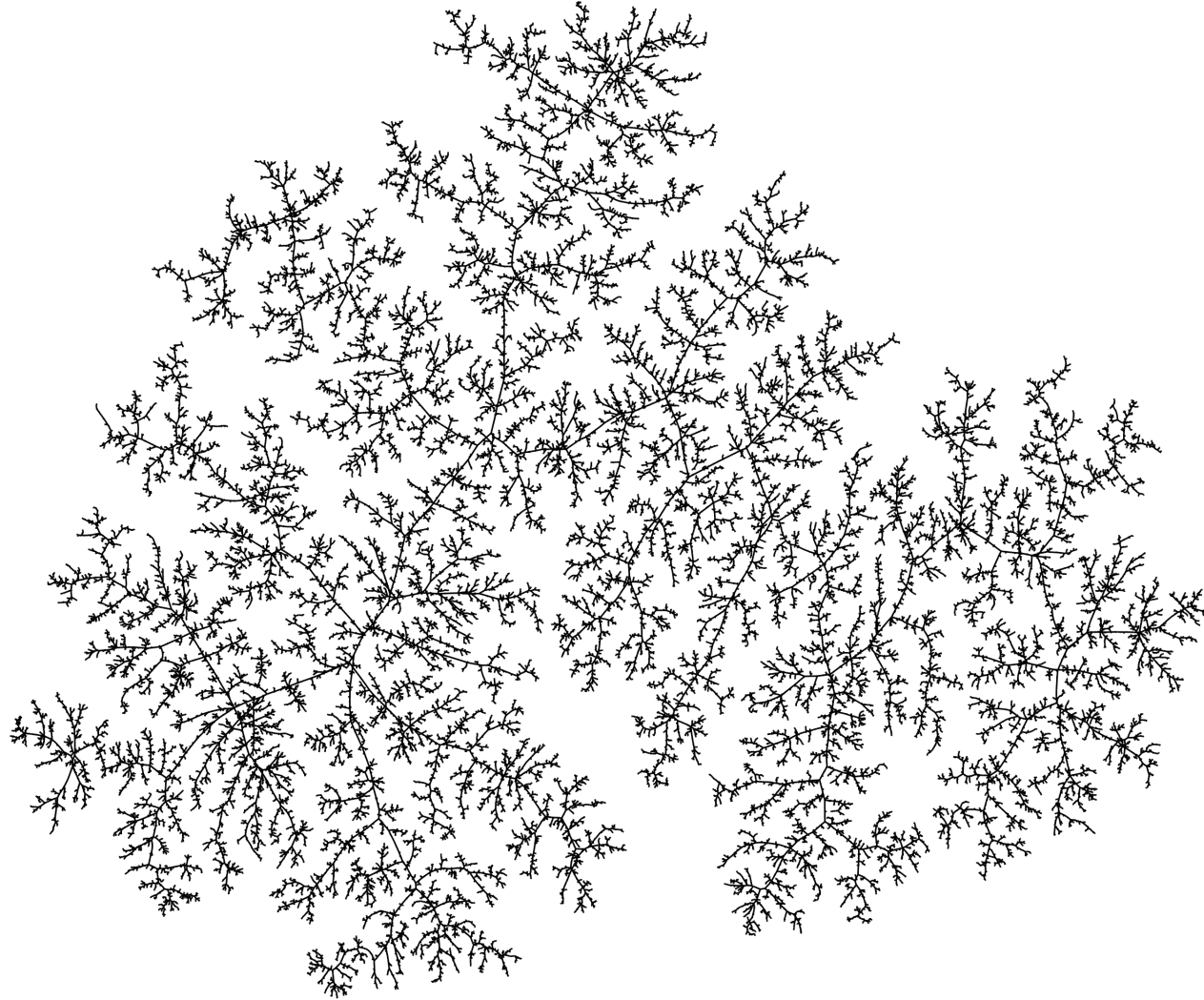
# MST describes arrangement of nuclei in the epithelium for cancer research

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# MST of random graph

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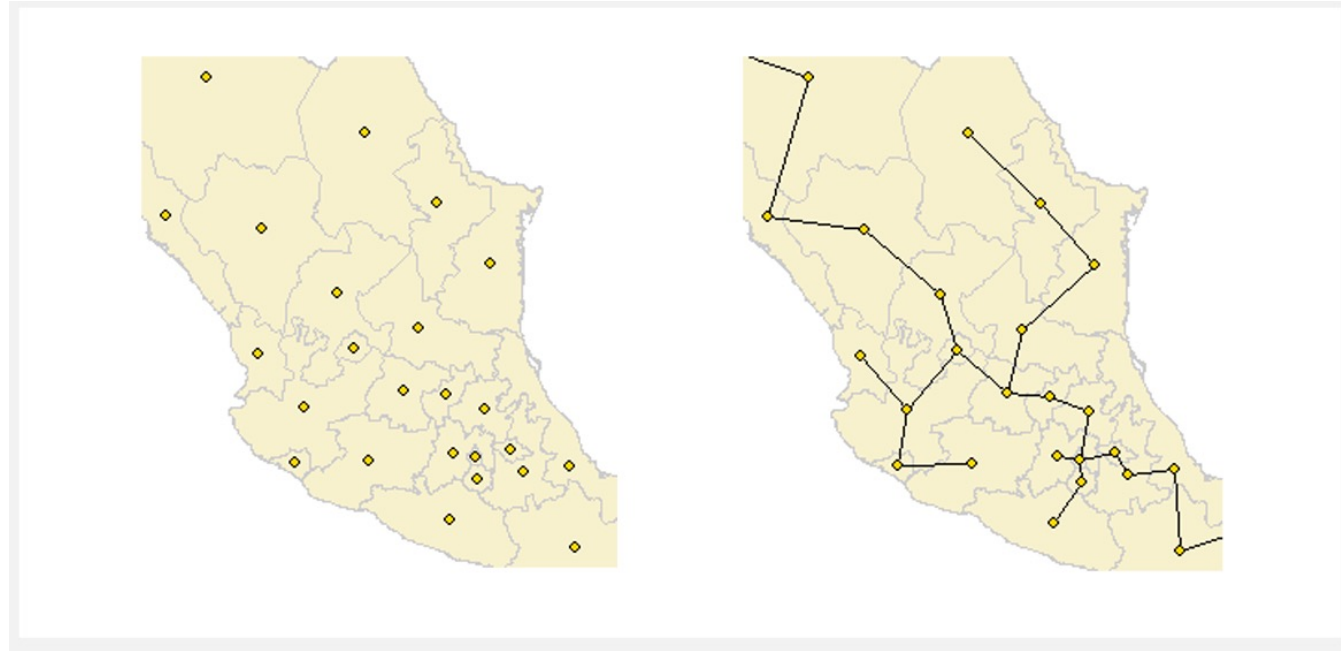
# Does a linear-time MST algorithm exist?

deterministic compare-based MST algorithms

year	worst case	discovered by
1975	$E \log \log V$	Yao
1976	$E \log \log V$	Cheriton-Tarjan
1984	$E \log^* V, E + V \log V$	Fredman-Tarjan
1986	$E \log (\log^* V)$	Gabow-Galil-Spencer-Tarjan
1997	$E \alpha(V) \log \alpha(V)$	Chazelle
2000	$E \alpha(V)$	Chazelle
2002	<i>optimal</i>	Pettie-Ramachandran
20xx	$E$	???

# Euclidean MST

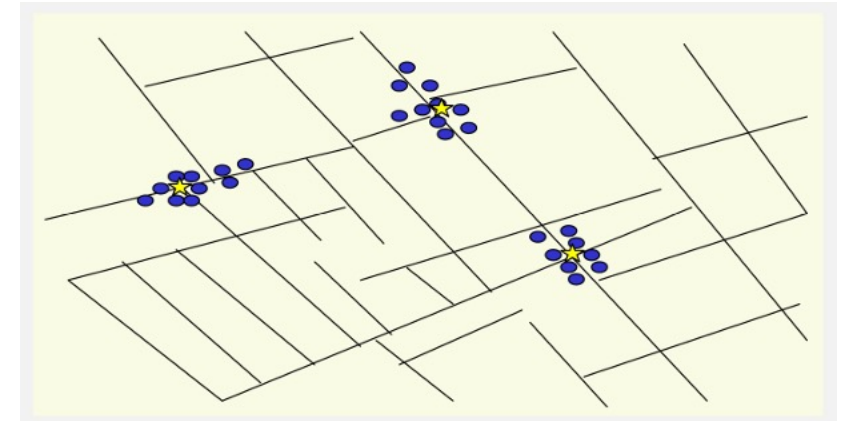
- Given  $N$  points in the plane, find MST connecting them, where the distances between point pairs are their Euclidean distances.



- Brute force. Compute  $\sim N^2 / 2$  distances and run Prim's algorithm.
- Ingenuity. Exploit geometry and do it in  $\sim c N \log N$ .

# Scientific application: clustering

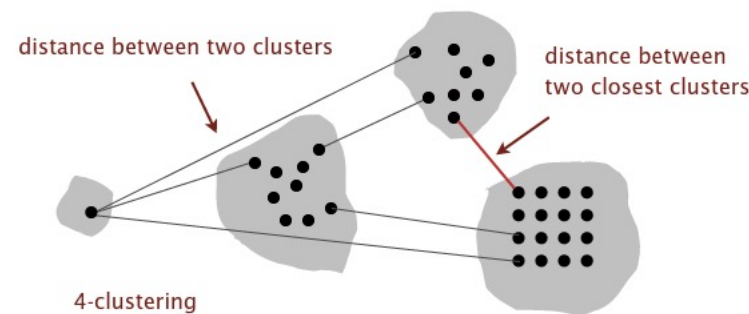
- k-clustering
  - Divide a set of objects classify into k coherent groups
- Distance function
  - Numeric value specifying "closeness" of two objects.
- Goal
  - Divide into clusters so that objects in different clusters are far apart.
- Applications.
  - Routing in mobile ad hoc networks.
  - Document categorization for web search.
  - Similarity searching in medical image databases.
  - Skycat: cluster sky objects into stars, quasars, galaxies.



outbreak of cholera deaths  
in London in 1850s  
(Nina Mishra)

# Single-link clustering

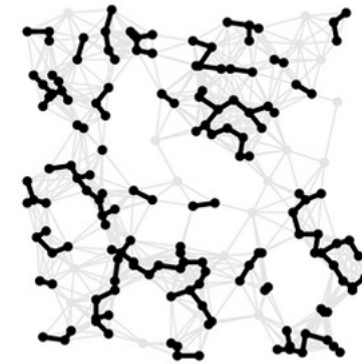
- Single link
  - Distance between two clusters equals the distance between the two closest objects (one in each cluster).
- Single-link clustering
  - Given an integer  $k$ , find a  $k$ -clustering that maximizes the distance between two closest clusters.



# Single-link clustering algorithm

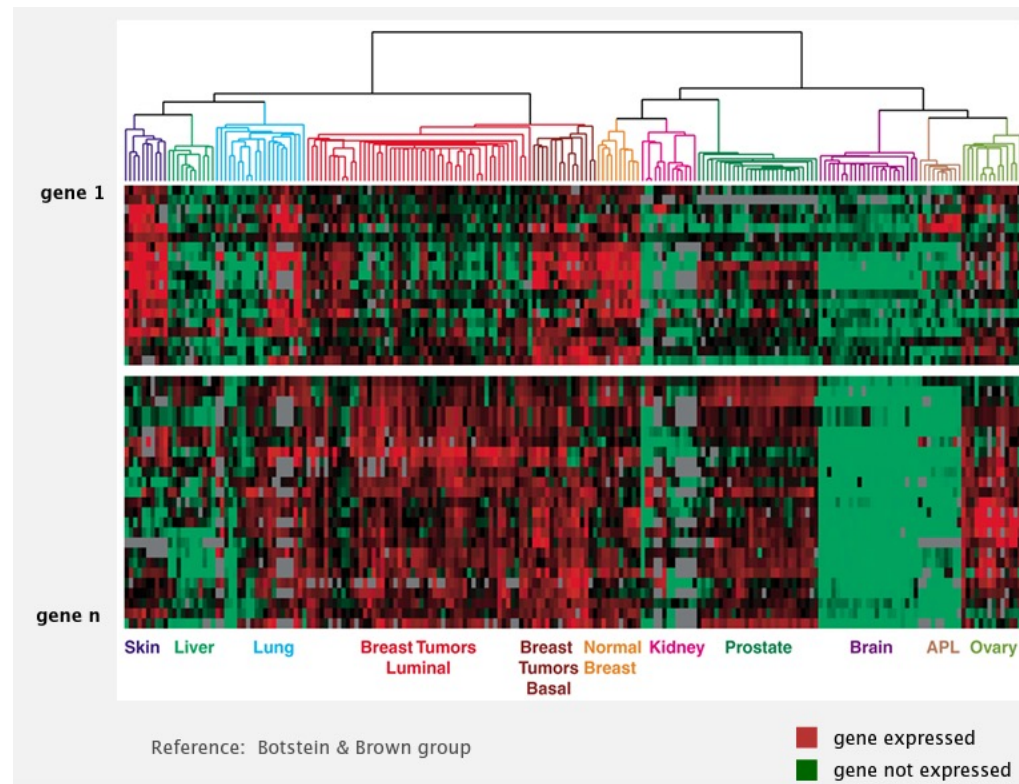
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- “Well-known” algorithm in science literature for single-link clustering
  - Form  $V$  clusters of one object each
  - Find the closest pair of objects such that each object is in a different cluster, and merge the two clusters
  - Repeat until there are exactly  $k$  clusters.
- Observation
  - This is Kruskal's algorithm. (stopping when  $k$  connected components)



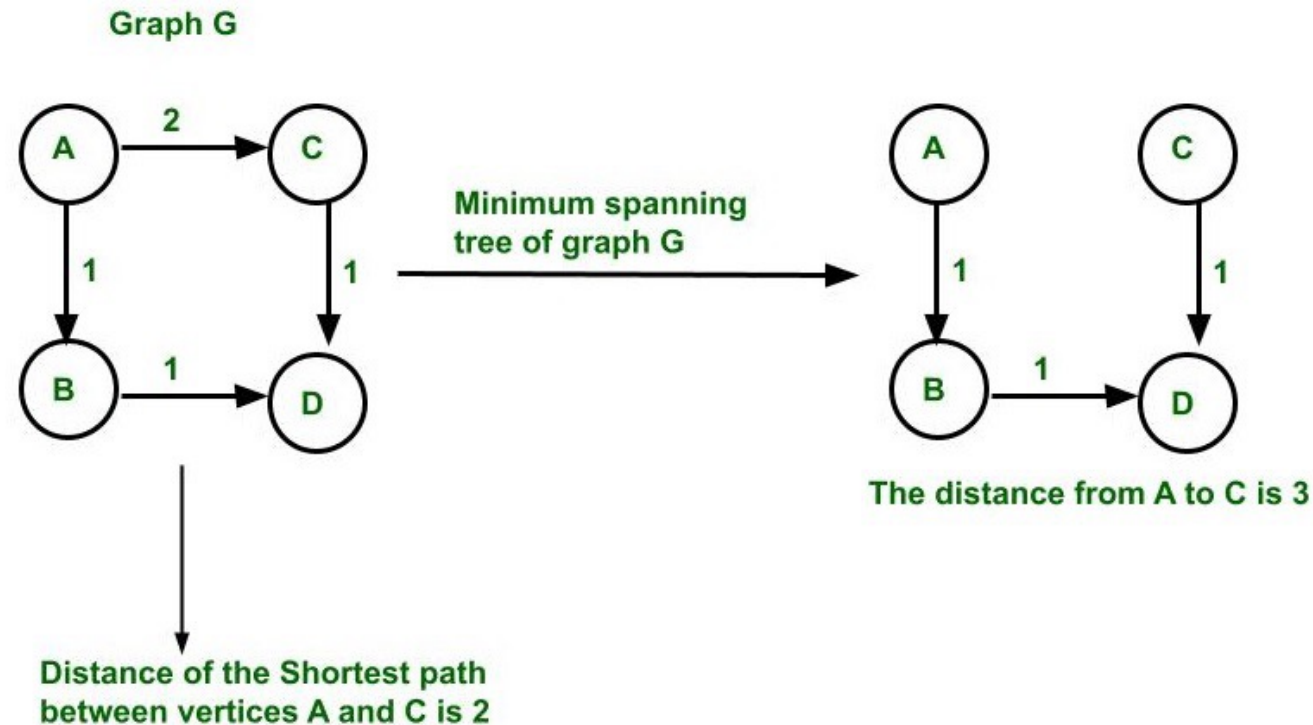
# Dendrogram of cancers in human

- Tumors in similar tissues cluster together.



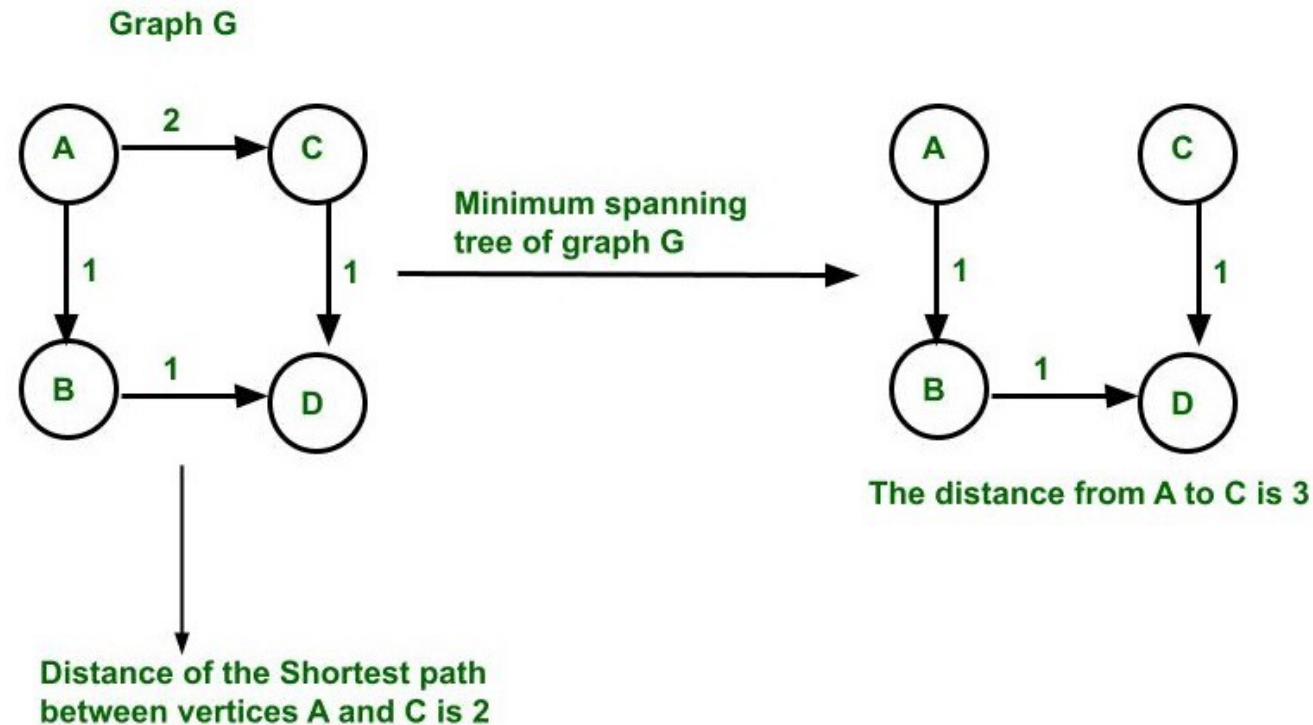
# Minimum Spanning Tree and Shortest Path

- They are not the same thing



# Uniqueness of MST

- If each edge has a distinct weight then there will be only one





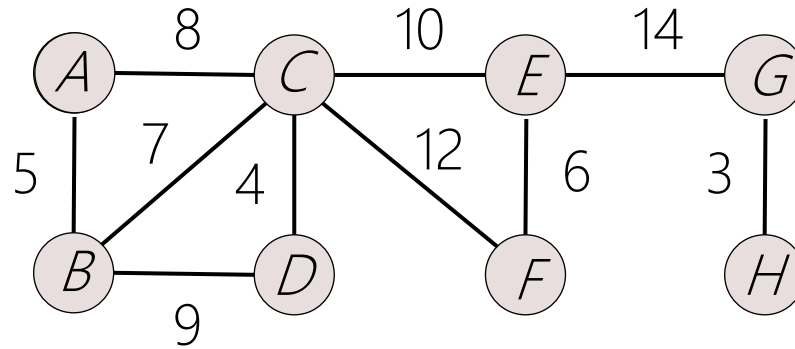
# Sollin's Algorithm

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- First published in 1926 by Otakar Borůvka
  - constructing an efficient electricity network for Moravia.
- Frequently called as Sollin's algorithm or Borůvka's algorithm
- Method
  - Start with an  $n$ -vertex forest
  - Each component selects a least-cost edge to connect to another component
  - Eliminate duplicate selections and possible cycles
  - Repeat until only 1 component is left
- Greedy?

# Sollin's Algorithm

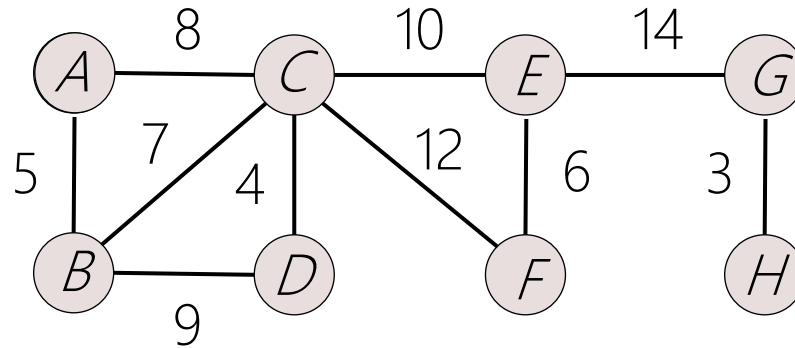
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- Start with a forest that has no edge

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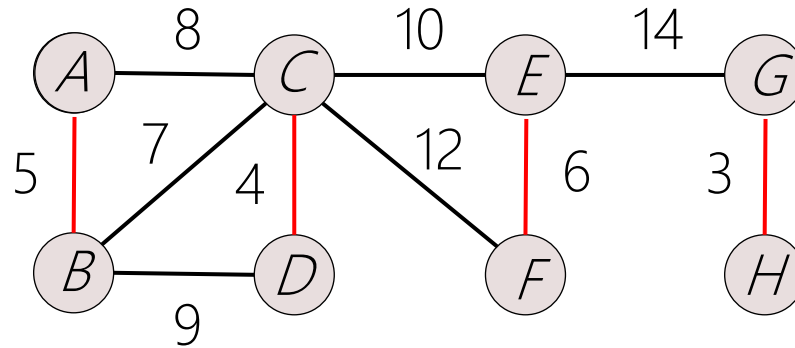
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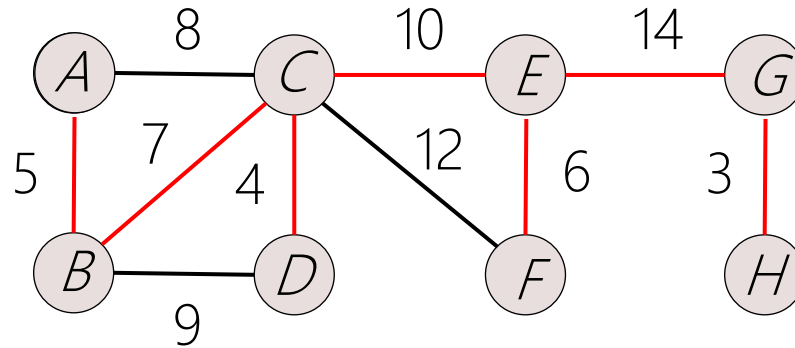
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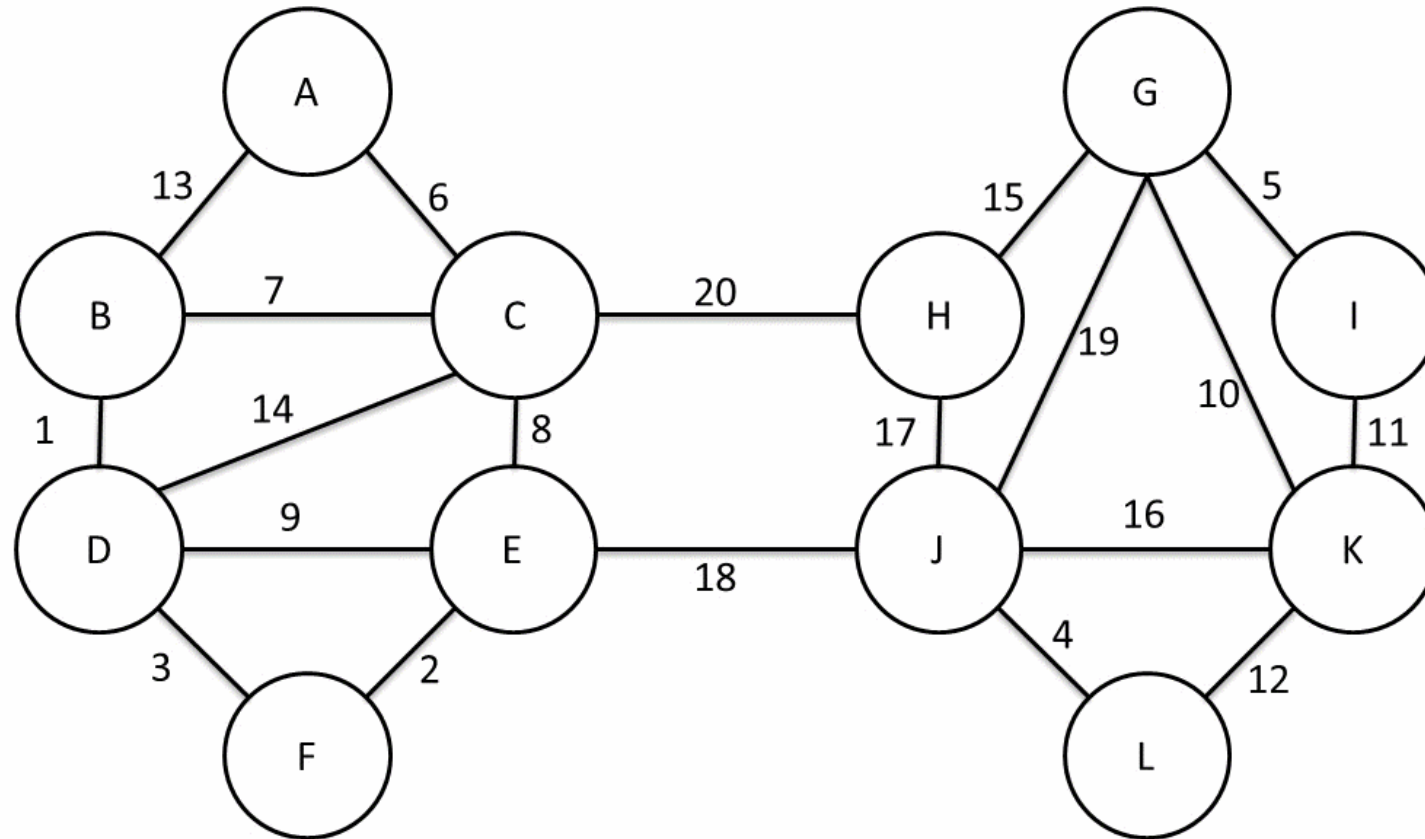
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- For each cluster, select the minimum cost inter-cluster edge
  - A, B: 7
  - C, D: 7
  - E, F: 10
  - G, H: 14

# Another Example

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# Time Complexity

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- $O(E \log V)$
- Oldest minimum spanning tree algorithm was discovered by Boruuvka in 1926.

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