

CS711008Z Algorithm Design and Analysis

Lecture 7. KRUSKAL'S algorithm for MINIMUM SPANNING TREE ¹

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Kruskal's MST algorithm

Kruskal's algorithm [1956]

- Basic idea: during the execution, F is always an **acyclic forest**, and the **safe edge** added to F is always a least-weight edge connecting two distinct components.



Figure 1: Joseph Kruskal

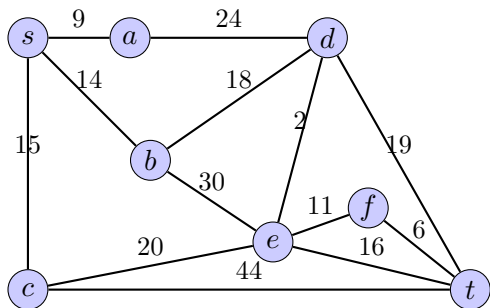
Kruskal's algorithm [1956]

MST-KRUSKAL(G, W)

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1:  $F = \{\}$ ;  
2: for all vertex  $v \in V$  do  
3:   MAKESET( $v$ );  
4: end for  
5: sort the edges of  $E$  into nondecreasing order by weight  $W$ ;  
6: for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  in the order do  
7:   if FINDSET( $u$ )  $\neq$  FINDSET( $v$ ) then  
8:      $F = F \cup \{(u, v)\}$ ;  
9:     UNION ( $u, v$ );  
10:  end if  
11: end for
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Here, UNION-FIND structure is used to detect whether a set of edges form a cycle.

Kruskal's MST algorithm: an example

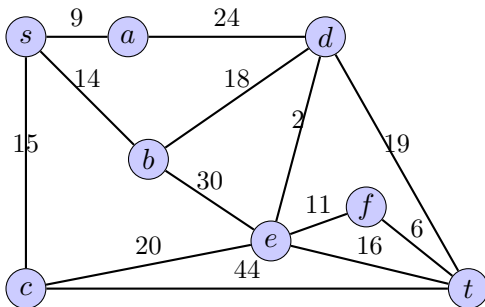


Kruskal's MST algorithm: an example

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Edge weight: 2, 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 30, 44

Disjoint sets: $\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{f\}, \{s\}, \{t\}$

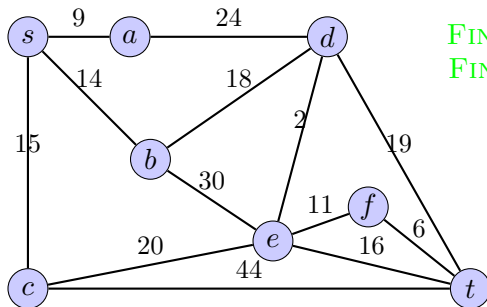


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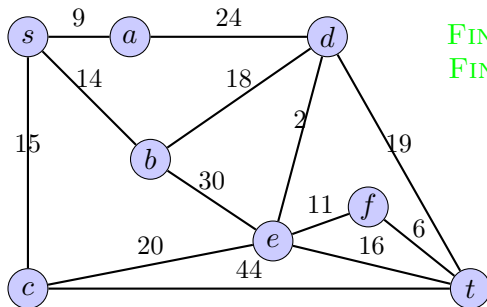
FIND(e) returns $\{e\}$

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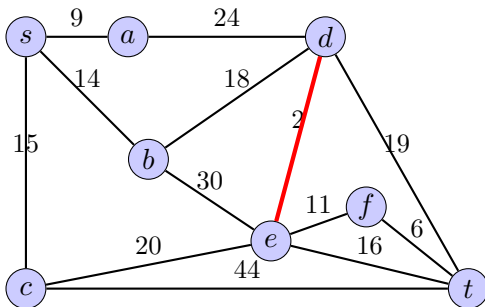
UNION(d, e)

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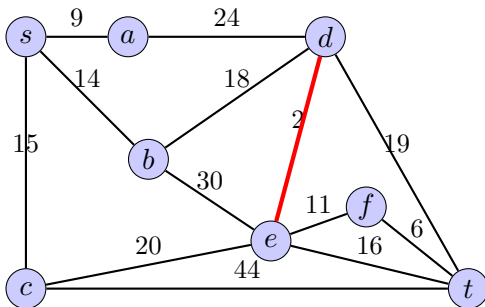


Kruskal's MST algorithm: an example

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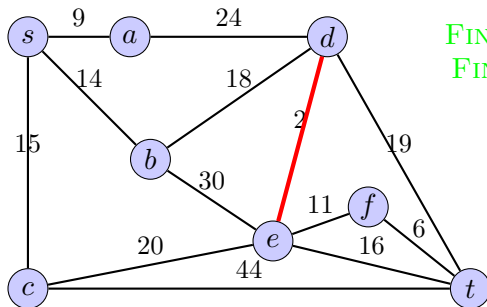


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FIND(f) returns $\{f\}$

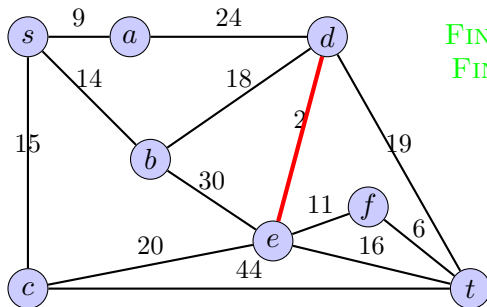
FIND(t) returns $\{t\}$

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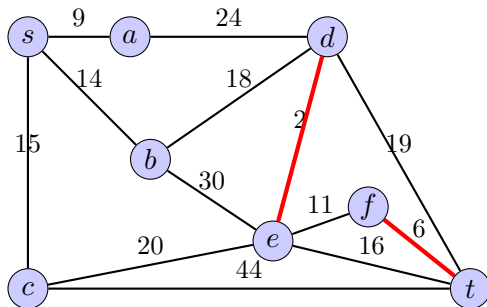
FIND(f) returns $\{f\}$
FIND(t) returns $\{t\}$
UNION(f, t)

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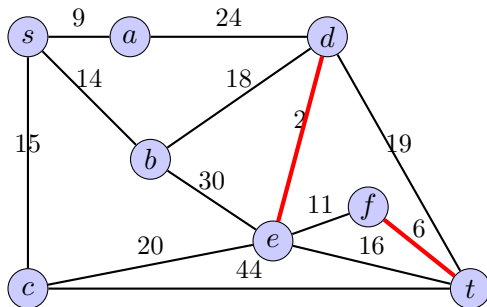


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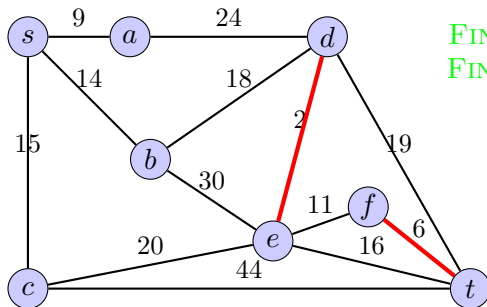


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FIND(s) returns $\{s\}$

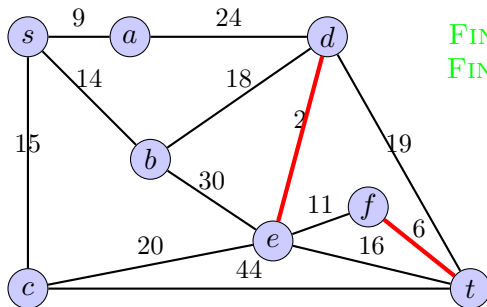
FIND(a) returns $\{a\}$

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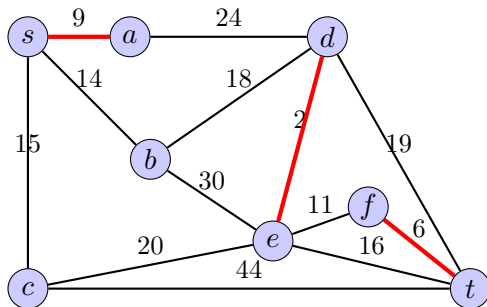
FIND(s) returns $\{s\}$
FIND(a) returns $\{a\}$
UNION(s, a)

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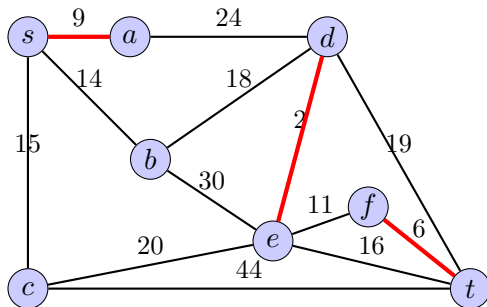


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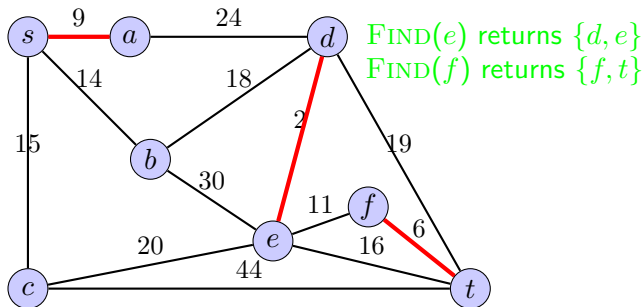


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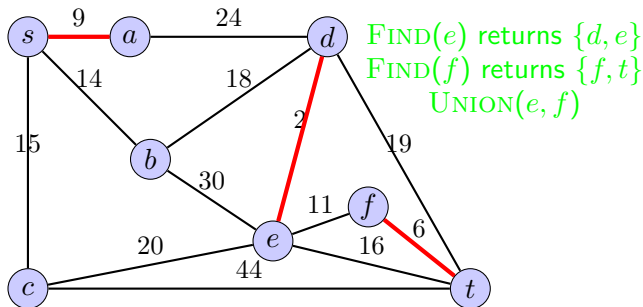


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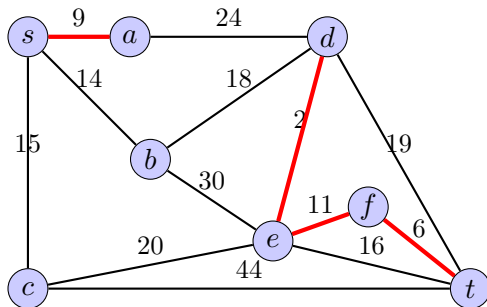


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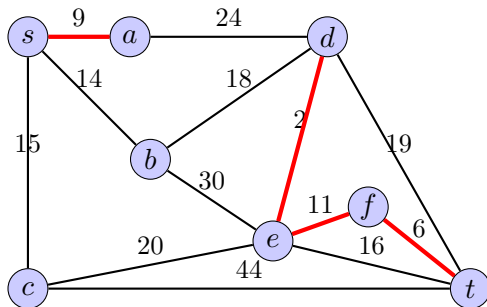


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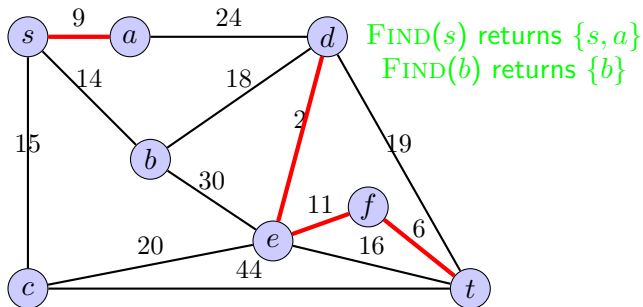


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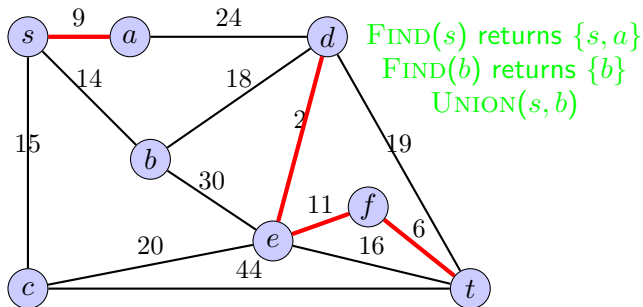


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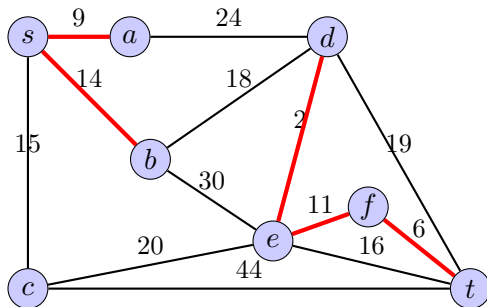


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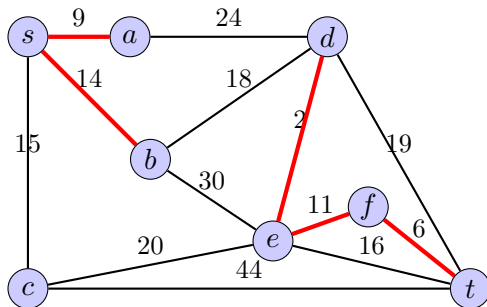


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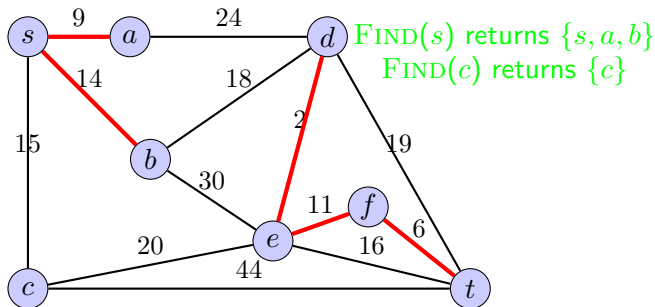


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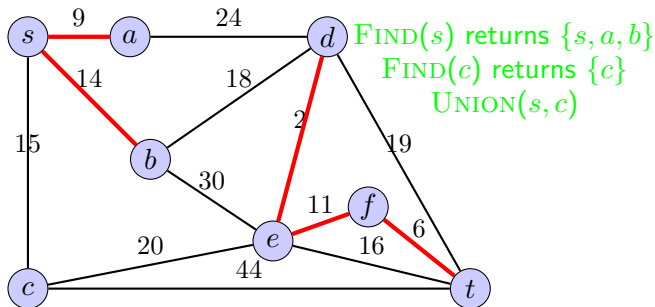


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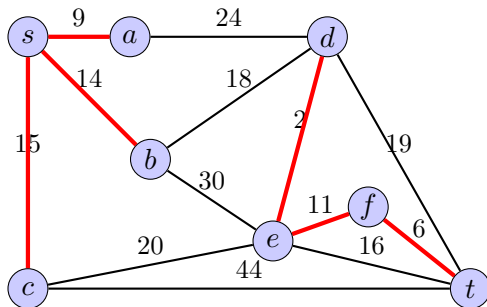


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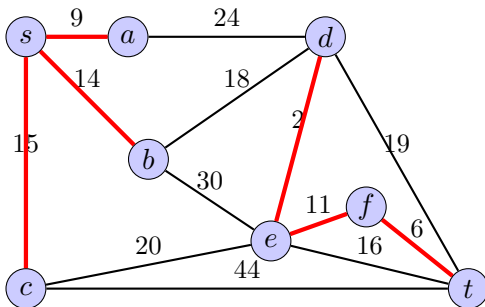


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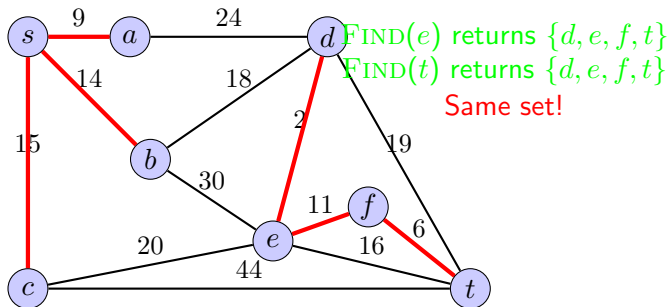


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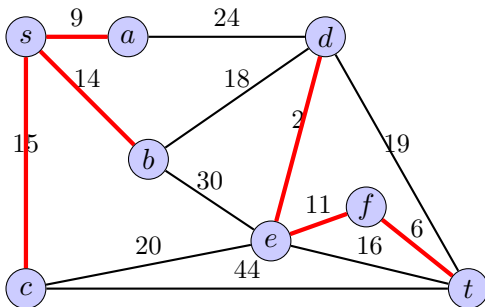


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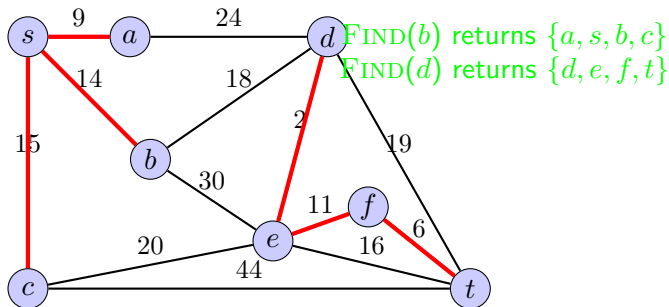


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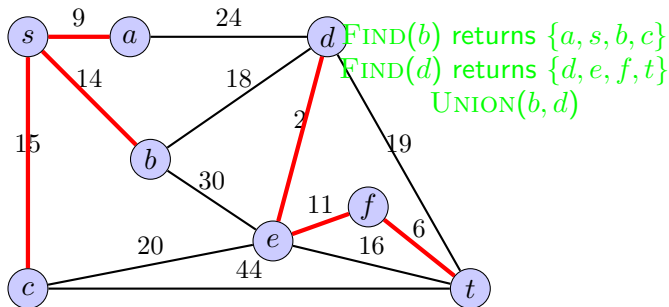


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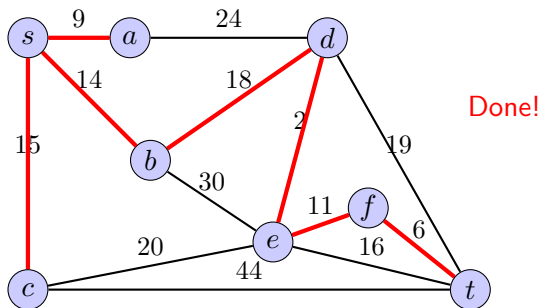


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Time complexity of KRUSKAL'S MST algorithm

Operation	Array	Tree	Link-by-size	Link-by-size + path compression
MAKESET	1	1	1	1
FIND	1	n	$\log n$	lg^*n
UNION	n	1	$\log n$	lg^*n
KRUSKAL'S MST	$O(n^2)$	$O(mn)$	$O(m \log n)$	$O(mlg^*n)$

KRUSKAL'S MST algorithm: n MAKESET, $n - 1$ UNION, and m FIND.