COL106 Data Structures and Algorithms

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Minimum Spanning Trees

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Problem: Laying Telephone Wire















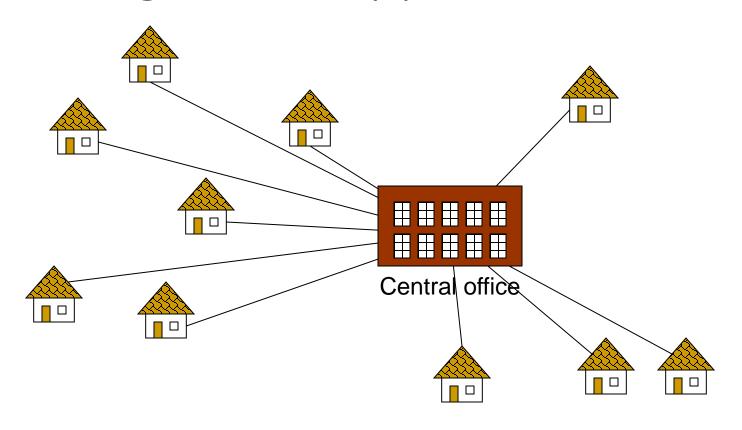






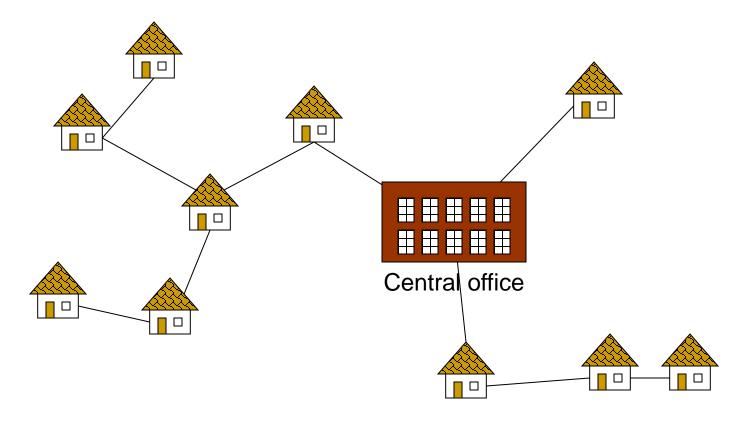


Wiring: Naive Approach



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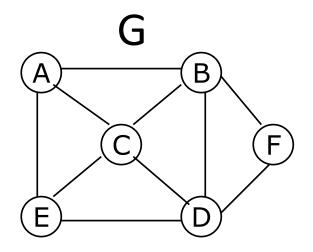
Wiring: Better Approach

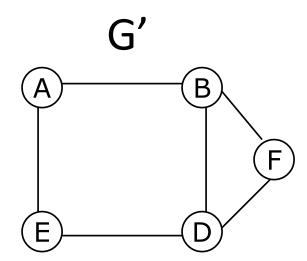


Minimize the total length of wire connecting the customers

Definitions

- Given a graph G = (V, E)
- A subgraph of G is a graph G' with a subset of vertices and a subset of edges
- G' = (V', E') where $V' \subseteq V, E' \subseteq E$
- Examples:





Spanning Tree of a Graph

- T is a spanning tree of a graph G = (V, E) if
 - It is a subgraph of G
 - It has all the vertices V of G
 - All the vertices are connected
 - It has no cycles

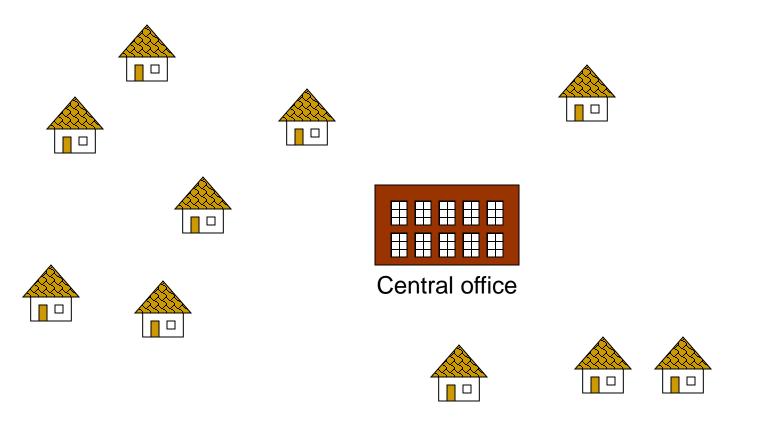
Claim: If T is a spanning tree of G, then it has exactly |V| - 1 edges

Proof: A tree with n vertices has n-1 edges

Minimum Spanning Tree

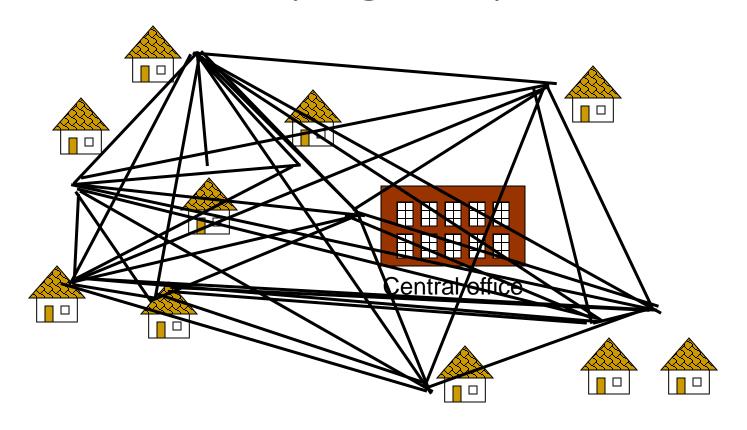
- Given a undirected weighted graph G = (V, E, W) where $W: E \rightarrow R^+$
- Cost of a spanning tree T = (V, E') is given by $W(T) = \sum_{e \in E'} W(e)$
- T is the minimum cost spanning tree if and only iff T is a spanning tree of G and has the minimum cost

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How to Find a MST?

Prims Algorithm for MST: O(|E| + |V| log |V|)

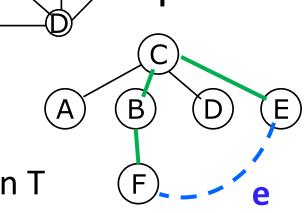
 Today, we will cover Kruskal's algorithm for finding the MST

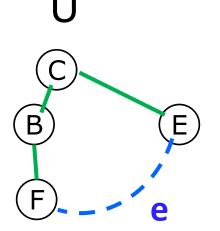
Let us revisit their properties

Cycle Property

- G B D
- T

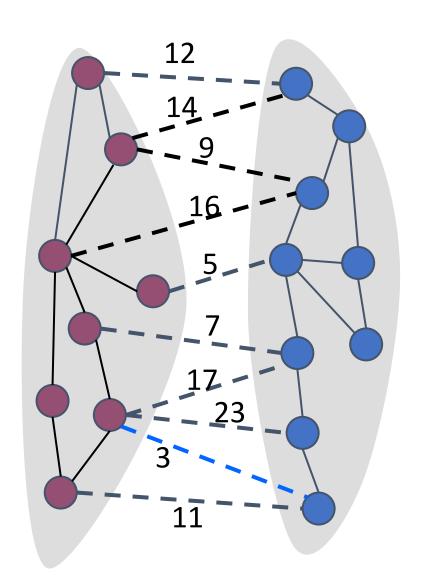
- Let T be a MST of a weighted undirected weighted graph G
- Let e be an edge of G that is not in T
- Let U be the cycle formed by adding e in T
- For every edge f of U, $W(f) \leq W(e)$
- Why?
- Removing any single edge in U will make it a spanning tree again





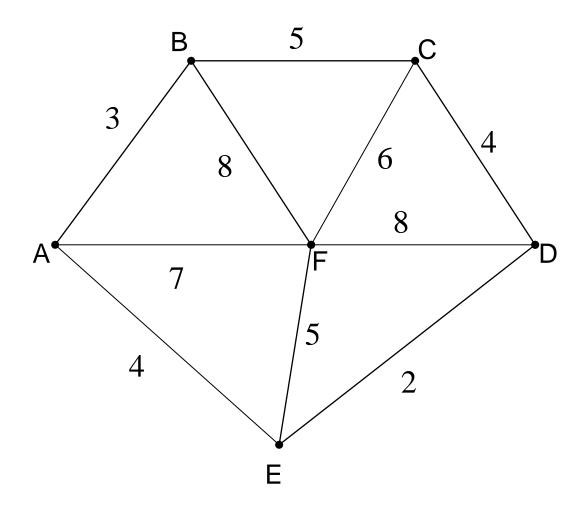
- Consider a partition of the vertices of G into subsets U and V-U
- Let e be an edge of minimum weight across (U, V-U)
- There is a minimum spanning tree of G containing edge e

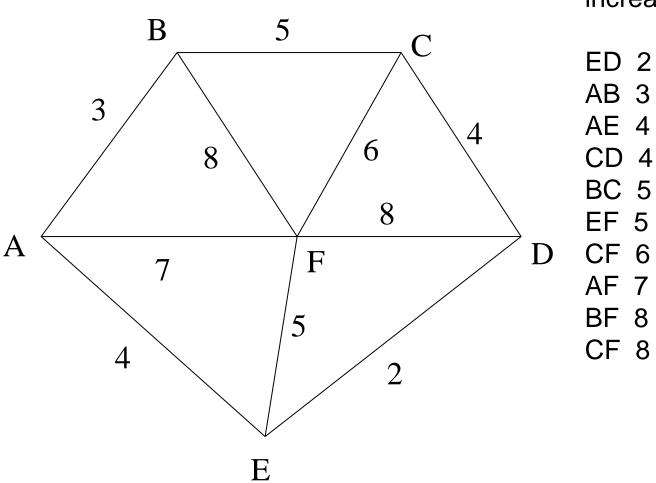
U V-U



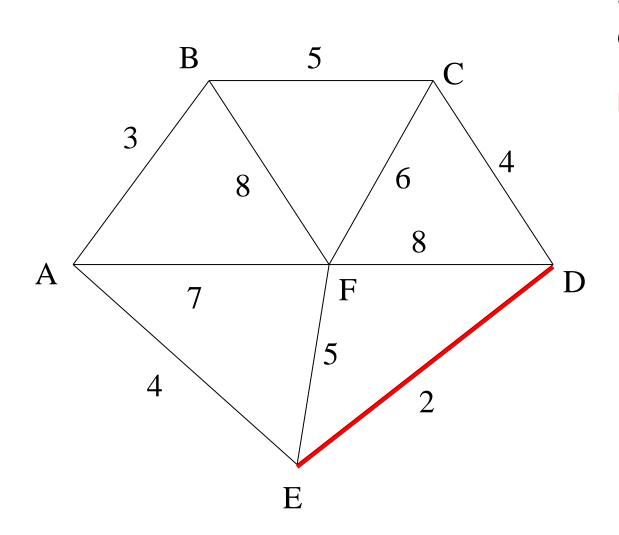
Outline of Kruskal's Algorithm for Finding MST

- Sort the edges in ascending order of their costs
- Keep on adding the edge to the forest in this order
- As long as they don't make a cycle
- After adding |V|-1 edges we have the MST
- Why?



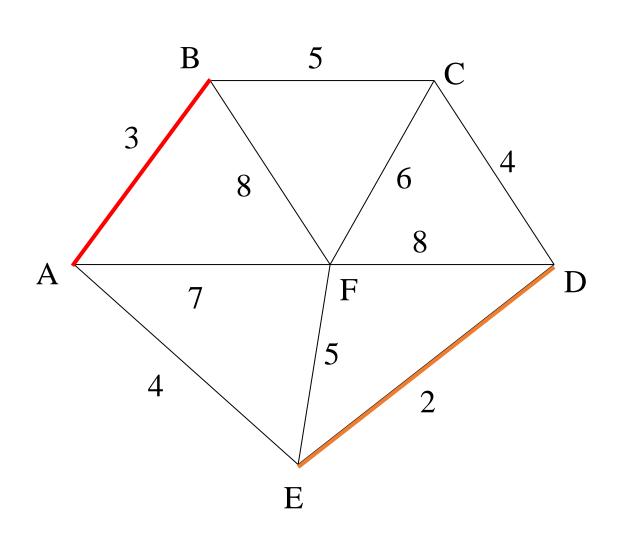


List the edges in increasing costs:



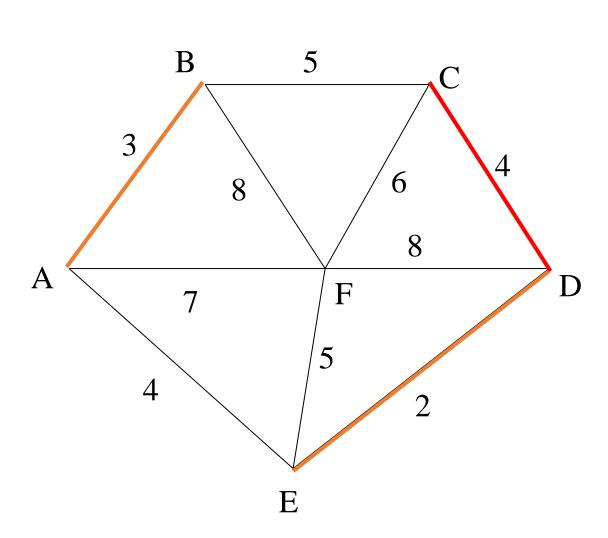
Select the shortest edge in the network

ED 2



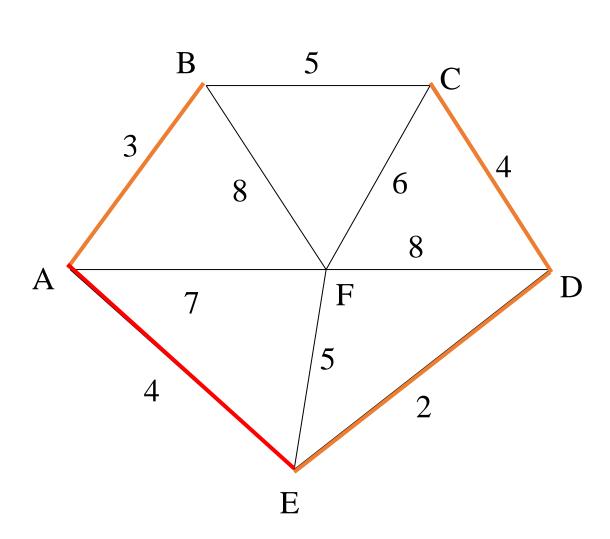
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ED 2 AB 3



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ED 2 AB 3 CD 4 (or AE 4)



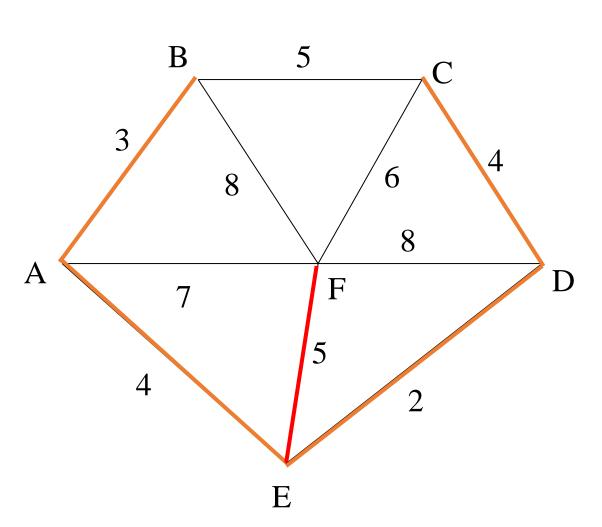
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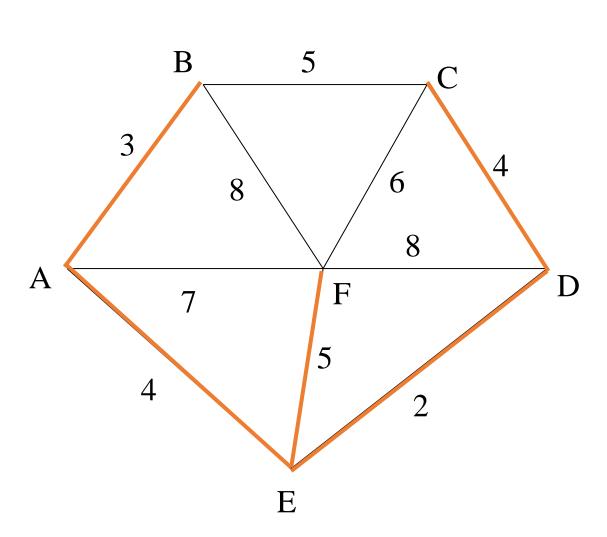
AB 3

CD 4

AE 4

BC 5 – forms a cycle

EF 5



All vertices have been connected.

The solution is

ED 2

AB 3

CD 4

AE 4

EF 5

Total weight of tree: 18

Input: Weighted undirected graph G = (V, E, W)

Output: A MST T of the graph

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    T← ∅
    Sort E into non-decreasing order by w } O(|E|log|E|)
    for each (u, v) taken from the sorted E do
    if (T U {(u, v)} does not form a cycle)?
    T← T ∪ {(u, v)}
    end for
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- 7. return T

How to Check for Cycle in T

Input: Weighted undirected graph G = (V, E, W)

Output: A MST T of the graph

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    T← ∅
    Sort E into non-decreasing order by w  
        O(|E|log|E|)
        3. for each (u, v) taken from the sorted E do
        4. if (T U {(u, v)} does not form a cycle) |E|times
        5. T← T∪ {(u, v)}
        O(1) * (|V|-1)
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- 6. end for
- 7. return T

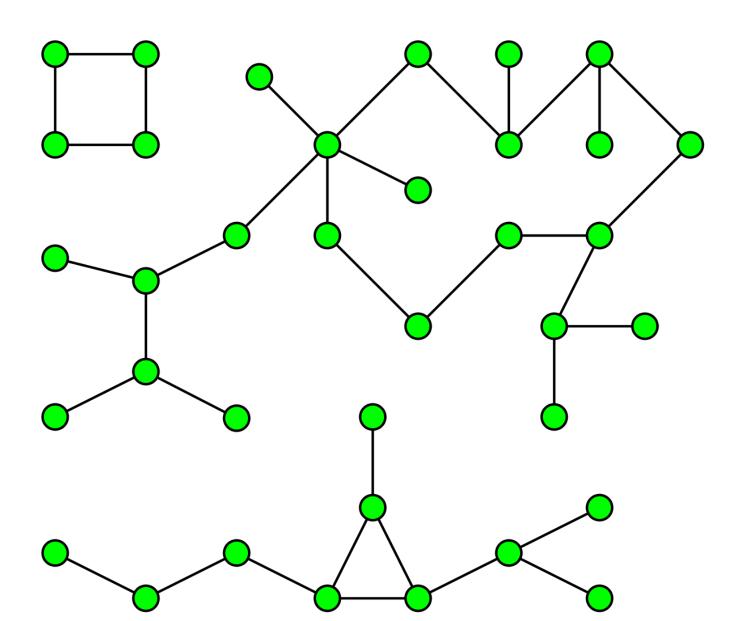
How to Efficiently Check for Cycle in a Graph?

- Need not start from scratch each time
- We need an incremental algorithm
- Can maintain some data structures corresponding to T
- At every step, T changes by union of 1 edge
- Update the data structures efficiently

Connected Components in an Undirected Graph

- Connectivity induces an equivalence relationship on the graph nodes
- Reflexivity: v is connected to v for all v
- Symmetry: if u is connected to v then v is connected to u
- Transitivity: if u is connected to v and v is connected to w, then u is also connected to w
- The set of vertices are partitioned into connected components

How Many Connected Components?



Can Represent Using Sets

- Operation needed
 - S = Initialize(u): Initializes the set with singleton vertex u
 - S = Find(u): Returns the set id of the vertex u
 - S = Union(S1, S2): Takes the union of the two sets

Implementing Union Find using Heaps

- S = Find(u): Returns the set id of the vertex u
- S = Union(S1, S2): Takes the union of the two sets
- S = Initialize(u): Initializes the set with vertex u
- Implement each set as a separate heap
- Smallest vertex id at the root = identity of the set
- find(u): traverse to the root and return the id of root
 - O(log(|V|)
- union(S1, S2): May use binomial heaps
 - Or make smaller height tree the child of the larger height tree
 - O(1)

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1. T \leftarrow \emptyset
   for each vertex v \in V
          do initialize(v)
4. Sort E into non-decreasing order by w
                                                       O(|E|\log|E|)
5. for each (u, v) taken from the sorted list
        do if find(u) \neq find(v)
              then T \leftarrow T \cup \{(u, v)\}
                   union(find(u), find(v))
8.
                                                           ⊕(log|V|
    return T
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Total runtime: $O(|E|\log|E| + |E|\log|V|) = O(|E|\log|E|)$

Kruskal's Algorithm Invariant

 After each iteration, every tree in the forest is a MST of the vertices it connects

 Algorithm terminates when all vertices are connected into one tree

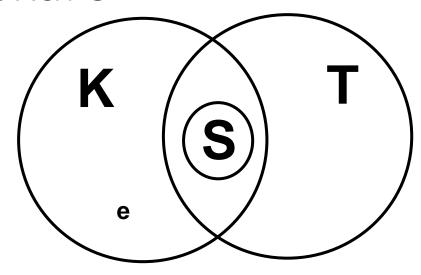
Lemma: If the input graph was connected, then Kruskal's algorithm ends up finding a spanning tree

Proof: By contradiction. Assume Kruskal's algo doesn't return a spanning tree.

- 1. The algorithm starts with singleton vertices (no edges) and never adds an edge that results into a cycle. So in the worst case, the algorithm might have returned a forest.
- 2. Let a component U1 be disconnected from a component U2
- Since, the original graph was connected, there must be an edge (u, v) between U1 and U2.
- 4. This edge must have been considered by Kruskal's algorithm. In the final result, u and v were disconnected, they must be disconnected even at the sage when this edge was considered
- 5. Adding this edge could not have created a cycle. Contradiction!!

But is this a *minimum* spanning tree? Suppose it wasn't.

 There must be point at which it fails, and in particular there must a single edge whose insertion first prevented the spanning tree from being a minimum spanning tree.

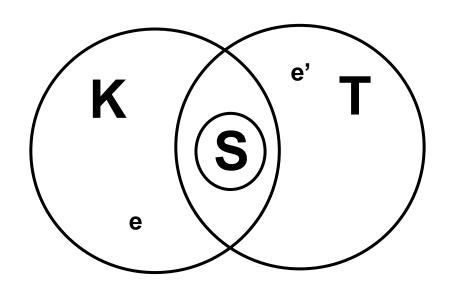


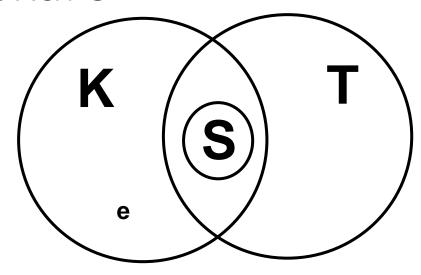
- Let e be this first errorful edge.
- Let K be the Kruskal spanning tree
- Let S be the set of edges chosen by Kruskal's algorithm before choosing e
- Let T be a MST containing all edges in S, but not e.

Lemma: w(e') ≥ w(e) for all edges e' in T - S

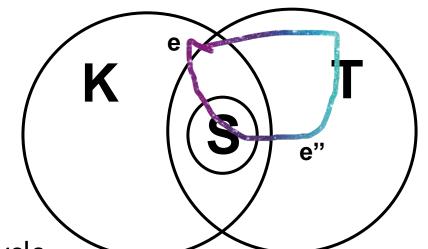
Proof (by contradiction):

- Assume there exists some edge e' in T - S, w(e') < w(e)
- Kruskal's must have considered e' before e
- e' cannot be in K else it would have been in S
- However, since e' is not in K, it must have been discarded because it caused a cycle with some of the other edges only in S.
- But e' + S is a subgraph of T, which means it cannot form a cycle
 ...Contradiction





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- Inserting edge e into T will create a cycle
- There must be an edge on this cycle which is not in K (why??).
 Call this edge e"
- e" must be in **T S,** so (by our lemma) w(e") >= w(e)
- We could form a new spanning tree T' by swapping e for e'' in T (prove this is a spanning tree).
- w(T') is clearly no greater than w(T)
- But that means T' is a MST
- And yet it contains all the edges in S, and also e

...Contradiction

Thank You