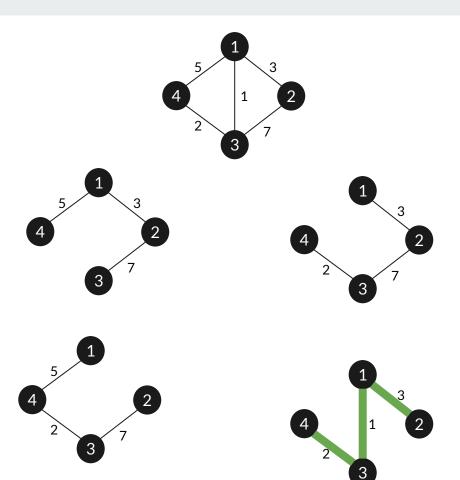
# CIS 263 Introduction to Data Structures and Algorithms

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# **Minimum Spanning Tree**

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  - Search all combinations
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      - Prim's Algorithm
      - Kruskal's Algorithm

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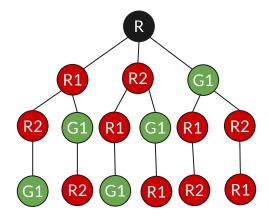
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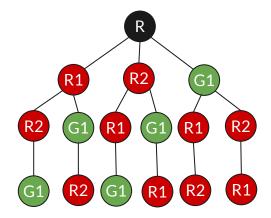
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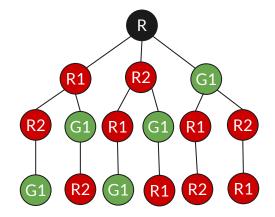
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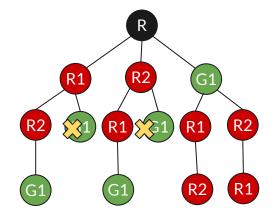
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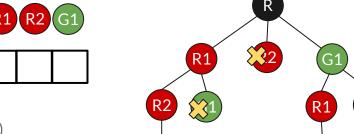


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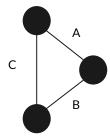




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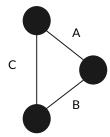
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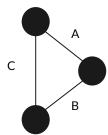
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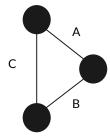
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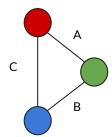
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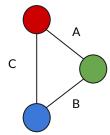
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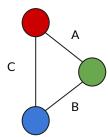
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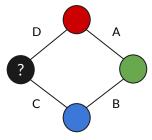


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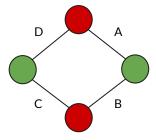
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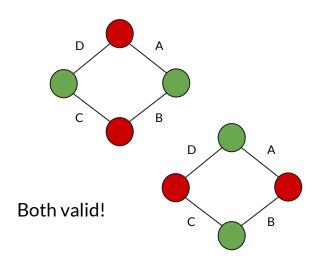
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