Properties of Spanning Tree

• A connected graph G can have more than one spanning tree.
• Spanning Tree has n-1 edges, where n is the number of Node (Vertices)
• All possible spanning trees of graph G, have the same number of edges and vertices.
• The spanning tree does not have any cycle (loops).

Removing one edge from the spanning tree will make the graph disconnected, i.e. the spanning tree is minimally connected.
• Adding one edge to the spanning tree will create a circuit or loop, i.e. the spanning tree is maximally acyclic.

Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)
In a weighted graph, a minimum spanning tree is a spanning tree that has minimum weight than all other spanning trees of the same graph.

Kruskal's Algorithm

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Consider the following graph:

Which one of the following is NOT the sequence of edges added to the minimum spanning tree using Kruskal's algorithm?

(A) (b,e)(e,f)(a,c)(b,c)(f,g)(c,d)

(B) (b,e)(e,f)(a,c)(e,f)(b,c)(f,g)(c,d)

(C) (b,e)(a,c)(e,f)(b,c)(a,c)(f,g)(c,d)

(D) (b,e)(e,f)(b,c)(a,c)(f,g)(c,d)

1+2+2+3+3+7=18

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2
3
6
1
3
6
1
3