

MATH-810 Mathematical Methods for Artificial Intelligence

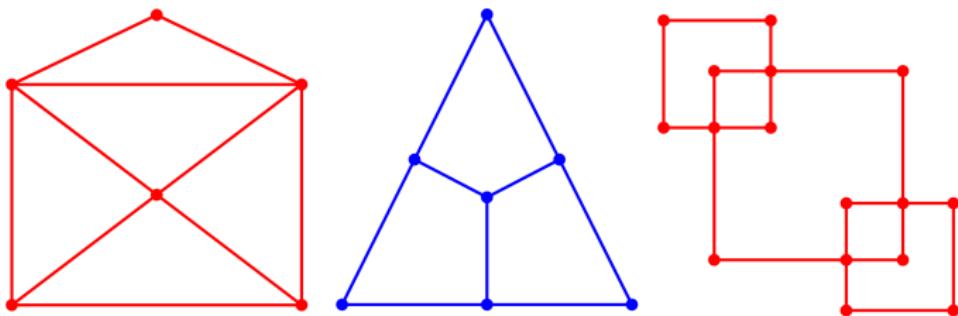
Introduction to Graph Theory

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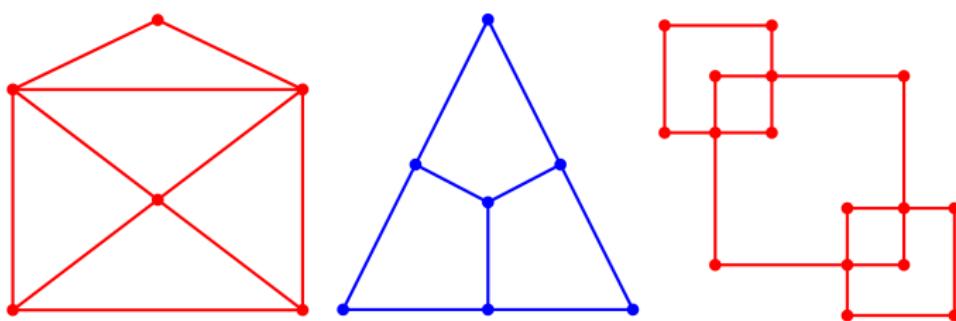
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- Which of these can you draw without lifting your pencil, drawing each line only once?
- Can you start and end at the same point?

Eulerian and Hamiltonian Circuit

Eulerian Path, Circuit, and Graph

Eulerian Path An Euler path in G is a path that includes each edge of G exactly once

Eulerian Circuit An Eulerian circuit in G is an Eulerian path in G whose end points are identical

Eulerian Graph A graph G is said to be Eulerian if it has an Eulerian circuit

Hamiltonian Path, Circuit, and Graph

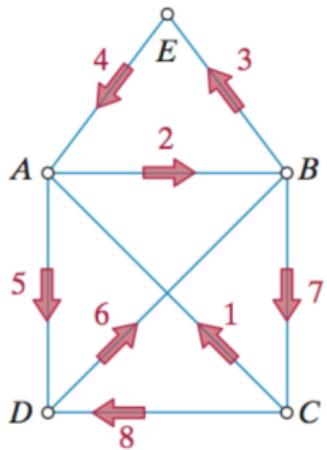
Hamiltonian Path A path in a graph G is called a Hamiltonian path if it contains every vertex of G exactly once

Hamiltonian Circuit A cycle in G is said to be a Hamiltonian cycle if it contains every vertex of G

Hamiltonian Graph A graph is said to be a Hamiltonian graph if it contains Hamiltonian cycle

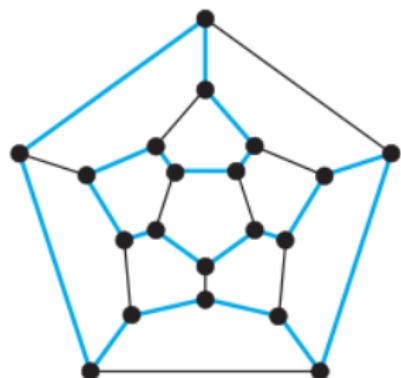
Eulerian Path:

- This path visits every **edge** of the graph exactly once.
- It does not necessarily start and end at the same vertex.



Hamiltonian Path:

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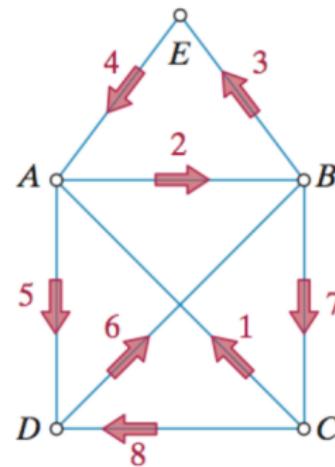


Properties of Eulerian Graph

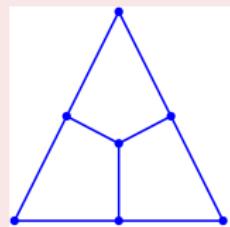
The following statements are equivalent for a connected graph G .

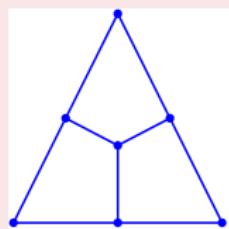
- ① G is Eulerian.
- ② Every point of G has even degree.
- ③ The set of edges of G can be partitioned into cycles.

- (i) If G is connected graph and has exactly two vertices of odd degree, there is an Euler path in G .
- (ii) If a graph G has more than two vertices of odd degree, then there can be no Euler path in G .

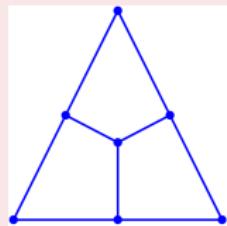


Any Euler path in graph G must begin at vertex of odd degree and end at the other.

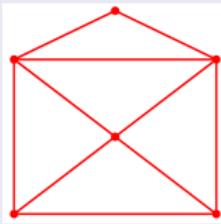


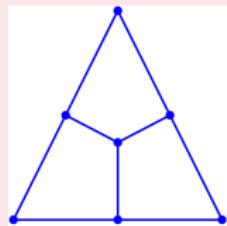


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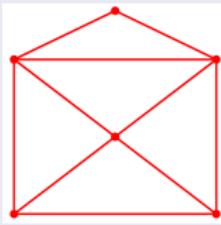


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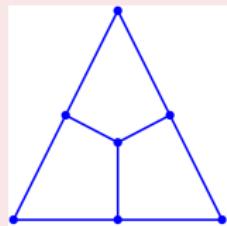




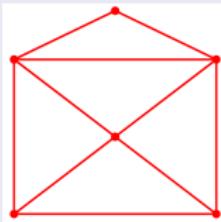
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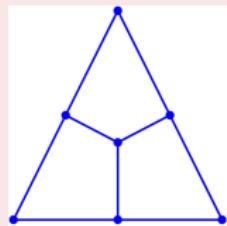
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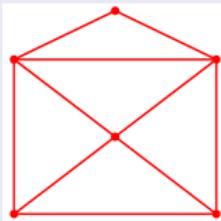
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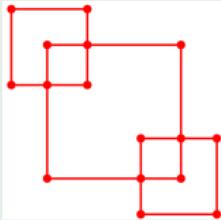
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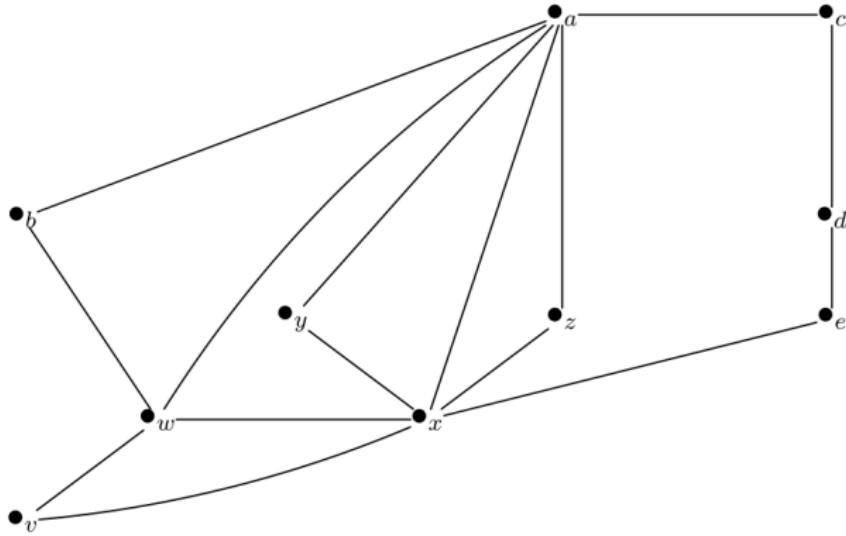
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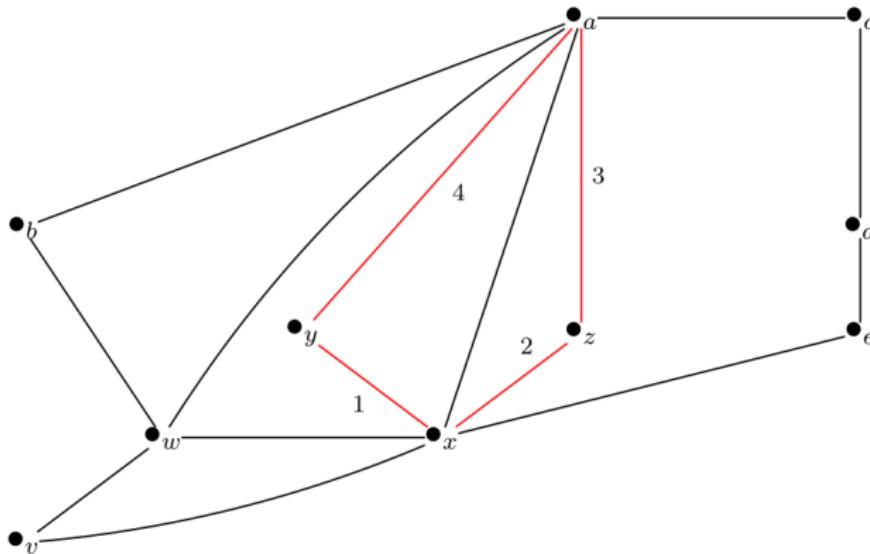
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Algorithm to find Euler Circuit in G

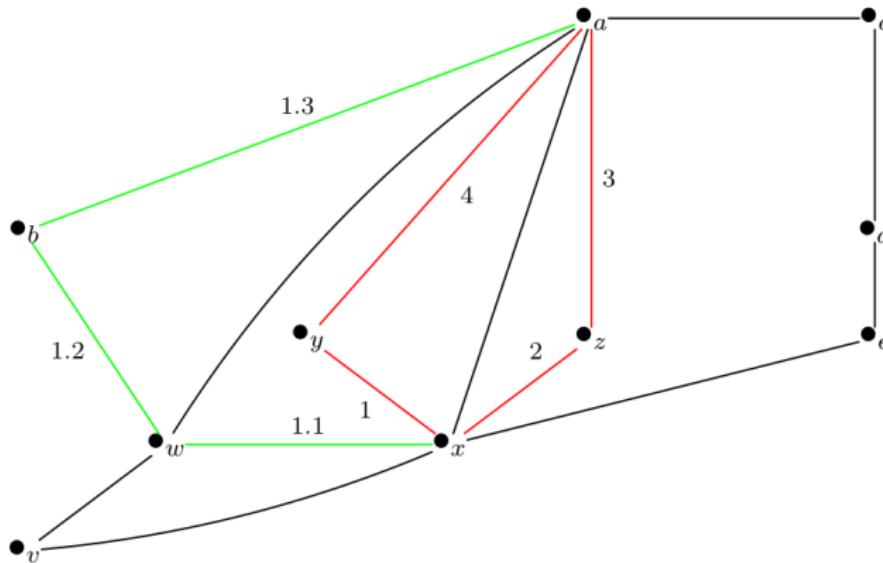
- ① Pick any vertex v of G at which to start.
- ② Pick any sequence of adjacent vertices and edges, starting and ending at v (never repeating an edge). Call the resulting circuit C_1 .
- ③ Check whether C_1 contains every edge and vertex of G . If so, C_1 is an Euler circuit, and we are finished. If not, proceed as follows:
 - (i) Remove C_1 from G the resulting subgraph is G_1
 - (ii) Pick any vertex w common to both C_1 and G_1 .
 - (iii) Pick any sequence of adjacent vertices and edges of G_1 , starting and ending at w (never repeating an edge). Call the resulting circuit C_2
 - (iv) Patch C_1 and C_2 together to create a new circuit C_3 .
 - (v) Let $C = C_3$ and go back to step 3.



First just find a cycle, starting at vertex y



Now find cycle starting from x so we take it and wander

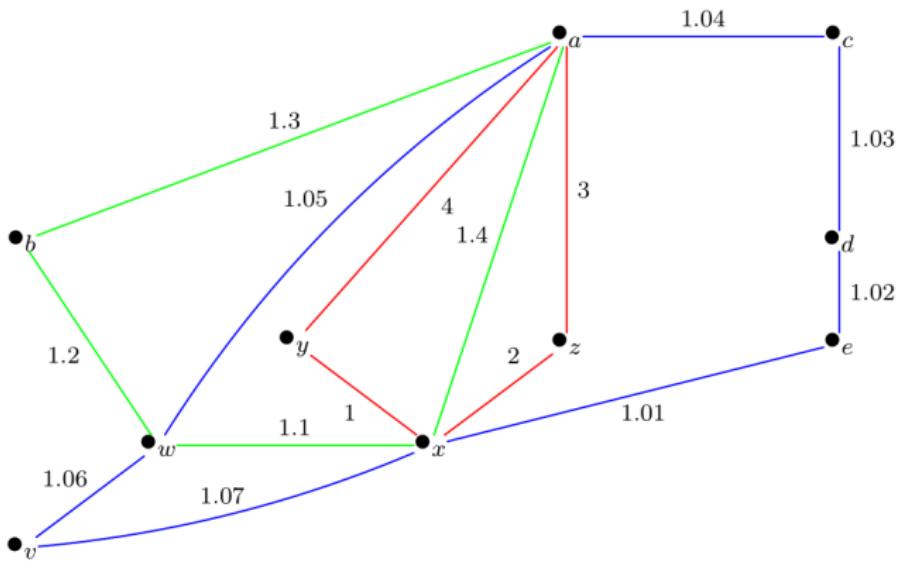


Our circuit is now described by the list of edges we have labeled

$$(1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2, 3, 4)$$

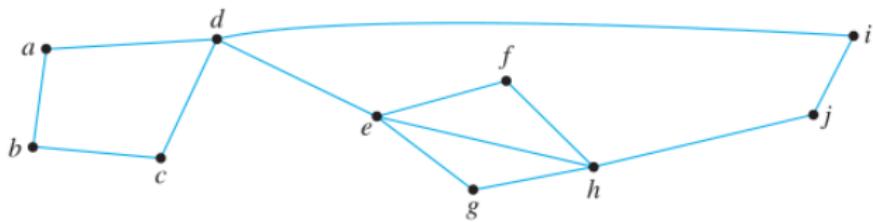
or by the list of vertices:

$$(y, x, w, b, a, x, z, a, y).$$

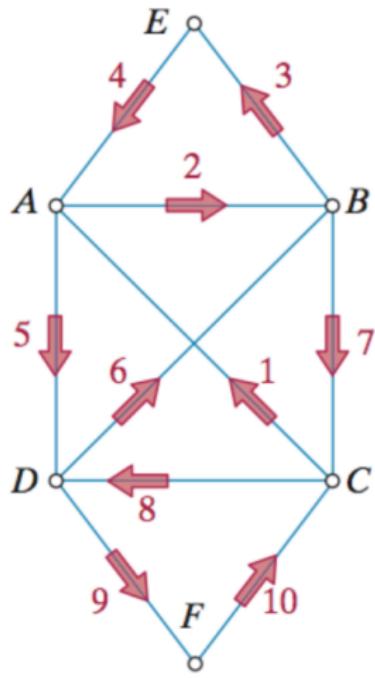


$(y, x, e, d, c, a, w, v, x, w, b, a, x, z, a, y)$

Finding an Euler Circuit

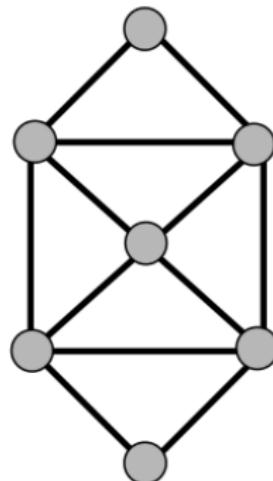


Write C_i



Finding Euler Circuits: DFS and then Splice

- ◆ Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, find an Euler circuit in G
 - ⇒ Can check if one exists in $O(|V|)$ time (check degrees)
- ◆ Basic Euler Circuit Algorithm:
 1. Do a depth-first search (DFS) from a vertex until you are back at this vertex
 2. Pick a vertex on this path with an unused edge and repeat 1.
 3. Splice all these paths into an Euler circuit
- ◆ Running time = $O(|V| + |E|)$

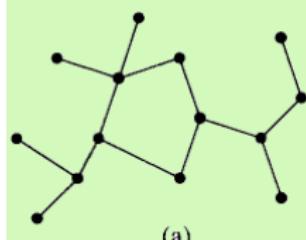


Tree and Forest

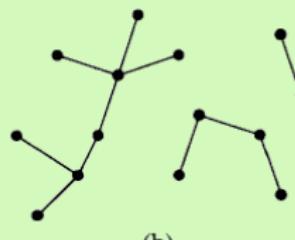
A tree is a connected graph without any circuits.

Tree

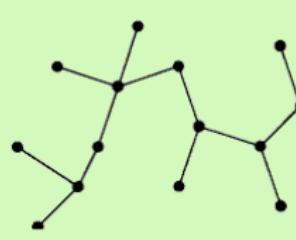
1. Connected
2. Acyclic



(a)
not a TREE



(b)
not a TREE

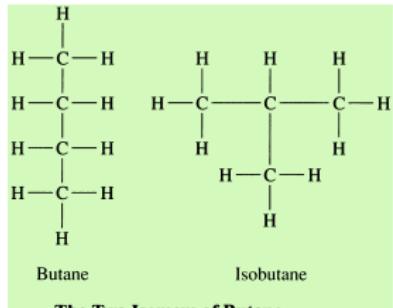


(c)
TREE

Saturated Hydrocarbons and Trees

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- ① Order = $3n + 2$
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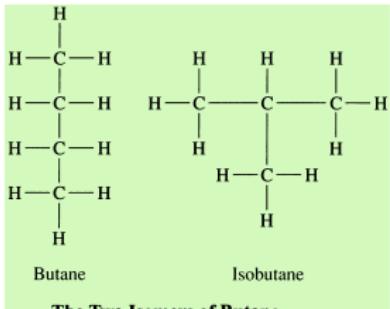


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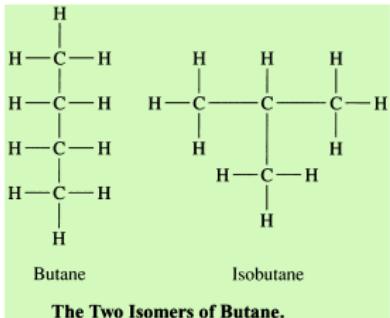
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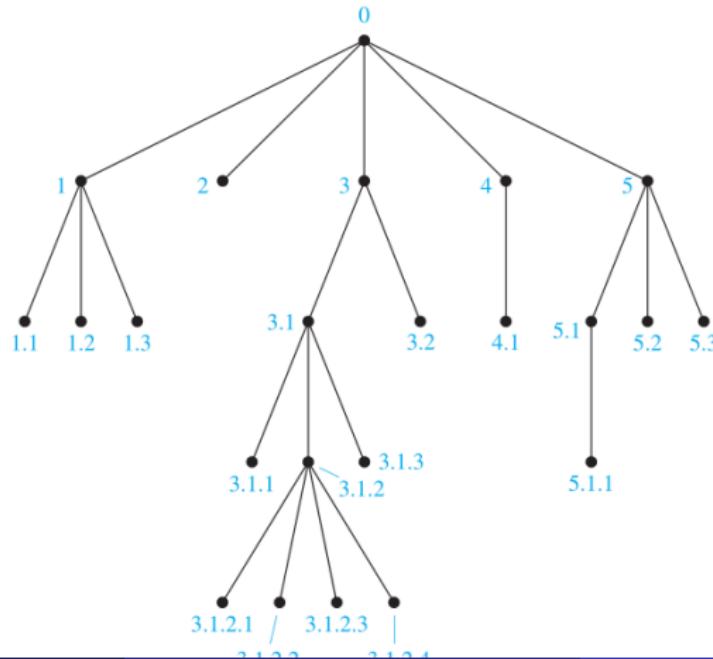
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- ① A tree T with n vertices has exactly $(n - 1)$ edges.
- ② Every non-trivial tree has at-least 2 vertices of degree 1.

Rooted Tree

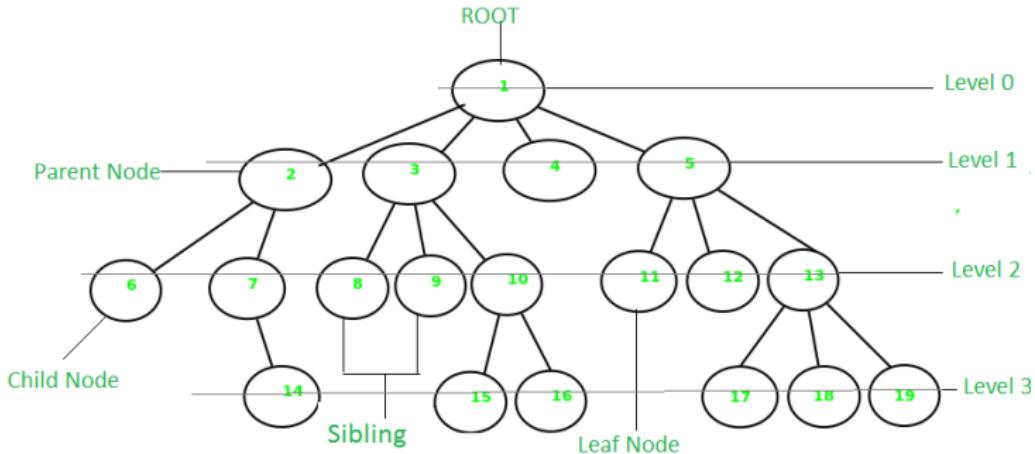
A rooted tree is a tree with a designated vertex called the root of the tree.

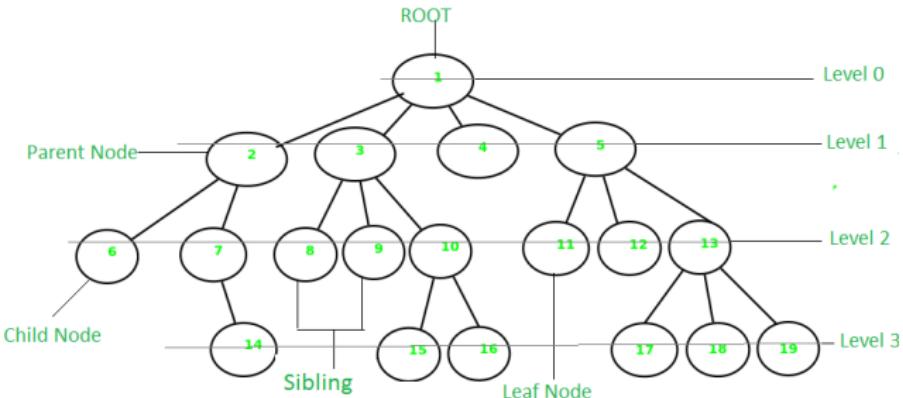
- The **level** of a vertex in a rooted tree is the length of the path (number of edges) to v from the root v_0 .



If $T = (V, E)$ is a rooted tree with designated root $v_0 \in V$ and $(v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n)$ is a simple path in T , then:

- v_{n-1} is called the **parent** of v_n
- $\{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ are called the **ancestors** of v_n
- v_1 is a **child** of v_0 , v_2 is a **child** of v_1 , ..., v_n is a **child** of v_{n-1}

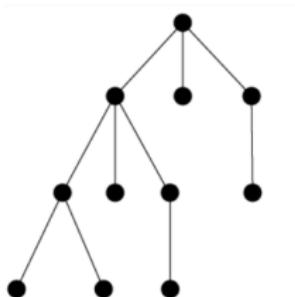




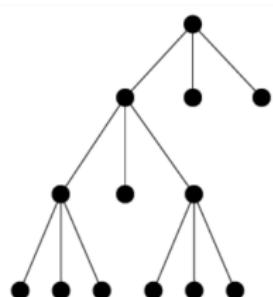
Parent node	The node adjacent to a given node on the path to the root node. <i>Example:</i> Node 2 is the parent of nodes 6 and 7.
Child node	A node adjacent to a node (its parent) which is closer to the root node. <i>Example:</i> Nodes 6 and 7 are the children of node 2.
Siblings	Nodes sharing the same parent. <i>Nodes 6 and 7 are siblings.</i>
Internal Node	A node with a child. <i>Node 2 is internal, as a parent.</i>
Leaf	A childless node. <i>Node 6 is a leaf.</i>
Depth(Node)	The length of the path from the node to the root. <i>Node 6 is at depth 2.</i>
Depth of tree	The maximum node depth. <i>This tree has depth 3.</i>

m -ary Tree

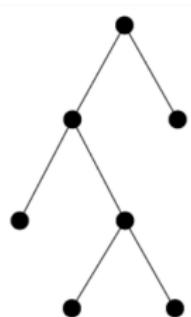
- ① A rooted tree is called an m -ary tree if every internal node has no more than m children.
- ② A full m -ary tree occurs when every internal node has precisely m children.
- ③ An m -ary tree with $m = 2$ is called a binary tree.



3-ary tree
(each internal vertex has no more than 3 children)



Full 3-ary tree
(each internal vertex has exactly 3 children)

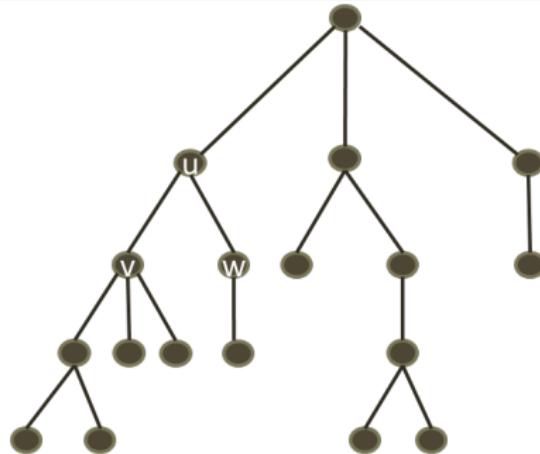


Full Binary tree
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Binary Tree

A **binary tree** is a rooted tree in which every parent has at most two children.

- Each child is designated as left or right.
- A full binary tree: every parent has exactly two children.
- Left/right subtrees are defined recursively.



Properties of Binary Tree

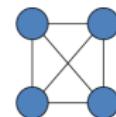
- ① The number of vertices in a binary tree is odd.
- ② The maximum height of a binary tree on n vertices is $\frac{n-1}{2}$.
- ③ If T is a binary tree on n vertices and p is the number of pendant vertices in T then the number of vertices of degree 3 in T is $n - p - 1$.
- ④ If T is a binary tree on n vertices then the number of pendant vertices in T is $\frac{n+1}{2}$

A **spanning tree** of a graph G is a subgraph of G that:

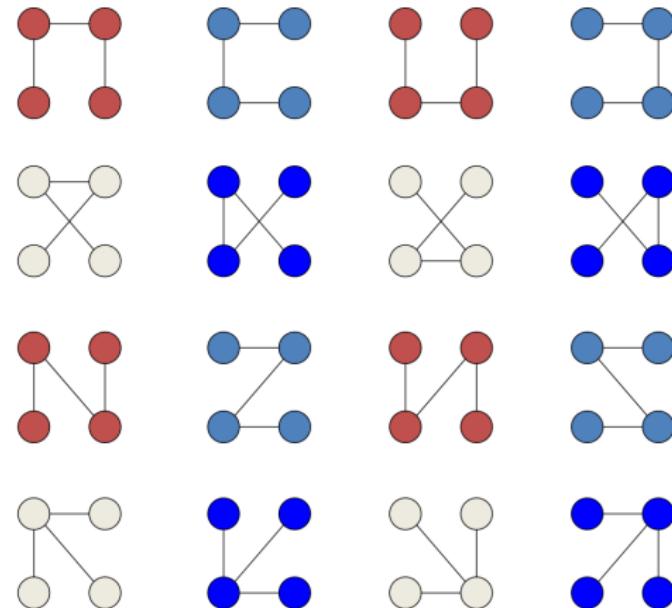
- Contains all vertices of G .
- Is itself a tree.

Every connected graph has a spanning tree.

Complete Graph



All 16 of its Spanning Trees



Minimum Spanning Trees

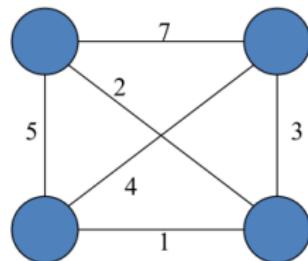
Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

A **minimum spanning tree** of a connected weighted graph is a spanning tree with the least possible total edge weight.

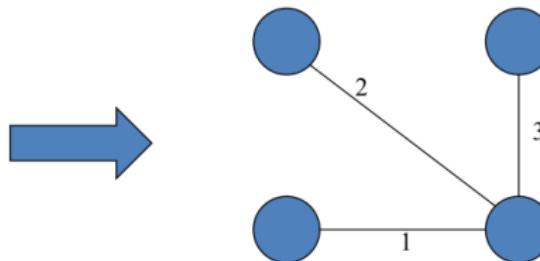
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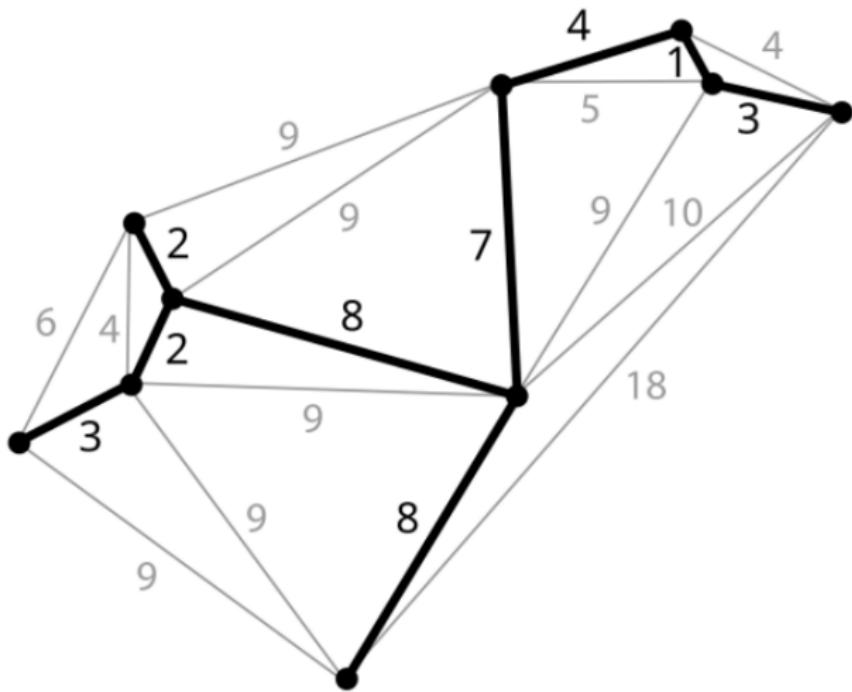
- Network design: telephone, electrical, cable, computer networks, road design.
- Example: connecting offices with minimum cost.

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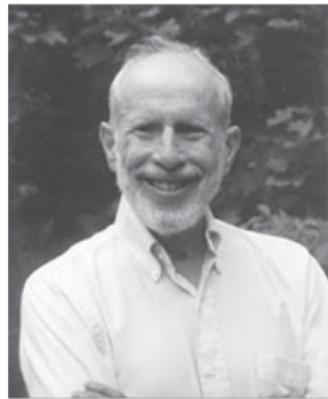
Minimum Spanning Tree





Algorithms for Finding Minimum Spanning Trees

In 1956 and 1957 Joseph B. Kruskal and Robert C. Prim each described much more efficient algorithms to construct minimum spanning trees. Even for large graphs, both algorithms can be implemented so as to take relatively short computing times



*Joseph Kruskal
(born 1928)*



*Robert Prim
(born 1921)*

Kruskal's Algorithm

Steps

- ① Start with each node in a separate tree.
- ② Place edges in a priority queue sorted by weight.
- ③ Repeat until $n - 1$ edges added:
 - Extract cheapest edge.
 - If it forms a cycle, reject it.
 - Else add it to the forest (joining two trees).
- ④ End with a single tree containing all vertices.

Kruskal's Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithm

Input: A connected weighted graph $G = (V, E)$ with n vertices

Output: Minimum spanning tree T of G

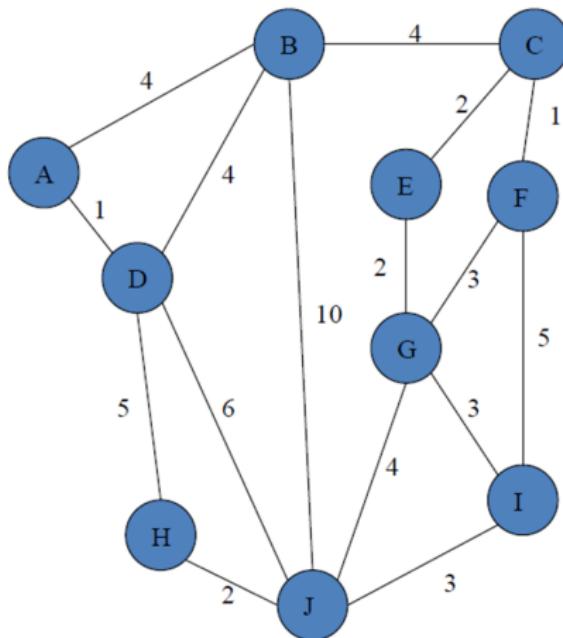
Step 1: Arrange edges in order of increasing weights

- Sort all edges: $E_{\text{sorted}} = \text{sort}(E, \text{key} = w)$
- Select edge with minimum weight: $e_{\min} = E_{\text{sorted}}[1]$
- Initialize: $T \leftarrow \emptyset, \text{counter} \leftarrow 0$
- For each edge e in E_{sorted} (in order):
 - If $\text{counter} = n - 1$: BREAK (MST complete)
 - If $T \cup \{e\}$ is acyclic:
 - $T \leftarrow T \cup \{e\}$
 - $\text{counter} \leftarrow \text{counter} + 1$
- Return the minimum spanning tree T
- T contains exactly $n - 1$ edges
- T is acyclic and connects all vertices

Step 2: Construct spanning tree iteratively

Step 3: Terminate and return result

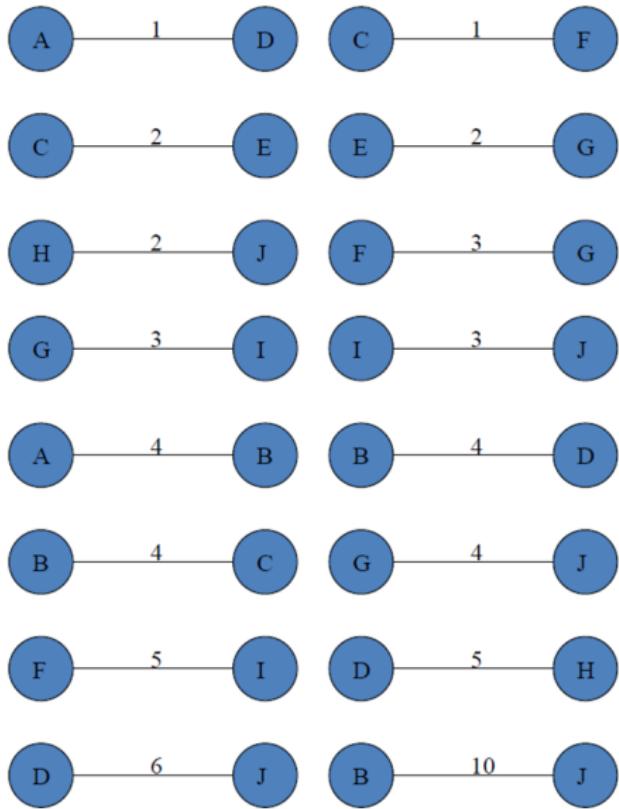
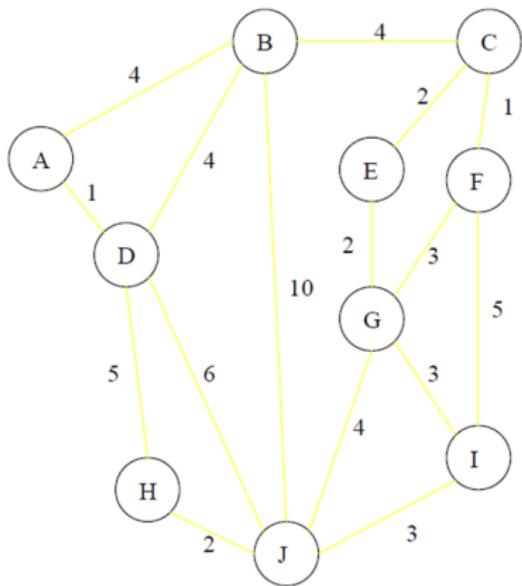
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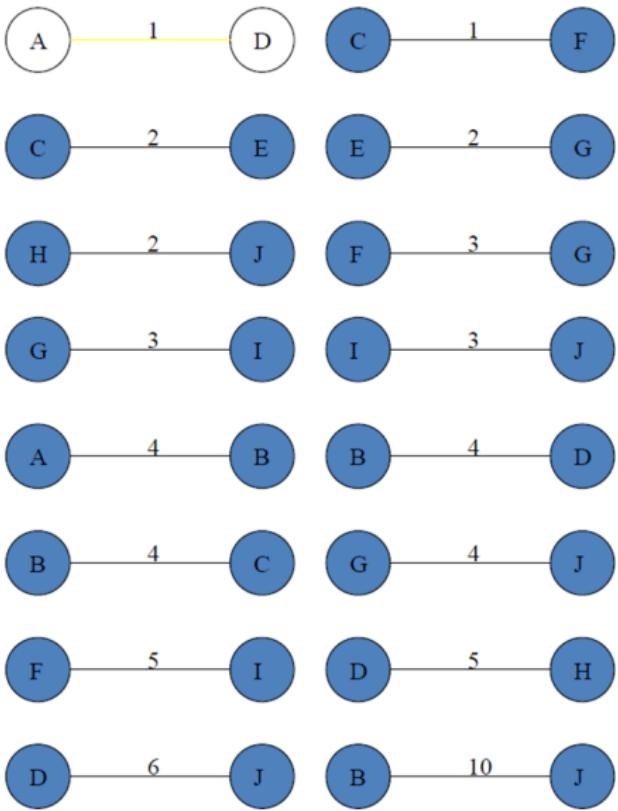
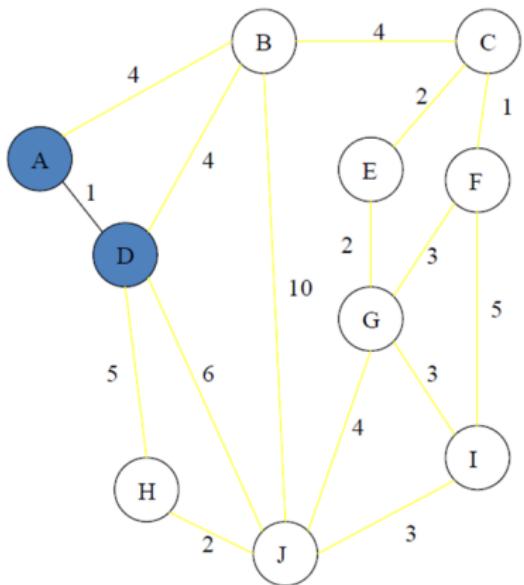
Sort Edges

(in reality they are placed in a priority queue - not sorted - but sorting them makes the algorithm easier to visualize)



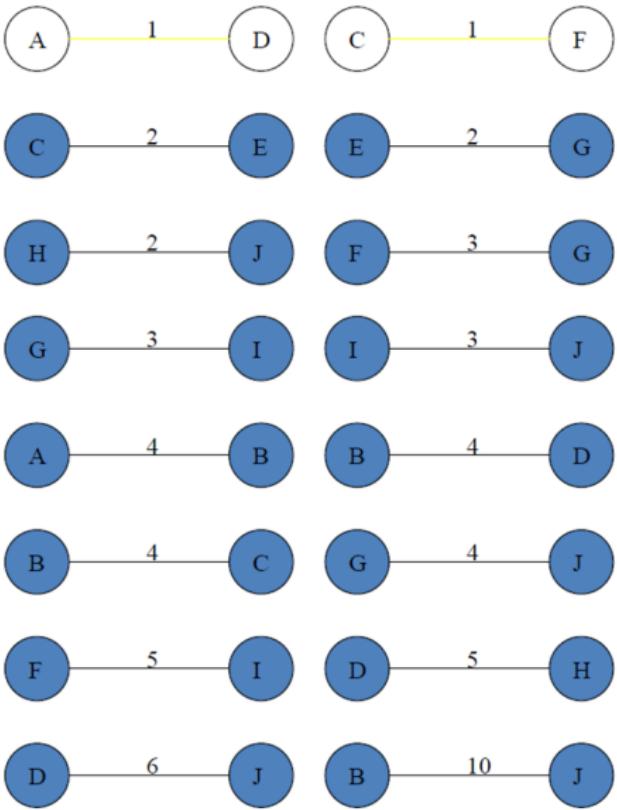
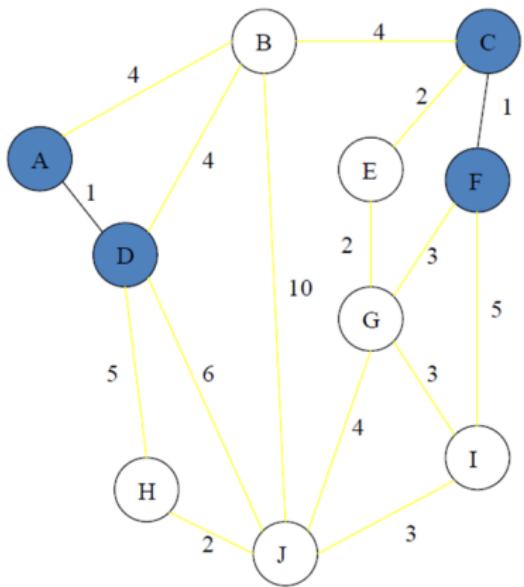
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Add Edge



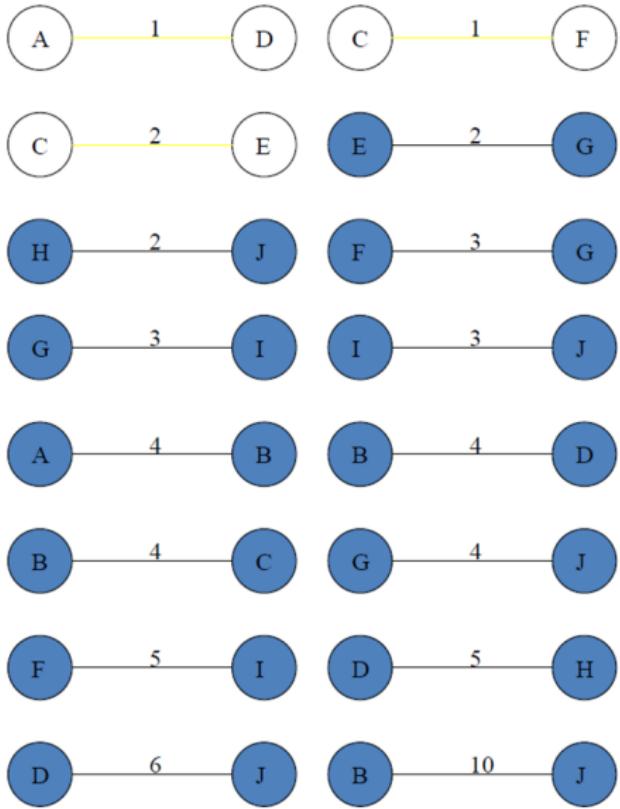
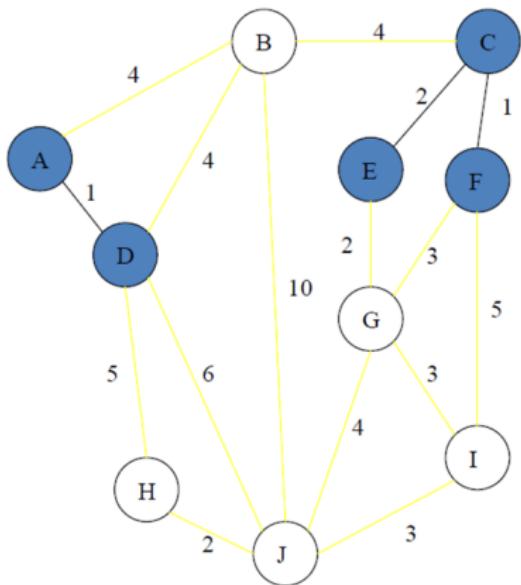
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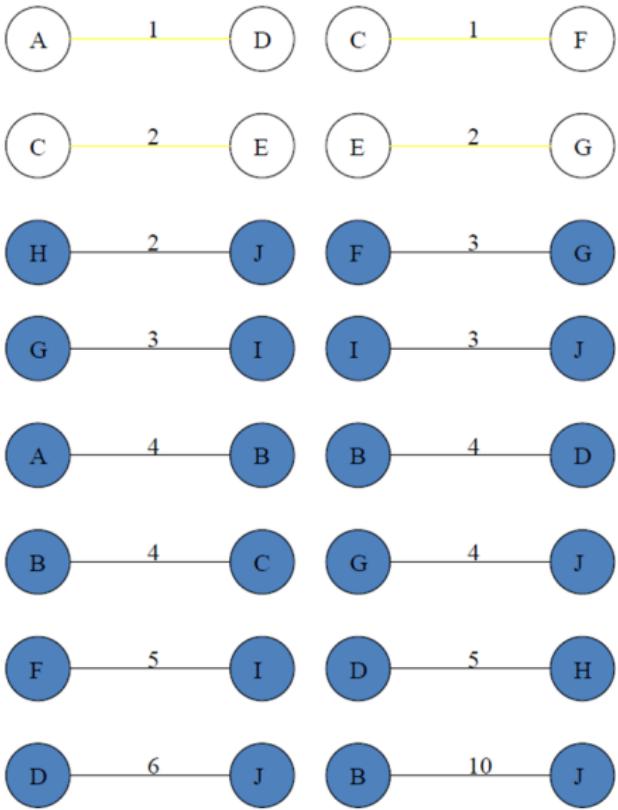
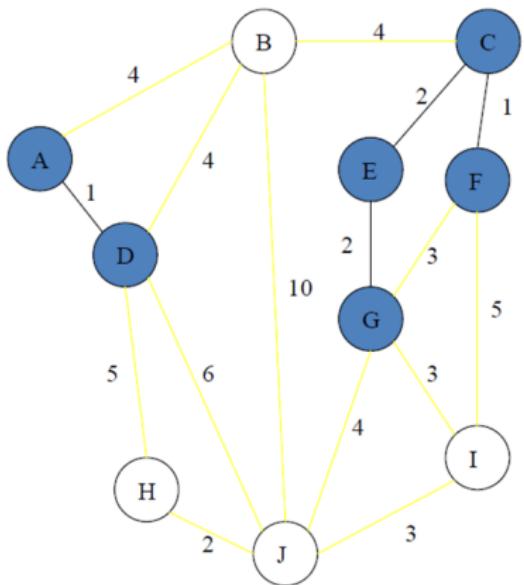
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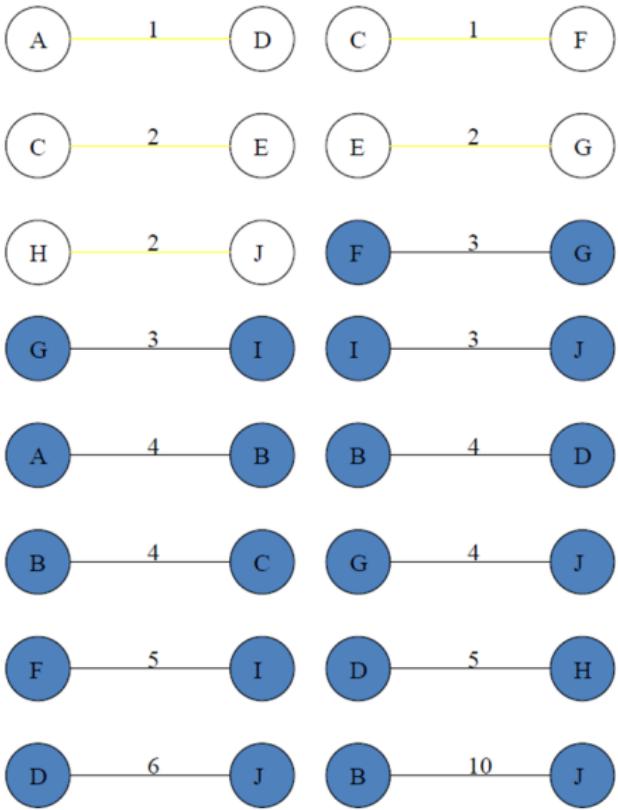
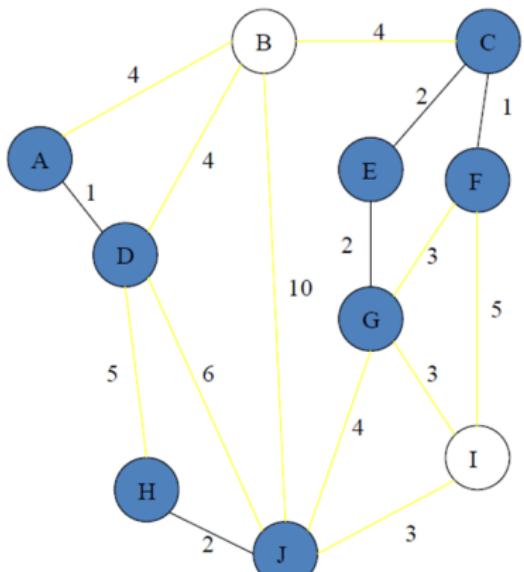
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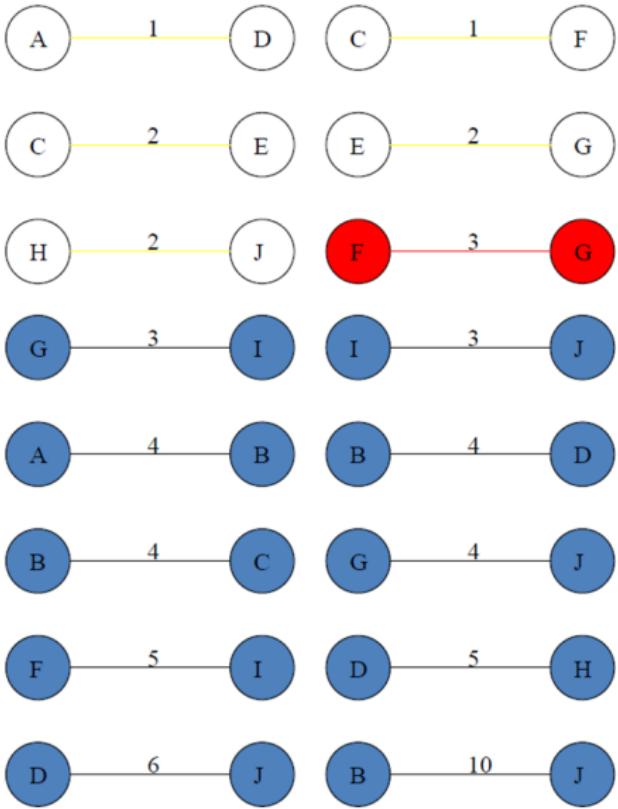
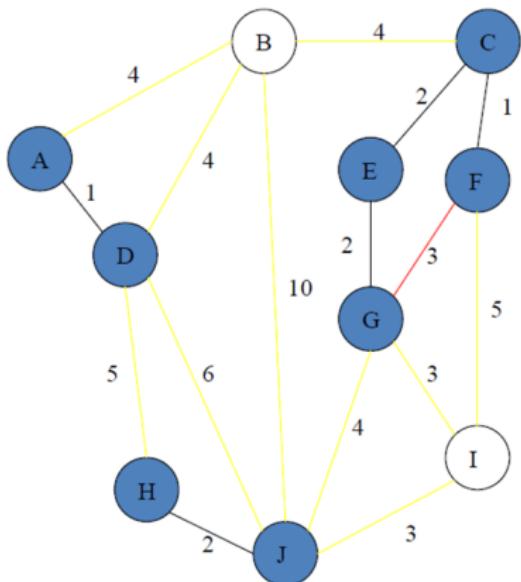
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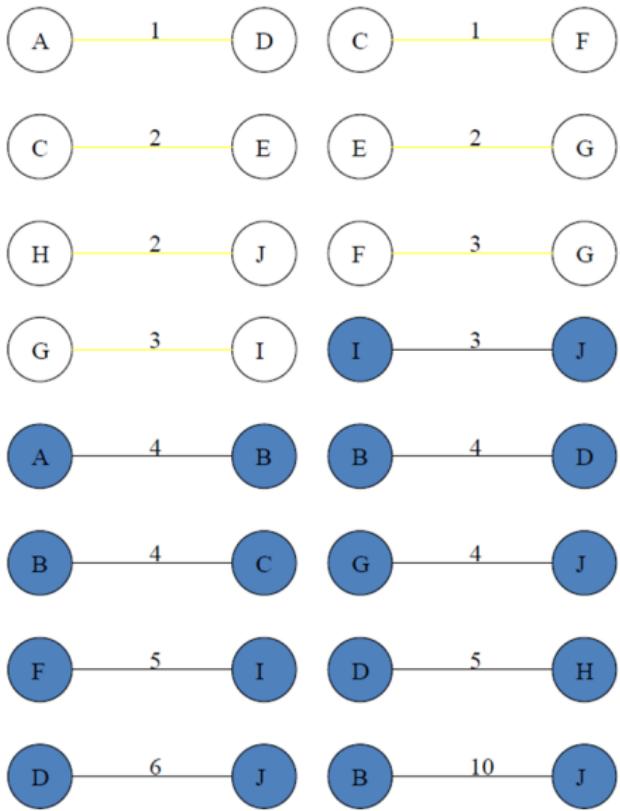
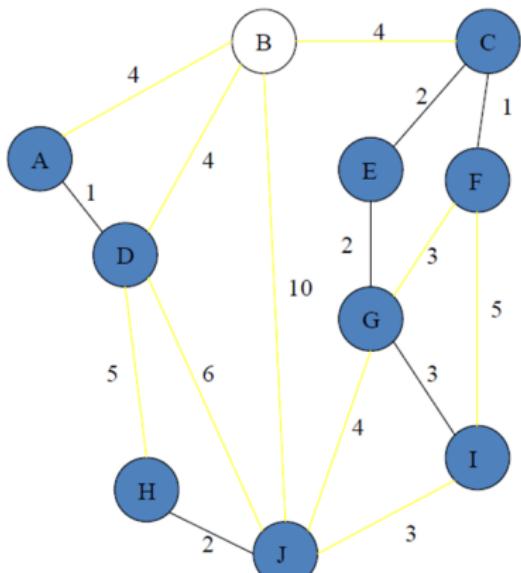
Cycle

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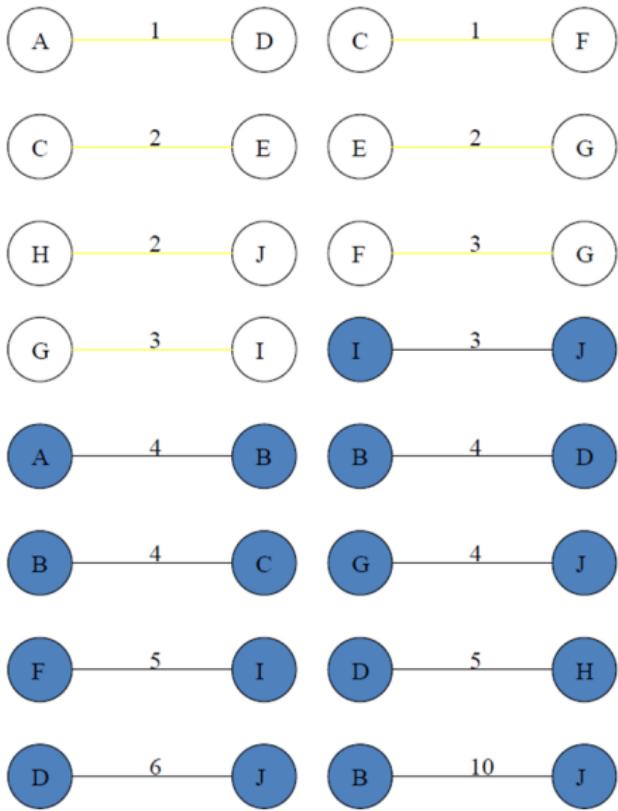
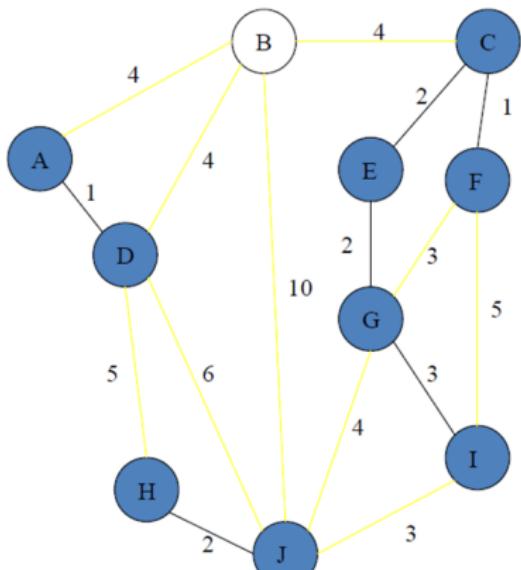
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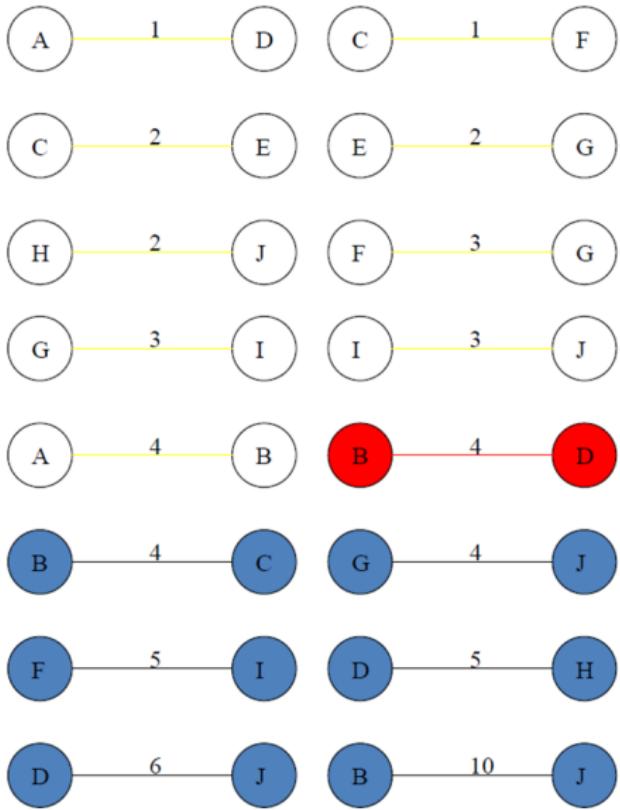
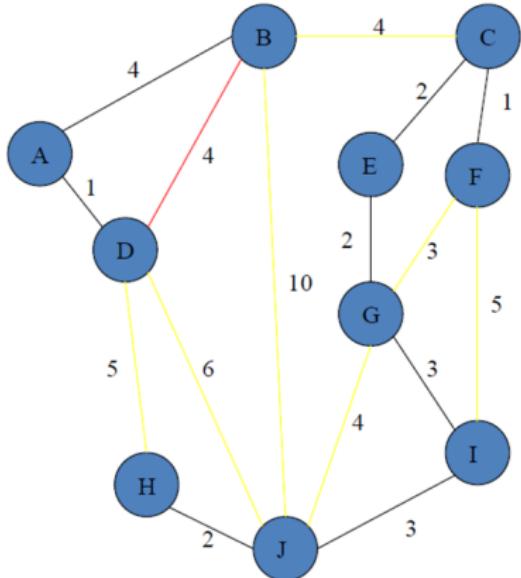
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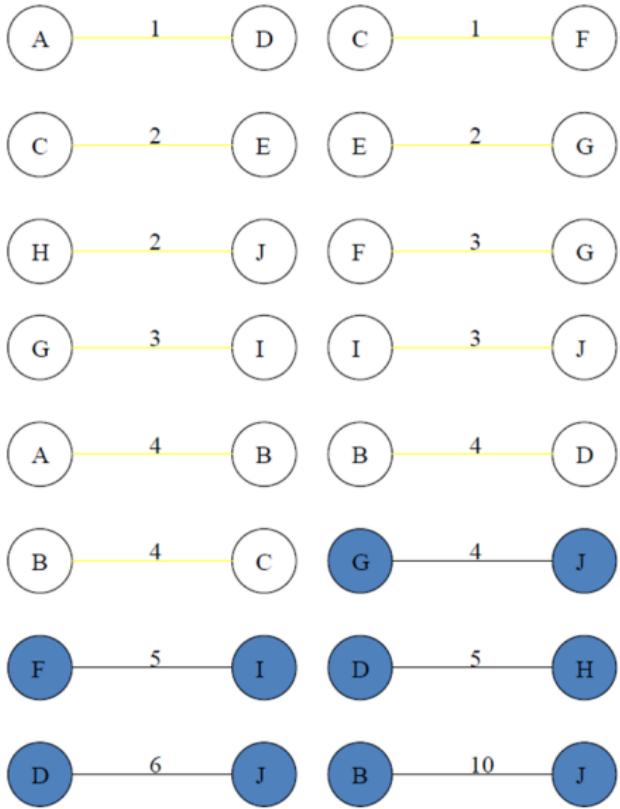
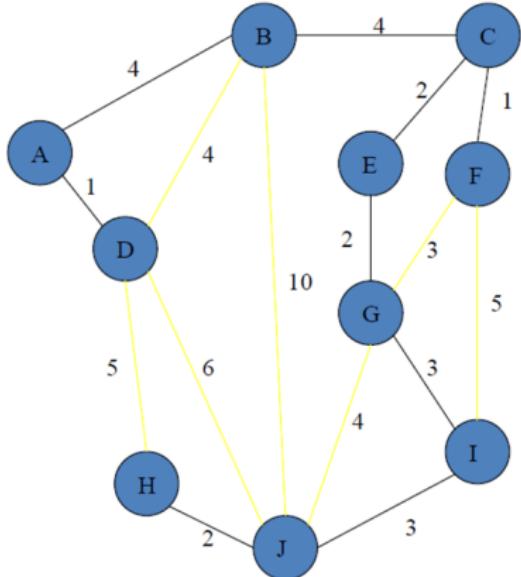
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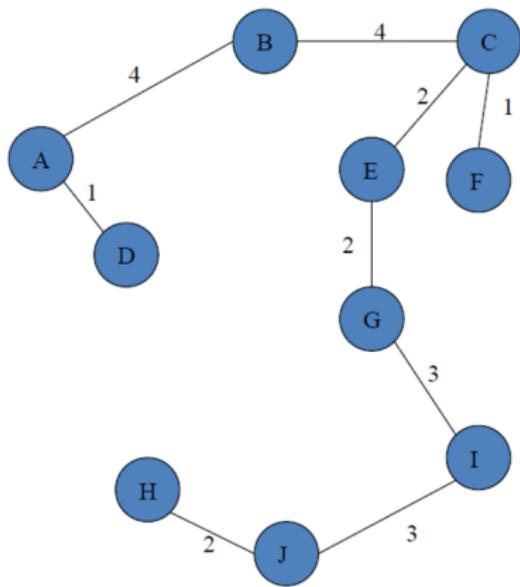
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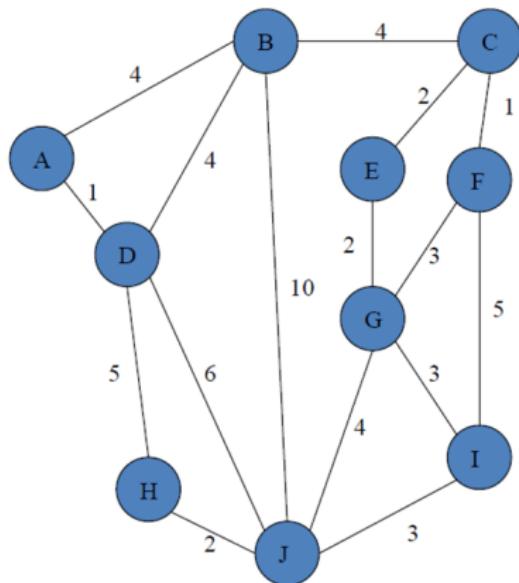


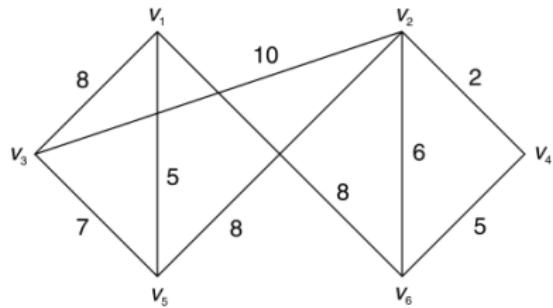
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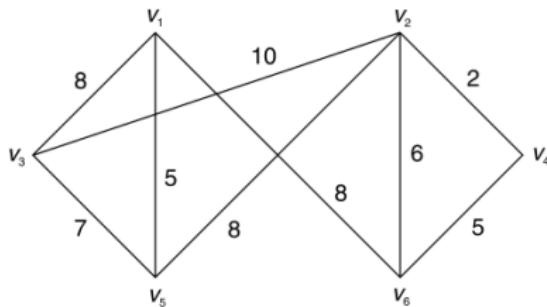
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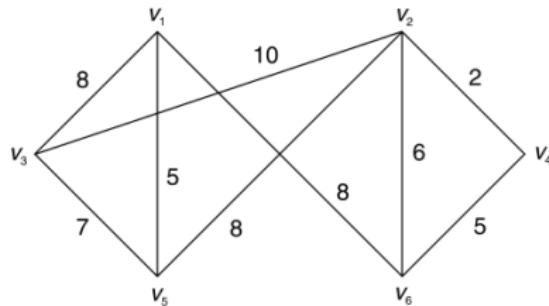
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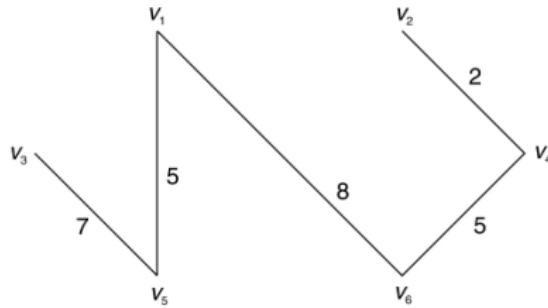




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Main Idea

- Start with one vertex.
- Repeatedly add the smallest weight edge that connects a new vertex to the growing tree.
- Continue until all vertices are included.

Prim's Algorithm - Step by Step

Input: A connected weighted undirected graph G with n vertices

Output: A minimum spanning tree T of G

① Initialization Step:

- Select an edge with minimum weight from the graph
- Initialize tree T with this edge
- Let S be the set of vertices currently in T

② Expansion Steps: (Repeat $n - 2$ times)

- Find the minimum-weight edge e that connects:
 - A vertex in S (current tree) to
 - A vertex not in S (outside the tree)
- This edge e will not create a cycle since it connects the tree to a new vertex
- Add edge e to T
- Add the new vertex to set S

③ Termination:

- After $n - 1$ edges are selected, T is a minimum spanning tree
- Return T

- **Greedy Choice Property:** The minimum edge connecting the tree to outside vertices belongs to some MST
- **Optimal Substructure:** After adding an edge, the problem reduces to finding MST for the remaining graph
- **No Cycles:** Since we always connect to a new vertex, no cycles are created

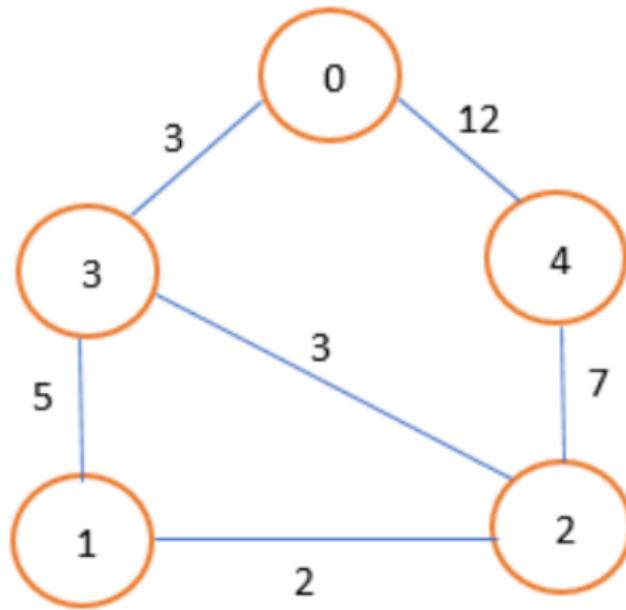
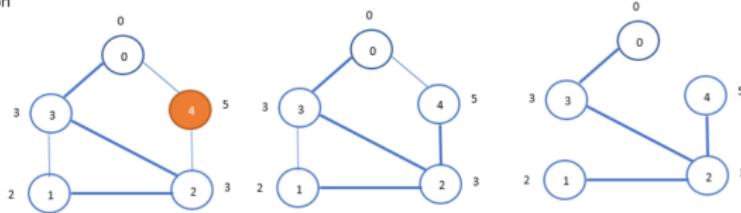
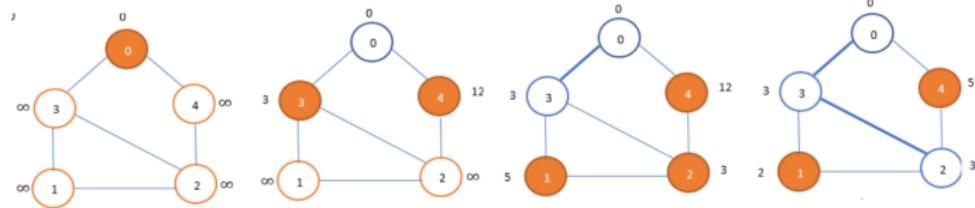
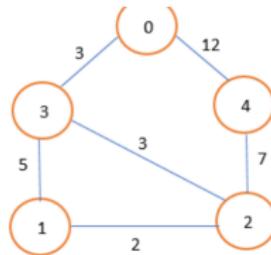


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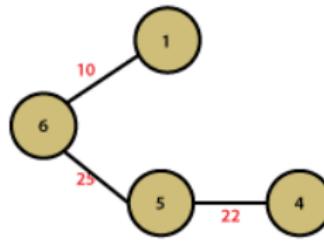
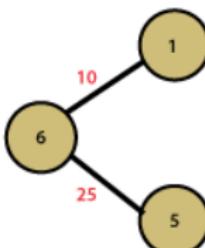
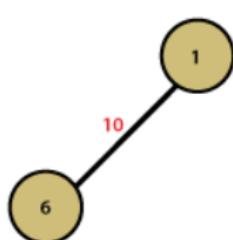
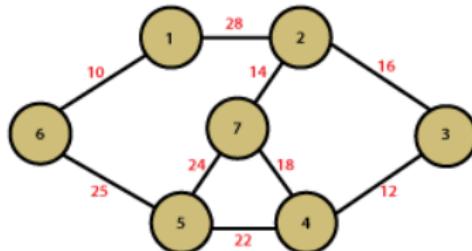


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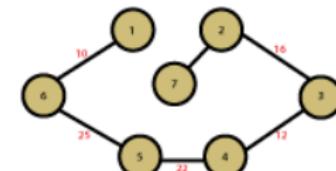
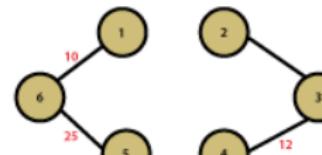
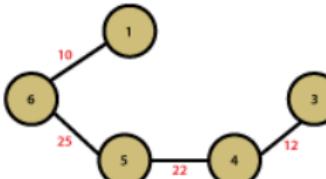
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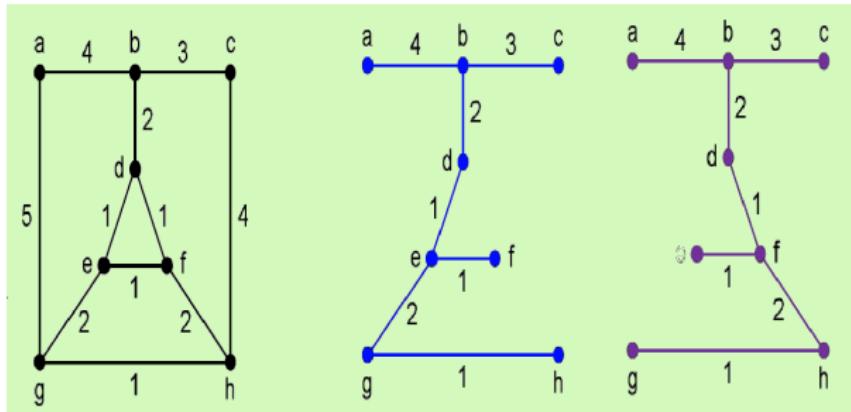
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Application of Minimum Spanning Trees

Spanning Tree: A spanning tree of a graph G is a subgraph of G that is a tree and contains all vertices of the graph.

Minimum Spanning Tree (MST):

- (1) It spans the graph,
- (2) It is a minimum.



Electrical Circuits and Graph Theory

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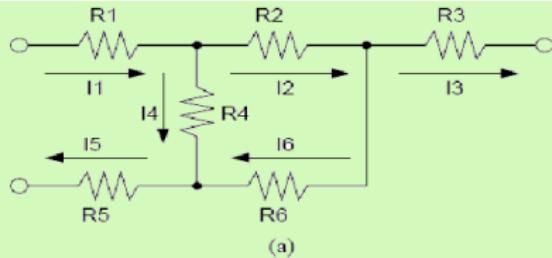
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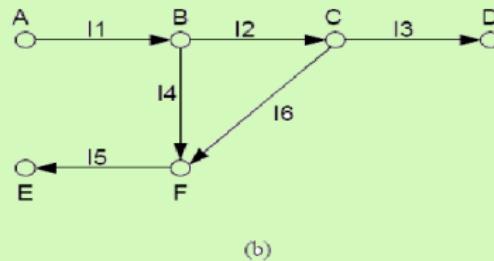
An electrical network is known as an *Electrical Circuit*.

How to Draw Graph of Electrical Circuit

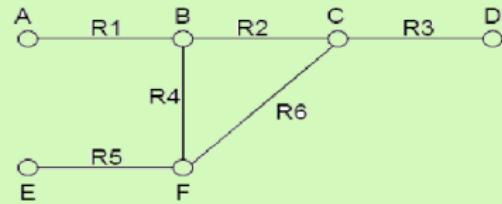
Drawing Graph: *Junctions* and *devices* are represented by *nodes* and *branches*, respectively.



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