Kruskal's algorithm

Outline

This topic covers Kruskal's algorithm:

- Finding a minimum spanning tree
- The idea and the algorithm
- An example
- Using a disjoint set data structure

Kruskal's Algorithm

Kruskal's algorithm sorts the edges by weight and goes through the edges from least weight to greatest weight adding the edges to an empty graph so long as the addition does not create a cycle

The halting point is:

- When $|V| - 1$ edges have been added
  - In this case we have a minimum spanning tree
- We have gone through all edges, in which case, we have a forest of minimum spanning trees on all connected sub-graphs

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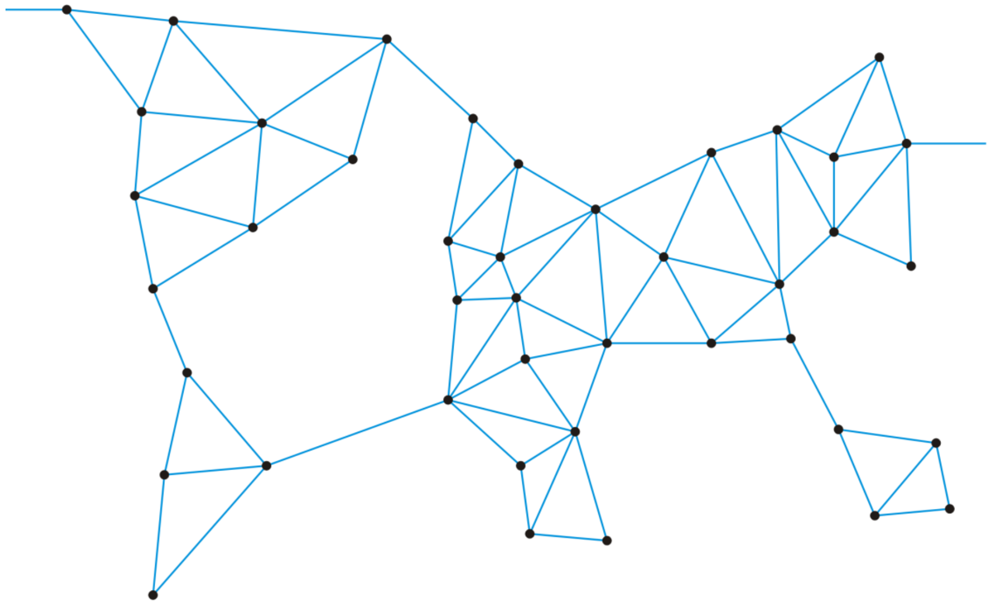
- The graph is sufficient to describe the game



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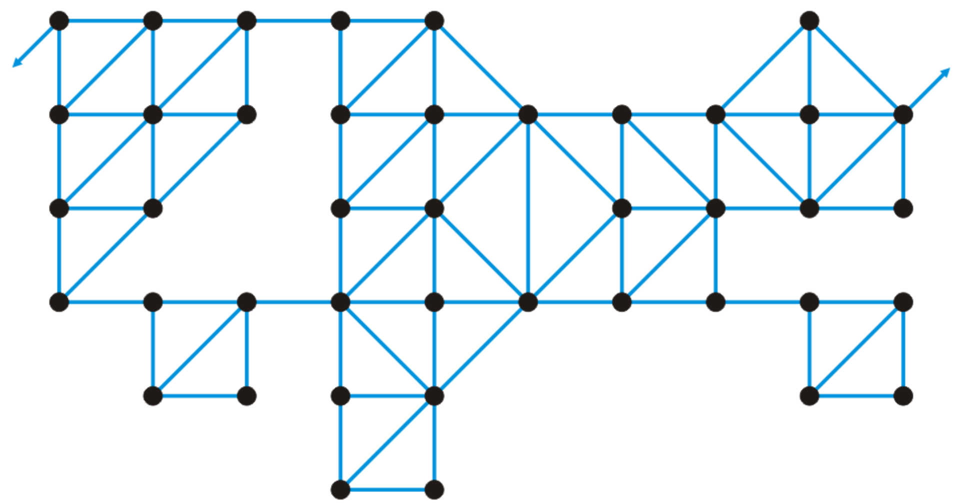
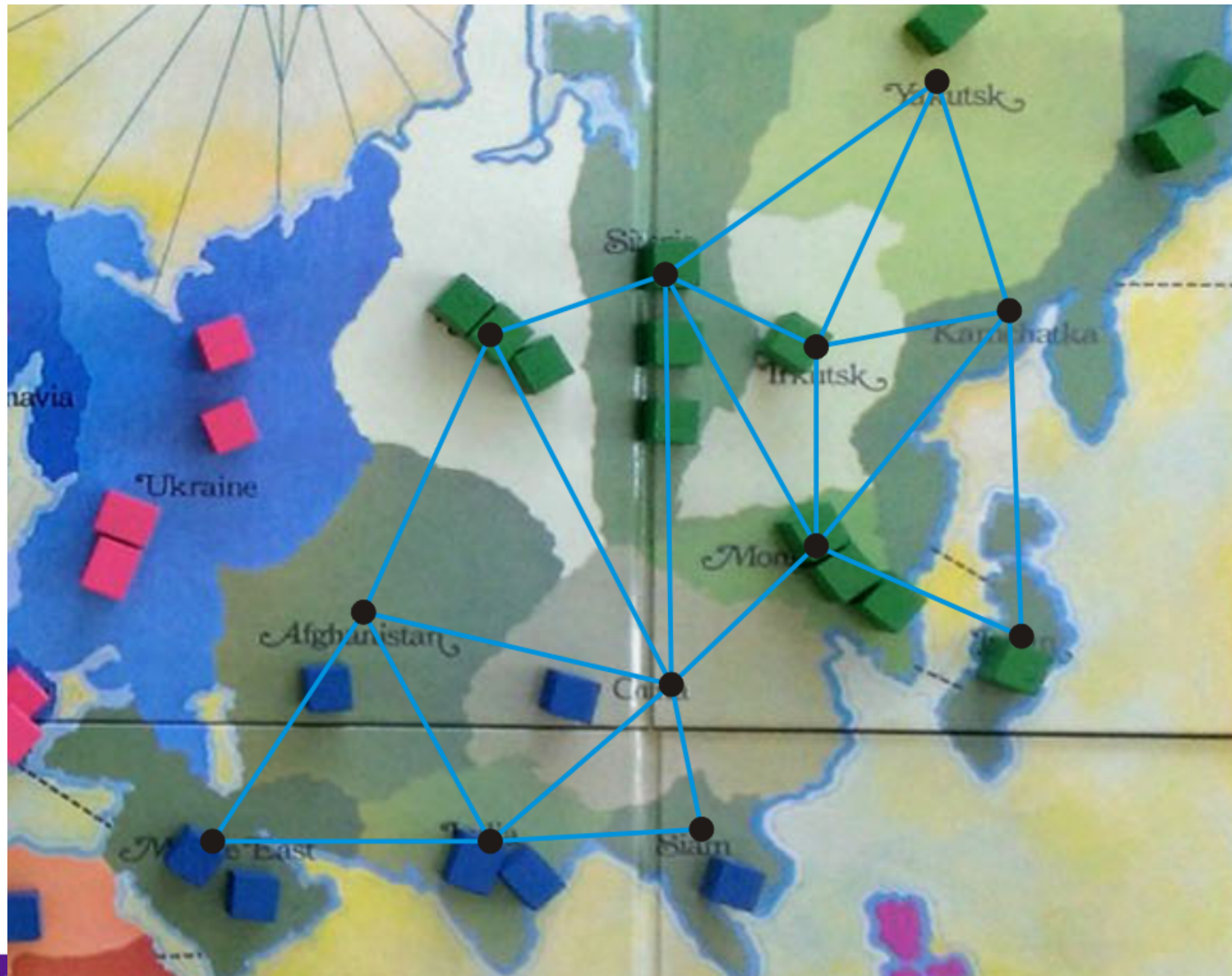
- Here is a more abstract representation of the game board
- Suddenly, it's less interesting: "I've conquered the graph!"



Example

We’ll focus on Asia



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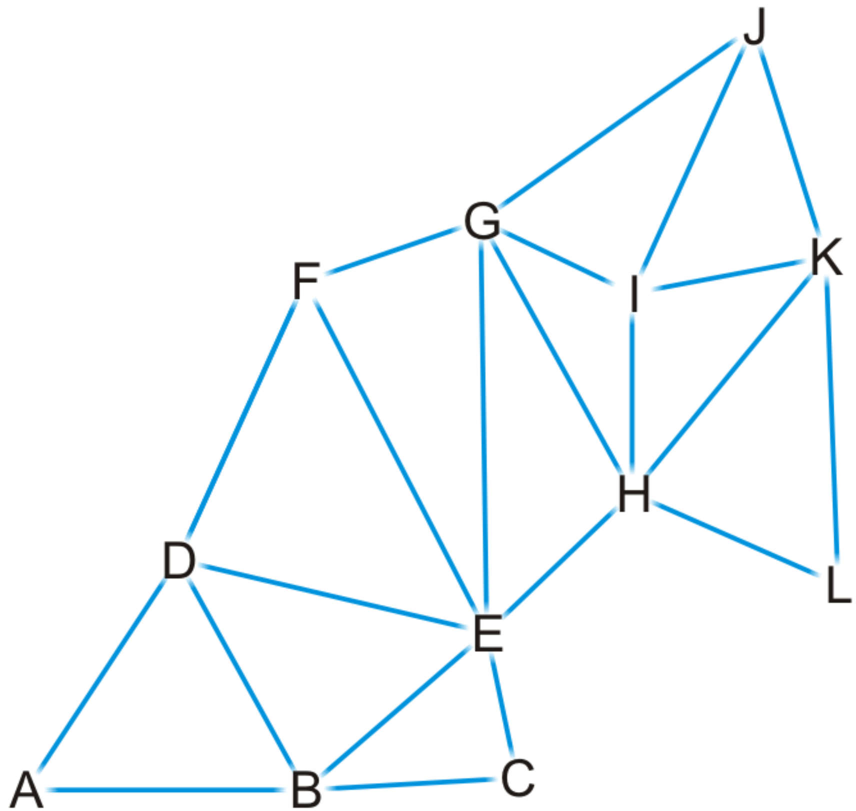
Here is our abstract representation



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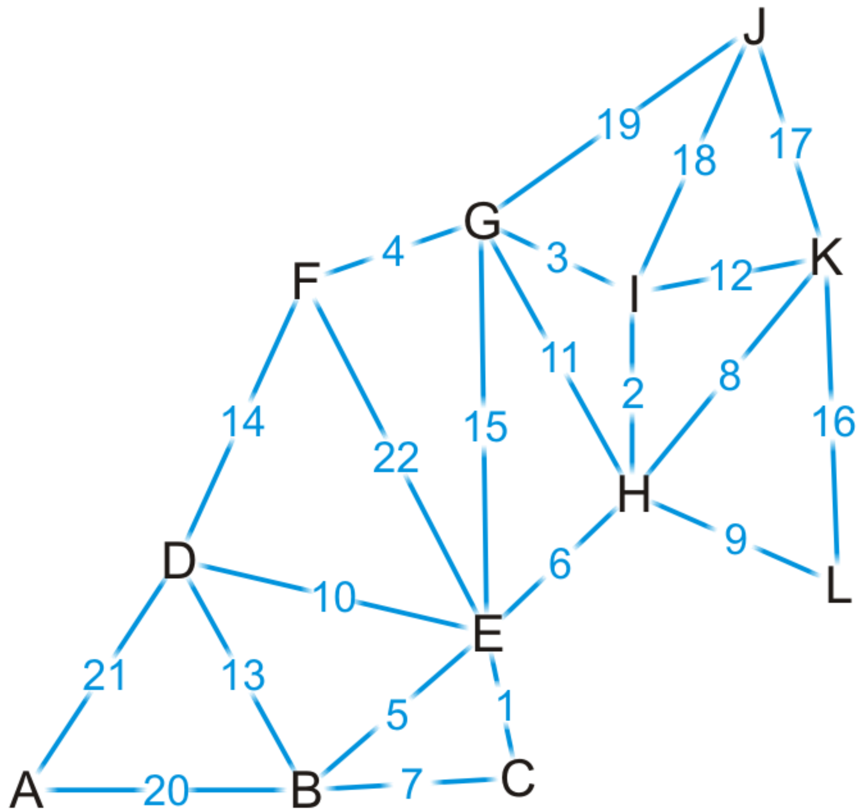
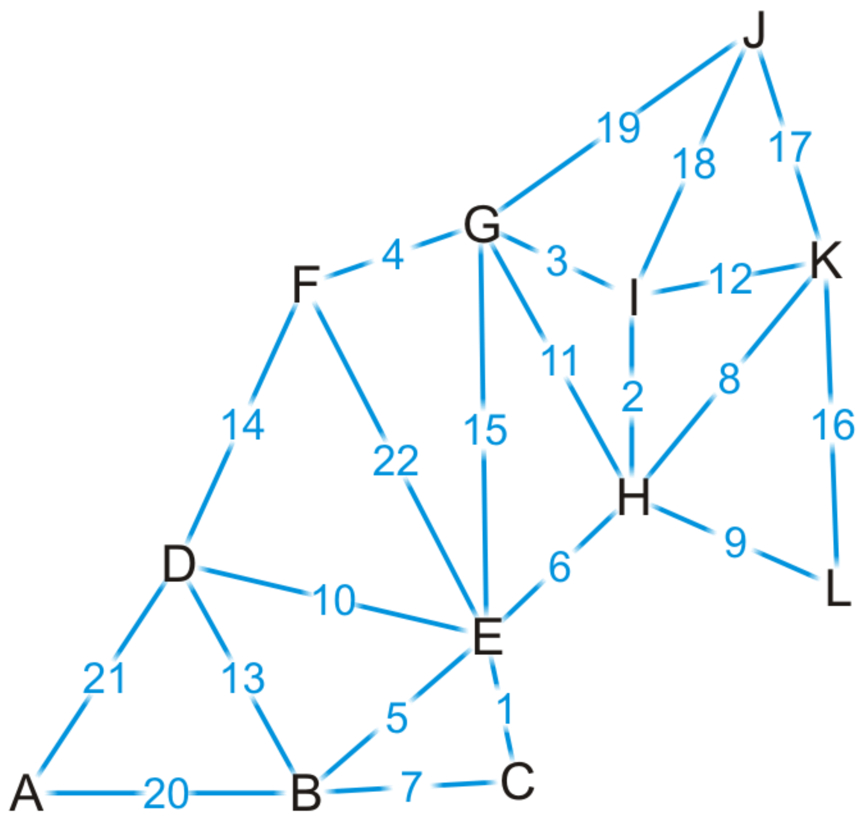
Let us give a weight to each of the edges



Example

First, we sort the edges based on weight



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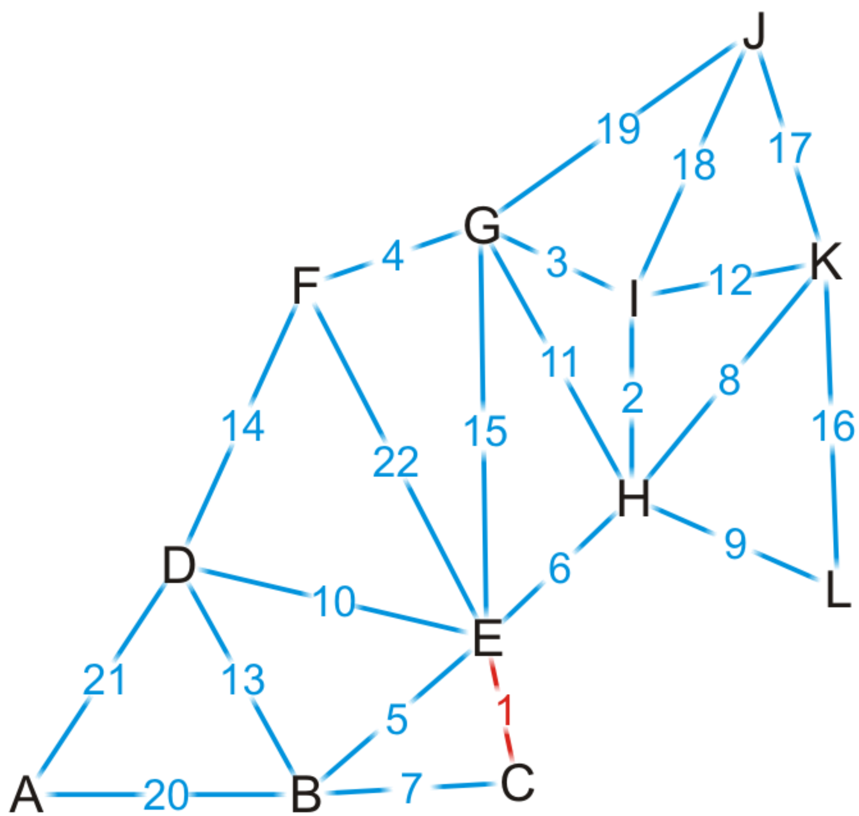
Example

We start by adding edge {C, E}



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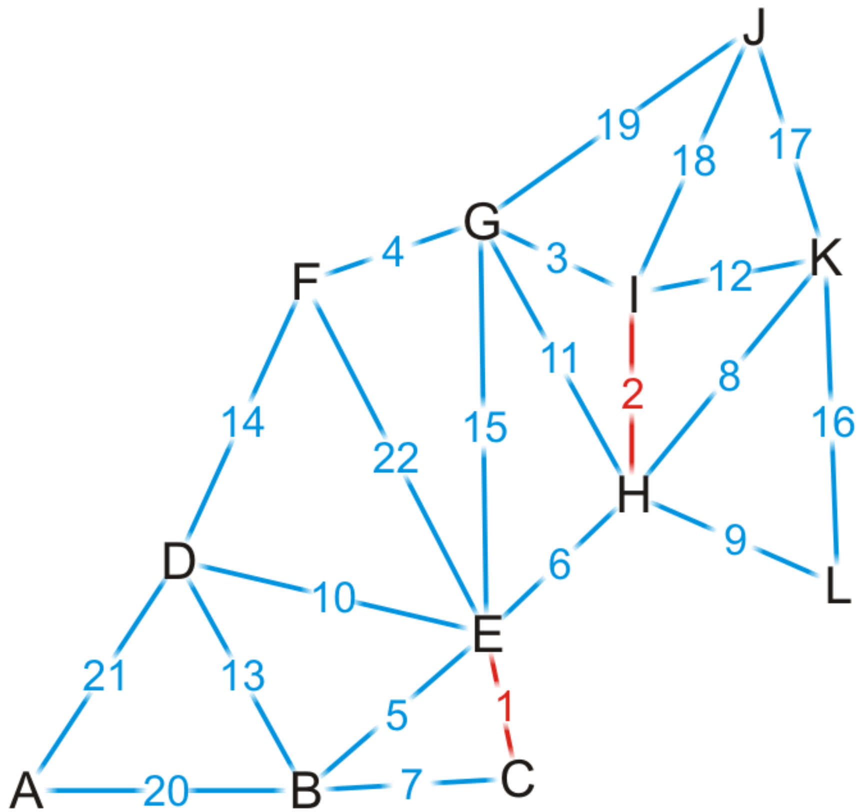
Example

We add edge {H, I}



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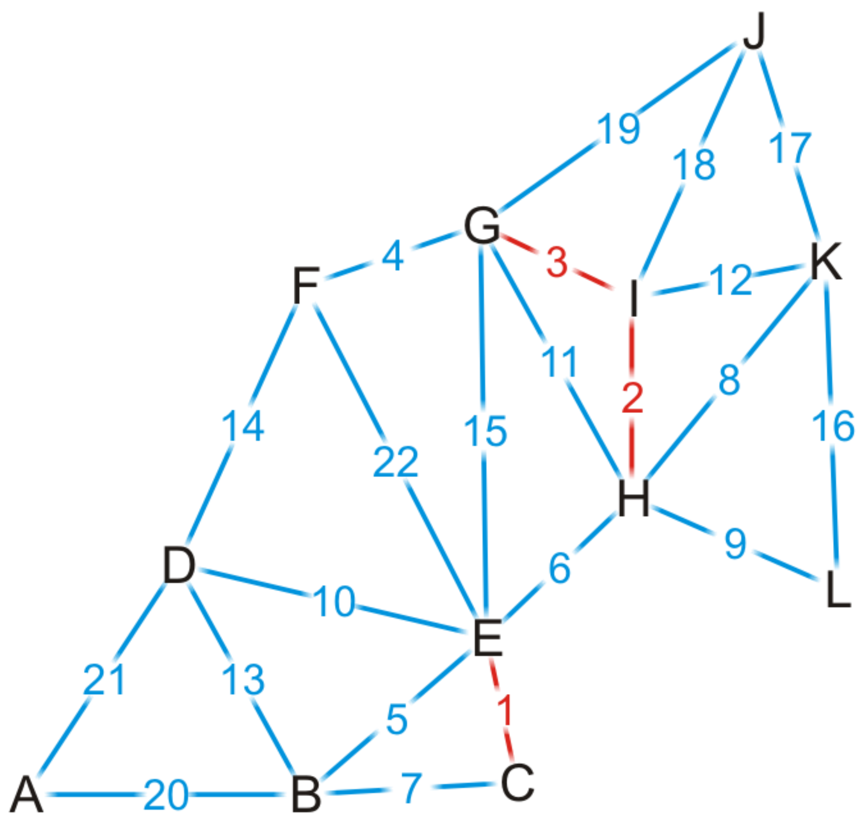
Example

We add edge {G, I}



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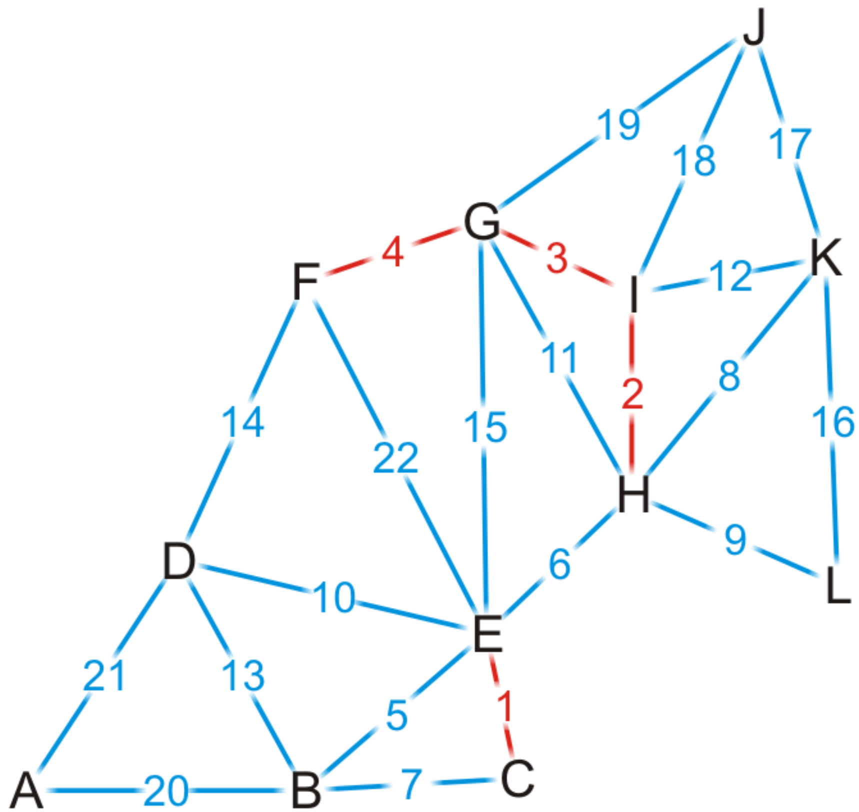
Example

We add edge {F, G}



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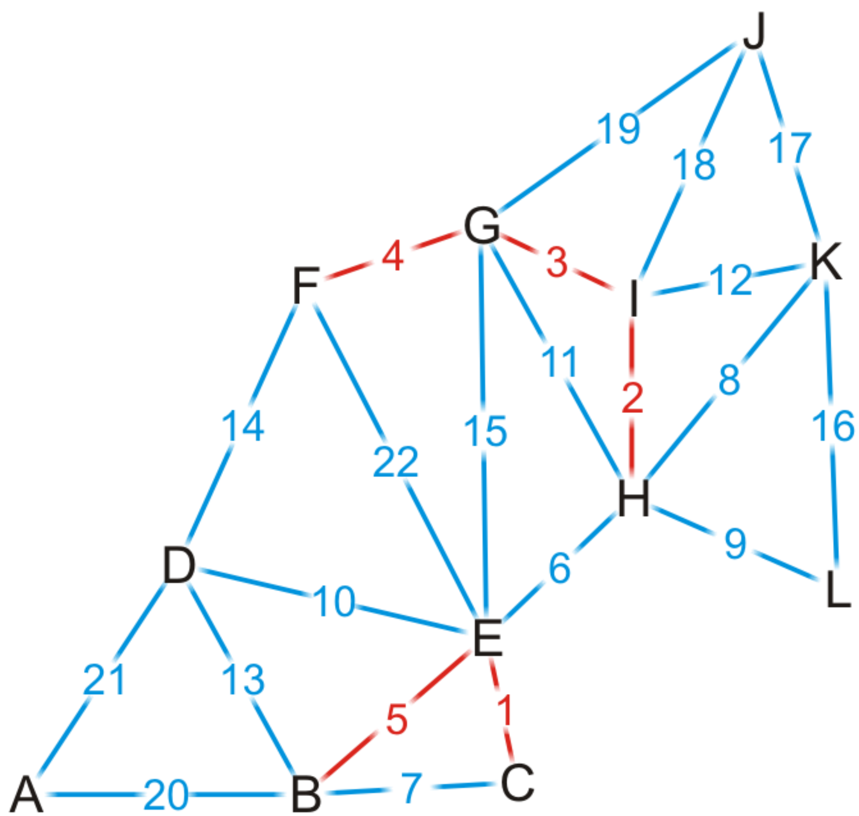
Example

We add edge {B, E}



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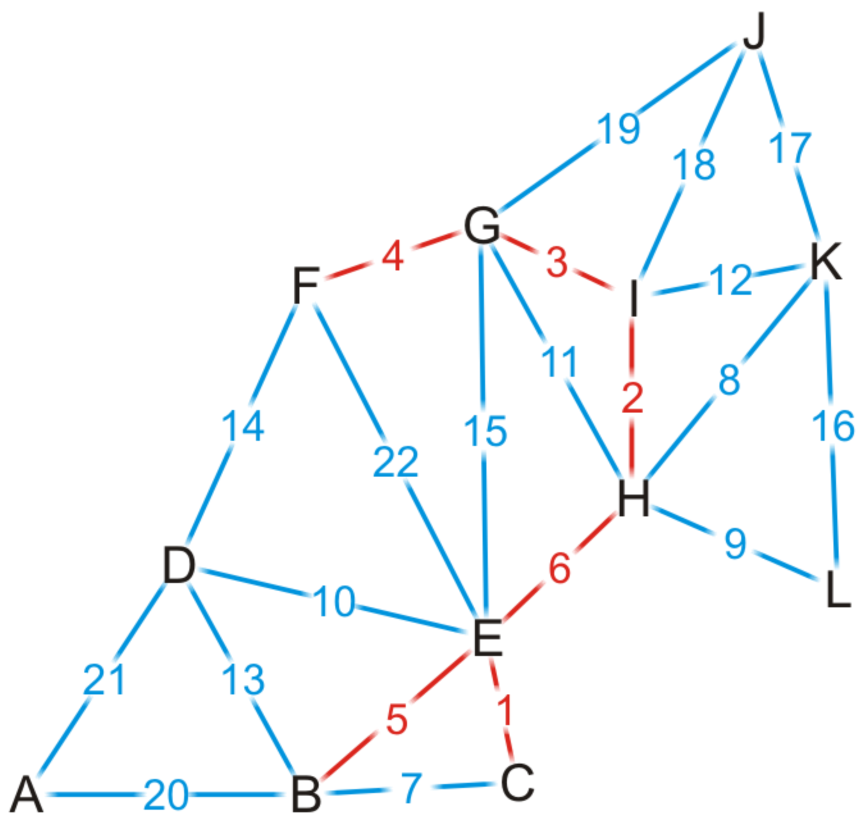
Example

We add edge {E, H}

- This coalesces the two spanning sub-trees into one



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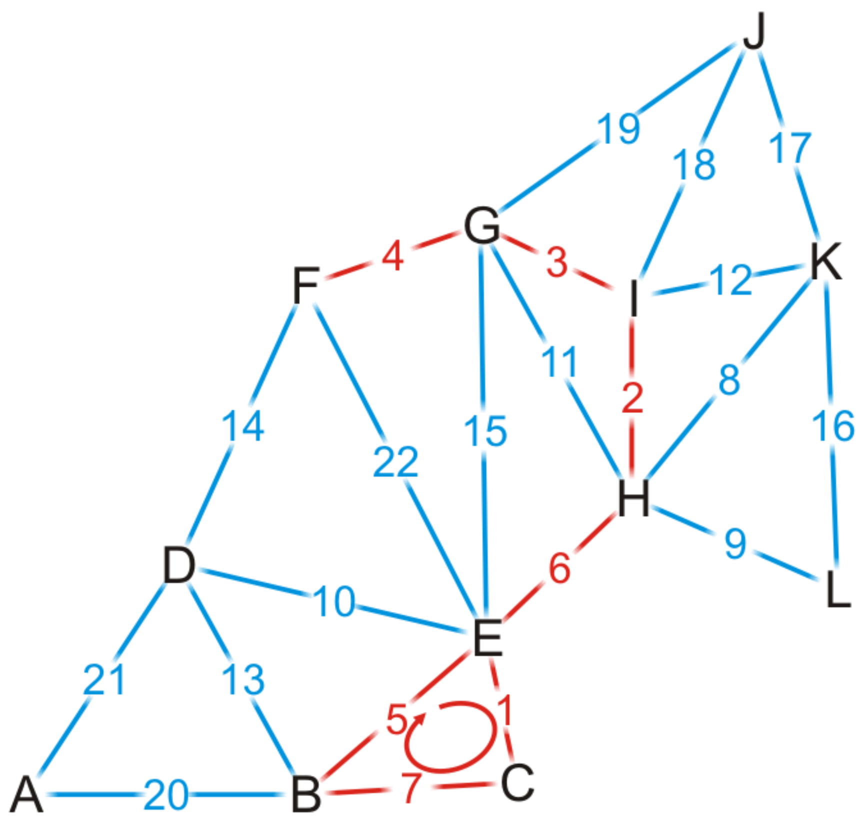
Example

We try adding {B, C}, but it creates a cycle



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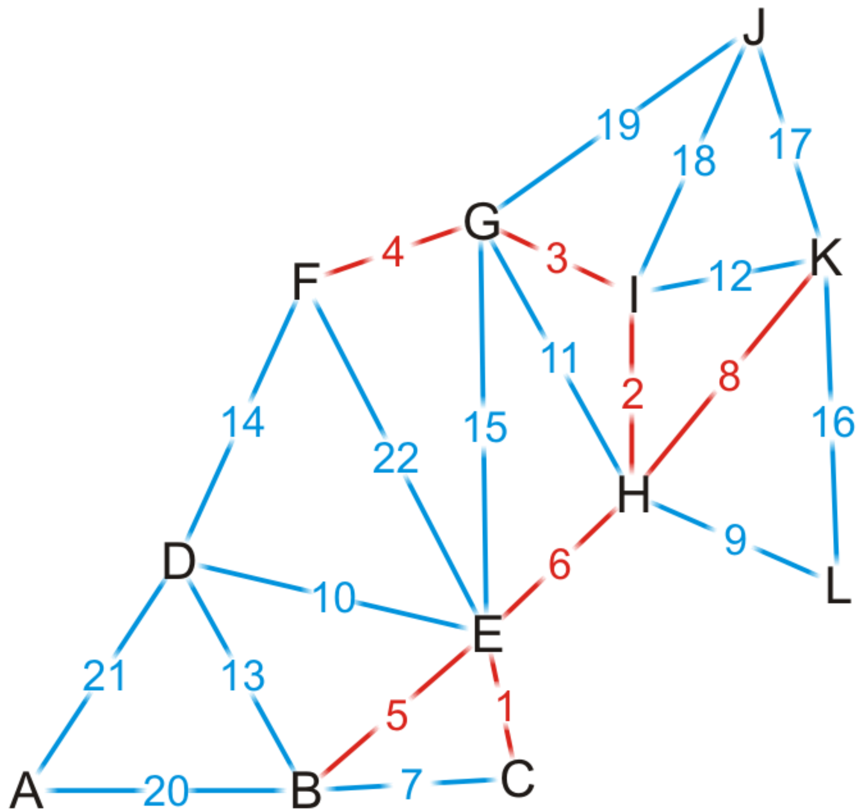
Example

We add edge {H, K}



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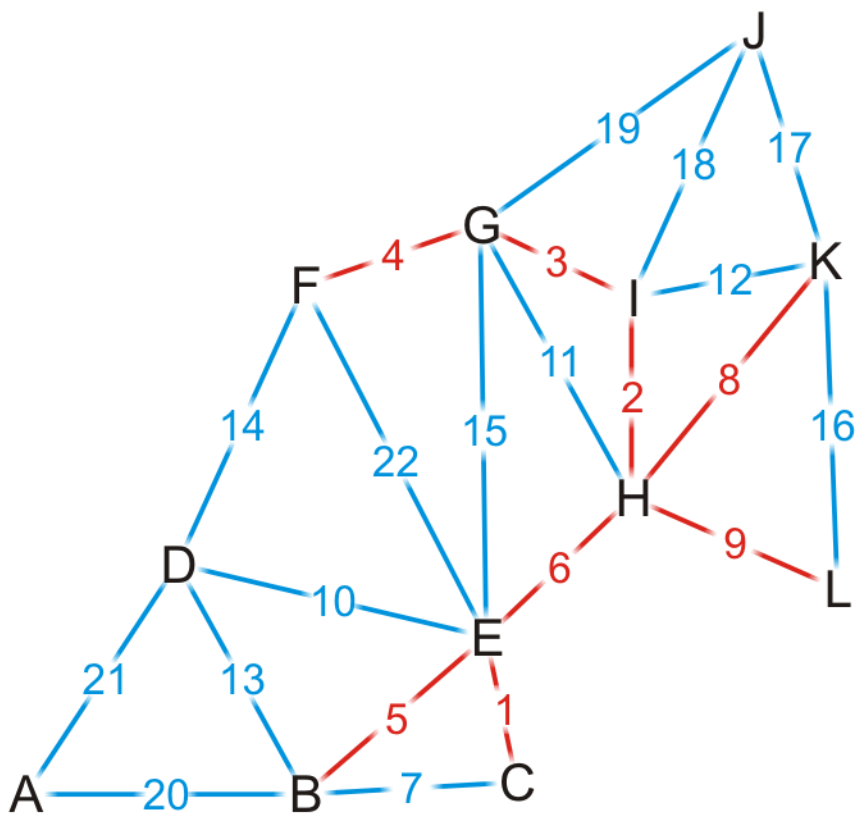
Example

We add edge {H, L}



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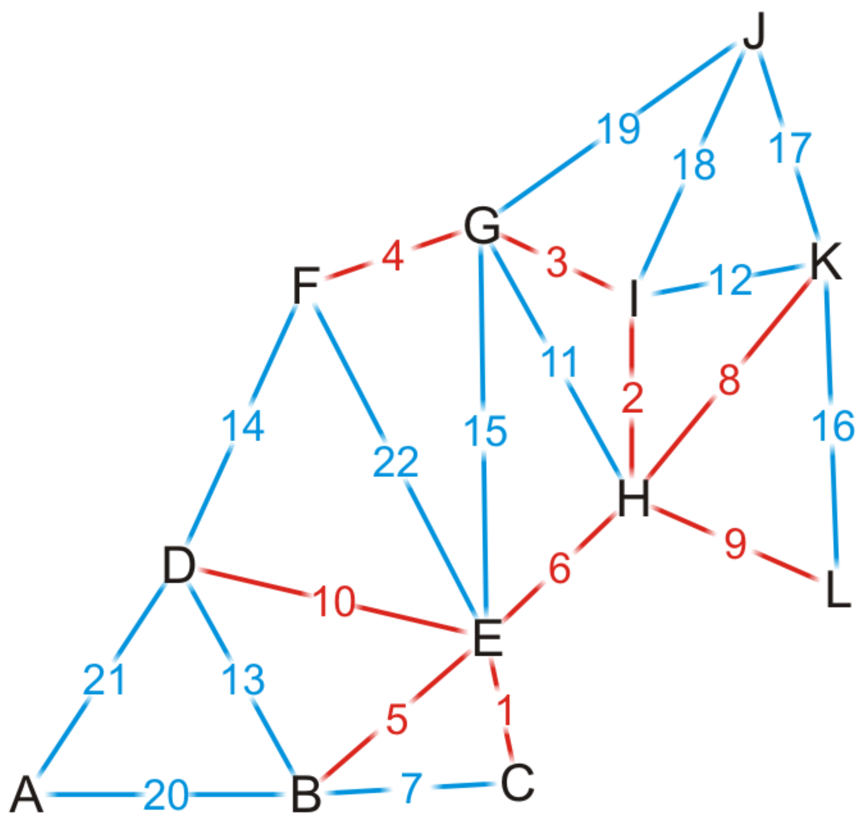
Example

We add edge {D, E}



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Example

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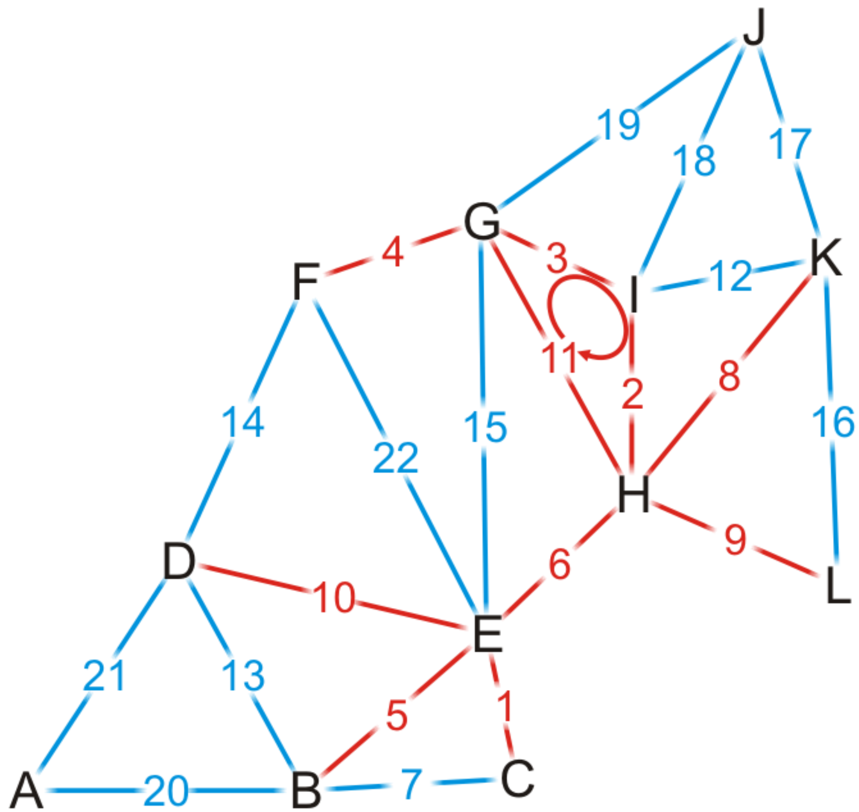

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Example

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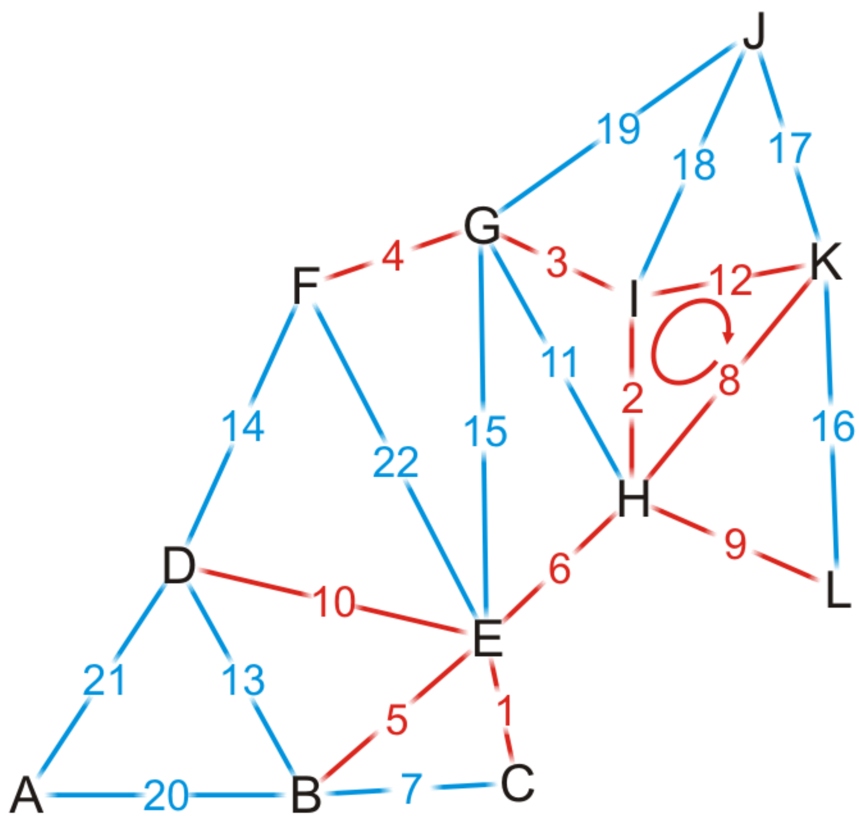

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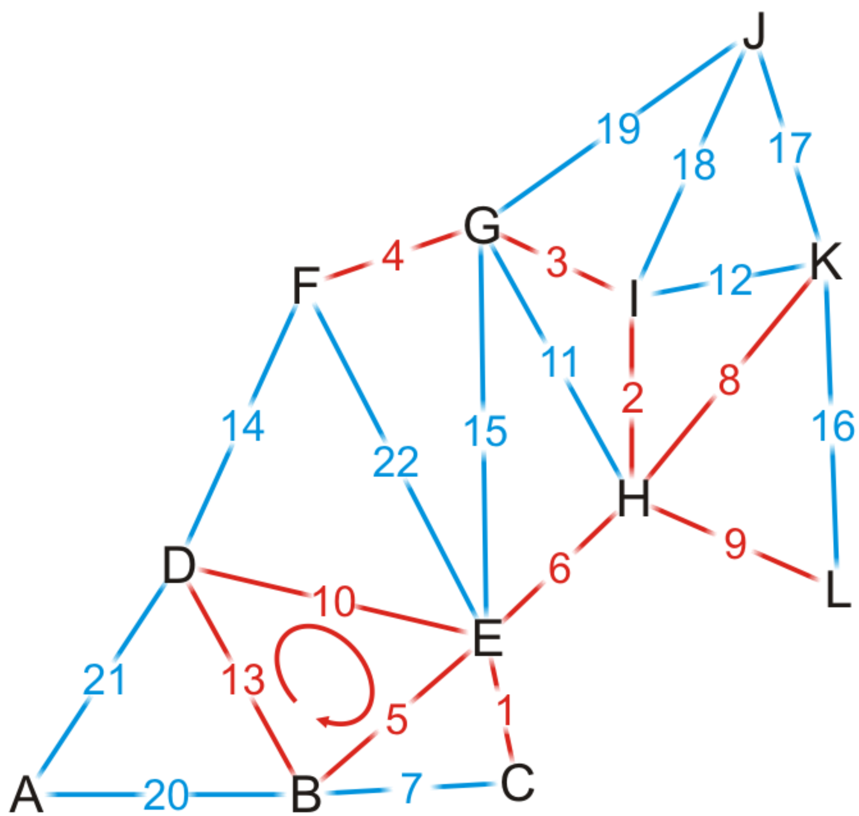

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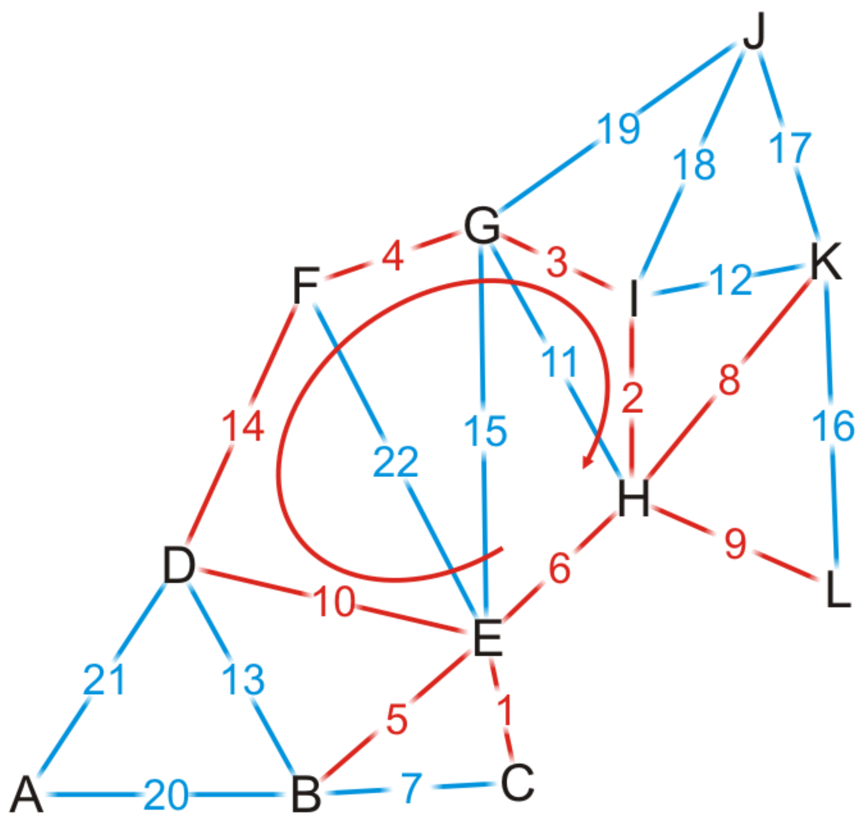

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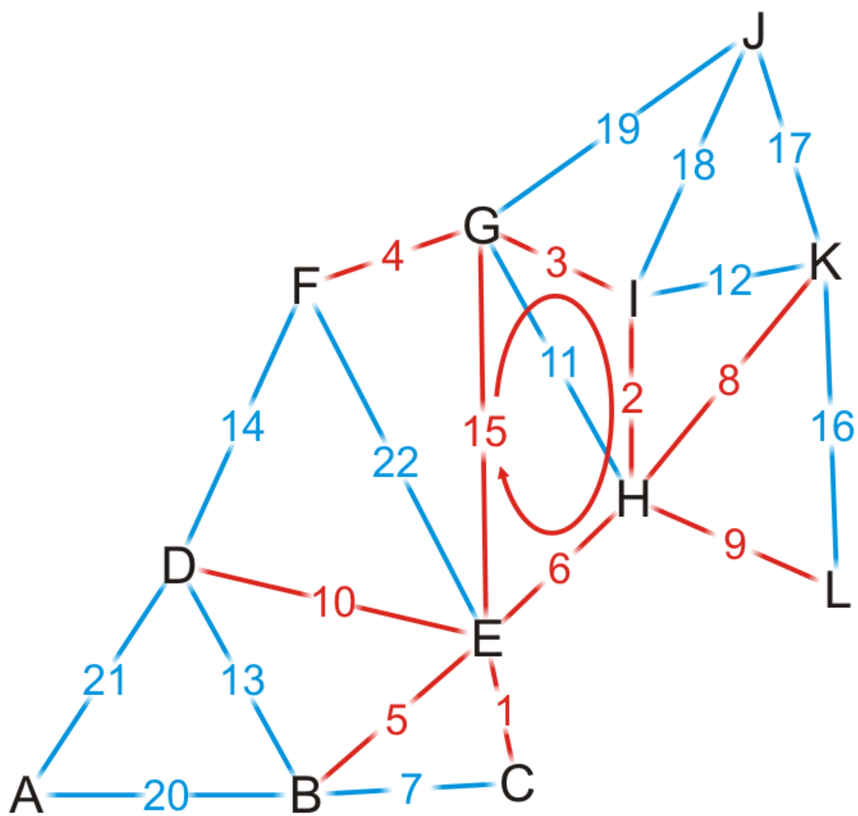

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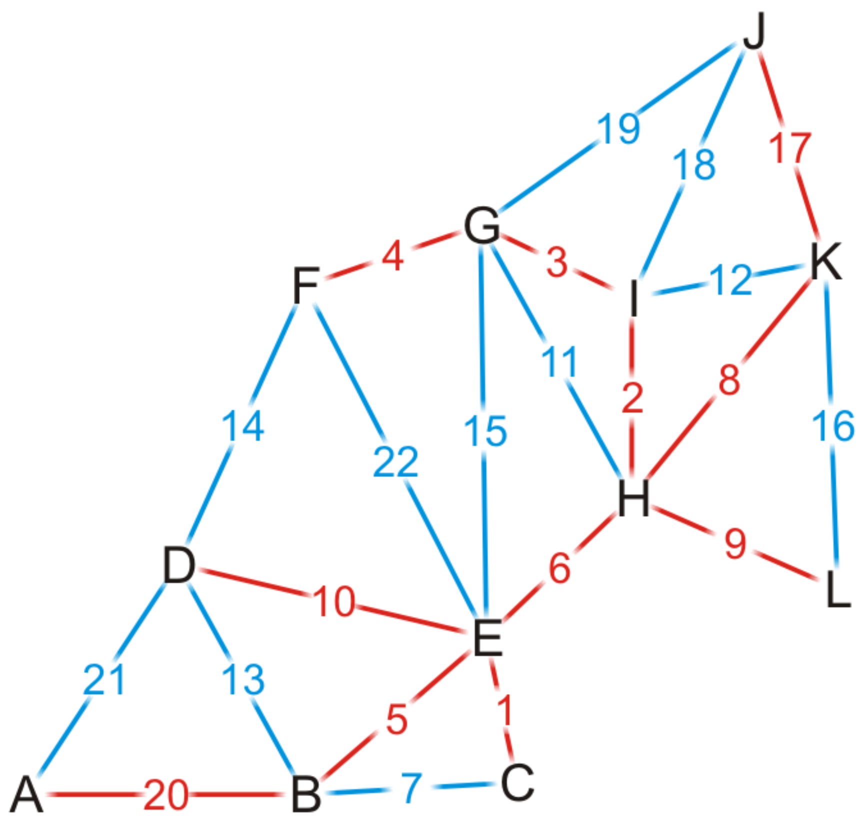
Example

By observation, we can still add edges {J, K} and {A, B}



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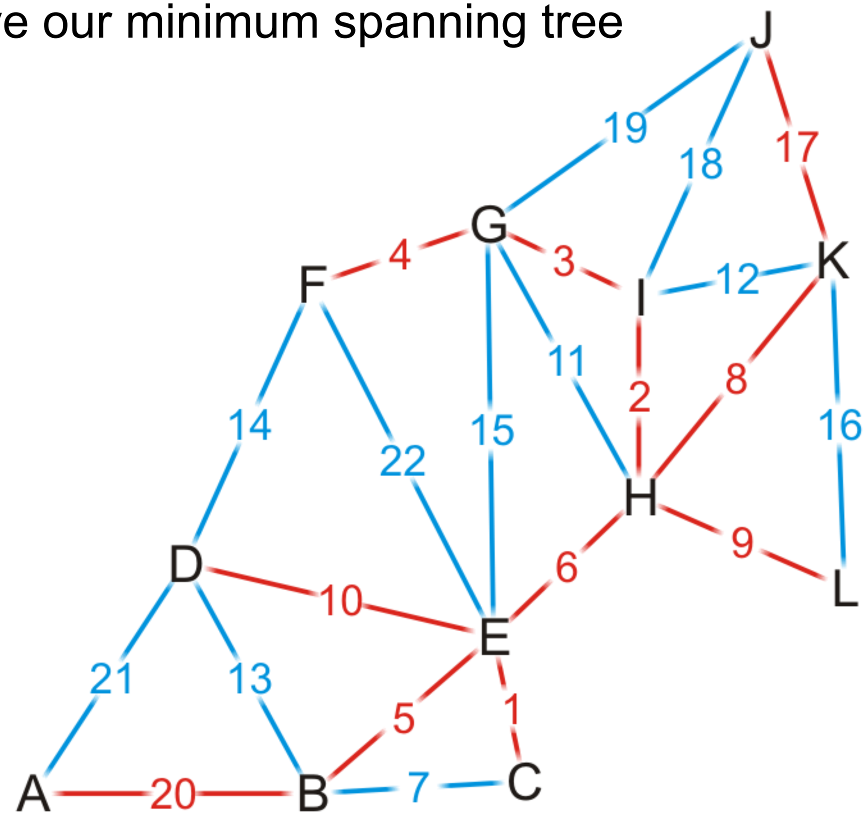
Example

Having added {A, B}, we now have 11 edges

- We terminate the loop
- We have our minimum spanning tree



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Analysis

Implementation

- We would store the edges and their weights in an array
- We would sort the edges using either quicksort or some distribution sort
- To determine if a cycle is created, we could perform a traversal
  - A run-time of $O(|V|)$
- Consequently, the run-time would be $O(|E| \ln(|E|) + |E|\cdot|V|)$
- However, $|E| = O(|V|^2)$, so $\ln(E) = O(\ln(|V|^2)) = O(2 \ln(|V|)) = O(\ln(|V|))$
- Consequently, the run-time would be $O(|E| \ln(|V|) + |E||V|) = O(|E|\cdot|V|)$

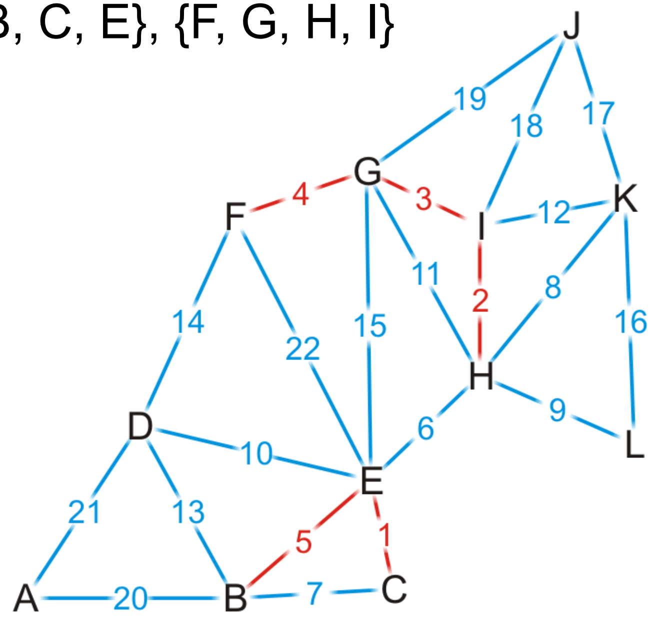
The critical operation is determining if two vertices are connected

Analysis

Instead, we could use disjoint sets

– Consider edges in the same connected sub-graph as forming a set

{B, C, E}, {F, G, H, I}



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- Consider edges in the same connected sub-graph as forming a set
- If the vertices of the next edge are in different sets, take the union of the two sets

Add edge (E, H)?

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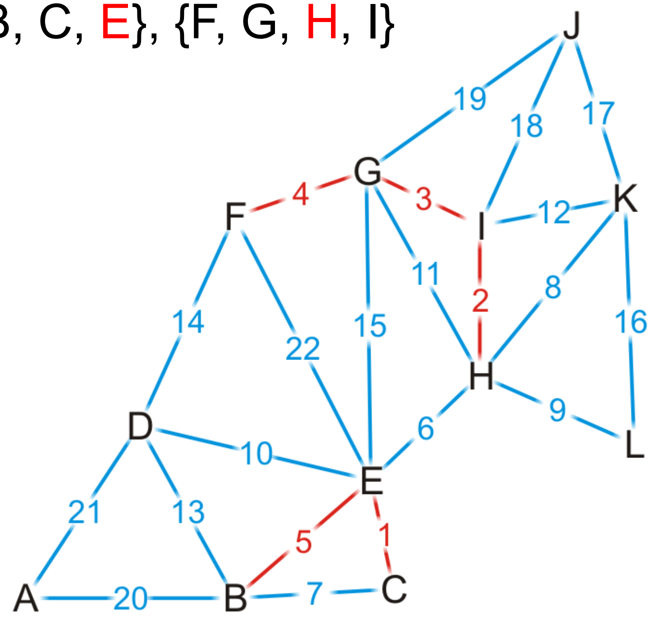

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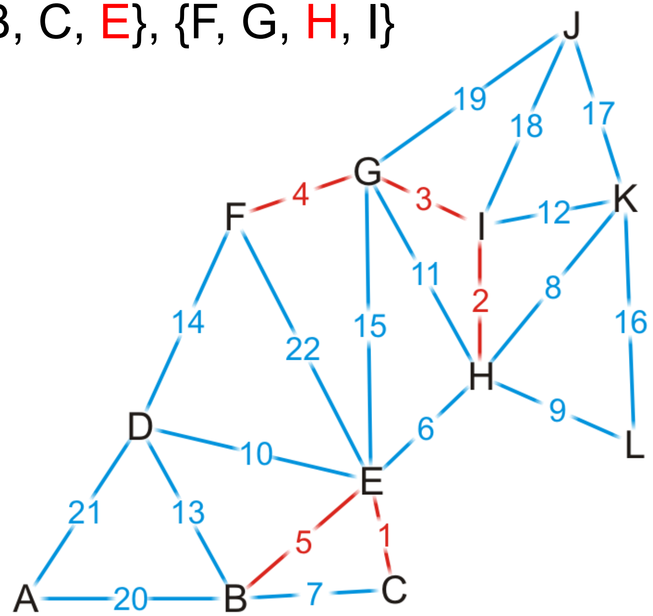

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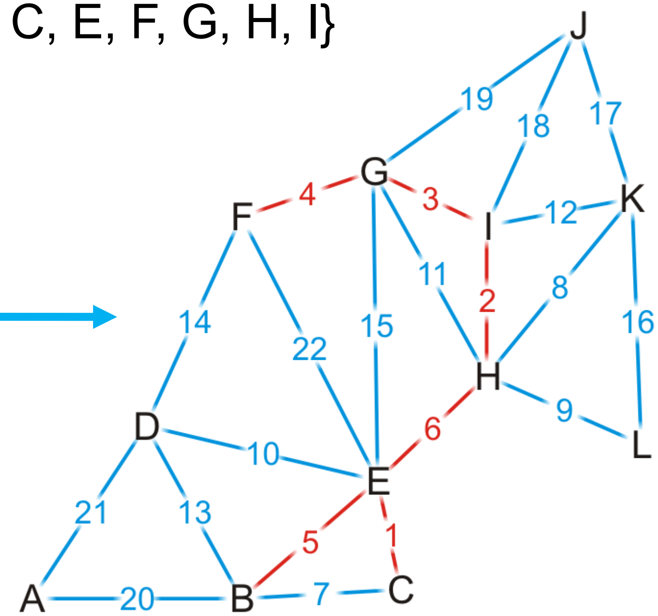

Analysis

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- Consider edges in the same connected sub-graph as forming a set
- If the vertices of the next edge are in different sets, take the union of the two sets
- Do not add an edge if both vertices are in the same set

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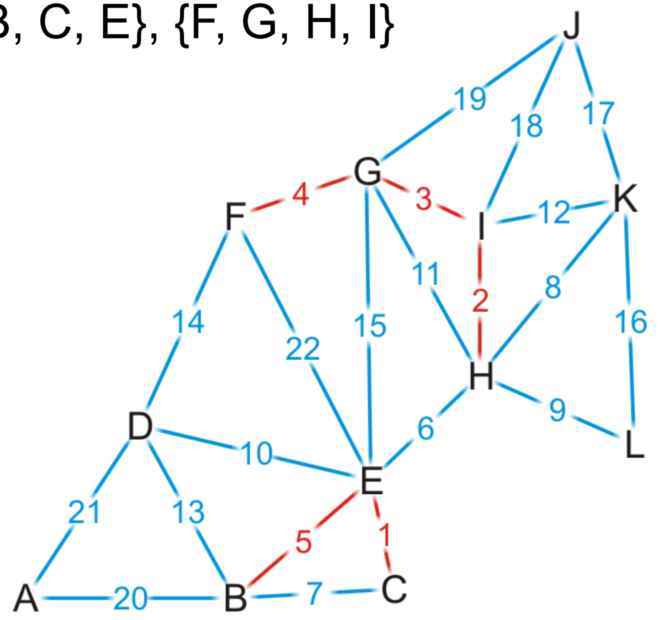

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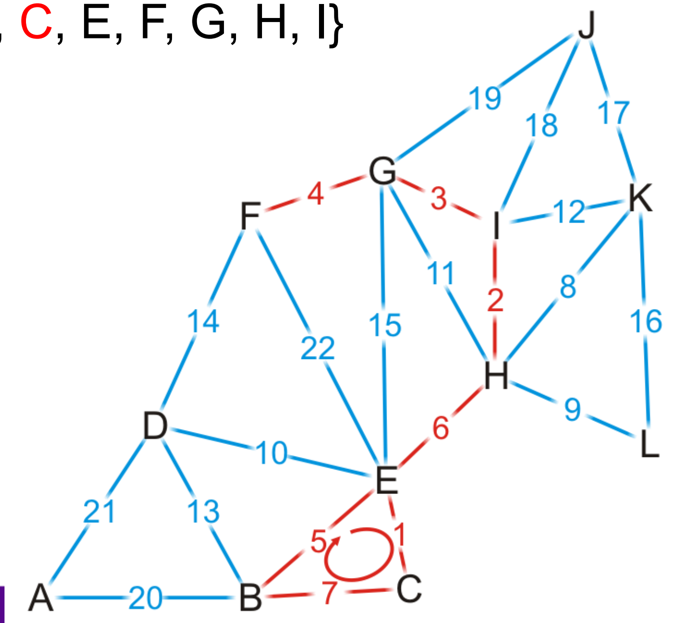


Analysis

The disjoint set data structure has the following average run-times:

- Checking if two vertices are in the same set is $\Theta(\alpha(|V|))$
- Taking the union of two disjoint sets is $\Theta(\alpha(|V|))$
- For all possible sizes of $|V|$, $\alpha(|V|) = \Theta(1)$

Analysis

Thus, checking and building the minimum spanning tree is now $\mathrm{O}(|E|)$

The dominant time is now the time required to sort the edges:

- Using quicksort, the run-time is $\mathrm{O}(|E| \ln(|E|)) = \mathrm{O}(|E| \ln(|V|))$
- If there is an efficient $\Theta(|E|)$ sorting algorithm, the run-time is then $\Theta(|E|)$

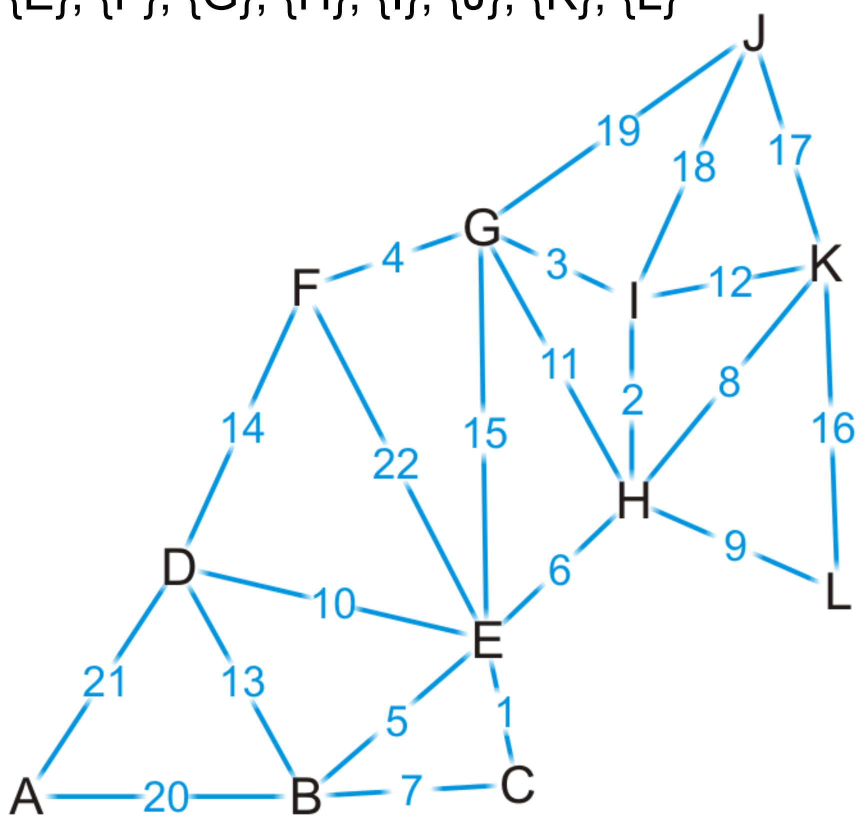
Example

Going through the example again with disjoint sets

Example

We start with twelve singletons

{A}, {B}, {C}, {D}, {E}, {F}, {G}, {H}, {I}, {J}, {K}, {L}



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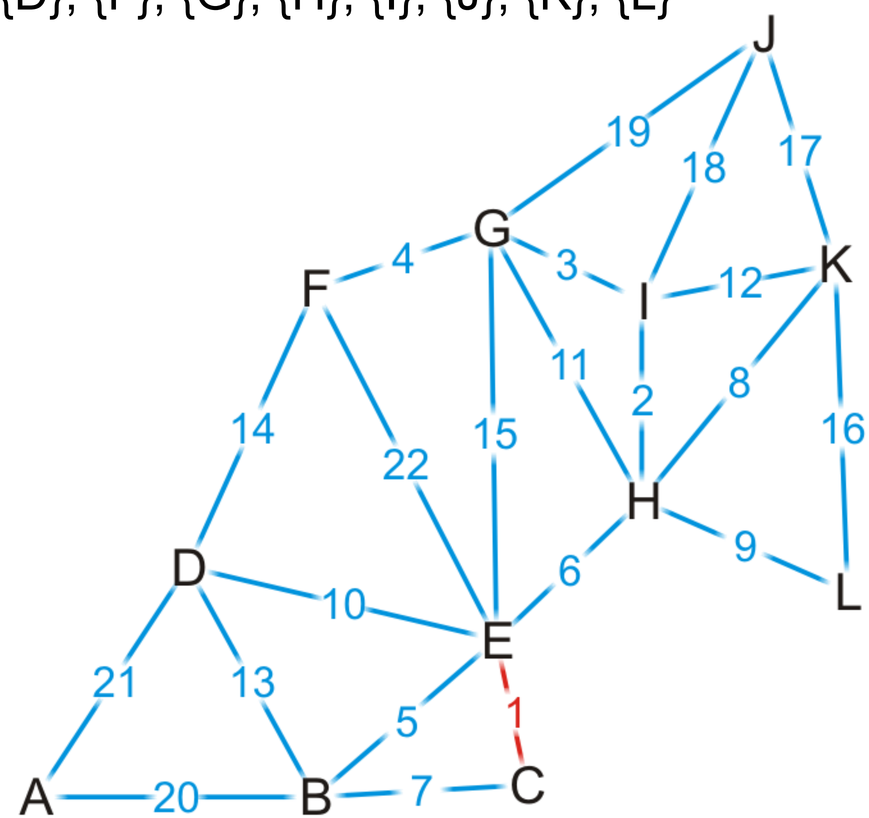
Example

We start by adding edge {C, E}

{A}, {B}, {C, E}, {D}, {F}, {G}, {H}, {I}, {J}, {K}, {L}



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Example

We add edge {H, I}

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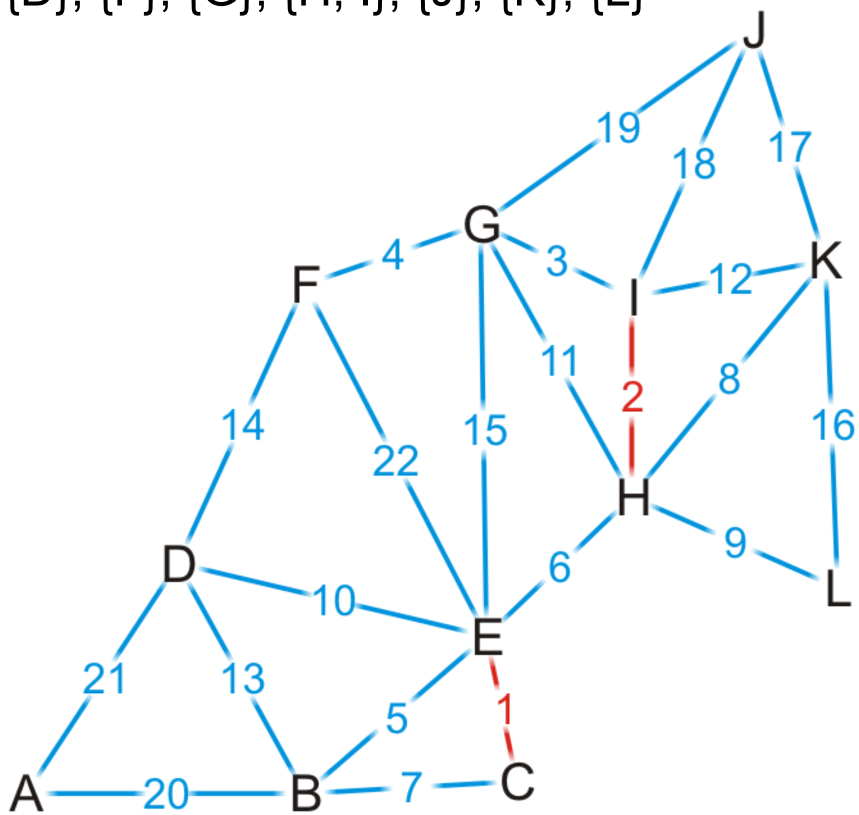

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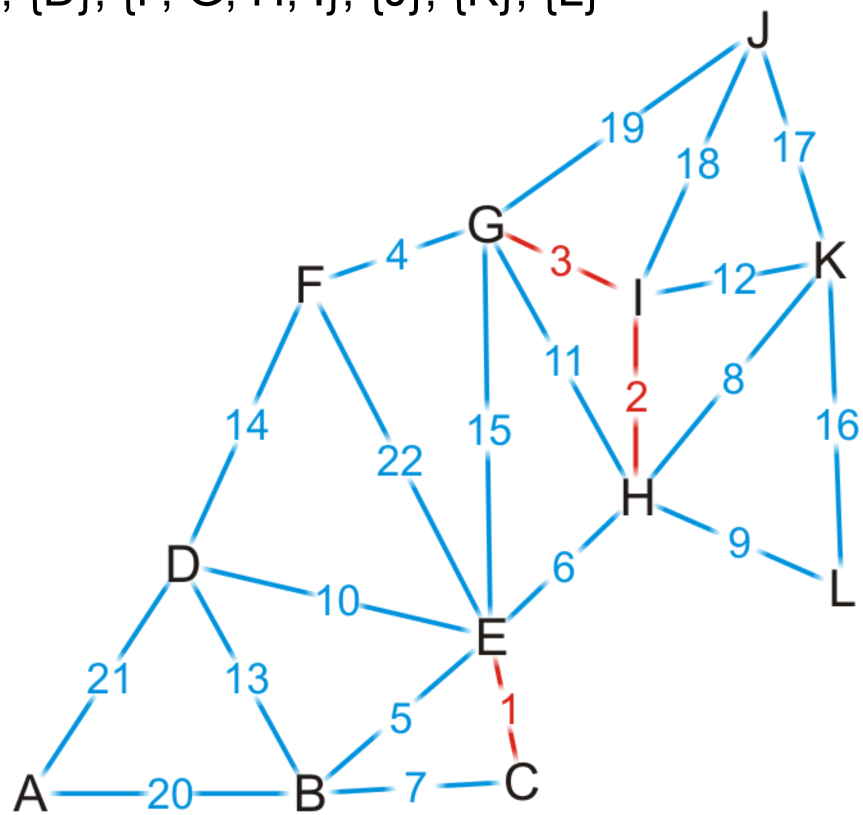
{E, F}

Example

Similarly, we add {G, I}, {F, G}, {B, E}

{A}, {B, C, E}, {D}, {F, G, H, I}, {J}, {K}, {L}

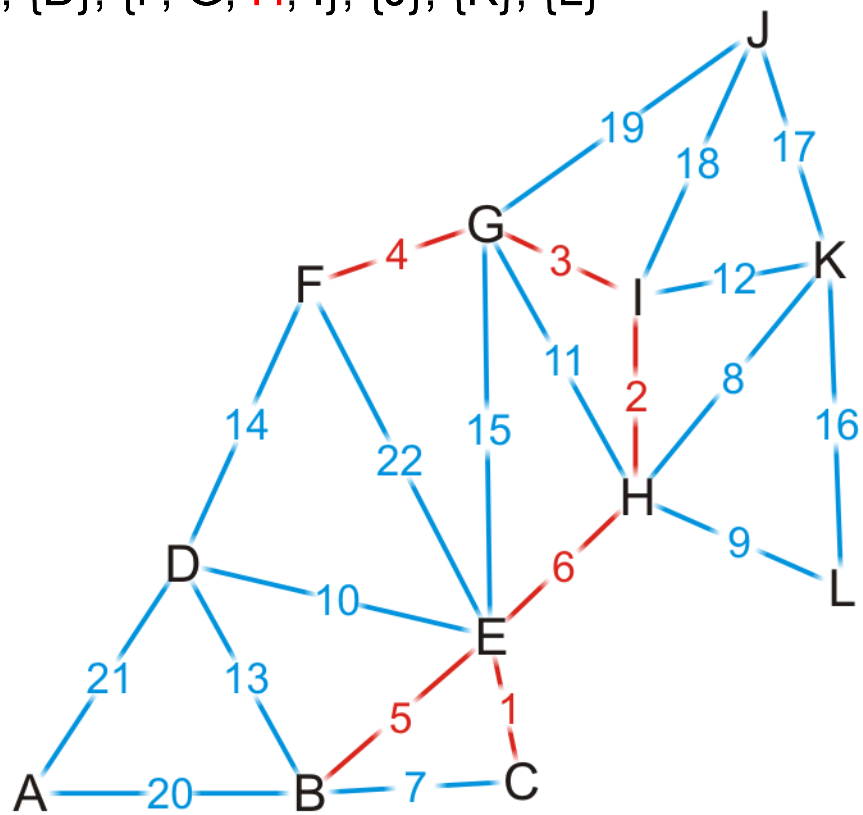


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

The vertices of {E, H} are in different sets

{A}, {B, C, E}, {D}, {F, G, H, I}, {J}, {K}, {L}

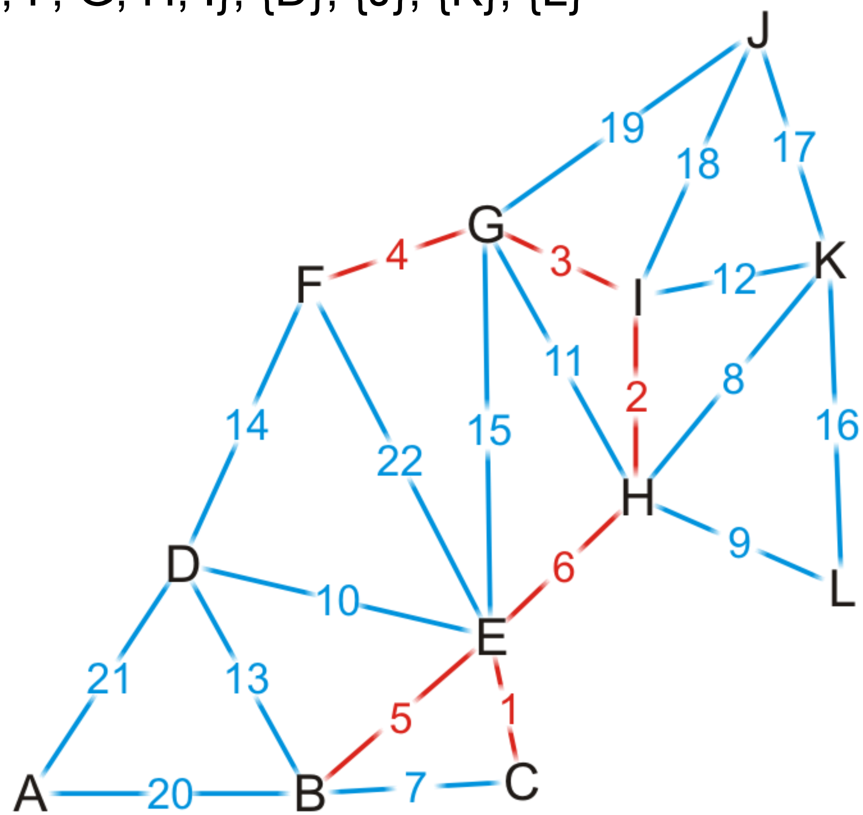


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
→ {E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

Adding edge {E, H} creates a larger union

{A}, {B, C, E, F, G, H, I}, {D}, {J}, {K}, {L}

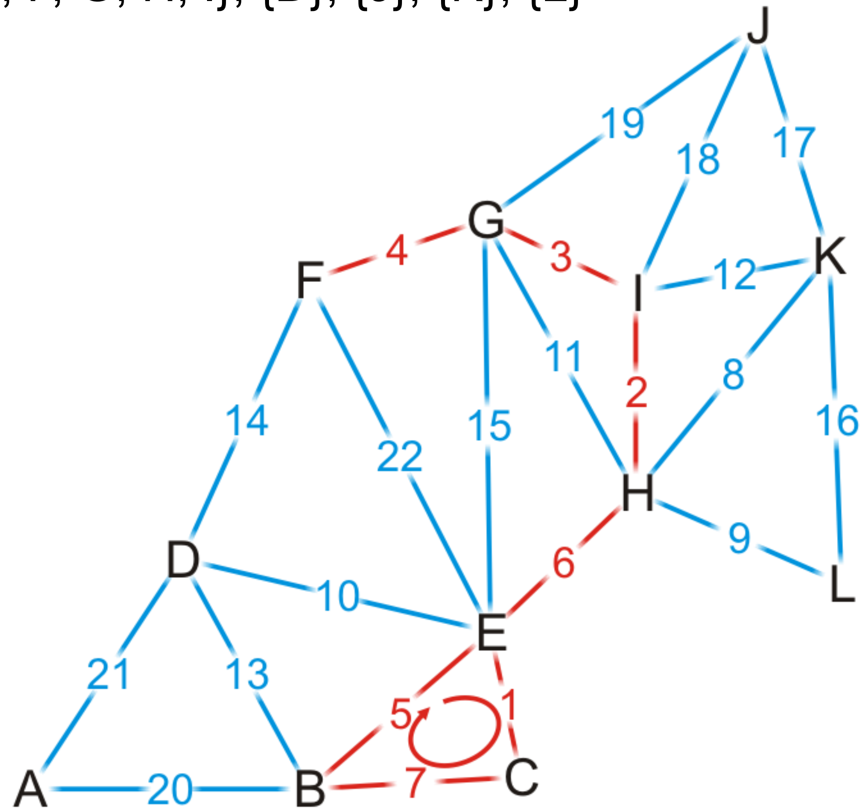


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

We try adding {B, C}, but it creates a cycle

{A}, {B, C, E, F, G, H, I}, {D}, {J}, {K}, {L}

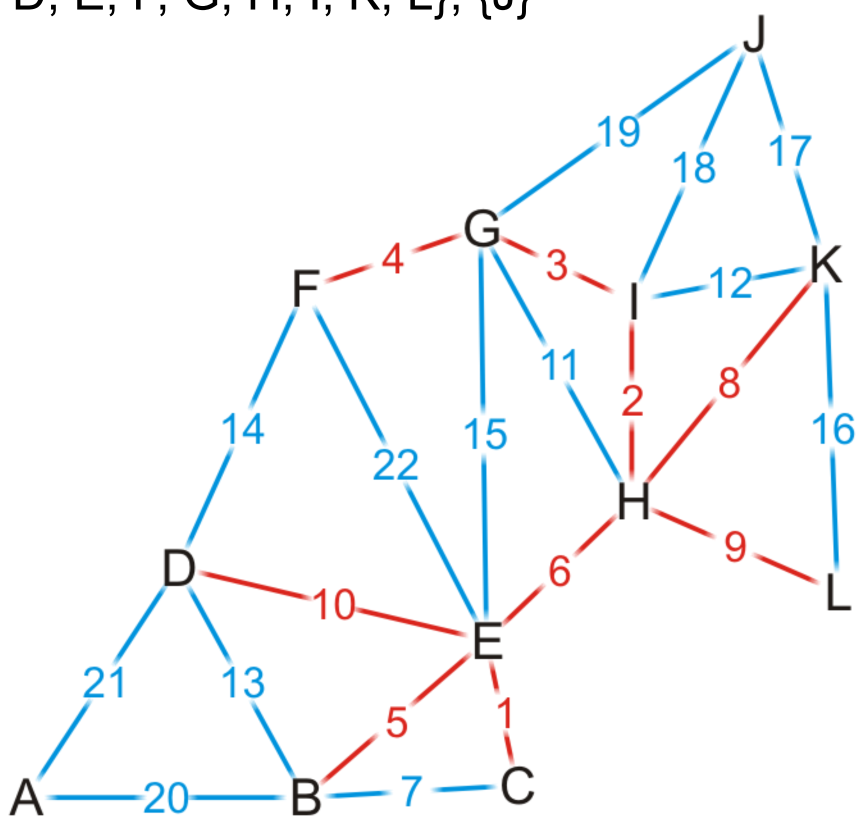


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

We add edge {H, K}, {H, L} and {D, E}

{A}, {B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L}, {J}

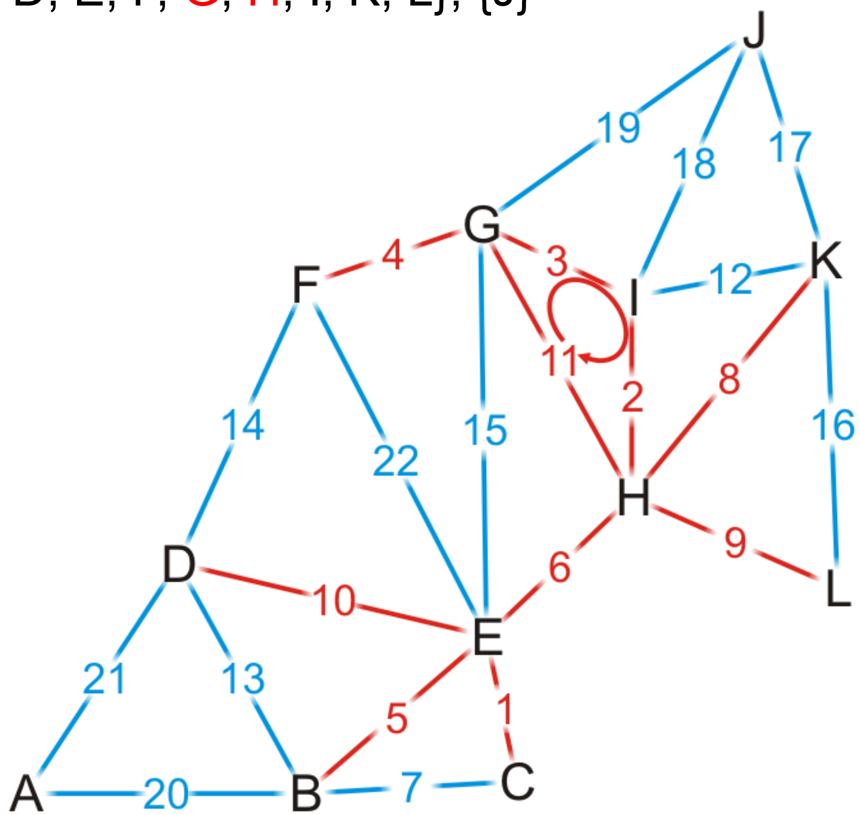


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

Both G and H are in the same set

{A}, {B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L}, {J}

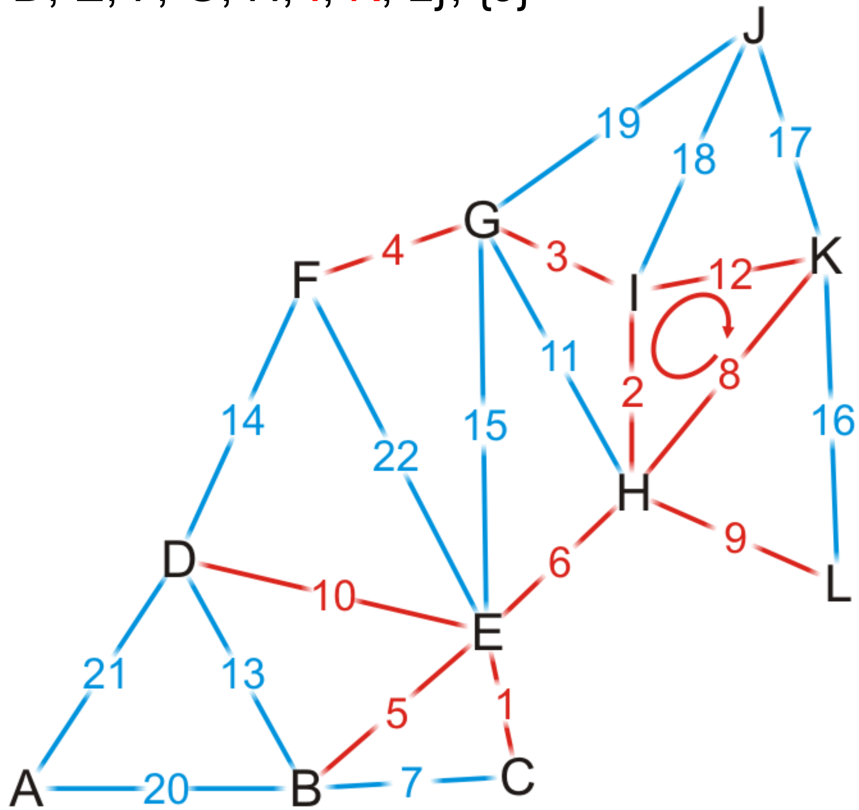


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

Both {I, K} are in the same set

{A}, {B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L}, {J}

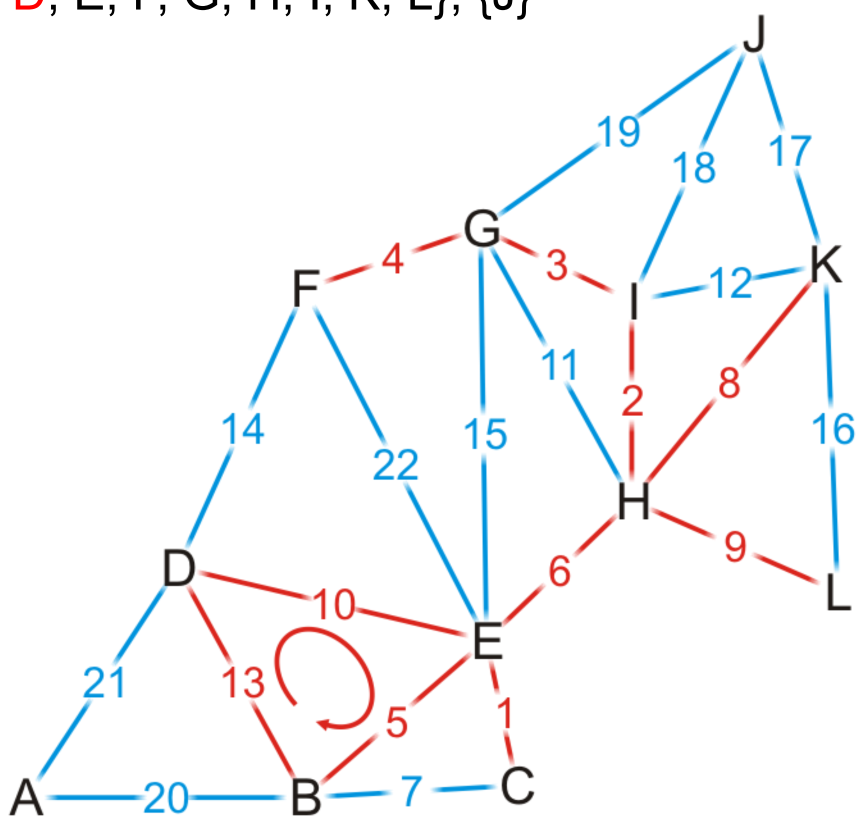


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

Both {B, D} are in the same set

{A}, {B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L}, {J}

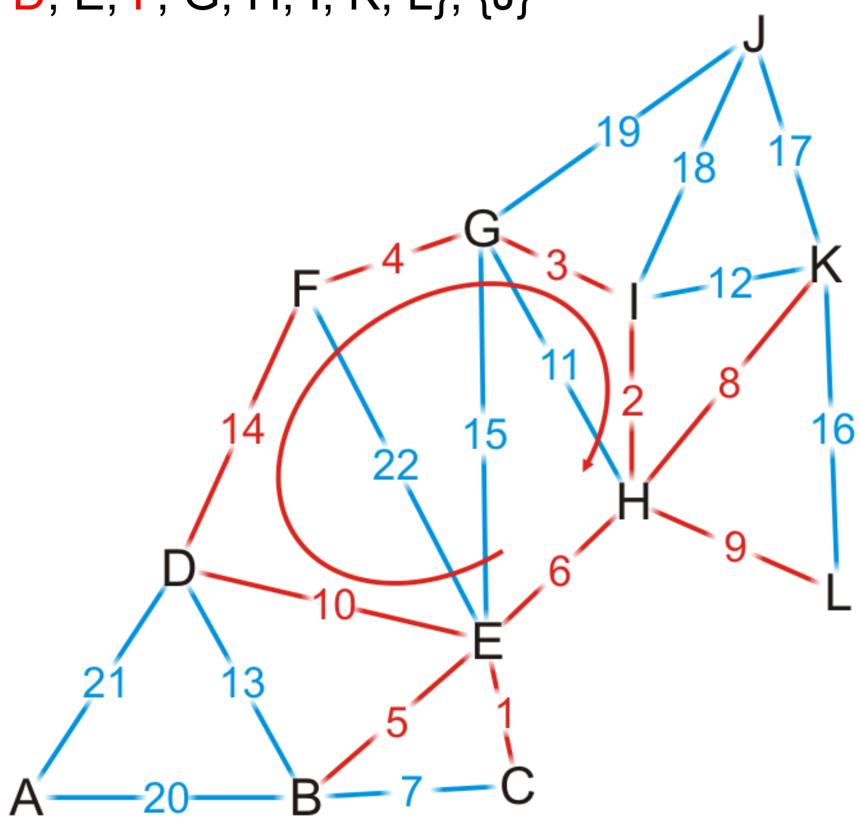


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

Both {D, F} are in the same set

{A}, {B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L}, {J}

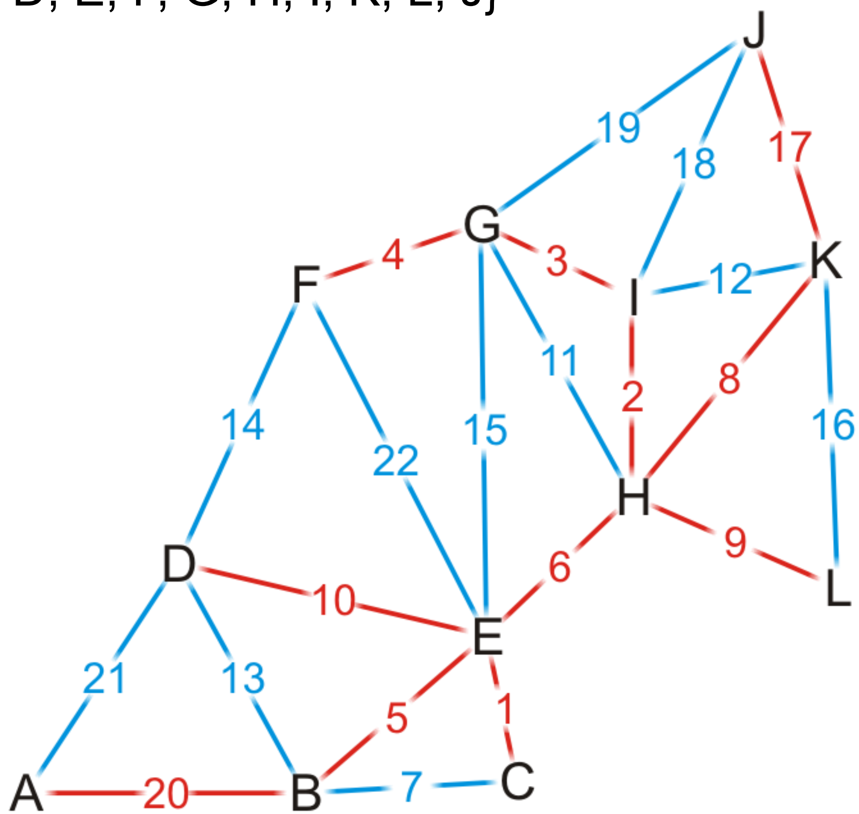


{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Example

We end when there is only one set, having added (A, B)

{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, J}



{C, E}
{H, I}
{G, I}
{F, G}
{B, E}
{E, H}
{B, C}
{H, K}
{H, L}
{D, E}
{G, H}
{I, K}
{B, D}
{D, F}
{E, G}
{K, L}
{J, K}
{J, I}
{J, G}
{A, B}
{A, D}
{E, F}

Summary

This topic has covered Kruskal's algorithm
- Sort the edges by weight
- Create a disjoint set of the vertices
- Begin adding the edges one-by-one checking to ensure no cycles are introduced
- The result is a minimum spanning tree
- The run time is $\mathrm{O}(|E| \ln(|V|)$

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