

CS2040S

# Data Structures and Algorithms

All about minimum spanning trees...  
(Part 2)

# Roadmap

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## Minimum Spanning Trees

- Background
- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Boruvka's Algorithm

## Variations:

- Constant weight edges
- Bounded integer edge weights
- Directed graphs
- Maximum Spanning Tree
- Steiner Tree

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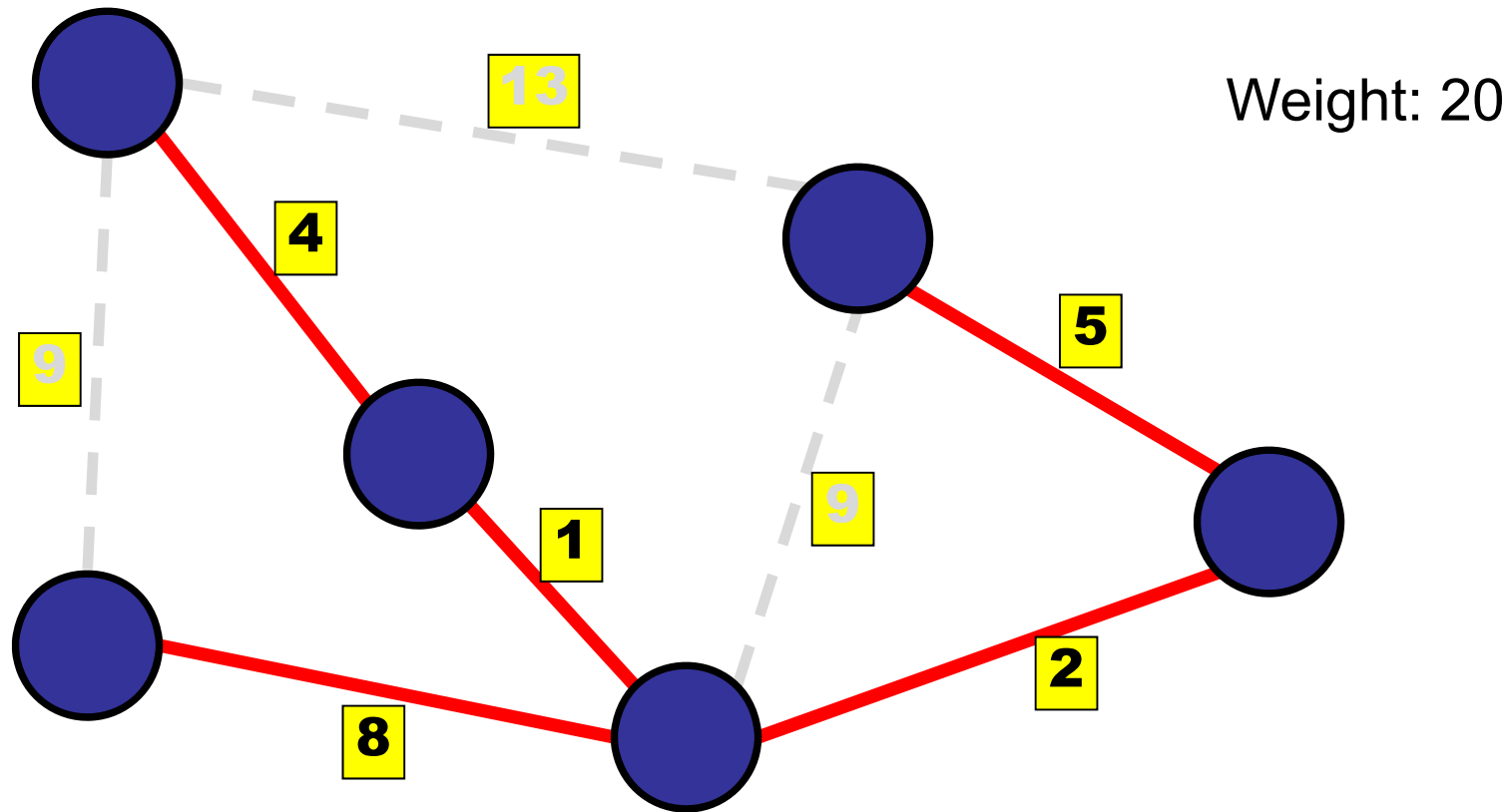
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Definition: a spanning tree with minimum weight



# Property of MST

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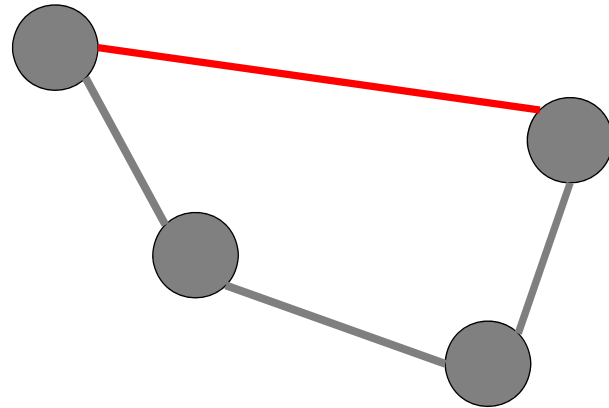
- No cycles in a MST
- If you cut an MST, the two pieces are both MSTs.
- Cycle property
  - For every cycle, the maximum weight edge is not in the MST.
- Cut property
  - For every cut  $D$ , the minimum weight edge that crosses the cut is in the MST.

# Generic MST Algorithm

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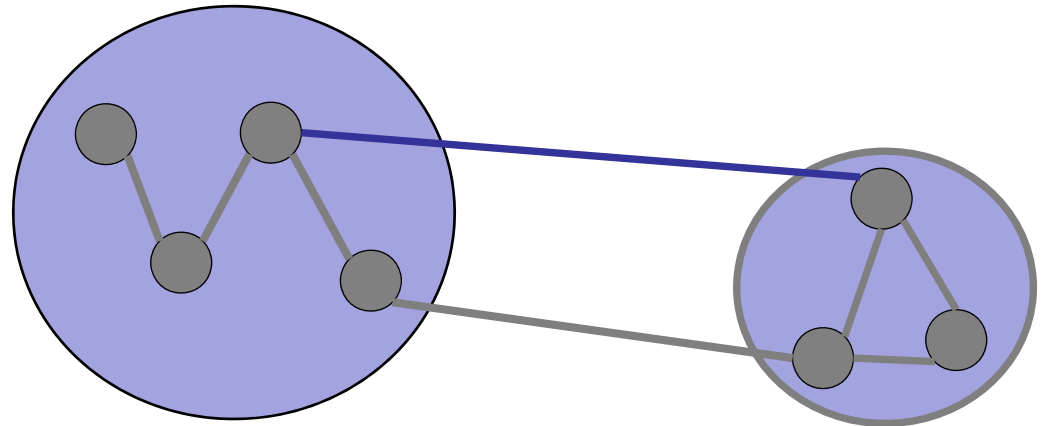
## **Red** rule:

If  $C$  is a cycle with no red arcs, then color the max-weight edge in  $C$  red.



## **Blue** rule:

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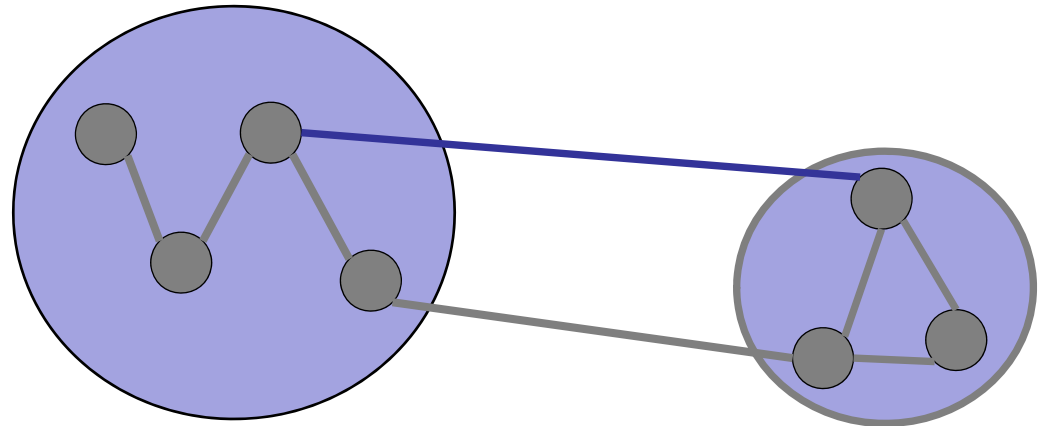
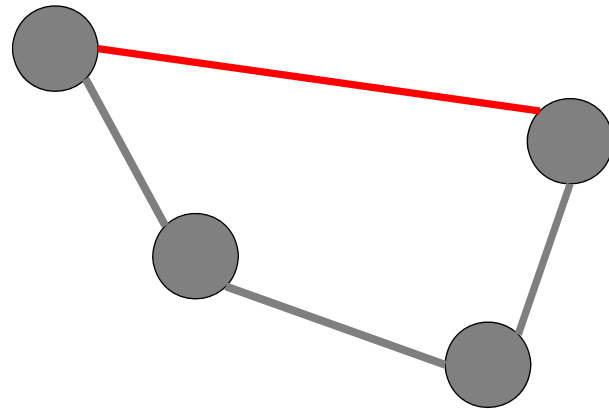
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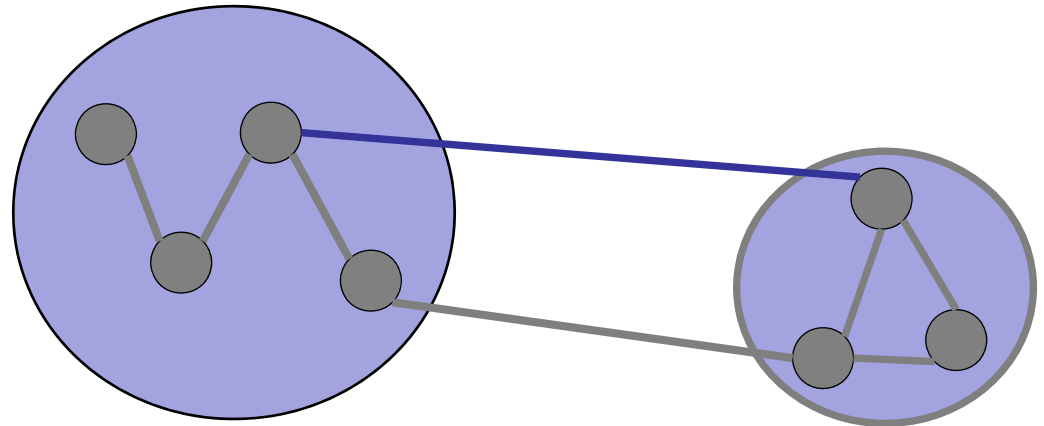
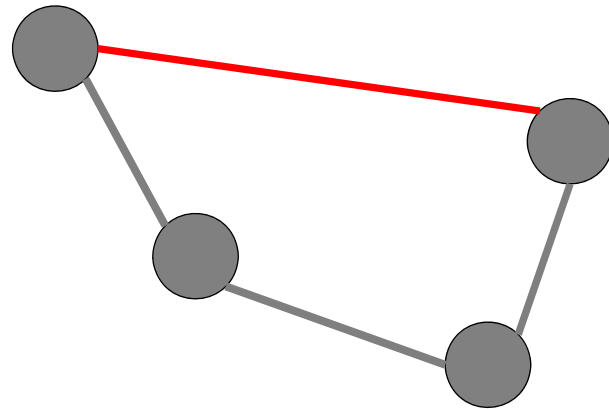
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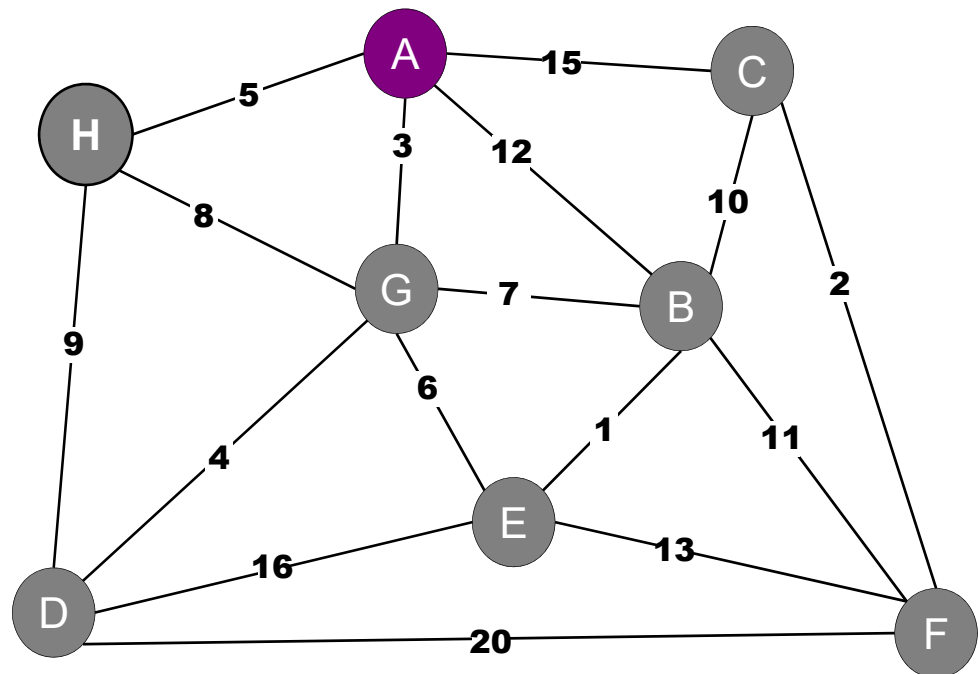
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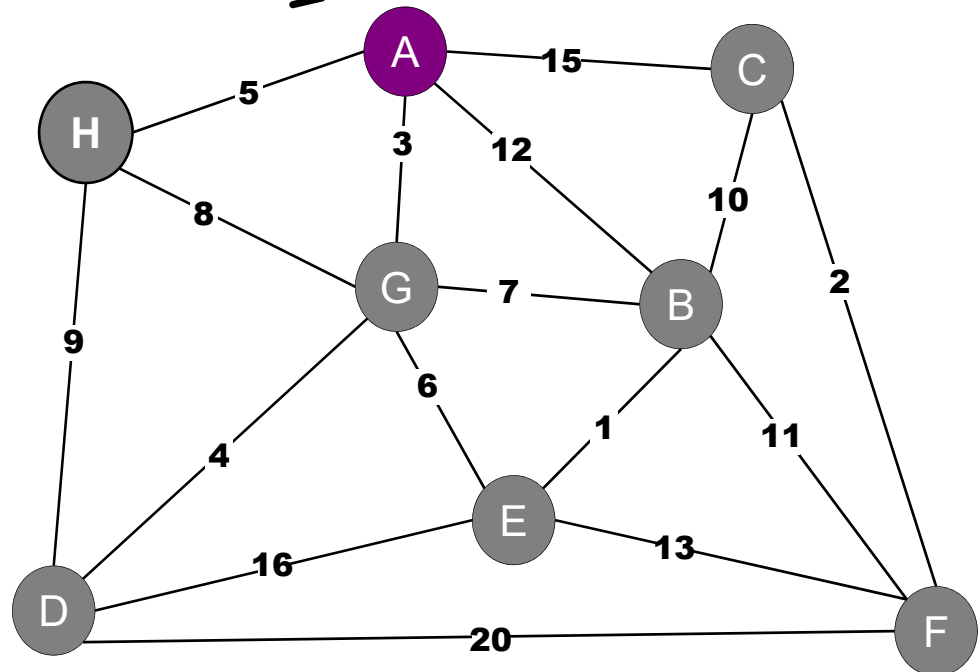
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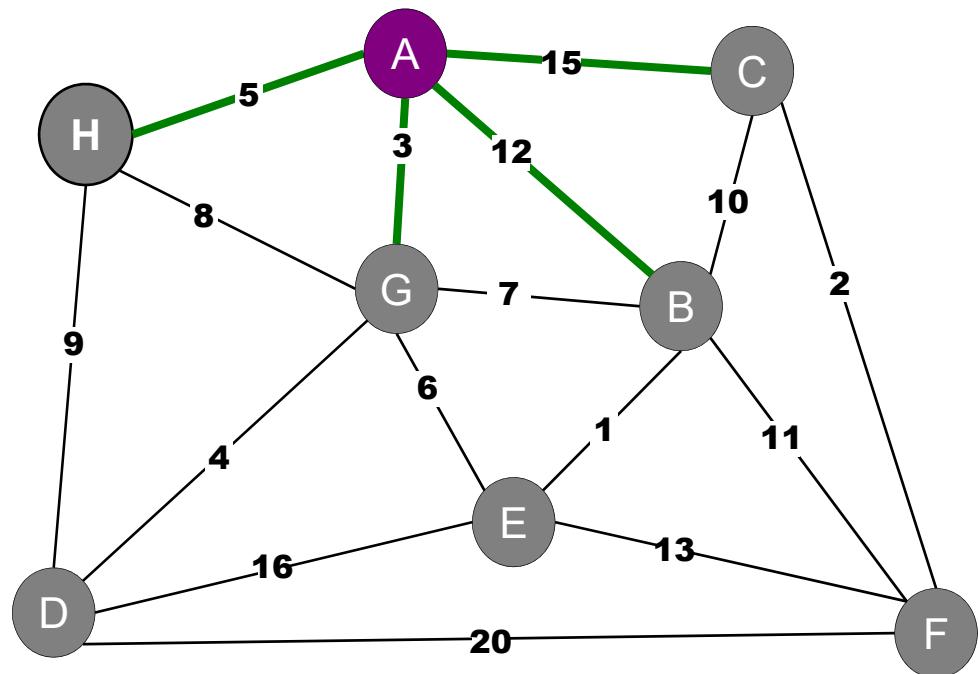
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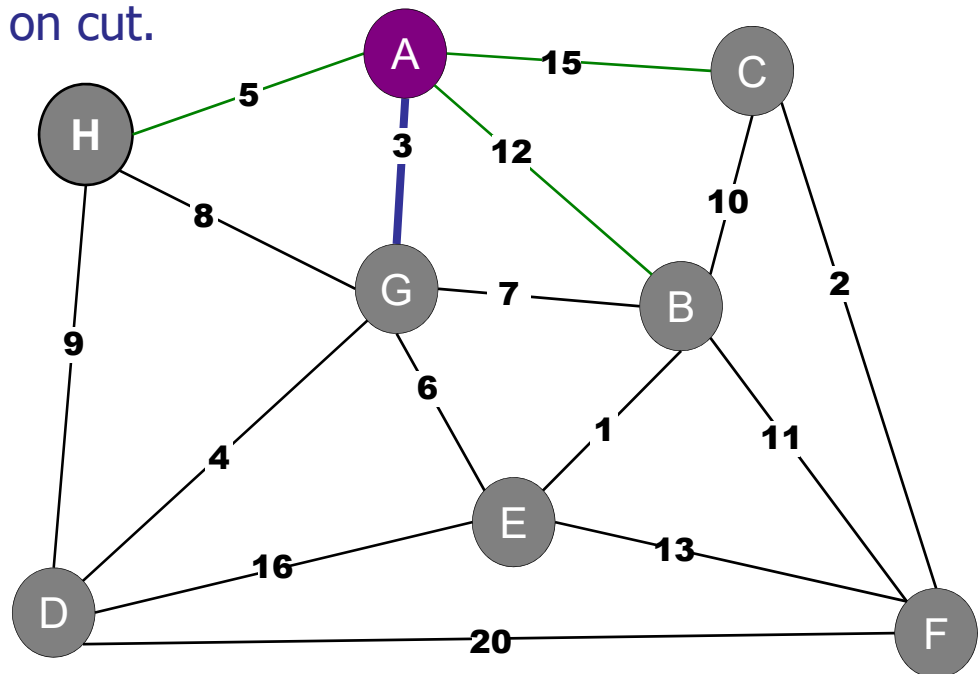
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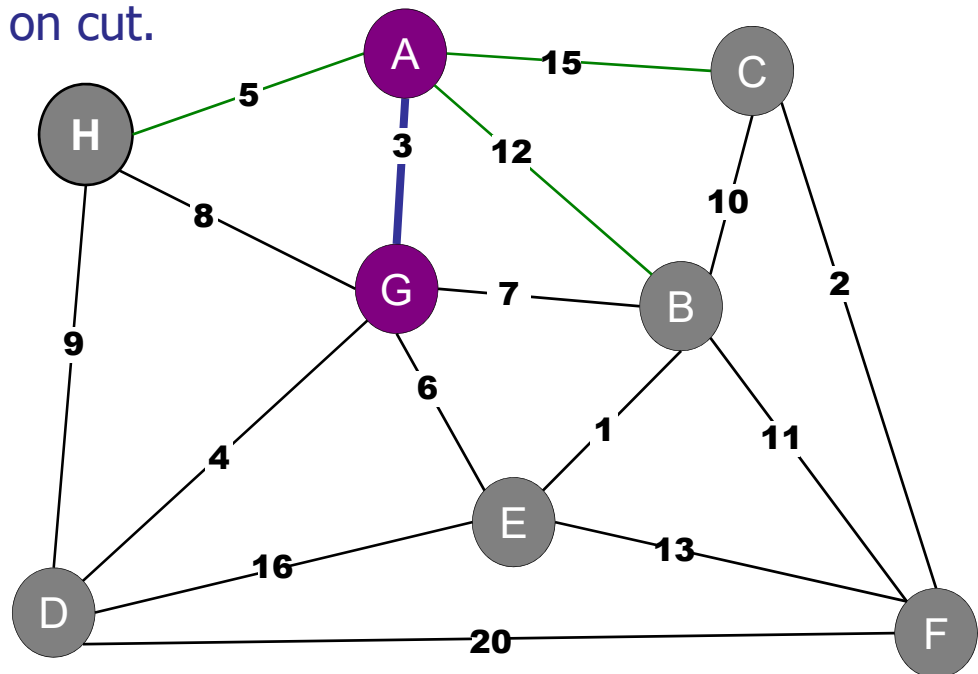
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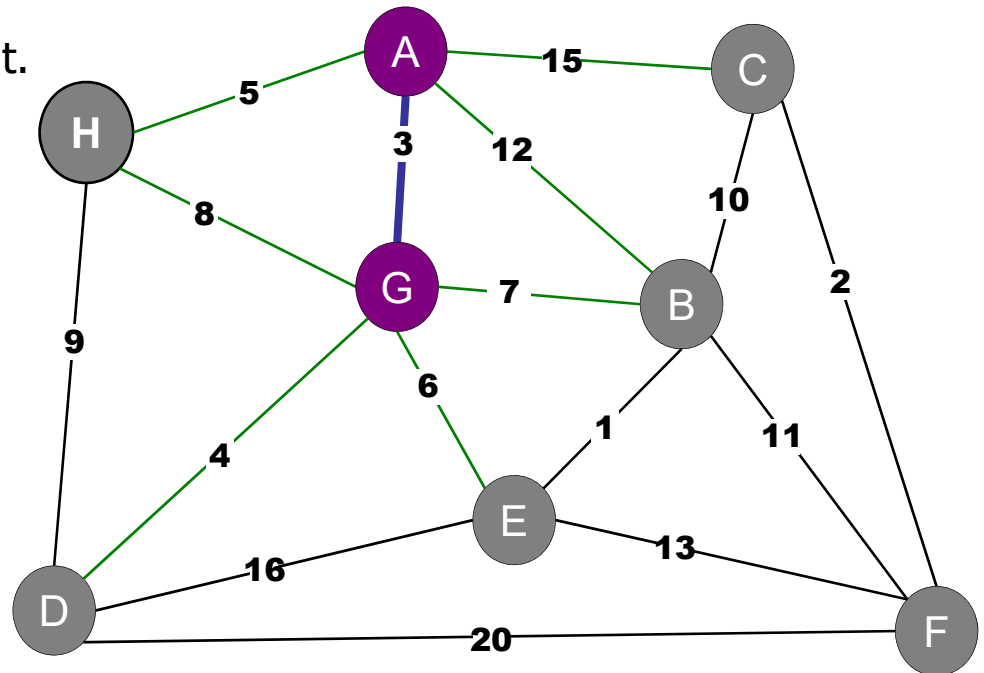
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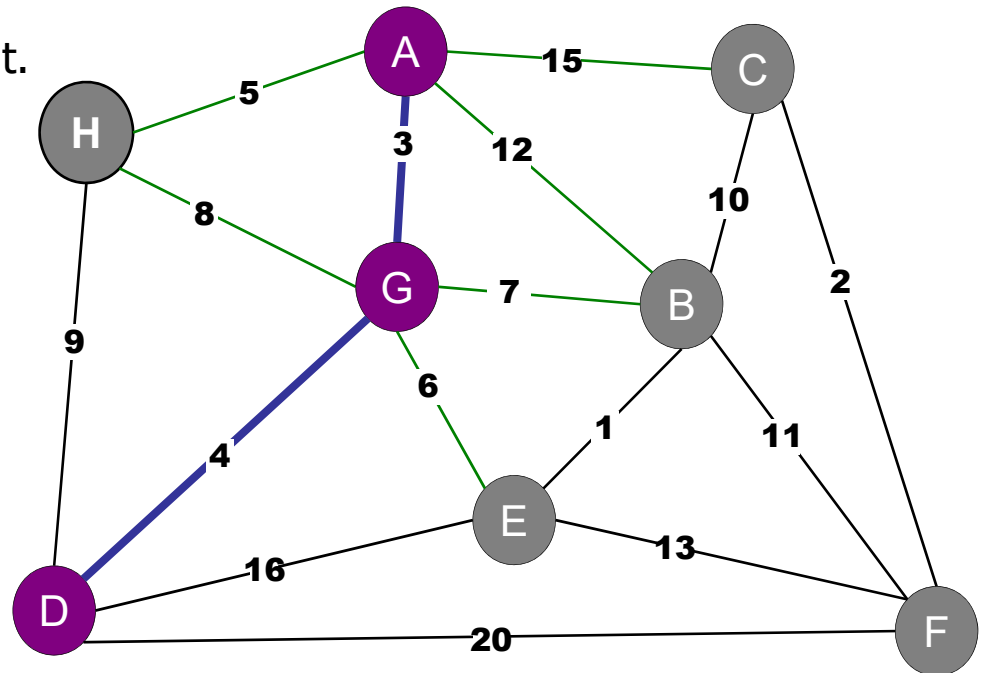
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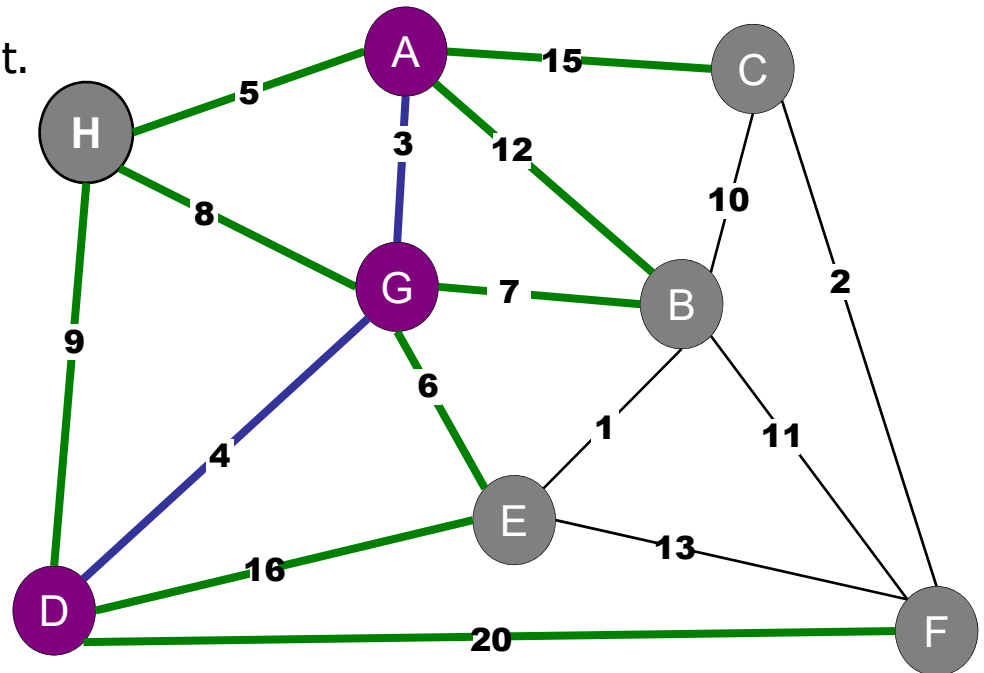
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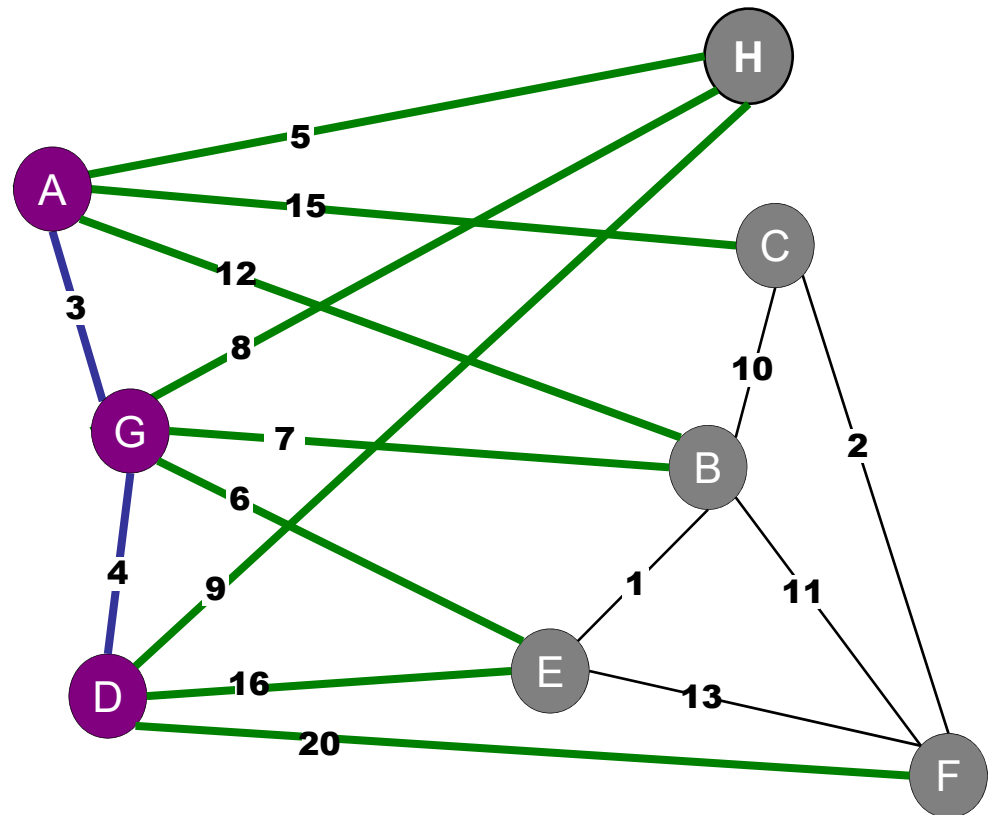
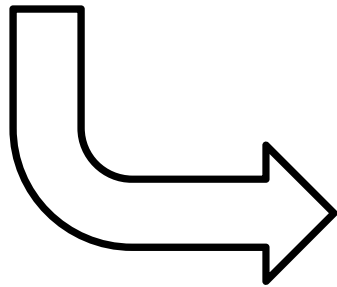
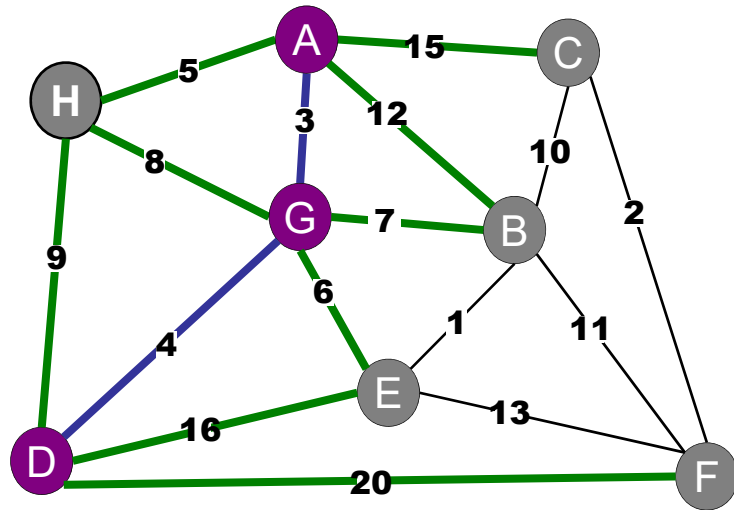
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# Prim's Algorithm



How do we find the lightest edge on a cut?

- ✓ 1. Priority Queue
- 2. Union-Find
- 3. Max-flow / Min-cut
- 4. BFS
- 5. DFS

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# Prim's Algorithm: Initialization

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// Initialize priority queue

```
PriorityQueue pq = new PriorityQueue();  
for (Node v : G.V()) {  
    pq.insert(v, INFTY);  
}  
pq.decreaseKey(start, 0);
```

// Initialize set S

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HashSet<Node> S = new HashSet<Node>();  
S.put(start);
```

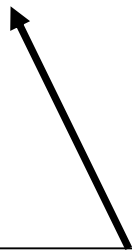
// Initialize parent hash table

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HashMap<Node, Node> parent = new HashMap<Node, Node>();  
parent.put(start, null);
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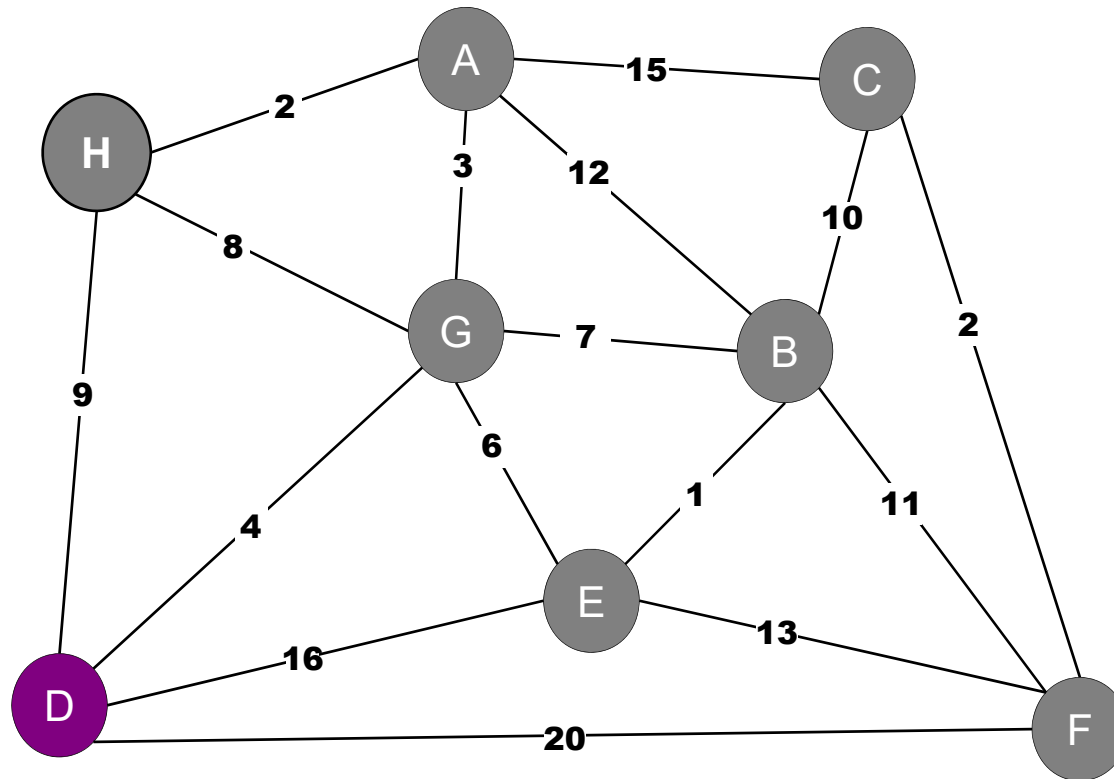
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while (!pq.isEmpty()) {  
    Node v = pq.deleteMin();  
    S.put(v);  
    for each (Edge e : v.edgeList()) {  
        Node w = e.otherNode(v);  
        if (!S.get(w)) {  
            pq.decreaseKey(w, e.getWeight());  
            parent.put(w, v);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Assume for today (only):  
decreaseKey does nothing  
if new weight is larger than  
old weight

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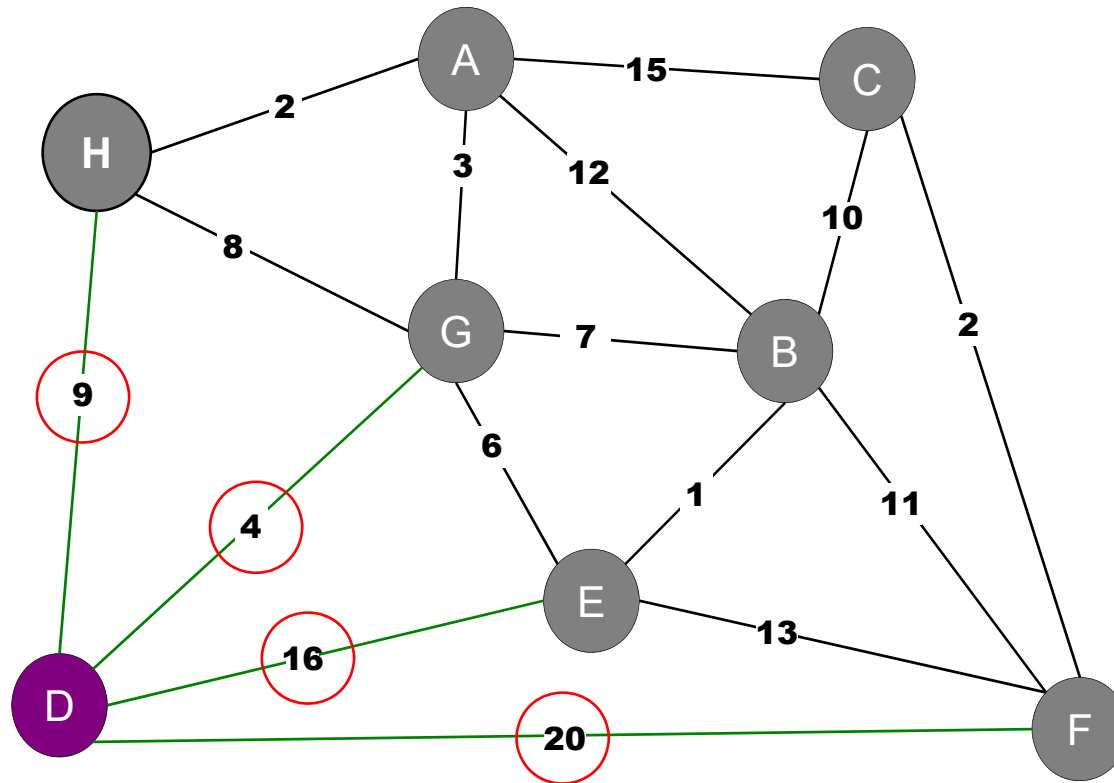


Vertex	Weight
D	0

Not drawing  
infinite weight  
nodes in PQ.

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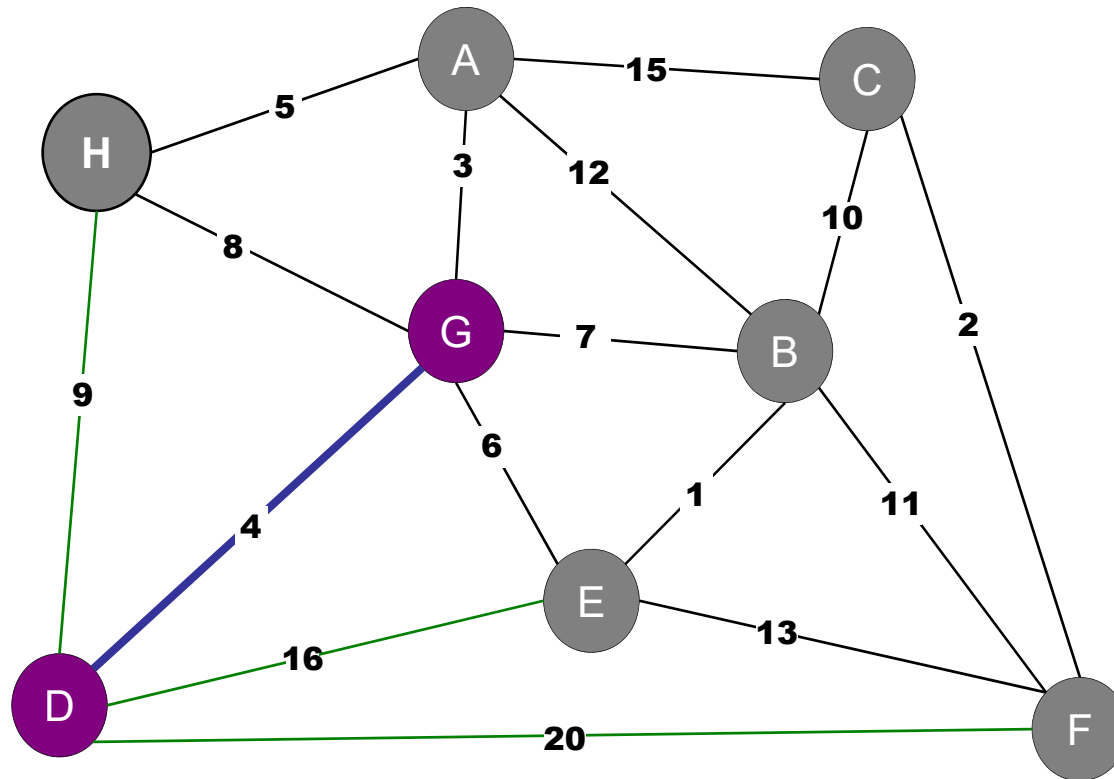


Vertex	Weight
G	4
H	9
E	16
F	20



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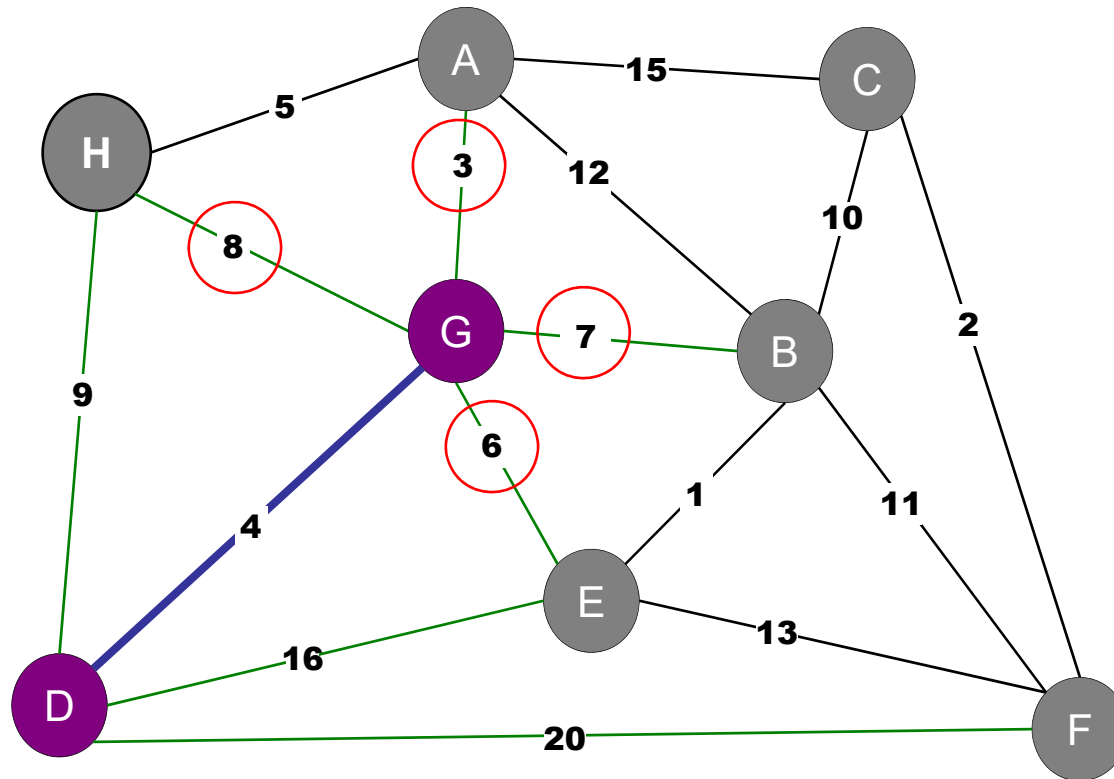
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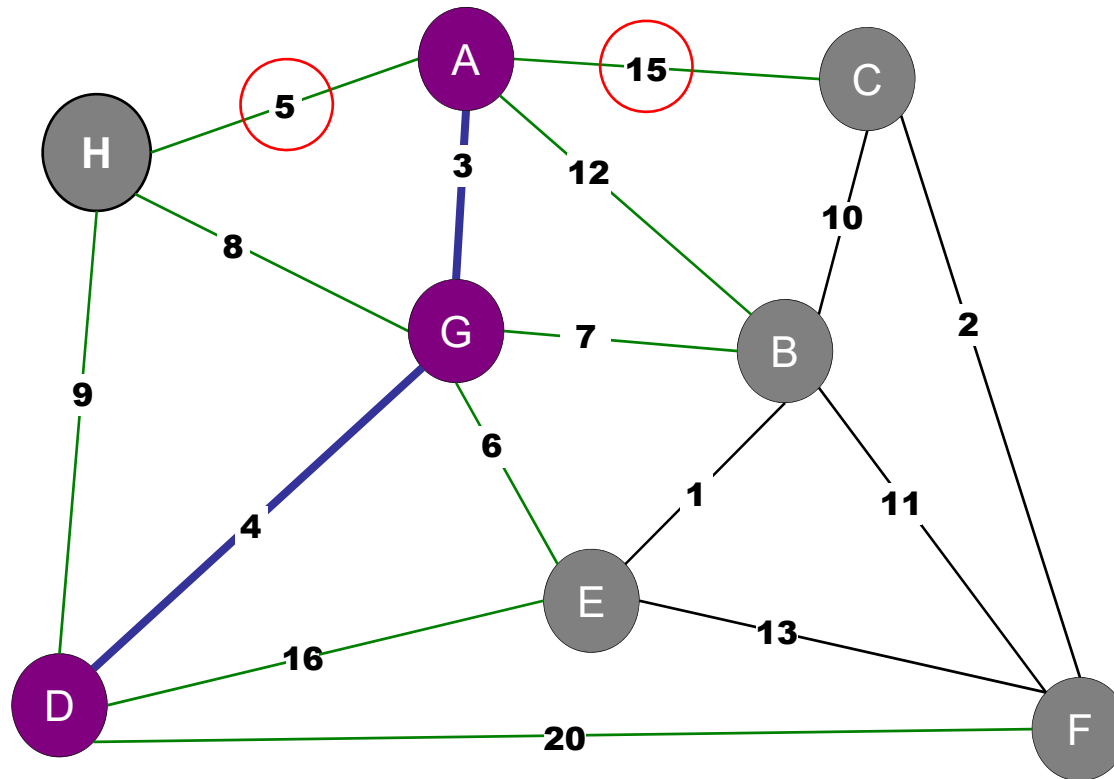
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Vertex	Weight
A	3
E	16->6
B	7
H	9->8
F	20

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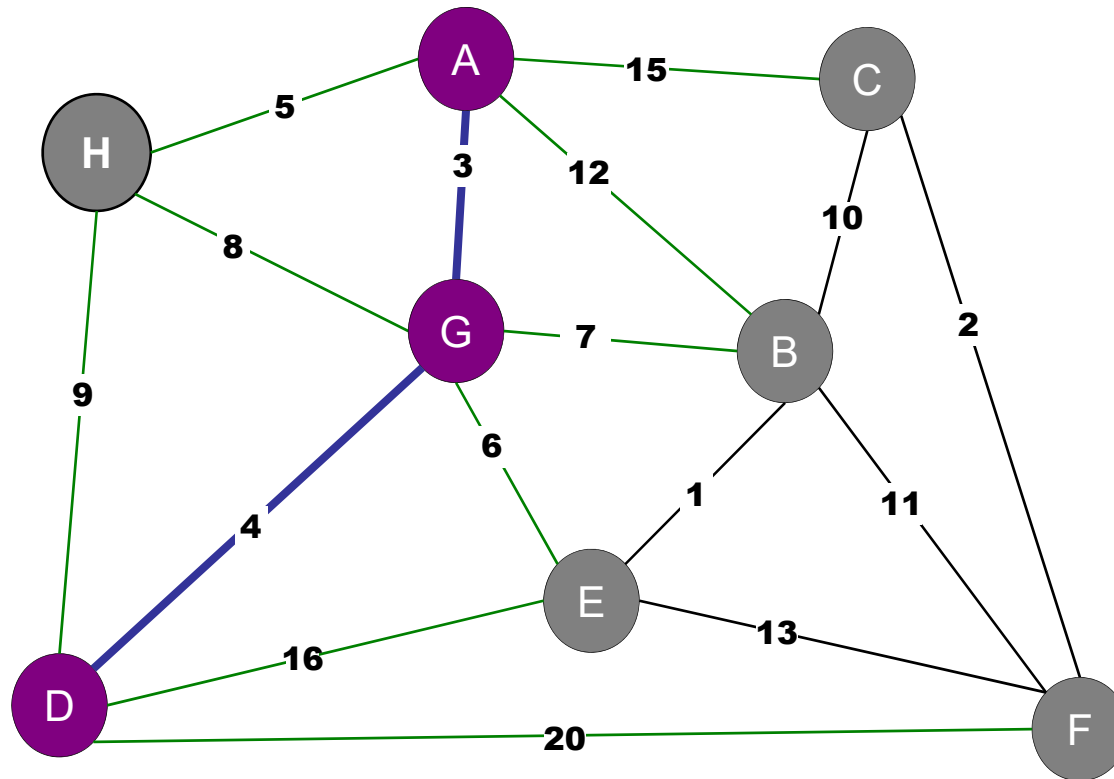
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Vertex	Weight
H	8->5
E	6
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C	15
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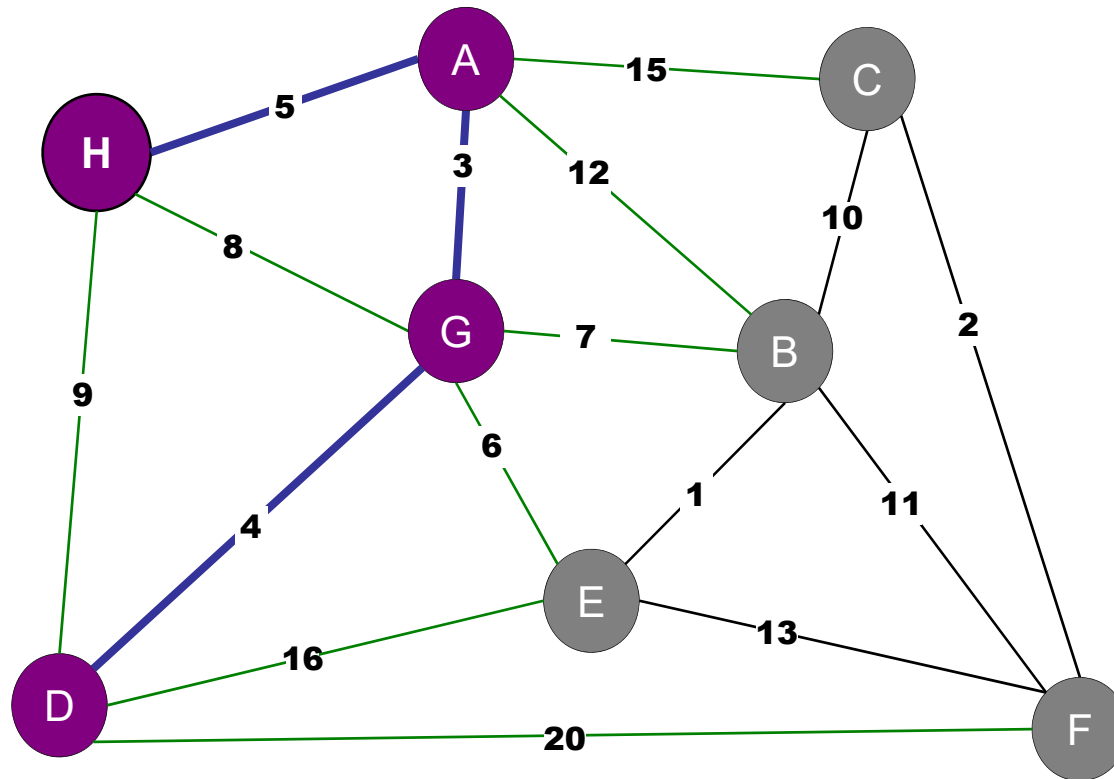
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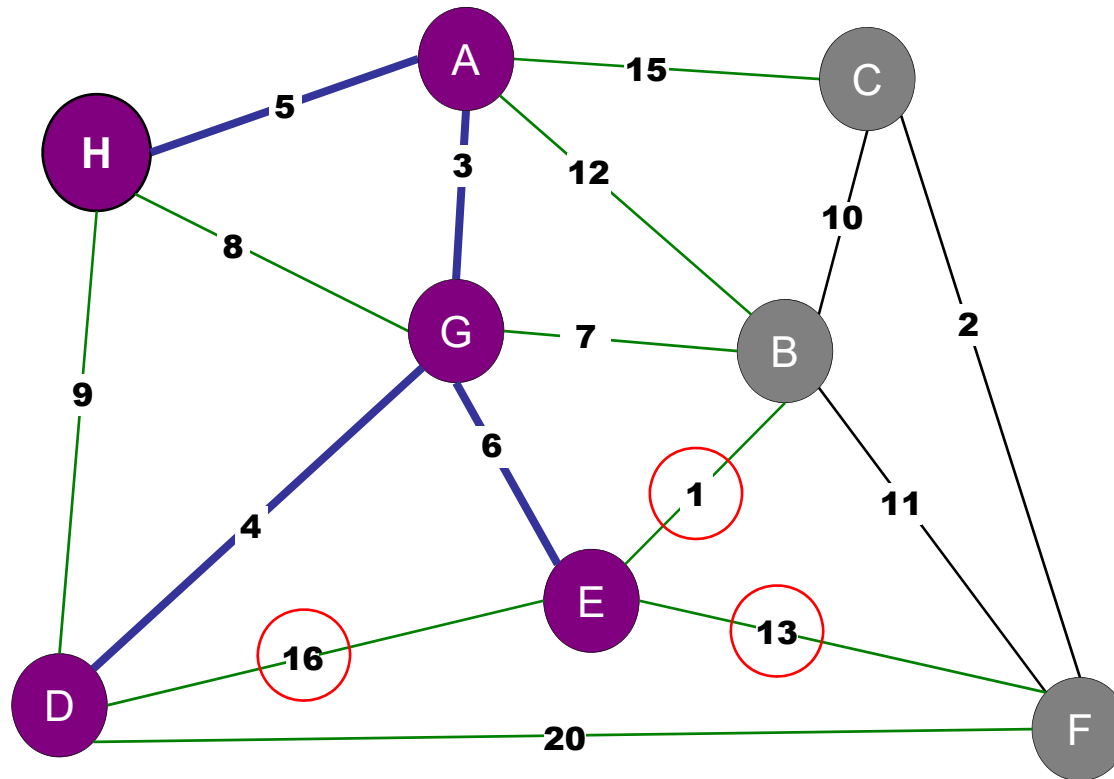
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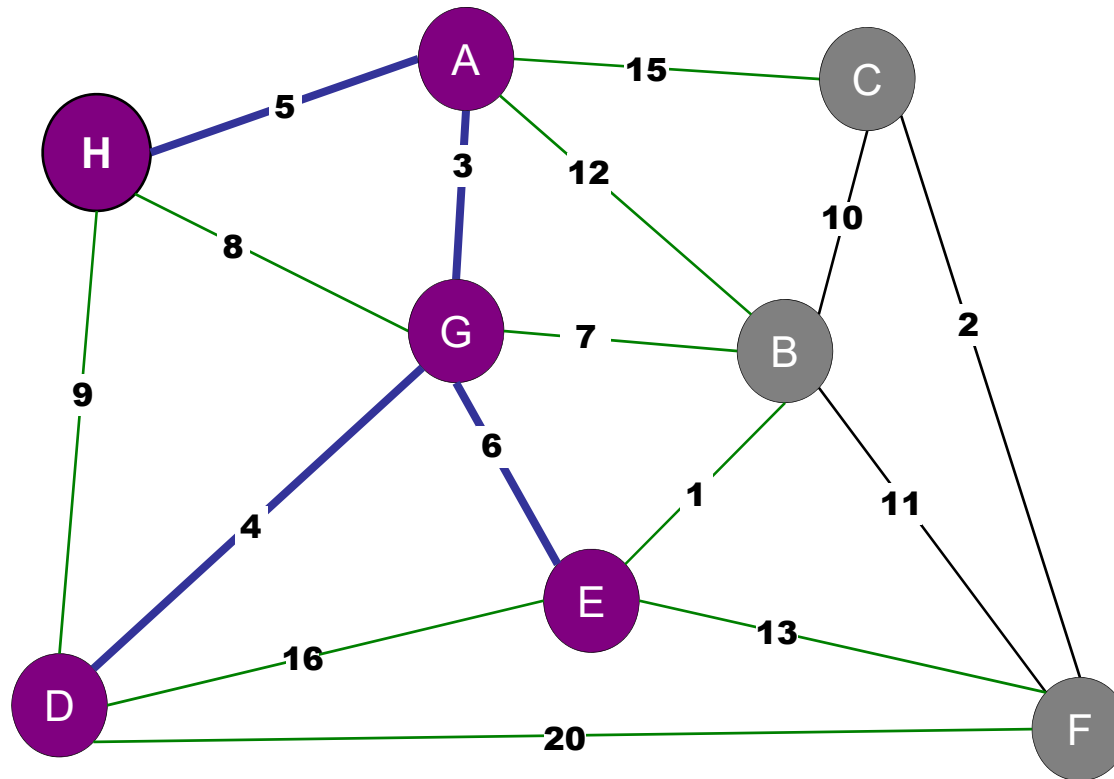
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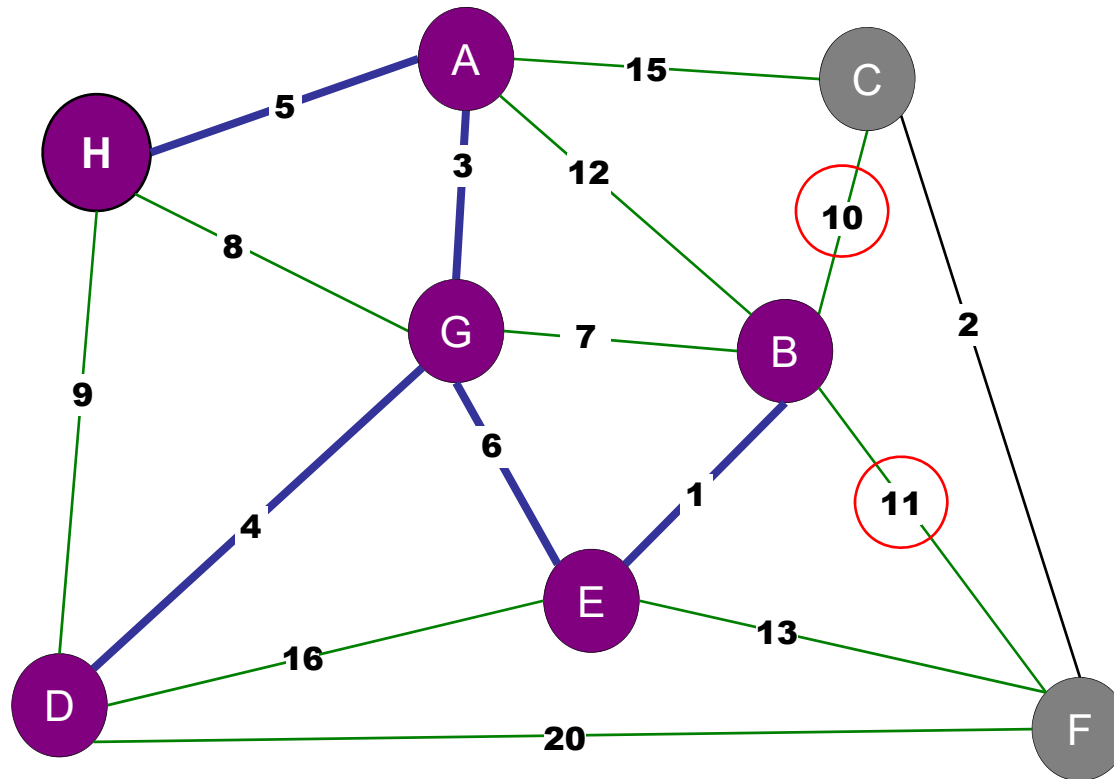


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B	1
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F	13

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Vertex	Weight
C	<b>15-&gt;10</b>
F	<b>13-&gt;11</b>

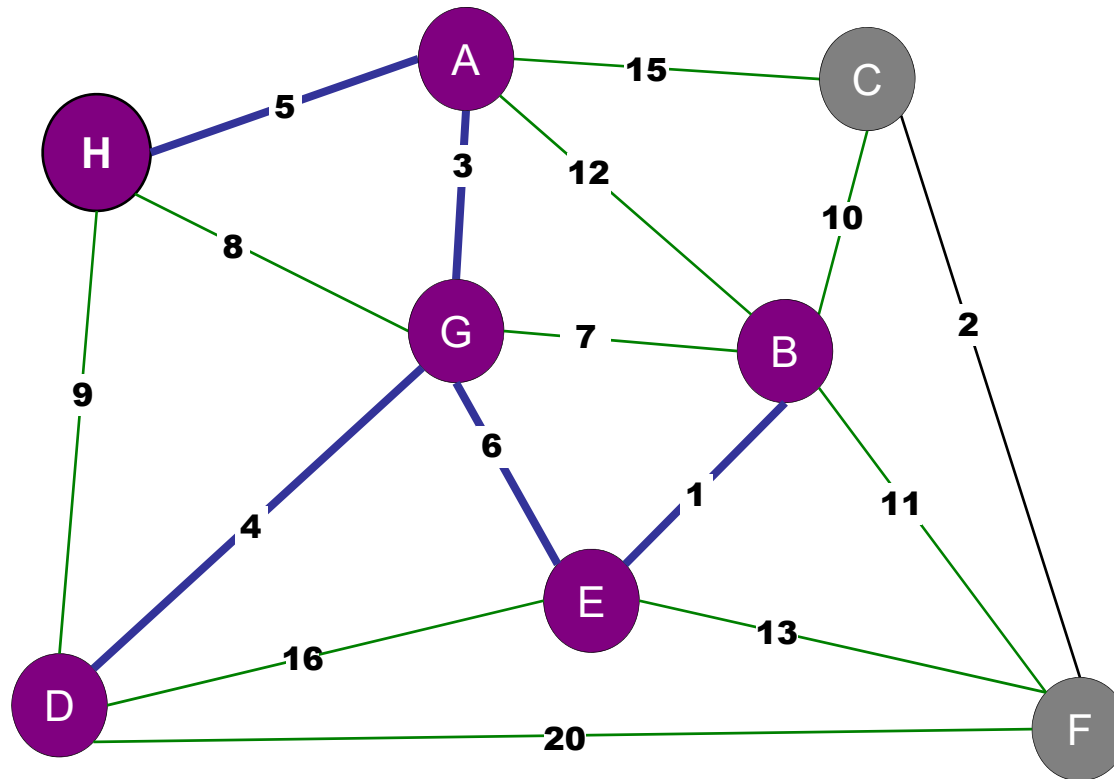




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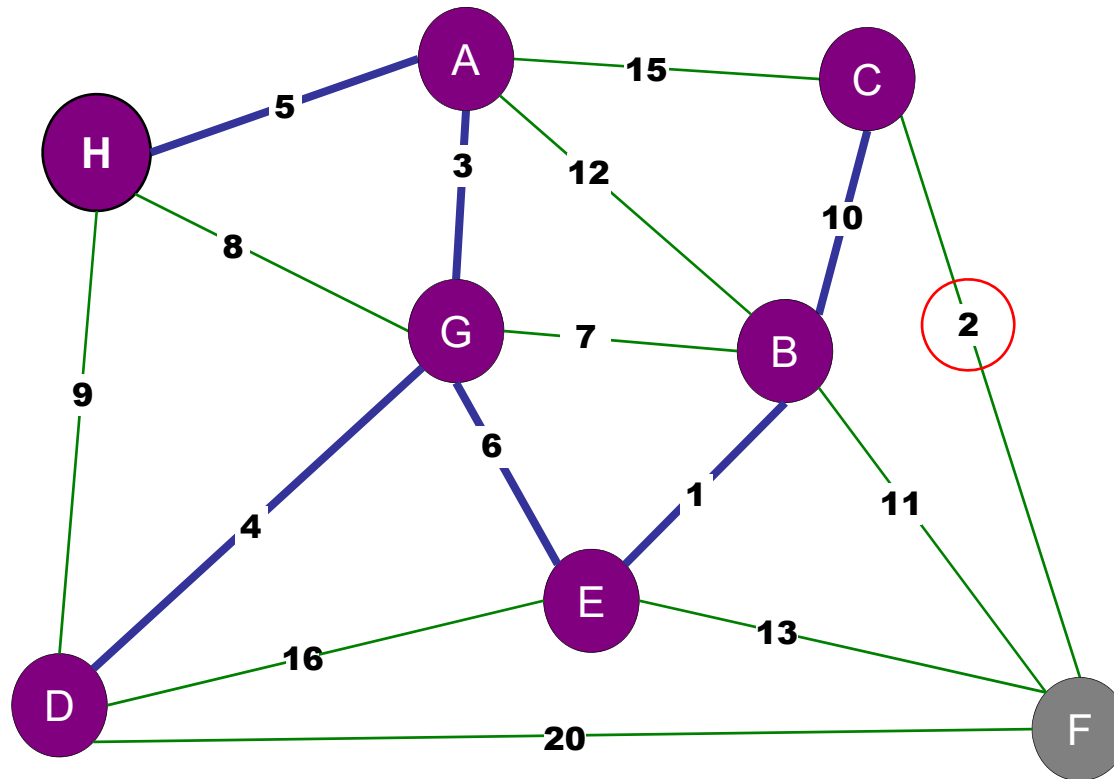
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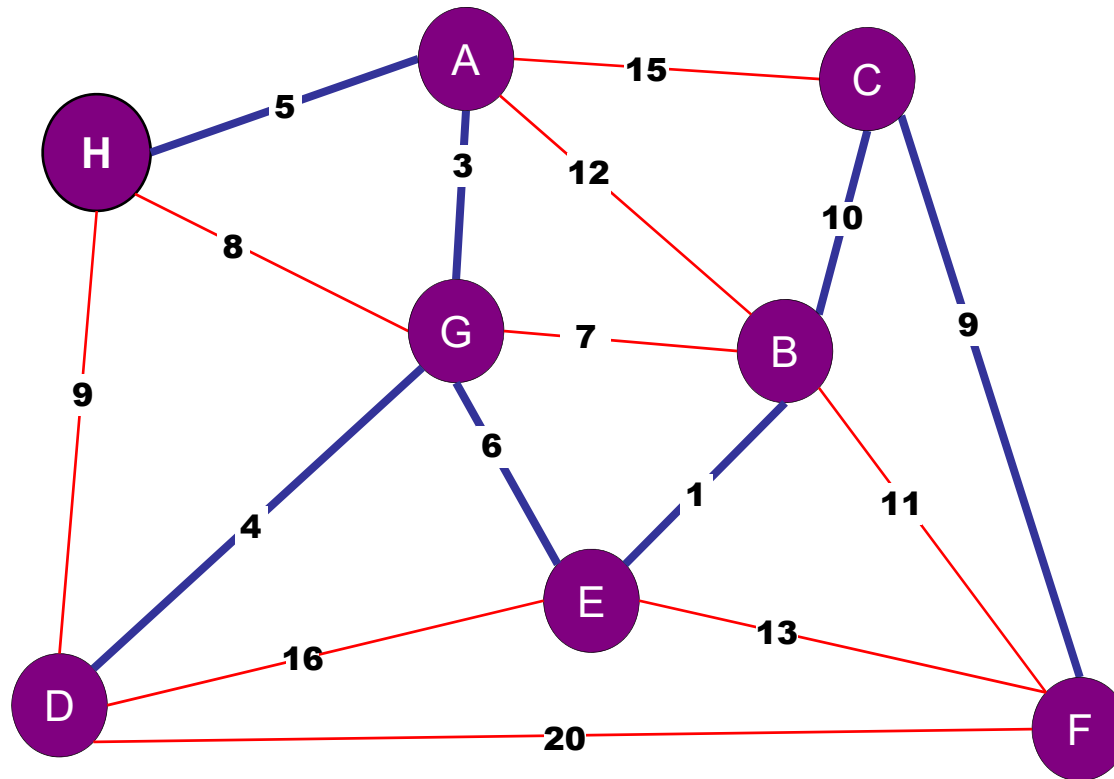
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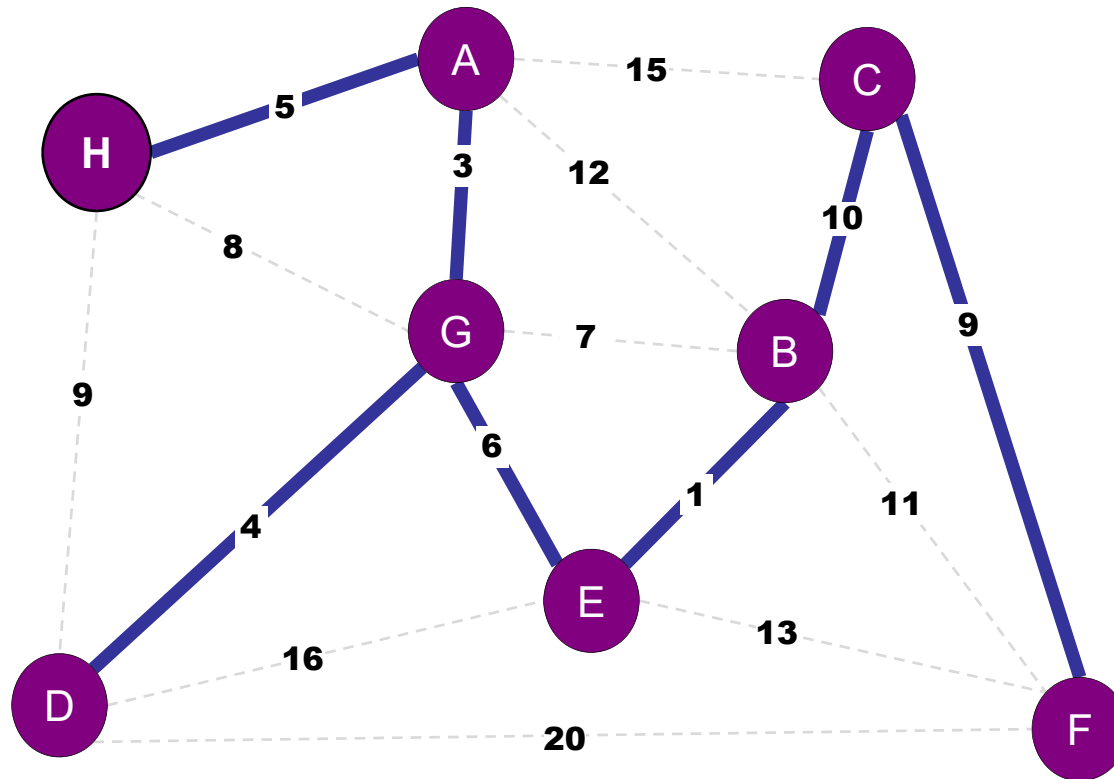
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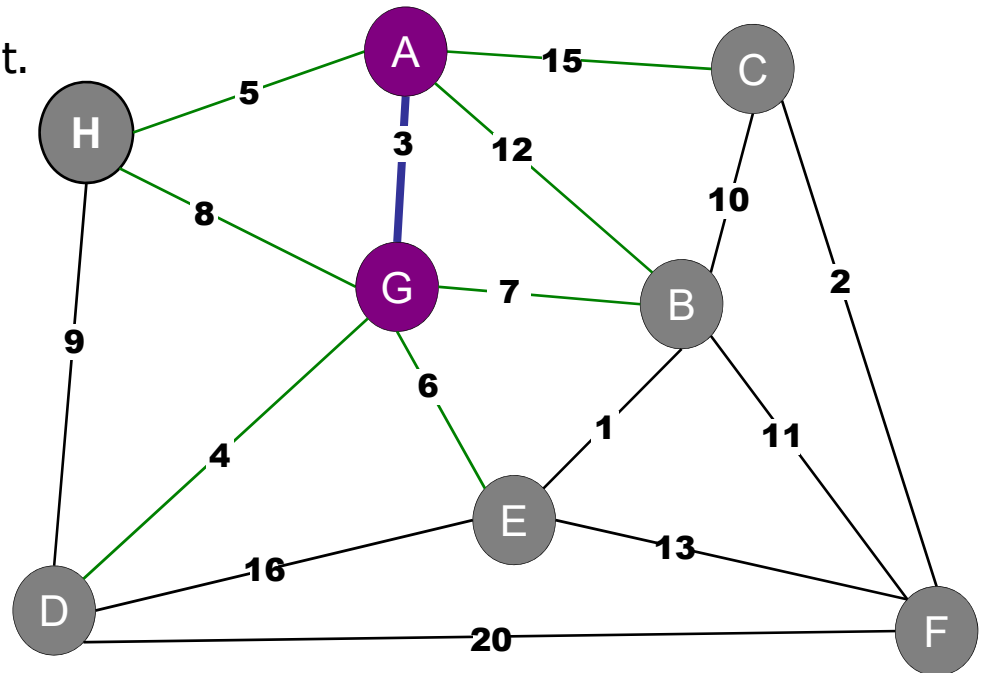
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Proof:

- Each added edge is the lightest on some cut (BLUE RULE).
- Hence each edge is in the MST.



What is the running time of Prim's Algorithm, using a binary heap?

1.  $O(V)$
2.  $O(E)$
- ✓ 3.  $O(E \log V)$
4.  $O(V \log E)$
5.  $O(EV)$

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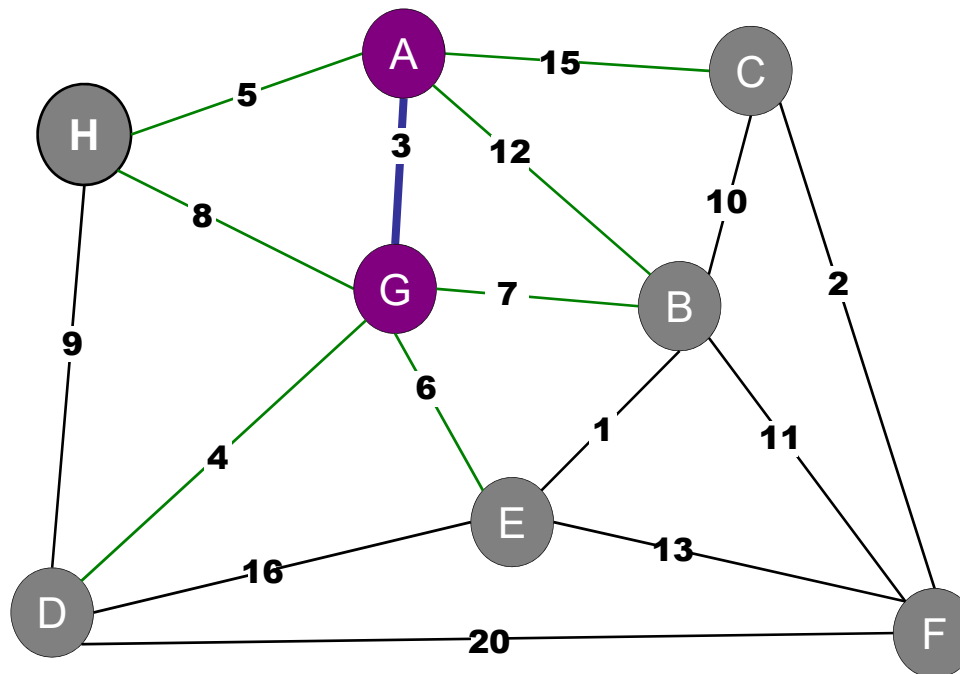
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Analysis:

- Each vertex added/removed once from the priority queue:  $O(V \log V)$
- Each edge  $\Rightarrow$  one decreaseKey:  $O(E \log V)$ .



# Two Algorithms

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## Prim's Algorithm.

Basic idea:

- Maintain a set of visited nodes.
- Greedily grow the set by adding node connected via the lightest edge.
- Use Priority Queue to order nodes by edge weight.

## Dijkstra's Algorithm.

Basic idea:

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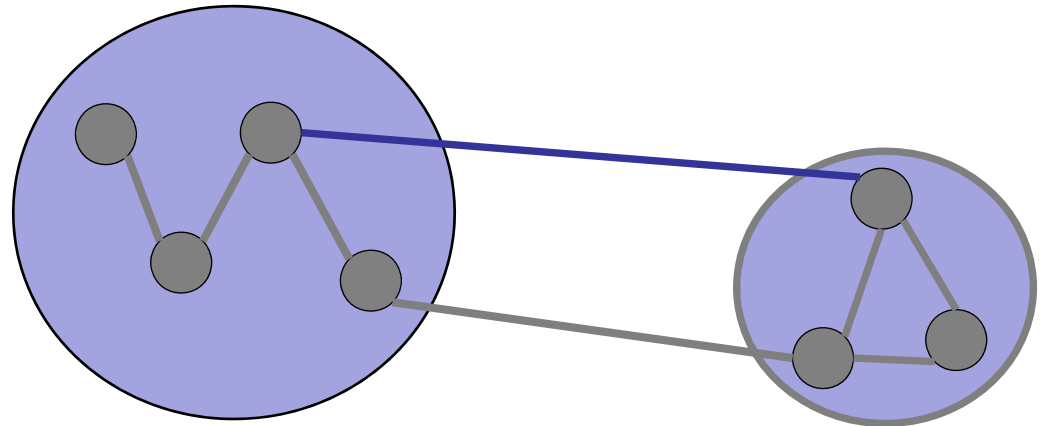
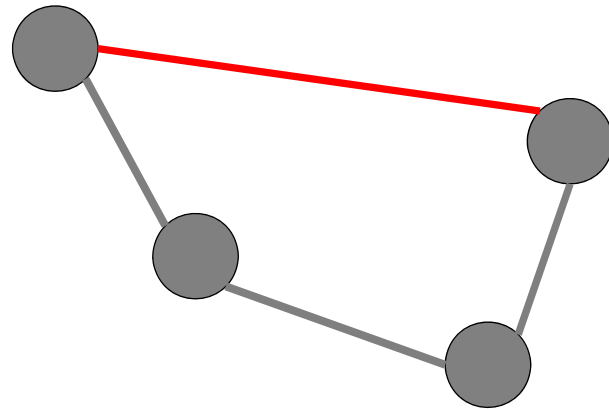
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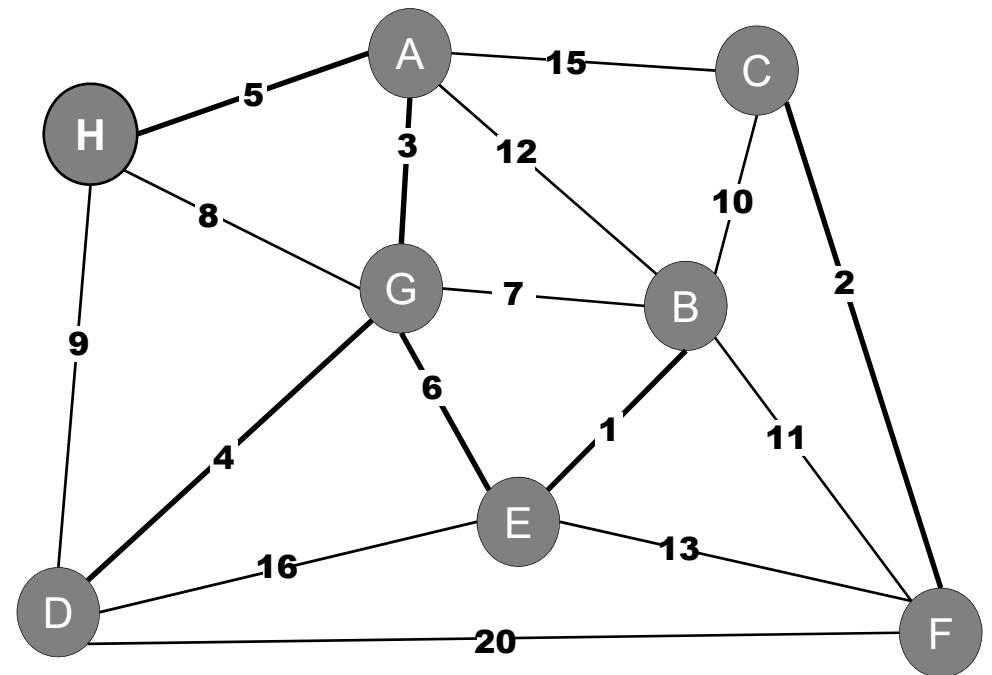
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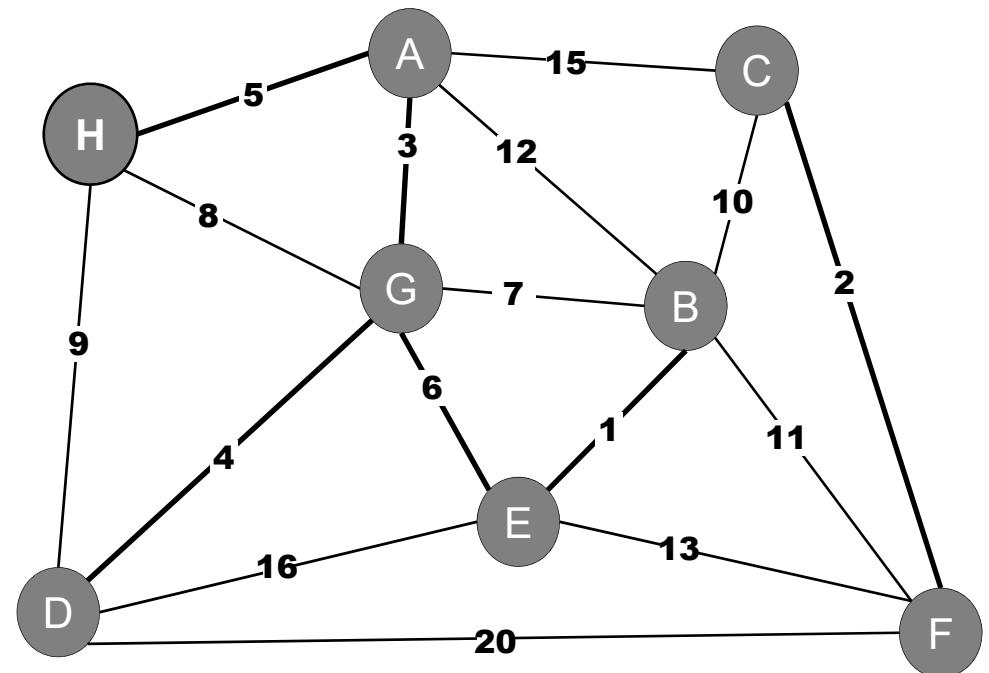
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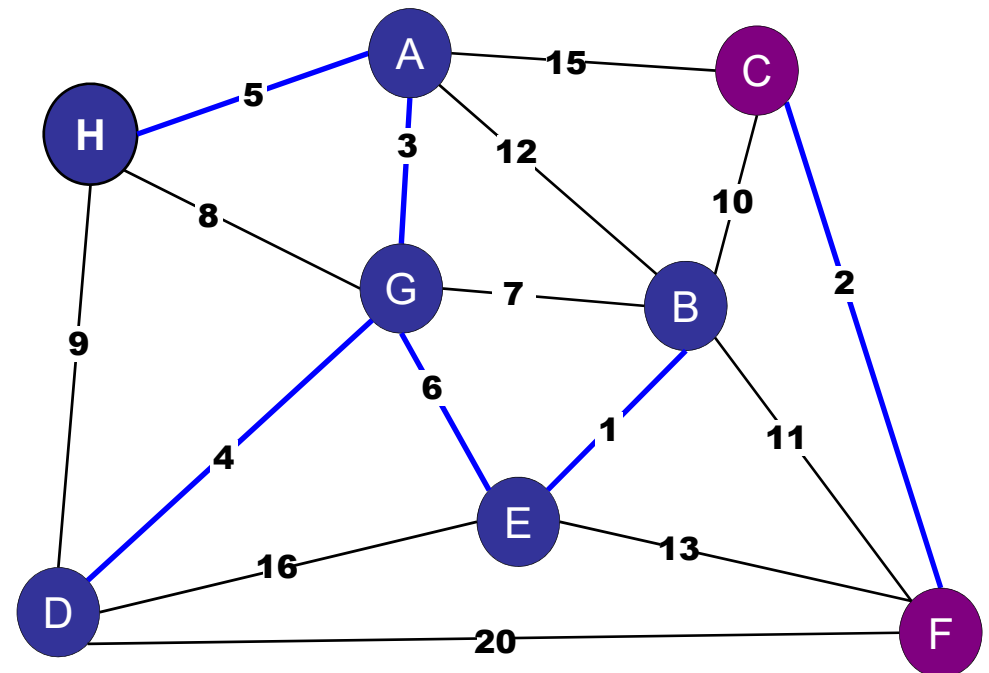
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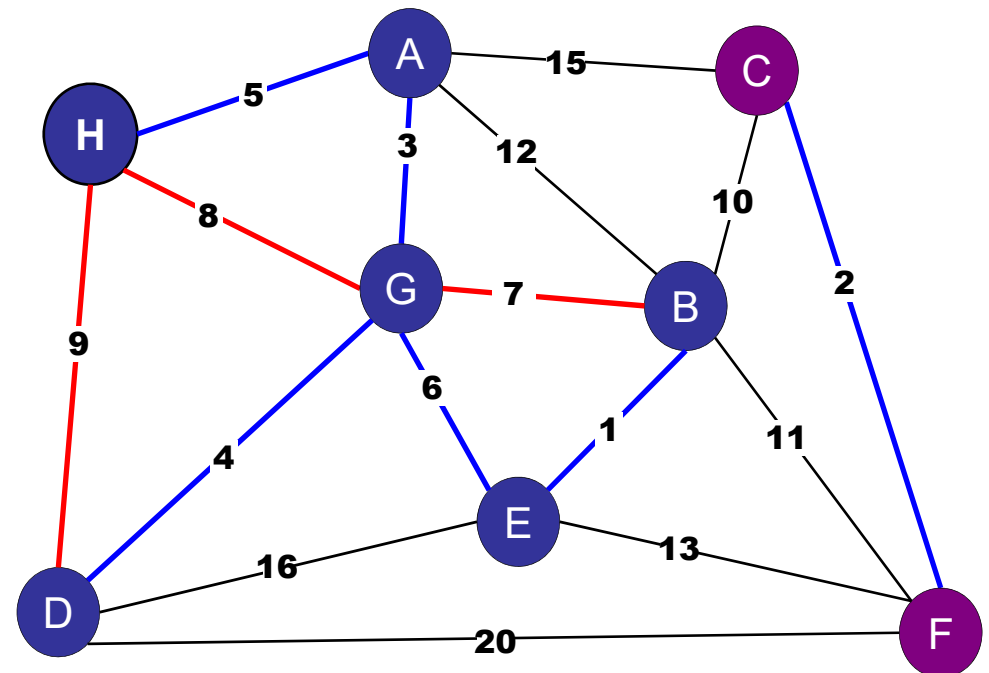


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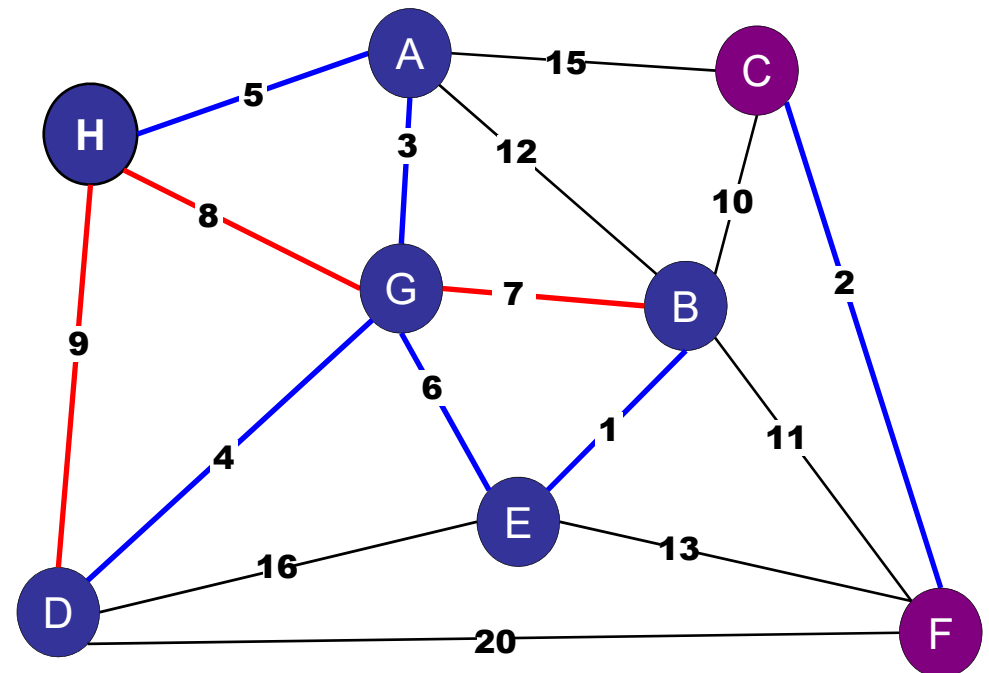
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Data structure:

- Union-Find
- Connect two nodes if they are in the same blue tree.



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UnionFind uf = new UnionFind(G.V());

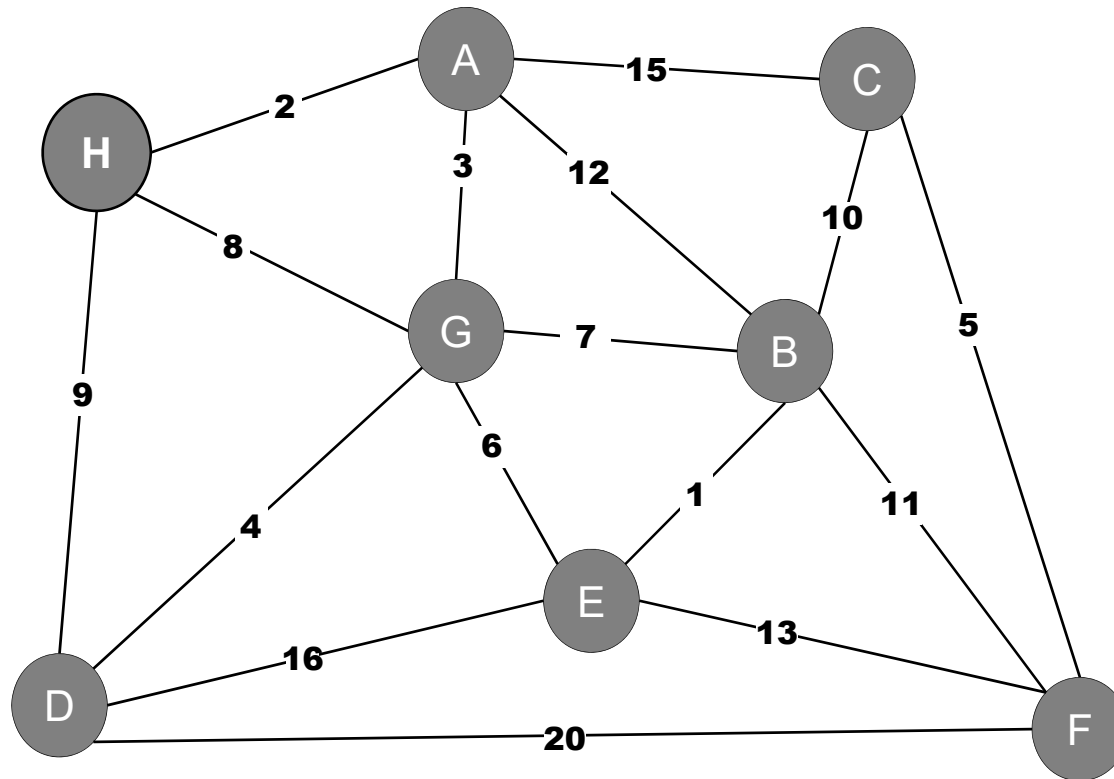
// Iterate through all the edges, in order
for (int i=0; i<sortedEdges.length; i++) {
    Edge e = sortedEdges[i]; // get edge
    Node v = e.one(); // get node endpoints
    Node w = e.two();

    if (!uf.find(v,w)) { // in the same tree?
        mstEdges.add(e); // save edge
        uf.union(v,w); // combine trees
    }
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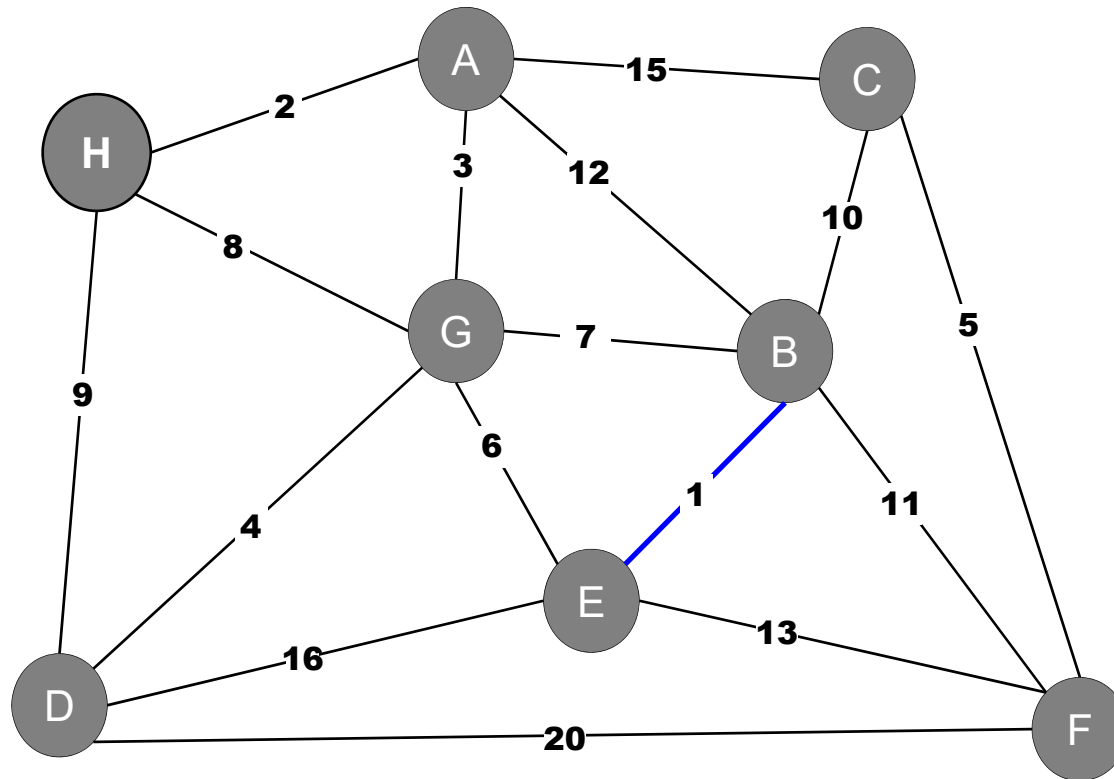
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8	(G,H)
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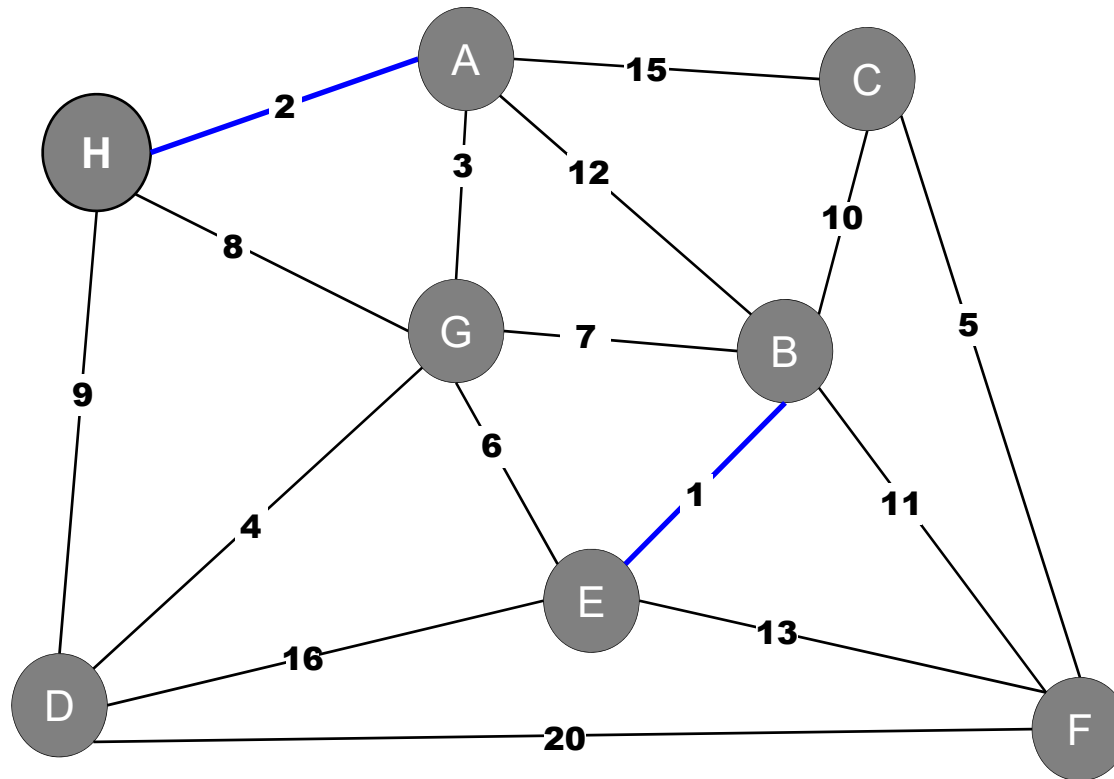
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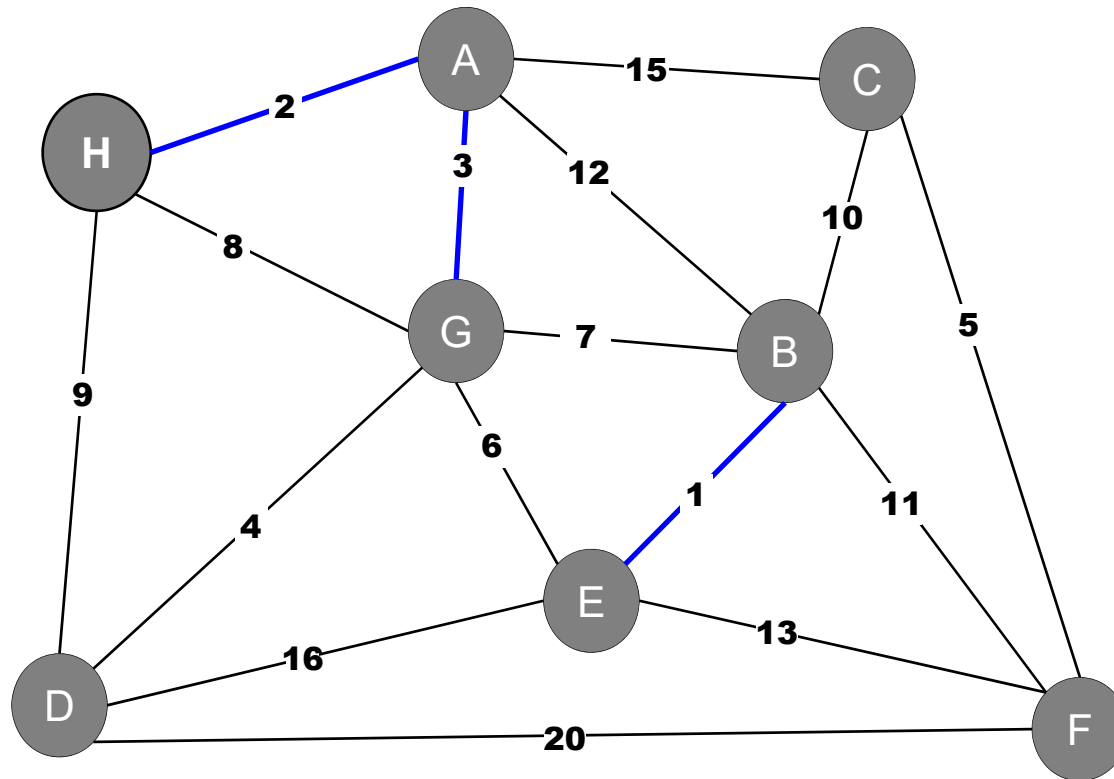
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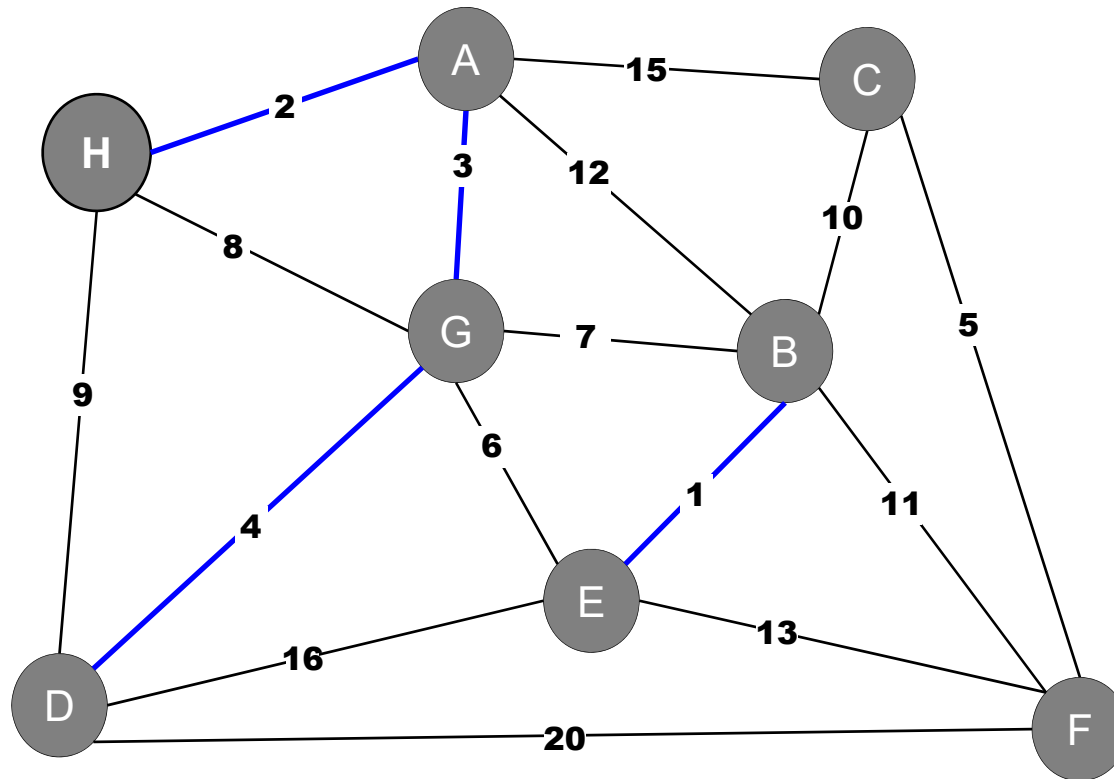
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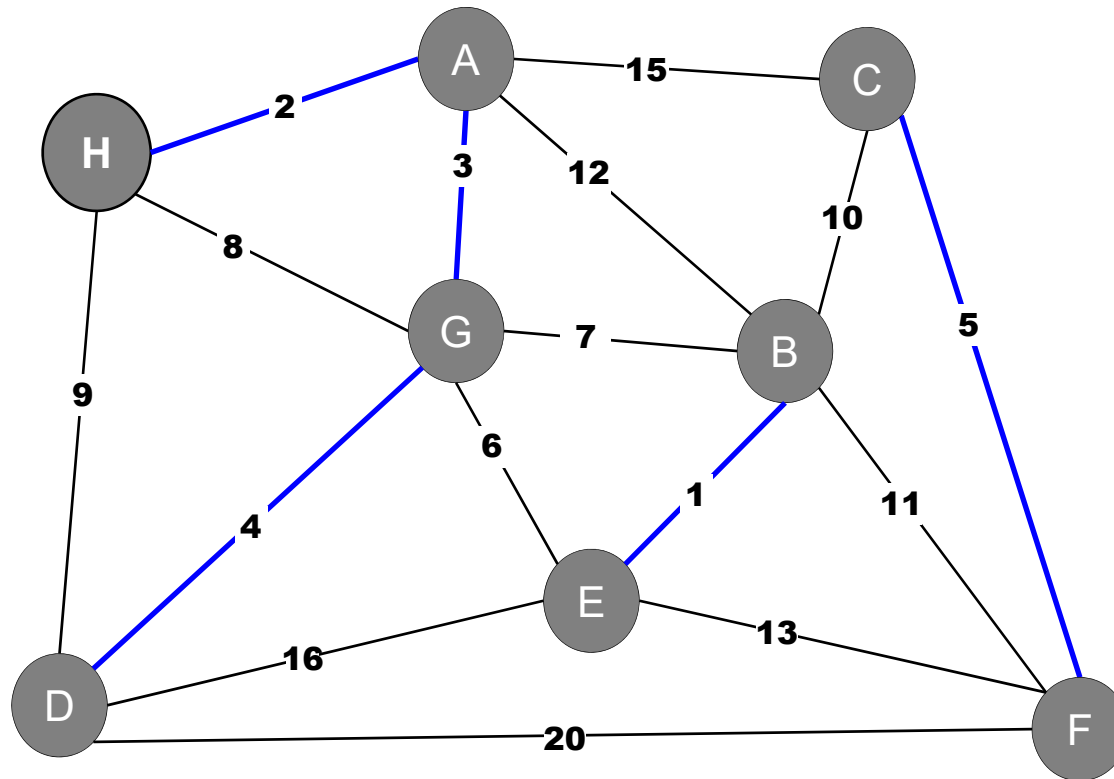
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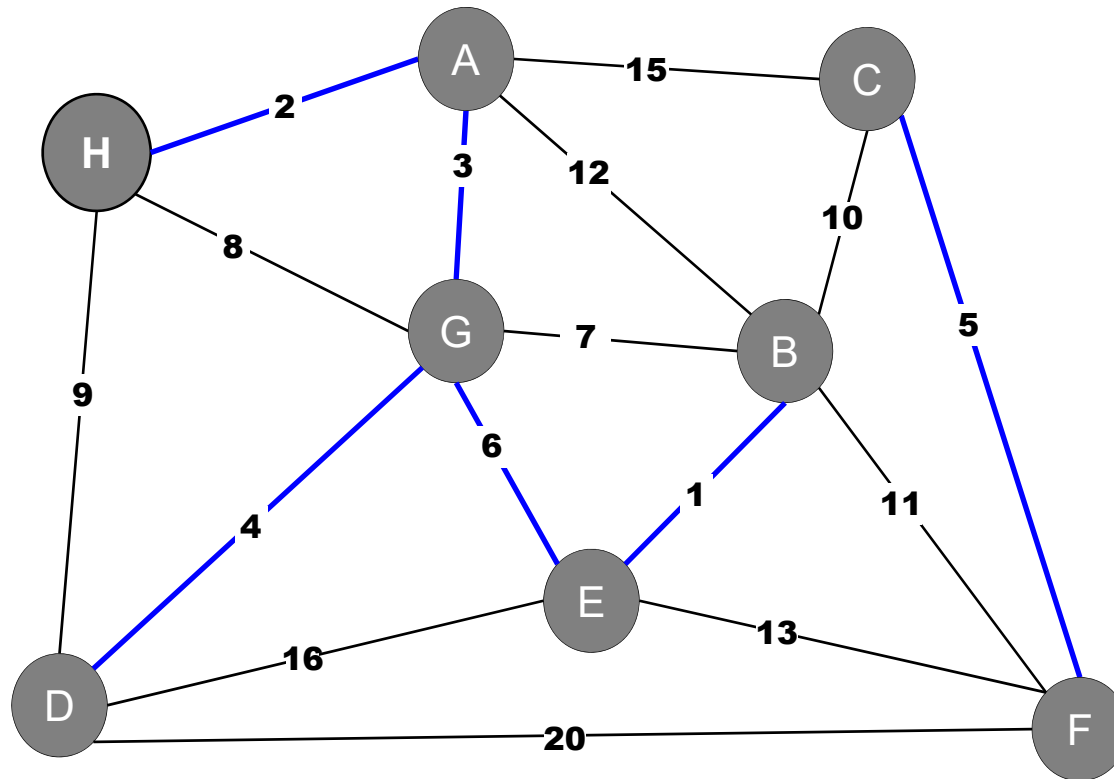
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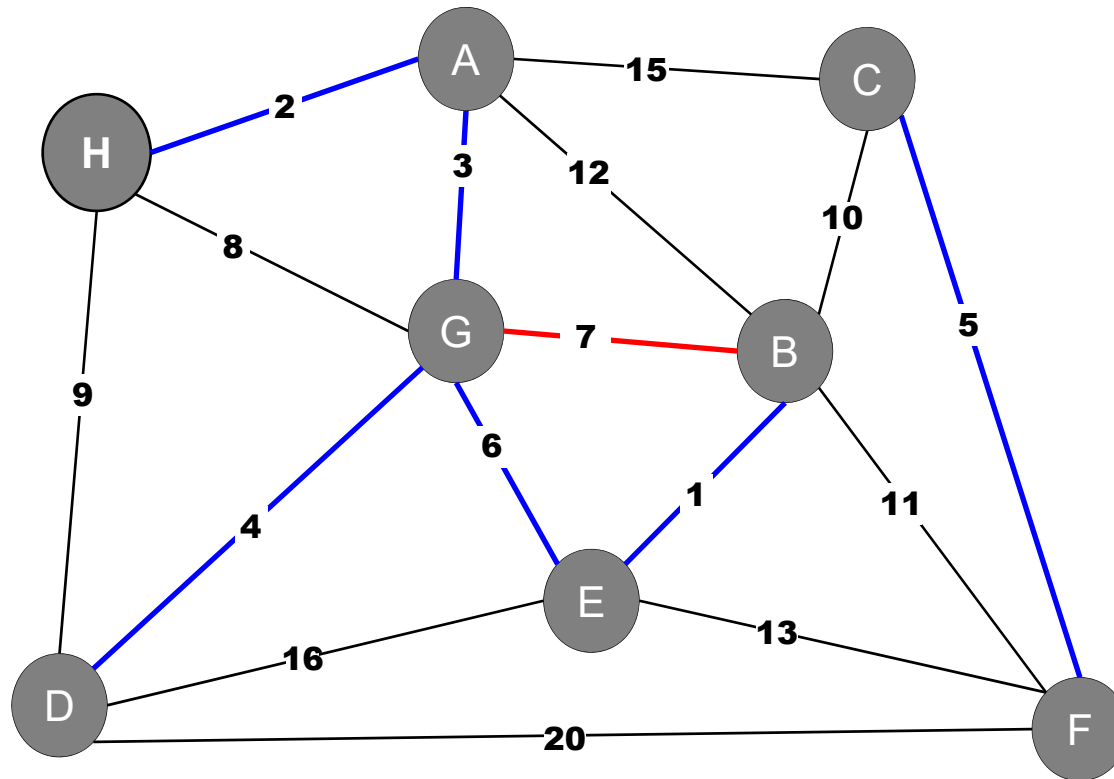
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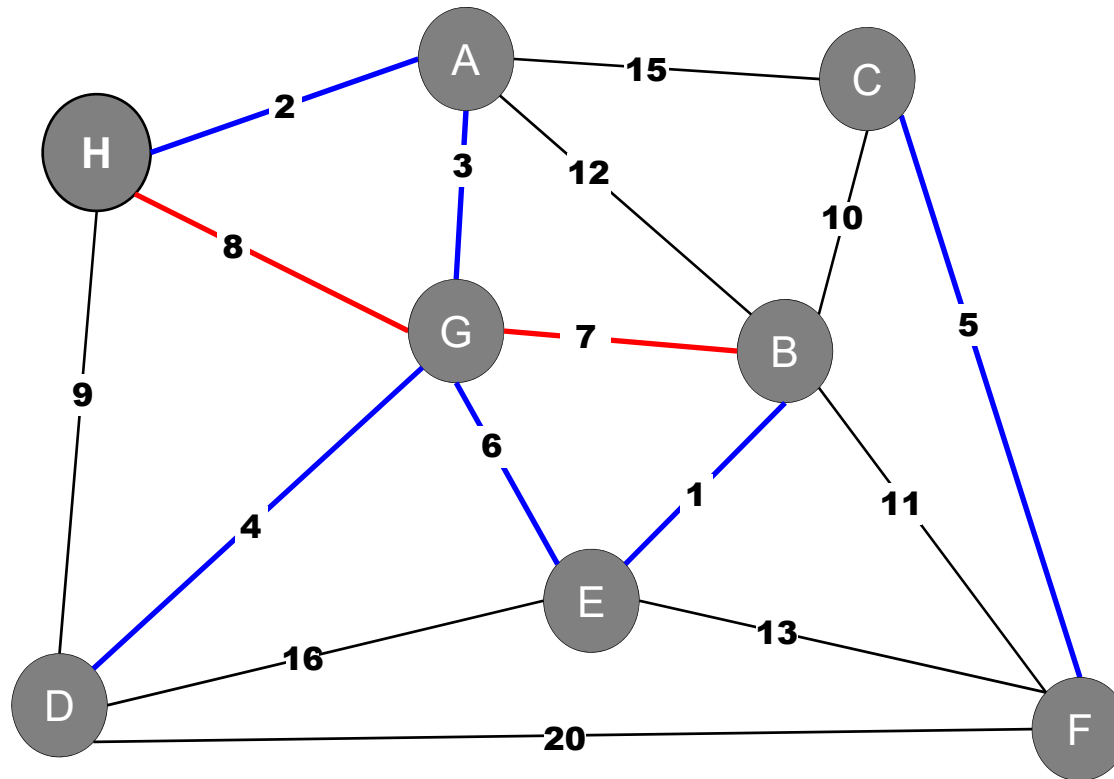
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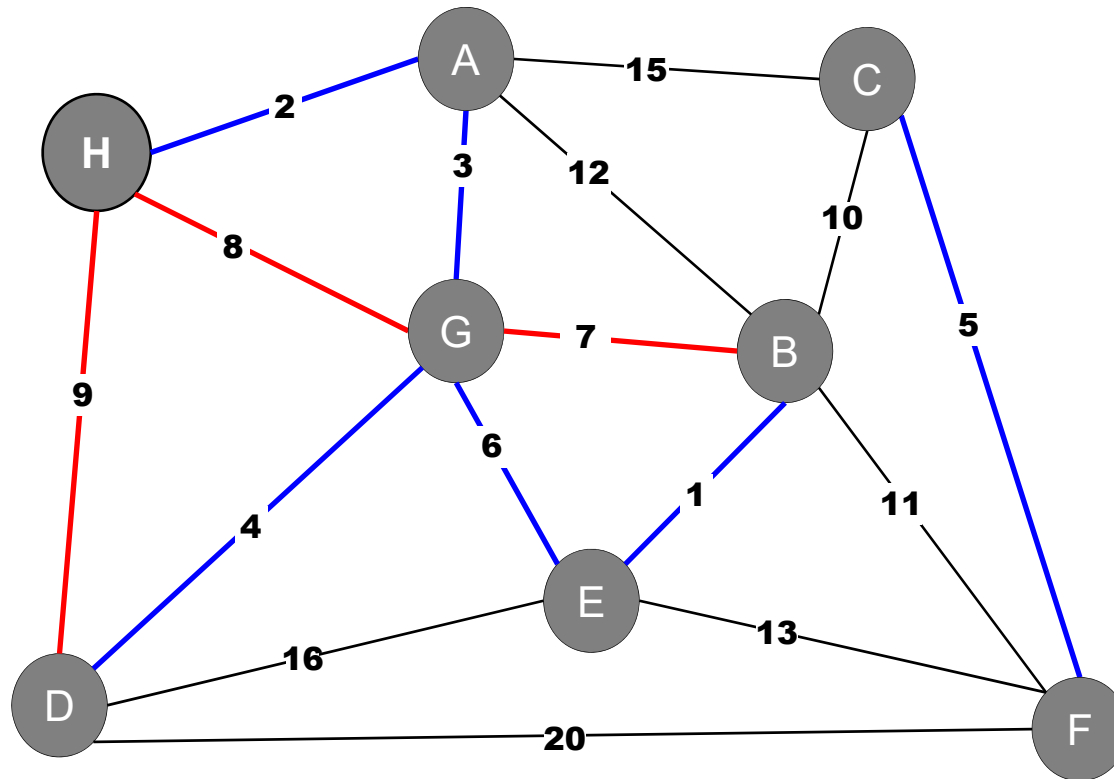


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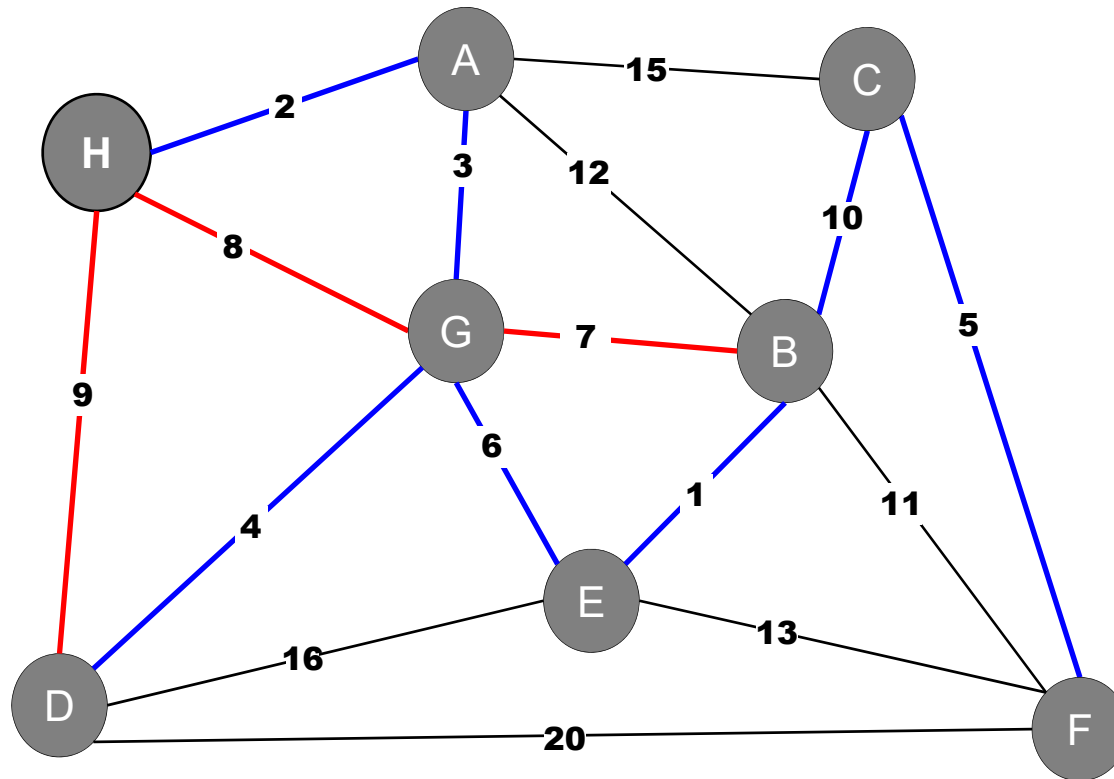
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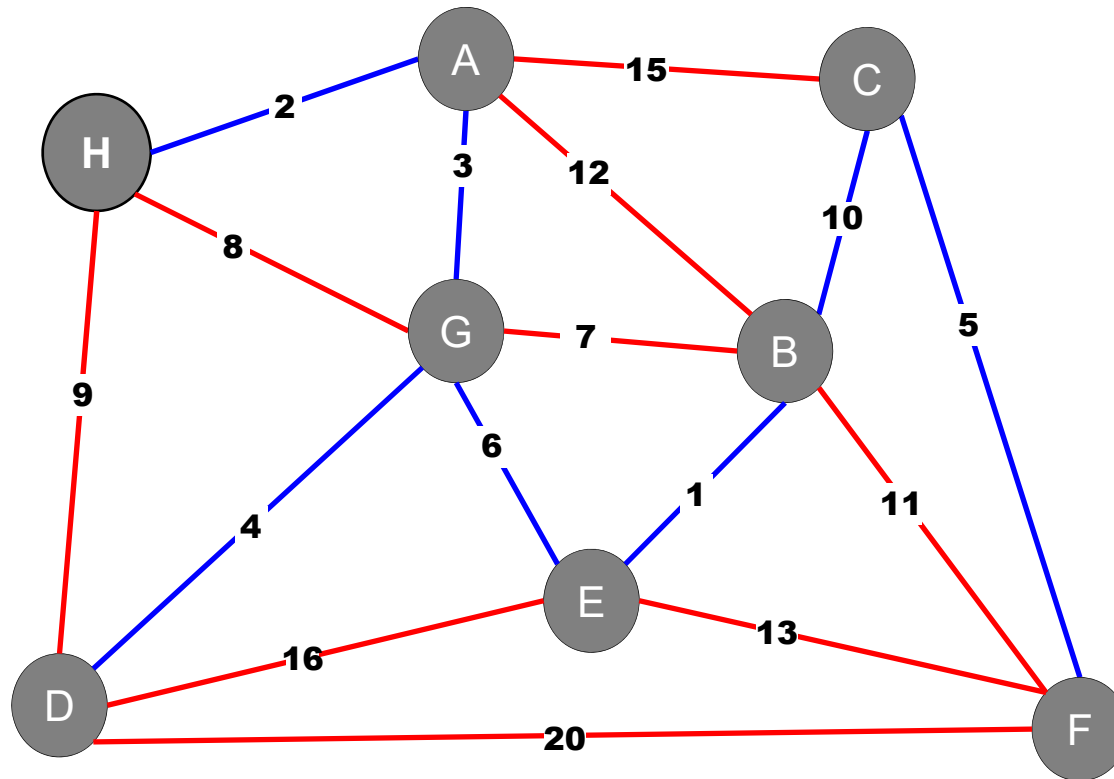
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# Kruskal's Algorithm

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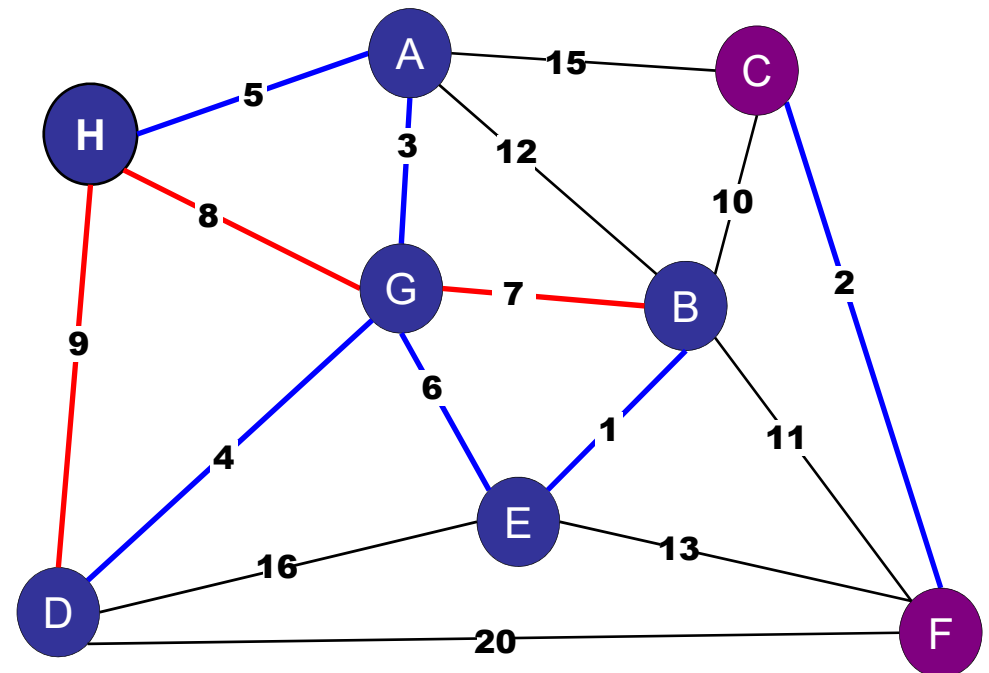
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Basic idea:

- Sort edges by weight.
- Consider edges in ascending order:
  - If both endpoints are in the **same** blue tree, then color the edge red.
  - Otherwise, color the edge blue.

Proof:

- Each added edge crosses a cut.
- Each edge is the lightest edge across the cut: all other lighter edges across the cut have already been considered.



# Generic MST Algorithm

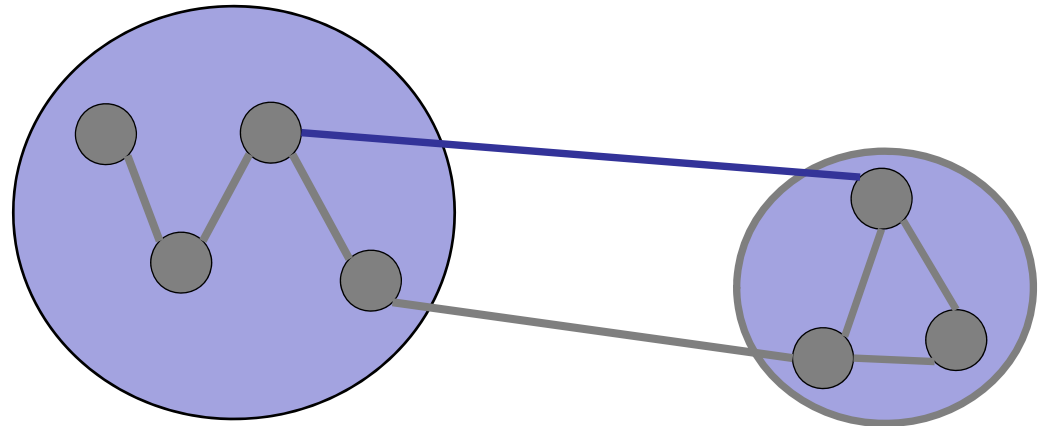
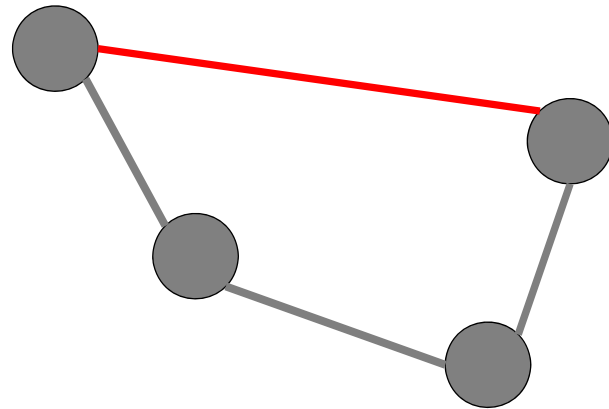
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## Greedy Algorithm:

Repeat:

**Apply red rule or  
blue rule to an  
arbitrary edge.**

until no more edges  
can be colored.



What is the running time of Kruskal's Algorithm on a connected graph?

1.  $O(V)$
2.  $O(E)$
3.  $O(E \alpha)$
4.  $O(V \alpha)$
- ✓ 5.  $O(E \log V)$
6.  $O(V \log E)$

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# Kruskal's Algorithm

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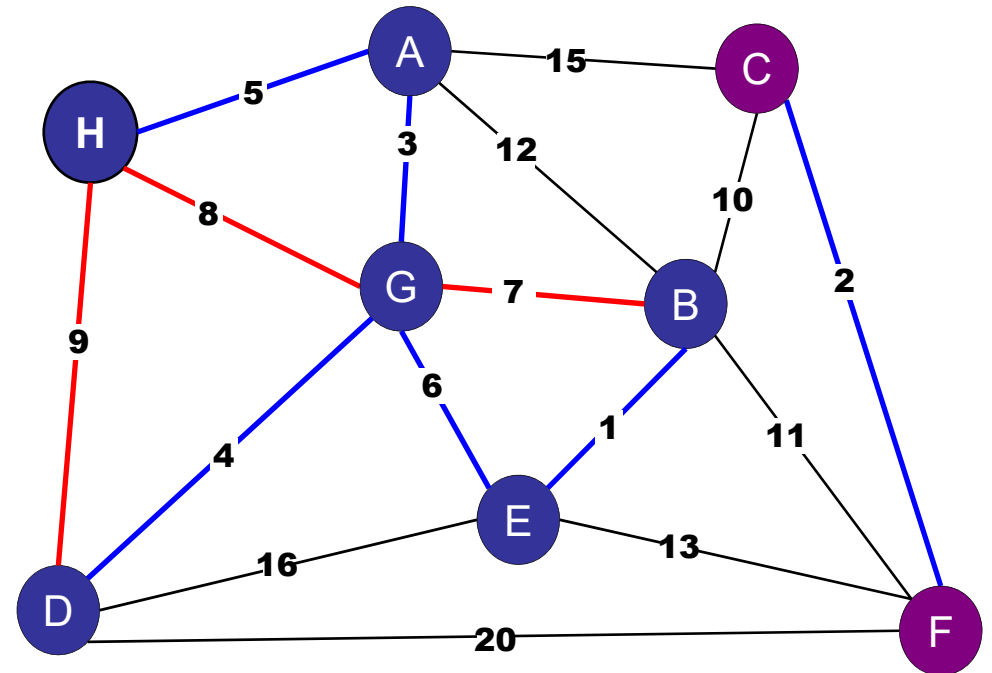
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Performance:

- Sorting:  $O(E \log E) = O(E \log V)$
- For  $E$  edges:
  - Find:  $O(\alpha(n))$  or  $O(\log V)$
  - Union:  $O(\alpha(n))$  or  $O(\log V)$





# Roadmap

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## Minimum Spanning Trees

- The MST Problem
- Basic Properties of an MST
- Generic MST Algorithm
- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- **Boruvka's Algorithm**
- Variations

# MST Algorithms

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## Classic:

- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm

## Modern requirements:

- Parallelizable
- Faster in “good” graphs (e.g., planar graphs)
- Flexible

# Boruvka's Algorithm

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Origin: 1926

- Otakar Boruvka
- Improve the electrical network of Moravia

Based on generic algorithm:

- Repeat: add all “obvious” blue edges.
- Very simple, very flexible.

# Generic MST Algorithm

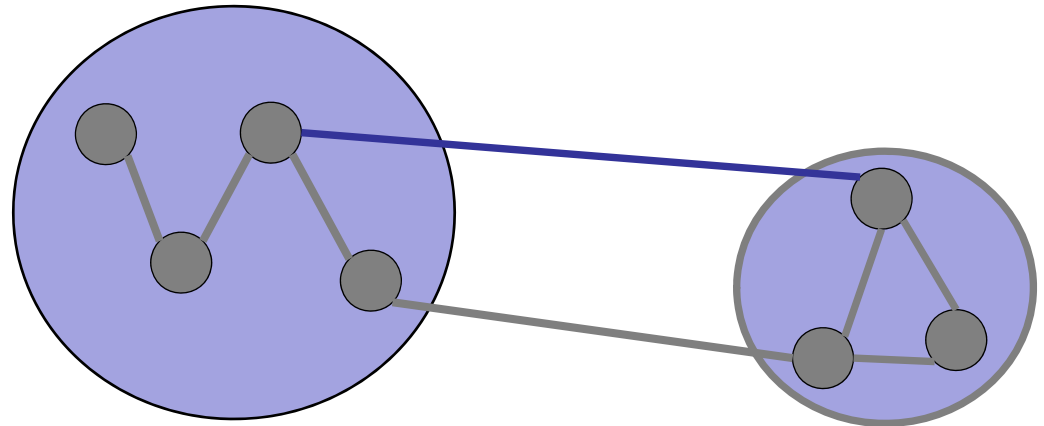
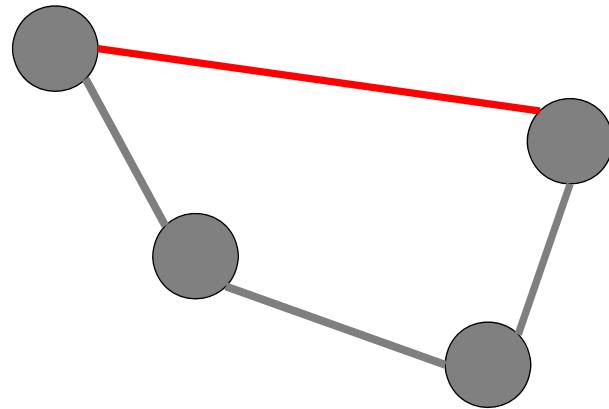
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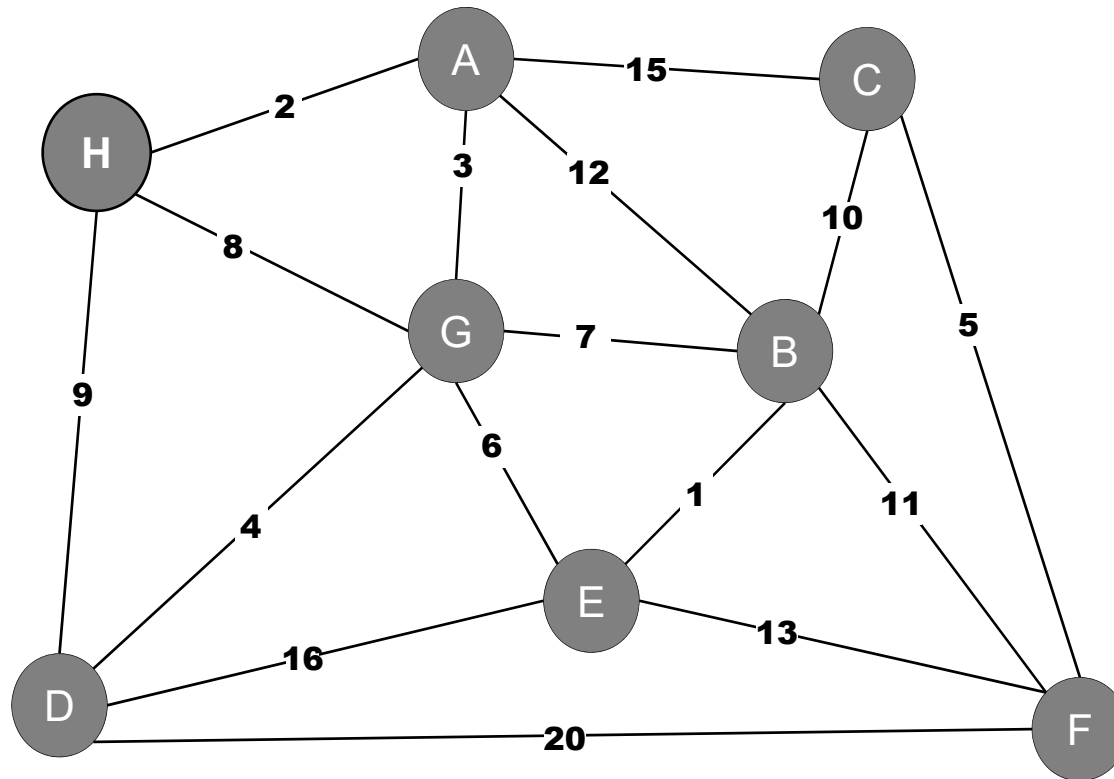
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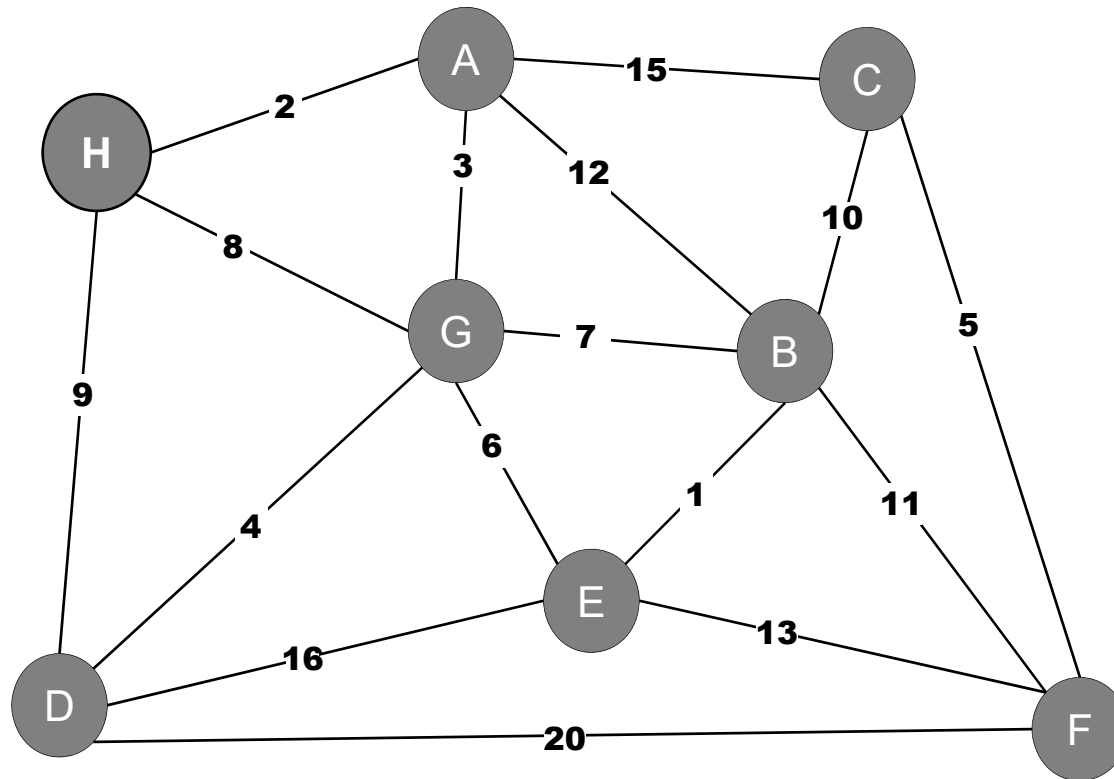
# Boruvka's Example



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Which edges are “obviously” in the MST?

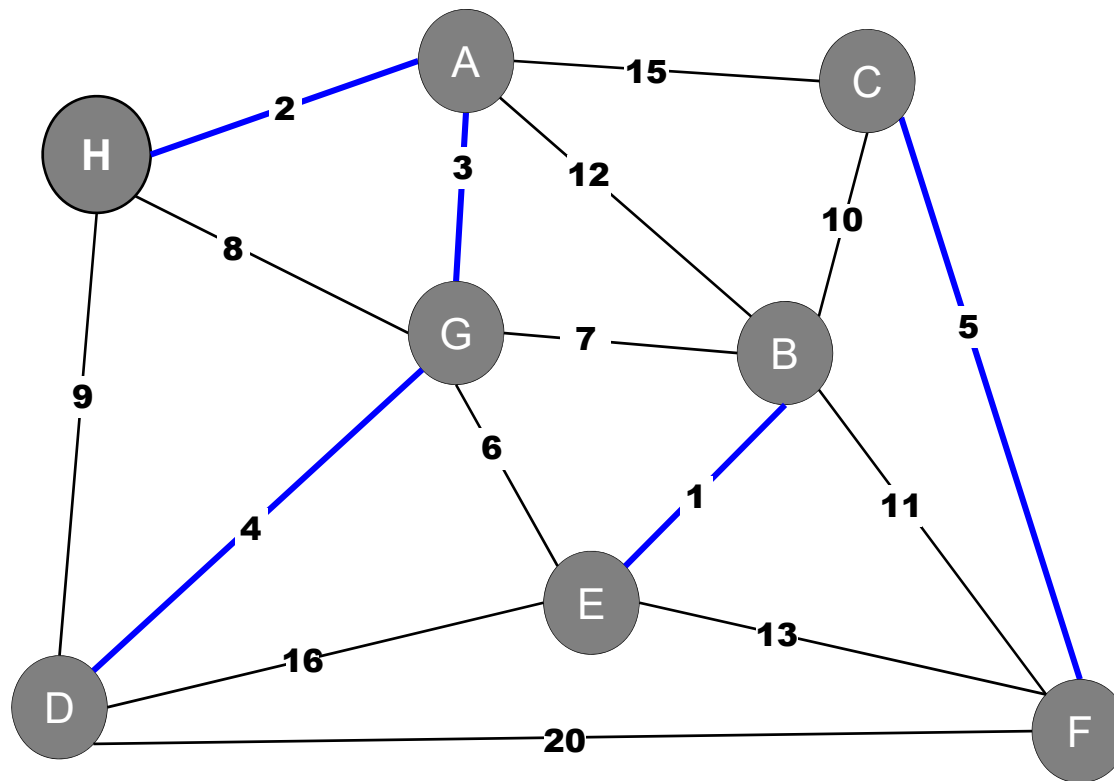
# Boruvka's Example



The minimum adjacent edge!

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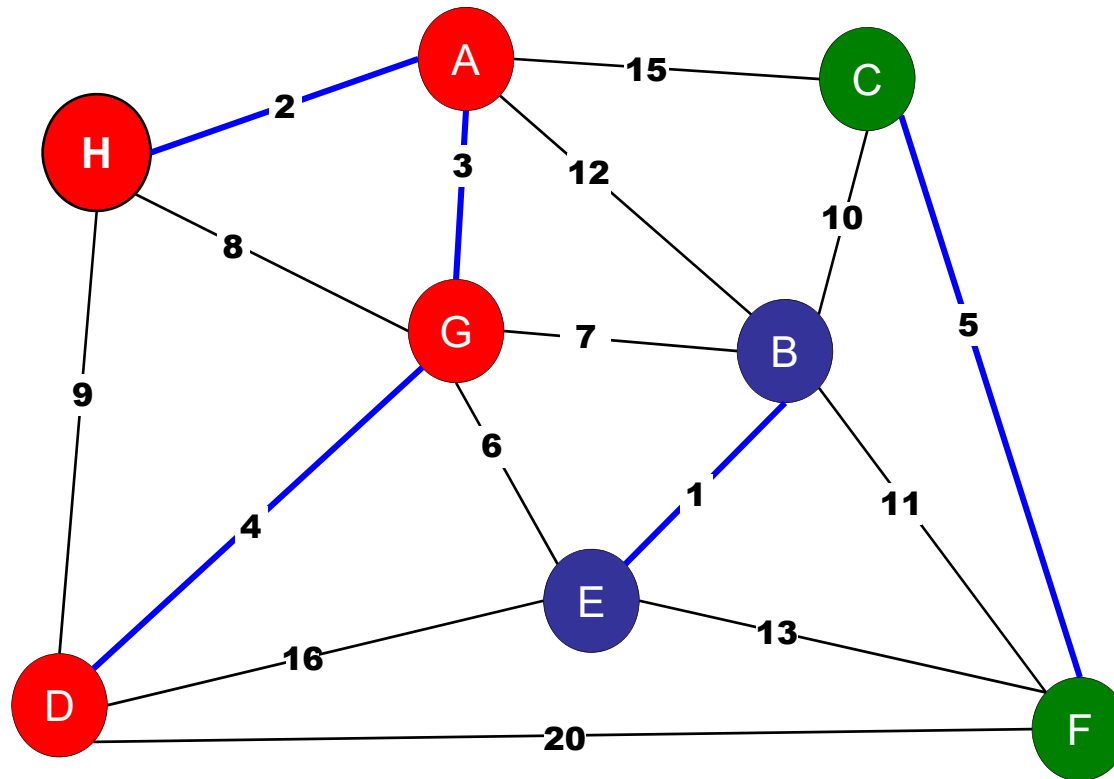


For every node: add minimum adjacent edge.

Add at least  $n/2$  edges.

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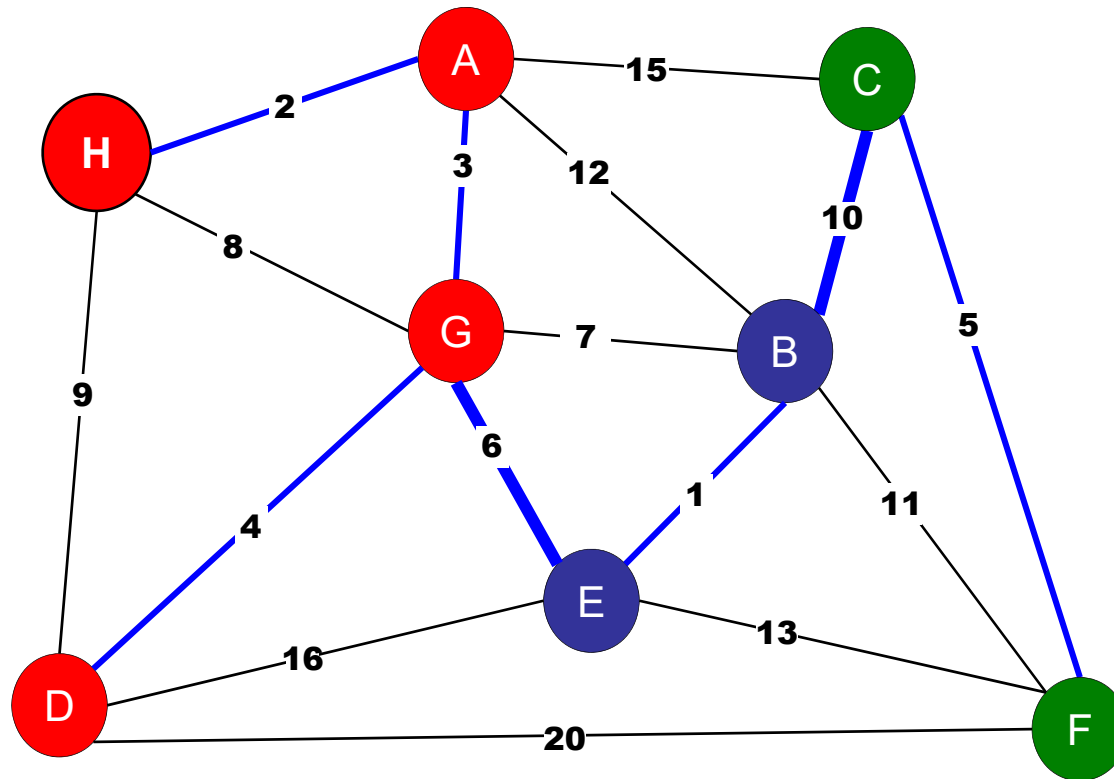
Look at connected components...

At most  $n/2$  connected components.

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# Boruvka's Example



Repeat: for every connected components, add minimum outgoing edge.

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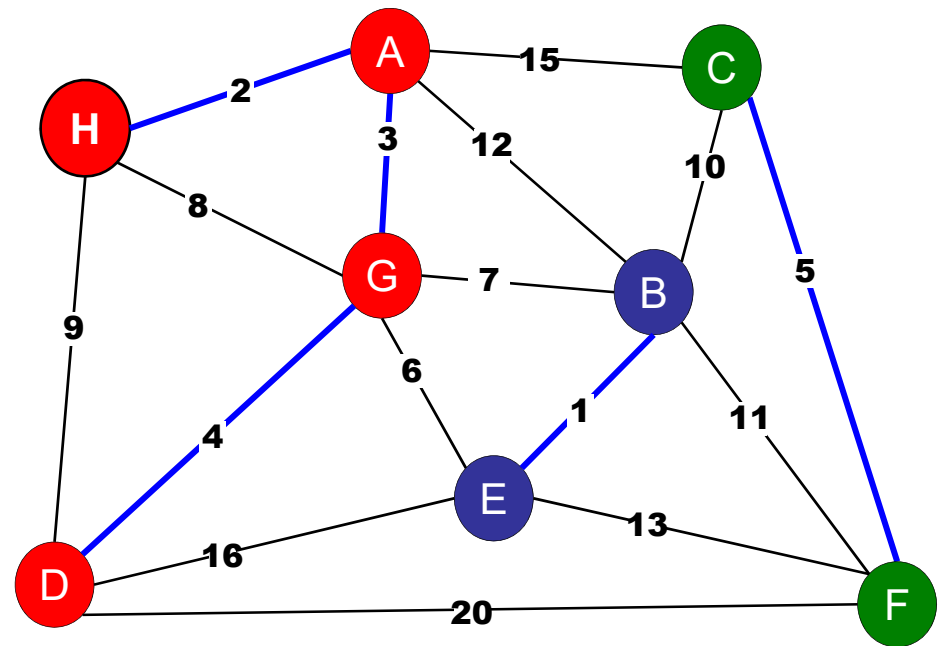
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Initially:

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One "Boruvka" Step:

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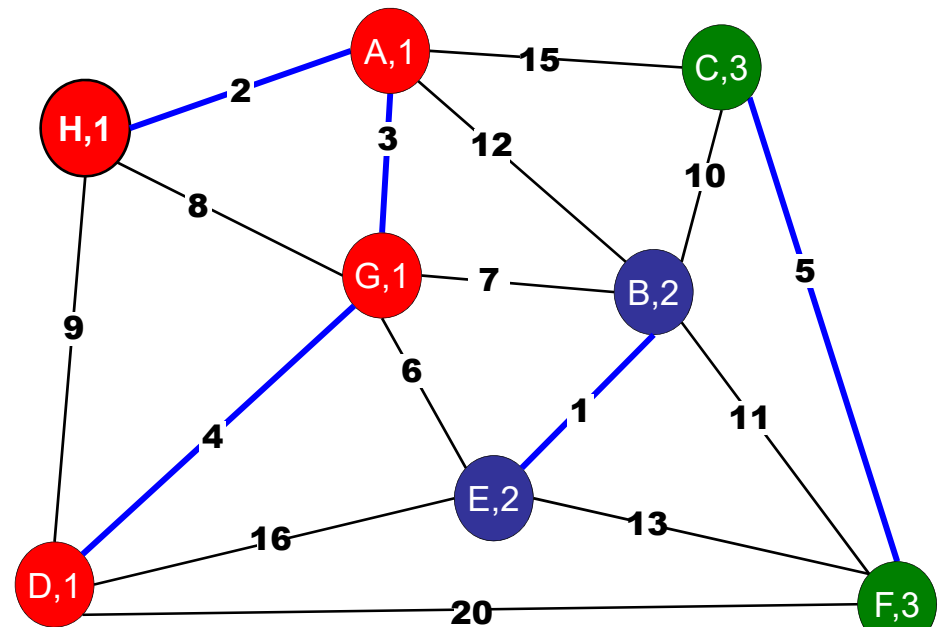
Check if edge connects two components.

Remember minimum cost edge connected to each component.

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Component	1	2	3
Min cost edge	(G,E), 6	(G,E), 6	(B,C), 10
To be merged	1 and 2	1 and 2	2 and 3



# Boruvka's Algorithm

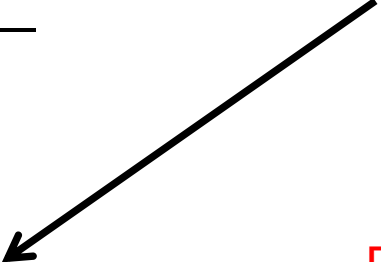
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**Scan every node:**

Compute new component ids.

Update component ids.

Mark added edges.



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# Boruvka's Algorithm

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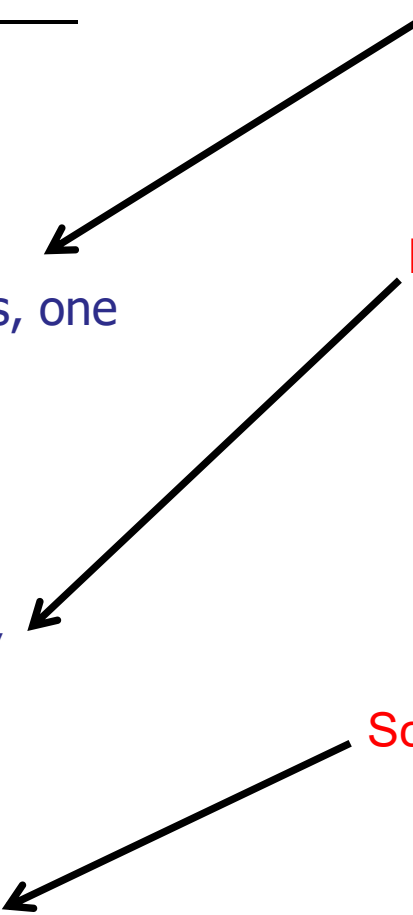
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One "Boruvka" Step:  $O(V+E)$

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For each node:  $O(V)$   
store a component identifier.



DFS or BFS:  $O(V + E)$   
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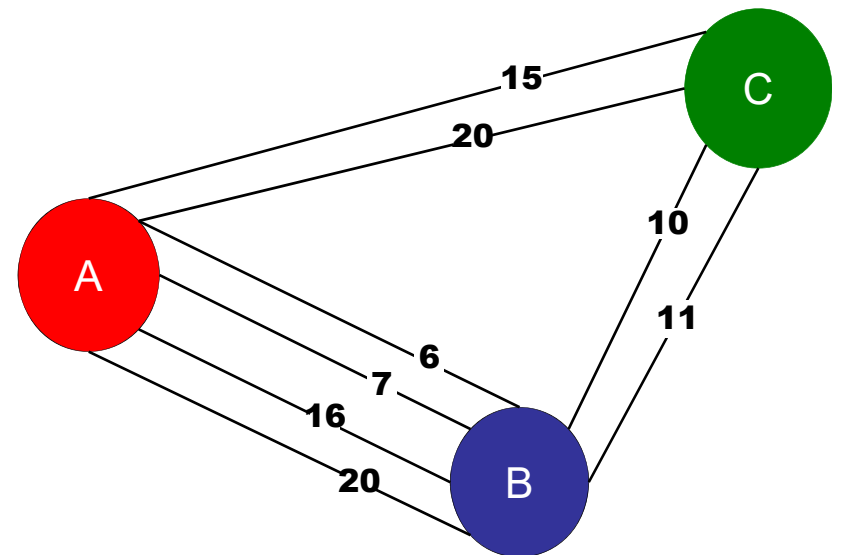
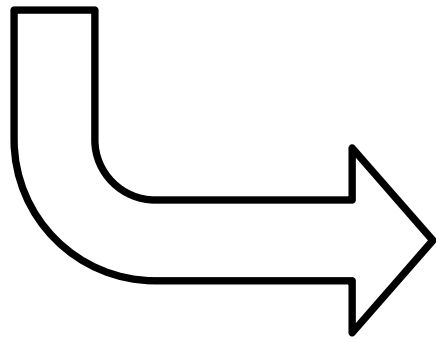
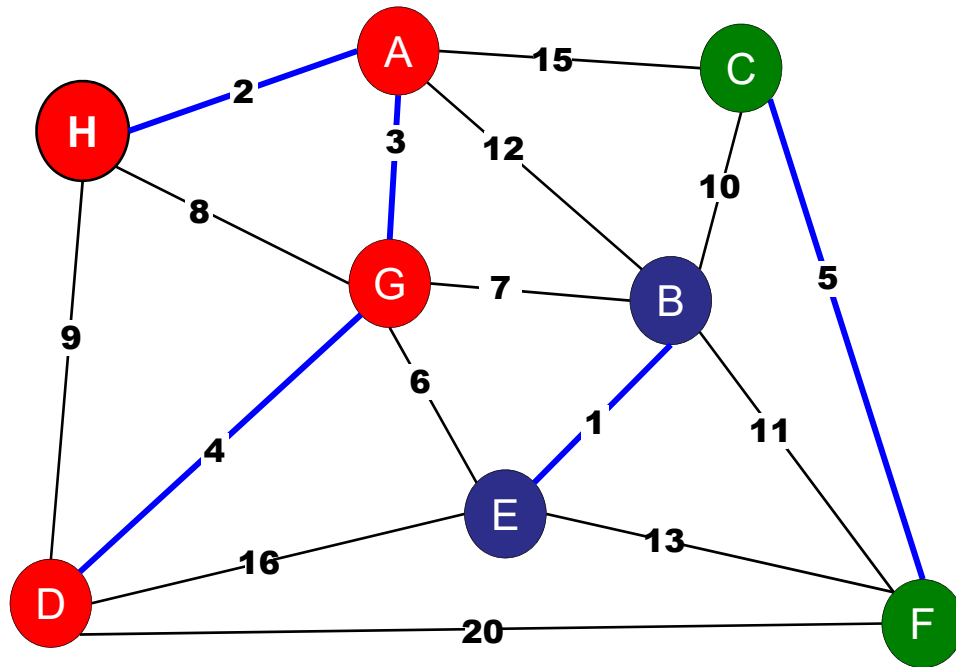
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# Boruvka's Example: Contraction



# Boruvka's Algorithm

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In each “Boruvka” Step:  $O(V+E)$

- Assume  $k$  components, initially.
- At least  $k/2$  edges added.

Count edges:

Each component adds one edge.

Some choose same edge.

Each edge is chosen by at most two different components.



# Boruvka's Algorithm

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Merging:

Each edge merges two components



# Boruvka's Algorithm

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- At least  $k/2$  components merge.
- At end, at most  $k/2$  components remain.

# Boruvka's Algorithm

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## Boruvka's Algorithm

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n components

**At each step:**

k components  $\rightarrow$   $k/2$  components.

**Termination:**

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**Total time:**

$O((E+V)\log V) = O(E \log V)$

# Boruvka's Algorithm

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Why does it have a lot of parallelism?

Each connected component can perform a Boruvka step (mostly) independently:

Each component can search for its own minimum weight outgoing edge.

➔ Many edges found in parallel.

Merging requires coordination between components.

➔ Key bottleneck

Lots of parallelism in searching for edges and updating connected components.

# Boruvka's Algorithm

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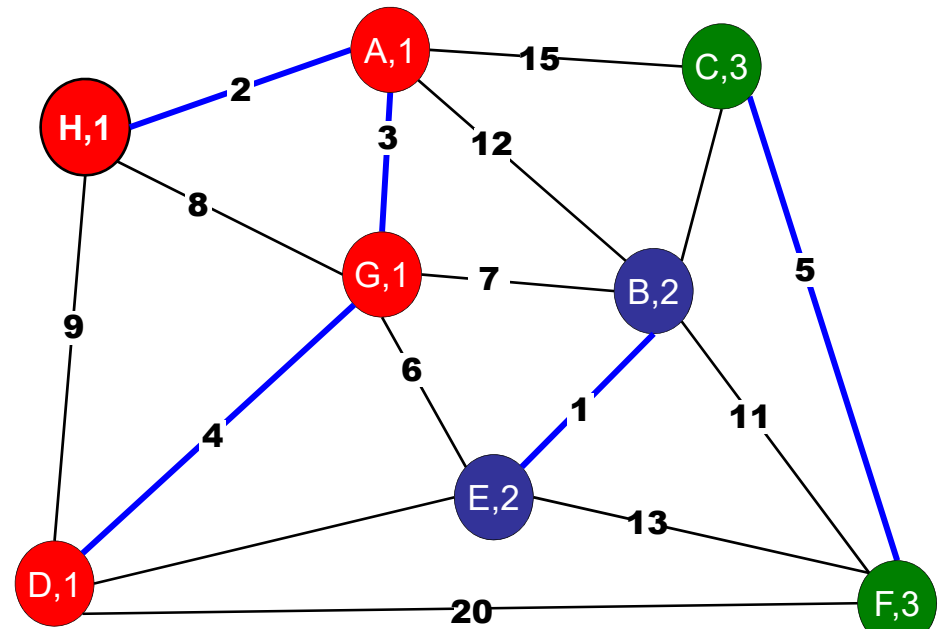
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# Roadmap

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So far:

## Minimum Spanning Trees

- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Boruvka's Algorithm

# Minimum Spanning Tree Summary

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Classic greedy algorithms:  $O(E \log V)$

- Prim's (Priority Queue)
- Kruskal's (Union-Find)
- Boruvka's

Best known:  $O(m \alpha(m, n))$

- Chazelle (2000)
- Uses a "soft heap" (!?)

Holy grail and major open problem:  $O(m)$



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- Randomized: Karger-Klein-Tarjan (1995)
- Verification: Dixon-Rauch-Tarjan (1992)

# Roadmap

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Last time: Minimum Spanning Trees

- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Boruvka's Algorithm

Today: Variations

- Constant weight edges
- Bounded integer edge weights
- Directed graphs
- Maximum Spanning Tree
- Steiner Tree

# MST Variants

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What if all the edges have the same weight?

How fast can you find an MST?

1.  $O(V)$
- ✓ 2.  $O(E)$
3.  $O(E \log V)$
4.  $O(V \log E)$
5.  $O(VE)$

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# MST Variants

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What if all the edges have the same weight?

- Depth-First-Search or Breadth-First-Search

If all edge-weights are 2, what is the **cost** of a MST?

1.  $V-1$
2.  $V$
- ✓ 3.  $2(V-1)$
4.  $2V$
5.  $E-V$
6.  $E$

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# MST Variants

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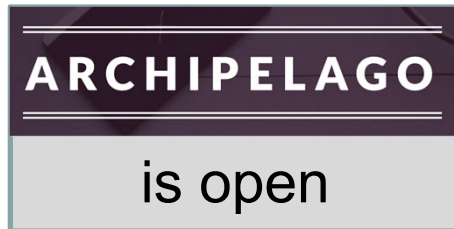
What if all the edges have the same weight?

- Depth-First-Search or Breadth-First-Search
- An MST contains exactly  $(V-1)$  edges.
- Every spanning tree contains  $(V-1)$  edges!
- Thus, any spanning tree you find with DFS/BFS is a minimum spanning tree.

# Kruskal's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?



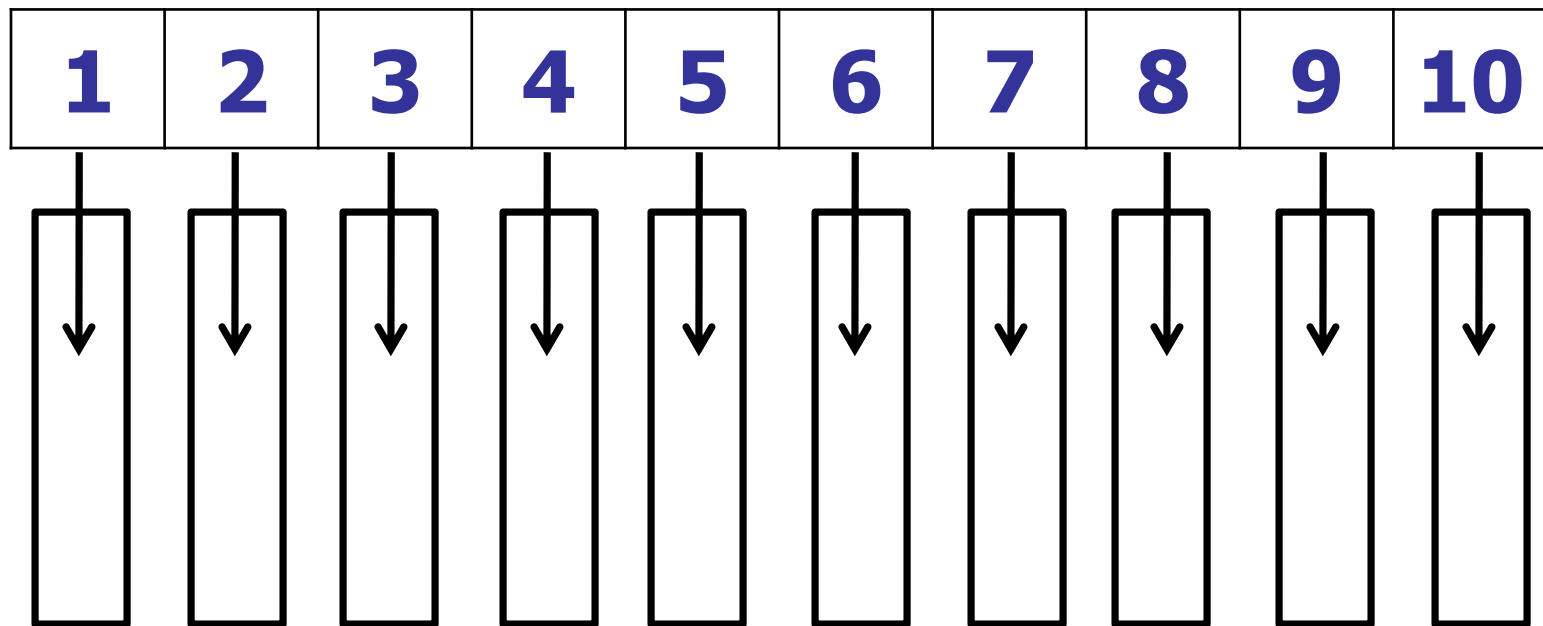


# Kruskal's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Idea: Use an array of size 10 to sort



slot  $A[j]$  holds a linked list of edges of weight  $j$

# Kruskal's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Idea: Use an array of size 10

- Putting edges in array of linked lists:  $O(E)$
- Iterating over all edges in ascending order:  $O(E)$
- For each edge:
  - Checking whether to add an edge:  $O(\alpha)$
  - Union two components:  $O(\alpha)$

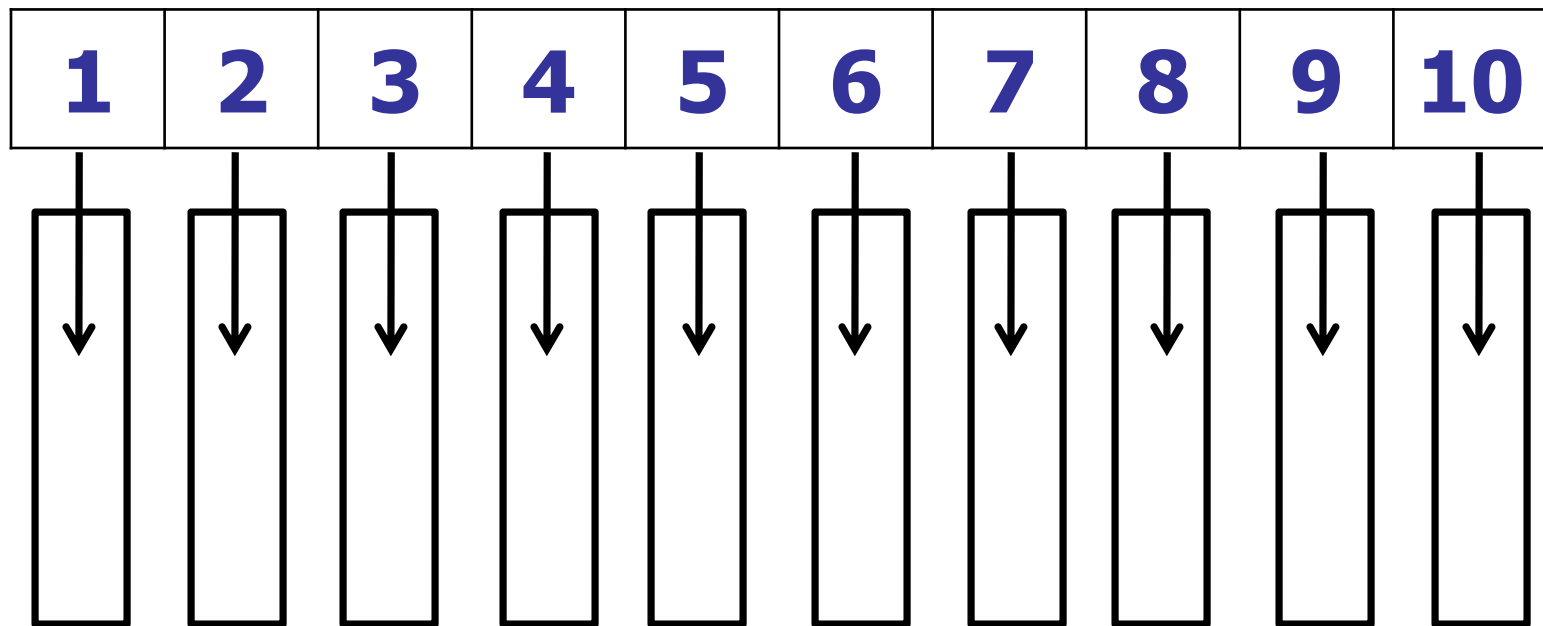
Total:  $O(\alpha E)$

# Prim's Variants

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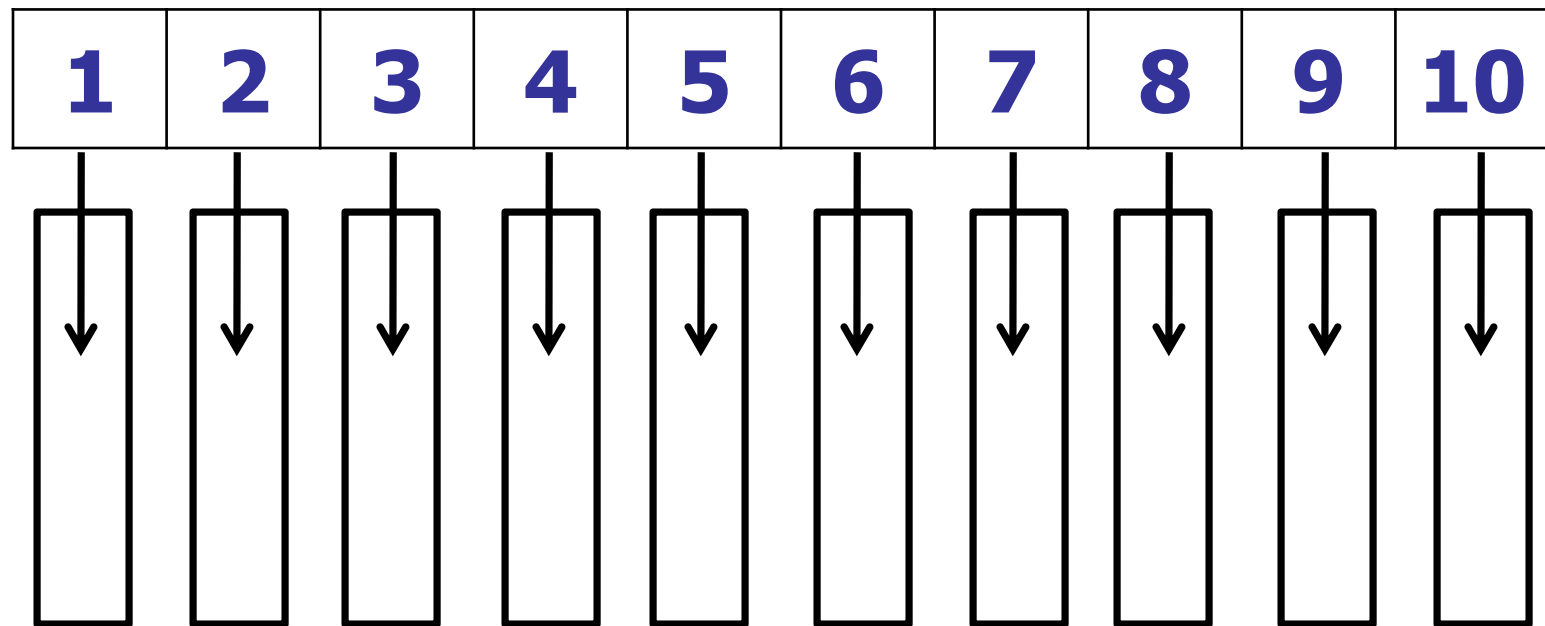
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# Prim's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Idea: Use an array of size 10 as a Priority Queue



decreaseKey: move node to new linked list

What is the running time of (modified) Prim's if all the edge weights are in  $\{1..10\}$ ?

1.  $O(V)$
- ✓ 2.  $O(E)$
3.  $O(E \log V)$
4.  $O(V \log E)$
5.  $O(EV)$

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# Prim's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Implement Priority Queue:

- Use an array of size 10 to implement
- Insert: put node in correct list
- Remove: lookup node (e.g., in hash table) and remove from linked list.
- ExtractMin: Remove from the minimum bucket.
- DecreaseKey: lookup node (e.g., in hash table) and move to correct linked list.

# Prim's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Idea: Use an array of size 10

- Inserting/Removing nodes from PQ:  $O(V)$
- decreaseKey:  $O(E)$

Total:  $O(V + E) = O(E)$

# Prim's Variants

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What if all the edges have weights from  $\{1..10\}$ ?

Implement Priority Queue....

Why does this fail for Dijkstra's Algorithm?



# Roadmap

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Today: Minimum Spanning Trees

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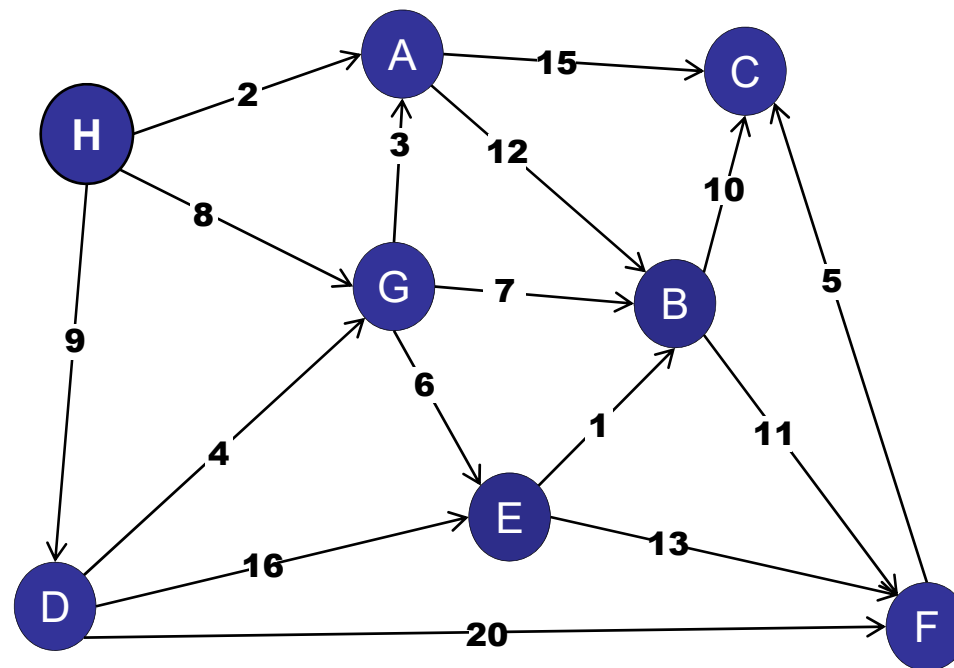
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# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

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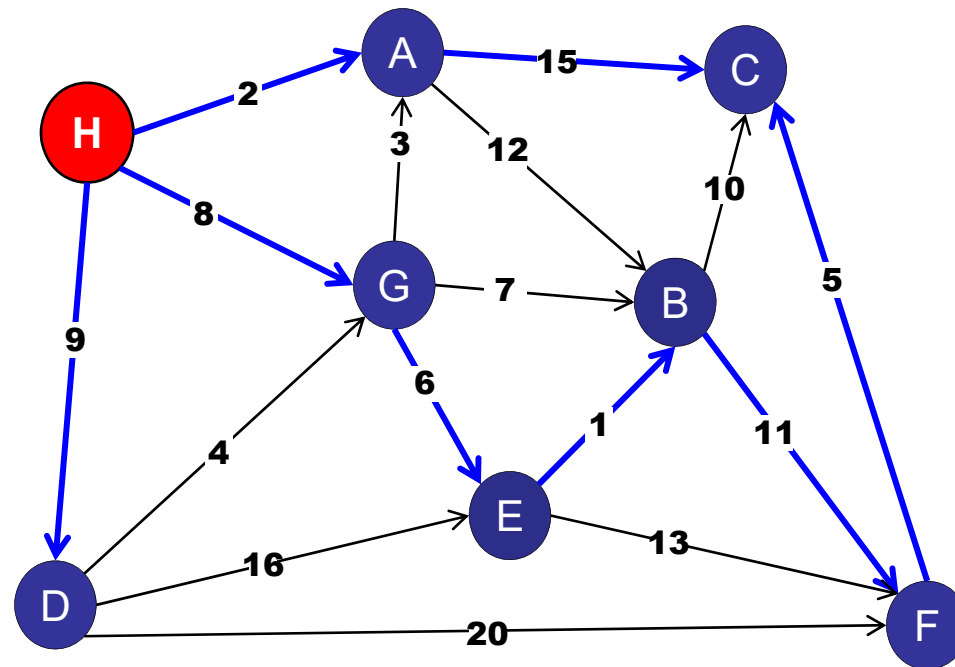
What if the edges are directed?



# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

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A rooted spanning tree:



Every node is reachable on a path from the root.

No cycles.

# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

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## Harder problem:

- Cut property does not hold.
- Cycle property does not hold.
- Generic MST algorithm does not work.

Prim's, Kruskal's, Boruvka's do not work.

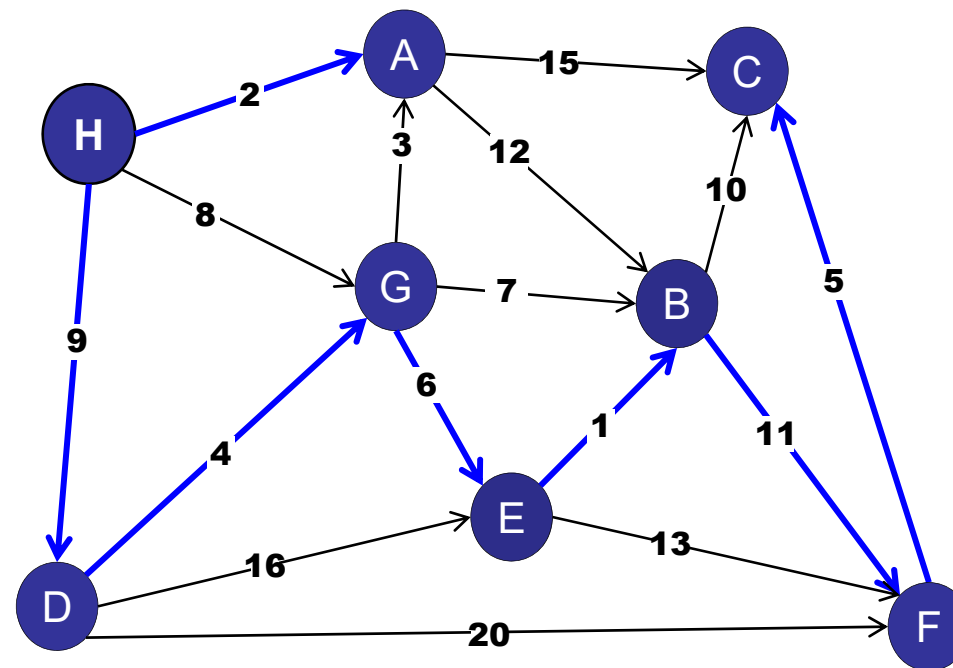
See CS3230 / CS4234 for more details...

**Exercise:** Draw a directed graph where the cut property or cycle property is violated.

# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

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Special case: a directed acyclic graph with one "root":

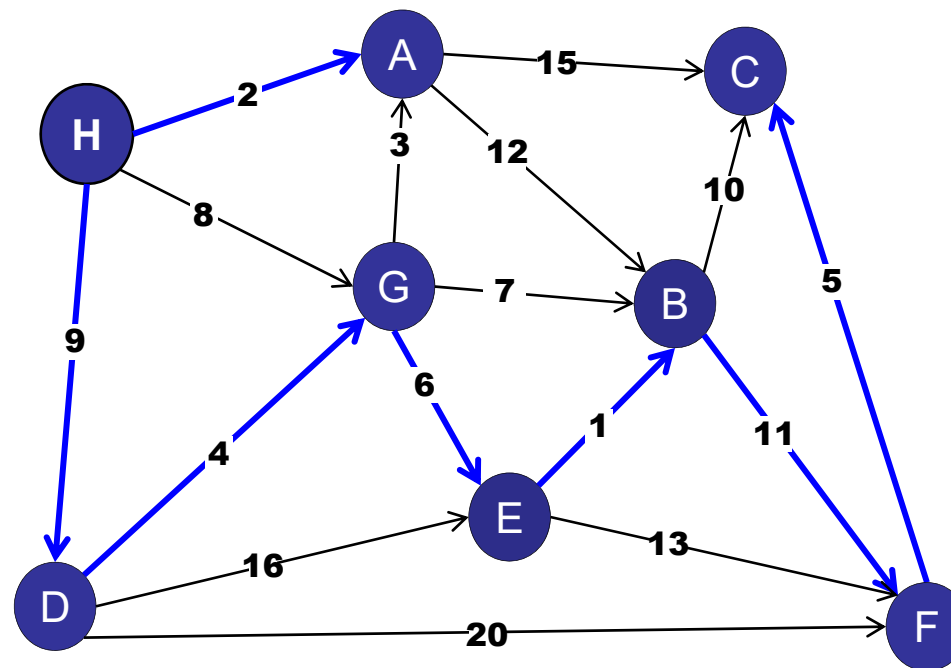


# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

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- Every node has to have at least one incoming edge in the MST, so this is the minimum spanning tree.



# Directed Minimum Spanning Tree

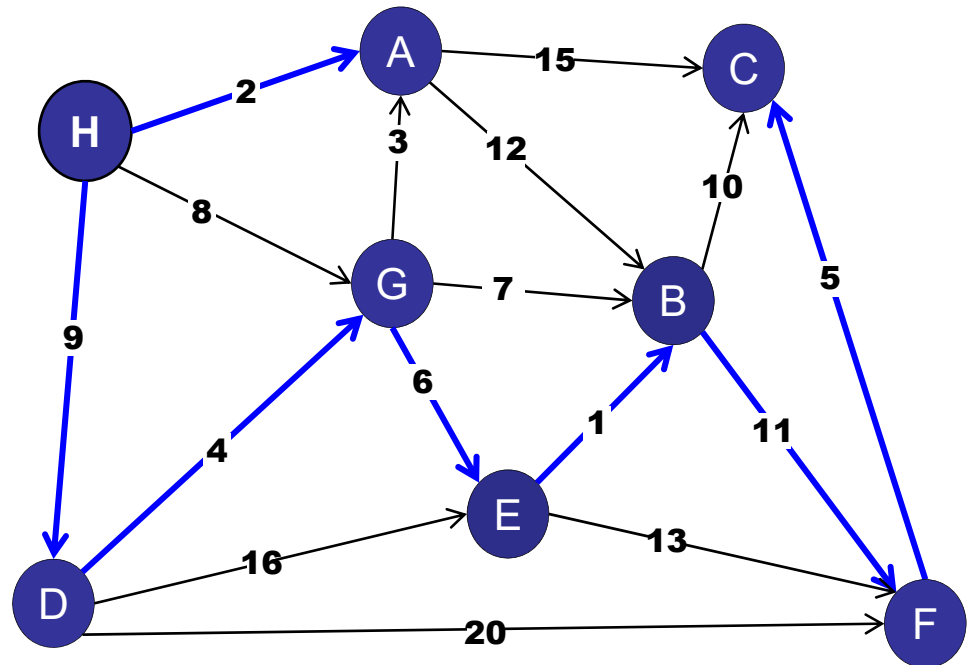
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Conclusion: Minimum Spanning Tree

$O(E)$  time



# Roadmap

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Today: Minimum Spanning Trees

- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Boruvka's Algorithm

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# Maximum Spanning Tree

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A MaxST is a spanning tree of maximum weight.

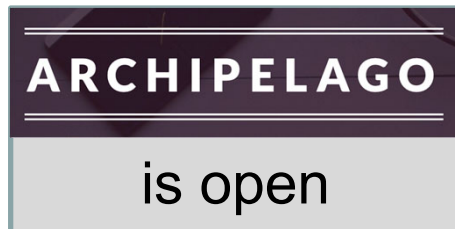
How do you find a MaxST?

# Maximum Spanning Tree

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Reweighting a spanning tree:

- What happens if you add a constant  $k$  to the weight of every edge?



# Kruskal's Algorithm

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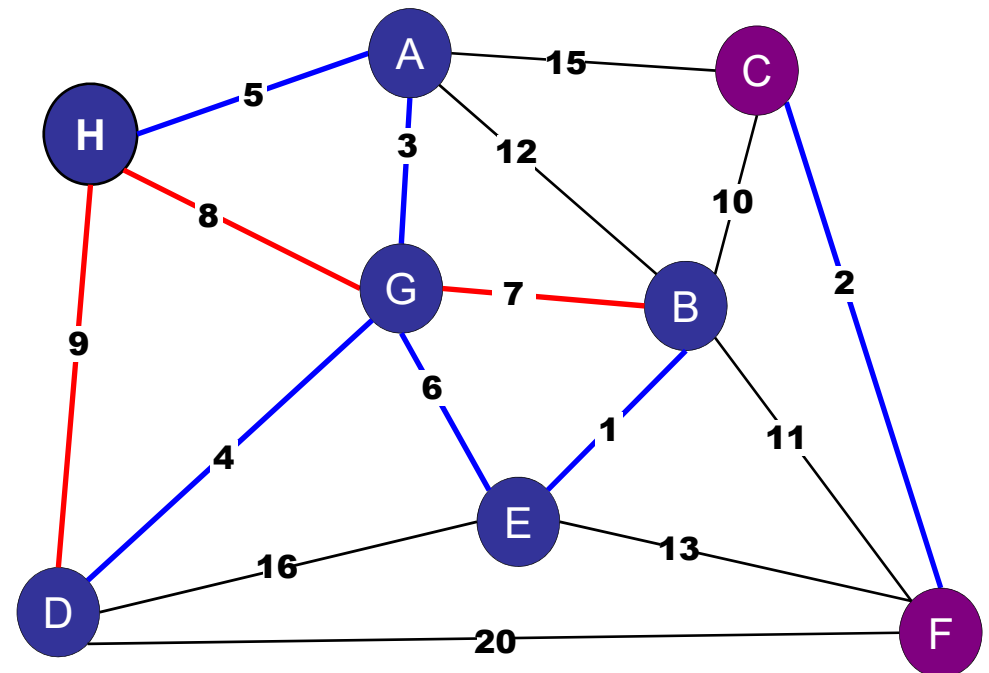
## Kruskal's Algorithm. (Kruskal 1956)

Basic idea:

- Sort edges by weight.
- Consider edges in ascending order:
  - If both endpoints are in the **same** blue tree, then color the edge red.
  - Otherwise, color the edge blue.

What matters?

- Relative edge weights.
- Absolute edge weights have no impact.

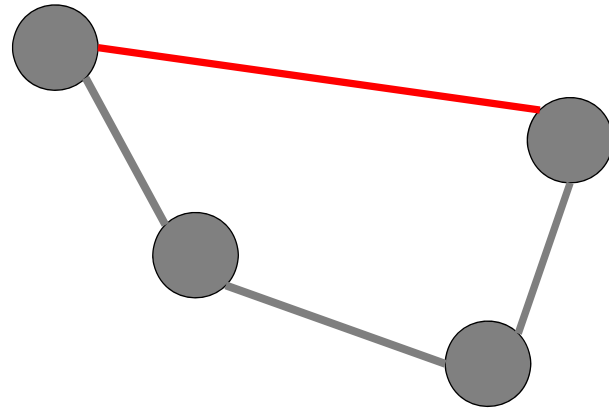


# Generic MST Algorithm

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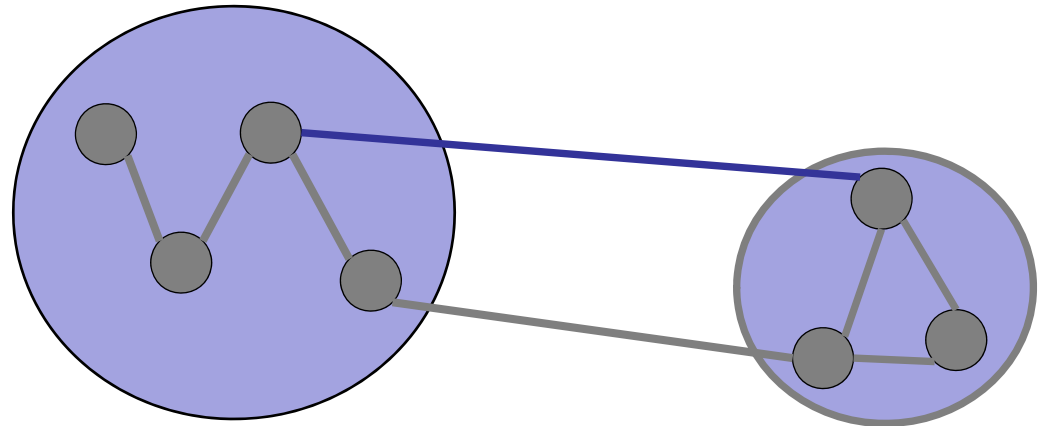
## **Red** rule:

If  $C$  is a cycle with no red arcs, then color the max-weight edge in  $C$  red.



## **Blue** rule:

If  $D$  is a cut with no blue arcs, then color the min-weight edge in  $D$  blue.



# Maximum Spanning Tree

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Reweighting a spanning tree:

- What happens if you add a constant  $k$  to the weight of every edge?

No change!

We can add or subtract weights without effecting the MST.

(Very *different* from shortest paths...)

# Maximum Spanning Tree

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MST with negative weights?



# Maximum Spanning Tree

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MST with negative weights?

No problem!

1. Reweight MST by adding a big enough value to each edge so that it is positive.
2. Actually, no need to reweight. Only relative edge weights matter, so negative weights have no bad impact.

# Maximum Spanning Tree

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A MaxST is a spanning tree of maximum weight.

How do you find a MaxST?

Easy!

1. Multiply each edge weight by -1.
2. Run MST algorithm.
3. MST that is “most negative” is the maximum.

# Maximum Spanning Tree

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A MaxST is a spanning tree of maximum weight.

How do you find a MaxST?

Or... run Kruskal's in reverse.

# Roadmap

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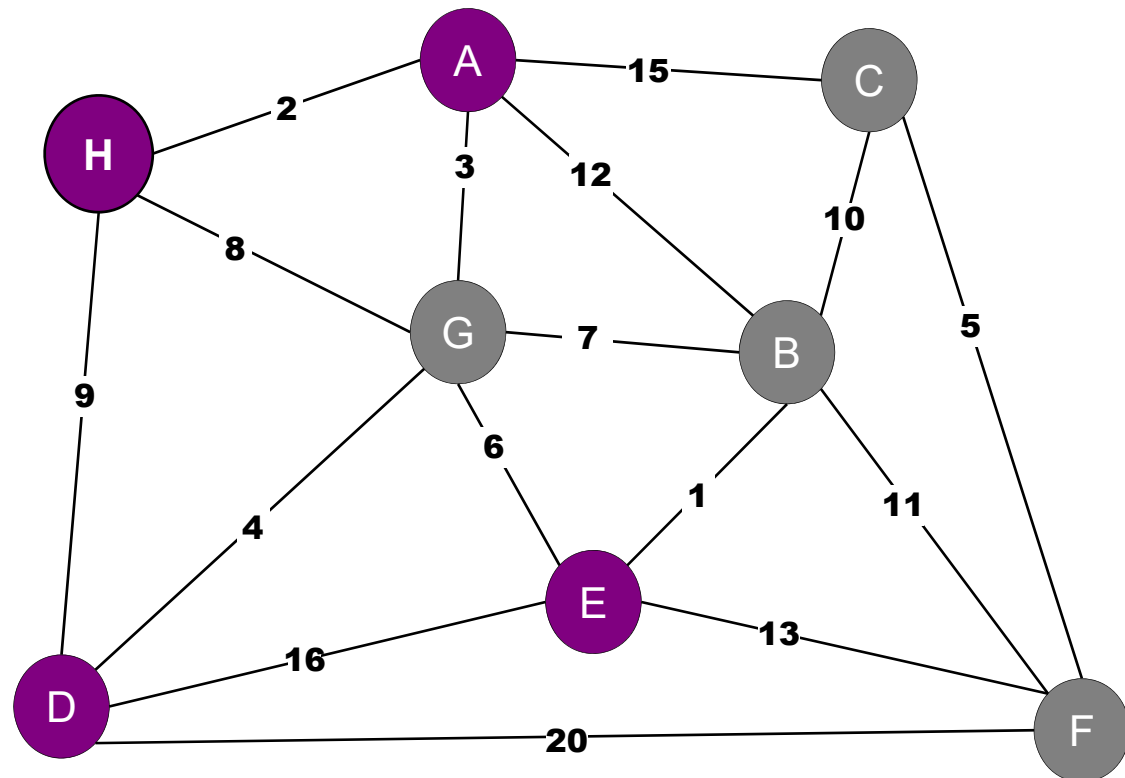
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# Steiner Tree Problem

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What if I want a minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?



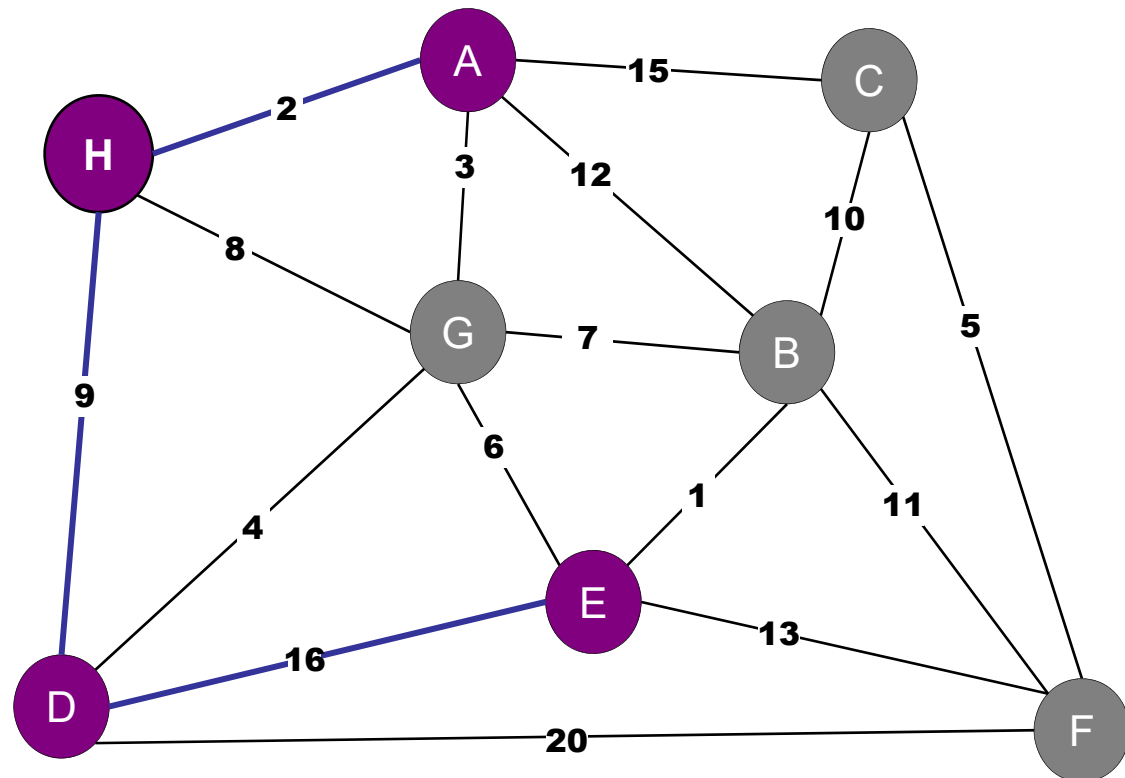
# Steiner Tree Problem

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What if I want a minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?

1. Just use the sub-graph.

weight = 27



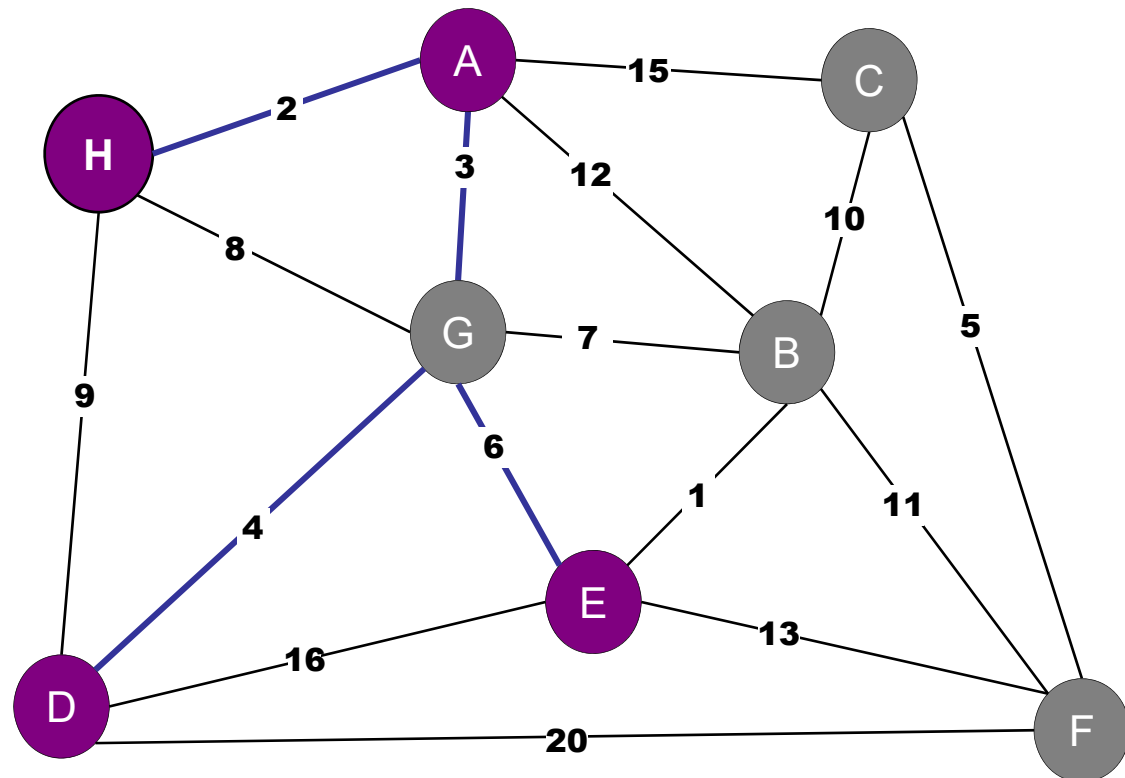
# Steiner Tree Problem

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What if I want a minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?

1. Just use the sub-graph.
2. Use other nodes.

weight = 15



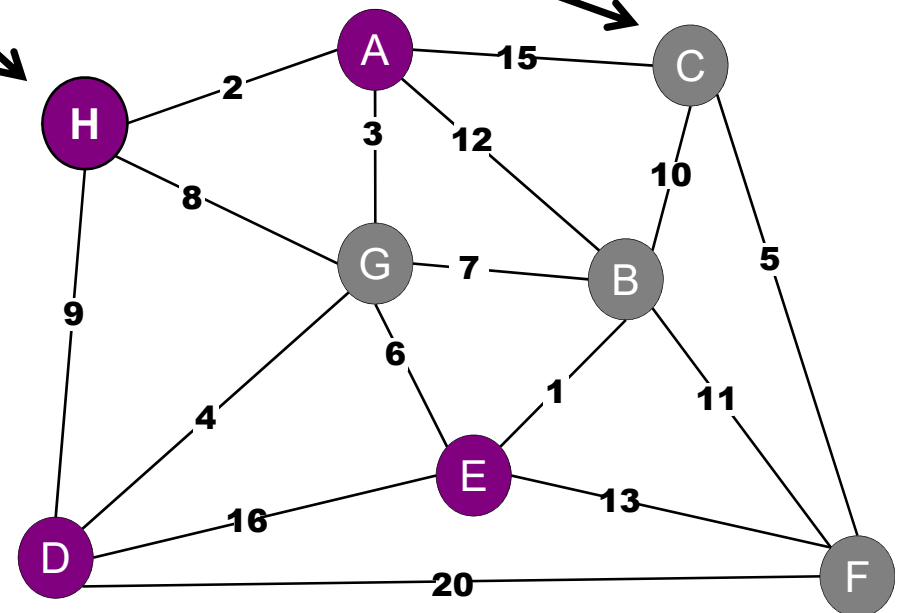
# Steiner Tree Problem

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What is the minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?

- Steiner nodes
- Required nodes

Find spanning tree of required vertices.  
You may include Steiner vertices, optionally.



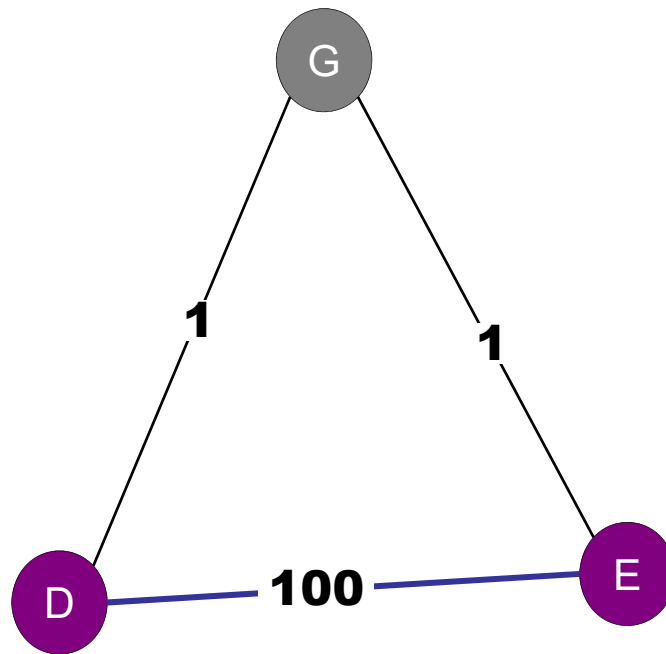


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Just calculate MST doesn't work:

1. Calculate MST with no Steiner nodes.

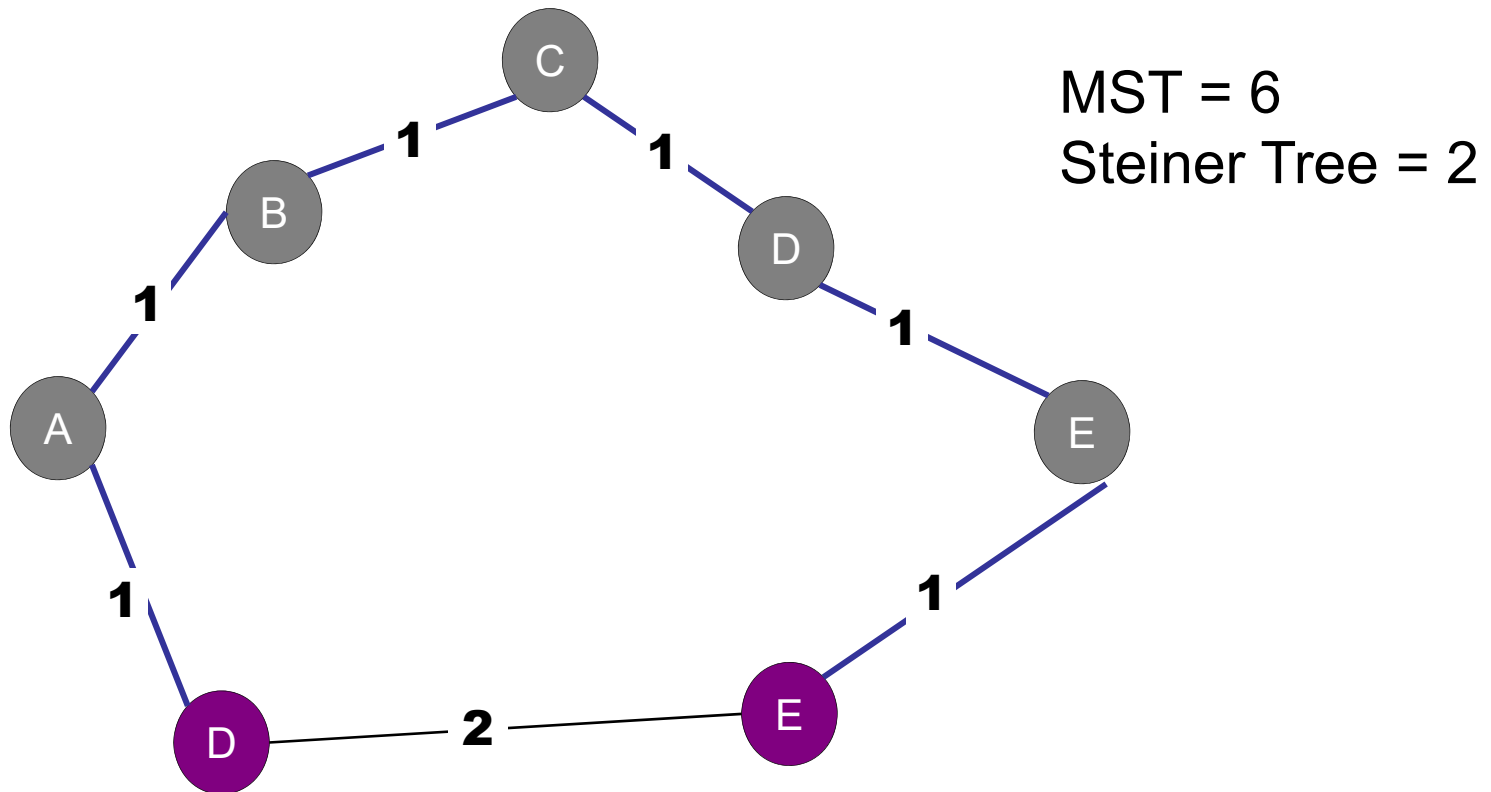


# Steiner Tree Problem

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2. Calculate MST with all Steiner nodes.



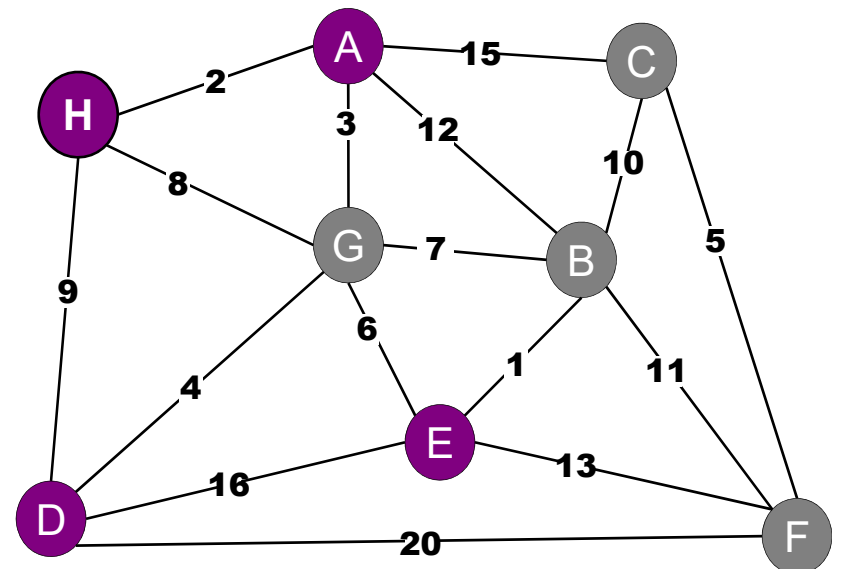
# Steiner Tree Problem

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What is the minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?

Bad News: **NP-Hard**

No efficient (polynomial) time algorithm  
(unless  $P = NP$ ).



# Steiner Tree Problem

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What is the minimum spanning tree of a subset of the vertices?

Good News: Efficient approximation algorithms

Algorithm SteinerMST guarantees:

- $\text{OPT}(G)$  = minimum cost Steiner Tree
- $T$  = output of SteinerMST
- $T < 2 * \text{OPT}(G)$

# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example:

- Optimal Steiner Tree has cost 50.
- Our algorithm always outputs a solution with cost  $< 100$ .

# Steiner Tree Problem

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## Algorithm SteinerMST:

1. For every pair of required vertices  $(v, w)$ , calculate the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$ .
  - Use Dijkstra  $V$  times.
  - Or wait until we cover All-Pairs-Shortest-Paths next time.

# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example: Step 1

Shortest Paths:

$$(A,H) = 2$$

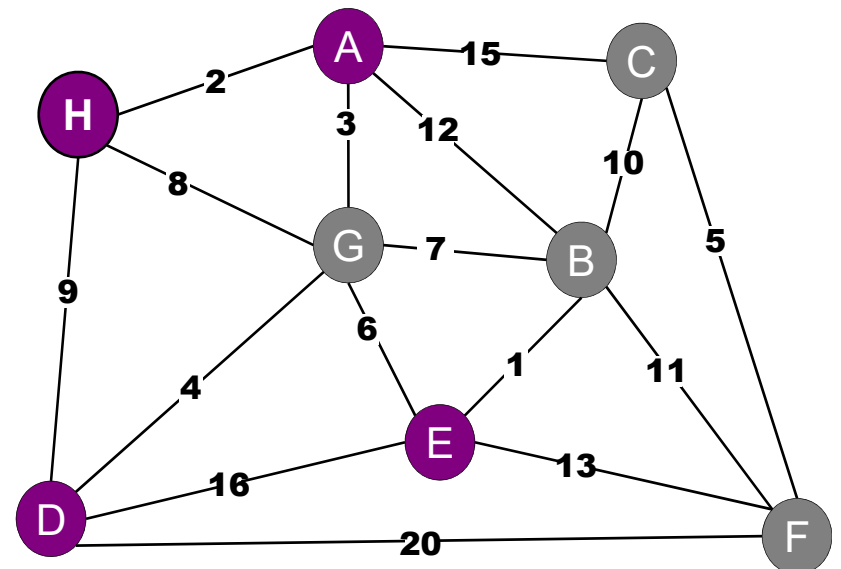
$$(A,D) = 7$$

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$$(D,E) = 10$$



# Steiner Tree Problem

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## Algorithm SteinerMST:

1. For every required vertex  $(v,w)$ , calculate the shortest path from  $(v$  to  $w)$ .
2. Construct new graph on required nodes.
  - $V$  = required nodes
  - $E$  = shortest path distances



# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example: Step 2

Shortest Paths:

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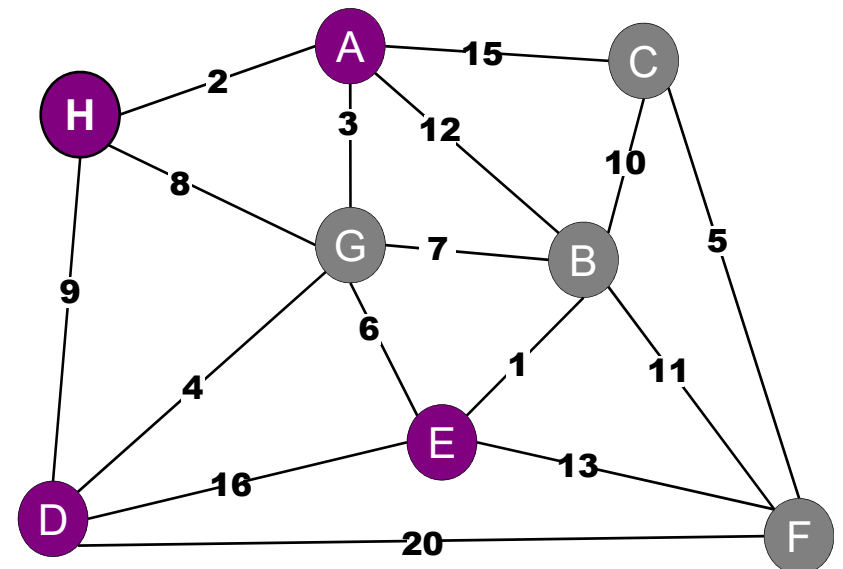
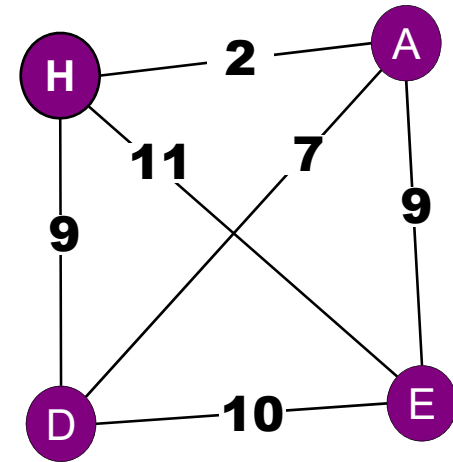
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# Steiner Tree Problem

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## Algorithm SteinerMST:

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2. Construct new graph on required nodes.
3. Run MST on new graph.
  - Use Prim's or Kruskal's or Boruvka's
  - MST gives edges on new graph

# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example: Step 3

Shortest Paths:

$$(A,H) = 2$$

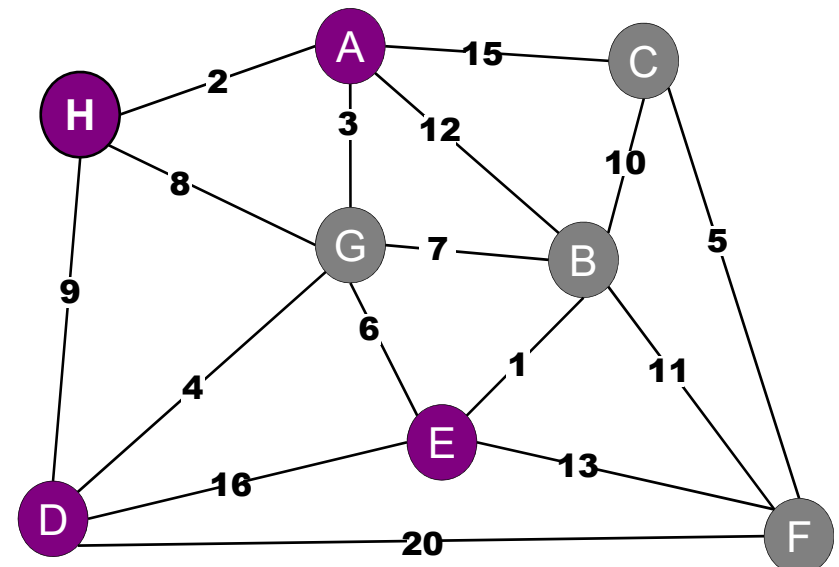
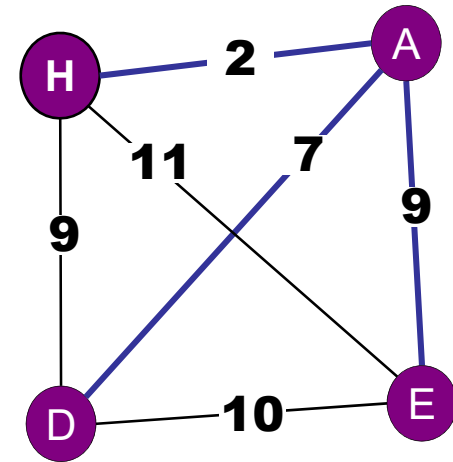
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# Steiner Tree Problem

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3. Run MST on new graph.
4. Map new edges back to original graph.
  - Use shortest path discovered in Step 1.
  - Add these edges to Steiner MST.
  - Remove duplicates.

# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example: Step 4

Shortest Paths:

$$(A,H) = 2$$

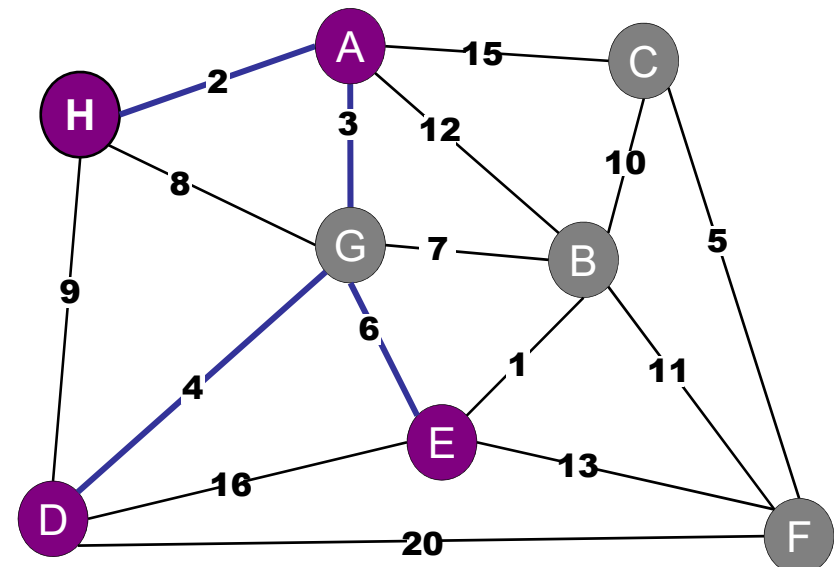
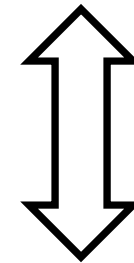
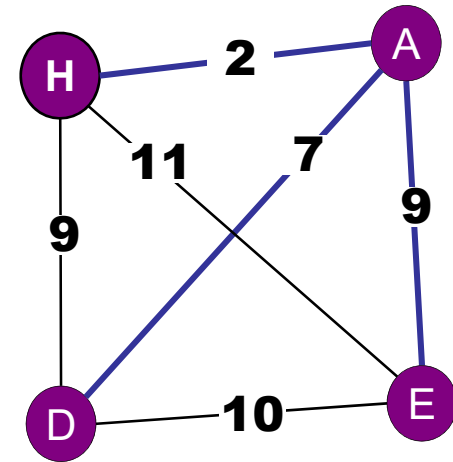
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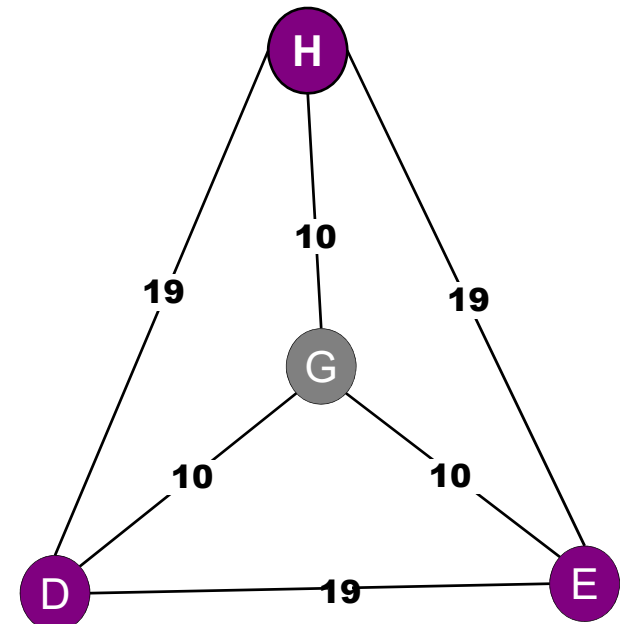
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# Steiner Tree Problem

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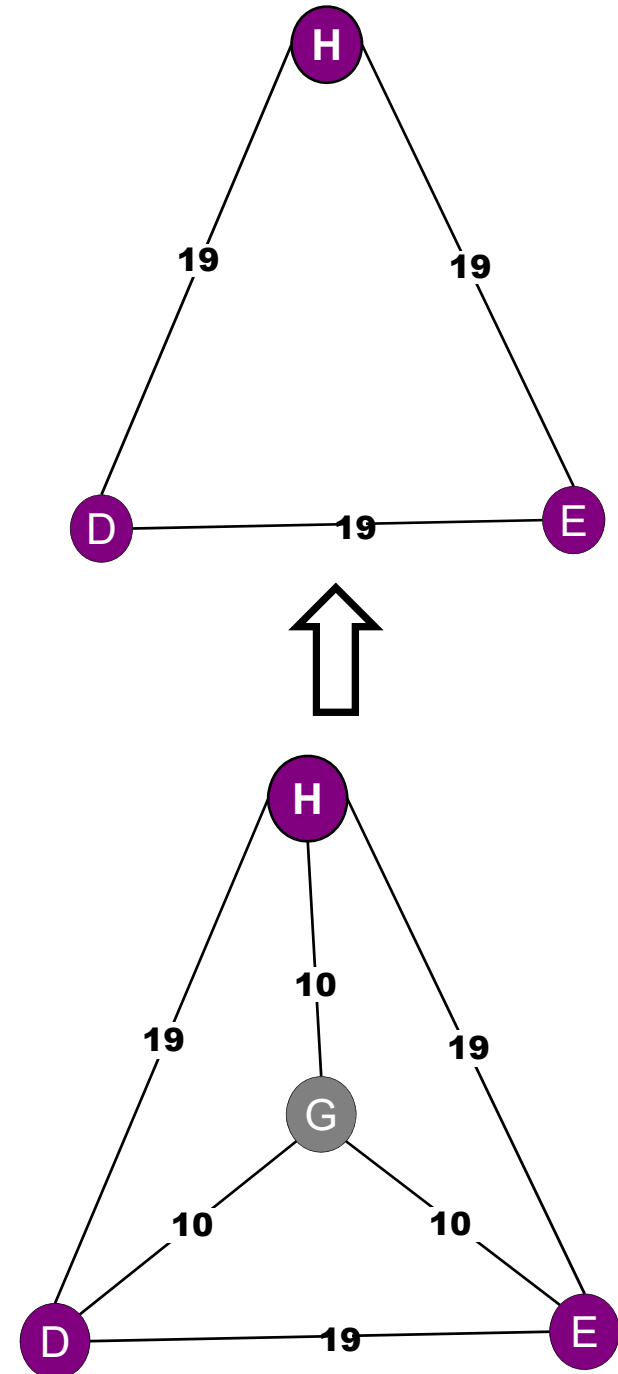
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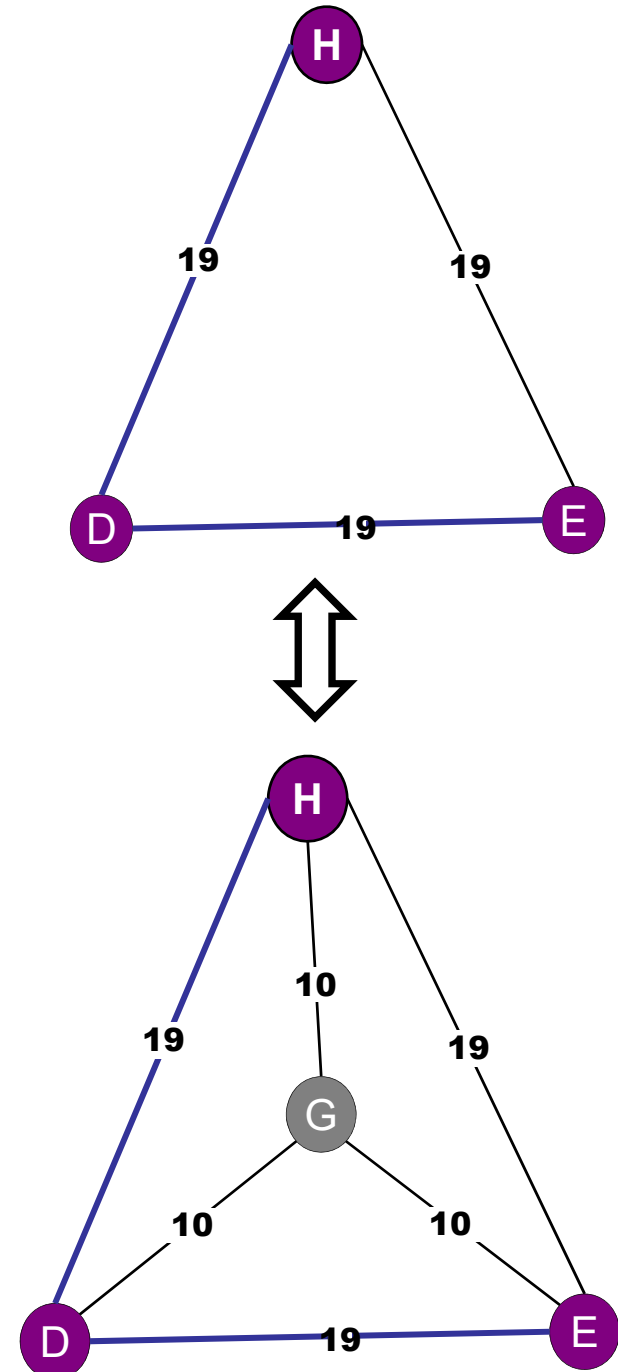
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Cost = 38:

OPT Steiner = 30

Challenge: bigger gap!



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# Steiner Tree Problem

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Algorithm SteinerMST:

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$$\text{cost}(D) = 2 * \text{OPT}.$$



Traverse each edge exactly twice!

# Steiner Tree Problem

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Example: Step 3

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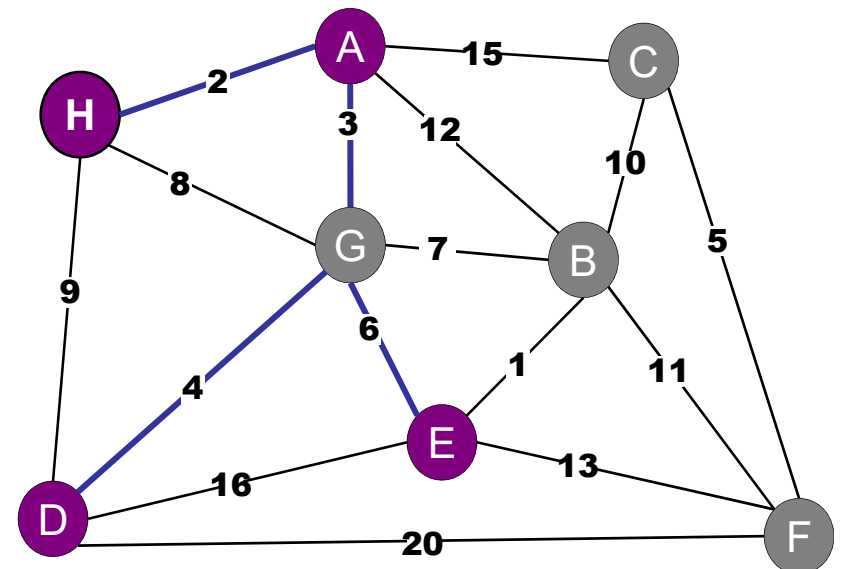
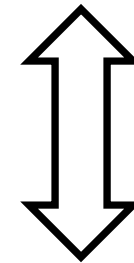
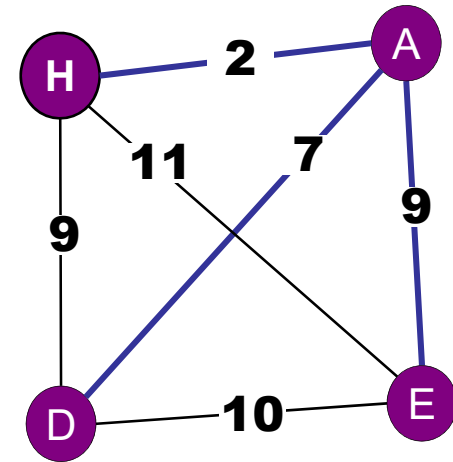
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5. Skip Steiner Nodes:  $D' = \{H, A, D, E, A, H\}$



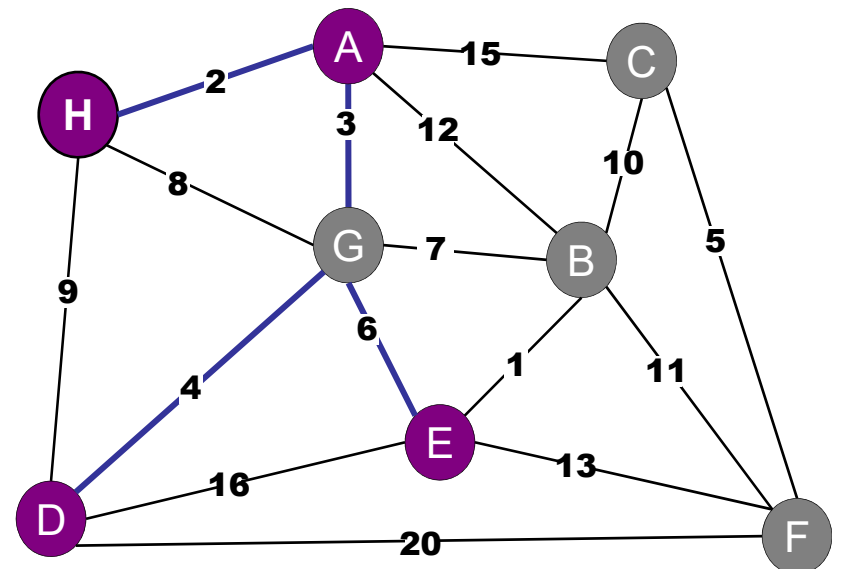
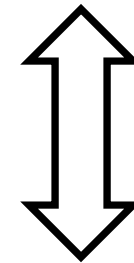
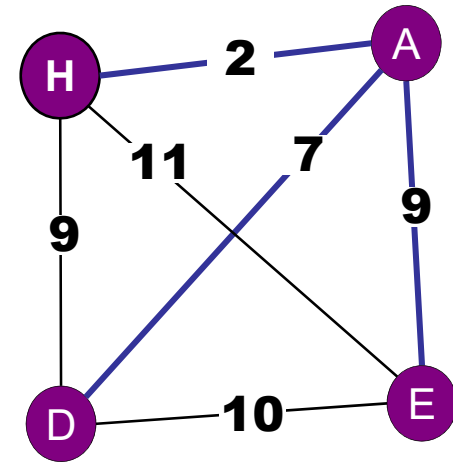
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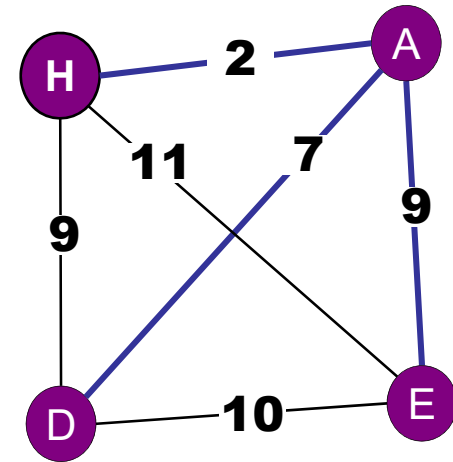
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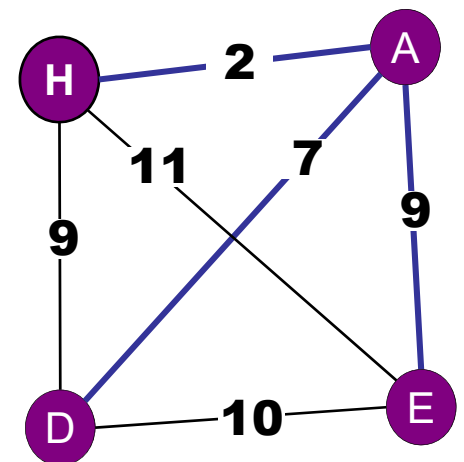
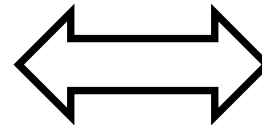
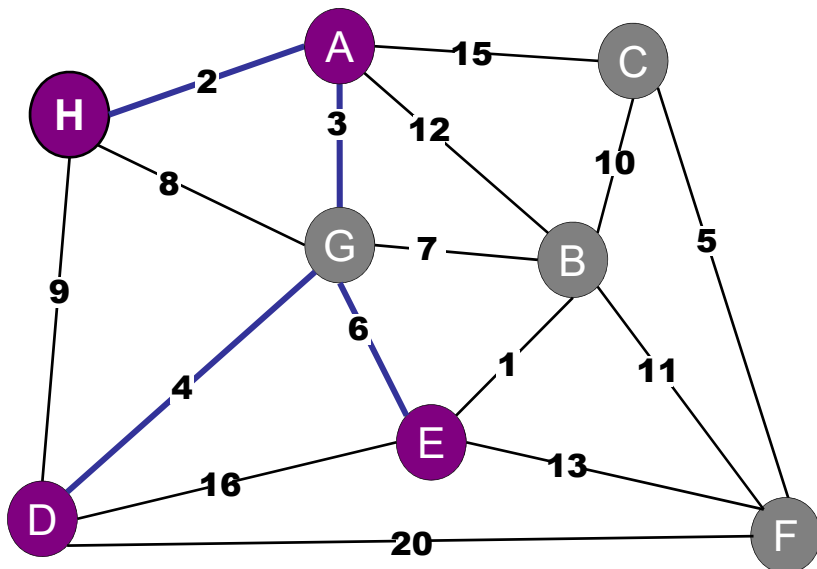
$$\leq \text{cost}(D) \leq 2 * \text{OPT}$$



# Steiner Tree Problem

## Algorithm SteinerMST:

6.  $\text{cost}(D') = \text{cost of traversing shortest paths}$   
 $\leq \text{cost}(D) \leq 2 * \text{OPT}.$
7.  $D'$  spans shortest path graph
8.  $\text{cost}(T) = \text{cost}(\text{MST}) < \text{cost}(D') \leq 2 * \text{OPT}$



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