

# CS 600.226: Data Structures

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Lecture 38: Union-Find



# Assignment 10: The Streets of Baltimore

Out on: November 30, 2018

Due by: December 7, 2018 before 10:00 pm

Collaboration: None

Grading:

Packaging 10%,

Style 10% (where applicable),

Testing 10% (where applicable),

Performance 10% (where applicable),

Functionality 60% (where applicable)

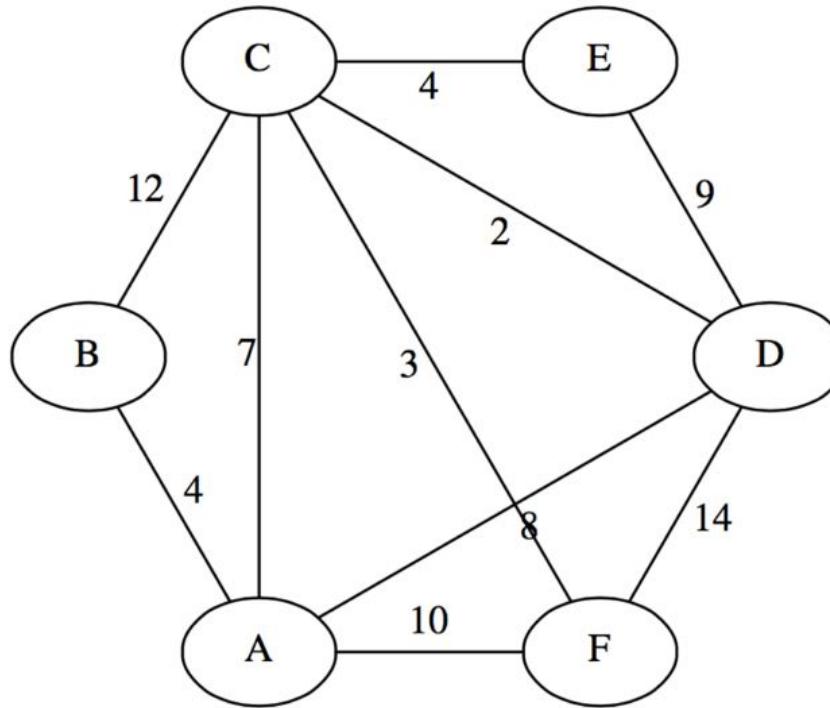
## Overview

The tenth assignment returns to our study of graphs, although this time we are using a weighted graph rather than the unweighted movie/movie-star graph. Specifically, you will be touring the streets of Baltimore to find the shortest route from the JHU campus to other destinations around Baltimore.

***Remember: javac -Xlint:all & checkstyle \*.java & JUnit  
(No JayBee)***

# Part I: Minimum Spanning Trees

# Long Distance Calling



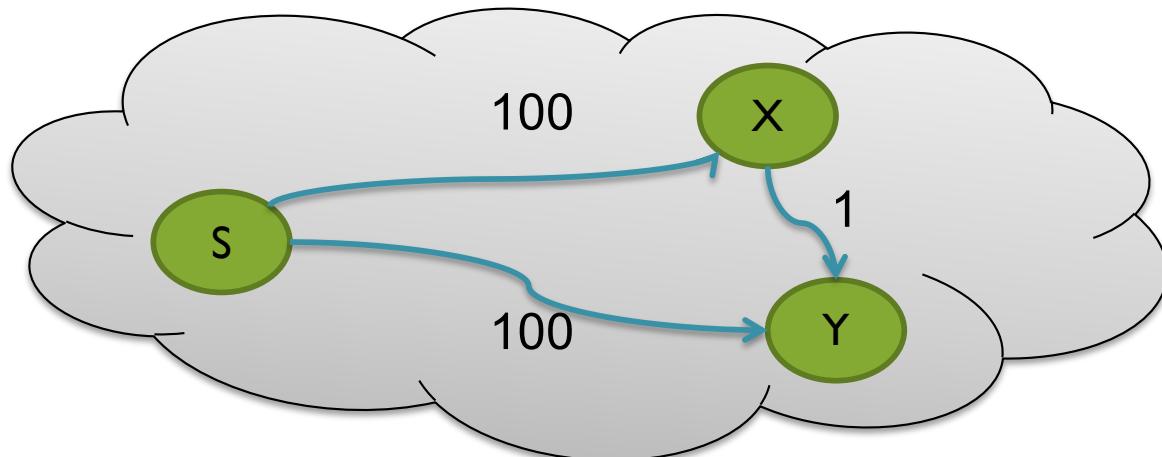
Suppose it costs different amounts of money to send data between cities A through F. Find the least expensive set of connections so that anyone can send data to anyone else.

Given an undirected graph with weights on the edges, find the subset of edges that (a) connects all of the vertices of the graph and (b) has minimum total costs

This subset of edges is called the minimum spanning tree (MST)

Removing an edge from MST disconnects the graph, adding one forms a cycle

# Dijkstra's $\neq$ MST



Dijkstra's will build the tree  $S \rightarrow X$ ,  $S \rightarrow Y$   
(tree visits every node with shortest paths from S to every other node)

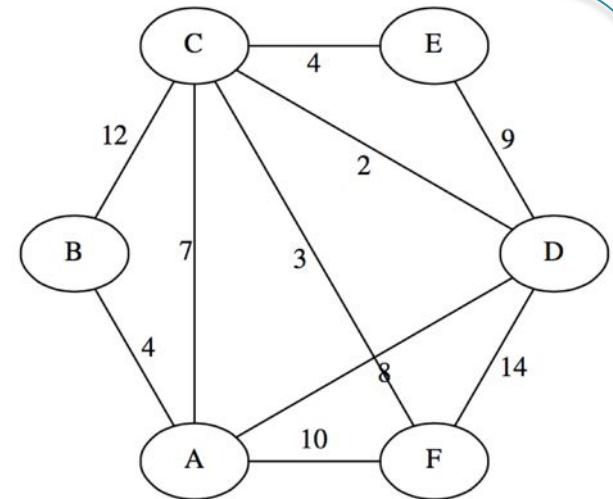
but the MST is  $S \rightarrow X$ ,  $X \rightarrow Y$   
(tree visits every node and minimizes the sum of the edges)

# Prim's Algorithm

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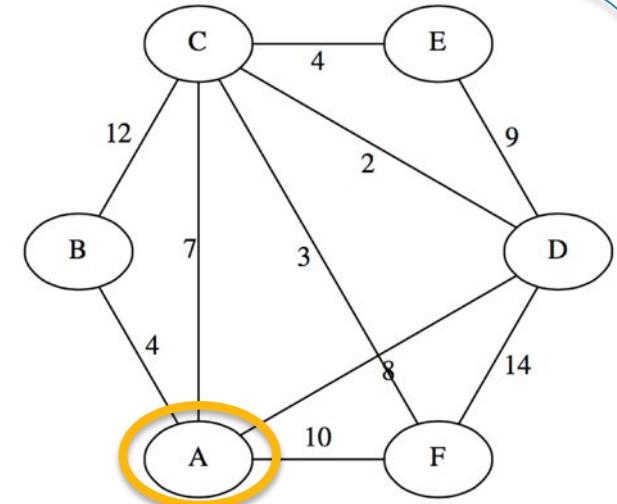


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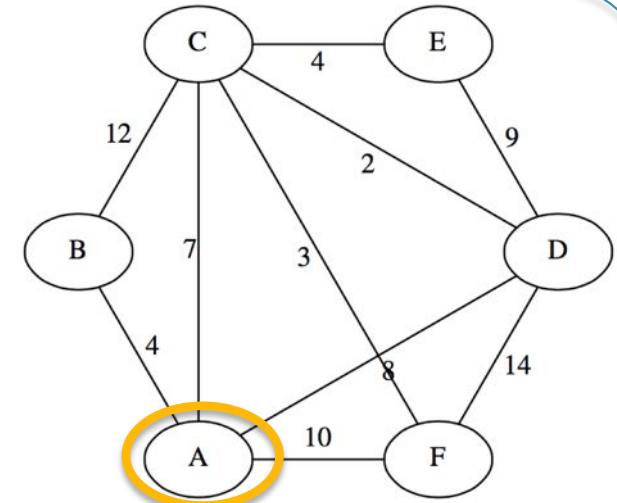
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A-C: 7

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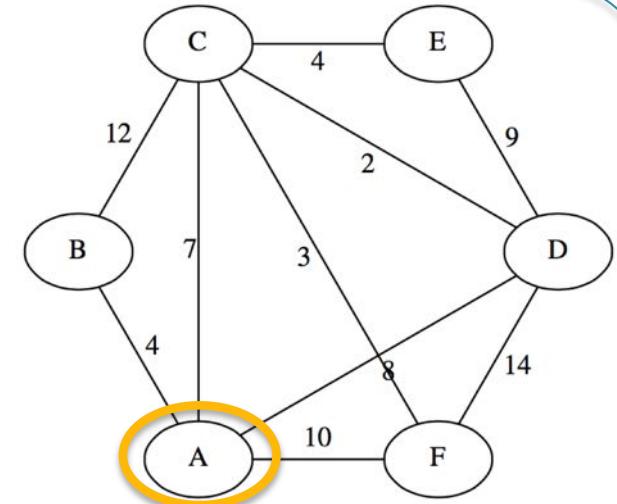


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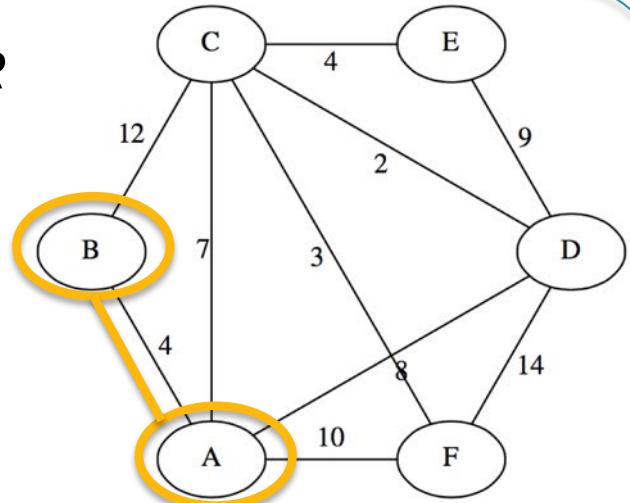
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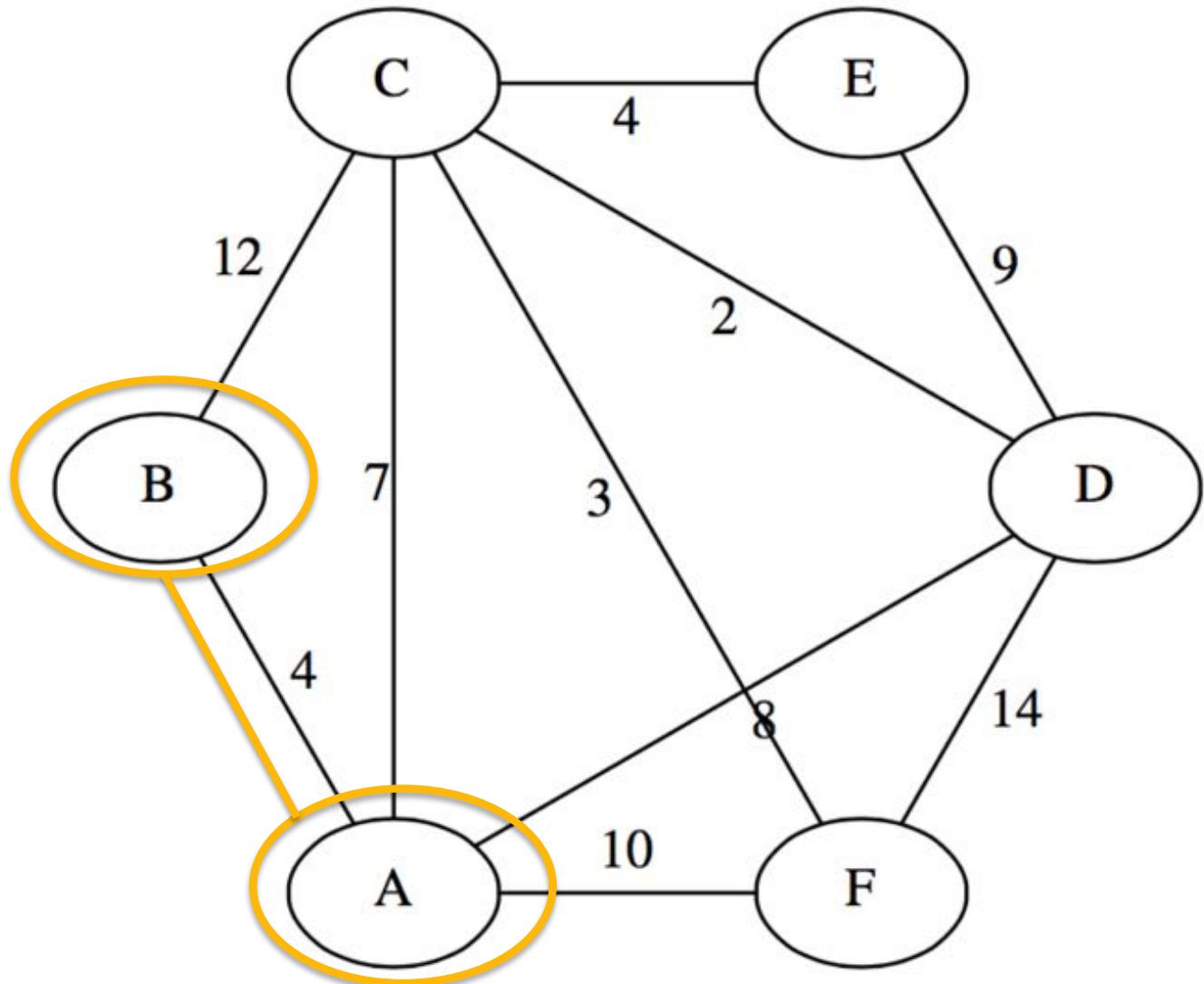
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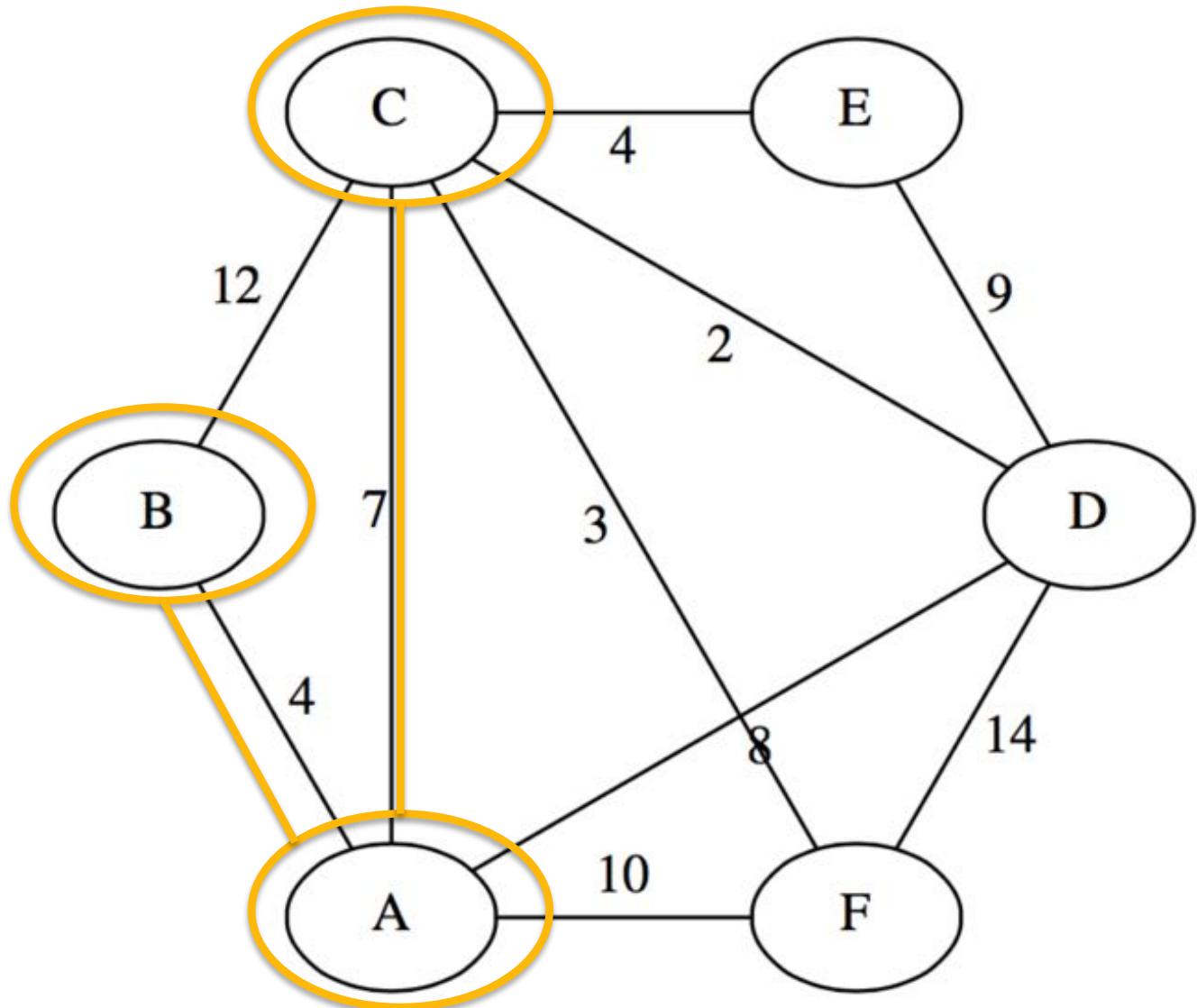


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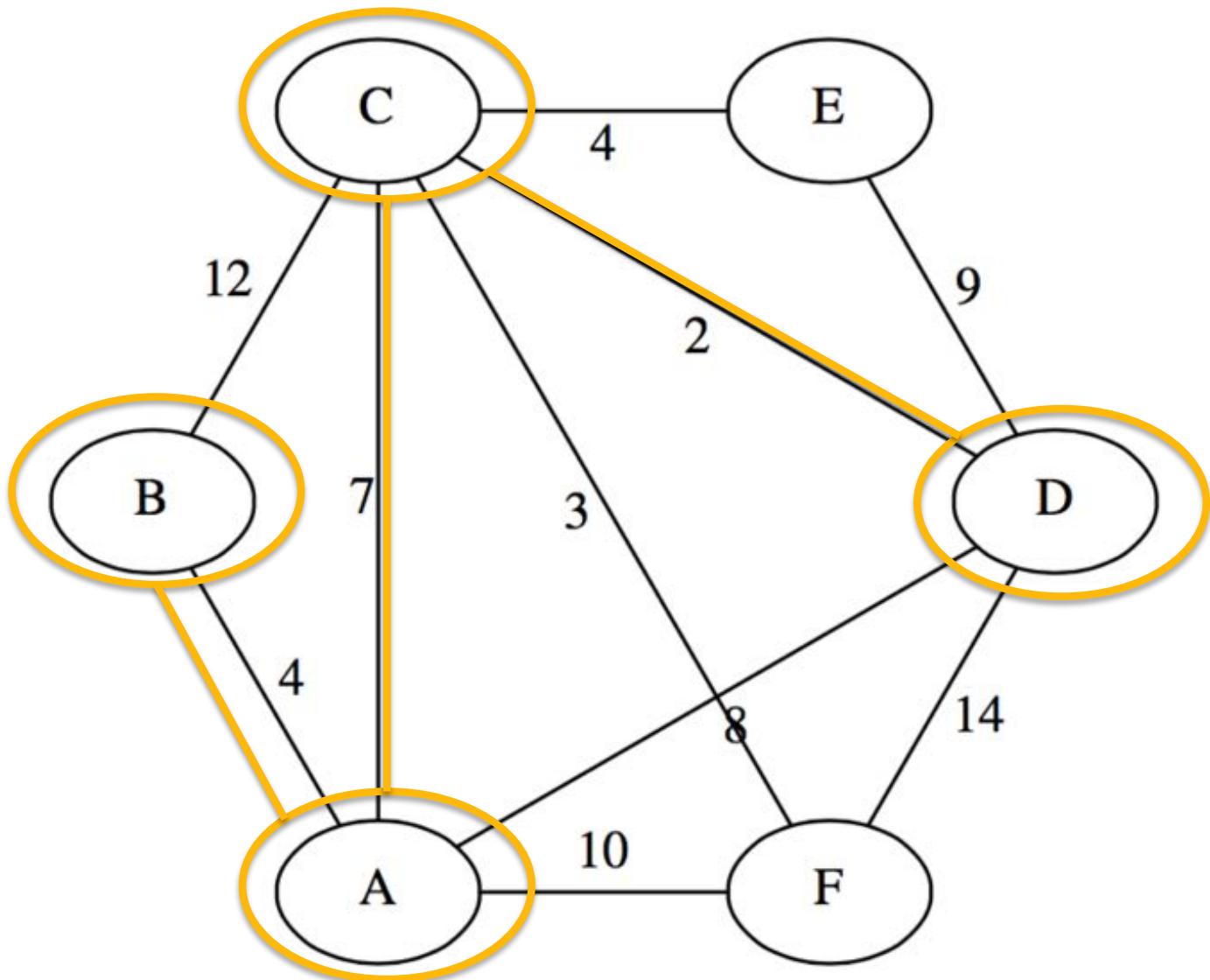
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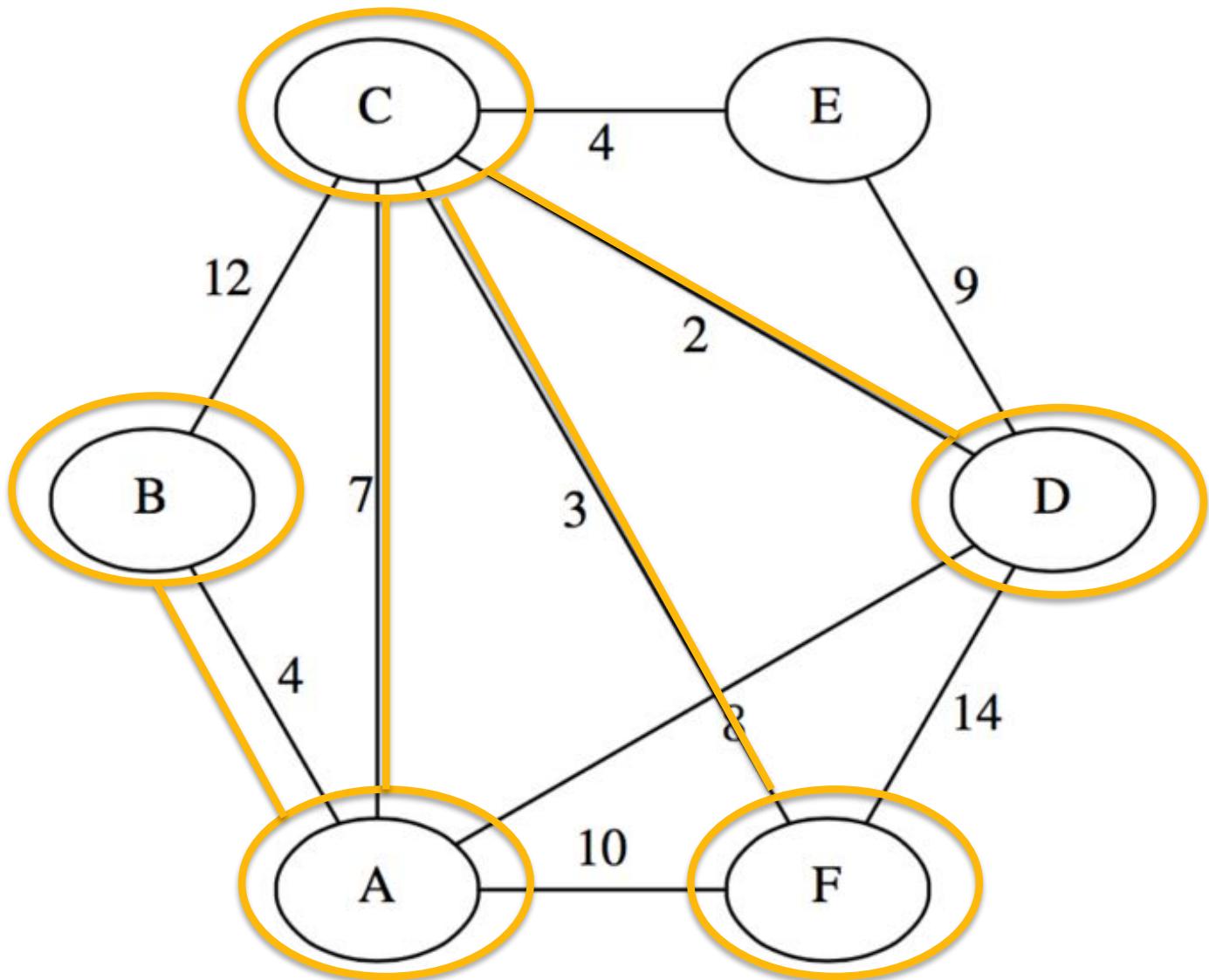
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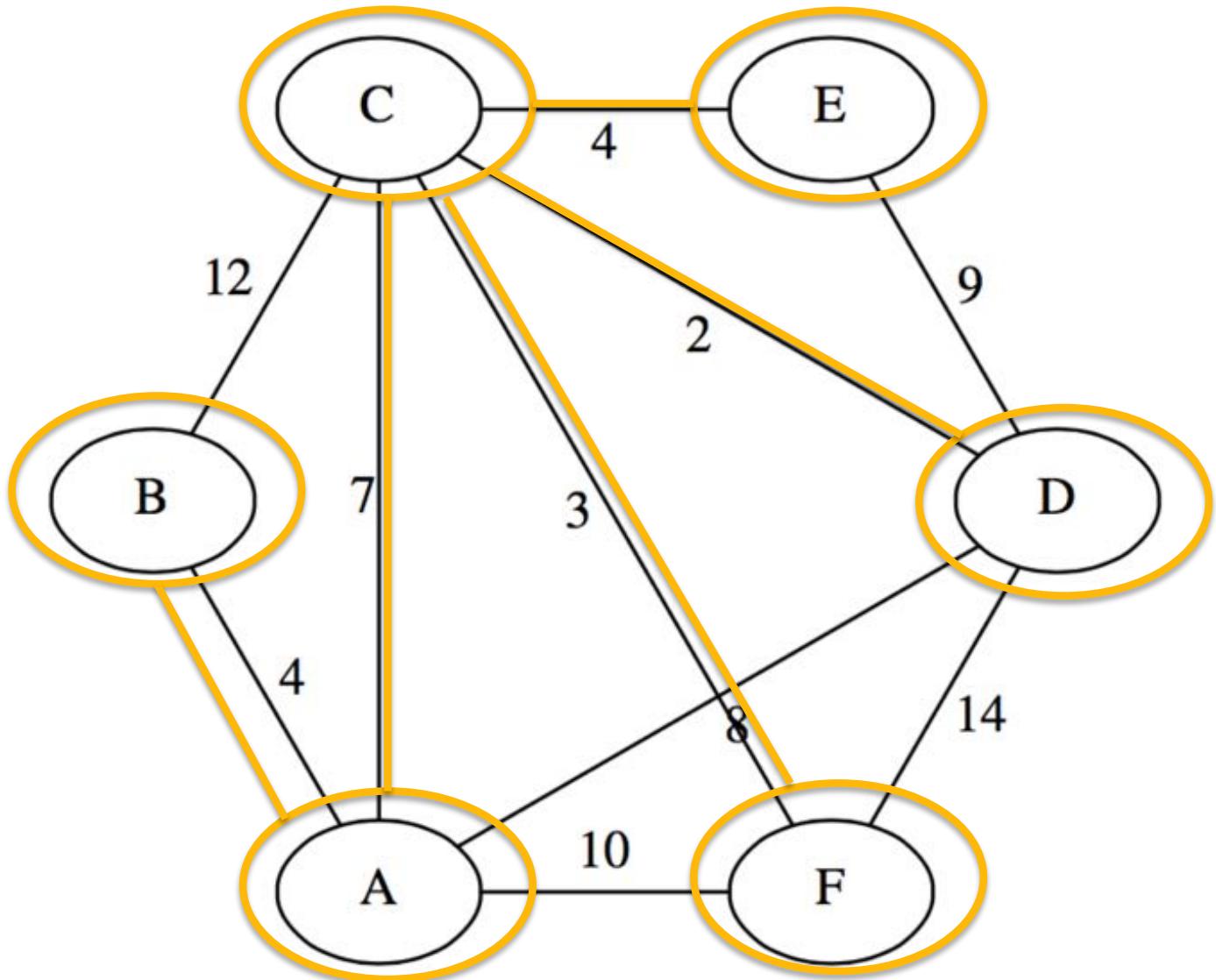
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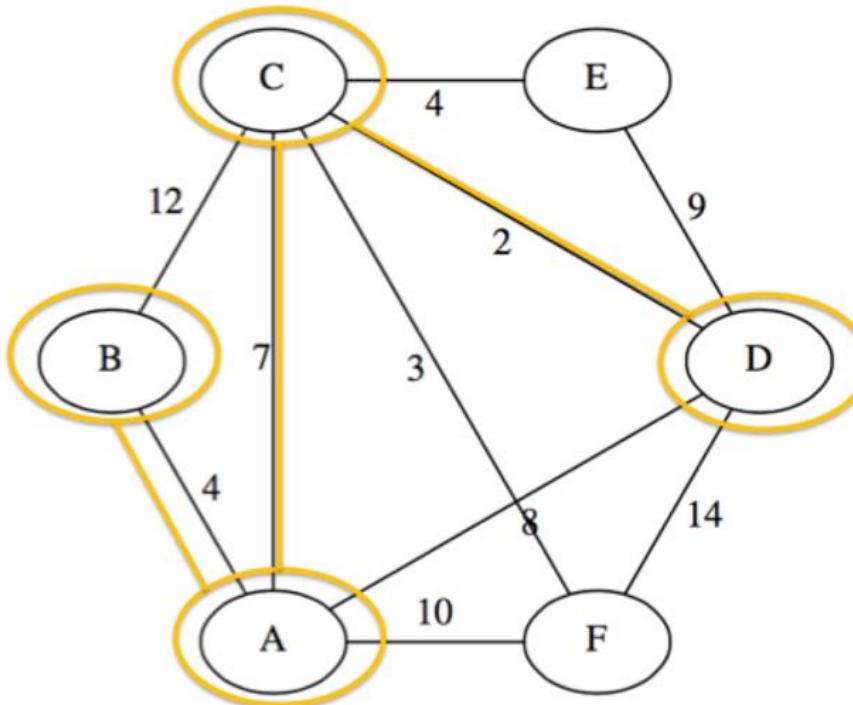
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C-E



*By making a set of simple local choices, it finds the overall best solution  
The greedy algorithm is optimal ☺*

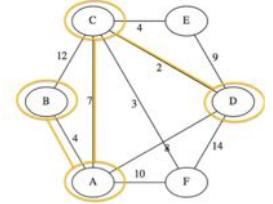
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## *Prim's Algorithm Sketch*

1. Initialize a tree with a single vertex, chosen arbitrarily from the graph.
2. Grow the tree by one edge:
  - Of the edges that connect the tree to vertices not yet in the tree, find the minimum-weight edge, and add it to the tree.
3. Repeat step 2 (until all vertices are in the tree).

# Prim's Algorithm



## Prim's Pseudo-code

1. For each vertex  $v$ ,
  - Compute  $C[v]$  (the cheapest cost of a connection to  $v$  from the MST) and an edge  $E[v]$  (the edge providing that cheapest connection).
  - Initialize  $C[v]$  to  $\infty$  and  $E[v]$  to null indicating that there is no edge connecting  $v$  to the MST
2. Initialize an empty forest  $F$  (set of trees) and a set  $Q$  of vertices that have not yet been included in  $F$  (initially, all vertices).
3. **Repeat the following steps until  $Q$  is empty:**
  1. **Find and remove a vertex  $v$  from  $Q$  with the minimum value of  $C[v]$**
  2. Add  $v$  to  $F$  and, if  $E[v]$  is not null, also add  $E[v]$  to  $F$
  3. Loop over the edges  $vw$  connecting  $v$  to other vertices  $w$ . For each such edge, if  $w$  still belongs to  $Q$  and  $vw$  has smaller weight than  $C[w]$ , perform the following steps:
    1. Set  $C[w]$  to the cost of edge  $vw$
    2. Set  $E[w]$  to point to edge  $vw$ .
4. Return  $F$

How fast is the naïve version?

$O(|V|^2)$

What data structures do we need to make it fast?

HEAP

# Prim's Algorithm

## **Faster Prim's Pseudo-code**

1. Add the cost of ***all of the edges*** to a heap
2. Repeatedly pick the next smallest edge  $(u,v)$ 
  - If  $u$  or  $v$  is not already in the MST, add the edge  $uv$  to the MST

How fast is this version

$O(|E| \lg |E|)$

## **Fastest Prim's Pseudo-code**

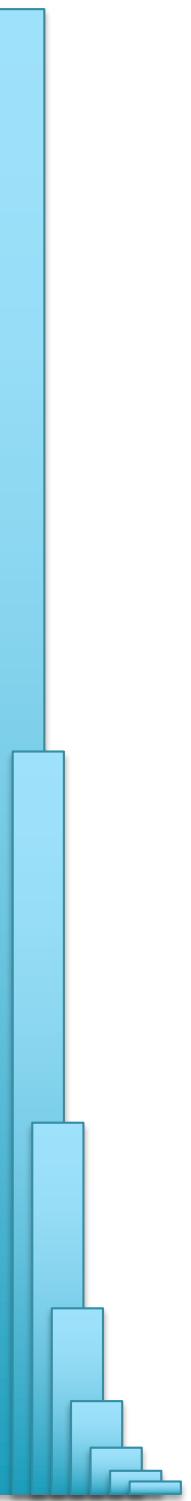
1. Add ***all of the vertices*** to a min-priority-queue prioritized by the min edge cost to be added to the MST. Initialize ( $\text{key}=v$ ,  $\text{dist}=\infty$ ,  $\text{edge}=<>$ )
2. Repeatedly pick the next closest vertex  $v$  from the MPQ
  1. Add  $v$  to the MST using the recorded edge
  2. For each edge  $(v, u)$ 
    - If  $\text{cost}(v,u) < \text{MPQ}(u)$ 
      - $\text{MPQ}.decreasePriority(u, \text{cost}(v,u), (v,u))$

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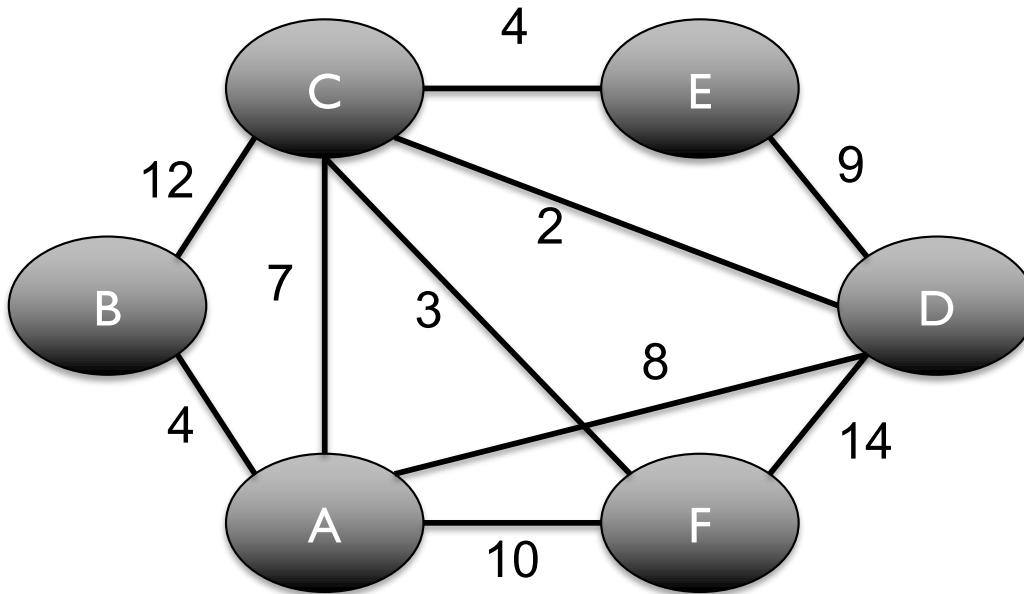
Using Fibonacci Heap

$O(|E| + |V| \lg |V|)$



## Part 2: Kruskal's Algorithm and Union Find

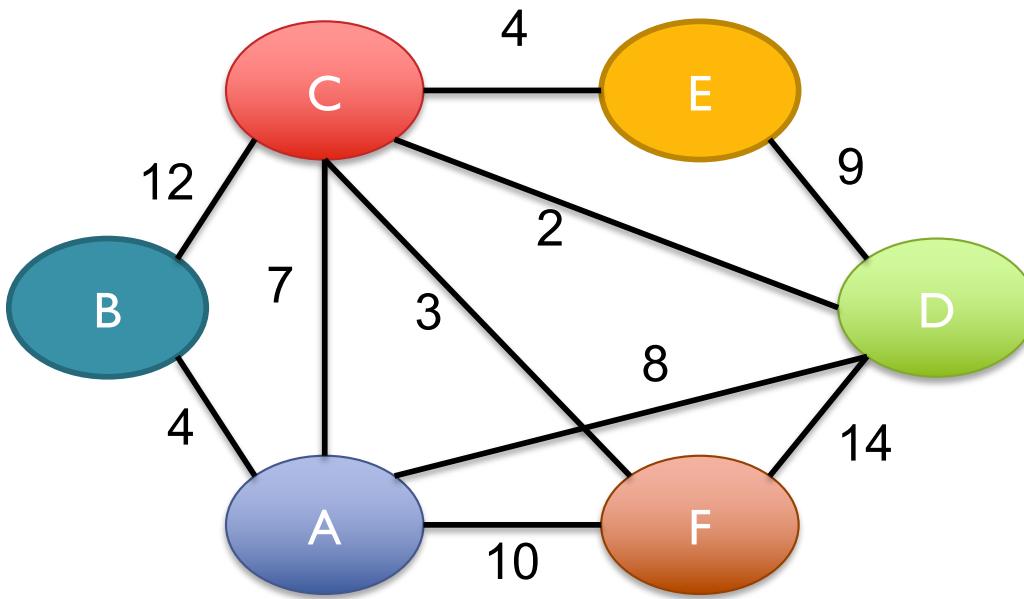
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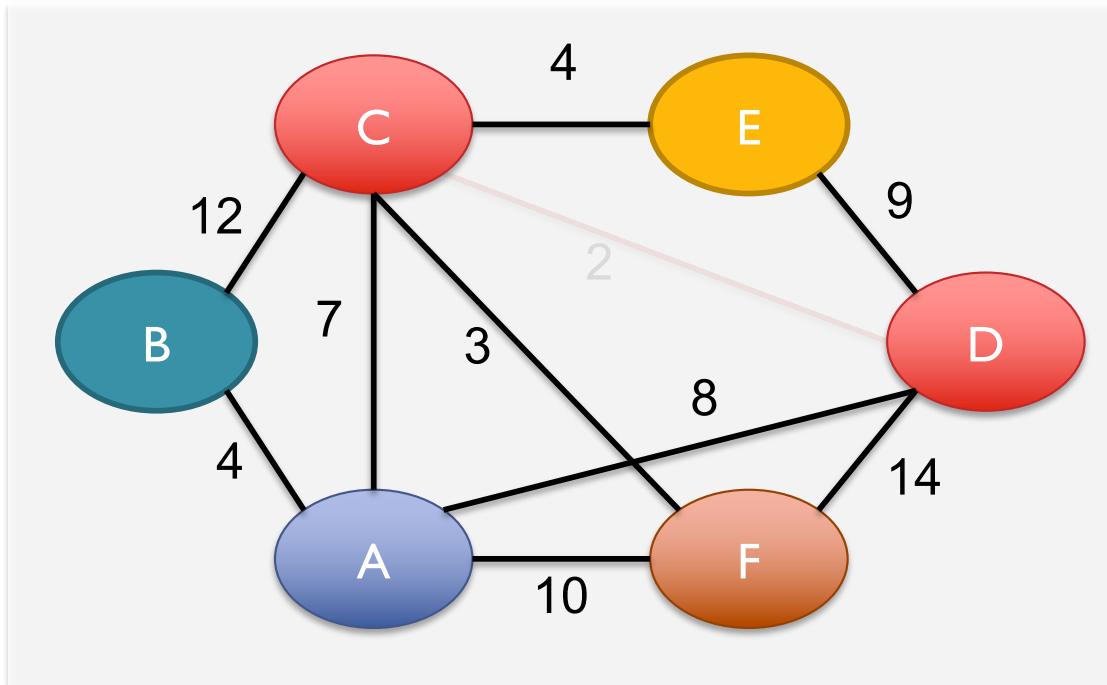
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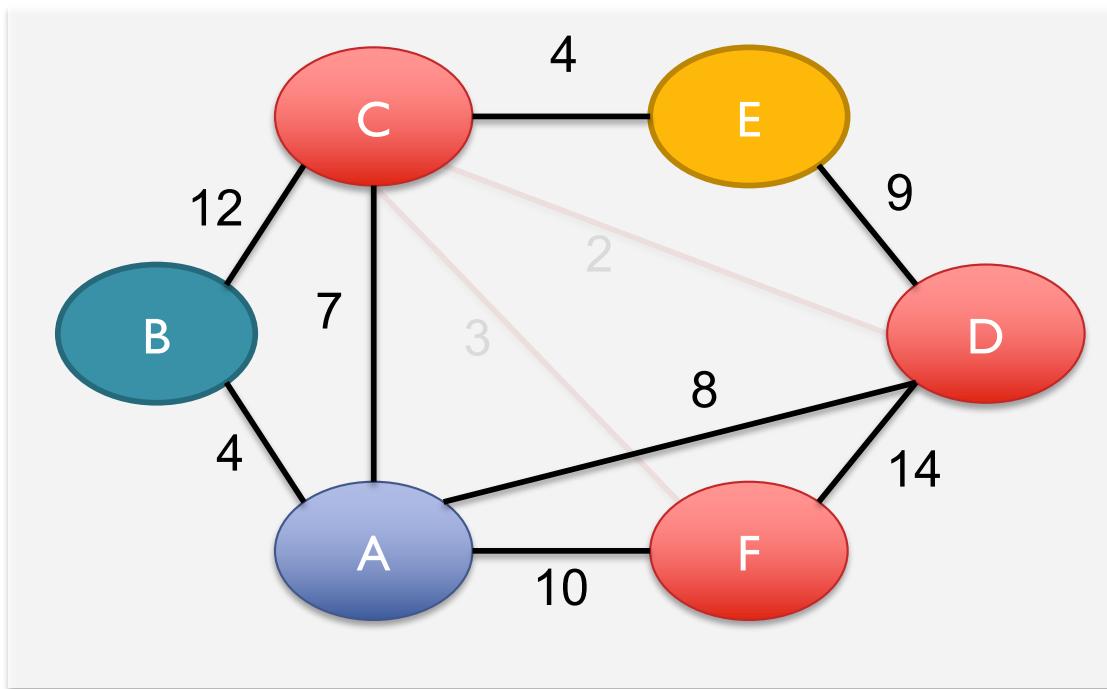


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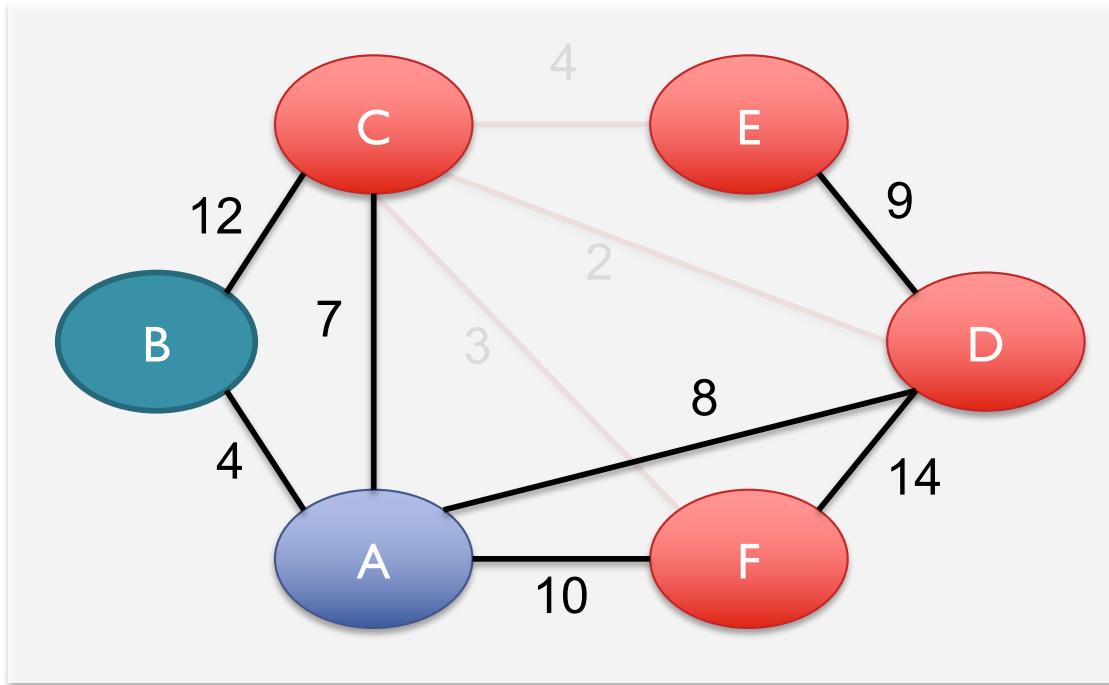
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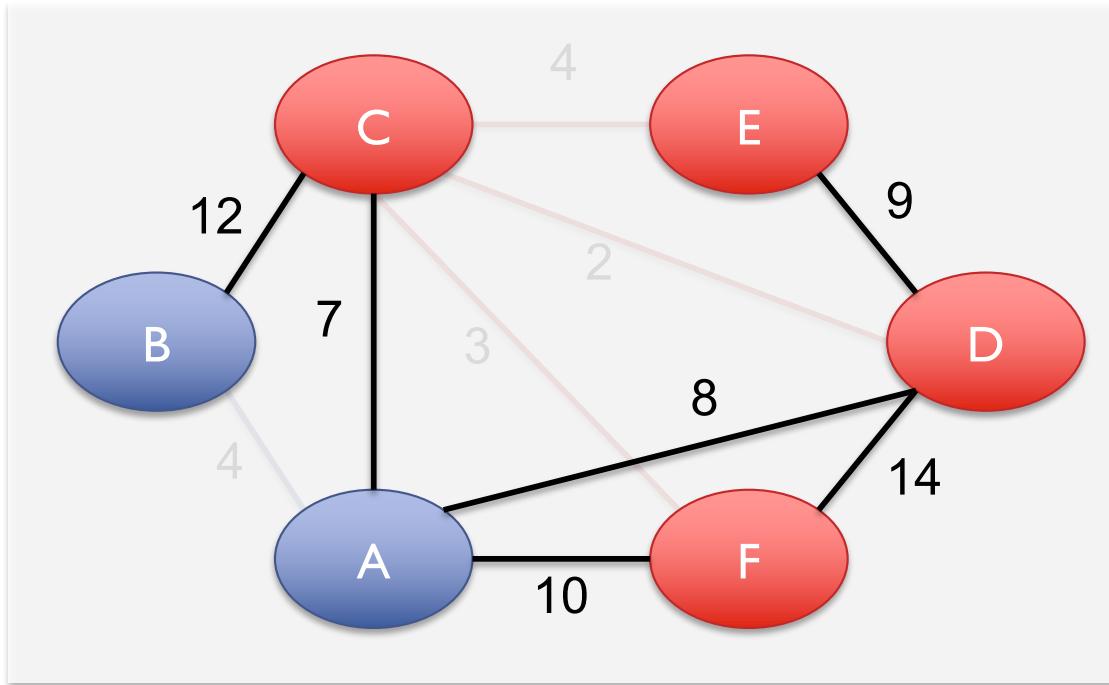
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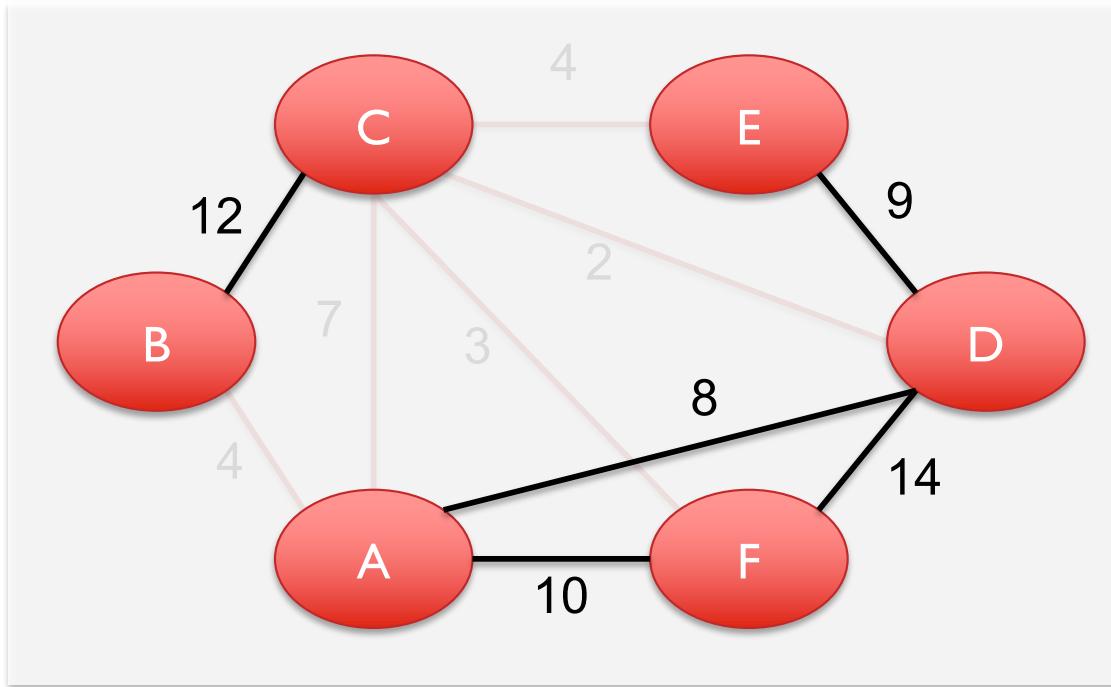
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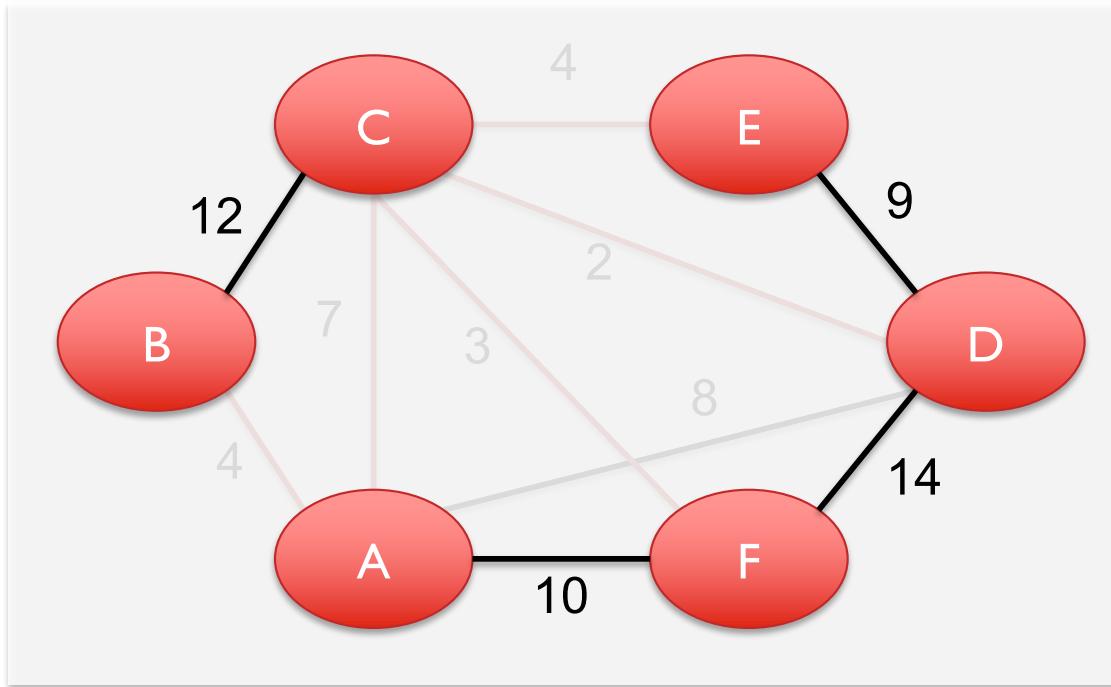
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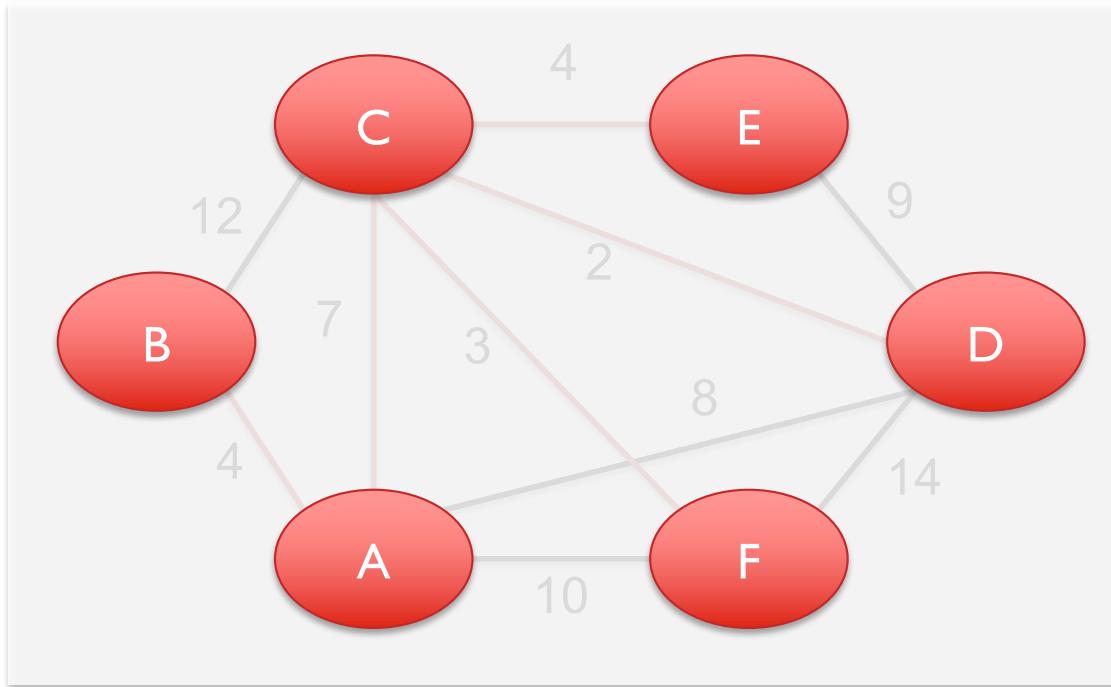
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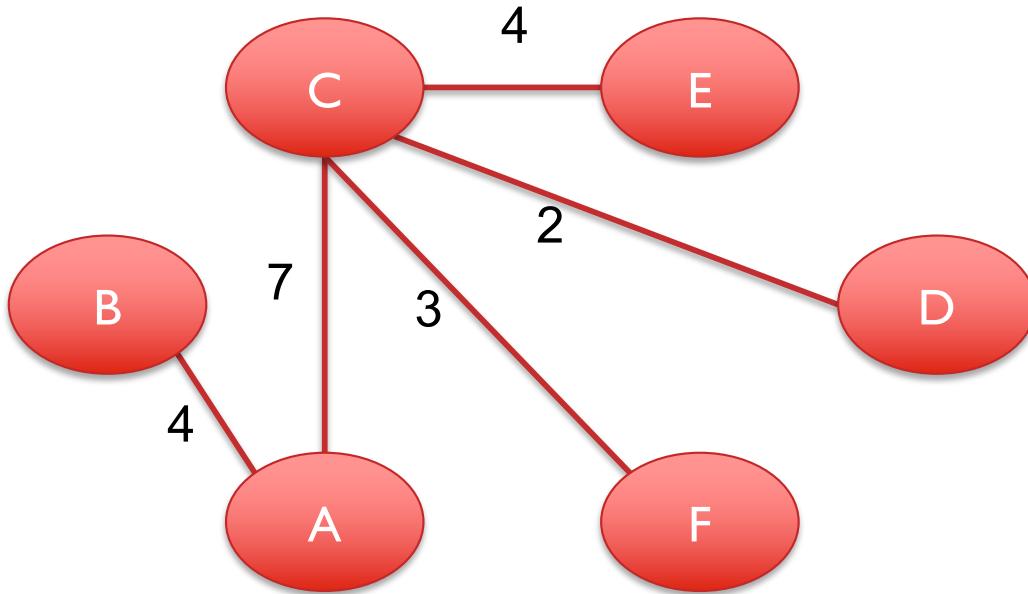
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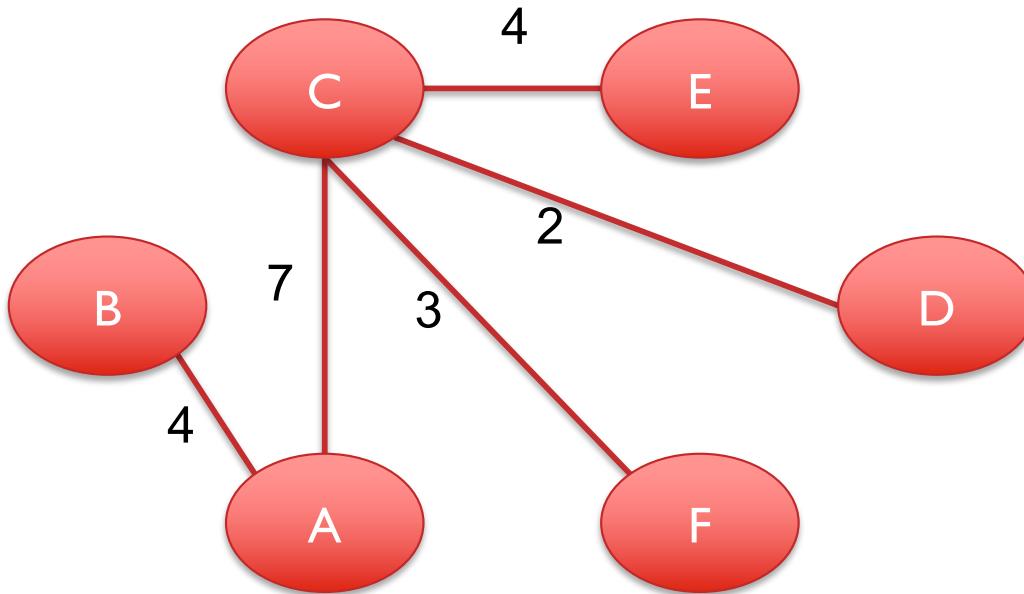
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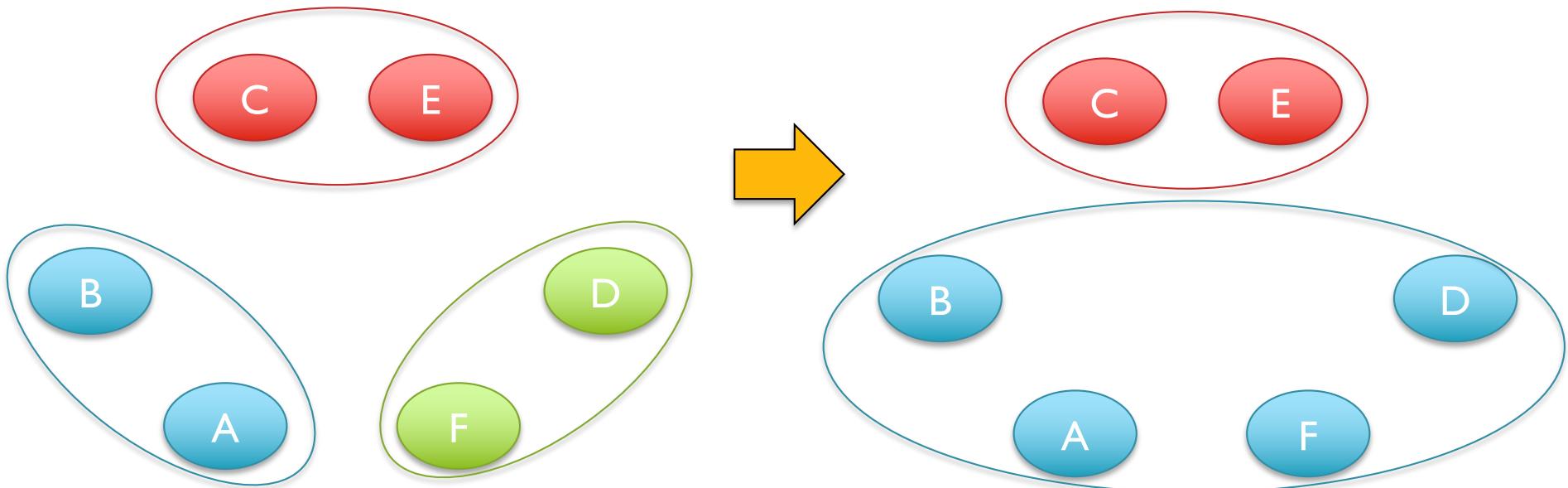
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Hmm???

# Disjoint Sets



***Disjoint Subset: every element is assigned to a single subset***

***Problem: Determine which elements are part of the same subset as sets are dynamically joined together***

Two main methods:

Find: Are elements x and y part of the same set?

Union: Merge together sets containing elements x and y

# Quick Find

Data structure.

- Integer array  $\text{id}[]$  of size  $N$ .
- Interpretation:  $p$  and  $q$  are connected if they have the same id.

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$\text{id}[i]$	0	1	9	9	9	6	6	7	8	9

5 and 6 are connected  
2, 3, 4, and 9 are connected

Find. Check if  $p$  and  $q$  have the same id.

$\text{id}[3] = 9; \text{id}[6] = 6$   
3 and 6 not connected

Union. To merge components containing  $p$  and  $q$ , change all entries with  $\text{id}[p]$  to  $\text{id}[q]$ .

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union of 3 and 6  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 are connected

problem: many values can change

# Implementation

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    private int[] id;

    public QuickFind(int N)
    {
        id = new int[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
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    }

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Find is quick O(1), but each union is O(N) time  
Kruskal's ultimately merges all N items: O(N<sup>2</sup>)  
Can we do any faster?

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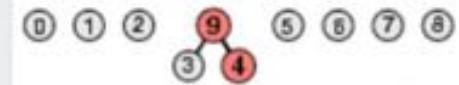
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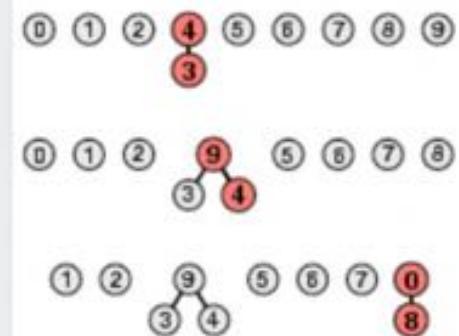


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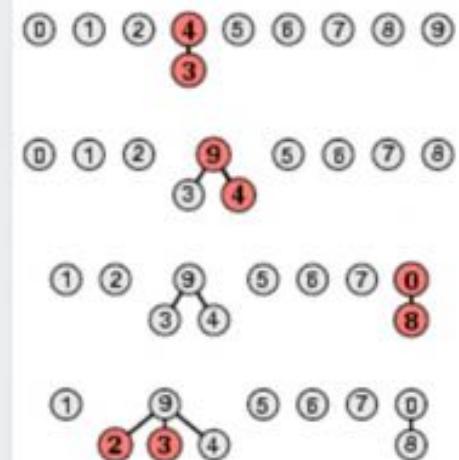
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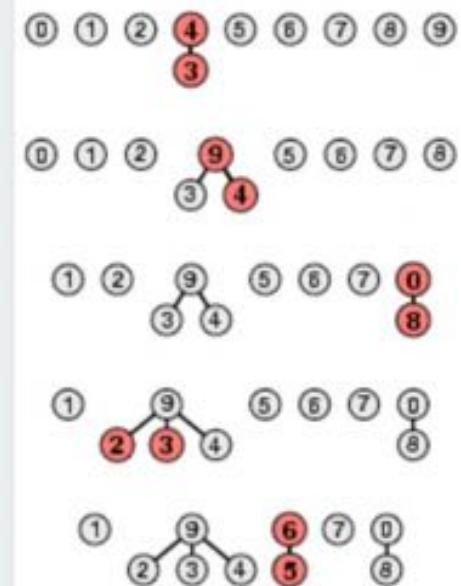
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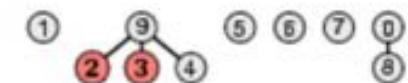
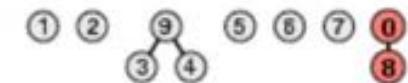
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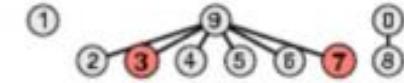
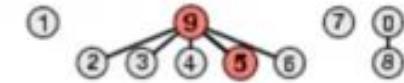
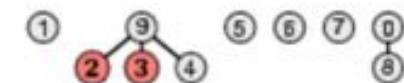
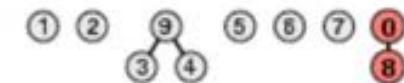
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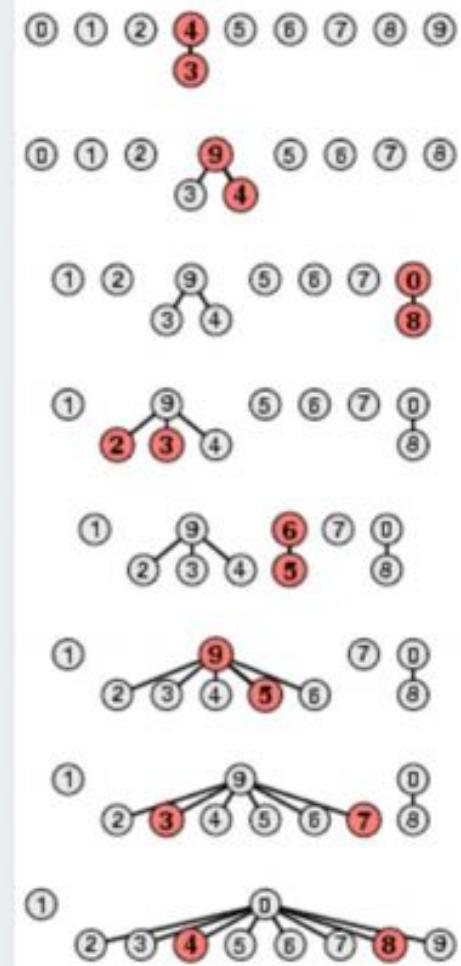
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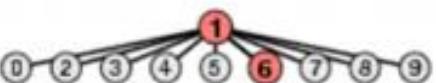
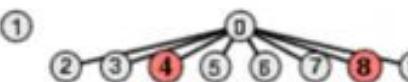
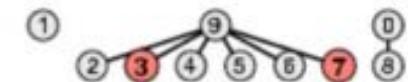
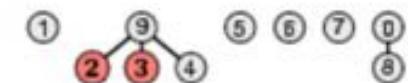
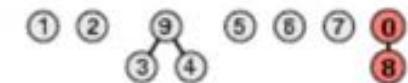
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problem: many values can change

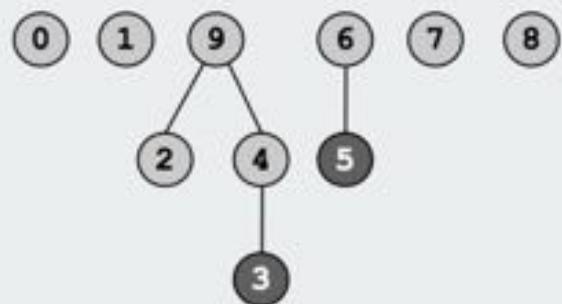


# Quick Union

Data structure.

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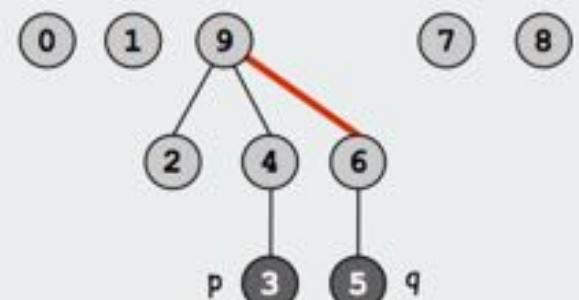
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↑

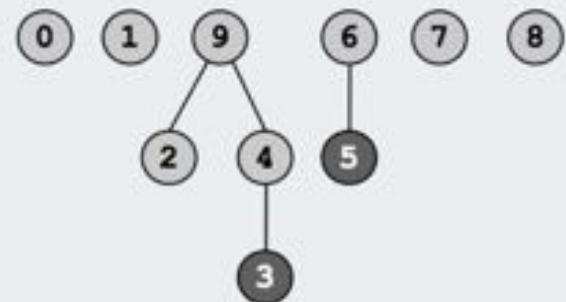


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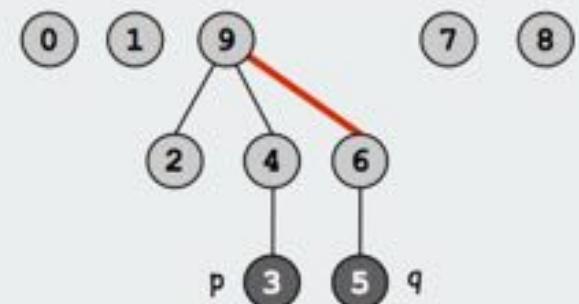
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Why not just change `id[q]`?

Why set it to `p`'s root instead of `p`?

# Quick Union Implementation

```
public class QuickUnion
{
    private int[] id;

    public QuickUnion(int N)
    {
        id = new int[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) id[i] = i;
    }

    private int root(int i)
    {
        while (i != id[i]) i = id[i];
        return i;
    }

    public boolean find(int p, int q)
    {
        return root(p) == root(q);
    }

    public void unite(int p, int q)
    {
        int i = root(p);
        int j = root(q);
        id[i] = j;
    }
}
```

time proportional  
to depth of i

time proportional  
to depth of p and q

time proportional  
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# Quick Union Example

3-4 0 1 2 4 4 5 6 7 8 9

4-9 0 1 2 4 9 5 6 7 8 9

8-0 0 1 2 4 9 5 6 7 0 9

2-3 0 1 9 4 9 5 6 7 0 9

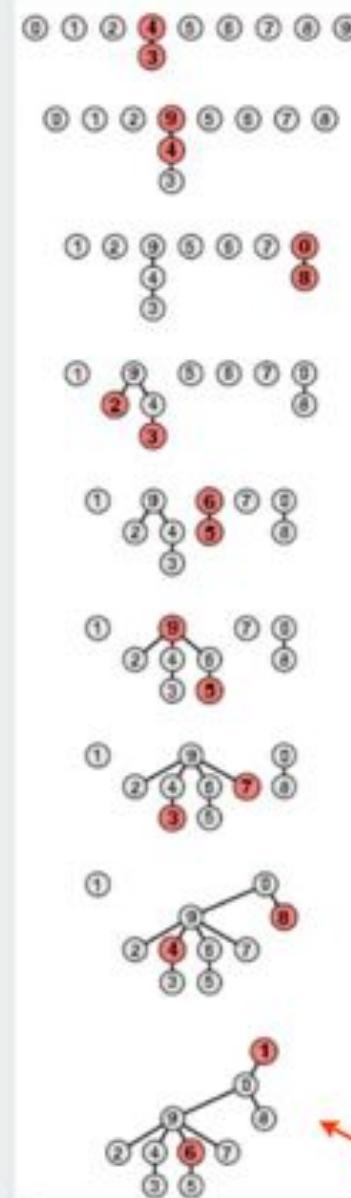
5-6 0 1 9 4 9 6 6 7 0 9

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7-3 0 1 9 4 9 6 9 9 0 9

4-8 0 1 9 4 9 6 9 9 0 0

6-1 1 1 9 4 9 6 9 9 0 0



problem: trees can get tall

What is the worst case for Quick Union?

# Quick-Union Analysis

## Quick-find defect.

- Union too expensive ( $N$  steps).
- Trees are flat, but too expensive to keep them flat.

## Quick-union defect.

- Trees can get tall.
- Find too expensive (could be  $N$  steps)
- Need to do find to do union

algorithm	union	find
Quick-find	$N$	1
Quick-union	$N^*$	$N$ ← worst case

\* includes cost of find

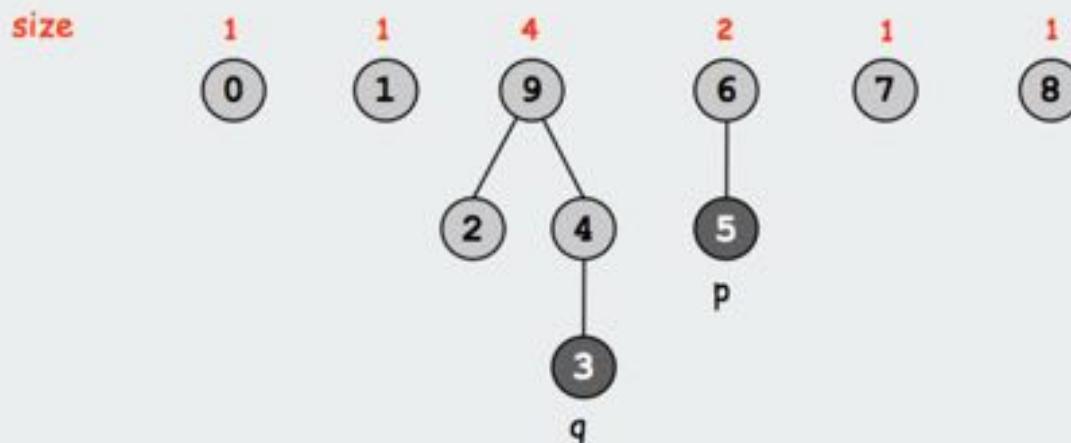
# Improved Quick-Union: Weighting

Weighted quick-union.

- Modify quick-union to avoid tall trees.
- Keep track of size of each component.
- Balance by linking small tree below large one.

Ex. Union of 5 and 3.

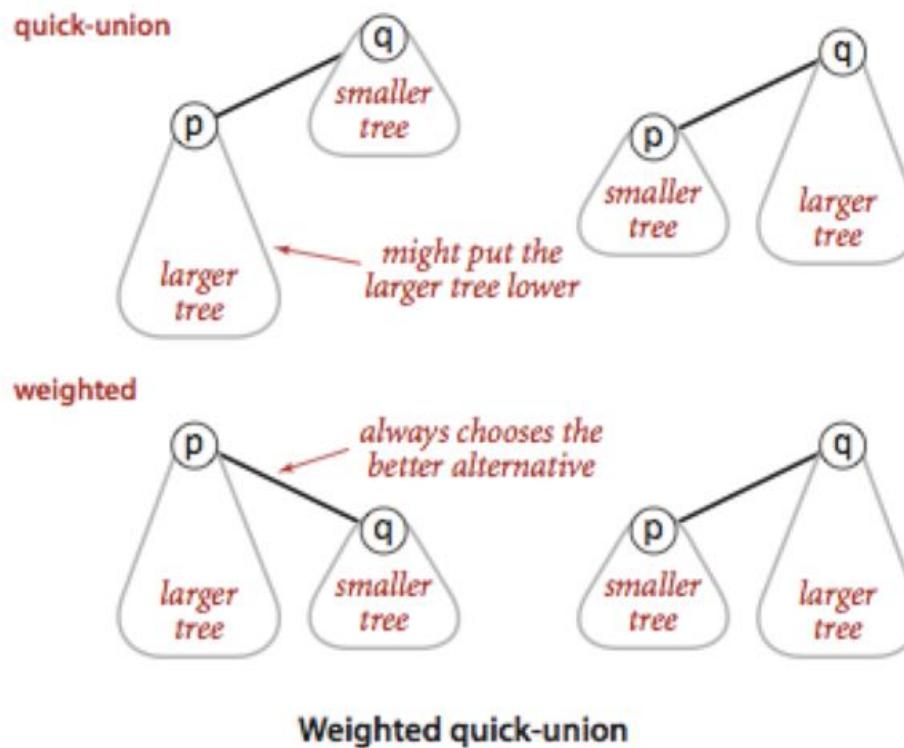
- Quick union: link 9 to 6.
- Weighted quick union: link 6 to 9.



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# Weighted Quick-Union Implementation

## Java implementation.

- Almost identical to quick-union.
- Maintain extra array `sz[]` to count number of elements in the tree rooted at *i*.

Find. Identical to quick-union.

Union. Modify quick-union to

- merge smaller tree into larger tree
- update the `sz[]` array.

```
if (sz[i] < sz[j]) { id[i] = j; sz[j] += sz[i]; }
else sz[i] < sz[j] { id[j] = i; sz[i] += sz[j]; }
```

# Weighted Quick-Union

3-4 0 1 2 3 3 5 6 7 8 9

4-9 0 1 2 3 3 5 6 7 8 3

8-0 8 1 2 3 3 5 6 7 8 3

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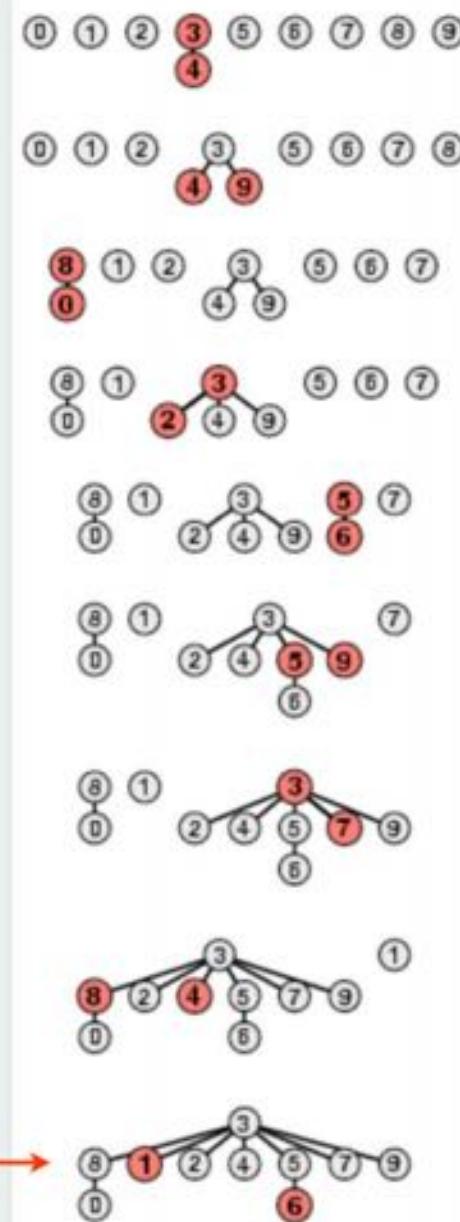
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no problem: trees stay flat →



# Weighted Quick-Union

3. 4. 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

Hooray! Tree stays pretty flat!

4. 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

How tall can the tree grow?

8. 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

Uniting a short tree and a tall tree doesn't increase the height of the tall tree

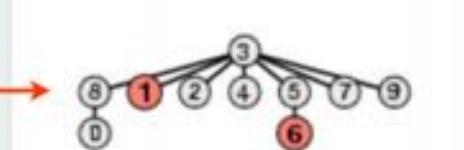
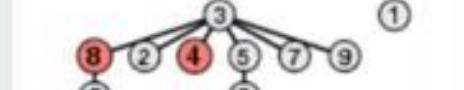
5. 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

Height of tree only grows when **two trees of equal height are united**, thereby doubling the number of elements

4. 0 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

How many rounds of doubling can we do until we include all N elements?

lg N rounds  
=> O(lg N) max height ☺



flat →

# Weighted Quick-Union Analysis

## Analysis.

- Find: takes time proportional to depth of  $p$  and  $q$ .
- Union: takes constant time, given roots.
- Fact: depth is at most  $\lg N$ .

Data Structure	Union	Find
Quick-find	$N$	1
Quick-union	$N^*$	$N$
Weighted QU	$\lg N^*$	$\lg N$

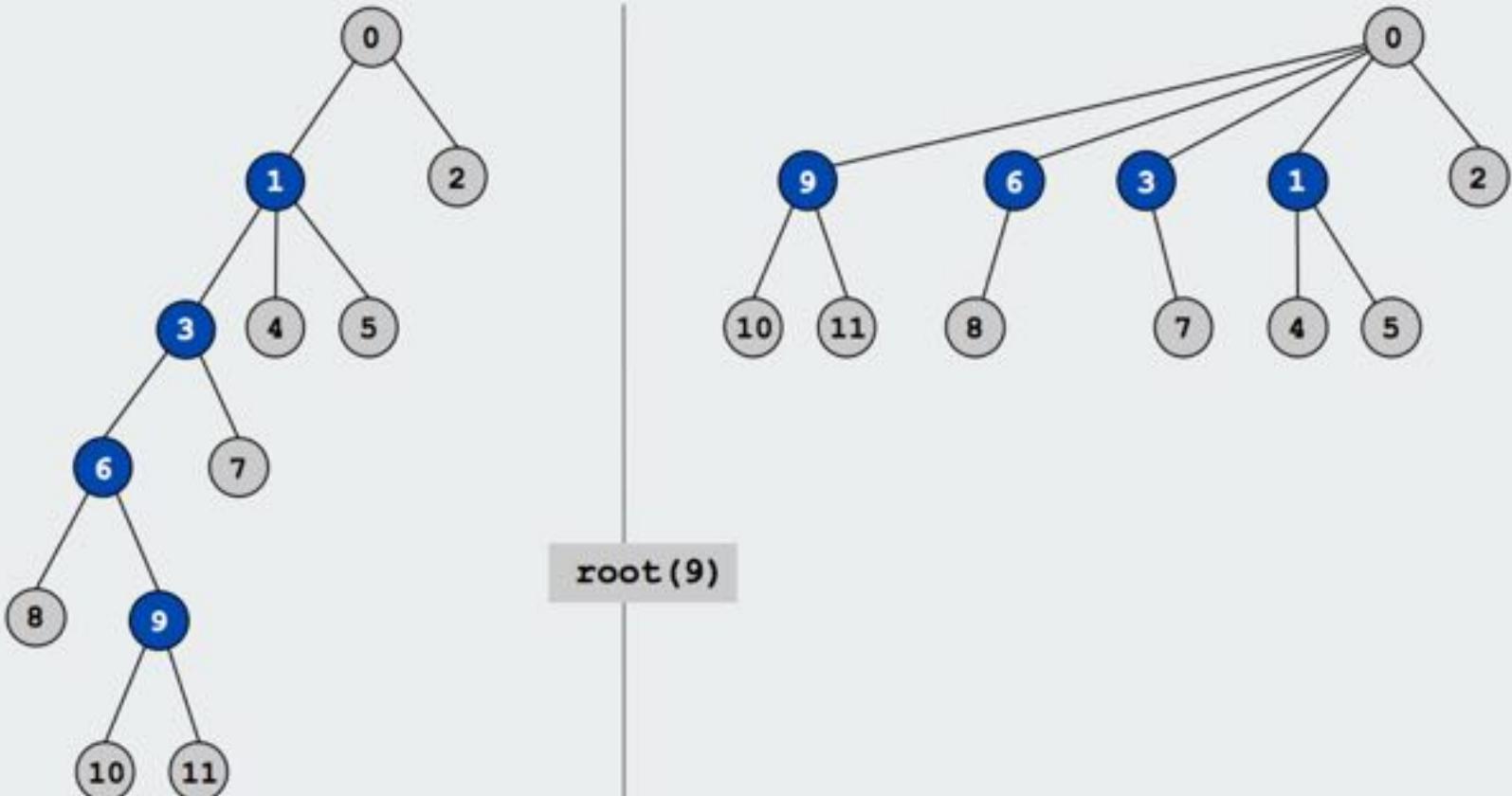
\* includes cost of find

Should we stop trying here?

Usually very happy with  $\lg(N)$ , but here we can do better!

# Improvement 2: Path Compression

Path compression. Just after computing the root of  $i$ , set the `id` of each examined node to `root(i)`.

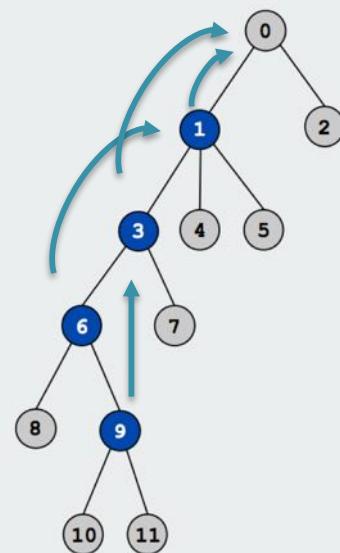


# Path Compression Implementation

## Path compression.

- Standard implementation: add second loop to `root()` to set the id of each examined node to the root.
- Simpler one-pass variant: make every other node in path point to its grandparent.

```
public int root(int i)
{
    while (i != id[i])
    {
        id[i] = id[id[i]];
        i = id[i];
    }
    return i;
}
```

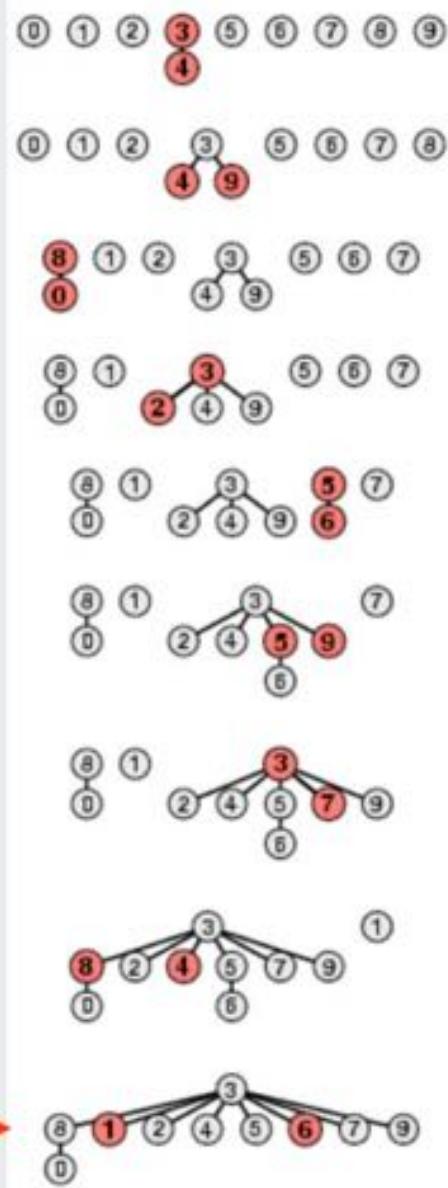


In practice. No reason not to! Keeps tree almost completely flat.

# Weighted Path Compression Example

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<b>7-3</b>	8	1	3	3	3	3	5	3	8	3
<b>4-8</b>	8	1	3	3	3	3	5	3	3	3
<b>6-1</b>	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

no problem: trees stay **VERY** flat



# Weighted Path Compression Analysis

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty data structure, any sequence of  $M$  union and find operations on  $N$  objects takes  $O(N + M \lg^* N)$  time.

- Proof is **very** difficult.
- But the algorithm is still simple!

↑  
number of times needed to take  
the  $\lg$  of a number until reaching 1

Linear algorithm?

- Cost within constant factor of reading in the data.
- In theory, WQUPC is not quite linear.
- In practice, WQUPC is **linear**.

↑  
because  $\lg^* N$  is a constant  
in this universe

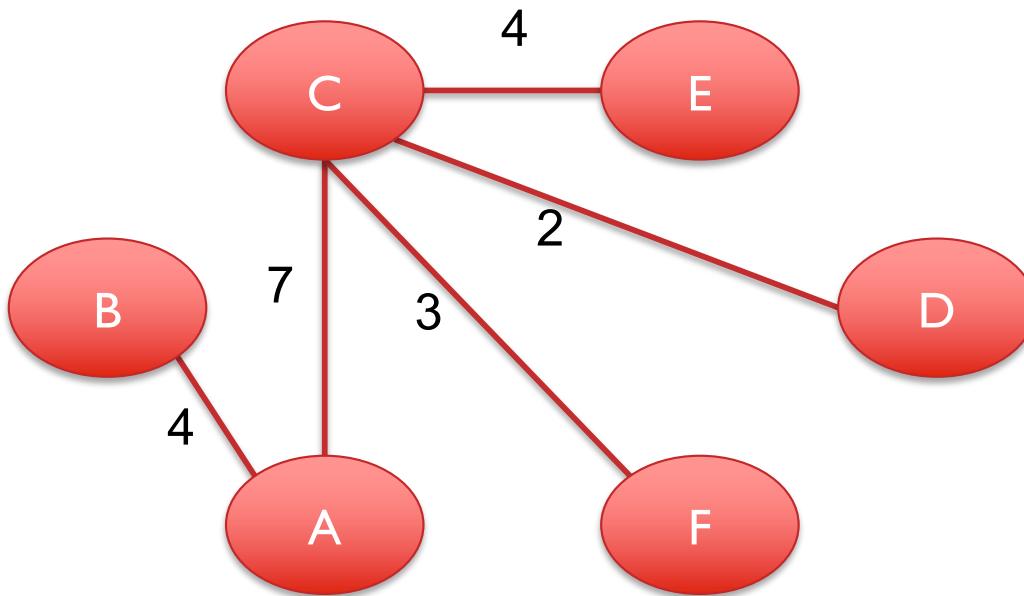
$x$	$\lg^* x$
$(-\infty, 1]$	0
$(1, 2]$	1
$(2, 4]$	2
$(4, 16]$	3
$(16, 65536]$	4
$(65536, 2^{65536}]$	5

Amazing fact:

- In theory, no **linear** linking strategy exists

↑  
Much bigger  
than #atoms in  
the universe

# Kruskal's Algorithm



## ***Kruskal's Algorithm Sketch***

Using Weighted-Path Compression Quick Union  
(aka Union-Find) each find or union in  $O(\lg^*|V|)$  time.  
Total time is  $O(|E|\lg|E| + Elg^*|V|) \Rightarrow O(|E|\lg|E|)$

3. while  $S$  is nonempty and  $F$  is not yet spanning  
If the edges are already in sorted order (or use a  
linear time sorting algorithm such as counting sort),  
reduce total time to  $O(|E|\lg^*|V|)$

Running time:

in the graph is a

Easy:  $O(|V|)$

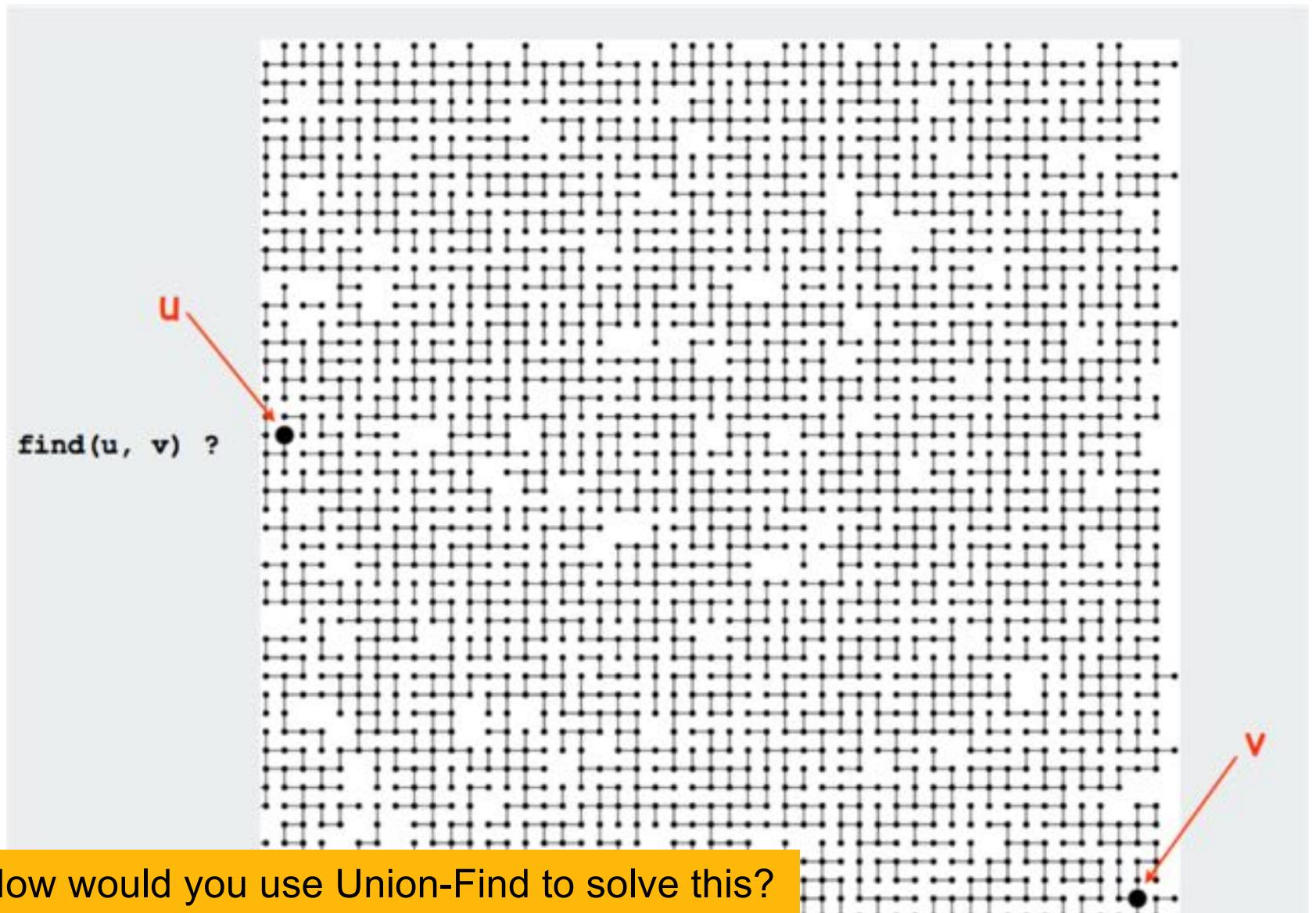
Easy:  $O(|E|\lg|E|)$

Hmm???

# Other Applications: Connected Components



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How would you use Union-Find to solve this?

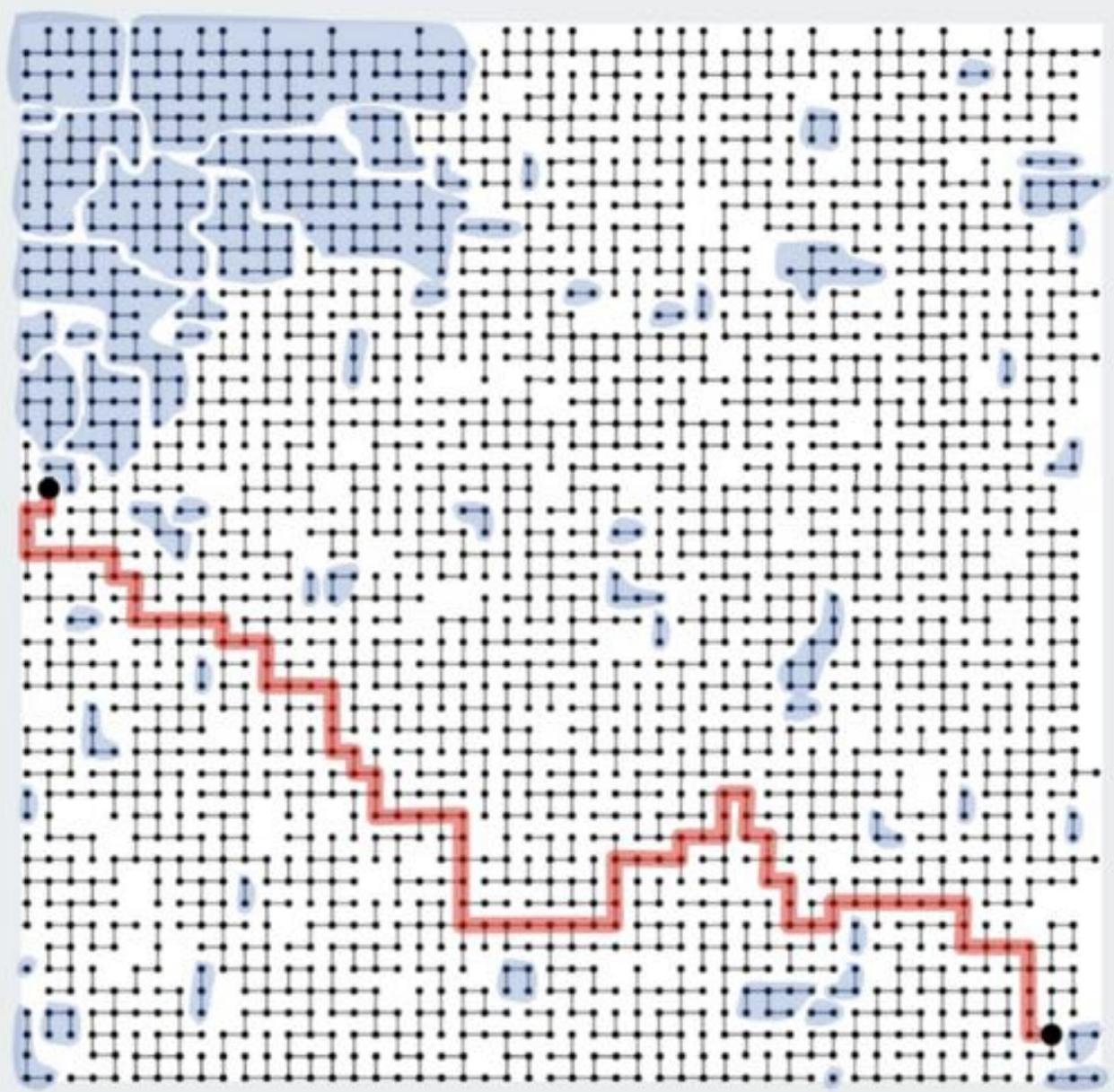
Assign every dot to a set, then merge sets that have an edge between them

# Other Applications: Connected Components

63  
Connected  
Components

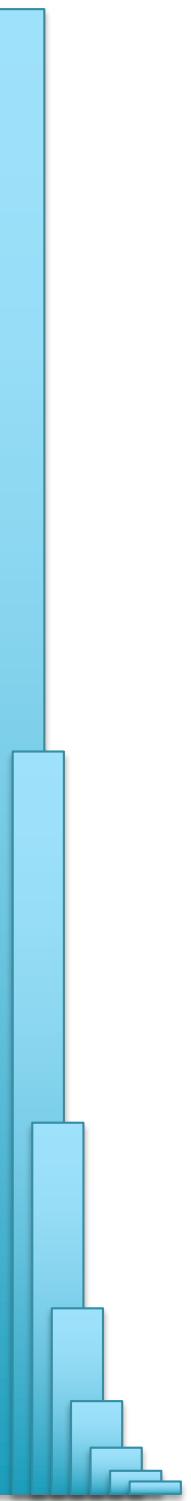
`find(u, v) ?`

`true`





*Never underestimate the power of the LOG STAR!!!!*



# Next Steps

- I. Reflect on the magic and power of the logstar!
2. HW 10 due Friday @ 10pm