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### Experiment No. 6

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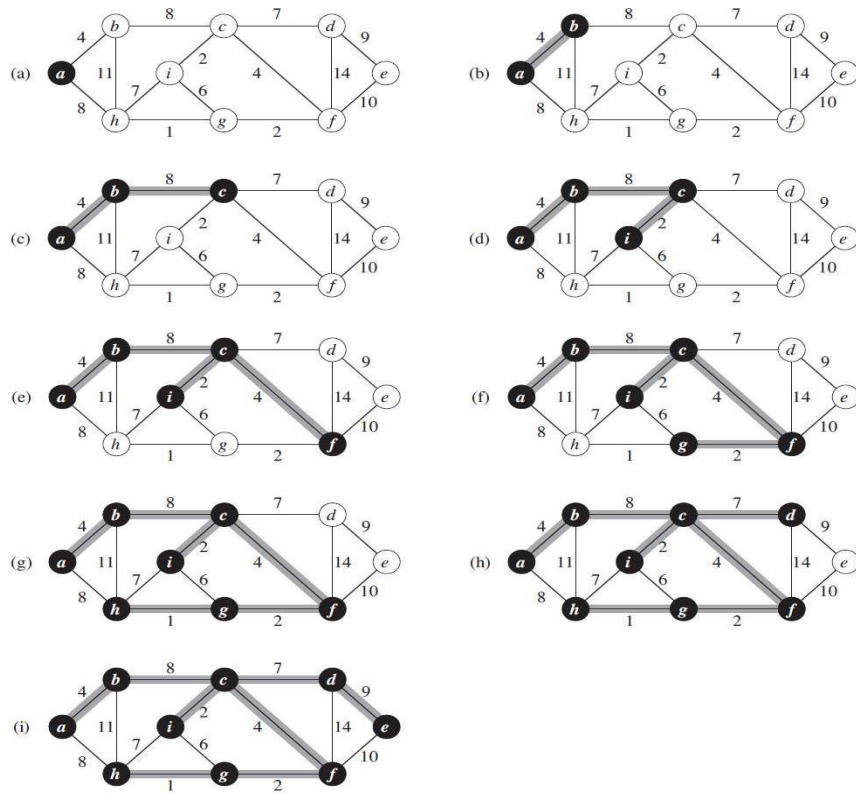
**Aim:** To study and implement Prim's Minimum Cost Spanning Tree Algorithm.

**Objective:** To introduce Greedy based algorithms

#### Theory:

Prim's algorithm is a greedy algorithm that finds a minimum spanning tree for a weighted undirected graph. This means it finds a subset of the edges that forms a tree that includes every vertex, where the total weight of all the edges in the tree is minimized. The algorithm operates by building this tree one vertex at a time, from an arbitrary starting vertex, at each step adding the cheapest possible connection from the tree to another vertex.

#### Example:



Algorithm and Complexity:



```
1  Algorithm Prim(E, cost, n, t)
2  // E is the set of edges in G. cost[1 : n, 1 : n] is the cost
3  // adjacency matrix of an n vertex graph such that cost[i, j] is
4  // either a positive real number or  $\infty$  if no edge (i, j) exists.
5  // A minimum spanning tree is computed and stored as a set of
6  // edges in the array t[1 : n - 1, 1 : 2]. (t[i, 1], t[i, 2]) is an edge in
7  // the minimum-cost spanning tree. The final cost is returned.
8  {
9      Let (k, l) be an edge of minimum cost in E;
10     mincost := cost[k, l];
11     t[1, 1] := k; t[1, 2] := l;
12     for i := 1 to n do // Initialize near.
13         if (cost[i, l] < cost[i, k]) then near[i] := l;
14         else near[i] := k;
15     near[k] := near[l] := 0;
16     for i := 2 to n - 1 do
17     { // Find n - 2 additional edges for t.
18         Let j be an index such that near[j]  $\neq$  0 and
19         cost[j, near[j]] is minimum;
20         t[i, 1] := j; t[i, 2] := near[j];
21         mincost := mincost + cost[j, near[j]];
22         near[j] := 0;
23         for k := 1 to n do // Update near[ ].
24             if ((near[k]  $\neq$  0) and (cost[k, near[k]] > cost[k, j]))
25                 then near[k] := j;
26     }
27     return mincost;
28 }
```

Time Complexity is  $O(n^2)$ , Where, *n* = number of vertices **Theory:**

### Implementation:

```
#include <limits.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define V 5
int minKey(int key[], bool mstSet[])
{
    int min = INT_MAX, min_index;
    for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
        if (mstSet[v] == false && key[v] < min)
            min = key[v], min_index = v;
    return min_index;
}
int printMST(int parent[], int graph[V][V])
```



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```
{ printf("Edge \tWeight\n"); for (int i = 1;
i < V; i++) printf("%d - %d \t%d \n",
parent[i], i,
graph[i][parent[i]]);
}
void primMST(int graph[V][V])
{
int parent[V];
int key[V];
mstSet[V];

for (int i = 0; i < V; i++)
key[i] = INT_MAX, mstSet[i] = false;

key[0] = 0;
parent[0] = -1;
for (int count = 0; count < V - 1; count++) {
int u = minKey(key, mstSet);
Set mstSet[u] = true;
for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
if (graph[u][v] && mstSet[v] == false
&& graph[u][v] < key[v]) parent[v] =
u, key[v] = graph[u][v];
}
printMST(parent, graph);
} code int
main()
{ int graph[V][V] = { { 0, 2, 0, 6, 0 },
{ 2, 0, 3, 8, 5 },
{ 0, 3, 0, 0, 7 },
{ 6, 8, 0, 0, 9 }, {
0, 5, 7, 9, 0 } };

primMST(graph);

return 0;
}
```

**Output:**



Edge	Weight
0 - 1	2
1 - 2	3
0 - 3	6
1 - 4	5

**Conclusion:** Implementing Prim's algorithm has proven to be effective in generating minimum spanning trees, efficiently connecting all nodes in a graph while minimizing total edge weight. This experiment underscores the algorithm's practical applicability in optimizing network connectivity, demonstrating its importance in various real-world scenarios.