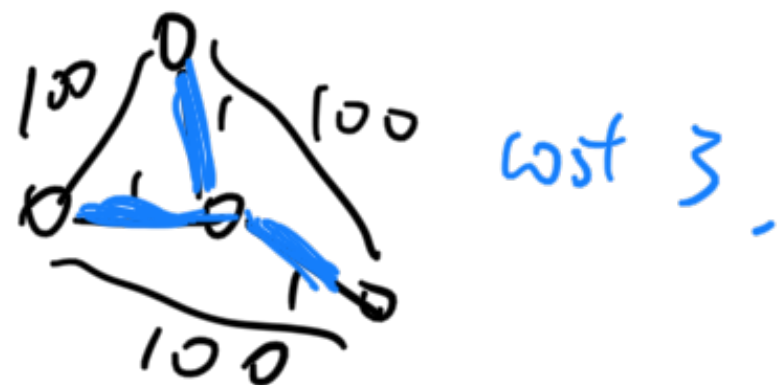


### 4.5 Minimum Spanning Tree (MST).

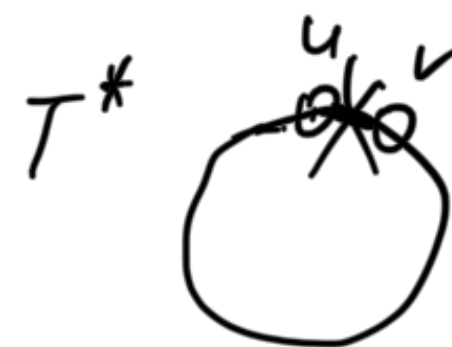


Given connected undirected  $G = (V, E)$  with positive edge weights.

Goal: Find a set of edges  $T^* \subseteq E$  s.t.

- $G' = (V, T^*)$  is connected
- Minimize cost of  $T^* = \sum_{e \in T^*} \underbrace{l(e)}$

Solution  $T^*$  will be a tree.



Pf: If  $T^*$  has a cycle  $C$ , assume  $(u, v) \in C$

$T^* - (u, v)$  . it will still be connected .

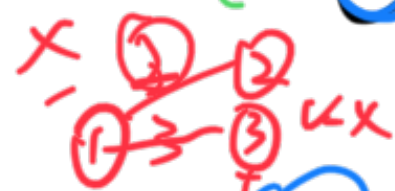
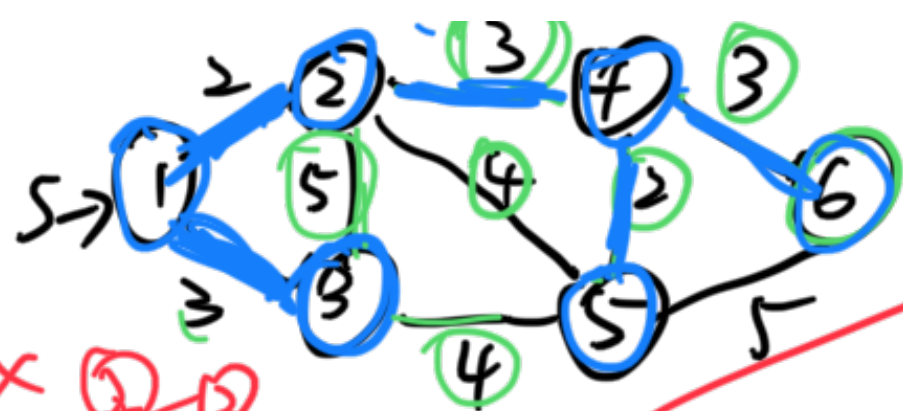
↑ smaller cost connected subgraph  $\Rightarrow$  contradiction

Prim's alg: Maintain set  $X$ : nodes connected to source node  $s$ .

Initial  $X = \{s\}$

$\overbrace{a[u]}$  : cost for adding  $u$  to  $X$ .

11.  $\frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2}$



add u with smallest  $a[u]$  to  $X$ .



Initial  $X = \{s\}$

$$a[u] = \begin{cases} l(s, u) & \text{if } (s, u) \in E, p[u] = s \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1$  to  $n-1$

$u \leftarrow$  node in  $V-X$  with min  $a[u]$

Add  $u$  to  $X$

for  $v$  in neighbor( $u$ ):

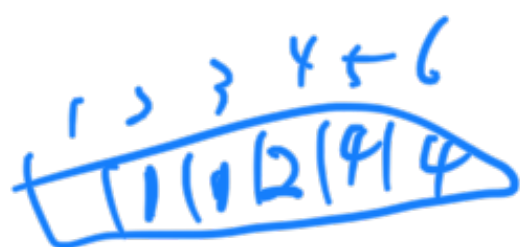
if  $l(u, v) < a[v]$   
 $a[v] = l(u, v)$

$p[v] = u$

$(u, p[u]) \forall u \rightarrow T^*$

	$X=\{1\}$	$X=\{1,2\}$	$X=\{1,3\}$	$X=\{1,4,5\}$
$a[1]$				
$a[2]$				
3	3			
4	$\infty$	3		
5	$\infty$	4	4	4
6	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	3

Dijkstra's alg: if  $d[u] + l(u, v) < d[v]$   
 $d[v] = d[u] + l(u, v)$



Time complexity: Use heap to store  $a[u]$  for  
 in update,  $n$  push,  $n$  pop.

$\Rightarrow O(m \log n + n \log n)$



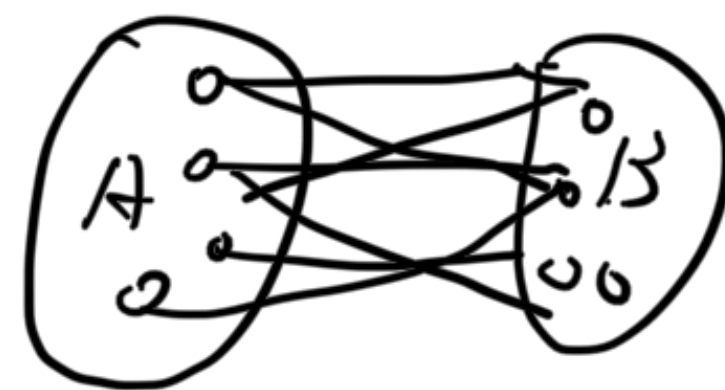
$\log^m$



Correctness:

Define "cut" of node sets  $A, B$

$\text{cut}(A, B)$ : all edges between  $A, B$



Prim's alg: each step  $X, V-X$ ,  
add min-cost edge in  $\text{cut}(X, V-X)$   
to the MST.

Thm: If edge  $e$  is the minimum-cost edge in  $\text{cut}(X, V-X)$   
for any  $X$ , then  $e$  must be in MST.

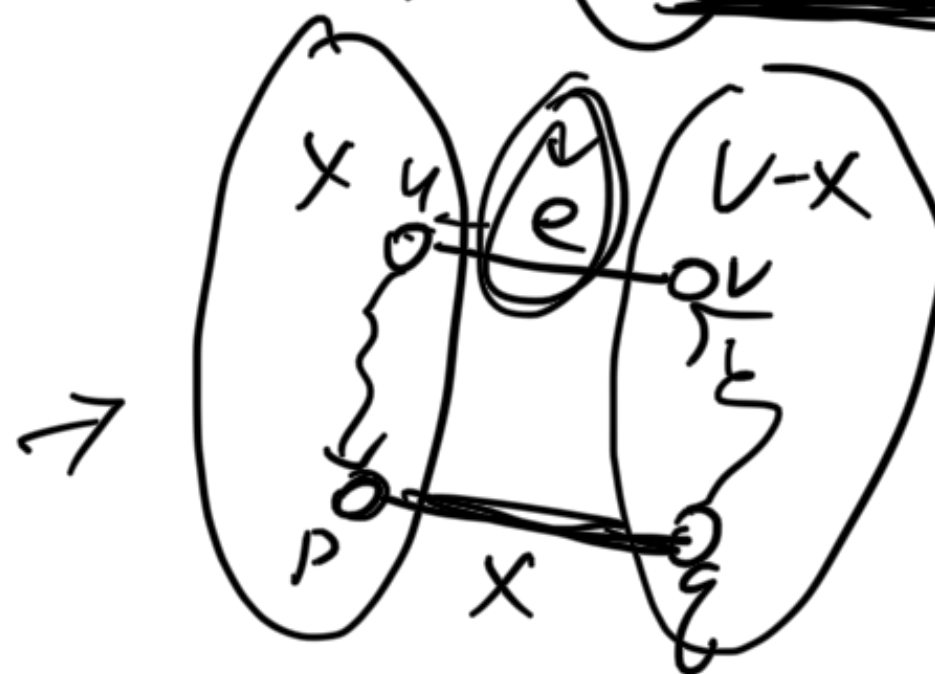
Pf: If  $T^*$ : MST.

$e = (u, v)$  is min-cost edge in  $\text{cut}(X, V-X)$ .

If  $e$  is not in  $T^*$

If  $u, v$  connected by

$u \rightsquigarrow p \rightarrow q \rightsquigarrow v$   
 $X$



$T' = T^* - (p, q) + (u, v)$

$T'$  is still a spanning tree.

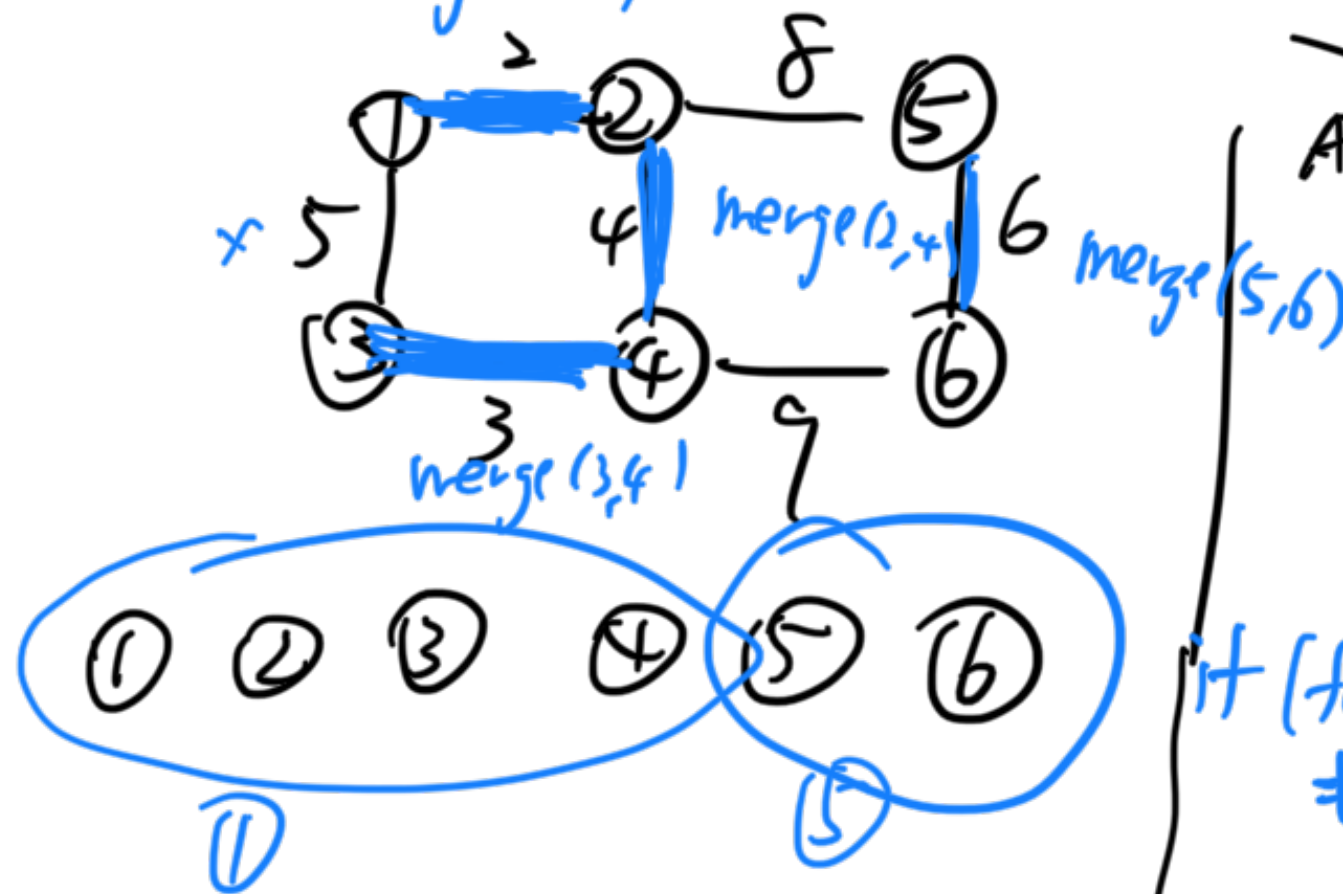


$a \rightsquigarrow p \rightarrow q \rightsquigarrow b \quad T^*$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $a \rightsquigarrow p \rightsquigarrow u \rightarrow v \rightsquigarrow q \rightsquigarrow b \quad T'$   
 $l(T') < l(T^*)$  because  $l(u, v) < l(p, q) \Rightarrow$  contradiction

Kruskal's alg:

- Sort edges from small to large.
- Consider edges one-by-one

$e = (u, v)$ : add  $e$  if  $u, v$  are in different connected components.



Alg: Initial  $T = \emptyset$

- Sort edges s.t.  $l(e_1) \leq l(e_2) \leq \dots$

- for  $i = 1 \sim m$

check  $(u, v) = e_i$

if  $(\text{find}(u) \neq \text{find}(v))$  if  $u, v$  are in different connected component of  $T$ .

$T = T + \{u, v\}$

Union( $u, v$ ): stop if  $T$  already has  $n-1$  edges.

Proof of correctness:

When adding  $(u, v) = e$   
 $u, v$  in different component.

$$u \in X \quad v \in V - X$$

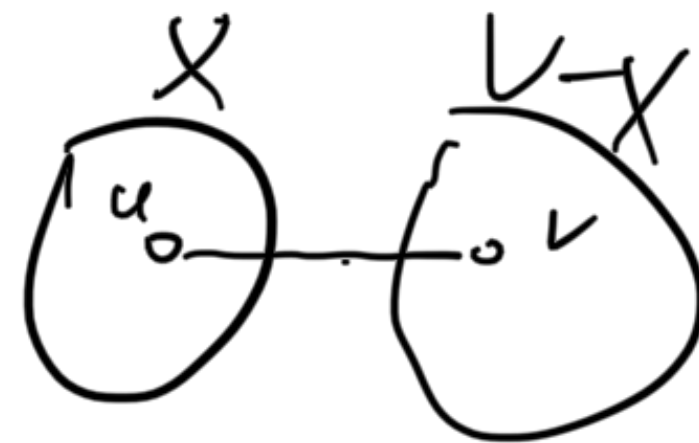
$$e \in \text{Cut}(X, V - X)$$

$\therefore X, V - X$  are not connected.

$e$  is the first edge in  $\text{Cut}(X, V - X)$  being considered.

$\Rightarrow e$  is the min-cost edge in  $\text{Cut}(X, V - X)$ .

$\Rightarrow e$  is in MST



Union-Find : Store  $n$  elements and their sets,

- Initial : each element forms an individual set.

- Union  $(u, v)$  : merge the sets of  $u, v$ .

- Find  $(u)$  : return the "name" of the set.

: if  $\text{find}(u) = \text{find}(v) \Leftrightarrow u, v$  are in the same set.

Tree-based Union Find :

$n$  nodes,  
a tree to denote a set



Union (u, v) : merge two trees (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) Union (1, 2)

find (u) : the root idx.  
return

find (2) : 1

find (1) : 1

Union (2, 3) : find (2) → 1  
find (3) → 3

merge smaller tree  
to the larger one.

depth = 2



Union (5, 6)

Cost of both union and find  
≈ tree depth.



Union (1, 5)



Claim: if the tree has  
depth  $k \Rightarrow$  it has  $\geq 2^k$  nodes

pf: tree depth  $k$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  node  $u \xrightarrow{k}$  root

$\Rightarrow$  node  $u$  is merged  
to another set by  $k$  times

$\Rightarrow$  always merge with the bigger set

$\Rightarrow$  size  $\geq 2^k$

totally  $n$  nodes,

$\Rightarrow$  tree depth  $\leq O(\log n)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  both union and find  
cost  $O(\log n)$  time.

