

# LECTURE 16: MINIMUM SPANNING TREES (MST)

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# ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Quiz 3 next week during Wed lecture

No lecture tomorrow (23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019)

PS4 is due end of the week.

**Start** 2019-10-13 17:59 CEST

**Problem Set 4**

**End** 2019-10-28 16:59 CET

Time elapsed 180:54:22

Time remaining 179:05:39

# MULTIPLICATION METHOD

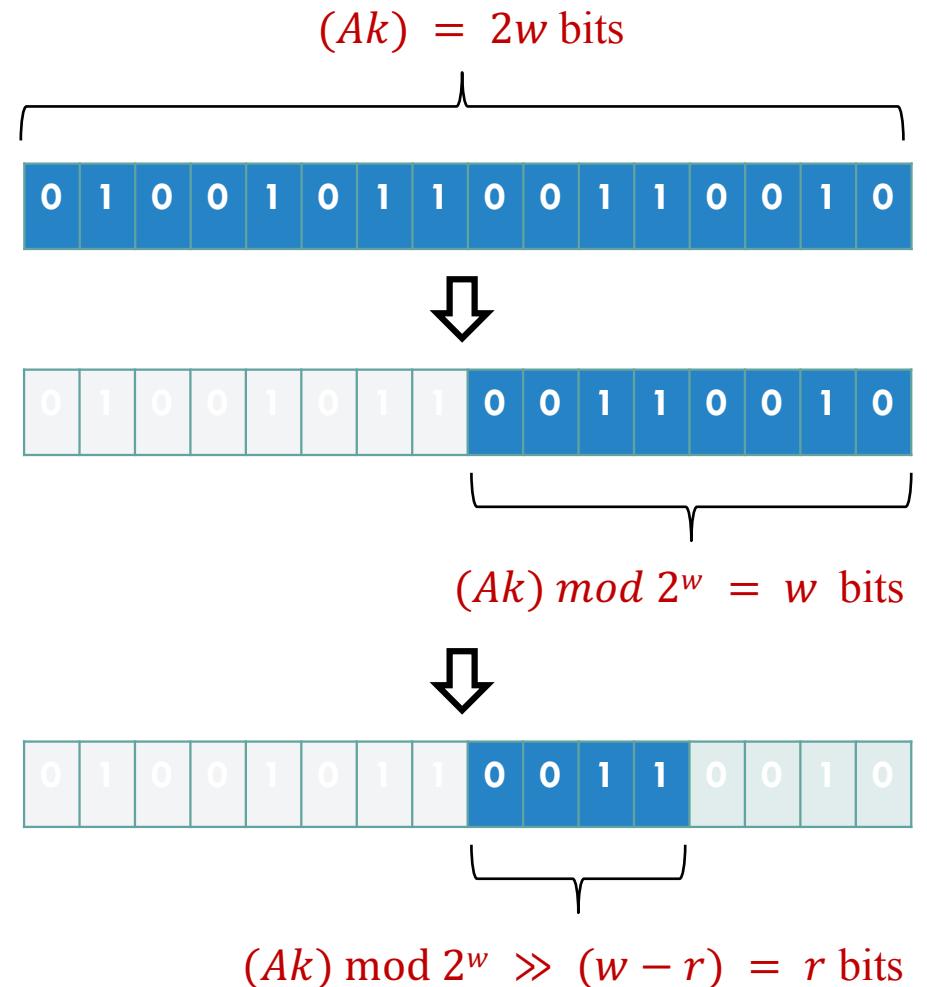
Fix

- table size:  $m = 2^r$
- word size:  $w$  (size of a key in bits)
- constant:  $2^{w-1} < A < 2^w$

Then:

$$h(k) = (Ak) \bmod 2^w \gg (w - r)$$

Why take top bits of lower half?



# BOTTOM BITS ARE LESS INFORMATIVE

**Rule of thumb:** want to use all information in the key.

When you multiply  $A * k$ , the bottom bits contain less information about the key.

Multiplication in Binary:

1 0 1 1	this is $11_{10}$
$\times$ 1 0 1 0	this is $10_{10}$
0 0 0 0	$1011 \times 0$
1 0 1 1	$1011 \times 1$ , shifted one position to the left
0 0 0 0	$1011 \times 0$ , shifted two positions to the left
+ 1 0 1 1	$1011 \times 1$ , shifted three positions to the left
1 1 0 1 1 1 0	this is $110_{10}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 0 1 \\ \times 8 9 \\ \hline 9 0 9 \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 \\ \times 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 \\ \hline 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 \\ 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 \\ 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 \\ \hline 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 \end{array}$$

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/engineering/binary-multiplication>

# QUESTIONS?



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# LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this session, students should be able to:

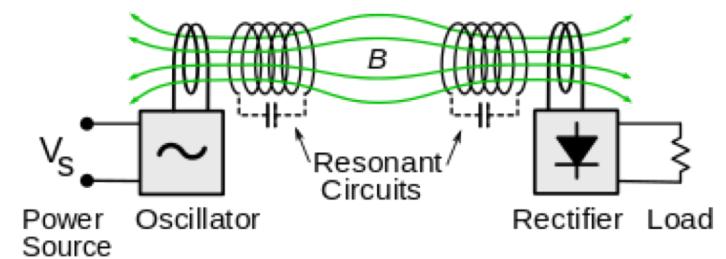
- Explain the **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)** and its **properties**.
- Describe **Prim's algorithm** and its **running time**.

# PROBLEM: CONNECT ME UP!

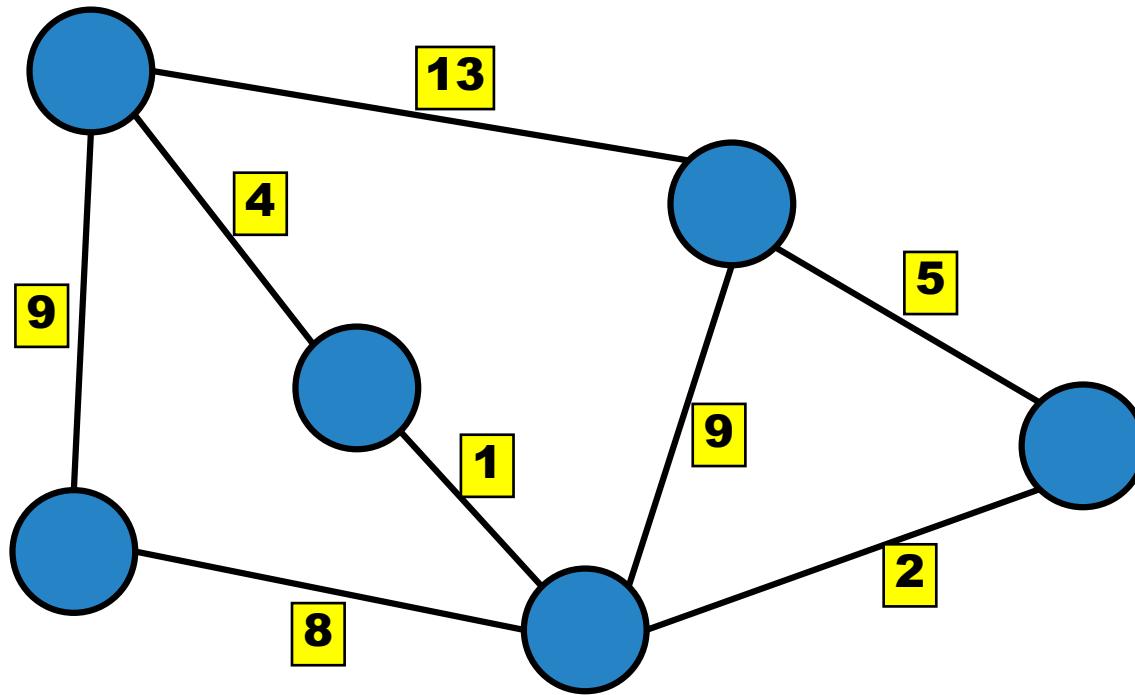
Singaporia has recently rolled out wireless power towers.

Connecting up the transmission towers is not easy (and expensive).

Naruto and you are hired to find a way to connect up the towers to minimize the cost.

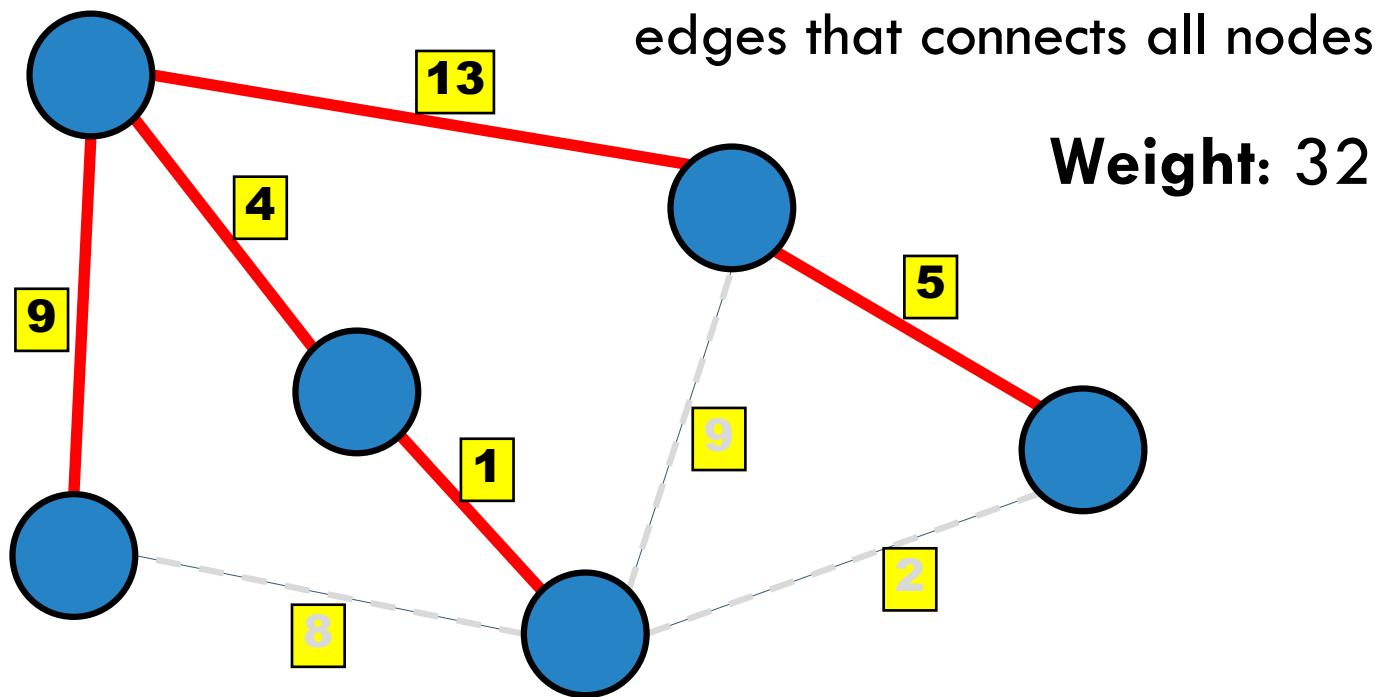


WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING GRAPH

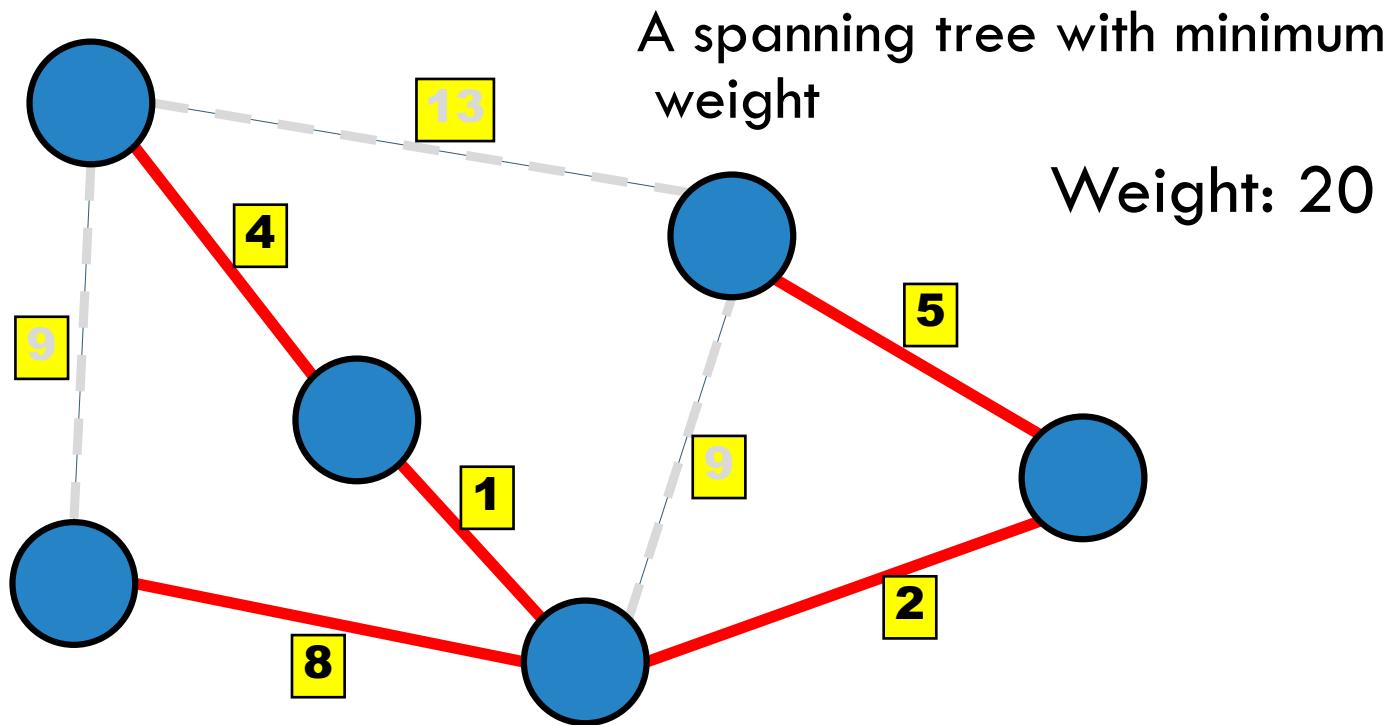


# SPANNING TREE: DEFINITION

A spanning tree is an acyclic subset of the edges that connects all nodes

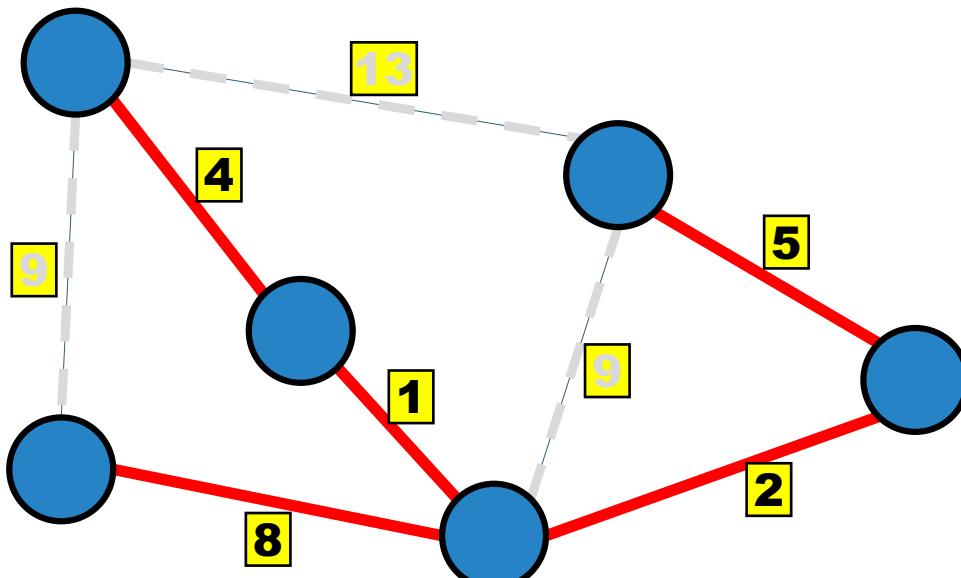


# MINIMUM SPANNING TREE: DEFINITION





# MINIMUM SPANNING TREE



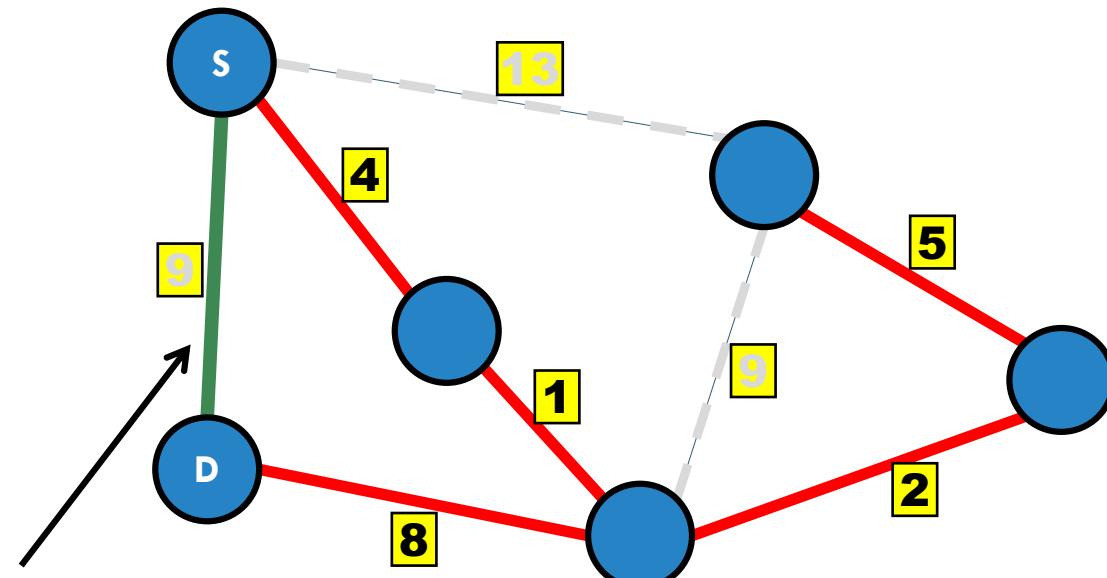
Can we use the MST to find the shortest paths?

- A. Yes
- B. Only on connected graphs
- C. Only on dense graphs
- D. Nope.
- E.



# MINIMUM SPANNING TREE

MST is not the same as shortest paths



Shortest path  
from S to D

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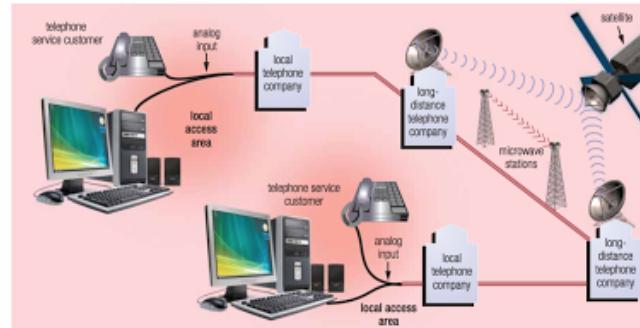
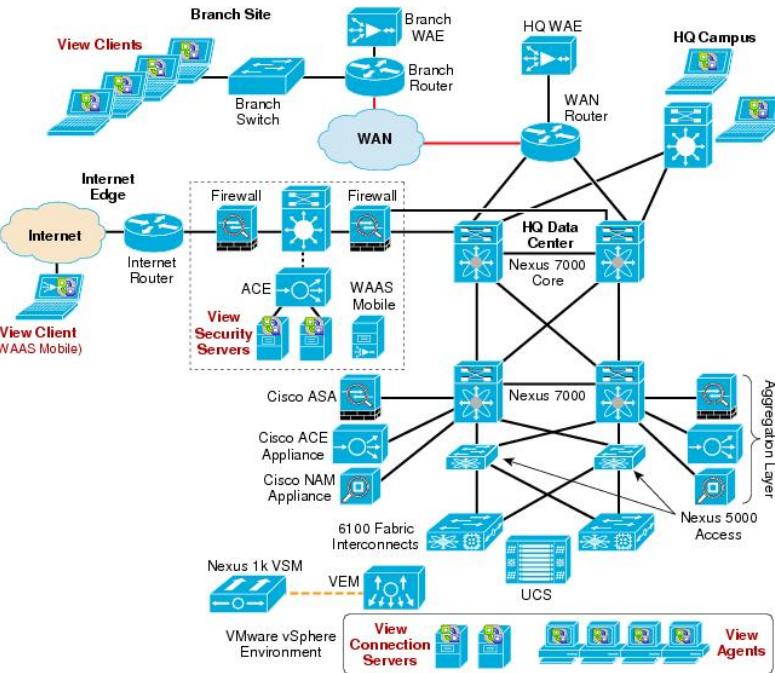
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# MST APPLICATIONS

## Network design

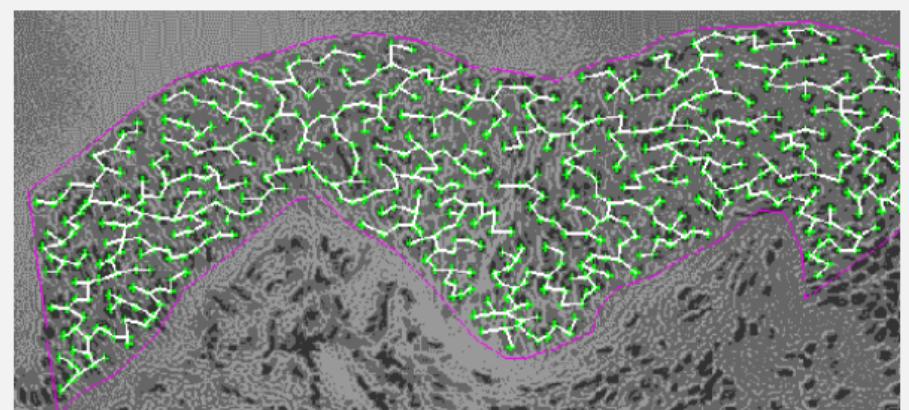
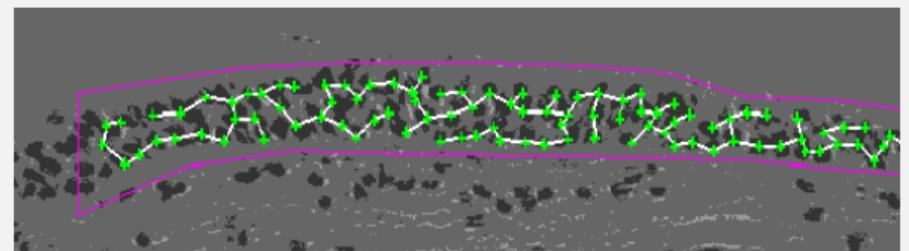
- Telephone networks
- Electrical networks
- Computer networks
- Ethernet autoconfig
- Road networks
- Bottleneck paths
- etc...



# OTHER APPLICATIONS OF MSTs

- Medical image processing
- Error correcting codes
- Face verification
- Cluster analysis
- ...

MST describes arrangement of nuclei in the epithelium for cancer research

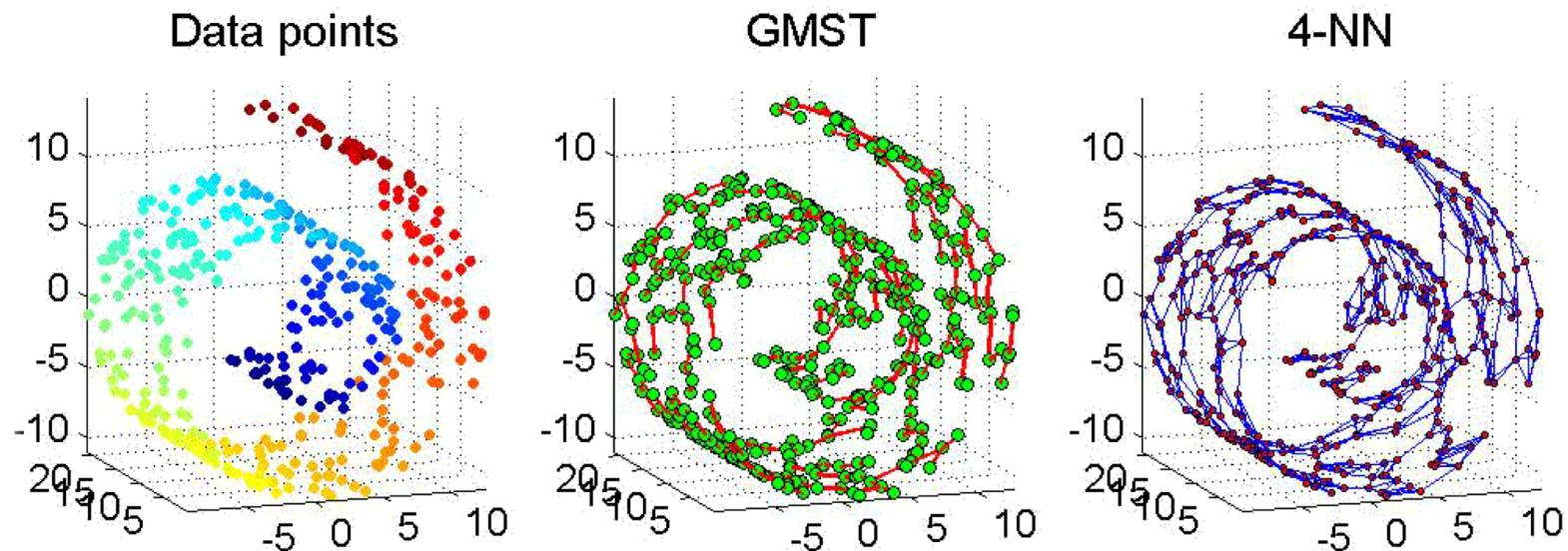


[http://www.bccrc.ca/ci/ta01\\_archlevel.html](http://www.bccrc.ca/ci/ta01_archlevel.html)

[Examples from <http://algs4.cs.princeton.edu/lectures/43MinimumSpanningTrees.pdf> ]

# DISCOVERING STRUCTURES FOR HIGH DIMENSIONAL DATA

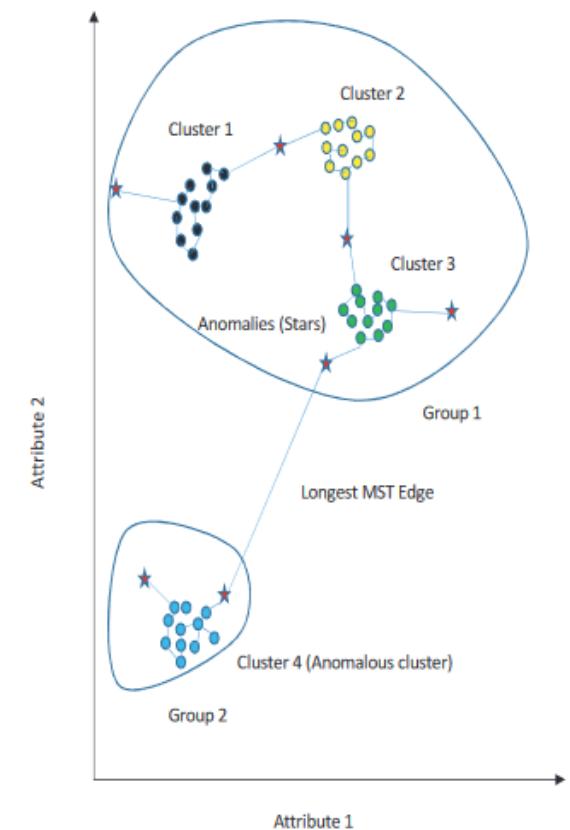
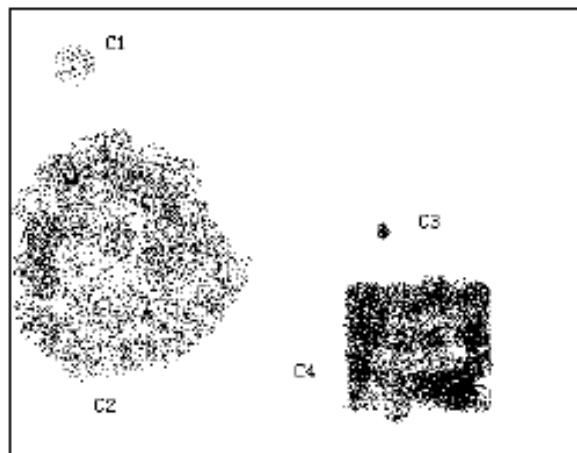
In machine learning, pattern recognition, data mining, etc



# ANOMALY DETECTION

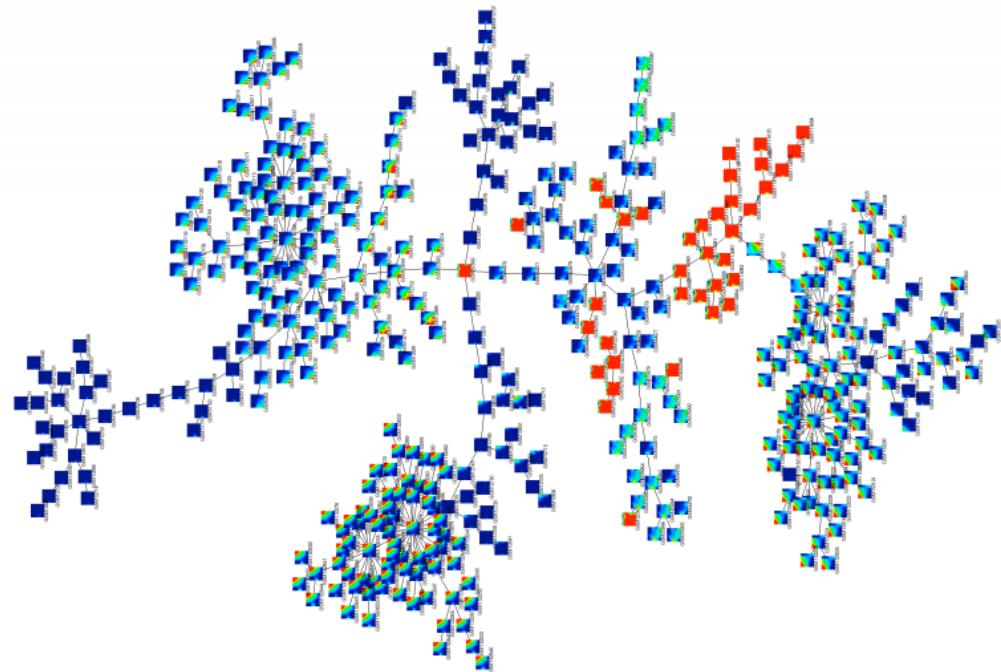
Anomaly is a pattern in the data that does not conform to the expected behavior.

E.g. Cyber intrusions, credit card fraud, air traffic safety



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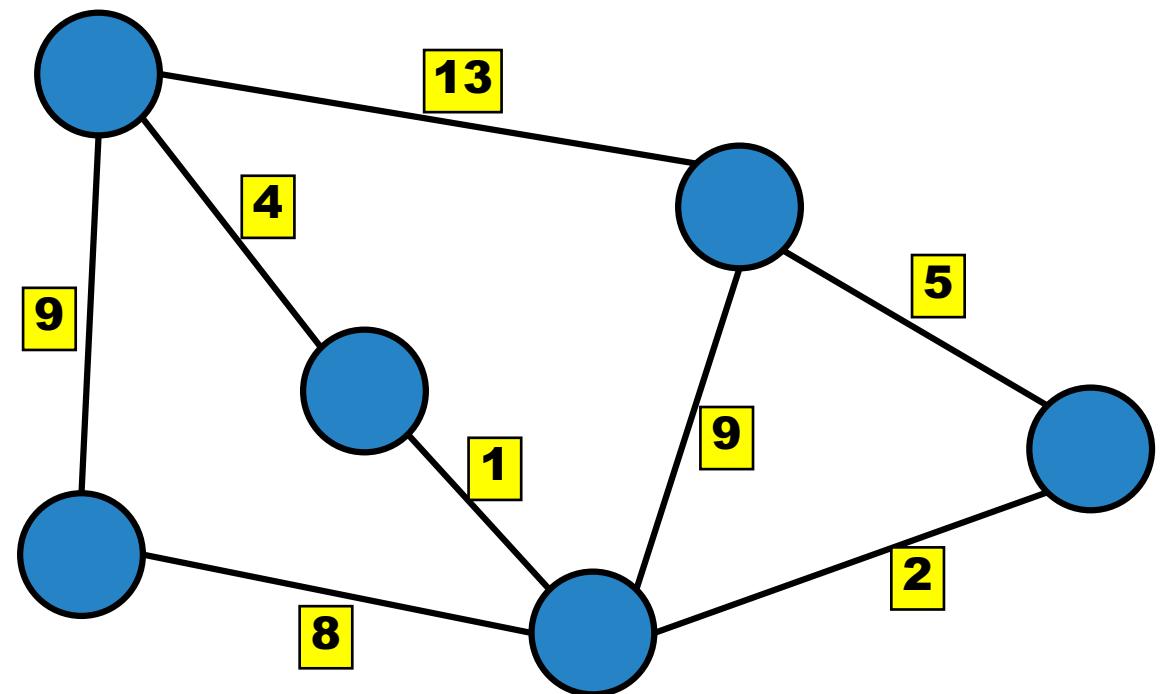
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- **Basic Properties of an MST**
- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Variations



# SIMPLIFYING ASSUMPTIONS

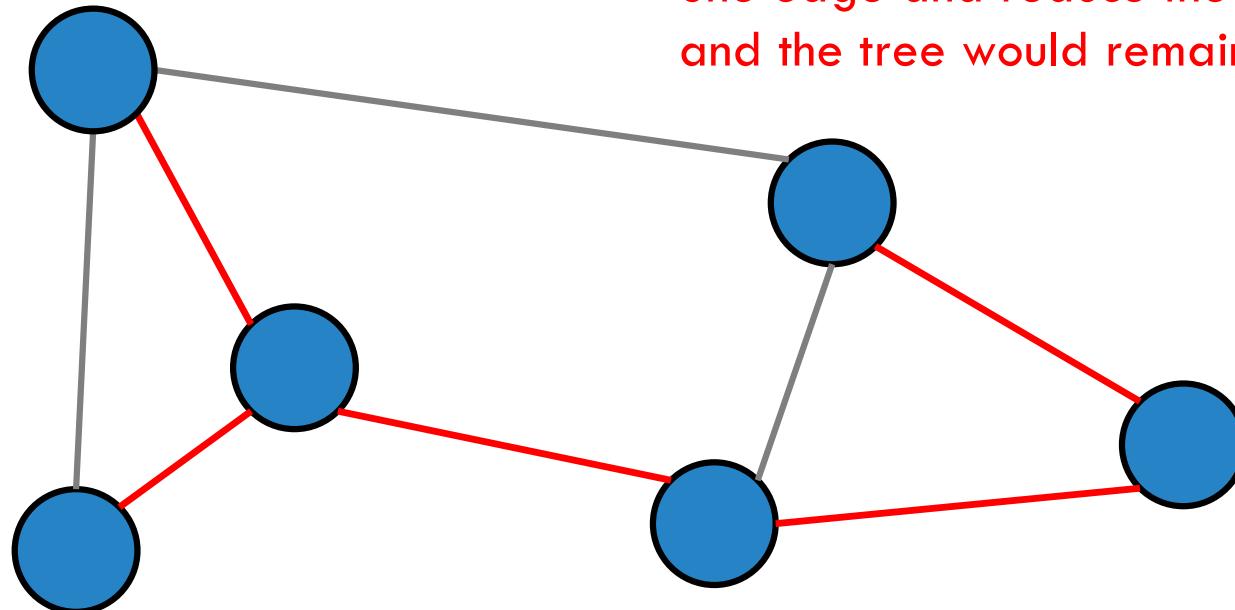
Edge weights are **distinct**.

Graph is **connected** and **undirected**.



# MST PROPERTIES

**Property 1: No Cycles**

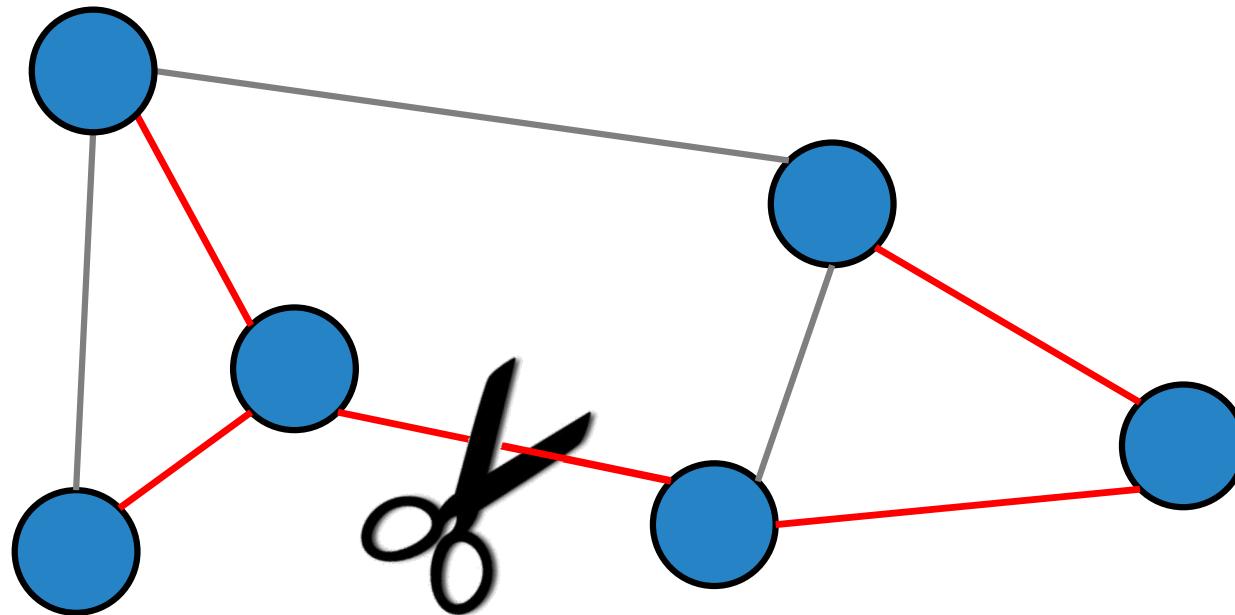


**Why?**

If there was a *cycle*, we could remove one edge and reduce the weight, and the tree would remain connected.

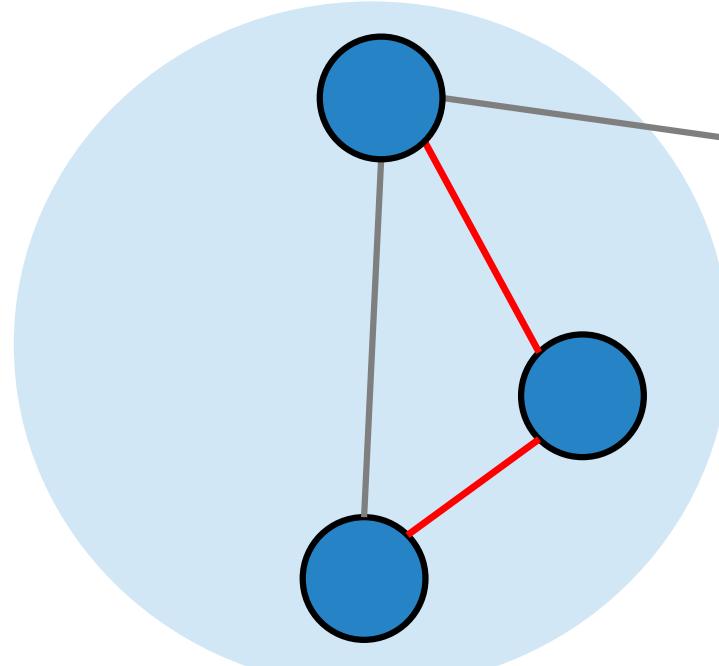
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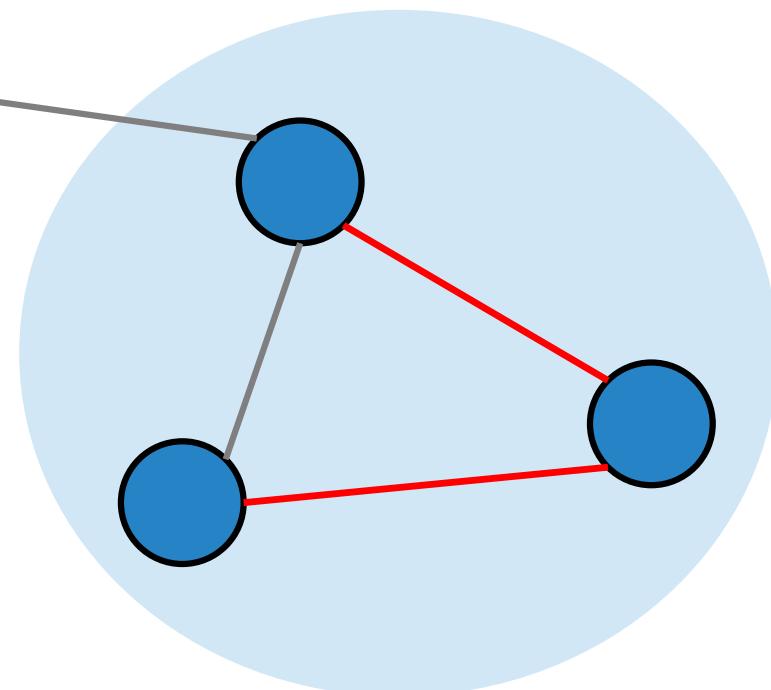


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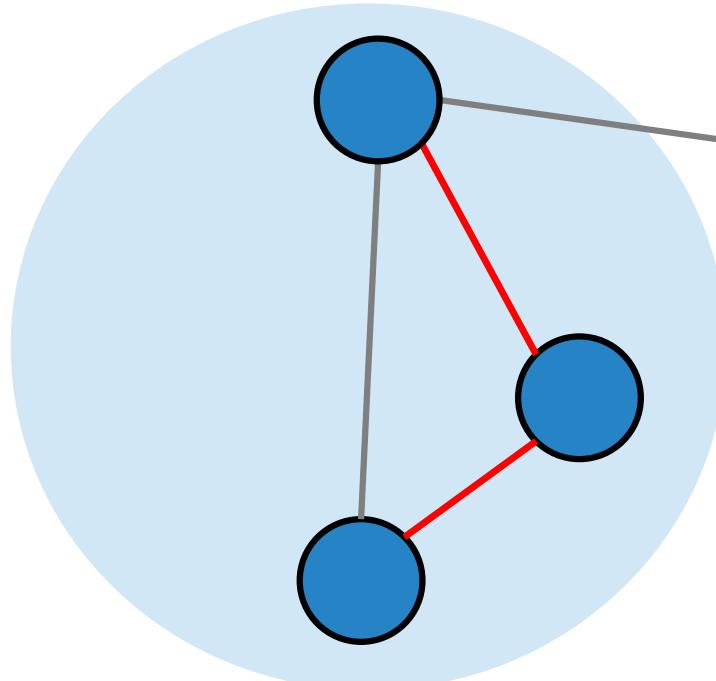
**Graph T1**



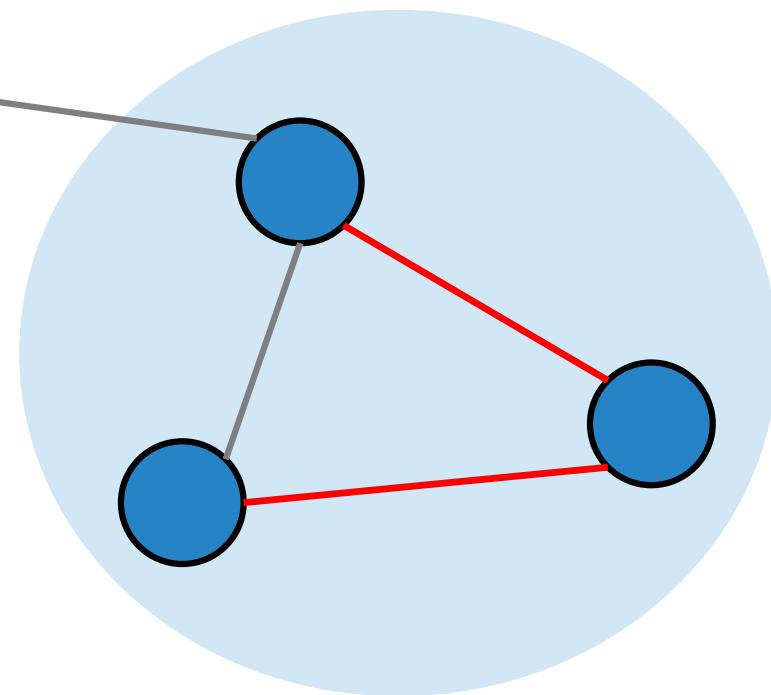
**Graph T2**

# MST PROPERTIES

**Theorem:** T1 is an MST and T2 is an MST.



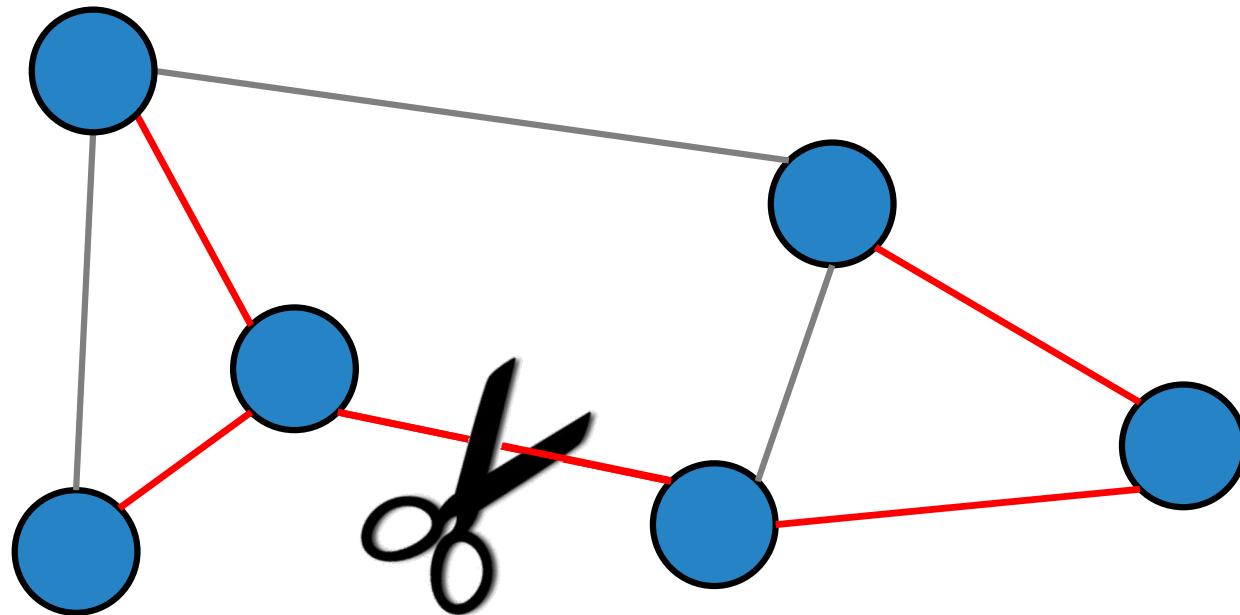
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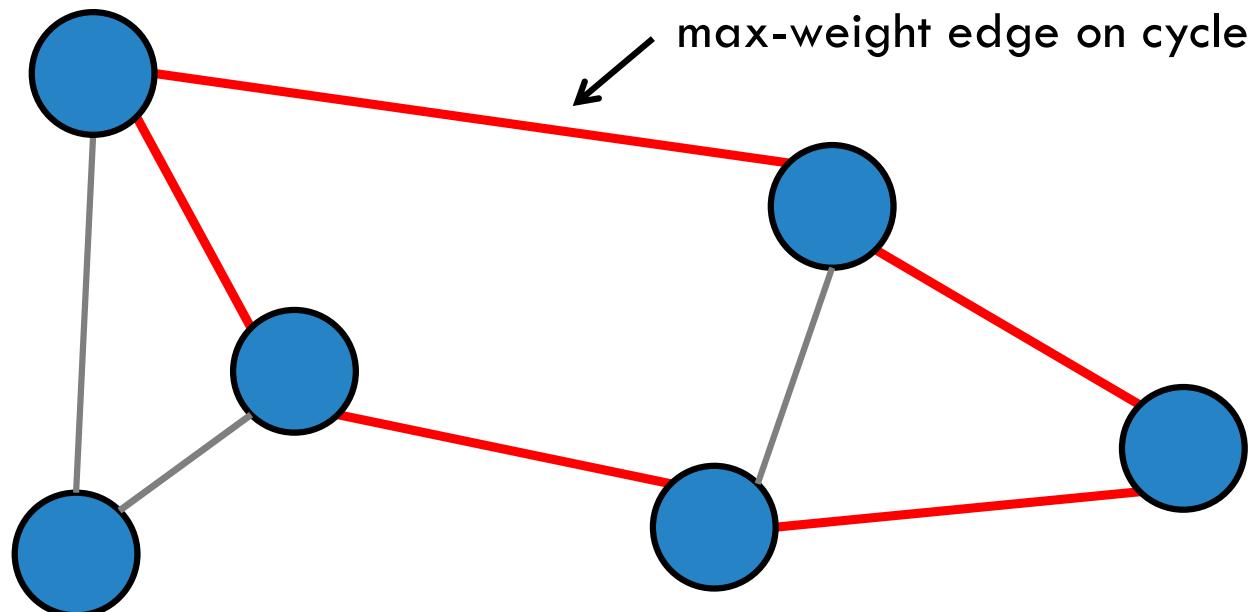
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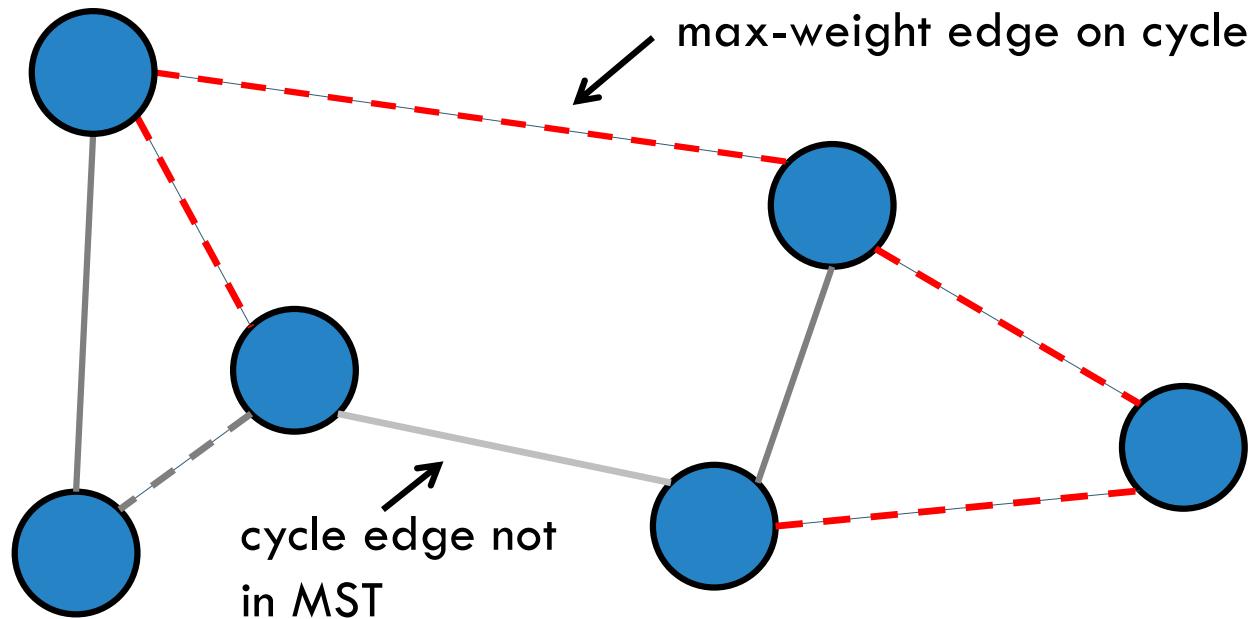
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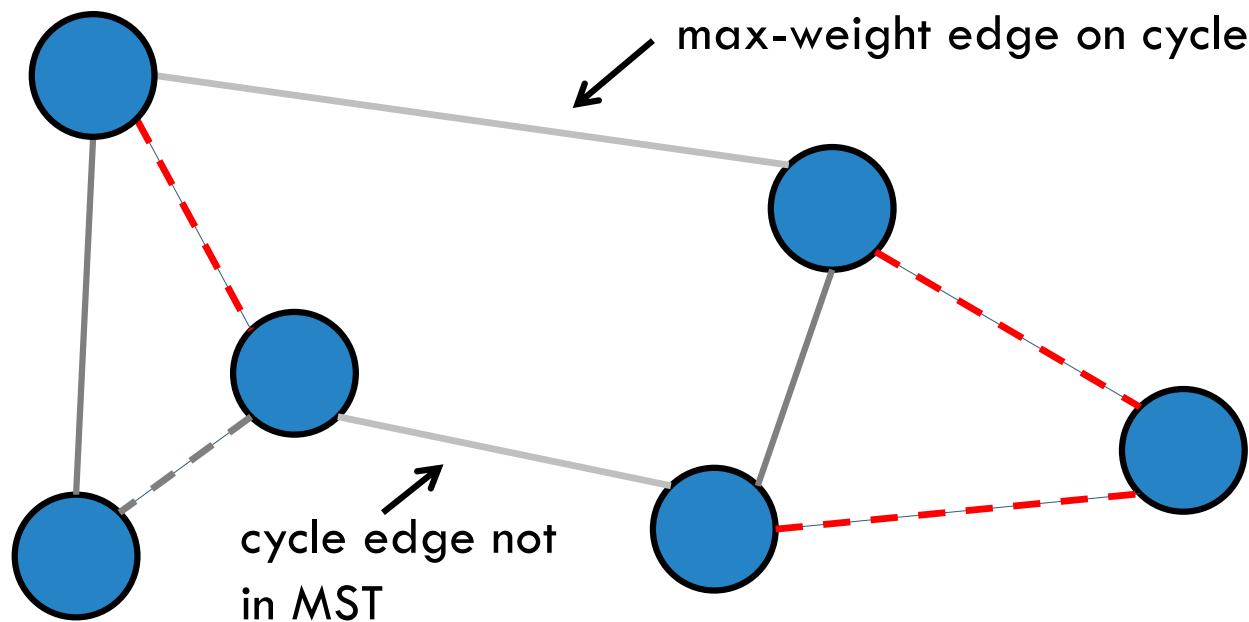
# CYCLE PROPERTY: PROOF SKETCH BY CONTRADICTION

Assume heavy edge is in the MST.



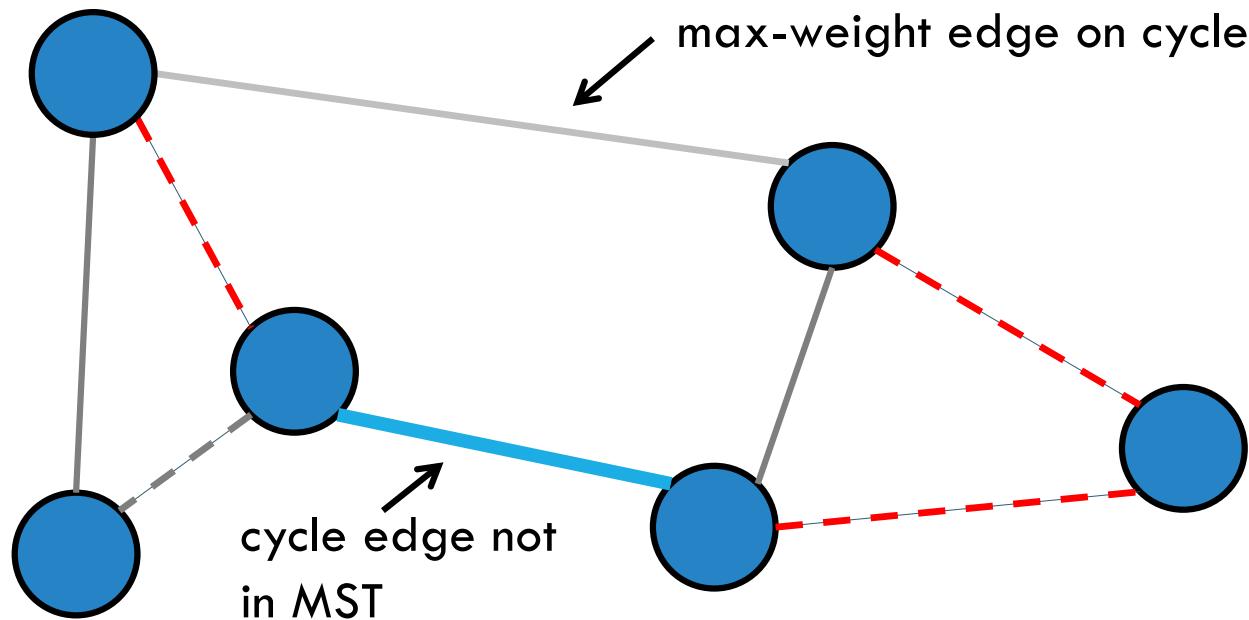
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Removing the max-weight edge  
“cuts” the graph



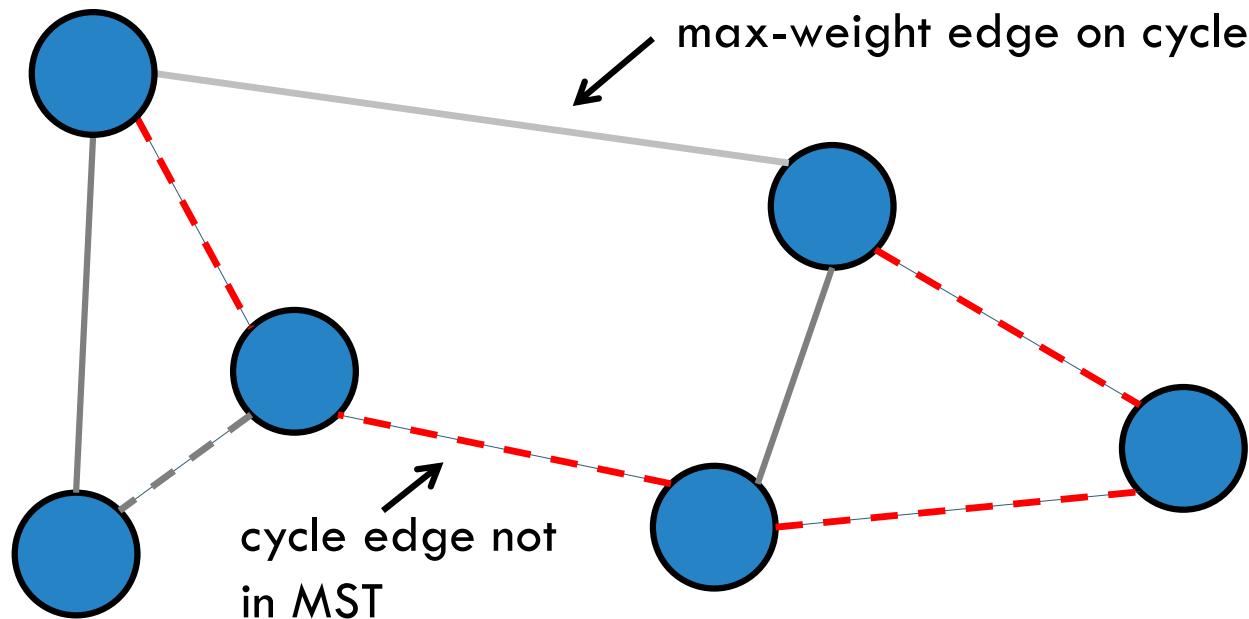
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There exists another edge that crosses this “cut” (because of cycle)



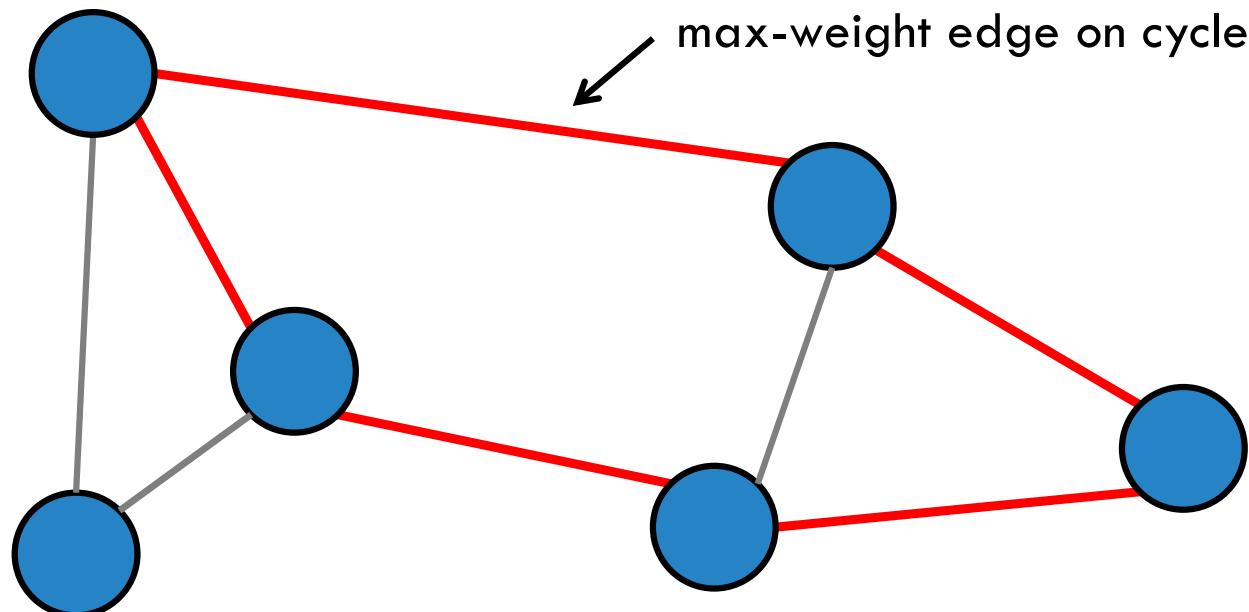
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Add this edge to the MST. But now the MST has **less weight**.  
The initial MST cannot be a MST! Contradiction! ■

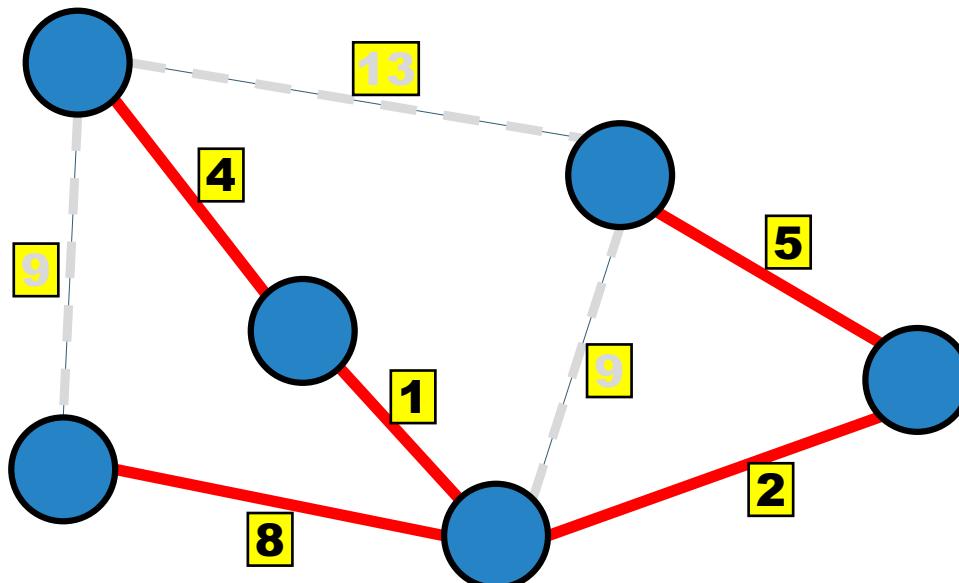


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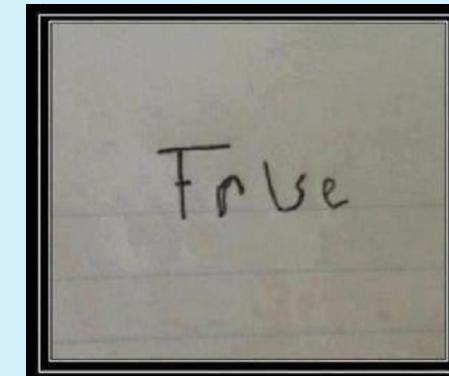


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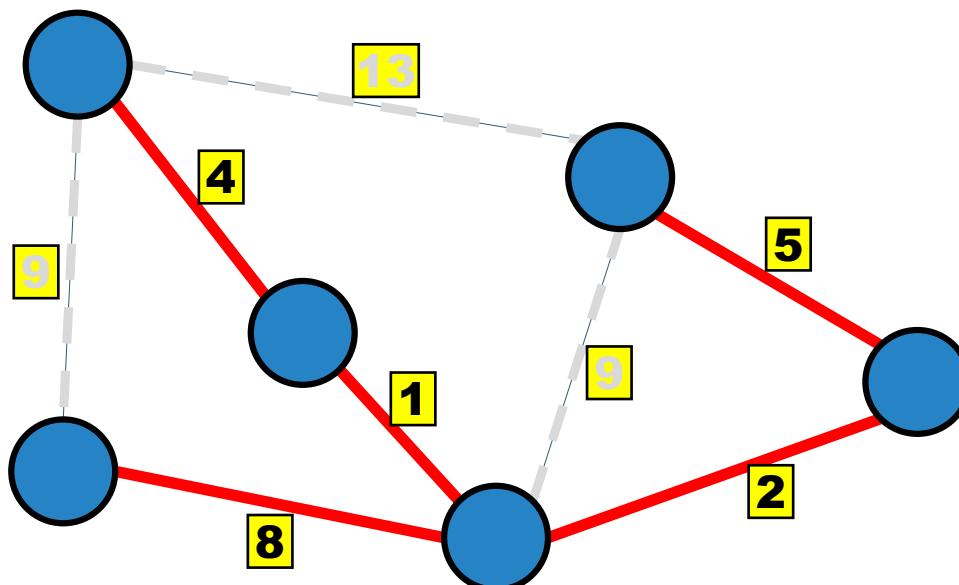
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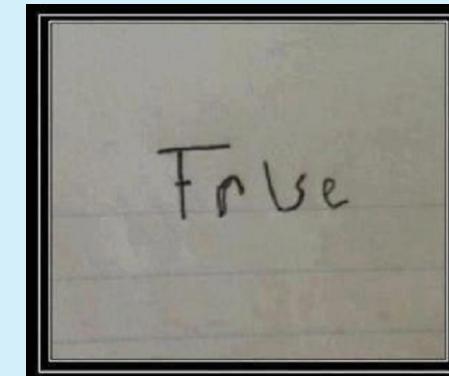


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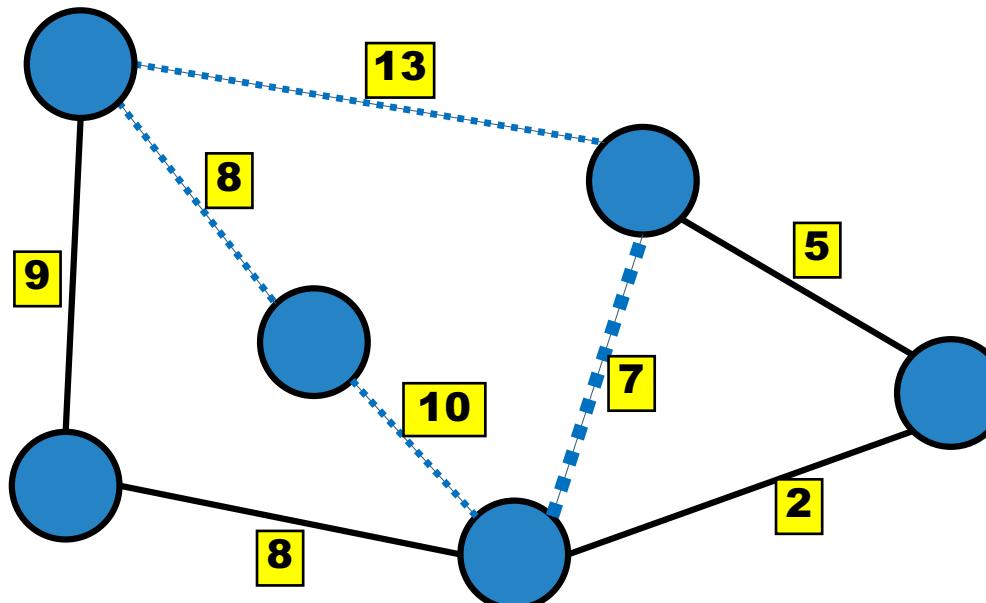
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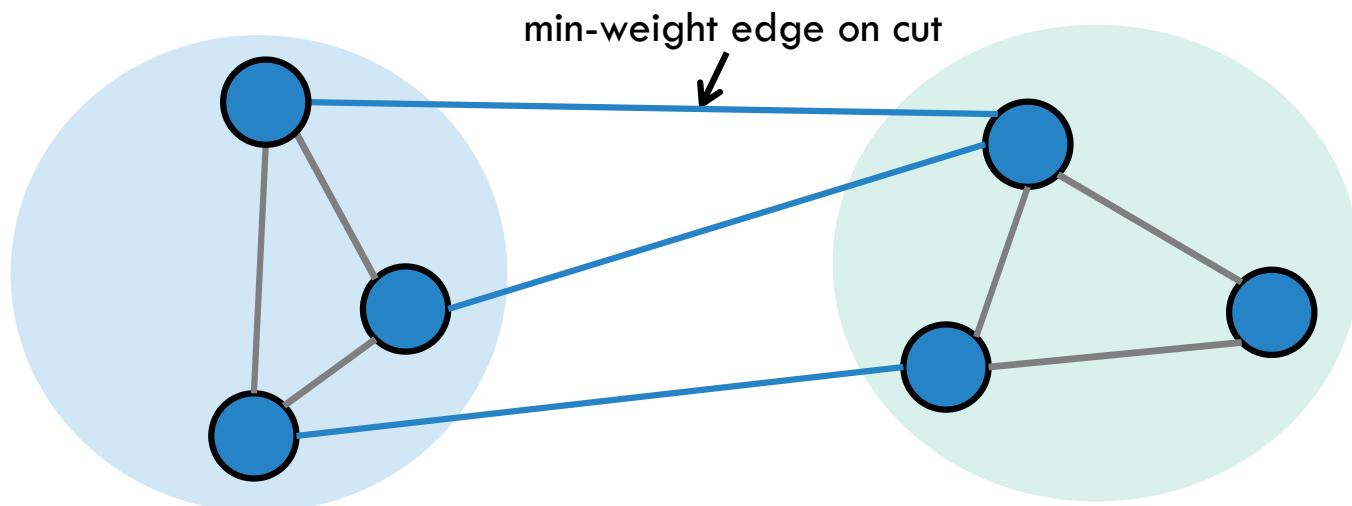
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**Watch out!** For every cycle, the minimum weight edge may or may not be in the MST



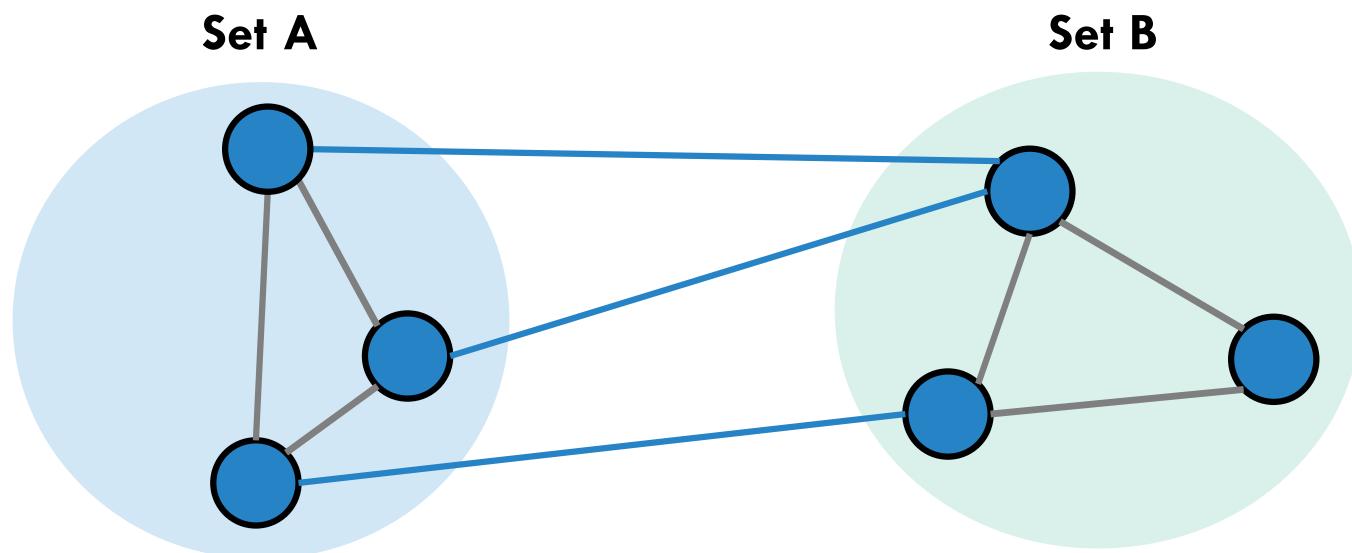
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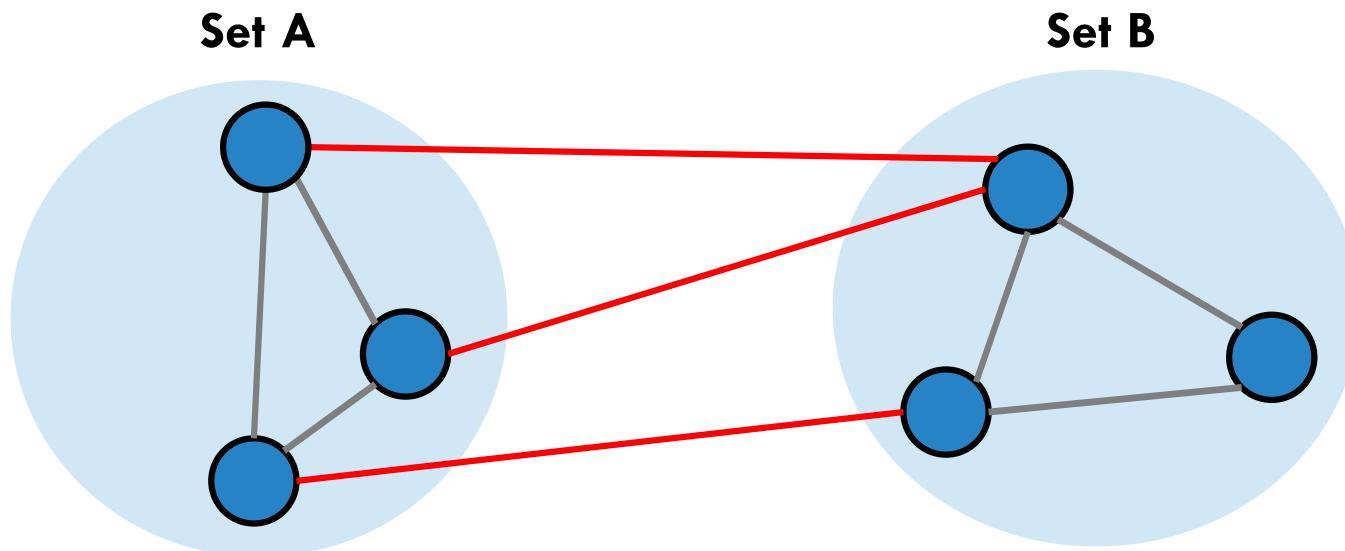
# WHAT IS A CUT?

**Definition:** A ***cut*** of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of the vertices  $V$  into two disjoint subsets.



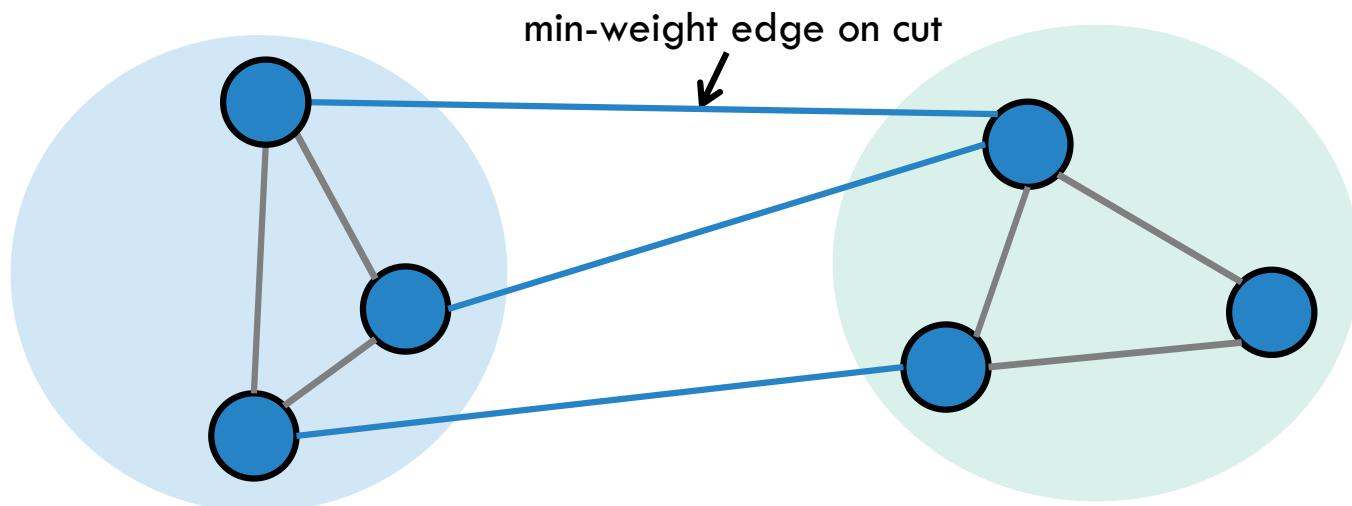
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**Definition:** An edge **crosses a cut** if it has one vertex in each of the two sets.



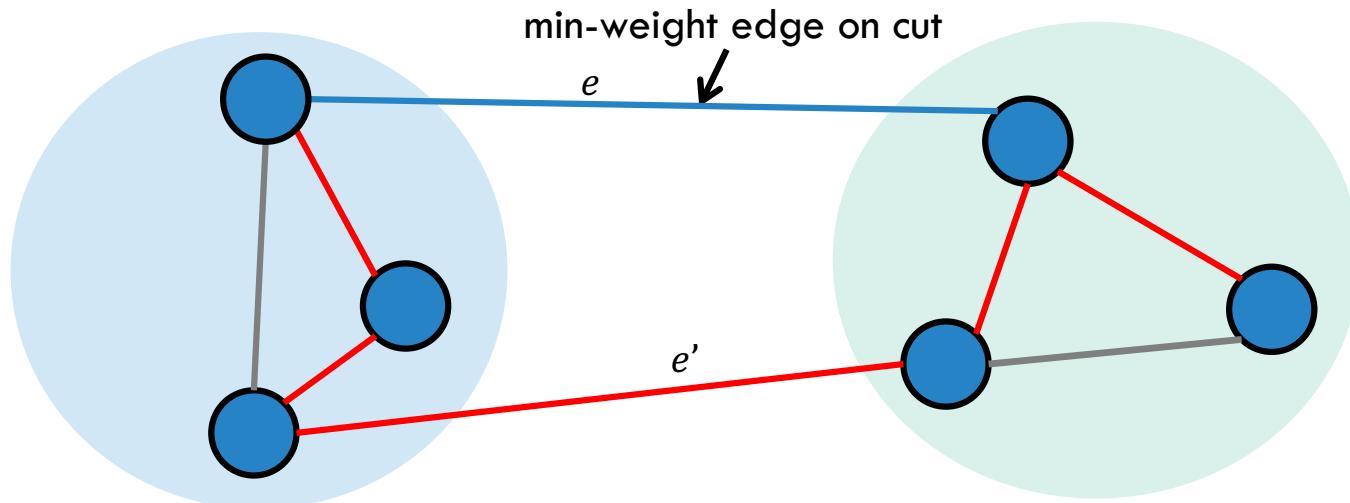
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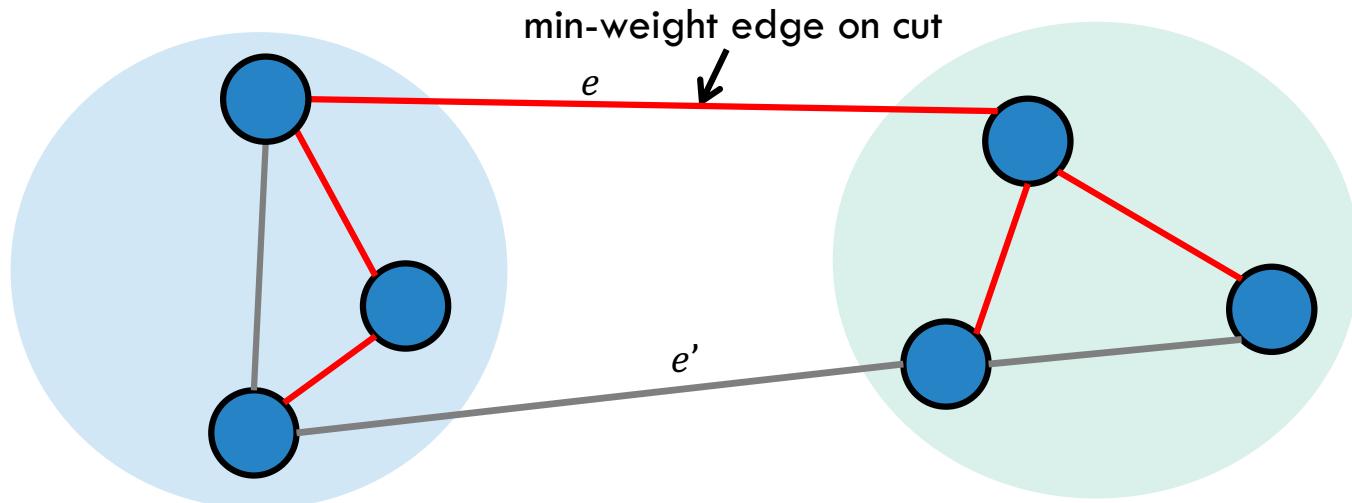
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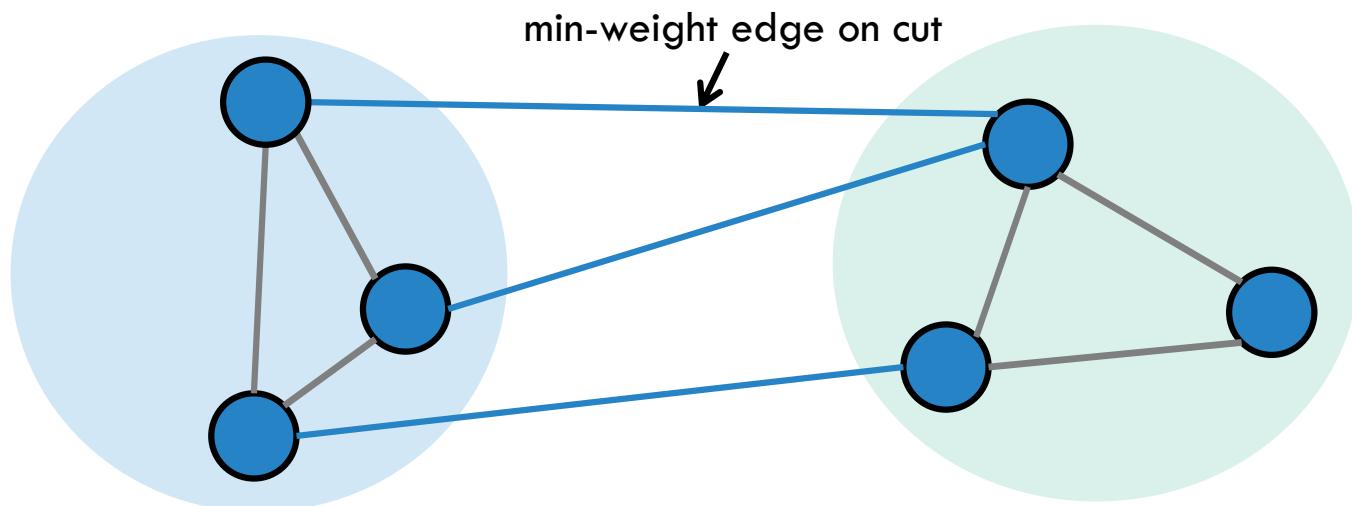
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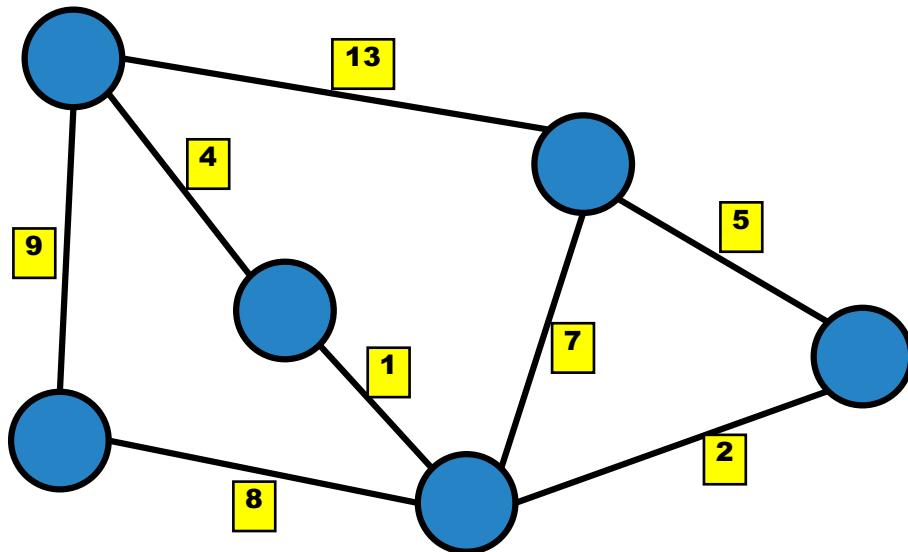


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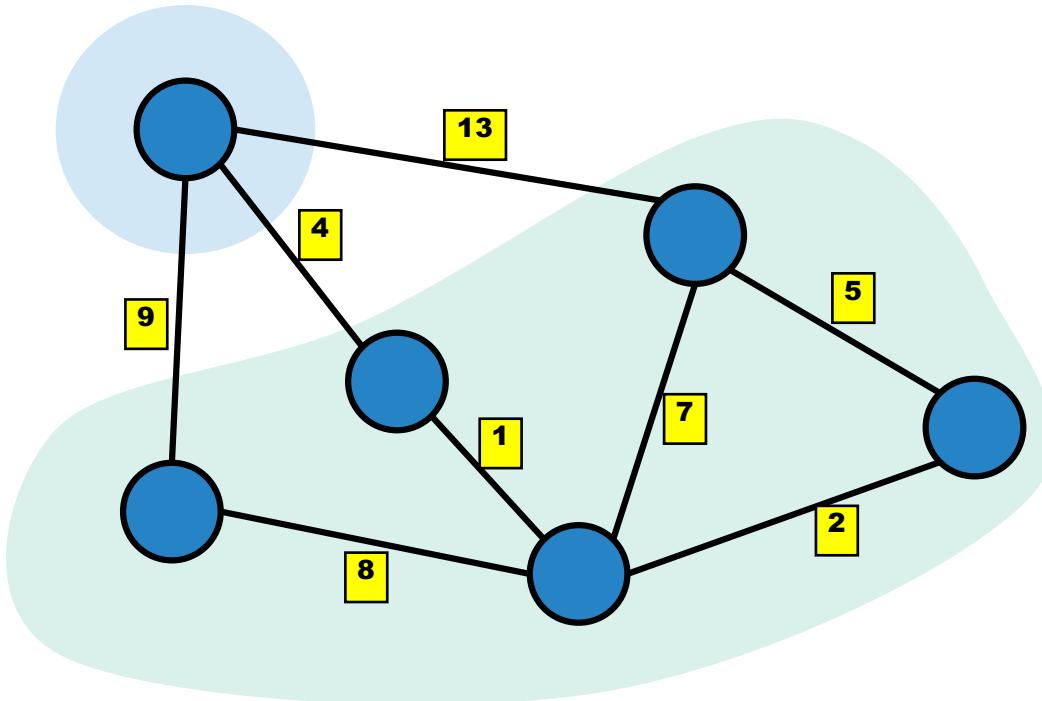
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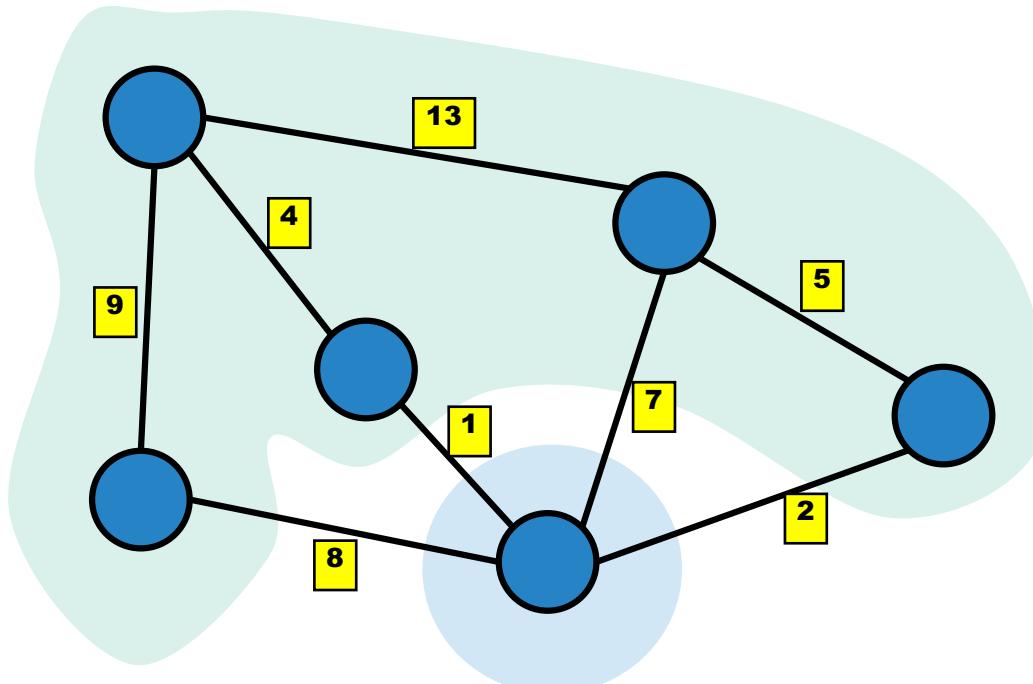


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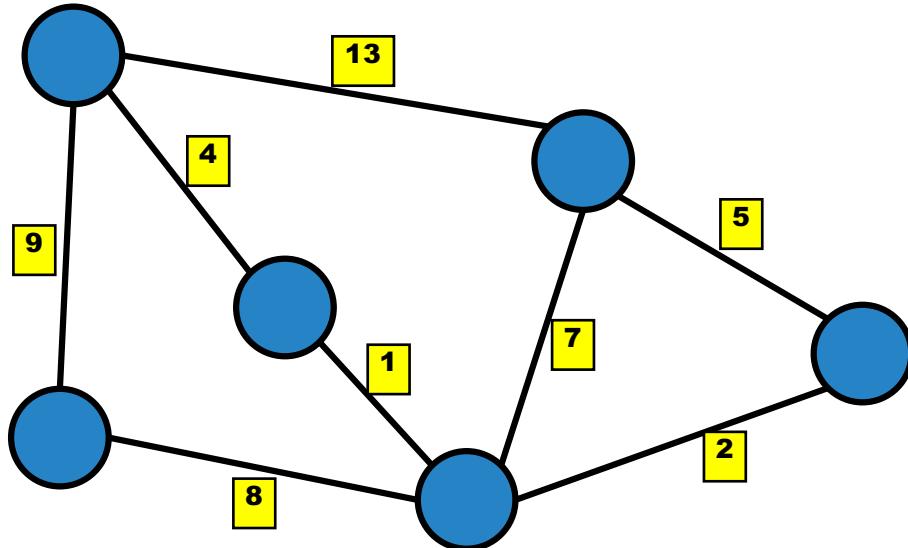


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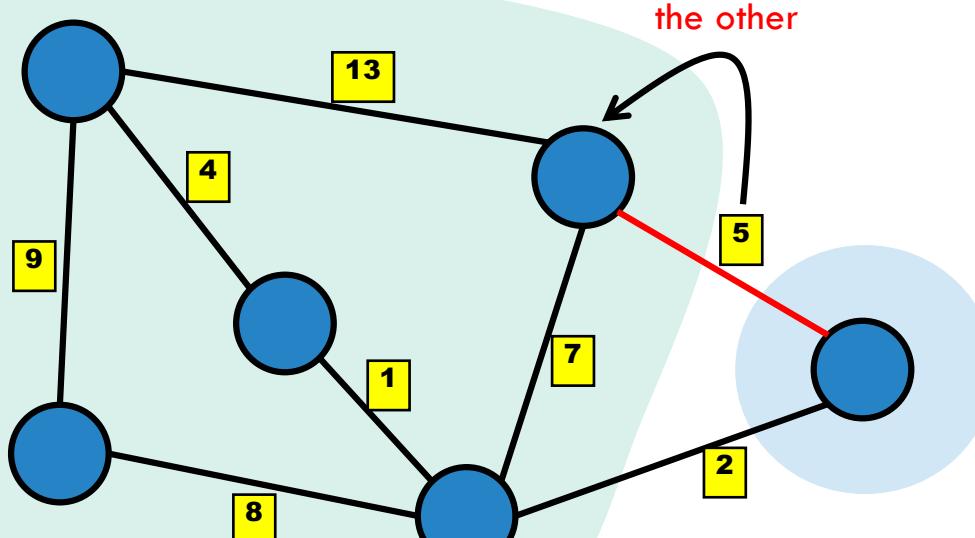


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**THE STATEMENT BELOW IS FALSE**  
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**THE STATEMENT ABOVE IS TRUE**

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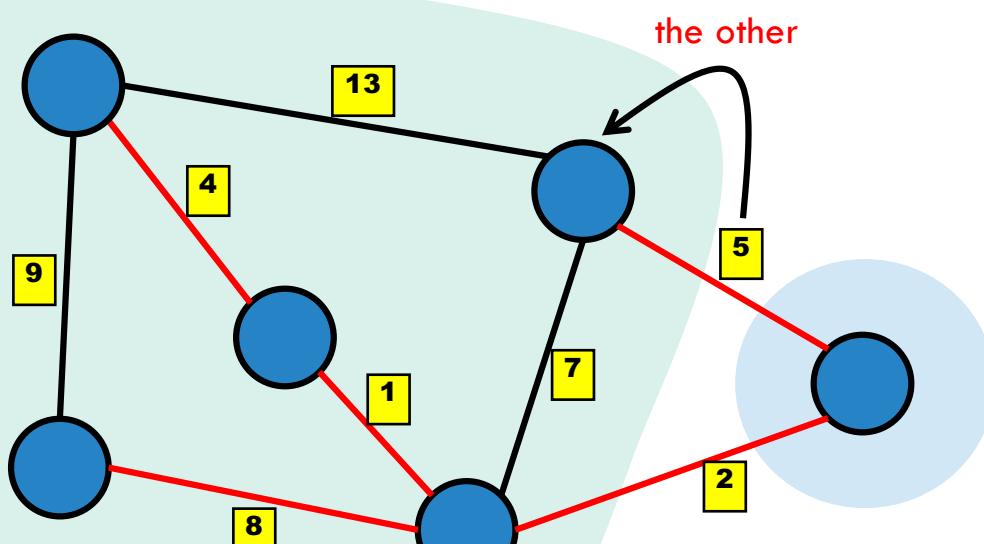


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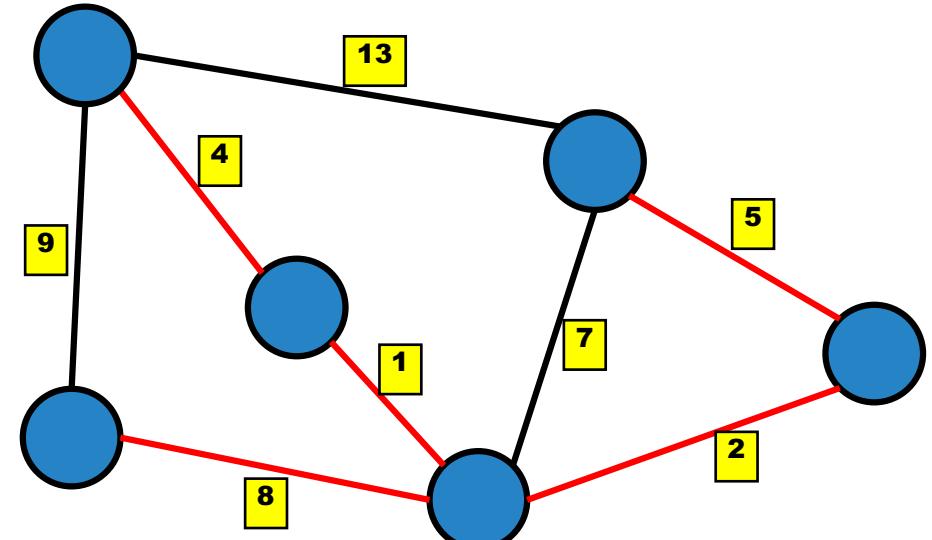
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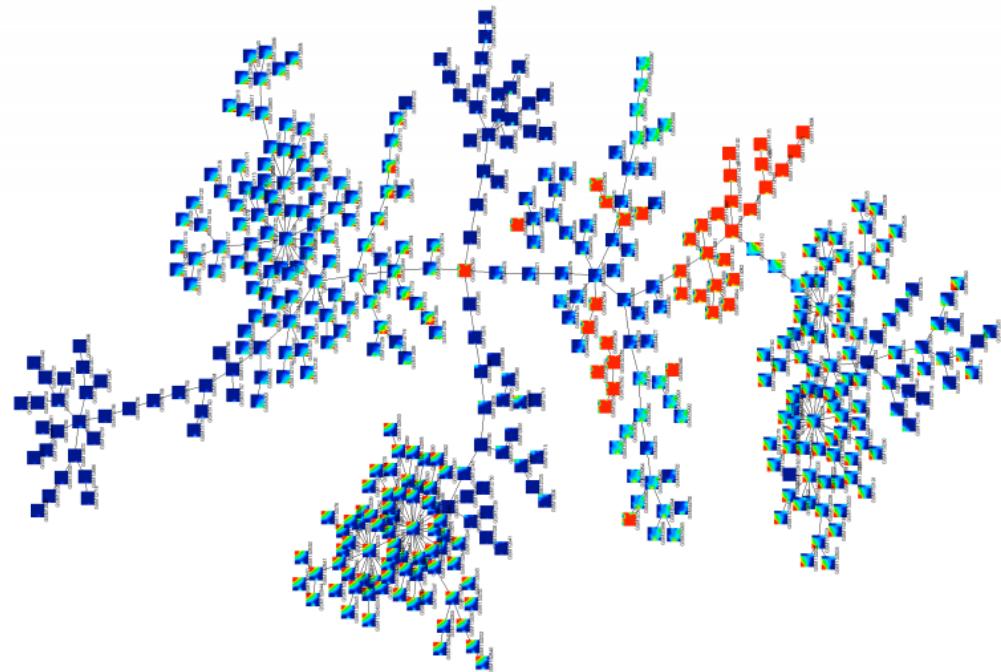
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1. No cycles
2. If you cut an MST, the two pieces are both MSTs.
3. Cycle property
  - For every cycle, the maximum weight edge is not in the MST.
4. Cut property
  - For every cut D, the minimum weight edge that crosses the cut is in the MST.



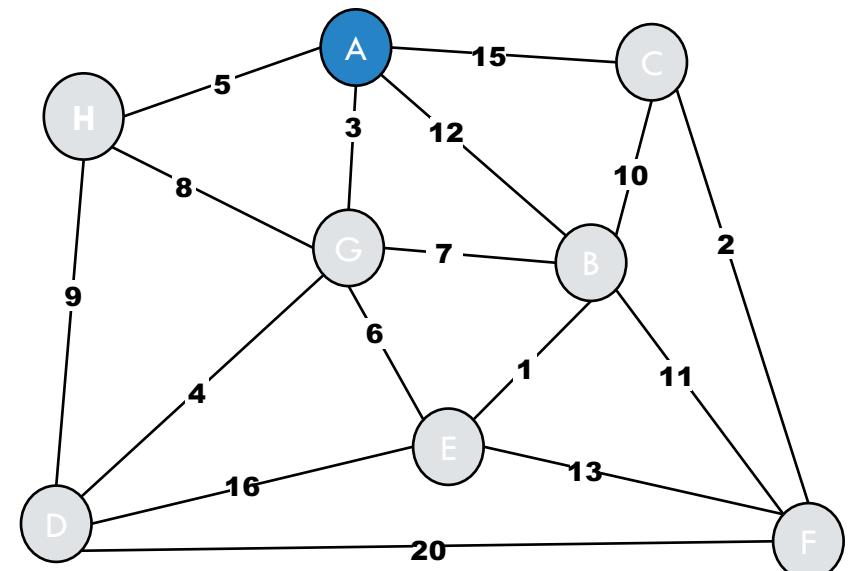
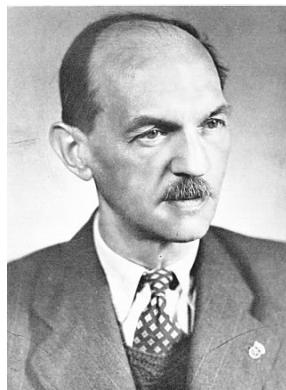
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- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Variations



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(Jarnik 1930, Prim 1957, Dijkstra 1959)



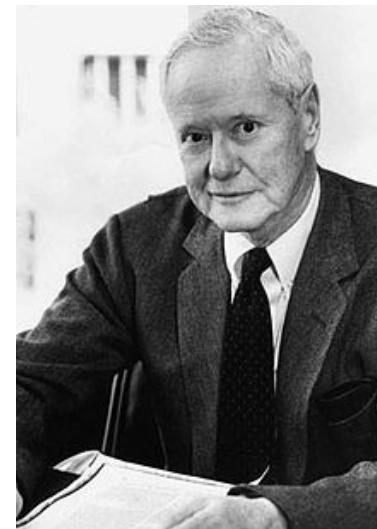
# STIGLER'S LAW OF EPONYMY

*No scientific discovery is named after its original discoverer.*

proposed by University of Chicago statistics professor Stephen Stigler.

Stigler named Columbia University sociology professor **Robert K. Merton** as the original discoverer of “Stigler's law”

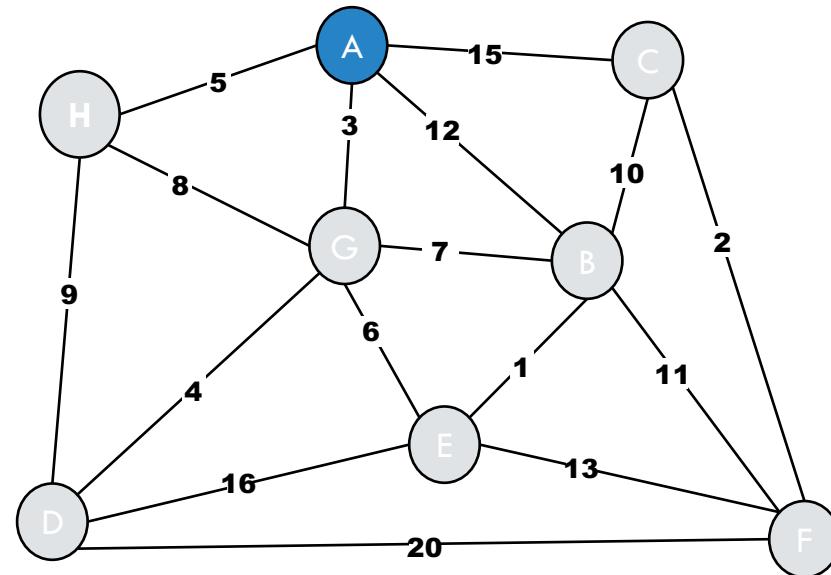
Stigler's law follows Stigler's law.



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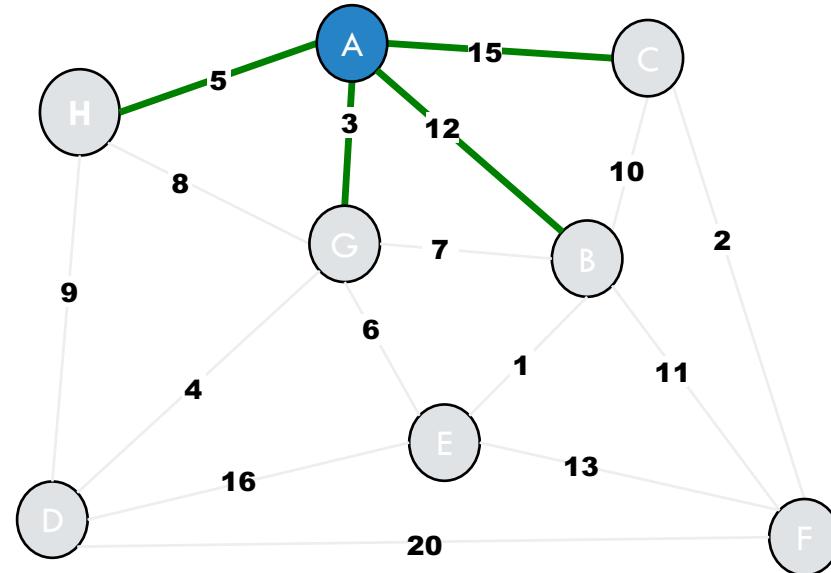
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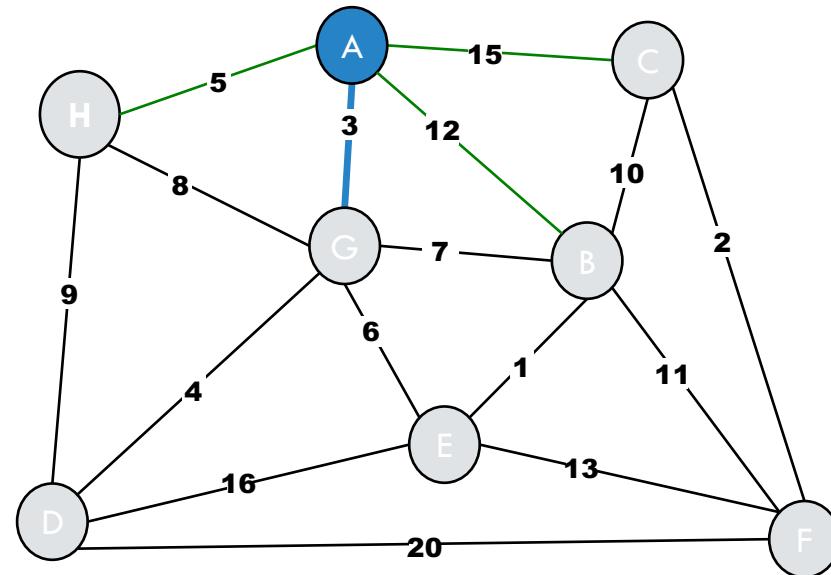


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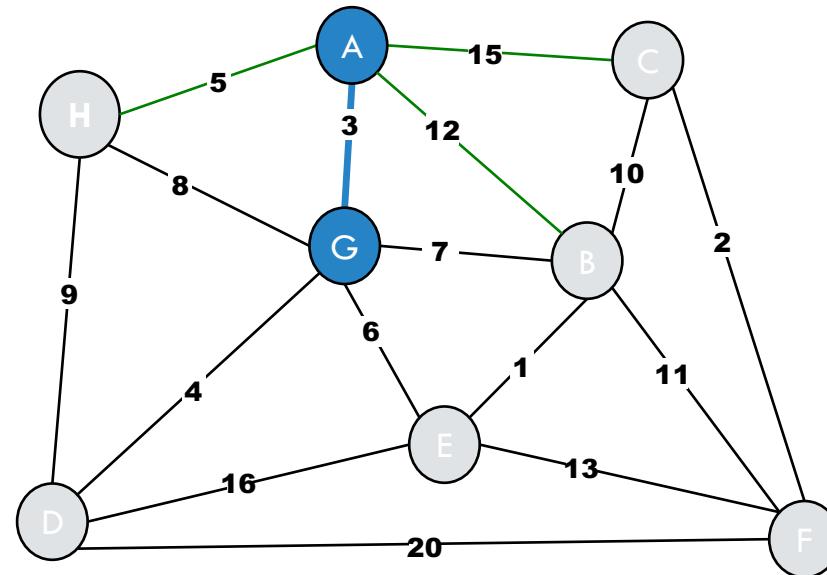
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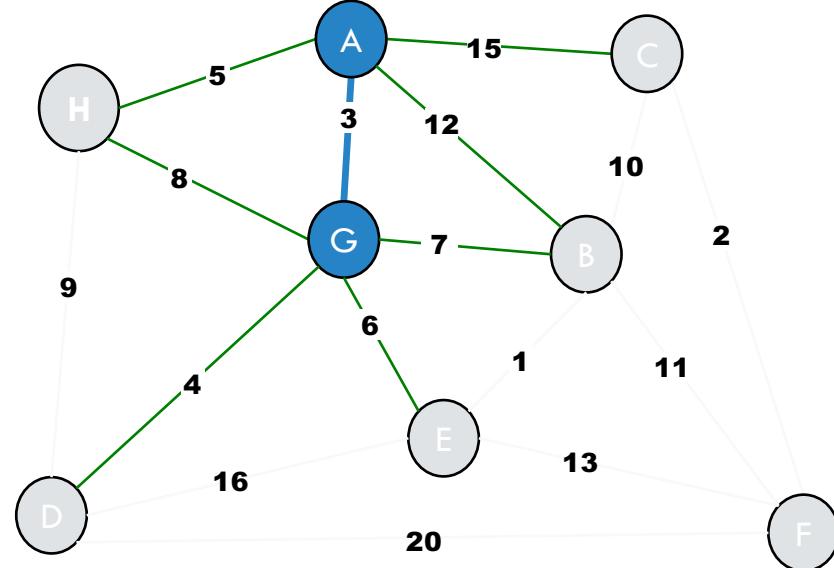
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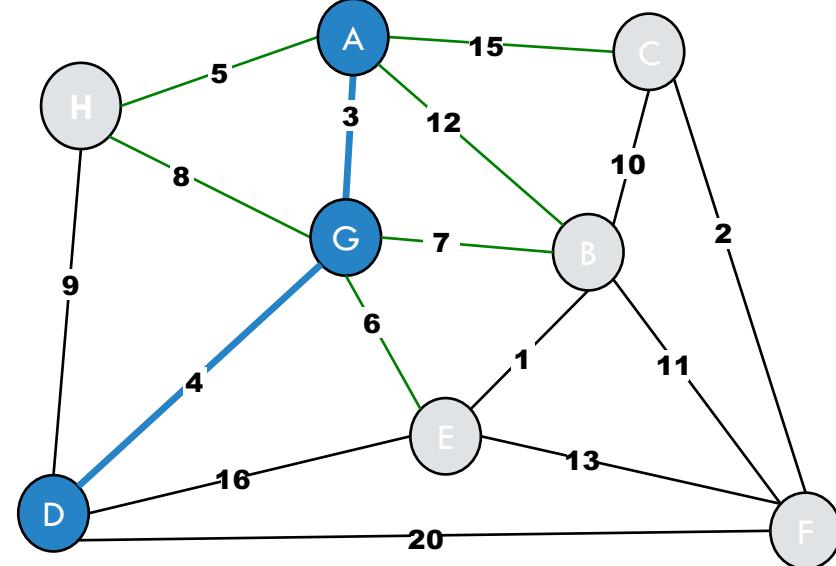
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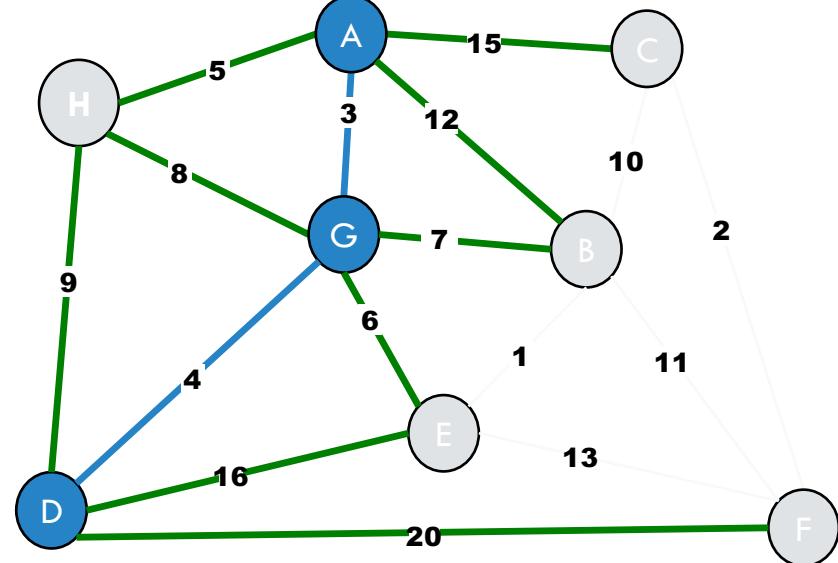
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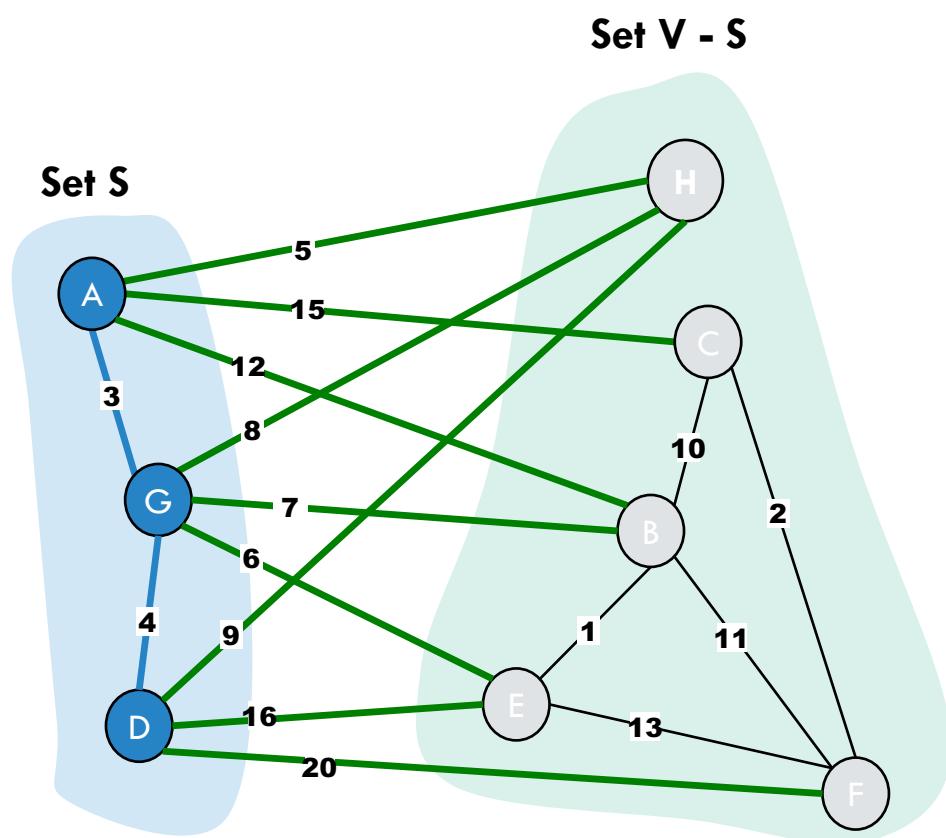
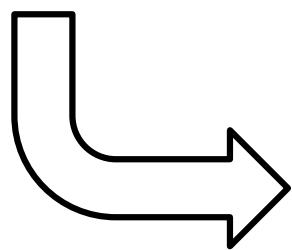
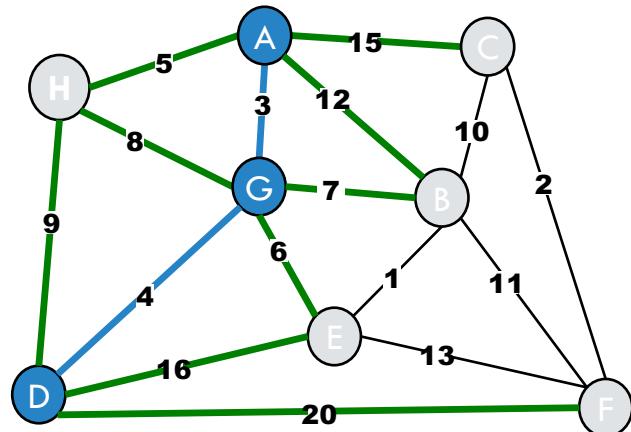


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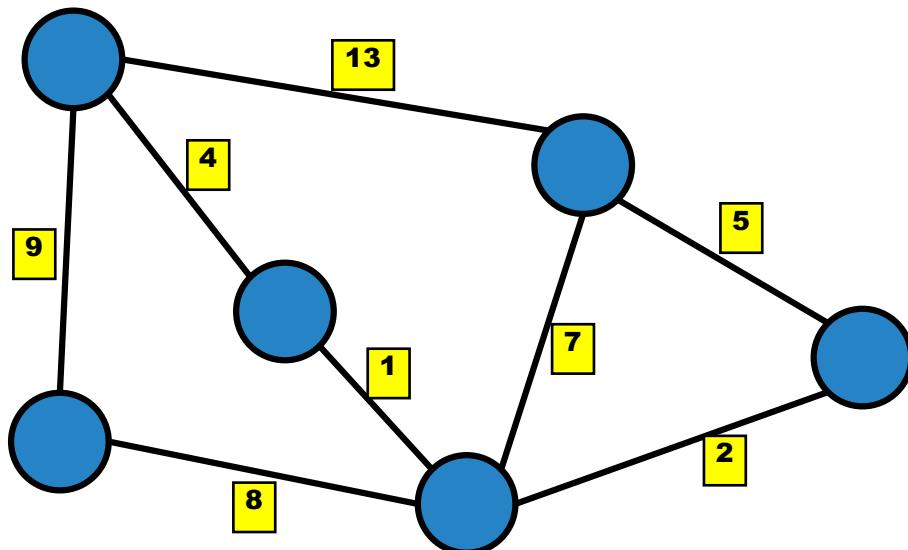
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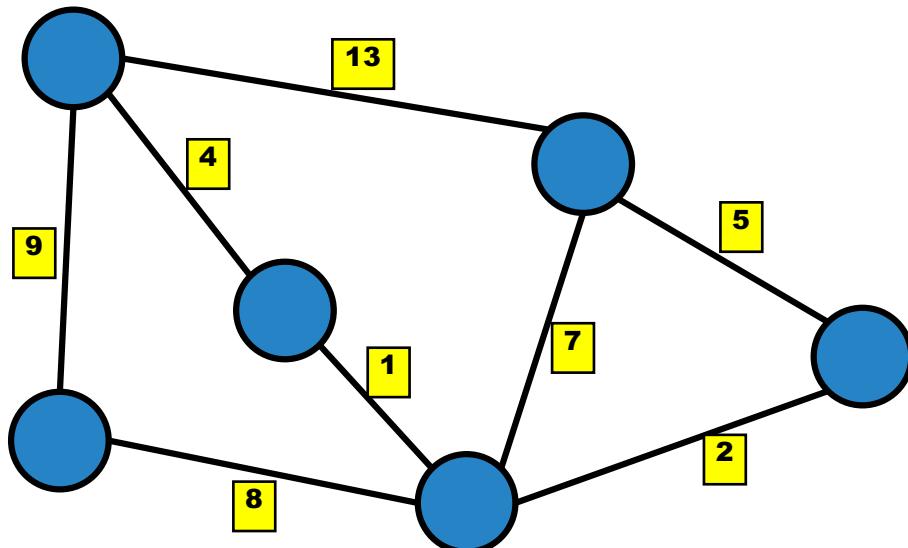


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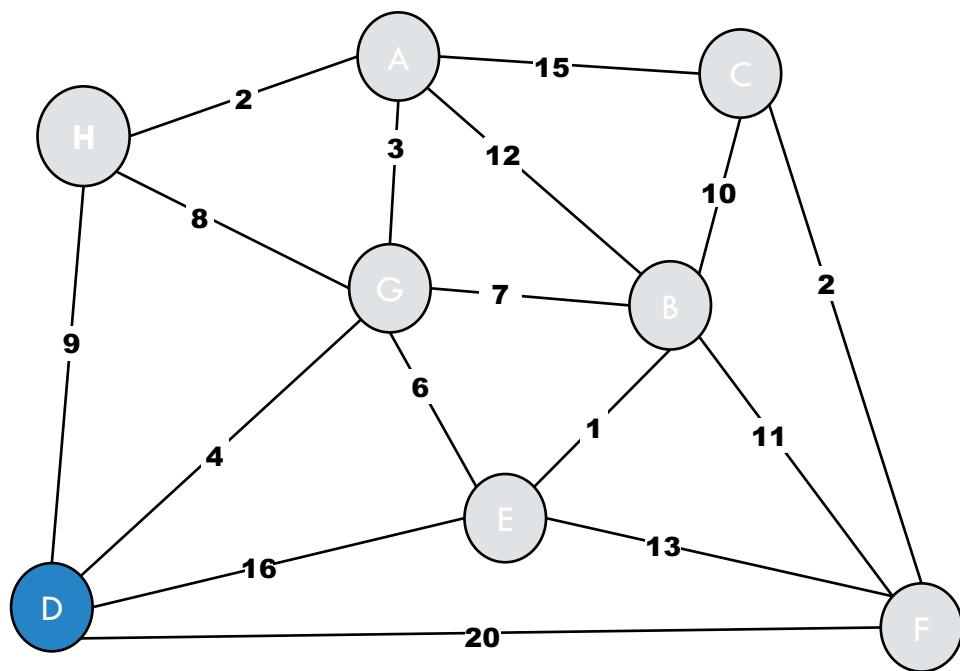
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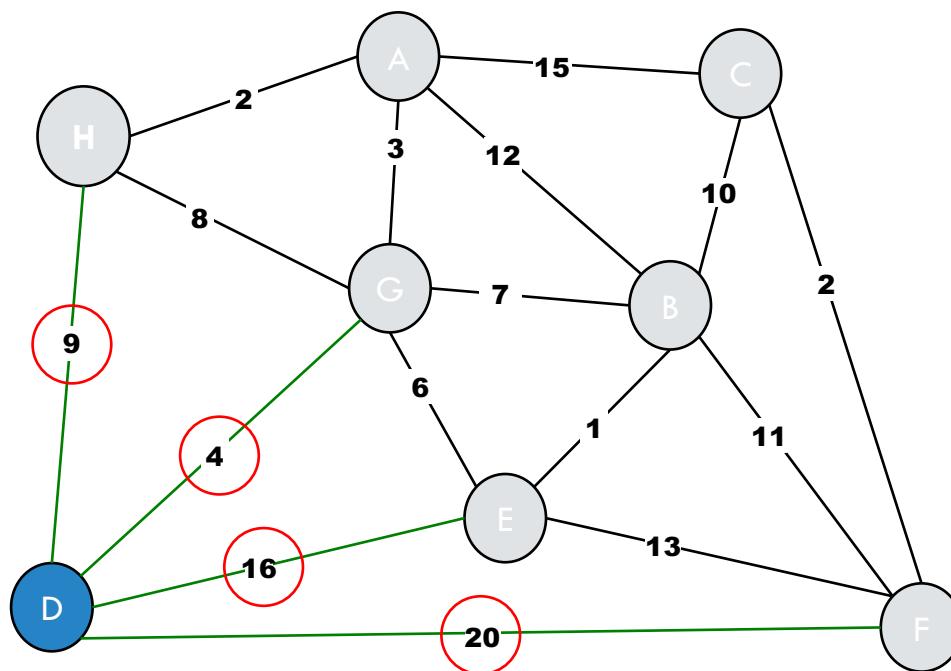
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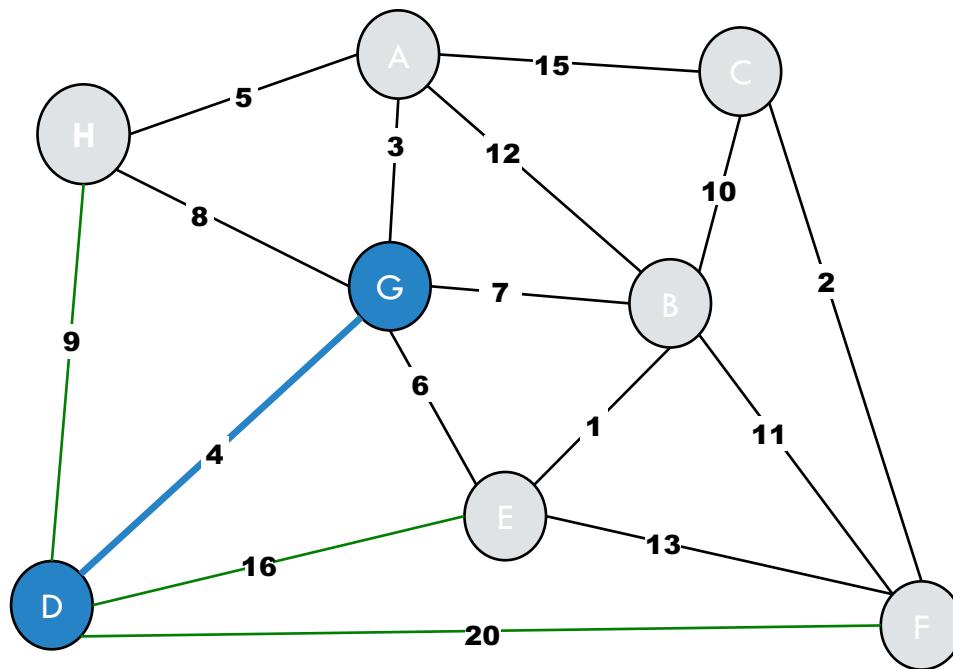
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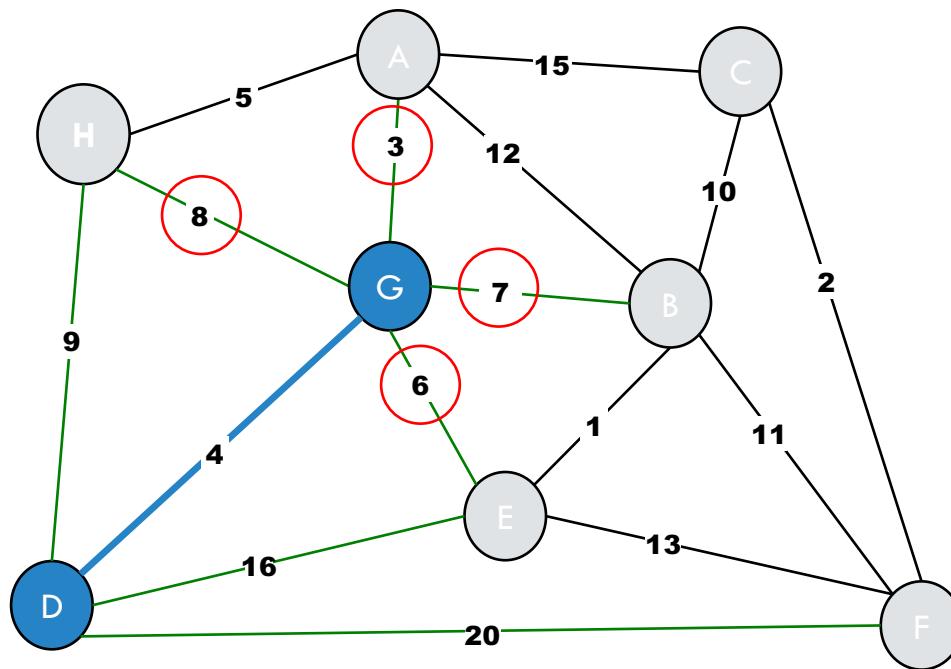
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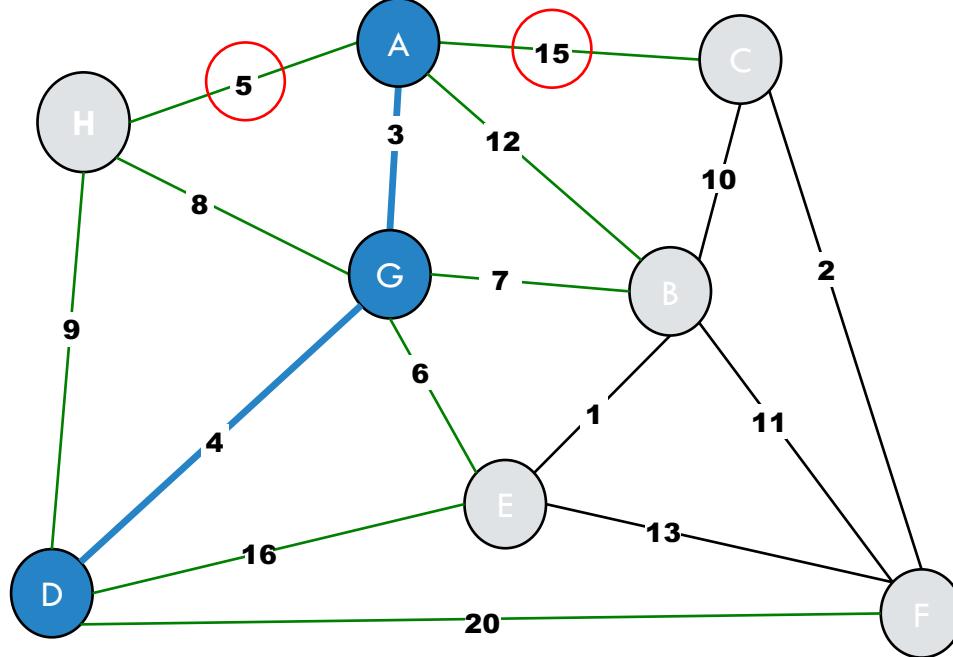
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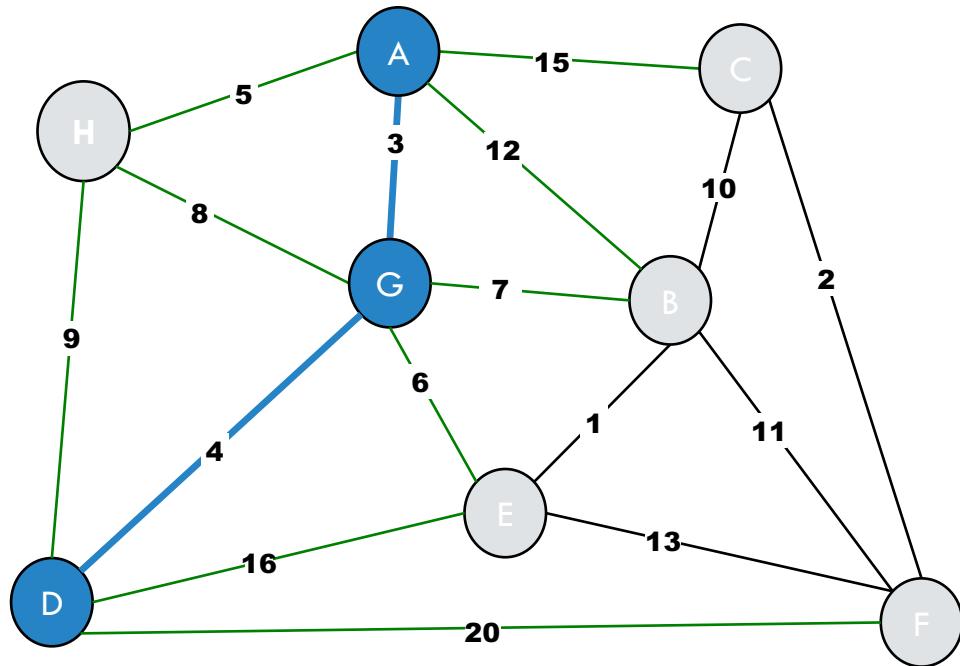
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E	16→6
B	7
H	9→8
F	20

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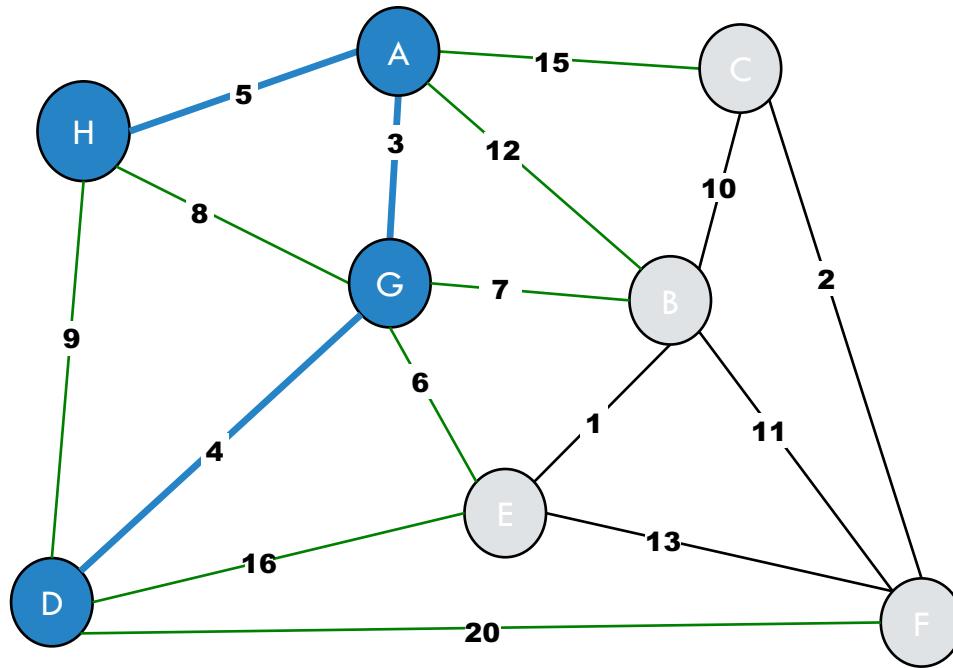
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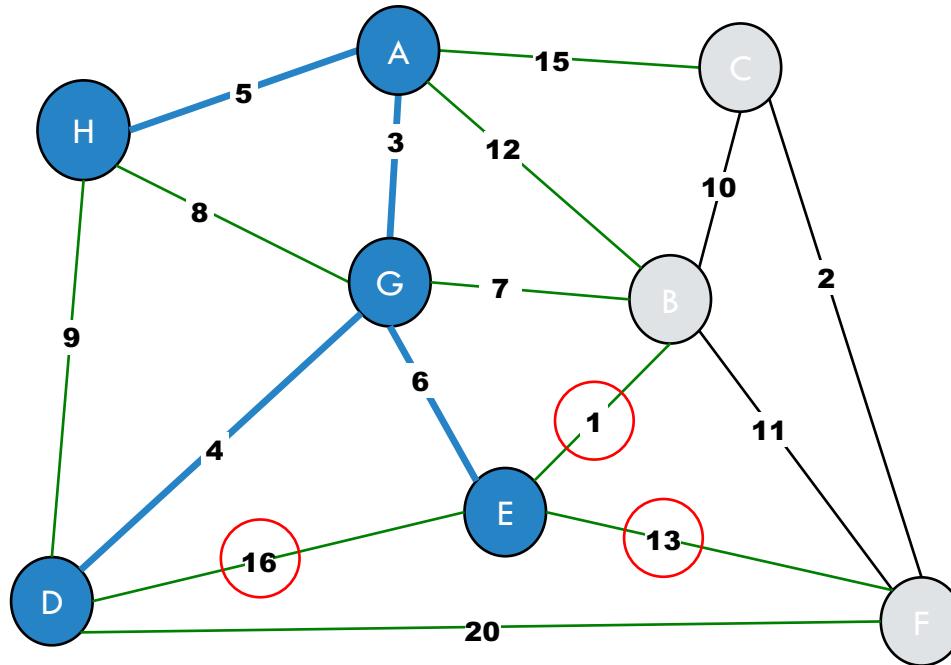
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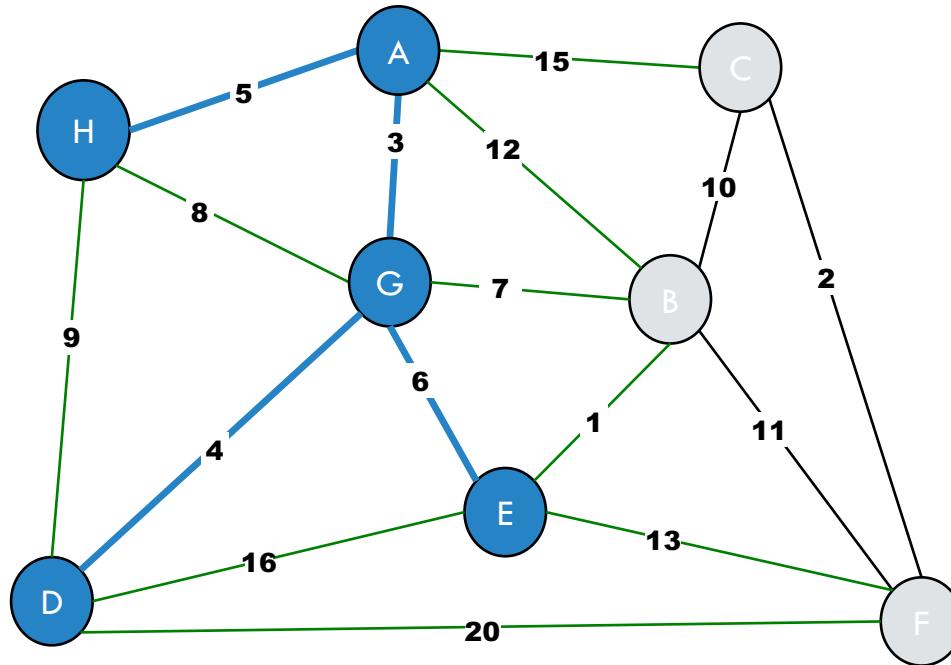
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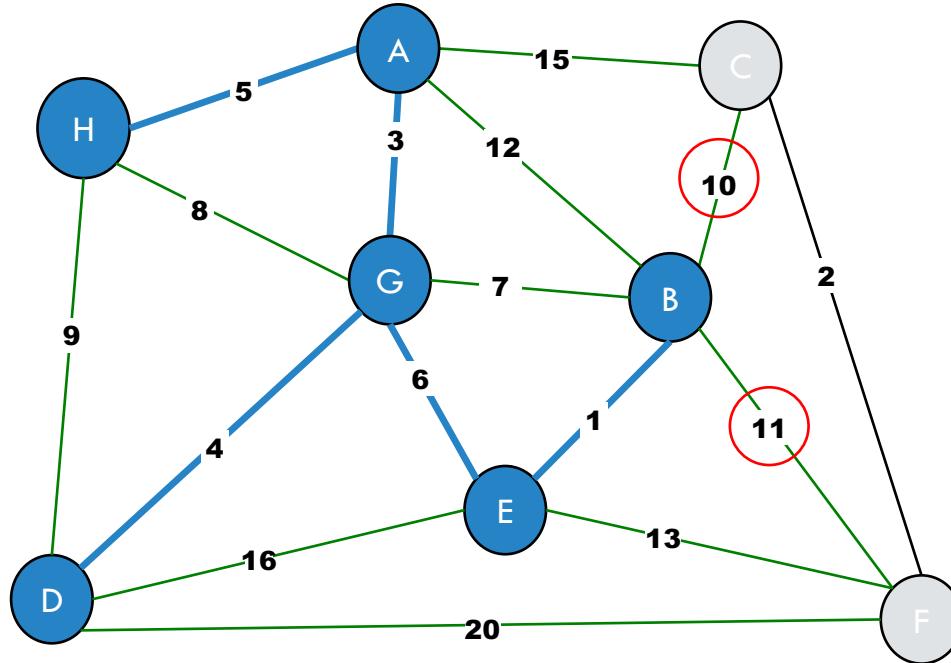
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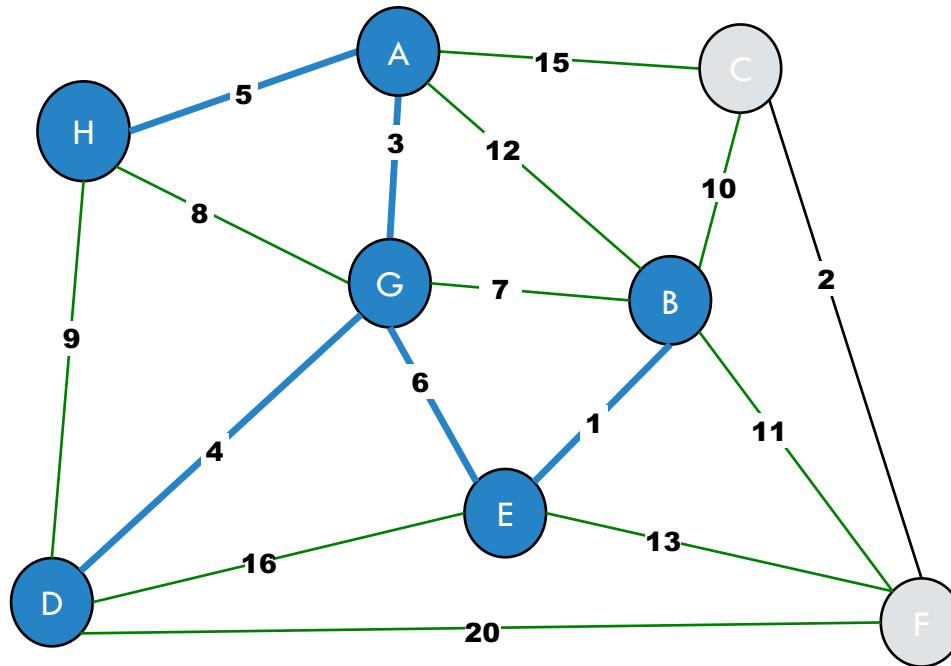
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F	13→11

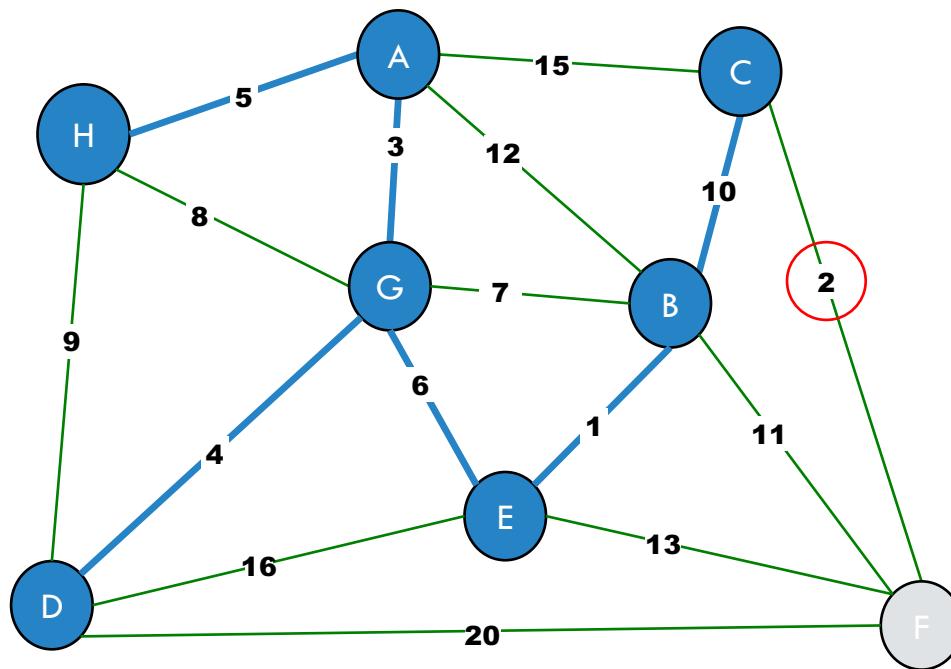
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F	11

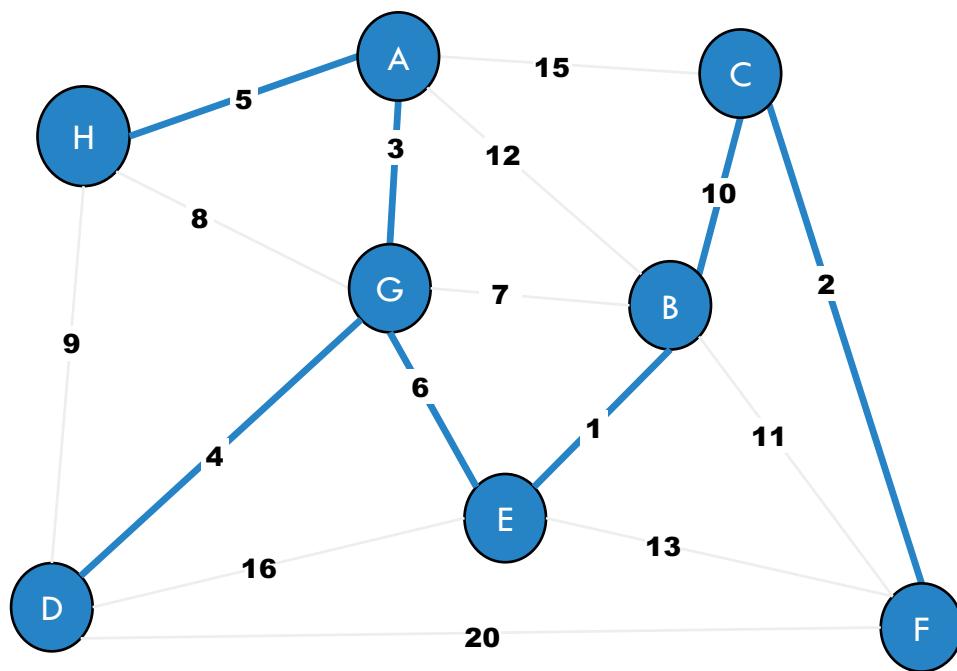
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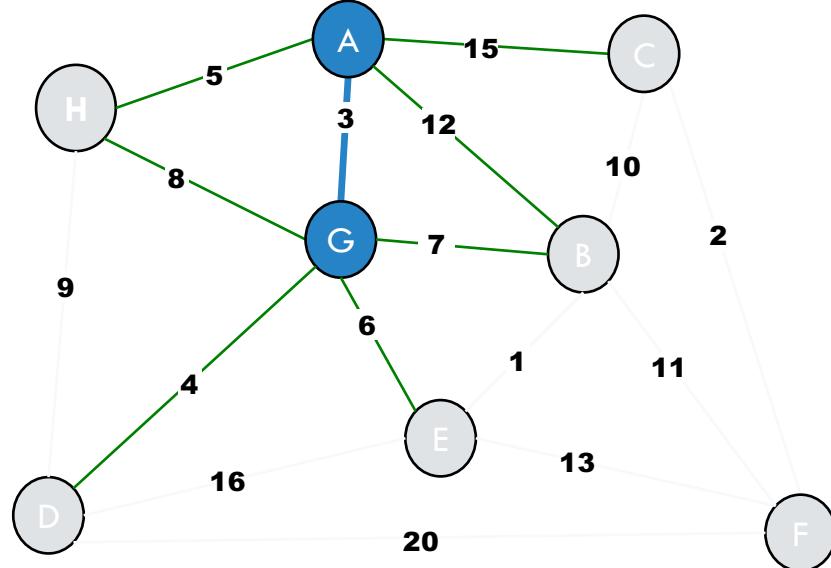
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## Proof Sketch:

Each added edge is the lightest on some cut.  
Hence each edge is in the MST.





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## Analysis:

Each vertex added/removed once from the priority queue:  
 $O(V \log V)$

Each edge → one decreaseKey:  
 $O(E \log V)$

# A TALE OF TWO ALGORITHMS

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**Both are “Greedy Algorithms” that are efficient and optimal**

# PROBLEM: CONNECT ME UP!

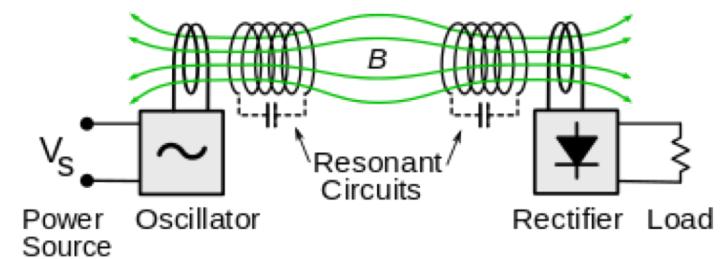
The island of Newworldia has recently rolled out wireless power towers.

Connecting up the transmission towers is not easy (and expensive).

Naruto and you are hired to find a way to connect up the towers to minimize the cost.

**Model the problem as a graph.**

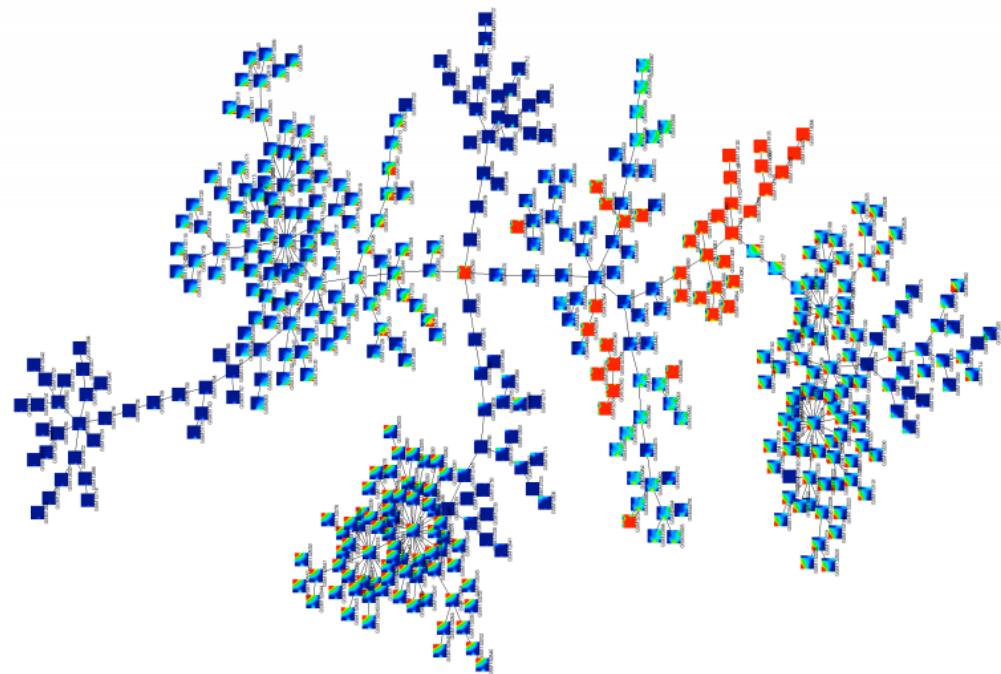
**Run Prim's algorithm.**



# TODAY: MINIMUM SPANNING TREES

- What is a MST?
- Basic Properties of an MST
- Generic MST Algorithm
- Prim's Algorithm
- Kruskal's Algorithm
- Variations

**Next Week!**



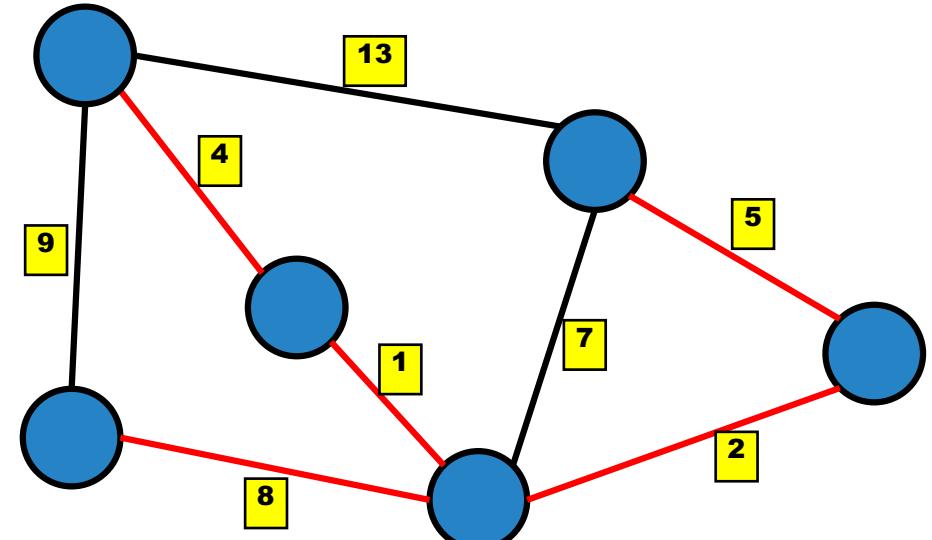
# LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this session, students should be able to:

- Explain the **Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)** and its **properties**.
- Describe **Prim's algorithm** and its **running time**.

# MST PROPERTIES: SUMMARY

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



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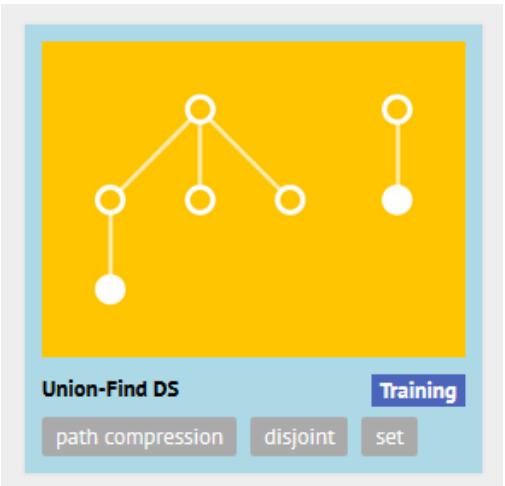
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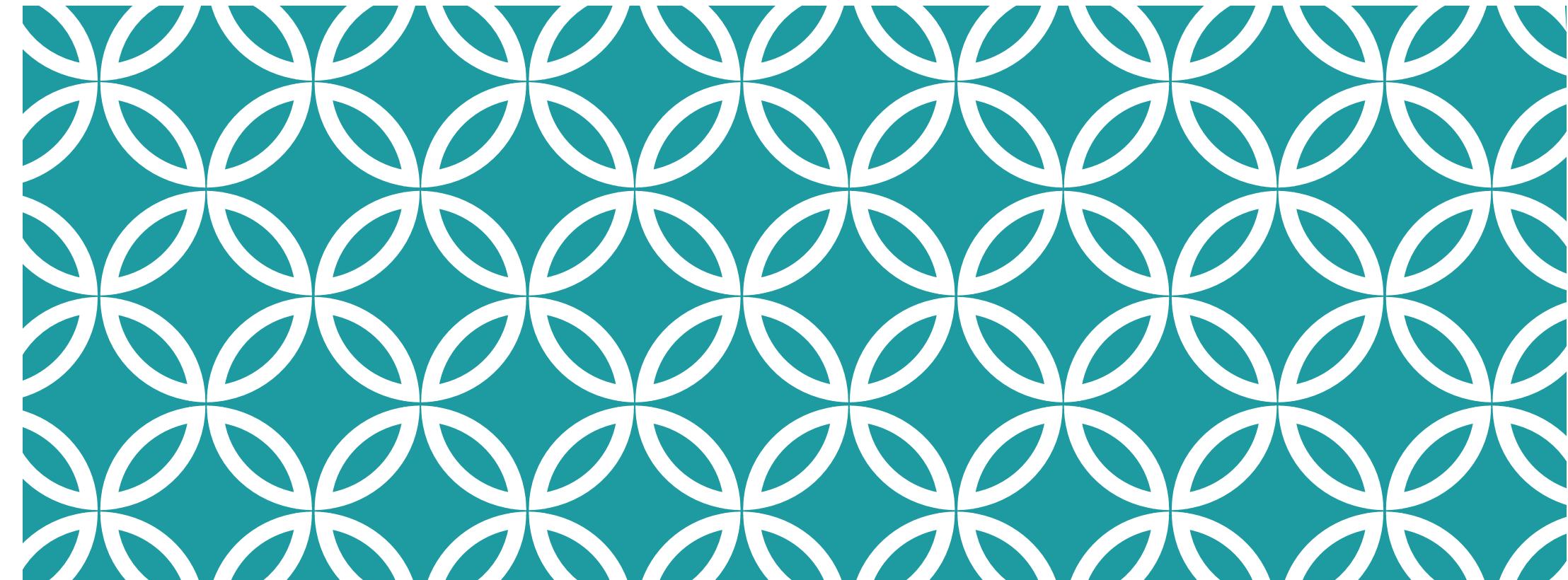


# BEFORE NEXT WEEK

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And The Union Find Data Structure!

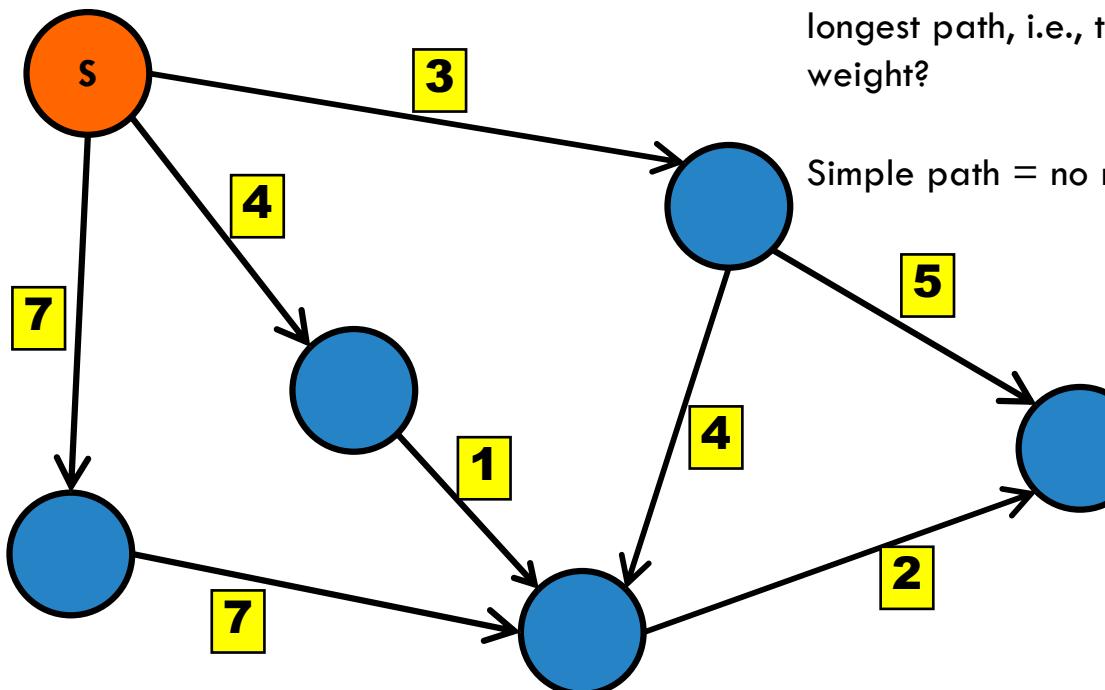




# LONGEST PATH IN A DAG

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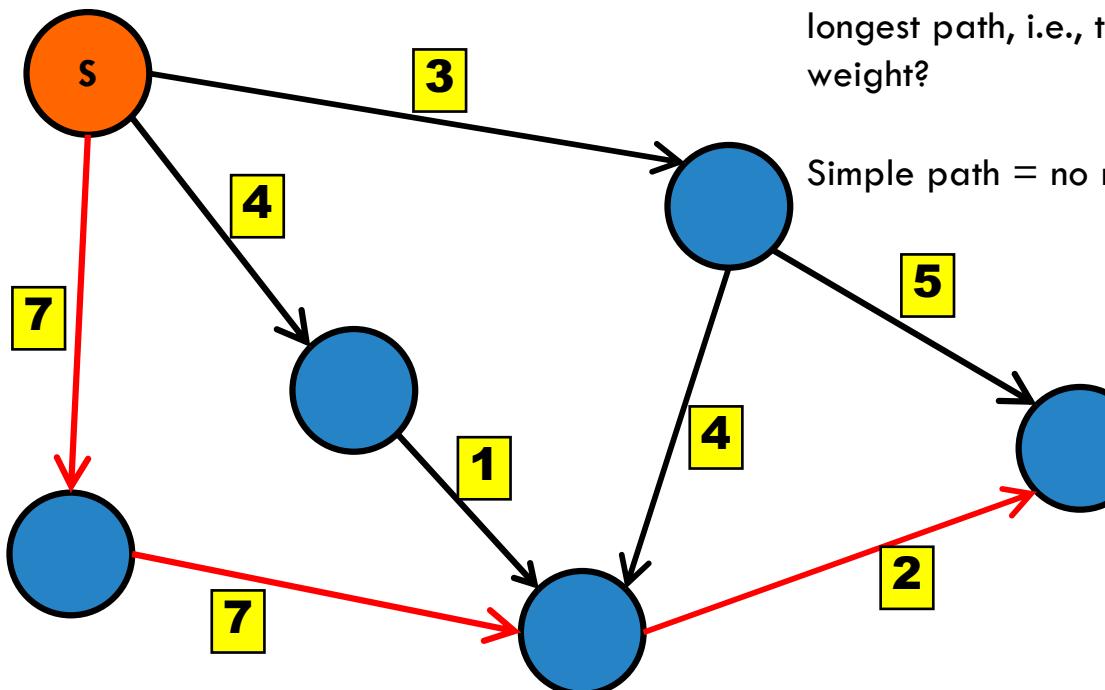
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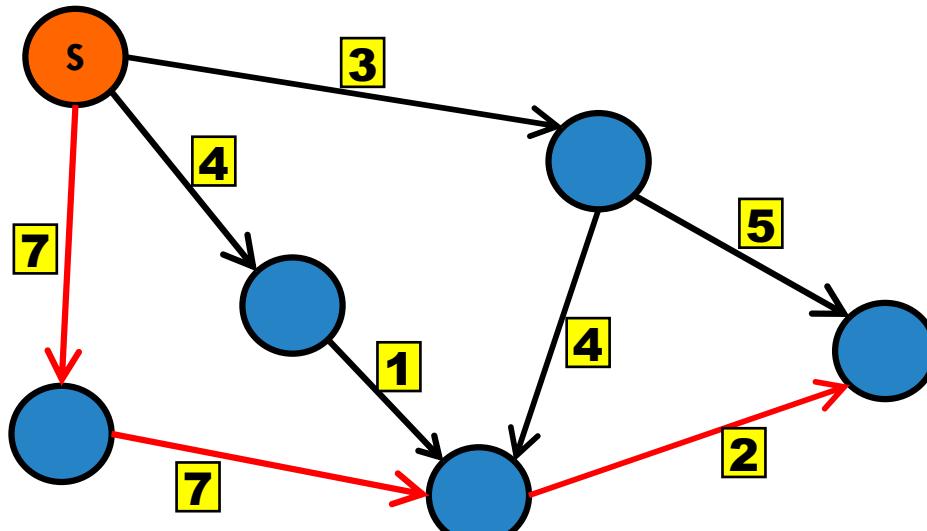


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**Shortest path relaxation:**

```
relax(int u, int v) {  
    if (dist[v] > dist[u] + weight(u,v))  
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**Longest path relaxation?**

**Initialize all  $d[v] = -\infty$**

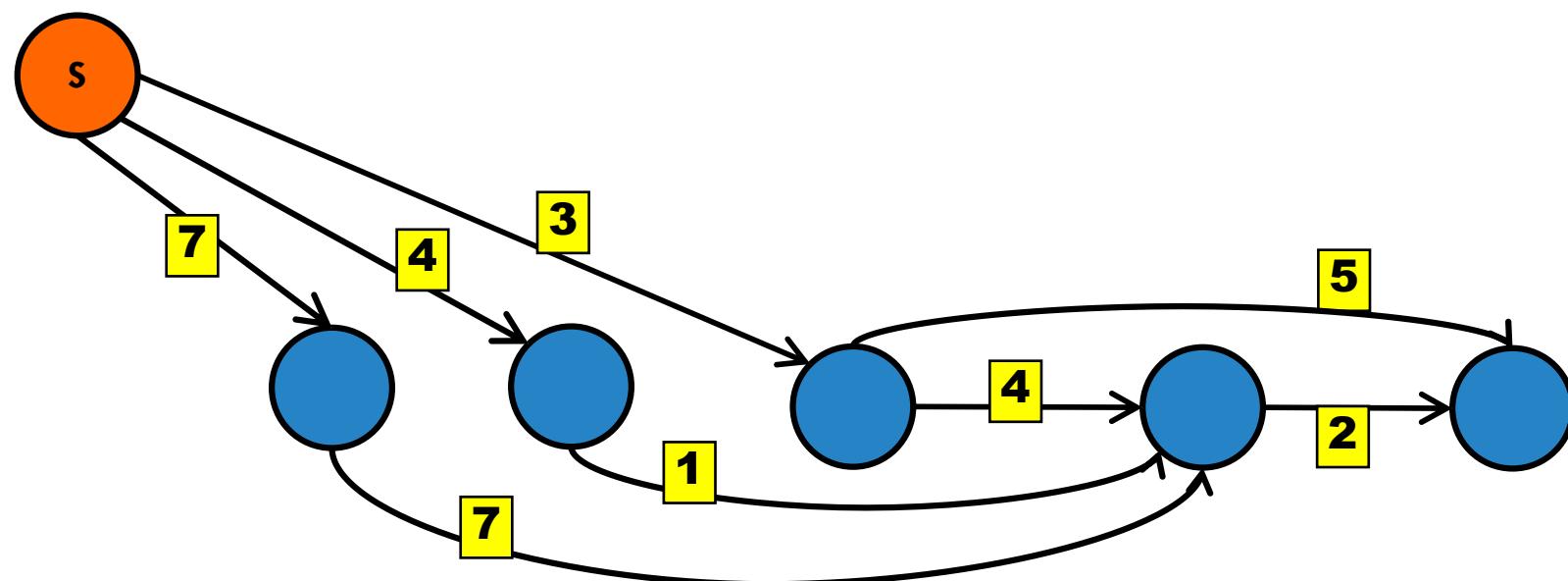
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Perform longest path relaxations in Topological Sort order.

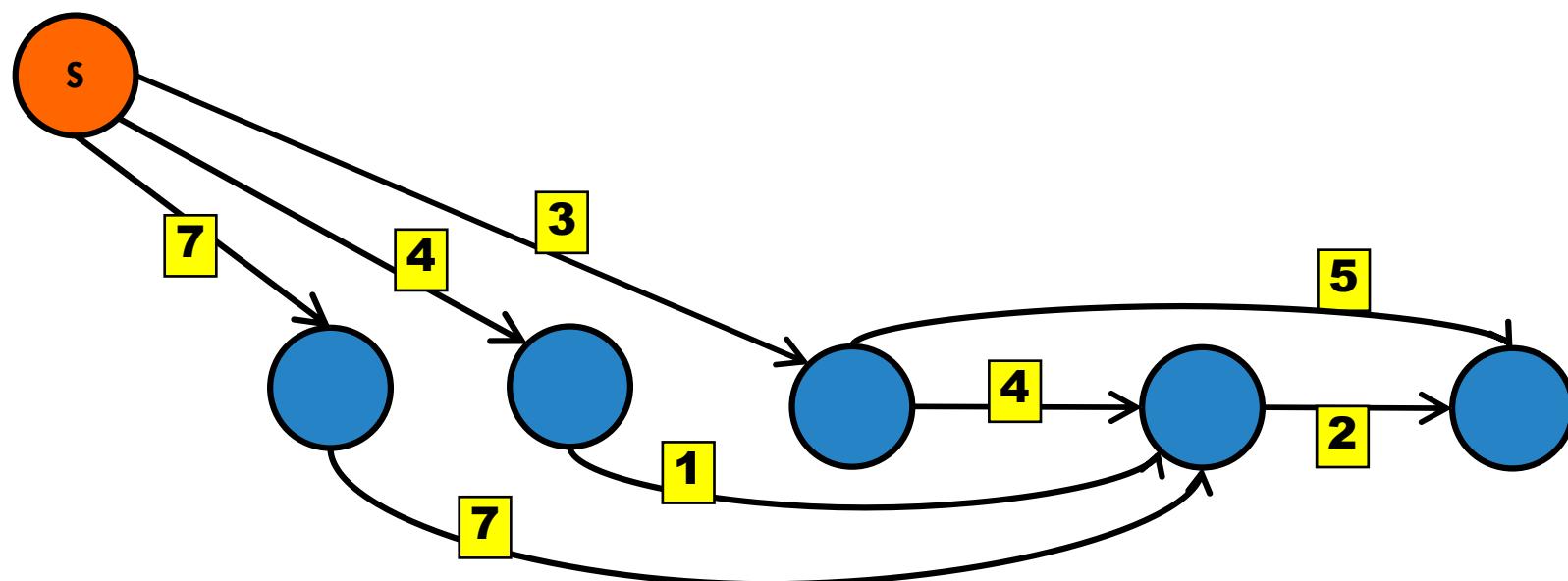
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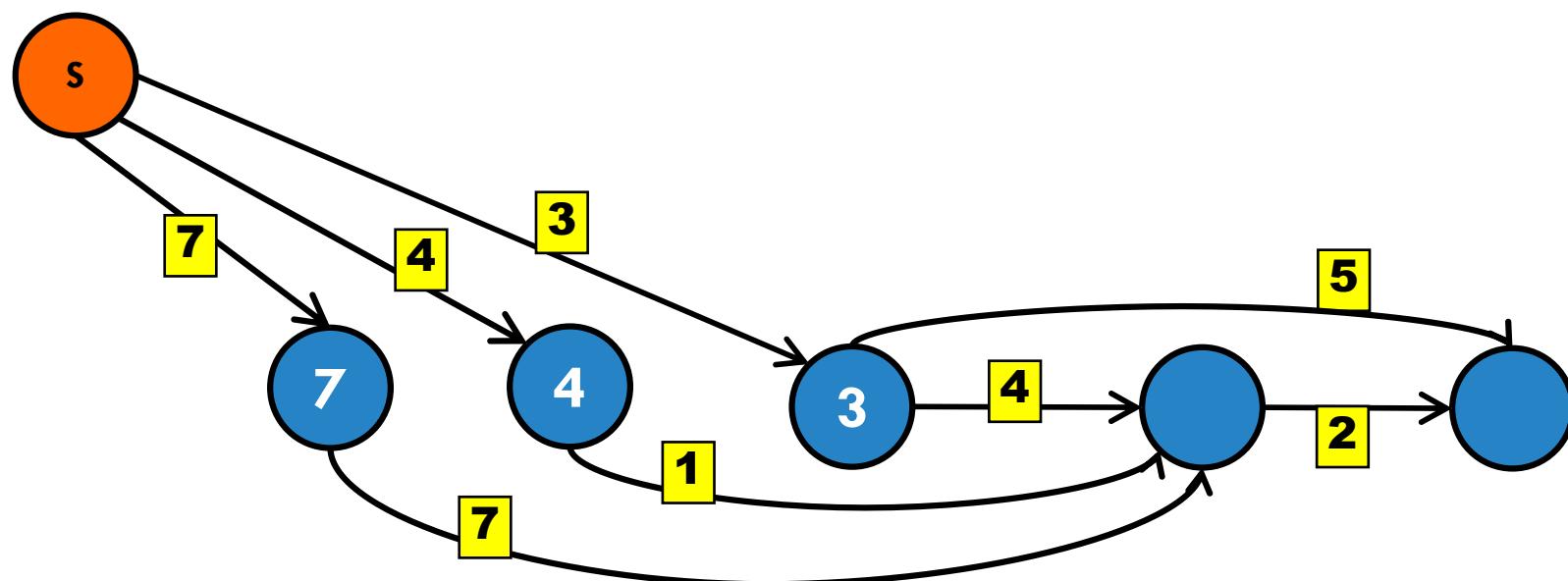
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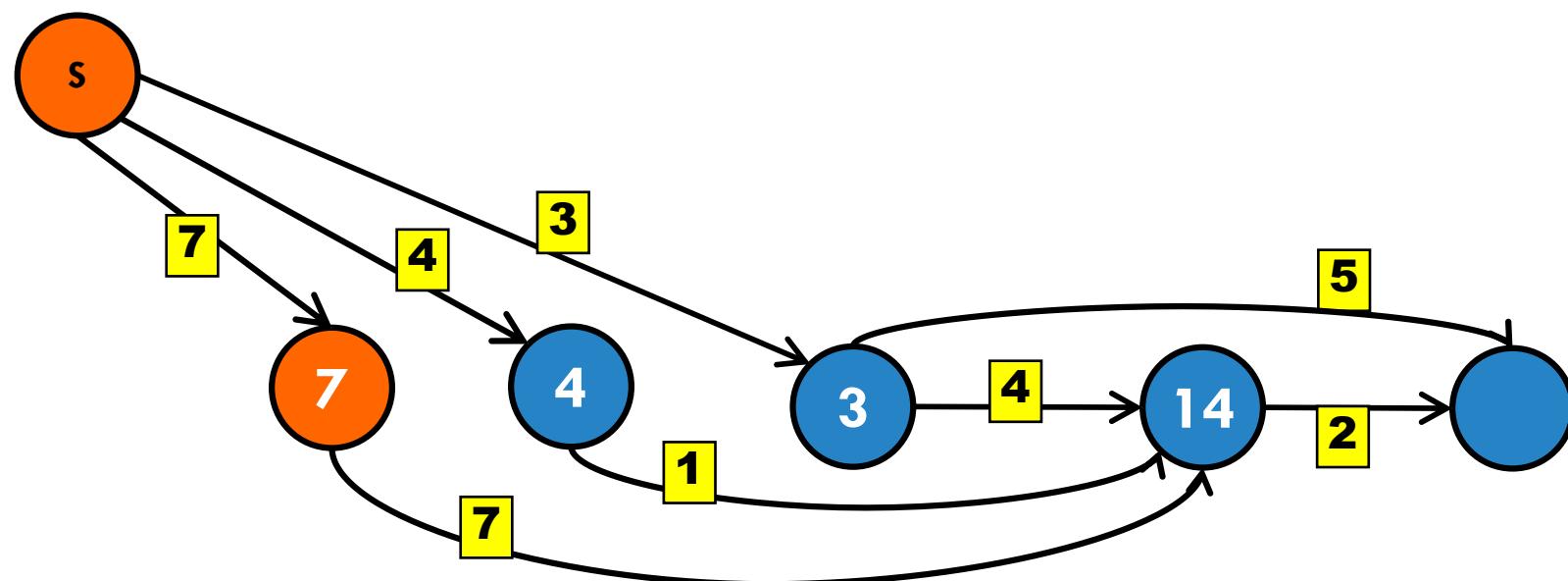
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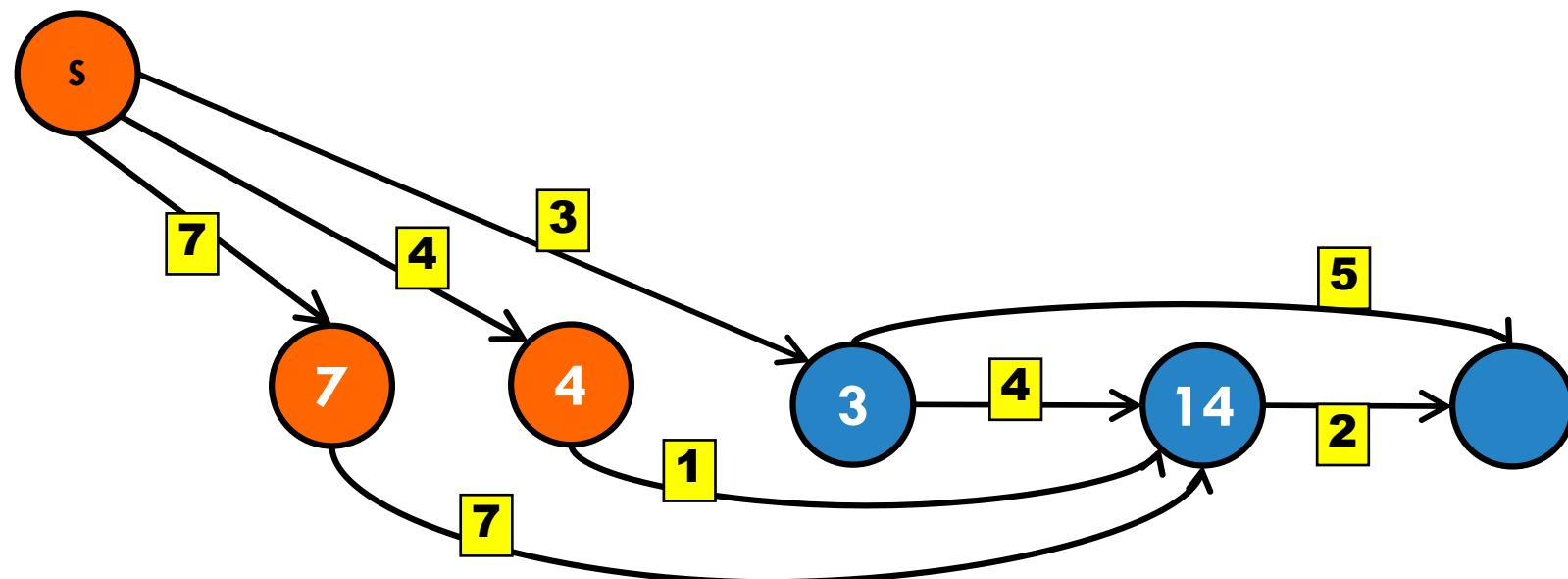
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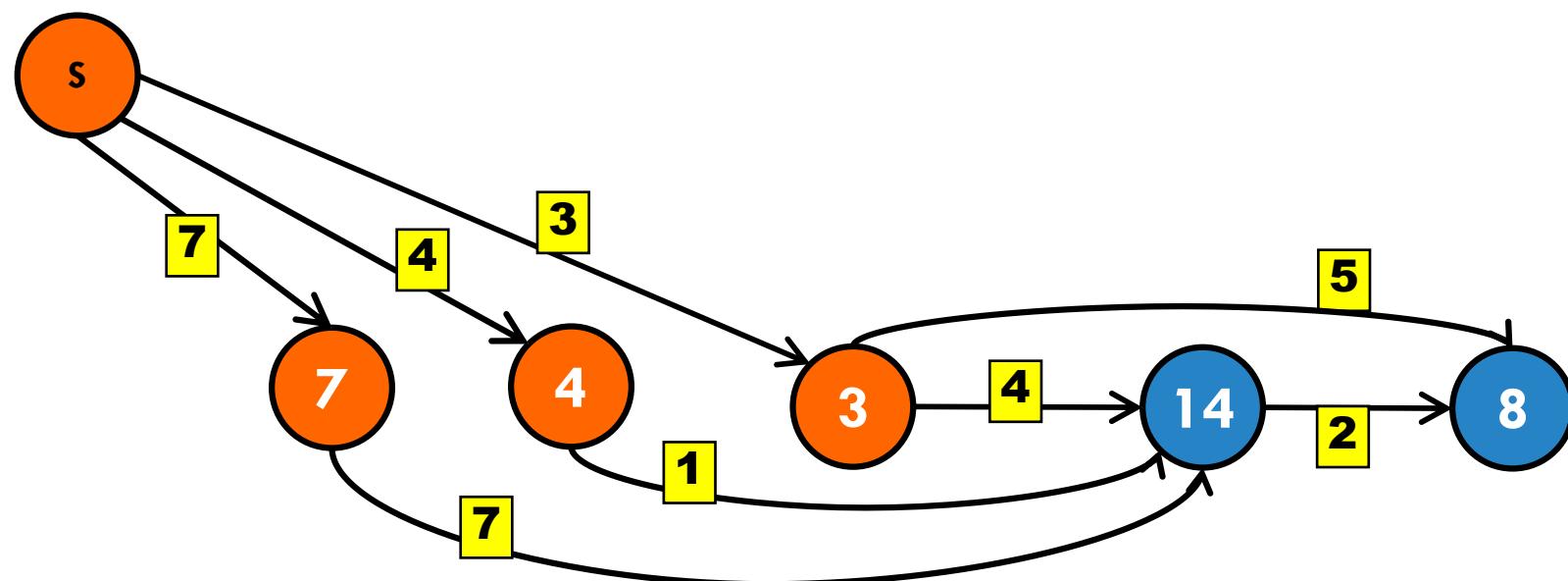
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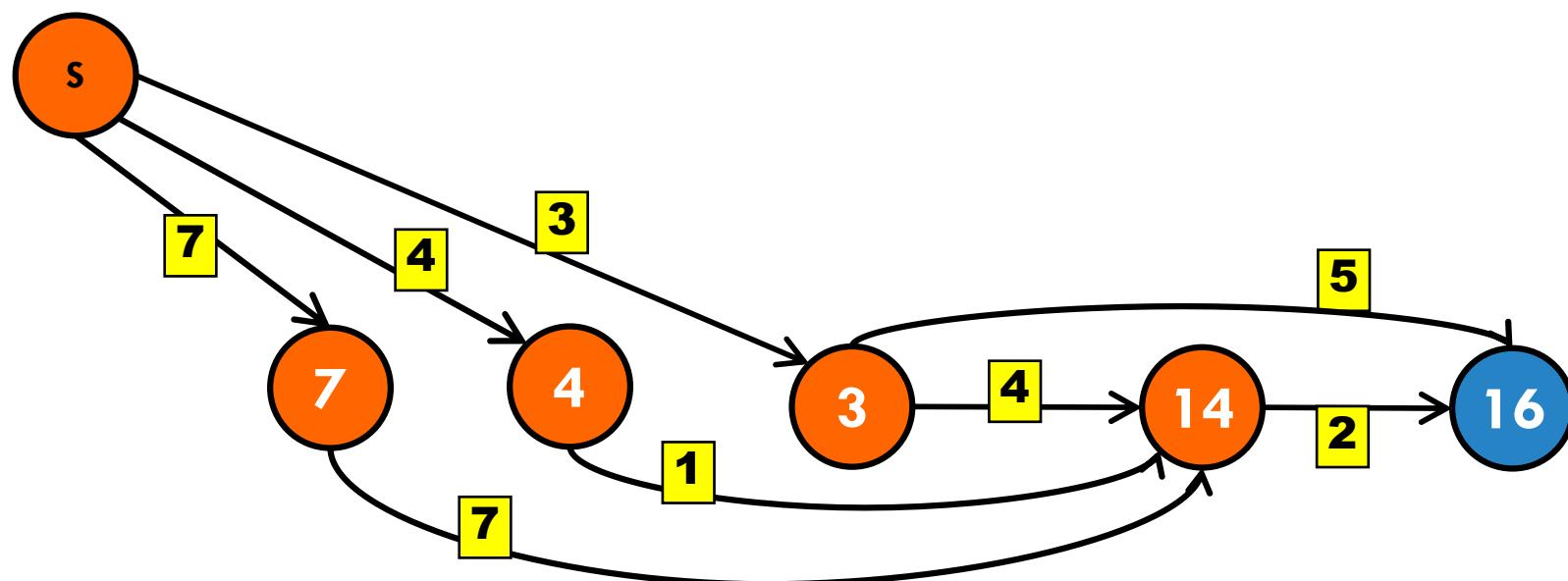
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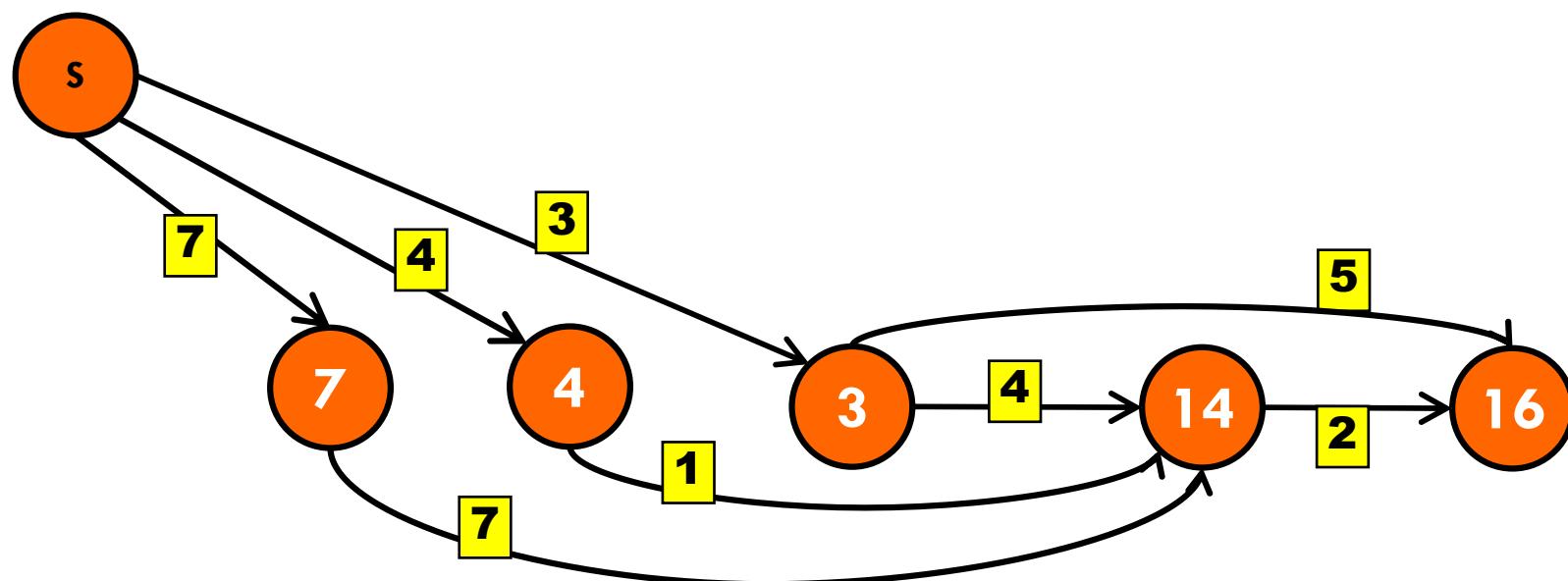
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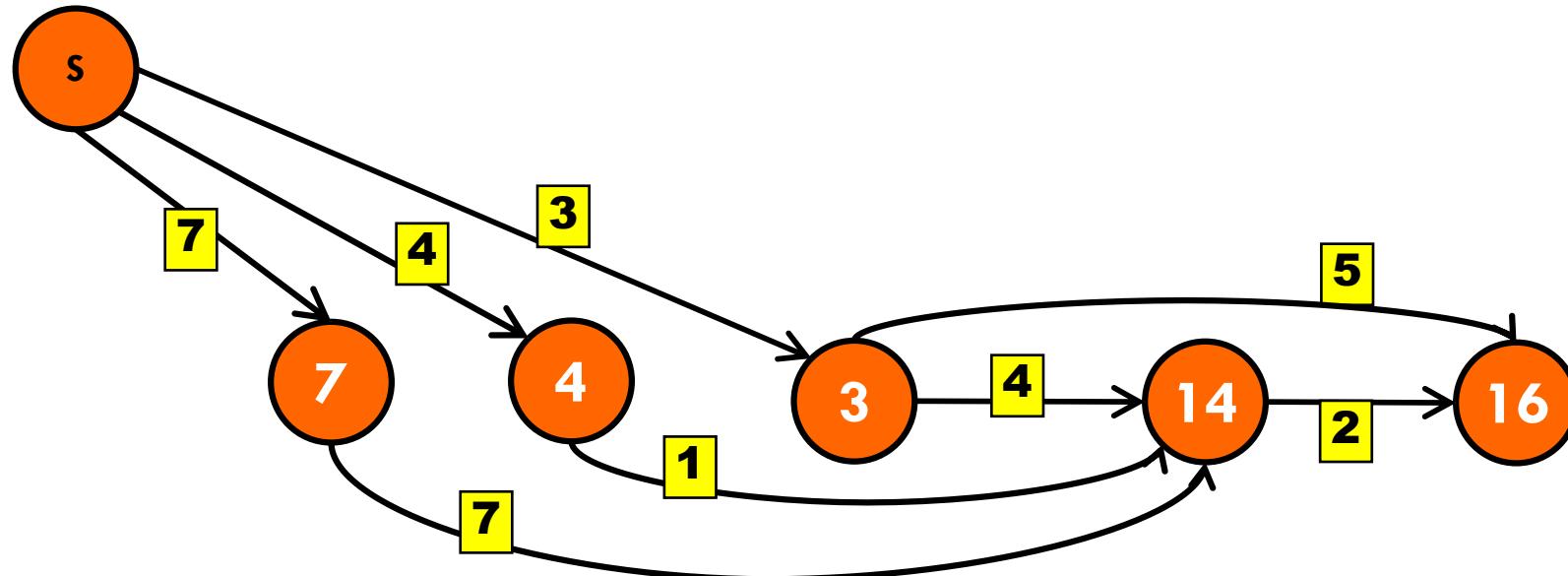
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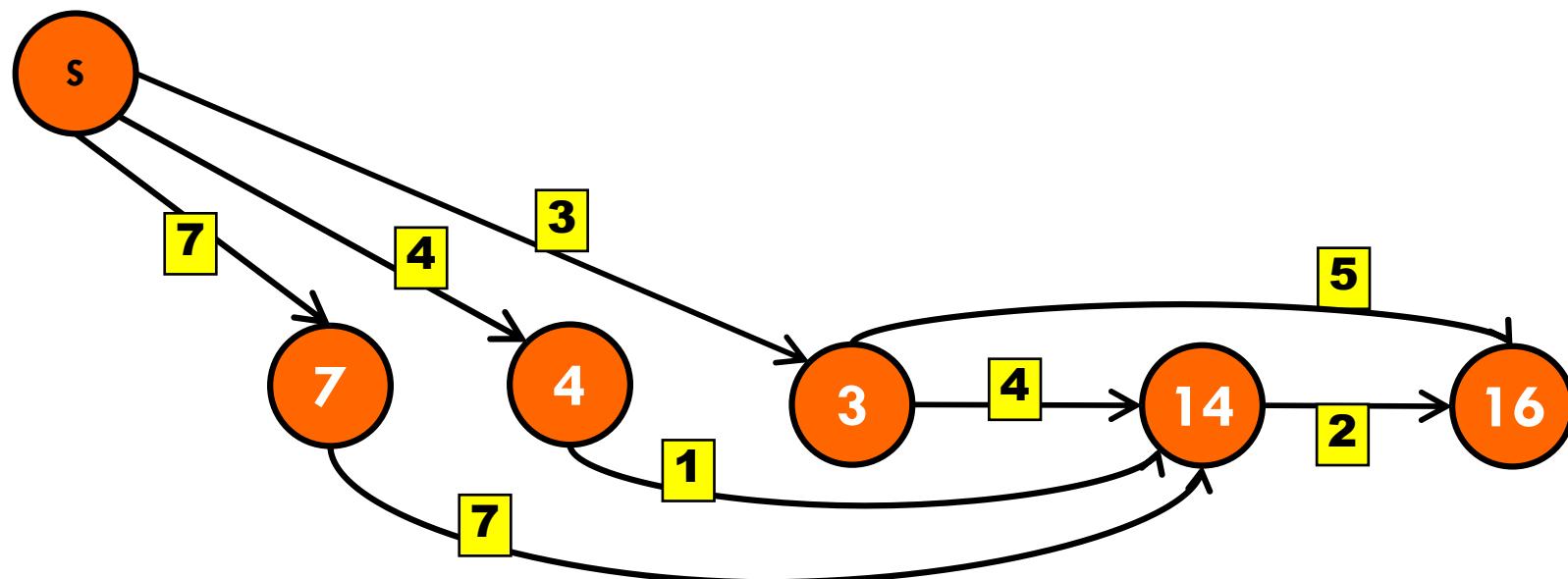
**Why does this work?**

Because to get from  $s$  to any other node  $v$ , you need to go through its “predecessors” (in the toposort order).



# HOW LONG DOES THIS TAKE?

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2. LongRelax in order.

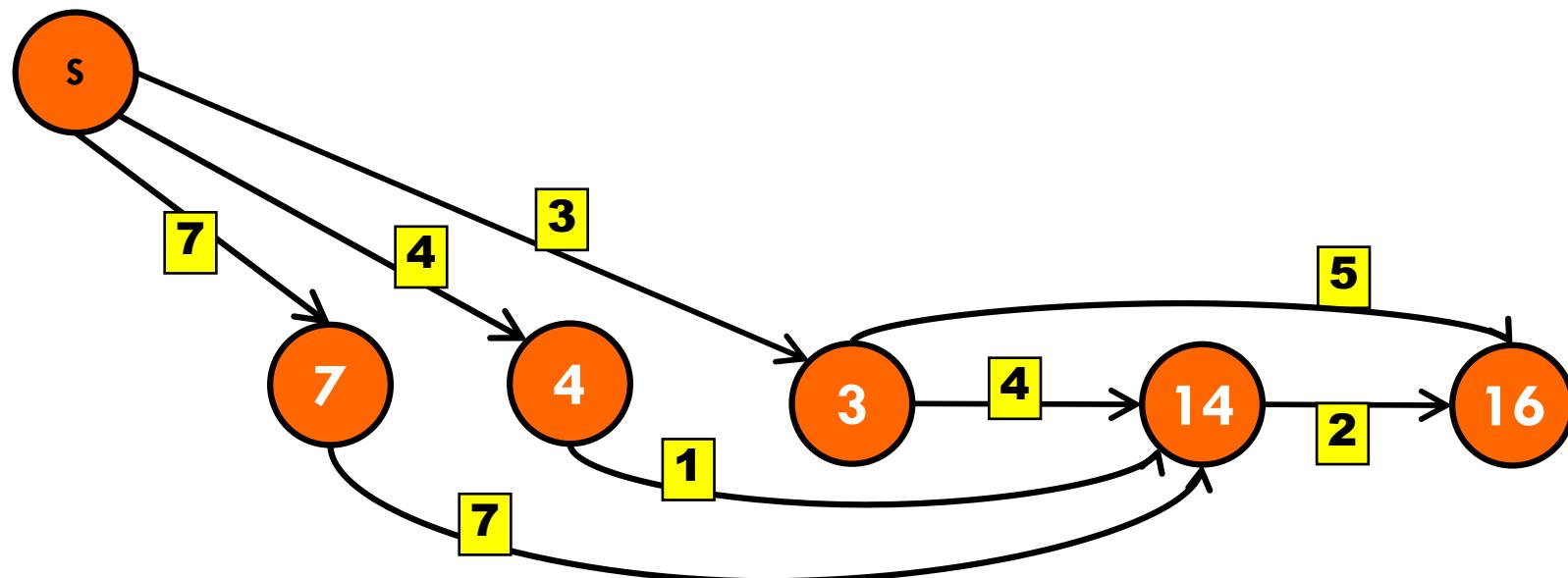


# SPECIAL CASES

Condition	Algorithm	Time Complexity
No Negative Weight Cycles	Bellman-Ford Algorithm	$O(VE)$
On Unweighted Graph (or equal weights)	BFS	$O(V + E)$
No Negative Weights	Dijkstra's Algorithm	$O((V + E)\log V)$
On Tree	BFS / DFS	$O(V)$
On DAG	Topological Sort	$O(V + E)$

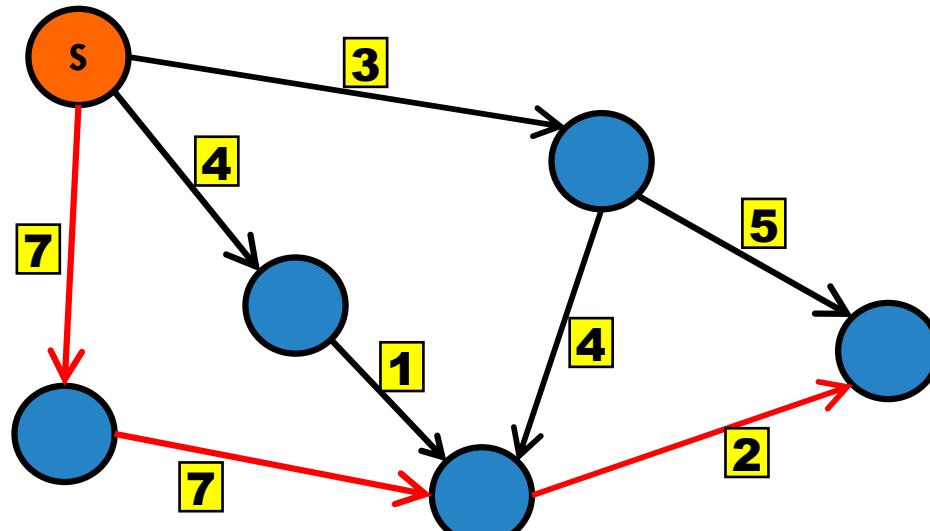
TOTAL TIME:  $O(V + E)$

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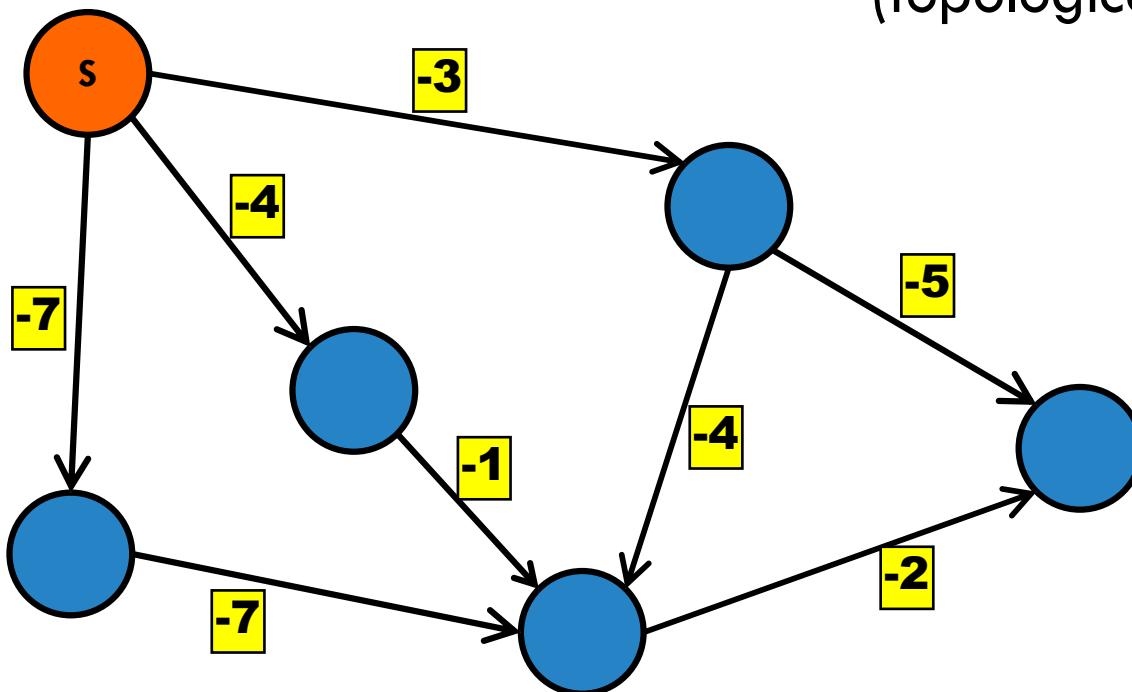


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## SOLUTION #2:

**Negate the edges!** Run  
shortest path algorithm  
(topological sort order)



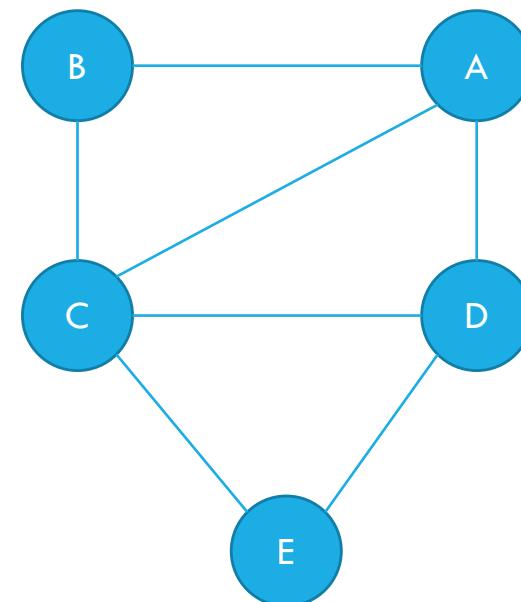
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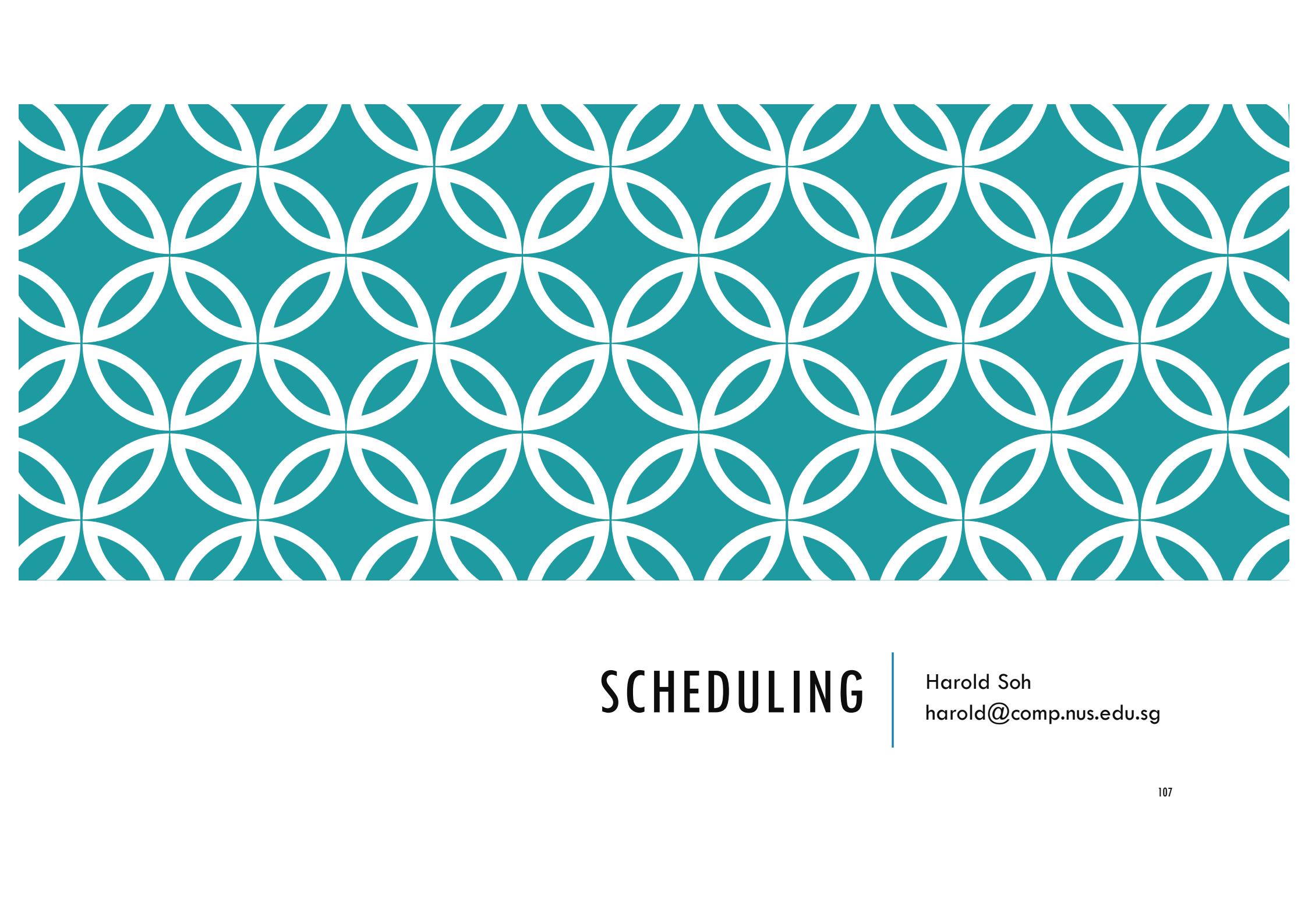
**No.**

- Negating weights creates negative cycles.
- Finding the longest (or shortest) *simple* path in general graphs NP-hard.

**Why?**

- We lose the optimal subpaths property when it comes to longest paths.
- What is the longest path from  $A \rightarrow E$ ?
- A,B,C,D,E
- The longest path from  $B \rightarrow E$ ?
- B,C,A,D,E





# SCHEDULING

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# SCHEDULING PROBLEM

Given a set of tasks  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  and a set of constraints:

- A must be completed at least 10 mins before C
- D must be completed at most 20 minutes after E
- B must be done after F

Devise an efficient algorithm to tell if there is a feasible schedule.

Output:

- Feasible?
- Schedule?

# FIRST, LET'S MAKE IT MORE SPECIFIC

**Inputs:** Set of jobs and constraints

job id, time needed,  $\{(comPLETED \ before, \ time)\}$

0, 1 min,  $\{(1, 10 \ mins)\}$

"0 takes 1 min. Must be completed 10 mins before 1"

1, 5 min,  $\{(2, 2 \ mins), (3, 0 \ mins)\}$

"1 takes 5 mins. Must be completed 2 mins before 2 and 0 mins before 3".  
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**Outputs:**

A schedule of earliest start times if feasible:  $(0, 0), (1, 11), (3, 15 \ mins), (2, 17) \dots$

null otherwise

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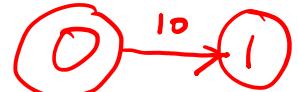
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3, 1 min 3 takes 1 minute. No constraints.

This is a set of objects and relationships between objects.

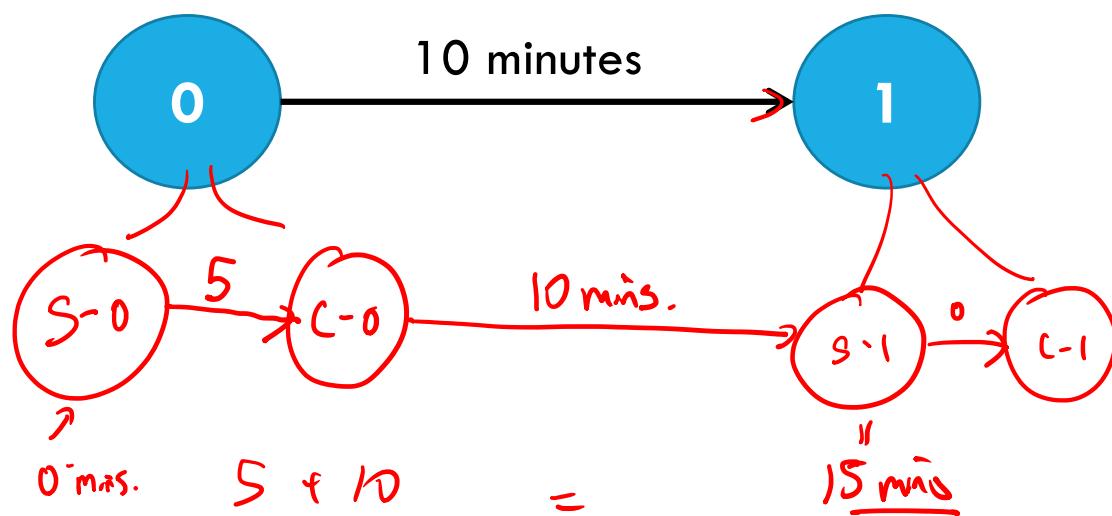
What data structure allows me to model/represent relationships between objects?

**Graphs!**

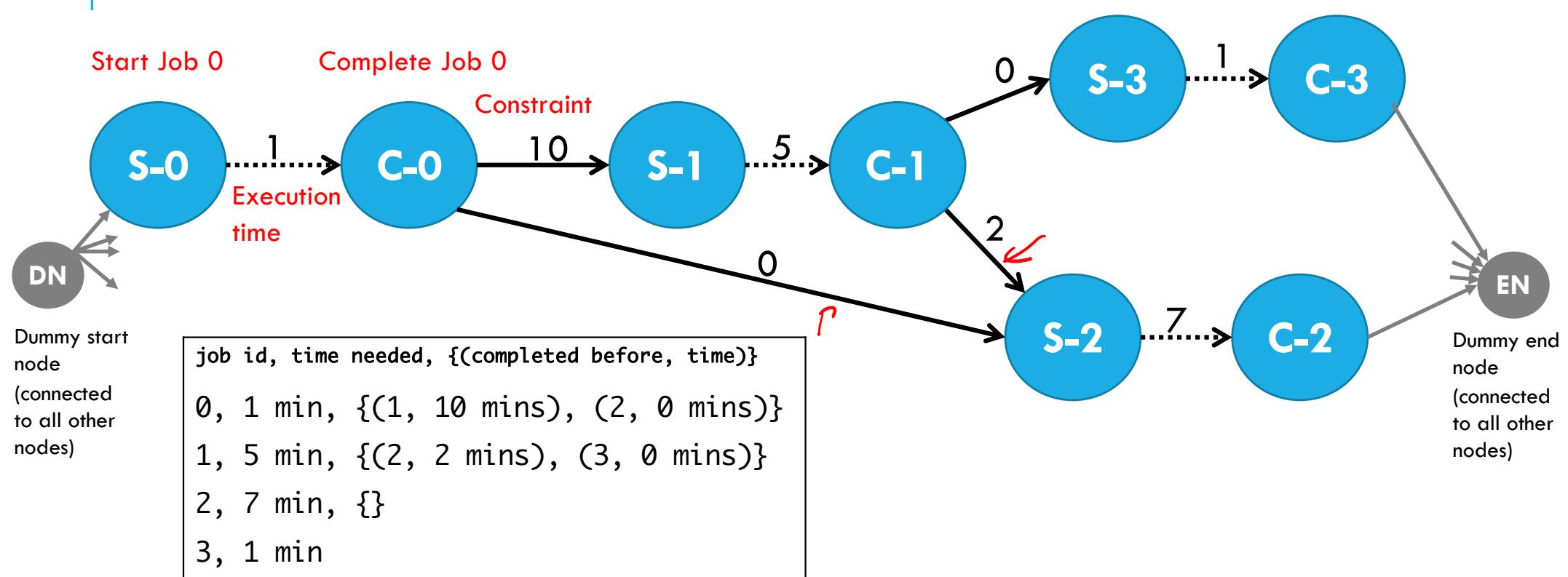
0, 5, {1, 10}

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0 must be executed 10 minutes **before** 1

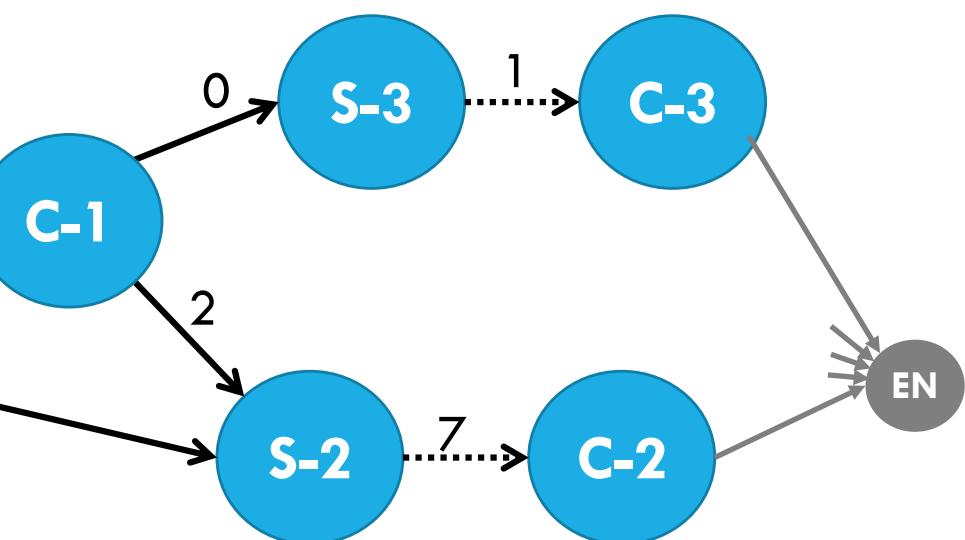
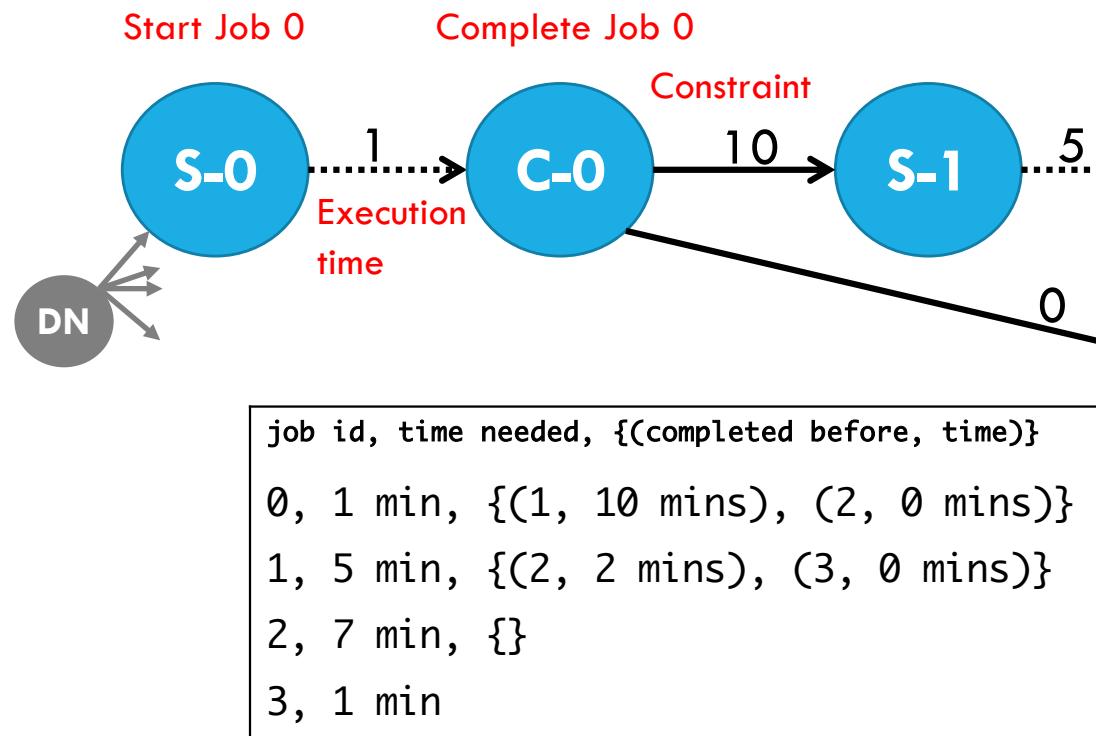


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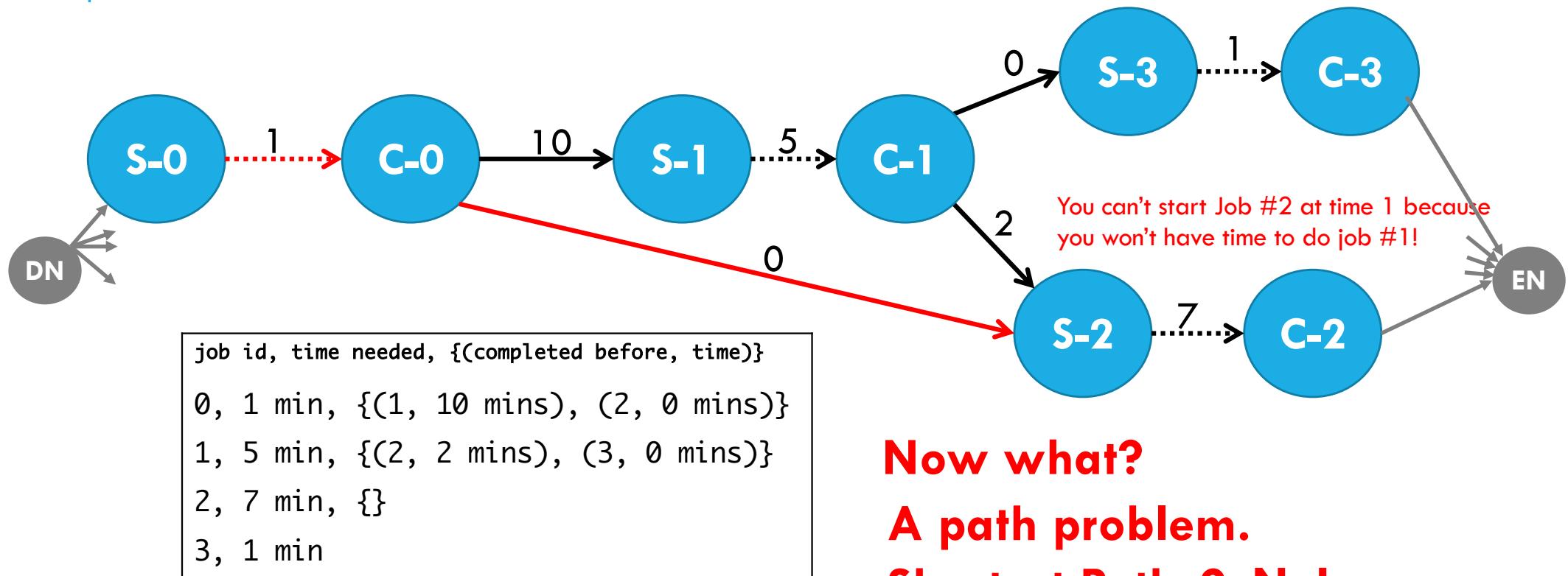
We want the EARLIEST start time for each job that satisfies the constraints



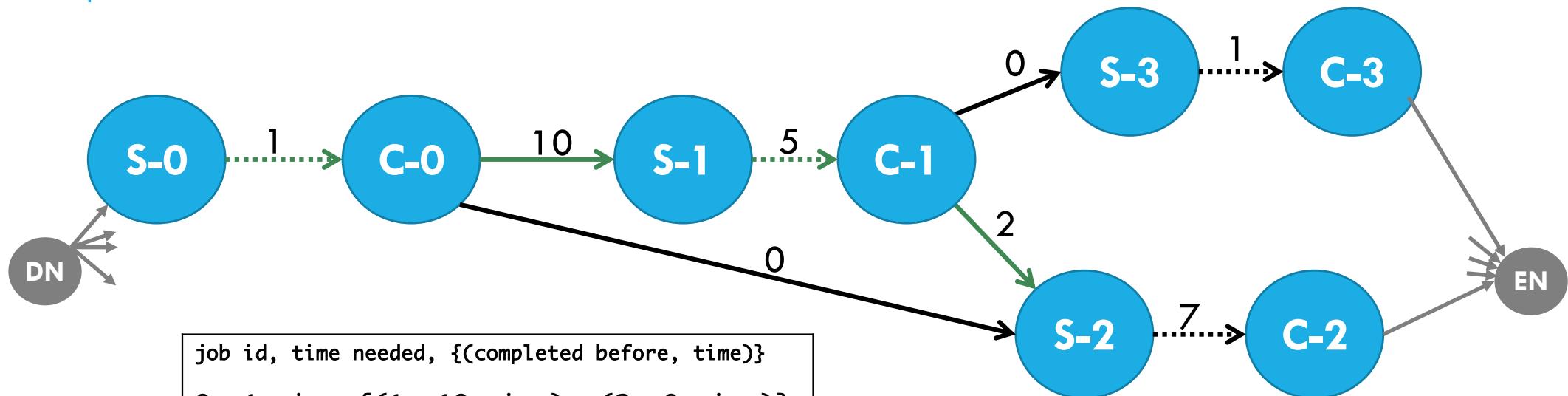
**Now what?  
A path problem.  
Shortest Paths?**

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Shortest Paths won't give the earliest start time because it doesn't satisfy the required constraints.

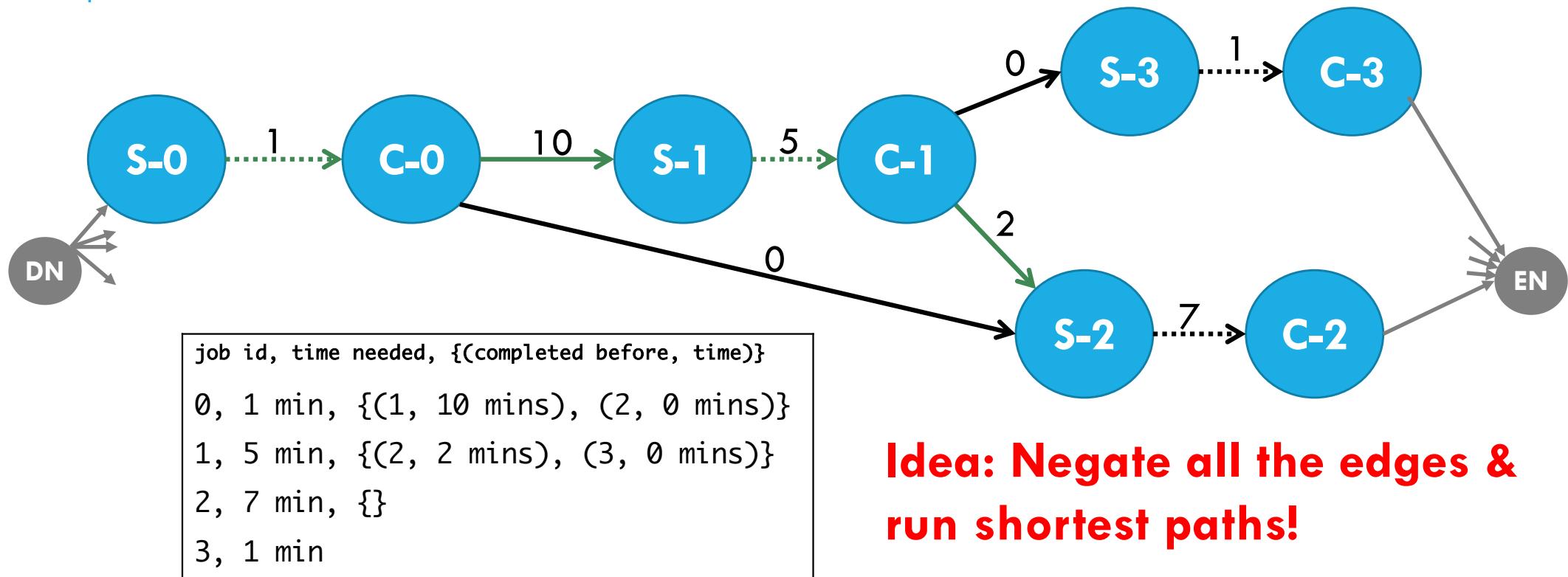


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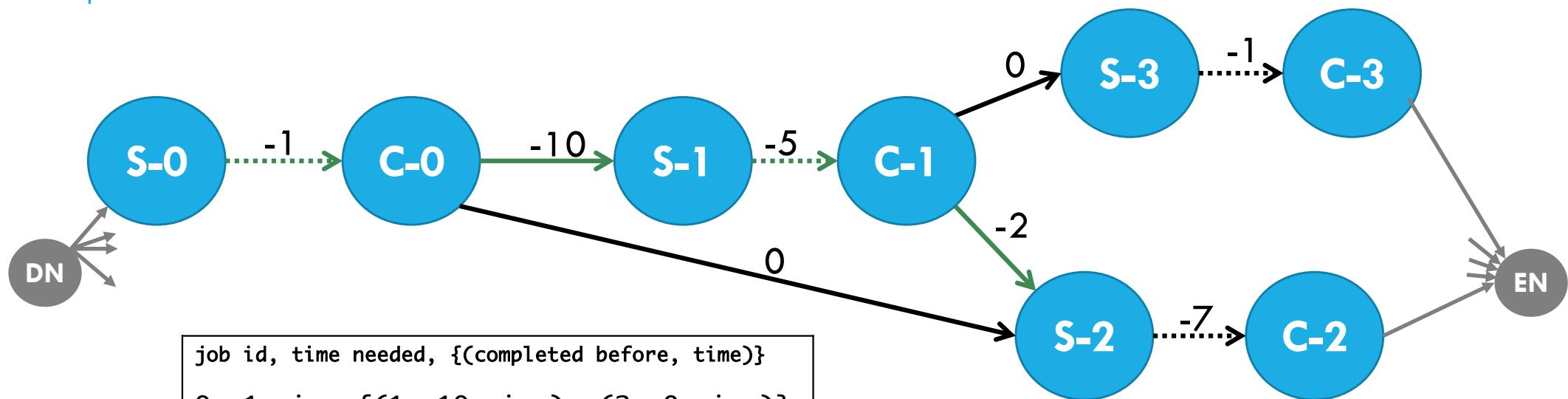
**Want the longest path to determine the start time.  
How to find longest path?**

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**Negative Edges: Bellman-Ford!**

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Given a set of tasks  $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  and a set of constraints:

- A must be completed at least 10 mins before C
- D must be completed at most 20 minutes after E
- B must be done after F

Devise an efficient algorithm to tell if there is a feasible schedule.

- Shortest path (with negative edges) guarantees constraints are met.
- If takes longer than  $|V| - 1$ , negative cycles exist.
- If you are guaranteed the constraints form a DAG, you can use topological sort order.

# QUESTIONS?



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