

CSMPS 2200 – Fall 12

Minimum Spanning Trees

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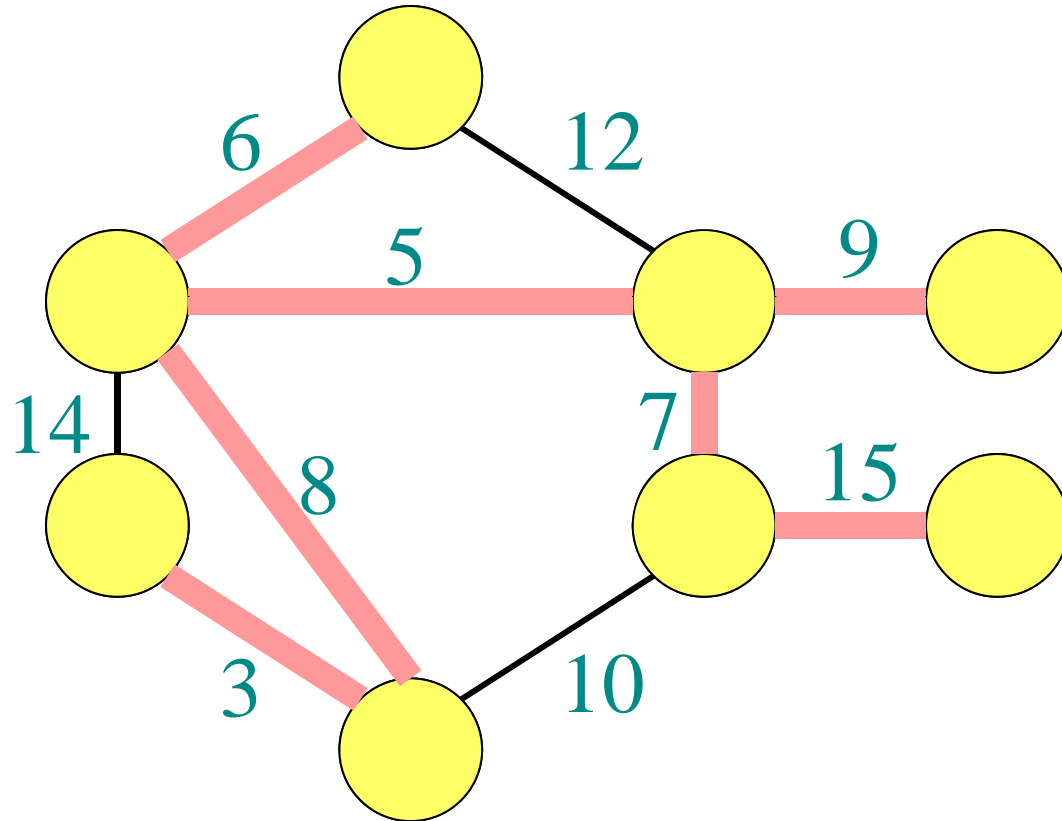
Input: A connected, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with weight function $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- For simplicity, assume that all edge weights are distinct.

Output: A *spanning tree* T — a tree that connects all vertices — of minimum weight:

$$w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u,v).$$

Example of MST



Hallmark for “greedy” algorithms

Greedy-choice property

A locally optimal choice is globally optimal.

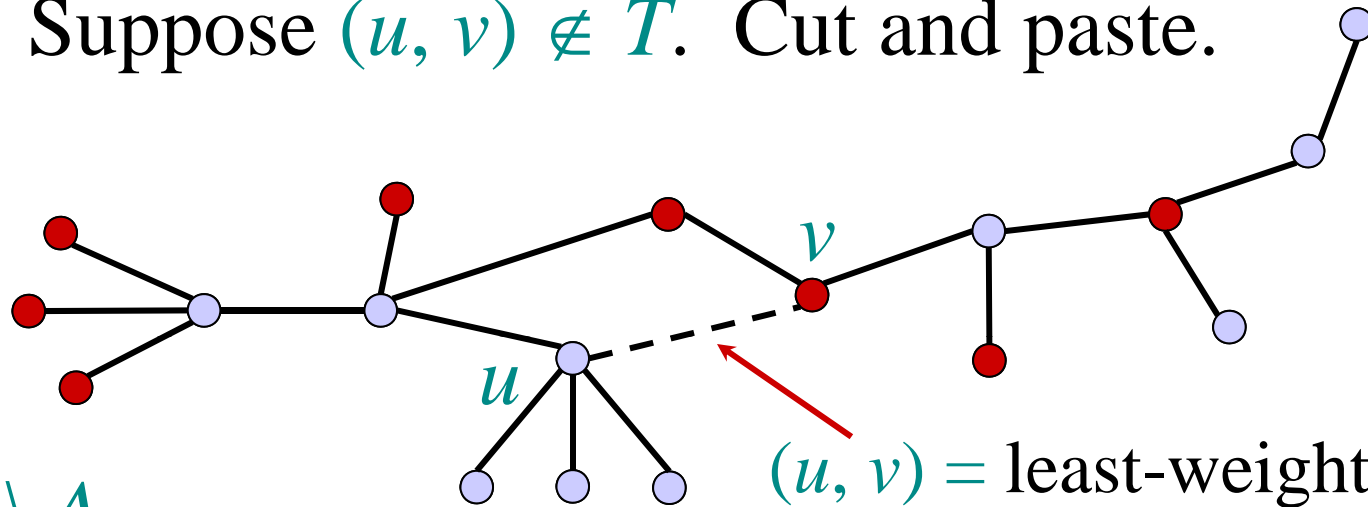
Theorem [Cut property]. Let $G = (V, E)$ and let $A \subseteq V$. Suppose that $(u, v) \in E$ is the least-weight edge connecting A to $V \setminus A$. Then, (u, v) is contained in an MST T of G .

Proof of theorem

Proof. Suppose $(u, v) \notin T$. Cut and paste.

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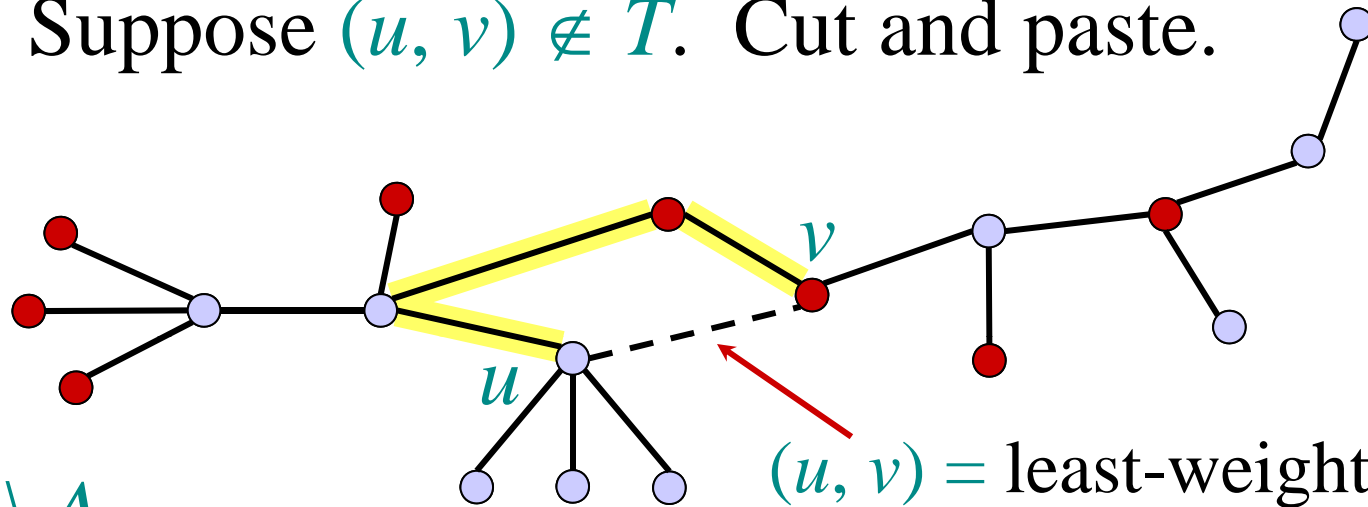
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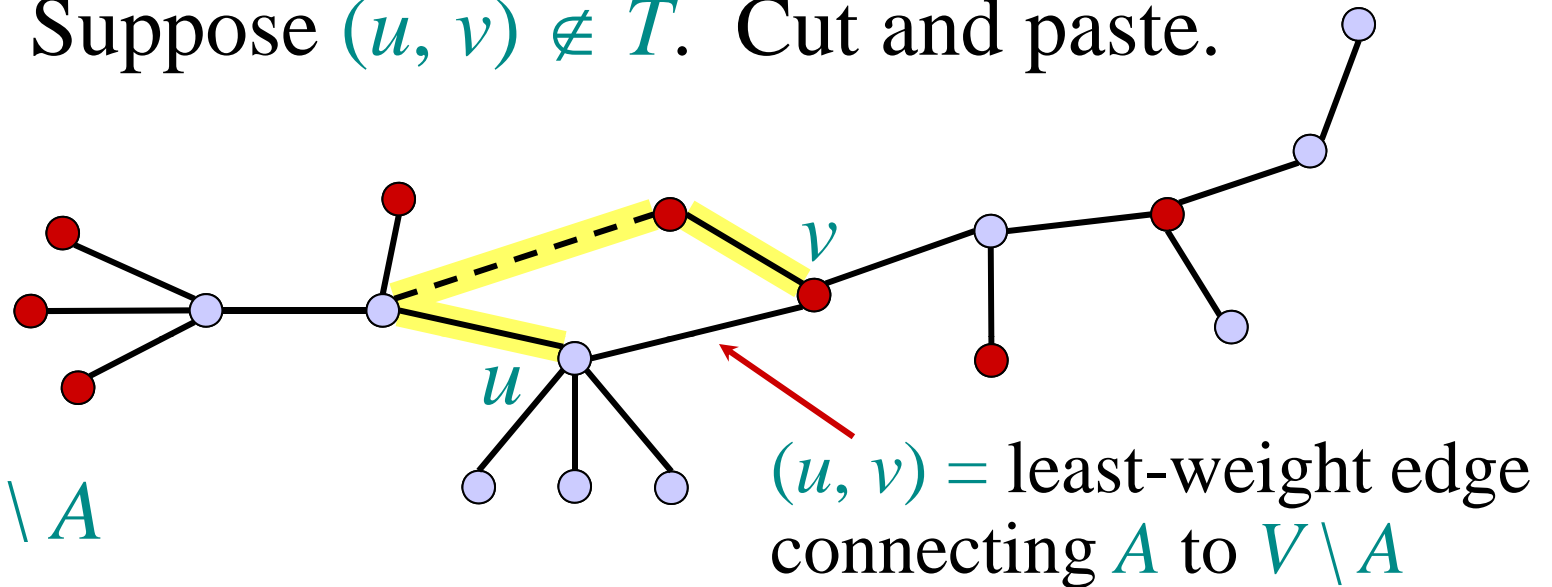
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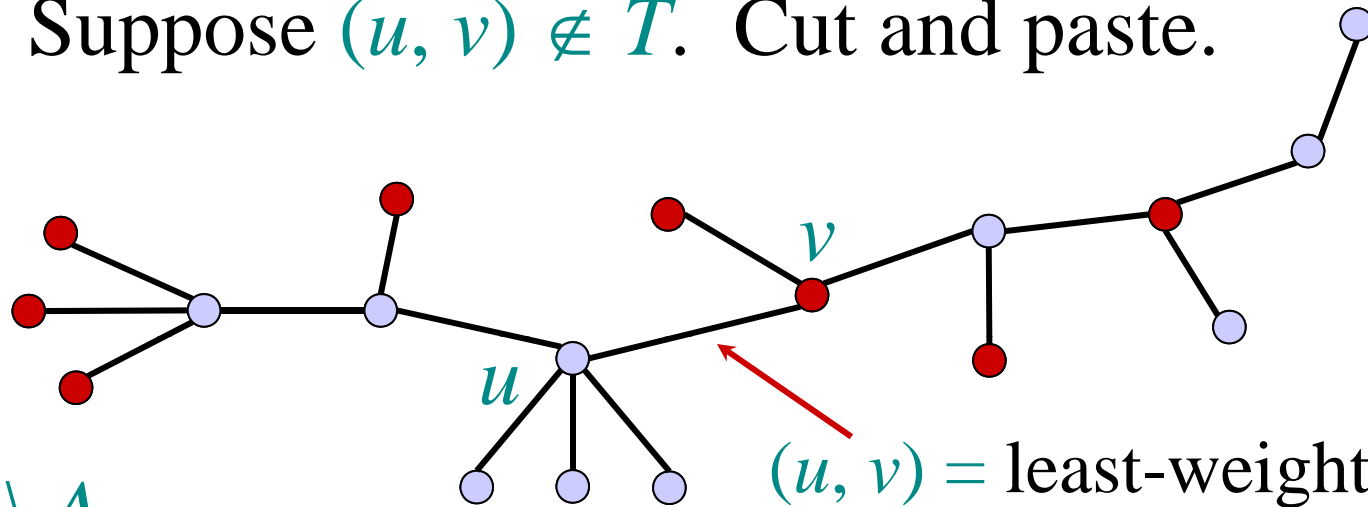
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A lighter-weight spanning tree than T results. □

Prim's algorithm

IDEA: Maintain $V \setminus A$ as a priority queue Q . Key each vertex in Q with the weight of the least-weight edge connecting it to a vertex in A .

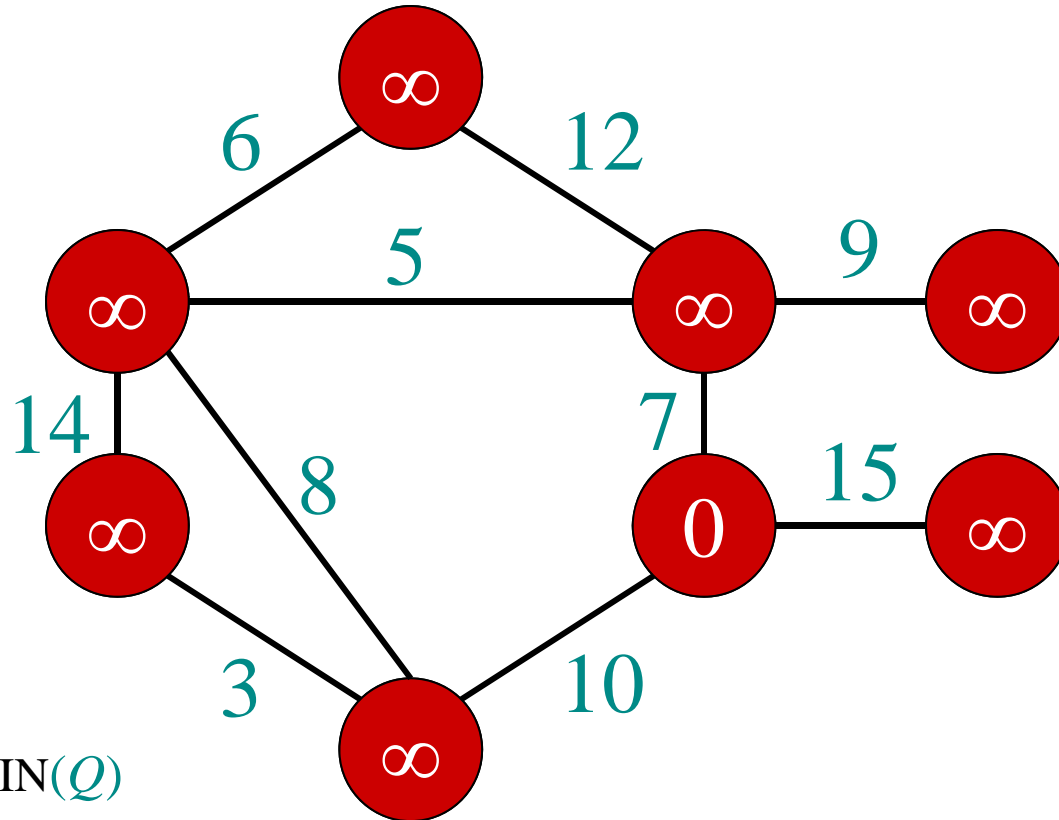
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  do  $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$   
    for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$   
      do if  $v \in Q$  and  $w(u, v) < key[v]$   
        then  $key[v] \leftarrow w(u, v)$   
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Dijkstra:  
while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do  
   $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$   
   $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$   
  for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$  do  
    if  $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$  then  
       $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$ 
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At the end, $\{(v, \pi[v])\}$ forms the MST edges.

Example of Prim's algorithm

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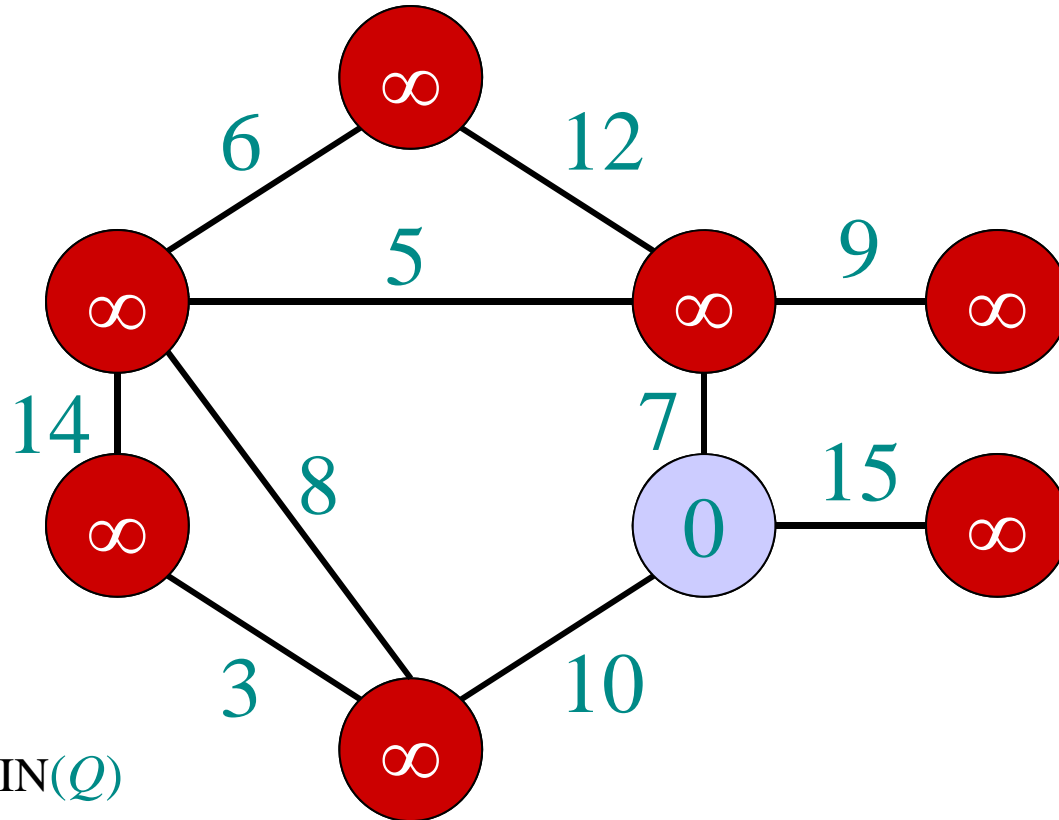
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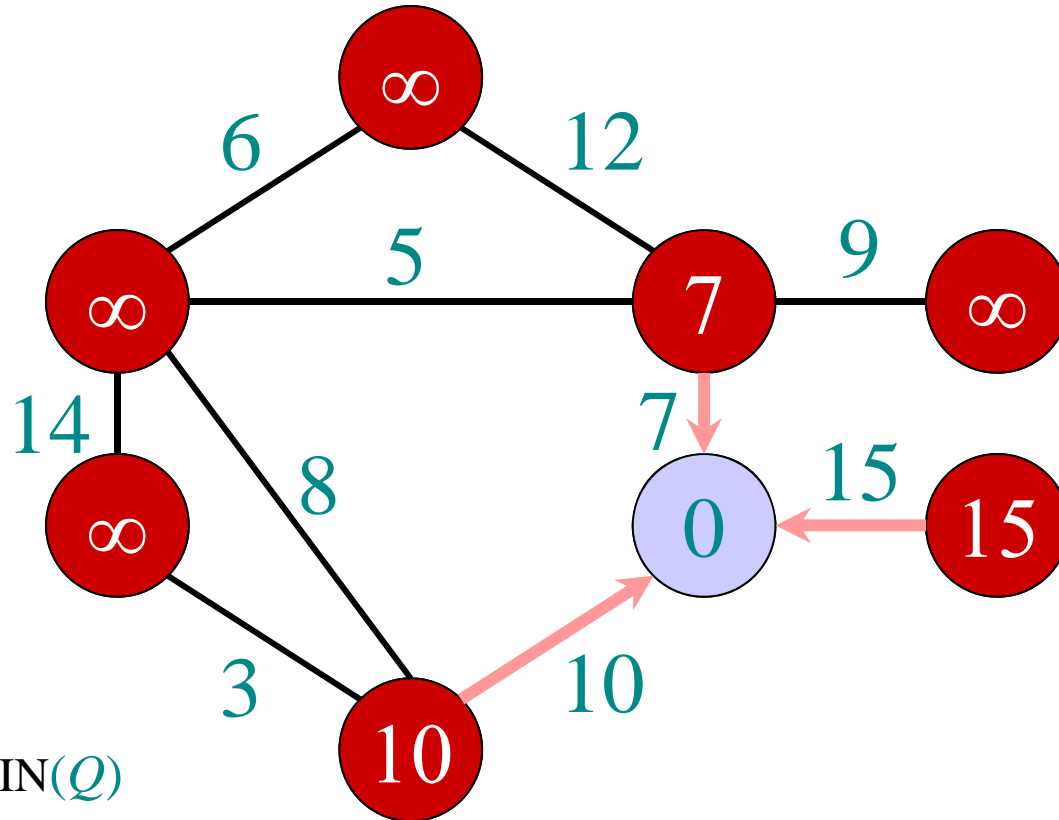
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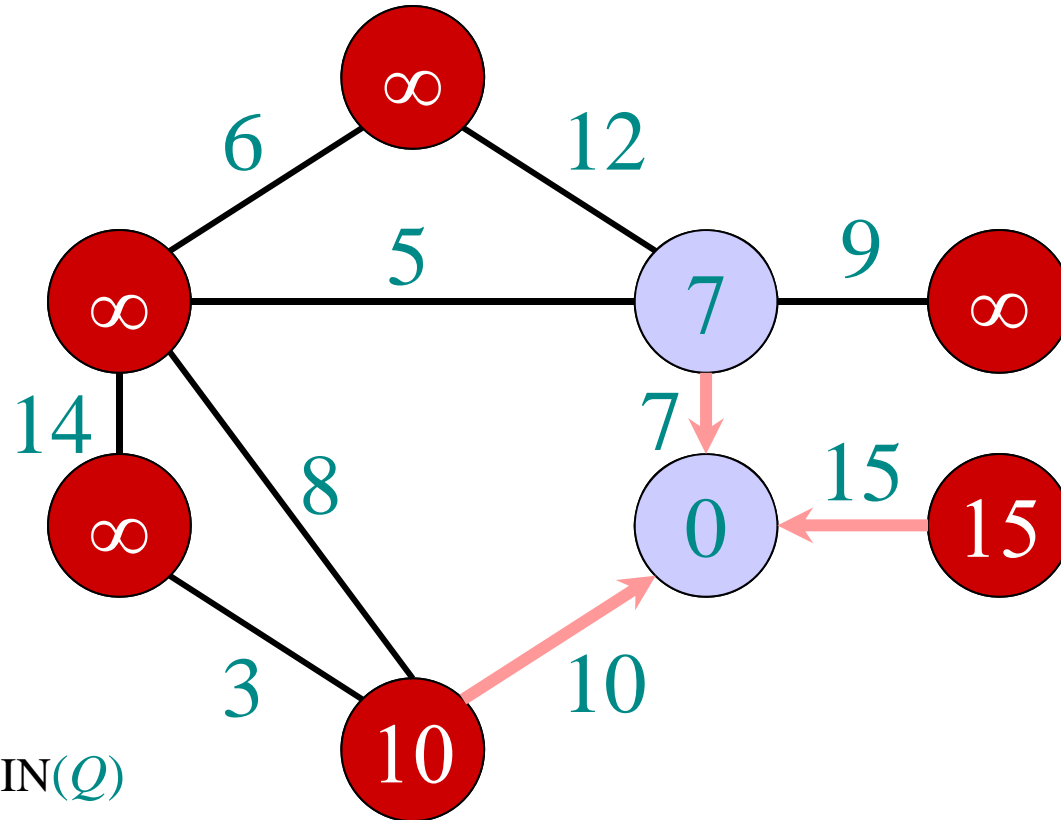
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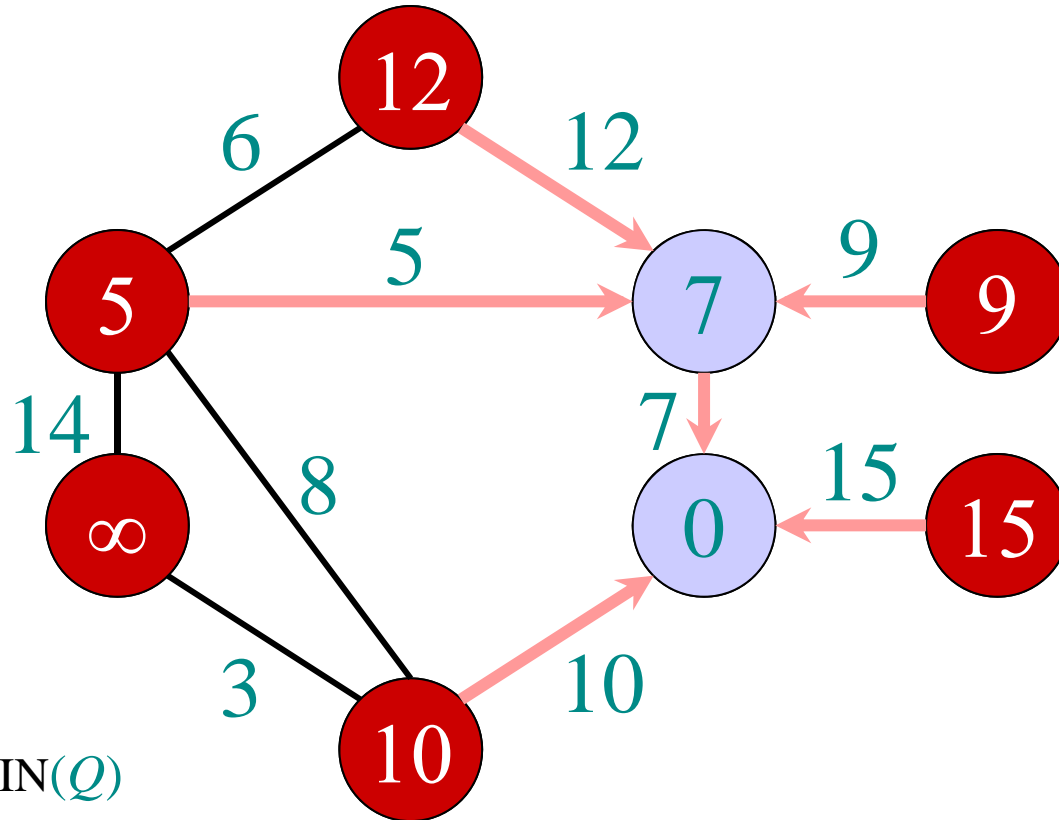


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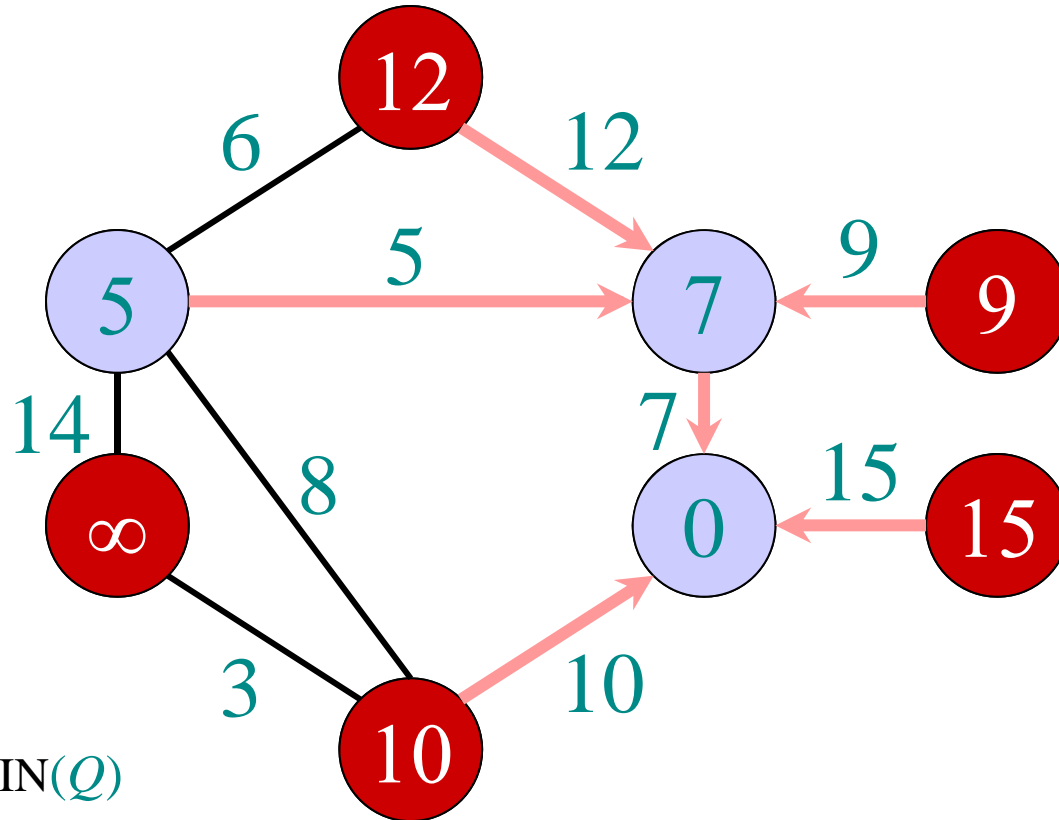
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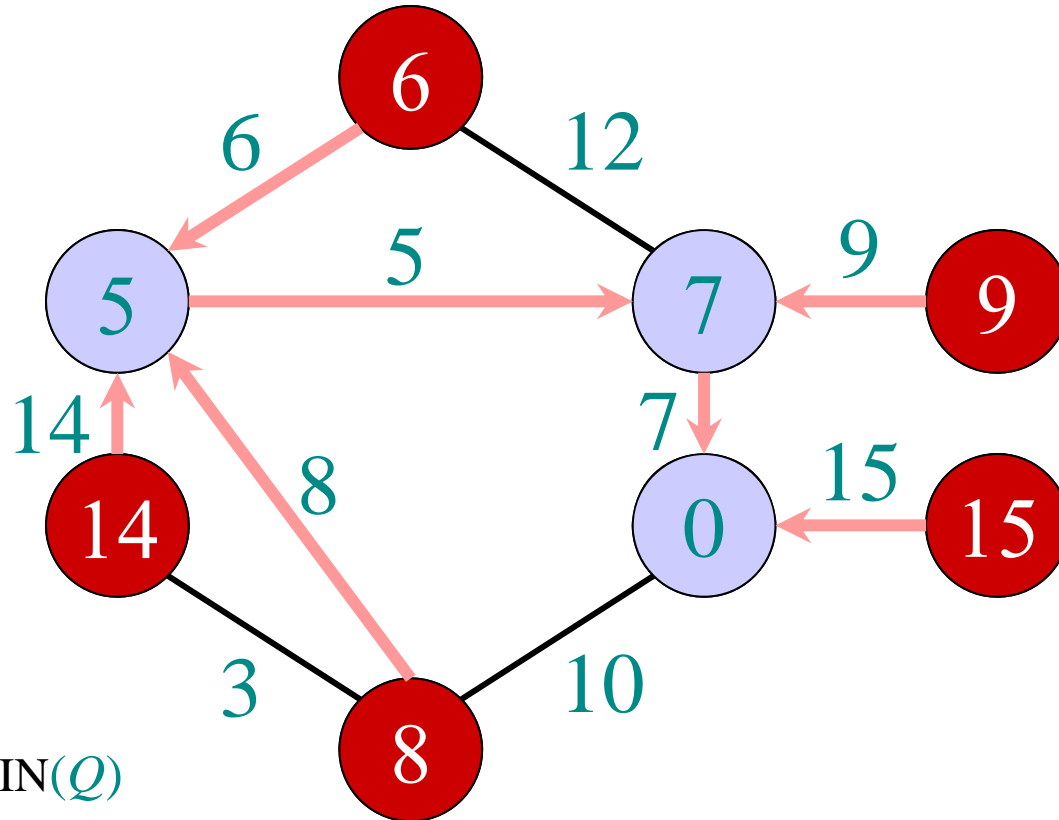
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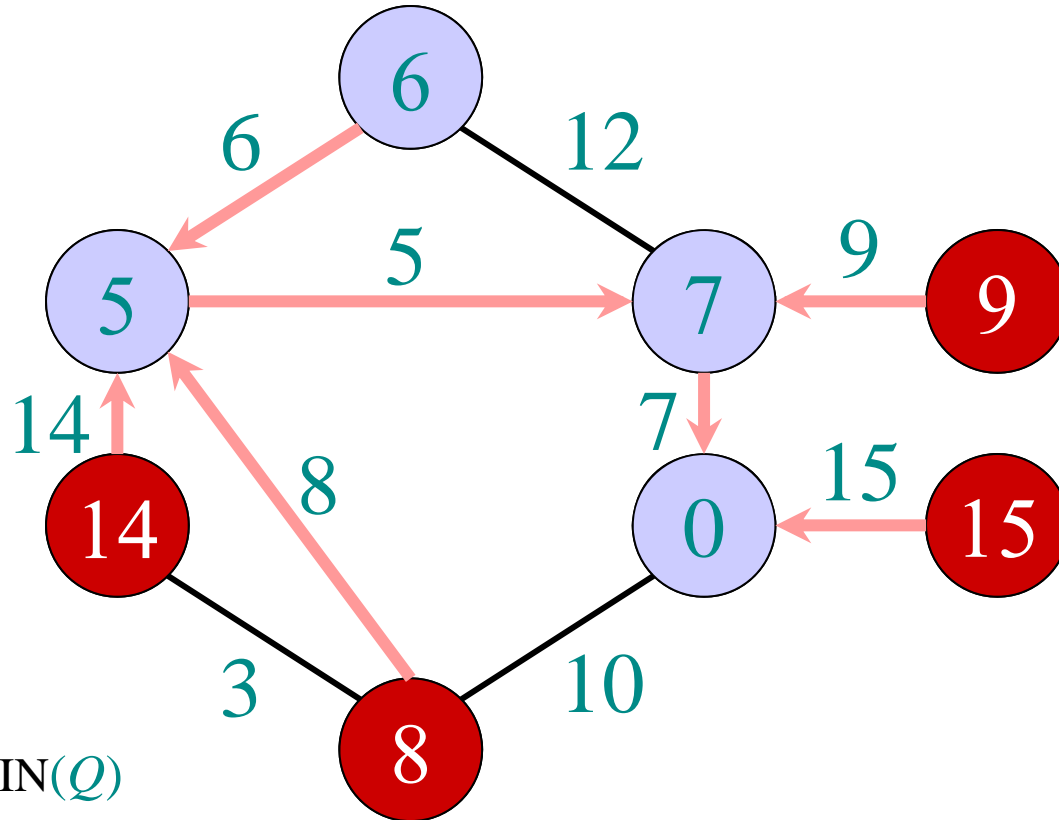
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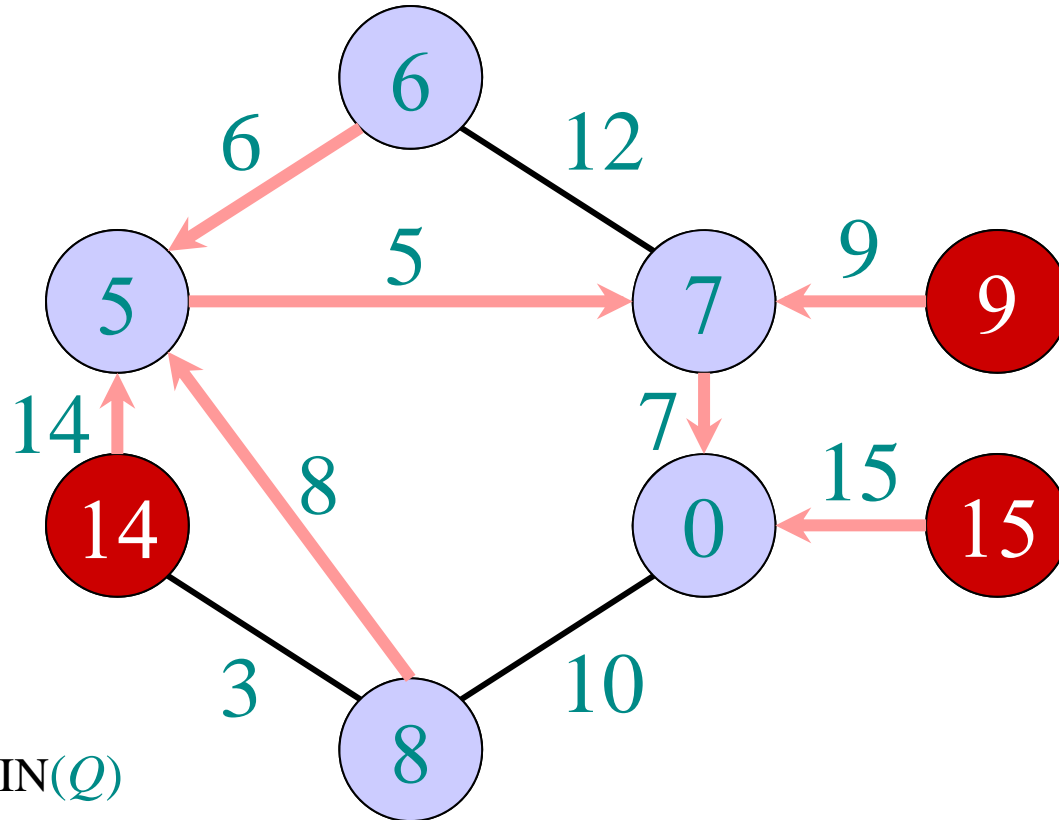


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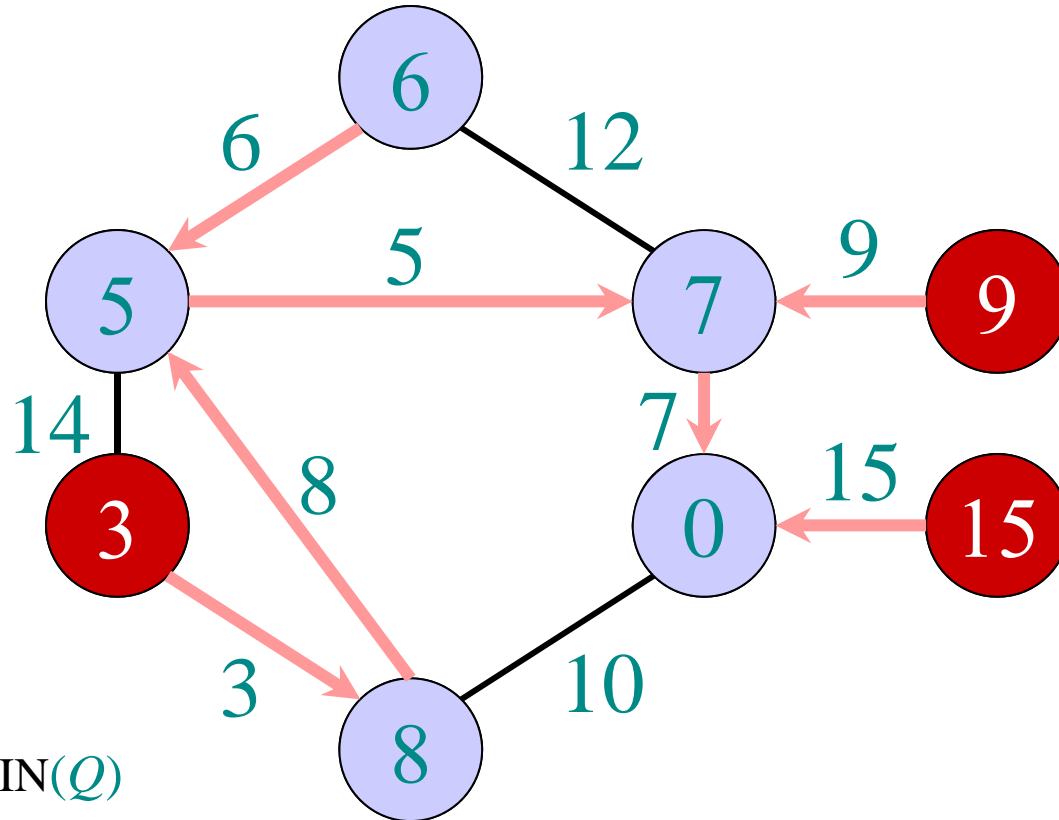


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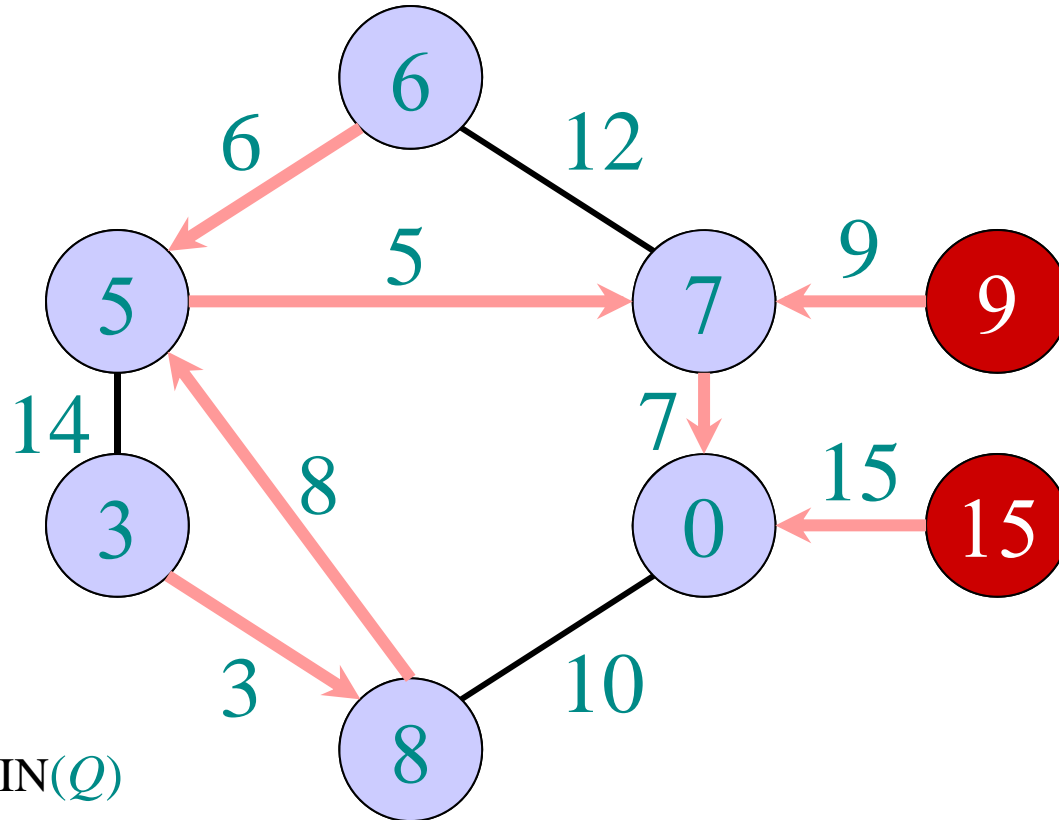


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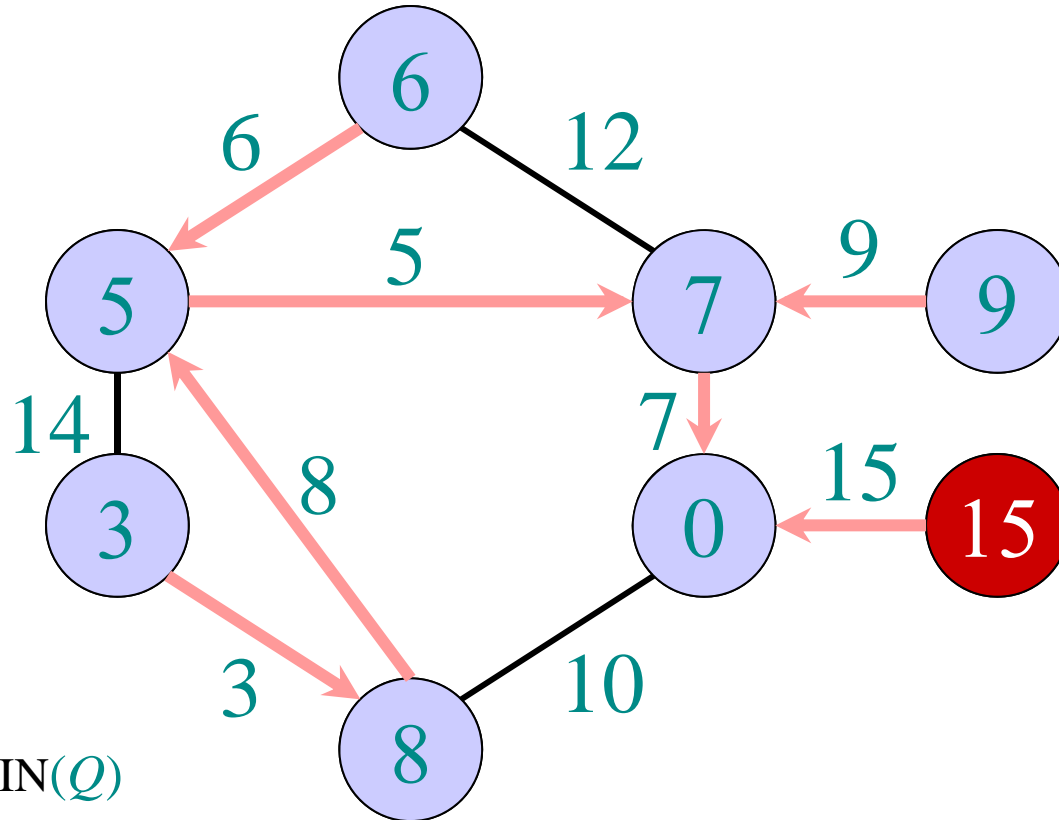


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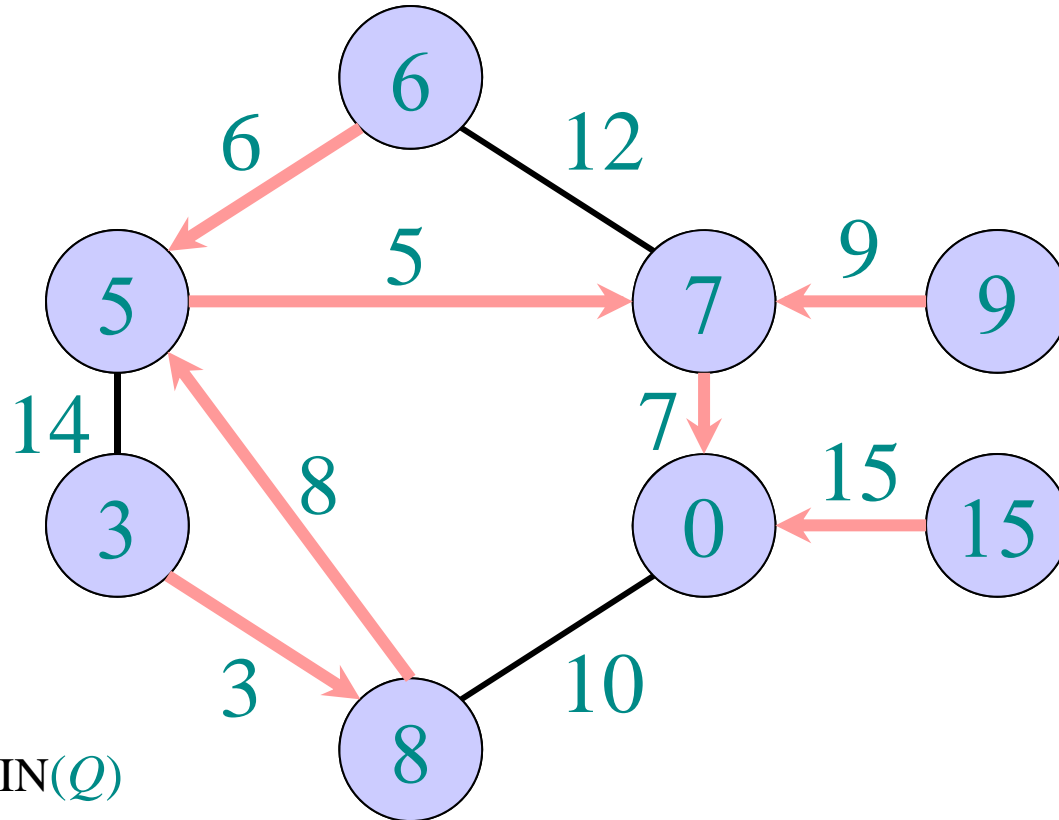
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Analysis of Prim

$\Theta(|V|)$ total

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$|V|$ times

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 $degree(u)$ times

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Handshaking Lemma $\Rightarrow \Theta(|E|)$ implicit DECREASE-KEY's.

Time = $\Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$

Analysis of Prim (continued)

$$\text{Time} = \Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$$

| Q | $T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}}$ | $T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$ | Total |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| array | $O(V)$ | $O(1)$ | $O(V ^2)$ |
| binary heap | $O(\log V)$ | $O(\log V)$ | $O(E \log V)$ |
| Fibonacci heap | $O(\log V)$ amortized | $O(1)$ amortized | $O(E + V \log V)$ worst case |

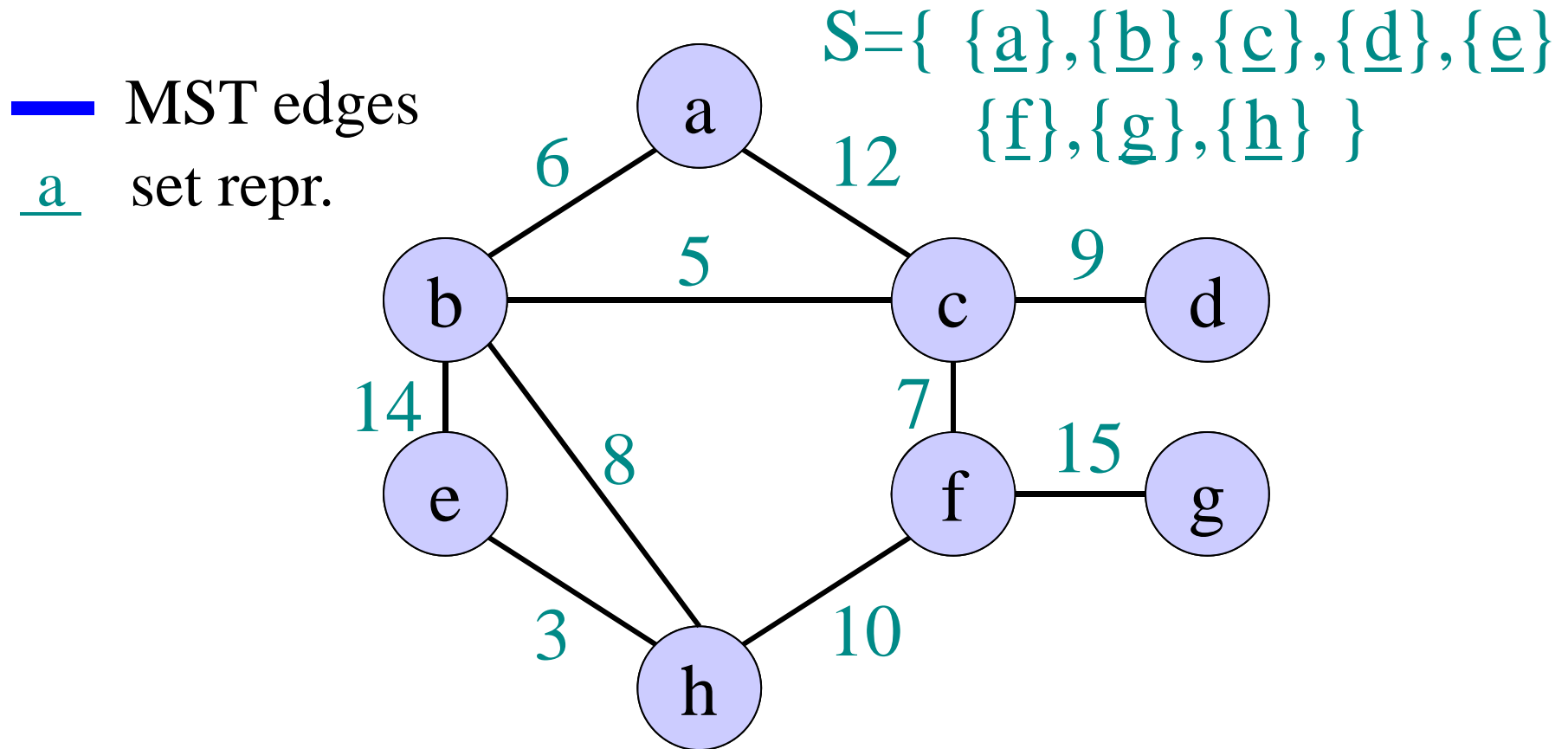
Kruskal's algorithm

IDEA (again greedy):

Repeatedly pick edge with smallest weight as long as it does not form a cycle.

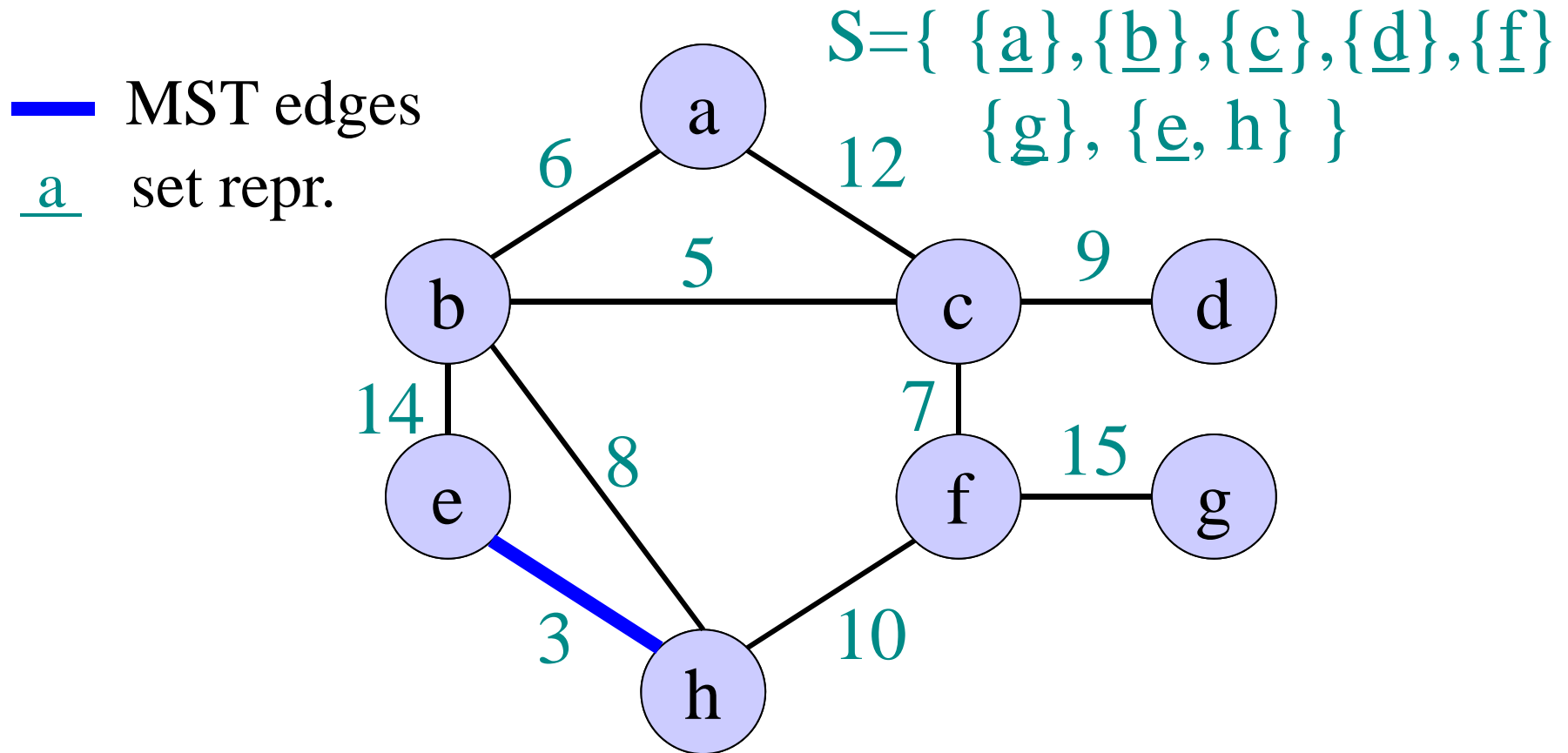
- The algorithm creates a set of trees (a **forest**)
- During the algorithm the added edges merge the trees together, such that in the end only one tree remains
- Correctness: Next edge e connects two components T_1, T_2 . It is the lightest edge which does not produce a cycle, hence it is also the lightest edge between T_1 and $V \setminus T_1$ and therefore satisfies the cut property.

Example of Kruskal's algorithm



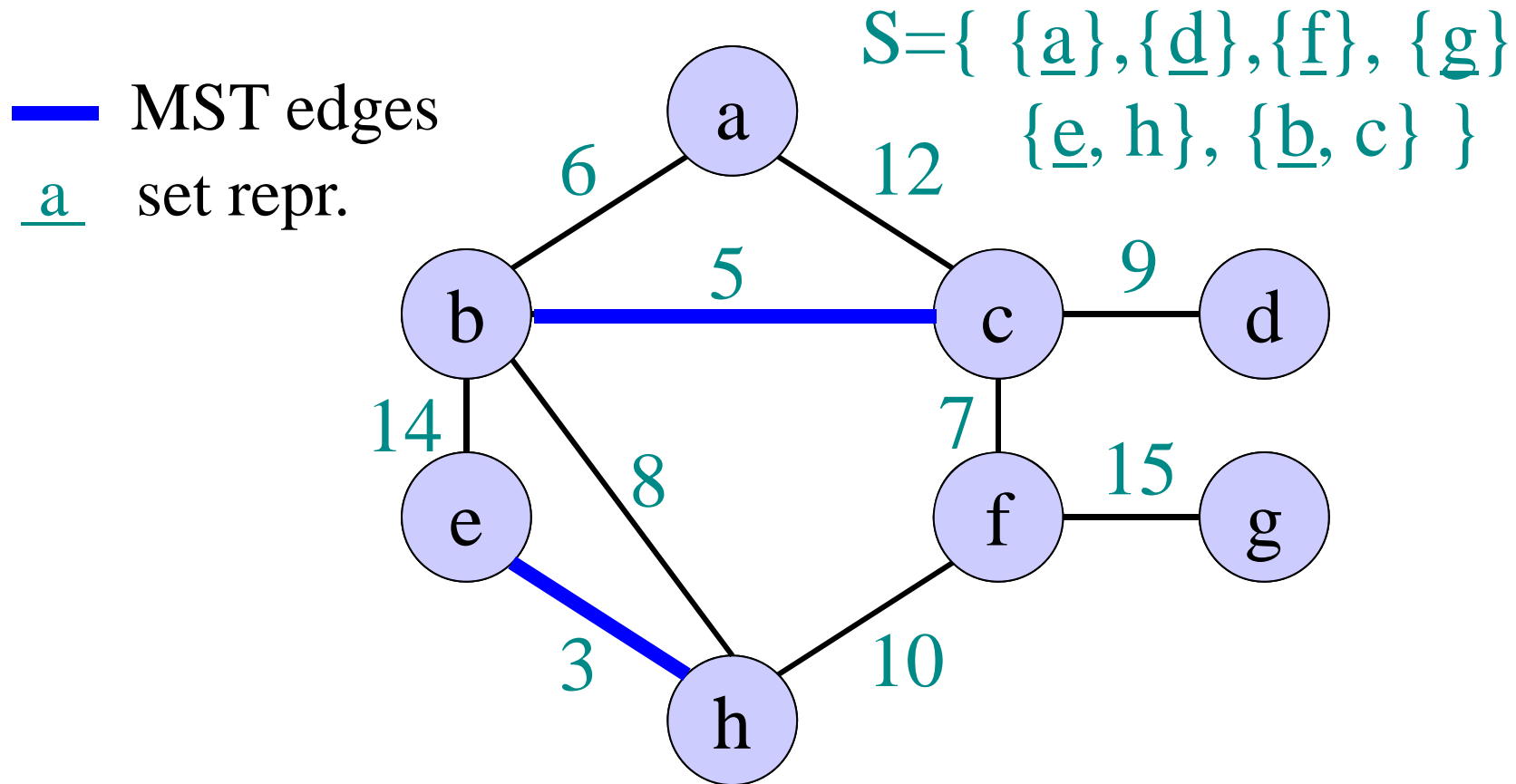
Every node is a single tree.

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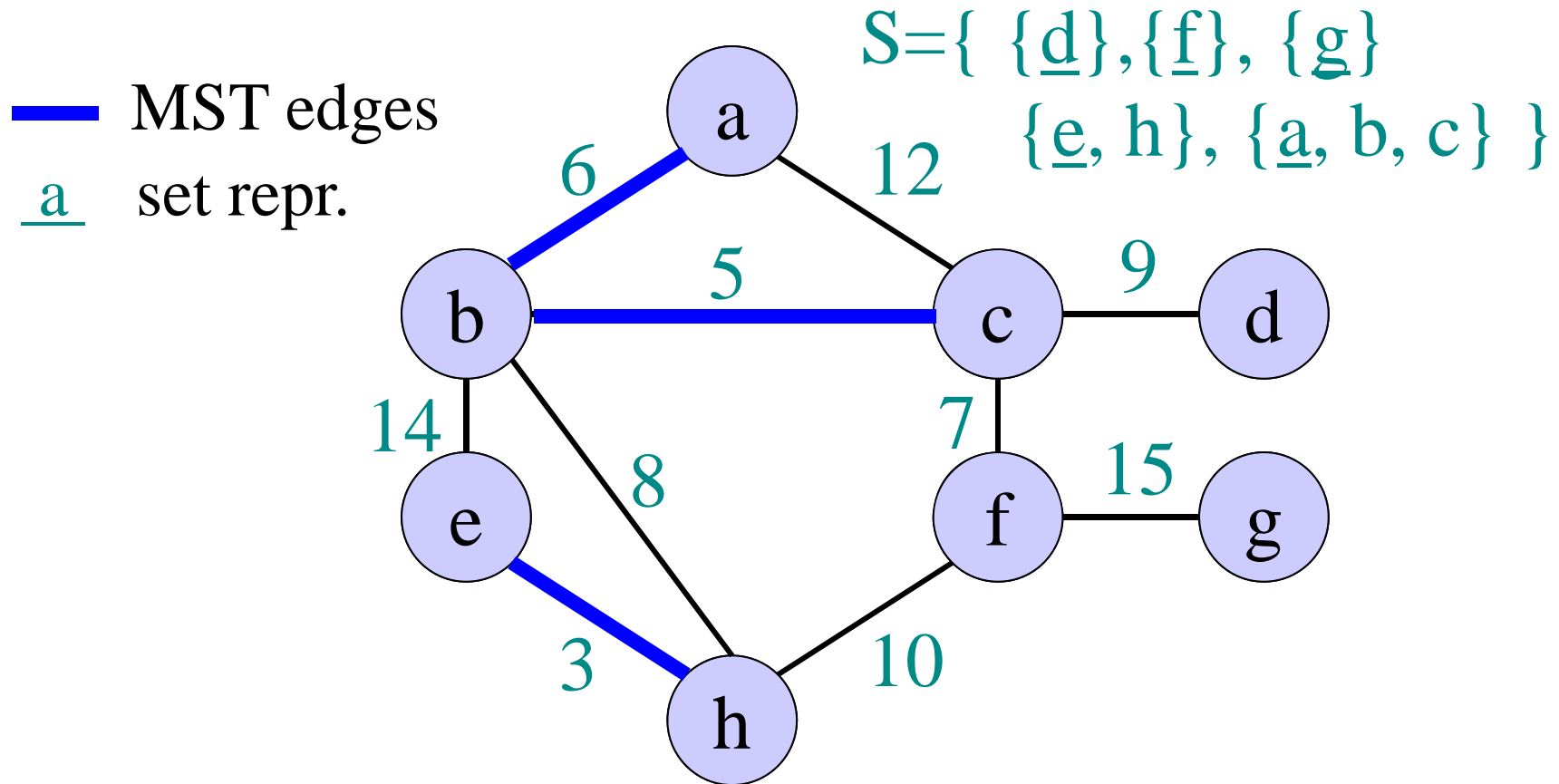


Edge 3 merged two singleton trees.

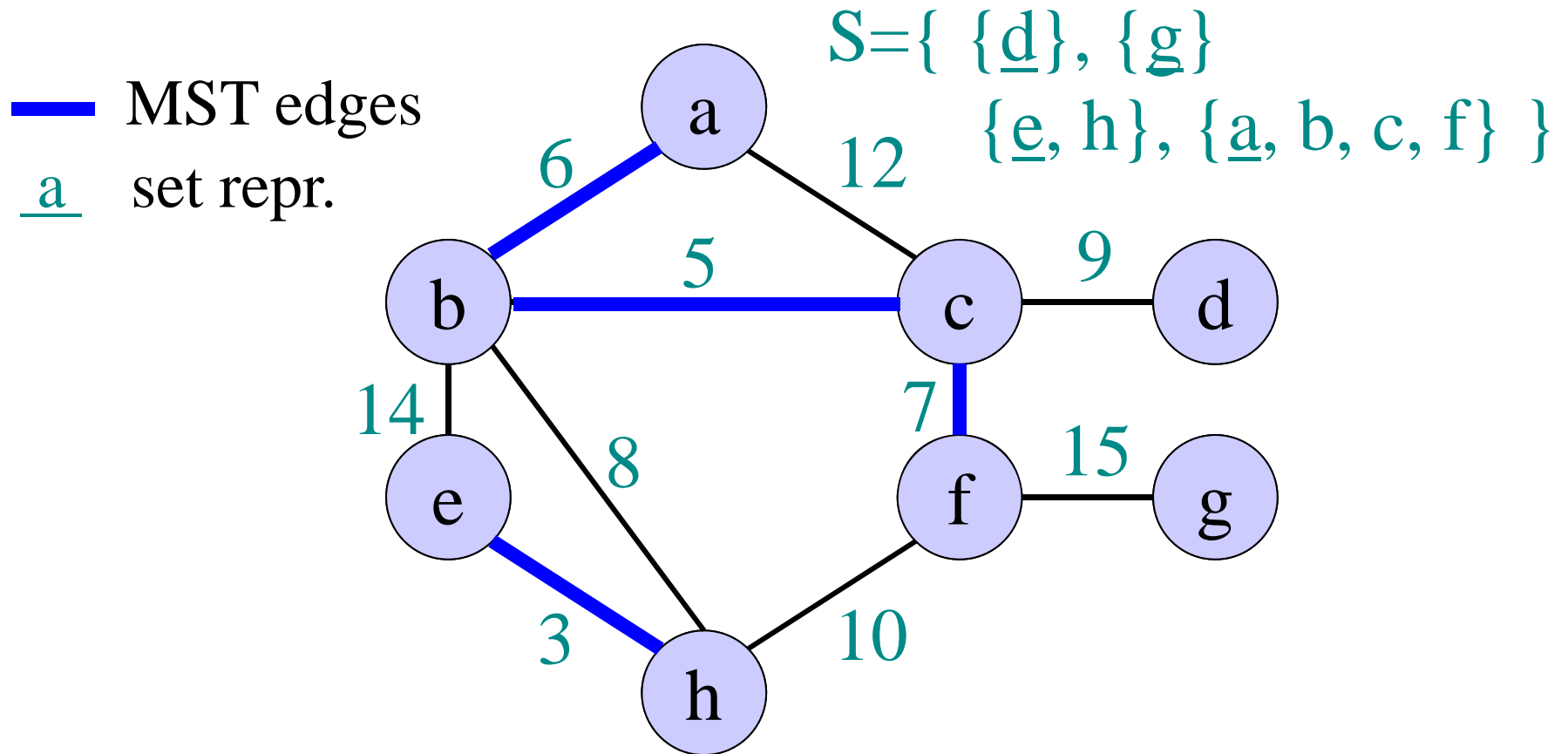
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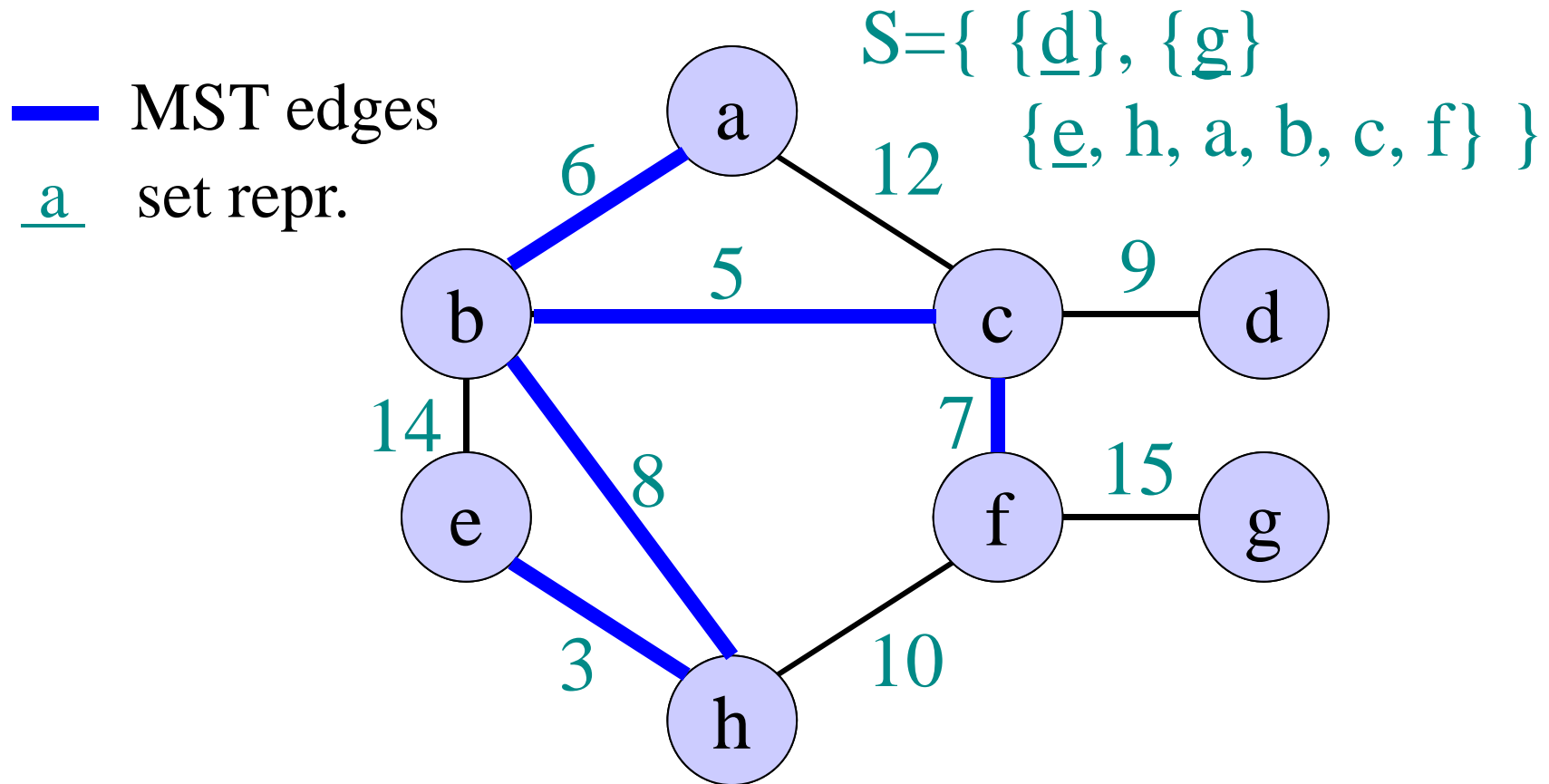
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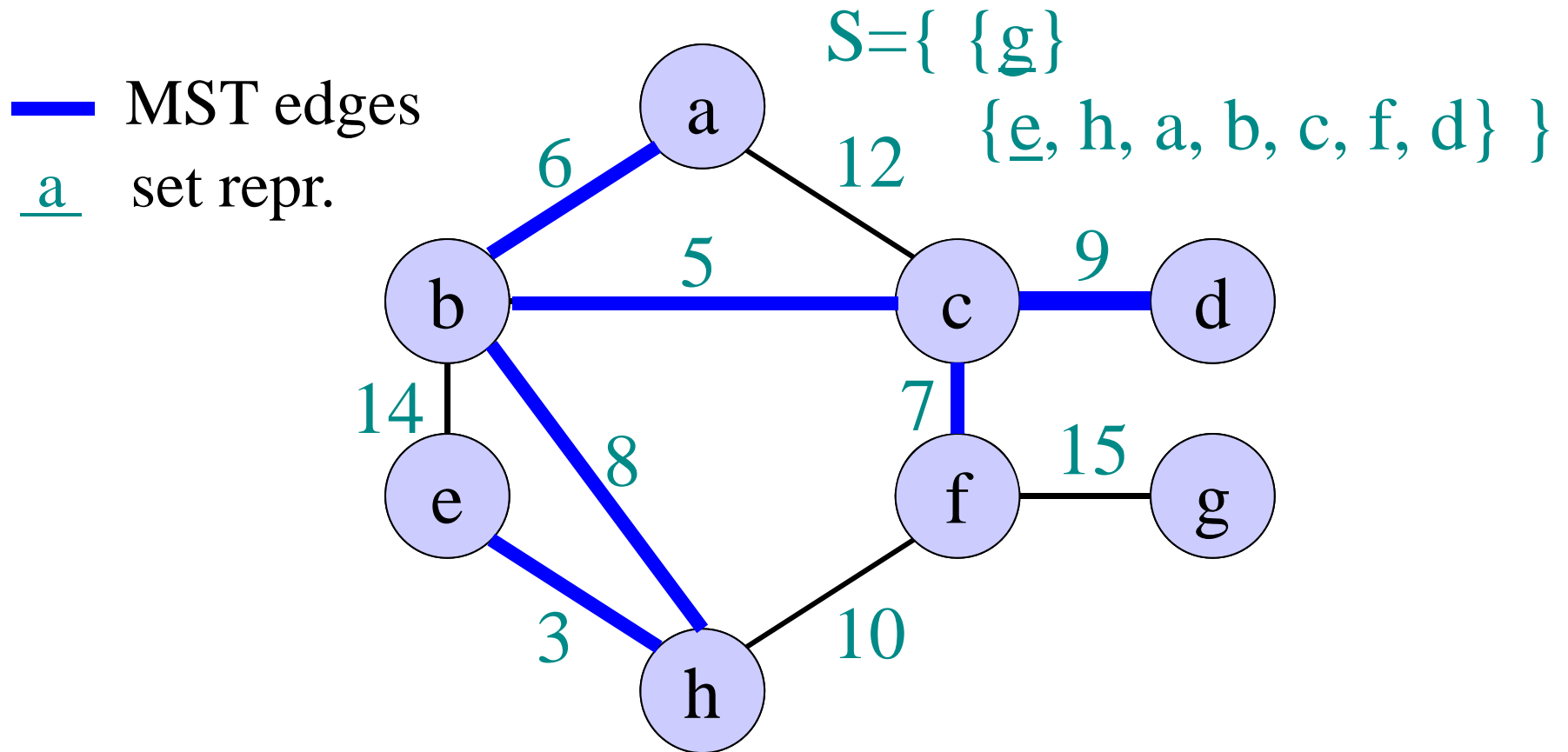


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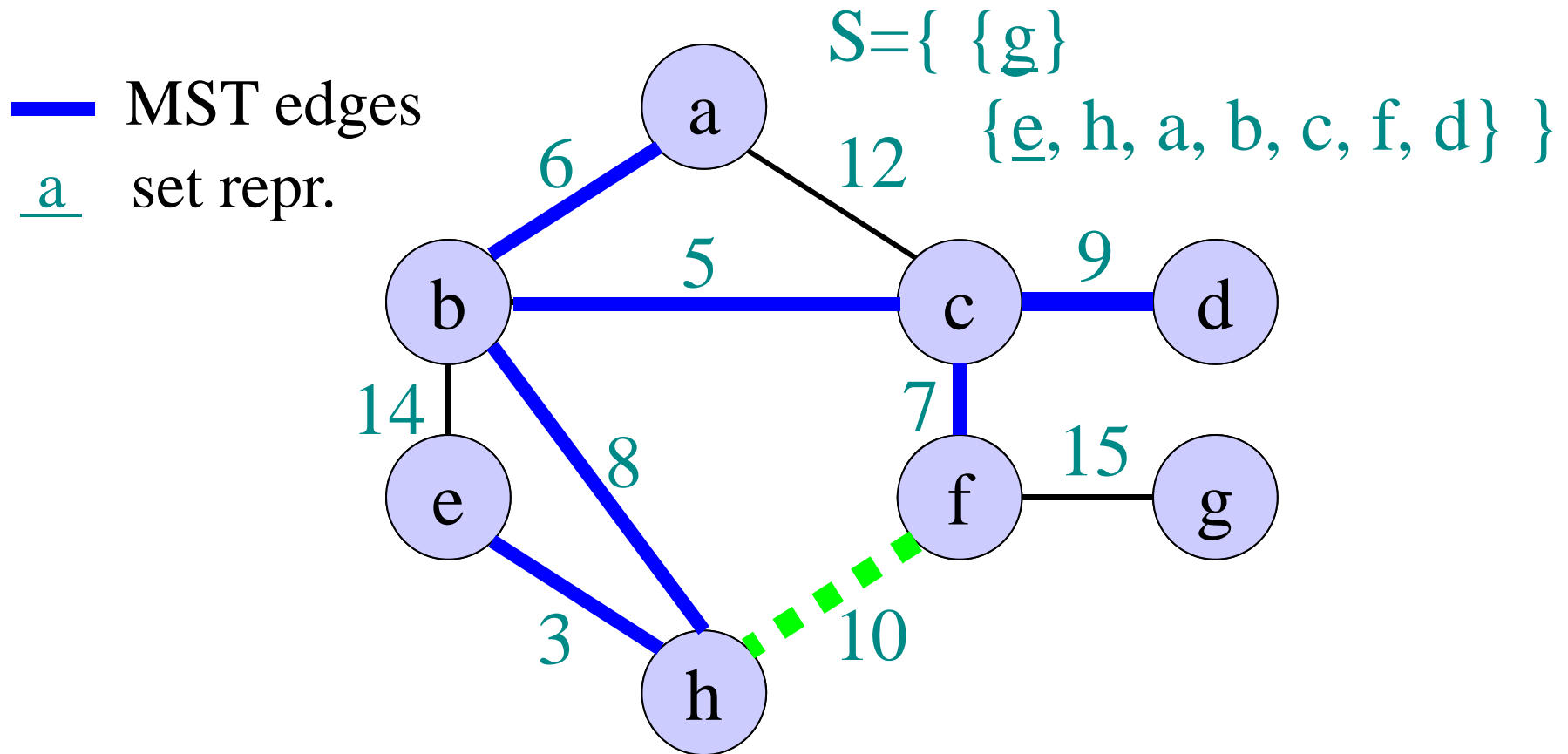


Edge 8 merged the two bigger trees.

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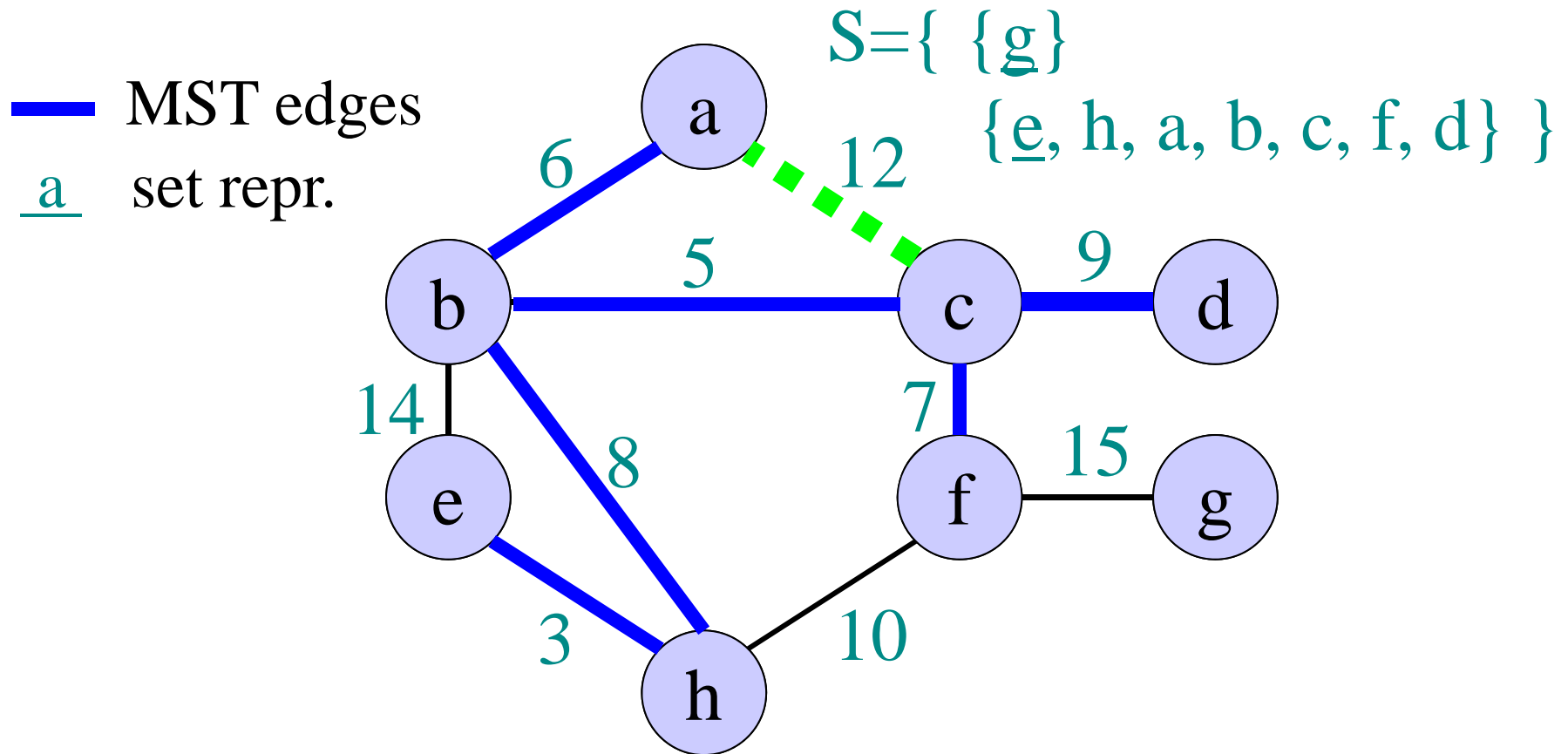


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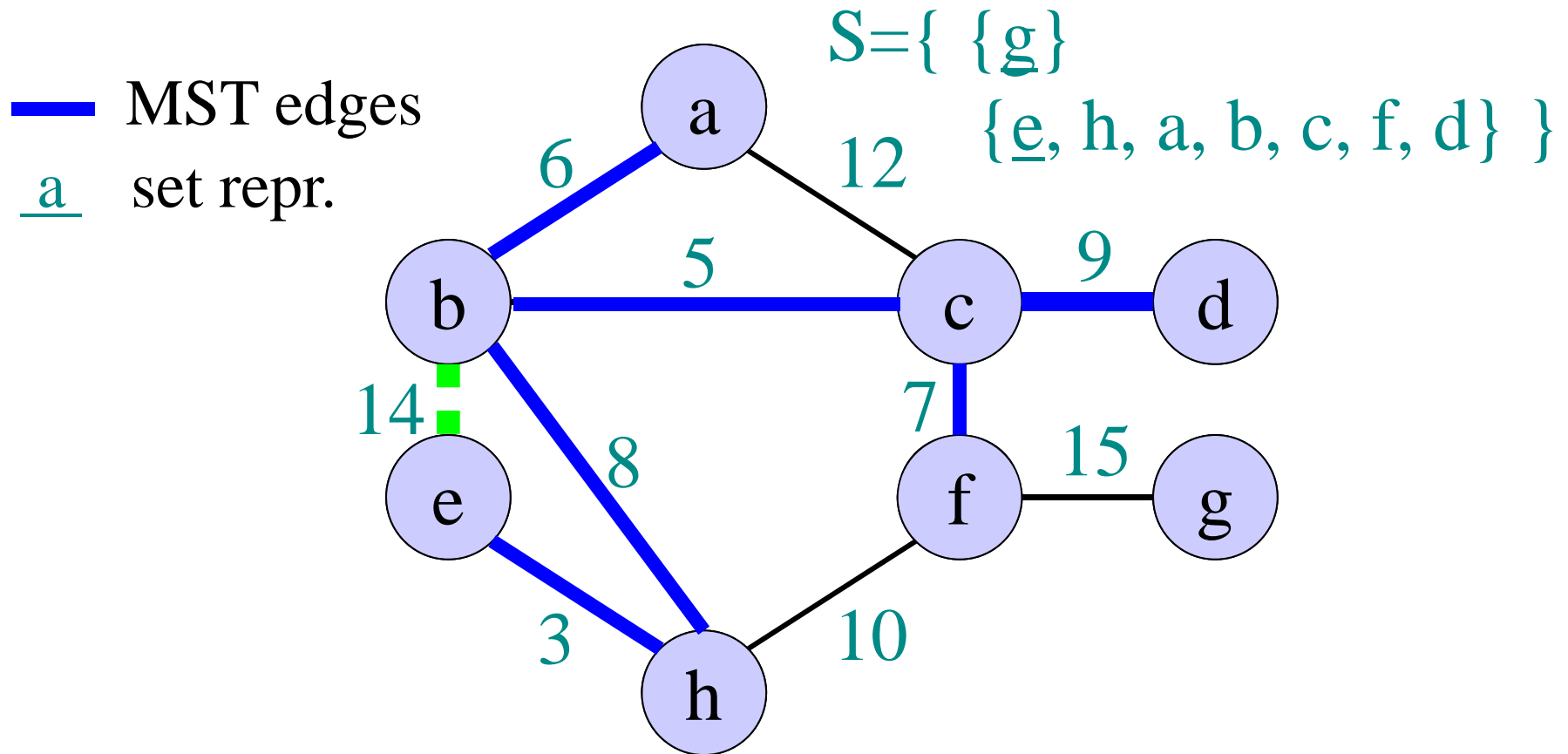
Skip edge 10 as it would cause a cycle.

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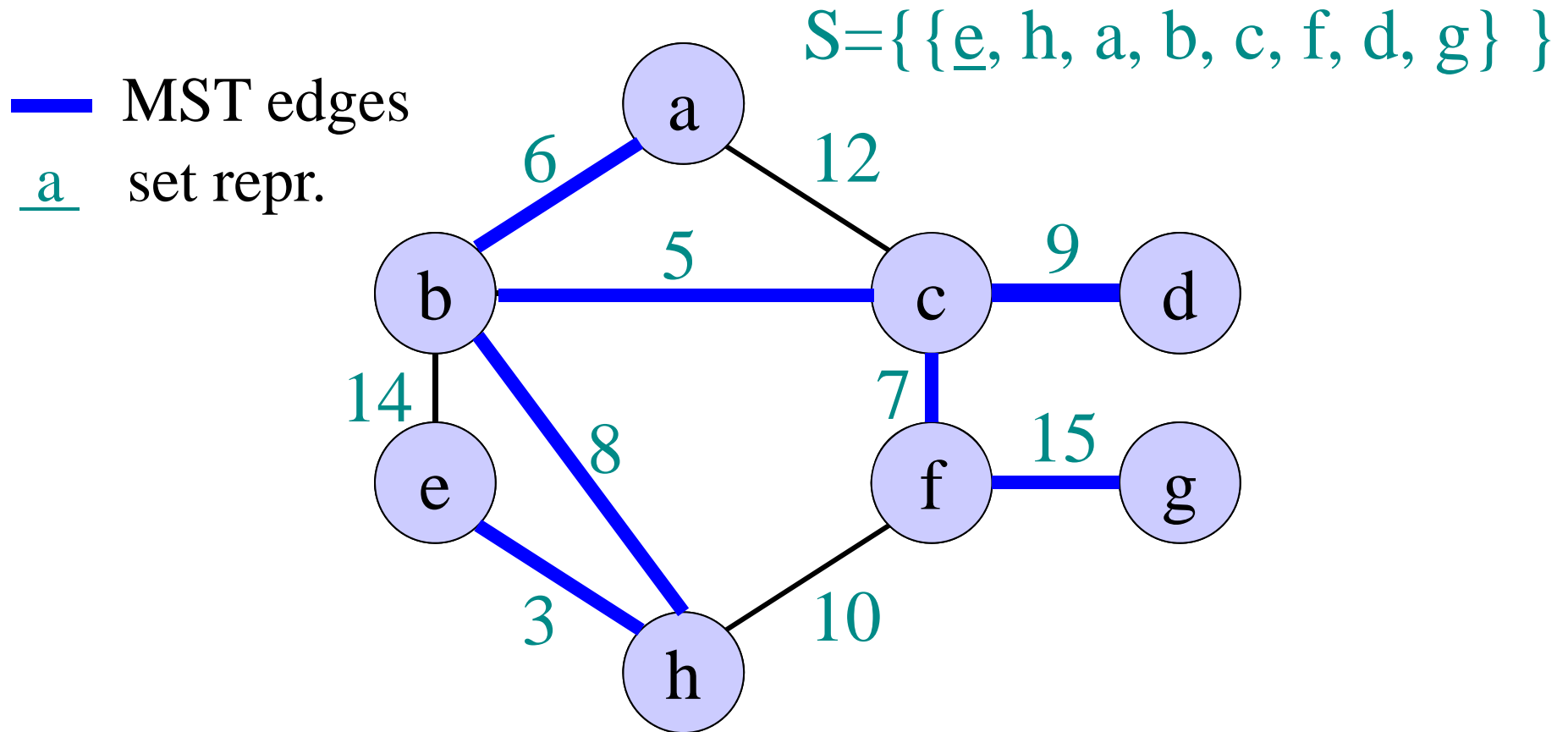
Skip edge 12 as it would cause a cycle.

Example of Kruskal's algorithm



Skip edge 14 as it would cause a cycle.

Example of Kruskal's algorithm



Disjoint-set data structure (Union-Find)

- Maintains a dynamic collection of *pairwise-disjoint* sets $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_r\}$.
- Each set S_i has one element distinguished as the **representative** element.
- Supports operations:
 - $O(1)$ • MAKE-SET(x): adds new set $\{x\}$ to \mathcal{S}
 - $O(\alpha(n))$ • UNION(x, y): replaces sets S_x, S_y with $S_x \cup S_y$
 - $O(\alpha(n))$ • FIND-SET(x): returns the representative of the set S_x containing element x
- $1 < \alpha(n) < \log^*(n) < \log(\log(n)) < \log(n)$

Union-Find Example

The representative is underlined

MAKE-SET(2)

$S = \{\}$

MAKE-SET(3)

$S = \{\{\underline{2}\}\}$

MAKE-SET(4)

$S = \{\{\underline{2}\}, \{\underline{3}\}\}$

FIND-SET(4) = 4

$S = \{\{\underline{2}\}, \{\underline{3}\}, \{\underline{4}\}\}$

UNION(2, 4)

$S = \{\{\underline{2}, 4\}, \{\underline{3}\}\}$

FIND-SET(4) = 2

MAKE-SET(5)

$S = \{\{\underline{2}, 4\}, \{\underline{3}\}, \{\underline{5}\}\}$

UNION(4, 5)

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Kruskal's algorithm

IDEA: Repeatedly pick edge with smallest weight as long as it does not form a cycle.

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$ \triangleright S will contain all MST edges

$O(|V|)$ for each $v \in V$ do MAKE-SET(v)

$O(|E|\log|E|)$ Sort edges of E in non-decreasing order according to w

$O(|E|)$ For each $(u,v) \in E$ taken in this order do

$O(\alpha(|V|))$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if FIND-SET}(u) \neq \text{FIND-SET}(v) \quad \triangleright u,v \text{ in different trees} \\ \quad S \leftarrow S \cup \{(u,v)\} \\ \quad \text{UNION}(u,v) \quad \triangleright \text{Edge } (u,v) \text{ connects the two trees} \end{array} \right.$

Runtime: $O(|V| + |E|\log|E| + |E|\alpha(|V|)) = O(|E|\log|E|)$

MST algorithms

- Prim's algorithm:
 - Maintains one tree
 - Runs in time $O(|E| \log |V|)$, with binary heaps.
- Kruskal's algorithm:
 - Maintains a forest and uses the disjoint-set data structure
 - Runs in time $O(|E| \log |E|)$
- Best to date: Randomized algorithm by Karger, Klein, Tarjan [1993]. Runs in expected time $O(|V| + |E|)$