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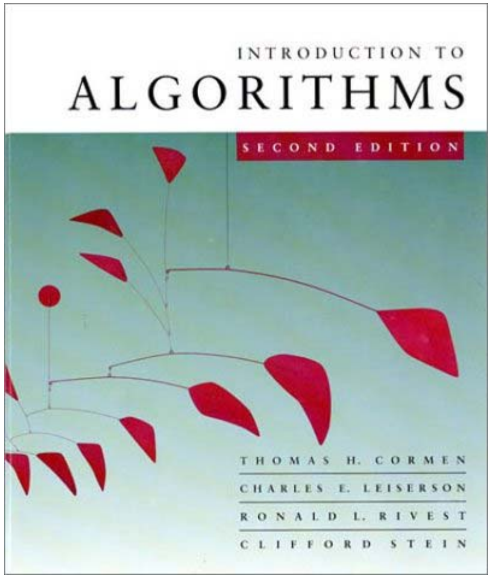

Minimum Spanning Trees

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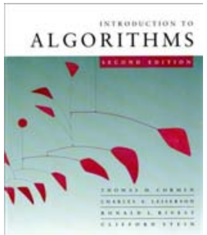


Minimum spanning trees

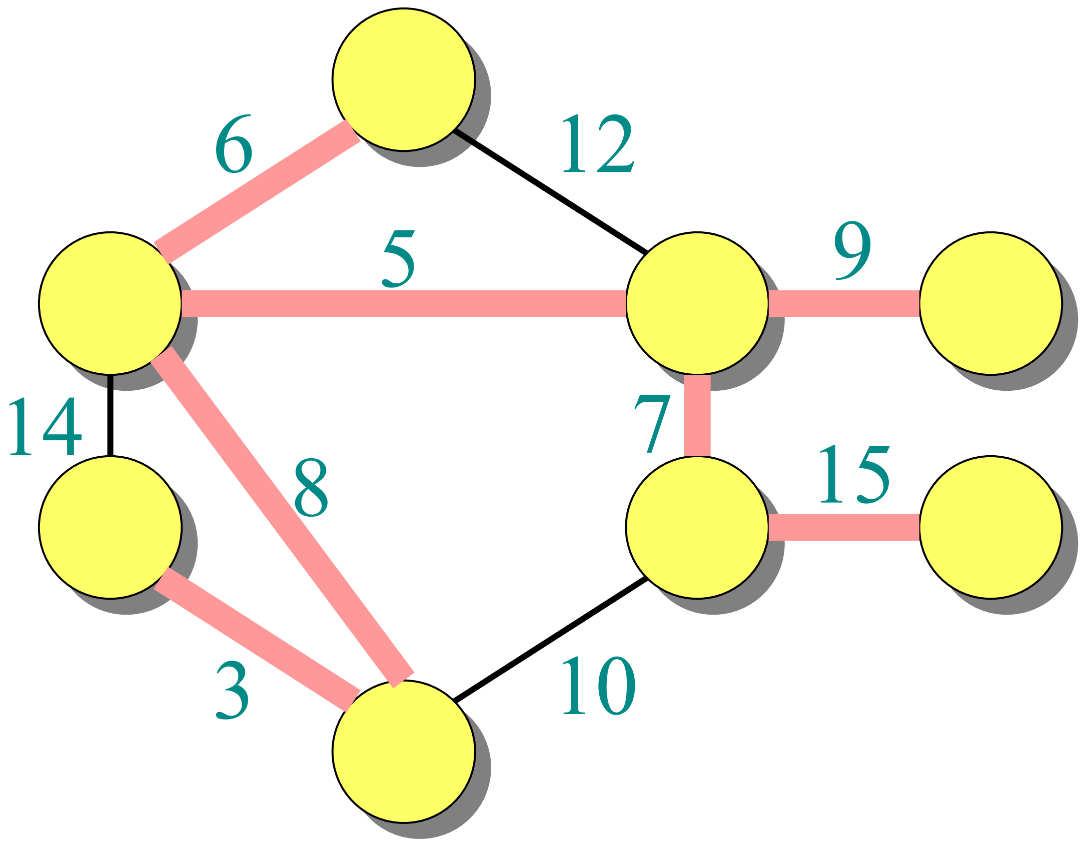
Input: A connected, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with weight function $w : E \to \mathbb{R}$.

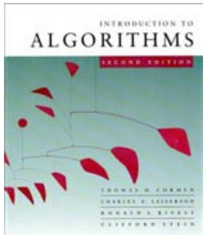
- For simplicity, assume that all edge weights are distinct.

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

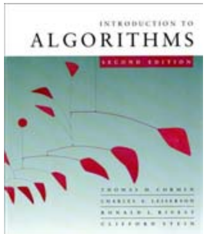




Hallmark for "greedy" algorithms

Greedy-choice property
A locally optimal choice is globally optimal.

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



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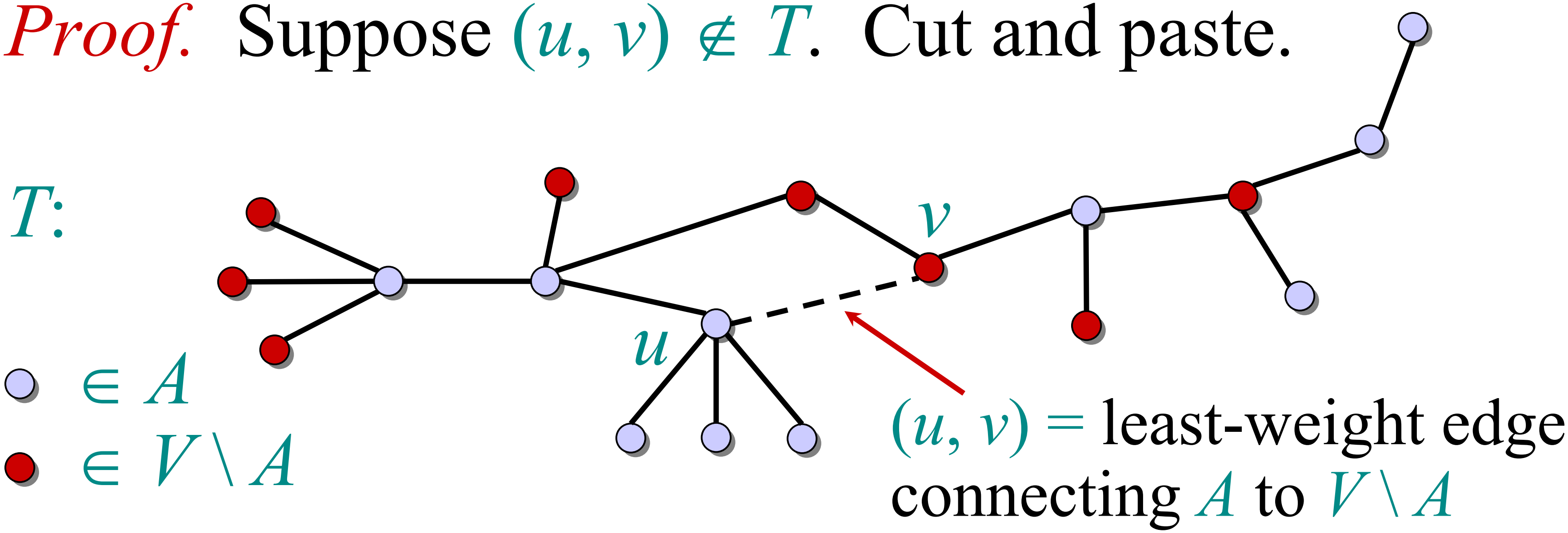

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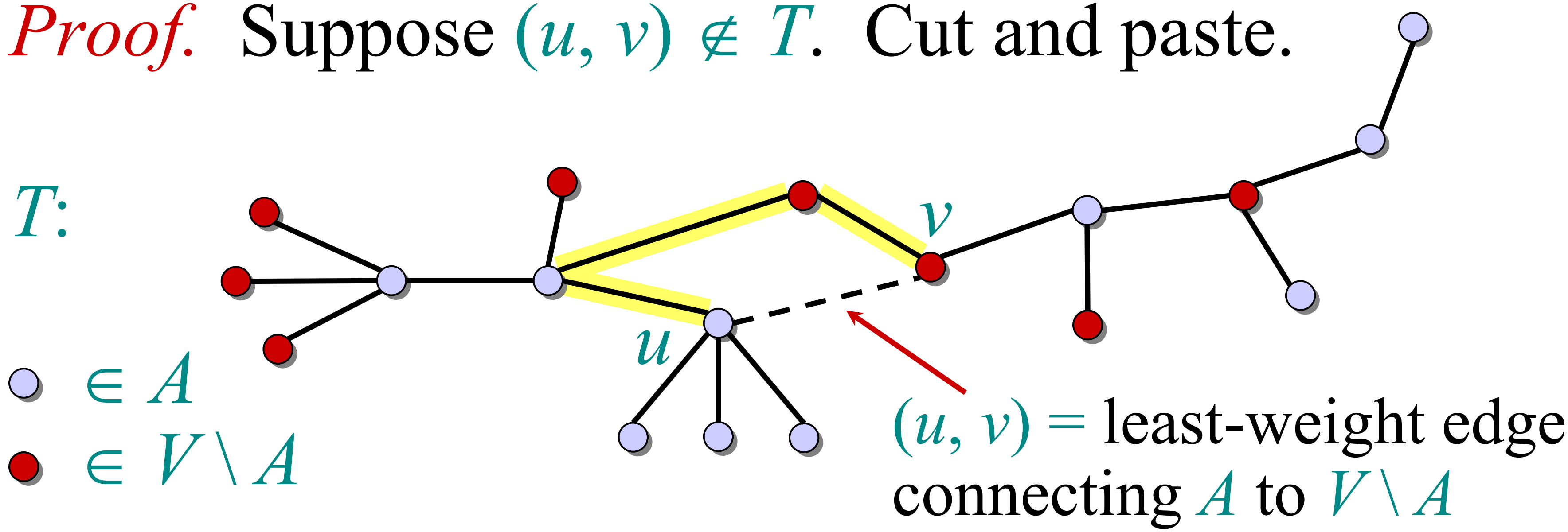

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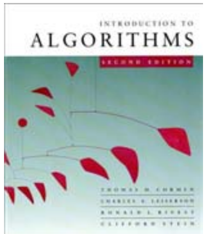

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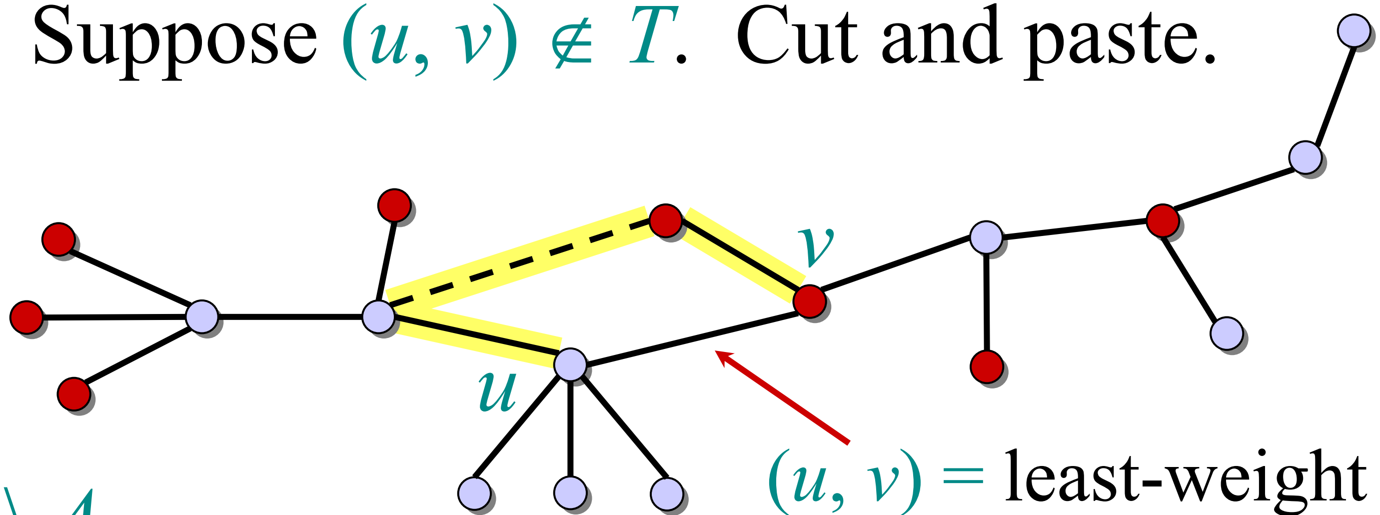

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(u, v) = least-weight edge connecting A to $V \setminus A$

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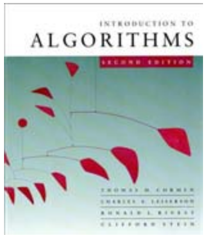
Swap (u, v) with the first edge on this path that connects a vertex in A to a vertex in $V \setminus A$.



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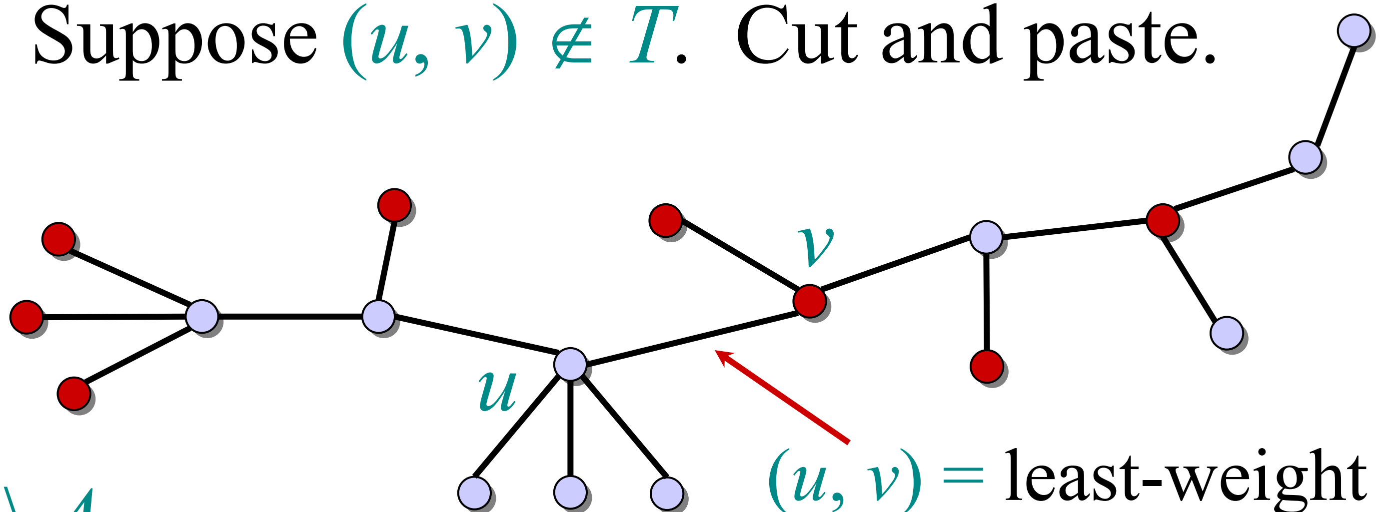

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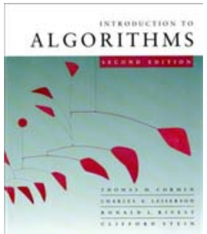
A lighter-weight spanning tree than T results. □



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.

$Q \leftarrow V$
$key[v] \leftarrow \infty$ for all $v \in V$
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while $Q \neq \emptyset$
  do $u \leftarrow$ EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
    for each $v \in Adj[u]$
      do if $v \in Q$ and $w(u, v) < key[v]$
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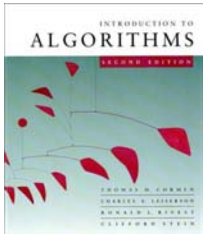
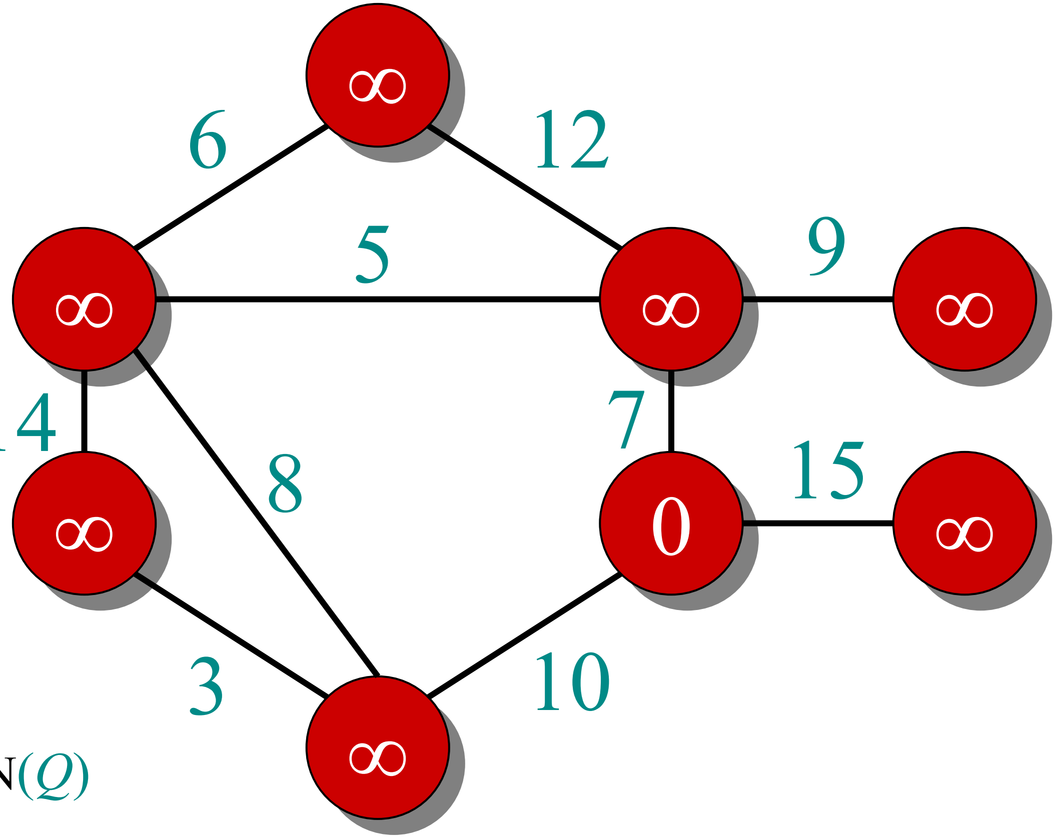
At the end, $\{(v, \pi[v])\}$ forms the MST.



Example of Prim's algorithm

- (light circle) $\in A$
- (red circle) $\in V \setminus A$



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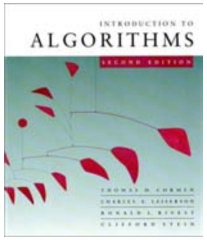

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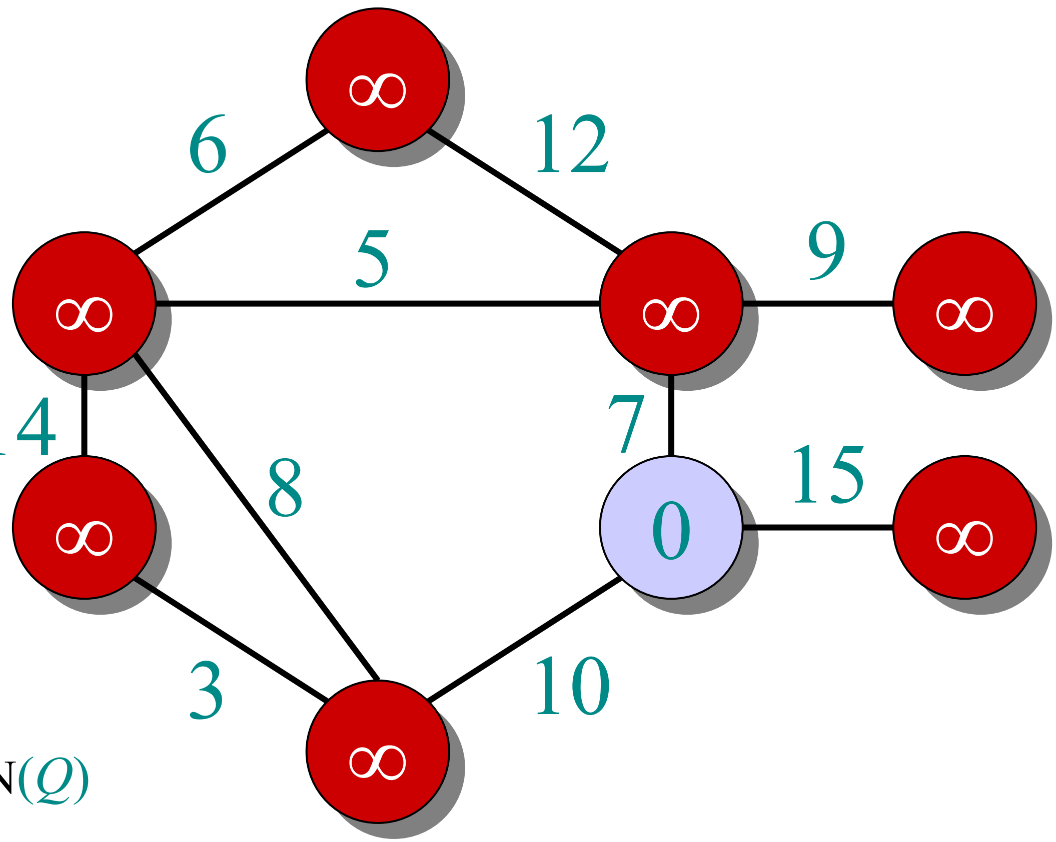

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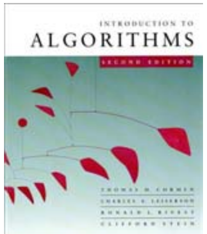

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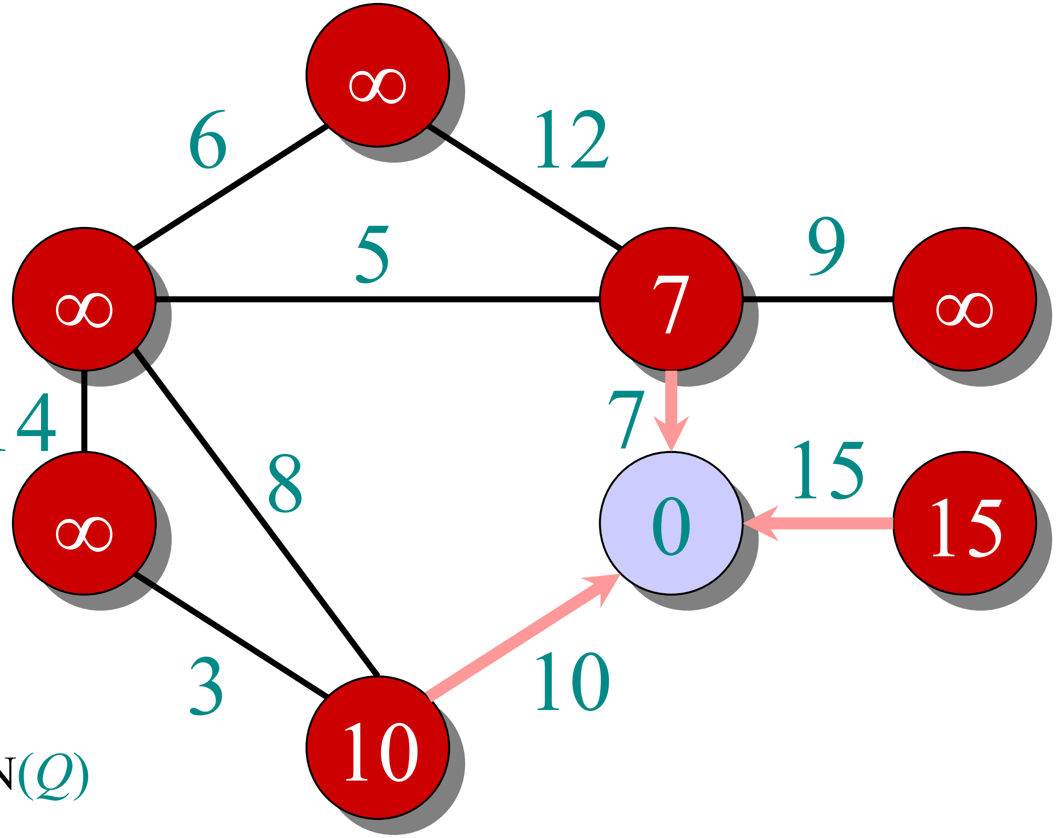

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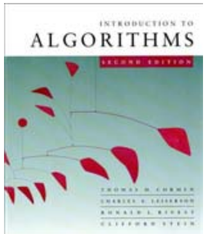

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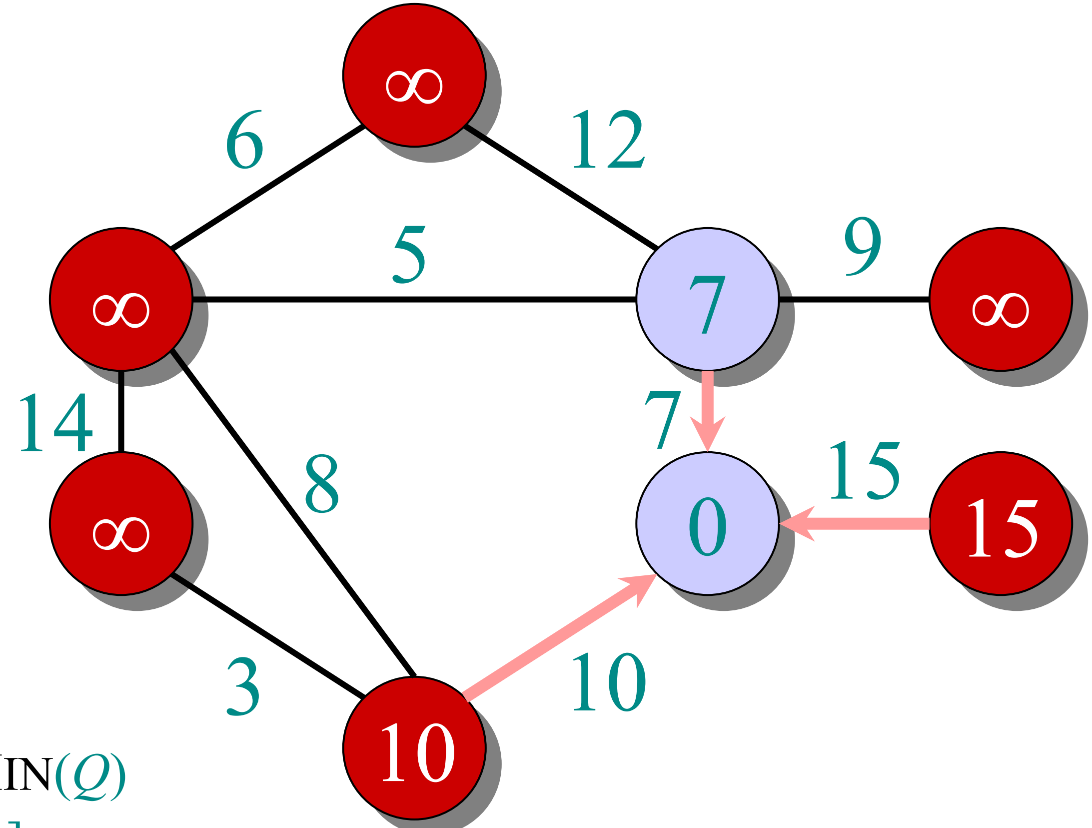

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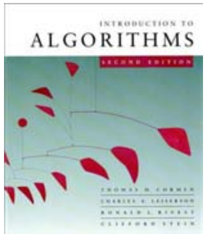

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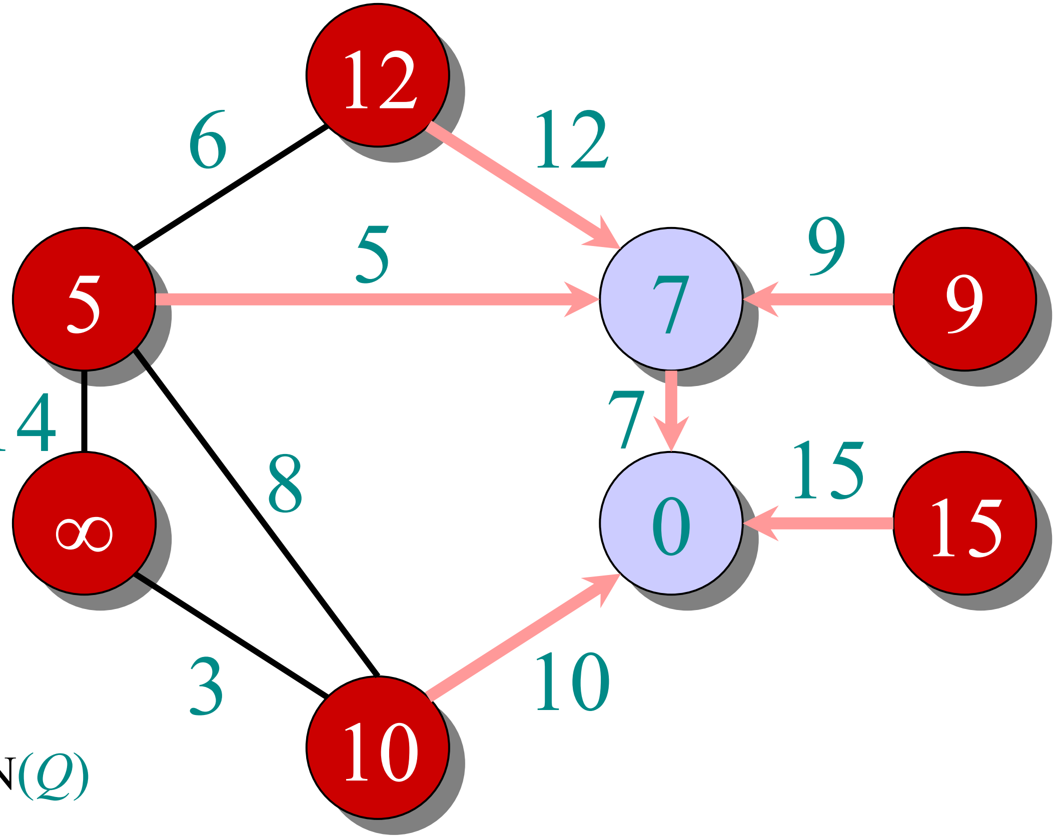

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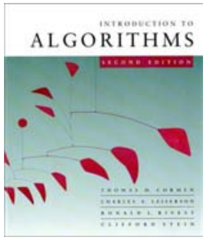

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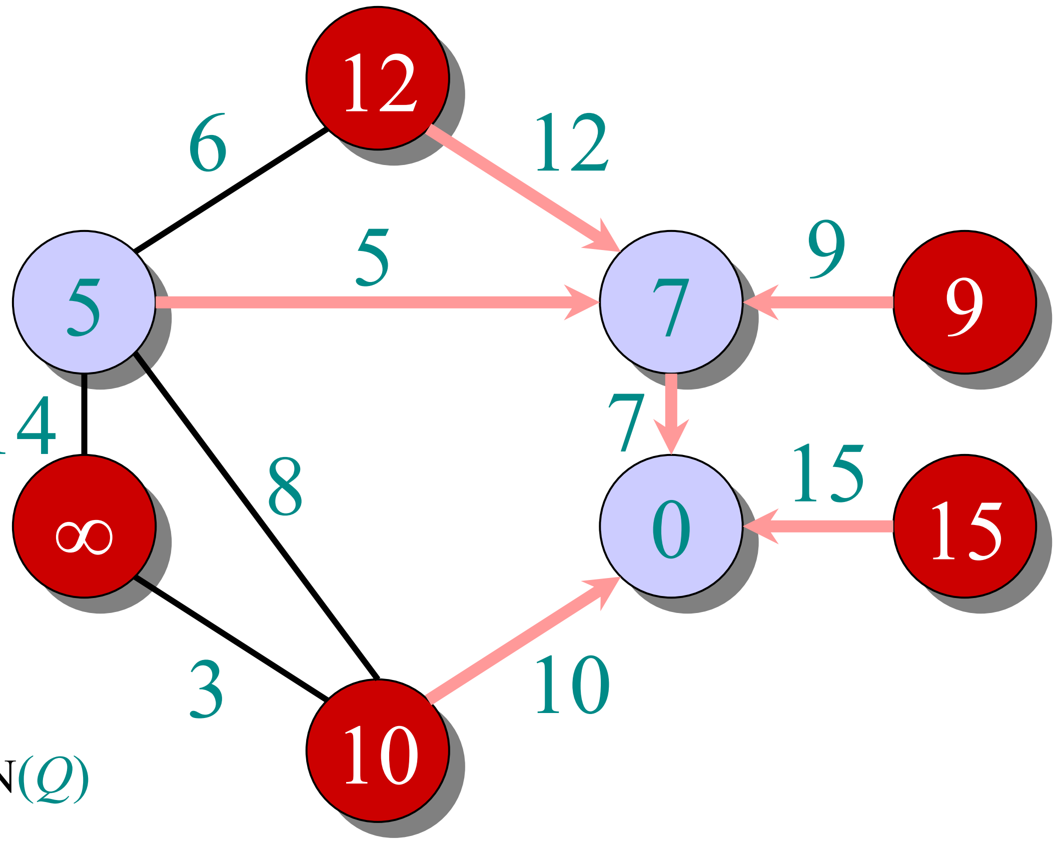

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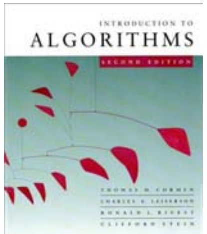

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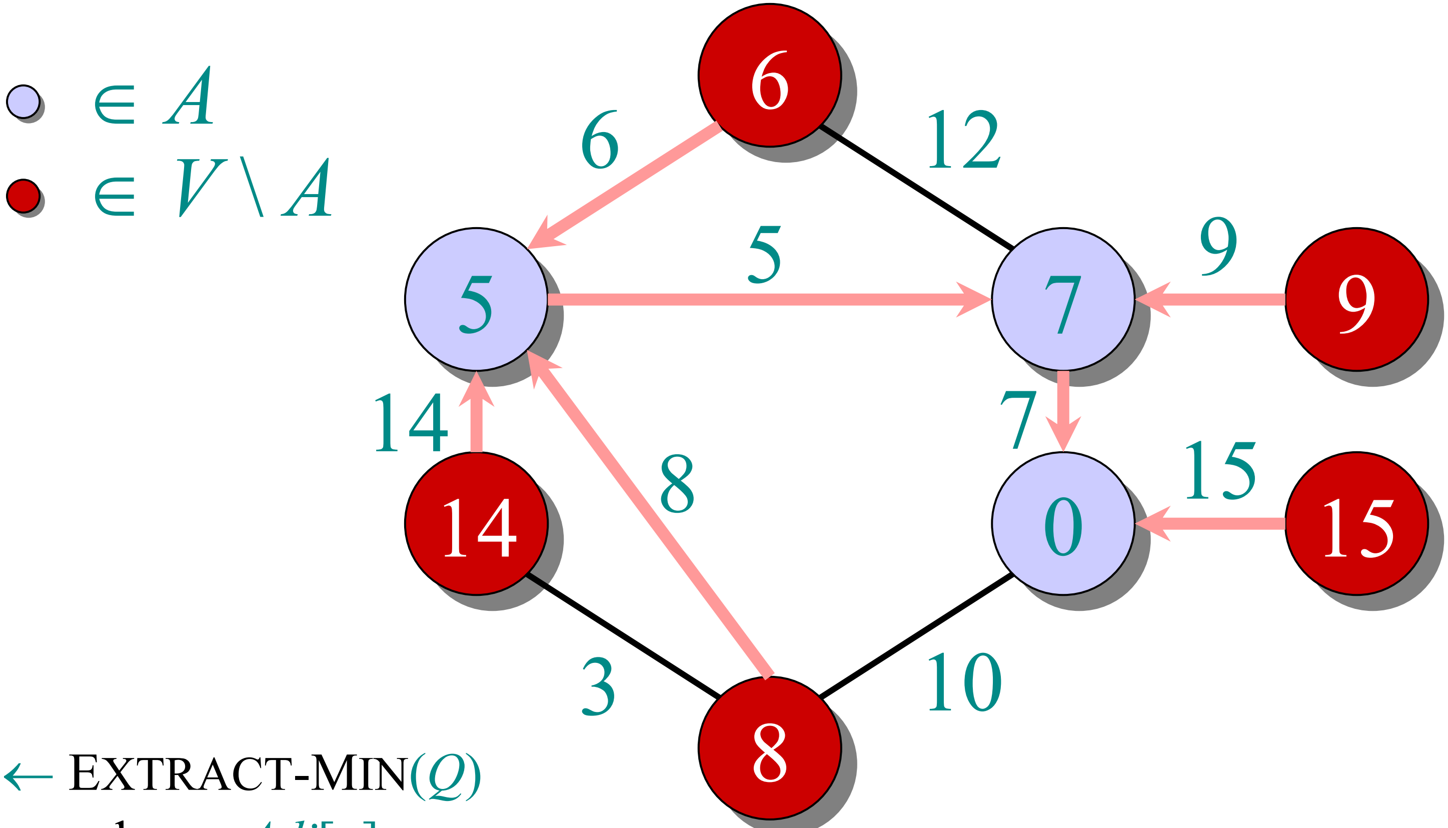

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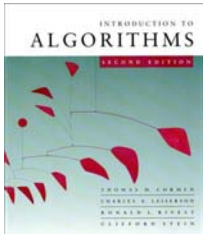

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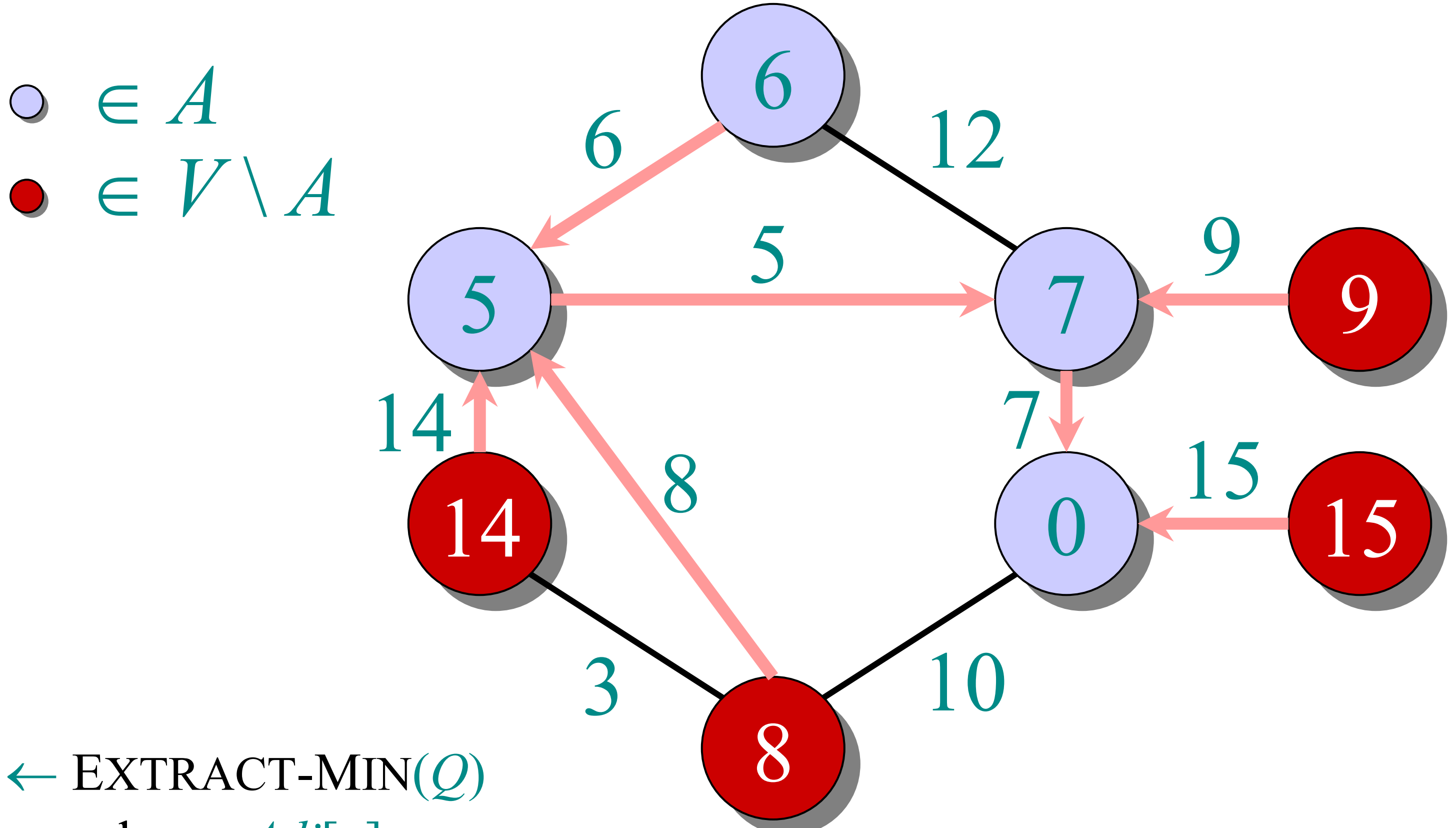

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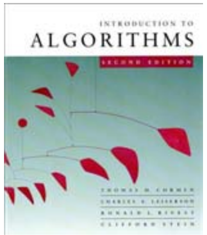

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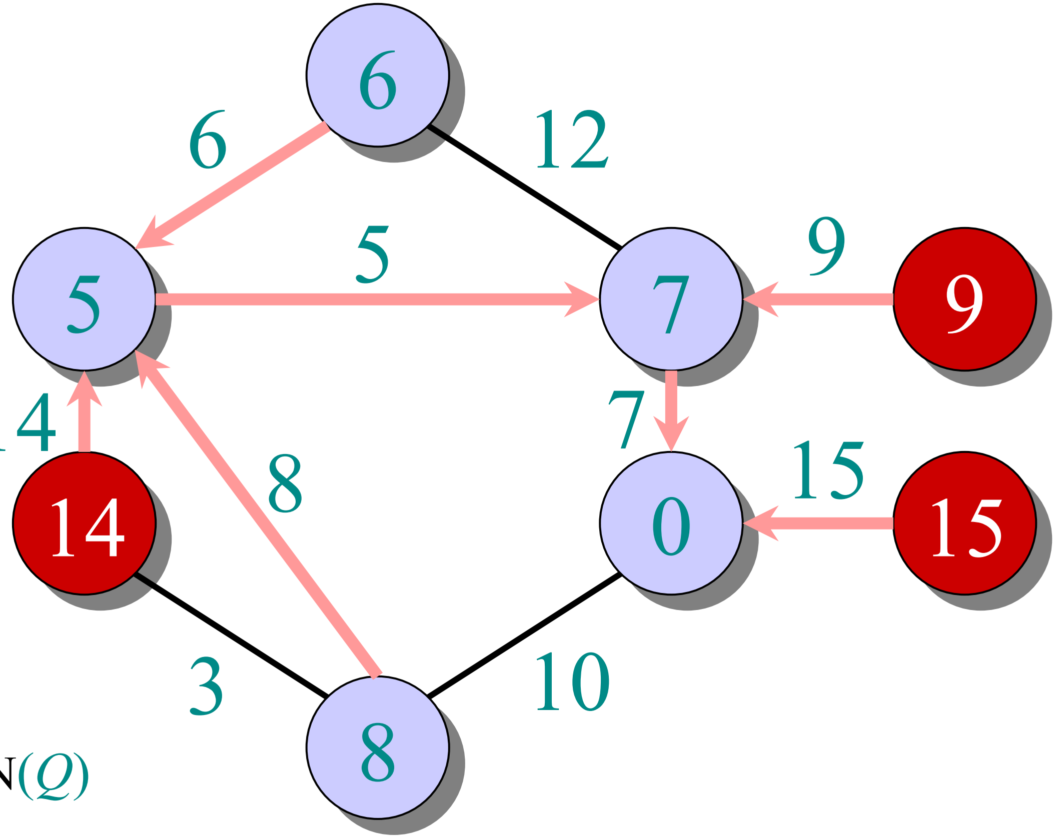

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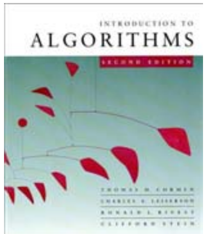

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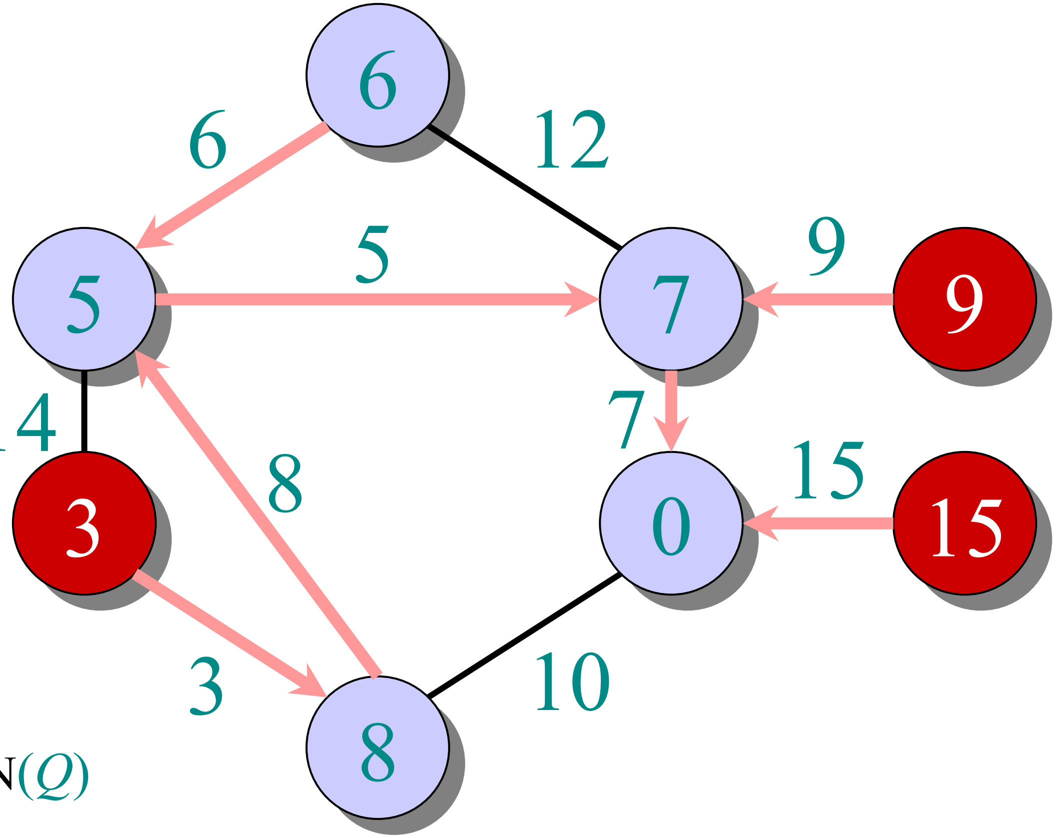

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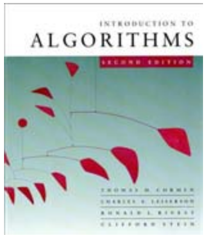

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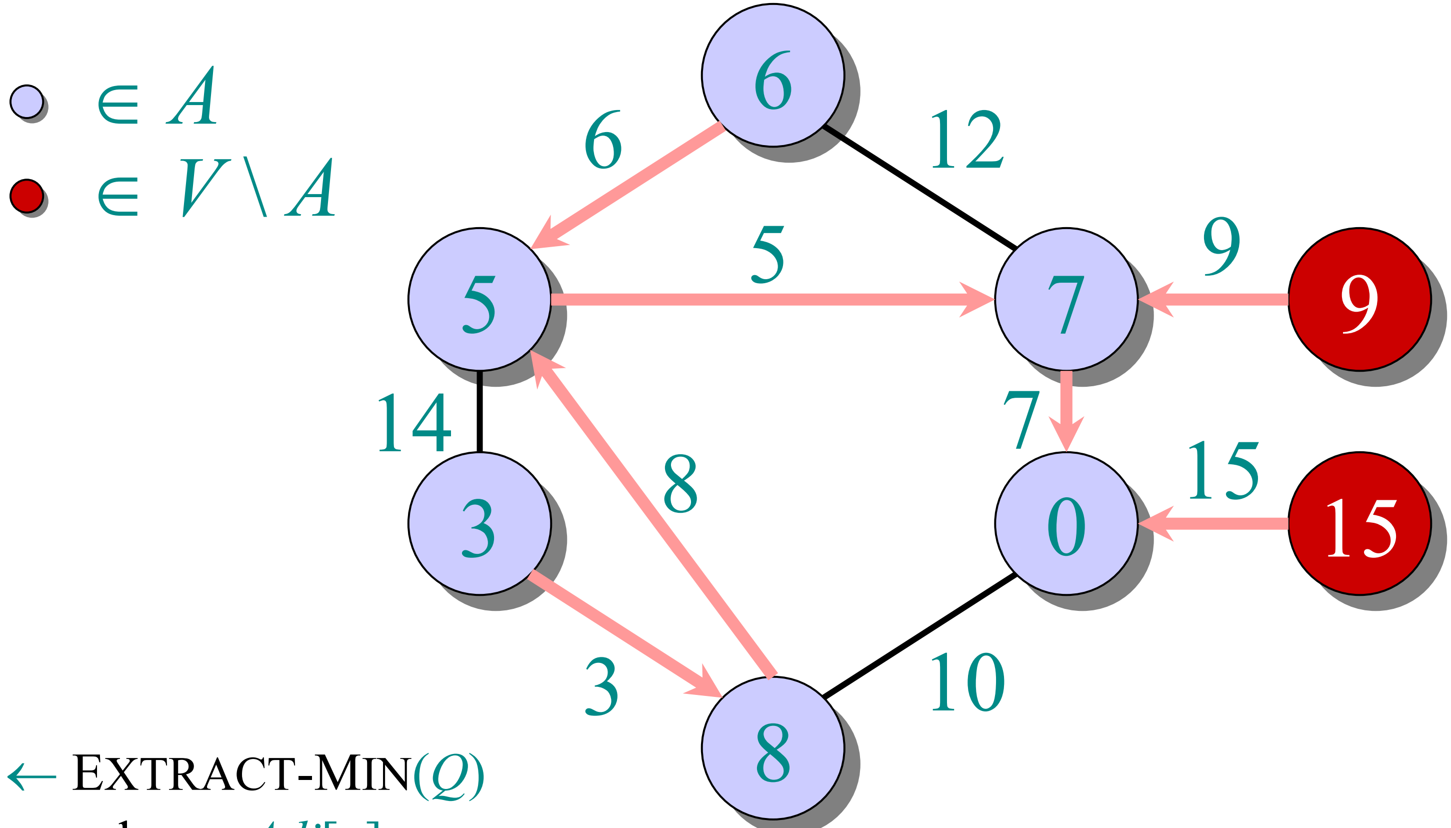

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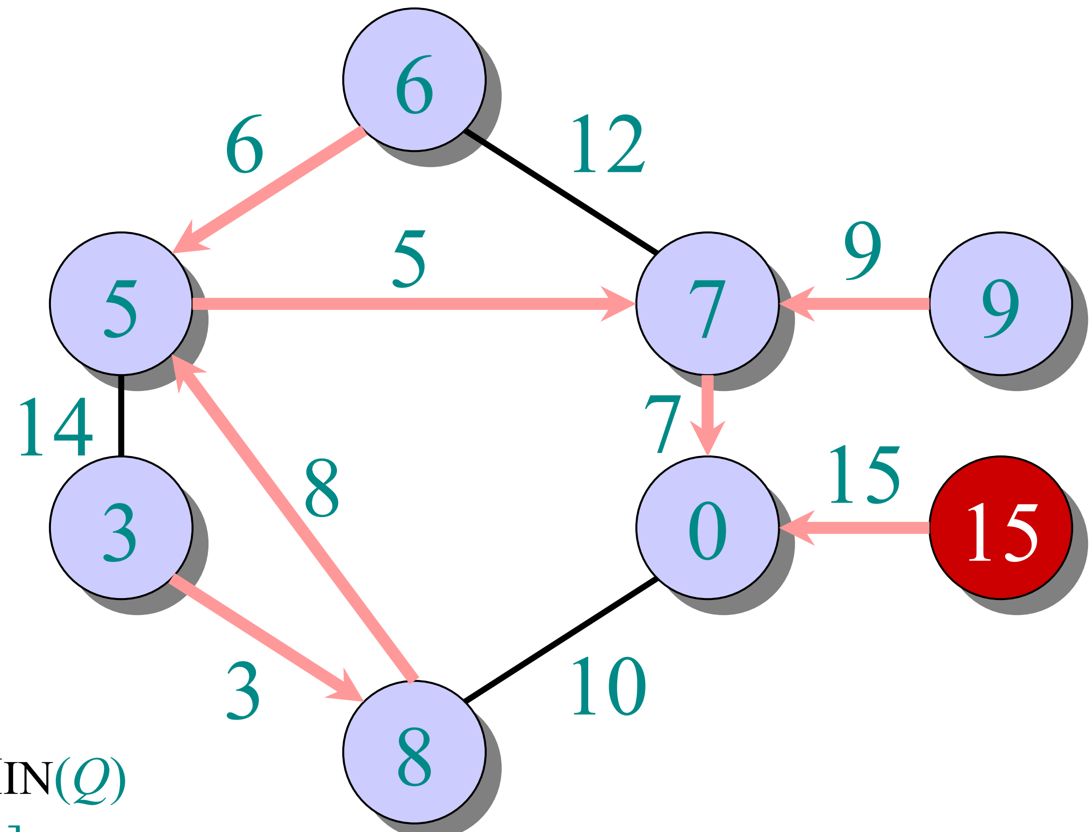

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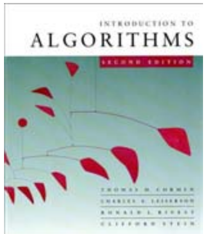

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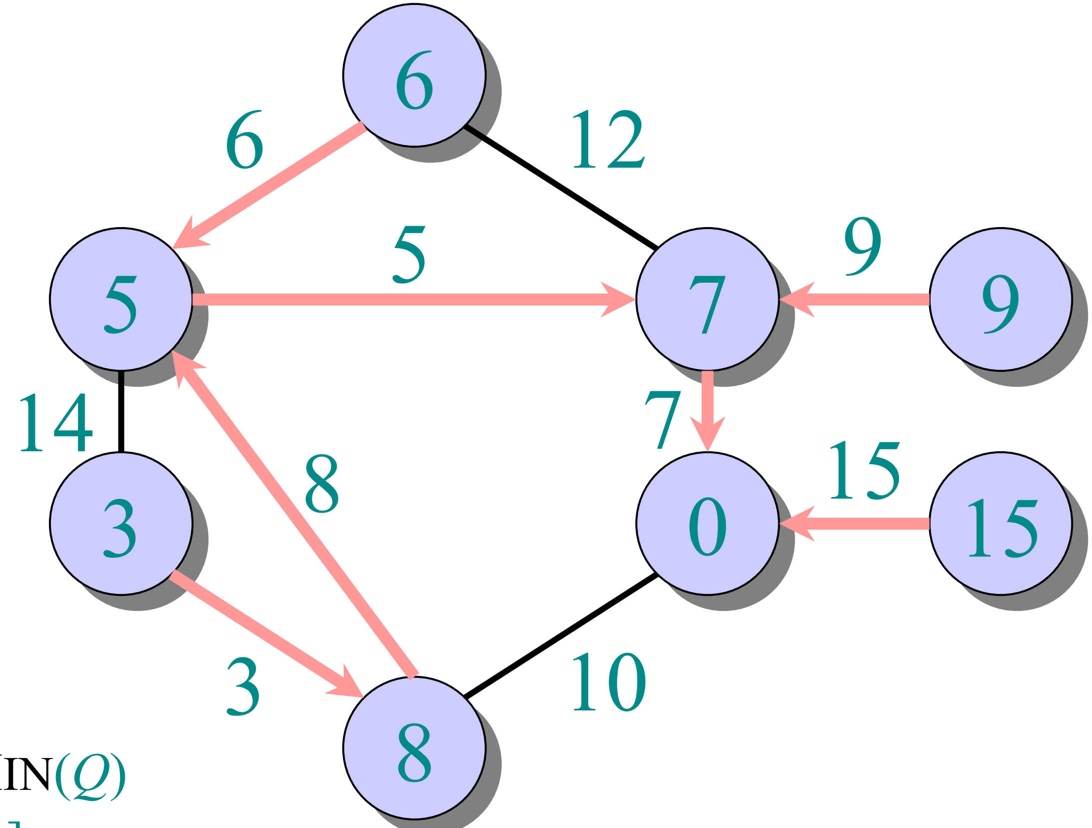

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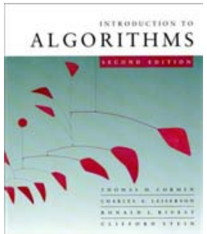

Analysis of Prim

$\Theta(|V|)$ total:

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$|V|$ times:

while $Q \neq \emptyset$
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  $degree(u)$ times:

  for each $v \in Adj[u]$
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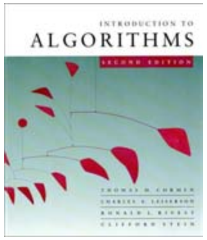
Handshaking Lemma $\Rightarrow$ $\Theta(|E|)$ implicit DECREASE-KEY's.

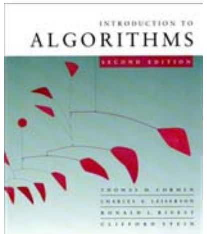
Time $= \Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$



Analysis of Prim (continued)

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	$O(\lvert V\rvert)$	$O(1)$	$O(\lvert V\rvert^2)$
binary heap	$O(\log \lvert V\rvert)$	$O(\log \lvert V\rvert)$	$O(\lvert E\rvert \log \lvert V\rvert)$
Fibonacci heap	$O(\log \lvert V\rvert)$ amortized	$O(1)$ amortized	$O(\lvert E\rvert + \lvert V\rvert \log \lvert V\rvert)$ worst case



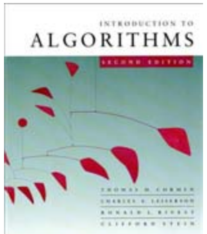
Kruskal's algorithm

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

- The correctness of this greedy strategy is not obvious and needs to be proven. (Proof skipped here.)

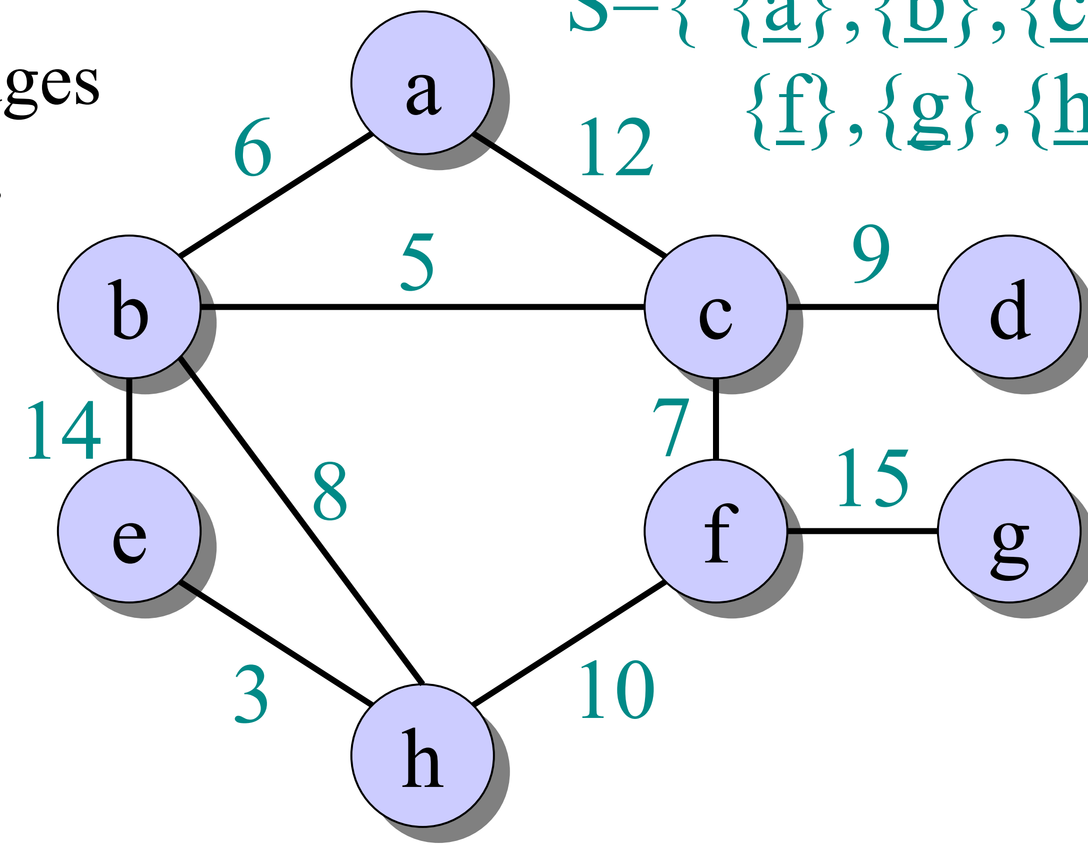


Example of Kruskal's algorithm

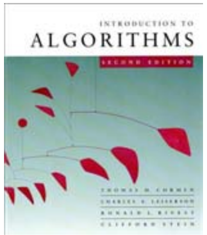
MST edges

a set repr.

S={ {a},{b},{c},{d},{e} {f},{g},{h} }



Every node is a single tree.



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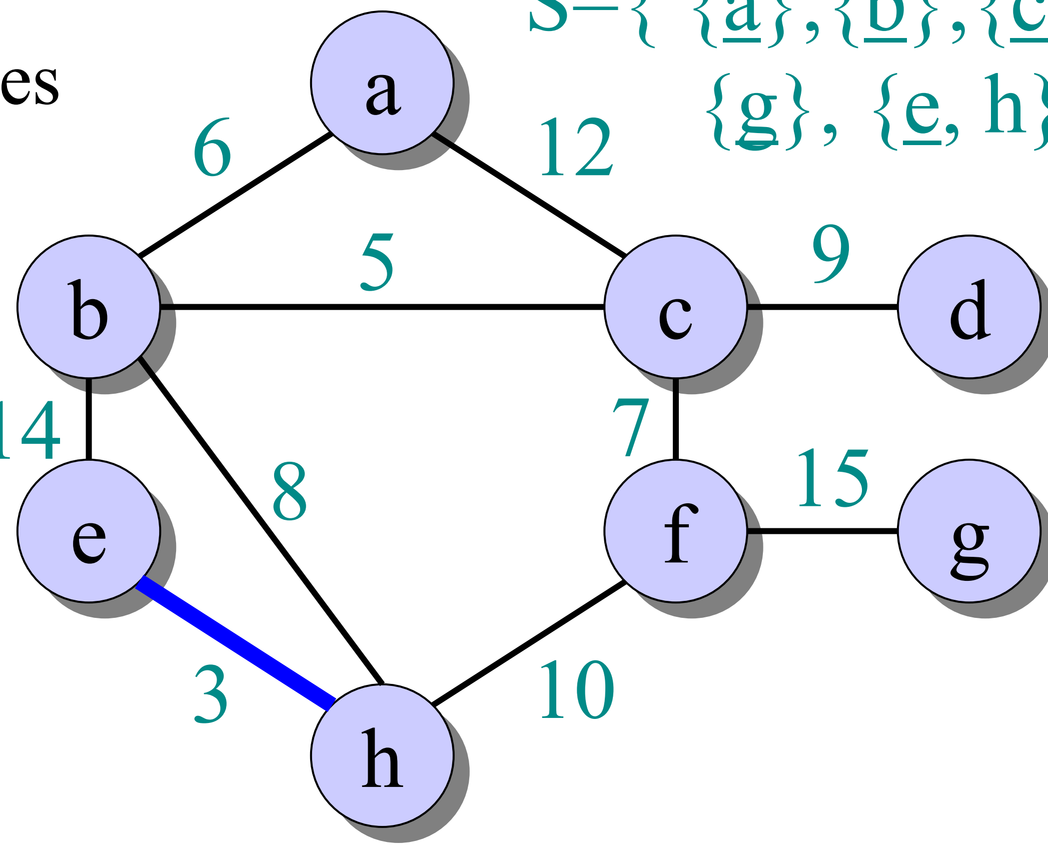
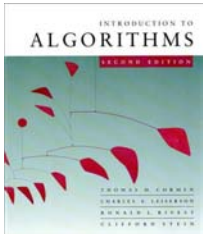


Edge 3 merged two singleton trees.



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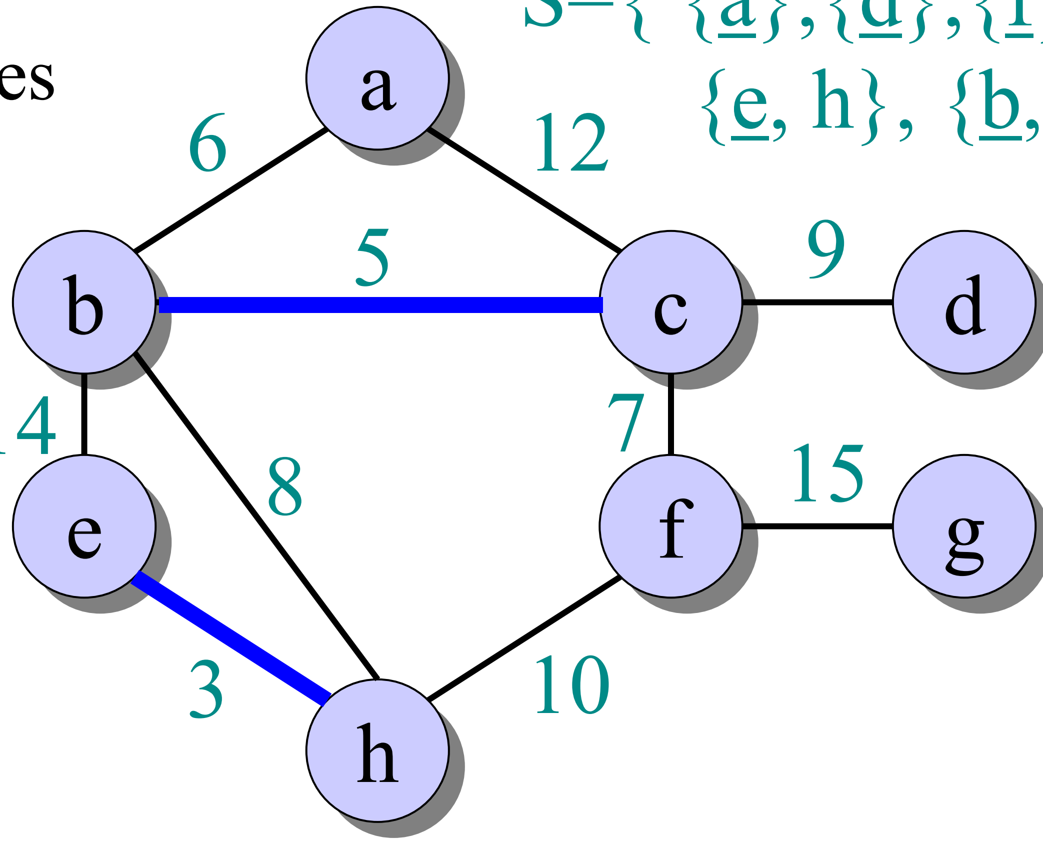

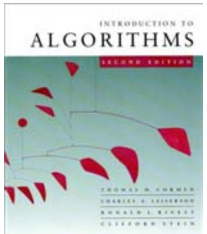

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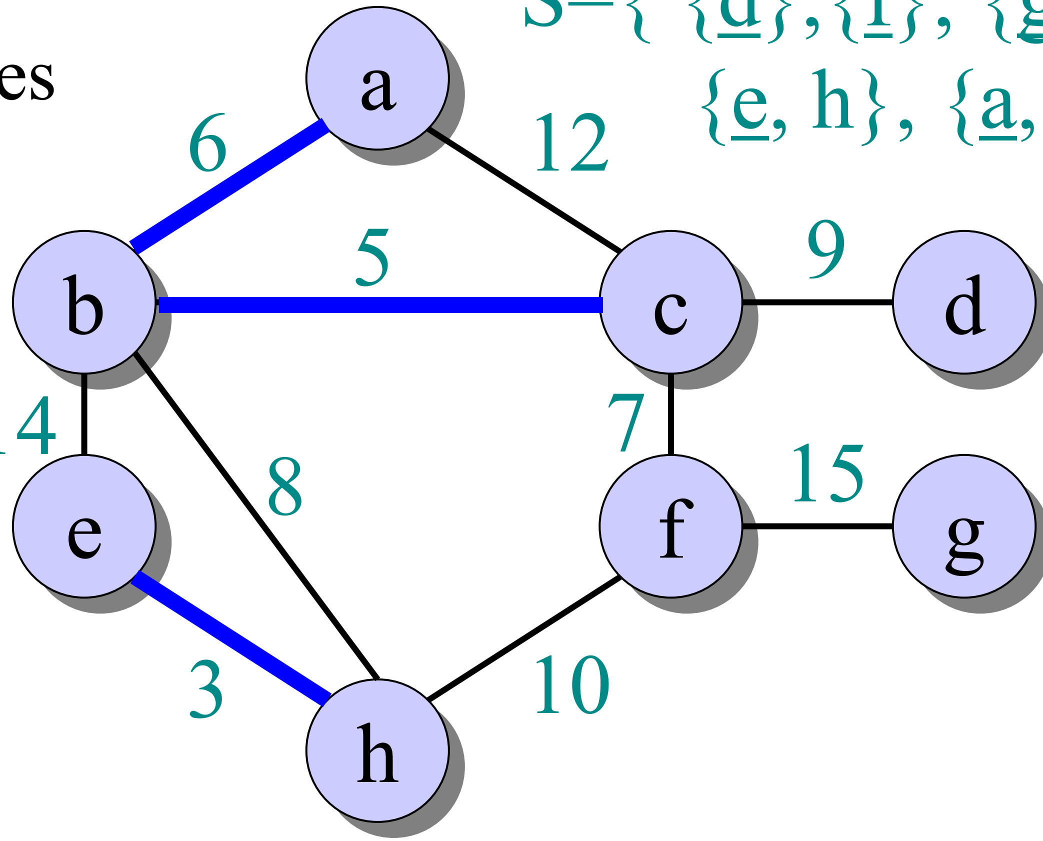

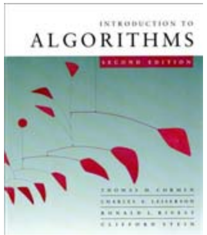

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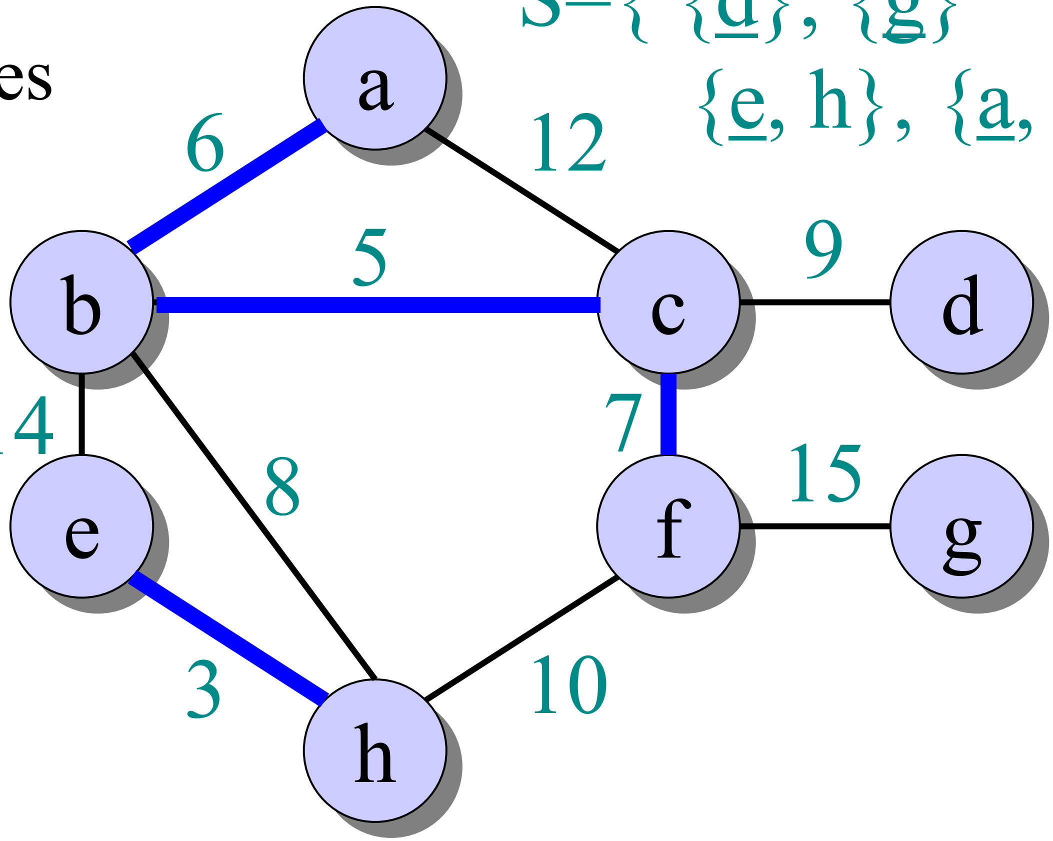
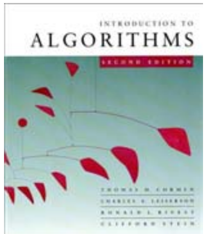


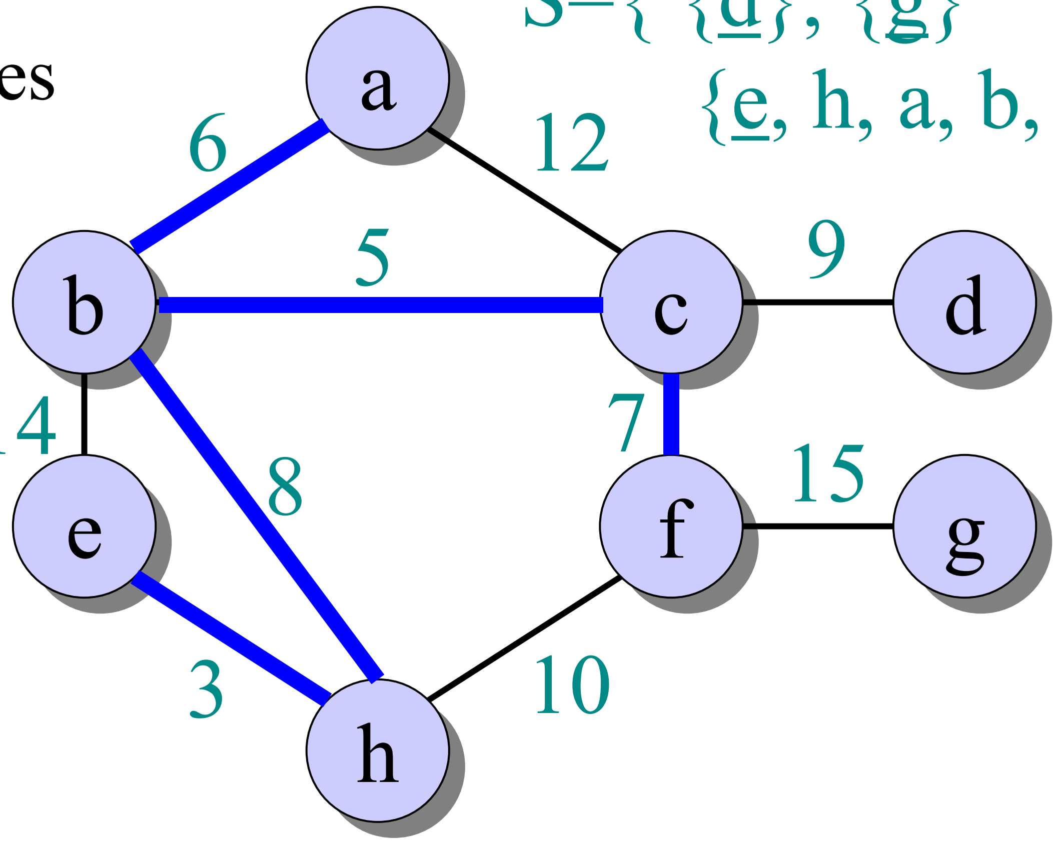


Example of Kruskal's algorithm

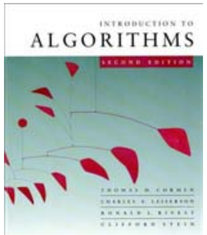
MST edges

a set repr.

S={ {d}, {g}
{e, h, a, b, c, f} }



Edge 8 merged the two bigger trees.



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MST edges

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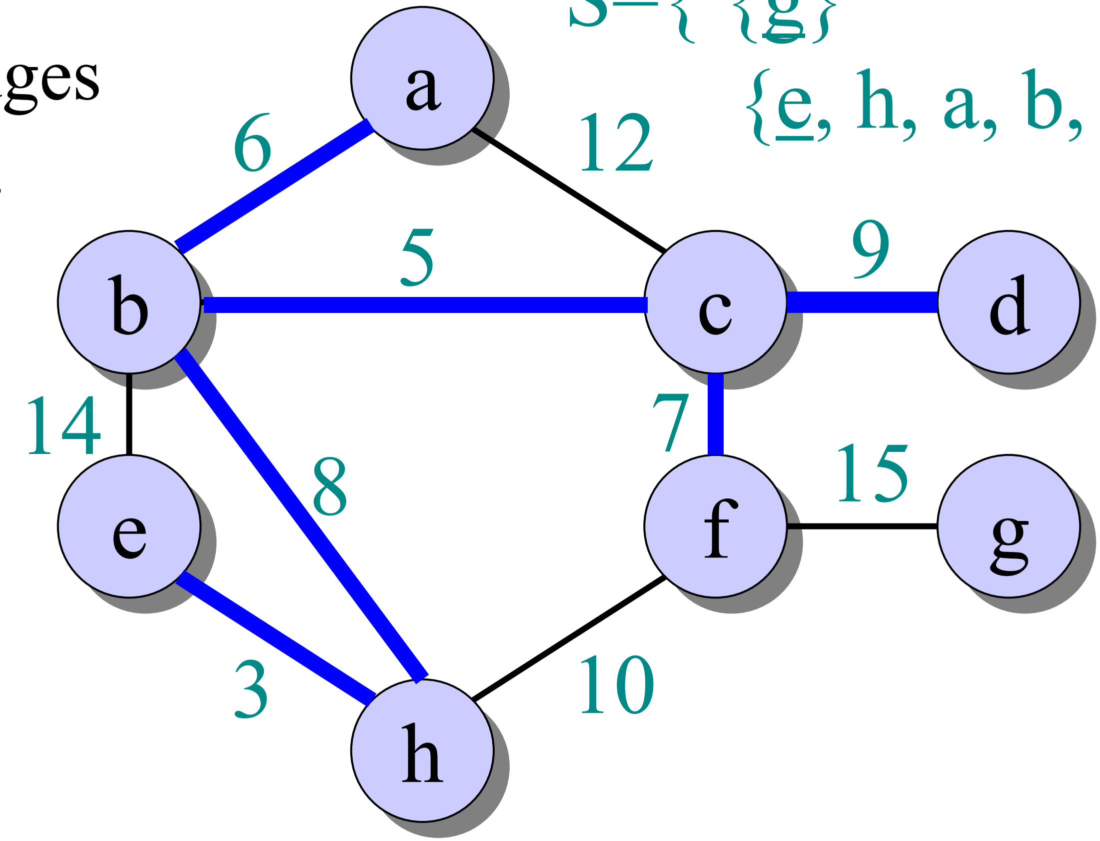

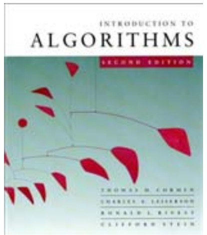

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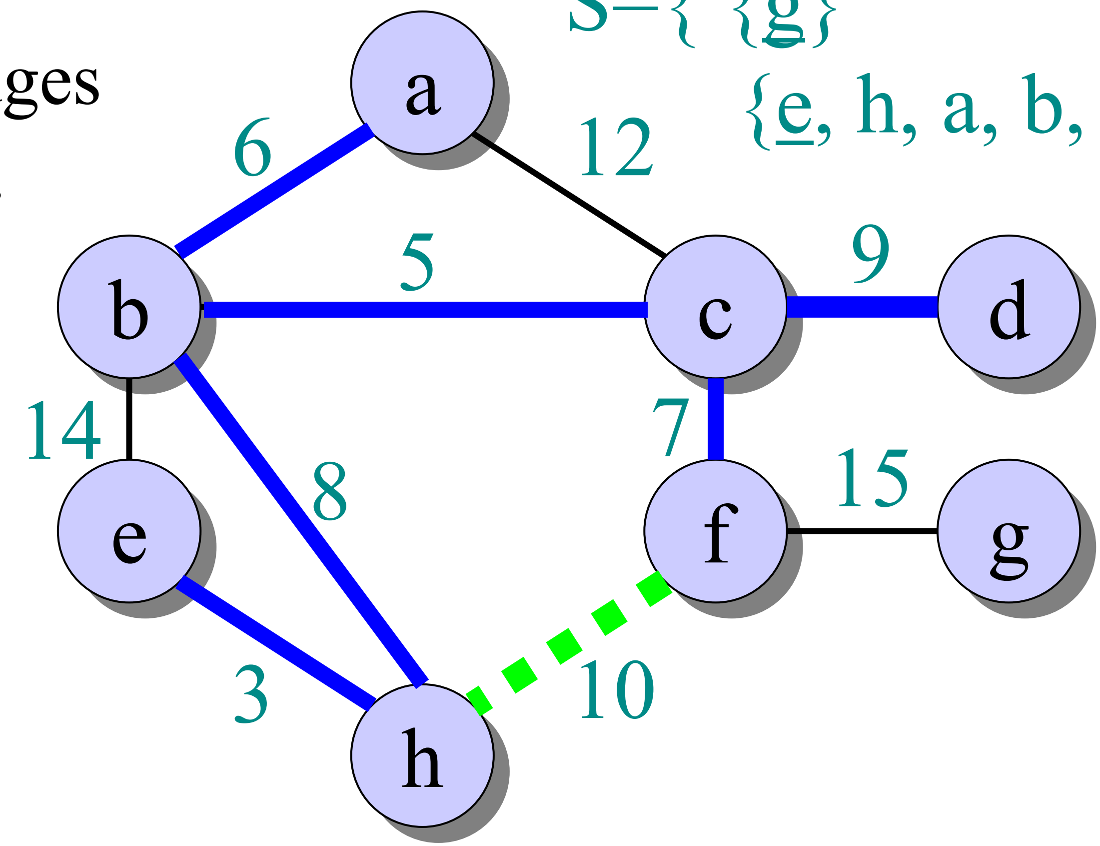
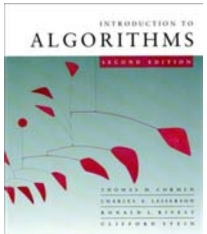


Skip edge 10 as it would cause a cycle.



Example of Kruskal's algorithm

MST edges

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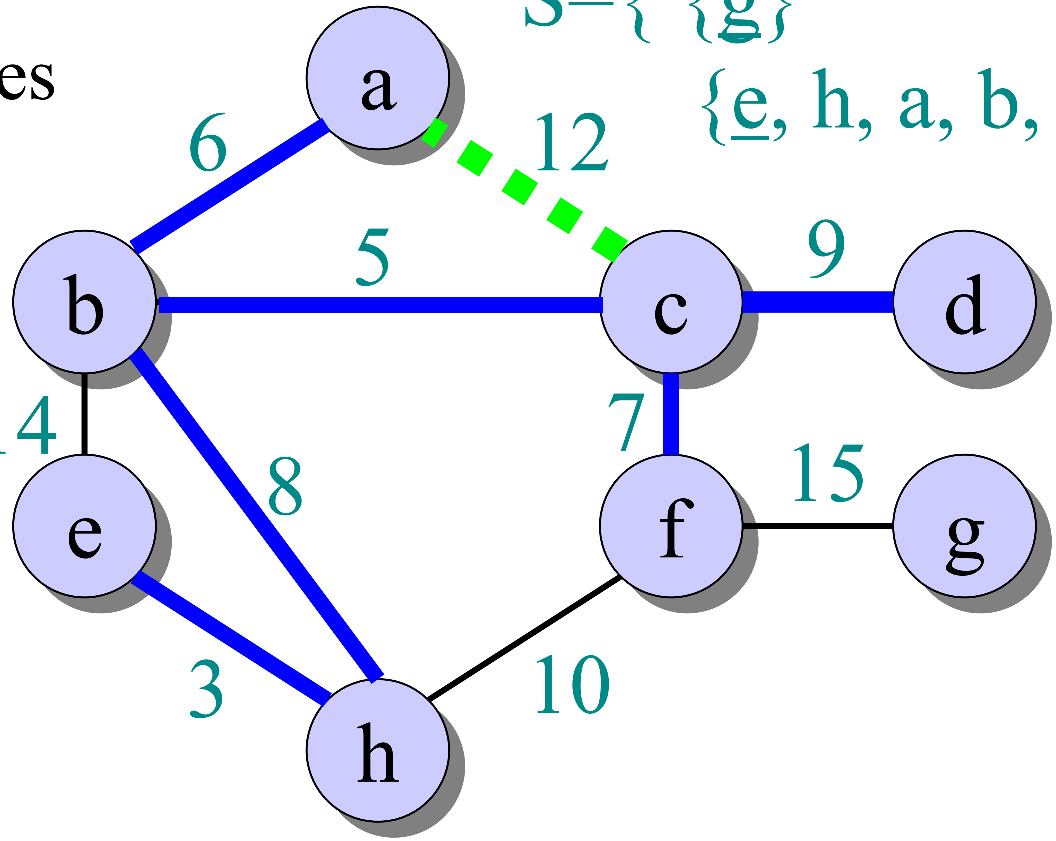
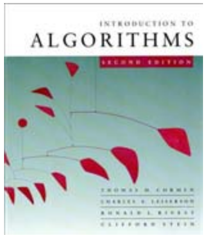
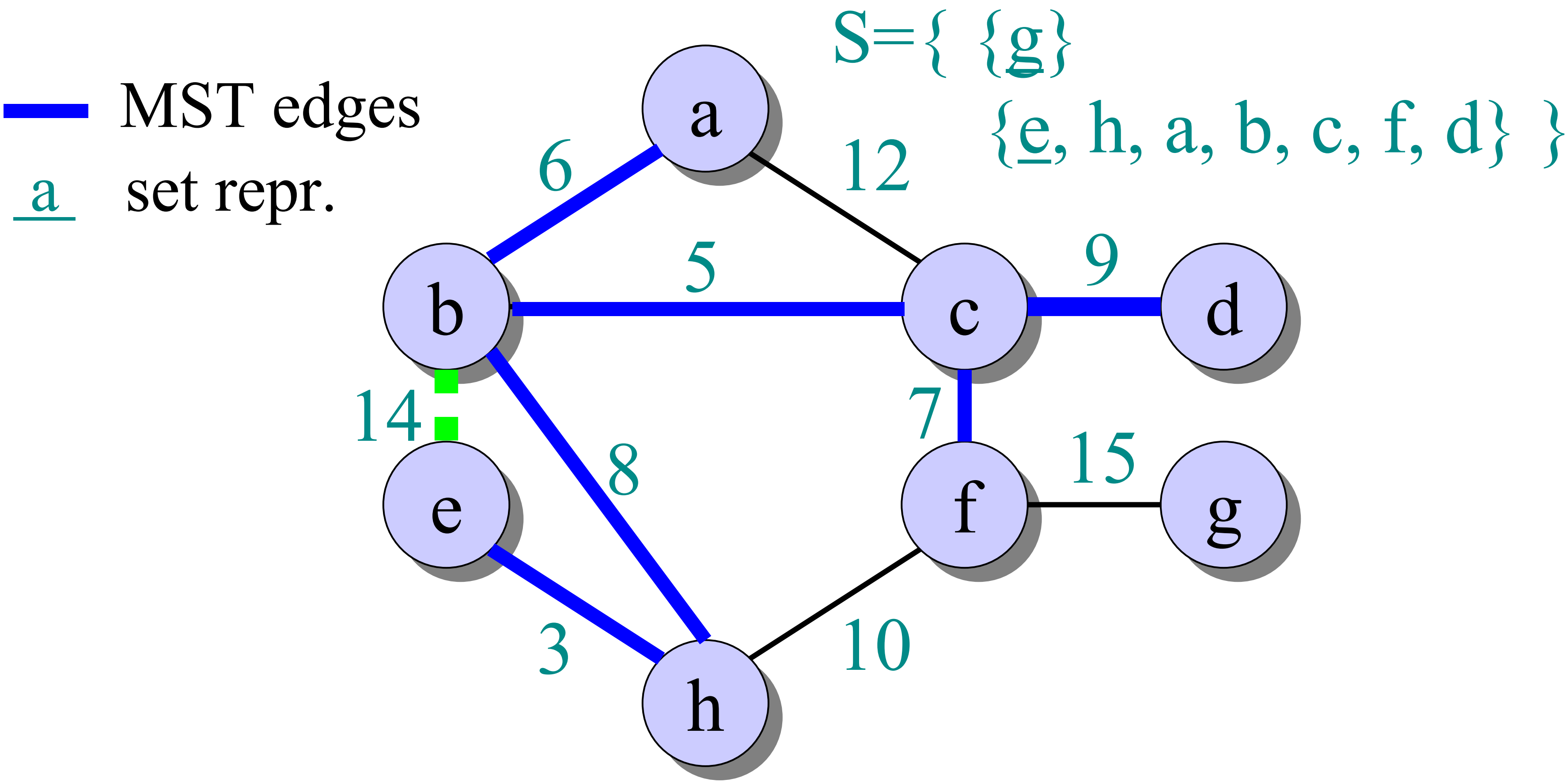


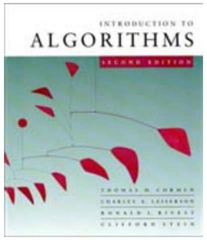
Skip edge 12 as it would cause a cycle.



Example of Kruskal's algorithm



Skip edge 14 as it would cause a cycle.

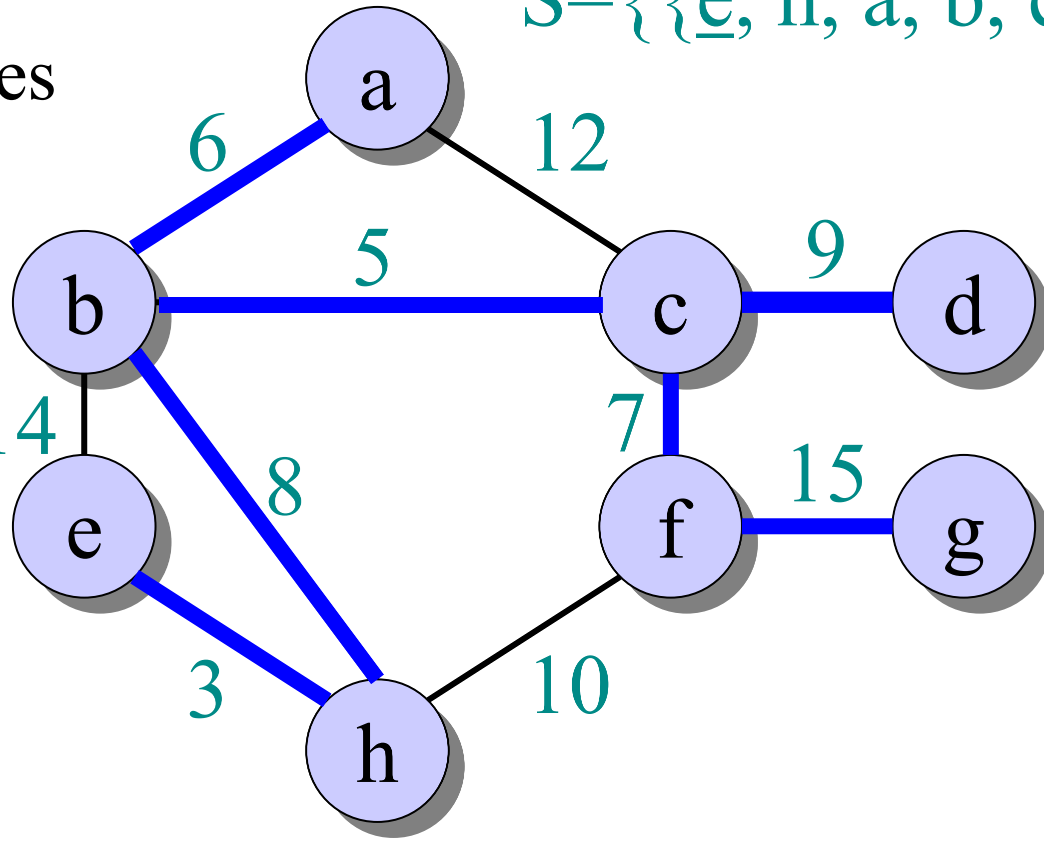


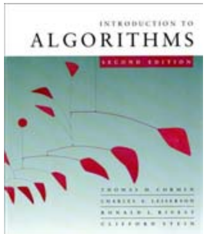
Example of Kruskal’s algorithm

S={ {<u>e</u>, h, a, b, c, f, d, g} }

MST edges

<u>a</u> set repr.



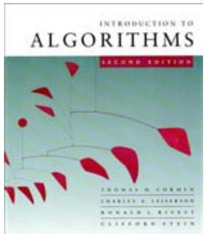


Disjoint-set data structure (Union-Find)

- Maintains a dynamic collection of *pairwise-disjoint* sets $\mathsf{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_r\}$.
- Each set S_i has one element distinguished as the **representative** element.
- Supports operations:

$O(1)$	• MAKE-SET(x): adds new set $\{x\}$ to 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

- $1 < \alpha(n) < \log^*(n) < \log(\log(n)) < \log(n)$



Kruskal's algorithm

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

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

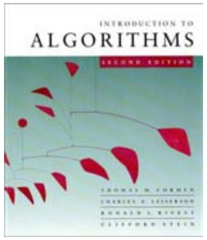
$O(|V|)$ **for** each $v \in V$ **do** MAKE-SET(v)

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

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

$O(\alpha(|V|))$ {
- **if** FIND-SET(u) $\neq$ FIND-SET(v) ▷ u,v in different trees
  - $A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u,v)\}$
  - UNION(u,v) ▷ Edge (u,v) connects the two trees

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