

## Objectives

- Minimum Spanning Tree
- Union-Find data structure
- Clustering

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## Announcements, Discussion

- Wiki readings
  - Low risk, high reward assignments
  - Helpful feedback
  - Process: follow book closely
  - Wed: Chap 3.6, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4,
- Jeopardy! Challenge
  - Today– Wednesday
  - 7:30 on CBS
  - Answer questions on Sakai forum for 5 pts towards your problem set grade

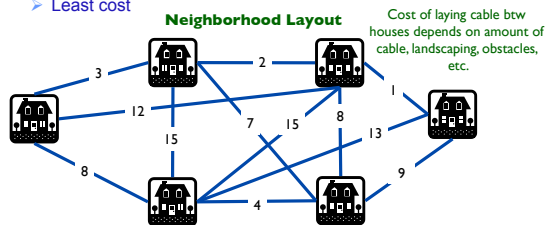
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## Review: Laying Cable

- Comcast knows how to make money and how to save money
- They want to lay cable in a neighborhood
  - Reach all houses
  - Least cost



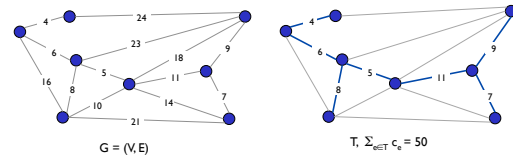
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## Review: Minimum Spanning Tree

- Spanning tree: spans all nodes in graph
- Given a connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with positive edge weights  $c_e$ , an MST is a subset of the edges  $T \subseteq E$  such that  $T$  is a *spanning tree* whose sum of edge weights is *minimized*



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## Review: Greedy Algorithms

*All three algorithms produce a MST*

- **Prim's algorithm.** Start with some root node  $s$  and greedily grow a tree  $T$  from  $s$  outward. At each step, add the cheapest edge  $e$  to  $T$  that has exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .
  - Similar to Dijkstra's (but simpler)
- **Kruskal's algorithm.** Start with  $T = \emptyset$ . Consider edges in ascending order of cost. Insert edge  $e$  in  $T$  unless doing so would create a cycle.
- **Reverse-Delete algorithm.** Start with  $T = E$ . Consider edges in descending order of cost. Delete edge  $e$  from  $T$  unless doing so would disconnect  $T$ .

*What do these algorithms have/do/check in common?*

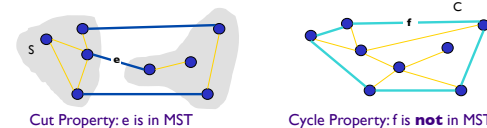
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## Review: Important Properties

- **Simplifying assumption:** All edge costs  $c_e$  are distinct
  - ➔ MST is unique
- **Cut property.** Let  $S$  be any subset of nodes, and let  $e$  be the min cost edge with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ . Then MST contains  $e$ .
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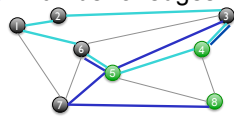
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## Review: Cycle-Cut Intersection

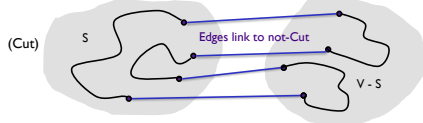
- **Claim.** A **cycle** and a **cutset** intersect in an **even** number of edges



Cycle  $C = 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 6-1$   
 Cut  $S = \{4, 5, 8\}$   
 Cutset  $D = 3-4, 3-5, 5-6, 5-7, 7-8$   
 Intersection =  $3-4, 5-6$

1. Cycle all in S
2. Cycle not in S
3. Cycle has to go from  $S \rightarrow V-S$  and back

- **Proof sketch**



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## Proving Cut Property: OK to Include Edge

- **Simplifying assumption.** All edge costs  $c_e$  are distinct.
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- **Pf.?**

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- **Pf. (exchange argument)**
  - Suppose there is an MST  $T^*$  that does not contain  $e$ 
    - What do we know about  $T$ , by defn?
    - What do we know about the nodes  $e$  connects?

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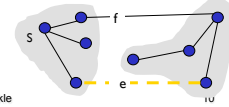
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## Proving Cut Property: OK to Include Edge

- **Cut property.** Let  $S$  be any subset of nodes, and let  $e$  be the **min cost edge** with exactly one endpoint in  $S$ . Then the MST  $T^*$  contains  $e$ .
- **Pf. (exchange argument)**
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  - Adding  $e$  to  $T^*$  creates a cycle  $C$  in  $T^*$
  - Edge  $e$  is in cycle  $C$  and in cutset corresponding to  $S$ 
    - ⇒ there exists another edge, say  $f$ , that is in both  $C$  and  $S$ 's cutset

Which means?

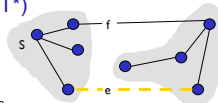


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Ideas about approach?

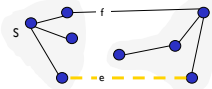
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## Cycle Property: OK to Remove Edge

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- **Pf.** (exchange argument)
  - Suppose  $f$  belongs to  $T^*$
  - Deleting  $f$  from  $T^*$  creates a cut  $S$  in  $T^*$
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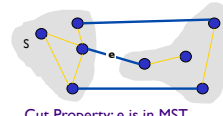
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## Summary of What Just Proved

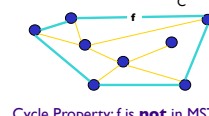
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Cut Property:  $e$  is in MST

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Cycle Property:  $f$  is **not** in MST

## Prim's Algorithm

[Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959]

- Start with some root node  $s$  and greedily grow a tree  $T$  from  $s$  outward.
- At each step, add the cheapest edge  $e$  to  $T$  that has exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

How can we prove its correctness?

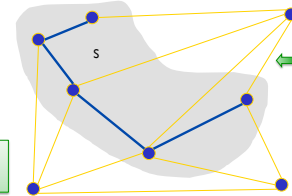
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## Prim's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

- Initialize  $S$  to be any node
- Apply cut property to  $S$ 
  - Add min cost edge  $(v, u)$  in cutset corresponding to  $S$ , and add one new explored node  $u$  to  $S$



Ideas about implementation?

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## Implementation: Prim's Algorithm

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm

- Maintain set of explored nodes  $S$
- For each unexplored node  $v$ , maintain attachment cost  $a[v] \rightarrow$  cost of cheapest edge  $v$  to a node in  $S$

Running Time?

```

foreach (v ∈ V) a[v] = ∞
Initialize an empty priority queue Q
foreach (v ∈ V) insert v onto Q
Initialize set of explored nodes S = ∅
while (Q is not empty)
  u = delete min element from Q
  S = S ∪ {u}
  foreach (edge e = (u, v) incident to u)
    if ((v ∉ S) and (c_e < a[v]))
      decrease priority a[v] to c_e
  
```

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 $O(m \log n)$  with a heap

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while (Q is not empty)  O(n)
  u = delete min element from Q  O(log n)
  S = S ∪ {u}
  foreach (edge e = (u, v) incident to u)  O(deg(u))
    if ((v ∉ S) and (c_e < a[v]))  O(log n)
      decrease priority a[v] to c_e
  
```

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## Kruskal's Algorithm [1956]

- Start with  $T = \phi$
- Consider edges in *ascending order of cost*
- Insert edge  $e$  in  $T$  *unless doing so would create a cycle*
  - Add edge as long as "compatible"

How can we prove algorithm's correctness?

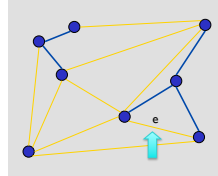
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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

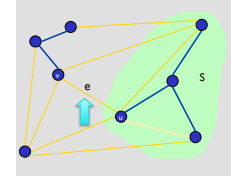
- Consider edges in ascending order of weight
- Case 1:** If adding  $e$  to  $T$  creates a cycle, discard  $e$  according to *cycle property* ( $e$  must be max weight)
- Case 2:** Otherwise, insert  $e = (u, v)$  into  $T$  according to *cut property* where  $S$  = set of nodes in  $u$ 's *connected component*



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Case 1

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Case 2

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## Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

What is tricky about implementing Kruskal's algorithm?

How do we know when adding an edge will create a cycle?

- What are the properties of a graph/its nodes when adding an edge will create a cycle?

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## UNION-FIND DATA STRUCTURE

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## Union-Find Data Structure

- Keeps track of a graph as edges are added
  - Cannot handle when edges are deleted
- Maintains disjoint sets
  - E.g., graph's connected components
- Operations:
  - **Find( $u$ )**: returns name of set containing  $u$ 
    - How utilized to see if two nodes are in the same set?
    - Goal implementation:  $O(\log n)$
  - **Union( $A, B$ )**: merge sets  $A$  and  $B$  into one set
    - Goal implementation:  $O(\log n)$

Best darn U-F Data Structure

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## Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

- Using the **union-find** data structure
  - Build set  $T$  of edges in the MST
  - Maintain set for each connected component

### Costs?

```
Sort edges weights so that  $c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_m$ 
 $T = \{\}$ 
foreach ( $u \in V$ ) make a set containing singleton  $u$ 
for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
  ( $u, v$ ) =  $e_i$ 
  if ( $u$  and  $v$  are in different sets)
     $T = T \cup \{e_i\}$ 
    merge the sets containing  $u$  and  $v$ 
return  $T$ 
```

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## Implementing Kruskal's Algorithm

- Using best implementation of **union-find**
  - Sorting:  $O(m \log n)$   $\leftarrow m \leq n^2 \Rightarrow \log m$  is  $O(\log n)$
  - Union-find:  $O(m \alpha(m, n))$
  - $O(m \log n)$  essentially a constant

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$\leftarrow$  are  $u$  and  $v$  in different connected components?

$\leftarrow$  merge two components

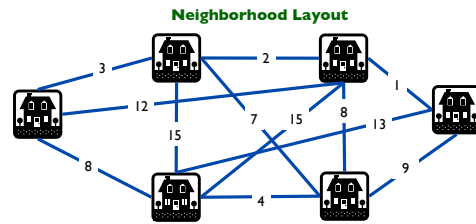
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## Limitations to Applying MST?

- Motivating Example: Comcast laying cable



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