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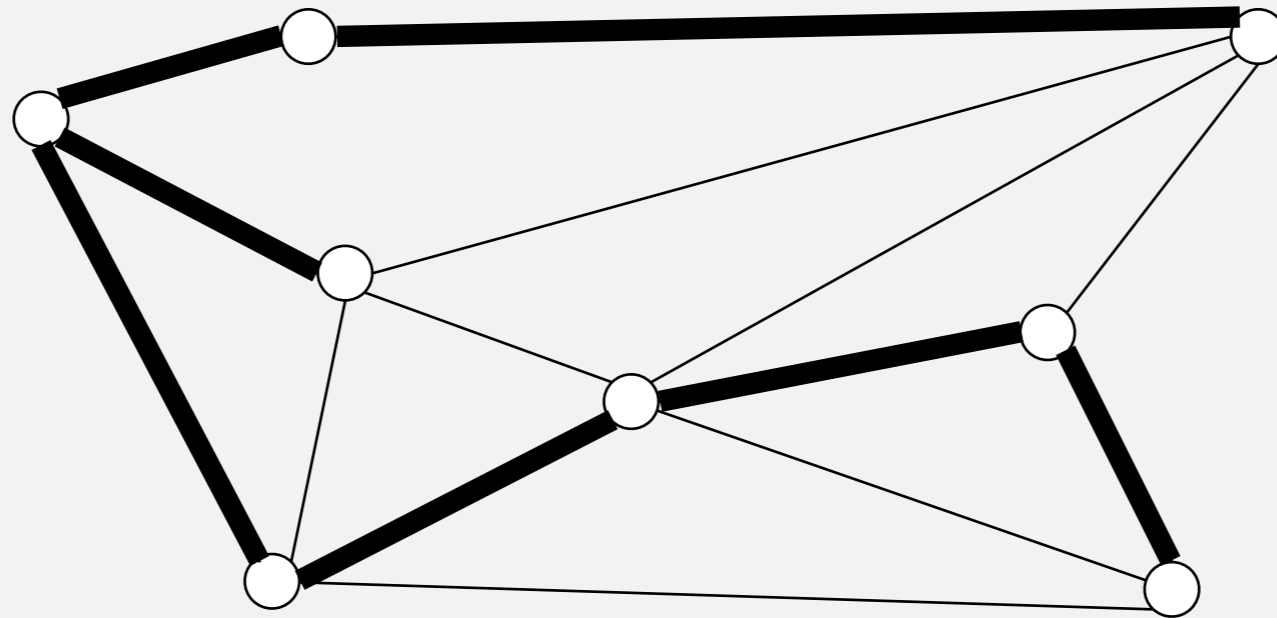
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graph G

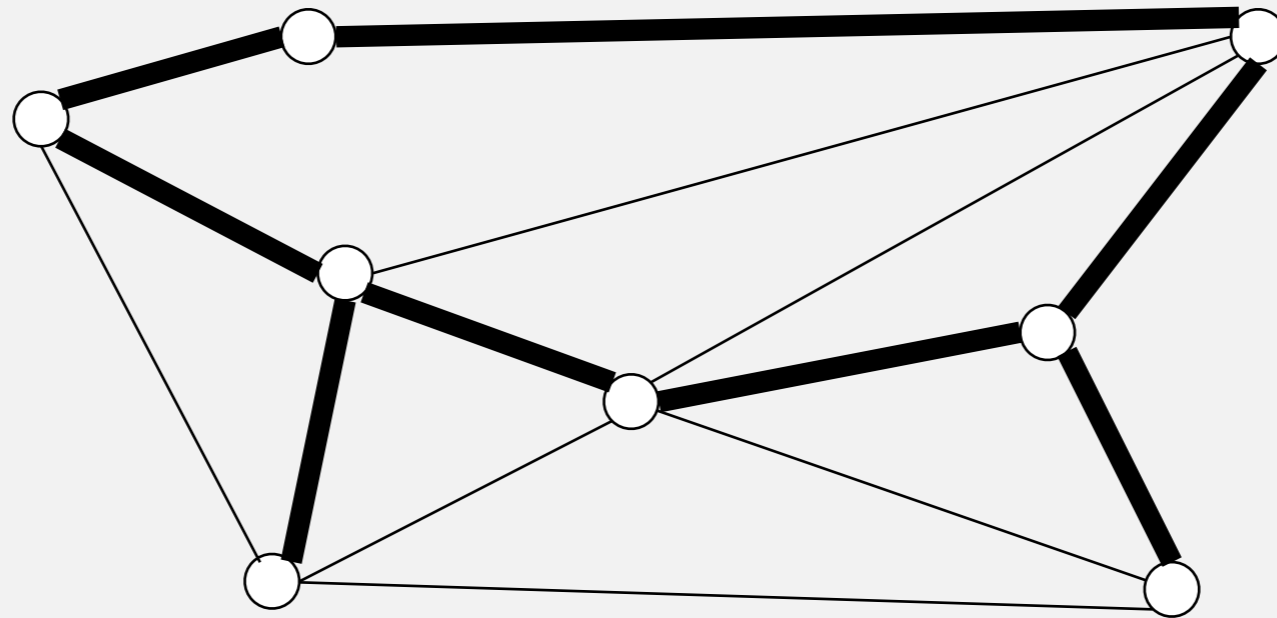


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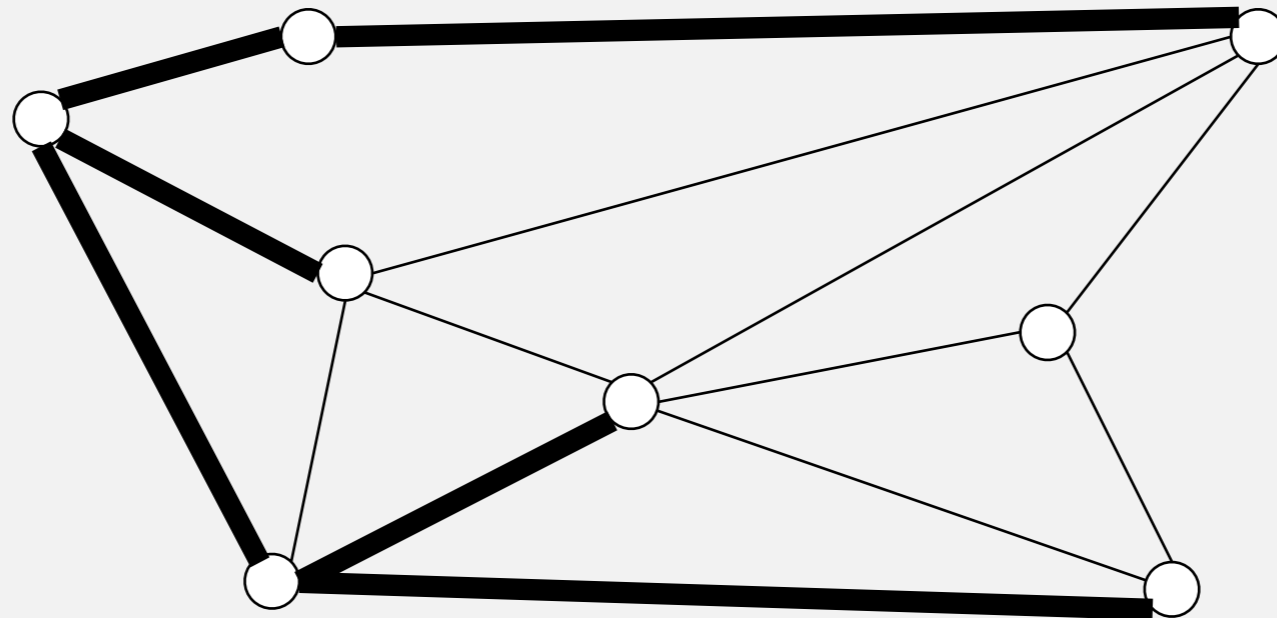
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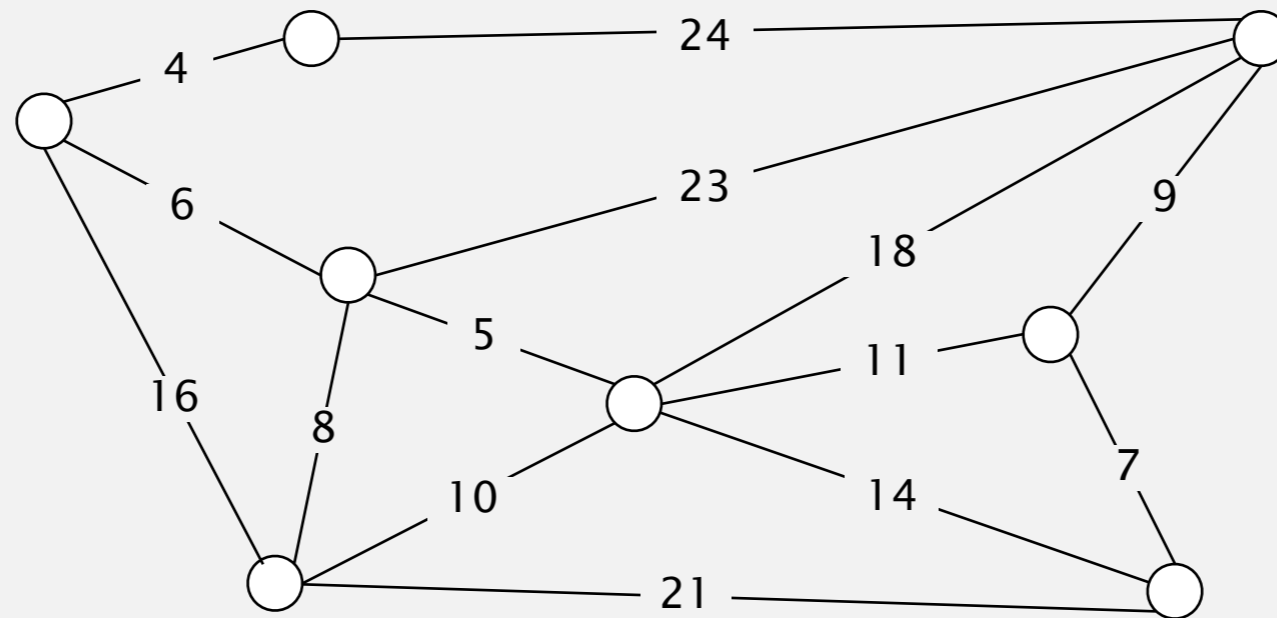


**does not include all of the vertices**

# Minimum spanning tree problem

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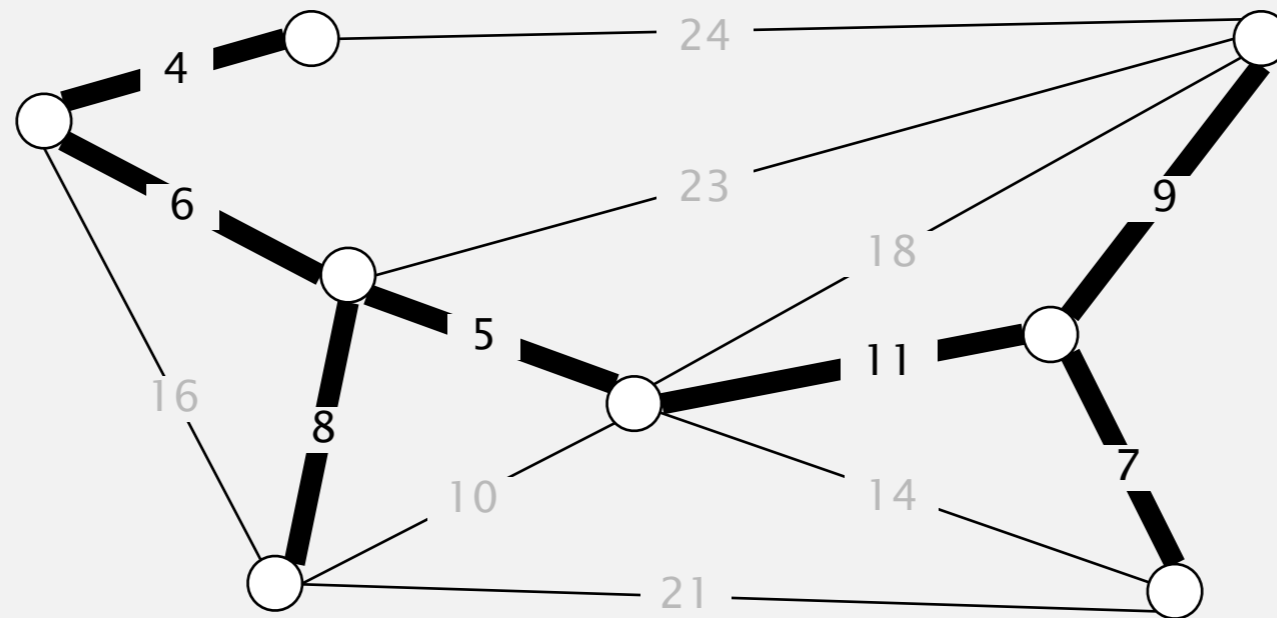
**edge-weighted graph  $G$**

# Minimum spanning tree problem

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**Input.** Connected, undirected graph  $G$  with positive edge weights.

**Output.** A spanning tree of minimum weight.



**minimum spanning tree T**  
(weight = 50 = 4 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 11 + 9 + 7)

**Brute force.** Try all spanning trees?



# MST: quiz 1

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Let  $G$  be a connected edge-weighted graph with  $V$  vertices and  $E$  edges.

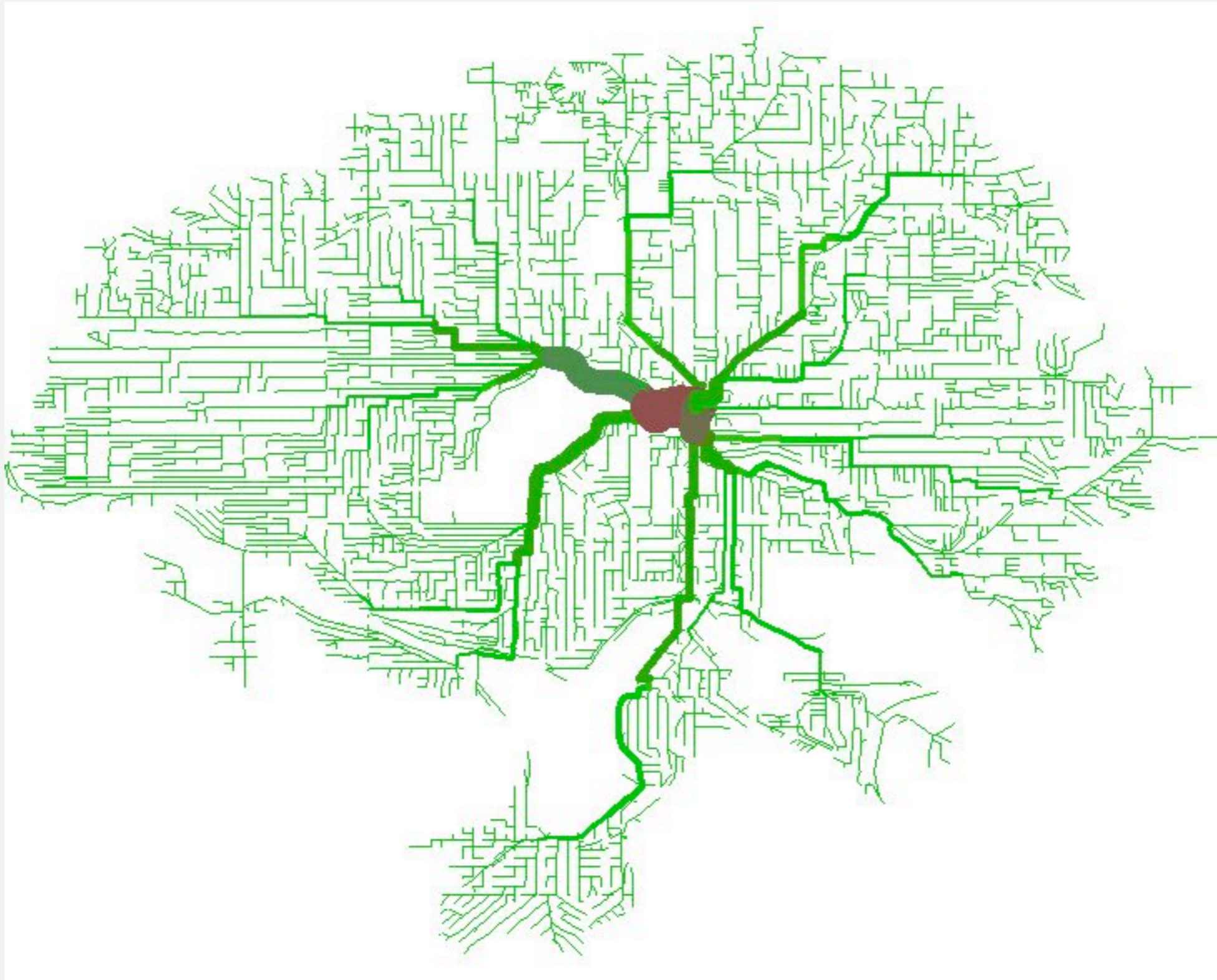
How many edges are in a MST of  $G$ ?

- A.  $V - 1$
- B.  $V$
- C.  $E - 1$
- D.  $E$
- E. *I don't know.*

# Network design

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## MST of bicycle routes in North Seattle

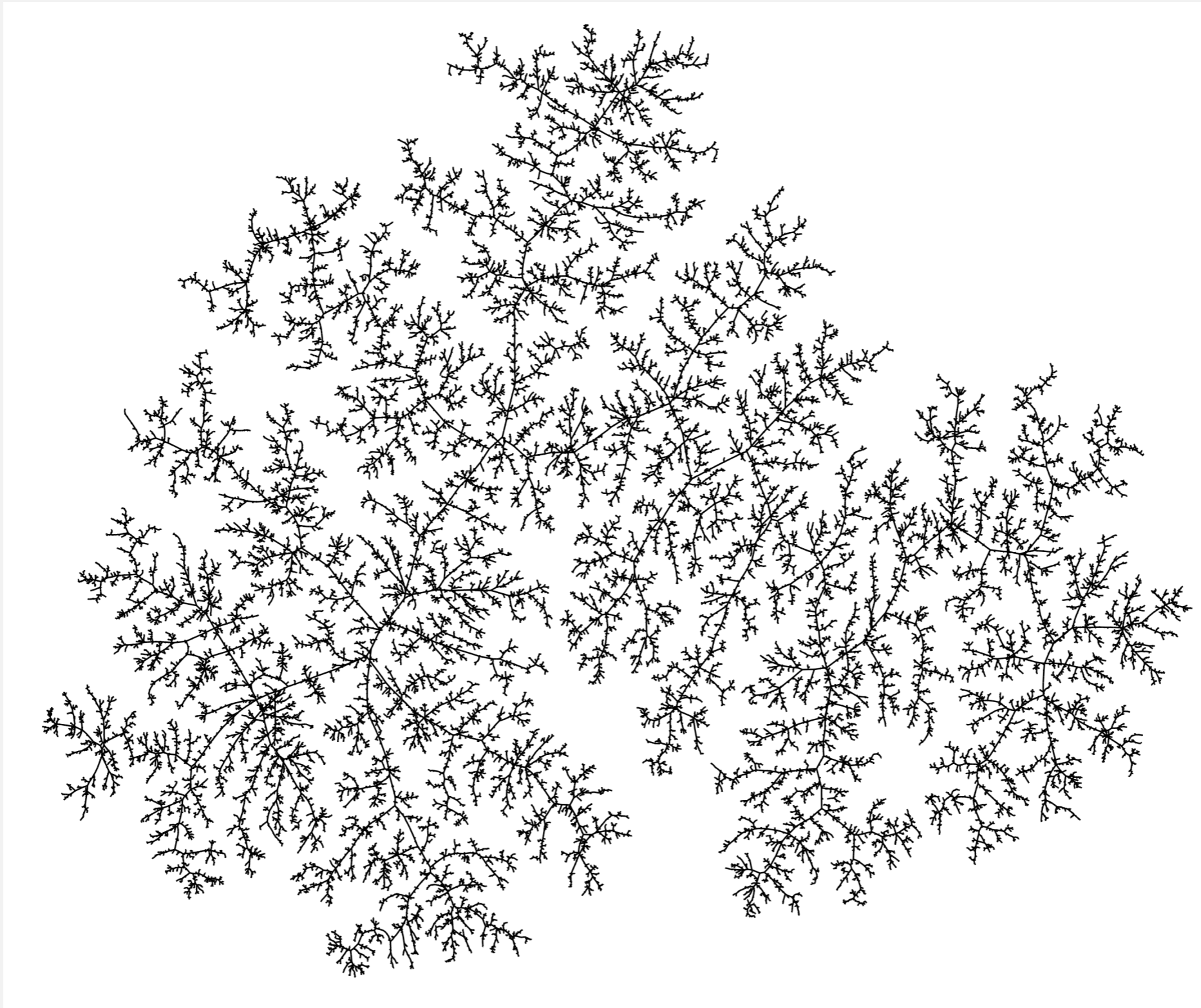


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# Models of nature

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## MST of random graph

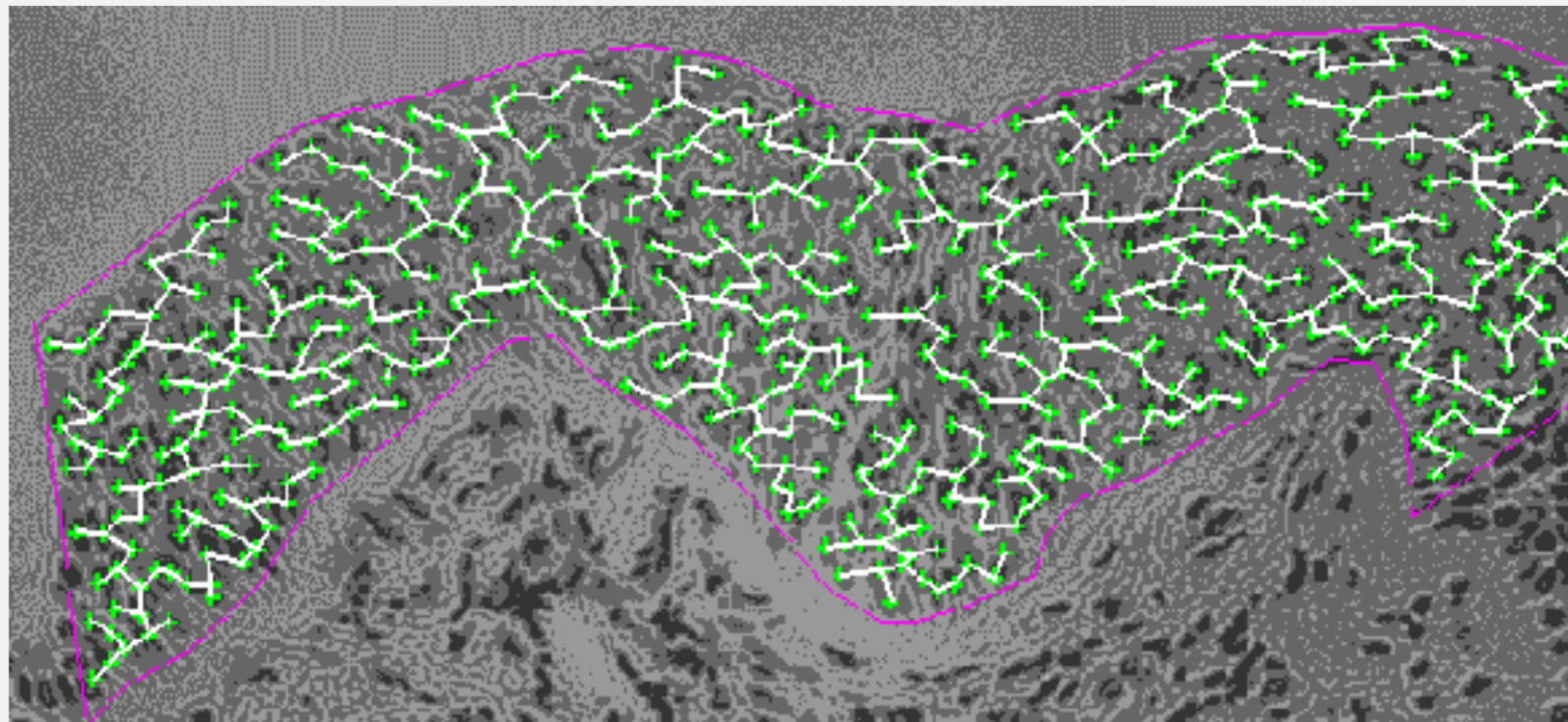
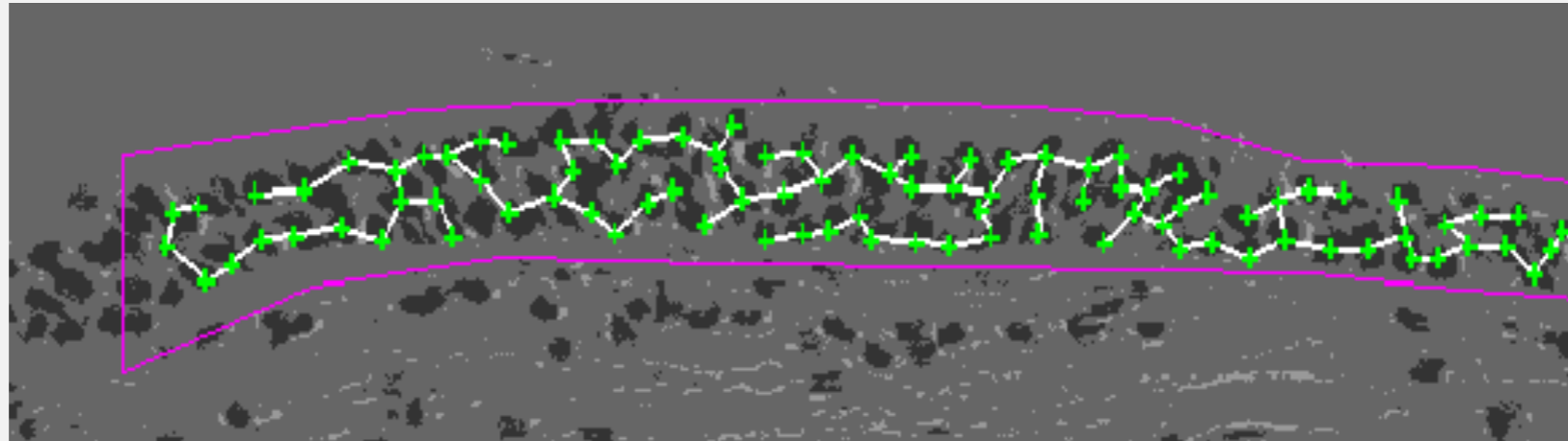


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# Medical image processing

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MST describes arrangement of nuclei in the epithelium for cancer research

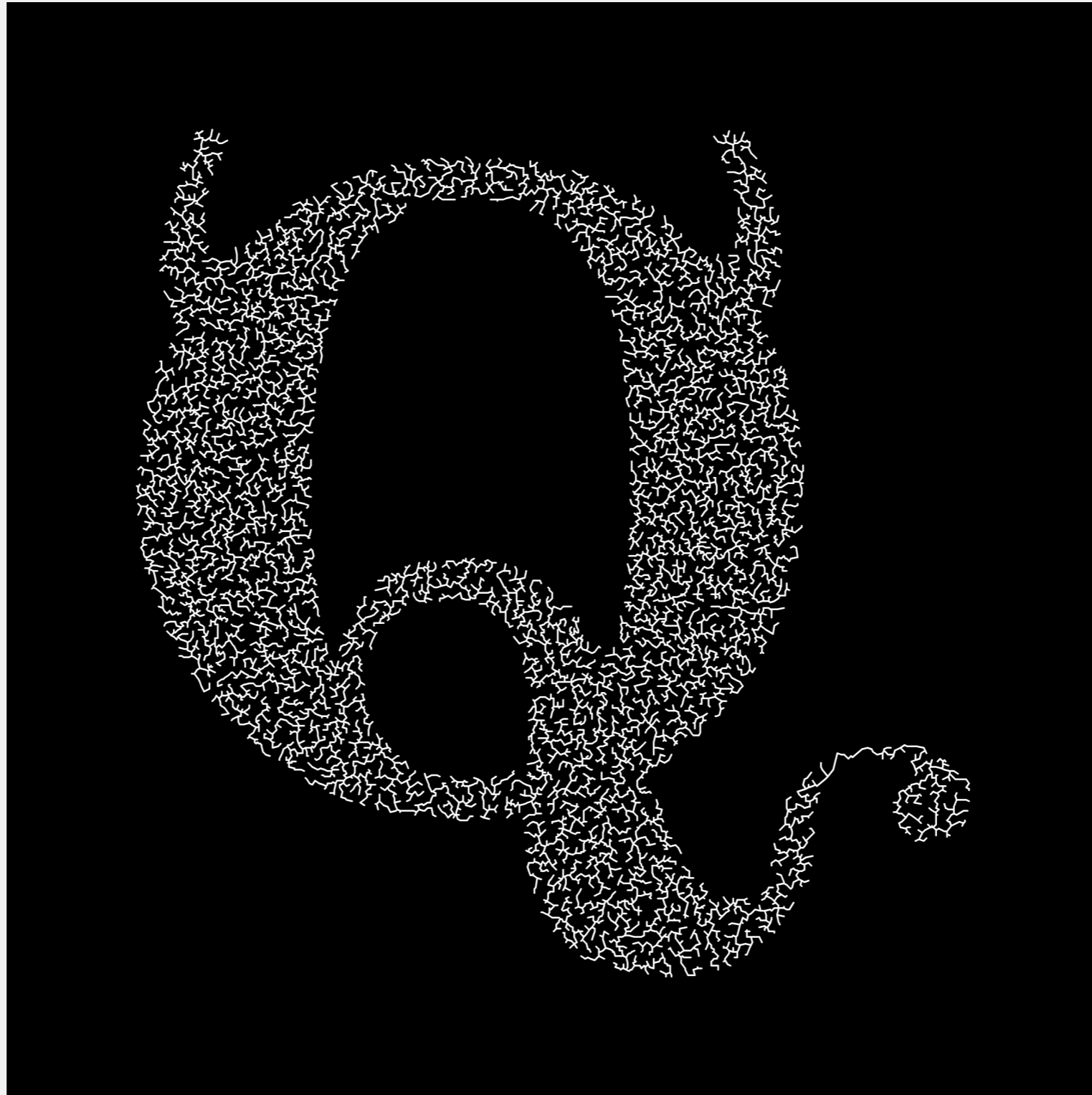


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## MST dithering



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# Applications

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MST is fundamental problem with diverse applications.

- Dithering.
- Cluster analysis.
- Max bottleneck paths.
- Real-time face verification.
- LDPC codes for error correction.
- Image registration with Renyi entropy.
- Find road networks in satellite and aerial imagery.
- Reducing data storage in sequencing amino acids in a protein.
- Model locality of particle interactions in turbulent fluid flows.
- Autoconfig protocol for Ethernet bridging to avoid cycles in a network.
- Approximation algorithms for NP-hard problems (e.g., TSP, Steiner tree).
- Network design (communication, electrical, hydraulic, computer, road).

<http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gina/mst.html>



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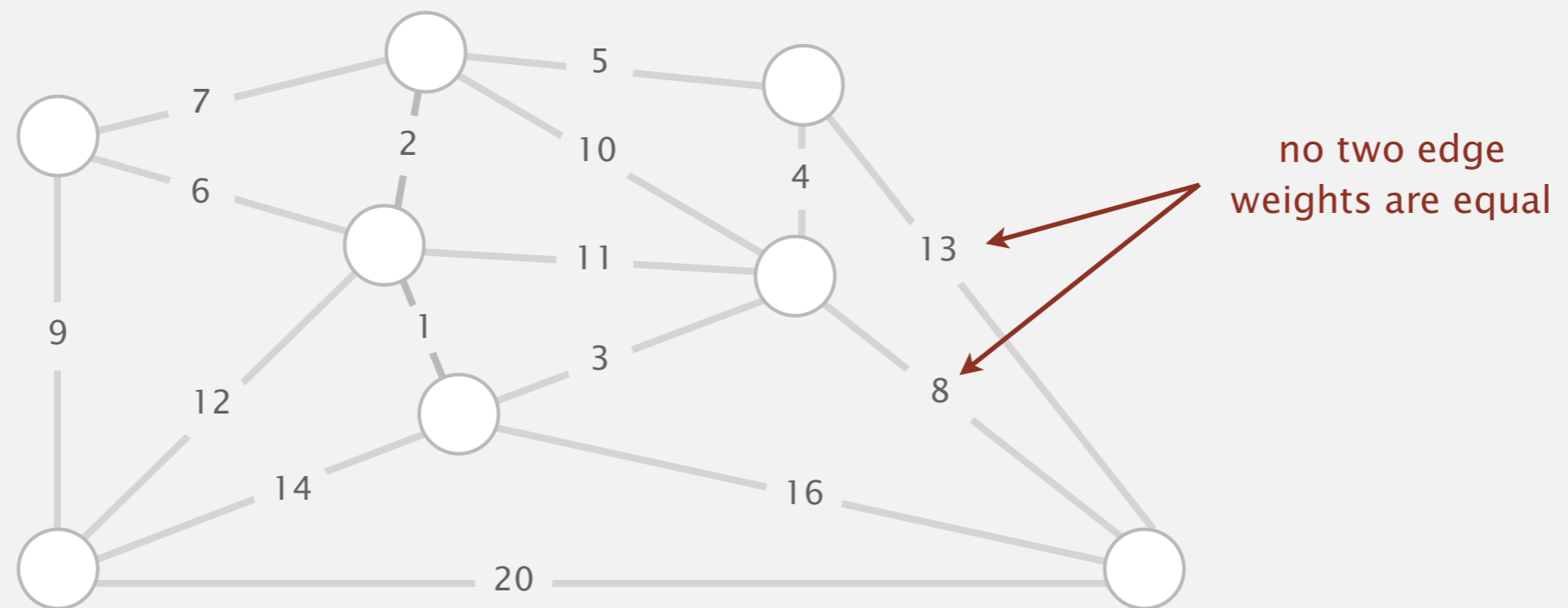
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# Simplifying assumptions

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For simplicity, we assume

- The graph is connected.  $\Rightarrow$  MST exists.
- The edge weights are distinct.  $\Rightarrow$  MST is unique.





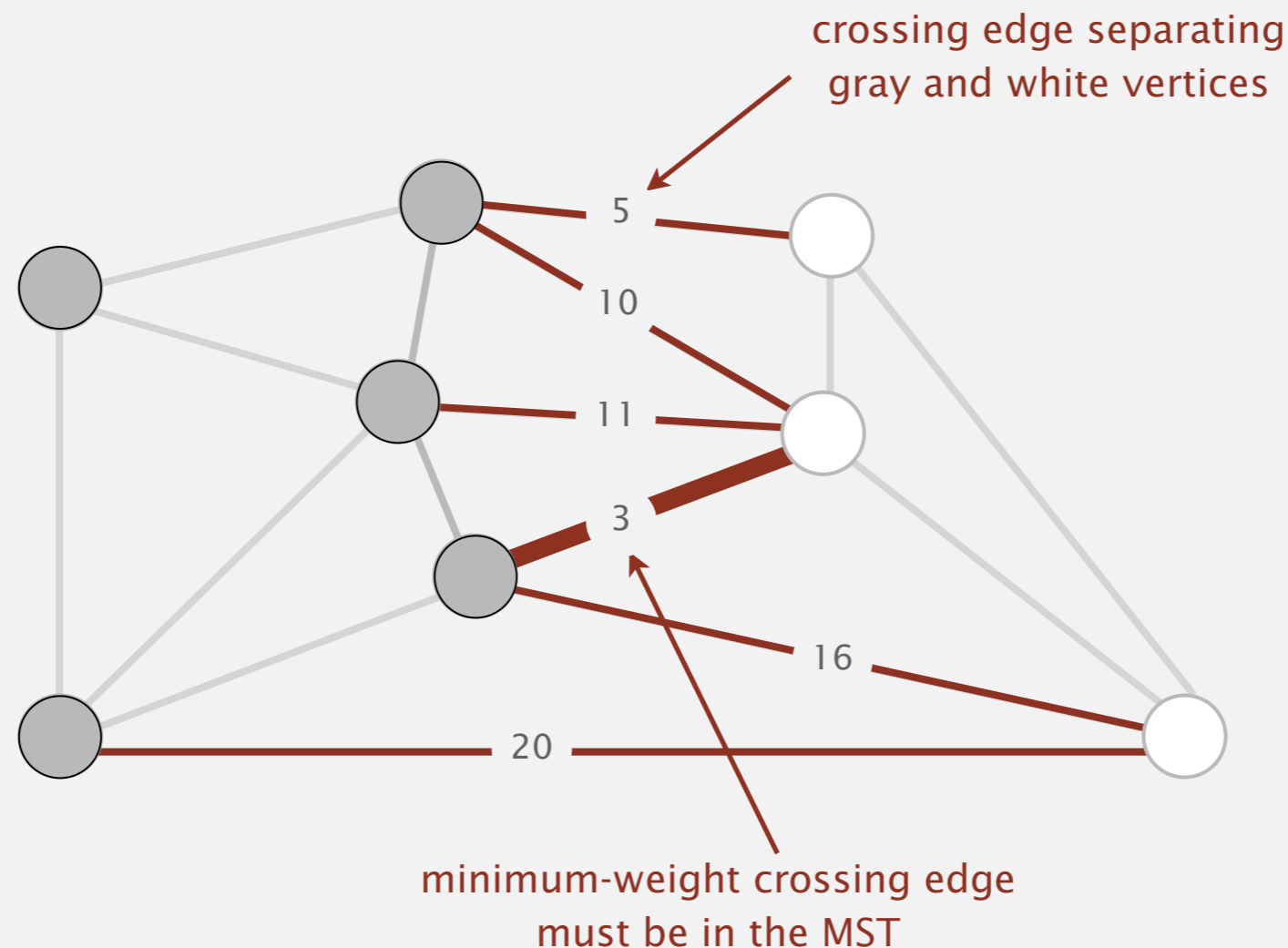
# Cut property

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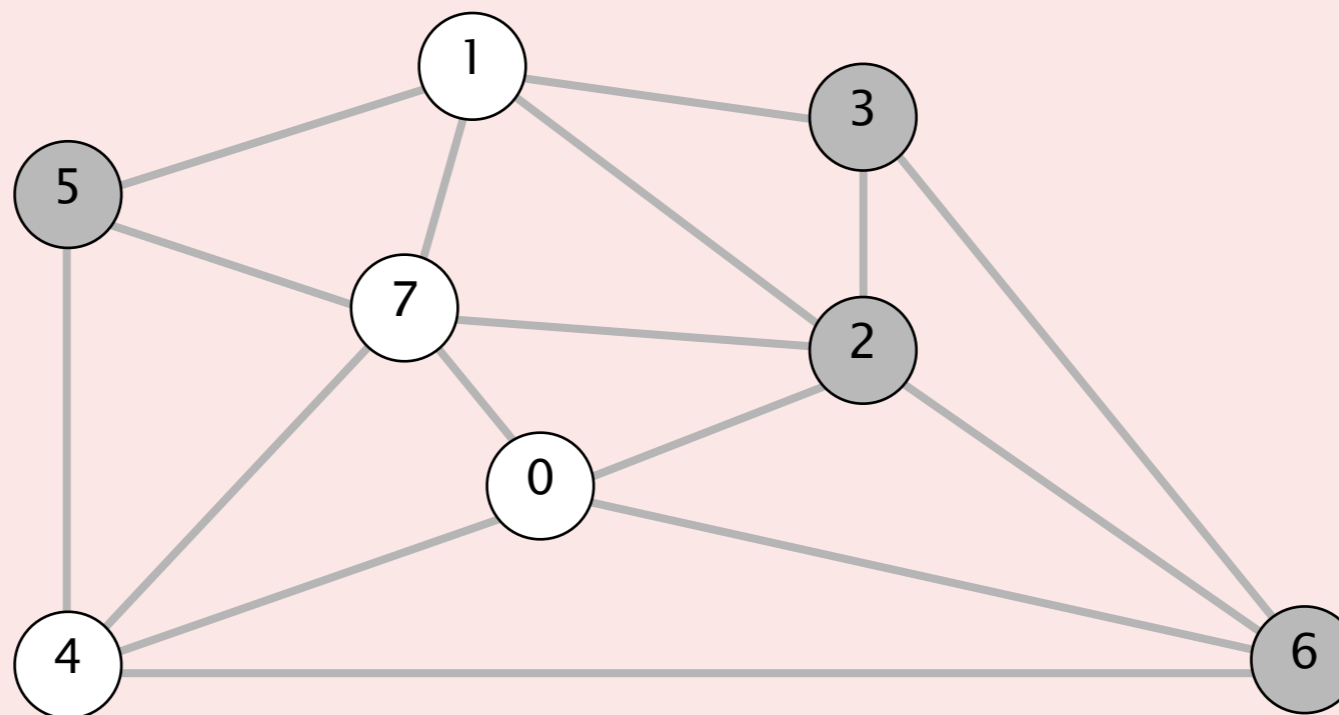
# MST: quiz 2

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Which is the min weight edge crossing the cut  $\{ 2, 3, 5, 6 \}$ ?

- A. 0–7 (0.16)
- B. 2–3 (0.17)
- C. 0–2 (0.26)
- D. 5–7 (0.28)
- E. *I don't know.*

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# Cut property: correctness proof

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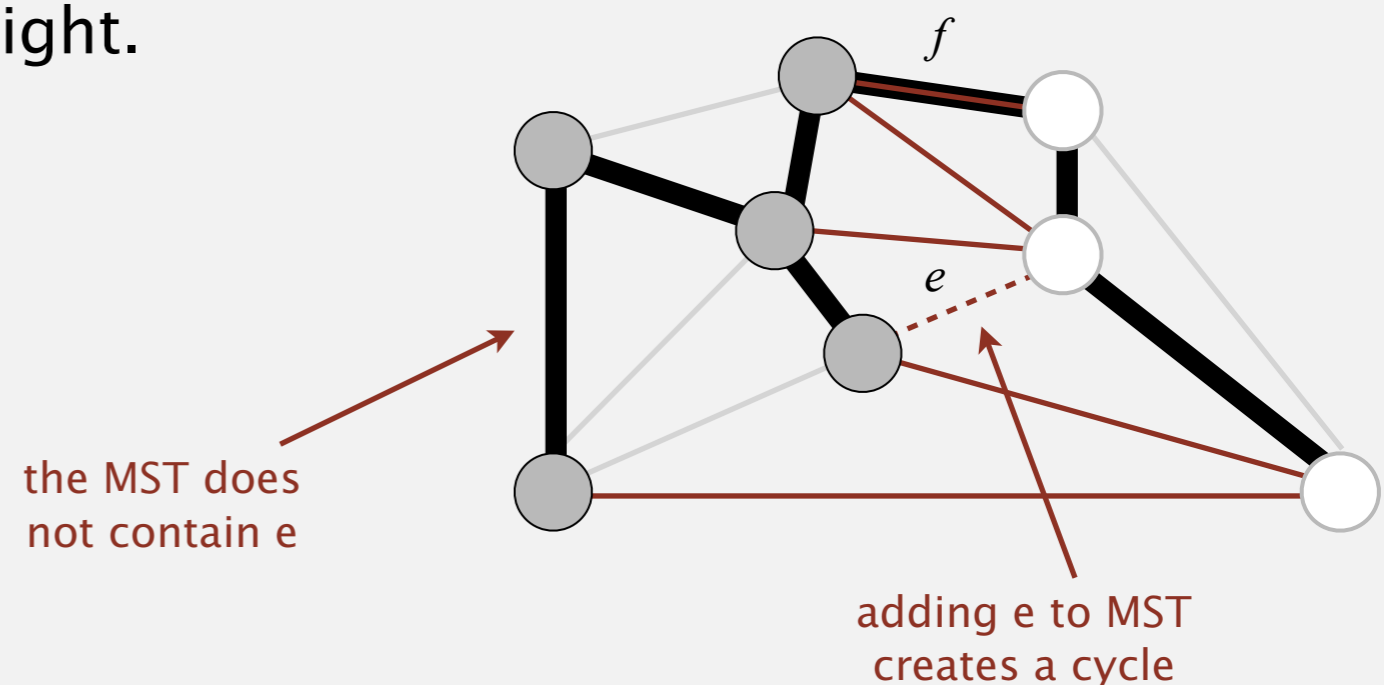
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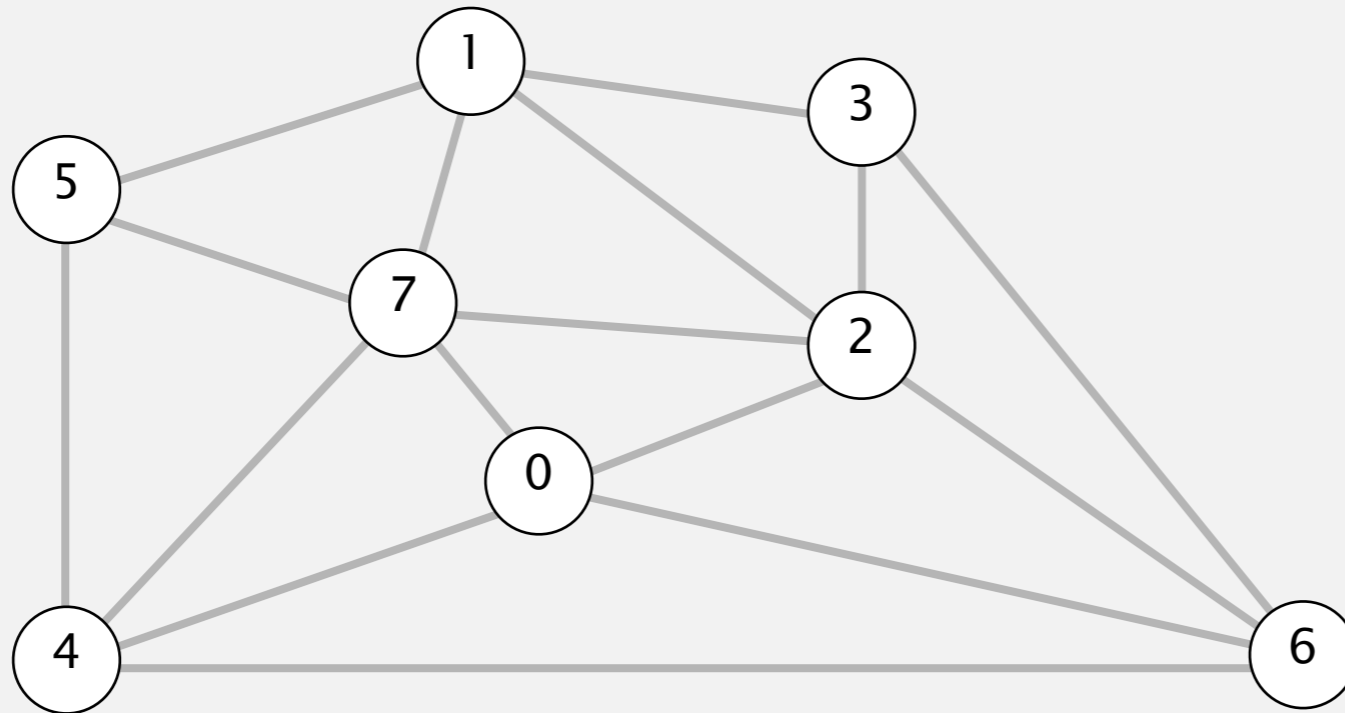
**Pf.** Suppose min-weight crossing edge  $e$  is not in the MST.

- Adding  $e$  to the MST creates a cycle.
- Some other edge  $f$  in cycle must be a crossing edge.
- Removing  $f$  and adding  $e$  is also a spanning tree.
- Since weight of  $e$  is less than the weight of  $f$ , that spanning tree has lower weight.
- Contradiction. ■



# Greedy MST algorithm demo

- Start with all edges colored gray.
- Find cut with no black crossing edges; color its min-weight edge black.
- Repeat until  $V - 1$  edges are colored black.



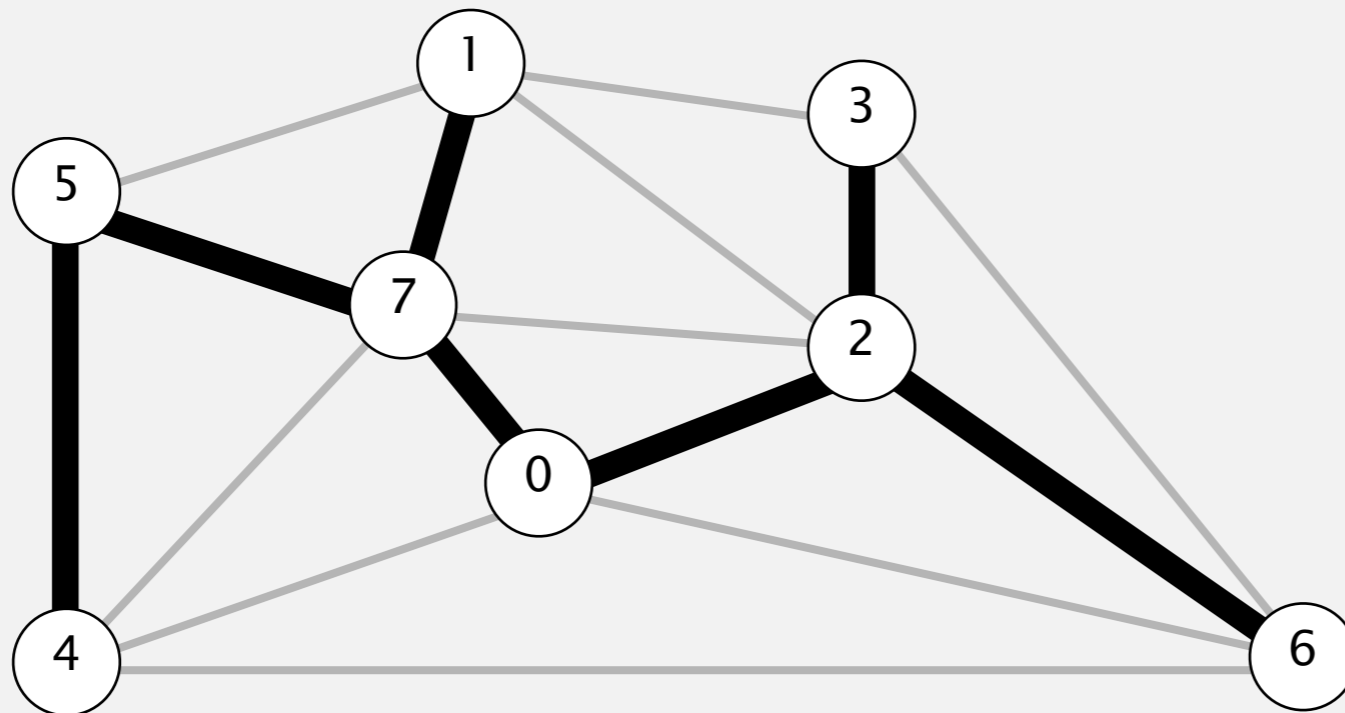
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**MST edges**

0-2 5-7 6-2 0-7 2-3 1-7 4-5

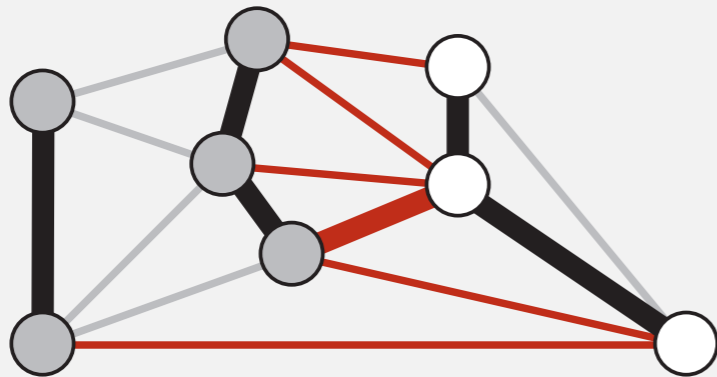
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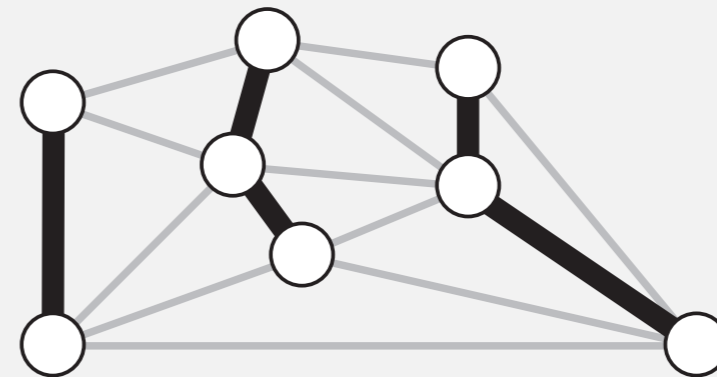
**Proposition.** The greedy algorithm computes the MST.

**Pf.**

- Any edge colored black is in the MST (via cut property).
- Fewer than  $V-1$  black edges  $\Rightarrow$  cut with no black crossing edges.  
(consider cut whose vertices are any one connected component)



a cut with no black crossing edges



fewer than  $V-1$  edges colored black

# Greedy MST algorithm: efficient implementations

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**Proposition.** The greedy algorithm computes the MST.

**Efficient implementations.** Find cut? Find min-weight edge?

**Ex 1.** Kruskal's algorithm. [stay tuned]

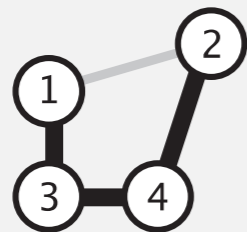
**Ex 2.** Prim's algorithm. [stay tuned]

**Ex 3.** Borůvka's algorithm.

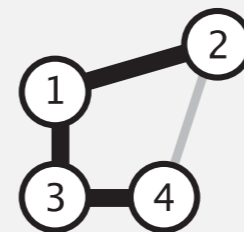
# Removing two simplifying assumptions

Q. What if edge weights are not all distinct?

A. Greedy MST algorithm correct even if equal weights are present!  
(our correctness proof fails, but that can be fixed)



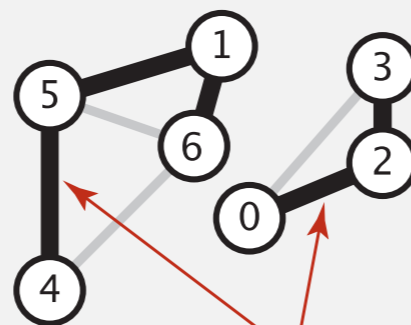
1	2	1.00
1	3	0.50
2	4	1.00
3	4	0.50



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Q. What if graph is not connected?

A. Compute minimum spanning forest = MST of each component.



4	5	0.61
4	6	0.62
5	6	0.88
1	5	0.11
2	3	0.35
0	3	0.6
1	6	0.10
0	2	0.22

*can independently compute  
MSTs of components*



# Greed is good

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**Gordon Gecko (Michael Douglas) address to Teldar Paper Stockholders in Wall Street (1986)**



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# Weighted edge API

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Edge abstraction needed for weighted edges.

```
public class Edge implements Comparable<Edge>
```

```
    Edge(int v, int w, double weight)    create a weighted edge v-w
```

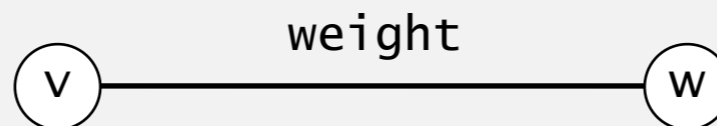
```
    int either()                        either endpoint
```

```
    int other(int v)                   the endpoint that's not v
```

```
    int compareTo(Edge that)          compare this edge to that edge
```

```
    double weight()                   the weight
```

```
    String toString()                 string representation
```



Idiom for processing an edge `e`: `int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);`

# Weighted edge: Java implementation

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```
public class Edge implements Comparable<Edge>
{
    private final int v, w;
    private final double weight;
```

```
    public Edge(int v, int w, double weight)
    {
        this.v = v;
        this.w = w;
        this.weight = weight;
    }
```

← constructor

```
    public int either()
    { return v; }
```

← either endpoint

```
    public int other(int vertex)
    {
        if (vertex == v) return w;
        else return v;
    }
```

← other endpoint

```
    public int compareTo(Edge that)
    {
        if (this.weight < that.weight) return -1;
        else if (this.weight > that.weight) return +1;
        else return 0;
    }
```

← compare edges by weight

```
}
```

# Edge-weighted graph API

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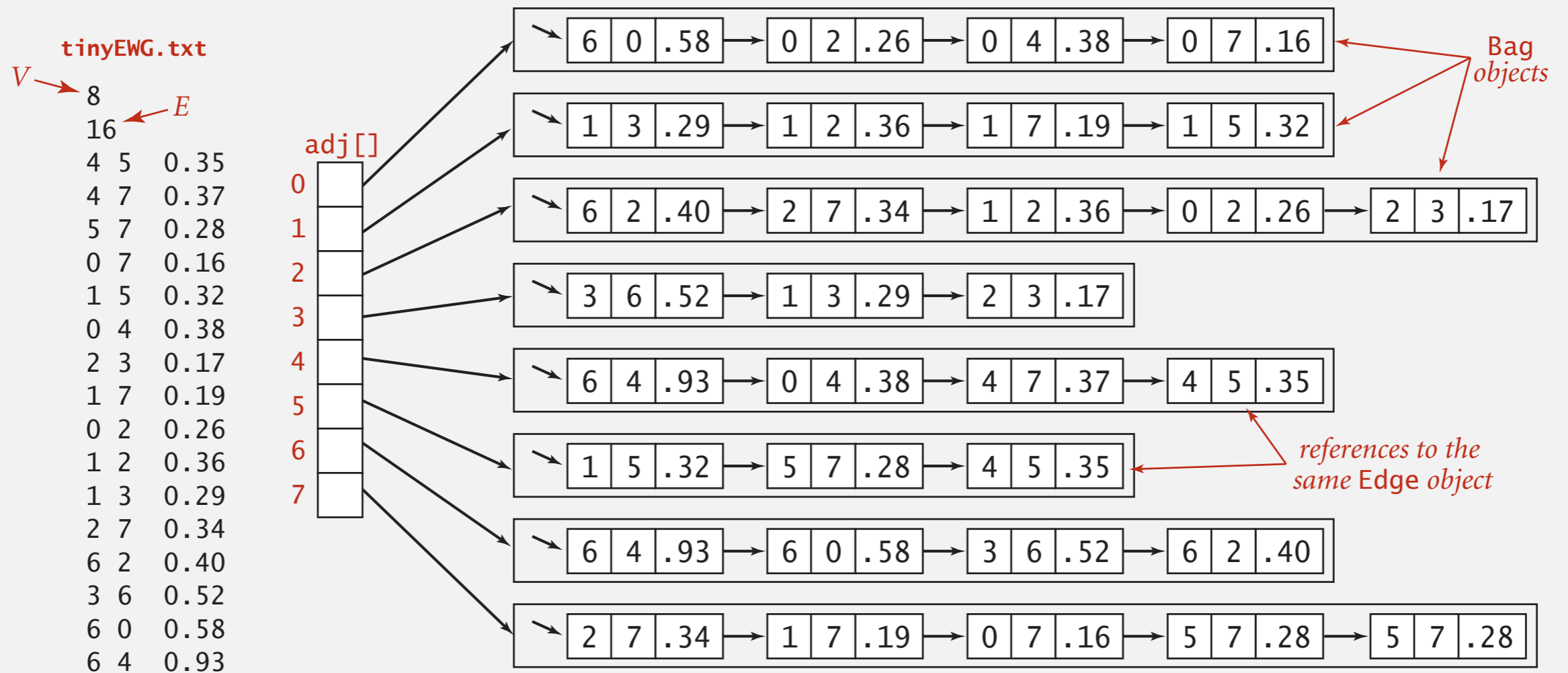
```
public class EdgeWeightedGraph
```

<code>EdgeWeightedGraph(int V)</code>	<i>create an empty graph with <math>V</math> vertices</i>
<code>EdgeWeightedGraph(In in)</code>	<i>create a graph from input stream</i>
<code>void addEdge(Edge e)</code>	<i>add weighted edge <math>e</math> to this graph</i>
<code>Iterable&lt;Edge&gt; adj(int v)</code>	<i>edges incident to <math>v</math></i>
<code>Iterable&lt;Edge&gt; edges()</code>	<i>all edges in this graph</i>
<code>int V()</code>	<i>number of vertices</i>
<code>int E()</code>	<i>number of edges</i>
<code>String toString()</code>	<i>string representation</i>

**Conventions.** Allow self-loops and parallel edges.

# Edge-weighted graph: adjacency-lists representation

Maintain vertex-indexed array of Edge lists.



# Edge-weighted graph: adjacency-lists implementation

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```
public class EdgeWeightedGraph
{
    private final int V;
    private final Bag<Edge>[] adj;
```

← same as Graph, but adjacency lists of Edges instead of integers

```
    public EdgeWeightedGraph(int V)
    {
        this.V = V;
        adj = (Bag<Edge>[]) new Bag[V];
        for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
            adj[v] = new Bag<Edge>();
    }
```

← constructor

```
    public void addEdge(Edge e)
    {
        int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
        adj[v].add(e);
        adj[w].add(e);
    }
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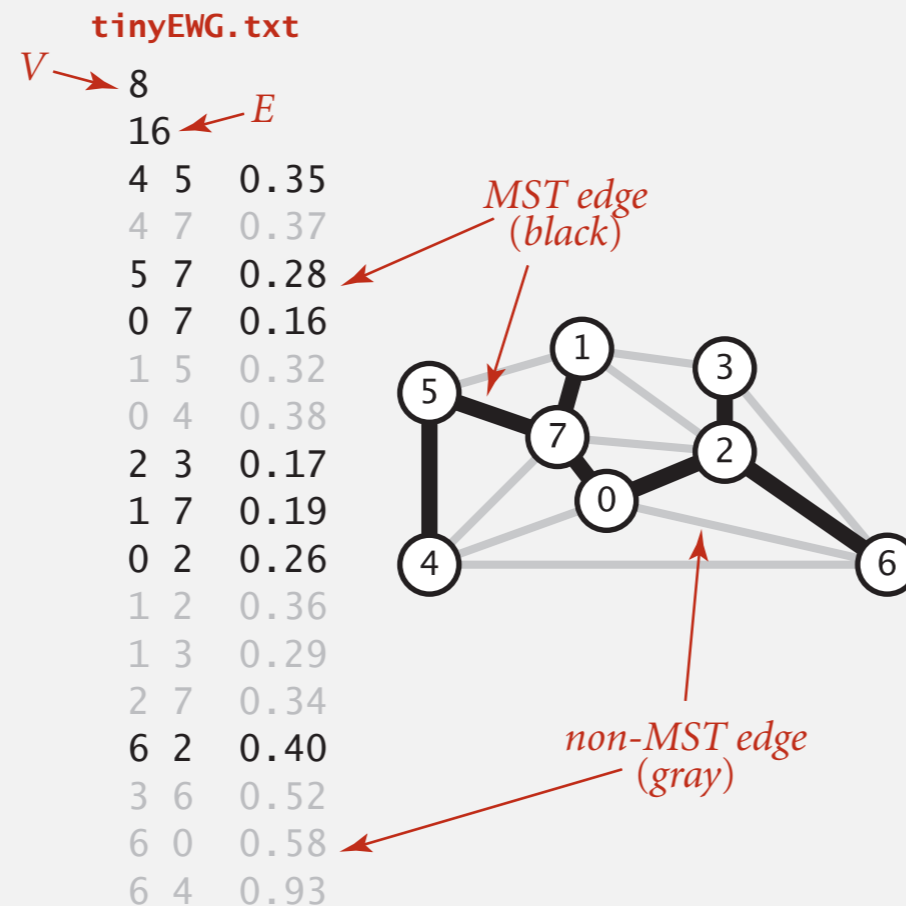
← add edge to both adjacency lists

```
    public Iterable<Edge> adj(int v)
    { return adj[v]; }
}
```

# Minimum spanning tree API

Q. How to represent the MST?

<code>public class MST</code>		
	<code>MST(EdgeWeightedGraph G)</code>	<i>constructor</i>
<code>Iterable&lt;Edge&gt;</code>	<code>edges()</code>	<i>edges in MST</i>
<code>double</code>	<code>weight()</code>	<i>weight of MST</i>



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```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    In in = new In(args[0]);
    EdgeWeightedGraph G = new EdgeWeightedGraph(in);
    MST mst = new MST(G);
    for (Edge e : mst.edges())
        StdOut.println(e);
    StdOut.printf("%.2f\n", mst.weight());
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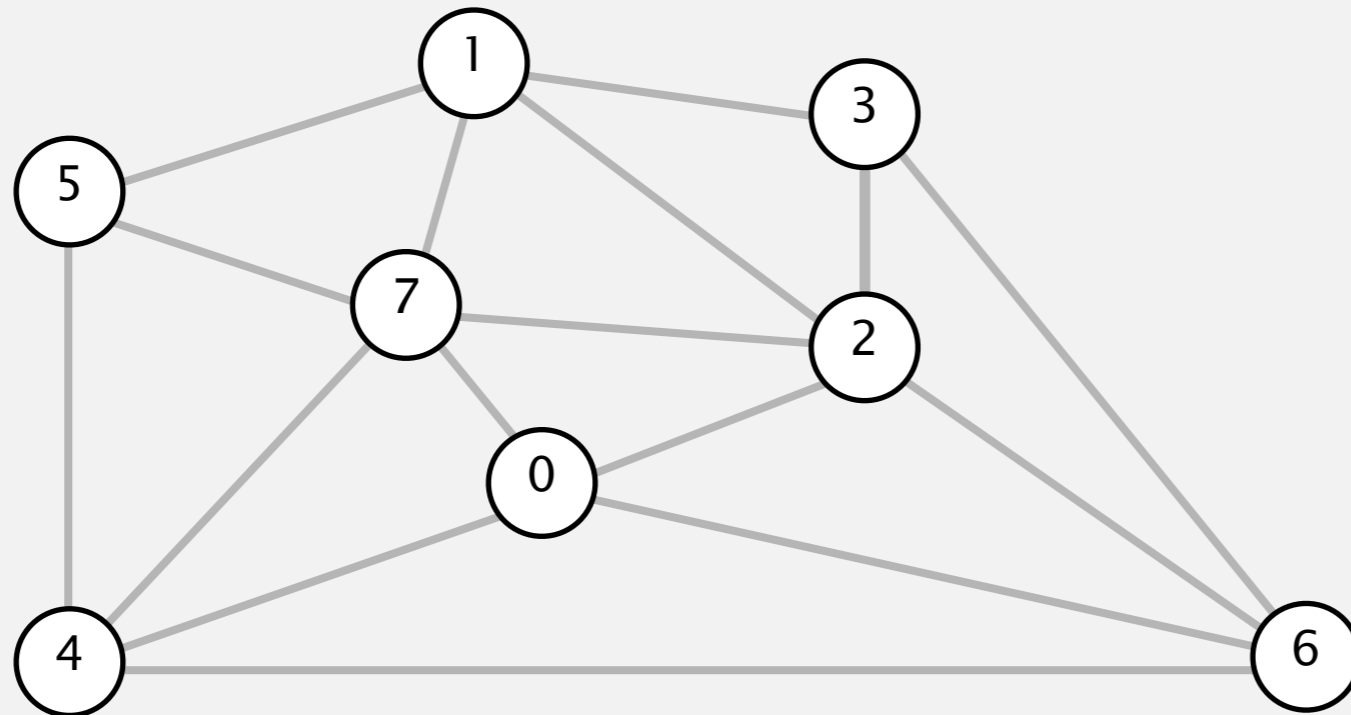
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# Kruskal's algorithm demo

Consider edges in ascending order of weight.

- Add next edge to tree  $T$  unless doing so would create a cycle.



an edge-weighted graph

graph edges  
sorted by weight



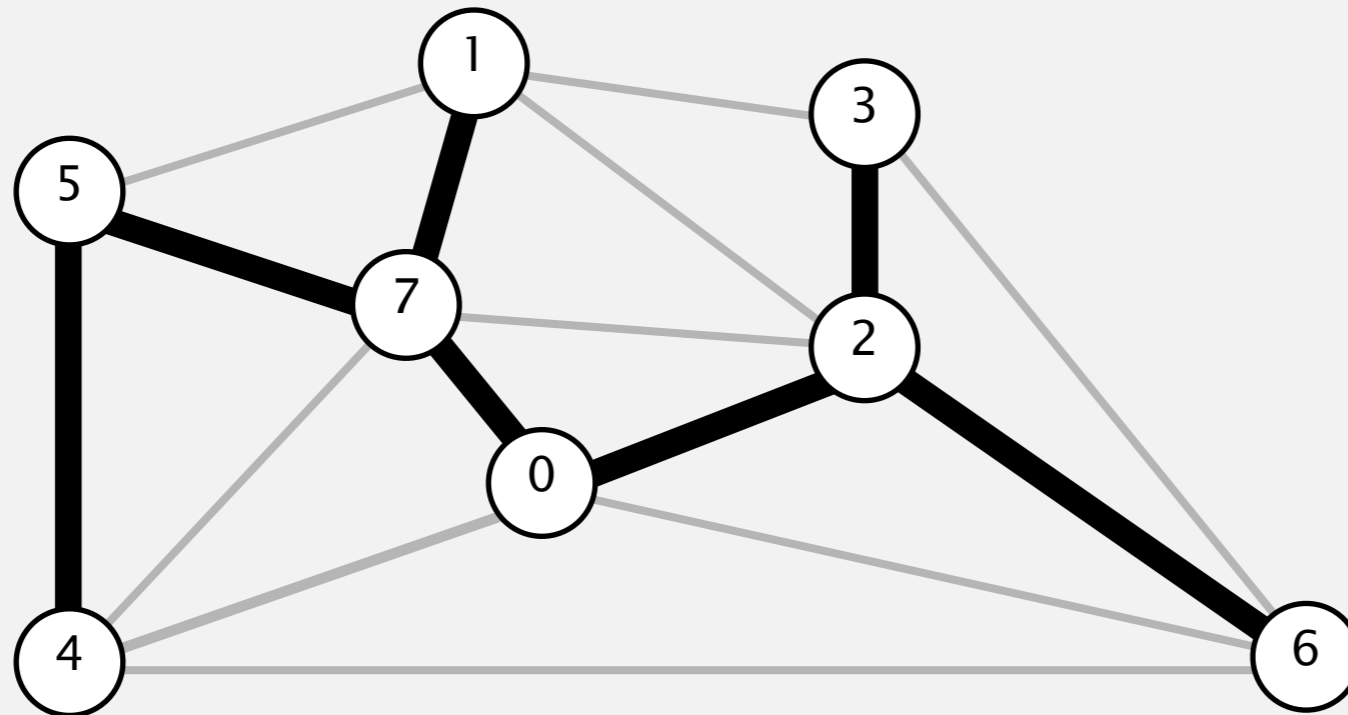
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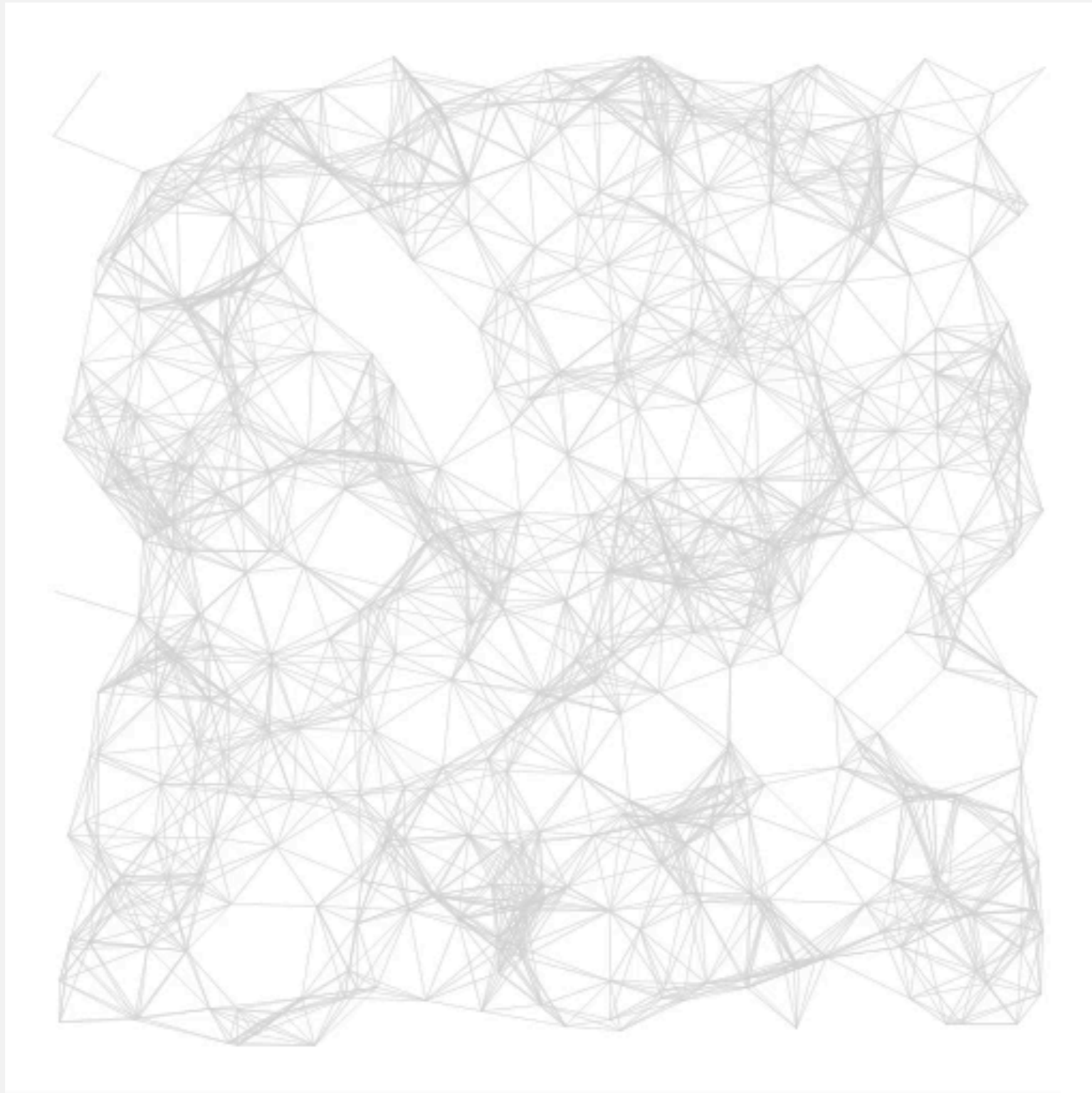


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# Kruskal's algorithm: visualization

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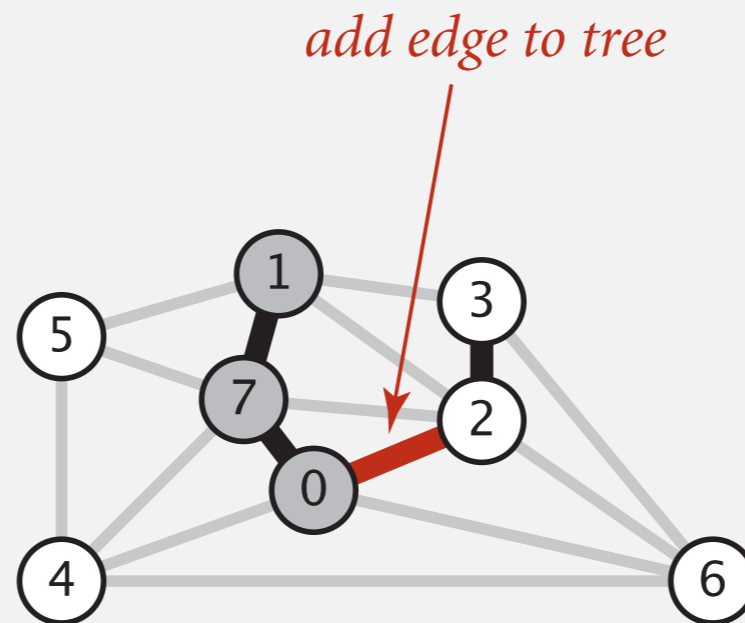
# Kruskal's algorithm: correctness proof

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**Proposition.** [Kruskal 1956] Kruskal's algorithm computes the MST.

**Pf.** Kruskal's algorithm is a special case of the greedy MST algorithm.

- Suppose Kruskal's algorithm colors the edge  $e = v-w$  black.
- Cut = set of vertices connected to  $v$  in tree  $T$ .
- No crossing edge is black.
- No crossing edge has lower weight. Why?



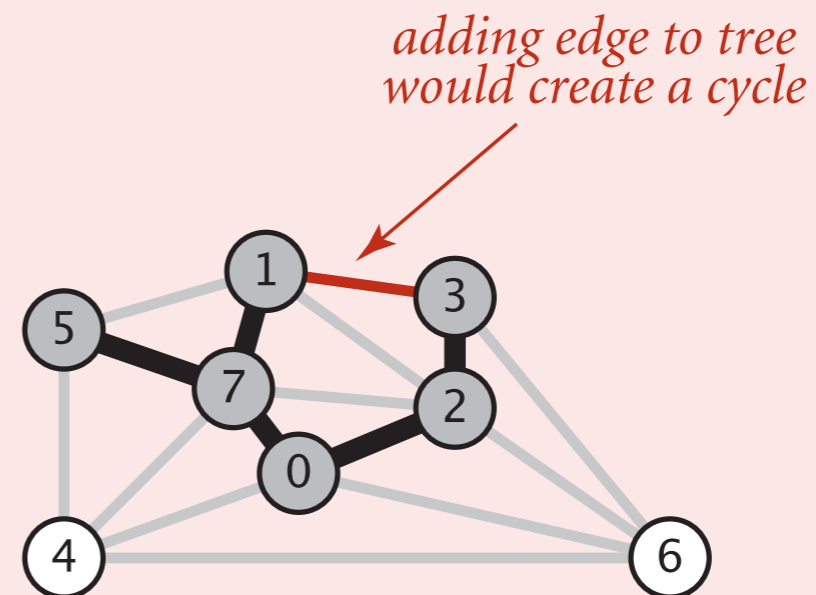
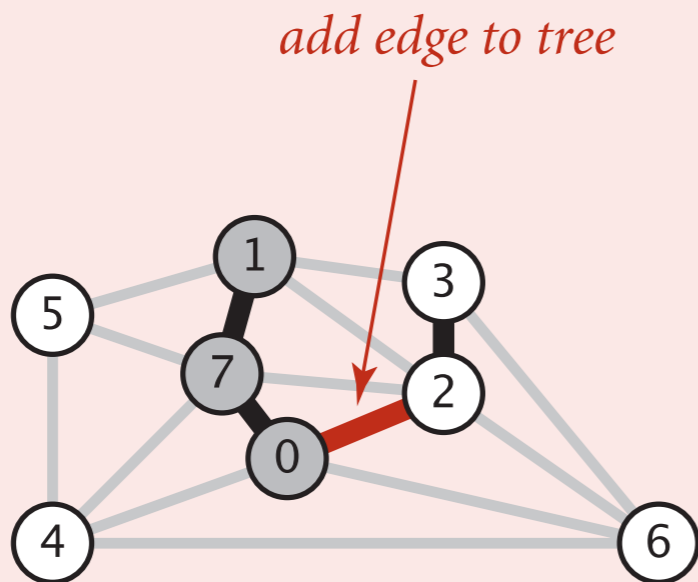
# Kruskal's algorithm: implementation challenge

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**Challenge.** Would adding edge  $v-w$  to tree  $T$  create a cycle? If not, add it.

How difficult to implement?

- A.  $E + V$
- B.  $V$
- C.  $\log V$
- D.  $\log^* V$
- E. 1



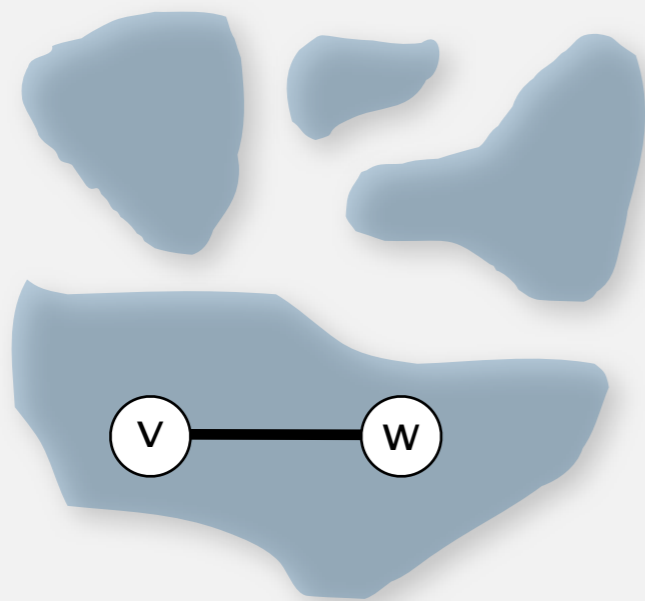
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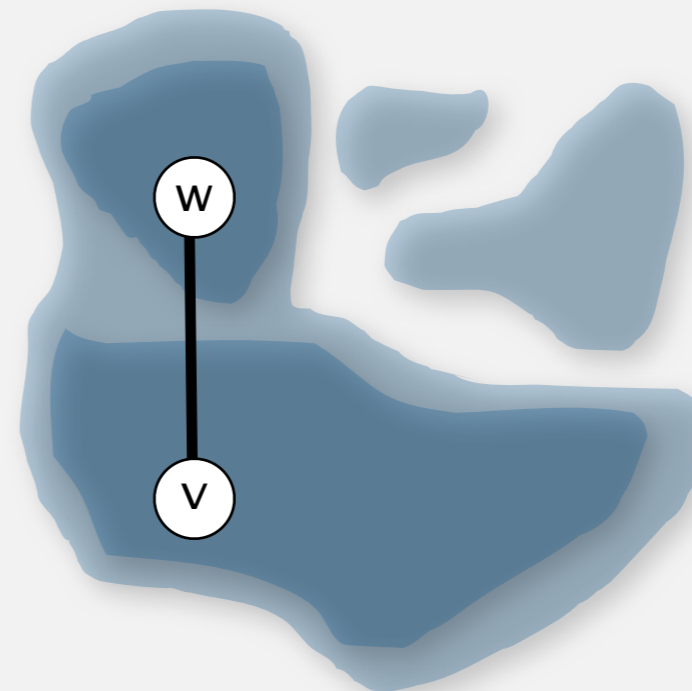
**Challenge.** Would adding edge  $v-w$  to tree  $T$  create a cycle? If not, add it.

**Efficient solution.** Use the **union-find** data structure.

- Maintain a set for each connected component in  $T$ .
- If  $v$  and  $w$  are in same set, then adding  $v-w$  would create a cycle.
- To add  $v-w$  to  $T$ , merge sets containing  $v$  and  $w$ .



Case 1: adding  $v-w$  creates a cycle



Case 2: add  $v-w$  to  $T$  and merge sets containing  $v$  and  $w$



# Kruskal's algorithm: Java implementation

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```
public class KruskalMST
{
    private Queue<Edge> mst = new Queue<Edge>();

    public KruskalMST(EdgeWeightedGraph G)
    {
        MinPQ<Edge> pq = new MinPQ<Edge>(G.edges());

        UF uf = new UF(G.V());
        while (!pq.isEmpty() && mst.size() < G.V()-1)
        {
            Edge e = pq.delMin();
            int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
            if (!uf.connected(v, w))
            {
                uf.union(v, w);
                mst.enqueue(e);
            }
        }
    }

    public Iterable<Edge> edges()
    { return mst; }
}
```

← build priority queue  
(or sort)

← greedily add edges to MST

← edge v-w does not create cycle

← merge connected components

← add edge e to MST

# Kruskal's algorithm: running time

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**Proposition.** Kruskal's algorithm computes MST in time proportional to  $E \log E$  (in the worst case).

**Pf.**

operation	frequency	time per op
<b>build pq</b>	1	$E$
<b>delete-min</b>	$E$	$\log E$
<b>union</b>	$V$	$\log^* V^\dagger$
<b>connected</b>	$E$	$\log^* V^\dagger$

† amortized bound using weighted quick union with path compression

recall:  $\log^* V \leq 5$  in this universe



**Remark.** If edges are already sorted, order of growth is  $E \log^* V$ .



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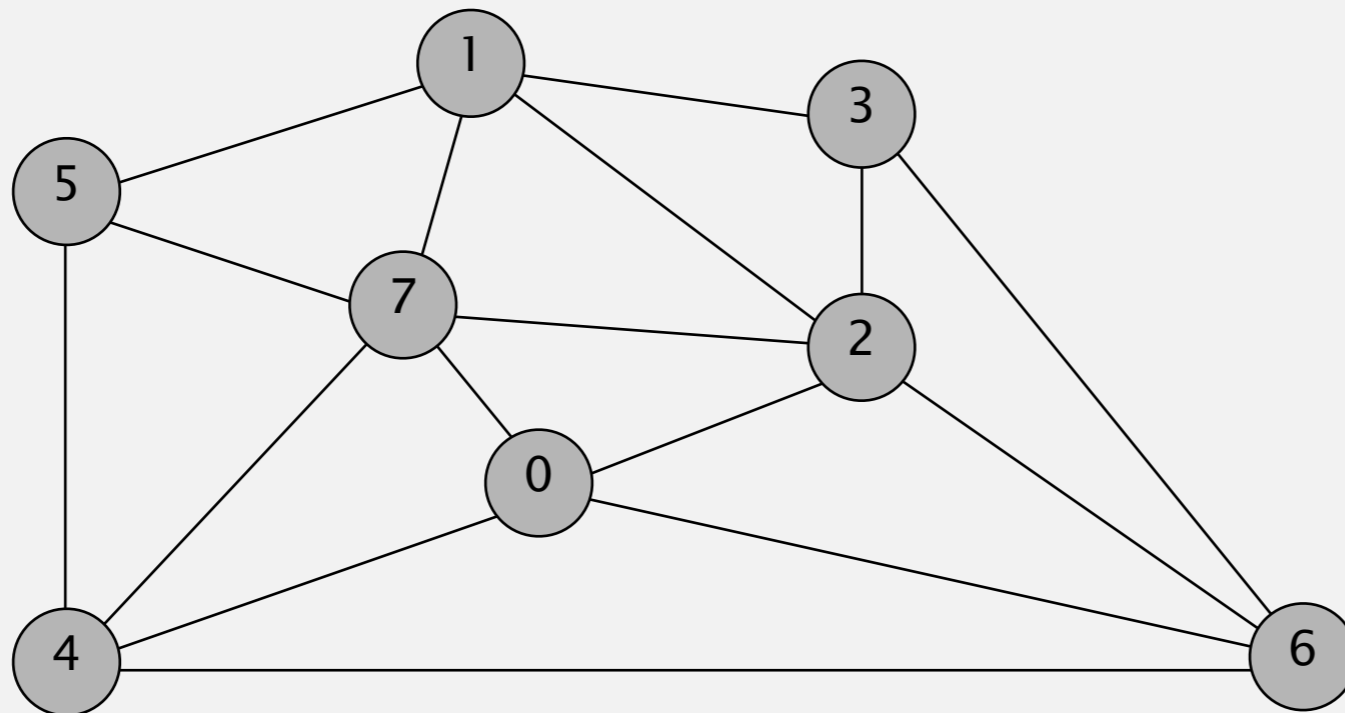
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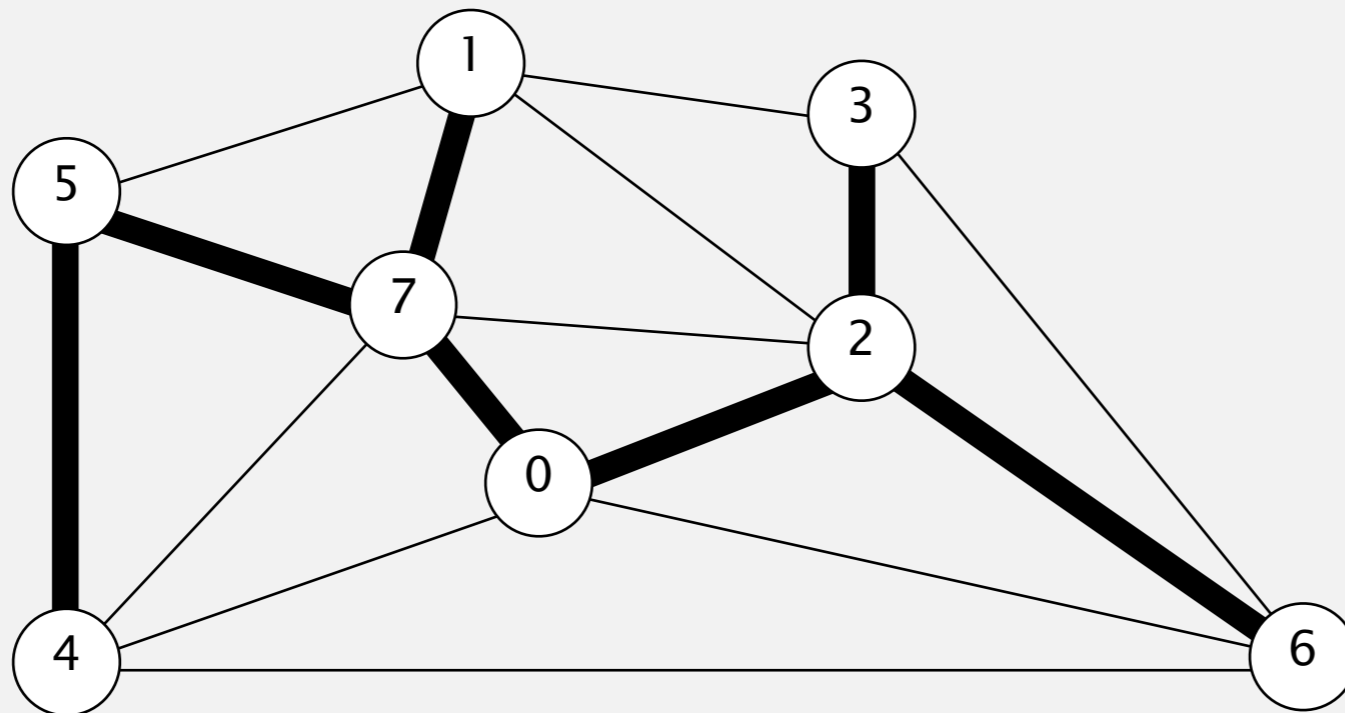
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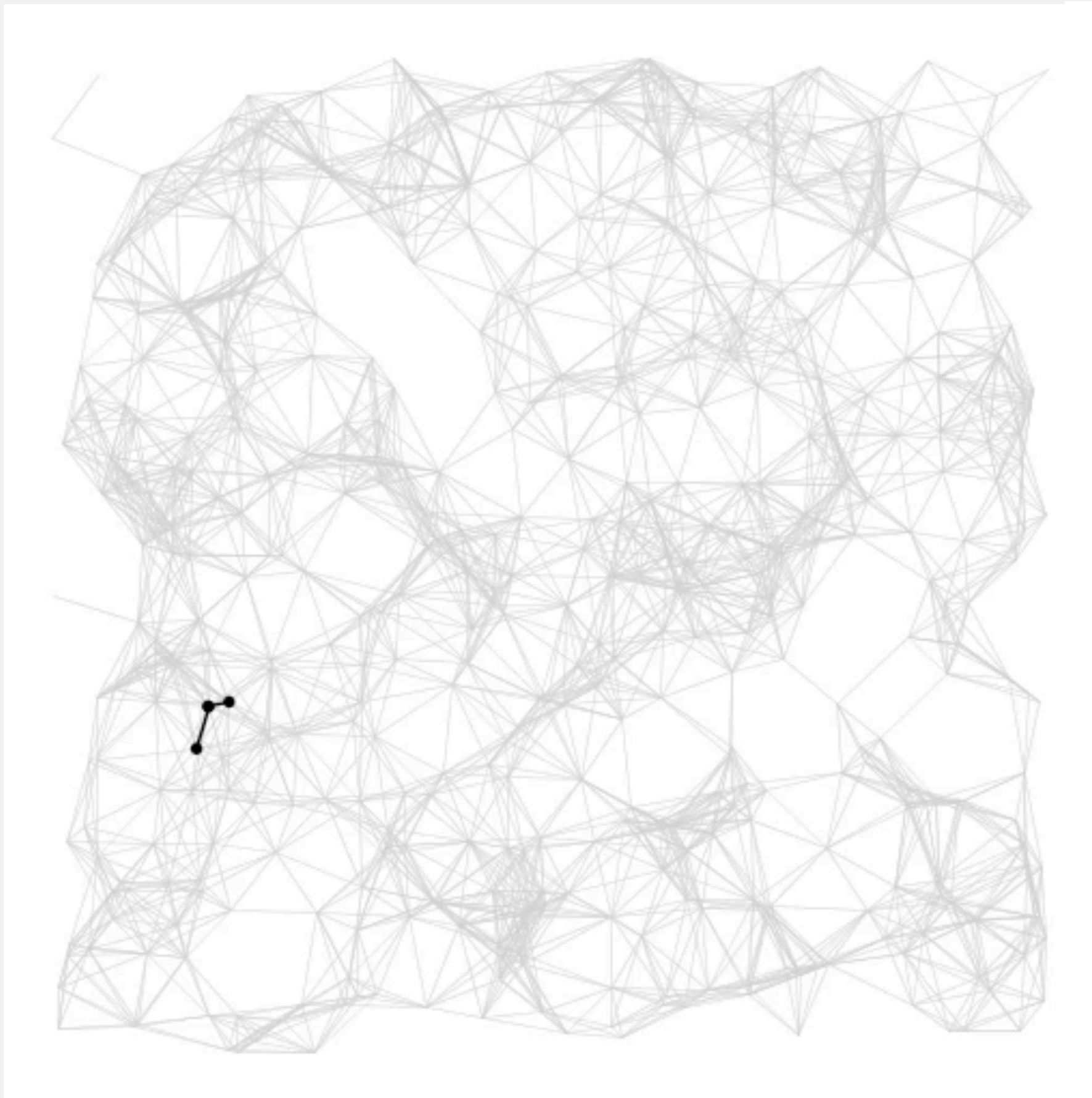


**MST edges**

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# Prim's algorithm: visualization

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# Prim's algorithm: proof of correctness

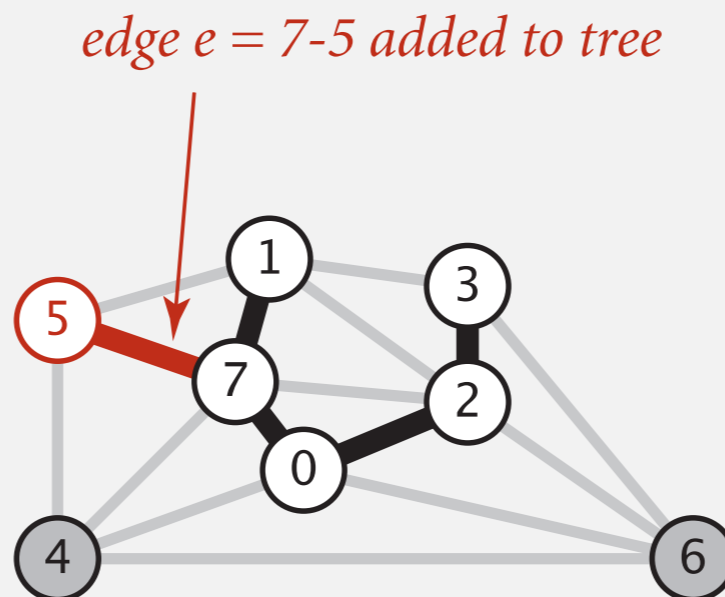
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**Proposition.** [Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959]

Prim's algorithm computes the MST.

**Pf.** Prim's algorithm is a special case of the greedy MST algorithm.

- Suppose edge  $e = \min$  weight edge connecting a vertex on the tree to a vertex not on the tree.
- Cut = set of vertices connected on tree.
- No crossing edge is black.
- No crossing edge has lower weight.



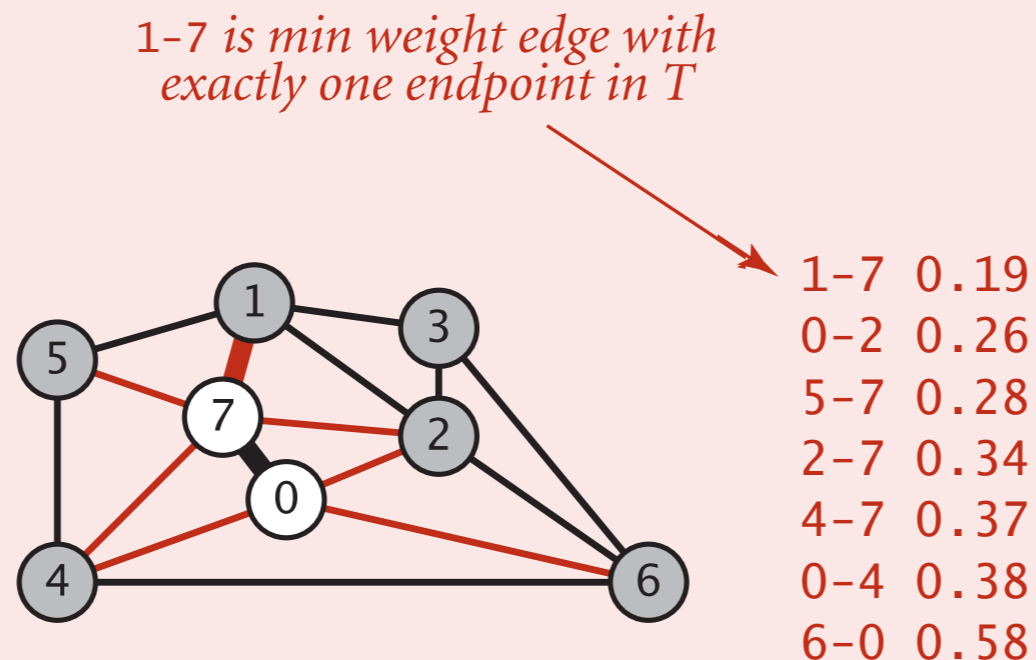
# Prim's algorithm: implementation challenge

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**Challenge.** Find the min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

How difficult?

- A.  $E$
- B.  $V$
- C.  $\log E$
- D. 1
- E. *I don't know.*





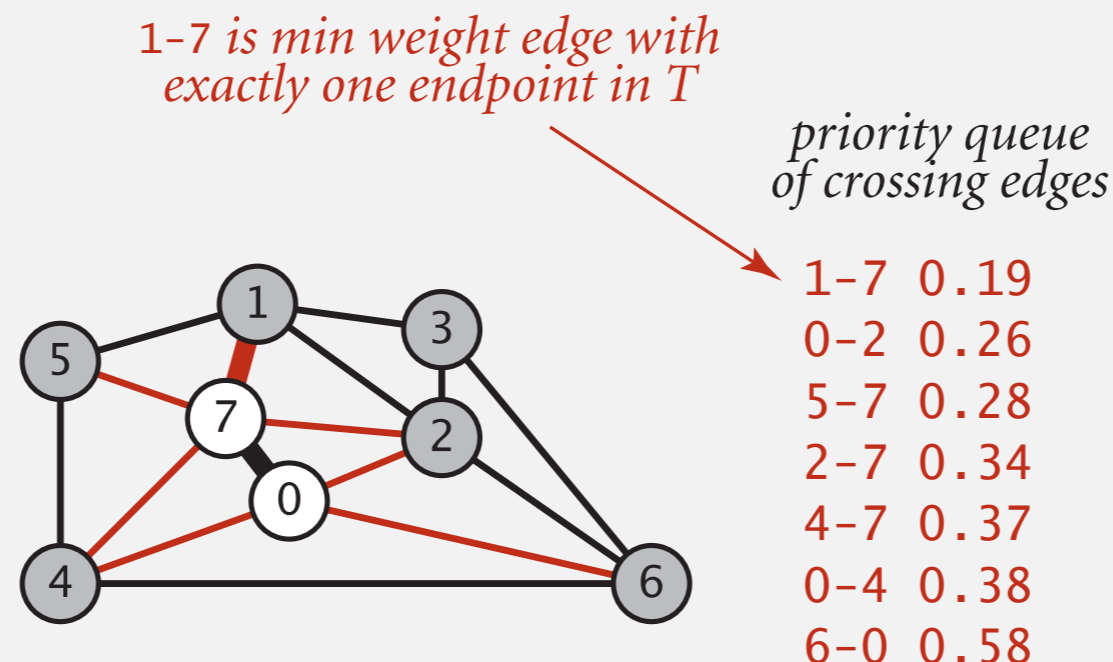
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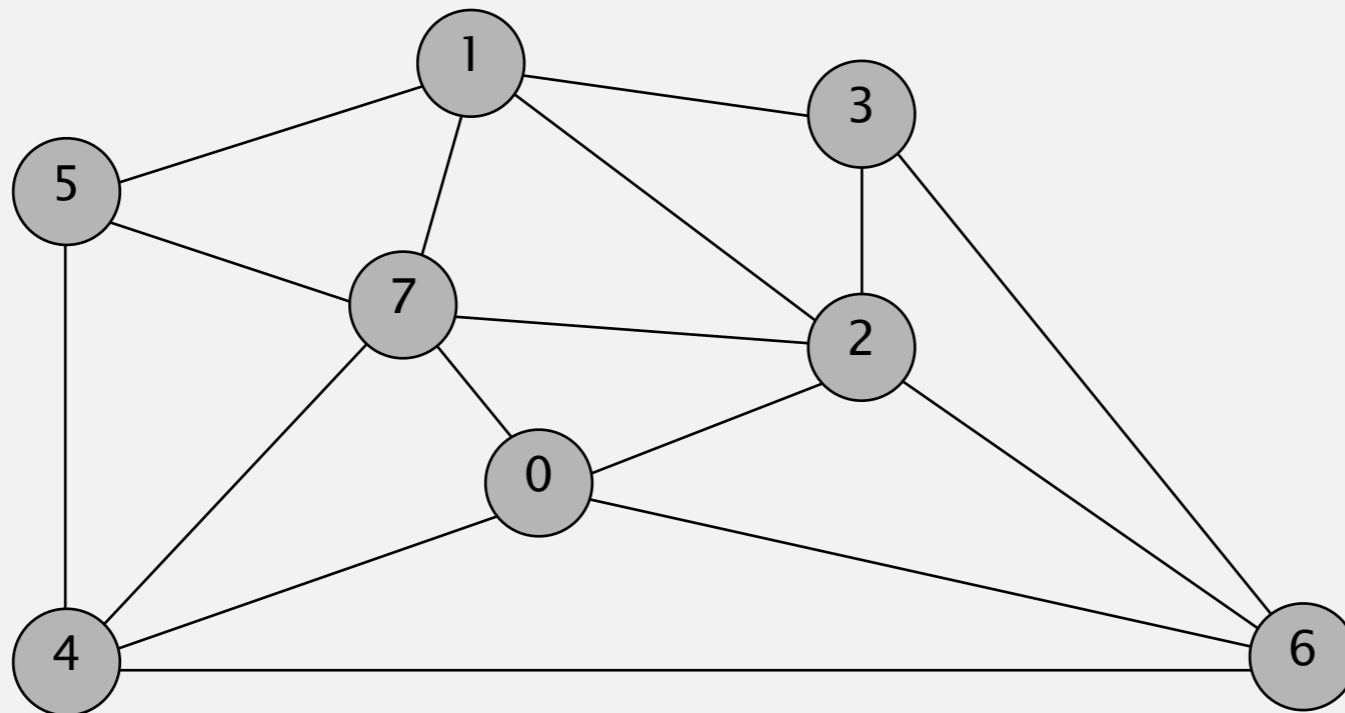
**Lazy solution.** Maintain a PQ of **edges** with (at least) one endpoint in  $T$ .

- Key = edge; priority = weight of edge.
- Delete-min to determine next edge  $e = v-w$  to add to  $T$ .
- Disregard if both endpoints  $v$  and  $w$  are marked (both in  $T$ ).
- Otherwise, let  $w$  be the unmarked vertex (not in  $T$ ):
  - add to PQ any edge incident to  $w$  (assuming other endpoint not in  $T$ )
  - add  $e$  to  $T$  and mark  $w$



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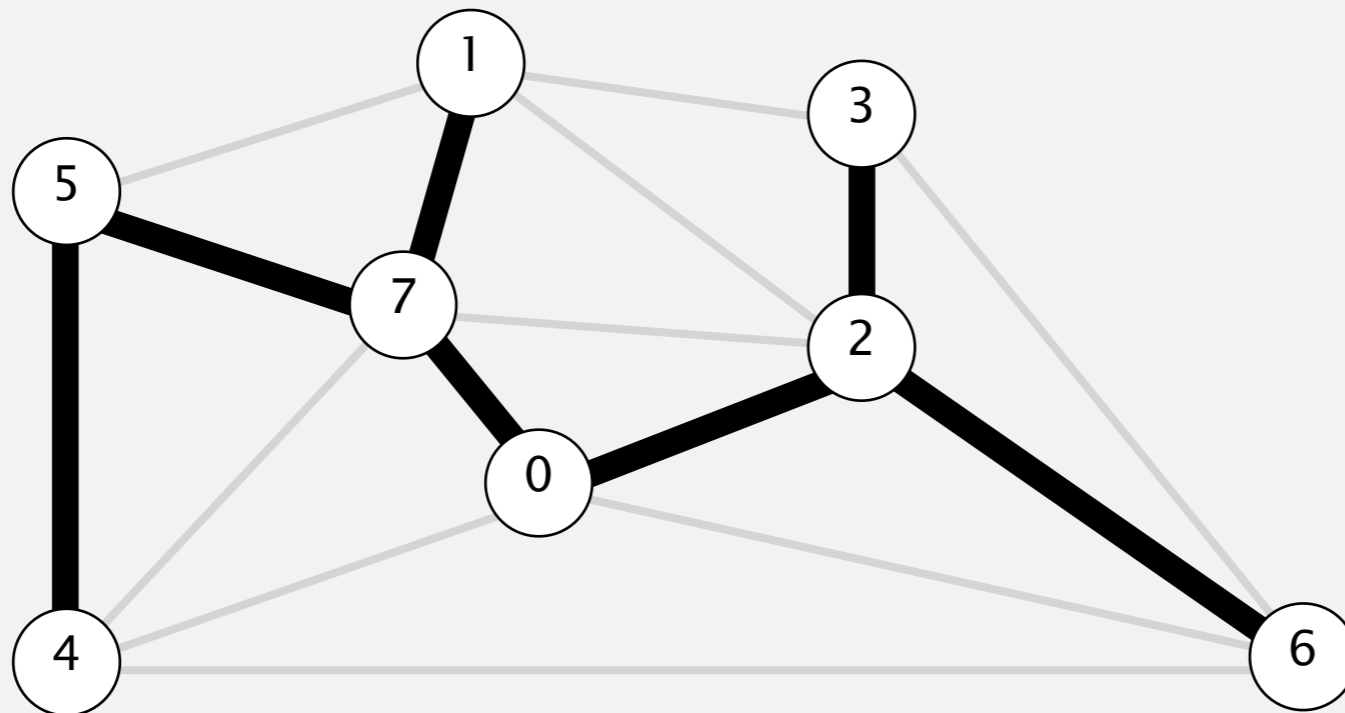
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# Prim's algorithm: lazy implementation

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```
public class LazyPrimMST
{
    private boolean[] marked;    // MST vertices
    private Queue<Edge> mst;    // MST edges
    private MinPQ<Edge> pq;    // PQ of edges
```

```
    public LazyPrimMST(WeightedGraph G)
    {
```

```
        pq = new MinPQ<Edge>();
        mst = new Queue<Edge>();
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];
        visit(G, 0);
```

```
        while (!pq.isEmpty() && mst.size() < G.V() - 1)
        {
```

```
            Edge e = pq.delMin();
            int v = e.either(), w = e.other(v);
            if (marked[v] && marked[w]) continue;
            mst.enqueue(e);
            if (!marked[v]) visit(G, v);
            if (!marked[w]) visit(G, w);
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

← assume G is connected

← repeatedly delete the  
min weight edge  $e = v-w$  from PQ

← ignore if both endpoints in T  
← add edge e to tree

← add v or w to tree

# Prim's algorithm: lazy implementation

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```
private void visit(WeightedGraph G, int v)
{
    marked[v] = true;
    for (Edge e : G.adj(v))
        if (!marked[e.other(v)])
            pq.insert(e);
}
```

```
public Iterable<Edge> mst()
{ return mst; }
```

← add v to T

← for each edge  $e = v-w$ , add to PQ if w not already in T

## Lazy Prim's algorithm: running time

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**Proposition.** Lazy Prim's algorithm computes the MST in time proportional to  $E \log E$  and extra space proportional to  $E$  (in the worst case).

Pf.

operation	frequency	binary heap
<b>delete min</b>	$E$	$\log E$
<b>insert</b>	$E$	$\log E$

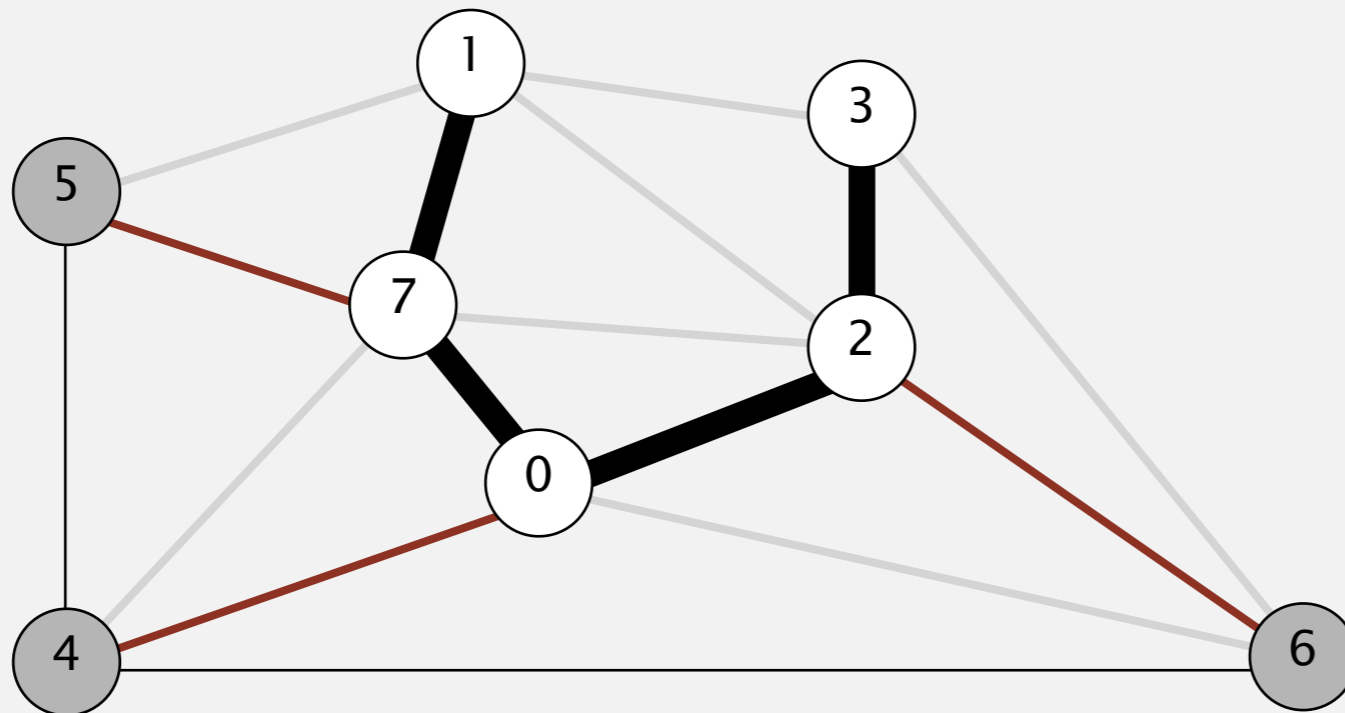
# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation

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**Challenge.** Find min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

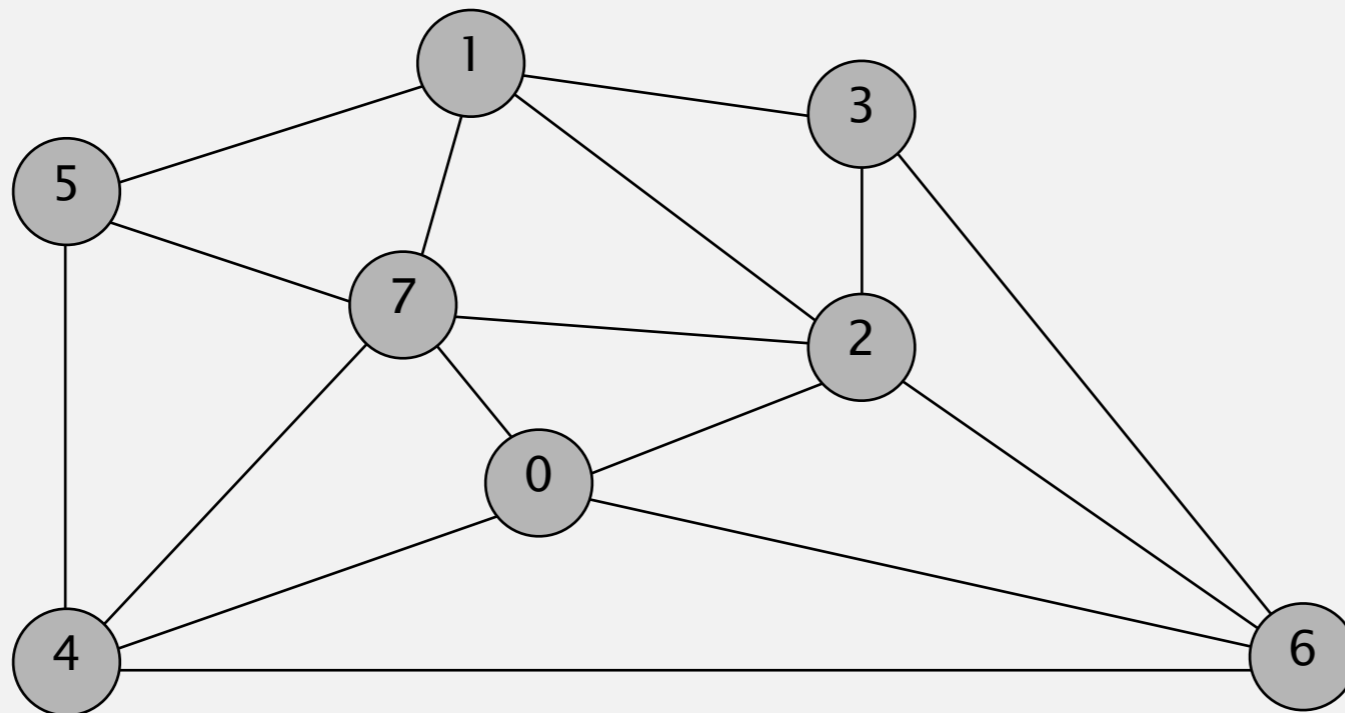
**Observation.** For each vertex  $v$ , need only **shortest** edge connecting  $v$  to  $T$ .

- MST includes at most one edge connecting  $v$  to  $T$ . Why?
- If MST includes such an edge, it can take cheapest such edge. Why?



# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation demo

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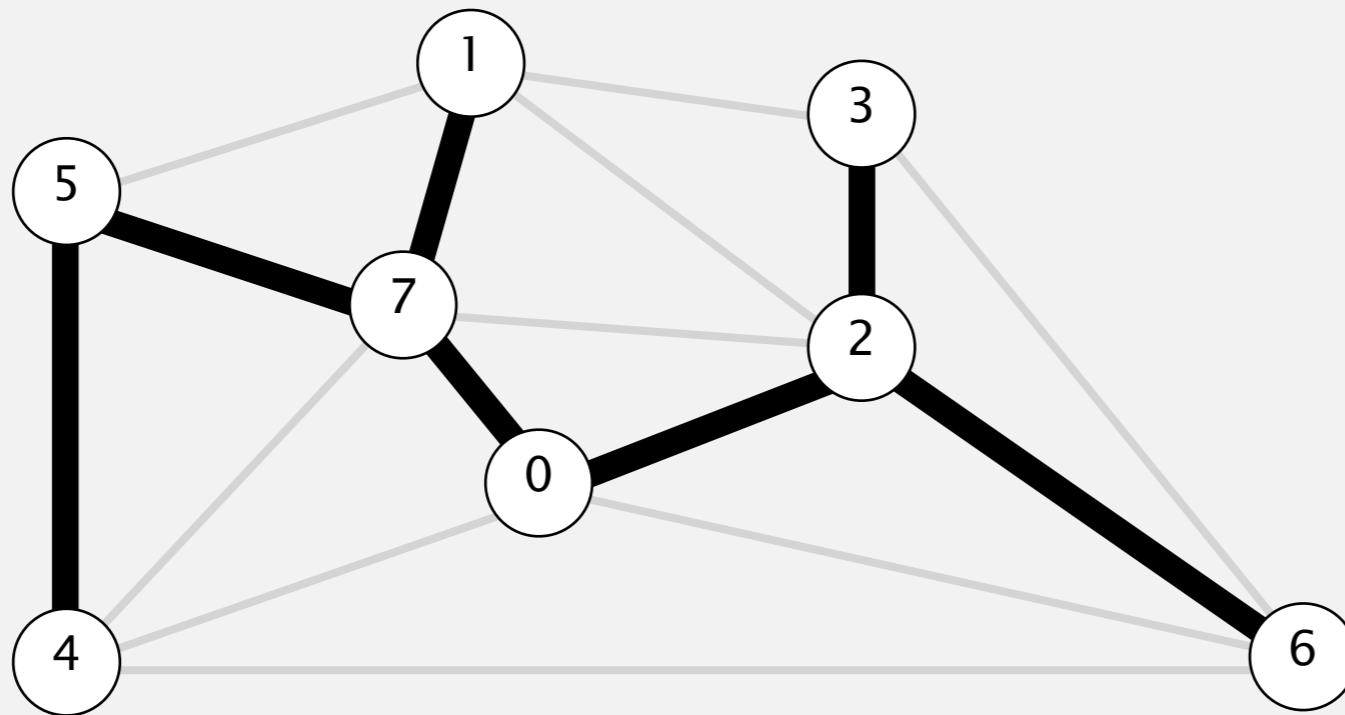
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# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation demo

- Start with vertex 0 and greedily grow tree  $T$ .
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v	edgeTo[]	distTo[]
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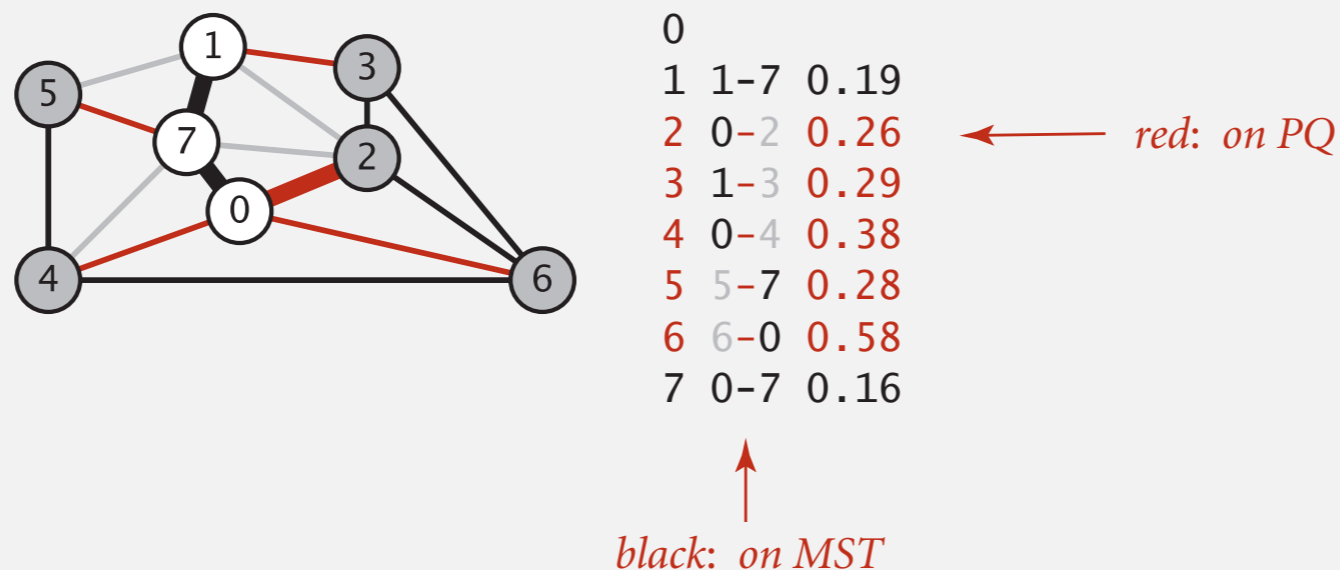
# Prim's algorithm: eager implementation

**Challenge.** Find min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .

↙ pq has at most one entry per vertex

**Eager solution.** Maintain a PQ of **vertices** connected by an edge to  $T$ , where priority of vertex  $v =$  weight of shortest edge connecting  $v$  to  $T$ .

- Delete min vertex  $v$  and add its associated edge  $e = v-w$  to  $T$ .
- Update PQ by considering all edges  $e = v-x$  incident to  $v$ 
  - ignore if  $x$  is already in  $T$
  - add  $x$  to PQ if not already on it
  - **decrease priority** of  $x$  if  $v-x$  becomes shortest edge connecting  $x$  to  $T$



# Indexed priority queue

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Associate an index between 0 and  $N - 1$  with each key in a priority queue.

- Supports **insert** and **delete-the-minimum**.
- Supports **decrease-key** given the index of the key.

```
public class IndexMinPQ<Key extends Comparable<Key>>
```

```
    IndexMinPQ(int N)
```

*create indexed priority queue  
with indices 0, 1, ..., N - 1*

```
    void insert(int i, Key key)
```

*associate key with index i*

```
    void decreaseKey(int i, Key key)
```

*decrease the key associated with index i*

```
    boolean contains(int i)
```

*is i an index on the priority queue?*

```
    int delMin()
```

*remove a minimal key and return its  
associated index*

```
    boolean isEmpty()
```

*is the priority queue empty?*

```
    int size()
```

*number of keys in the priority queue*

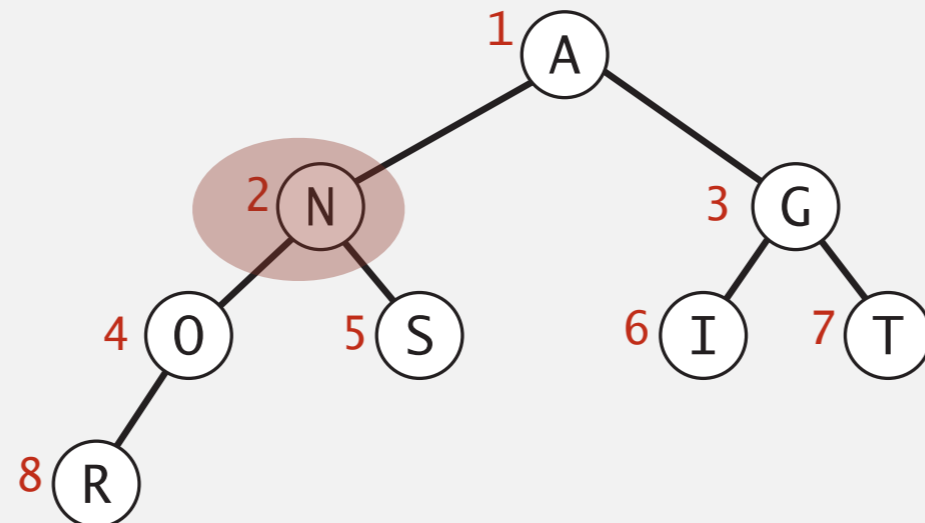
# Indexed priority queue implementation

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Binary heap implementation. [see Section 2.4 of textbook]

- Start with same code as MinPQ.
- Maintain parallel arrays `keys[]`, `pq[]`, and `qp[]` so that:
  - `keys[i]` is the priority of `i`
  - `pq[i]` is the index of the key in heap position `i`
  - `qp[i]` is the heap position of the key with index `i`
- Use `swim(qp[i])` to implement `decreaseKey(i, key)`.

<code>i</code>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<code>keys[i]</code>	A	S	O	R	T	I	N	G	-
<code>pq[i]</code>	-	0	6	7	2	1	5	4	3
<code>qp[i]</code>	1	5	4	8	7	6	2	3	-



# Prim's algorithm: which priority queue?

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Depends on PQ implementation:  $V$  insert,  $V$  delete-min,  $E$  decrease-key.

PQ implementation	insert	delete-min	decrease-key	total
<b>unordered array</b>	1	$V$	1	$V^2$
<b>binary heap</b>	$\log V$	$\log V$	$\log V$	$E \log V$
<b>d-way heap</b>	$\log_d V$	$d \log_d V$	$\log_d V$	$E \log_{E/V} V$
<b>Fibonacci heap</b>	$1^\dagger$	$\log V^\dagger$	$1^\dagger$	$E + V \log V$

$\dagger$  amortized

## Bottom line.

- Array implementation optimal for dense graphs.
- Binary heap much faster for sparse graphs.
- 4-way heap worth the trouble in performance-critical situations.
- Fibonacci heap best in theory, but not worth implementing.



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# Does a linear-time MST algorithm exist?

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## deterministic compare-based MST algorithms

year	worst case	discovered by
1975	$E \log \log V$	Yao
1976	$E \log \log V$	Cheriton-Tarjan
1984	$E \log^* V, E + V \log V$	Fredman-Tarjan
1986	$E \log (\log^* V)$	Gabow-Galil-Spencer-Tarjan
1997	$E \alpha(V) \log \alpha(V)$	Chazelle
2000	$E \alpha(V)$	Chazelle
2002	<i>optimal</i>	Pettie-Ramachandran
20xx	$E$	???

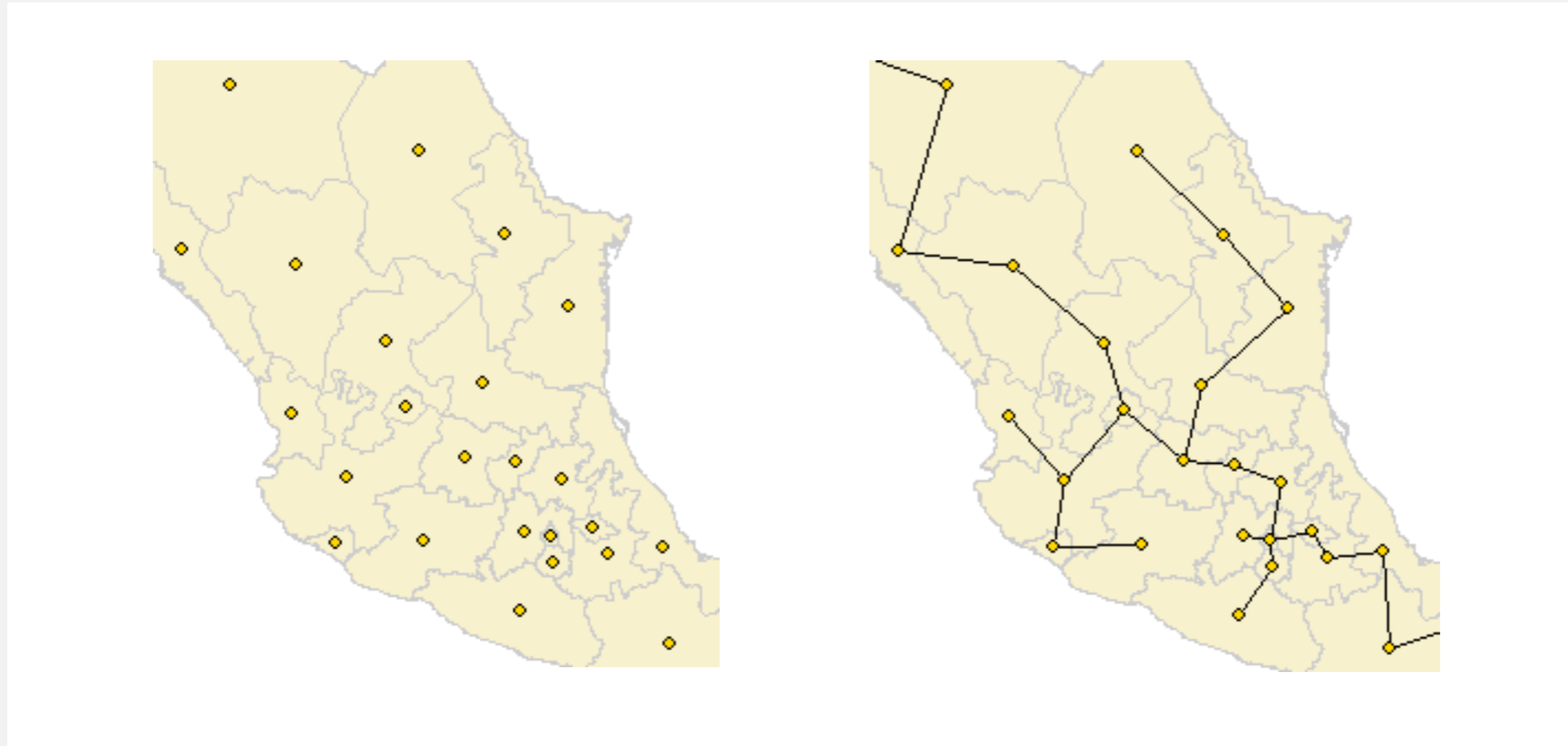


**Remark.** Linear-time randomized MST algorithm (Karger-Klein-Tarjan 1995).

# Euclidean MST

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Given  $N$  points in the plane, find MST connecting them, where the distances between point pairs are their **Euclidean** distances.



**Brute force.** Compute  $\sim N^2/2$  distances and run Prim's algorithm.

**Ingenuity.** Exploit geometry and do it in  $N \log N$  time.



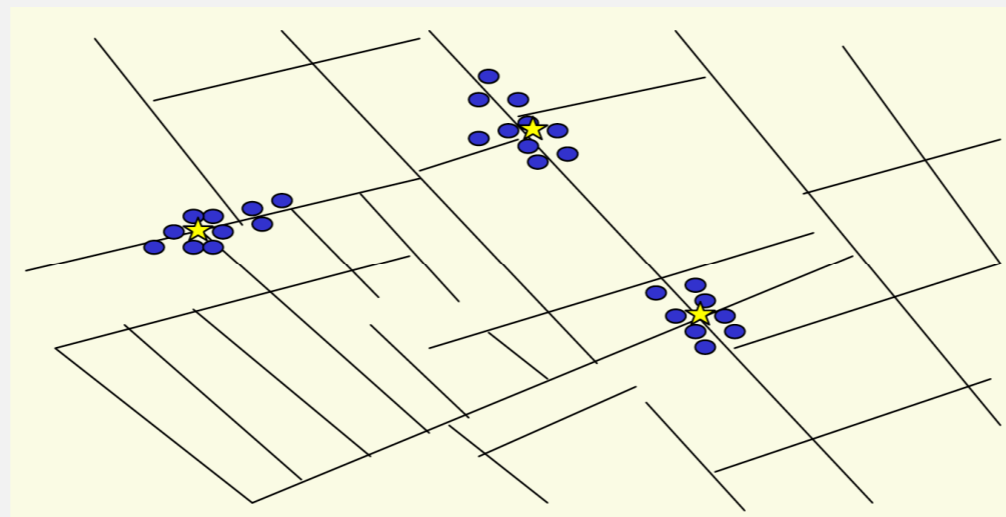
# Scientific application: clustering

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**k-clustering.** Divide a set of objects classify into  $k$  coherent groups.

**Distance function.** Numeric value specifying "closeness" of two objects.

**Goal.** Divide into clusters so that objects in different clusters are far apart.



outbreak of cholera deaths in London in 1850s (Nina Mishra)

## Applications.

- Routing in mobile ad hoc networks.
- Document categorization for web search.
- Similarity searching in medical image databases.
- Skycat: cluster  $10^9$  sky objects into stars, quasars, galaxies.

# Single-link clustering

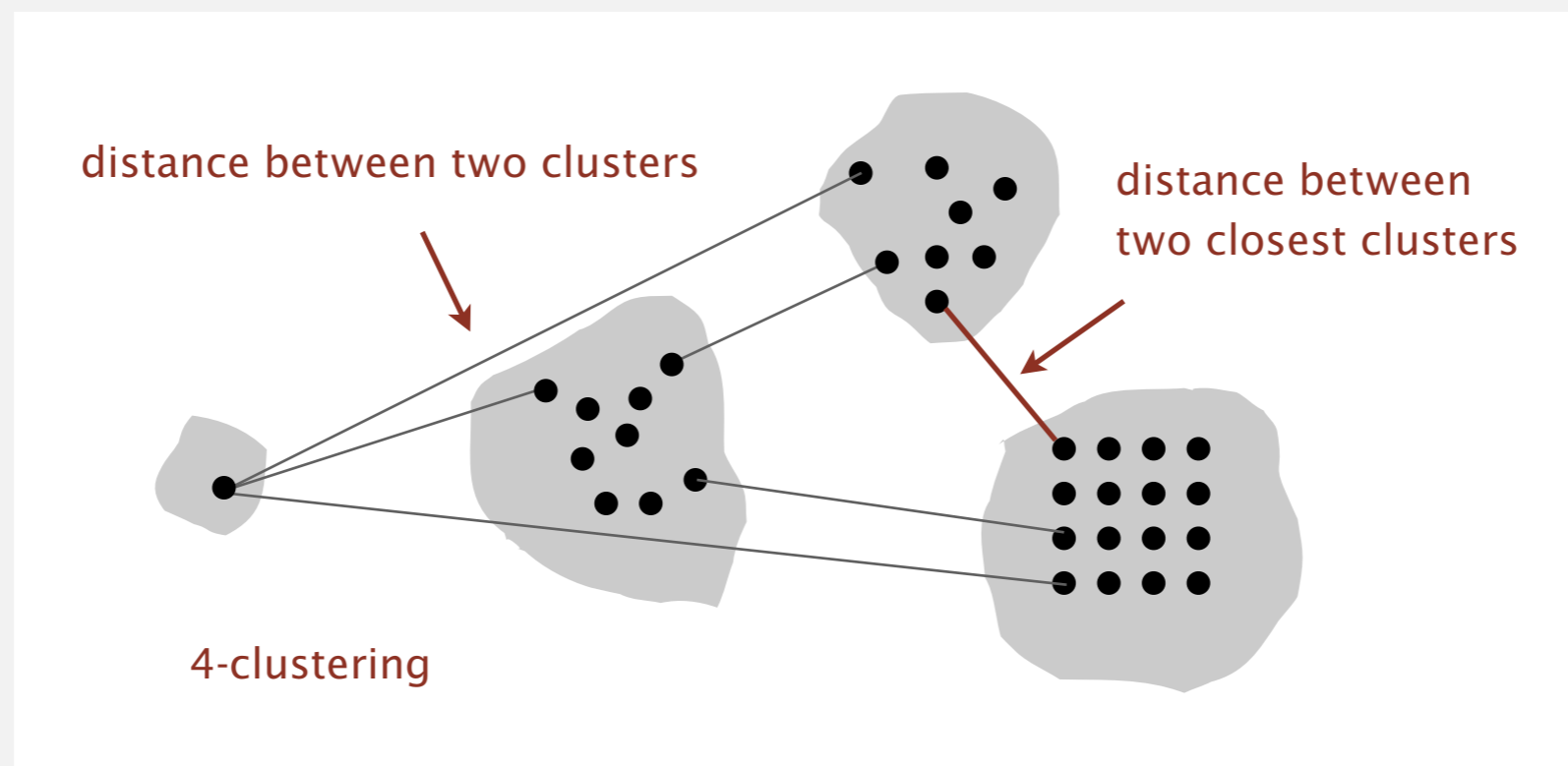
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**k-clustering.** Divide a set of objects classify into  $k$  coherent groups.

**Distance function.** Numeric value specifying "closeness" of two objects.

**Single link.** Distance between two clusters equals the distance between the two closest objects (one in each cluster).

**Single-link clustering.** Given an integer  $k$ , find a  $k$ -clustering that maximizes the distance between two closest clusters.



# Single-link clustering algorithm

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“Well-known” algorithm in science literature for single-link clustering:

- Form  $V$  clusters of one object each.
- Find the closest pair of objects such that each object is in a different cluster, and merge the two clusters.
- Repeat until there are exactly  $k$  clusters.

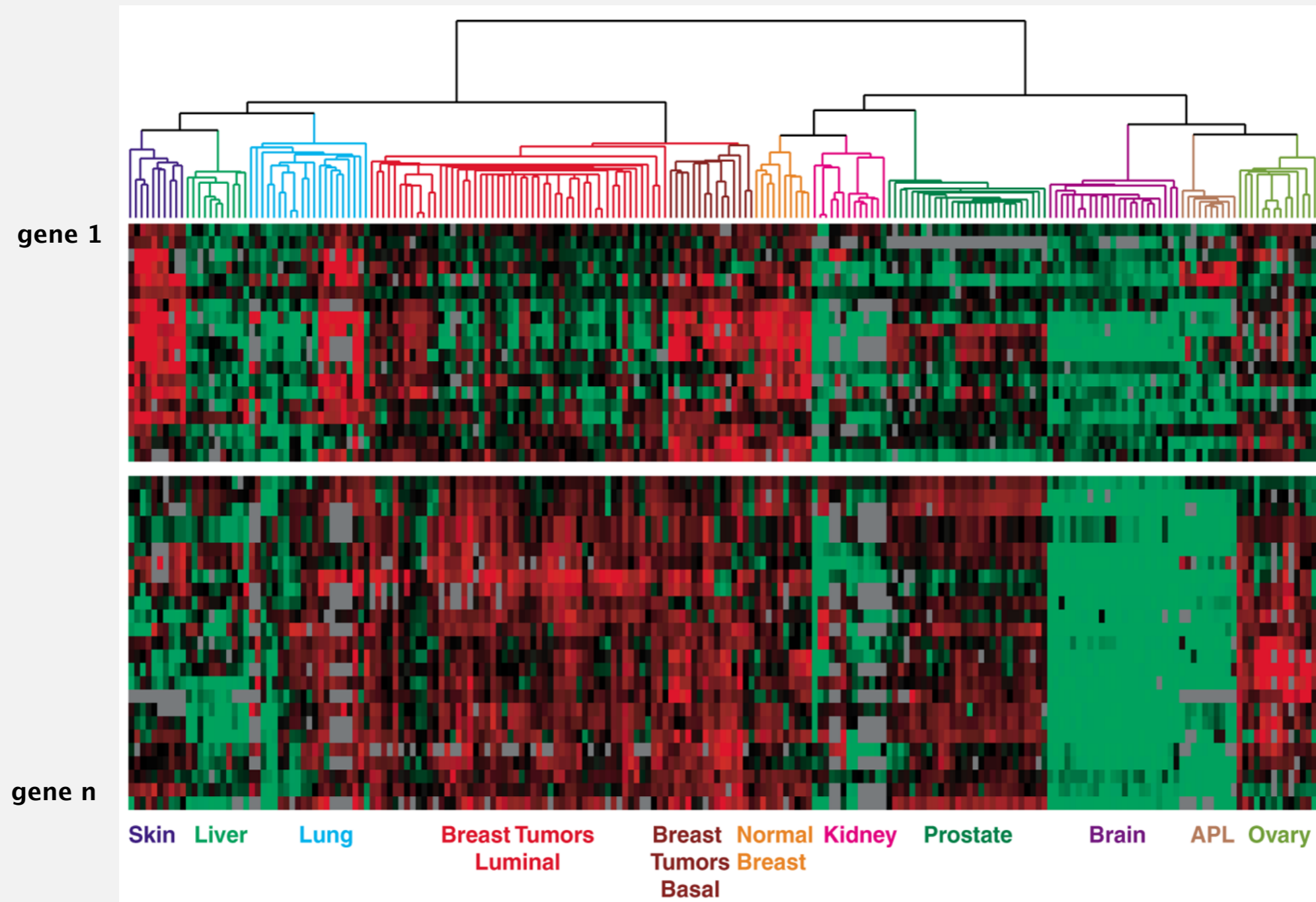
**Observation.** This is Kruskal's algorithm.  
(stopping when  $k$  connected components)



**Alternate solution.** Run Prim; then delete  $k - 1$  max weight edges.

# Dendrogram of cancers in human

Tumors in similar tissues cluster together.



Reference: Botstein & Brown group

■ gene expressed  
■ gene not expressed