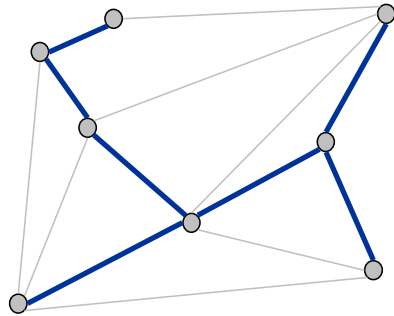


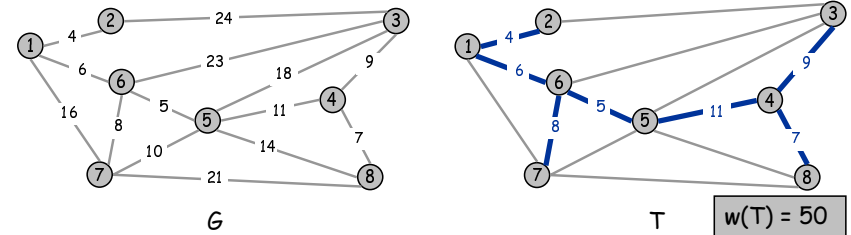
# Minimum Spanning Tree



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 · *Algorithms in C, 3rd Edition, Part 5*, R. Sedgewick.

## Minimum Spanning Tree

**MST.** Given connected graph  $G$  with positive edge weights, find a min weight set of edges that connects all of the vertices.



**Cayley's Theorem (1889).** There are  $V^{V-2}$  spanning trees on the complete graph on  $V$  vertices.

- Can't solve MST by brute force.

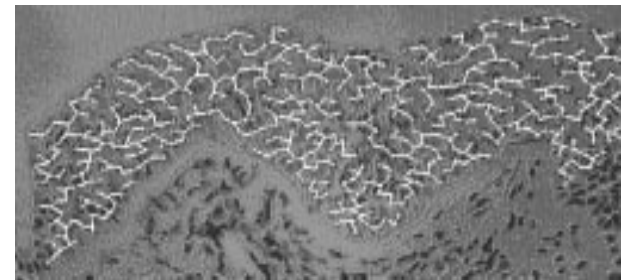
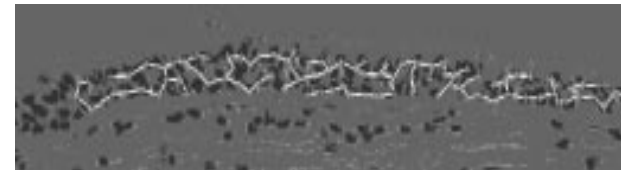
## Applications

MST is fundamental problem with diverse applications.

- Network design.
  - telephone, electrical, hydraulic, TV cable, computer, road
- Cluster analysis.
  - delete long edges leaves connected components
  - finding clusters of quasars and Seyfert galaxies
  - analyzing fungal spore spatial patterns
- Approximation algorithms for NP-hard problems.
  - metric TSP, Steiner tree
- Indirect applications.
  - max bottleneck paths
  - learning salient features for real-time face verification
  - modeling locality of particle interactions in turbulent fluid flow
  - reducing data storage in sequencing amino acids in a protein

## Medical Image Processing

Arrangement of nuclei in skin cell for cancer research.



## Optimal Message Passing

### Optimal message passing.

- Distribute message to N agents.
- Each agent  $i$  can communicate with some of the other agents  $j$ , but their communication is (independently) detected with probability  $p_{ij}$ .
- Group leader wants to transmit message to all agents so as to minimize overall probability of detected.

### Objective.

- Find tree  $T$  that minimizes:  $1 - \prod_{(i,j) \in T} (1 - p_{ij})$
- Or equivalently, that maximizes:  $\prod_{(i,j) \in T} (1 - p_{ij})$
- Or equivalently, that maximizes:  $\sum_{(i,j) \in T} \log(1 - p_{ij})$

Algorithm. MST with weights =  $-\log(1 - p_{ij})$ . Weights  $p_{ij}$  also work!

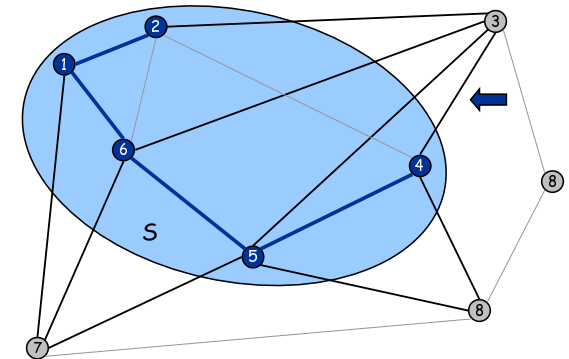
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## Prim's Algorithm

### Prim's algorithm. (Jarník 1930, Dijkstra 1957, Prim 1959)

- Initialize  $T = \phi$ ,  $S = \{s\}$  for some arbitrary vertex  $s$ .
- Grow  $S$  until it contains all of the vertices:
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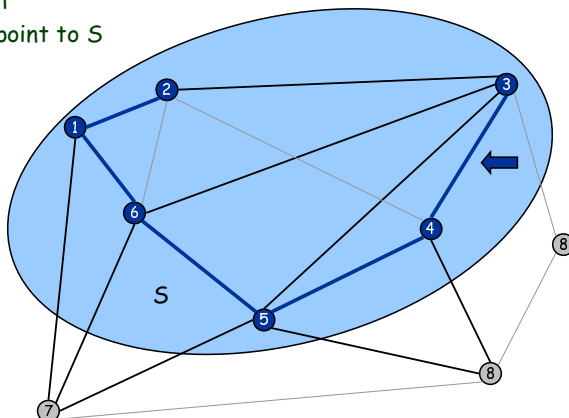
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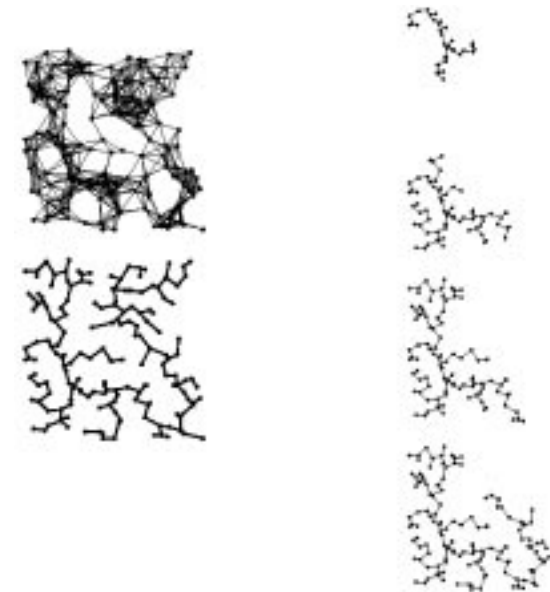
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## Prim's Algorithm: Example



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## Prim's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

**Theorem.** Upon termination of Prim's algorithm,  $T$  is a MST.

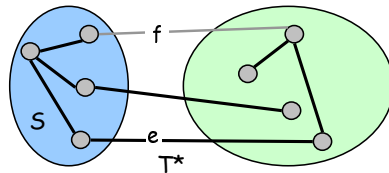
**Proof.** (by induction on number of iterations)

**Invariant:** There exists a MST  $T^*$  containing all of the edges in  $T$ .

**Base case:**  $T = \emptyset \Rightarrow$  every MST satisfies invariant.

**Induction step:** invariant true at beginning of iteration  $i$ .

- Let  $f$  be the edge that Prim's algorithm chooses.
- If  $f \in T^*$ ,  $T^*$  still satisfies invariant.
- Otherwise, consider cycle  $C$  formed by adding  $f$  to  $T^*$ 
  - let  $e \in C$  be another arc with exactly one endpoint in  $S$
  - $c_f \leq c_e$  since algorithm chooses  $f$  instead of  $e$
  - $T^* \cup \{f\} - \{e\}$  satisfies invariant



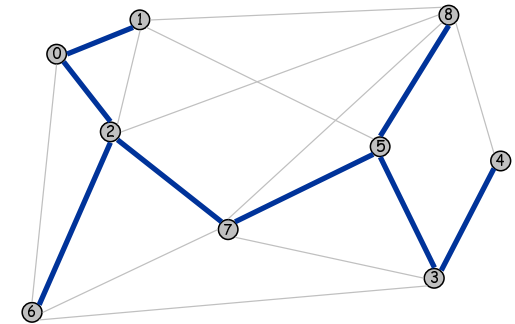
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## Spanning Tree Representation

How to represent a spanning tree?

- List of edges: 1-0, 2-0, 3-5, 4-3, 5-7, 6-2, 7-2, 8-5
- Parent-link representation: vertex indexed array  $\text{pred}[v]$ .

v	pred[v]
0	0
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3	5
4	3
5	7
6	2
7	2
8	5



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## Prim's Algorithm: Adjacency Matrix Implementation

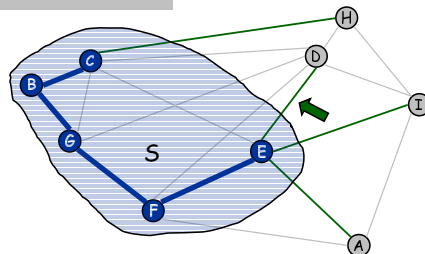
Use adjacency matrix.

- $S$  = set of vertices in current tree.
- For each vertex not in  $S$ , maintain vertex in  $S$  to which it is closest.
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  - for each neighbor  $w$  of  $v$ , if  $w$  is closer to  $v$  than current neighbor in  $S$ , update  $\text{dist}[w]$

```
if (G->wt[v][w] < dist[w]) {
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    pred[w] = v;
}
```

distance matrix

v	pred	dist
A	E	15
B	B	-
C	B	-
D	E	9
E	F	-
F	G	-
G	B	-
H	C	23
I	E	11



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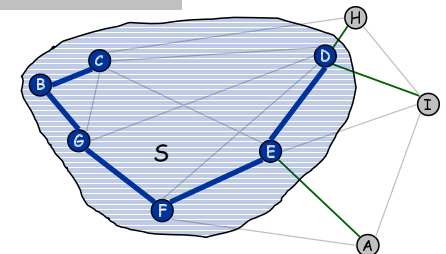
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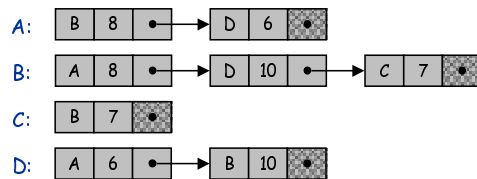
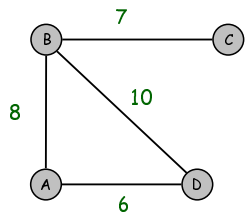
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## Prim's Algorithm: Adjacency List Implementation

Use adjacency list.

- Maintain extra field in each node of adjacency list to store edge weight.

```
typedef struct node *link;
struct node {
    int w;
    double wt;
    link next;
};
```



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## Prim's Algorithm: Adjacency List Implementation

Adjacency list implementation.

- Initialize  $\pi[s] = 0$ ,  $\text{pred}[s] = s$ ,  $\pi[v] = \infty$ , and  $\text{pred}[v] = -1$ .
- Insert all nodes onto PQ.
- Repeatedly delete node  $v$  with  $\min \pi[v]$  from PQ.
  - for each  $(v, w)$ , if  $c(v, w) < \pi[w]$  then update  $\pi[w] = c(v, w)$

```
while (!PQisempty()) {
    v = PQdelmin();
    for (t = G->adj[v]; t != NULL; t = t->next) {
        w = t->w;
        if (t->wt < pi[w]) {
            pi[w] = t->wt;           ← decrease key
            pred[w] = v;           ← cost of edge (v, w)
        }
    }
}
```

Main Loop

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## Priority Queues for Index Items

Index heap-based priority queue. (Sedgwick Program 9.12)

- Insert, delete min, test if empty.
- Decrease key.

Client passes index  $i$  of element of key to decrease.

- Index heap maintains an extra array, such that  $\text{qp}[i]$  stores the heap position of element with index  $i$ .

```
PQdekey(int i) { fixUp(pq, qp[i]); }
```

Design issues.

- PQ implementation maintains Keys; client accesses Keys only through handles provided by implementation.
- Client maintains Keys; PQ implementation accesses Keys only through handles provided by client (array indices).

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## Prim's Algorithm: Implementation Cost Summary

Operation	Prim	Priority Queue		
		Array	Binary heap	Fibonacci heap †
insert	V	V	$\log V$	1
delete-min	V	V	$\log V$	$\log V$
decrease-key	E	1	$\log V$	1
is-empty	V	1	1	1
total		$V^2$	$E \log V$	$E + V \log V$

† Individual ops are amortized bounds

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## Prim's Algorithm: Priority Queue Choice

The choice of priority queue matters in Prim implementation.

- Array:  $O(V^2)$ .
- Binary heap:  $O(E \log V)$ .
- Fibonacci heap:  $O(E + V \log V)$ .

Best choice depends on whether graph is SPARSE or DENSE.

- 2,000 vertices, 1 million edges.      Heap: 2-3x slower.
- 100,000 vertices, 1 million edges.      Heap: 500x faster.
- 1 million vertices, 2 million edges.      Heap: 10,000x faster.

Bottom line.

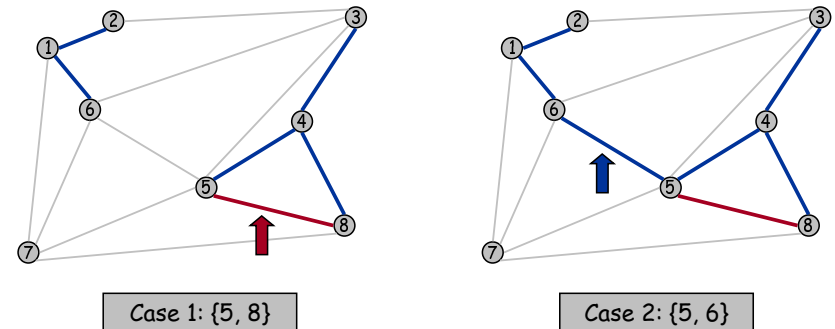
- Classic Prim is optimal for dense graphs.
- Binary heap far better for sparse graphs.
- Fibonacci heap best in theory, but not in practice.

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## Kruskal's Algorithm

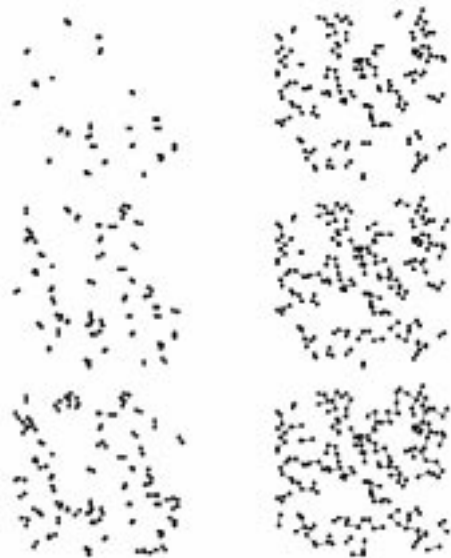
Kruskal's algorithm (1956).

- Initialize  $F = \phi$ .
- Consider arcs in ascending order of weight.
- If adding edge to forest  $F$  does not create a cycle, then add it. Otherwise, discard it.



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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Example



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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Proof of Correctness

**Theorem.** Upon termination of Kruskal's algorithm,  $F$  is a MST.

**Proof.** Identical to proof of correctness for Prim's algorithm except that you let  $S$  be the set of nodes in component of  $F$  containing  $v$ .

**Corollary.** "Greed is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit."

Gordon Gecko  
(Michael Douglas)

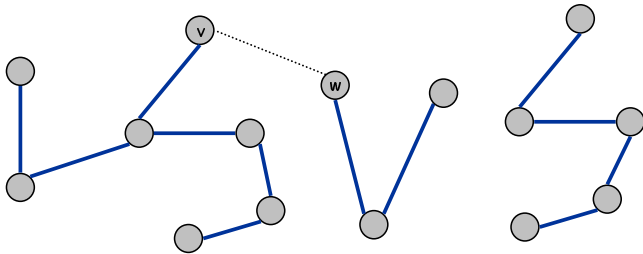


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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Implementation

How to check if adding an edge to F would create a cycle?

- Naïve solution: DFS in  $O(V)$  time.
- Clever solution: union-find in  $O(\log^* V)$ .
  - each tree in forest corresponds to a set
  - to see if adding edge between  $v$  and  $w$  creates a cycle, check if  $v$  and  $w$  are already in same component
  - when adding  $v-w$  to forest  $F$ , merge sets containing  $v$  and  $w$



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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Implementation

### Kruskal's Algorithm

```

void GRAPHmst(Graph G, Edge F[]) {
    int i, k, v, w;
    Edge *edges = GRAPHedges(G); // list of all edges in G

    sort(edges, 0, G->E - 1); // sort edges by weight

    UFininit(G->V);
    for (i = k = 0; i < E && k < G->V - 1; i++) {
        v = edges[i].v;
        w = edges[i].w;

        if (!UFfind(v, w)) { // if v-w does not create a cycle,
            UFunion(v, w); // add it to forest F and merge
            F[k++] = edges[i]; // components containing v and w
        } // array of k edges in MST
    }
}
    
```

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## Kruskal's Algorithm: Running Time

Operation	Frequency	Cost
sort	1	$E \log E$
union	$V - 1$	$\log^* V \dagger$
find	$E$	$\log^* V \dagger$

$\dagger$  Amortized bound using weighted quick union with path compression.

Kruskal running time:  $O(E \log V)$ .

If edges already sorted.  $O(E \log^* V)$  time.

- Recall: in this universe  $\log^* V \leq 5$ .

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## Advanced MST Algorithms

Deterministic comparison based algorithms.

- $O(E \log V)$  Prim, Kruskal, Boruvka.
- $O(V^2)$  Prim, Boruvka.
- $O(E \log \log V)$  Cheriton-Tarjan (1976), Yao (1975).
- $O(E \log^* V)$ ,  $O(E + V \log V)$  Fredman-Tarjan (1984).
- $O(E \log(\log^* V))$  Gabow-Galil-Spencer-Tarjan (1986).
- $O(E \alpha(E, V) \log \alpha(E, V))$  Chazelle (1997).
- $O(E \alpha(E, V))$  Chazelle (2000).
- $O(E)$  Holy grail.

Worth noting.

- $O(E)$  verification. Dixon-Rauch-Tarjan (1992).
- $O(E)$  randomized. Karger-Klein-Tarjan (1995).

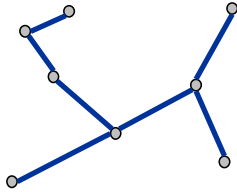


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## Euclidean MST

Given  $N$  points in the plane, find MST connecting them.

- Distances between point pairs are Euclidean distances.



Compute  $\Theta(N^2)$  distances and run Prim's algorithm on complete graph.

- Memory and running time are quadratic in input size.
- Can use squares of distances to avoid taking square roots.

Is it possible to do better by exploiting the geometry?

## Euclidean MST

**Key geometric fact.** Edges of the Euclidean MST are edges of the Delaunay triangulation.

**Euclidean MST algorithm.**

- Compute Voronoi diagram to get Delaunay triangulation.
- Run Kruskal's MST algorithm on Delaunay edges.

**Running time:**  $O(N \log N)$ .

- Fact:  $\leq 3N - 6$  Delaunay edges since it's planar
- $O(N \log N)$  for Voronoi.
- $O(N \log N)$  for Kruskal.

**Lower bound.** Any comparison-based Euclidean MST algorithm requires  $\Omega(N \log N)$  comparisons.

