



Lecture 25 (Graphs 4)

Minimum Spanning Trees

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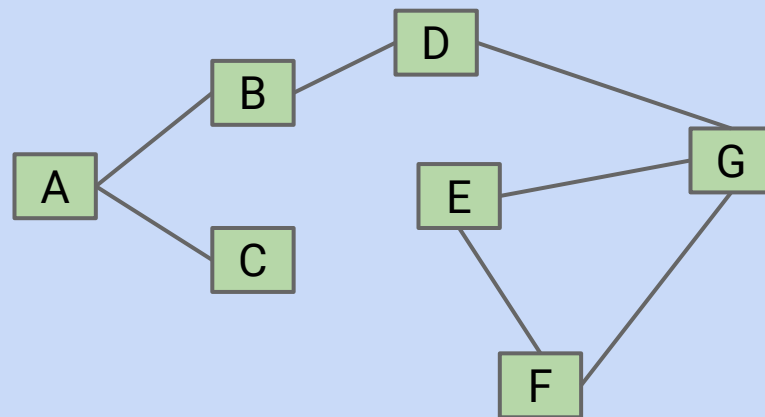
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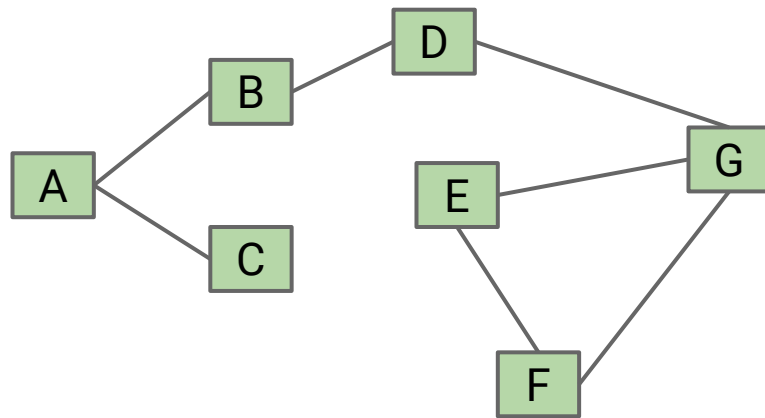
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Approach 1: Do DFS from 0 (arbitrary vertex).

- Keep going until you see a marked vertex.
- Potential danger:
 - 1 looks back at 0 and sees marked.
 - Solution: Just don't count the node you came from.



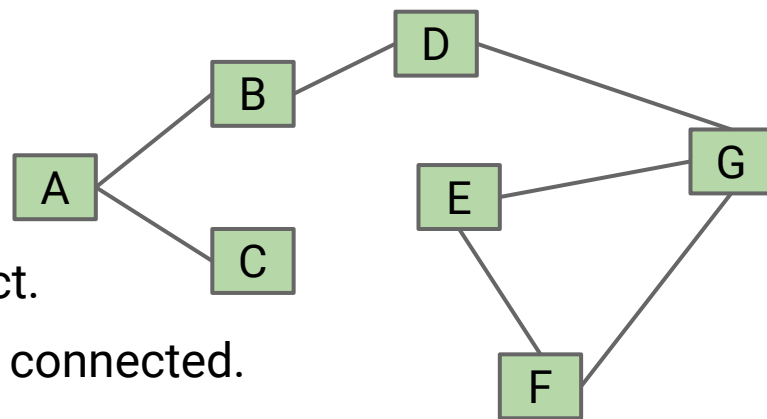
Worst case runtime: $O(V + E)$ -- do study guide problems to reinforce this.

- With some cleverness, can give a tighter bound of $O(V)$ (the number of edges we check is at most V , so $O(V+E) = O(V)$)

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Approach 2: Use a WeightedQuickUnionUF object.

- For each edge, check if the two vertices are connected.
 - If not, union them.
 - If so, there is a cycle.

Worst case runtime: $O(V + E \alpha(V))$ if we have path compression.

- Here $\alpha(V)$ is the [inverse Ackermann function](#) from Disjoint Sets.
- With similar reasoning from before, we can reduce to $O(V \alpha(V))$

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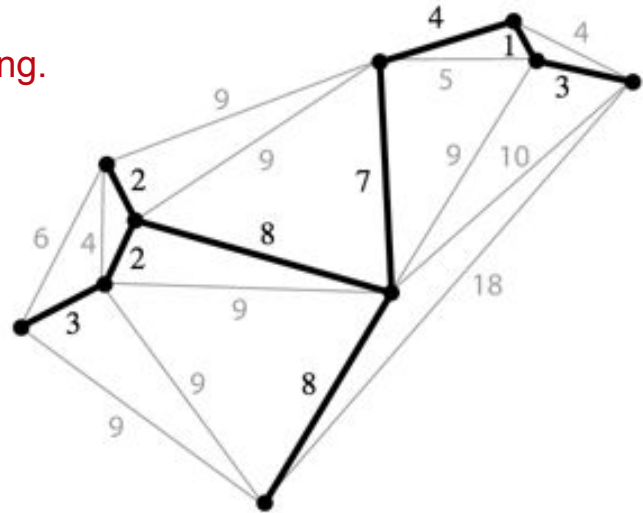
Spanning Trees

Given an **undirected** graph, a **spanning tree** T is a subgraph of G , where T :

- Is connected.
 - Is acyclic.
 - Includes all of the vertices.
- These two properties make it a tree.
- This makes it spanning.

Example:

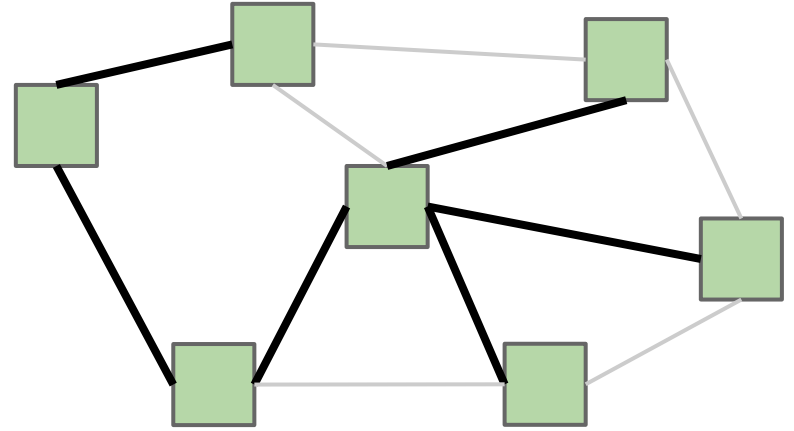
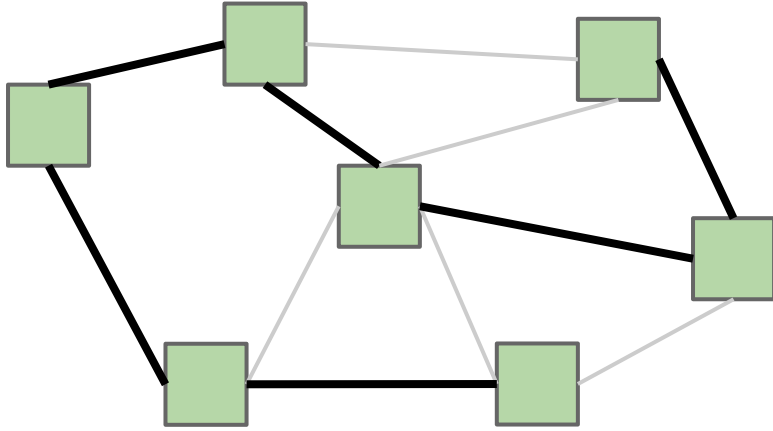
- Spanning tree is the black edges and vertices.



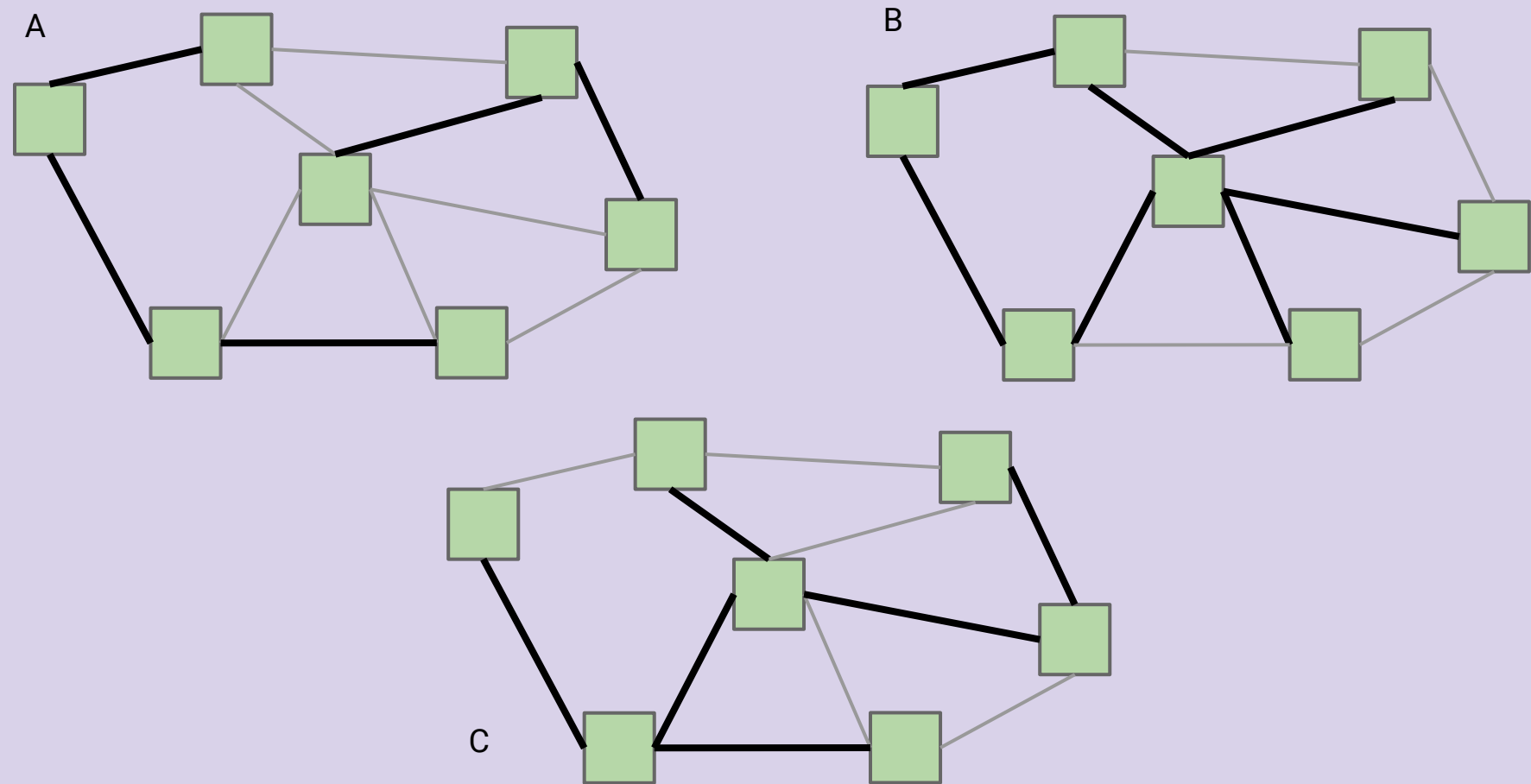
A **minimum spanning tree** is a spanning tree of minimum total weight.

- Example: Network of power lines that connect a bunch of buildings.

Spanning Trees



Which are Spanning Trees? yellkey.com/TODO



Left: Old school handwriting recognition ([link](#))

Right: Medical imaging (e.g. arrangement of nuclei in cancer cells)

For more, see: <http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gina/mst.html>

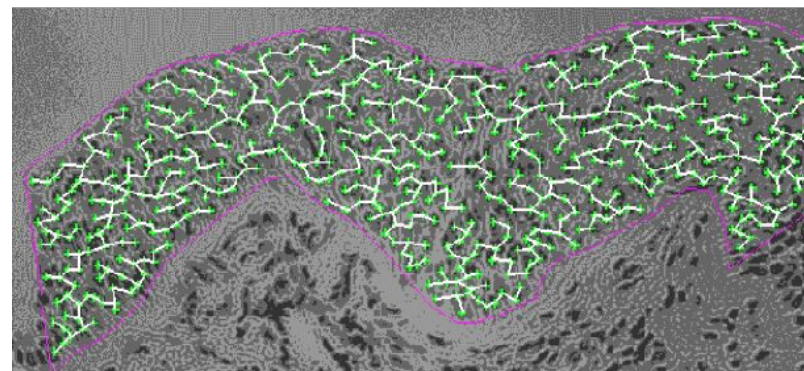
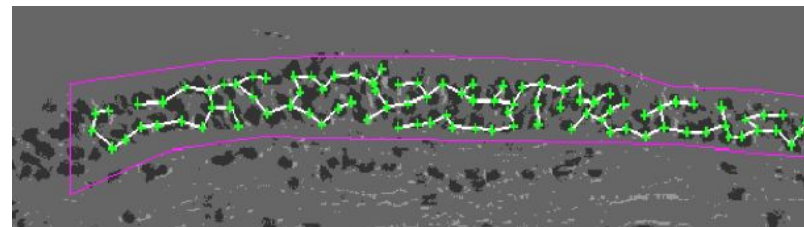
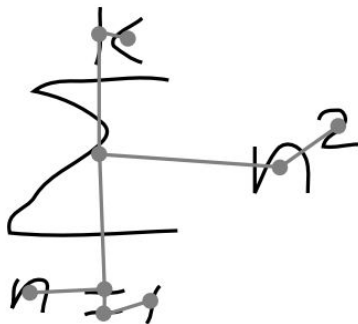


Figure 4-3: A typical minimum spanning tree

These slides are covered in the [web videos](#), but we won't cover them live.

Extra: Minimum Spanning Trees vs. Shortest Paths Trees

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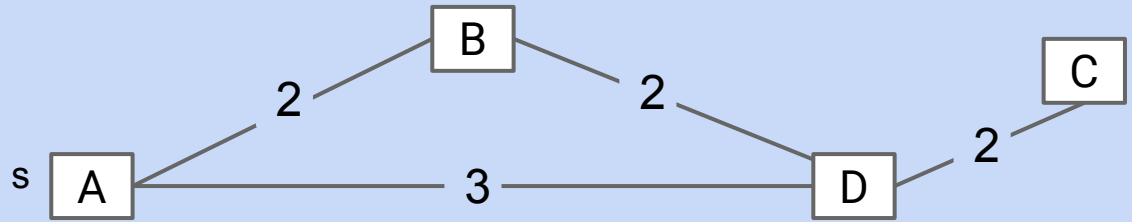
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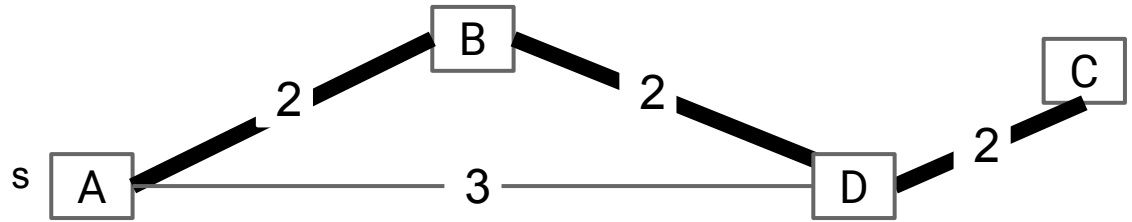
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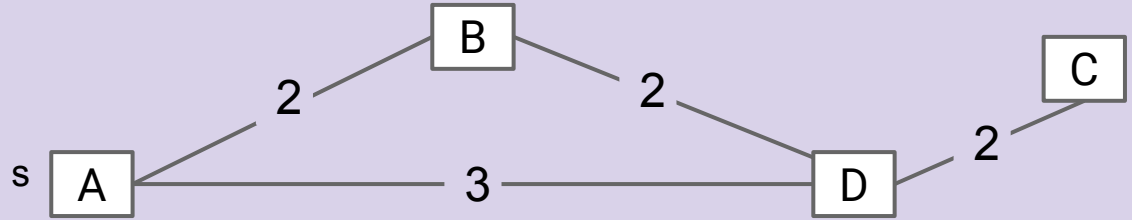


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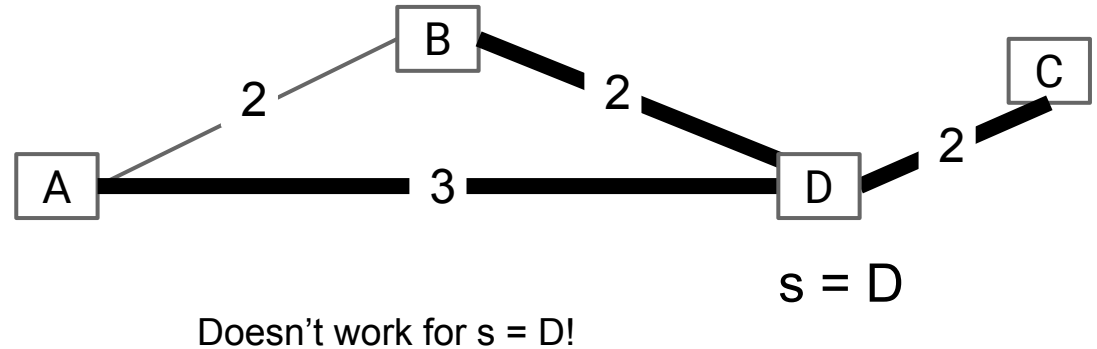
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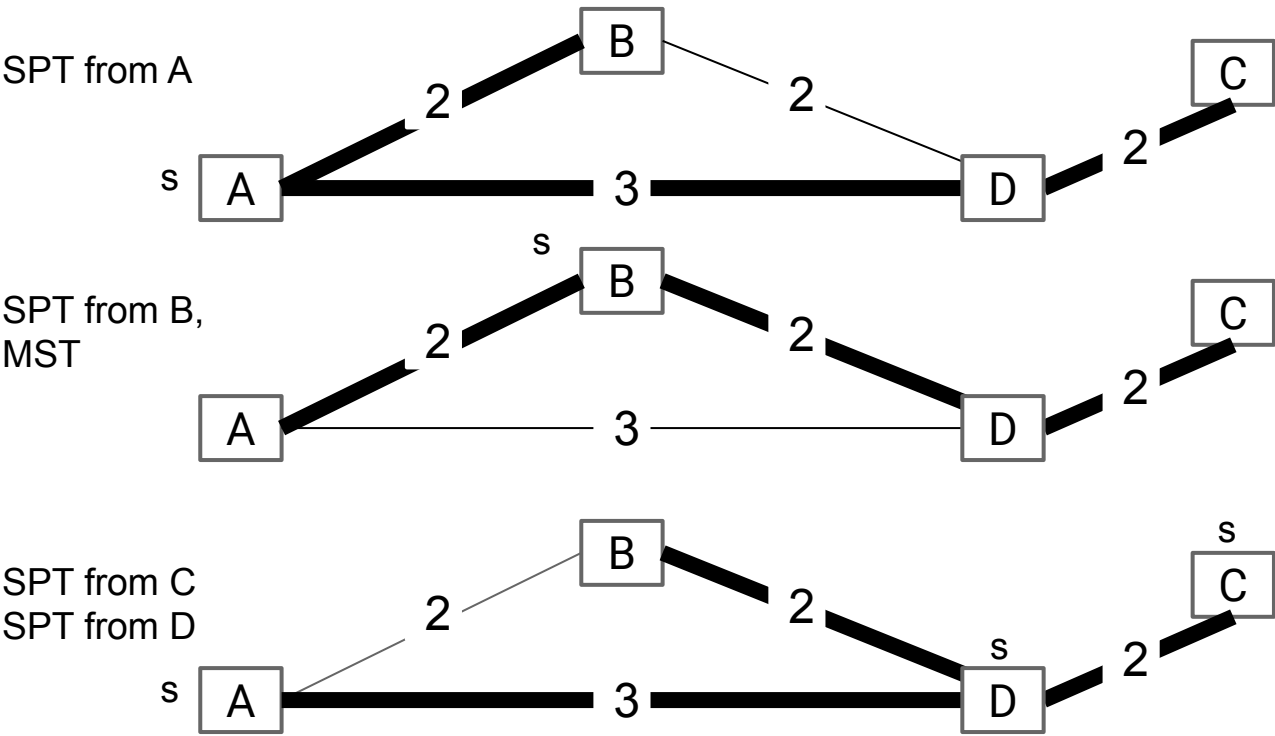
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A shortest paths tree depends on the start vertex:

- Because it tells you how to get from a source to EVERYTHING.

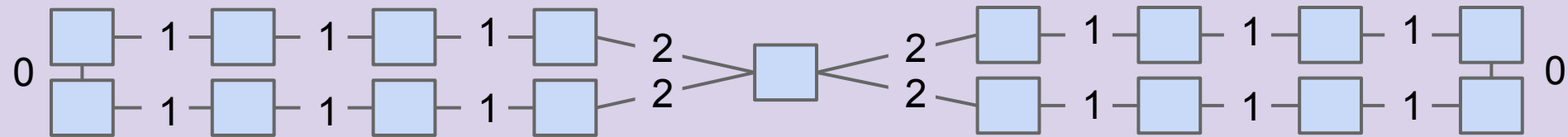
There is no source for a MST.

Nonetheless, the MST sometimes happens to be an SPT for a specific vertex.

Spanning Tree

Give a valid MST for the graph below.

- Hard B level question: Is there a node whose SPT is also the MST?

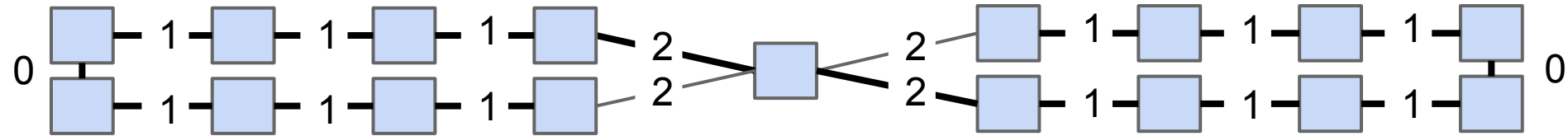


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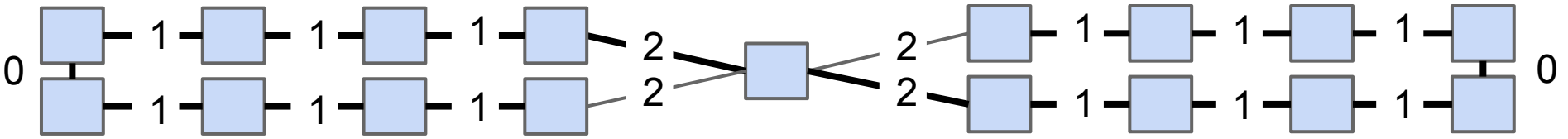
- Is there a node whose SPT is also the MST? [see next slide]



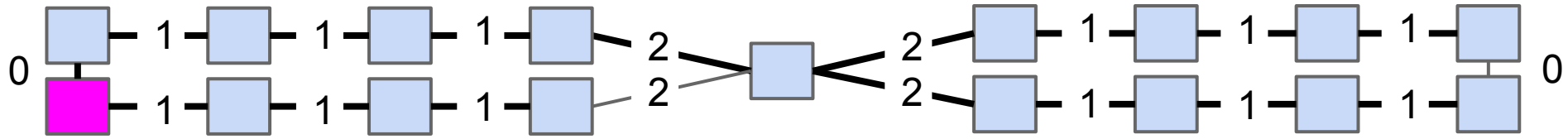
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Give a valid MST for the graph below.

- Is there a node whose SPT is also the MST?
- **No!** Minimum spanning tree must include only 2 of the 2 weight edges, but the SPT always includes at least 3 of the 2 weight edges.



Example SPT from bottom left vertex:



The Cut Property

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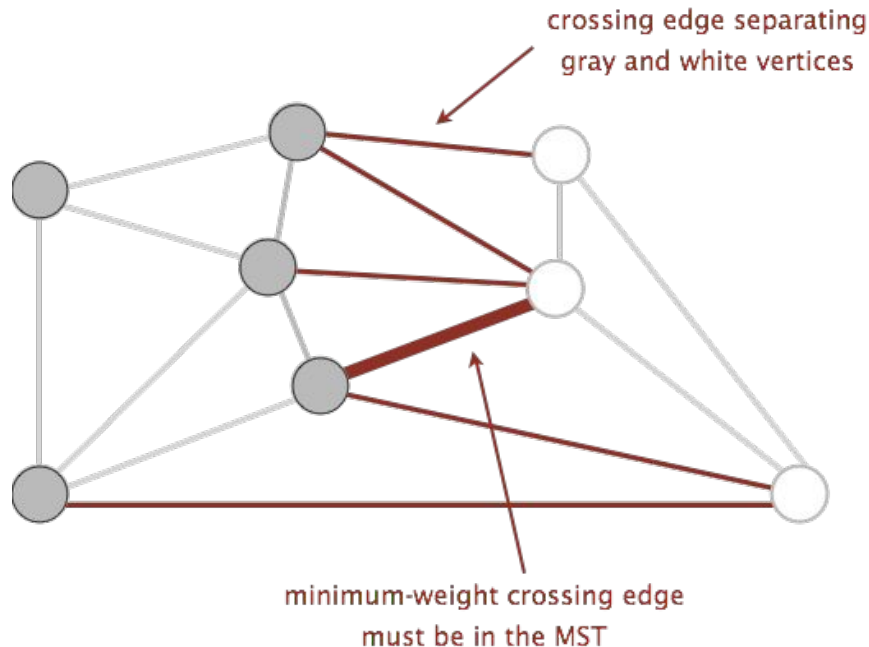
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A Useful Tool for Finding the MST: Cut Property

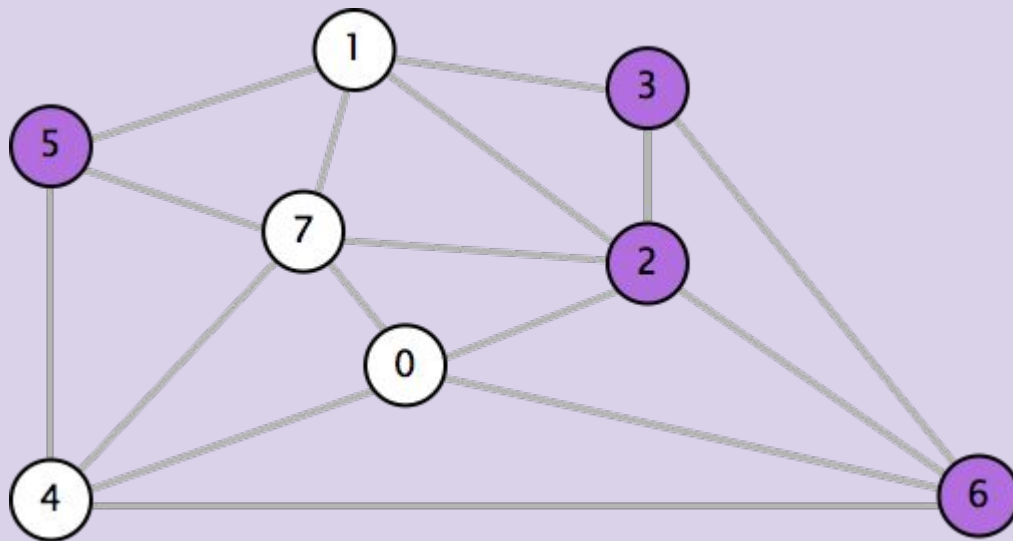
- A **cut** is an assignment of a graph's nodes to two non-empty sets.
- A **crossing edge** is an edge which connects a node from one set to a node from the other set.



Cut property: Given any cut, minimum weight crossing edge is in the MST.

- For rest of today, we'll assume edge weights are unique.

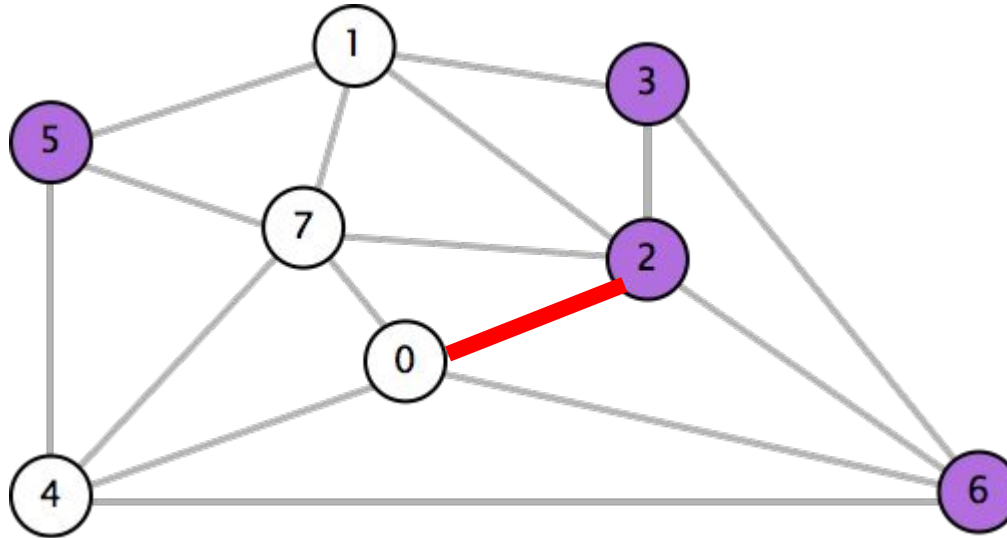
Which edge is the minimum weight edge crossing the cut $\{2, 3, 5, 6\}$?



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0-2	0.26
5-7	0.28
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1-5	0.32
2-7	0.34
4-5	0.35
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- 0-2. Must be part of the MST!

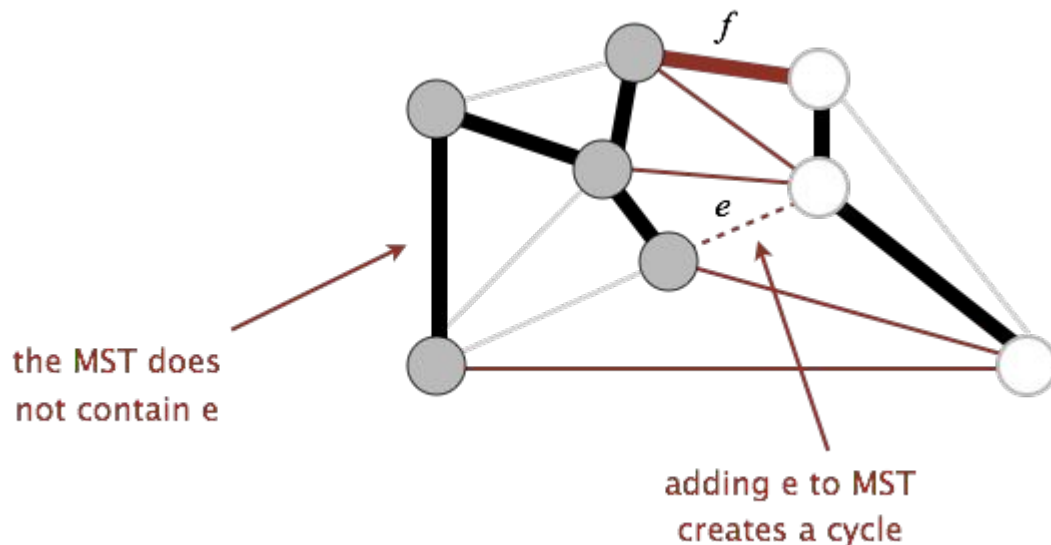


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Cut Property Proof

Suppose that the minimum crossing edge e were not in the MST.

- Adding e to the MST creates a cycle.
- Some other edge f must also be a crossing edge.
- Removing f and adding e is a lower weight spanning tree.
- Contradiction!



Start with no edges in the MST.

- Find a cut that has no crossing edges in the MST.
- Add smallest crossing edge to the MST.
- Repeat until $V-1$ edges.

This should work, but we need some way of finding a cut with no crossing edges!

- Random isn't a very good idea.

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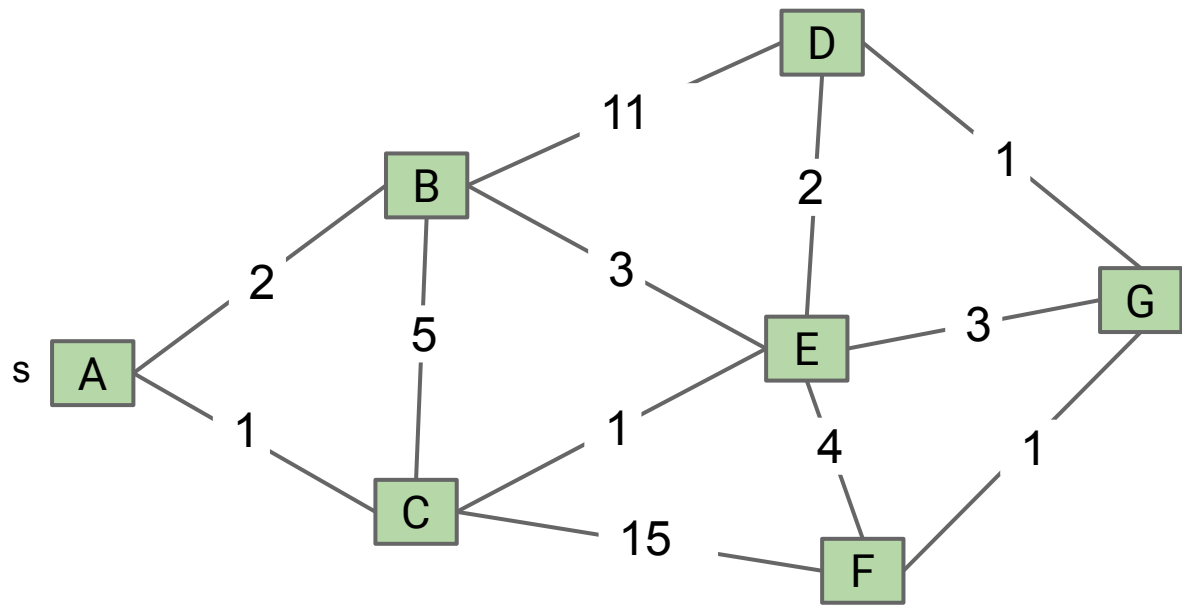
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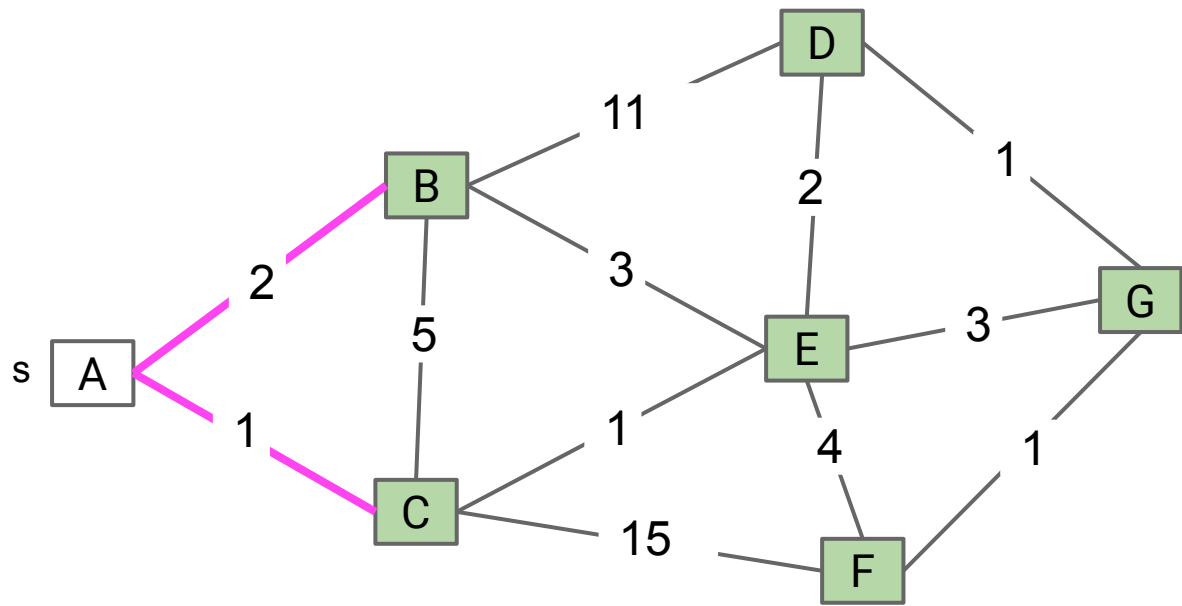


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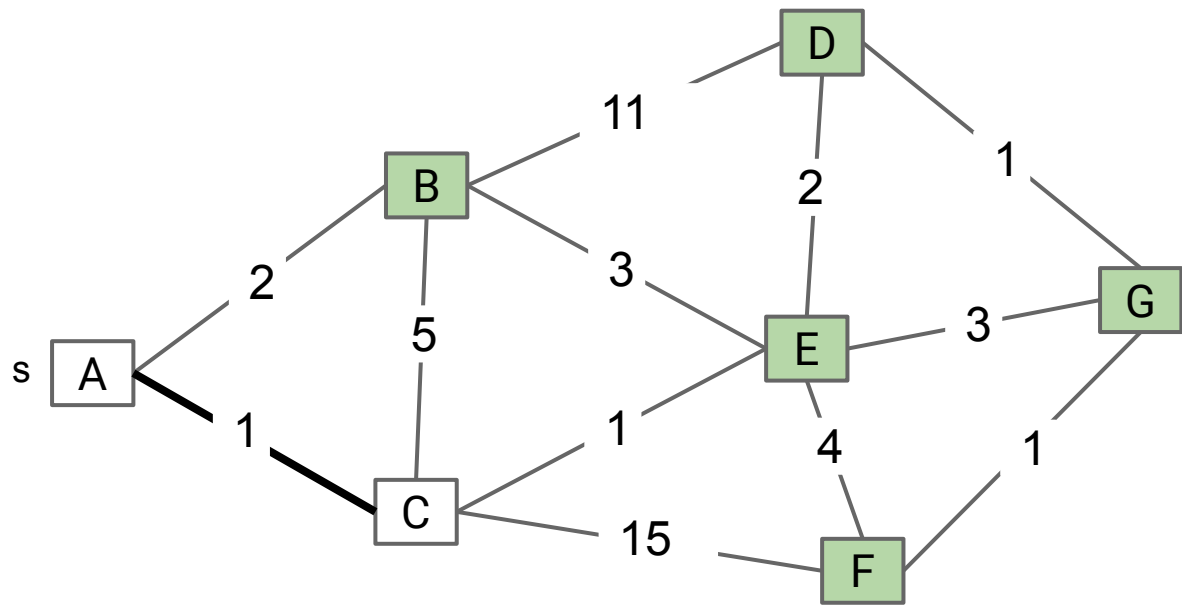


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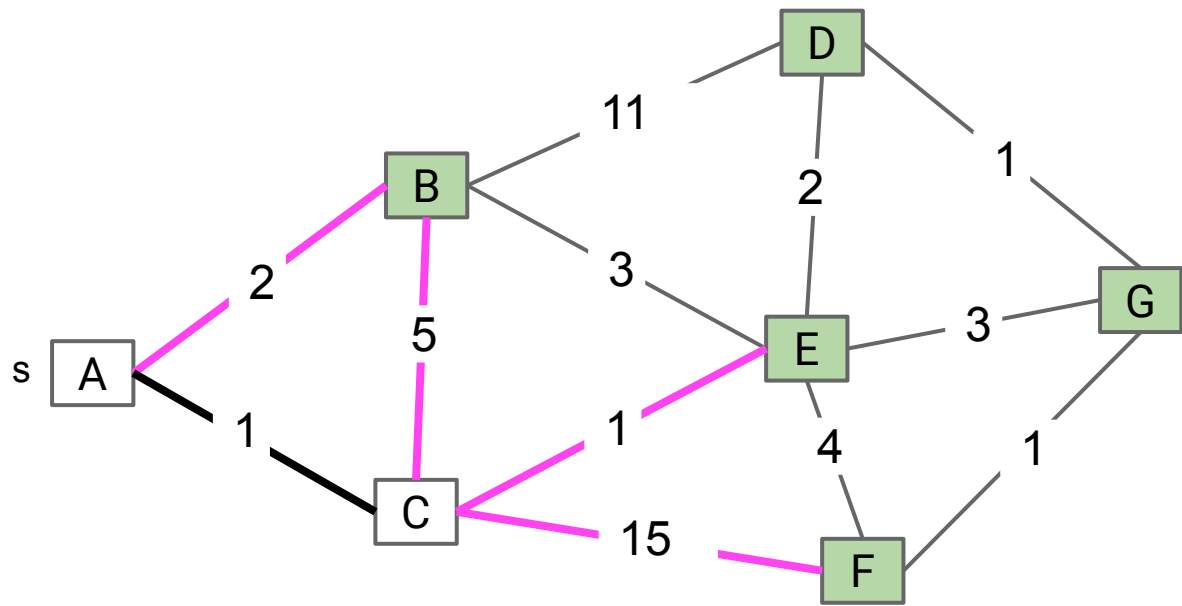


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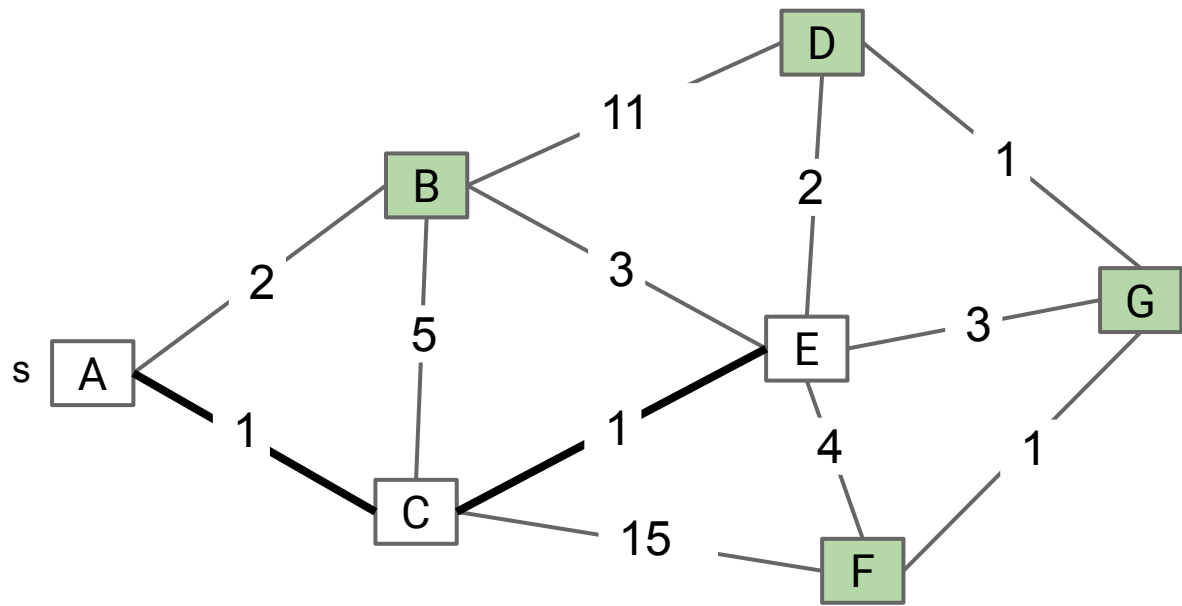


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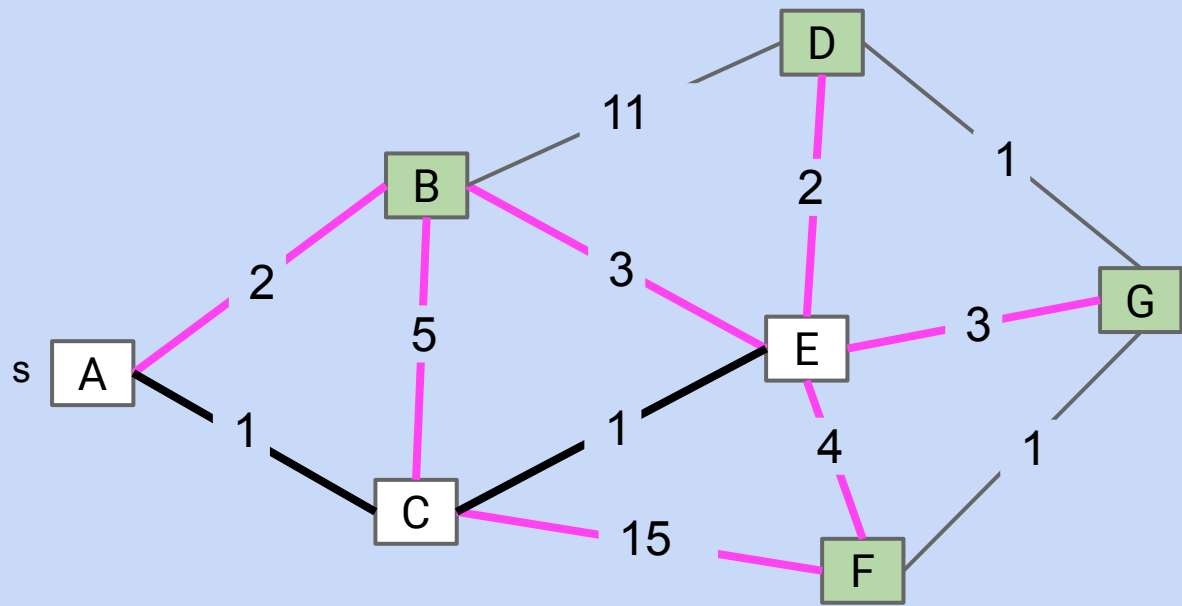


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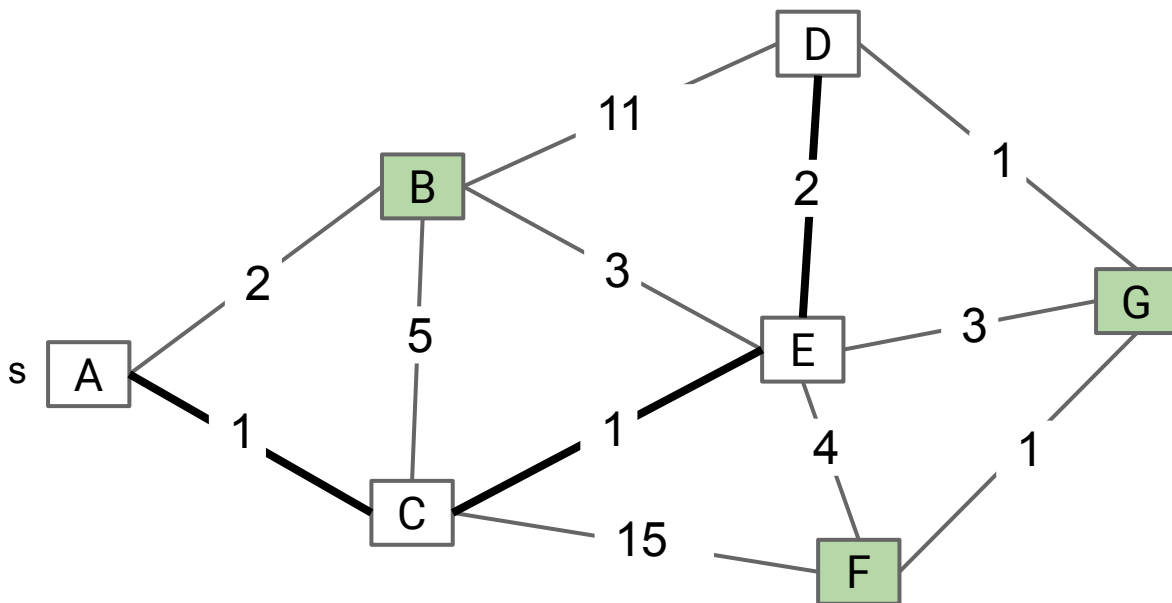
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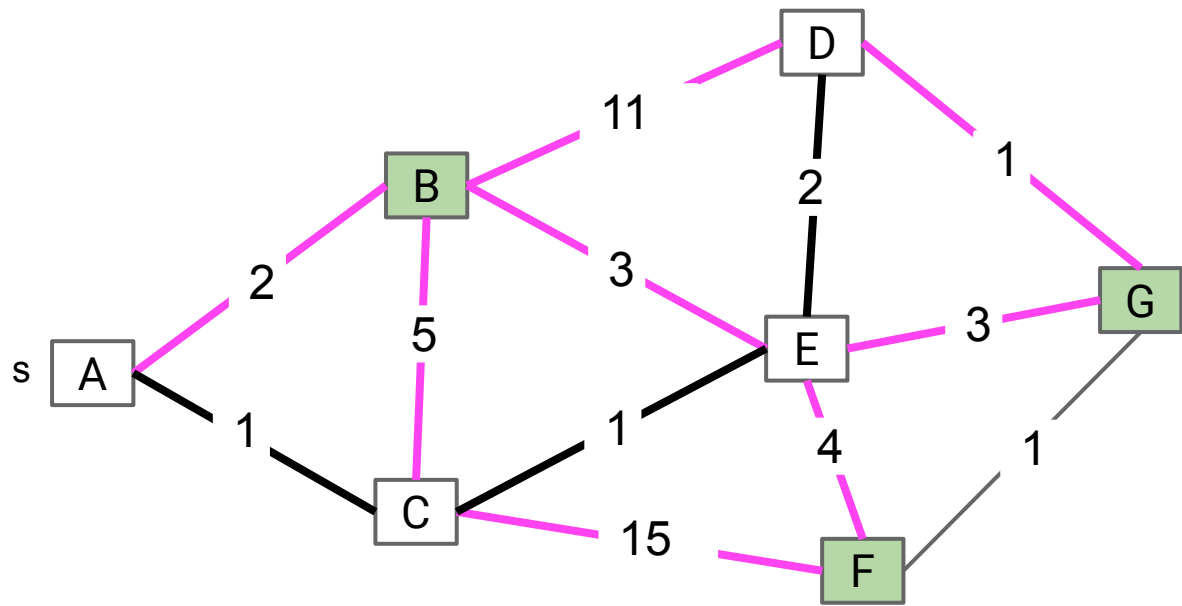
- Either A-B or D-E are guaranteed to work (see exercises for proof)!
- Note: They are not both guaranteed to be in the MST.

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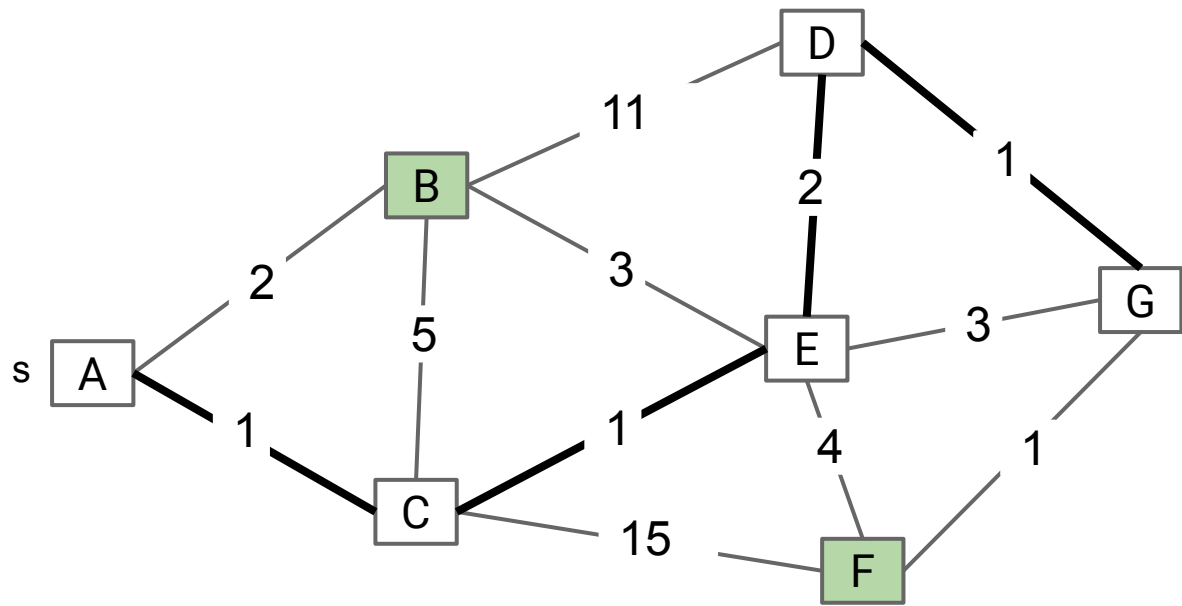


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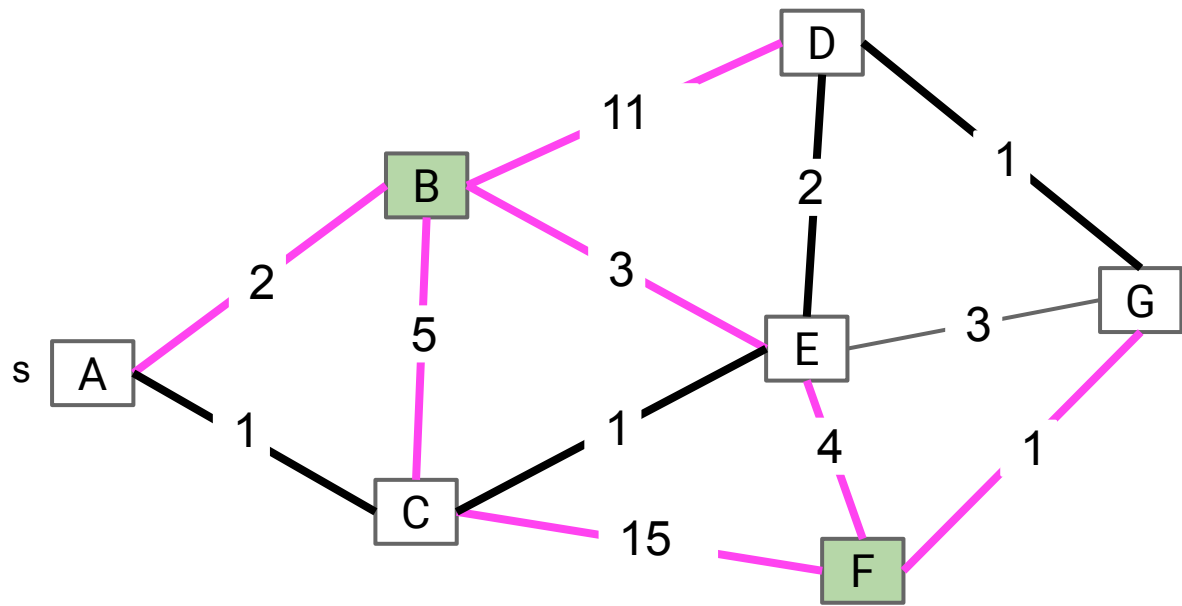


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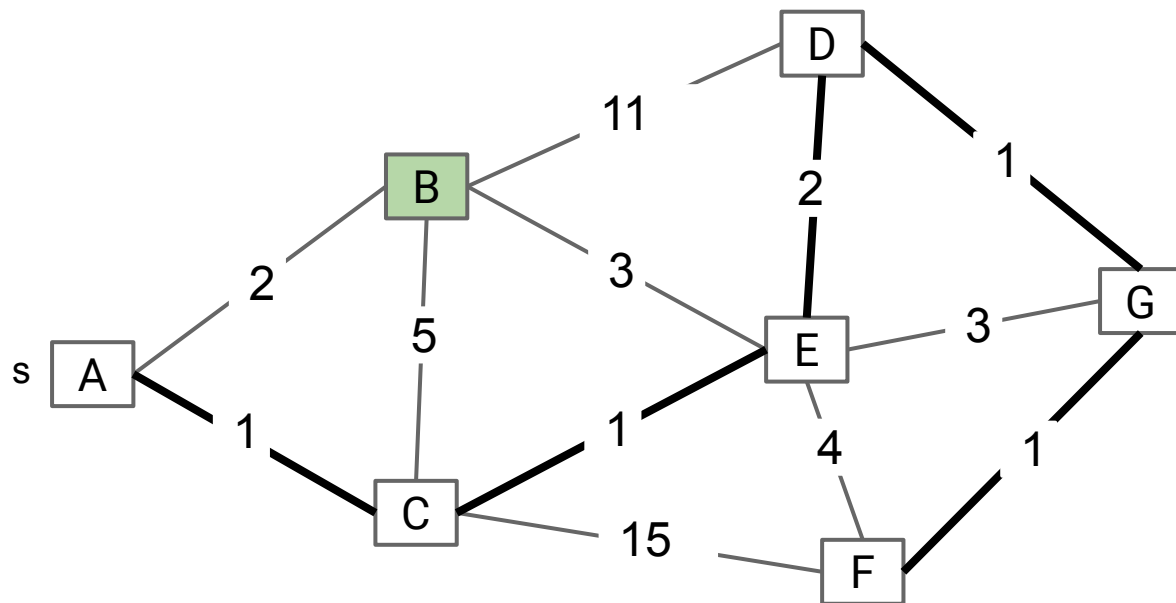


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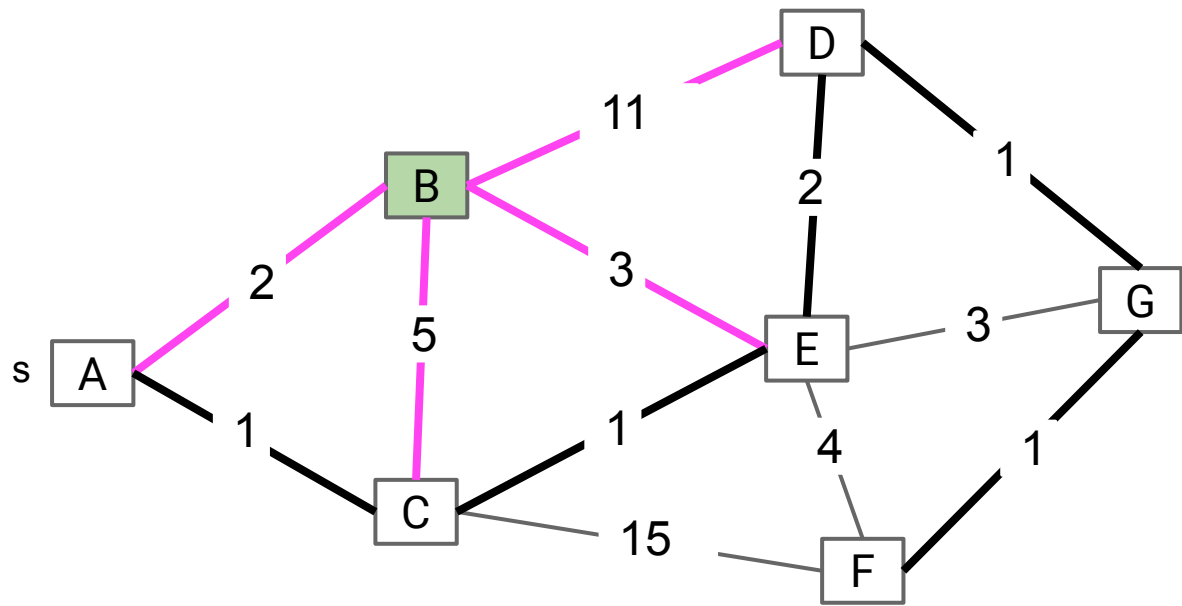


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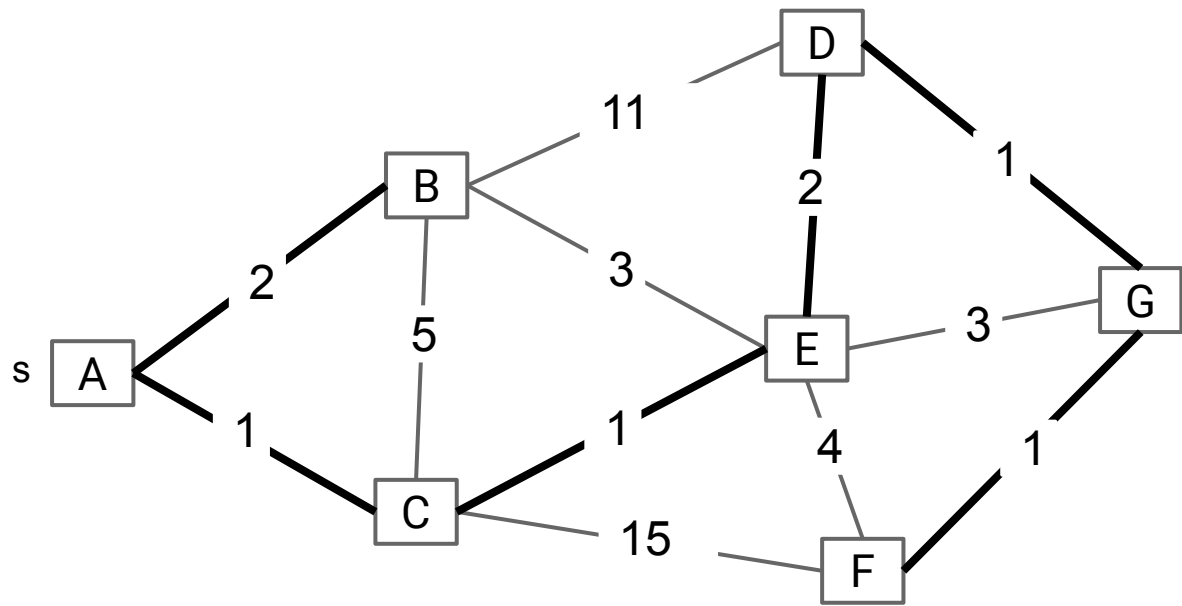


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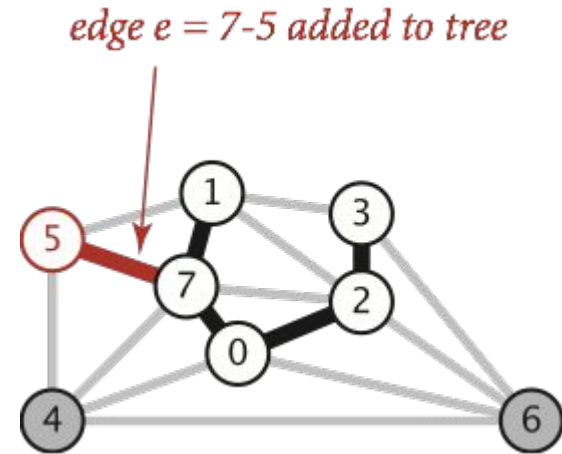
Prim's Algorithm

Start from some arbitrary start node.

- Repeatedly add shortest edge (mark black) that has one node inside the MST under construction.
- Repeat until $V-1$ edges.

Why does Prim's work? Special case of generic algorithm.

- Suppose we add edge $e = v \rightarrow w$.
- Side 1 of cut is all vertices connected to start, side 2 is all the others.
- No crossing edge is black (all connected edges on side 1).
- No crossing edge has lower weight (consider in increasing order).



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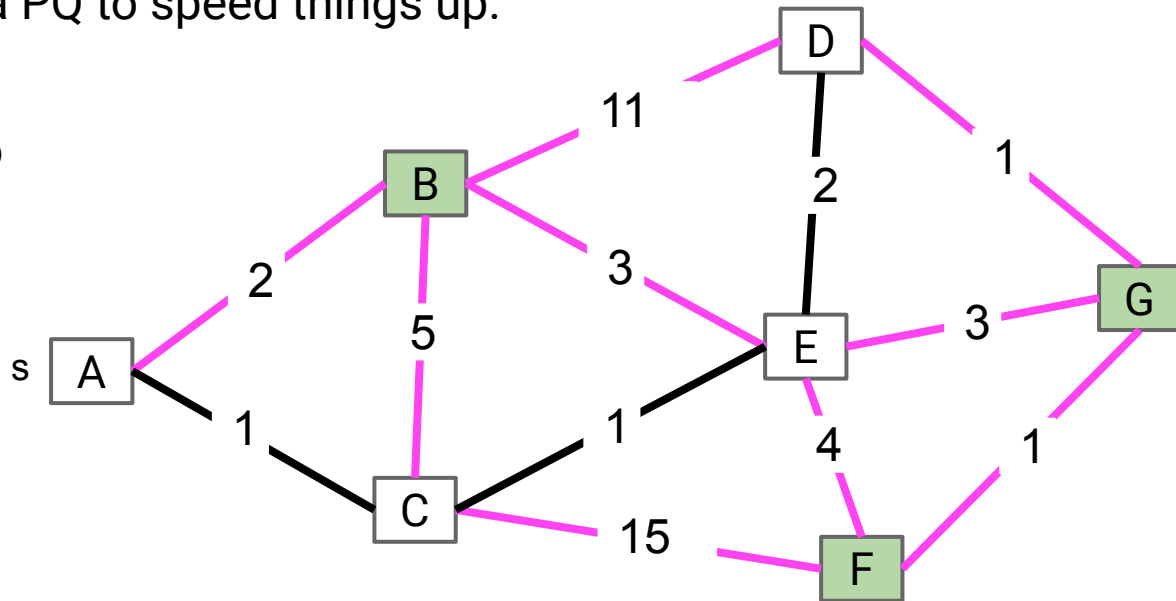
The natural implementation of the conceptual version of Prim's algorithm is highly inefficient.

- Example: Iterating over all purple edges shown is unnecessary and slow.

Can use some cleverness and a PQ to speed things up.

Realistic Implementation Demo

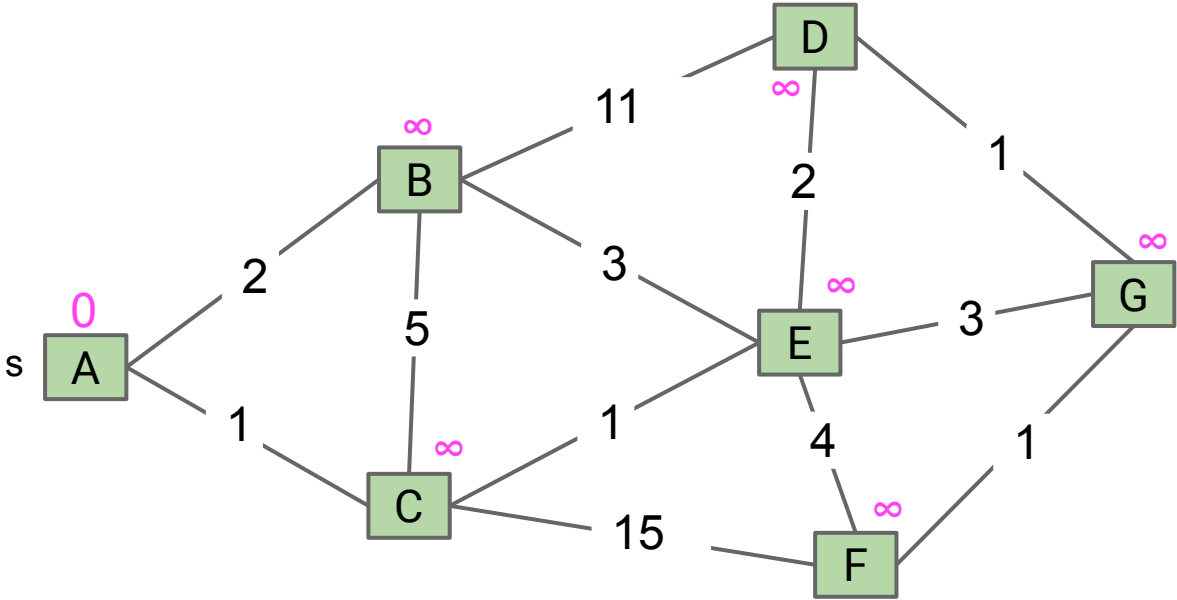
- Very similar to Dijkstra's!



Prim's Demo

Insert all vertices into fringe PQ, storing vertices in order of distance from tree.
Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

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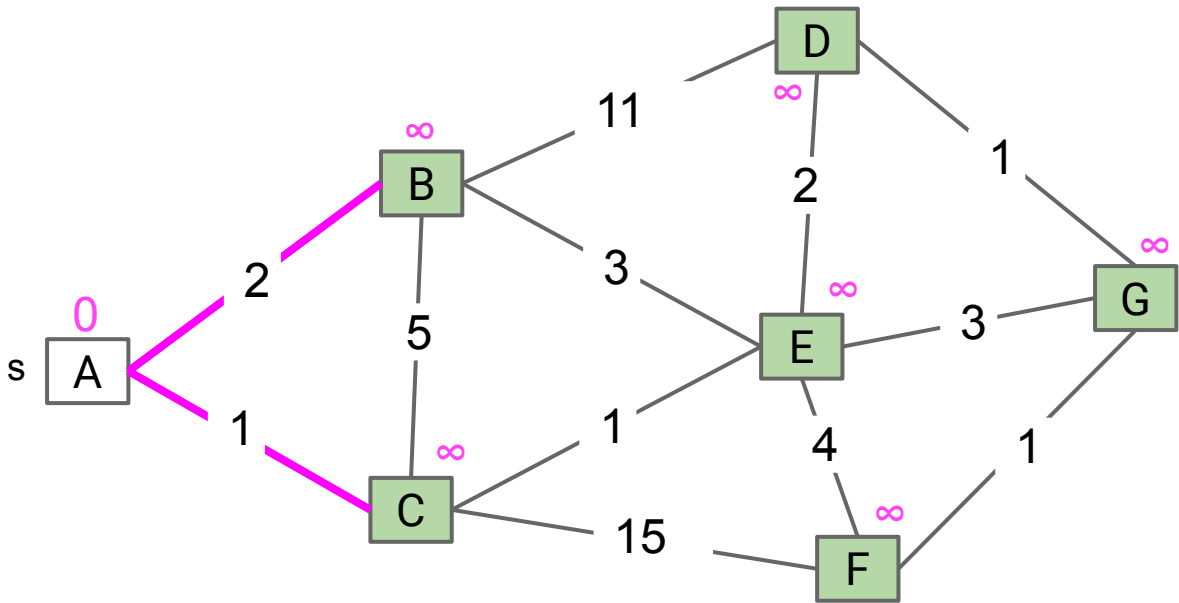


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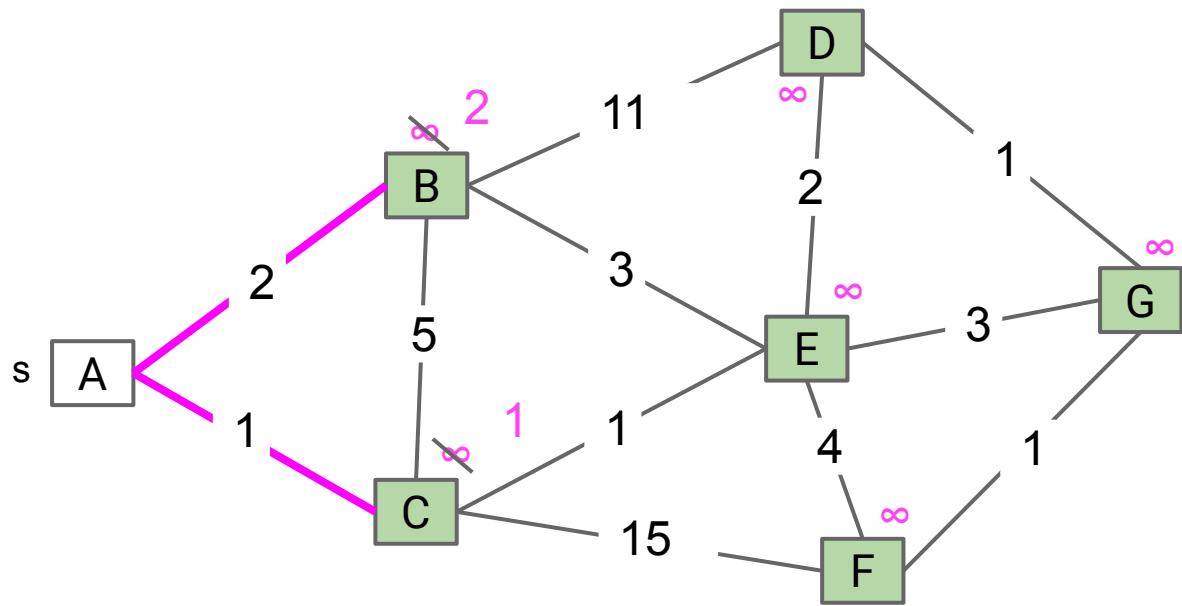


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C	1	A
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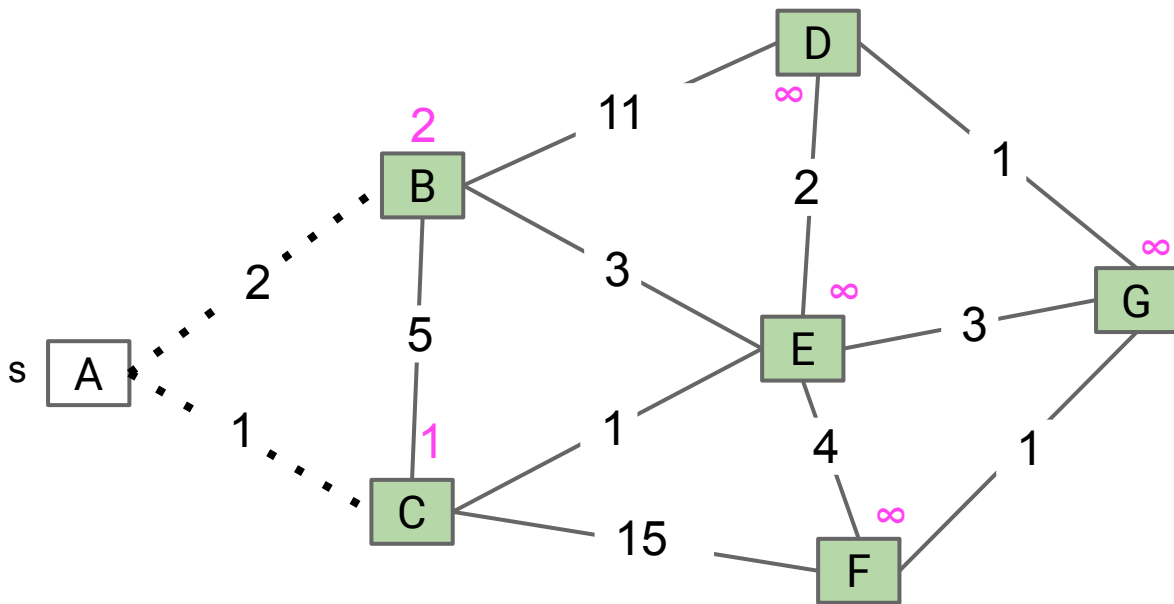


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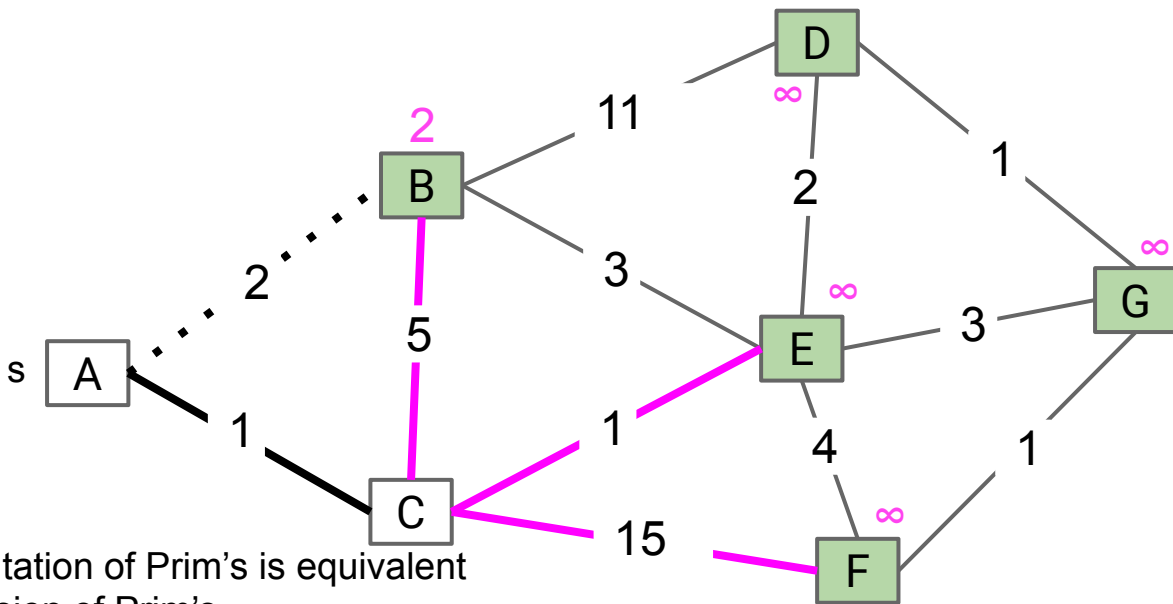


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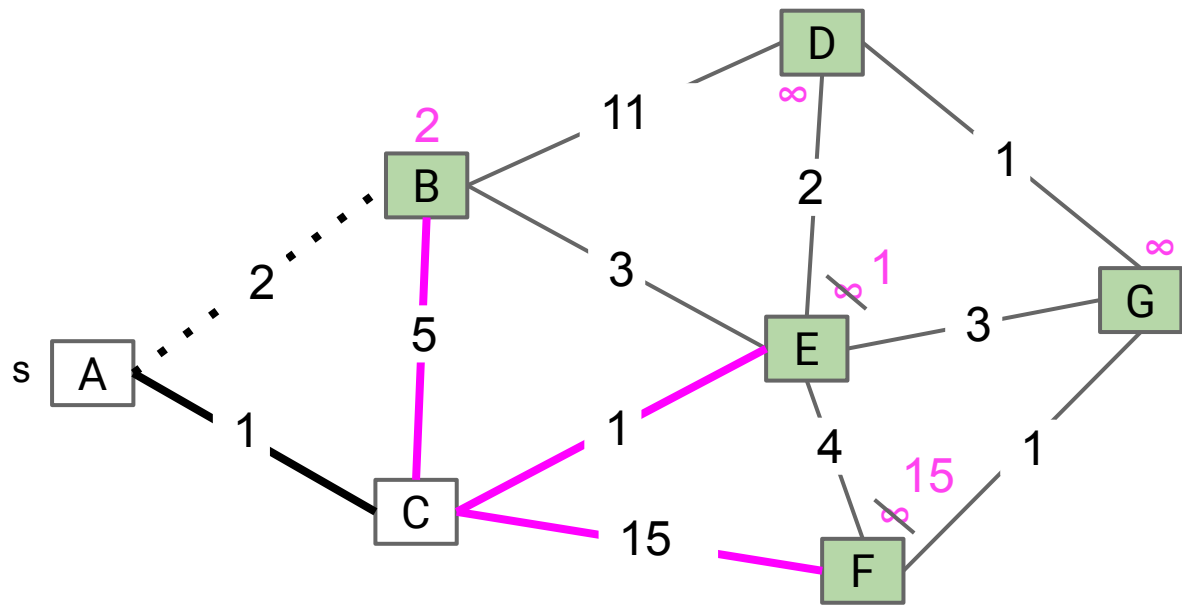
Note: Vertex removal in this implementation of Prim's is equivalent to edge addition in the conceptual version of Prim's.

Fringe: [(B: 2), (D: ∞), (E: ∞), (F: ∞), (G: ∞)]

Prim's Demo

Insert all vertices into fringe PQ, storing vertices in order of distance from tree.
Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

Node	distTo	edgeTo
A		-
B	2	A
C		A
D	∞	-
E	1	C
F	15	C
G	∞	-

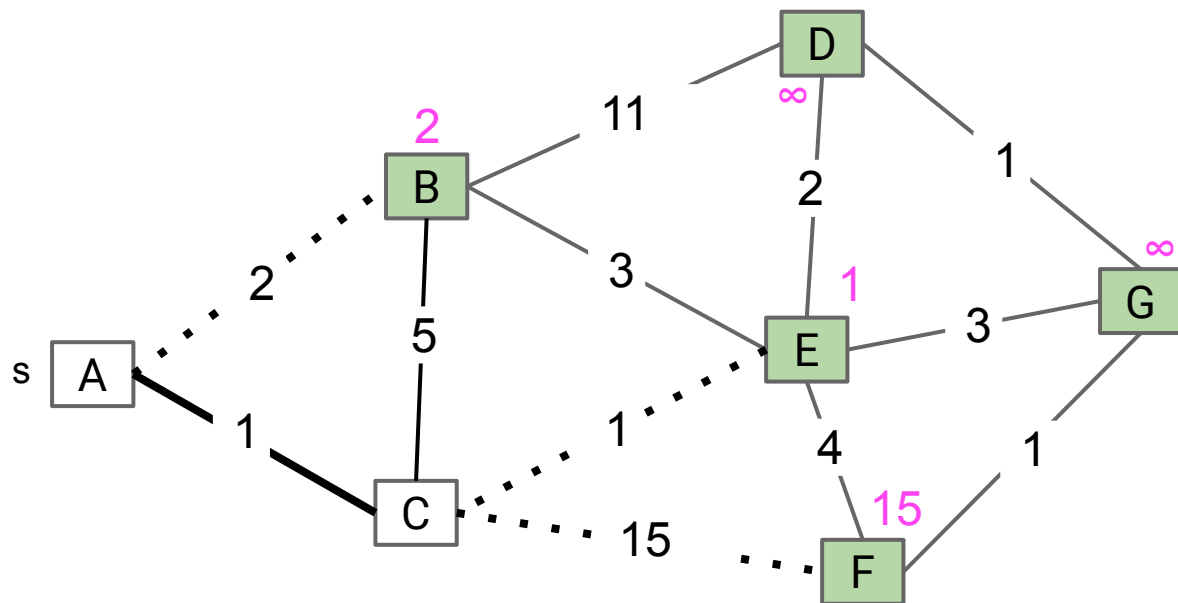


Fringe: [(E: 1), (B: 2), (F: 15), (D: ∞), (G: ∞)]

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

Node	distTo	edgeTo
A		-
B	2	A
C		A
D	∞	-
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G	∞	-



Fringe: [(E: 1), (B: 2), (F: 15), (D: ∞), (G: ∞)]

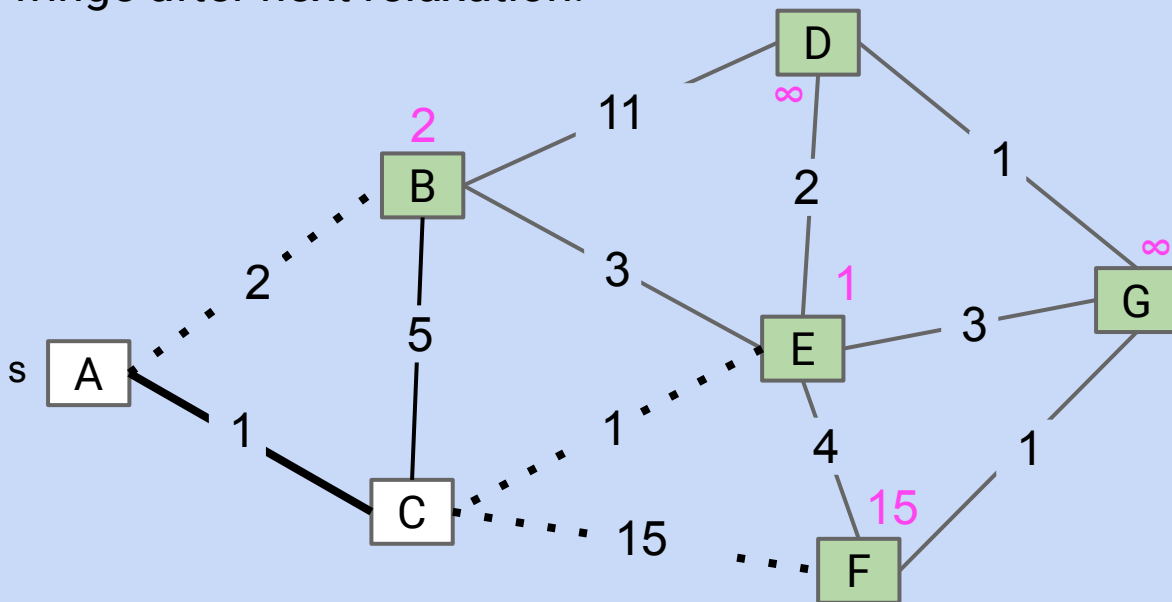
Prim's Demo

Insert all vertices into fringe PQ, storing vertices in order of distance from tree.

Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

- Show distTo , edgeTo , and fringe after next relaxation.

Node	distTo	edgeTo
A		-
B	2	A
C		A
D	∞	-
E	1	C
F	15	C
G	∞	-



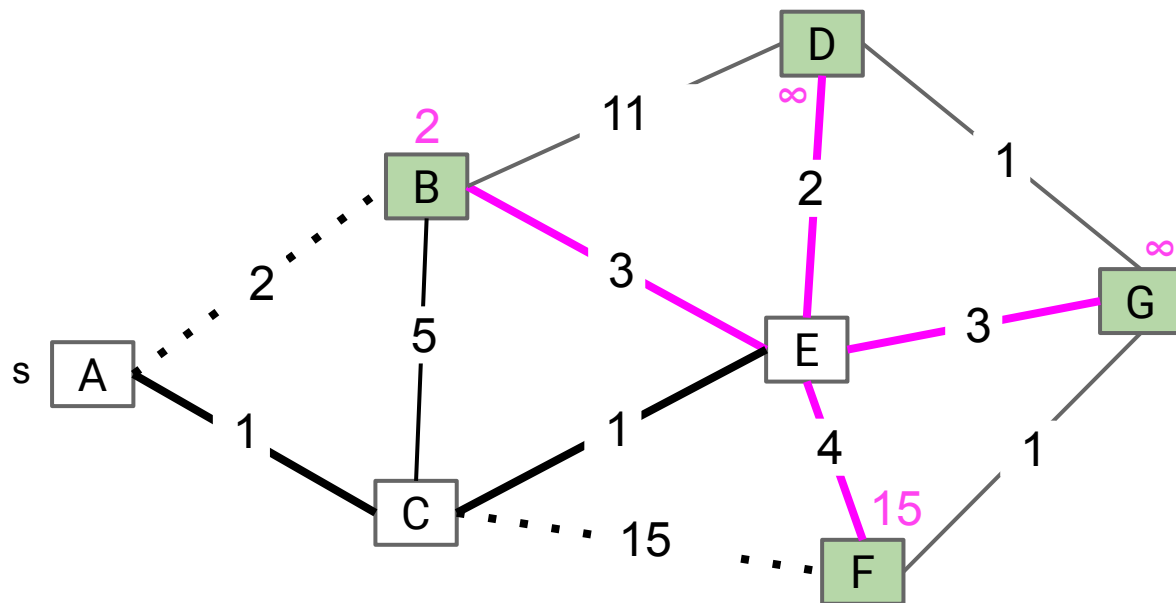
Fringe: [(E: 1), (B: 2), (F: 15), (D: ∞), (G: ∞)]

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

Node	distTo	edgeTo
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D	∞	-
E		C
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G	∞	-

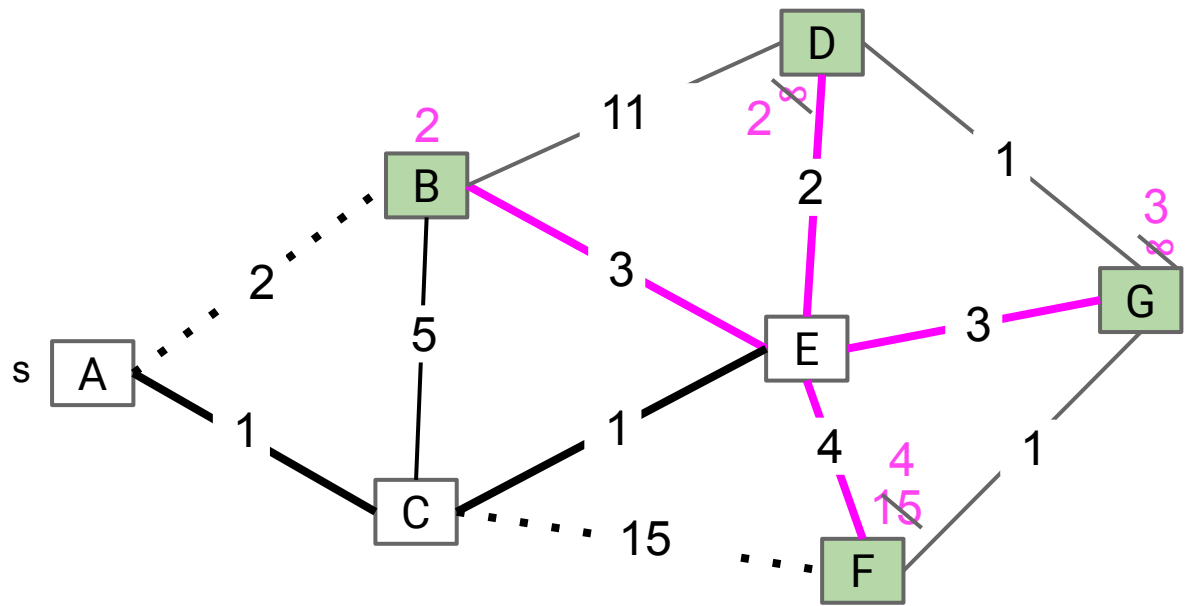


Fringe: [(B: 2), (F: 15), (D: ∞), (G: ∞)]

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Node	distTo	edgeTo
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B	2	A
C		A
D	2	E
E		C
F	4	E
G	3	E

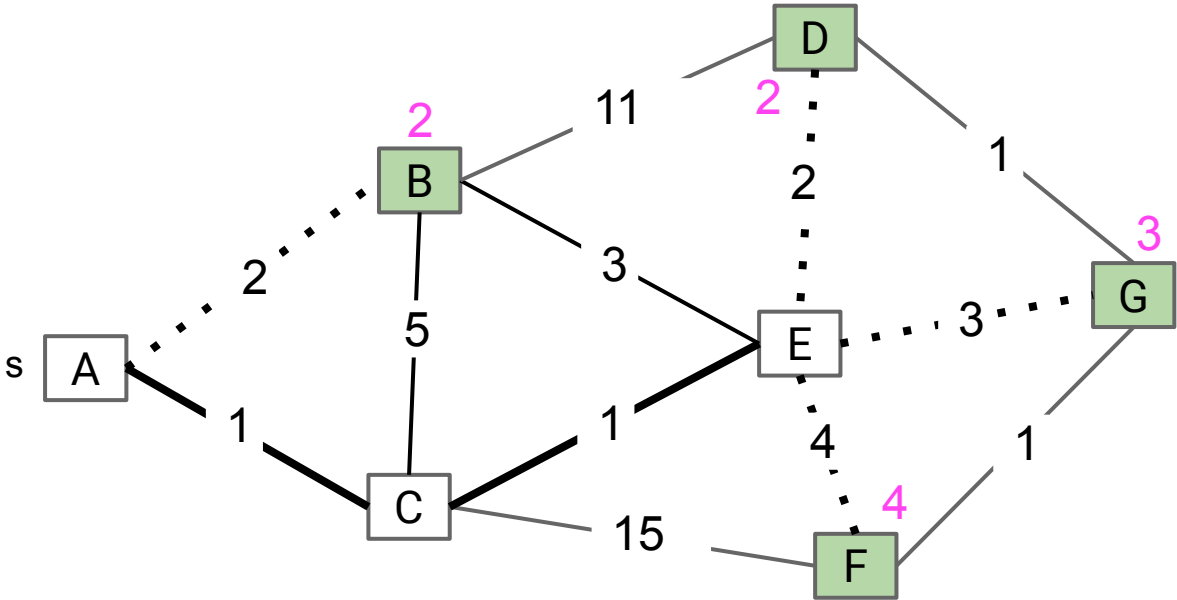


Fringe: [(B: 2), (D: 2), (G: 3), (F: 4)]

Prim's Demo

Insert all vertices into fringe PQ, storing vertices in order of distance from tree.
Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex *v* from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from *v*.

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B	2	A
C		A
D	2	E
E		C
F	4	E
G	3	E

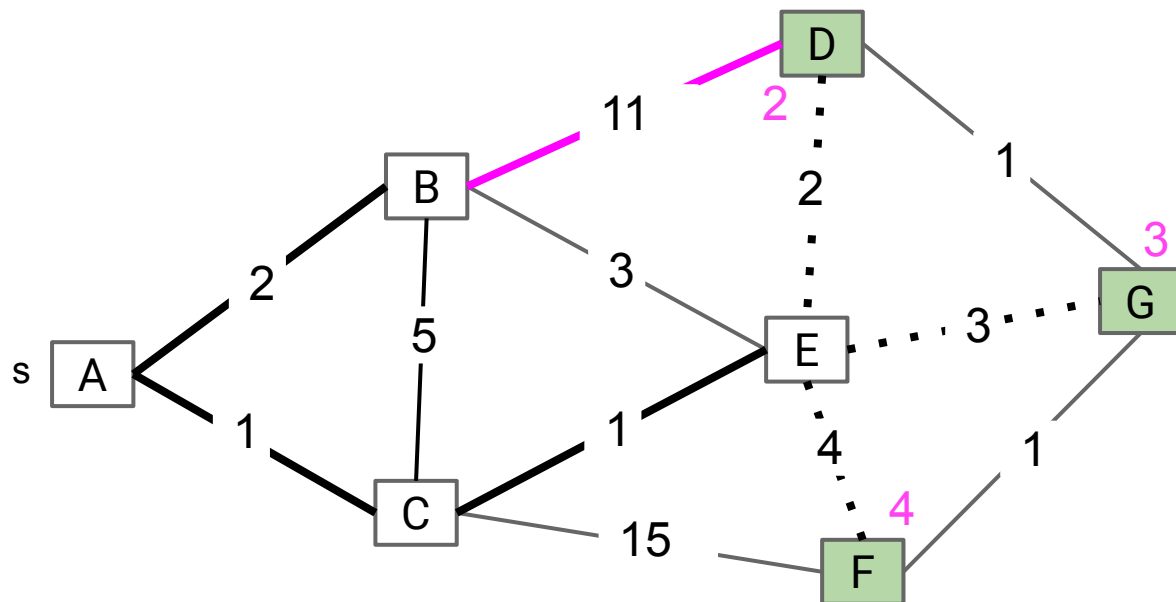


Fringe: [(B: 2), (D: 2), (G: 3), (F: 4)]

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

Node	distTo	edgeTo
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C		A
D	2	E
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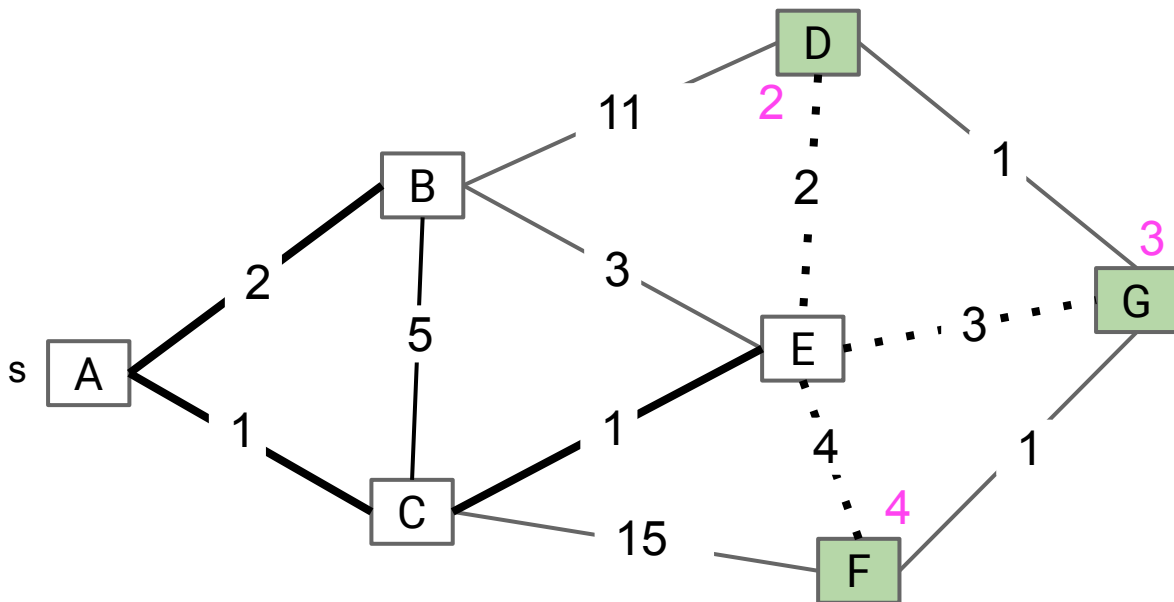
Fringe: [(D: 2), (G: 3), (F: 4)]

No need to consider edges with weight 5 and 3 since other side is already marked!

Prim's Demo

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

Node	distTo	edgeTo
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B		A
C		A
D	2	E
E		C
F	4	E
G	3	E

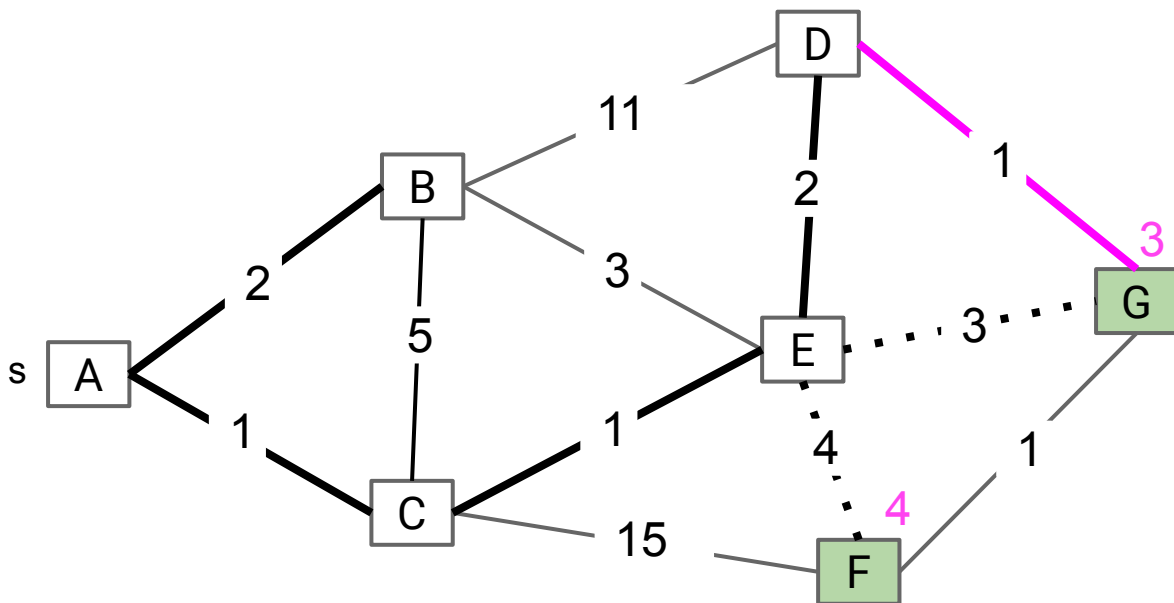


Fringe: [(D: 2), (G: 3), (F: 4)]

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B		A
C		A
D		E
E		C
F	4	E
G	3	E

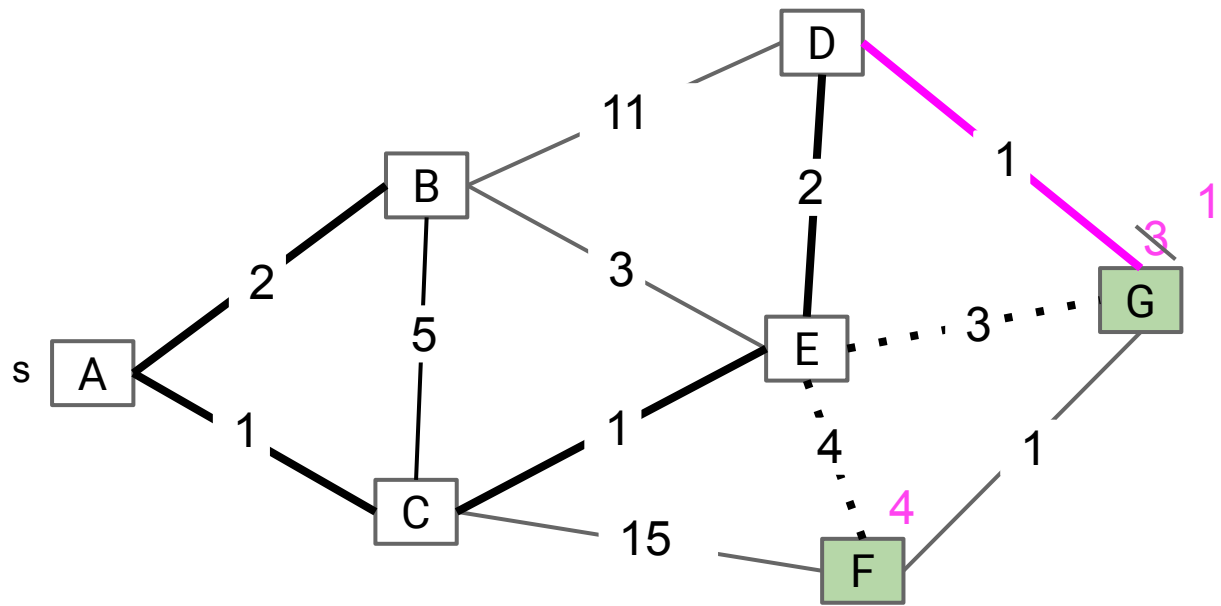


Fringe: [(G: 3), (F: 4)]

Prim's Demo

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v.

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A		-
B		A
C		A
D		E
E		C
F	4	E
G	1	D



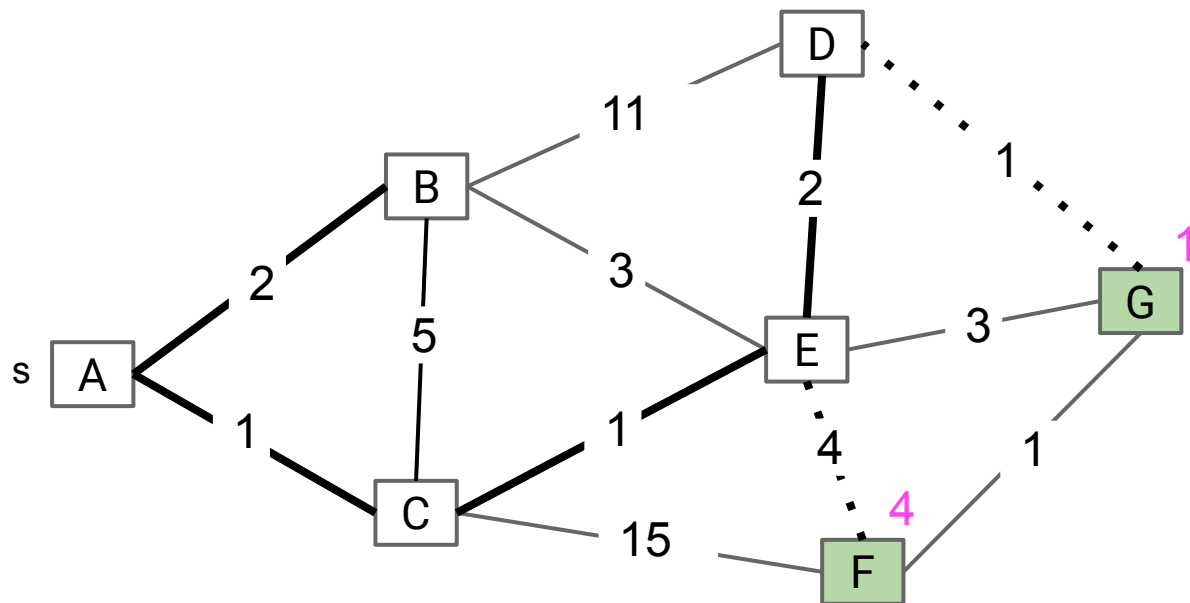
Fringe: [(G: 1), (F: 4)]

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v .

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A		-
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C		A
D		E
E		C
F	4	E
G	1	D

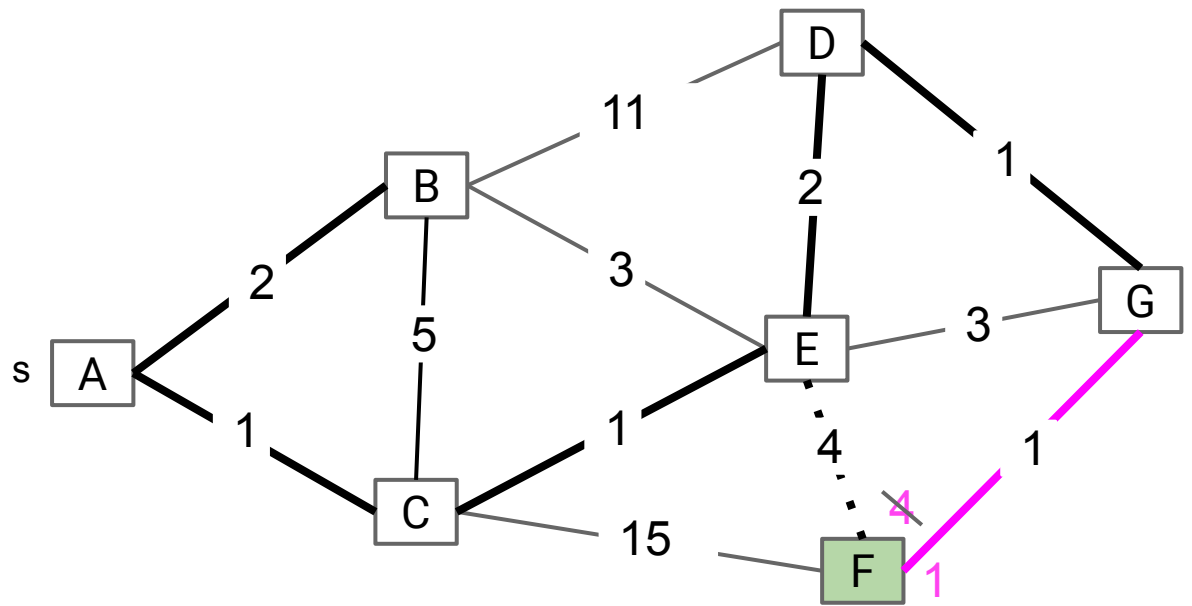


Fringe: [(G: 1), (F: 4)]

Prim's Demo

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v.

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B		A
C		A
D		E
E		C
F	1	G
G		D

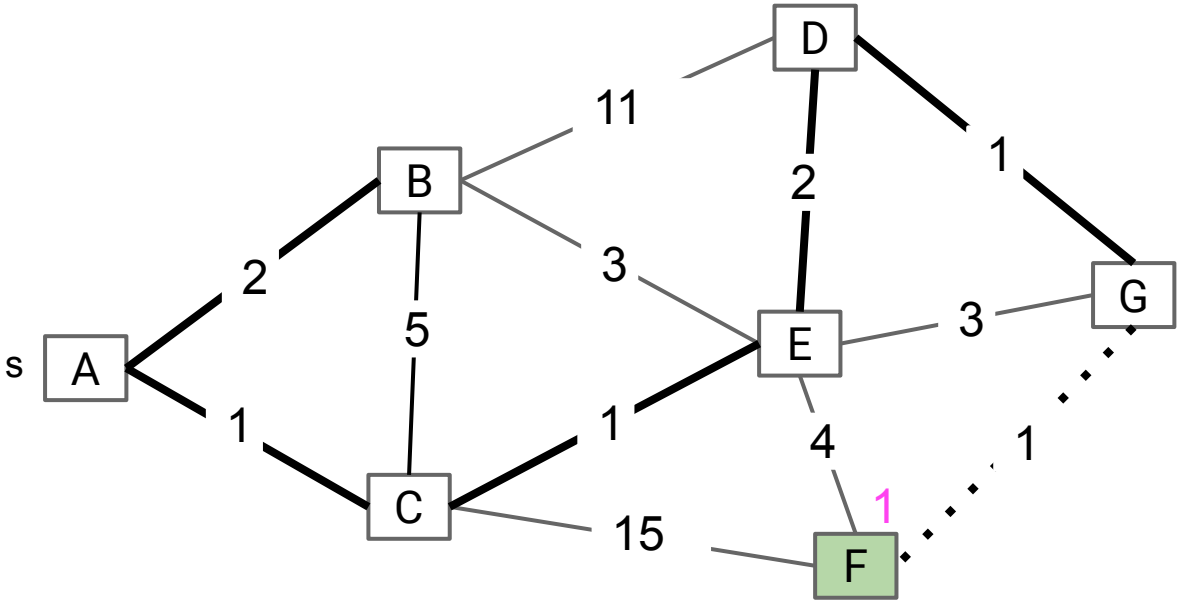


Fringe: [(F: 1)]

Prim's Demo

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v.

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B		A
C		A
D		E
E		C
F	1	G
G		D

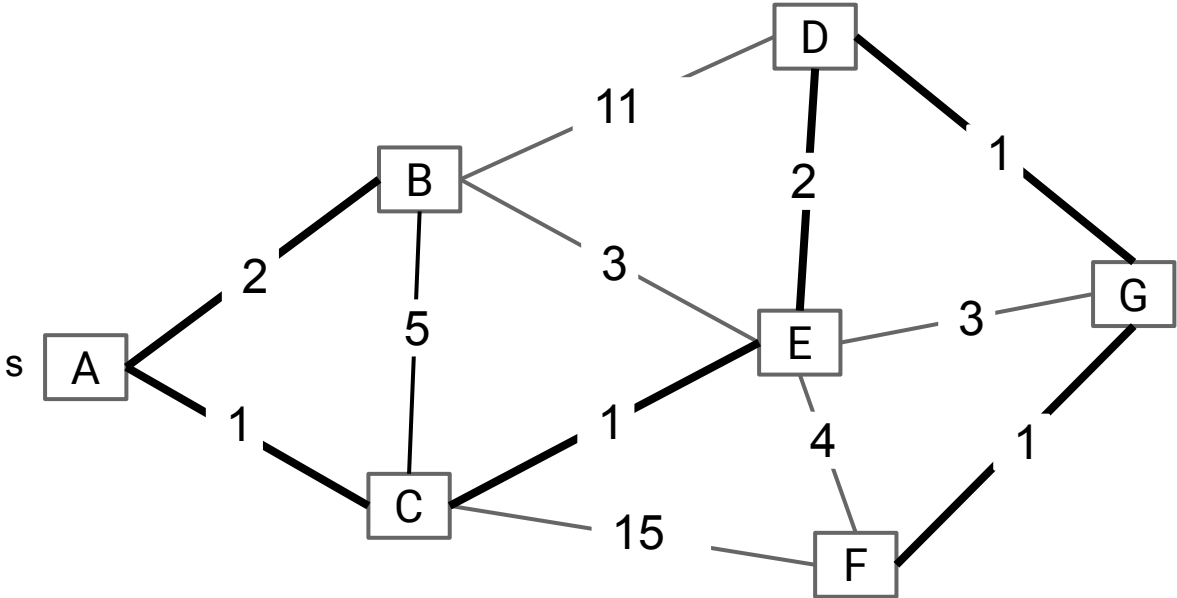


Fringe: [(F: 1)]

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Repeat: Remove (closest) vertex v from PQ, and relax all edges pointing from v.

Node	distTo	edgeTo
A		-
B		A
C		A
D		E
E		C
F		G
G		D



Fringe: []

Prim's Algorithm Code and Runtime

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Prim's and Dijkstra's algorithms are exactly the same, except Dijkstra's considers "distance from the source", and Prim's considers "distance from the tree."

Visit order:

- Dijkstra's algorithm visits vertices in order of distance from the source.
- Prim's algorithm visits vertices in order of distance from the MST under construction.

Relaxation:

- Relaxation in Dijkstra's considers an edge better based on distance to source.
- Relaxation in Prim's considers an edge better based on distance to tree.

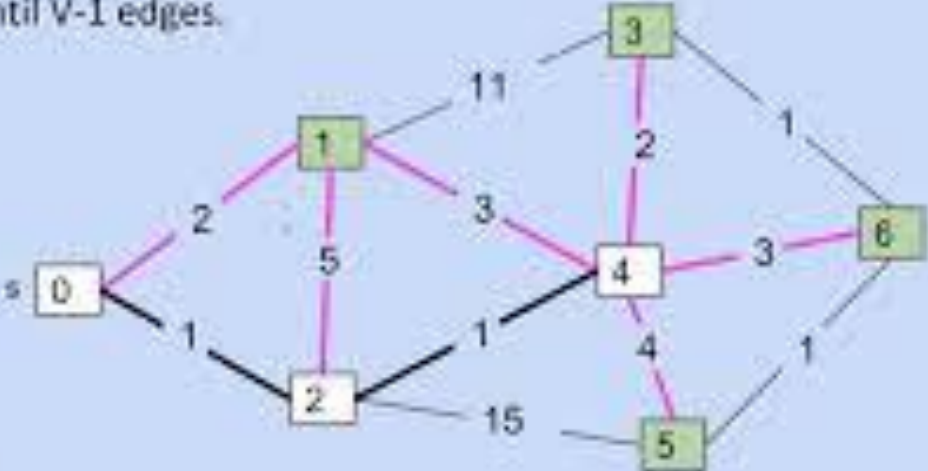
Prim's Demo (Conceptual)



Start from some arbitrary start node.

- Add shortest edge (mark black) that has one node inside the MST under construction. Repeat until $V-1$ edges.

#	edgeTo
0	-
1	-
2	0
3	-
4	2
5	-
6	-



Which edge is added next?

Prim's Implementation (Pseudocode, 1/2)

```
public class PrimMST {  
    public PrimMST(EdgeWeightedGraph G) {  
        edgeTo = new Edge[G.V()];  
        distTo = new double[G.V()];  
        marked = new boolean[G.V()];  
        fringe = new SpecialPQ<Double>(G.V());  
  
        distTo[s] = 0.0;  
        setDistancesToInfinityExceptS(s);  
        insertAllVertices(fringe);  
  
        /* Get vertices in order of distance from tree. */  
        while (!fringe.isEmpty()) {  
            int v = fringe.delMin();  
            scan(G, v);  
        }  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Fringe is ordered by distTo tree. Must be a specialPQ like Dijkstra's.

Get vertex closest to tree that is unvisited.

Scan means to consider all of a vertices outgoing edges.

Prim's Implementation (Pseudocode, 2/2)

```
while (!fringe.isEmpty()) {  
    int v = fringe.delMin();  
    scan(G, v);  
}
```

Important invariant, fringe must be ordered by current best known distance from tree.

```
private void scan(EdgeWeightedGraph G, int v) {  
    marked[v] = true;  
    for (Edge e : G.adj(v)) {  
        int w = e.other(v);  
        if (marked[w]) { continue; }  
        if (e.weight() < distTo[w]) {  
            distTo[w] = e.weight();  
            edgeTo[w] = e;  
            pq.decreasePriority(w, distTo[w]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Vertex is closest, so add to MST.

Already in MST, so go to next edge.

Better path to a particular vertex found, so update current best known for that vertex.

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    scan(G, v);  
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            pq.decreasePriority(w, distTo[w]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

What is the runtime of Prim's algorithm?

- Assume all PQ operations take $O(\log(V))$ time.
- Give your answer in Big O notation.

Priority Queue operation count, assuming binary heap based PQ:

- Insertion: V , each costing $O(\log V)$ time.
- Delete-min: V , each costing $O(\log V)$ time.
- Decrease priority: $O(E)$, each costing $O(\log V)$ time.
 - Operation not discussed in lecture, but it was in lab 10.

Overall runtime: $O(V \cdot \log(V) + V \cdot \log(V) + E \cdot \log(V))$.

- Assuming $E > V$, this is just $O(E \log V)$ (Same as Dijkstra's).

	# Operations	Cost per operation	Total cost
PQ add	V	$O(\log V)$	$O(V \log V)$
PQ delMin	V	$O(\log V)$	$O(V \log V)$
PQ decreasePriority	$O(E)$	$O(\log V)$	$O(E \log V)$

Basic Kruskal's (Demo)

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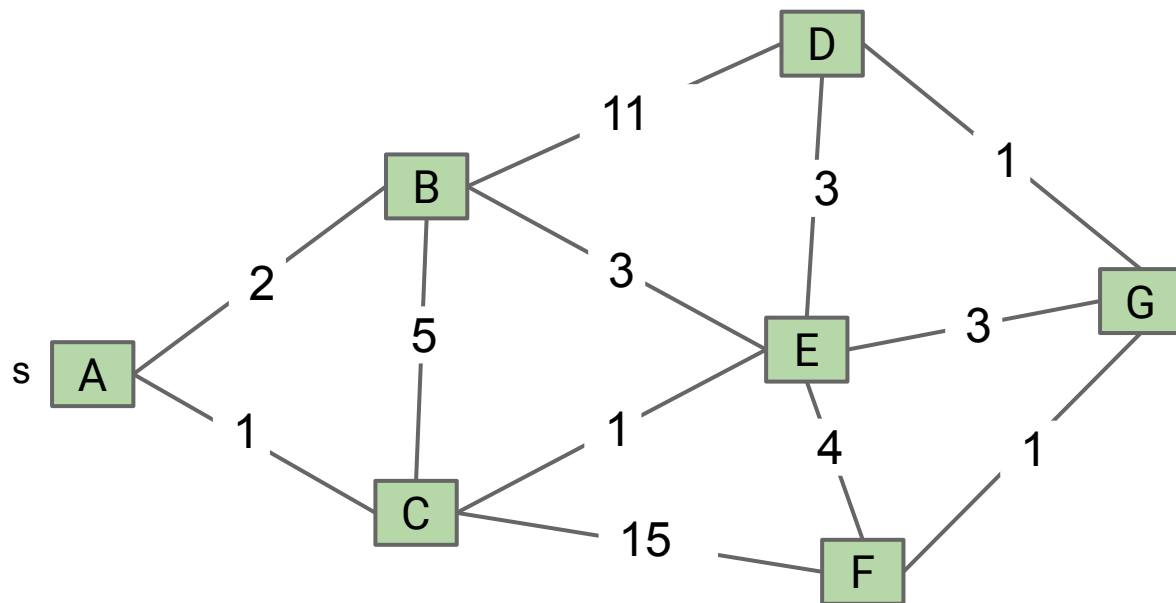
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Kruskal's Demo

Consider edges in order of increasing weight. Add to MST unless a cycle is created. Repeat until $V-1$ edges.

A-C	1
C-E	1
D-G	1
F-G	1
A-B	2
E-B	3
D-E	3
G-E	3
E-F	4
B-C	5
B-D	11
C-F	15



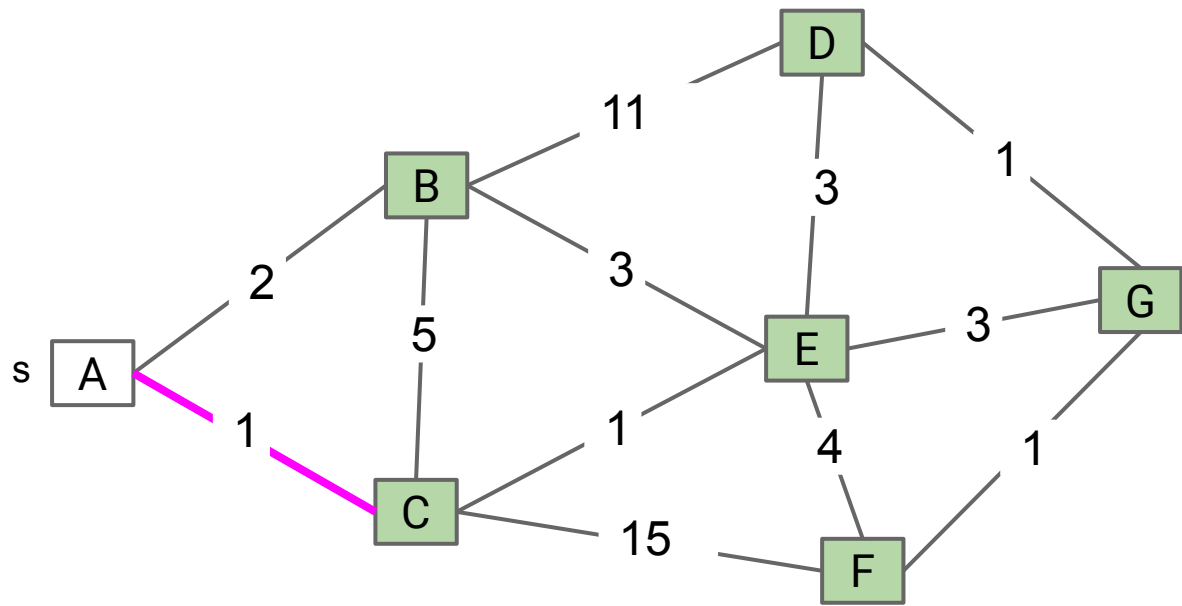
MST: []

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Cycle?



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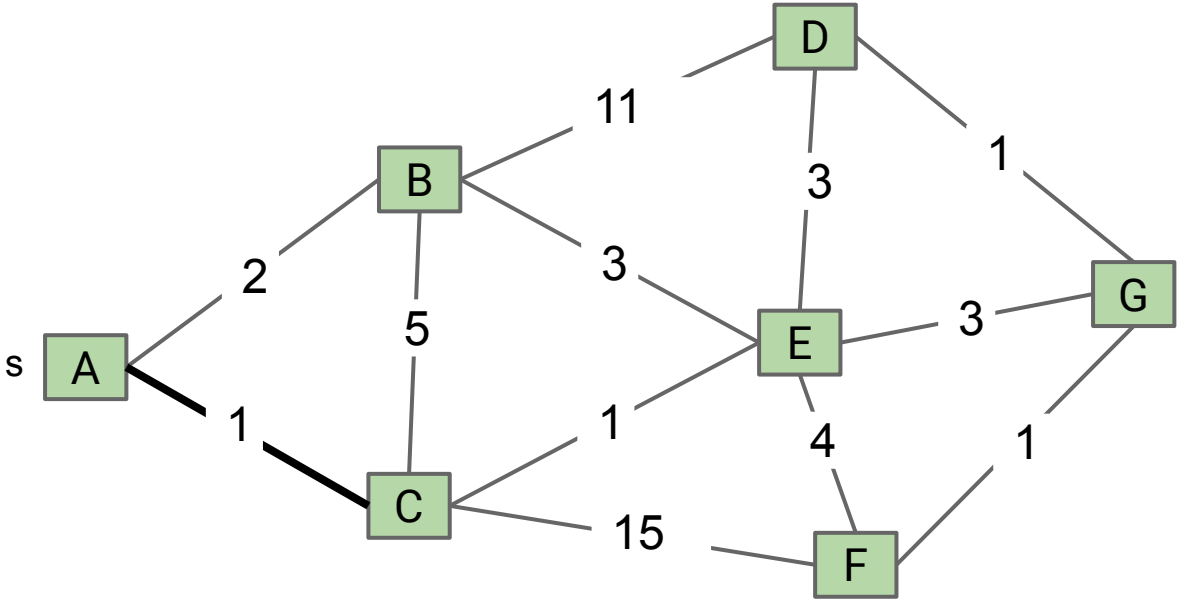
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Cycle? No.



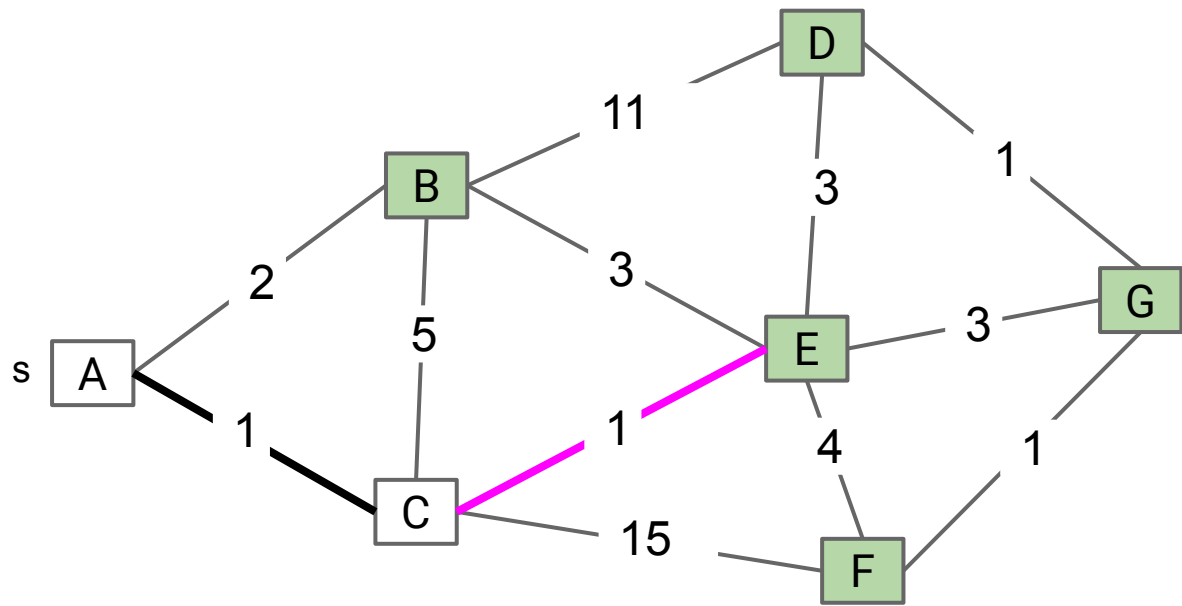
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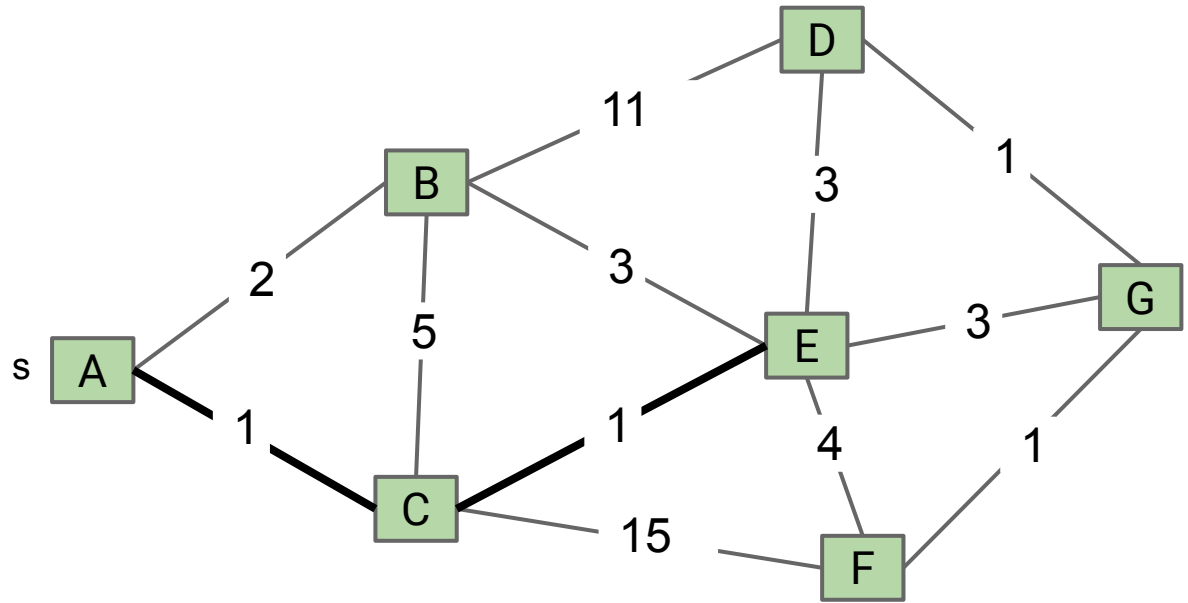
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Cycle? No.



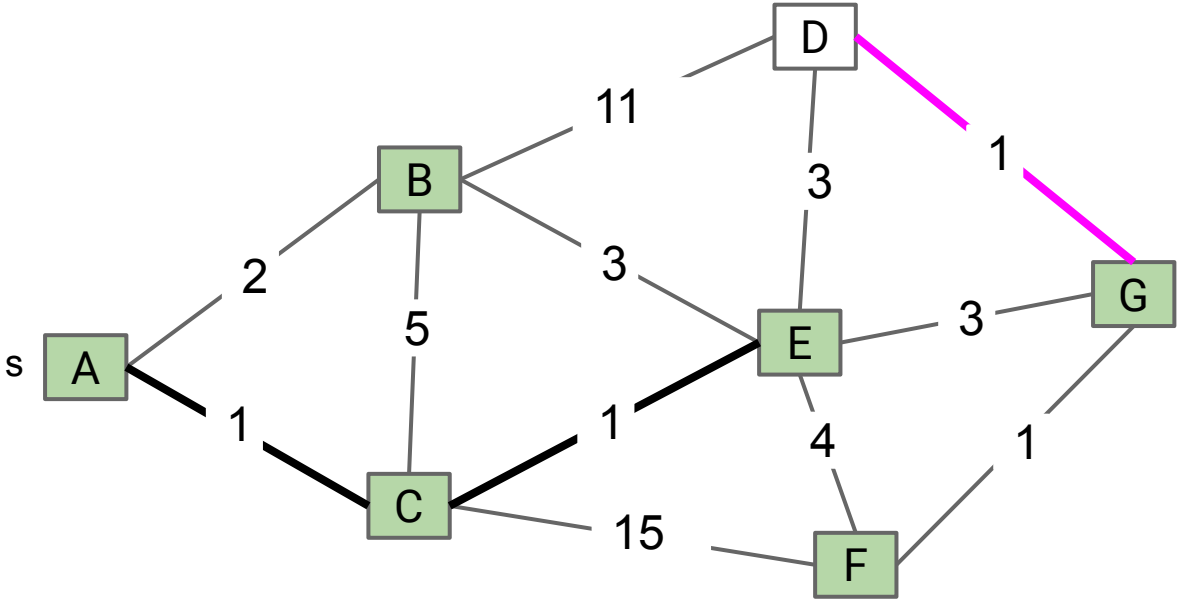
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Cycle?



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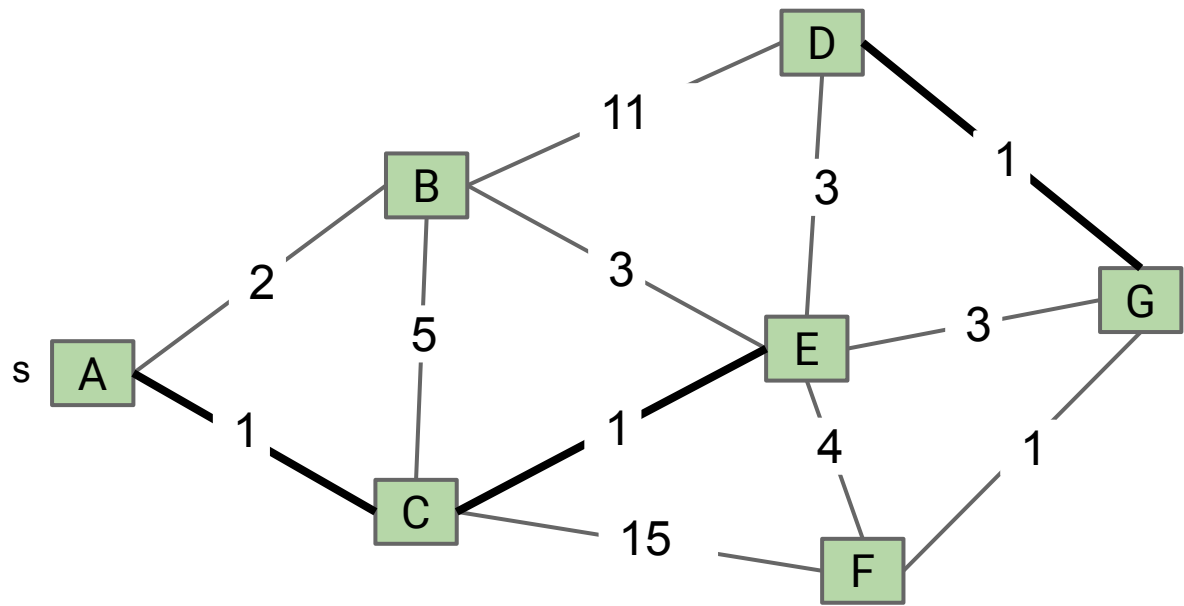
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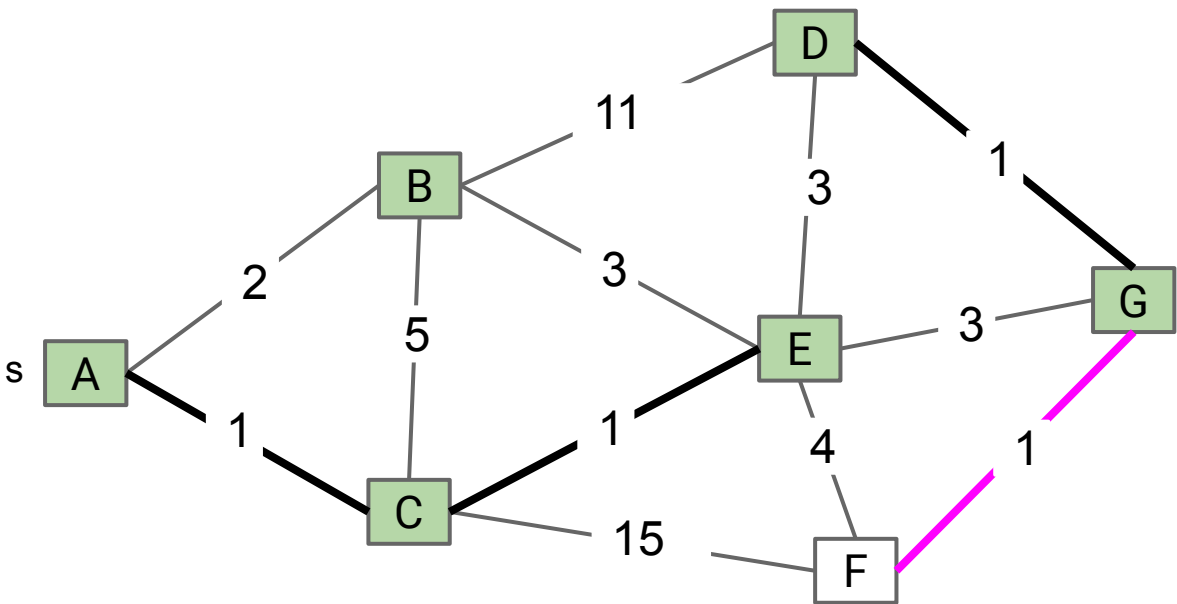
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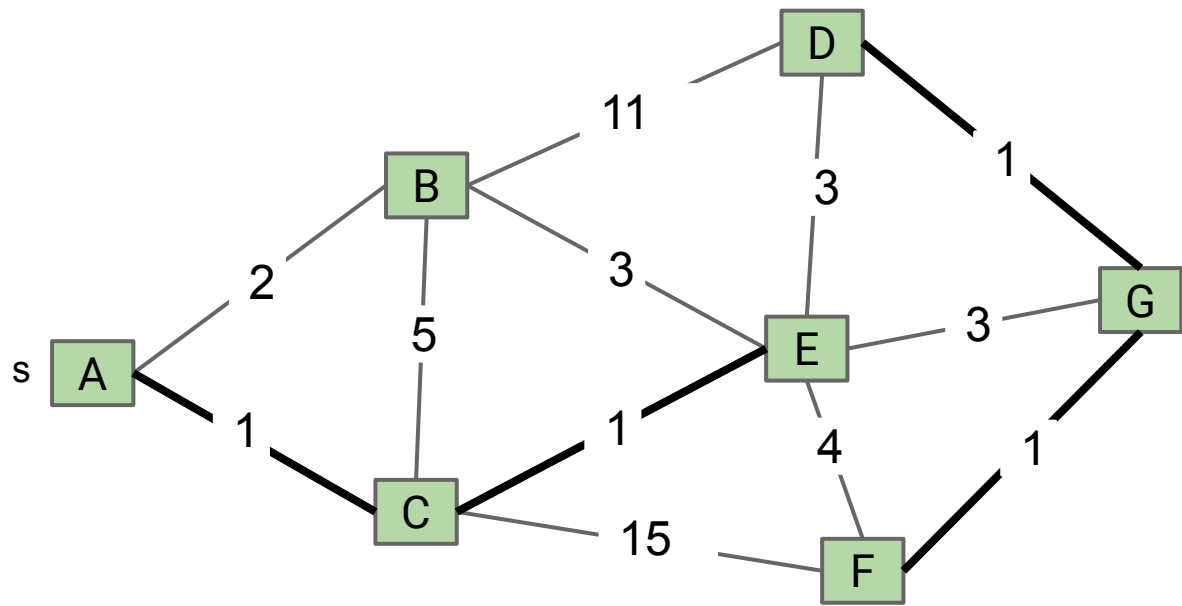
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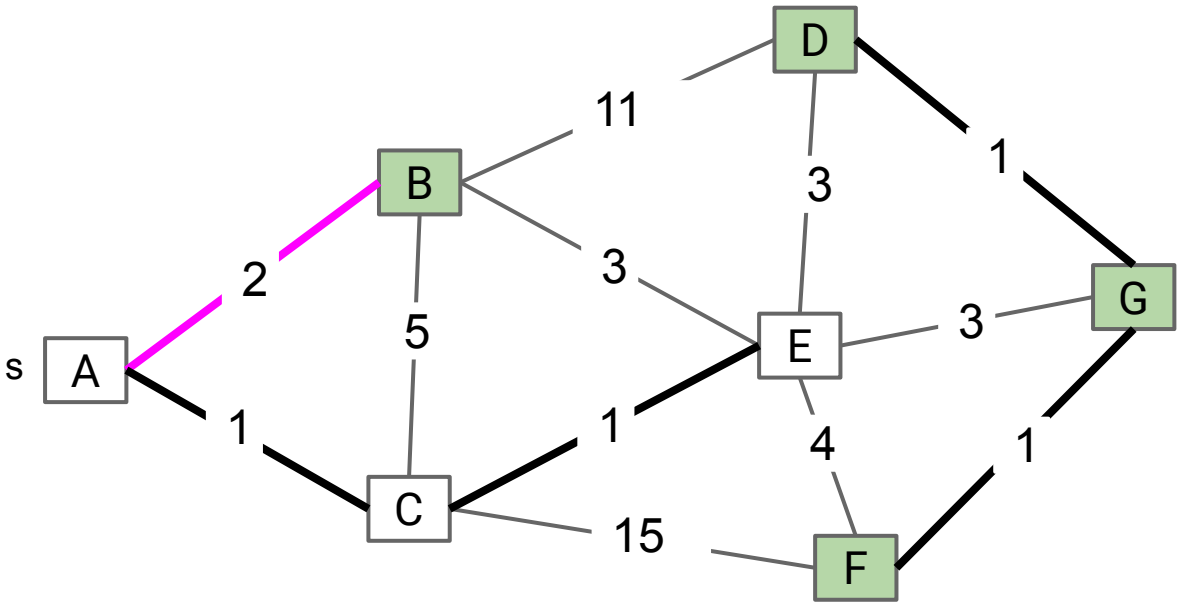
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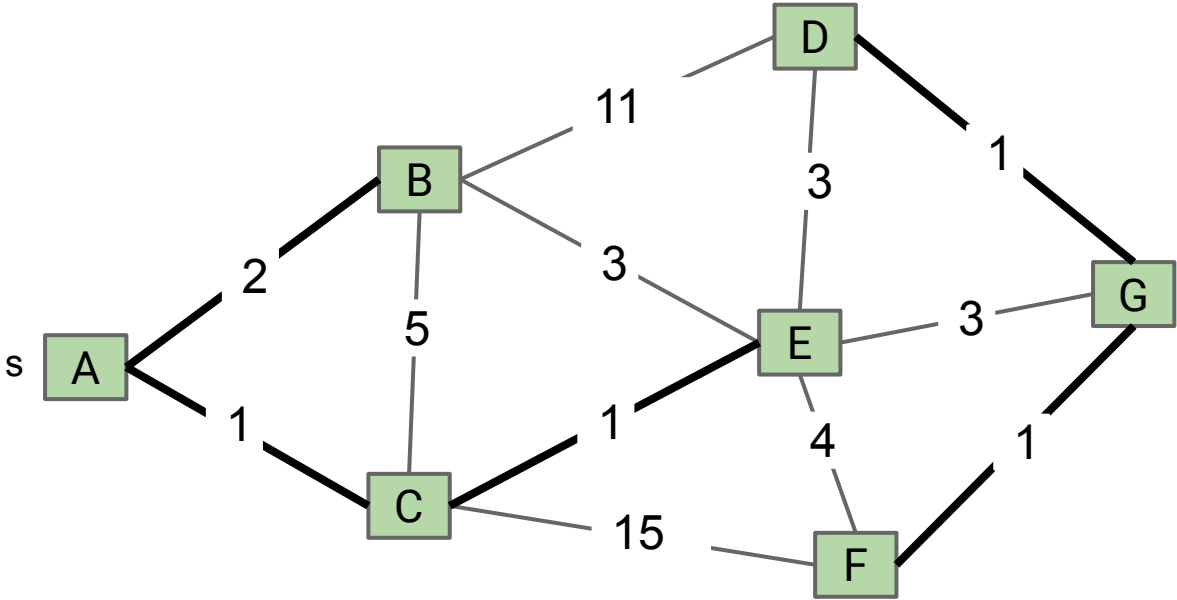
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Cycle? No.



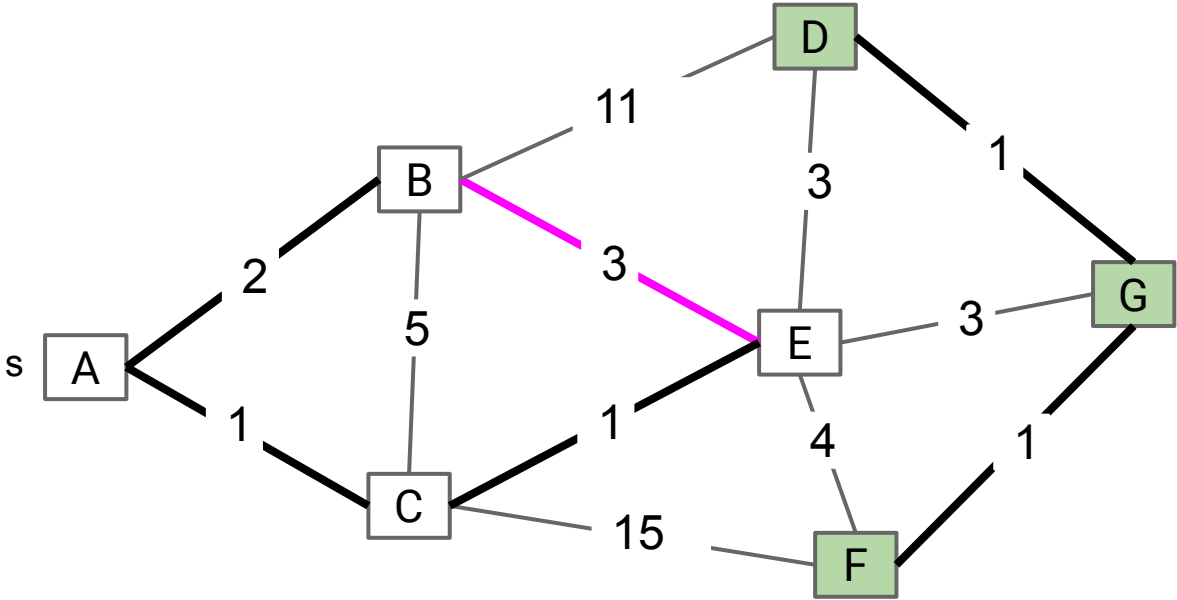
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Cycle?



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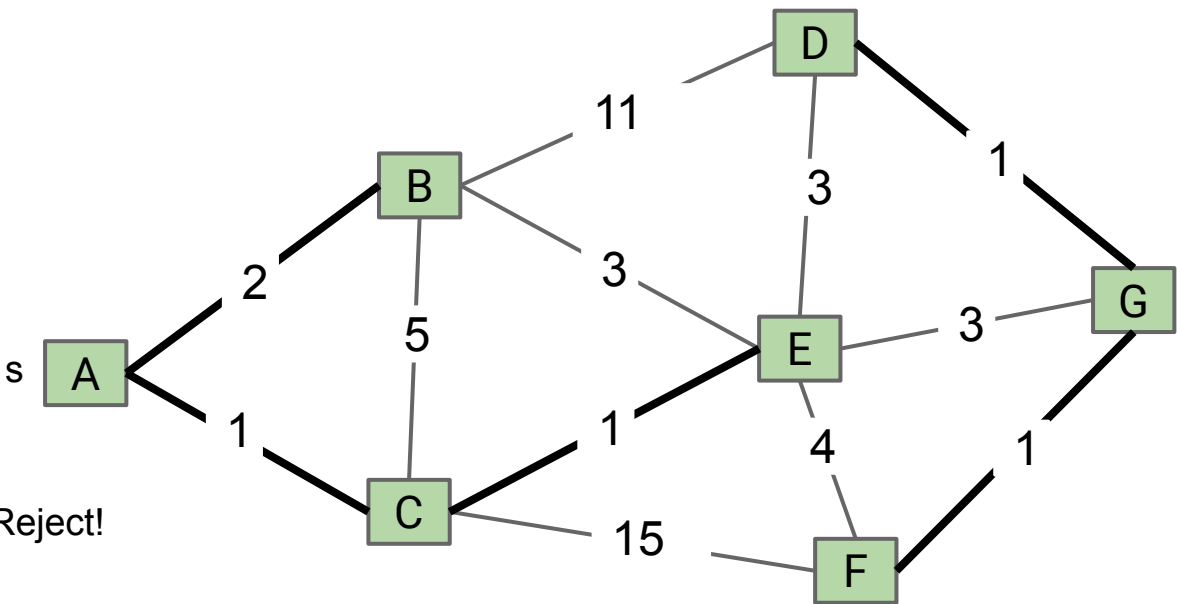
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Cycle? Yes. Reject!



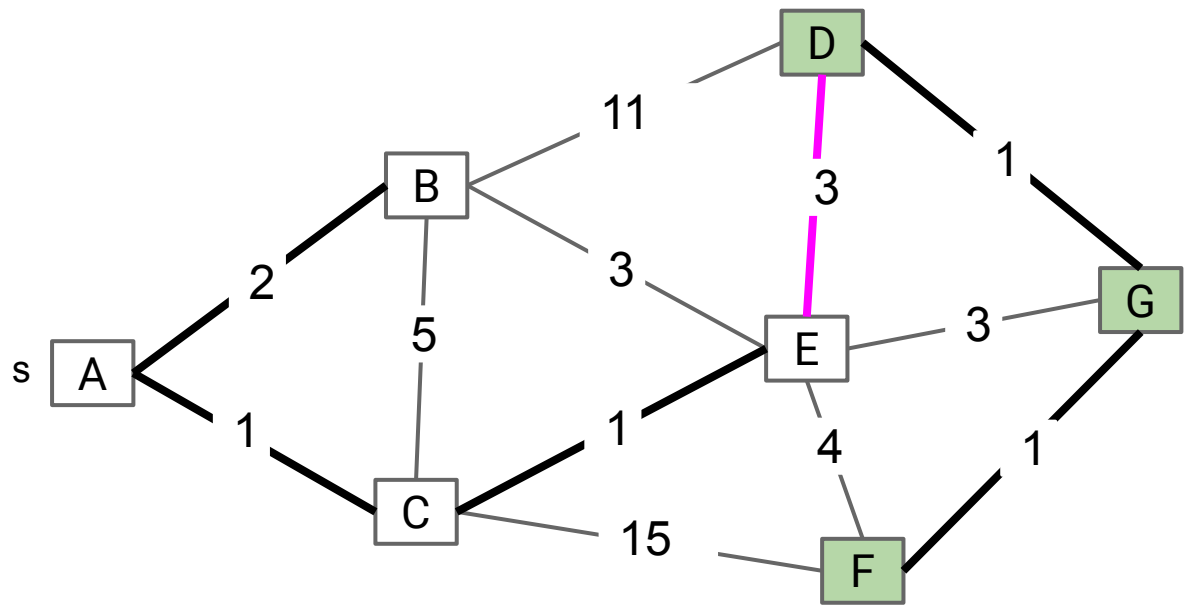
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F-G	1
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E-B	3
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G-E	3
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Cycle?



MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B]

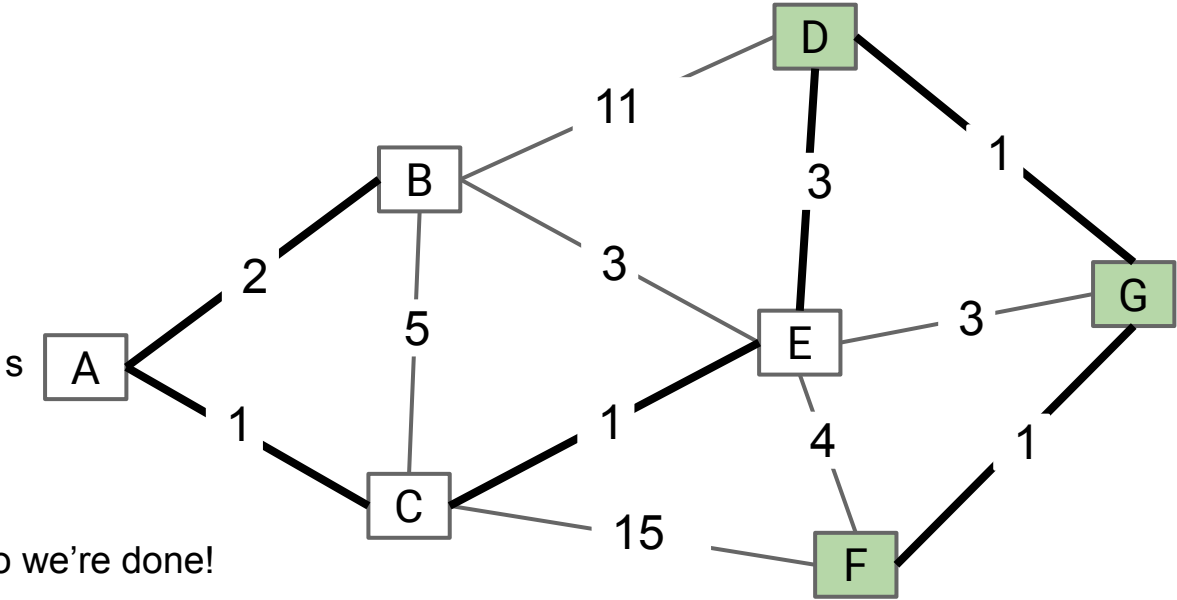
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Cycle? No.
V-1 edges, so we're done!

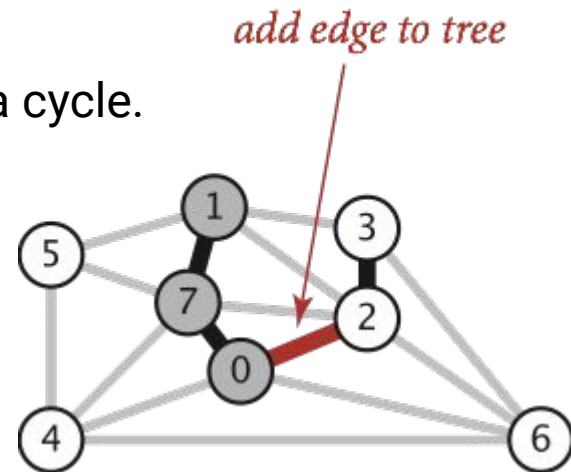


MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B, D-E]

Kruskal's Algorithm

Initially mark all edges gray.

- Consider edges in increasing order of weight.
- Add edge to MST (mark black) unless doing so creates a cycle.
- Repeat until $V-1$ edges.



Why does Kruskal's work? Special case of generic MST algorithm.

- Suppose we add edge $e = v \rightarrow w$.
- Side 1 of cut is all vertices connected to v , side 2 is everything else.
- No crossing edge is black (since we don't allow cycles).
- No crossing edge has lower weight (consider in increasing order).

Optimized Kruskal's (Demo)

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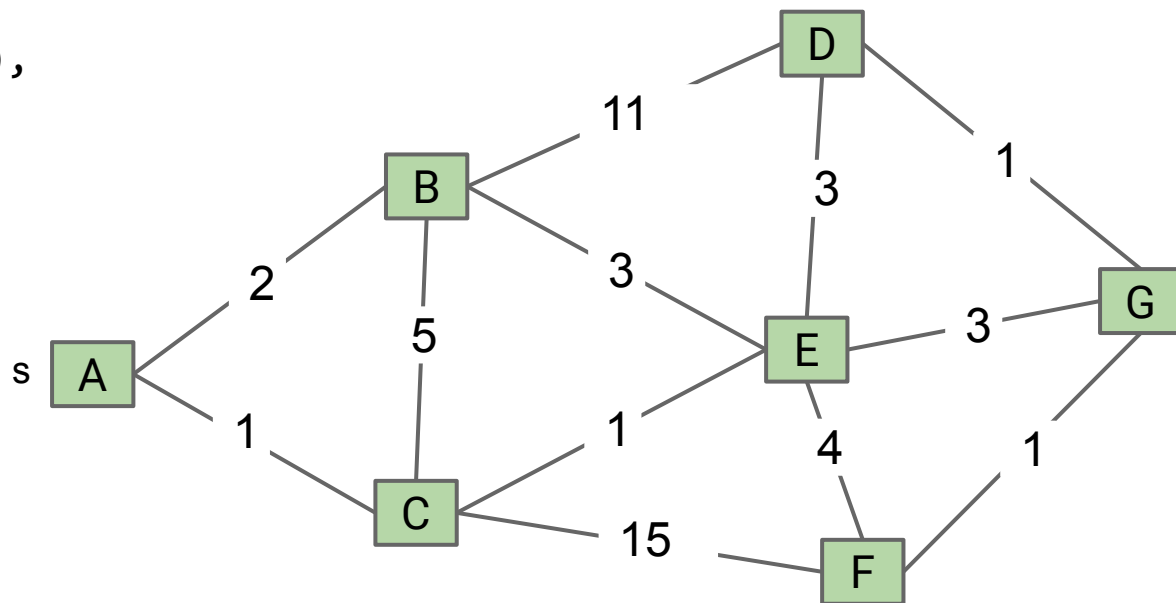
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Insert all edges into PQ.

Repeat: Remove smallest weight edge. Add to MST if no cycle created.

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(D-G: 1), (F-G: 1),
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WQU: []

MST: []

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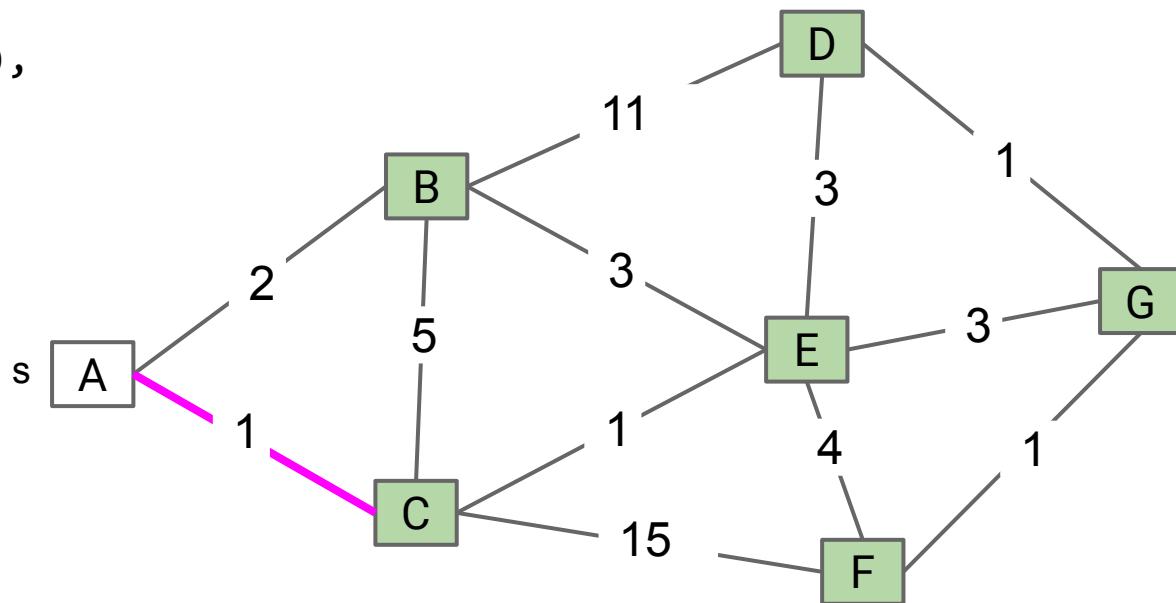
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Removed edge: A-C

Cycle? isConnected(A, C)

WQU: []

MST: []



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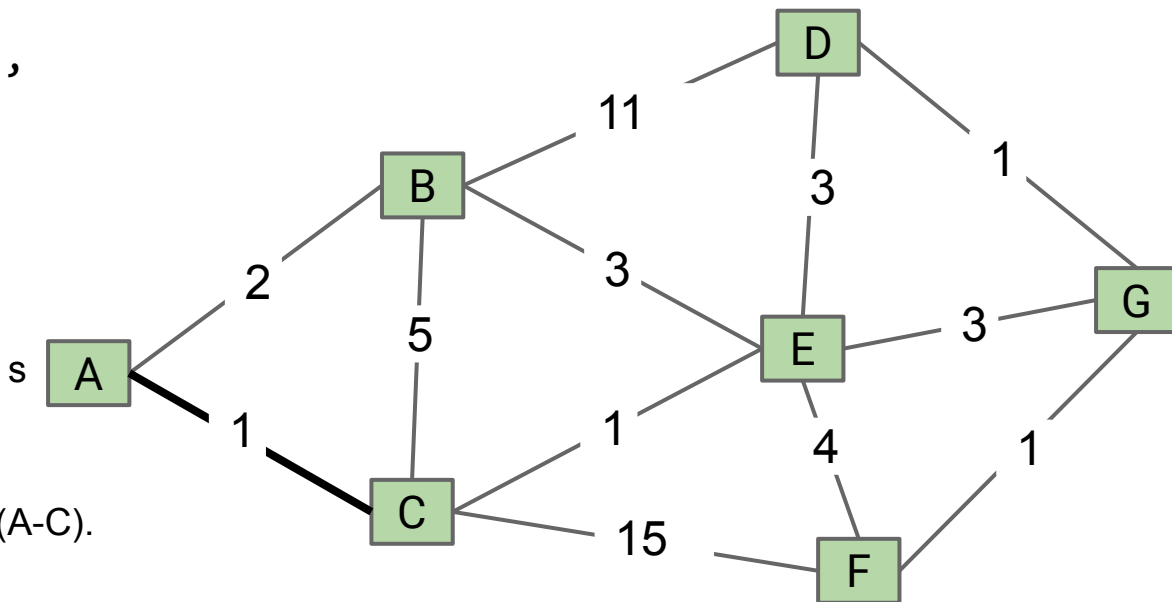
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Removed edge: A-C

Cycle? No. union(A, C). add(A-C).

WQU: [A-C]

MST: [A-C]



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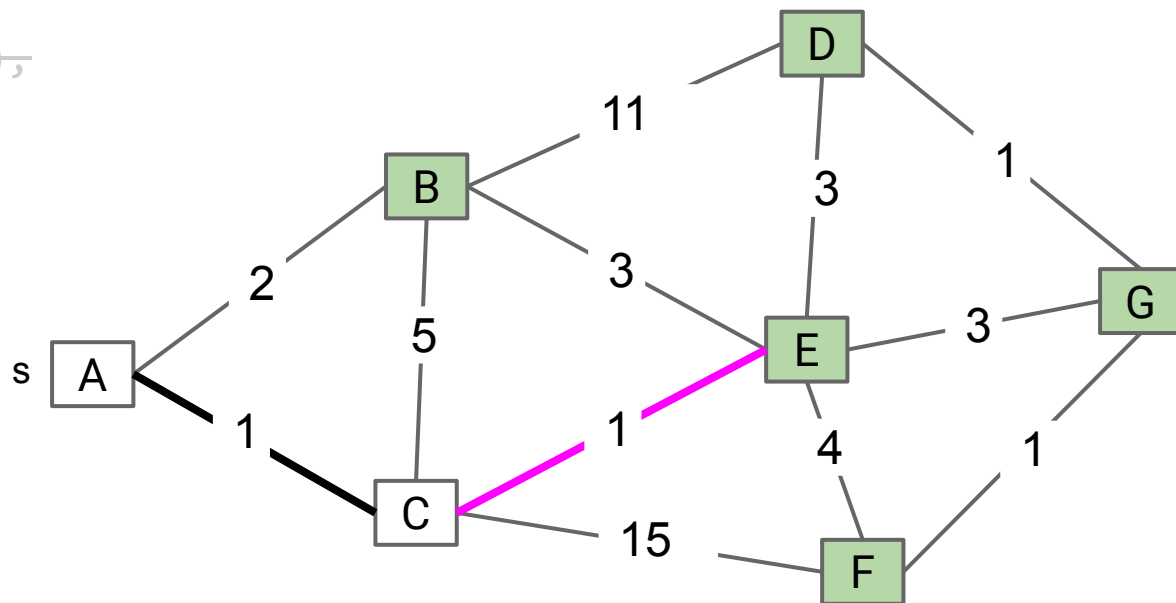
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Removed edge: C-E

Cycle? isConnected(C, E)

WQU: [A-C]

MST: [A-C]



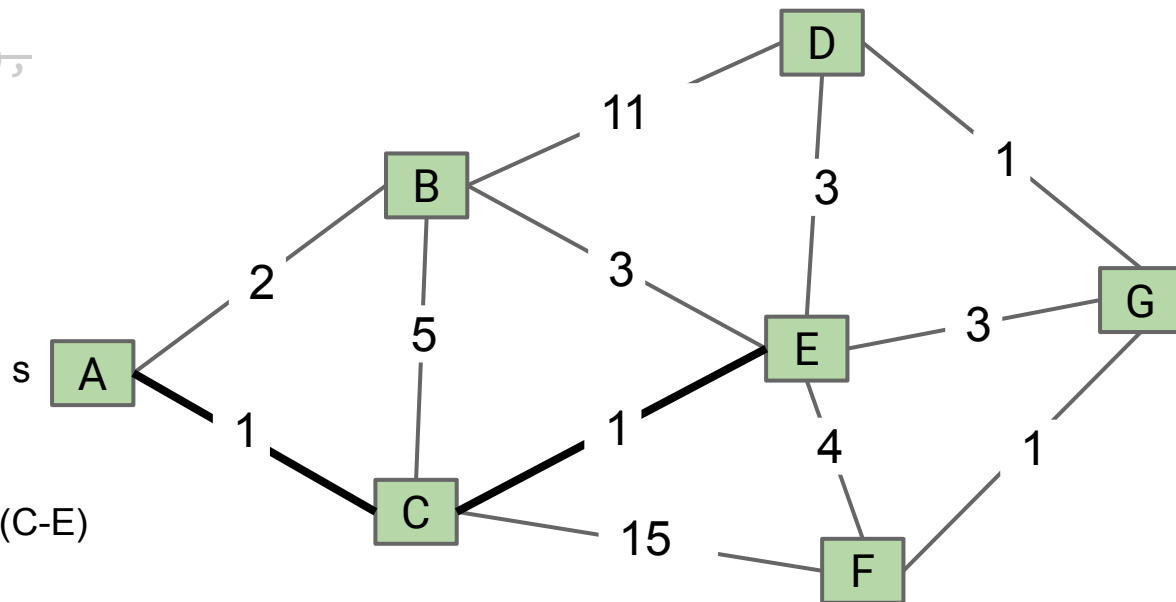
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Removed edge: C-E

Cycle? No. union(C, E). add(C-E)

WQU: [A-C-E]

MST: [A-C, C-E]

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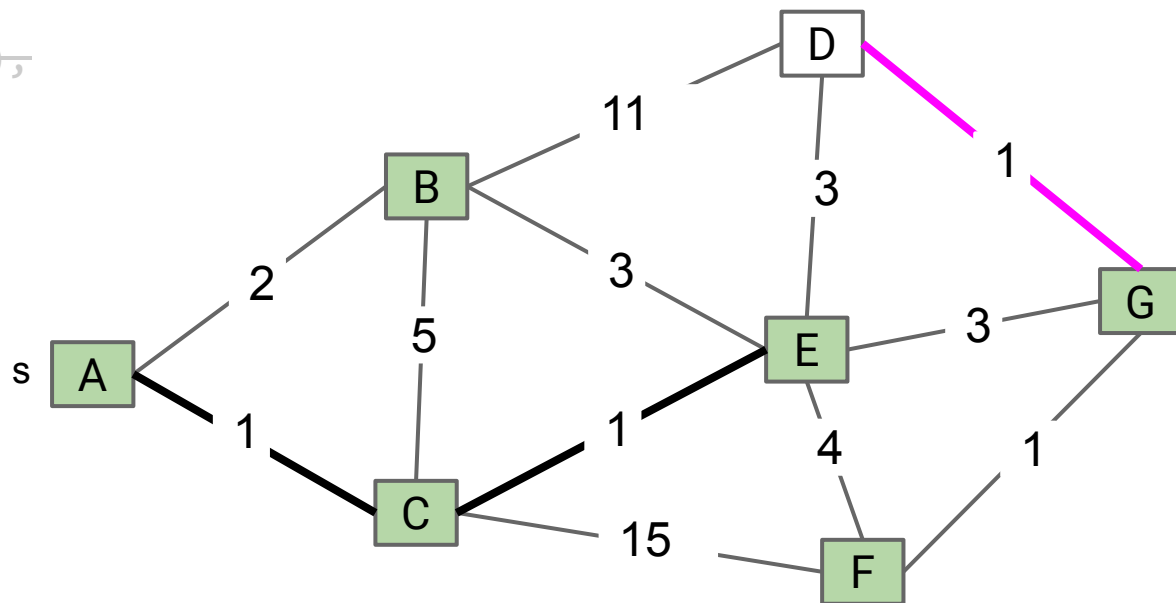
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Removed edge: D-G

Cycle? isConnected(D, G)

WQU: [A-C-E]

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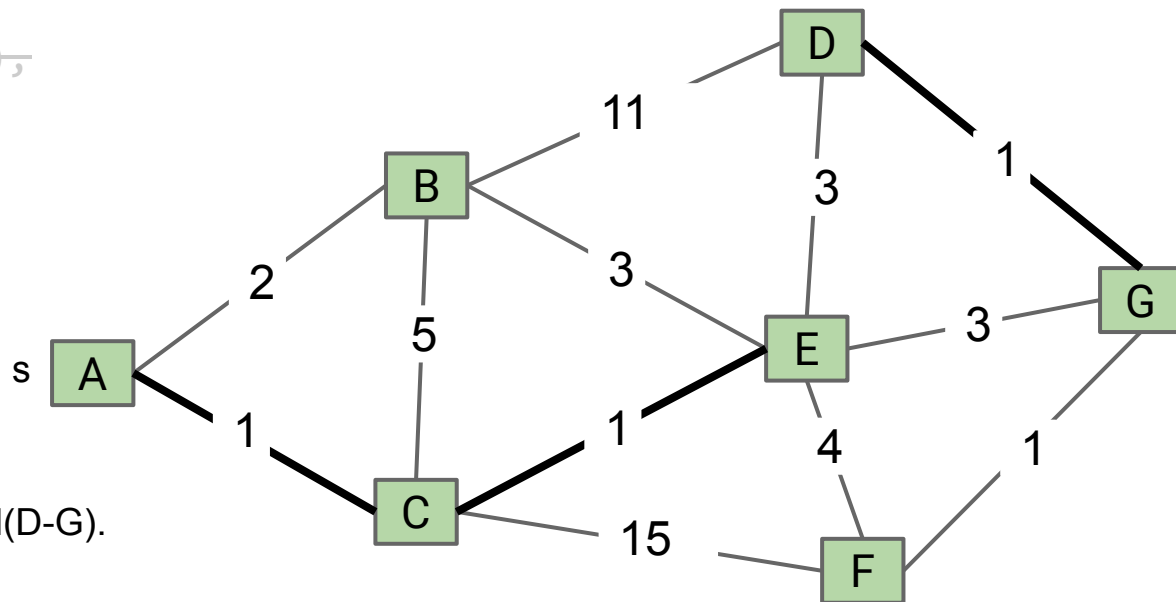
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Removed edge: D-G

Cycle? No. union(D, G). add(D-G).

WQU: [A-C-E, D-G]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G]

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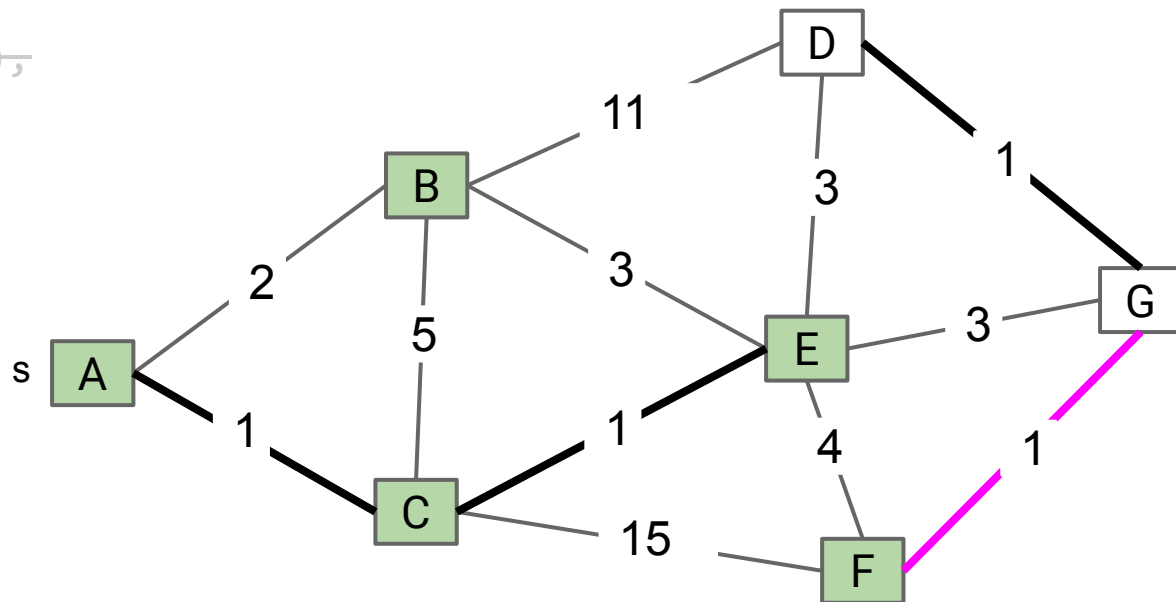
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Removed edge: F-G

Cycle? isConnected(F, G)

WQU: [A-C-E, D-G]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G]

Kruskal's Demo

Insert all edges into PQ.

Repeat: Remove smallest weight edge. Add to MST if no cycle created.

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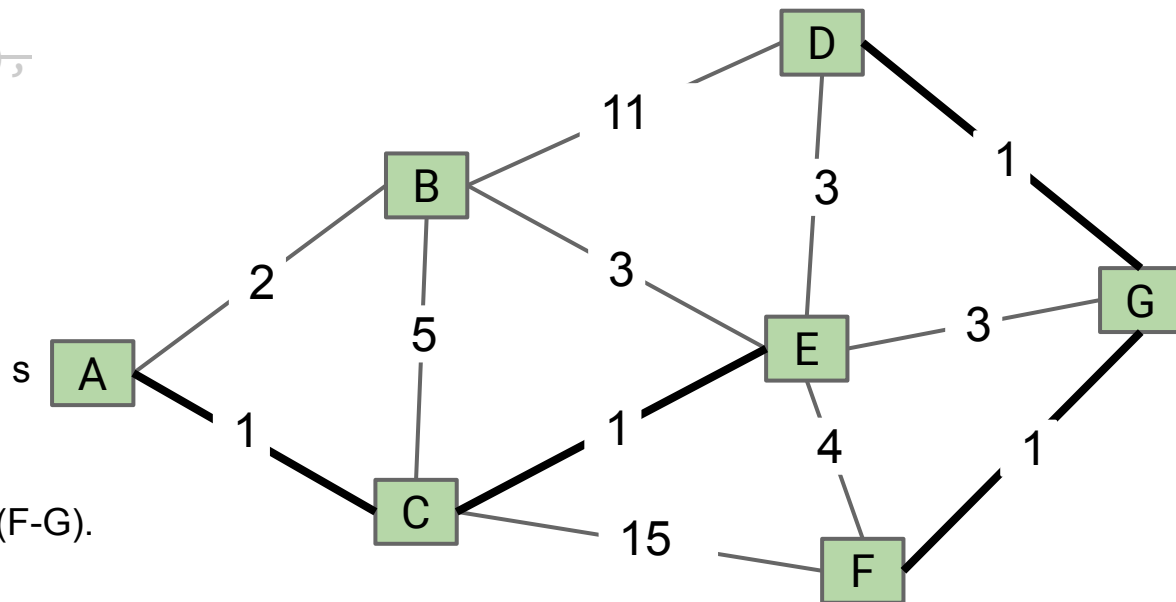
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Removed edge: F-G

Cycle? No. union(F, G). add(F-G).

WQU: [A-C-E, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G]

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Repeat: Remove smallest weight edge. Add to MST if no cycle created.

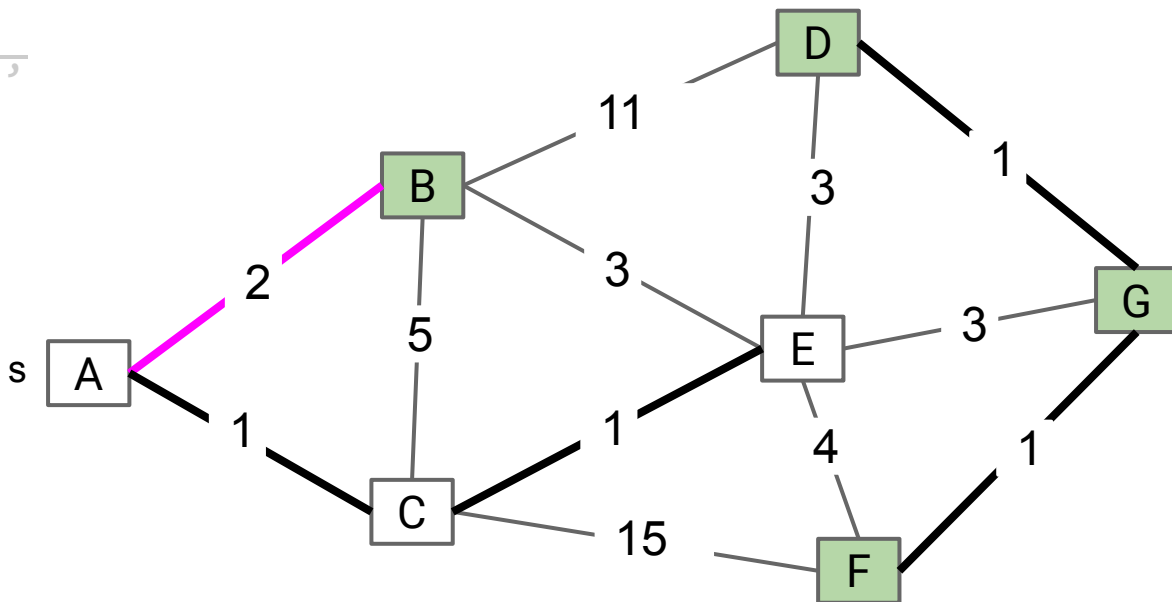
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Removed edge: A-B

Cycle? isConnected(A, B)

WQU: [A-C-E, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G]



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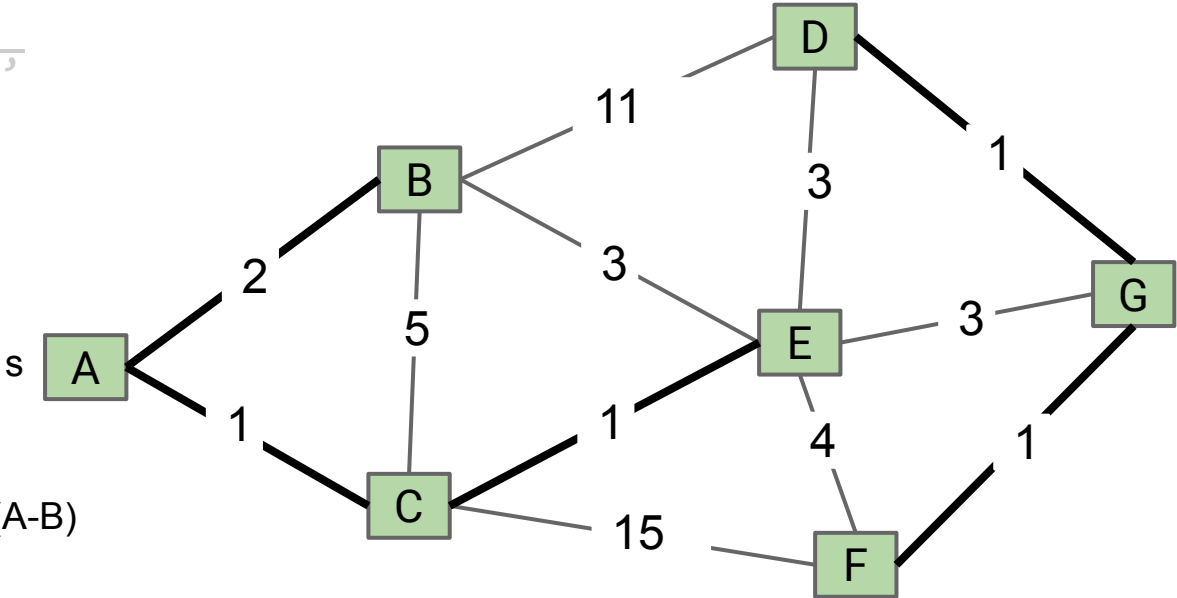
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Removed edge: A-B

Cycle? No. union(A, B). add(A-B)

WQU: [A-C-E-B, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B]



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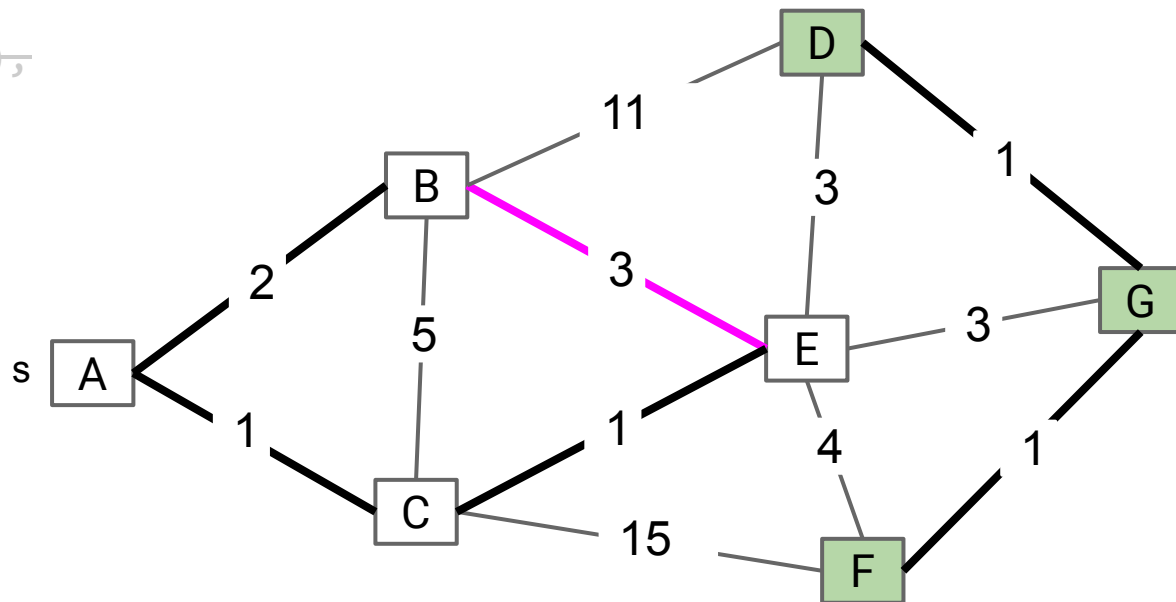
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Removed edge: E-B

Cycle? isConnected(E, B)

WQU: [A-C-E-B, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B]



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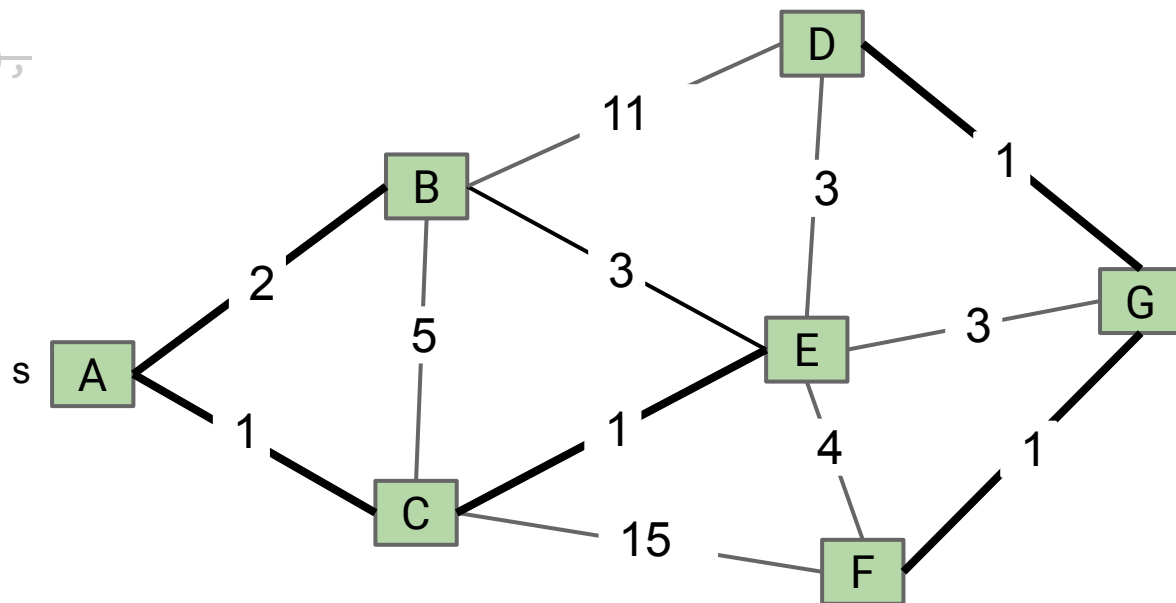
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Removed edge: E-B

Cycle? Yes. Do nothing.

WQU: [A-C-E-B, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B]

Kruskal's Demo

Insert all edges into PQ.

Repeat: Remove smallest weight edge. Add to MST if no cycle created.

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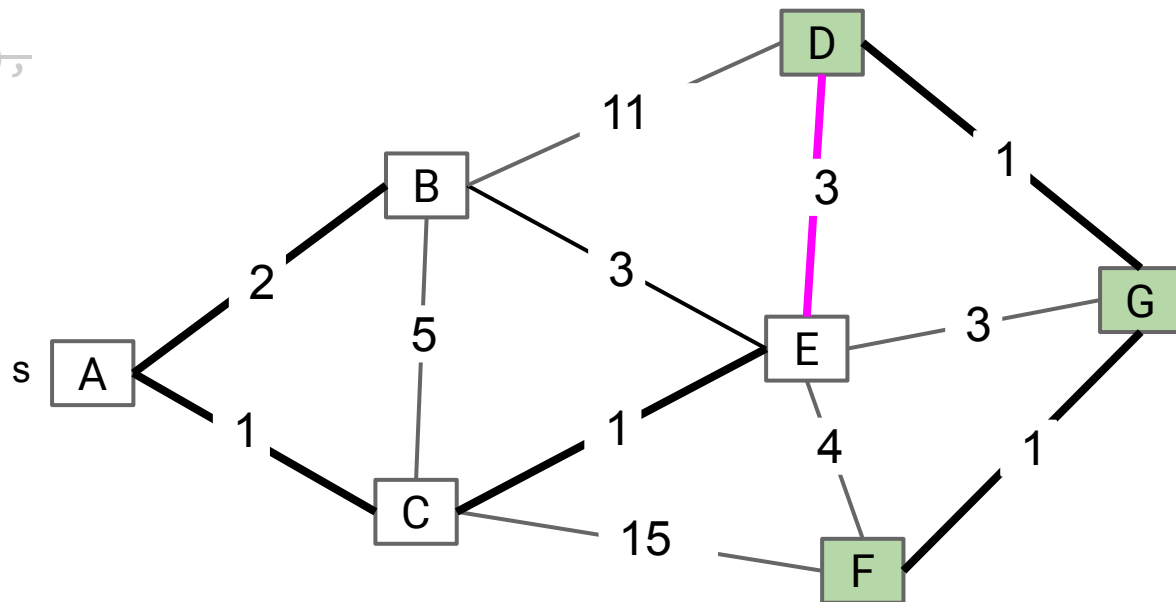
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Removed edge: D-E

Cycle? isConnected(D, E)

WQU: [A-C-E-B, D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B]

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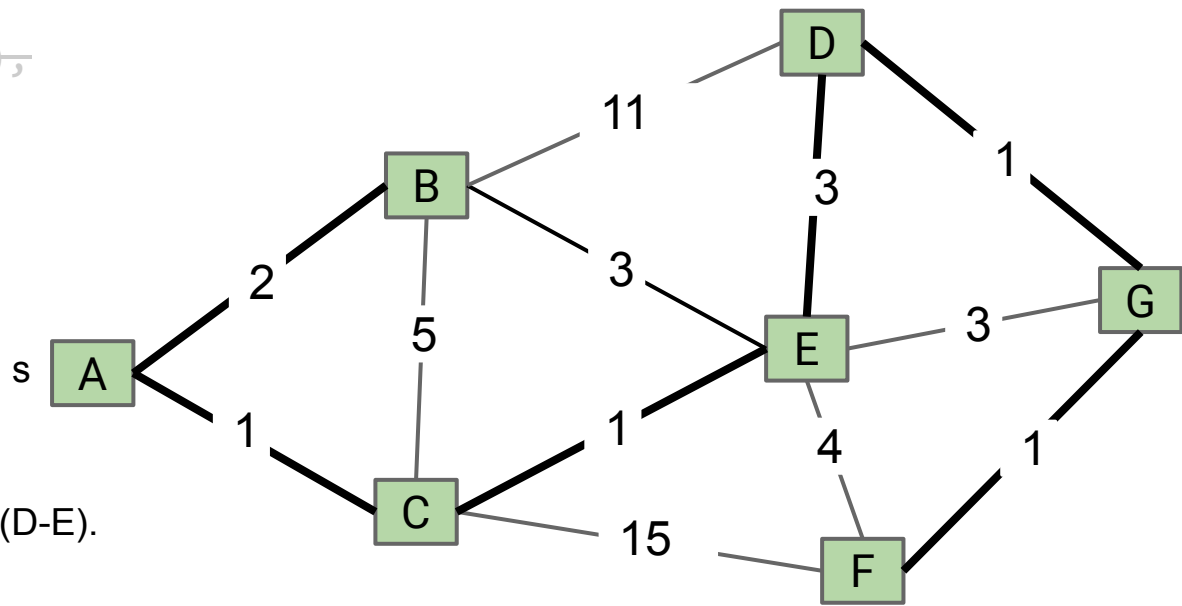
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Removed edge: D-E

Cycle? No. union(D, E). add(D-E).

WQU: [A-C-E-B-D-G-F]

MST: [A-C, C-E, D-G, F-G, A-B, D-E]



V-1 edges, so done.

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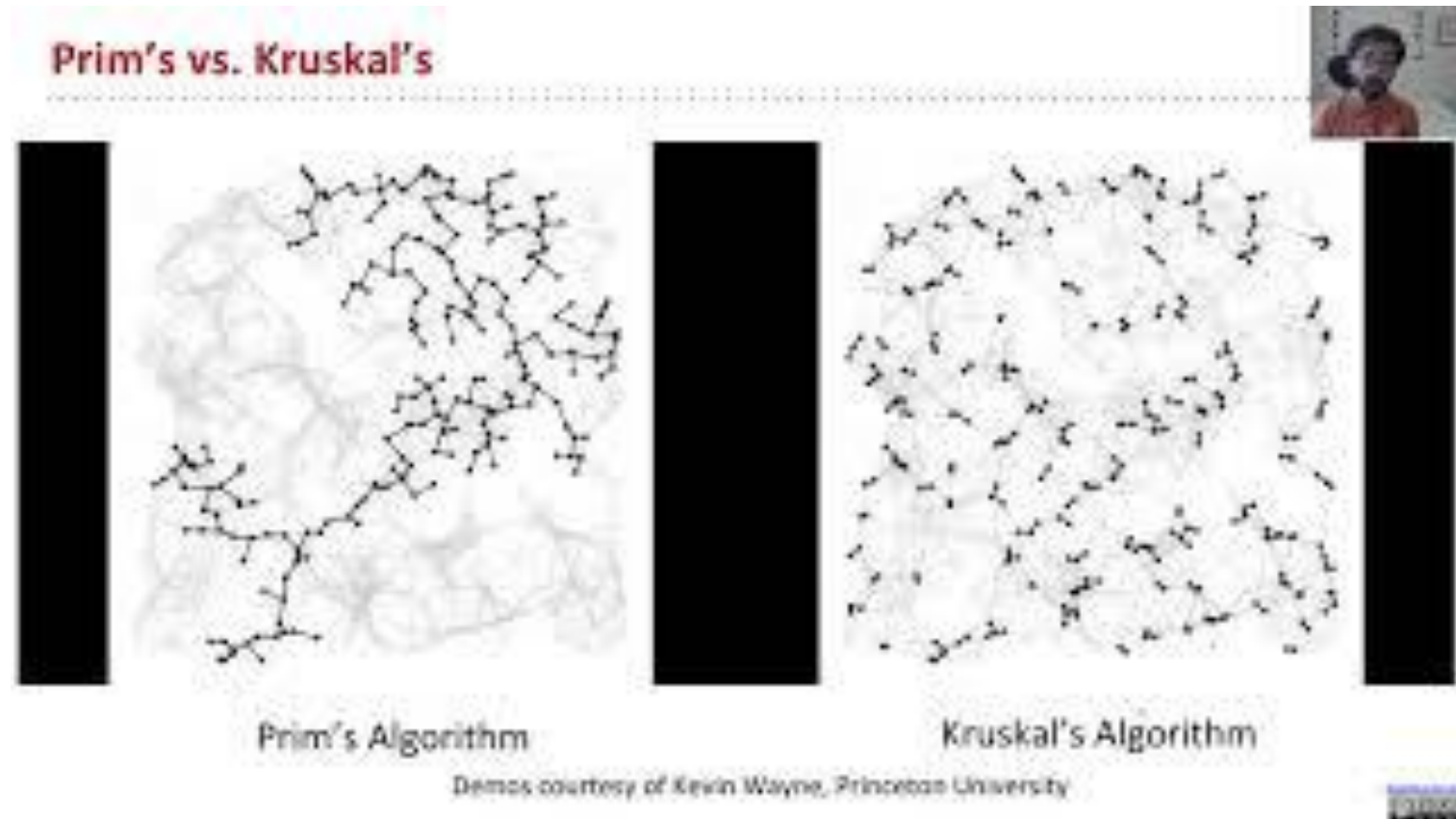
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Prim's vs. Kruskal's (visual)



Demos courtesy of Kevin Wayne, Princeton University

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Kruskal's Implementation (Pseudocode)

```
public class KruskalMST {  
    private List<Edge> mst = new ArrayList<Edge>();  
  
    public KruskalMST(EdgeWeightedGraph G) {  
        MinPQ<Edge> pq = new MinPQ<Edge>();  
        for (Edge e : G.edges()) {  
            pq.insert(e);  
        }  
        WeightedQuickUnionPC uf =  
            new WeightedQuickUnionPC(G.V());  
        while (!pq.isEmpty() && mst.size() < G.V() - 1) {  
            Edge e = pq.delMin();  
            int v = e.from();  
            int w = e.to();  
            if (!uf.connected(v, w)) {  
                uf.union(v, w);  
                mst.add(e);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

What is the runtime of Kruskal's algorithm?

- Assume all PQ operations take $O(\log(V))$ time.
- Assume all WQU operations take $O(\log^* V)$ time.
- Give your answer in Big O notation.

Kruskal's algorithm on previous slide is $O(E \log E)$.

Fun fact: In HeapSort lecture, we will discuss how do this step in $O(E)$ time using "bottom-up heapification".

Operation	Number of Times	Time per Operation	Total Time
Insert	E	$O(\log E)$	$O(E \log E)$
Delete minimum	$O(E)$	$O(\log E)$	$O(E \log E)$
union	$O(V)$	$O(\log^* V)$	$O(V \log^* V)$
isConnected	$O(E)$	$O(\log^* V)$	$O(E \log^* V)$

Note 1: If we use a pre-sorted list of edges (instead of a PQ), then we can simply iterate through the list in $O(E)$ time, so overall runtime is $O(E + V \log^* V + E \log^* V) = O(E \log^* V)$.

Note 2: $E < V^2$, so $\log E < \log V^2 = 2 \log V$, so $O(E \log E) = O(E \log V)$. So while Kruskal's algorithm will be slower than Prim's algorithm for a worst-case unsorted set of edges, it won't be asymptotically slower.

Shortest Paths and MST Algorithms Summary

Problem	Algorithm	Runtime (if $E > V$)	Notes
Shortest Paths	Dijkstra's	$O(E \log V)$	Fails for negative weight edges.
MST	Prim's	$O(E \log V)$	Analogous to Dijkstra's.
MST	Kruskal's	$O(E \log E)$	Uses WQUPC.
MST	Kruskal's with pre-sorted edges	$O(E \log^* V)$	Uses WQUPC.

Question: Can we do better than $O(E \log V)$? See bonus slides.

These slides are covered in the [web videos](#), but we won't cover them live.

Extra: MST Algorithm History

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year	worst case	discovered by
1975	$E \log \log V$	Yao
1984	$E \log^* V$	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	optimal (link)	Pettie-Ramachandran
???	$E ???$???

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