

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

CS218M

Greedy Algorithms (2)

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The Greedy Paradigm

- Build the solution by selecting elements (or making choices) one by one.
- A simple rule allows choice of element at each stage. Local optimality.
- Greedy choice property: The current selection cannot be removed (no backtracking/exploring alternative choices).
- The final solution must be optimal.

Sequence of locally optimal choices gives globally optimal solution.

Examples: Picking 10 coins, Finding shortest path, Minimum Spanning Tree.

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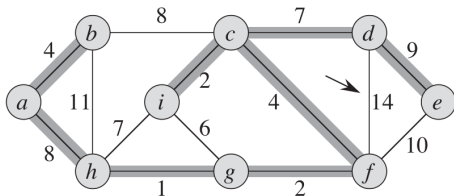
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Generic MST Algorithm

- Grow A one edge at a time.
- **Invariant:** Current set of edges A is a subset of **some** MST. ←
- An edge which can be added to A maintaining the invariant is called a **safe** edge.

GENERIC-MST(G, w)

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2  while  $A$  does not form a spanning tree
3      find an edge  $(u, v)$  that is safe for  $A$ 
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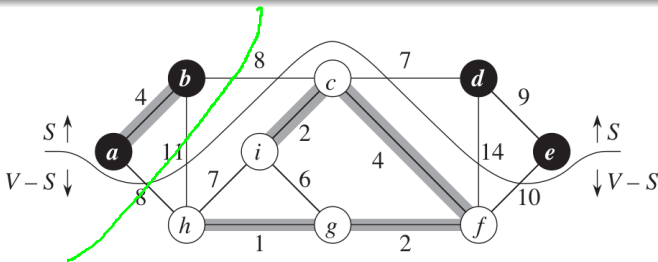
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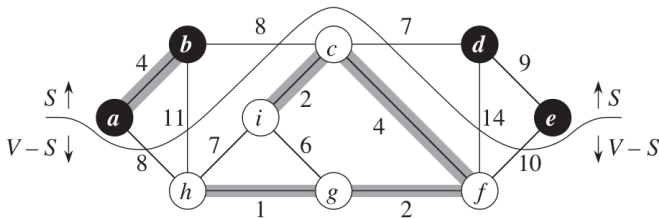
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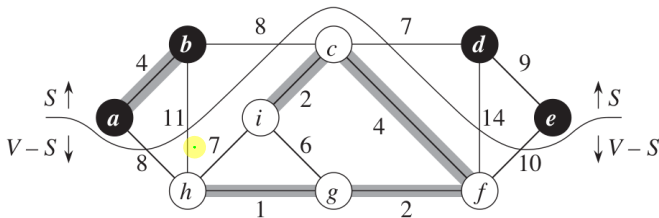
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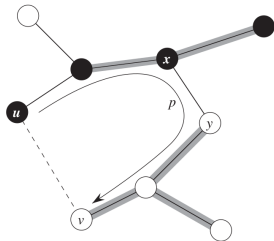
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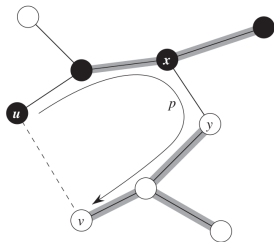
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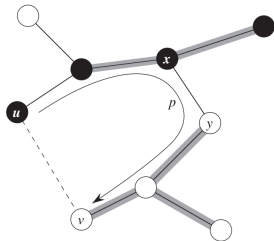


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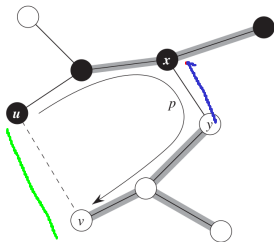
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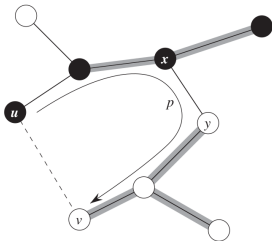
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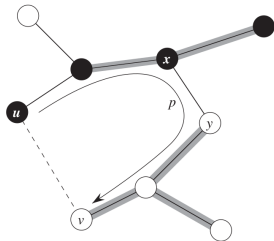
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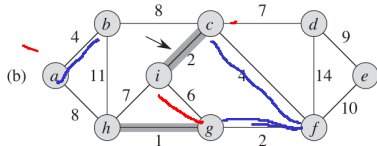
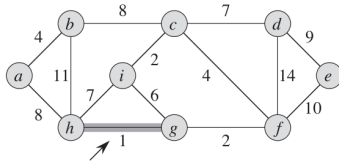
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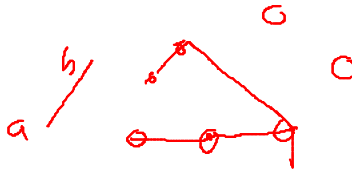
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- Adding it using UNION gives A as set of trees represented as disjoint sets.

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- Implemented using **union by rank** and **path compression** (CLRS 21.3, 21.4). For m operations over n element set, $O(m \cdot \alpha(n))$ where $\alpha(n)$ is very slowly growing (almost constant!).

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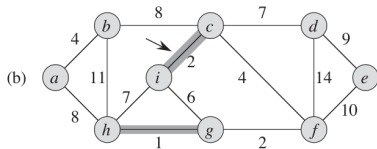
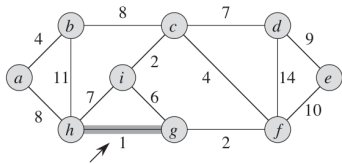
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Running Time

$E \cdot \lg(E)$ for sorting edges. Also, $O(V)$ of MAKE-SET and $O(E)$ of FIND-SET+UNION operations. Hence,

$E \cdot \lg(E) + (E + V)\alpha(V)$. Simplifies to $O(E \cdot \lg(E))$. $O(E \lg(V))$

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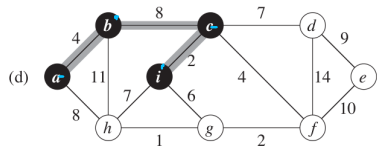
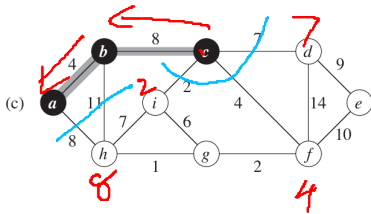
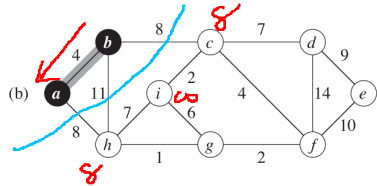
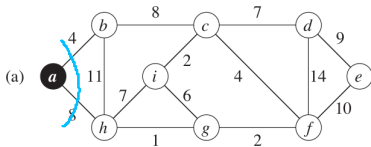
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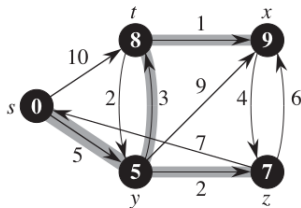
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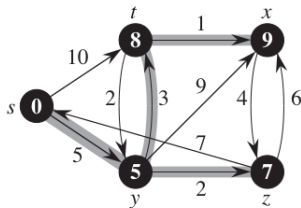
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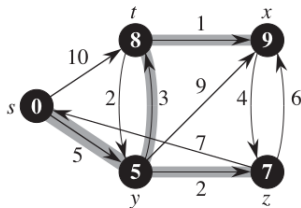
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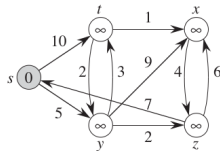
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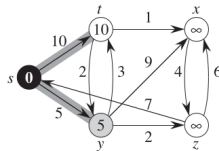
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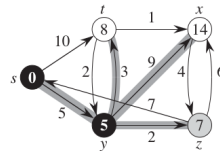
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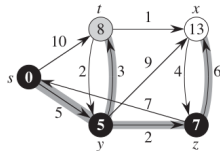
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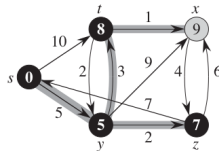
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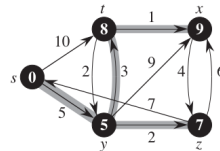
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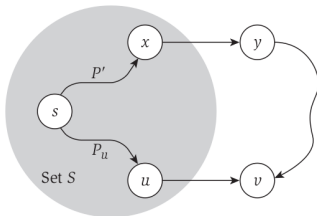
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Maintaining Invariant: Greedy Choice

For extending S , choose $v \notin S$ with minimum $d'(v)$ and set $d(v) = d'(v)$.

Correctness of Greedy Choice

- If (u, v) is edge with $u \in S$ and $v \notin S$ giving minimum $d(u) + l(u, v)$ then $d(v) = d(u) + l(u, v)$.



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