Introduction to Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

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A minimum spanning tree is a subgraph of an undirected weighted graph *G*, such that

• it is a tree (i.e., it is acyclic)

it covers all the vertices V

– contains /V/ - 1 edges

 the total cost associated with tree edges is the minimum among all possible spanning trees

not necessarily unique

Applications & Scope of MST

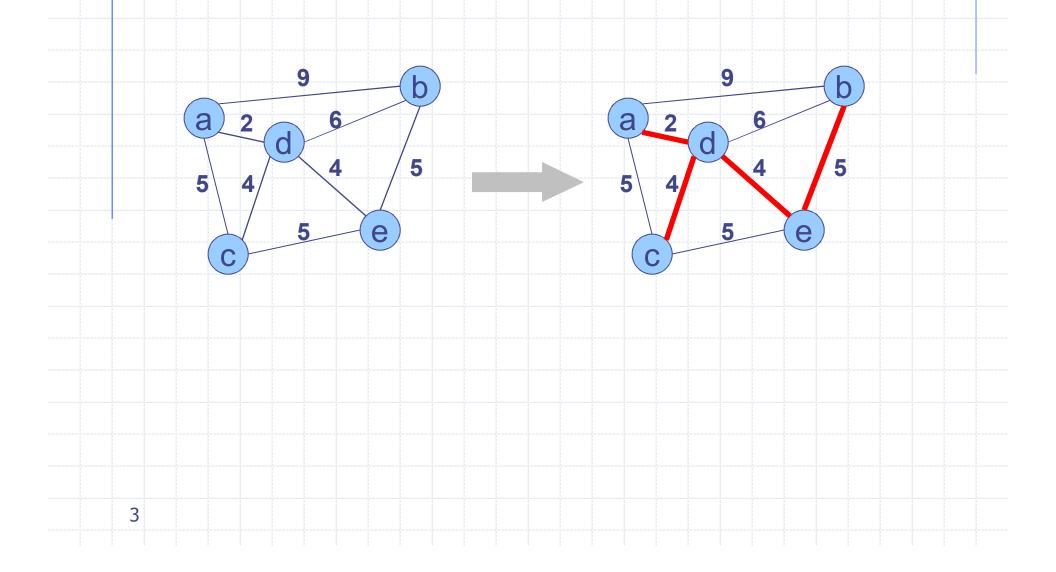
Application : Any time you want to visit all vertices in a graph at minimum cost (e.g., wire routing on printed circuit boards, sewer pipe layout, road planning...)

Scope of research : Internet content distribution

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 Idea: publisher produces web pages, content distribution network replicates web pages to many locations so consumers

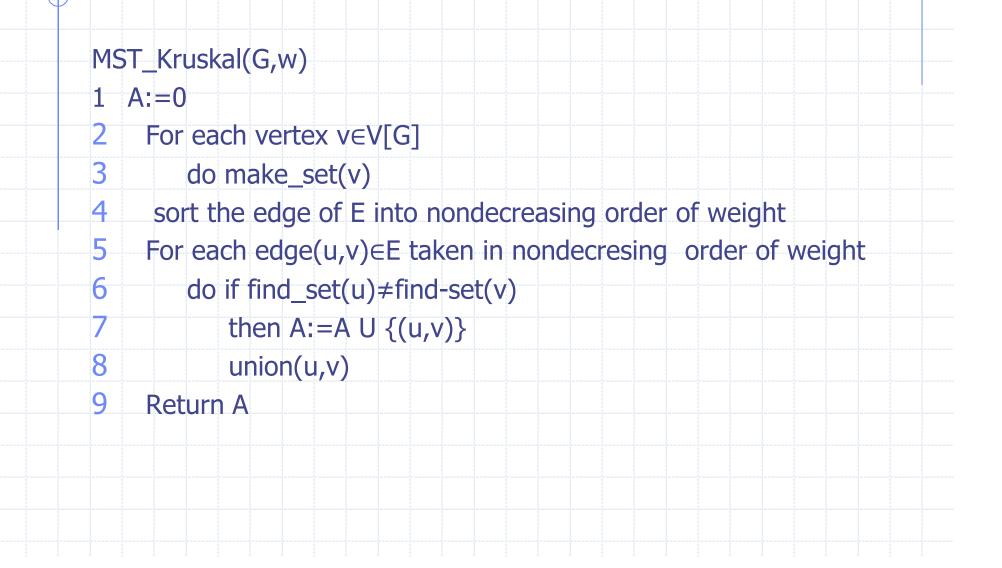
How Can We Generate a MST?



Kruskal's Algorithm

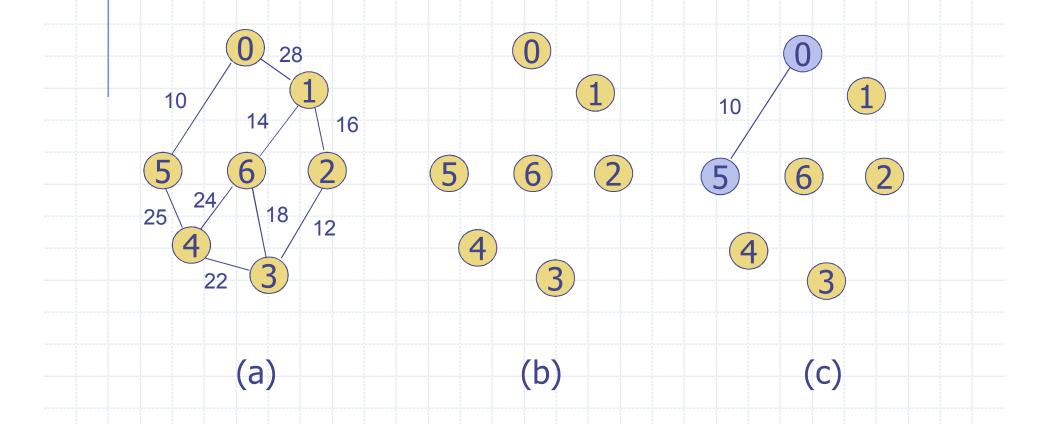
- Kruskal's algorithm builds a minimum-cost spanning tree T by adding edges to T one at a time.
- The algorithm selects the edges for inclusion in T in nondecreasing order of their cost.
- An edge is added to T if it does not form a cycle with the edges that are already in T.
- make_set(v) : create a new set whose only member is V
- find_set(u) : return a representative elements from the set that contain u.
- find_set(v) : return a representative elements from the set that contain v.
- union(u,v):unites the dynamic set that contain u & v into new set that contain u & v

Kruskal's Algorithms



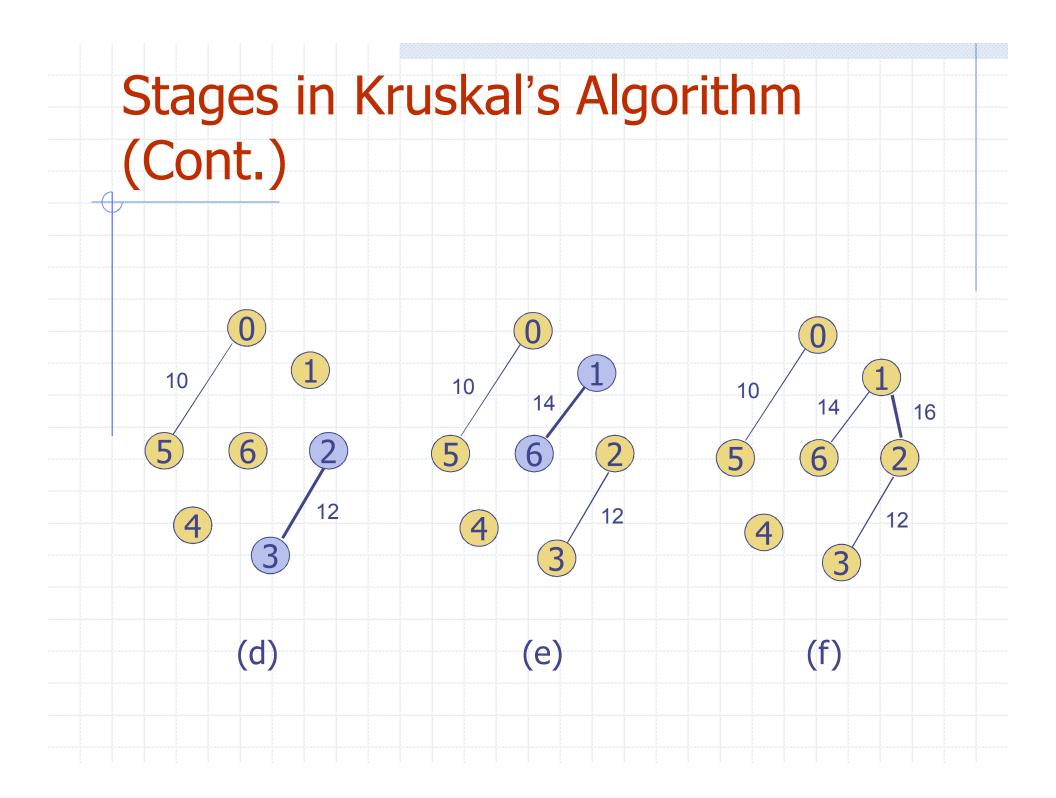
Stages in Kruskal's Algorithm

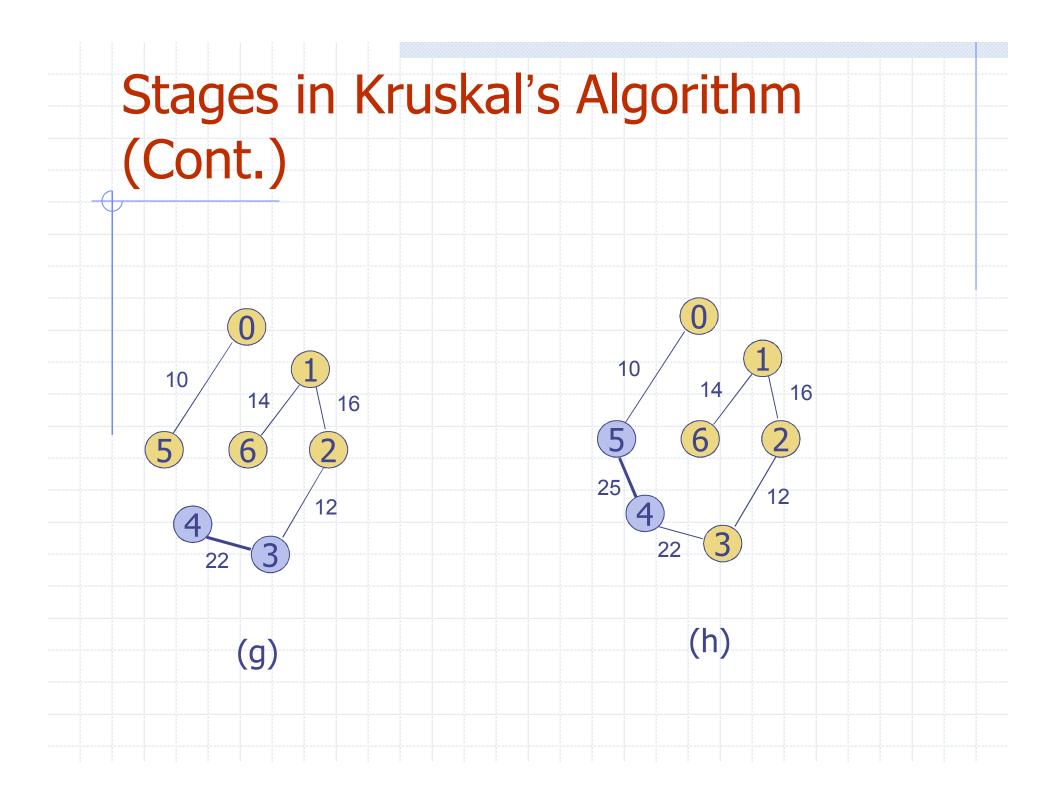
Start from edges of smallest cost which would not cause cycle Until n-1 edges



Analysis of Kruskal's algorithm

- Let V be the no. of vertices & E be the no. of edges
- It take O(Elog E) time to sort the edges. The for loop iterated E no. of times. Each access takes O(V) time, which gives a total of O(E log V) times.
- Total running time is O(V+ ElogV).Since
 V is not aymptotically larger than
 E.Thus running time is O(E log V)





Prim's Algorithm

- Similar to Kruskal's algorithm, Prim's algorithm constructs the minimum-cost spanning tree edge by edge.
- The difference between Prim's algorithm and Kruskal's algorithm is that the set of selected edges forms a tree at all times when using Prim's algorithm while a forest is formed when using Kruskal's algorithm.

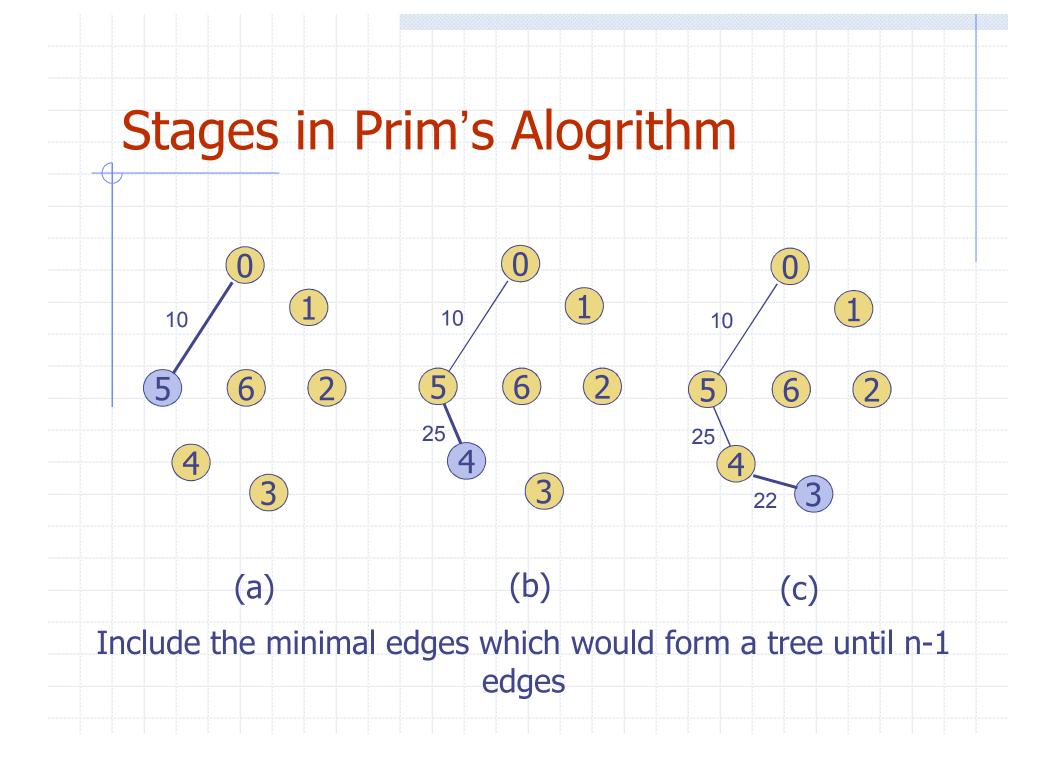
In Prim's algorithm, a least-cost edge (u, v) is added to T such that T∪ {(u, v)} is also a tree. This repeats until T contains n-1 edges.

• Prim's algorithm has a time complexity $O(n^2)$.

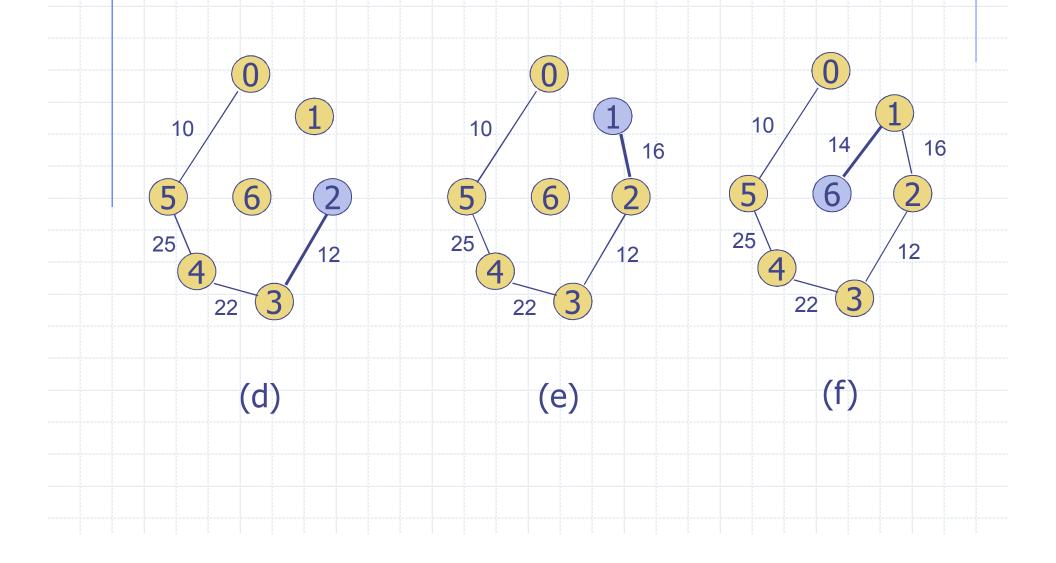
Prims Algorithm

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1	For each vertex u∈V[G]	
2	do key[u]:= ∞	
3	п[u]:=NIL	
4	key[r]:=0	
5	Q:=V[G]	
6	While Q≠φ	
7	Do u:=Extract-Min(Q)	
8	For each $v \in adj[u]$	
9	do if $v \in Q$ and $w(u,v) < key [v]$	
10	then π[v]:=u	
11	key[v]:=w(u,v)	



Stages in Prim's Alogrithm (Cont.)



Assignment

- Q.1)What is MST?
- Q.2)What is difference between Kruskals & Prims algorithm/
- Q.3)Find out MST of following graph using Prim's algorithm(root vertex e)

