COL106: Data Structures and Algorithms

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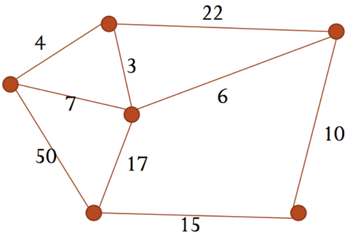
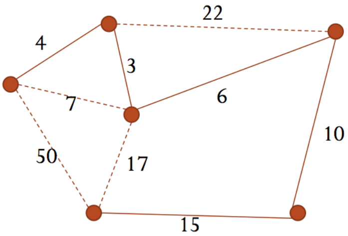
Greedy Algorithms: Minimum Spanning Tree (MST)

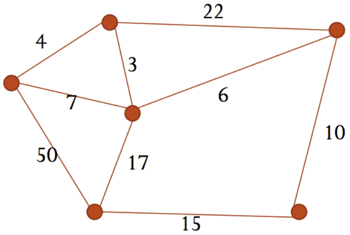
- Spanning Tree: Given a strongly connected graph $G = (V, E)$, a *spanning tree* of G is a subgraph $G' = (V, E')$ such that G' is a tree.
- Minimum Spanning Tree (MST): Given a strongly connected weighted graph $G = (V, E)$, a *Minimum Spanning Tree* of G is a spanning tree of G of minimum total weight (i.e., sum of weight of edges in the tree).

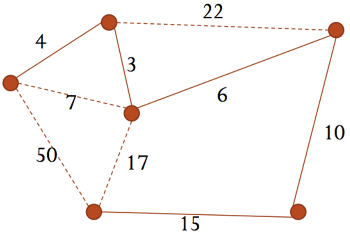




Problem

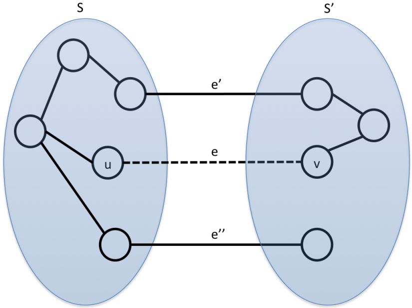
Given a weighted graph G where all the edge weights are distinct, give an algorithm for finding the MST of G.





Theorem

Cut property: Given a weighted graph $G = (V, E)$ where all the edge weights are distinct. Consider a non-empty proper subset S of V and $S' = V \setminus S$. Let e be the least weighted edge between any pair of vertices (u, v), where u is in S and v is in S'. Then e is necessarily present in *all* MSTs of G.



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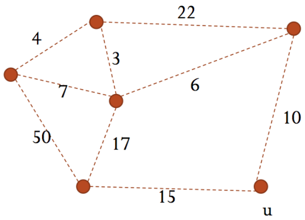

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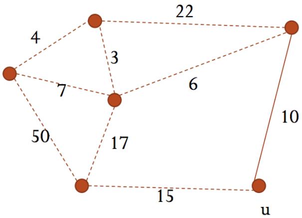

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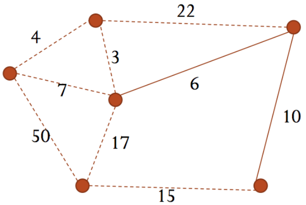

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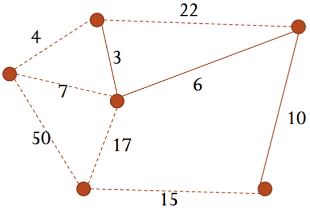

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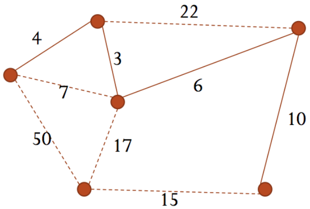

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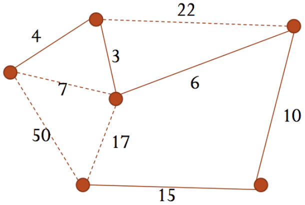

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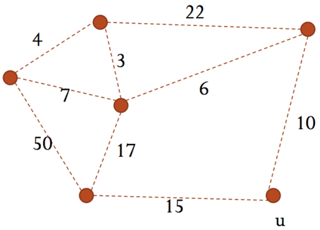

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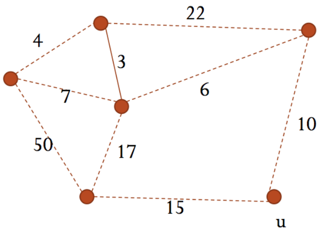

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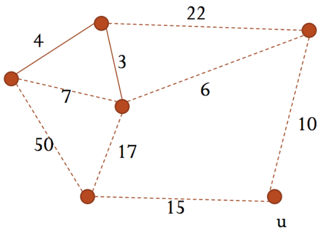

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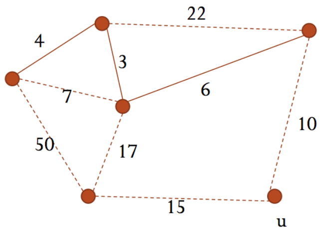

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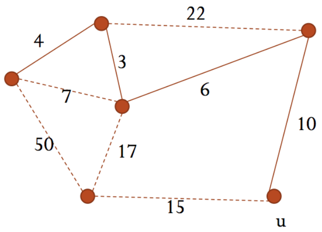

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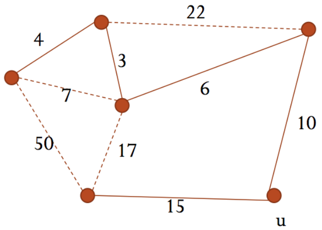

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- What is the running time of Prim's algorithm?

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