

CSCE 750 | Prim's Algo for MST

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Dijkstra's Shortest Path algo

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Prim's: Fix a source vertex  $s$ .

Input: Given connected, undirected graph  $G$   
with weight function  $w: G.E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Output: An MST  $T \subseteq G.E$

Prim( $s$ ) //  $s \in G.V$  "the source"

Empty min-heap  $H$

$s.d := 0$ ;  $s.\pi := \text{nil}$

Insert( $H, s$ ) //  $d$ -values are the keys

for all  $v \in G.V$  s.t.  $v \neq s$ , do

$v.d := \infty$

$v.\pi := \text{nil}$

~~Insert~~ Insert( $H, v$ )

while  $H$  not empty, do

$u := \text{ExtractMin}(H)$  //  $s$  comes out first

for each  $v \in G.V$  such that  $(u, v) \in G.E$  &  
 $v \in H$ , do

if  $w(u, v) < v.d$  then

$v.\pi := u$

$v.d := w(u, v)$  // actually DecreaseKey( $H, v, w(u, v)$ )

end for each  
end while

return  $\{(v, \pi, v) : v \in G.V \ \& \ v.\pi \neq \text{nil}\}$

Idea: Pull from H vertex whose edge has min weight for all edges from  $G.V - H$  to H

s leaves H

t leaves H

$t.\pi := s$

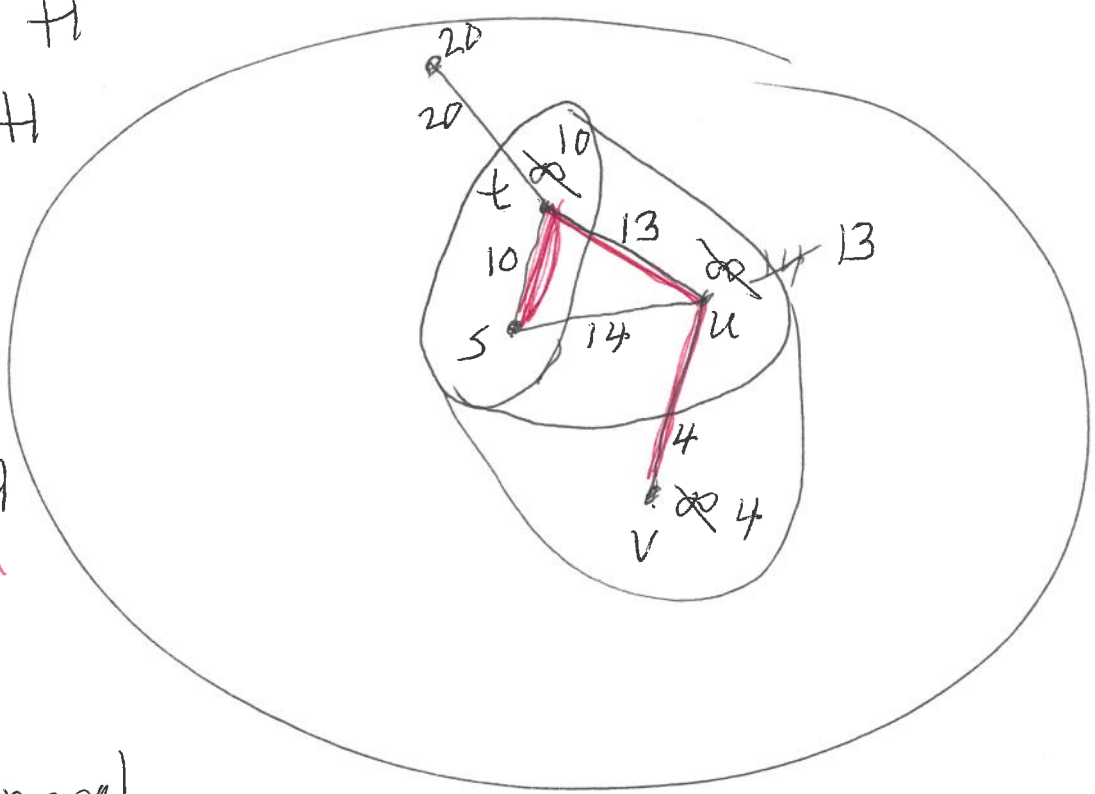
~~u leaves H~~

u leaves H

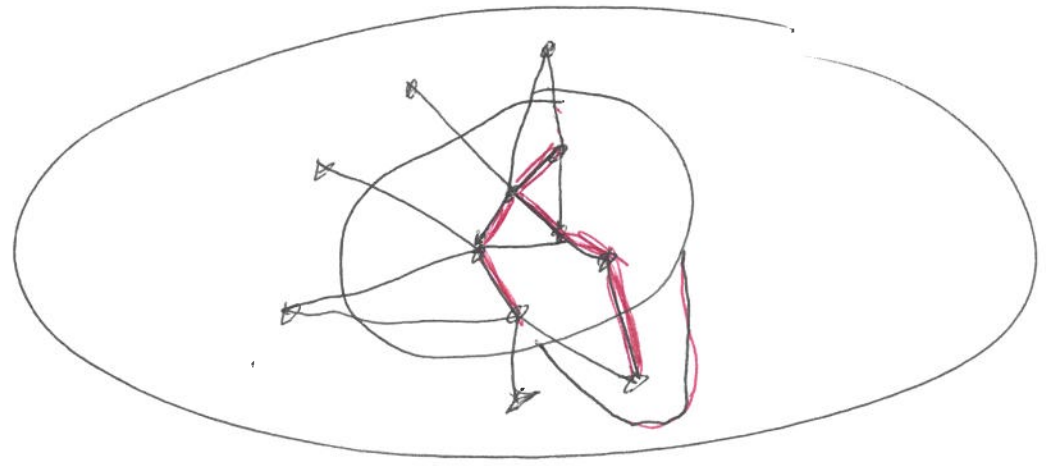
$u.\pi := t$

v leaves H

$v.\pi := u$

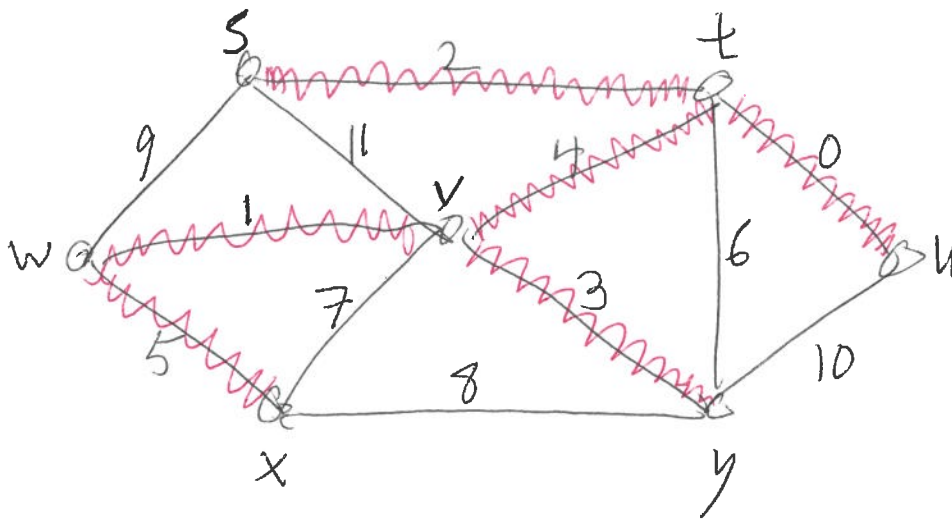


In general:



# Concrete example;

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Exercise: choose a different source.

Correctness: Building a tree <sup>(connected component)</sup> one edge at a time, starting with s.

Each step, the lightest edge from the component to outside is added to the component  
 [light edge crossing the cut]

Running time:

bulk of the time  $\left( \begin{array}{l} V \text{ many inserts } V \lg V \\ V \text{ many Extract Mins } V \lg V \\ E \text{ many Decrease Key's } E \lg V \end{array} \right)$   
 $+ O(V + E)$   
 additional stuff

$$V := |G.V|$$

$$E := |G.E|$$

~~star~~ Binary or Binoomial heap

$$O(E \lg V)$$

$$[E \geq V - 1]$$

Fibonacci Heap

$$O(V \lg V + E)$$

worst case time

Dijkstra's Algo — single source shortest path algo [changes from Prim in red] (4)

Input:  $G$  is a digraph (not necessarily connected).

Given a source vertex  $s \in G.V$

$$w: G.E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$$

Dijkstra( $s$ )

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for each  $v \in G.V$  such that  $(u, v) \in G.E$  &  $v \in H$ , do

if  $u.d + w(u, v) < v.d$  then

$v.\pi := u$

$v.d := u.d + w(u, v)$  // actually DecreaseKey

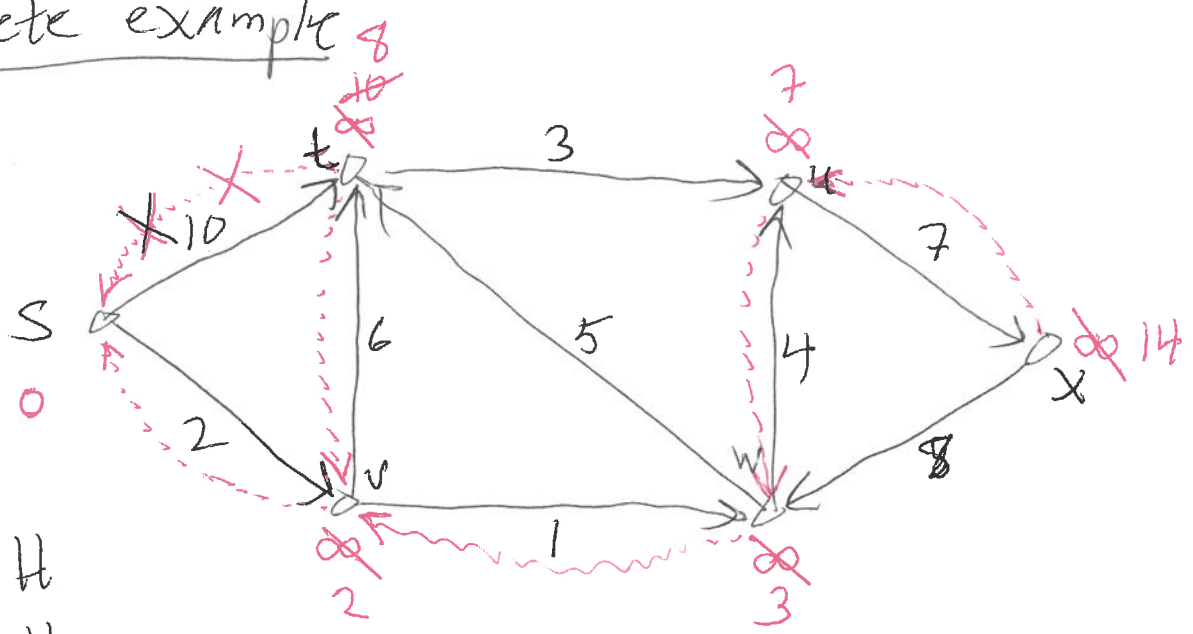
end foreach

end while

return  $\{(v, v.\pi, v.d) : v \in G.V\}$

Correctness: Claim: When a vertex  $u$  is removed from  $H$ , ~~the~~  $u.d = \text{shortest length of any } s \rightarrow u \text{ path}$ , and  $u.\pi$  is the predecessor to  $u$  along such a path.

Concrete example



- s leaves H
- v leaves H
- w leaves H
- u leaves H
- t leaves H
- x leaves H



~~As~~  $d$ -value hold shortest path lengths, follow  $\pi$ -values ~~for~~ from any vertex  $v$  back to  $s$ , read edges in reverse gives a shortest path.