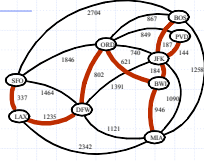


# Minimum Spanning Trees




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# Outline and Reading



- ◆ Minimum Spanning Trees (§7.3)
  - Definitions
  - A crucial fact
- ◆ The Prim-Jarnik Algorithm (§7.3.2)
- ◆ Kruskal's Algorithm (§7.3.1)
- ◆ Baruvka's Algorithm (§7.3.3)

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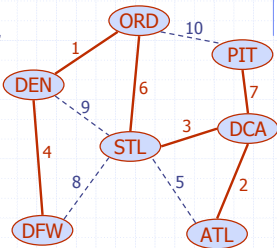
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# Minimum Spanning Tree

- Spanning subgraph
  - Subgraph of a graph  $G$  containing all the vertices of  $G$
- Spanning tree
  - Spanning subgraph that is itself a (free) tree
- Minimum spanning tree (MST)
  - Spanning tree of a weighted graph with minimum total edge weight
- ◆ Applications
  - Communications networks
  - Transportation networks




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# Prim-Jarnik's Algorithm

- ◆ Like Dijkstra's algorithm only simpler
- ◆ Grow the MST from arbitrary vertex  $s$
- ◆ Greedily add vertices into cloud based on distance to any vertex in cloud
- ◆ At  $v$ , need to store  $d(v)$  = minimum weight edge connecting  $v$  to a cloud vertex
- ◆ At each step:
  - We add to the cloud the vertex  $u$  outside the cloud with the smallest distance label
  - We update the labels of the vertices adjacent to  $u$  (edge relaxation)



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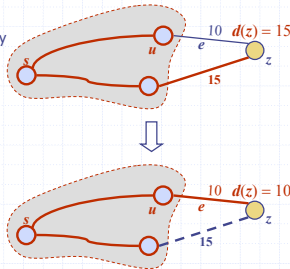
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# Prim's Edge Relaxation



- ◆ Consider an edge  $e = (u, z)$  such that
  - $u$  is the vertex most recently added to the cloud
  - $z$  is not in the cloud
- ◆ The relaxation of edge  $e$  updates distance  $d(z)$  as follows:
 
$$d(z) \leftarrow \min\{d(z), e\}$$



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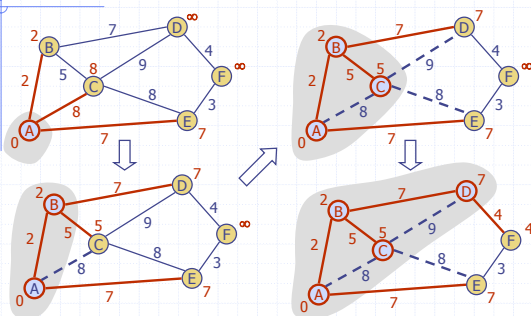
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# Prim's Example



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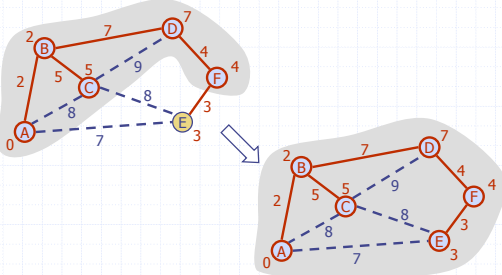
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## Example (contd.)



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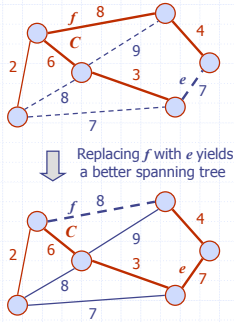
## Cycle Property

### Cycle Property:

- Let  $T$  be a minimum spanning tree of a weighted graph  $G$
- Let  $e$  be an edge of  $G$  that is not in  $T$  and  $C$  let be the cycle formed by  $e$  with  $T$
- For every edge  $f$  of  $C$ ,  $weight(f) \leq weight(e)$

### Proof:

- By contradiction
- If  $weight(f) > weight(e)$  we can get a spanning tree of smaller weight by replacing  $e$  with  $f$



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## Correctness of Prim's

Let  $T_k$  be tree produced by Prim's after  $k$ th iteration. Let  $G_k$  be the the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $T_k$ . Then  $T_k$  is a MST of  $G_k$ .

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## Prim-Jarnik's Algorithm (cont.)

- ◆ A priority queue stores the vertices outside the cloud
  - Key: distance
  - Element: vertex
- ◆ Locator-based methods
  - `insert(k,e)` returns a locator
  - `replaceKey(l,k)` changes the key of an item
- ◆ We store three labels with each vertex:
  - Distance
  - Parent edge in MST
  - Locator in priority queue

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Algorithm PrimJarnikMST(G)
Q ← new heap-based priority queue
s ← a vertex of G
for all v ∈ G.vertices()
    if v = s
        setDistance(v, 0)
    else
        setDistance(v, ∞)
        setParent(v, ∅)
        l ← Q.insert(getDistance(v), v)
        setLocator(v,l)
while ¬Q.isEmpty()
    u ← Q.removeMin()
    for all e ∈ G.incidentEdges(u)
        z ← G.opposite(u,e)
        r ← weight(e)
        if r < getDistance(z)
            setDistance(z,r)
            setParent(z,e)
            Q.replaceKey(getLocator(z),r)
    
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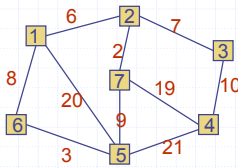
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## Example graph

Start at 1, run Prim's




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## Analysis

- ◆ Graph operations
  - Method `incidentEdges` is called once for each vertex
- ◆ Label operations
  - We set/get the distance, parent and locator labels of vertex  $z$   $O(\deg(z))$  times
  - Setting/getting a label takes  $O(1)$  time
- ◆ Priority queue operations
  - Each vertex inserted and removed once taking  $O(\log n)$  time each time for  $2n$  times.
  - The key of a vertex  $w$  in the priority queue is modified at most  $\deg(w)$  times, where each key change takes  $O(\log n)$  time
- ◆ Prim-Jarnik's algorithm runs in  $O((n + m) \log n)$  time provided the graph is represented by the adjacency list structure
- ◆ The running time is  $O(m \log n)$  since the graph is connected
- ◆ What is running time for unsorted-sequence based priority queue?

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# Kruskal's MST algorithm

- ◆ Another greedy strategy for finding MST
- ◆ Gradually turn forest into tree as edges are added
- ◆ Add cheapest edge possible
  - Don't add edge if it forms cycle
- ◆ Overview:
 

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kruskalMST (Graph G)
  Initialize F (forest) to empty.
  Place all edges in PQ according to cost
  For each edge (u,v) in PQ (in sorted order)
    if (u,v) does not make a cycle in F
      add (u,v) to F
  return F;
            
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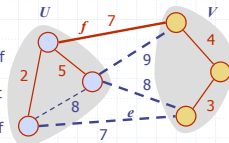
# Partition Property

## Partition Property:

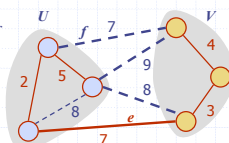
- Consider a partition of the vertices of  $G$  into subsets  $U$  and  $V$
- Let  $e$  be an edge of minimum weight across the partition
- There is a minimum spanning tree of  $G$  containing edge  $e$

## Proof:

- Let  $T$  be an MST of  $G$
- If  $T$  does not contain  $e$ , consider the cycle  $C$  formed by  $e$  with  $T$  and let  $f$  be an edge of  $C$  across the partition
- By the cycle property,  $weight(f) \geq weight(e)$
- Thus,  $weight(f) = weight(e)$
- We obtain another MST by replacing  $f$  with  $e$



Replacing  $f$  with  $e$  yields another MST




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# Kruskal's Algorithm

- ◆ Each vertex starts in its own cloud (a partition)
- ◆ Clouds merge together as edges are added
- ◆ A priority queue stores edges in weight order
  - Key: weight
  - Element: edge
- ◆ Only edges between clouds will not form cycles
  - add cheapest edge between clouds
- ◆ At end of algorithm:
  - All vertices in one cloud
  - Edges added form MST

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Algorithm KruskalMST(G)
for each vertex  $V$  in  $G$  do
  define a  $Cloud(v)$  of  $\leftarrow \{v\}$ 
let  $Q$  be a priority queue.
Insert all edges into  $Q$  using their weights as the key
 $T \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
while  $T$  has fewer than  $n-1$  edges do
  edge  $e = T.RemoveMin()$ 
  Let  $u, v$  be the endpoints of  $e$ 
  if  $Cloud(v) \neq Cloud(u)$  then
    Add edge  $e$  to  $T$ 
    Merge  $Cloud(v)$  and  $Cloud(u)$ 
return  $T$ 
            
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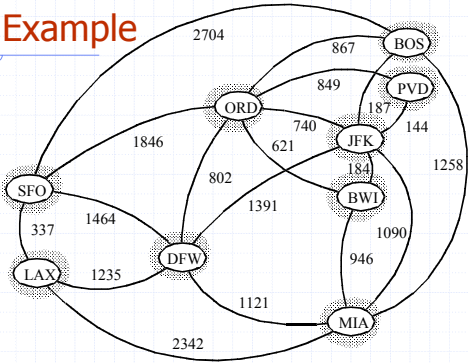
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# Kruskal Example



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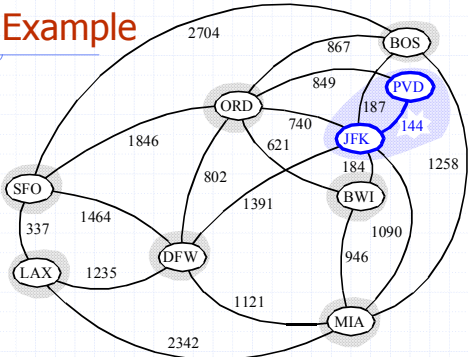
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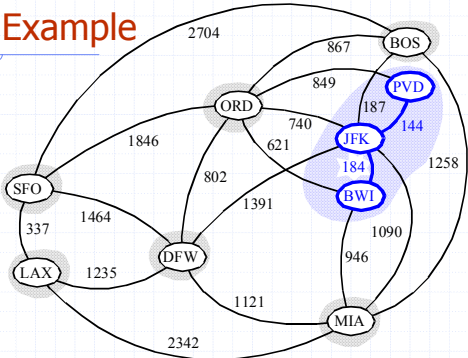
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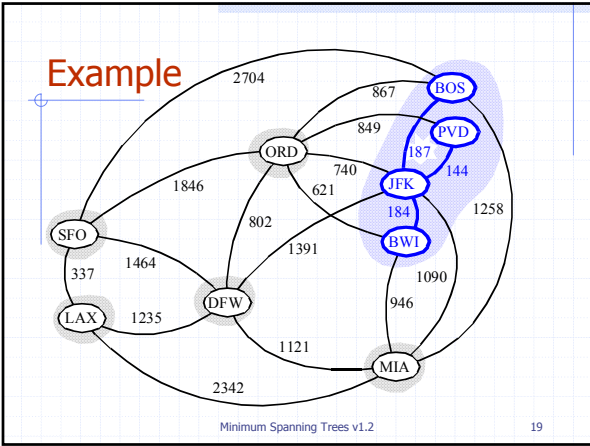
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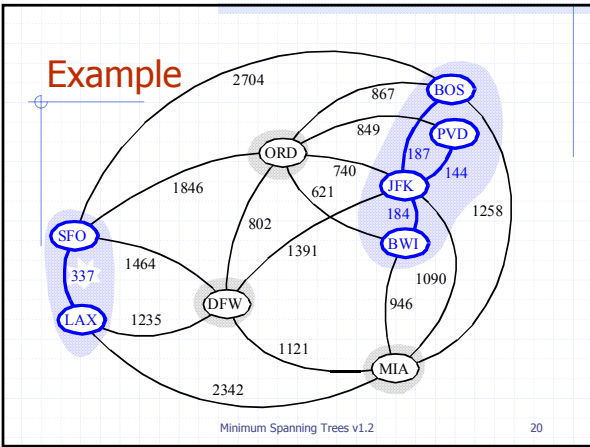
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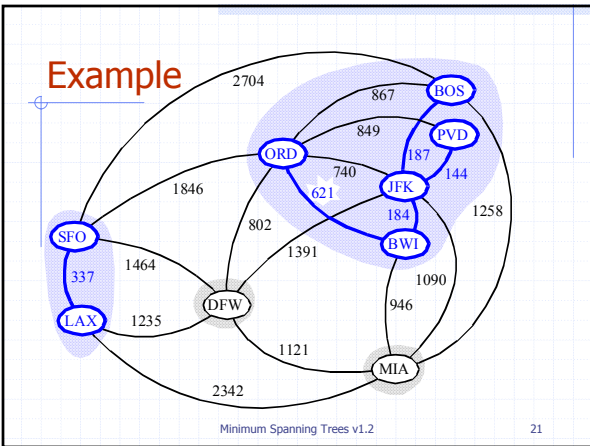
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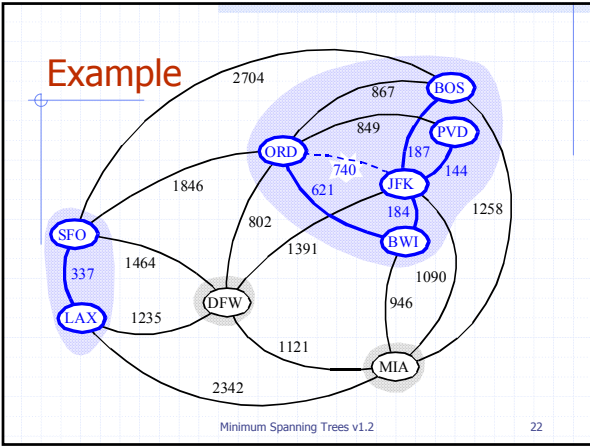
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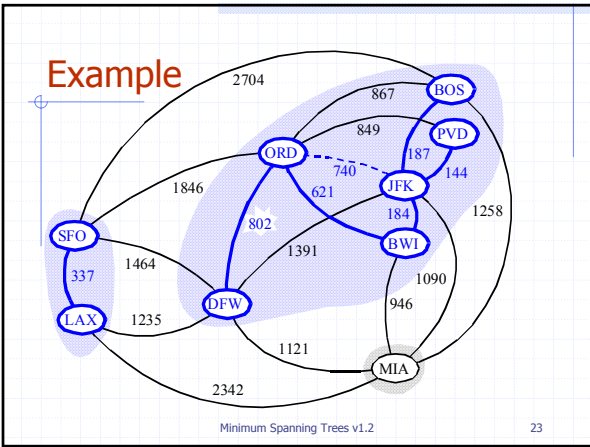
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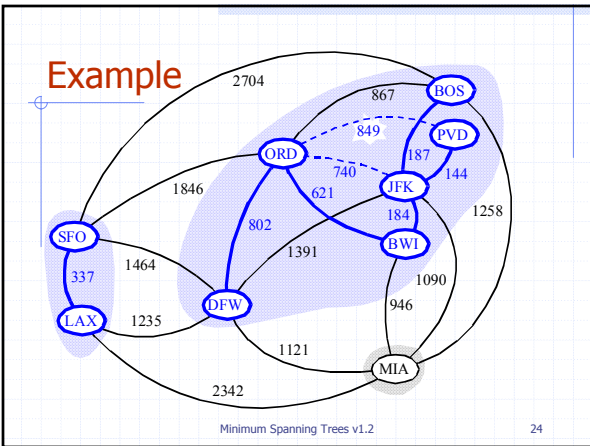
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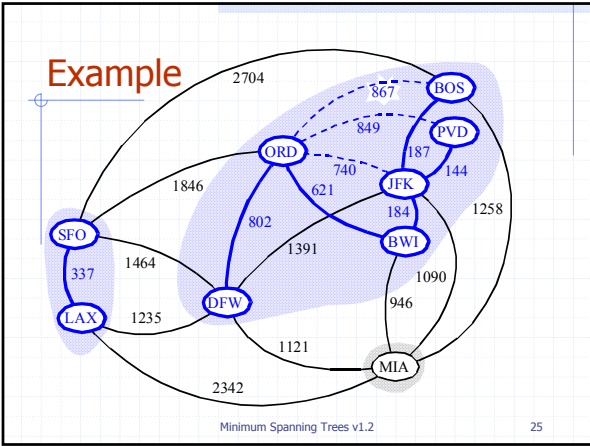
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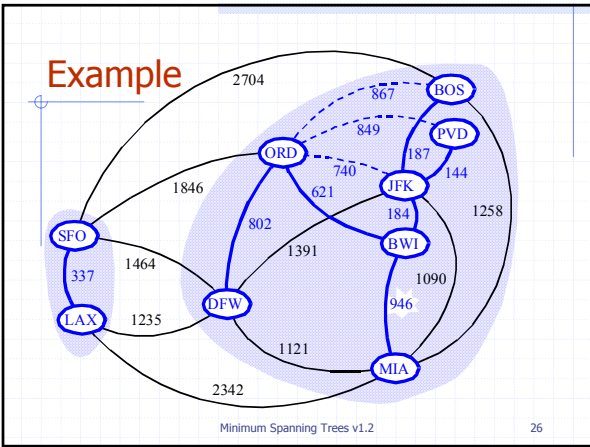
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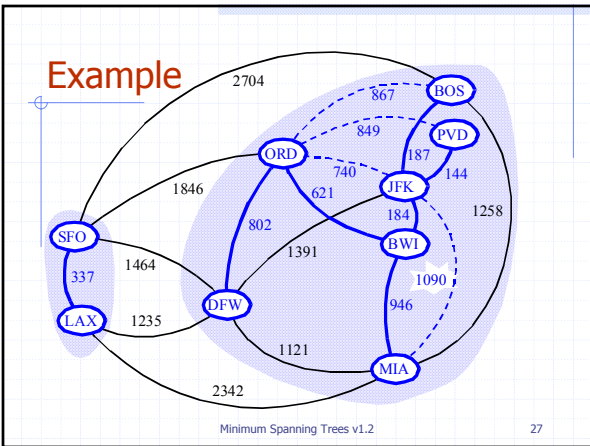
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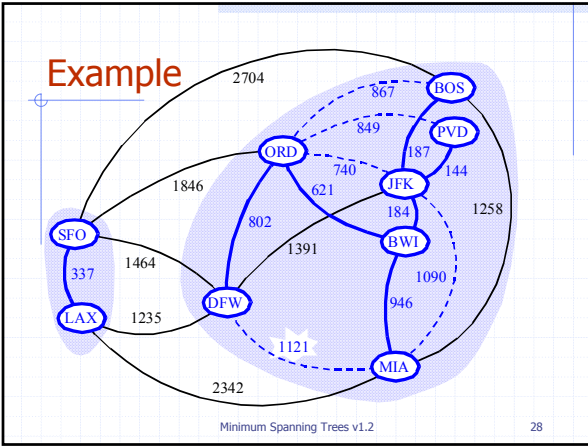
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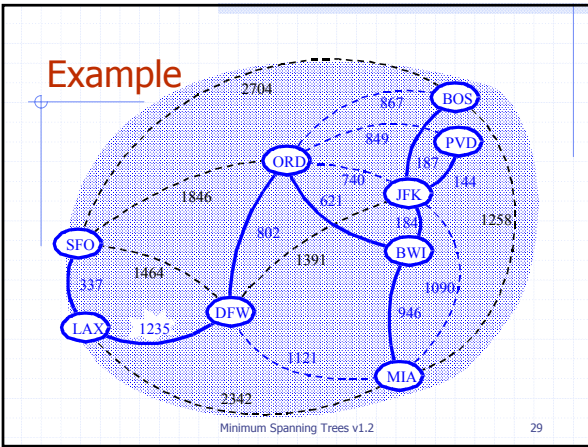
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## Data Structure for Kruskal Algorithm

- ◆ The algorithm maintains a forest of trees
- ◆ An edge is accepted if it connects distinct trees
- ◆ We need a data structure that maintains a **partition**, i.e., a collection of disjoint sets, with the operations:
  - find**(u): return the set storing u
  - union**(u,v): replace the sets storing u and v with their union

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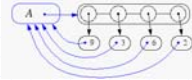
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## Representation of a Partition



- ◆ Each set is stored in a sequence
- ◆ Each element has a reference back to the set
  - operation `find(u)` takes  $O(1)$  time, and returns the set of which  $u$  is a member.
  - in operation `union(u,v)`, we move the elements of the smaller set to the sequence of the larger set and update their references
  - the time for operation `union(u,v)` is  $\min(n_u, n_v)$ , where  $n_u$  and  $n_v$  are the sizes of the sets storing  $u$  and  $v$
- ◆ Whenever an element is processed, it goes into a set of size at least double, hence each element is processed at most  $\log n$  times

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## Partition-Based Implementation

- ◆ A partition-based version of Kruskal's Algorithm performs cloud merges as unions and tests as finds.

**Algorithm Kruskal( $G$ ):**

**Input:** A weighted graph  $G$ .

**Output:** An MST  $T$  for  $G$ .

Let  $P$  be a partition of the vertices of  $G$ , where each vertex forms a separate set.

Let  $Q$  be a priority queue storing the edges of  $G$ , sorted by their weights

Let  $T$  be an initially-empty tree

**while**  $Q$  is not empty **do**

$(u,v) \leftarrow Q.\text{removeMinElement}()$

**if**  $P.\text{find}(u) \neq P.\text{find}(v)$  **then**

        Add  $(u,v)$  to  $T$

$P.\text{union}(u,v)$

**return**  $T$

Running time:  
 $O(m \log n)$

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## Baruvka's Algorithm

- ◆ Like Kruskal's Algorithm, Baruvka's algorithm grows many "clouds" at once.

**Algorithm BaruvkaMST( $G$ )**

$T \leftarrow V$  {just the vertices of  $G$ }

**while**  $T$  has fewer than  $n-1$  edges **do**

**for each** connected component  $C$  in  $T$  **do**

            Let edge  $e$  be the smallest-weight edge from  $C$  to another component in  $T$ .

**if**  $e$  is not already in  $T$  **then**

                Add edge  $e$  to  $T$

**return**  $T$

- ◆ Each iteration of the while-loop halves the number of connected components in  $T$ .
  - The running time is  $O(m \log n)$ .

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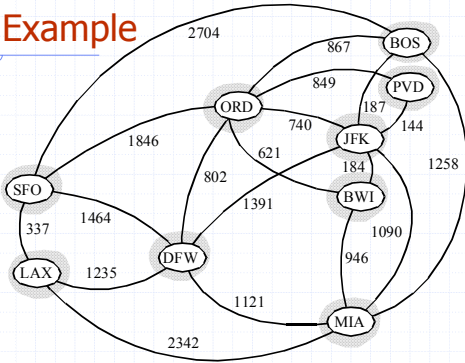
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# Baruvka Example




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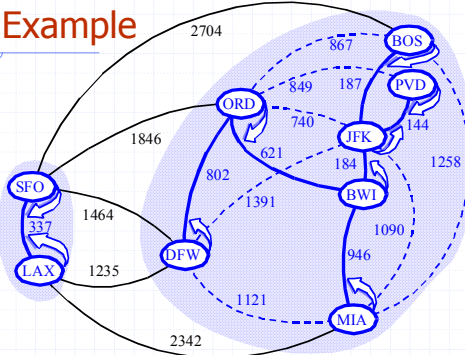
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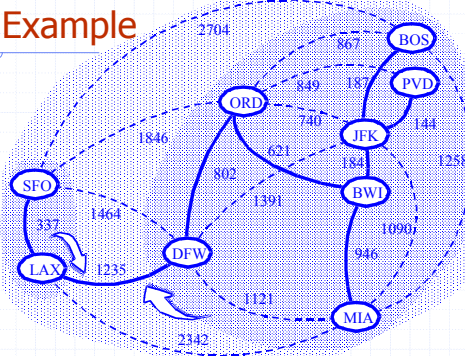
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