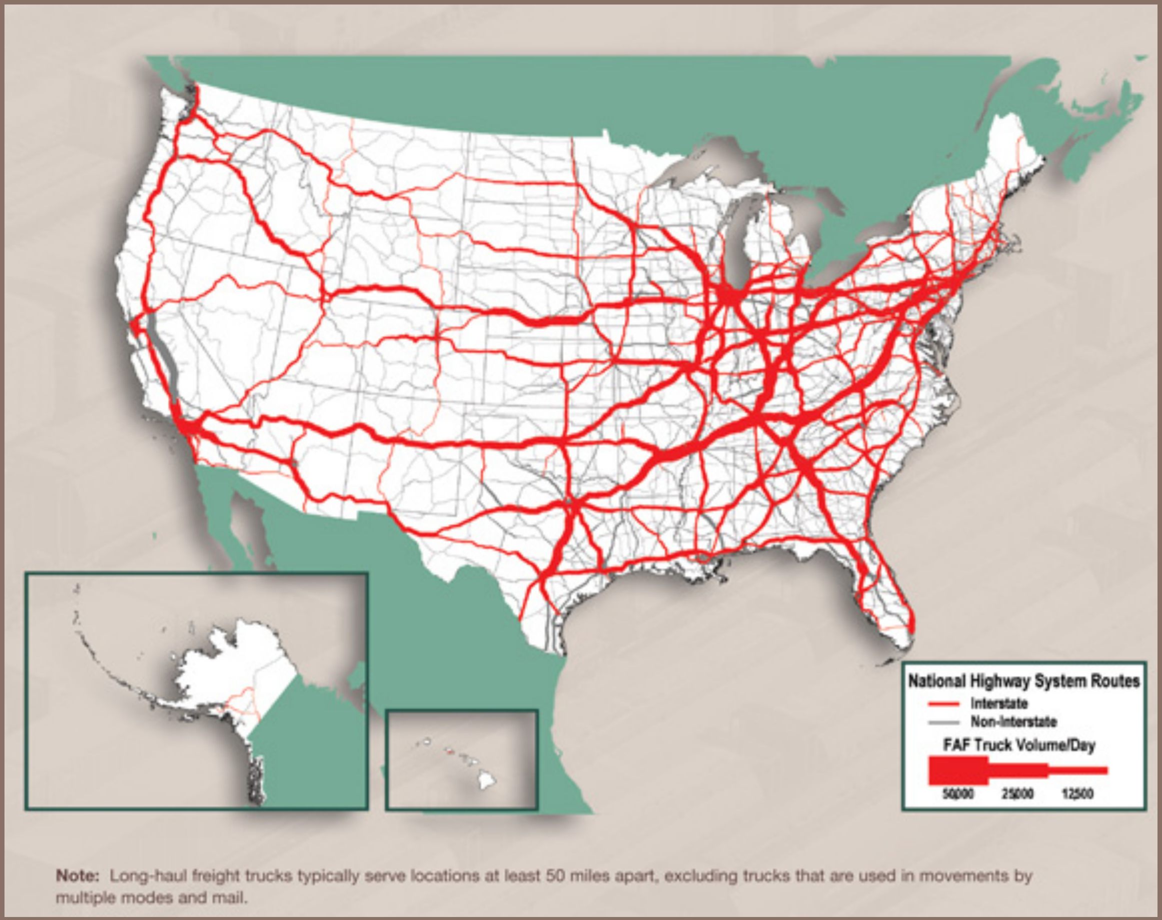


SPANNING TREES

Lecture 21

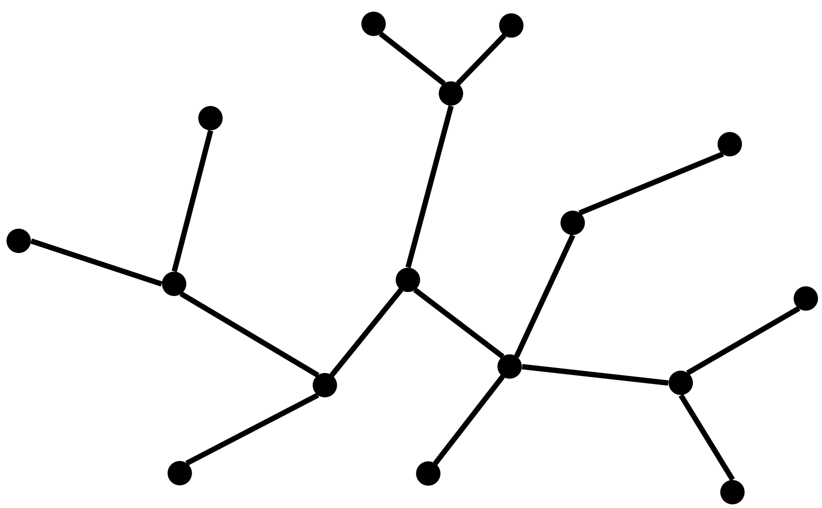
CS2110 – Spring 2014

A lecture with two distinct parts

- Part I: Finishing our discussion of graphs
  - Short review of DFS and BFS.
  - Spanning trees
  - Definitions, algorithms (Prim's, Kruskal's)
  - Travelling salesman problem

Undirected Trees

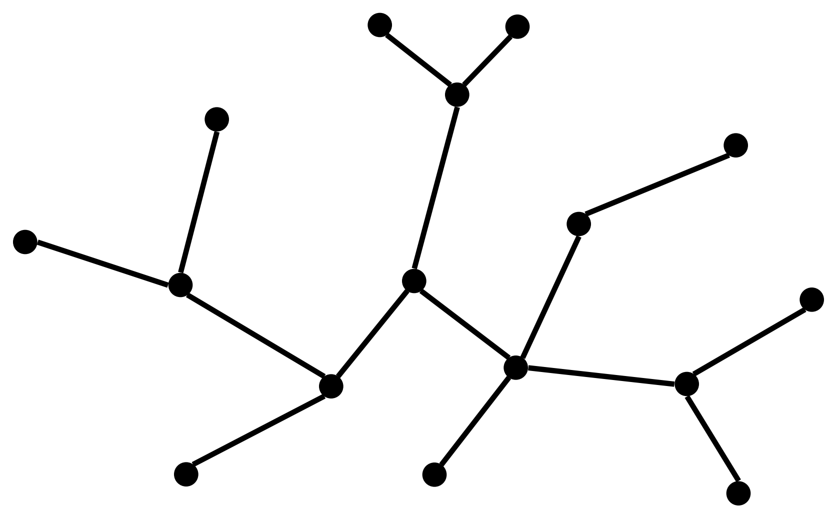
- An undirected graph is a *tree* if there is exactly one simple path between any pair of vertices



Facts About Trees

- $|E| = |V| - 1$
- connected
- no cycles

In fact, any two of these properties imply the third, and imply that the graph is a tree



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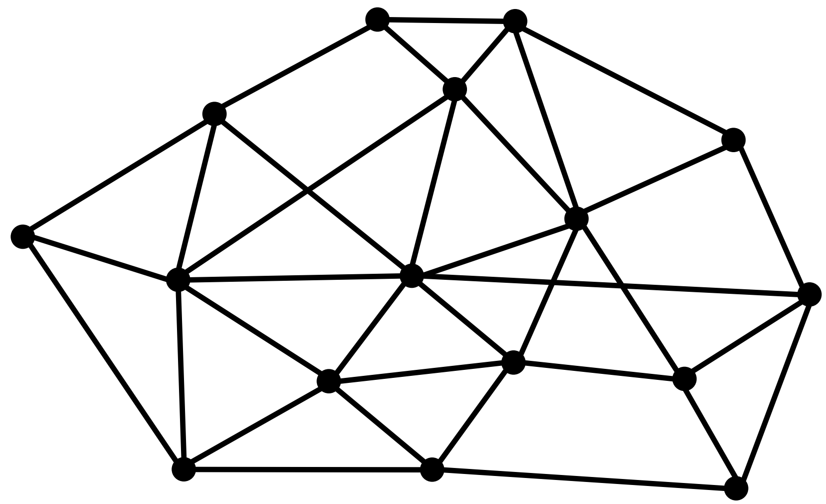

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- E' ⊆ E
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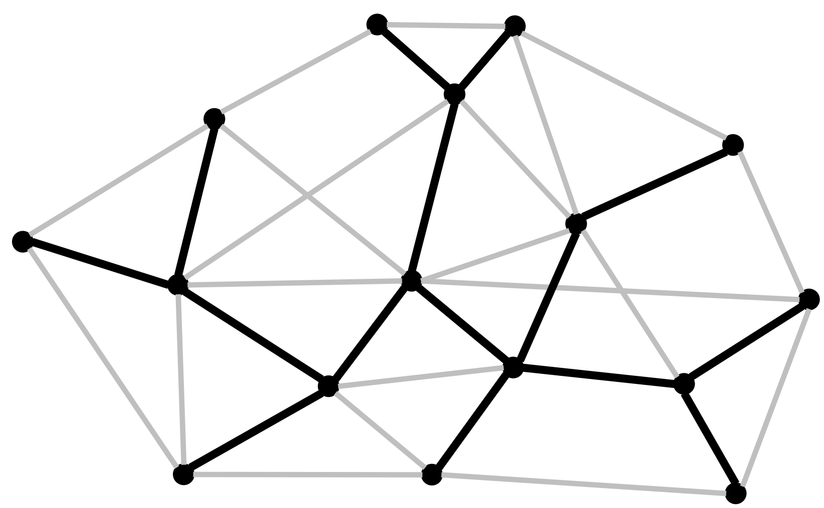

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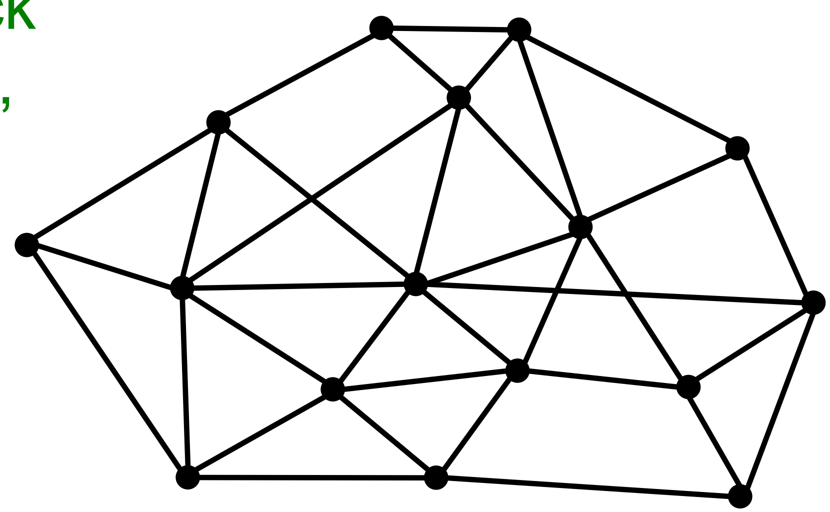

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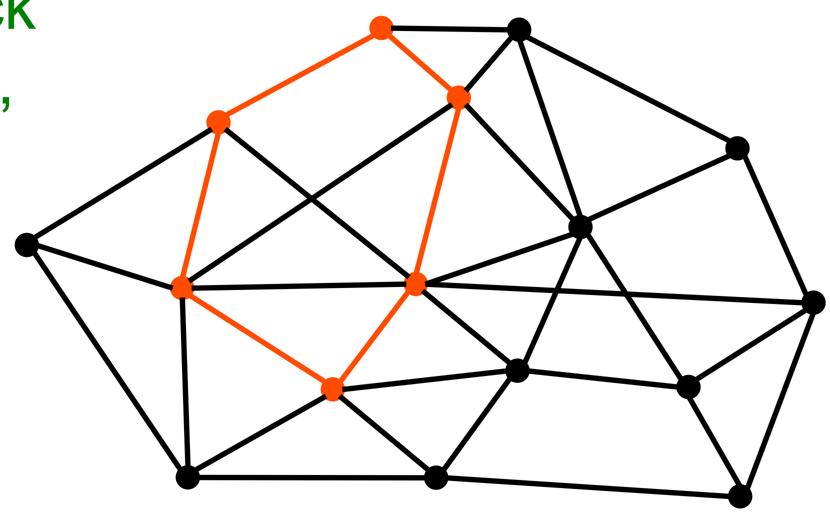

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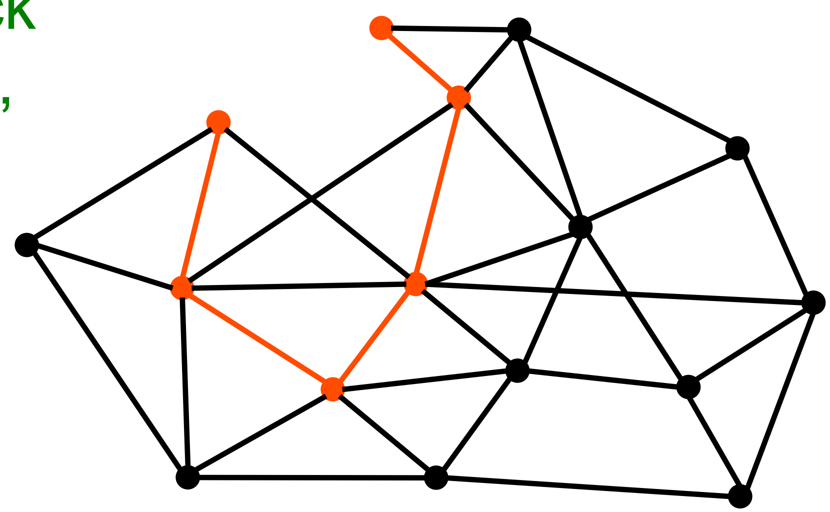

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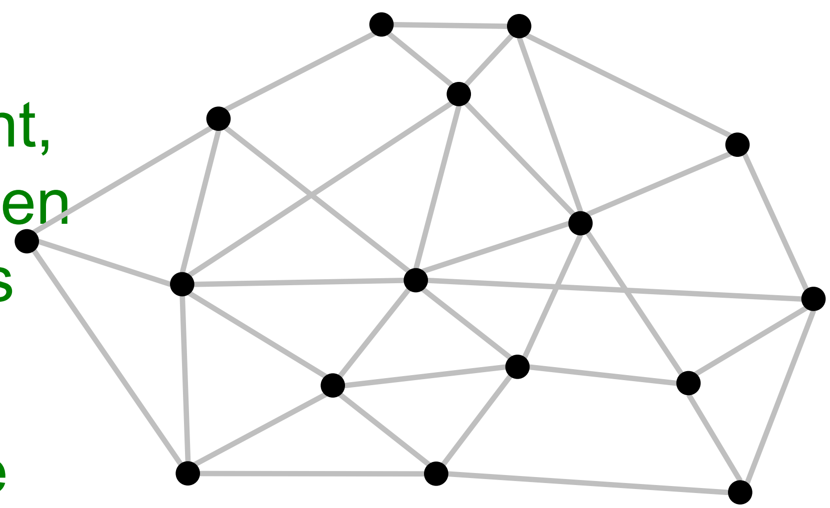

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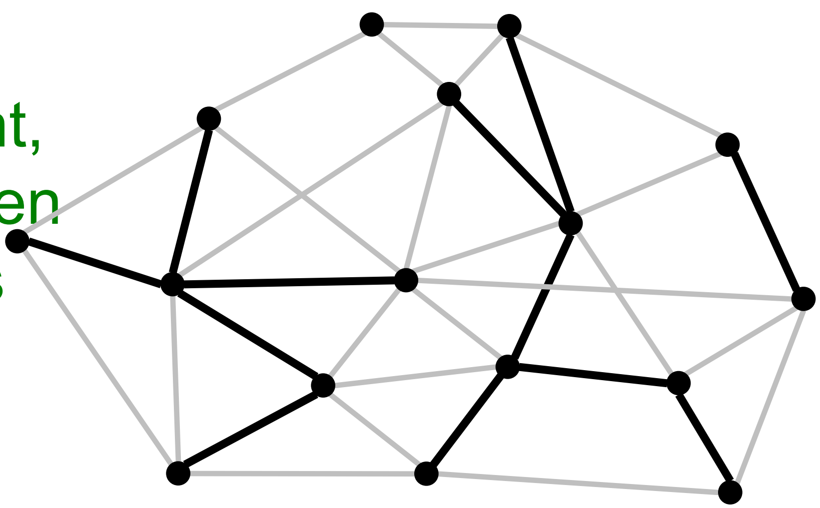

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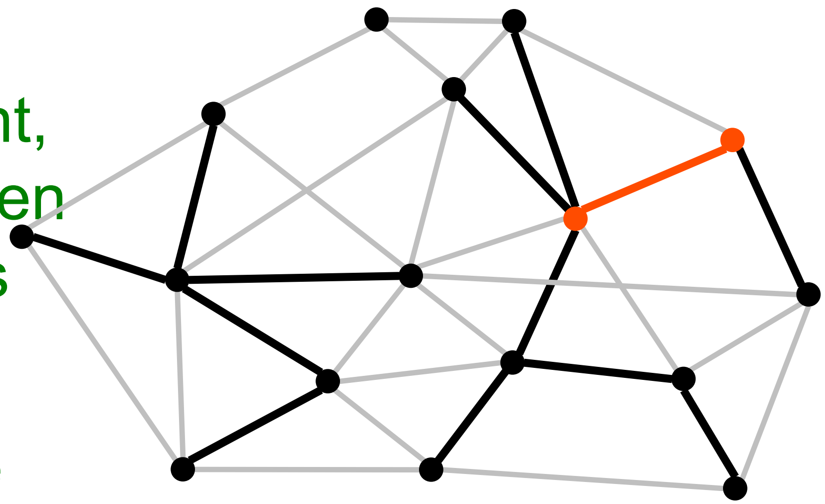

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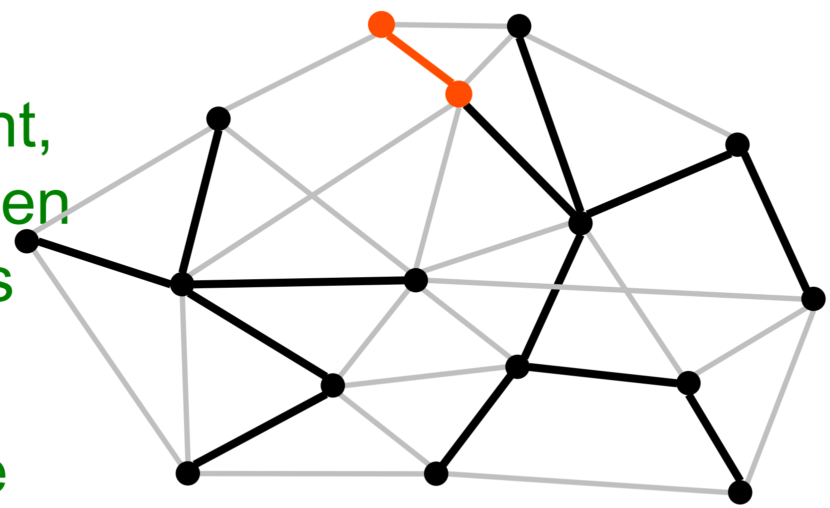

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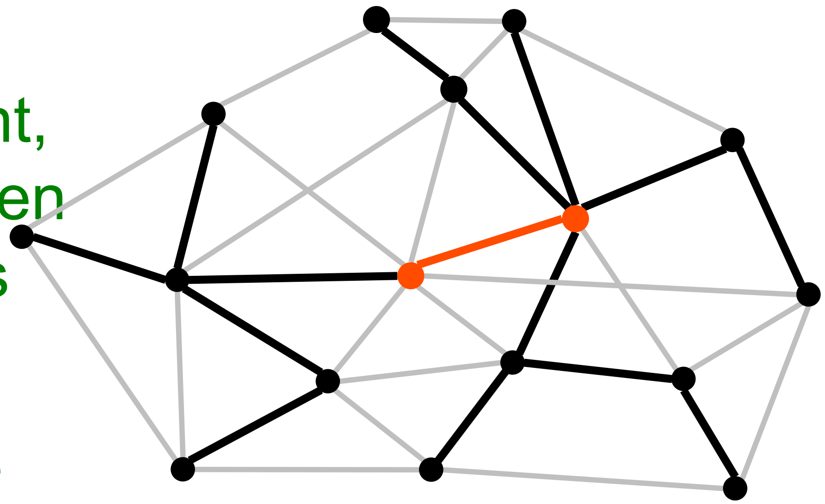

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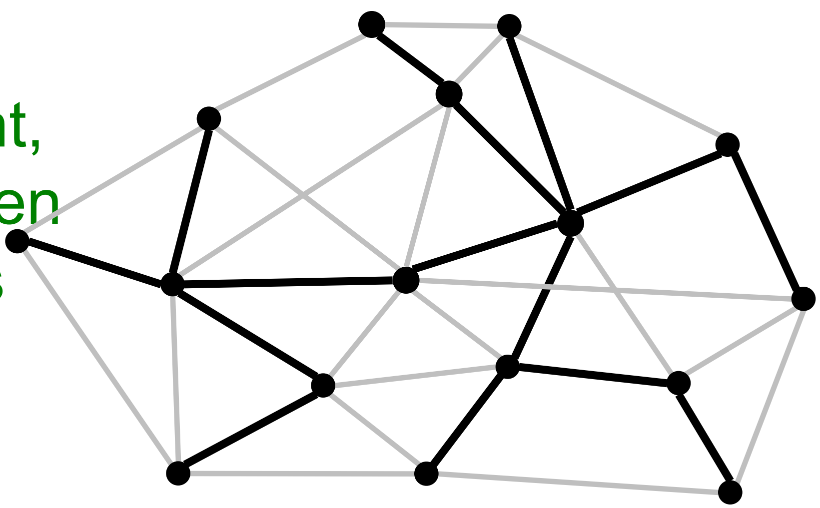

Minimum Spanning Trees

- Suppose edges are weighted, and we want a spanning tree of *minimum cost* (sum of edge weights)

- Some graphs have exactly one minimum spanning tree. Others have multiple trees with the same cost, any of which is a minimum spanning tree

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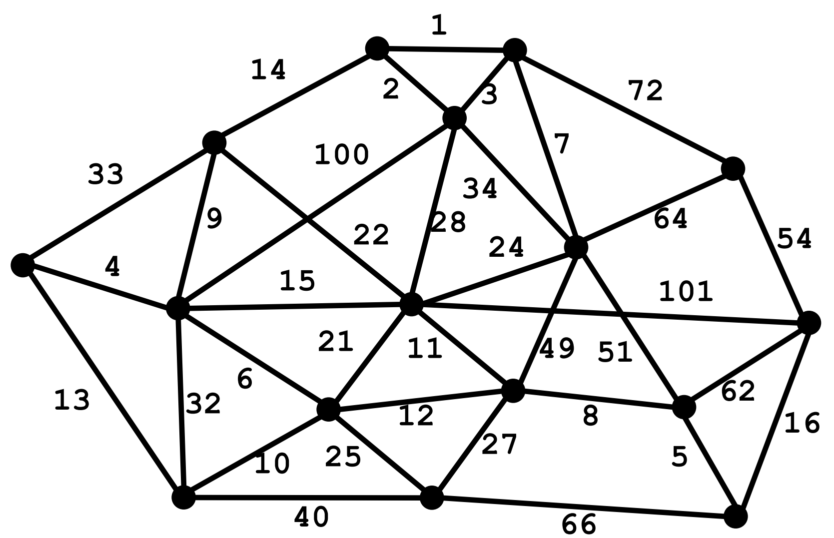
- Useful in network routing & other applications

- For example, to stream a video



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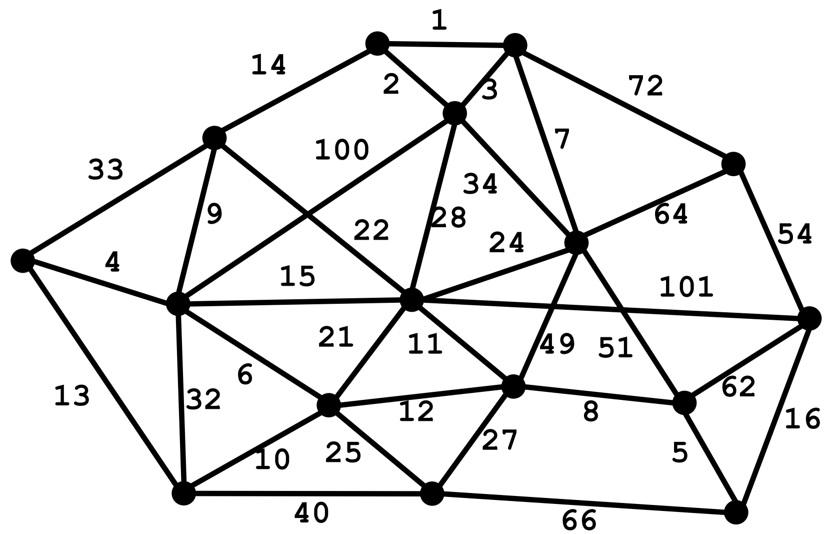

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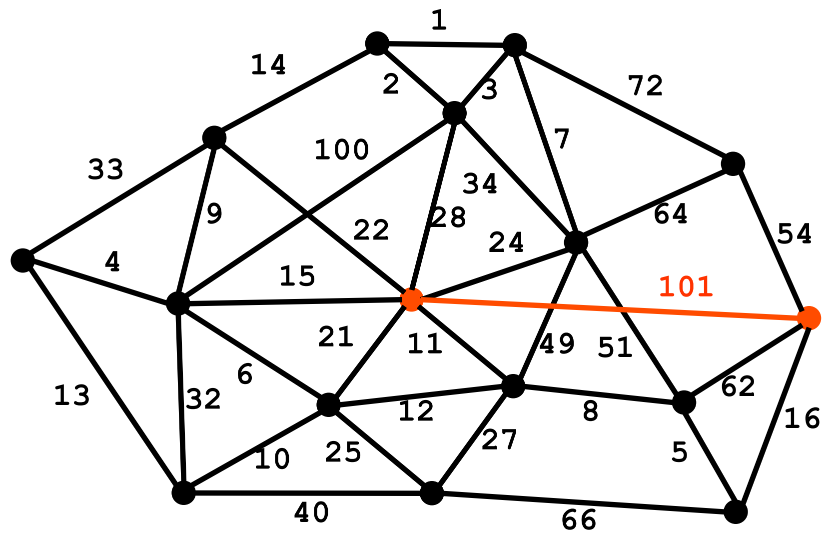

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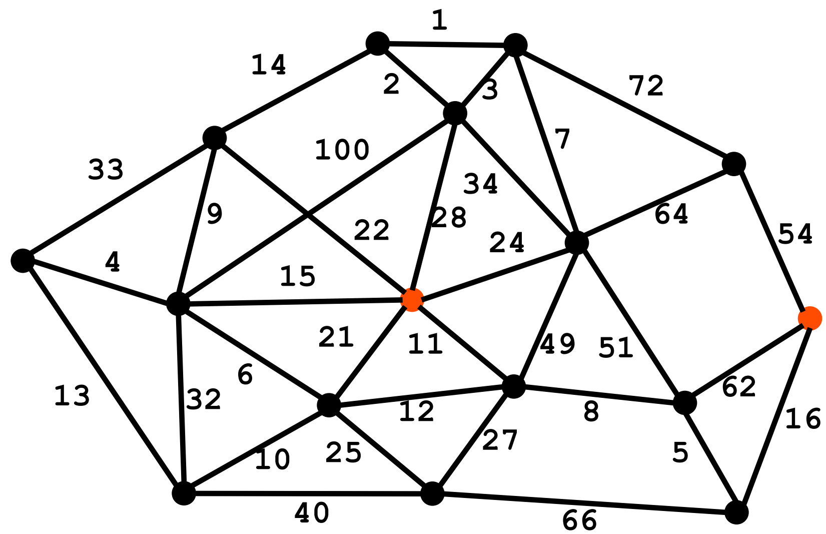

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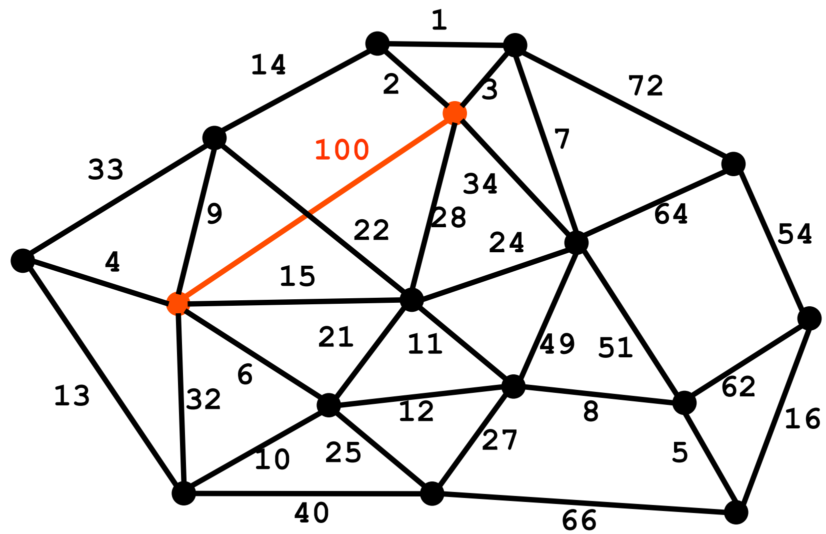

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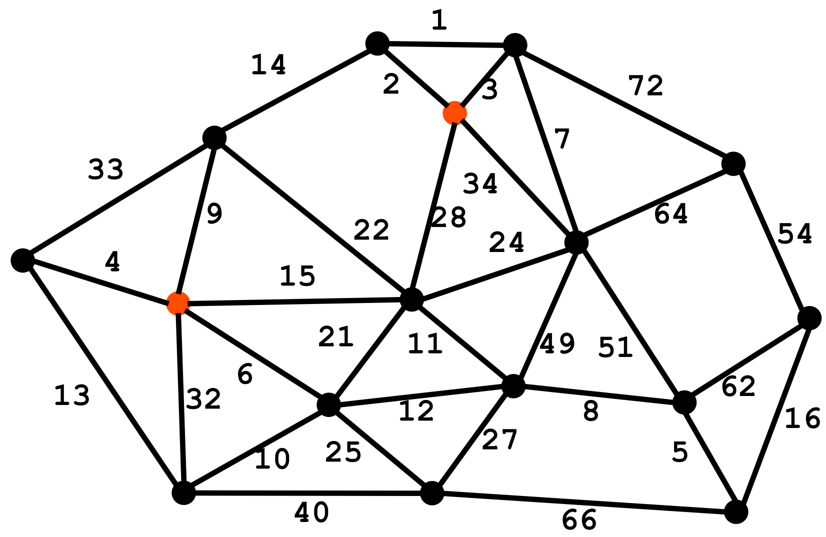

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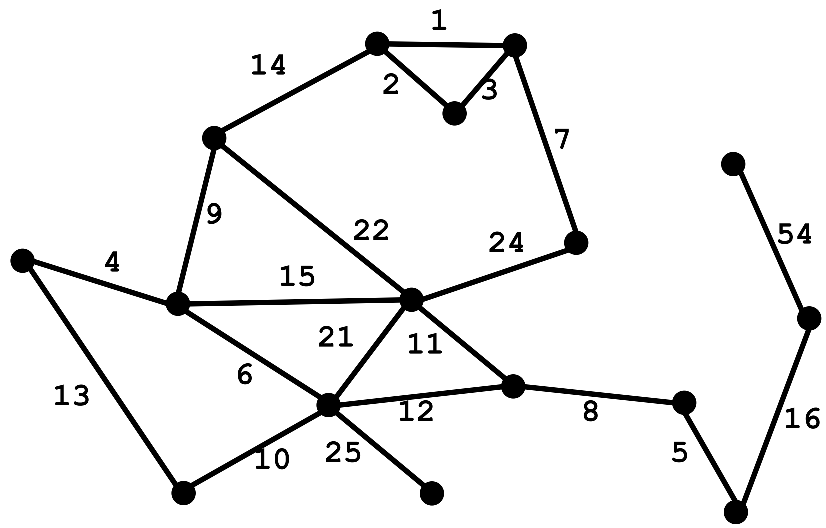

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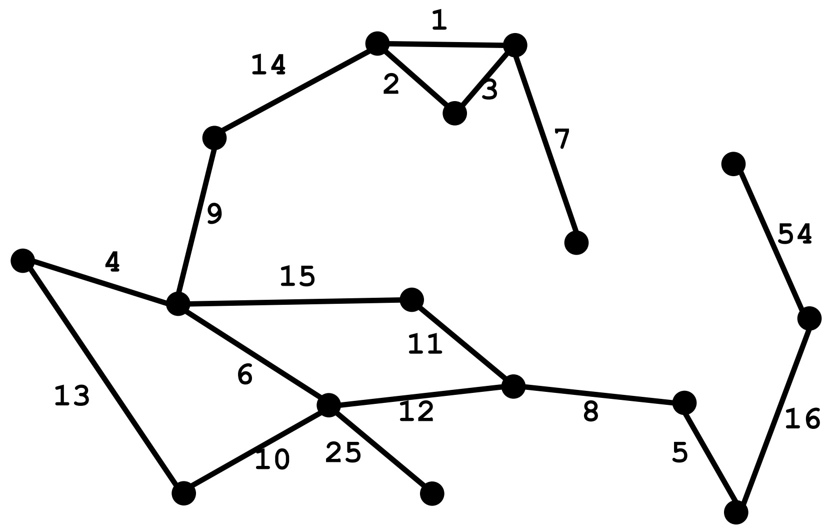

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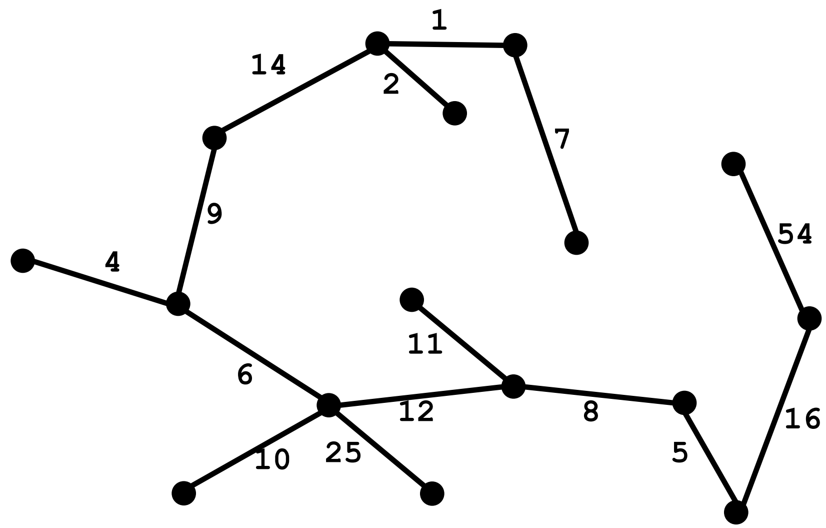

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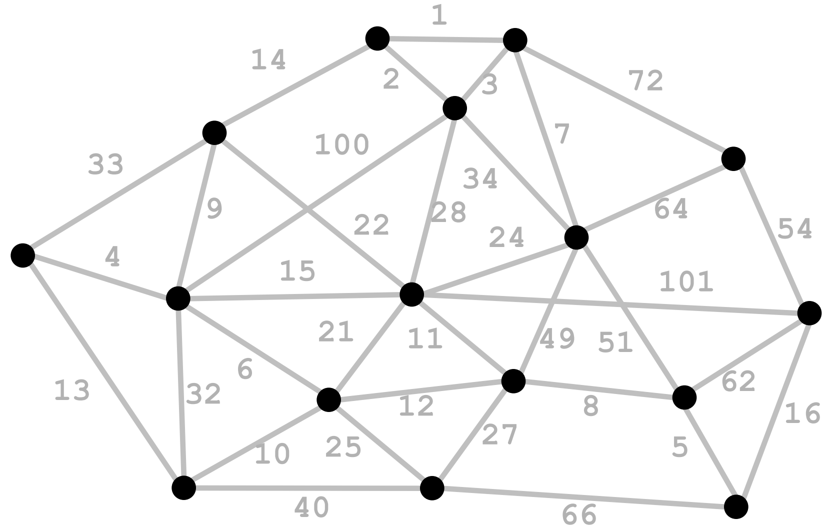

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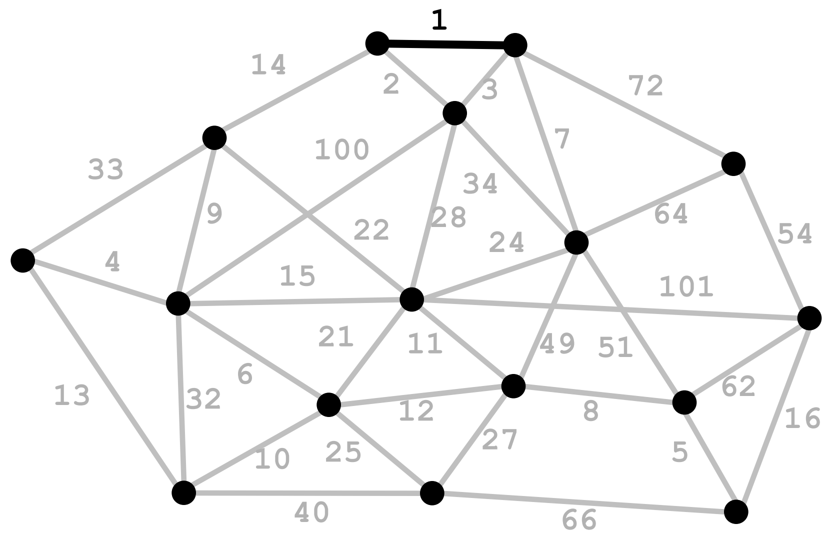

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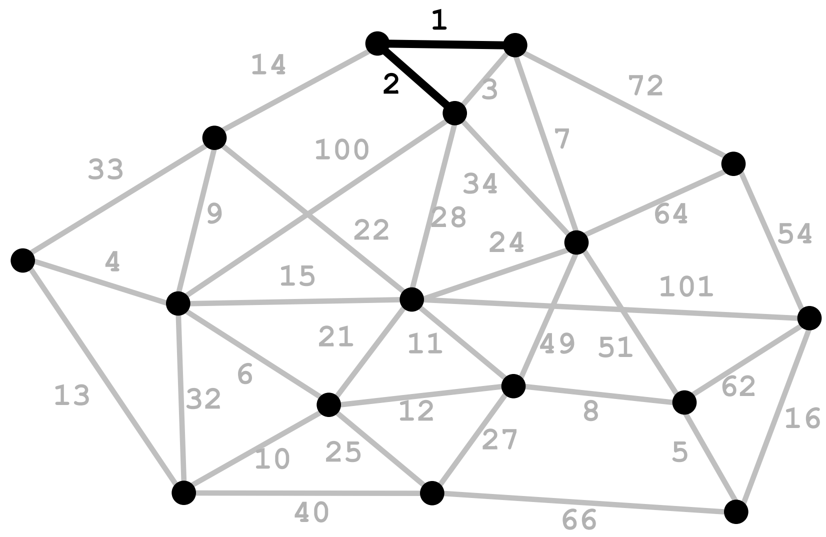

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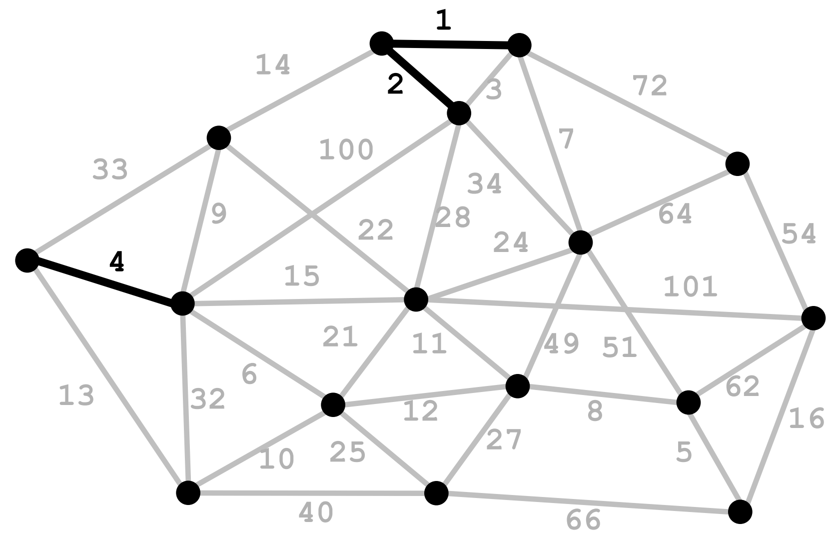

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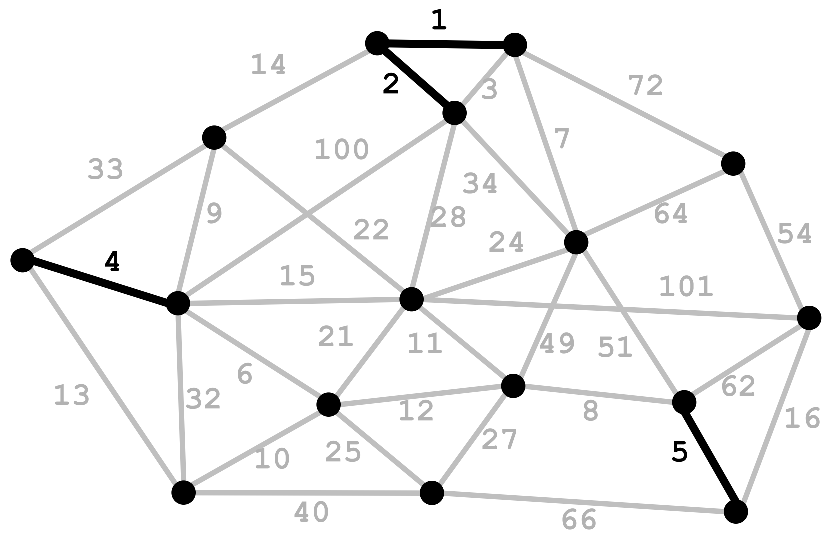

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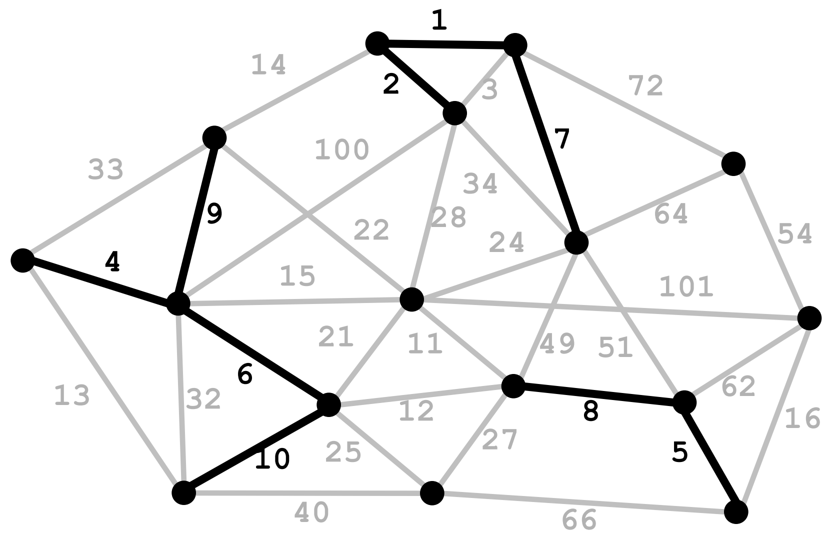

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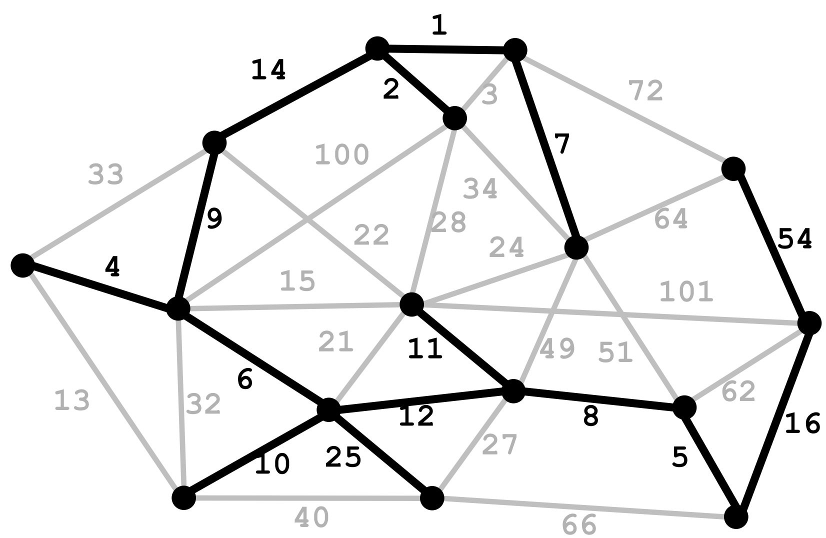

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Prim's algorithm

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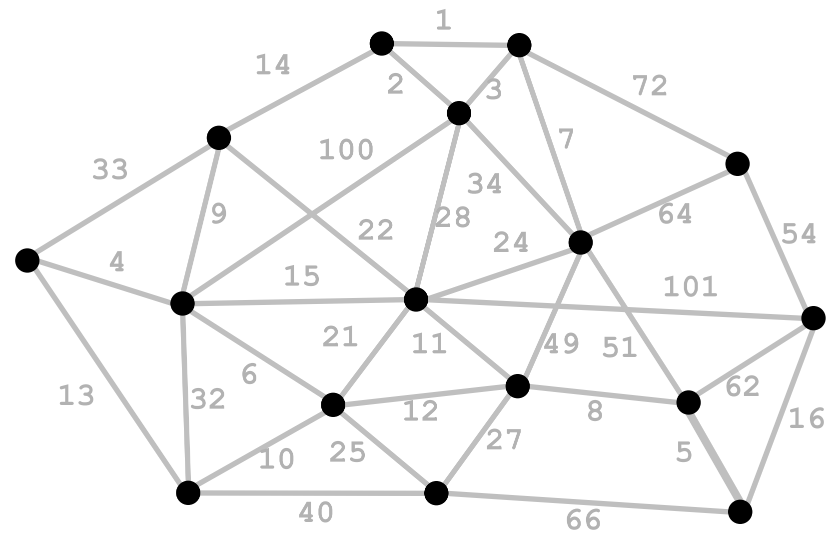

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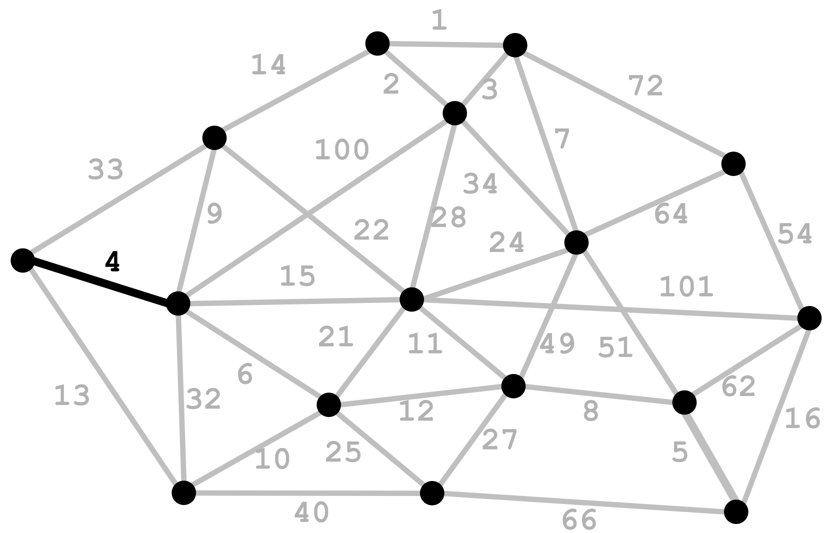

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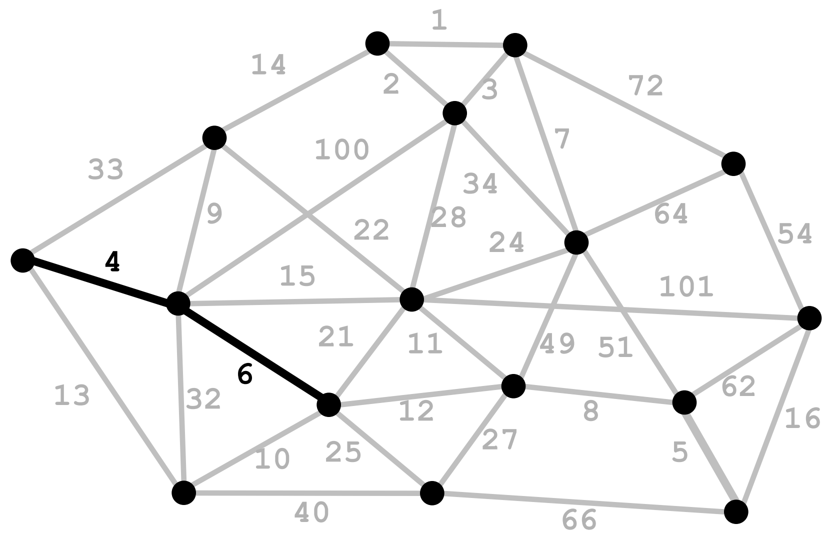

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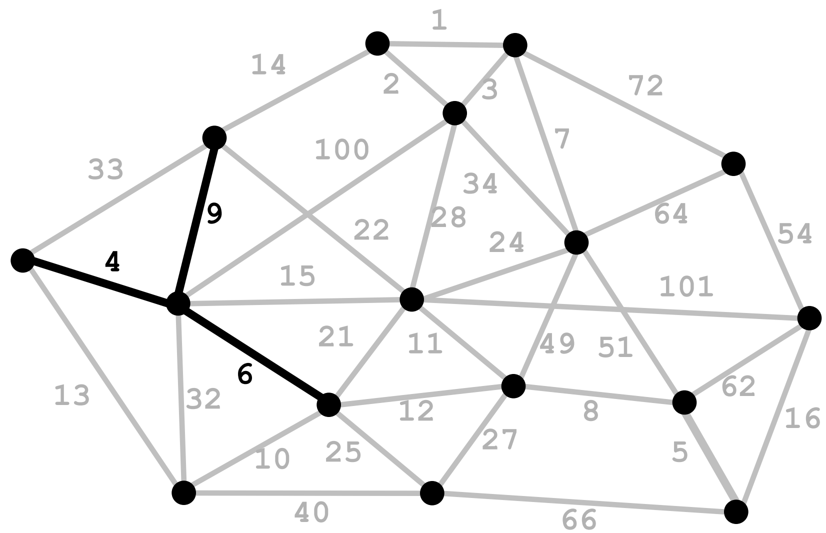

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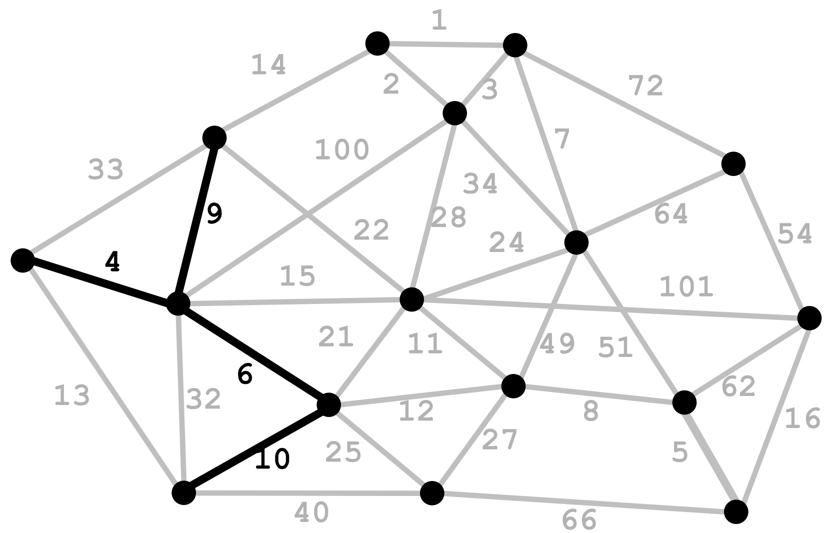

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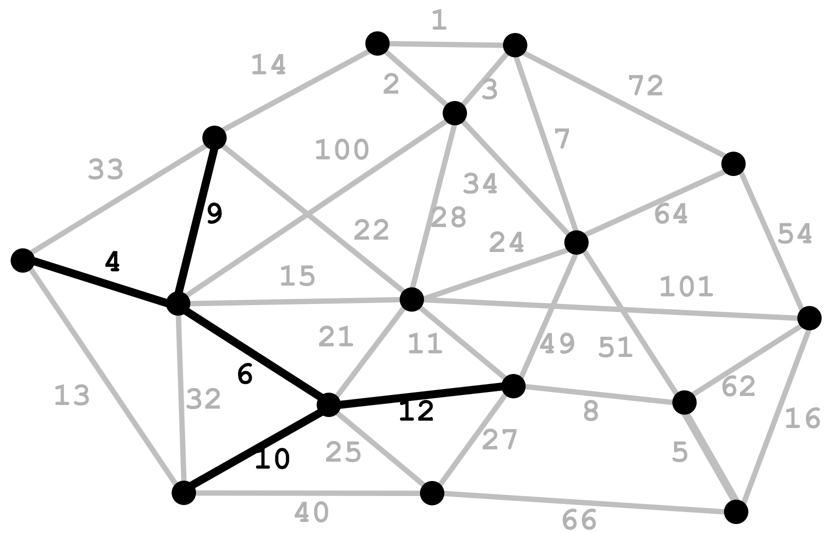

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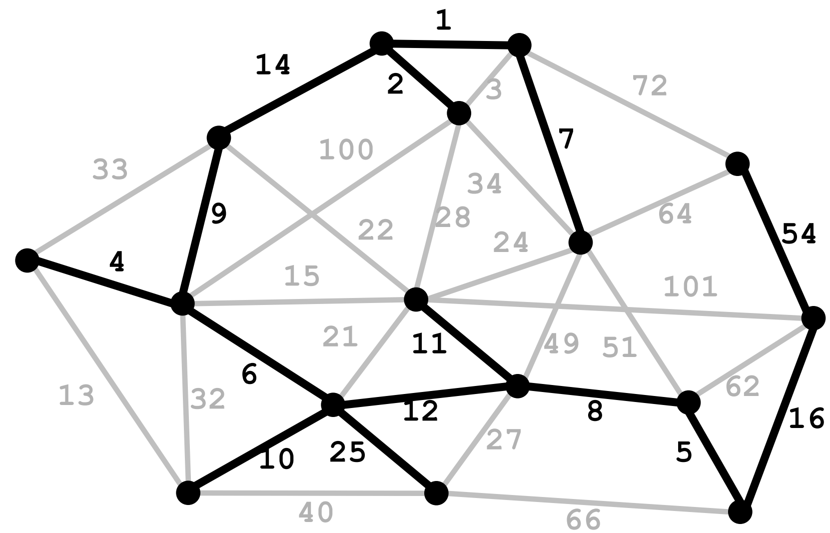

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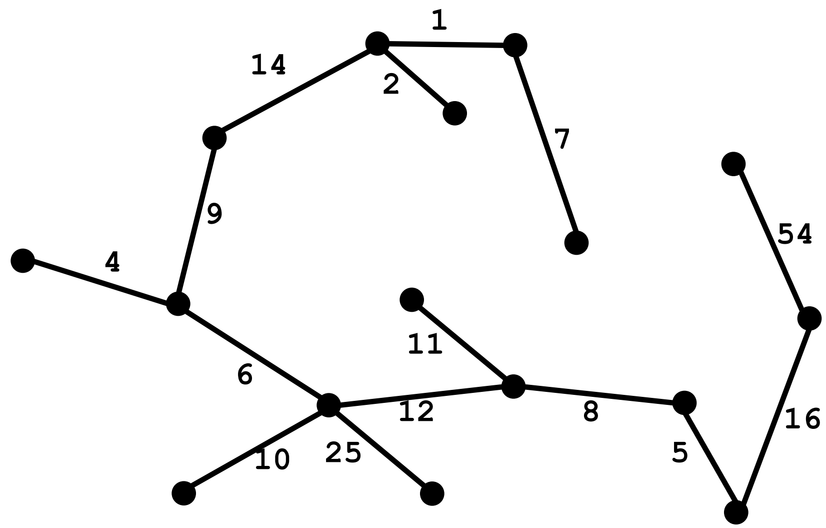
• When edge weights are all distinct, or if there is exactly one minimum spanning tree, the 3 algorithms all find the identical tree



Prim's Algorithm


```
prim(s) {
   D[s] = 0; mark s; //start vertex
   while (some vertices are unmarked) {
      v = unmarked vertex with smallest D;
      mark v;
      for (each w adj to v) {
         D[w] = min(D[w], c(v,w));
      }
   }
}
```

- $O(n^2)$ for adj matrix
  - While-loop is executed n times
  - For-loop takes O(n) time

- O(m + n log n) for adj list
  - Use a PQ
  - Regular PQ produces time O(n + m log m)
  - Can improve to O(m + n log n) using a fancier heap

Greedy Algorithms

- These are examples of Greedy Algorithms
- The Greedy Strategy is an algorithm design technique
  - Like Divide & Conquer
- Greedy algorithms are used to solve optimization problems
  - The goal is to find the *best* solution
- Works when the problem has the greedy-choice property
  - A global optimum can be reached by making locally optimum choices

- Example: the Change Making Problem: Given an amount of money, find the smallest number of coins to make that amount
- Solution: Use a Greedy Algorithm
  - Give as many large coins as you can
- This greedy strategy produces the optimum number of coins for the US coin system
- Different money system ⇒greedy strategy may fail
  - Example: old UK system

Similar Code Structures


```
while (some vertices are
        unmarked) {
   v = best of unmarked
        vertices;
   mark v;
   for (each w adj to v)
        update w;
}
```

- Breadth-first-search (bfs)
  - best: next in queue
  - update: D[w] = D[v]+1
- Dijkstra's algorithm
  - best: next in priority queue
  - update: D[w] = min(D[w], D[v]+c(v,w))
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here c(v,w) is the v→w edge weight

Traveling Salesman Problem

- Given a list of cities and the distances between each pair, what is the shortest route that visits each city exactly once and returns to the origin city?
  - Basically what we want the butterfly to do in A6! But we don't mind if the butterfly revisits a city (Tile), or doesn't use the very shortest possible path.
  - The true TSP is very hard (NP complete)… for this we want the *perfect* answer in all cases, and can't revisit.
  - Most TSP algorithms start with a spanning tree, then "evolve" it into a TSP solution. Wikipedia has a lot of information about packages you can download…