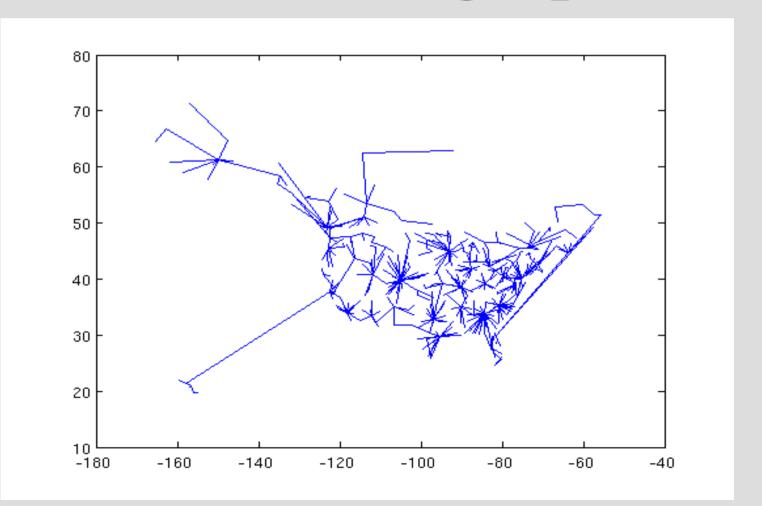
# Minimum Spanning Tree (undirected graph)



## Path tree vs. spanning tree

We have constructed trees in graphs for shortest path to anywhere else (from vertex is the root)

Minimum spanning trees instead want to connect every node with the least cost (undirected edges)

## Path tree vs. spanning tree

Example: build the least costly road that allows cars to get from any start to any finish

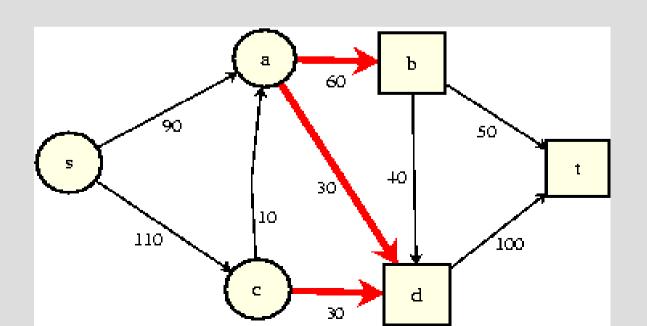


We an find (again) a greedy algorithm to solve MSTs

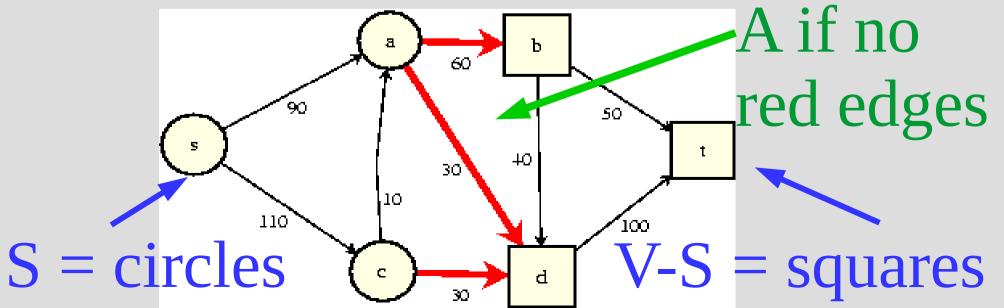
We can repeatedly add <u>safe edges</u> to an existing solution:

- 1. Find (u,v) as safe edge for A
- 2. Add (u,v) to A and repeat 1.

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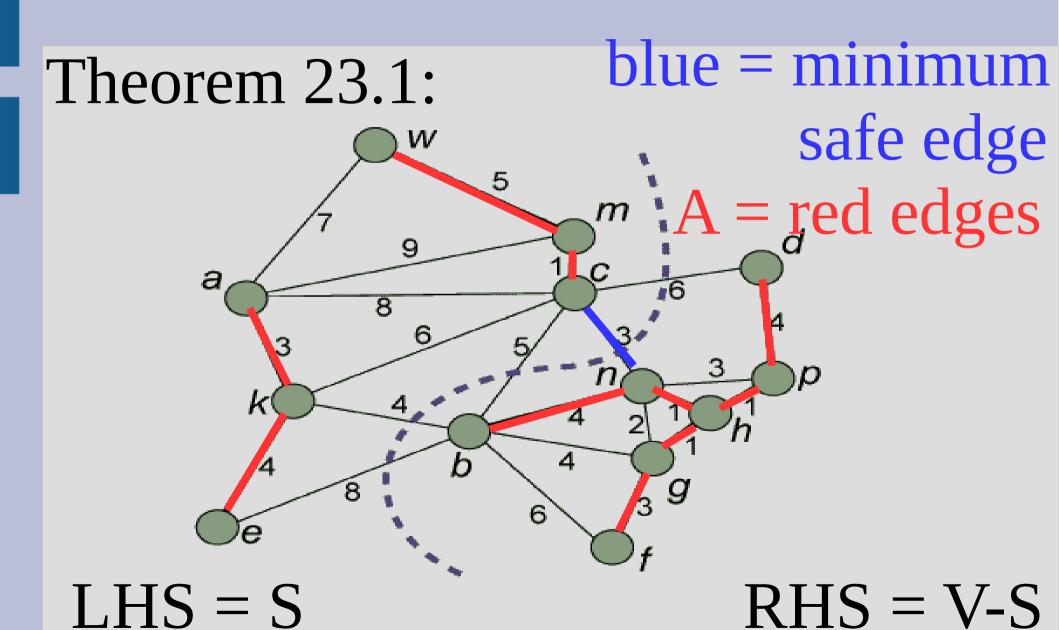


Theorem 23.1:

Let A be a set of edges that is included in some MST

Let S be a cut that respects A

Then the minimum edge that crosses S and V-S is a safe edge for A



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Proof:
Let T be a MST that includes A
Add minimum safe edge (u,v)
Let (x,y) be the other edge on the cut
Remove (x,y), and call this T' thus:
w(T') = w(T) + w(u,v) - w(x,y)
But (u,v) min, so w(u,v) \le w(x,y)
Thus, w(T') \le w(T) and we done
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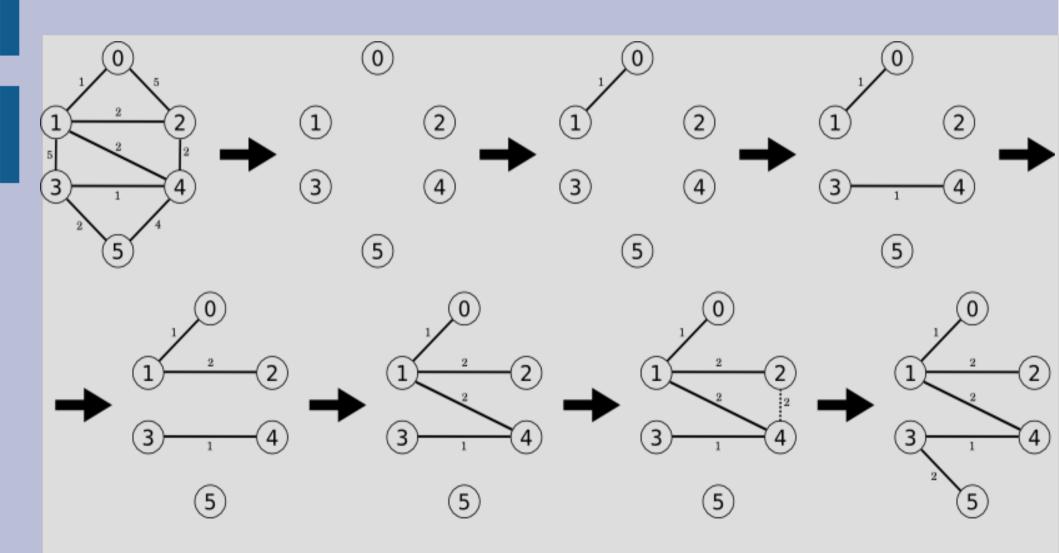
#### Idea:

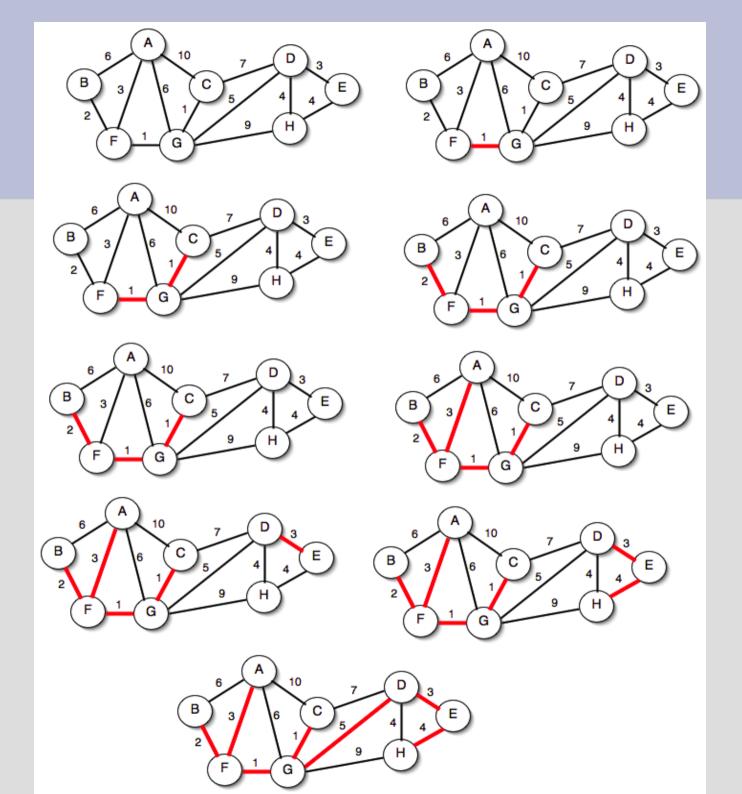
1. Sort all edges into a list

2. If the minimum edge in the list does not create a cycle, add it to A

3. Remove the edge and repeat 2 until no more edges

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MST-Kruskal(G,w)
A = \{ \}
for each v in G.V: Make-Set(V)
sort(G.E)
for (u,v) in G.E (w(u,v) increasing)
 if Find-Set(u) \neq Find-Set(v)
   A = A U \{(u,v)\}
   Union(u,v)
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Runtime:

Find-Set takes about  $O(\lg |V|)$  time (Ch. 21)

Thus overall is about O(|E| lg |V|)

#### Prim

#### Idea:

- 1. Select any vertex (as the root)
- 2. Find the shortest edge from a vertex in the tree to a vertex outside
- 3. Add this edge (and the connected vertex) to the tree
- 4. Goto 2.

Like Dijkstra, but different relaxation

#### Prim

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MST-Prim(G, w, r) // r is root
for each u in G.V: u.key=∞, u.π=NIL
r.key = 0, Q = G.V
                  modified "relax"
while Q not empty
                     from Dijkstra
 u = Extract-Min(Q)
 for each v in G.Adj[u]
   if v in Q and w(u,v) < v.key
     v.key=w(u,v), v.\pi=u
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#### Prim

Runtime:

Extract-Min(V) is O(lg |V|), run |V| times is O(|V| lg |V|)

for loop runs over each edge twice, minimizing (i.e. Decrease-Key())...  $O( (|V|+|E|) \lg |V| ) = O(|E| \lg |V|)$  (Fibonacci heaps  $O(|E| + |V| \lg |V|)$ )

