CSMPS 2200 – Fall 15

Minimum Spanning Trees

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Minimum spanning trees

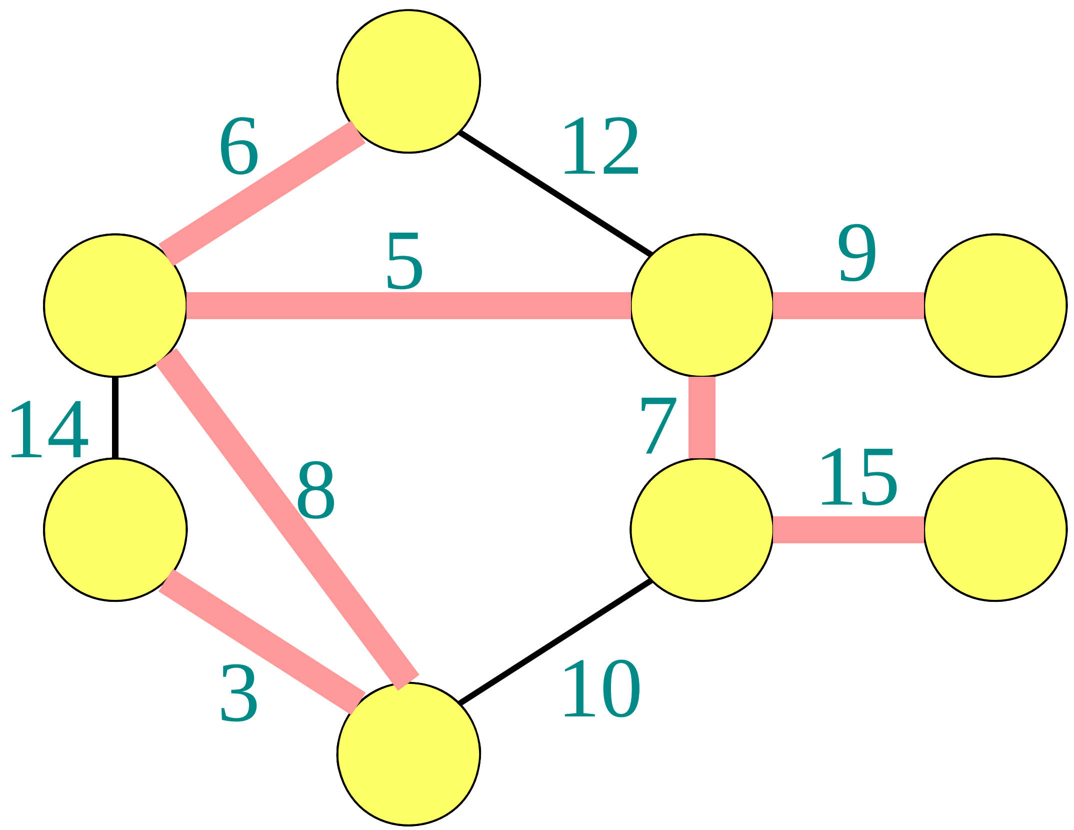
Input: A connected, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with weight function $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- For simplicity, assume that all edge weights are distinct.

Output: A ***spanning tree*** T — a tree that connects all vertices — of minimum weight:

$$w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u,v) .$$

Example of MST



Hallmark for “greedy” algorithms

Greedy-choice property
A locally optimal choice is globally optimal.

Theorem [Cut property]. Let $G = (V, E)$ and let $A \subseteq V$. Suppose that $(u, v) \in E$ is the least-weight edge connecting A to $V \setminus A$. Then, (u, v) is contained in an MST T of G.

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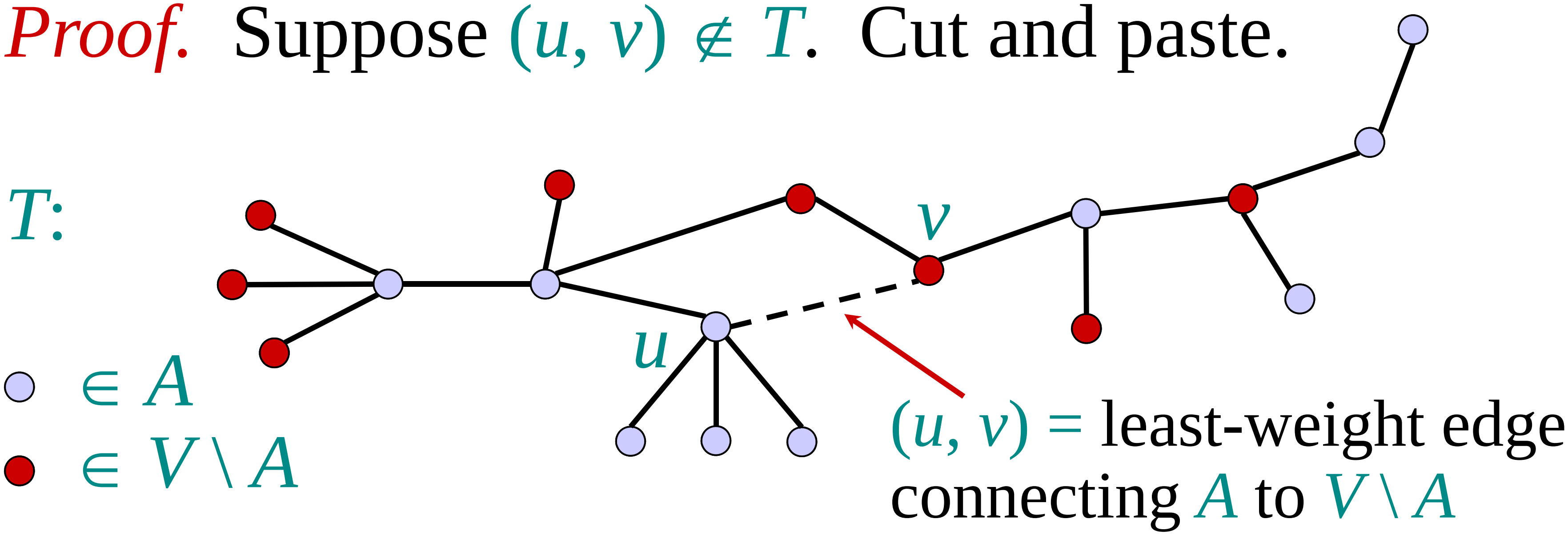

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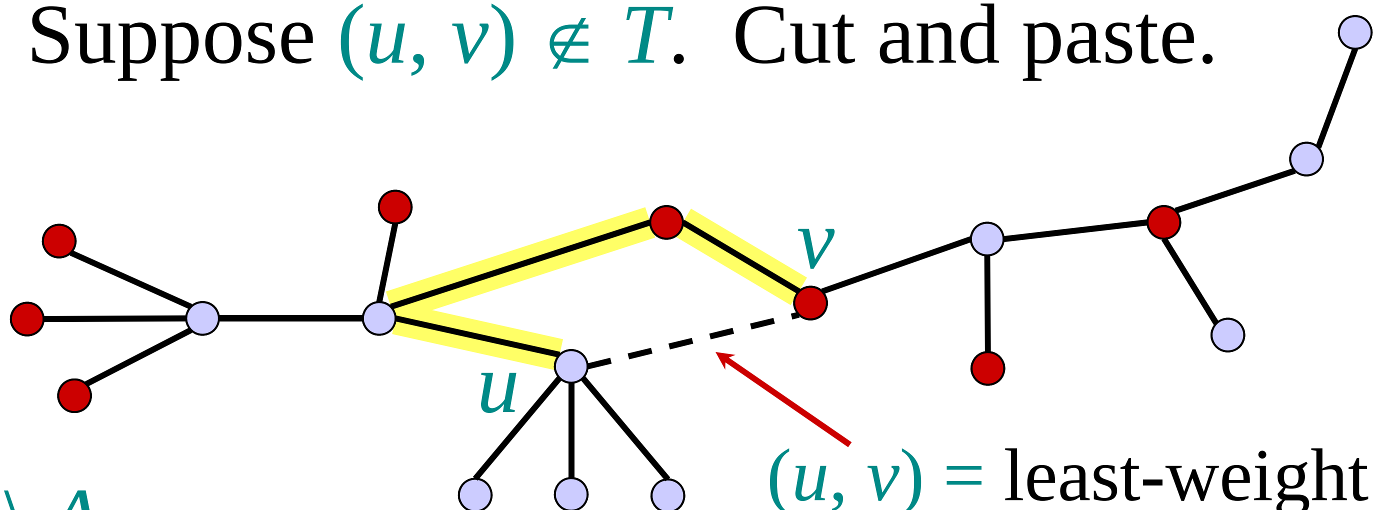

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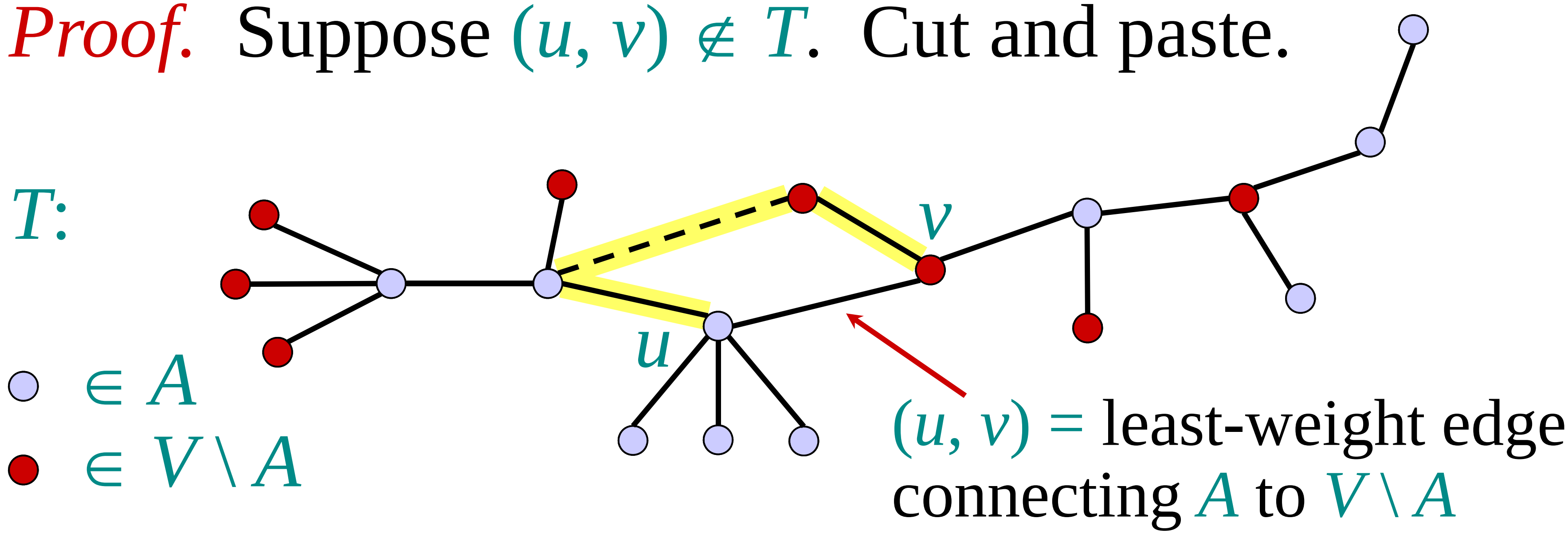

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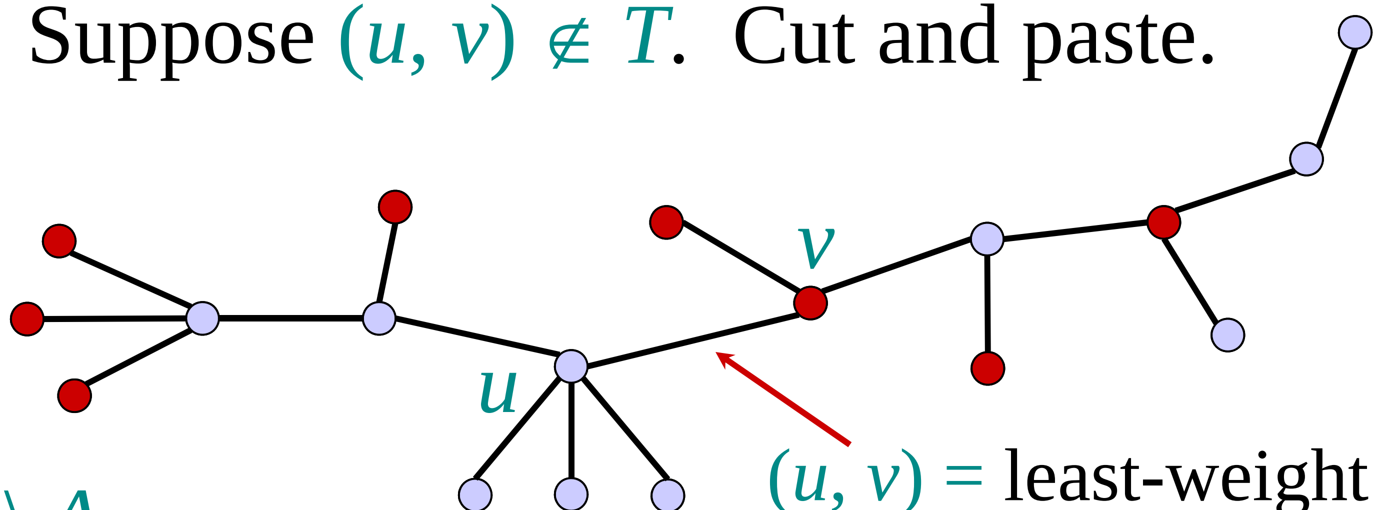

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A lighter-weight spanning tree than T results. □

Prim's algorithm

IDEA: Maintain $V \setminus A$ as a priority queue Q. Key each vertex in Q with the weight of the least-weight edge connecting it to a vertex in A.

$Q \leftarrow V$
$key[v] \leftarrow \infty$ for all $v \in V$
$key[s] \leftarrow 0$ for some arbitrary $s \in V$
while $Q \neq \emptyset$
  do $u \leftarrow$ EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
    for each $v \in Adj[u]$
      do if $v \in Q$ and $w(u, v) < key[v]$
        then $key[v] \leftarrow w(u, v)$ ⊳ DECREASE-KEY
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Dijkstra:
while $Q \neq \emptyset$ **do**
  $u \leftarrow$ EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
  $S \leftarrow S \cup \{u\}$
  for each $v \in Adj[u]$ **do**
    if $d[v] > d[u] + w(u, v)$ **then**
      $d[v] \leftarrow d[u] + w(u, v)$

At the end, $\{(v, \pi[v])\}$ forms the MST edges.

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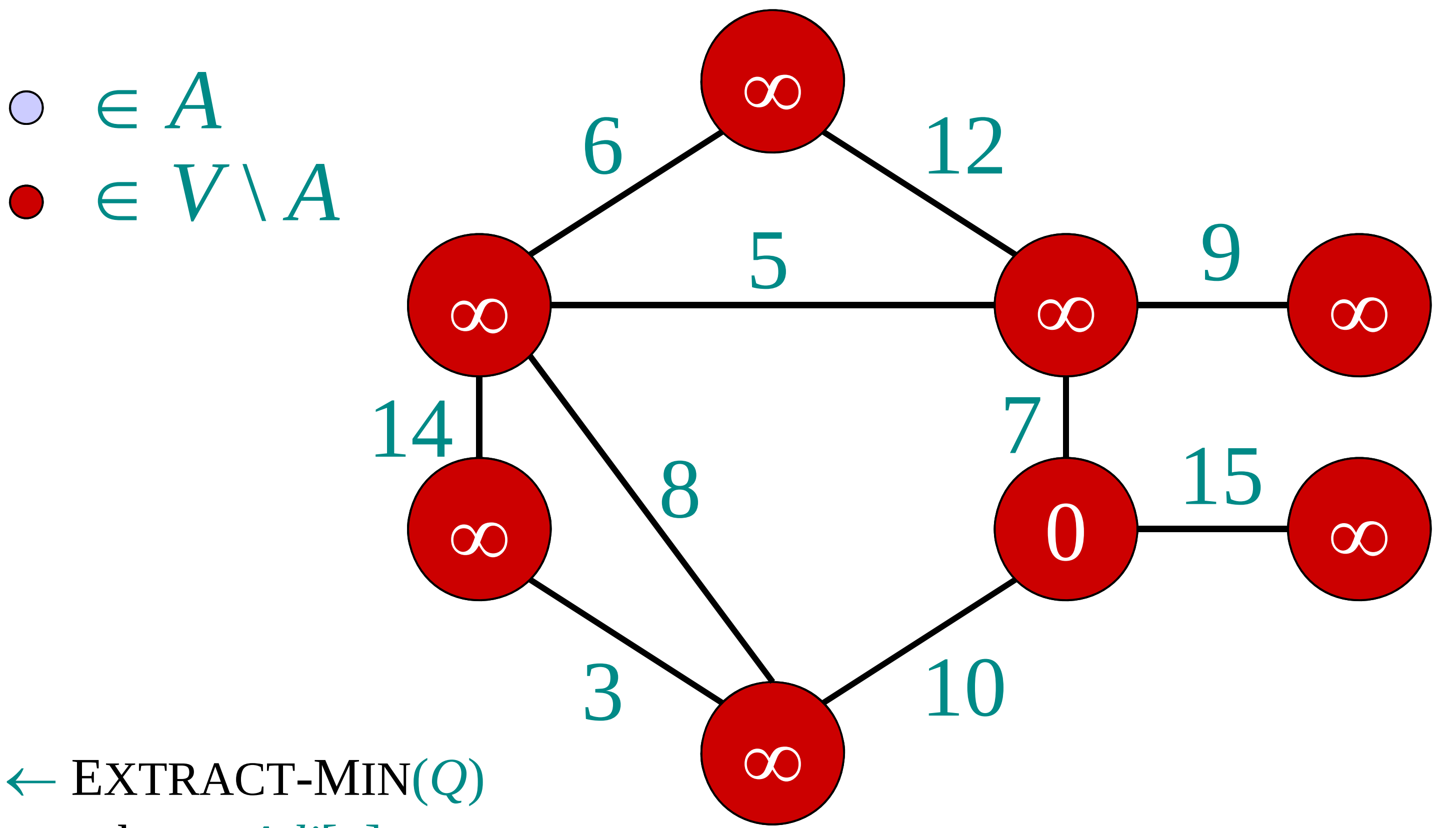

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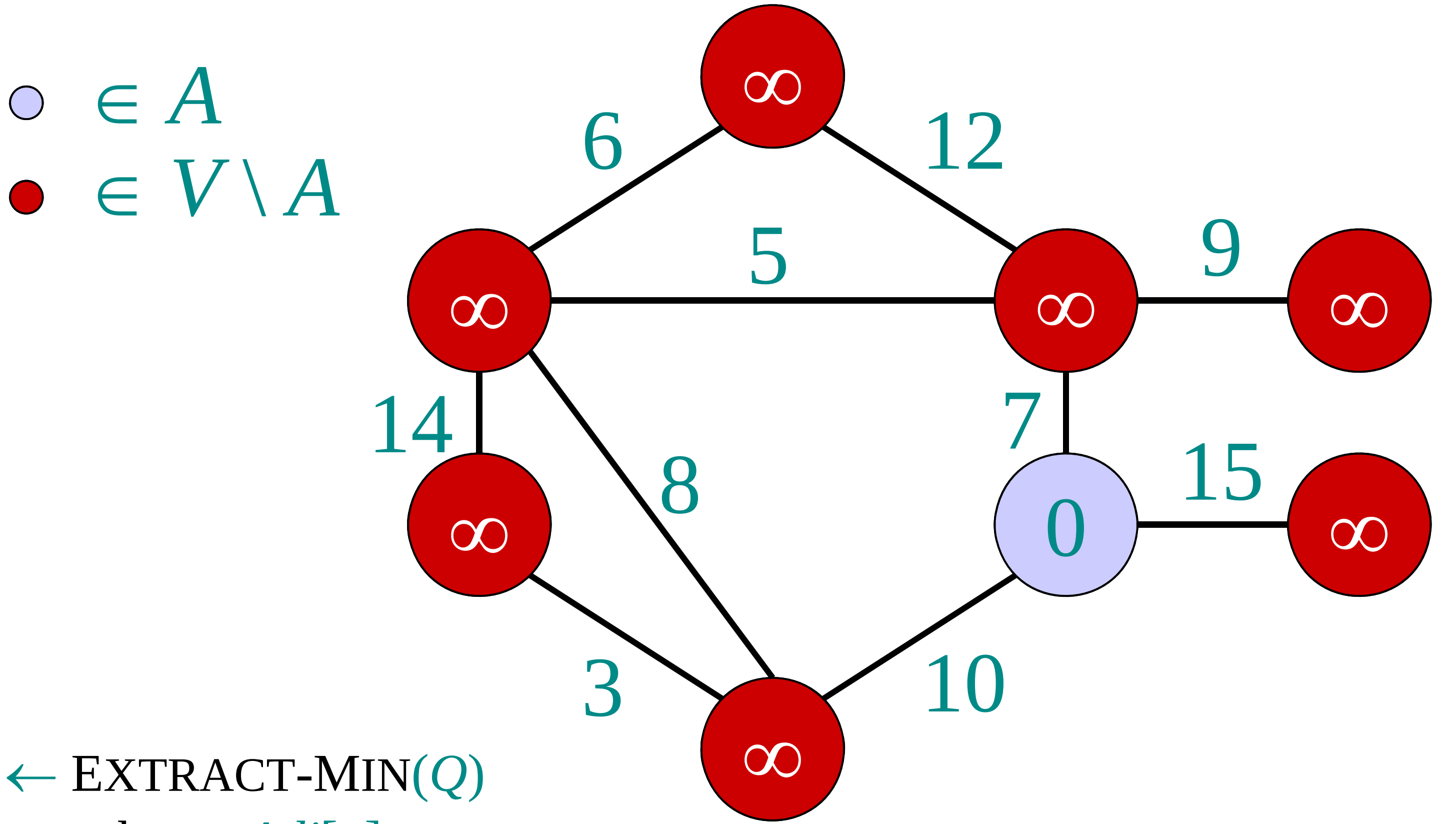

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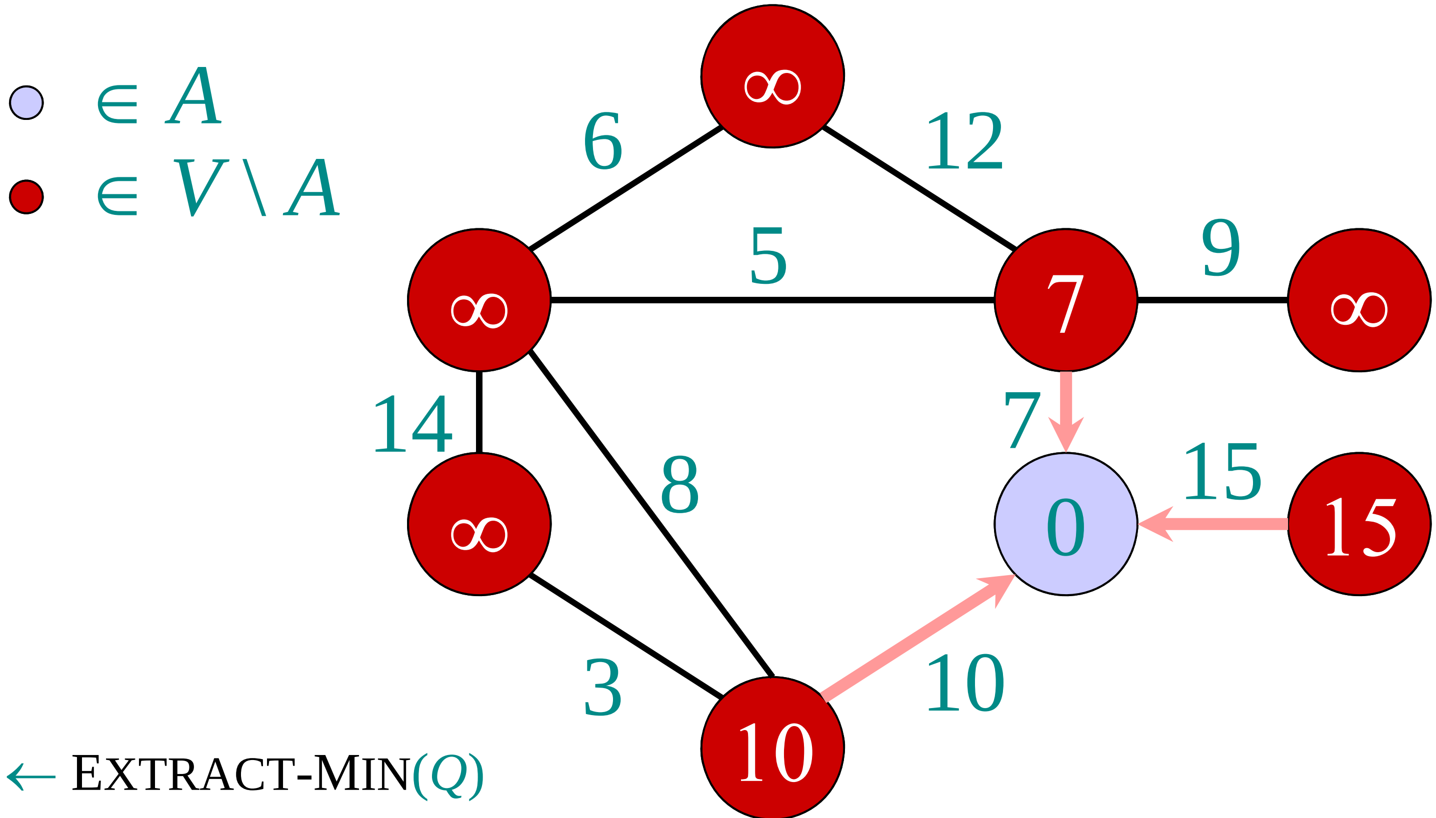

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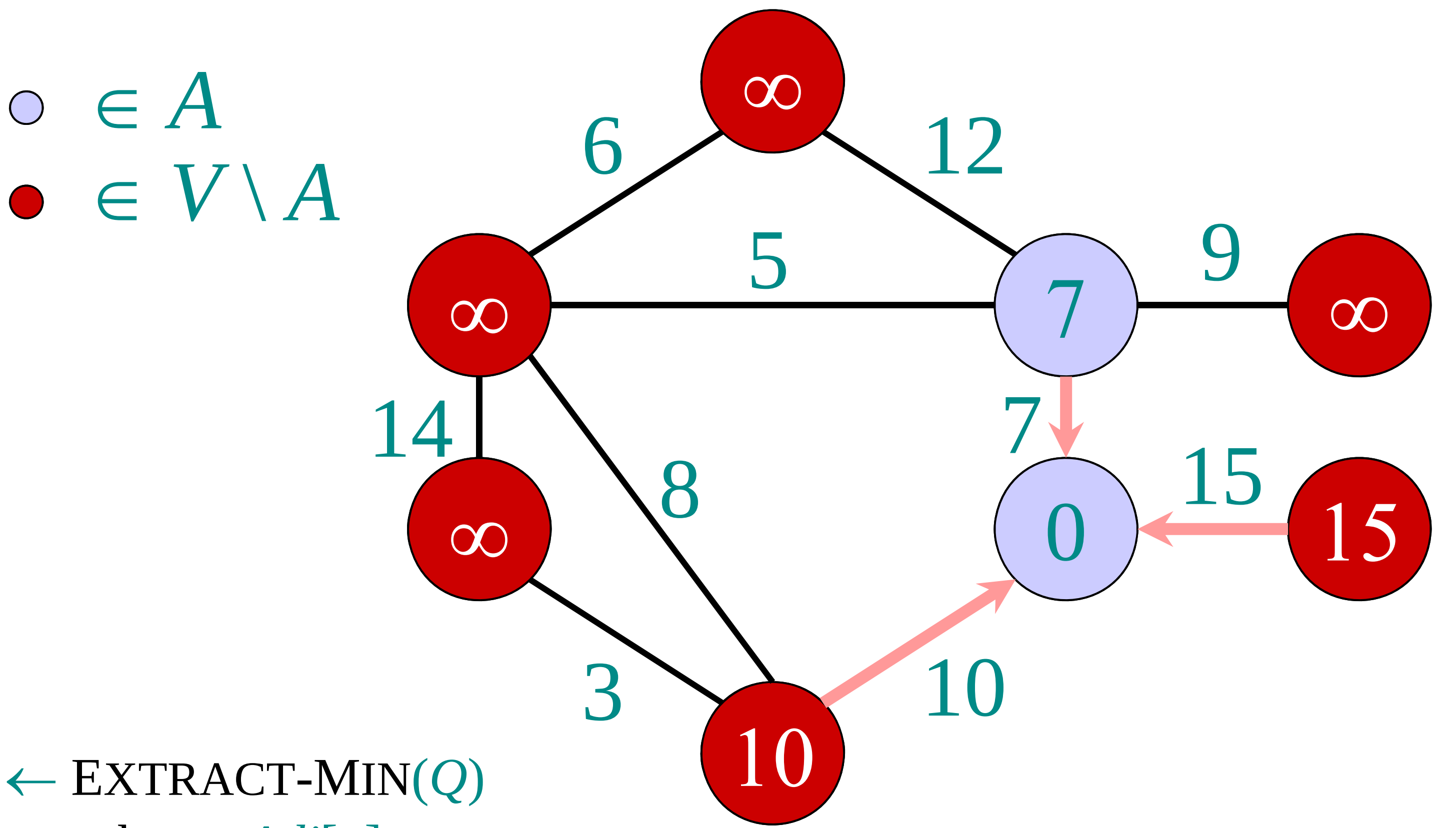

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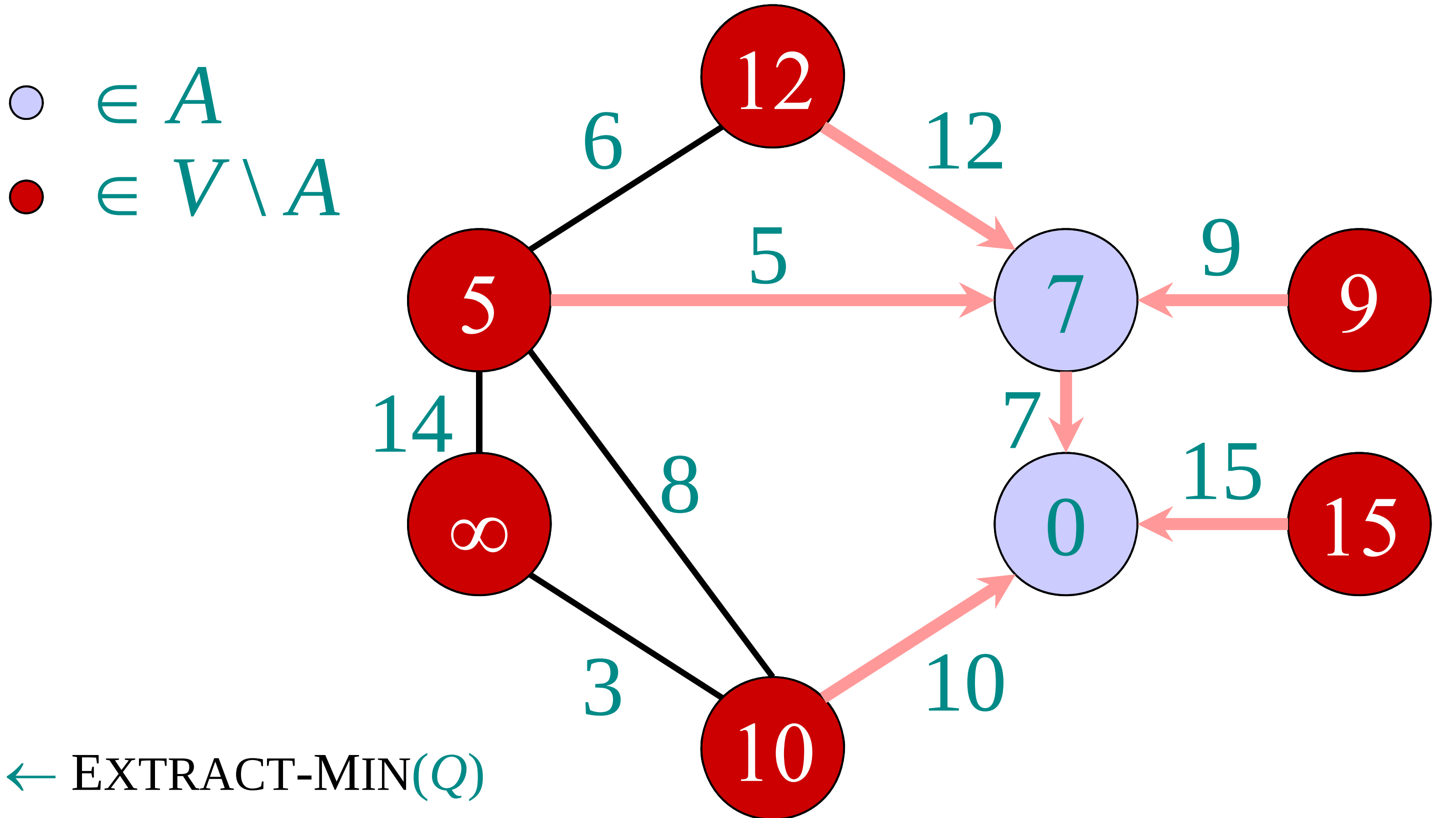

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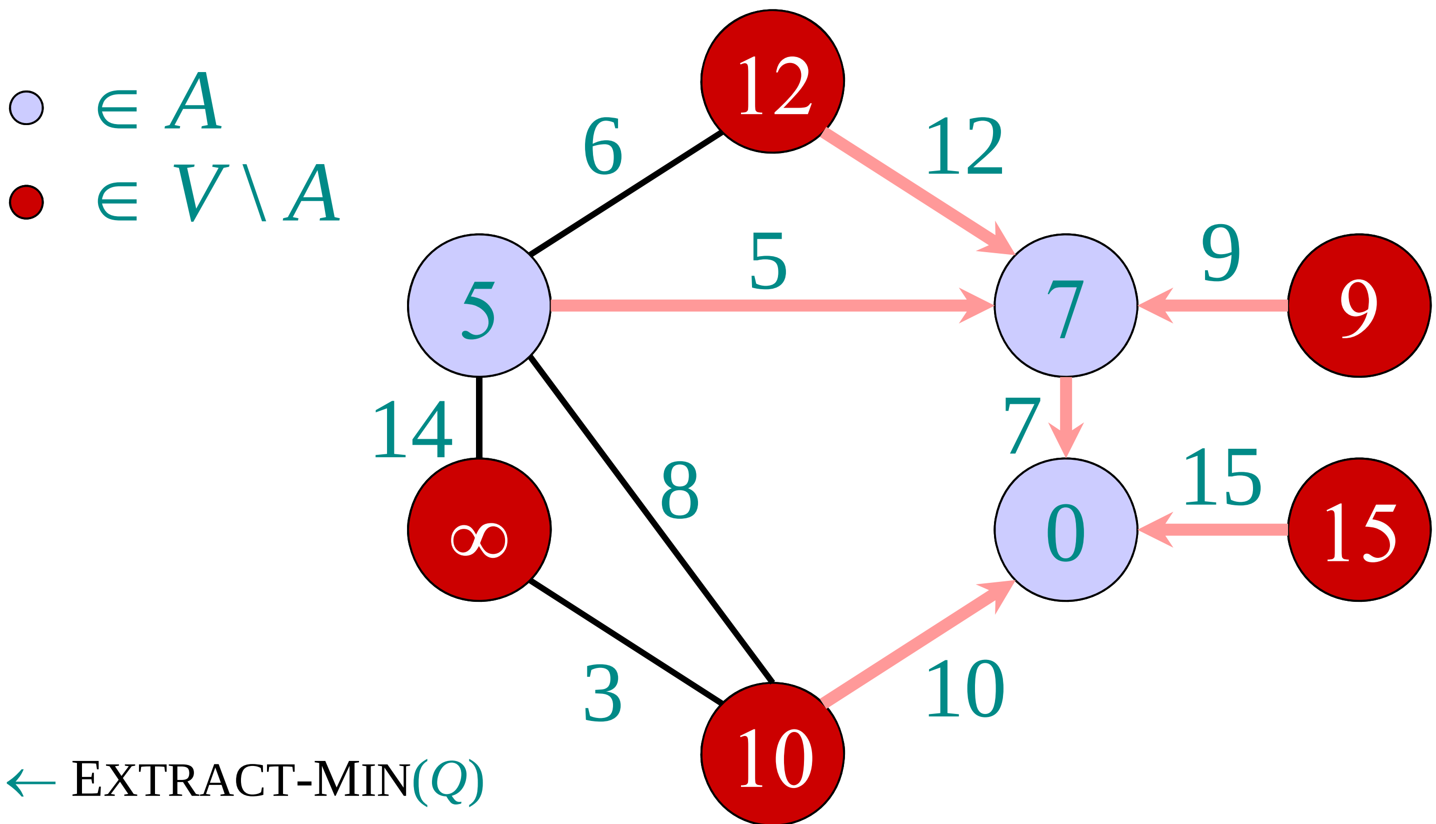

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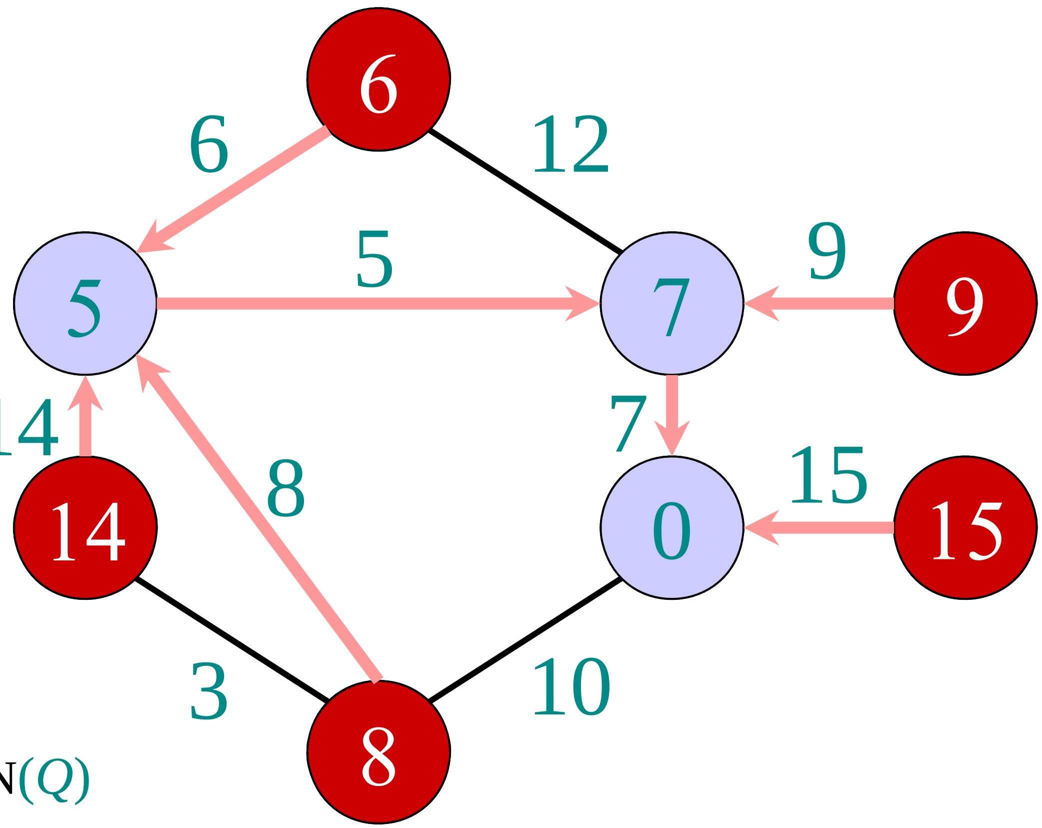

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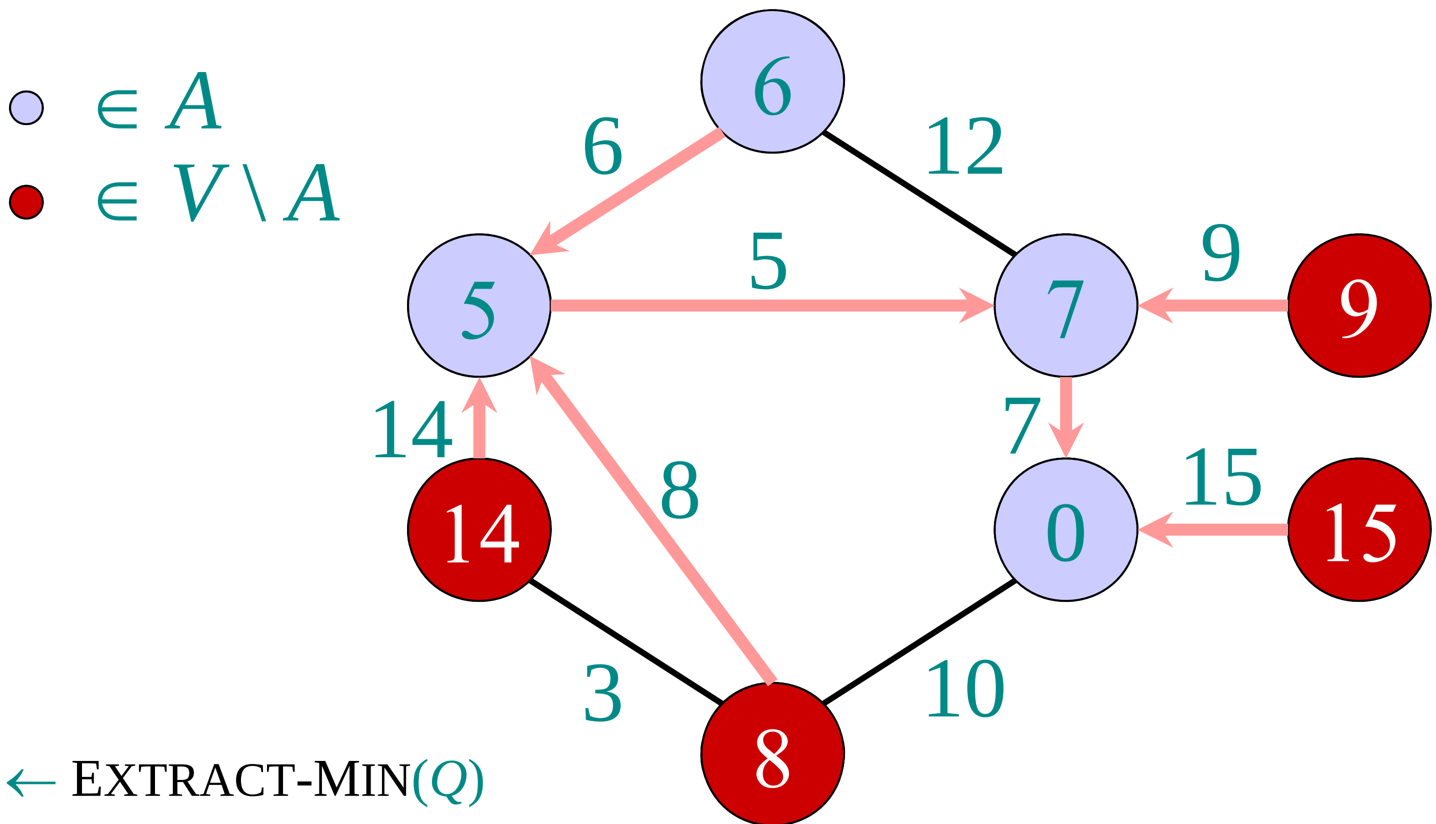

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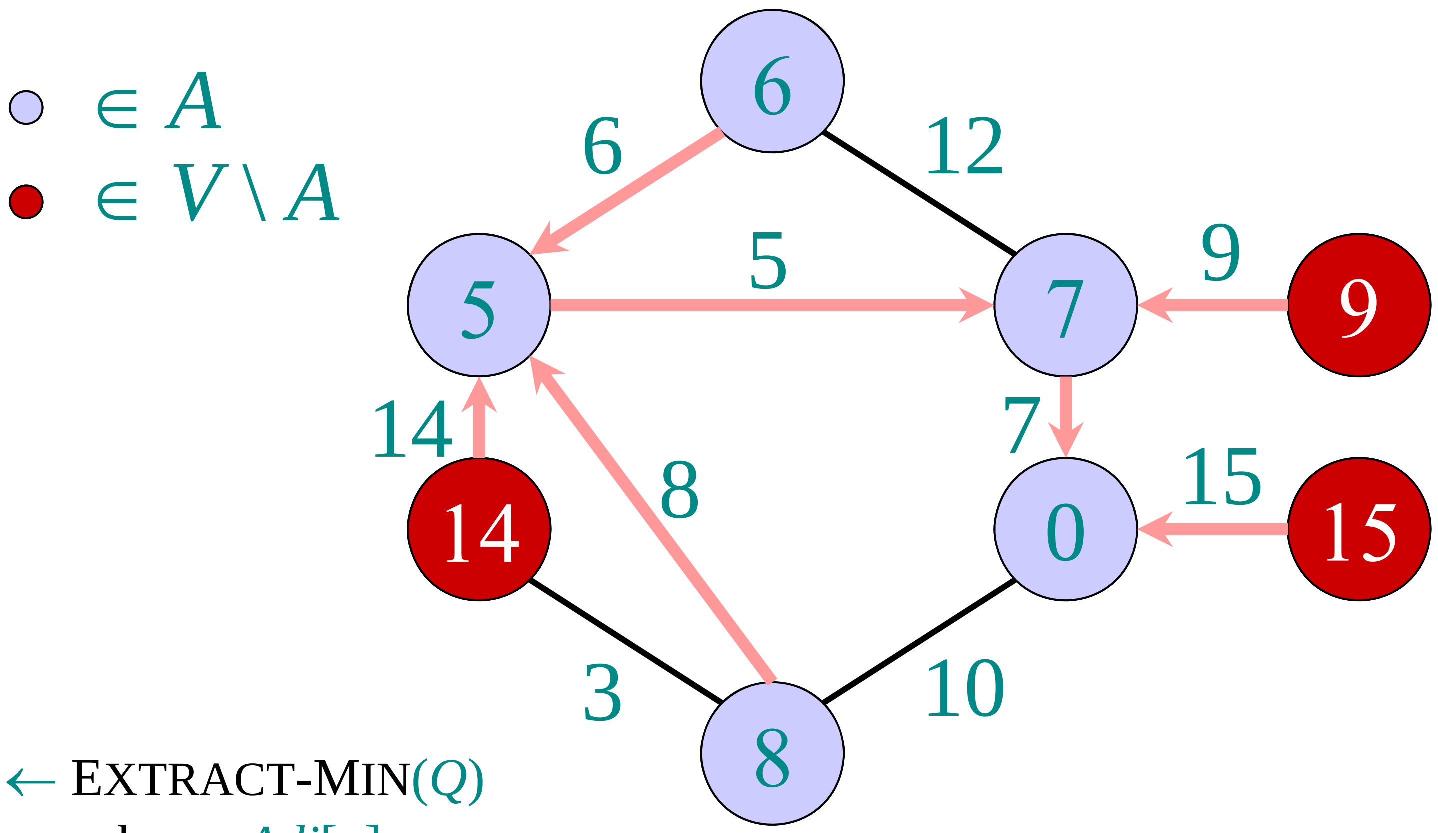

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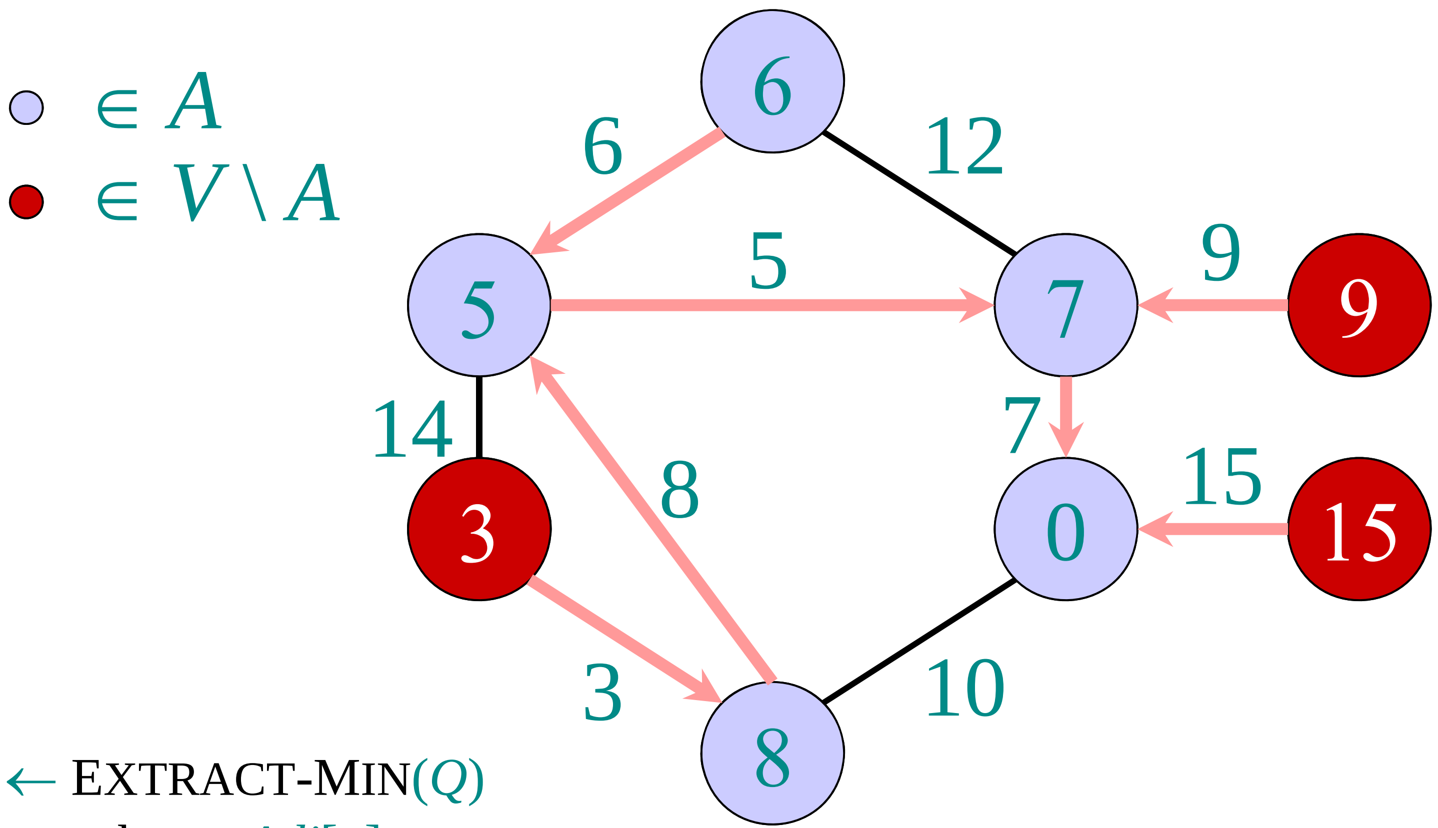

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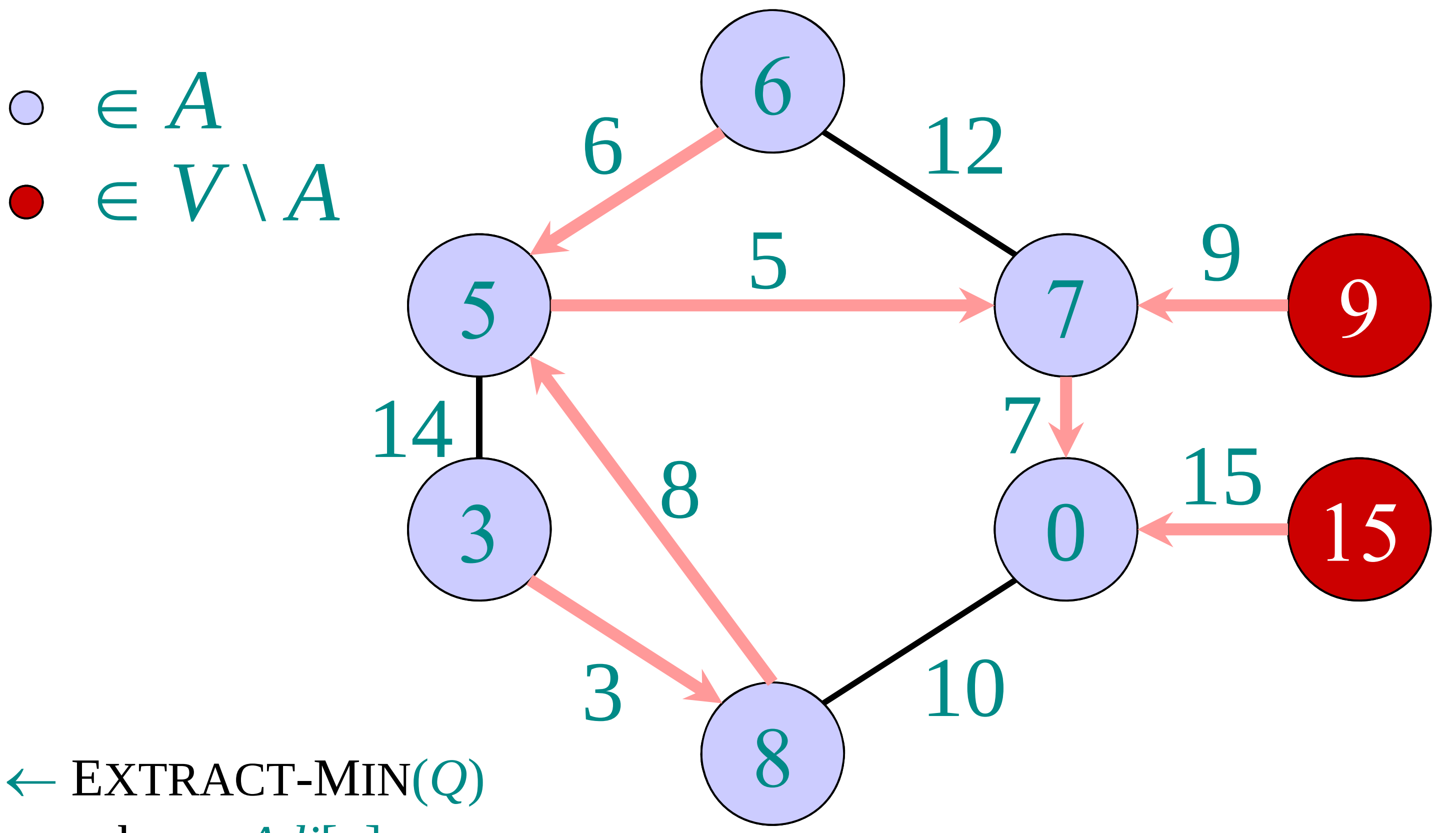

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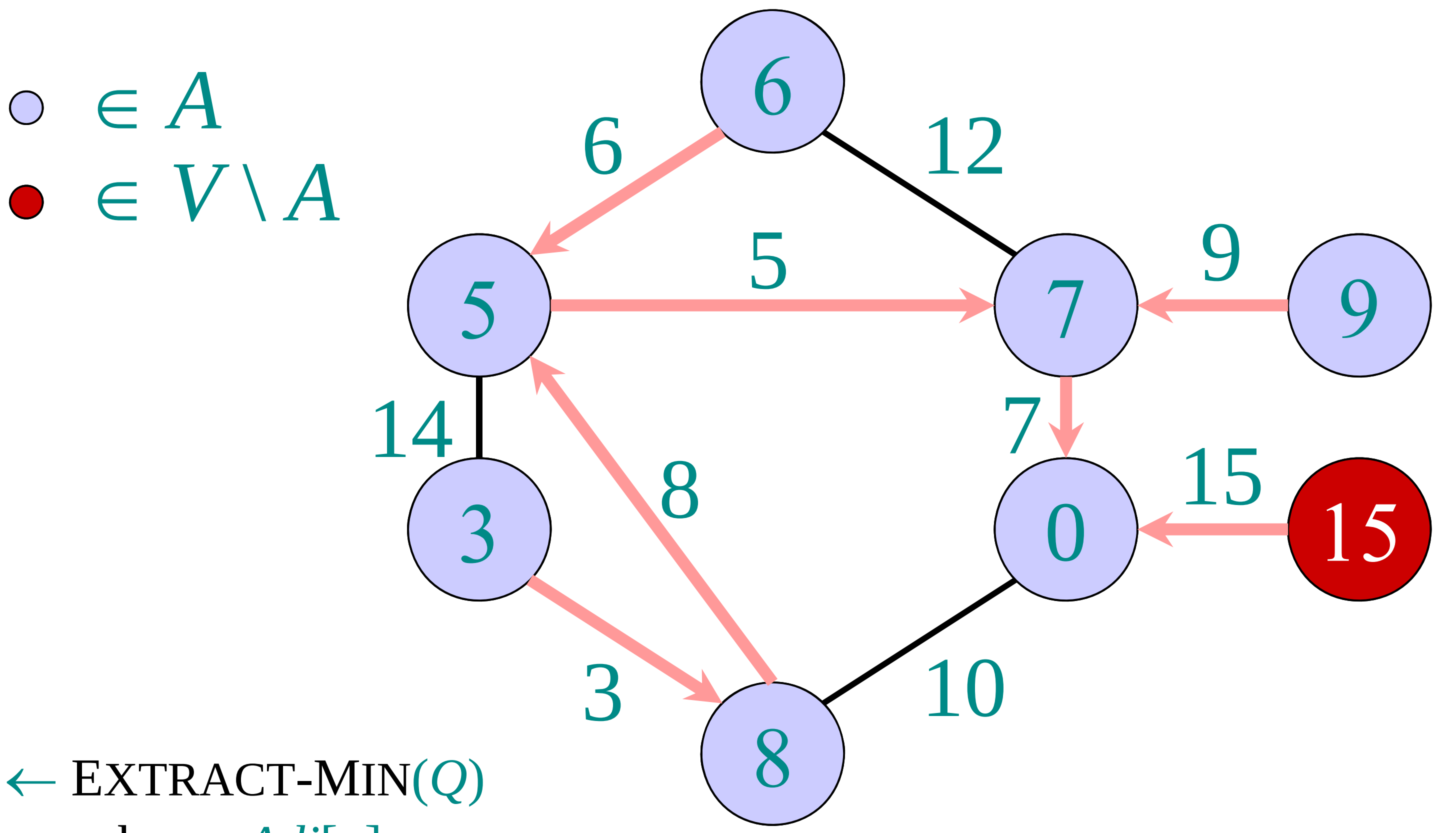

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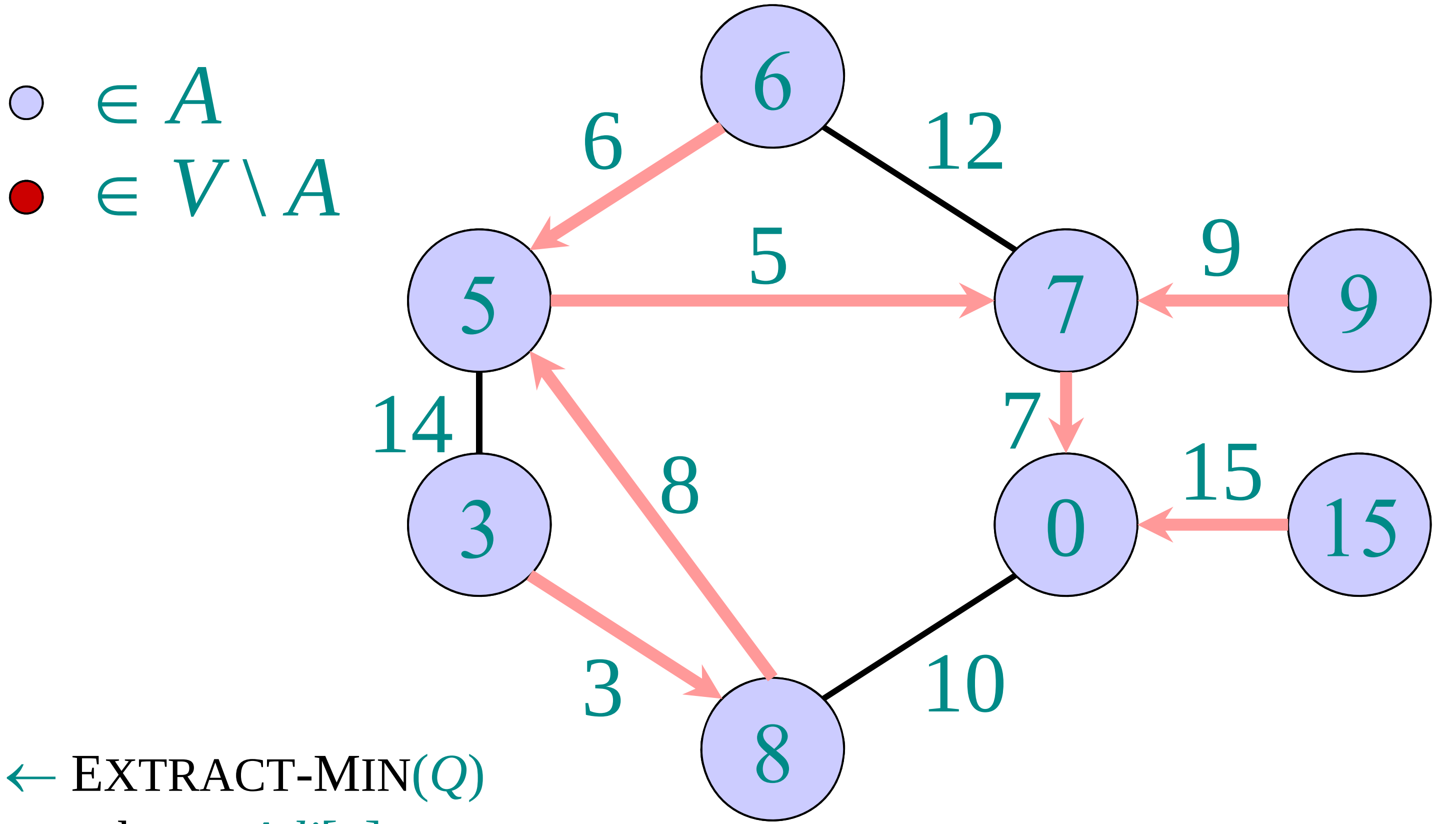

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Analysis of Prim

$\Theta(|V|)$ total:

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$|V|$ times:

while $Q \neq \emptyset$
  do $u \leftarrow$ EXTRACT-MIN(Q)
    $degree(u)$ times:
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Handshaking Lemma $\Rightarrow \Theta(|E|)$ implicit DECREASE-KEY's.

Time $= \Theta(|V|) \cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|) \cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$

Analysis of Prim (continued)

Time = $\Theta(|V|)\cdot T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}} + \Theta(|E|)\cdot T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$

Q	$T_{\text{EXTRACT-MIN}}$	$T_{\text{DECREASE-KEY}}$	Total
array	$O(\|V\|)$	$O(1)$	$O(\|V\|^2)$
binary heap	$O(\log \|V\|)$	$O(\log \|V\|)$	$O(\|E\| \log \|V\|)$
Fibonacci heap	$O(\log \|V\|)$ amortized	$O(1)$ amortized	$O(\|E\| + \|V\| \log \|V\|)$ worst case

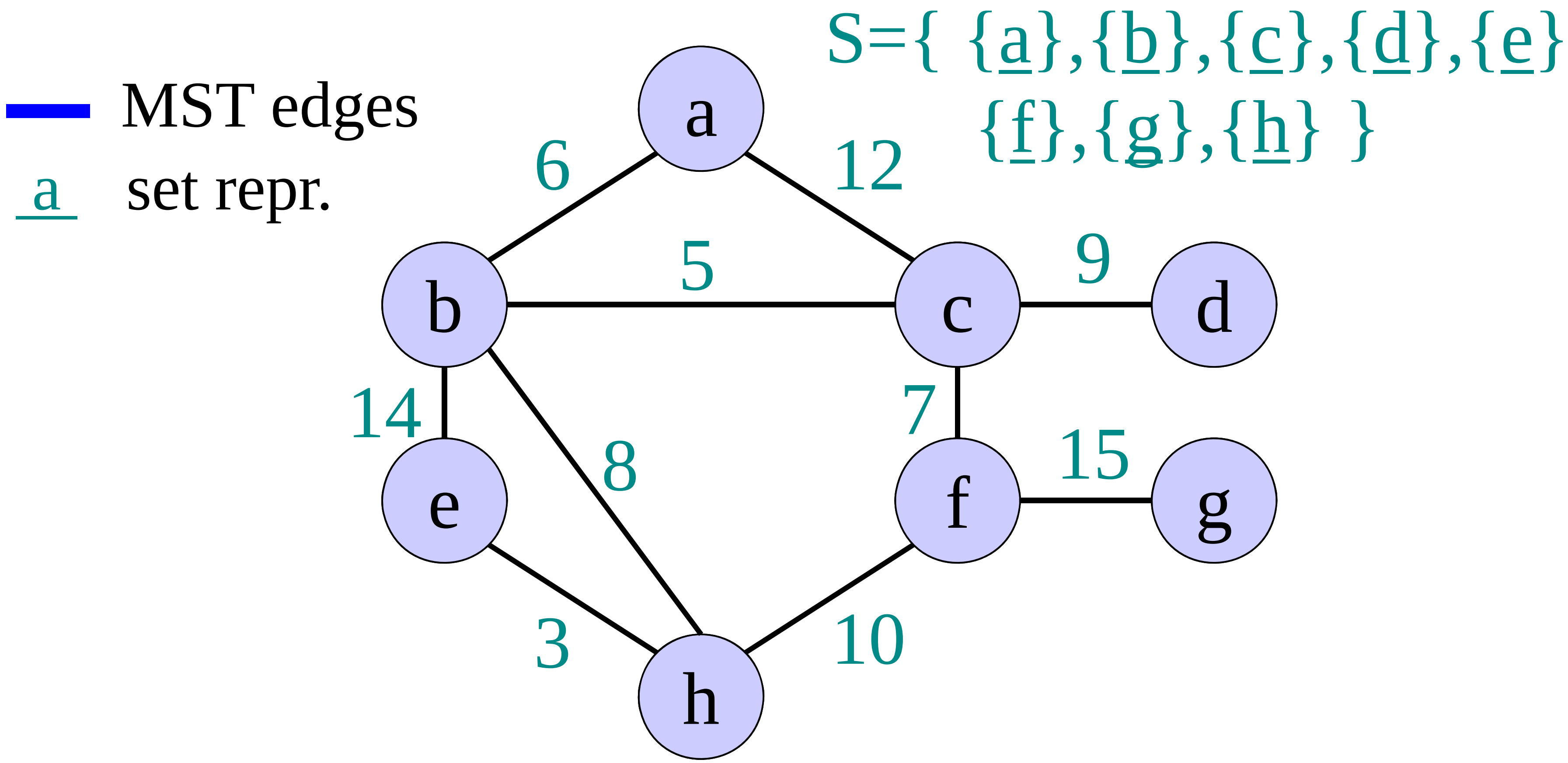
Kruskal's algorithm

IDEA (again greedy):
Repeatedly pick edge with smallest weight as long as it does not form a cycle.

- The algorithm creates a set of trees (a **forest**)
- During the algorithm the added edges merge the trees together, such that in the end only one tree remains

- Correctness: Next edge e connects two components T_1, T_2. It is the lightest edge which does not produce a cycle, hence it is also the lightest edge between T_1 and $V \backslash T_1$ and therefore satisfies the cut property.

Example of Kruskal's algorithm



Every node is a single tree.

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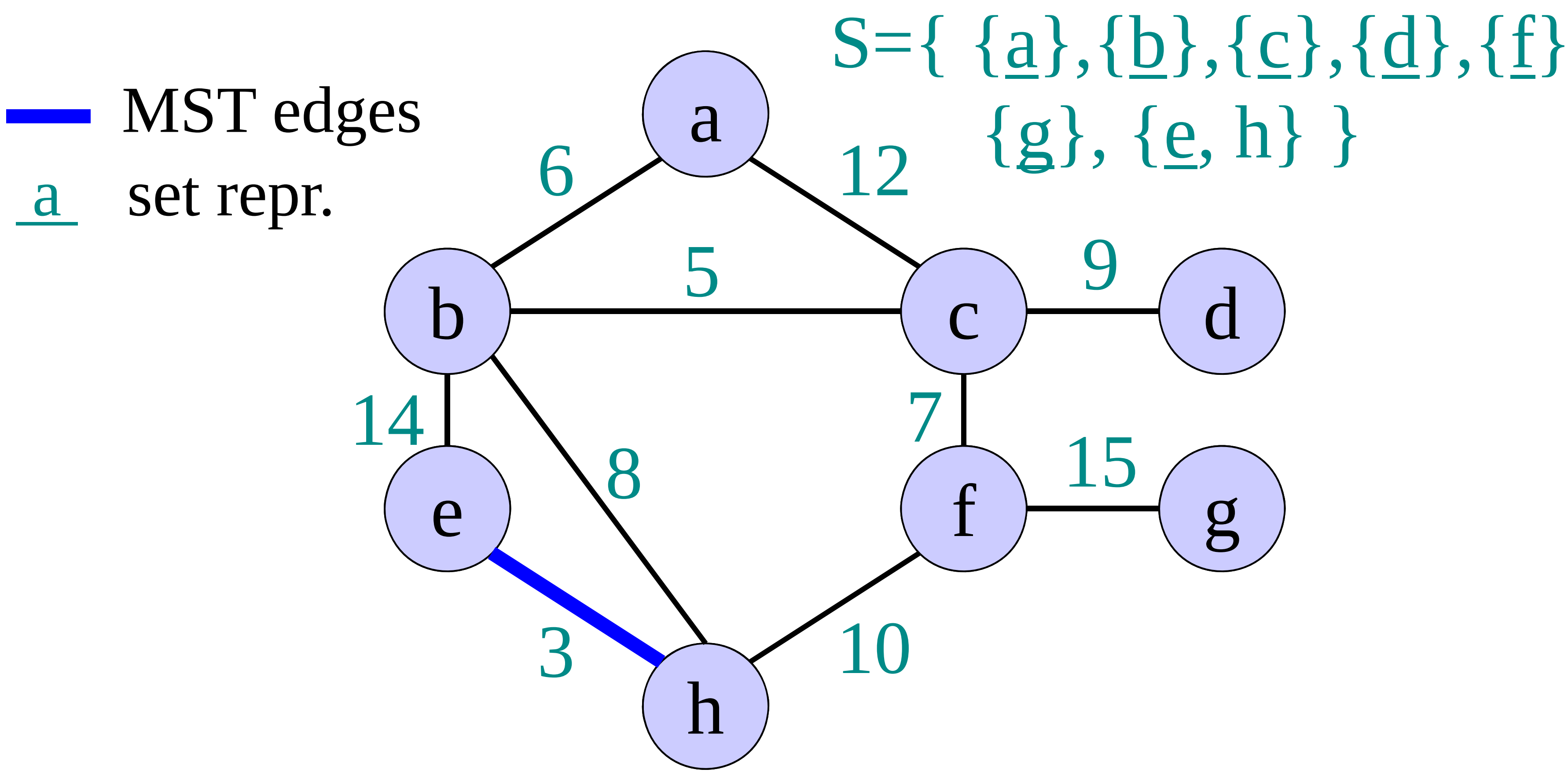

Edge 3 merged two singleton trees.

Example of Kruskal's algorithm

S={ {a},{d},{f}, {g}
{e, h}, {b, c} }

MST edges

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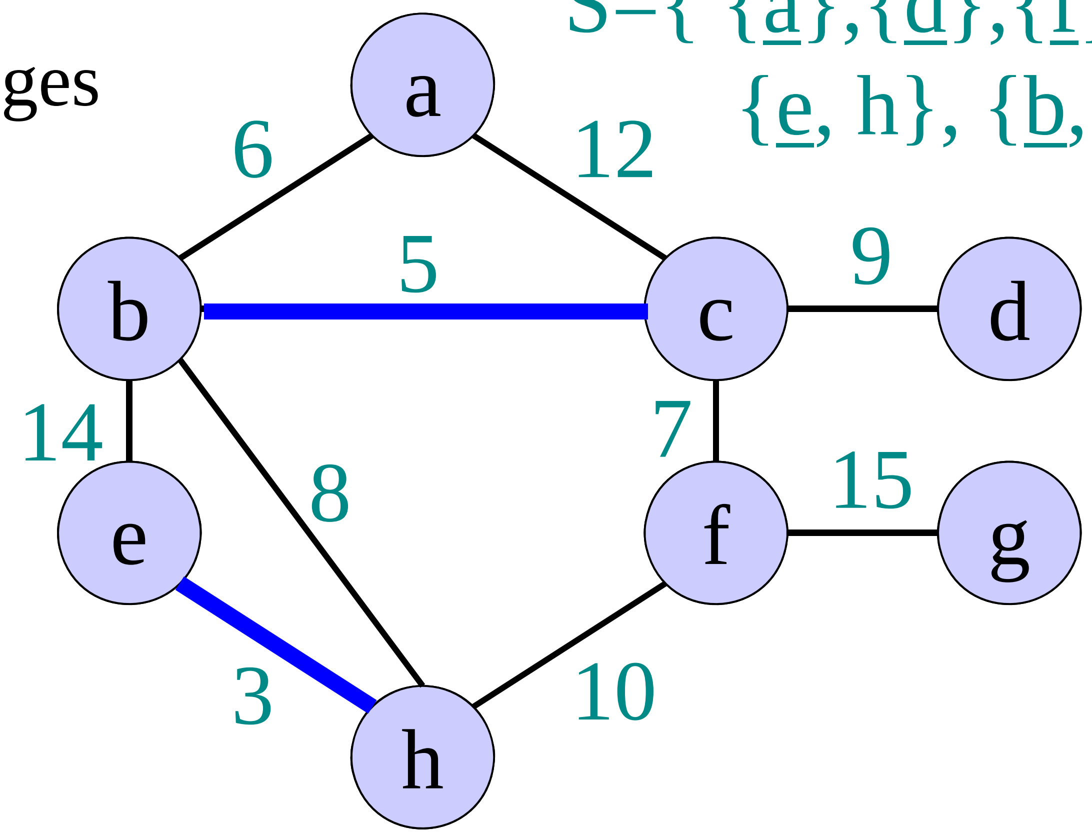

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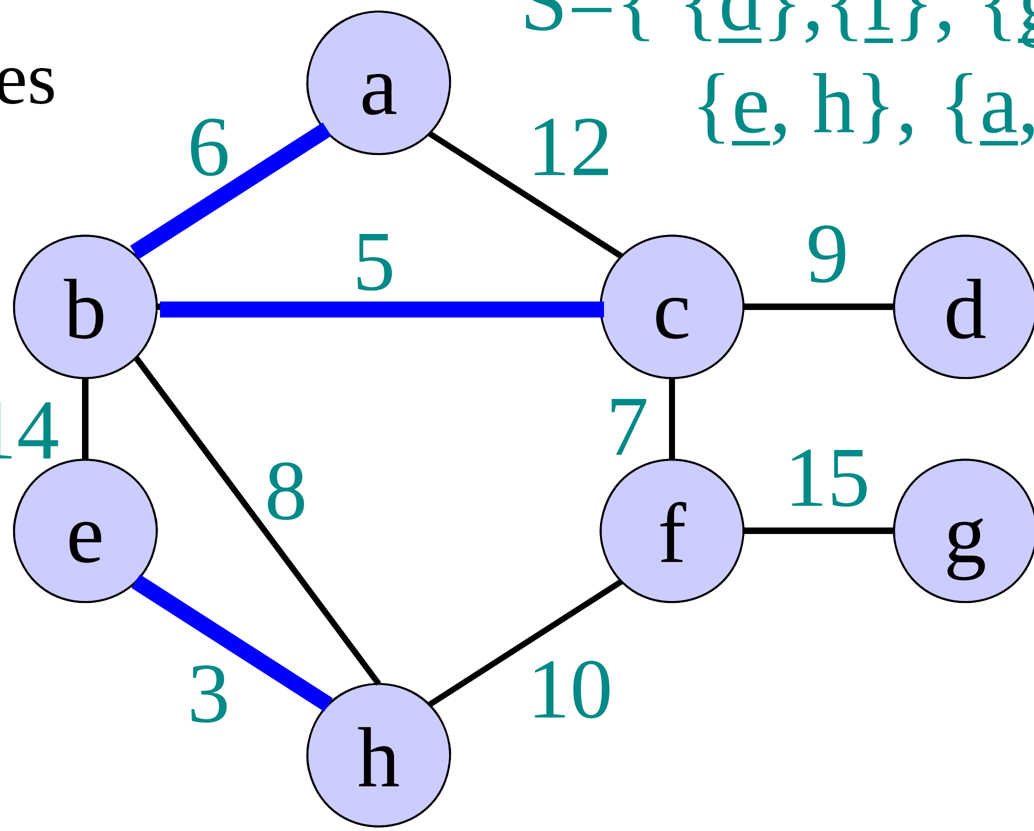

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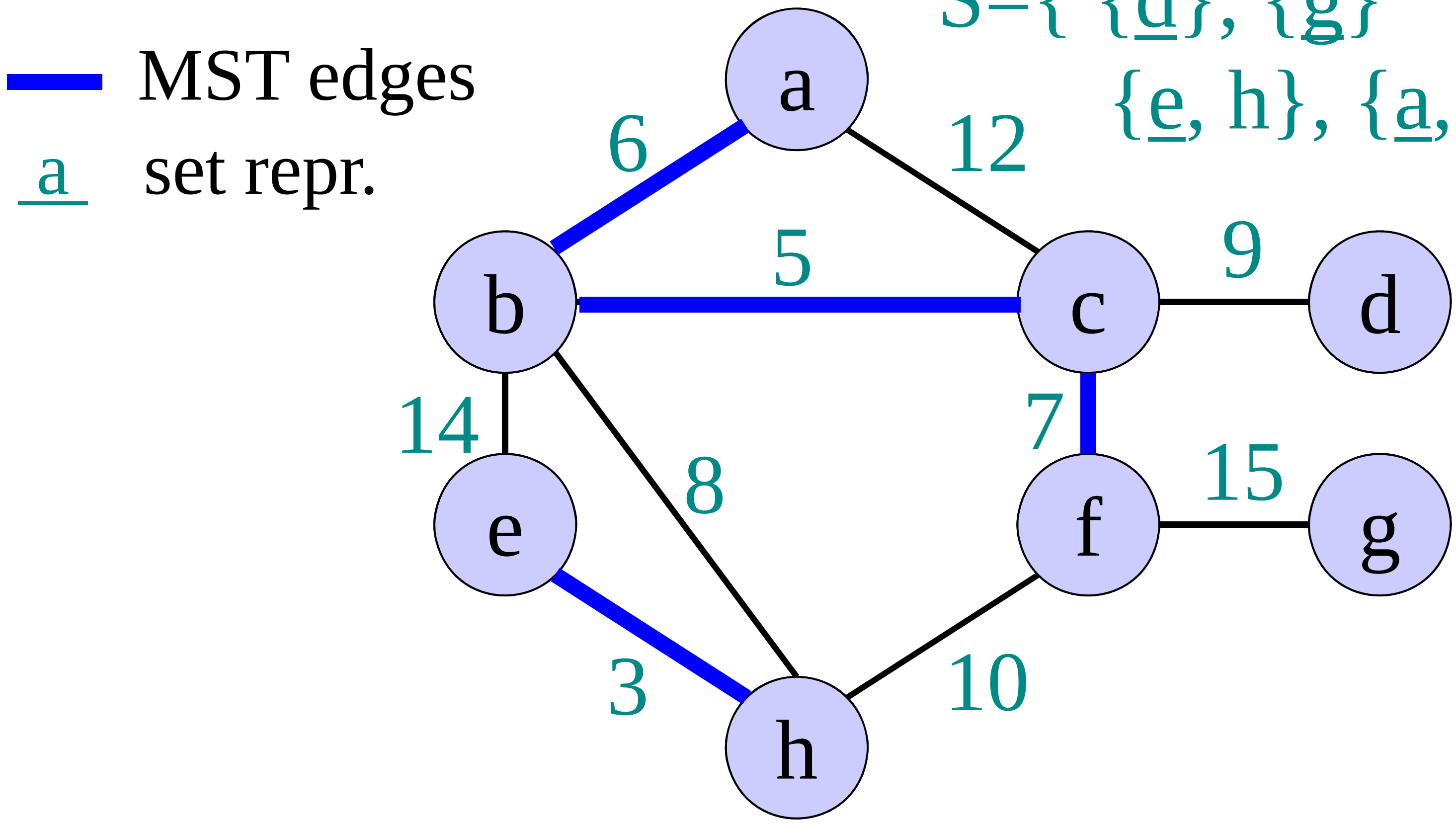

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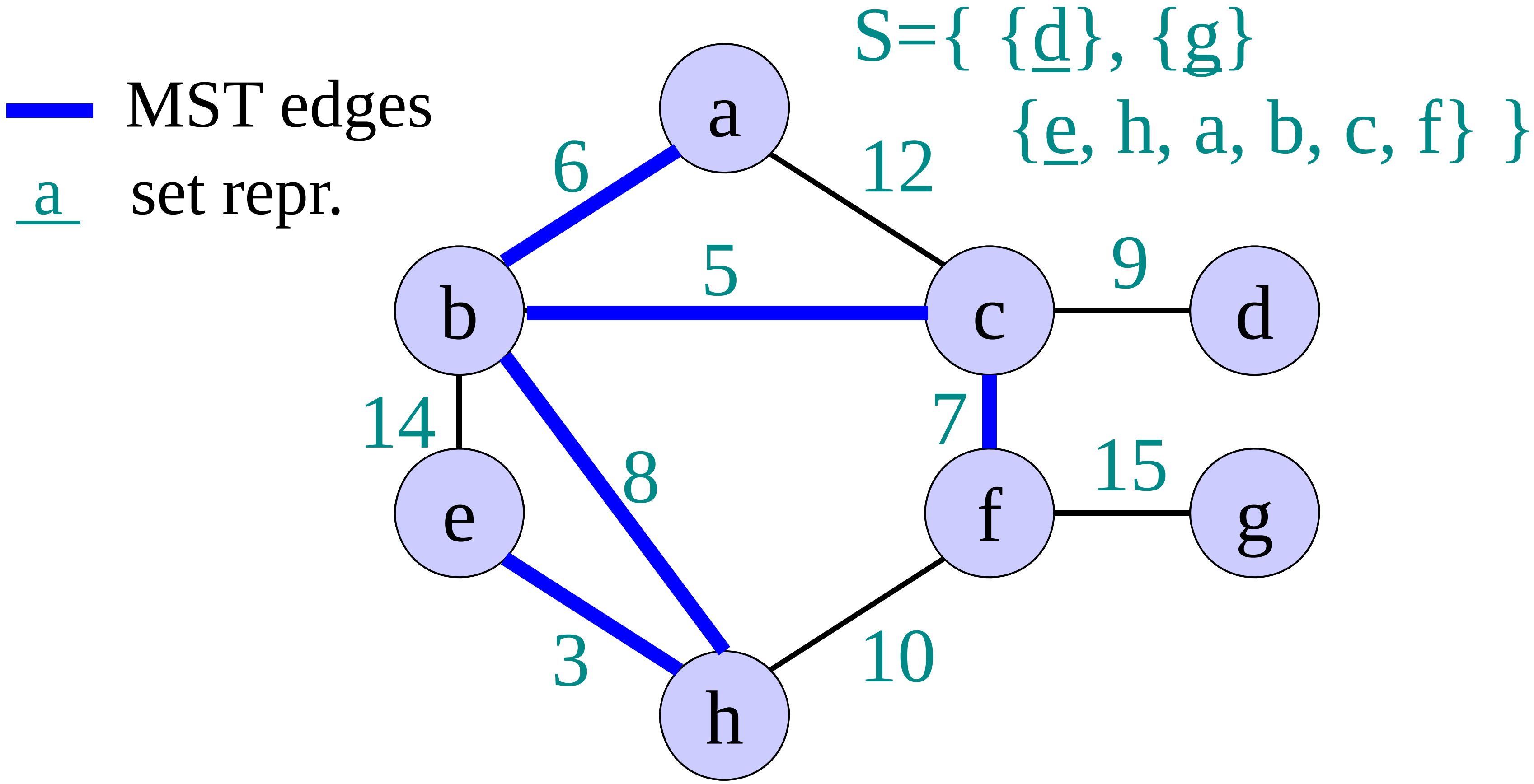

Edge 8 merged the two bigger trees.

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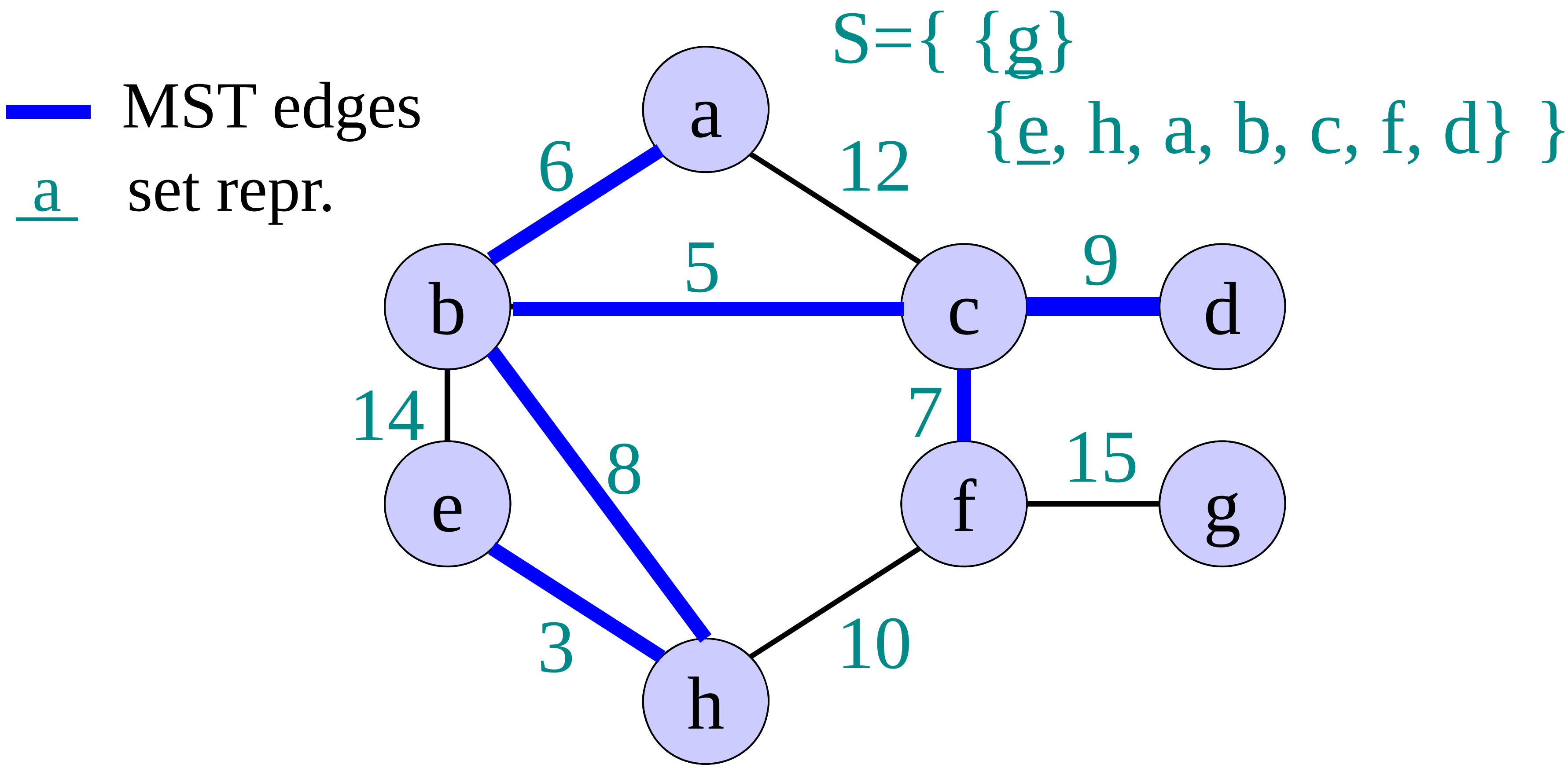

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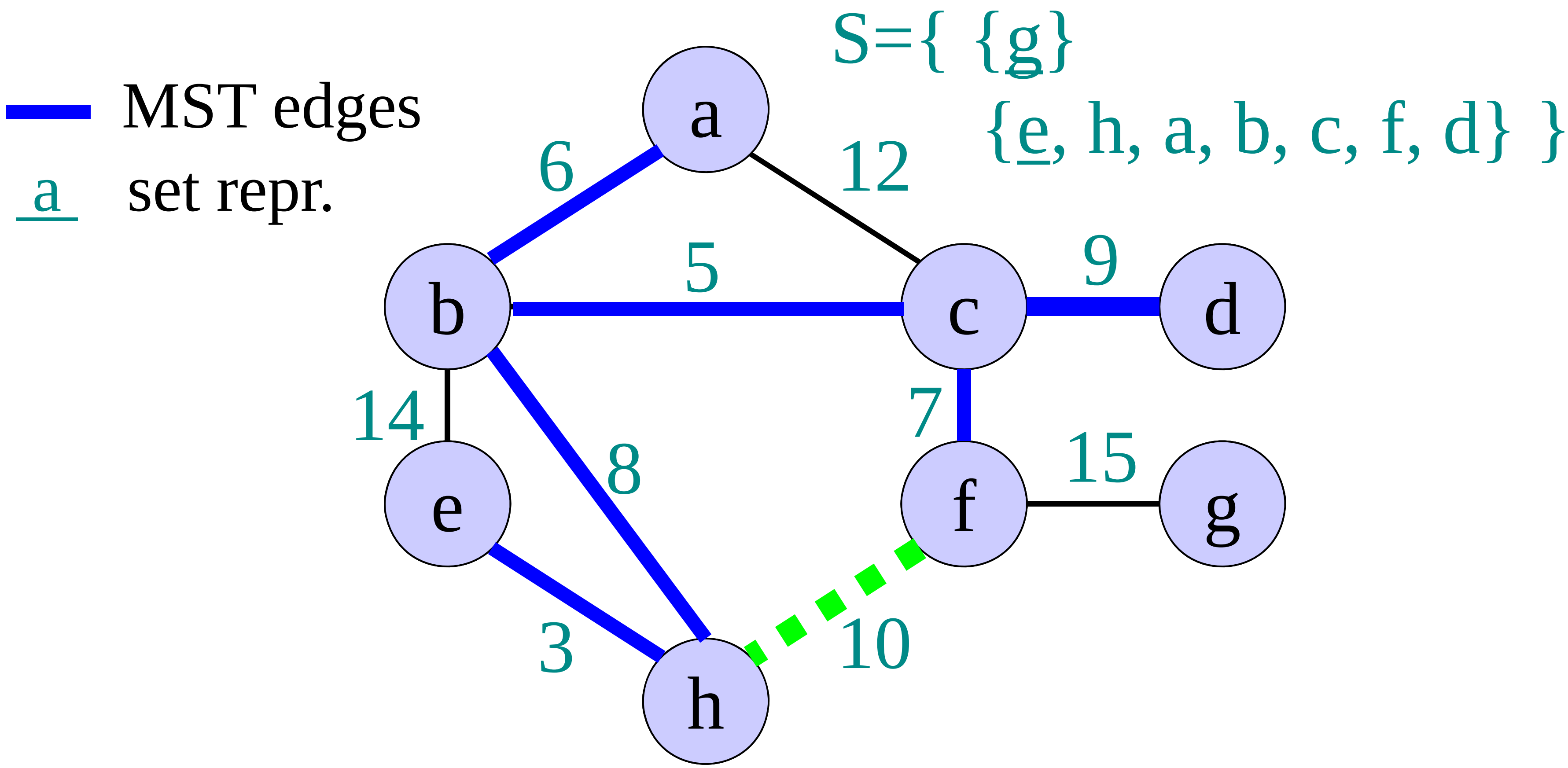

Skip edge 10 as it would cause a cycle.

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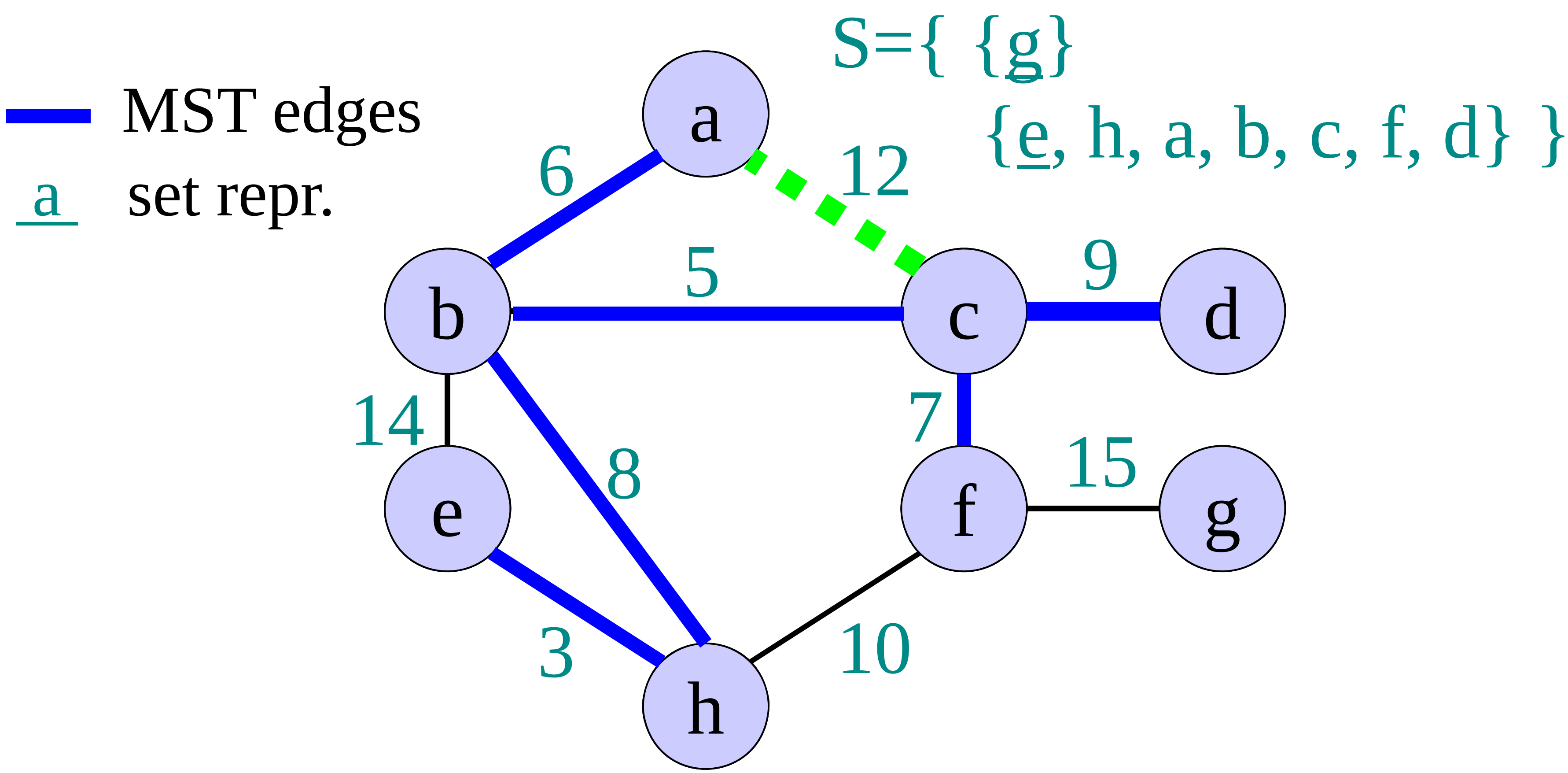

Skip edge 12 as it would cause a cycle.

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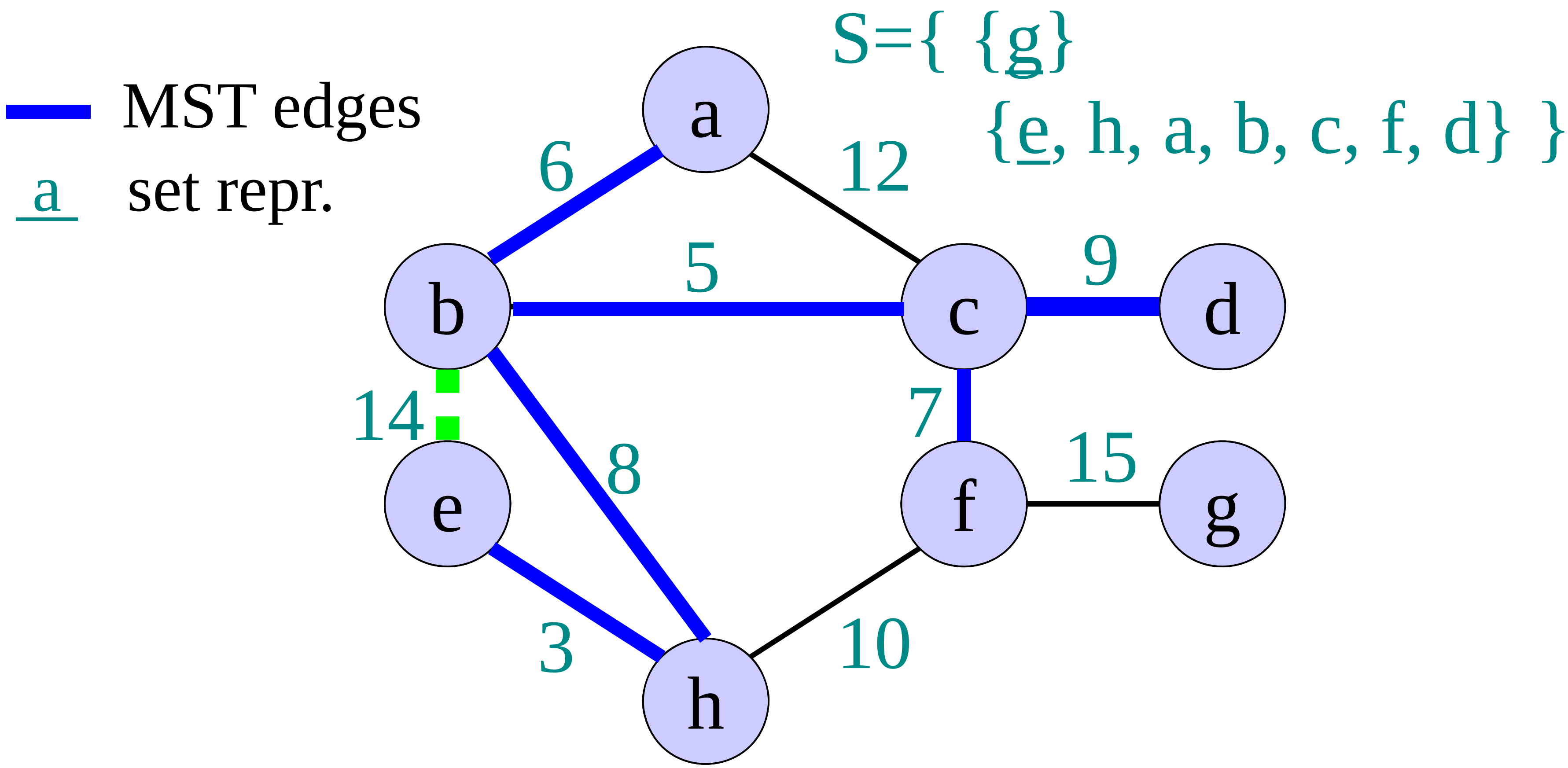

Skip edge 14 as it would cause a cycle.

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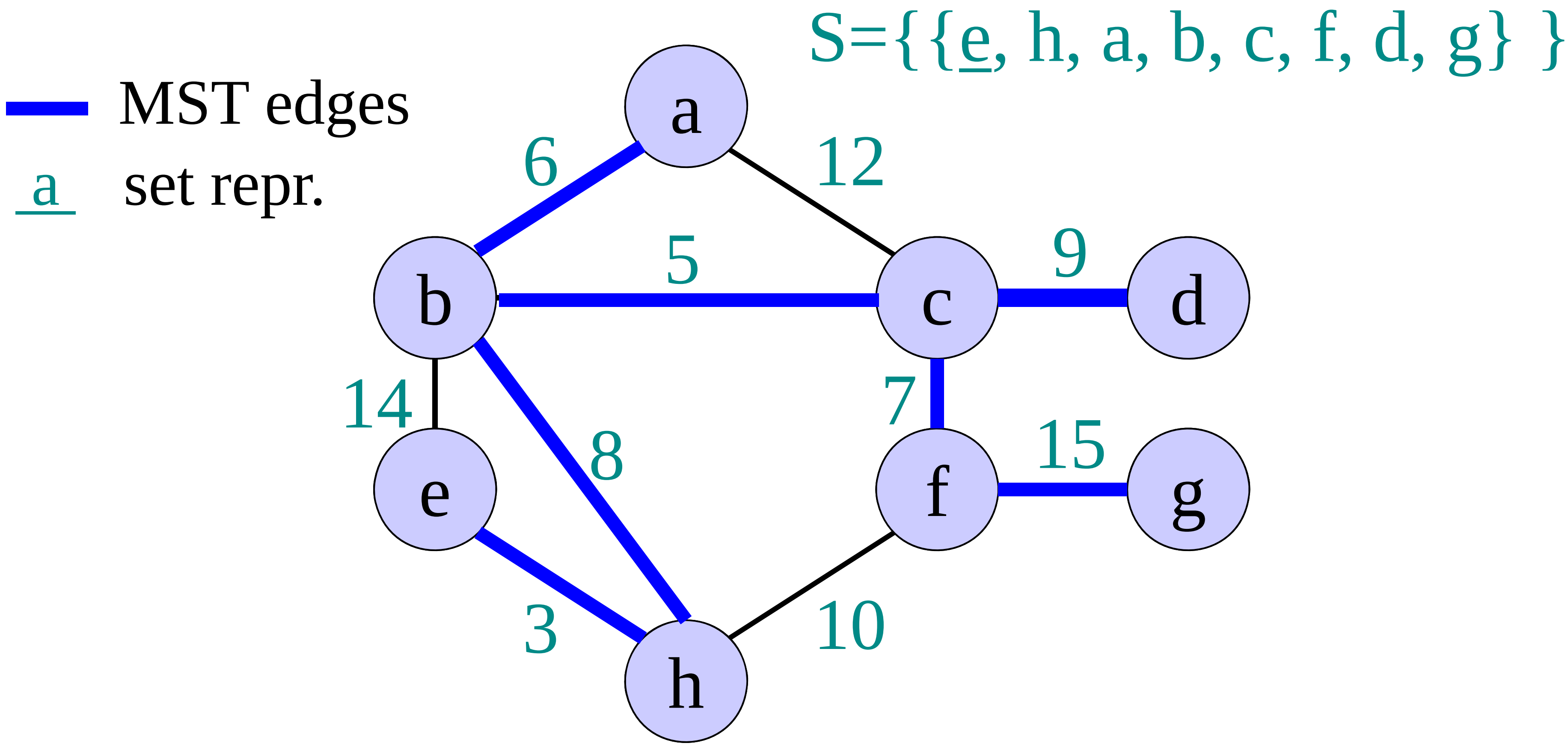

Disjoint-set data structure (Union-Find)

- Maintains a dynamic collection of *pairwise-disjoint* sets $\mathcal{S} = \{S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_r\}$.
- Each set S_i has one element distinguished as the **representative** element.
- Supports operations:

$O(1)$ • MAKE-SET(x): adds new set $\{x\}$ to $\mathcal{S}$

$O(\alpha(n))$ • UNION(x, y): replaces sets S_x, S_y with $S_x \cup S_y$

$O(\alpha(n))$ • FIND-SET(x): returns the representative of the set S_x containing element x

- $1 < \alpha(n) < \log^*(n) < \log(\log(n)) < \log(n)$

Union-Find Example

The representative is underlined

$S = \{\}$

MAKE-SET(2) $S = \{\{\underline{2}\}\}$

MAKE-SET(3) $S = \{\{\underline{2}\}, \{\underline{3}\}\}$

MAKE-SET(4) $S = \{\{\underline{2}\}, \{\underline{3}\}, \{\underline{4}\}\}$

FIND-SET(4) = 4

UNION(2, 4) $S = \{\{\underline{2}, 4\}, \{\underline{3}\}\}$

FIND-SET(4) = 2

MAKE-SET(5) $S = \{\{\underline{2}, 4\}, \{\underline{3}\}, \{\underline{5}\}\}$

UNION(4, 5) $S = \{\{\underline{2}, 4, 5\}, \{\underline{3}\}\}$

Kruskal's algorithm

IDEA: Repeatedly pick edge with smallest weight as long as it does not form a cycle.

	$S \leftarrow \emptyset$ ⊳ S will contain all MST edges
$O(\|V\|)$	**for** each $v \in V$ **do** MAKE-SET(v)
$O(\|E\|\log\|E\|)$	Sort edges of E in non-decreasing order according to w
$O(\|E\|)$	**For** each $(u,v) \in E$ taken in this order **do**
$O(\alpha(\|V\|))$	**if** FIND-SET(u) $\neq$ FIND-SET(v) ⊳ u,v in different trees $S \leftarrow S \cup \{(u,v)\}$ UNION(u,v) ⊳ Edge (u,v) connects the two trees

Runtime: $O(|V|+|E|\log|E|+|E|\alpha(|V|)) = O(|E| \log |E|)$

MST algorithms

- Prim's algorithm:
  - Maintains one tree
  - Runs in time $O(|E| \log |V|)$, with binary heaps.
- Kruskal's algorithm:
  - Maintains a forest and uses the disjoint-set data structure
  - Runs in time $O(|E| \log |E|)$
- Best to date: Randomized algorithm by Karger, Klein, Tarjan [1993]. Runs in expected time $O(|V| + |E|)$