## CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II

Minimum Spanning Trees

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Graph G

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Spanning Tree T: cost $=4+6+8+5+11+9+7=50$

## MST of random graph



## Simplifying assumptions

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- Edge weights are distinct.
- Graph is connected.
- Consequence. MST exists and is unique.



## MST Algorithms

- Greedy Algorithms: Prim’s and Kruskal's.
- Both Prim's and Kruskal's Algorithms work with undirected graphs
- Both work with weighted and unweighted graphs but are more interesting when edges are weighted
- Both are greedy algorithms that produce optimal solutions


## Kruskal's algorithm

- Minimum-spanning-tree algorithm
- Consider edges in ascending order of weight.
- Add next edge to tree $T$ unless doing so would create a cycle.
- If the graph is not connected, then it finds a minimum spanning forest


## Kruskal's algorithm Demo

Consider an undirected, weight graph


## Kruskal's algorithm Demo



Add Edge (E,1,D)

## Kruskal's algorithm Demo



Add Edge (H,2,G)

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Add Edge (E,3,B)

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Add Edge (F,4,B)

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Add Edge (G,4,E)

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Add Edge (F,5,C)

## Kruskal's algorithm Demo



Add Edge (B,8,A)

## Kruskal's algorithm Demo



Cost: $5+8+4+2+3+1+4.5=27.5$

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## Prim's algorithm

- Builds the tree one vertex at a time
- Starts from an arbitrary starting vertex
- Each step adds the cheapest possible connection from the tree to another vertex.


## Prim's algorithm Demo

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Consider an undirected, weight graph


Cost: $6+5+3+3.5+2+4+1=24.5$

## Prim's Algorithm Demo



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