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Minimum Spanning Trees

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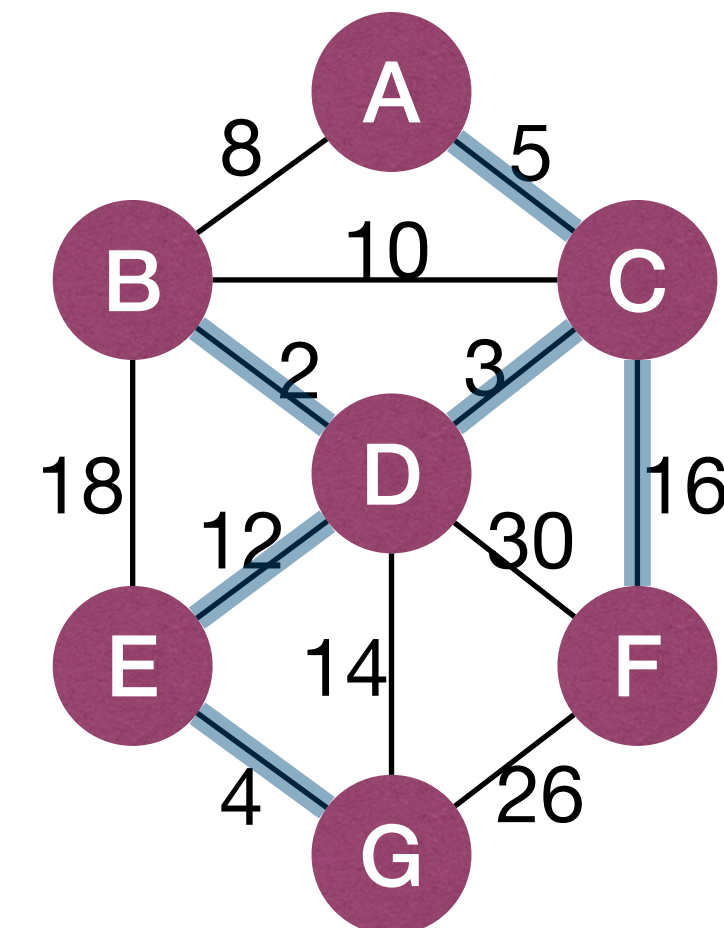
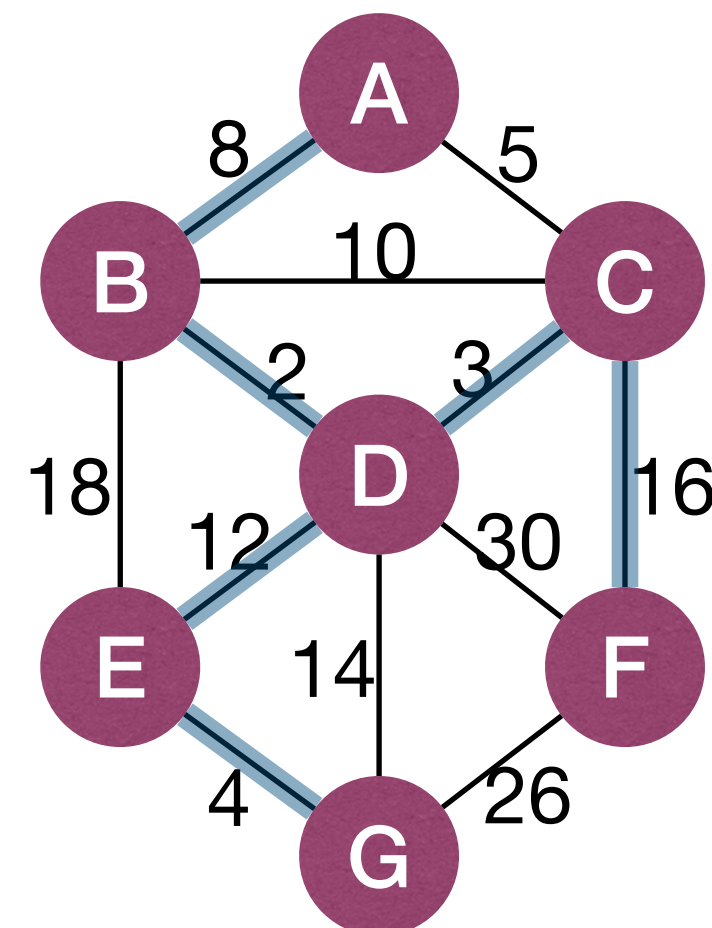
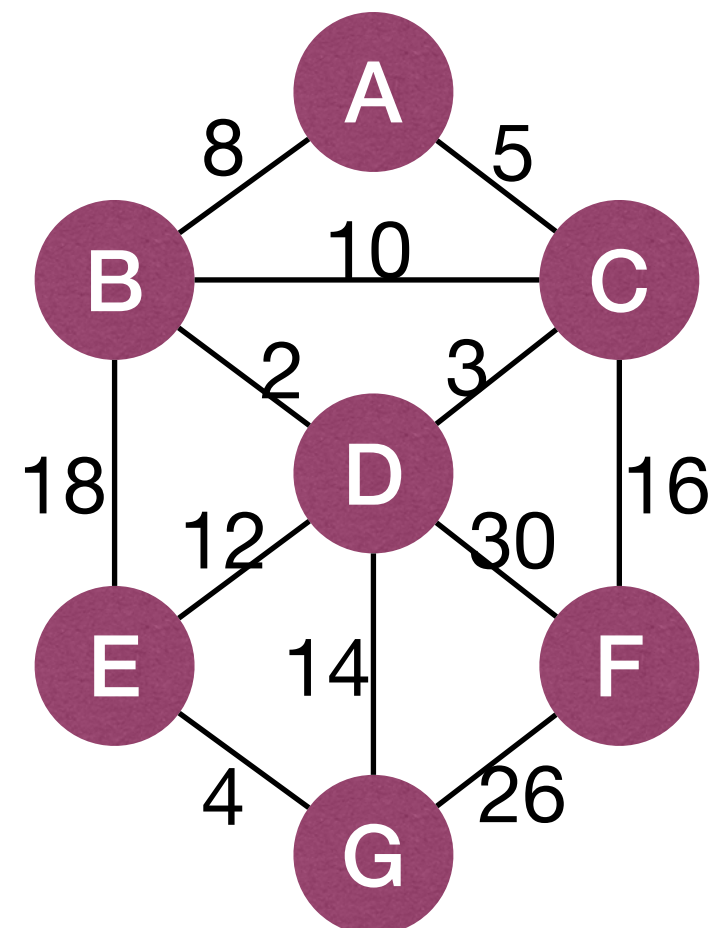
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Minimum Spanning Trees (MST)

- Consider a connected, undirected, weighted graph G .
- That is, we have a graph $G = (V, E)$ together with a weight function $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that assigns a real weight $w(u, v)$ to each edge $(u, v) \in E$.
- A spanning tree is a tree containing **all** nodes in V and a subset T of all the edges E .
- A minimum spanning tree (MST) is a spanning tree whose total weight $w(T) = \sum_{(u,v) \in T} w(u, v)$ is minimized.





Application of MST

- Network Design:
 - E.g., build a minimum cost network connecting all nodes.
 - Transportation networks.
 - Water supply networks.
 - Telecommunication networks.
 - Computer networks.
- Many other applications...
 - E.g., important subroutine in more advanced algorithms.
 - One such application is used in a classical approximation algorithm for solving TSP.



Computing MST

- Consider the following generic method:
 - ▶ Starting with all nodes and an empty set of edges A .
 - ▶ Find some edge to add to A , maintaining the loop invariant that “ A is a subset of some MST”. (At anytime, A is the edge set of a **spanning forest**.)
 - ▶ Repeat above step until we have a spanning tree. (The resulting spanning tree must be a **MST**.)
- These edges are called “**safe edges**”, how to identify them?
- Easy to determine, e.g., $|A| = n - 1$

GenericMST(G,w):

$A := \emptyset$

while A is *not* a spanning tree

$(u,v) := \text{find_a_edge_maintaining_the_loop_invariant}()$

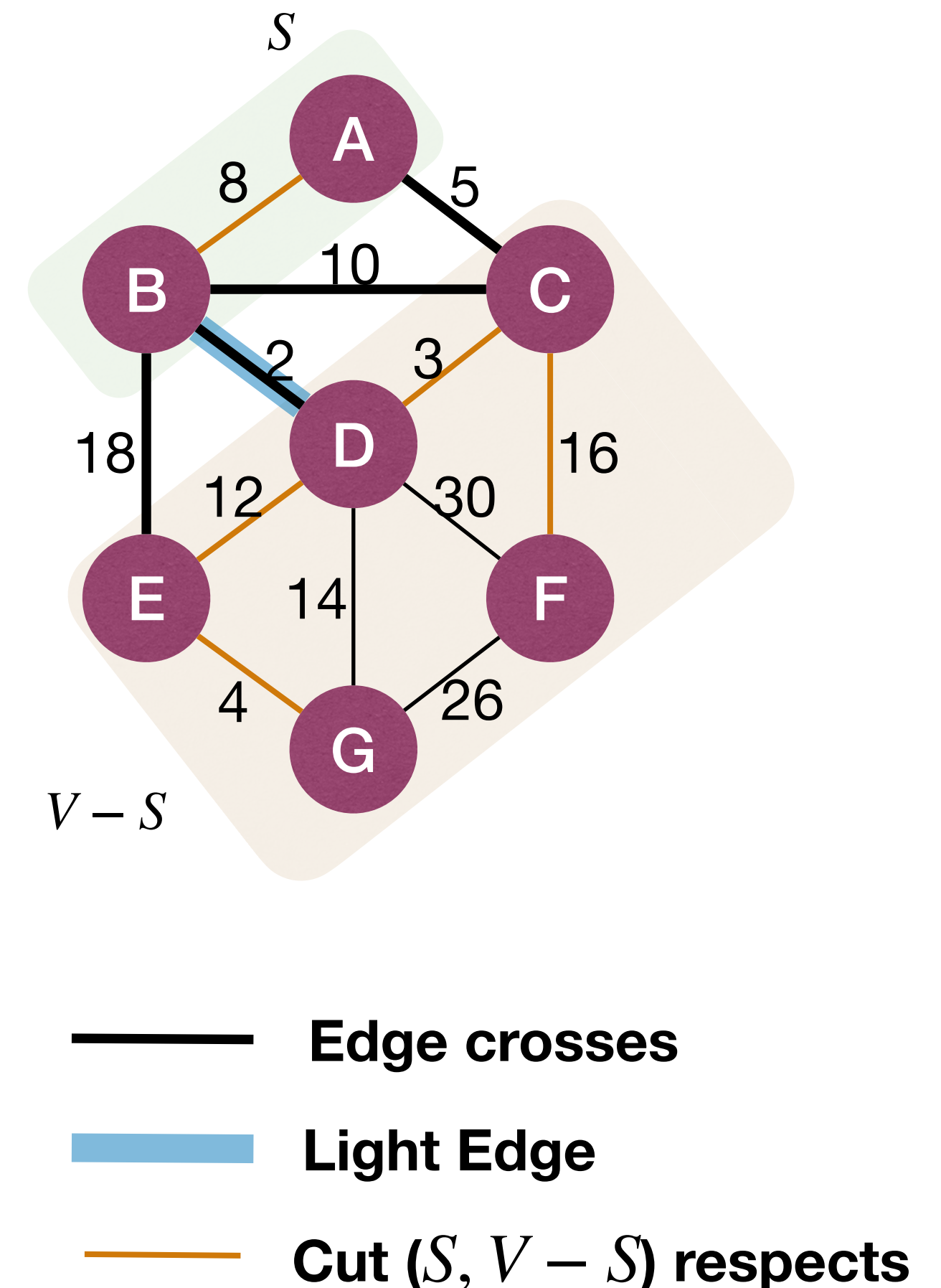
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return A



Identifying Safe Edges

- A **cut** $(S, V - S)$ of $G = (V, E)$ is a partition of V into two parts.
- An edge **crosses** the cut $(S, V - S)$ if one of its endpoints is in S and the other endpoint is in $V - S$.
- A cut **respects** an edge set A if no edge in A crosses the cut.
- An edge is a **light edge** crossing a cut if the edge has minimum weight among all edges crossing the cut.

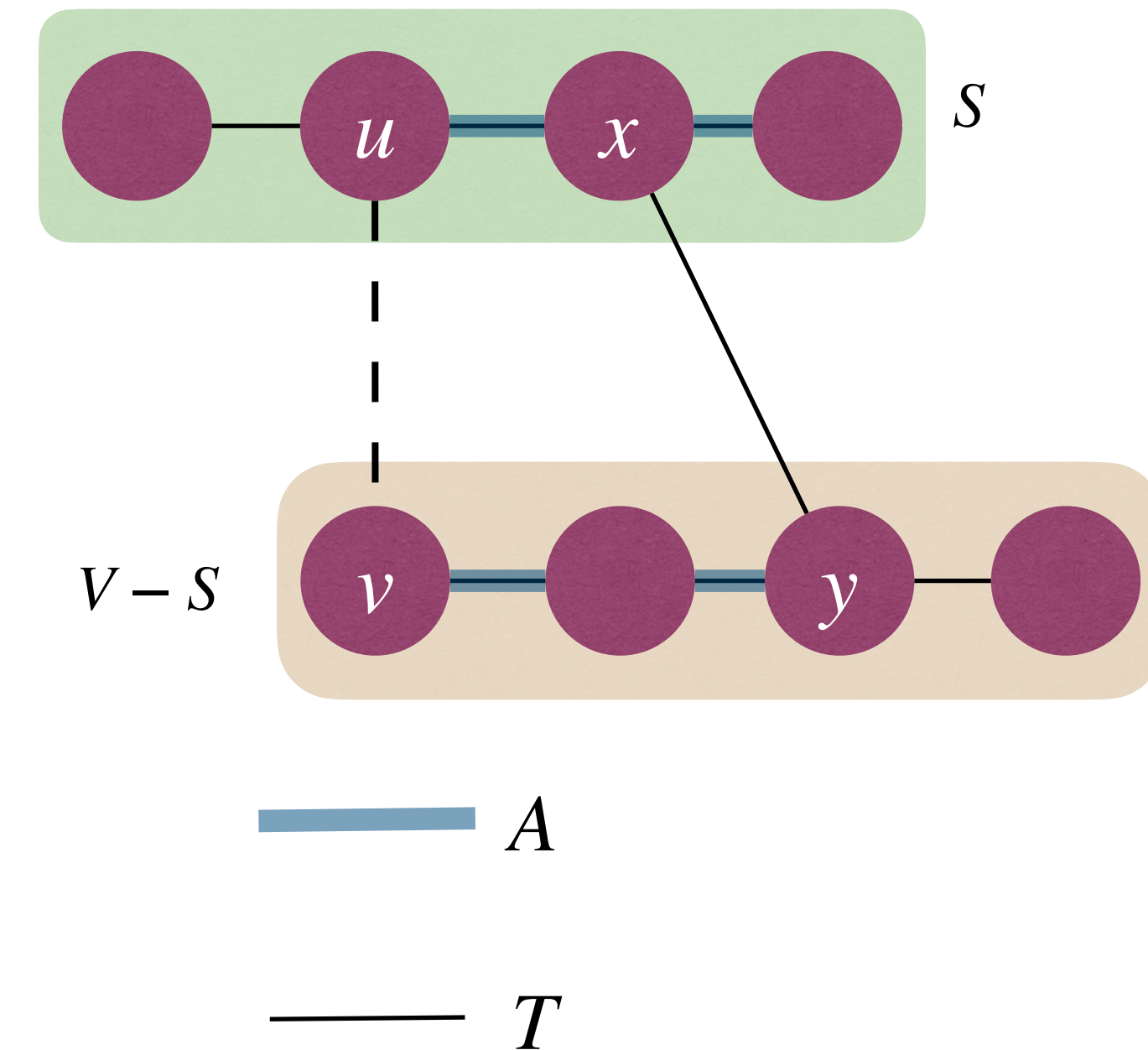




Identifying Safe Edges

Theorem [Cut Property] Assume A is included in the edge set of some MST, let $(S, V - S)$ be any cut respecting A . If (u, v) is a light edge crossing the cut, then (u, v) is safe for A .

- Proof:
 - ▶ Let T be an MST containing A , assume T does not include (u, v) .
 - ▶ Connecting (u, v) forms a cycle in T , and in that cycle some edge other than (u, v) crosses the cut. Let $(x, y) \in T$ be that edge.
 - ▶ $T' = T - (x, y) + (u, v)$ must be a spanning tree.
 - ▶ Since (u, v) is a light edge crossing the cut, T' must be an MST, and (u, v) is safe for A in T' .





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Corollary Assume A is included in some MST, let $G_A = (V, A)$. Then for any connected component in G_A , its **minimum-weight-outgoing-edge** (MWOE) in G is safe for A .

In G_A , an edge in a CC is “outgoing” if it connects to another CC



Kruskal's Algorithm

- Cut property: Assume A is included in some MST, let $G_A = (V, A)$. Then for any connected component in G_A , its **MWOE** in G is safe for A .
- Strategy for finding safe edge in Kruskal's algorithm: **Find minimum weight edge connecting two CC in G_A .**



Joseph Kruskal

KruskalMST(G, w):

$A := \emptyset$

Sort edges into weight increasing order

for each *edge (u, v) taken in weight increasing order*

if *adding edge (u, v) does not form cycle in A*

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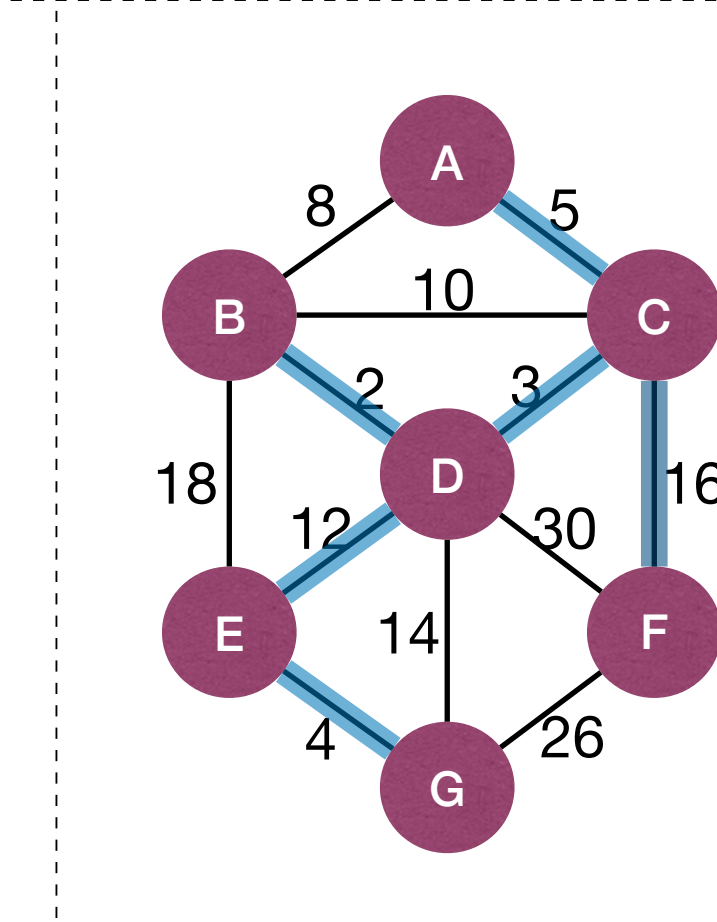
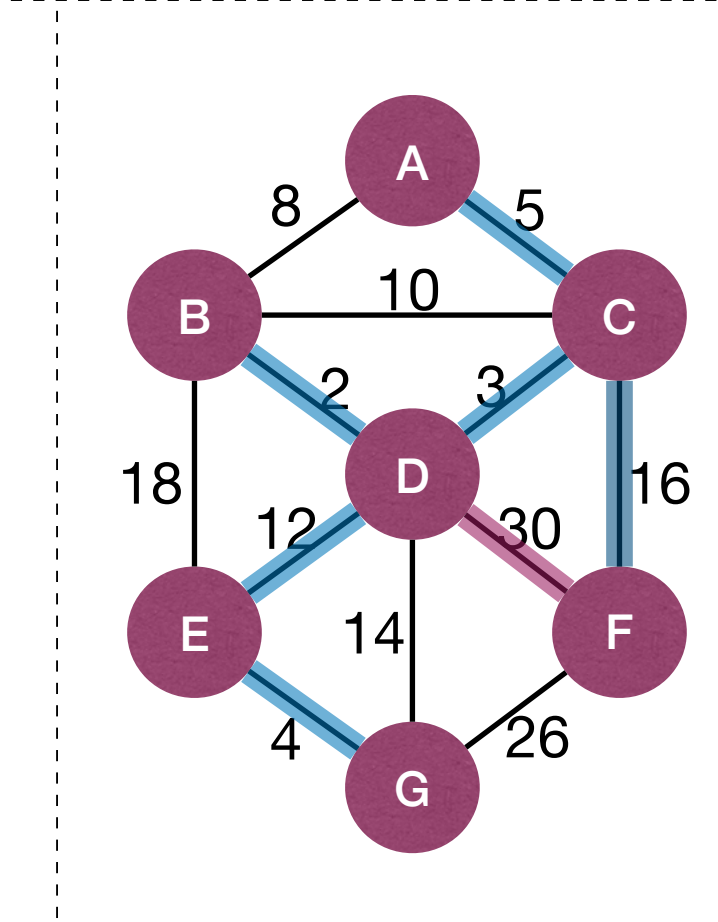
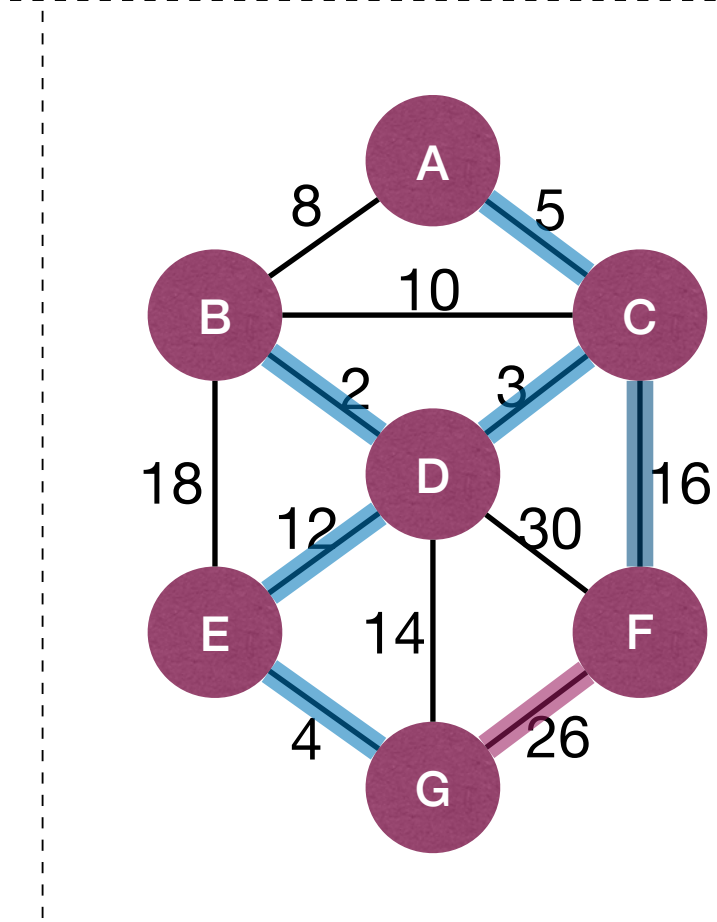
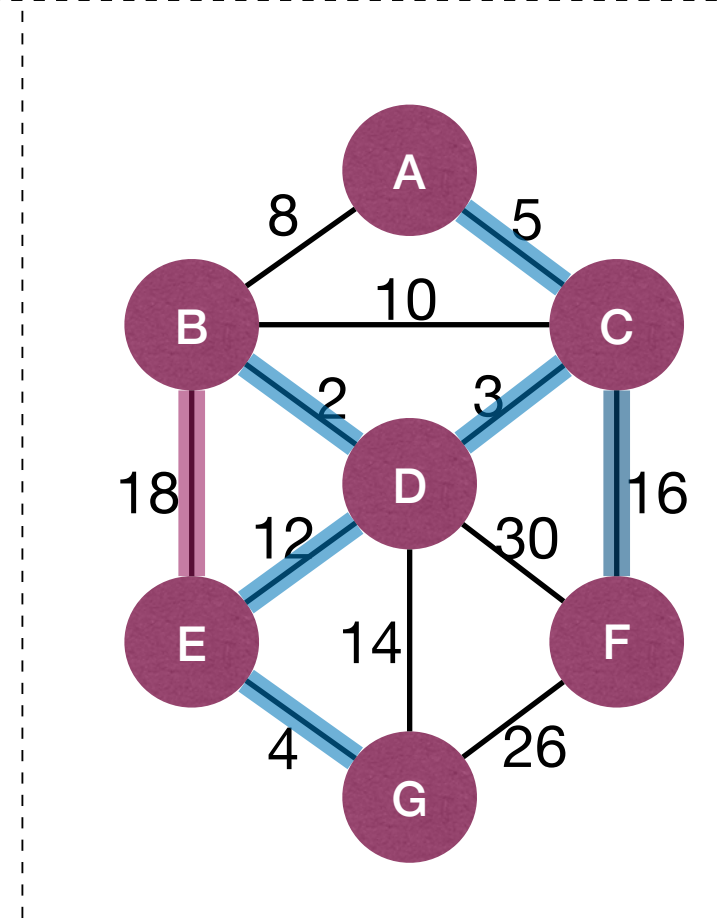
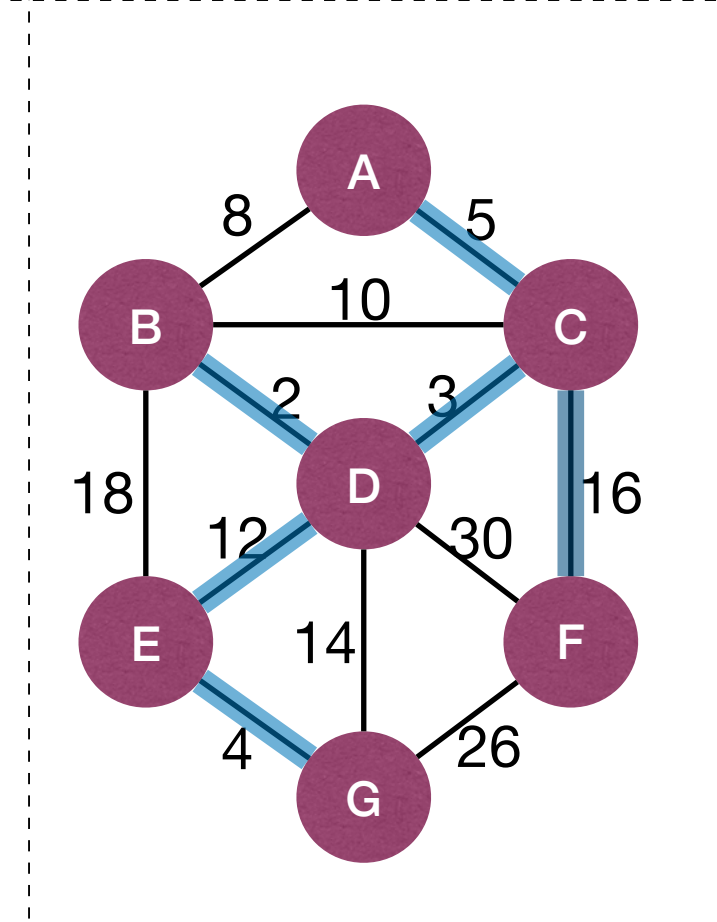
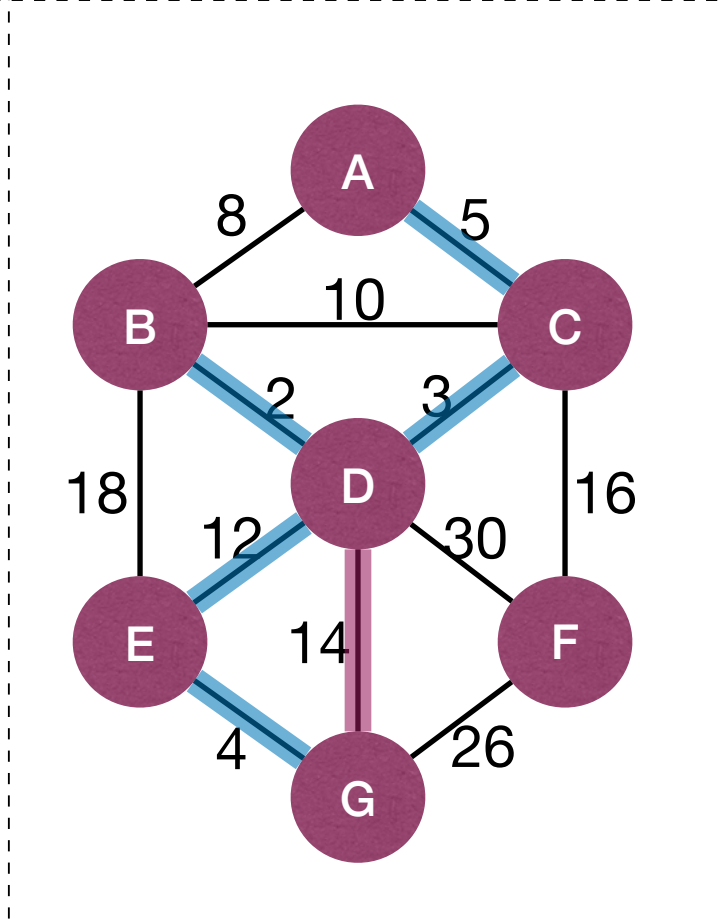
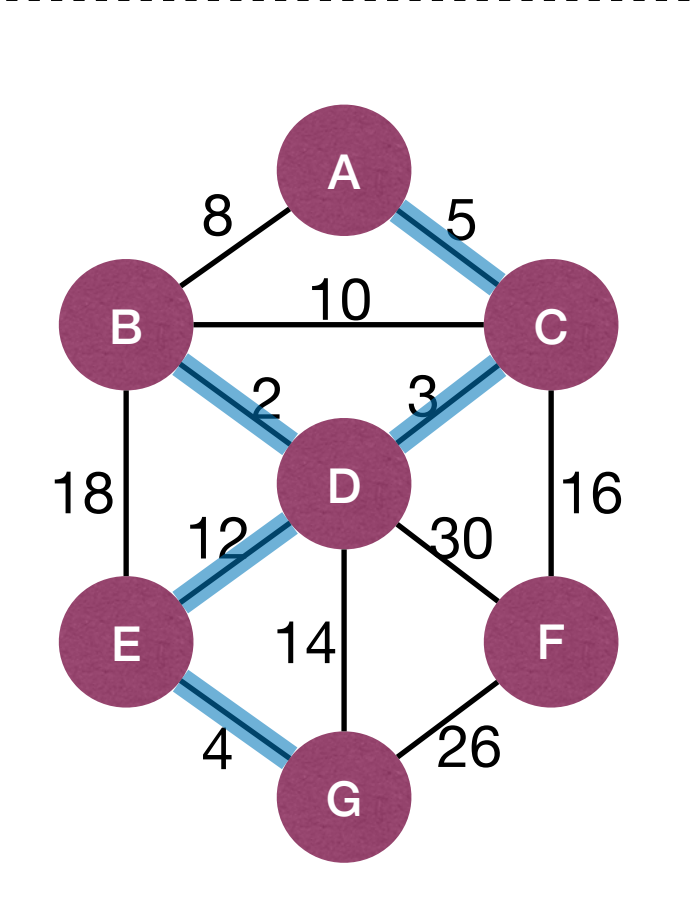
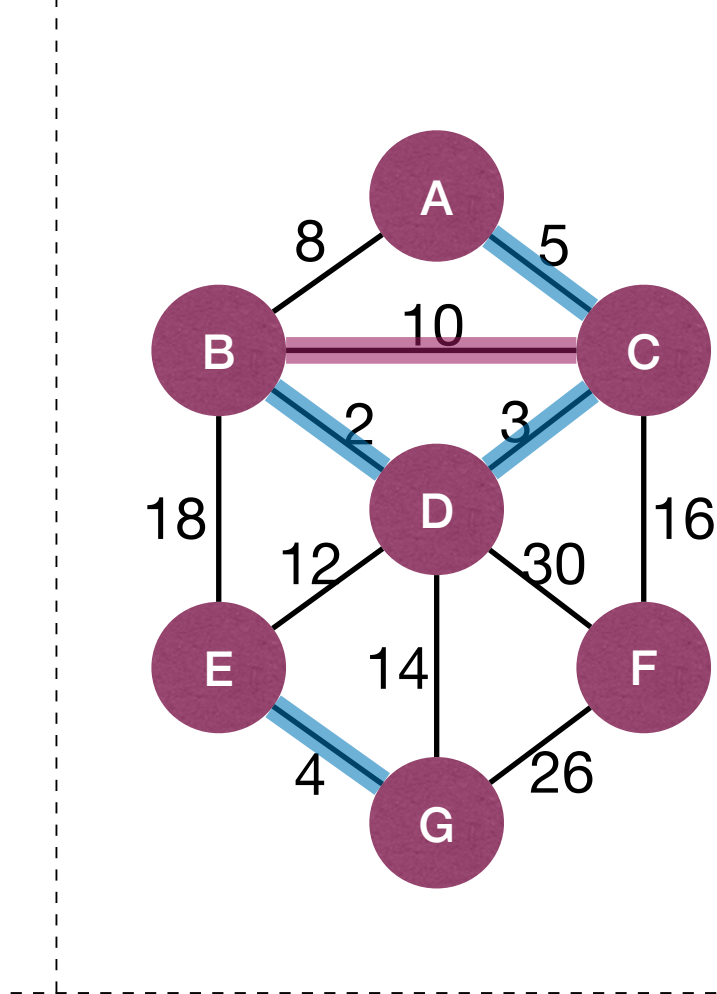
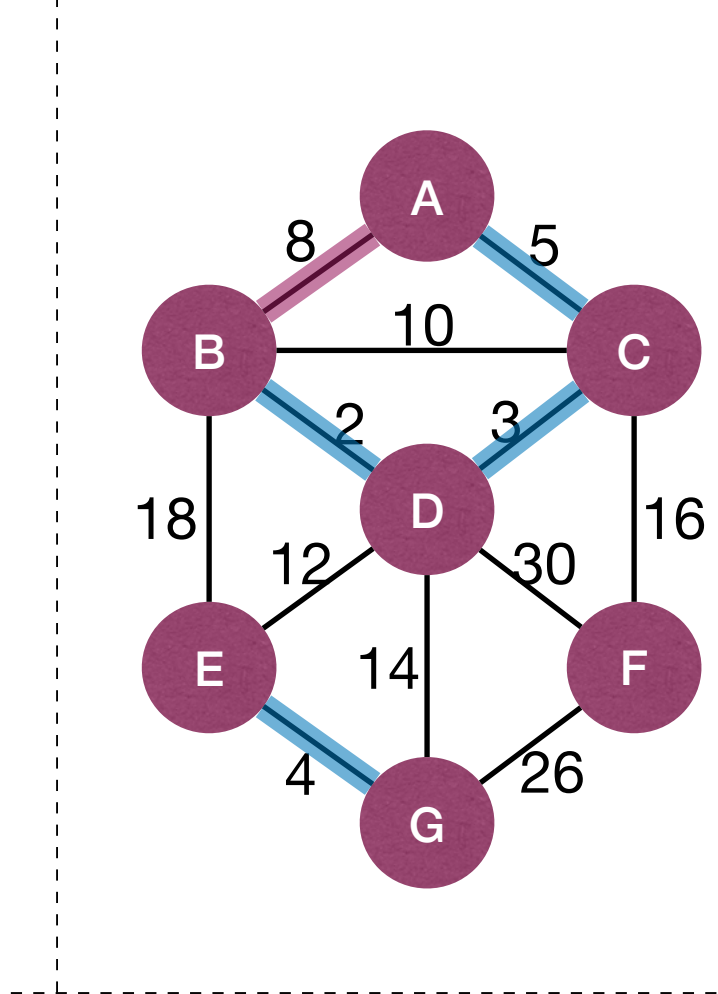
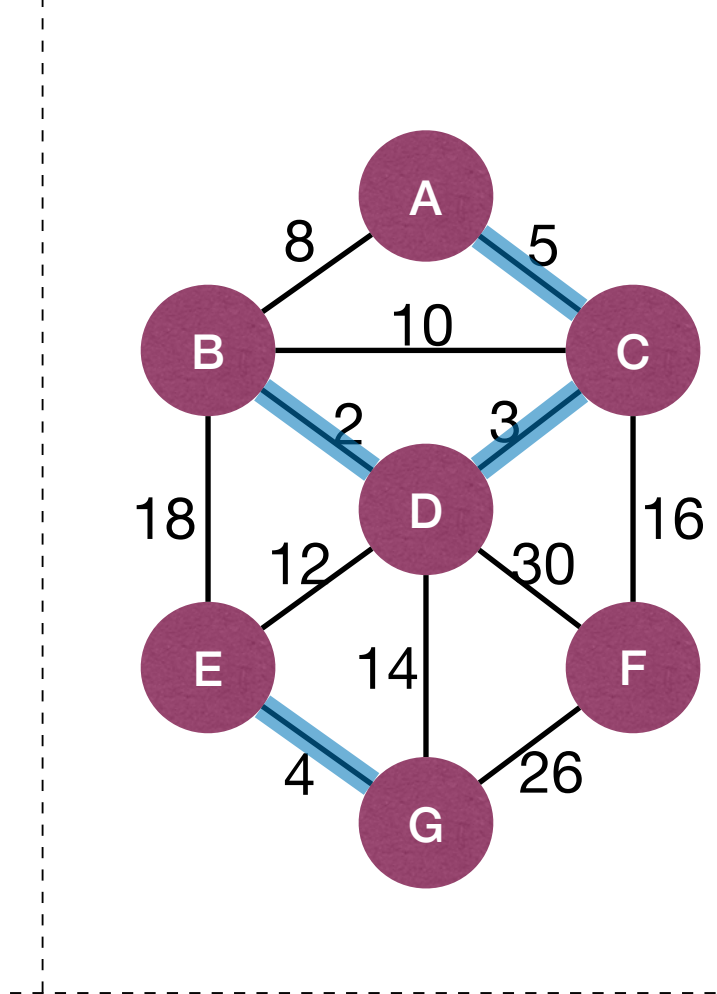
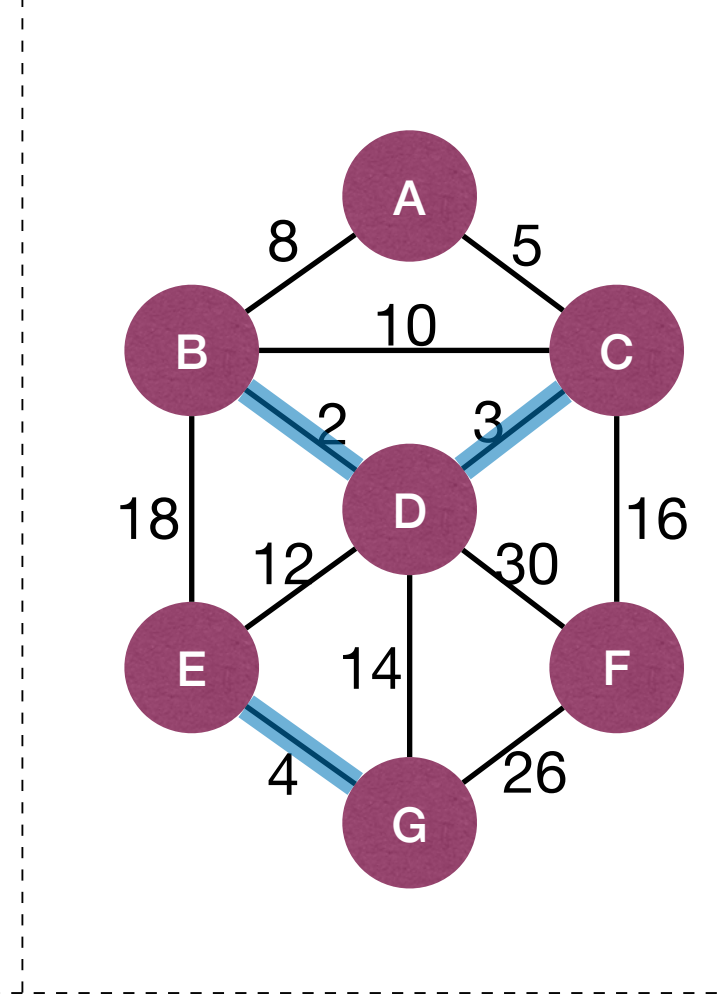
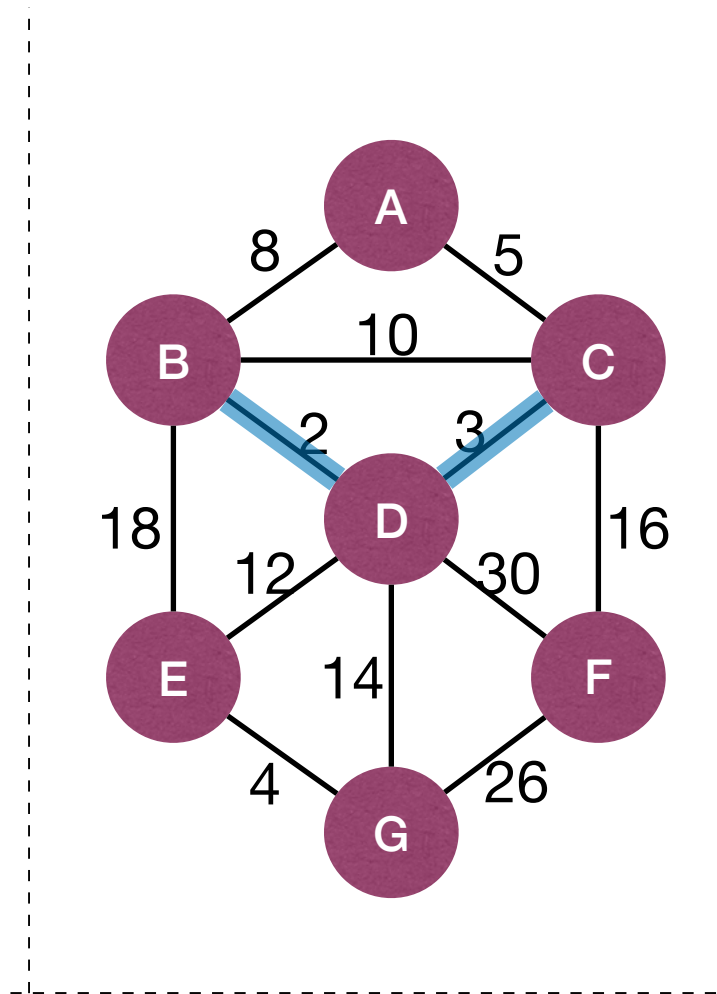
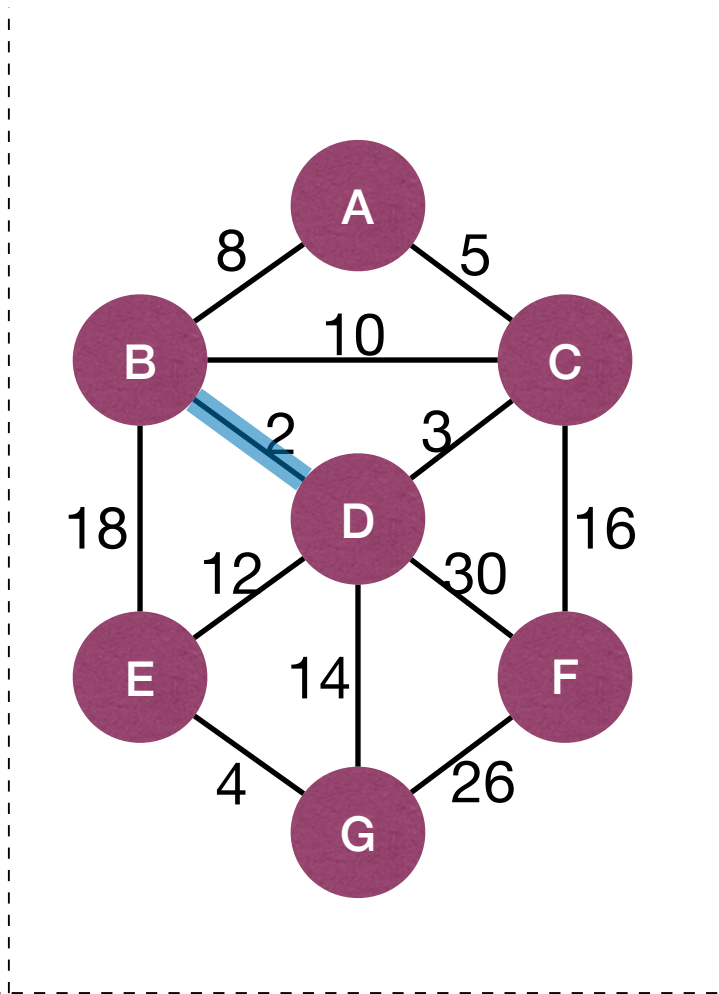
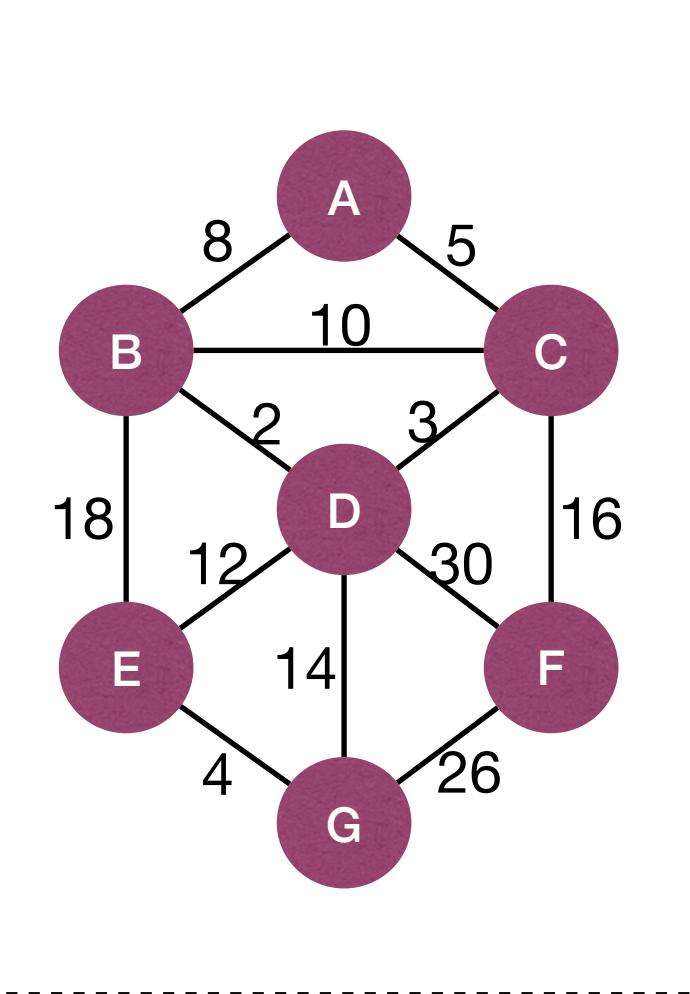
- **Put another way:**

- ▶ Start with n CC (each node itself is a CC) and $A = \emptyset$.
- ▶ Find minimum weight edge connecting two CC. (# of CC reduced by 1.)
- ▶ Repeat until one CC remains.



Kruskal's Algorithm

- Edgen weights in increasing order: 2 3 4 5 8 10 12 14 16 18 26 30





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- How to determine an edge forms a cycle?
 - Put another way, how to determine if the edge is connecting two CC?

Use disjoint-set data structure!

Each set is a CC, u and v in same CC if:

$\text{Find}(u) = \text{Find}(v)$.



Kruskal's Algorithm

KruskalMST(G,w):

$A := \emptyset$

Sort edges into weight increasing order

$O(m \log m) = O(m \log n)$

for each node u in V

MakeSet(u)

$O(n)$

for each edge (u,v) taken in weight increasing order

if Find(u) \neq Find(v)

$A := A \cup \{(u, v)\}$

Union(u, v)

$O(m \log^* n)$

return A

$m \leq n^2$

- Runtime of Kruskal's algorithm?
 - $O(m \log n)$ when using disjoint-set data structure



Prim's Algorithm

- Strategy for finding safe edge in Prim's algorithm: **Keep finding MWOE in one fixed CC in G_A .**

PrimMST(G, w):

$A := \emptyset$

$C_x := \{x\}$

while C_x is *not* a spanning tree

 Find MWOE (u, v) of C_x

$A := A \cup \{(u, v)\}$

$C_x := C_x \cup \{v\}$

return A



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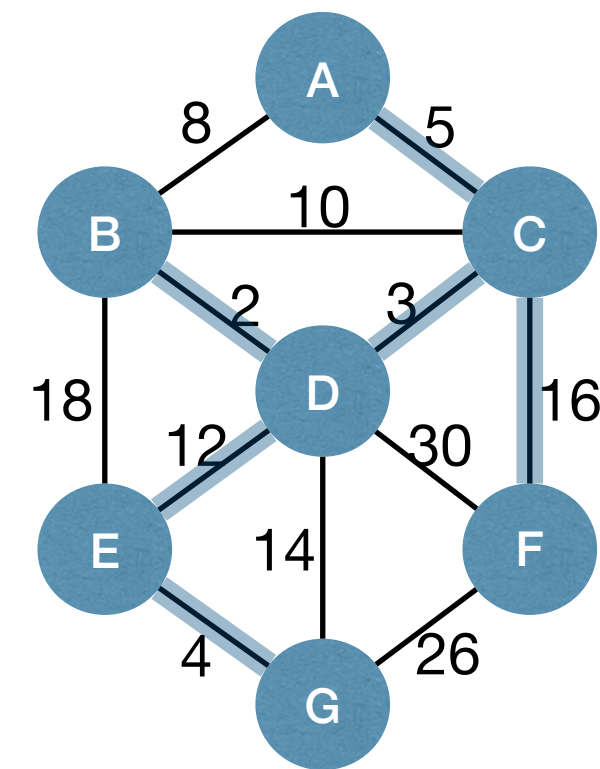
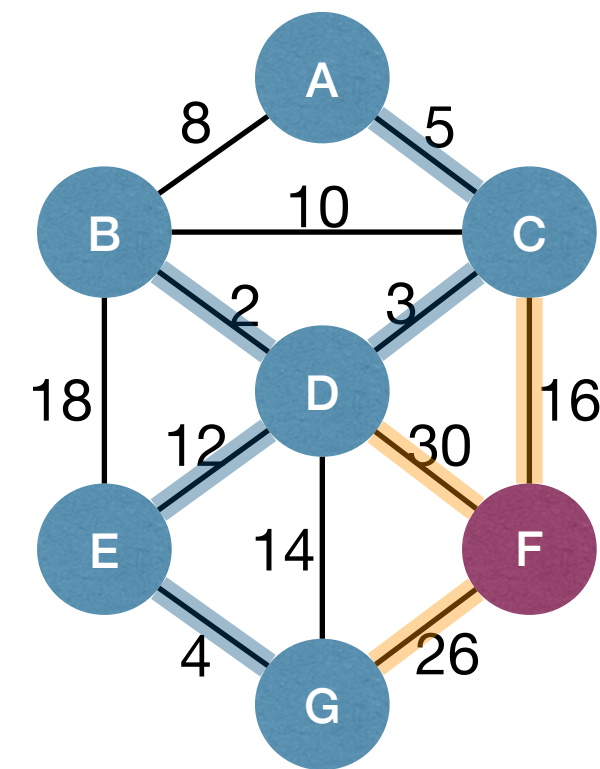
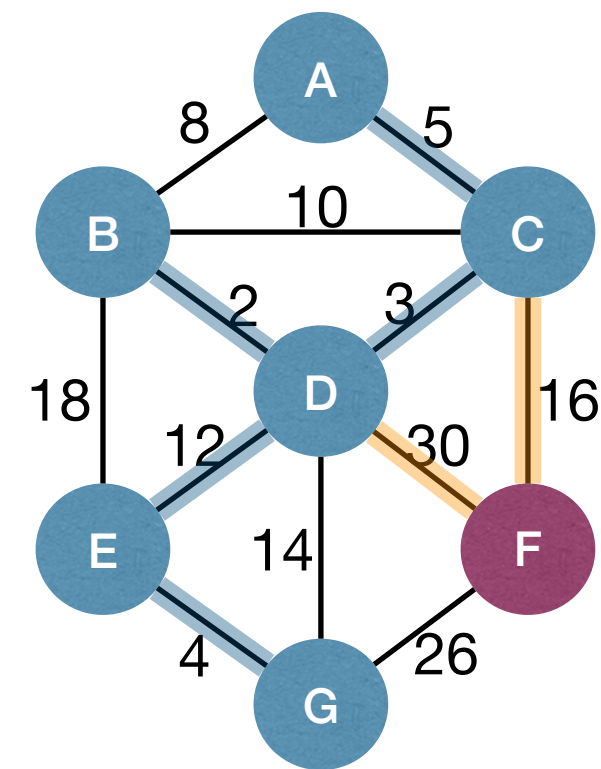
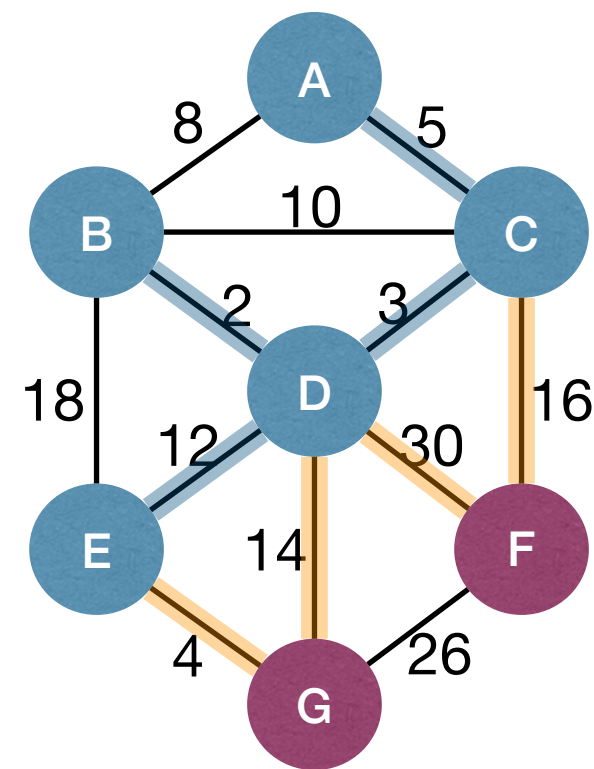
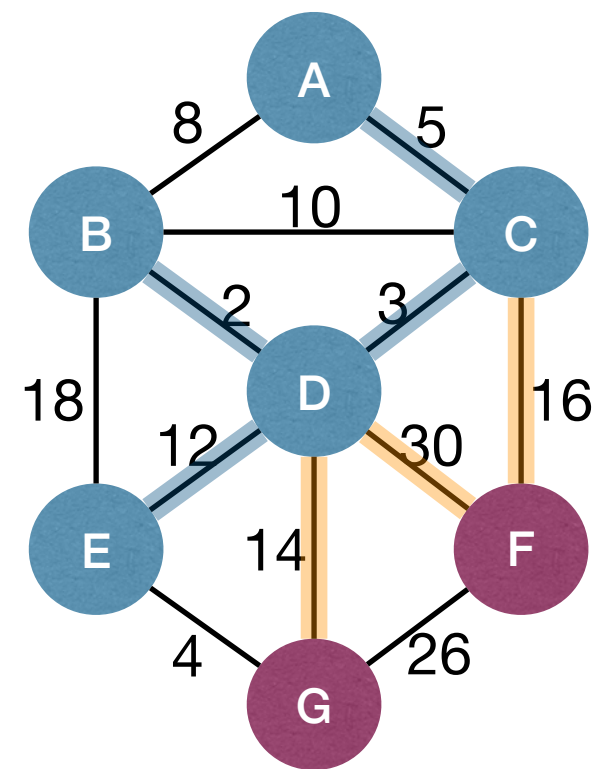
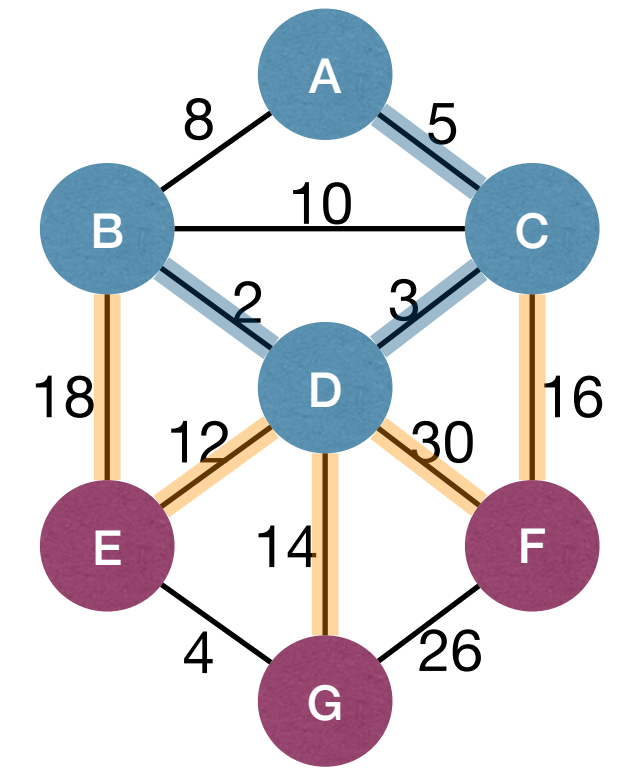
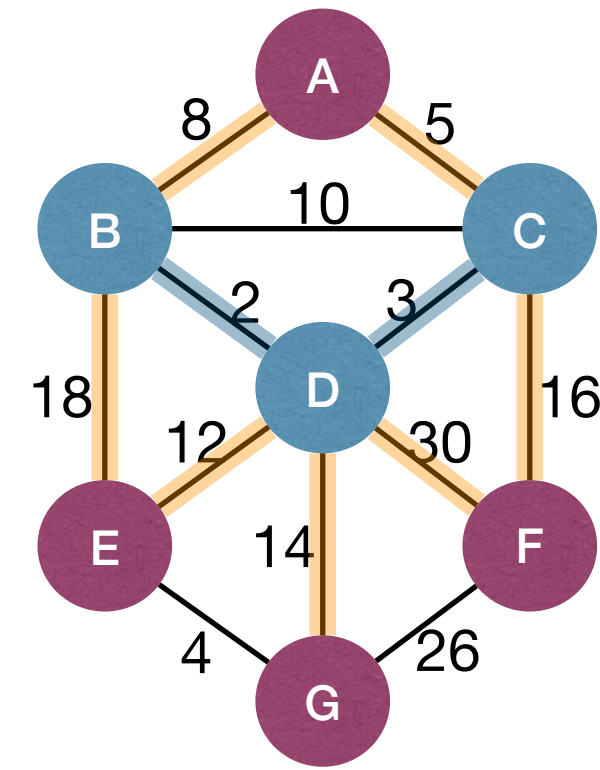
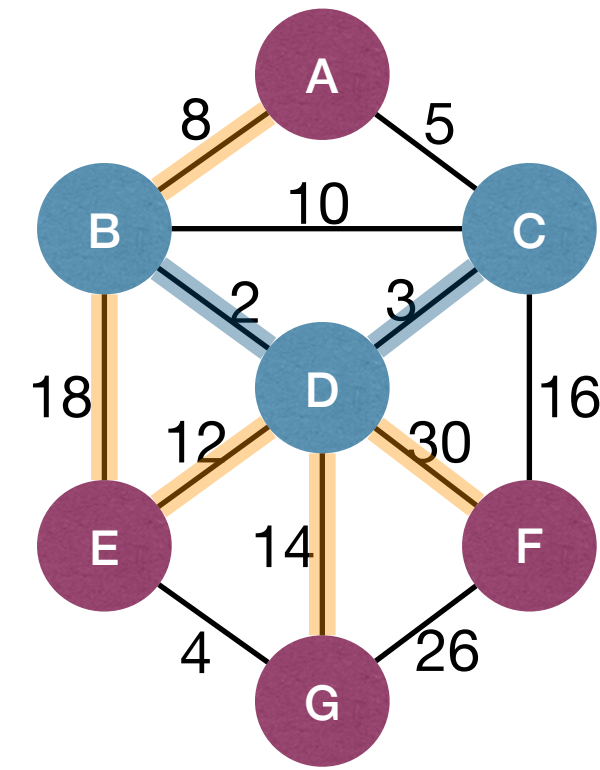
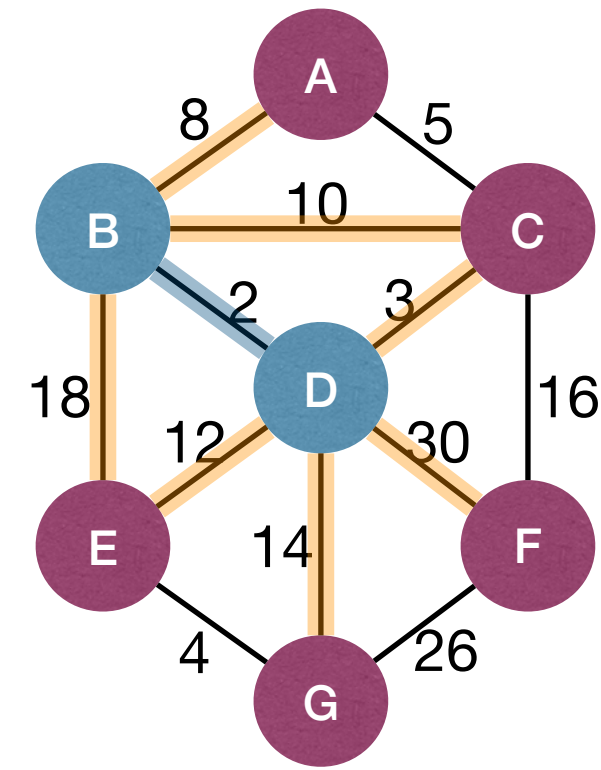
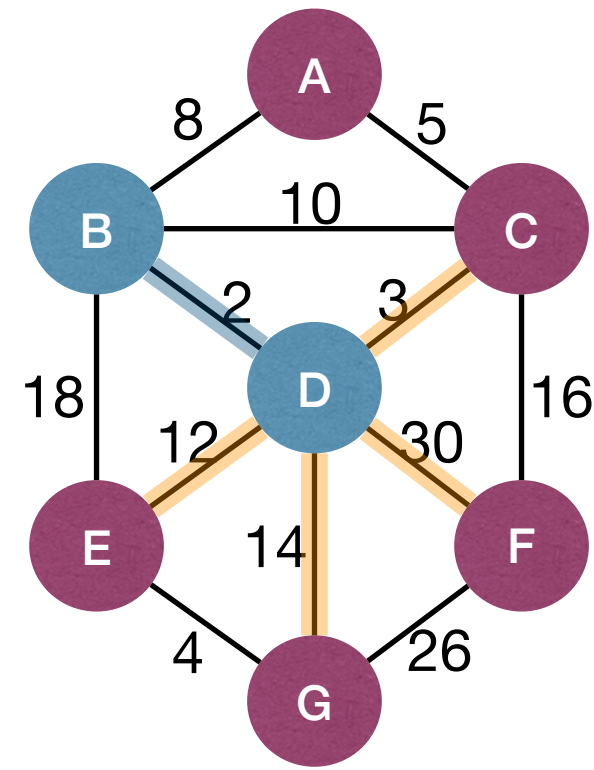
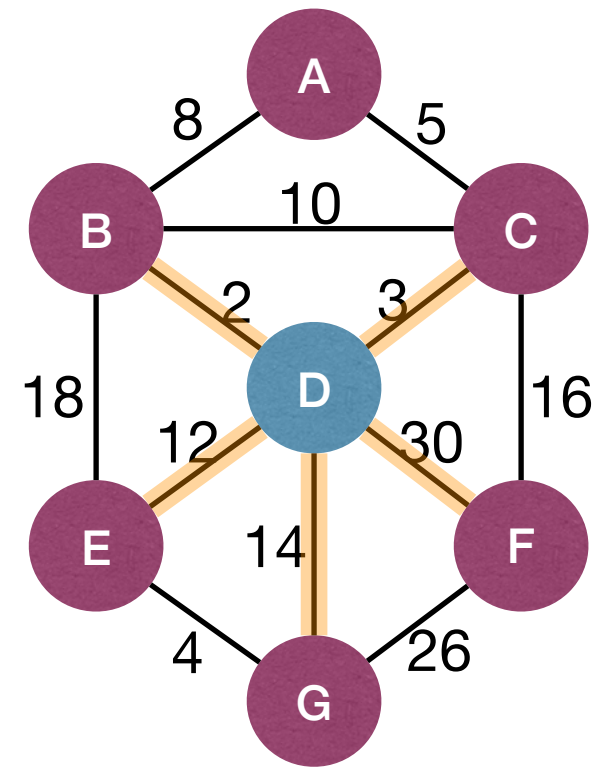


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- **Put another way:**
 - Start with n CC (each node itself is a CC) and $A = \emptyset$. Pick a node x .
 - Find MWOE of the component containing x (# of CC reduced by 1.)
 - Repeat until one CC remains.



Prim's Algorithm





Prim's Algorithm

PrimMST(G,w):

$A := \emptyset$

$C_x := \{x\}$

while C_x is *not* a spanning tree

Find MWOE (u, v) of C_x

$A := A \cup \{(u, v)\}$

$C_x := C_x \cup \{v\}$

return A

- How to find *MWOE* efficiently?
- **Put another way:** how to find the next node that is closest to C_x ?
 - Use a priority queue to maintain each remaining node's distance to C_x .



Prim's Algorithm

PrimMST(G,w): $O(m \lg n)$ using binary heap to implement priority queue

$x :=$ Pick an arbitrary node in G

for each node u in V

$u.dist := INF, u.parent := NIL, u.in := False$

$O(n)$

$x.dist := 0$

PriorityQueue $Q :=$ Build a priority queue based on “dist” values

$O(n)$

while Q is not empty

$u := Q.ExtractMin()$

$u.in := True$

$O(n \lg n)$

for each edge (u,v) in E

if $v.in = False$ **and** $w(u,v) < v.dist$

$v.parent := u, v.dist := w(u,v)$

$Q.Update(v, w(u,v))$

$O(m \lg n)$

Could be faster using better priority queue implementation (By using fibonacci heaps instead)



DFS, BFS, Prim, and others...

DFSIterSkeleton(G, s):

```
Stack Q
Q.push(s)
while !Q.empty()
    u := Q.pop()
    if !u.visited
        u.visited := True
        for each edge (u, v) in E
            Q.push(v)
```

BFSSkeletonAlt(G, s):

```
FIFOQueue Q
Q.enqueue(s)
while !Q.empty()
    u := Q.dequeue()
    if !u.visited
        u.visited := True
        for each edge (u, v) in E
            Q.enqueue(v)
```

PrimMSTSkeleton(G, x):

```
PriorityQueue Q
Q.add(x)
while !Q.empty()
    u := Q.remove()
    if !u.visited
        u.visited := True
        for each edge (u, v) in E
            if !v.visited and ...
                Q.update(v, ...)
```

GraphExploreSkeleton(G, s):

```
GenericQueue Q
Q.add(s)
while !Q.empty()
    u := Q.remove()
    if !u.visited
        u.visited := True
        for each edge (u, v) in E
            Q.add(v)
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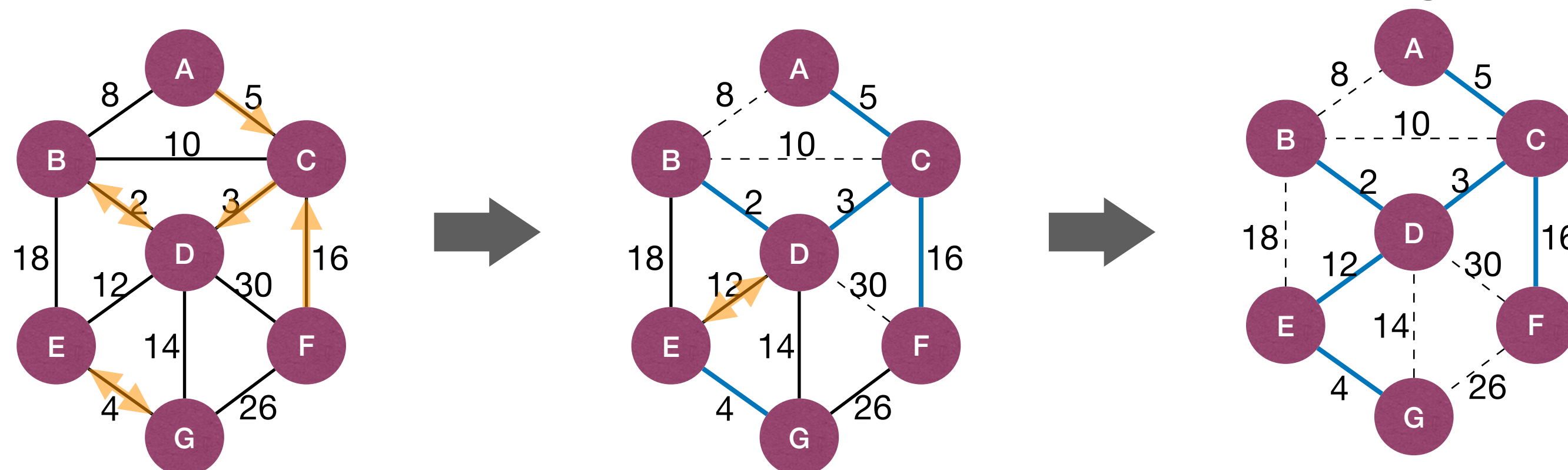



Borůvka's Algorithm

- Borůvka's algorithm for computing MST (actually the earliest MST algorithm):
 - ▶ Starting with all nodes and an empty set of edges A .
 - ▶ Find **MWOE** for every remaining CC in G_A , add all of them to A .
 - ▶ Repeat above step until we have a spanning tree.



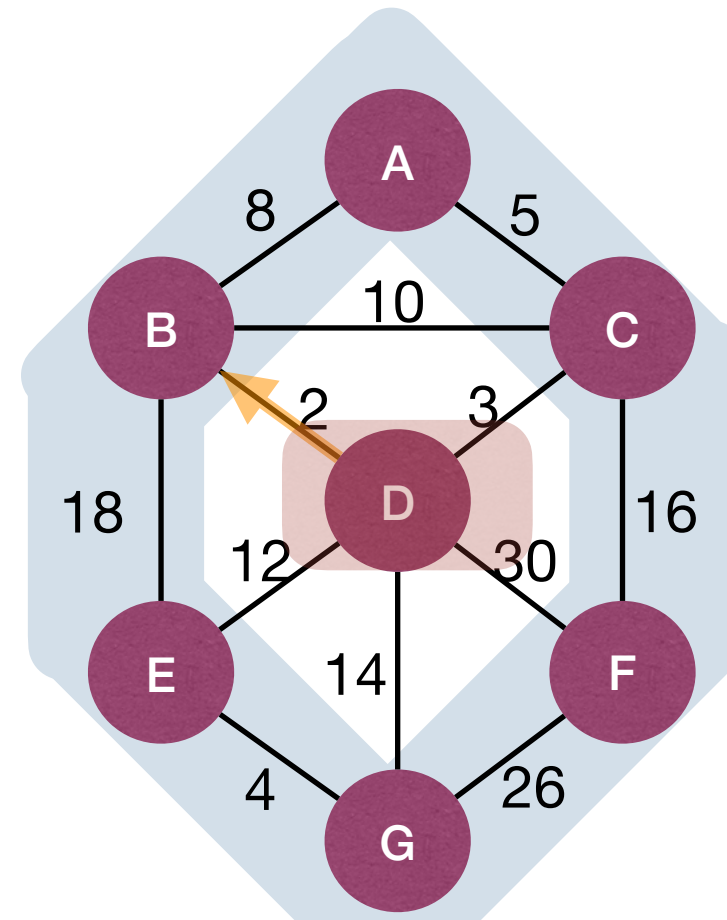
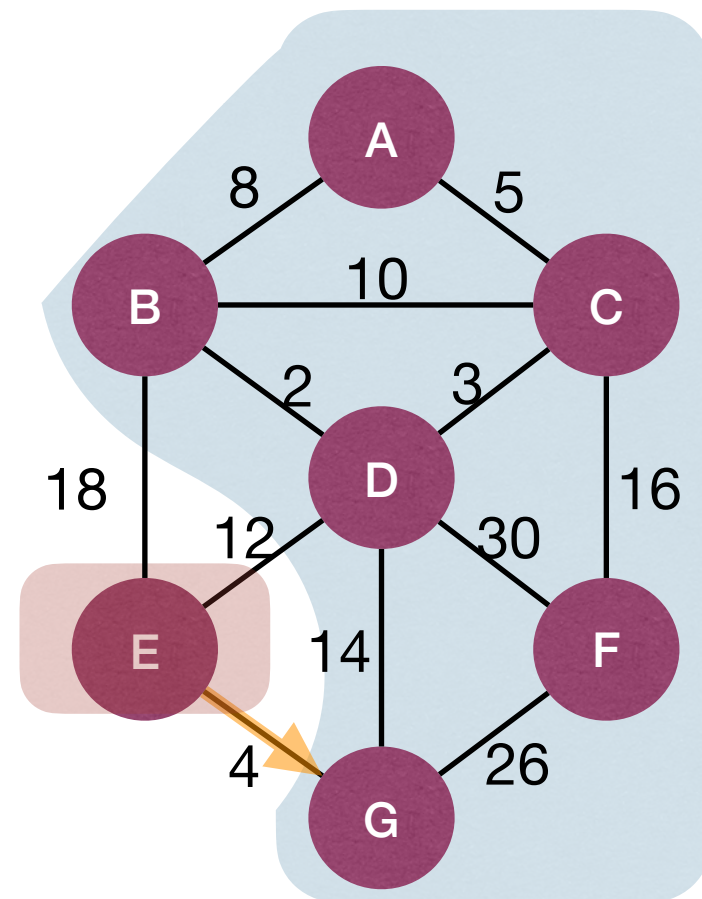
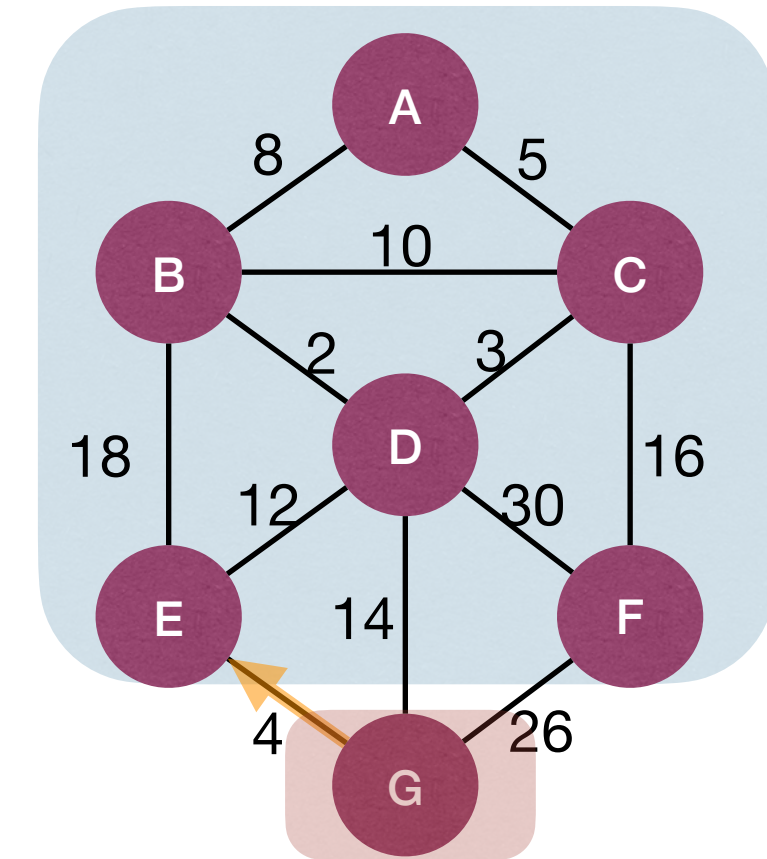
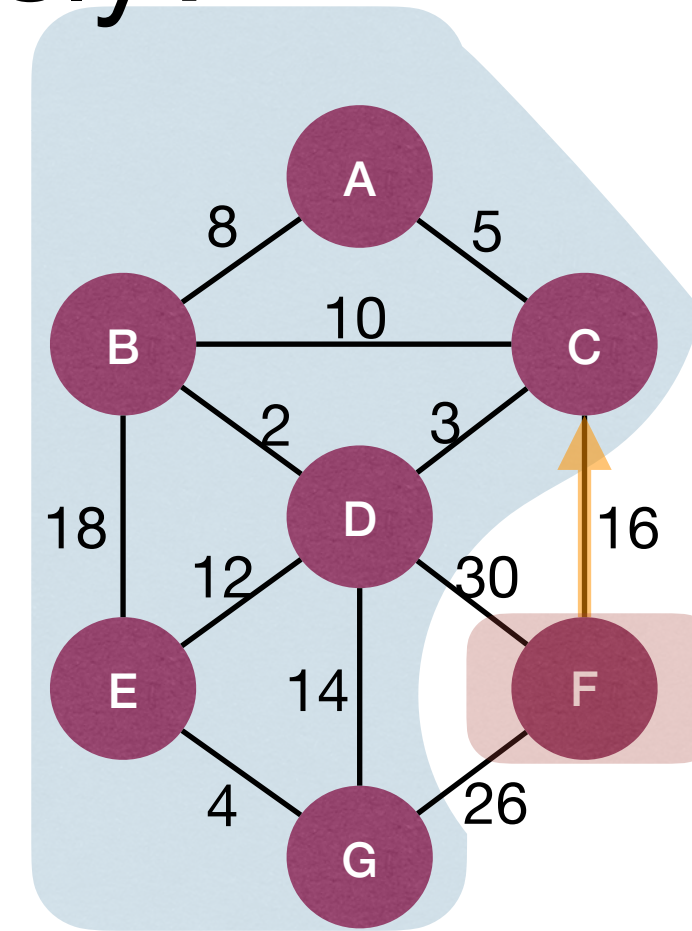
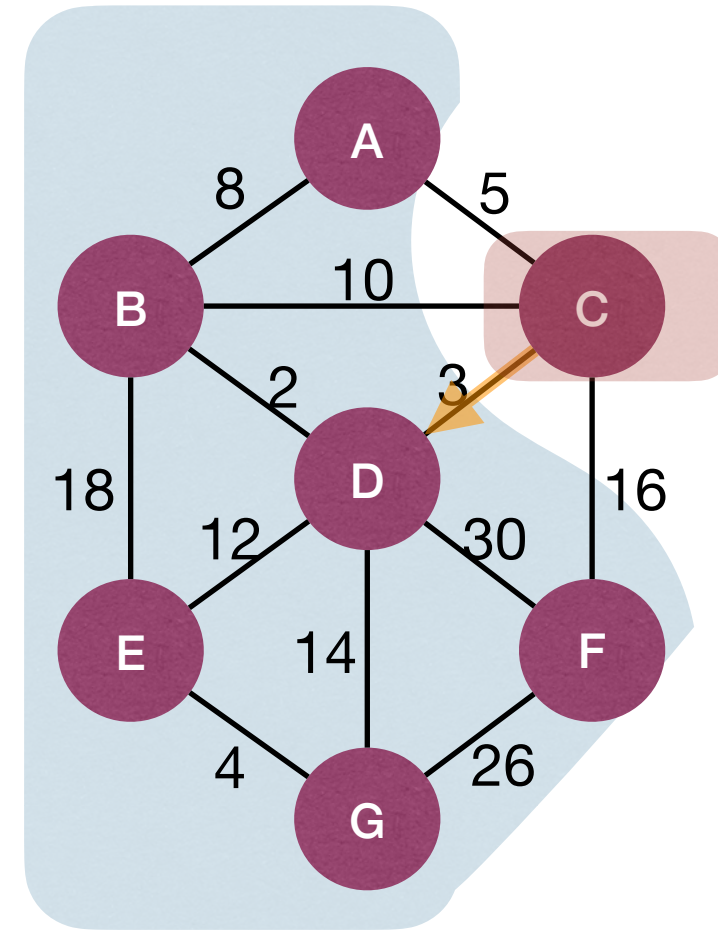
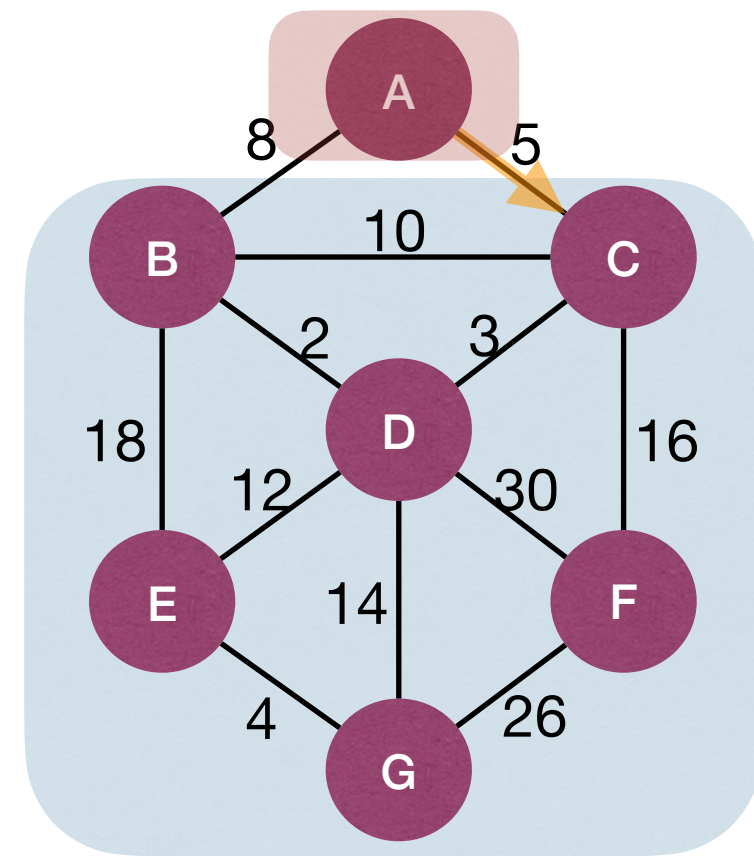
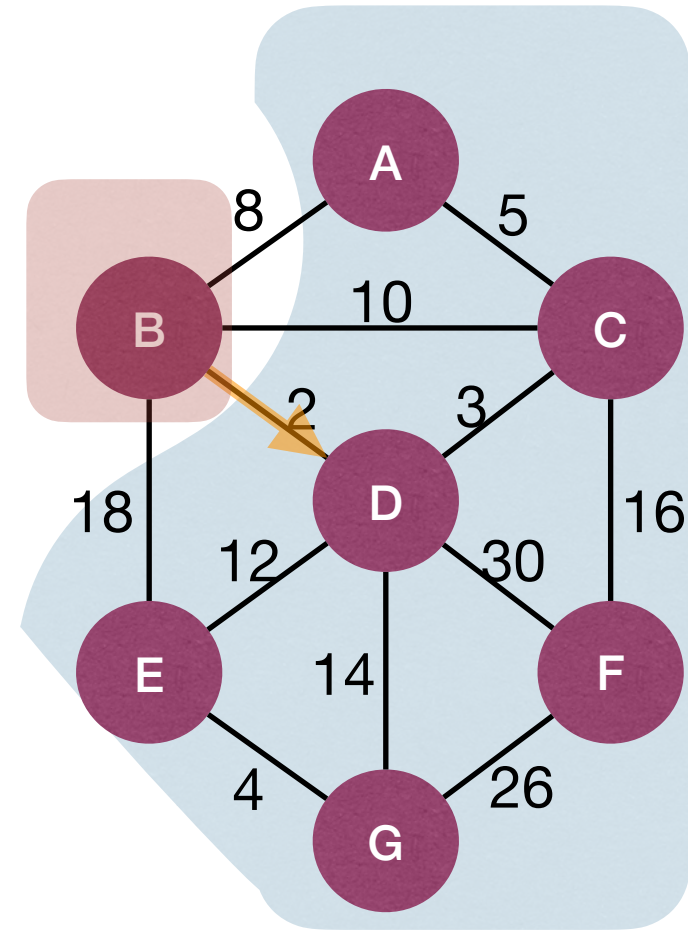
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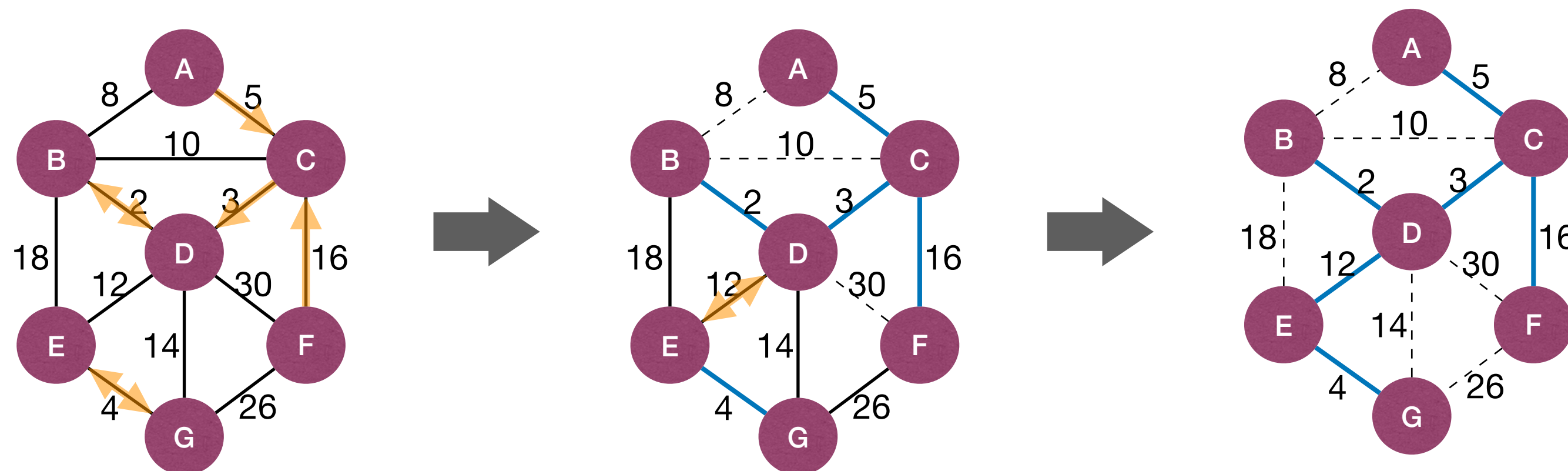
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Borůvka's Algorithm

- Is it okay to add multiple edges simultaneously?
- But it may result in circles?
 - ▶ Assuming all edge weights are distinct, if CC C_1 propose MWOE e_1 to connect to C_2 , and C_2 proposes MWOE e_2 to connect to C_1 , then $e_1 = e_2$.





Borůvka's Algorithm

KruskalMST(G,w):

→ Total runtime is $O(m \lg n)$

$G' := (V, \emptyset)$

do

$ccCount := CountCCAndLabel(G')$

→ $O(n)$ // Do DFS/BFS, count #of CC, give **ccNum** to nodes.

belong to the $ccNum^{th}$ CC

for $i := 1$ to $ccCount$

$safeEdge[i] := NIL$

→ $O(n)$

for each edge (u,v) in $E(G)$

 if $u.ccNum \neq v.ccNum$

 if $safeEdge[u.ccNum] = NIL$ or $w(u,v) < w(safeEdge[u.ccNum])$

$safeEdge[u.ccNum] := (u,v)$

 if $safeEdge[v.ccNum] = NIL$ or $w(u,v) < w(safeEdge[v.ccNum])$

$safeEdge[v.ccNum] := (u,v)$

→ $O(m + n) = O(m)$

for $i := 1$ to $ccCount$

 Add $safeEdge[i]$ to $E(G')$

→ $O(n)$

while $ccCount > 1$

→ $O(\lg n)$ interactions

WHY?

return $E(G')$



Borůvka's Algorithm

- Why Borůvka's algorithm is interesting?
 - ▶ The number of components in G' can drop by significantly more than a factor of 2 in a single iteration, reducing the number of iterations below the worst-case $O(\lg n)$.
 - ▶ Borůvka's algorithm allows for parallelism naturally; while the other two are intrinsically sequential.
 - ▶ Generalizations of Borůvka's algorithm lead to faster algorithms.



Summary

- The “Cut Property” leads to many MST algorithms: Assume A is included in some MST, let $(S, V - S)$ be any cut respecting A . If (u, v) is a light edge crossing the cut, then (u, v) is safe for A .
- Classical algorithms for MST, all with runtime $O(m \cdot \log n)$:
 - **Kruskal** (UnionFind): keep connecting two CC with min-weight edge.
 - **Prim** (PriorityQueue): grow single CC by adding MWOE.
 - **Borůvka**: add MWOE for all CC in parallel in each iteration.
- Can we do MST in $O(m)$ time?
 - Randomized algorithm with expected $O(m)$ runtime exists.



Further reading

- [CLRS] Ch.23
- [Erickson] Ch.7

