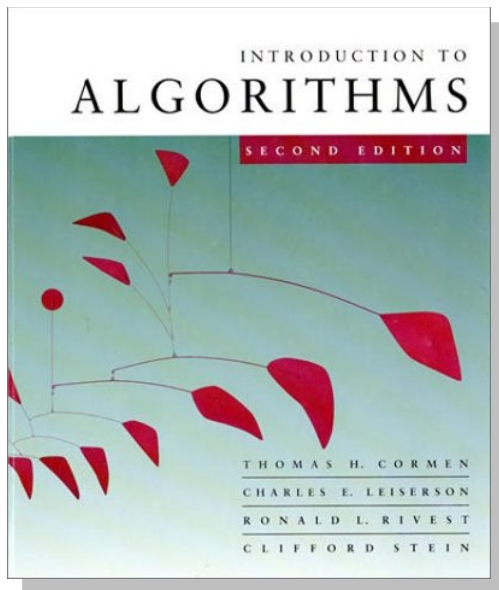


# *Introduction to Algorithms*

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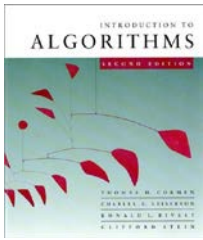


## LECTURE 16

### Greedy Algorithms (and Graphs)

- Graph representation
- Minimum spanning trees
- Optimal substructure
- Greedy choice
- Prim's greedy MST algorithm

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# Graphs (review)

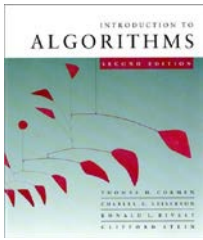
**Definition.** A *directed graph (digraph)*  $G = (V, E)$  is an ordered pair consisting of

- a set  $V$  of *vertices* (singular: *vertex*),
- a set  $E \subseteq V \times V$  of *edges*.

In an *undirected graph*  $G = (V, E)$ , the edge set  $E$  consists of *unordered* pairs of vertices.

In either case, we have  $|E| = O(V^2)$ . Moreover, if  $G$  is connected, then  $|E| \geq |V| - 1$ , which implies that  $\lg |E| = \Theta(\lg V)$ .

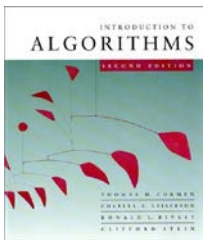
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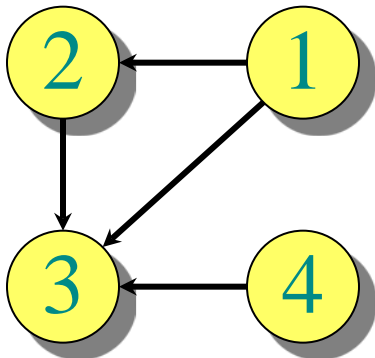
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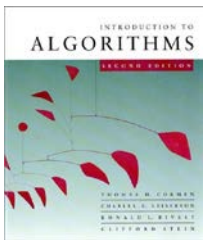
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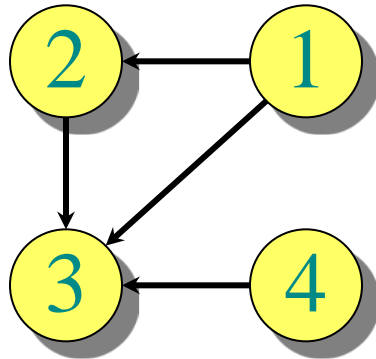
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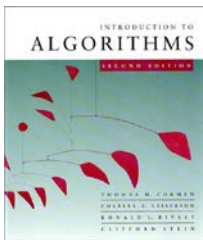


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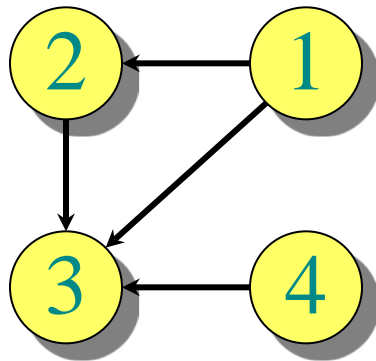
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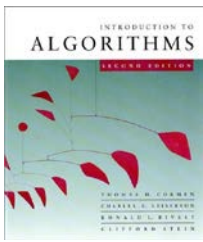
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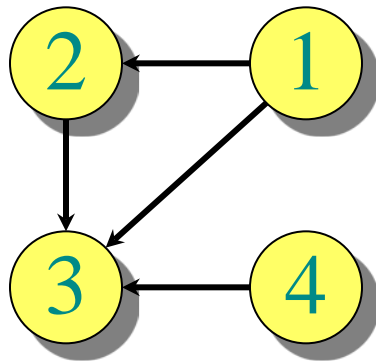
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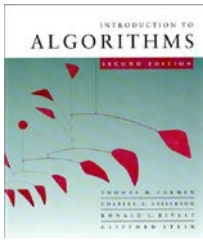
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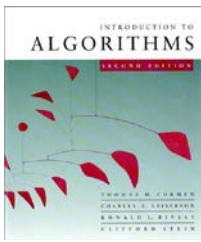


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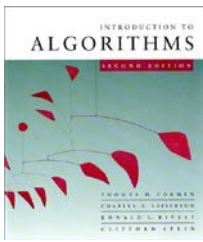
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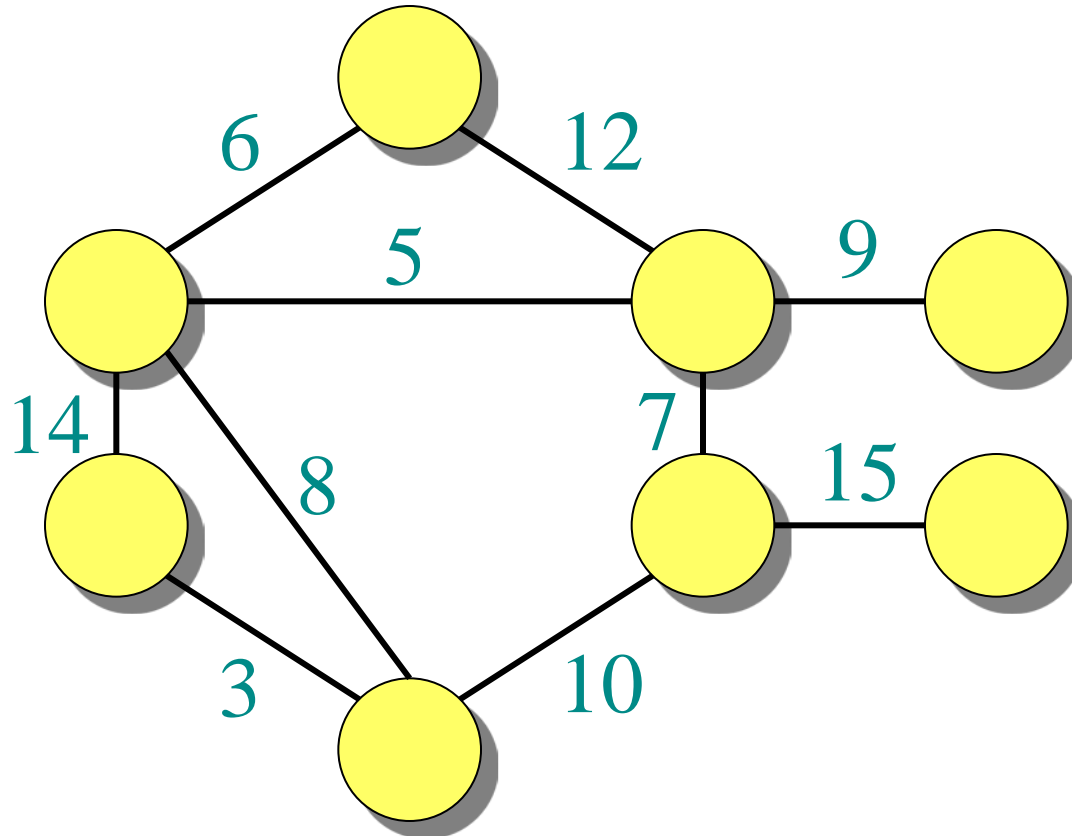
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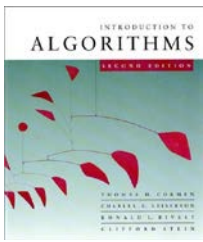
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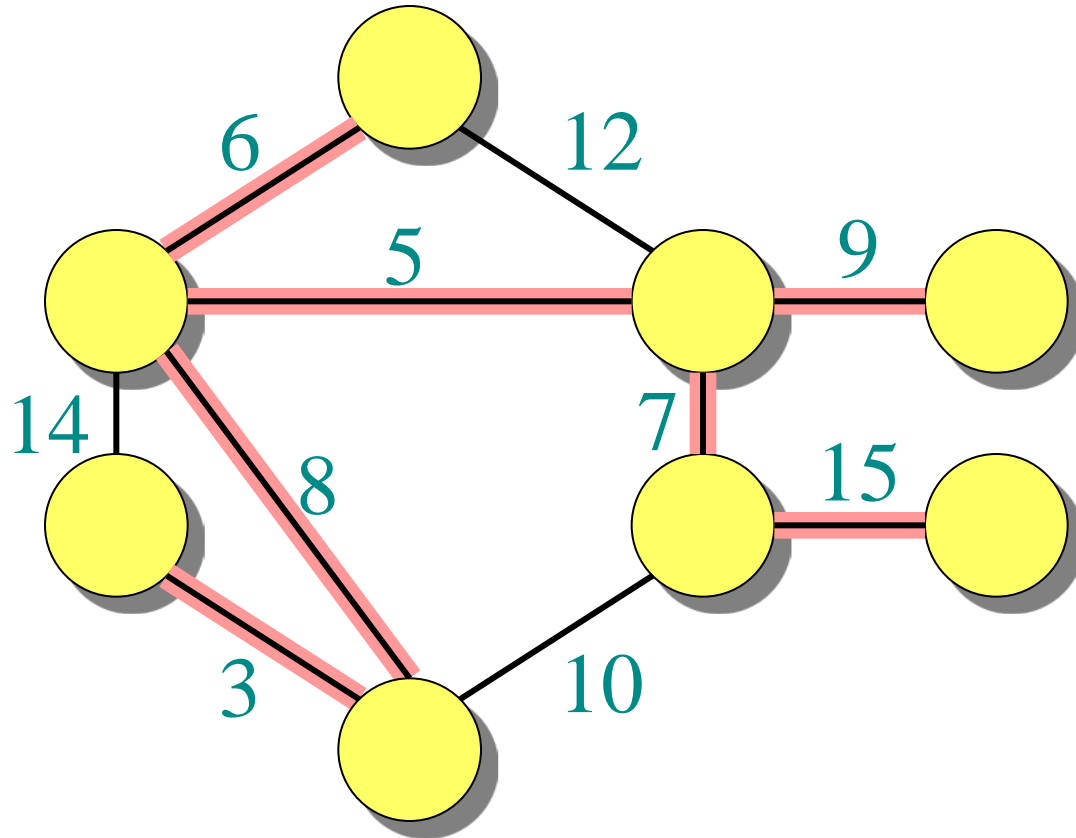


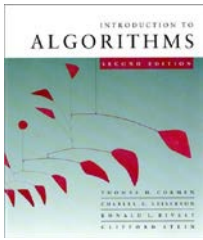
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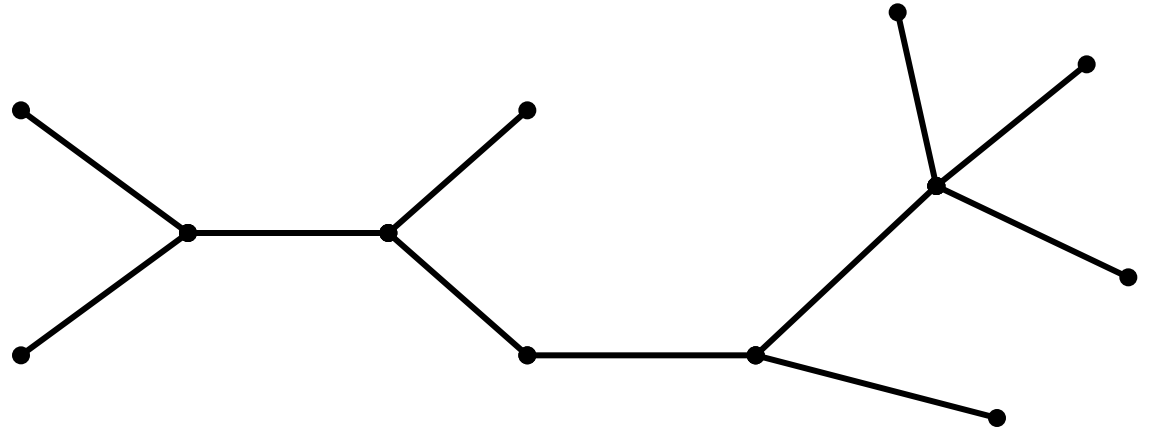


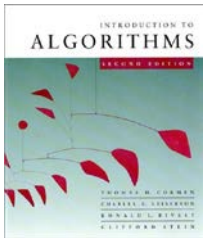


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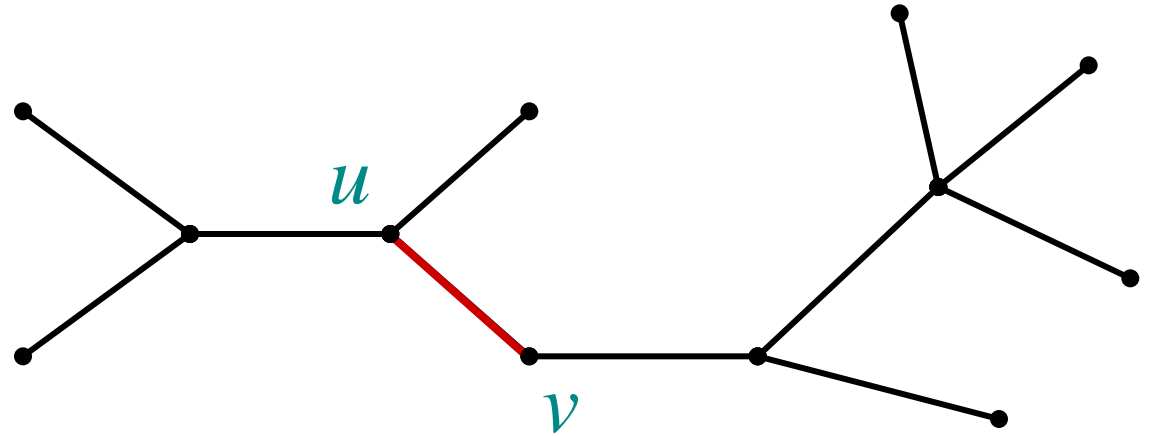




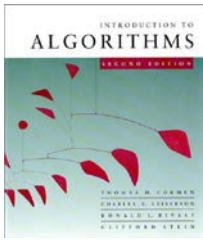
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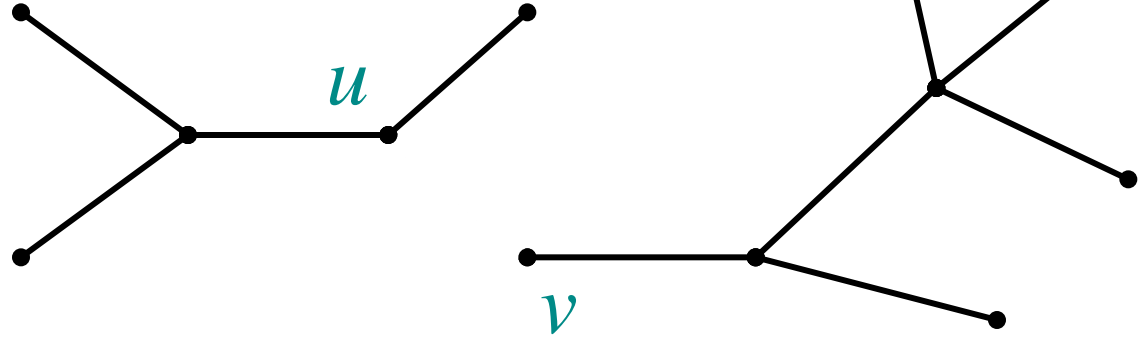
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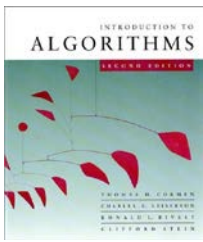
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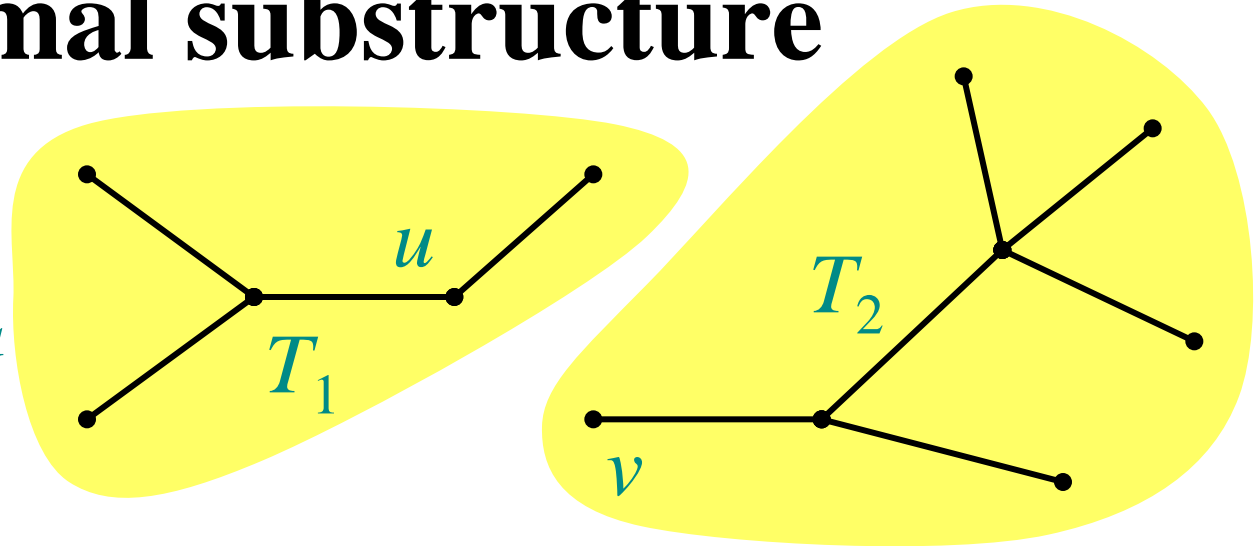
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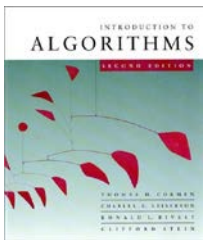
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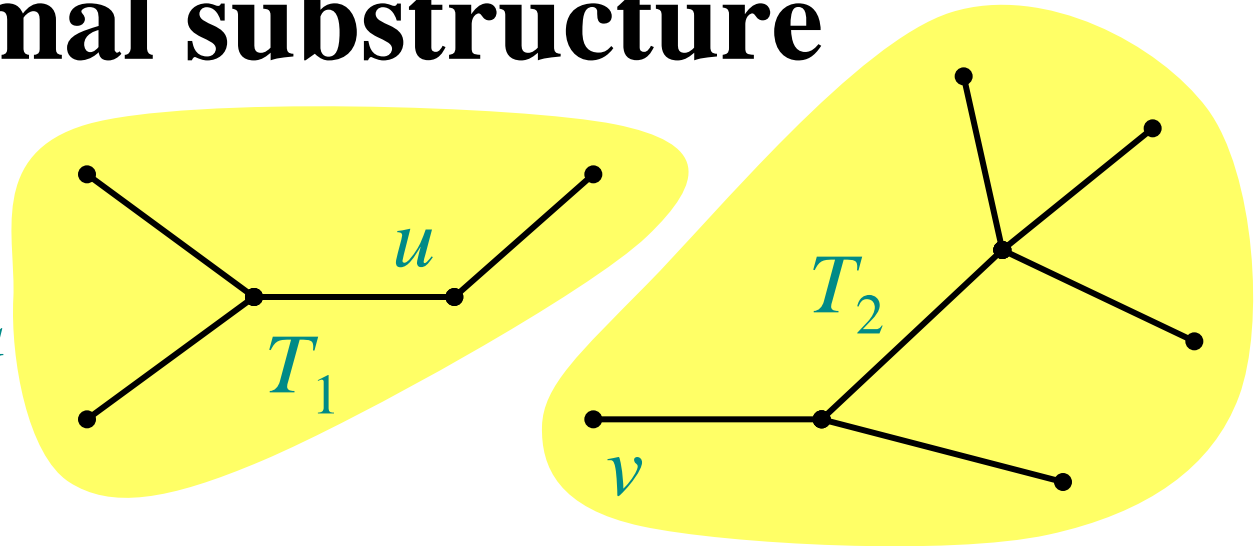
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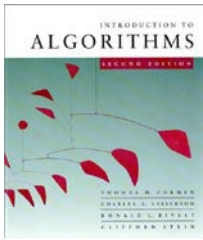
**Theorem.** The subtree  $T_1$  is an MST of  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ , the subgraph of  $G$  *induced* by the vertices of  $T_1$ :

$V_1 =$  vertices of  $T_1$ ,

$E_1 = \{ (x, y) \in E : x, y \in V_1 \}.$

Similarly for  $T_2$ .



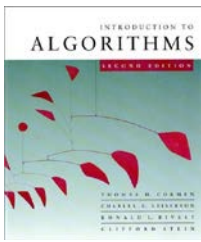


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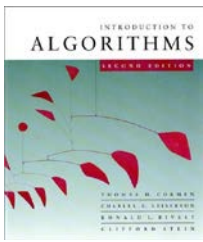
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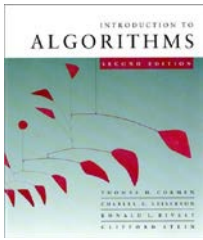
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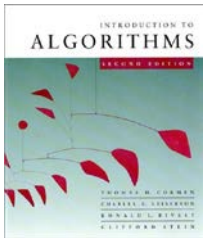
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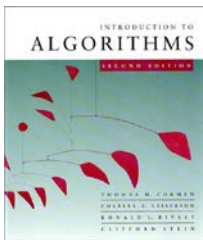
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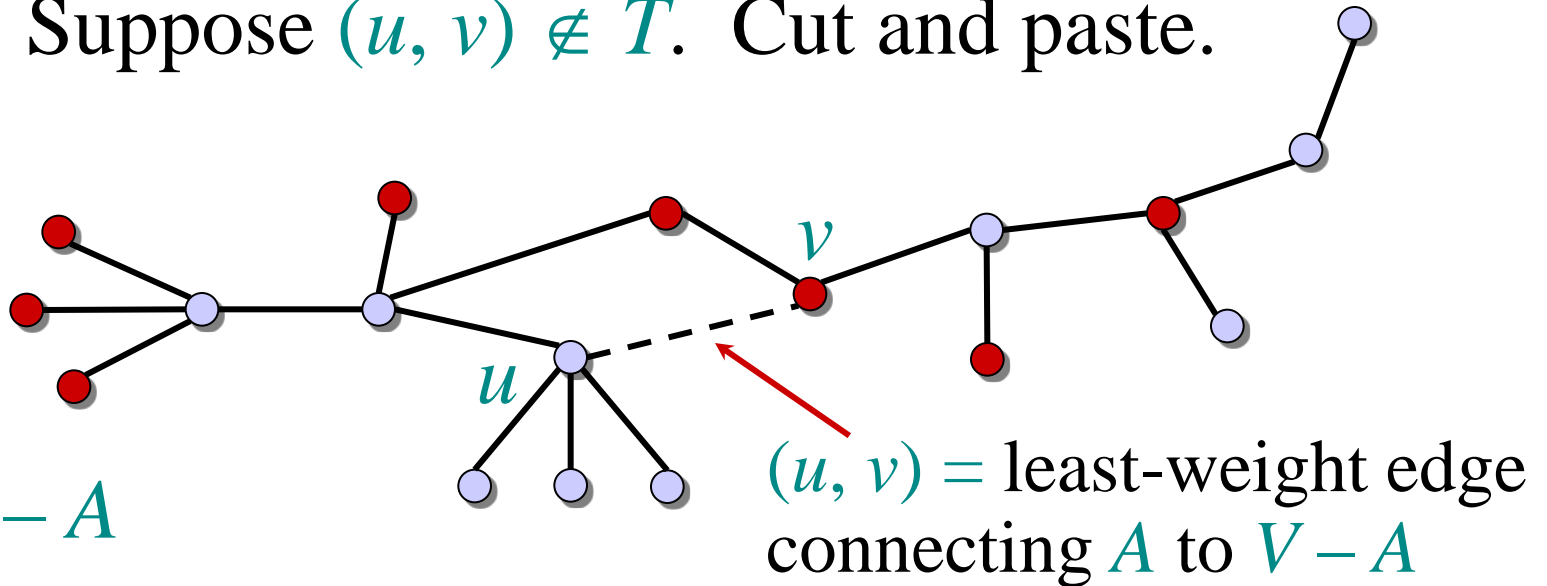


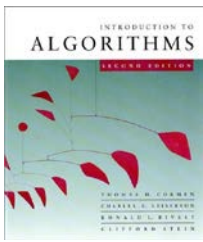
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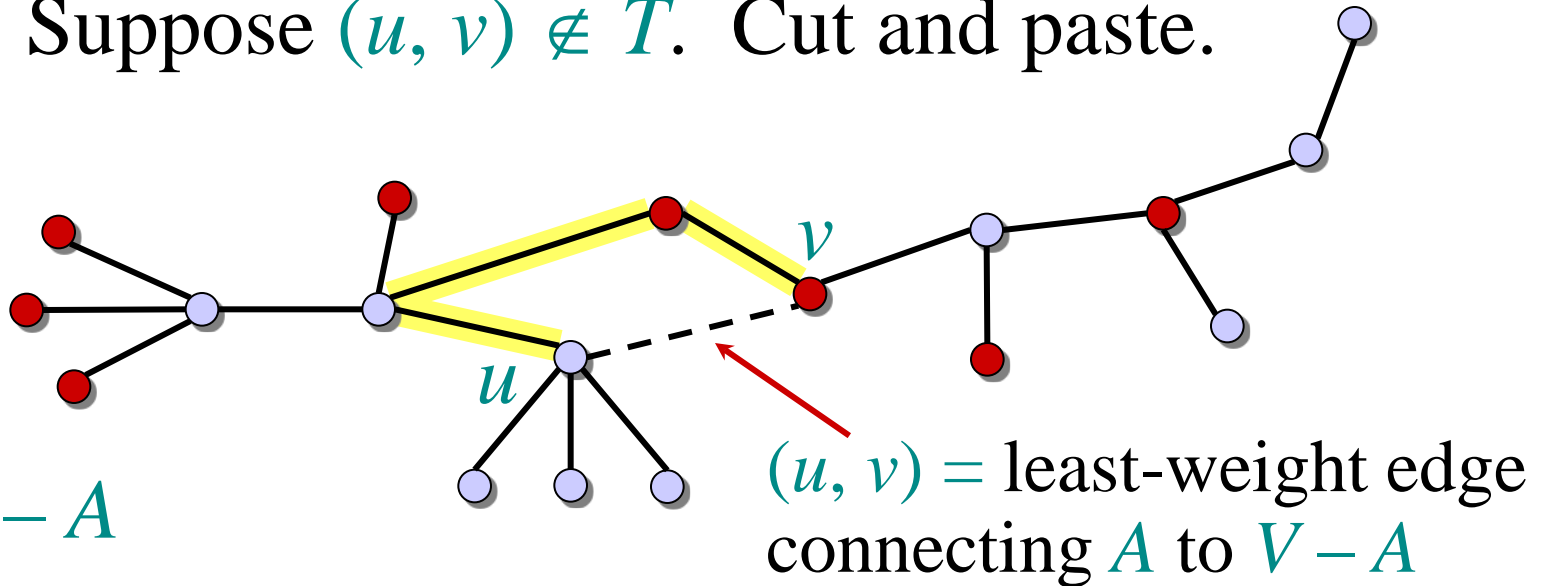


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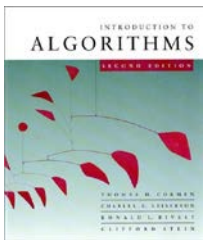
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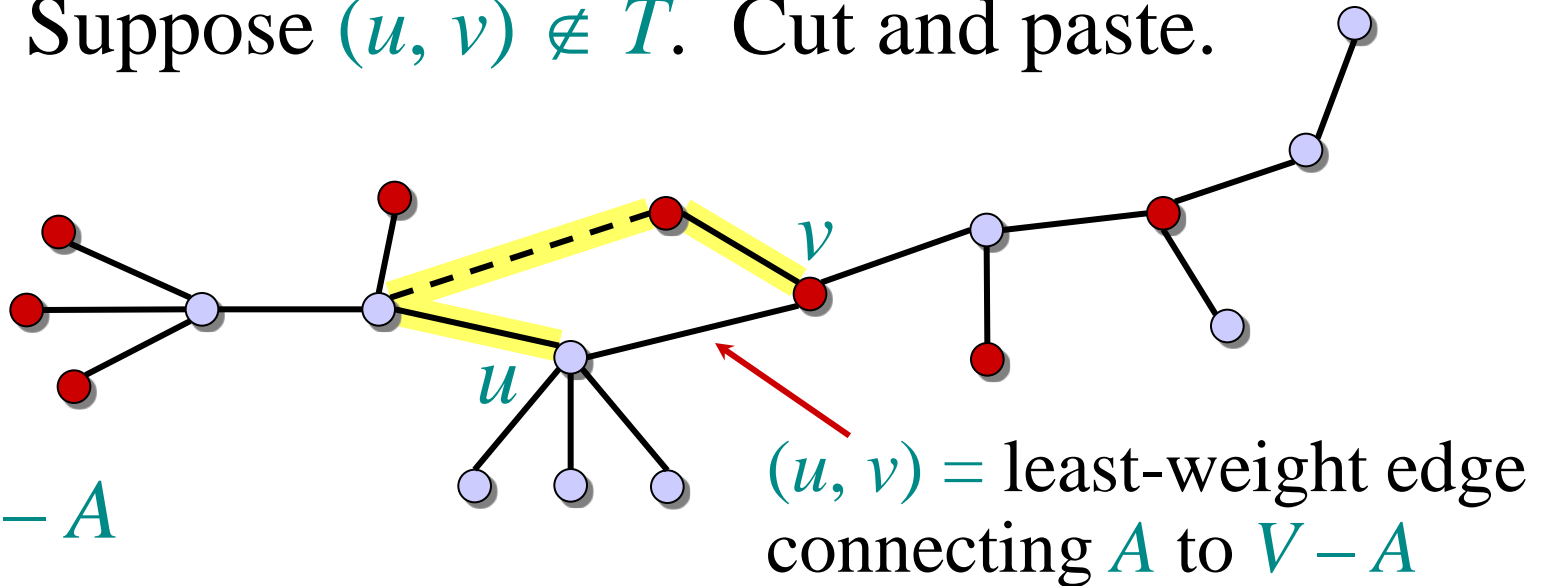


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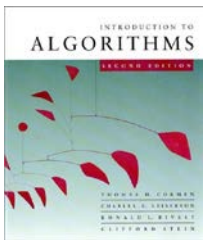
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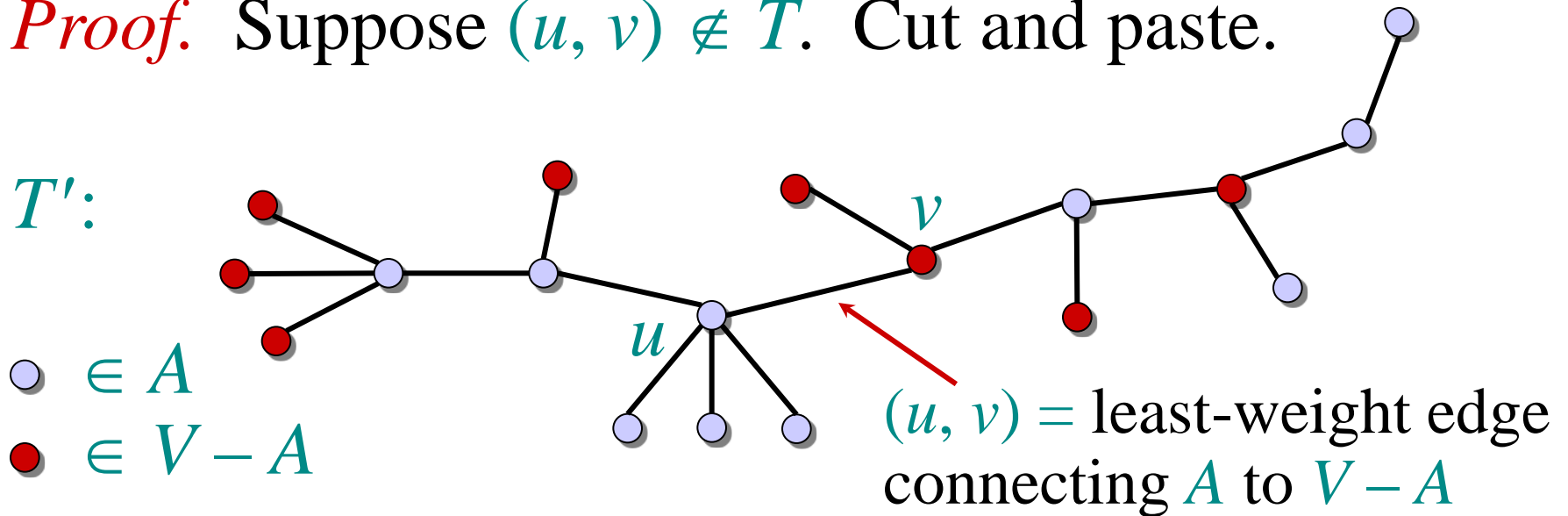




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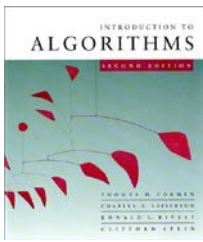
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A lighter-weight spanning tree than  $T$  results. □



# Prim's algorithm

**IDEA:** Maintain  $V - A$  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**  $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$

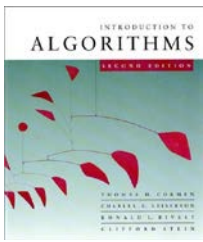
**for each**  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$

**do if**  $v \in Q$  and  $w(u, v) < key[v]$

**then**  $key[v] \leftarrow w(u, v)$       $\triangleright$  DECREASE-KEY

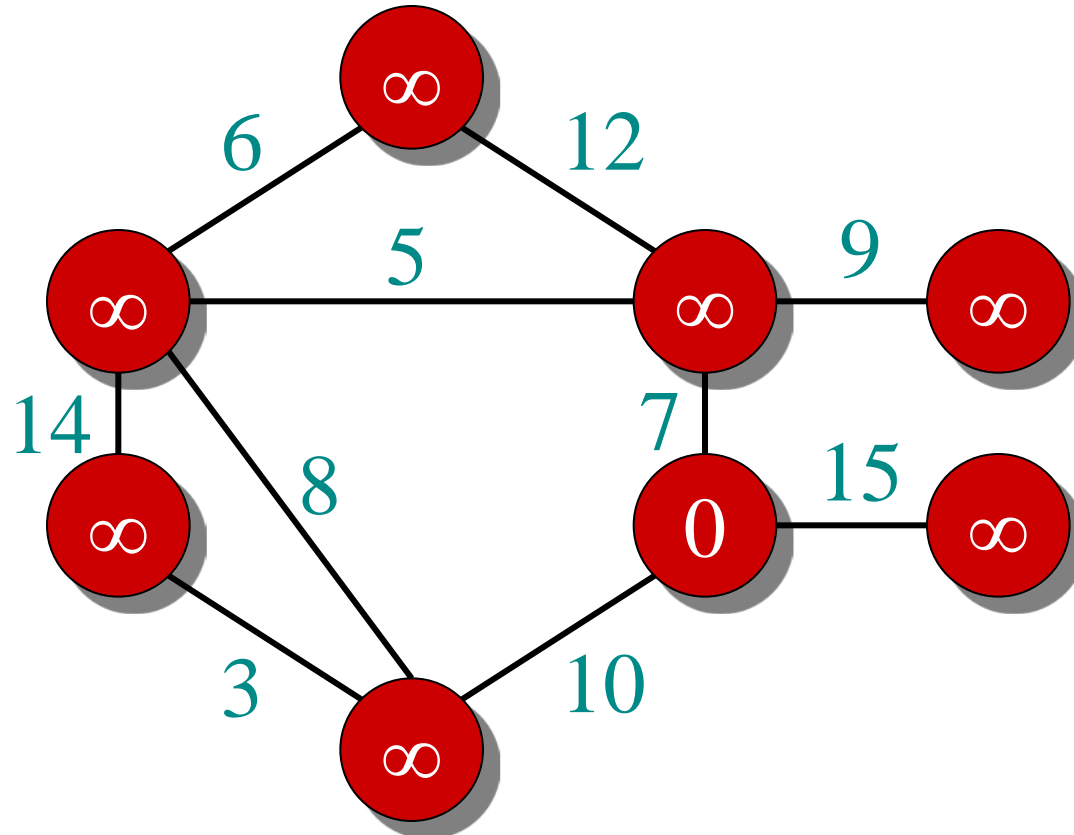
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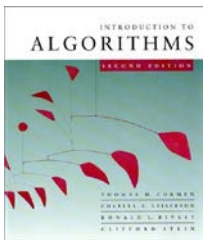
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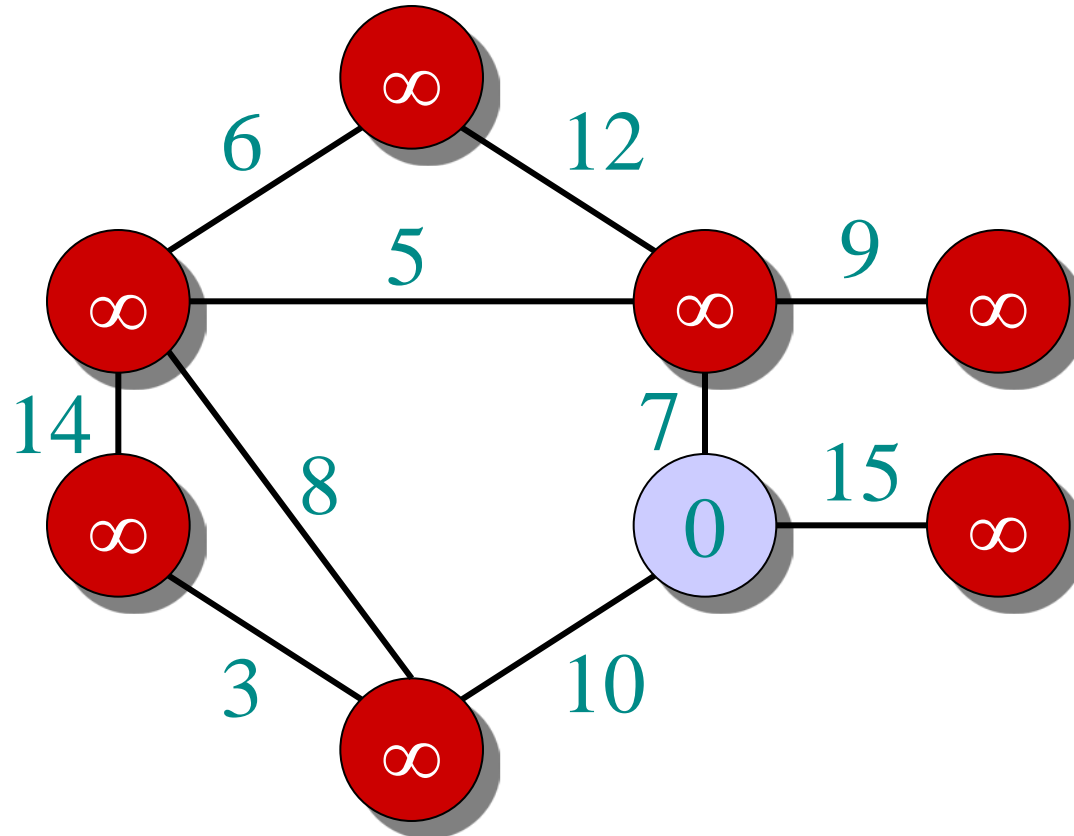
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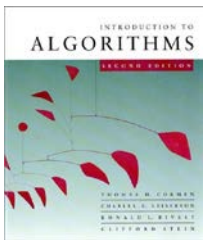




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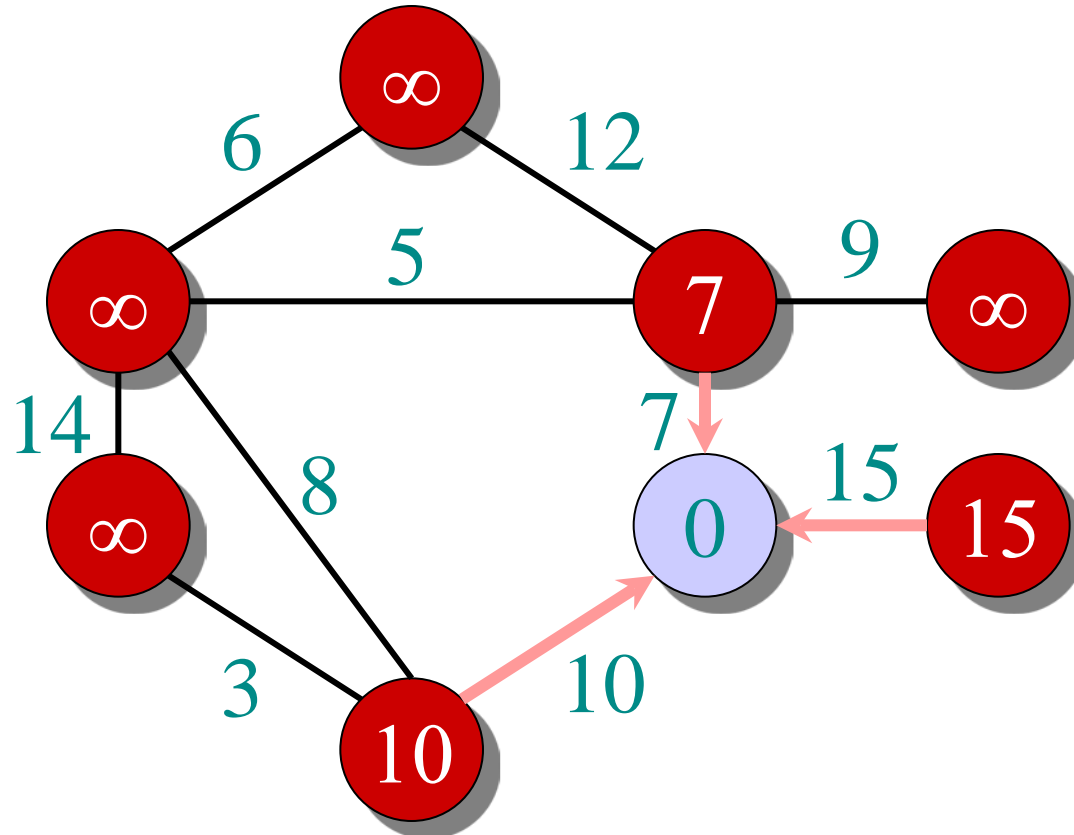
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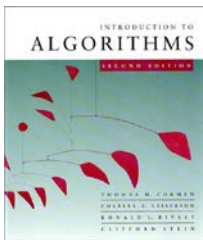




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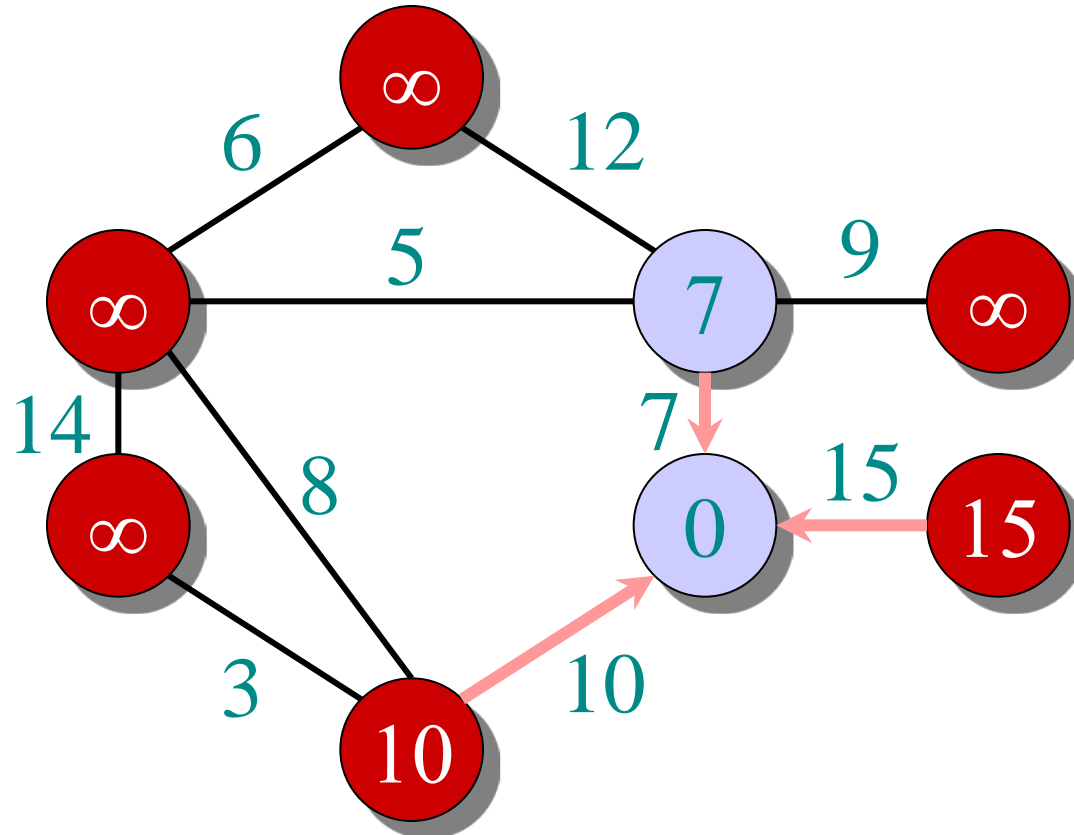
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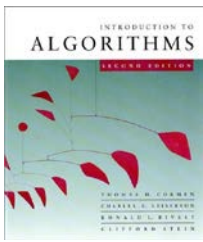




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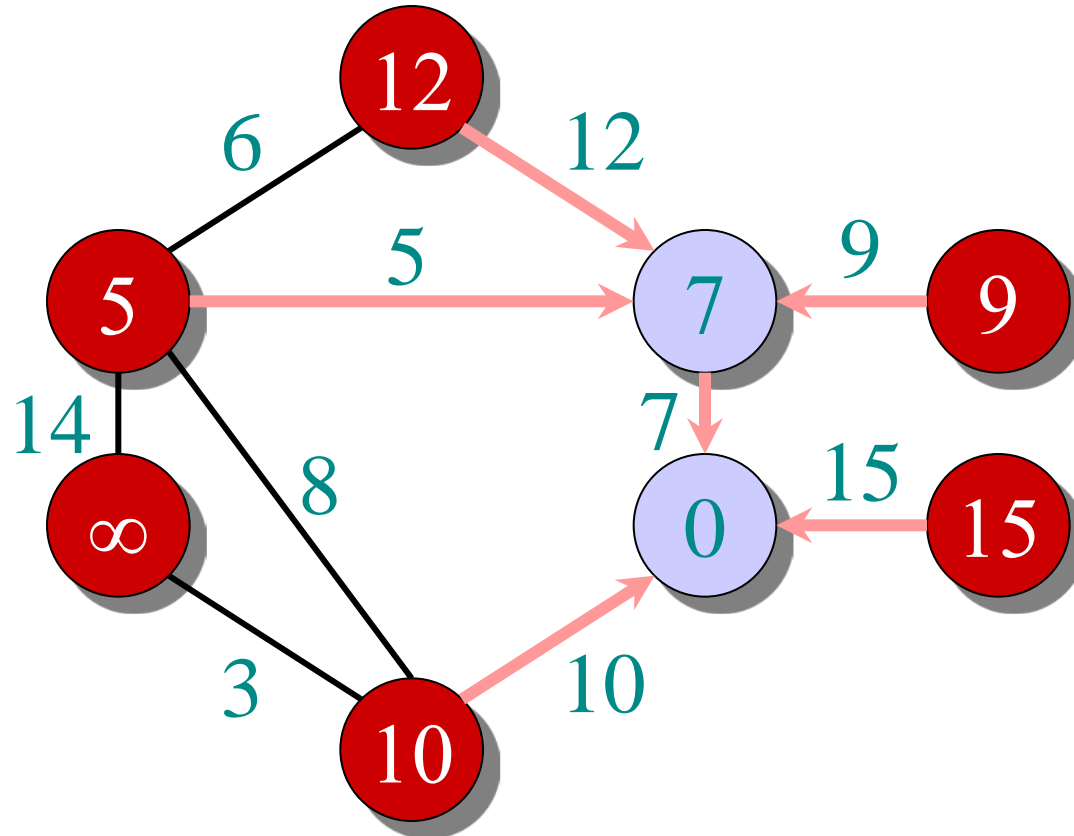
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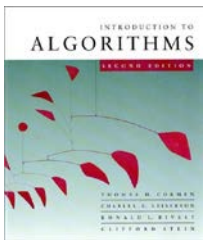




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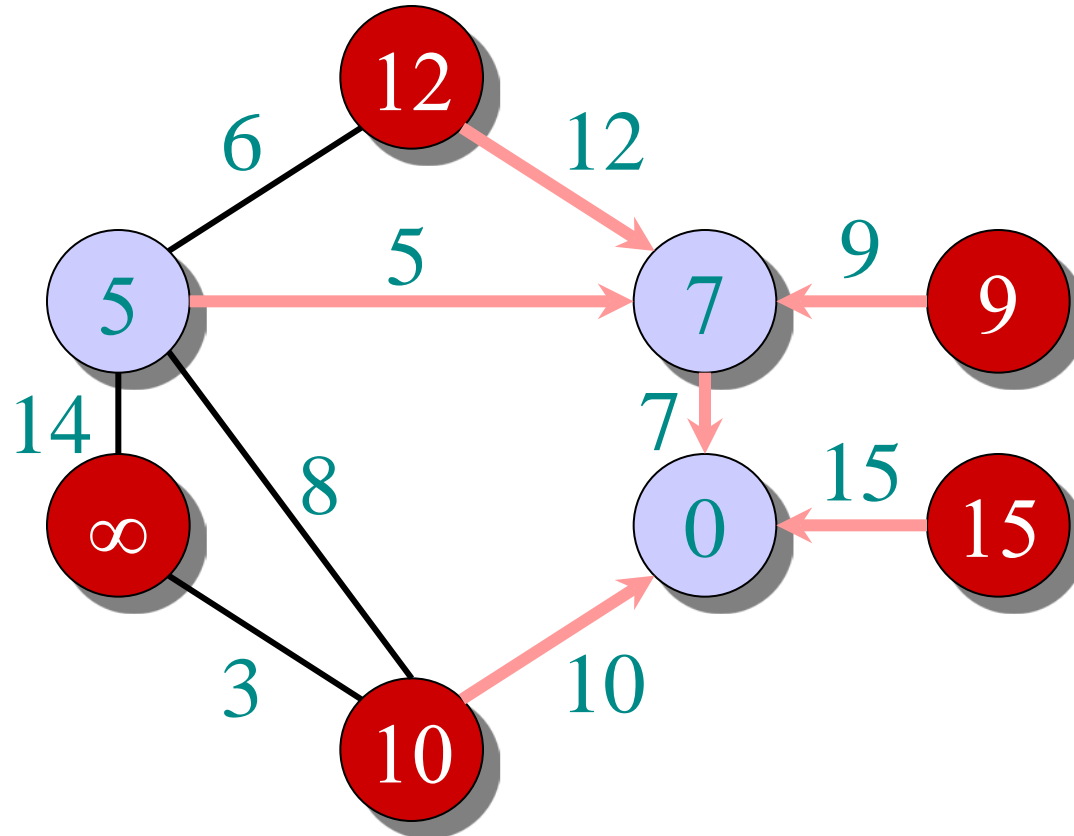
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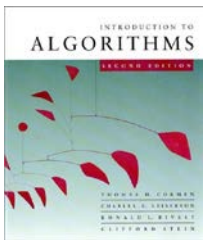


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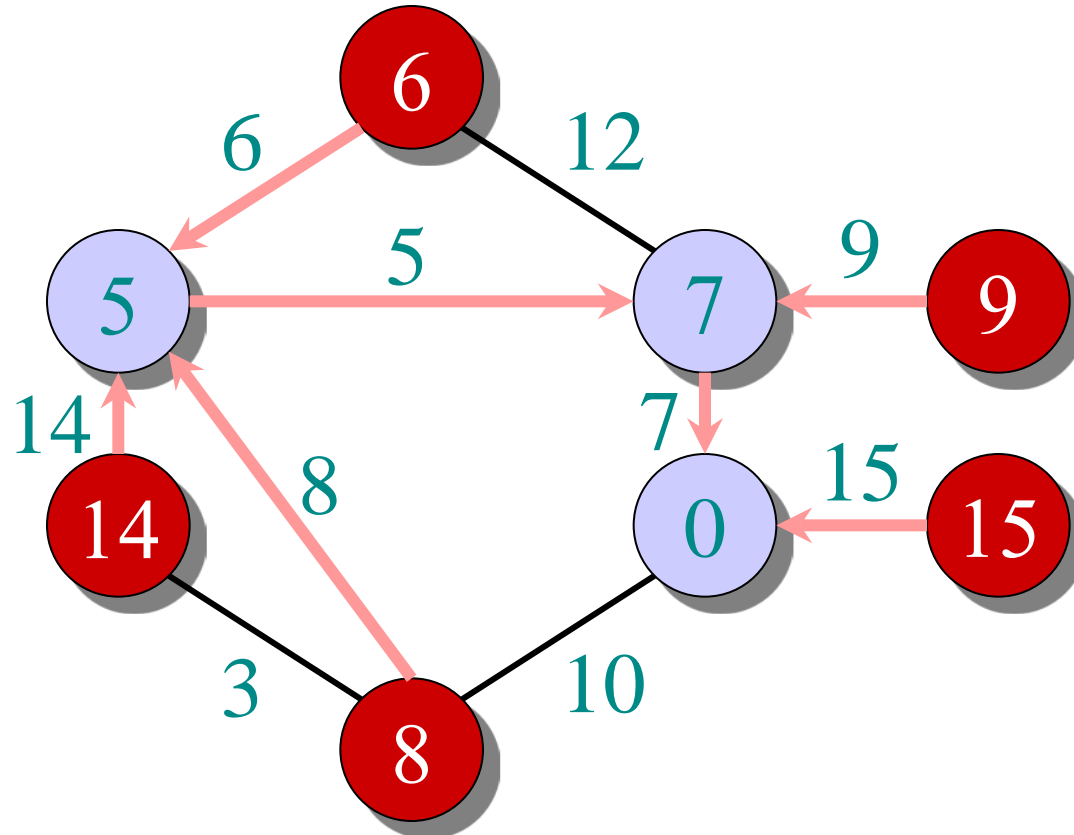


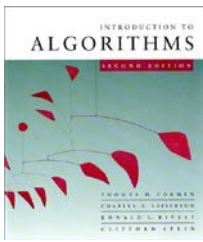




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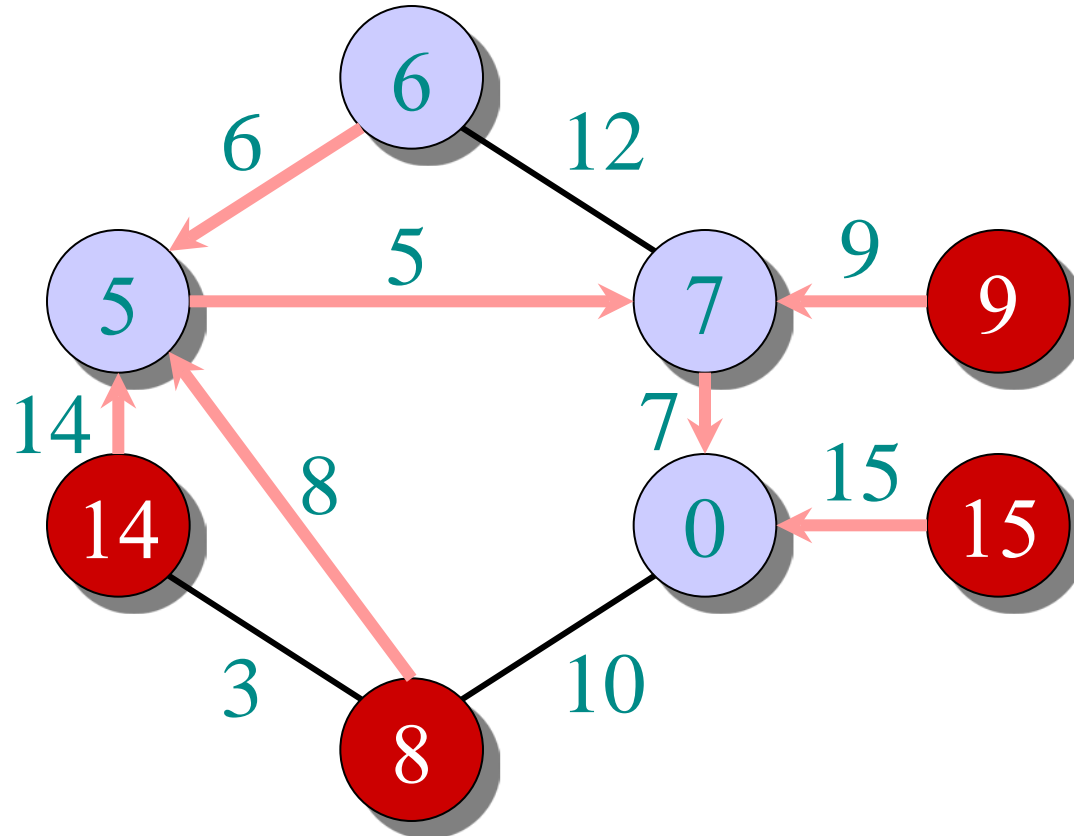
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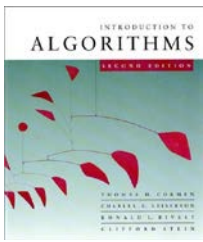




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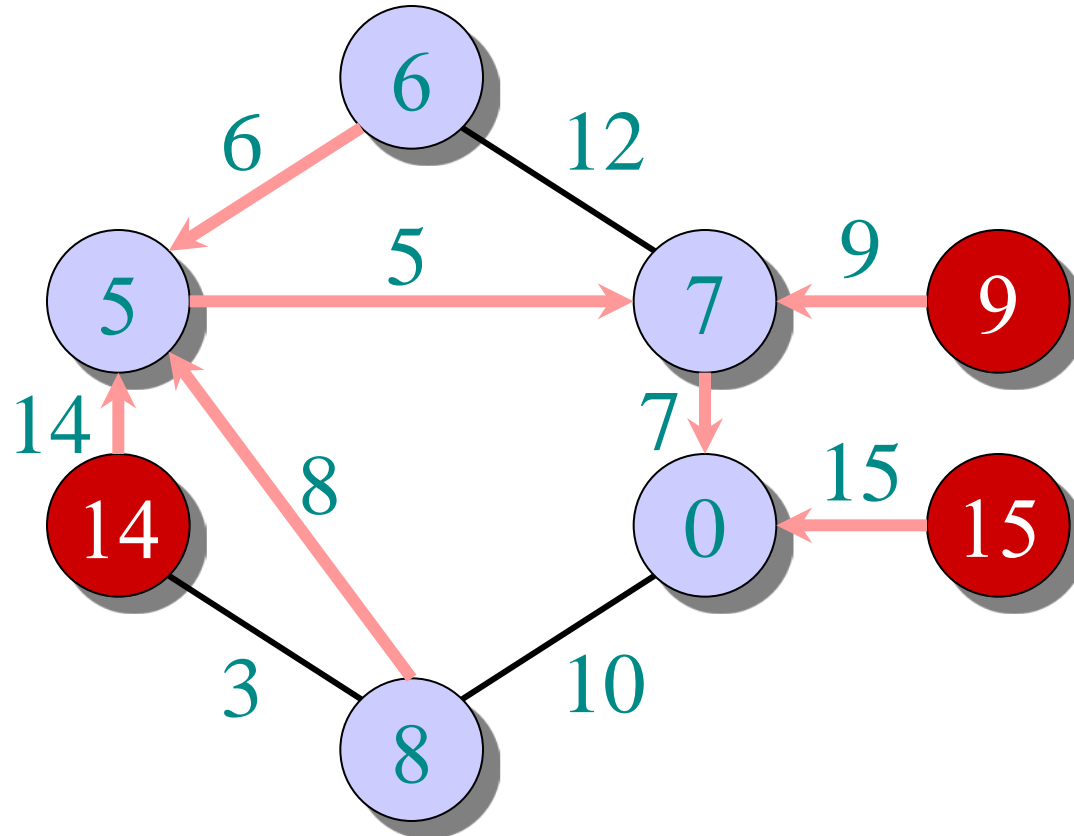
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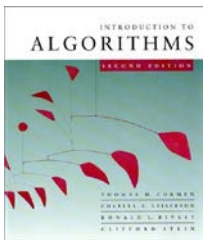




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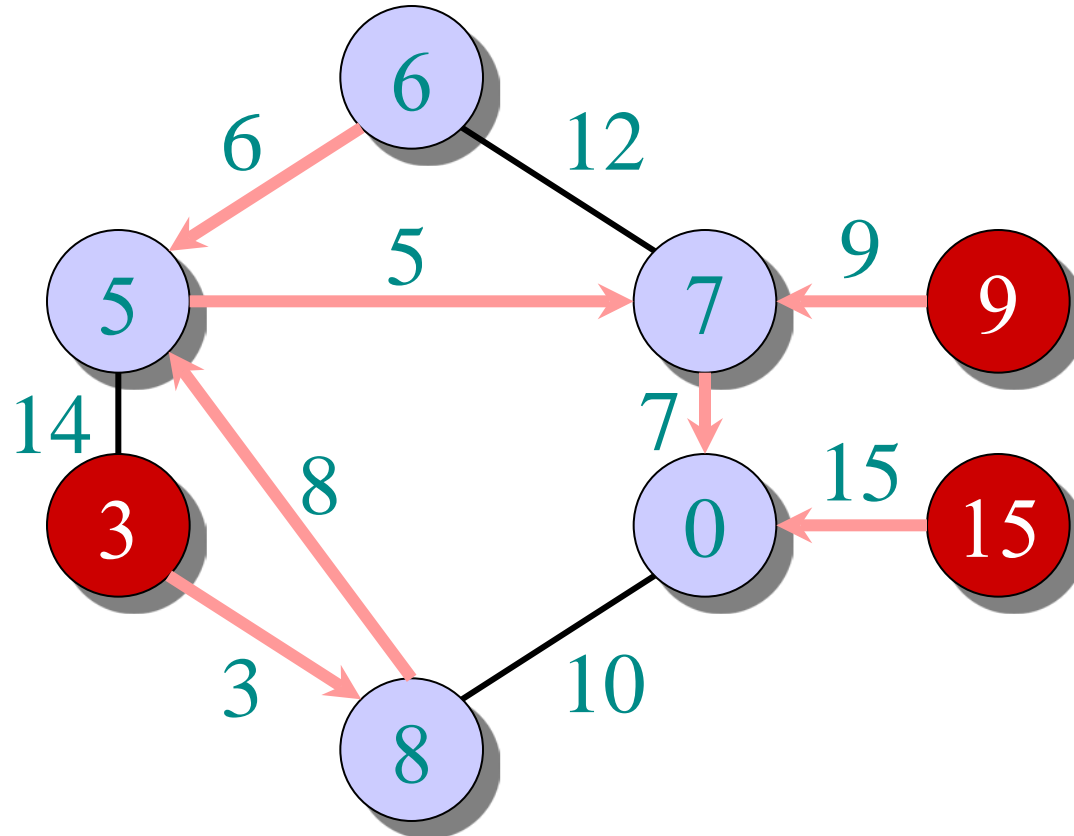
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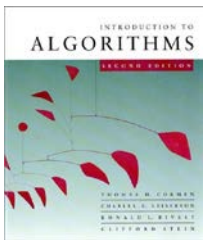




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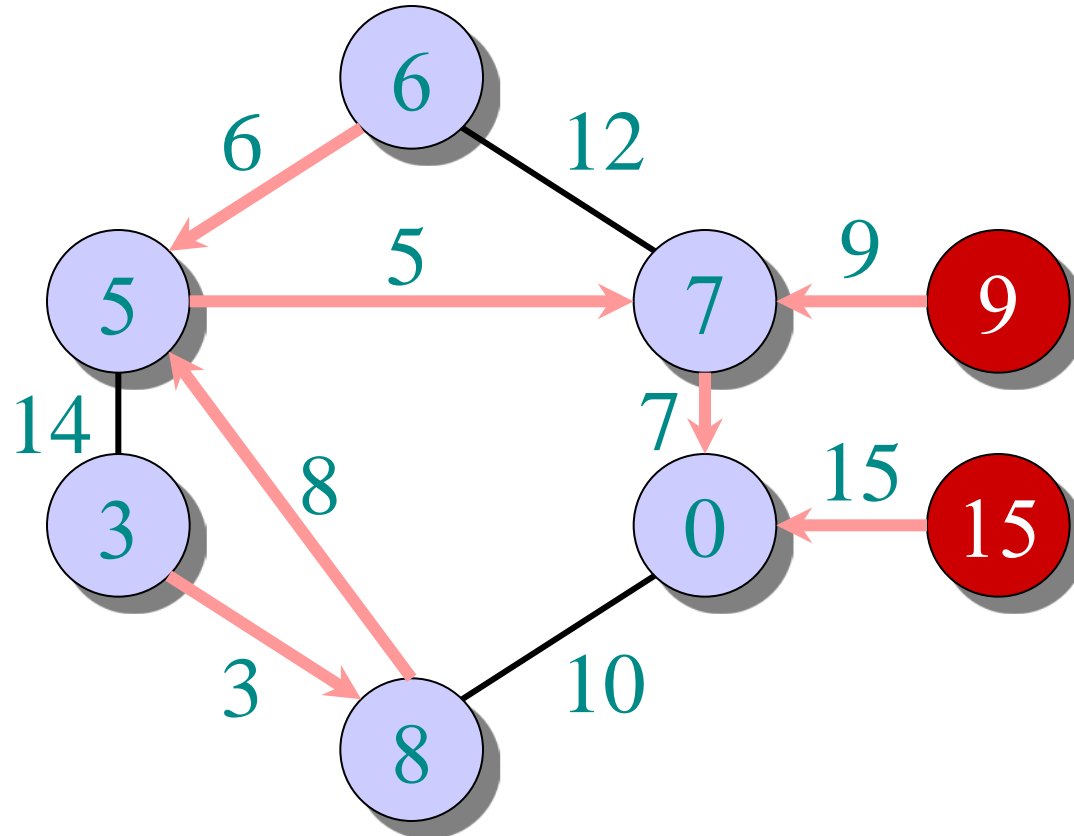
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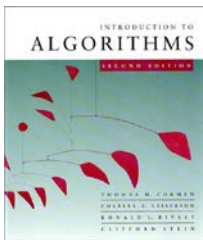




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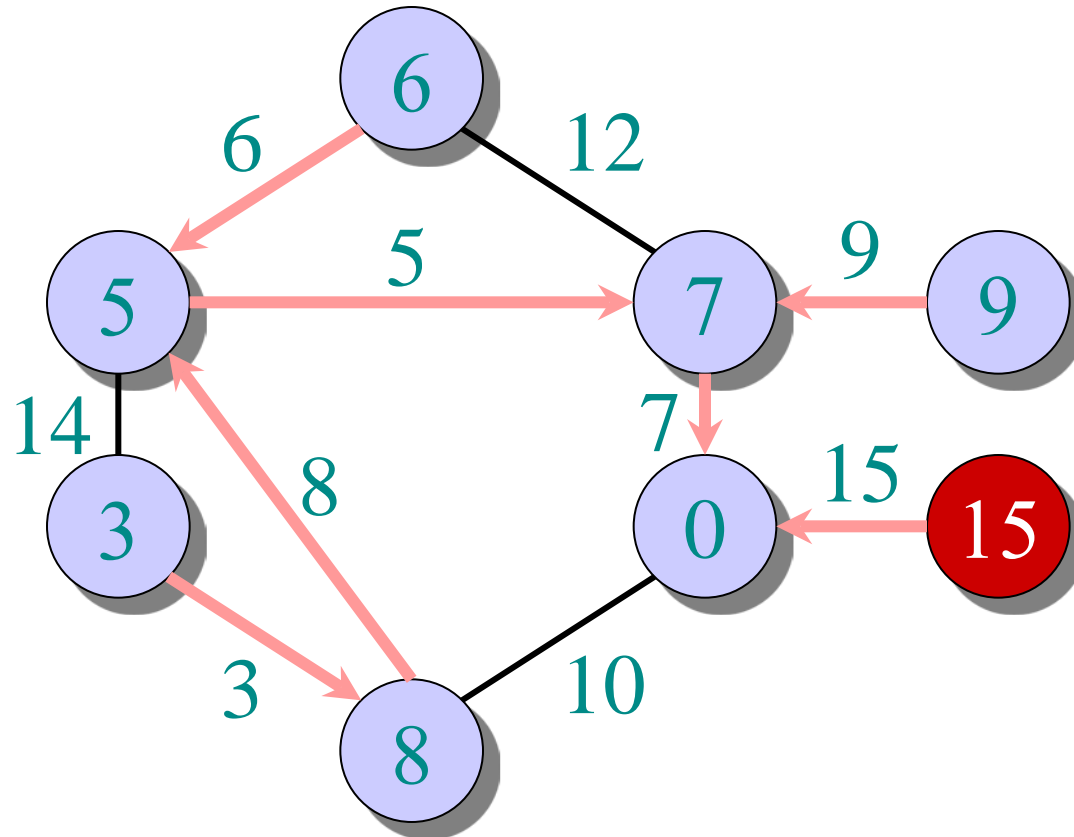
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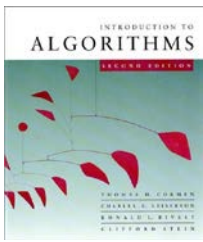




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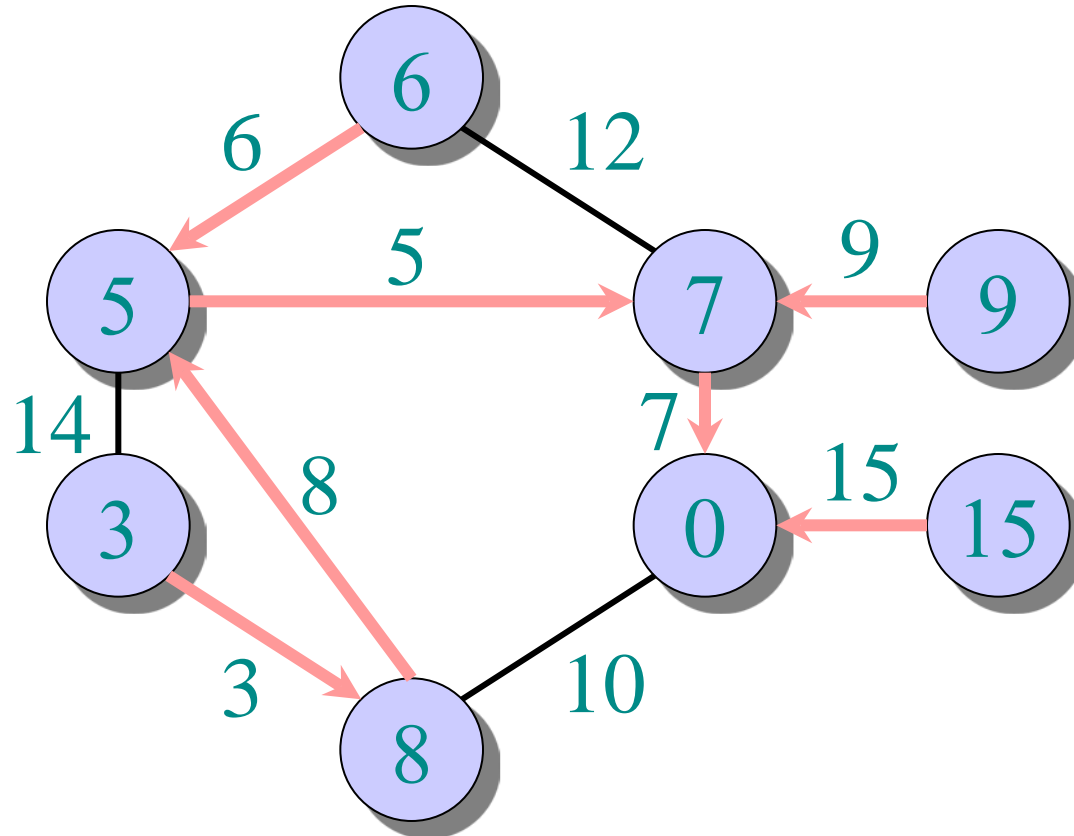
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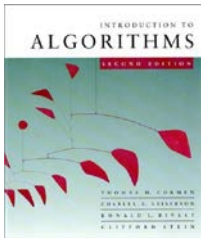




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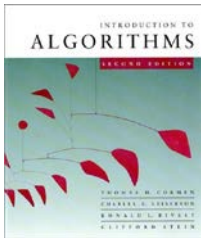
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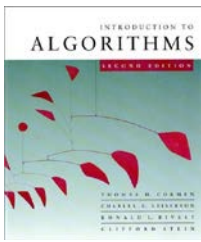




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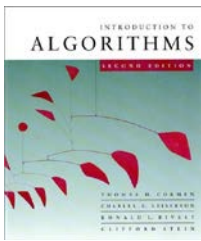


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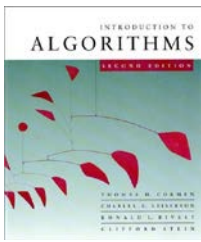
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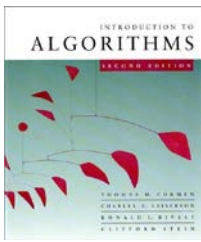


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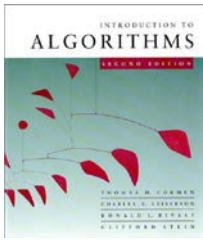
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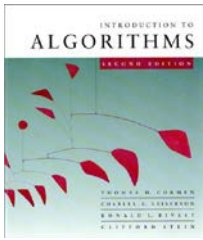
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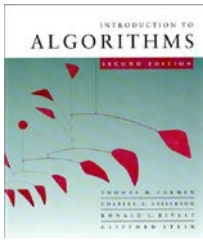


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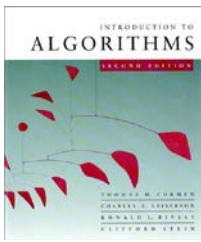
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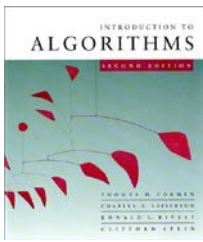




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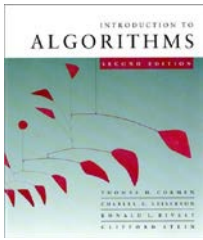
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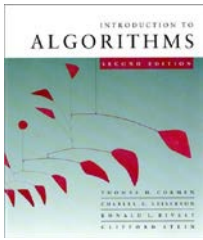
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Fibonacci heap	$O(\lg V)$ amortized	$O(1)$ amortized	$O(E + V \lg V)$ worst case



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