Introduction to Algorithms
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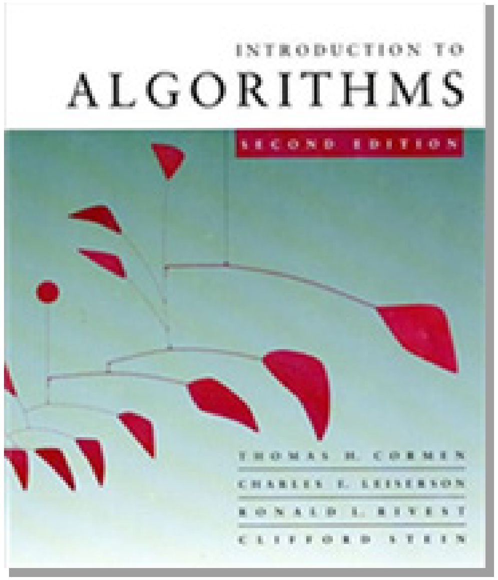

LECTURE 16

Greedy Algorithms (and Graphs)

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

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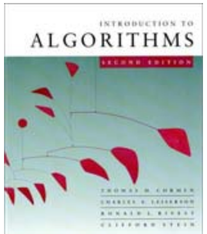


Graphs (review)

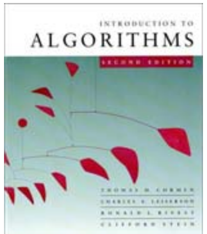
Definition. A ***directed graph (digraph)*** $G = (V, E)$ is an ordered pair consisting of

- 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 $\lg |E| = \Theta(\lg V)$.

(Review CLRS, Appendix B.)



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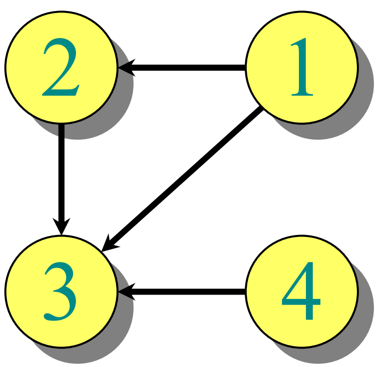

A	1	2	3	4
1	0	1	1	0
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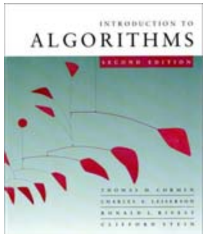
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	1	0

$\Theta(V^2)$ storage $\Rightarrow$ ***dense*** representation.



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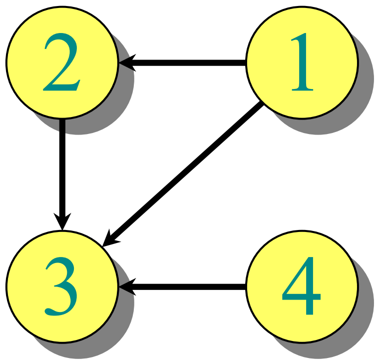

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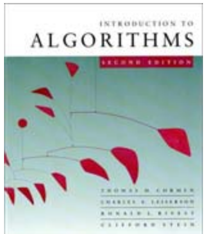

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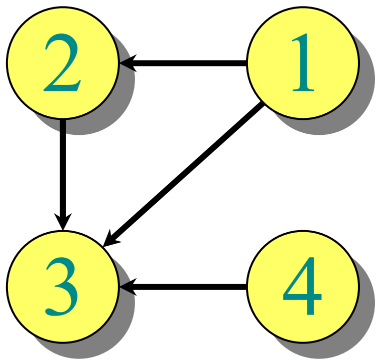

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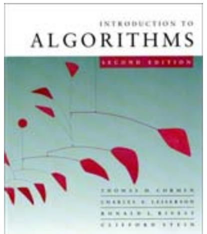

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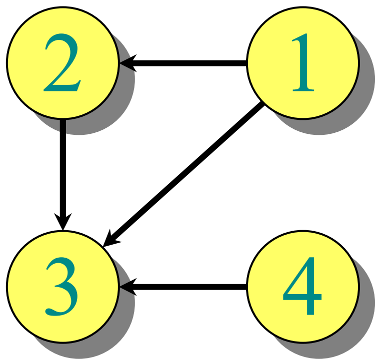

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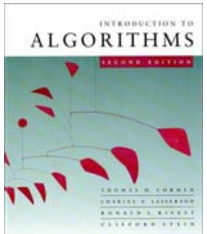
Handshaking Lemma: $\sum_{v \in V} = 2|E|$ for undirected graphs $\Rightarrow$ adjacency lists use $\Theta(V + E)$ storage — a ***sparse*** representation (for either type of graph).



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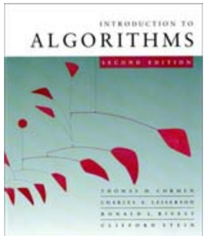

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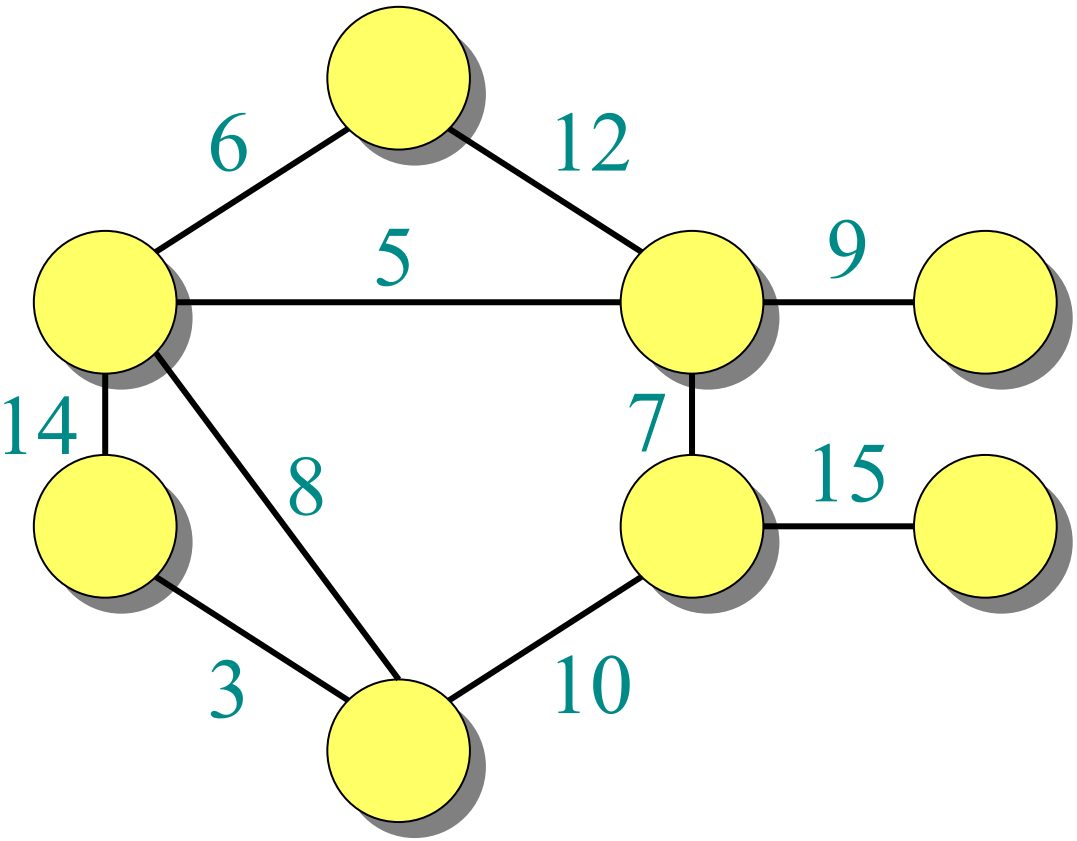

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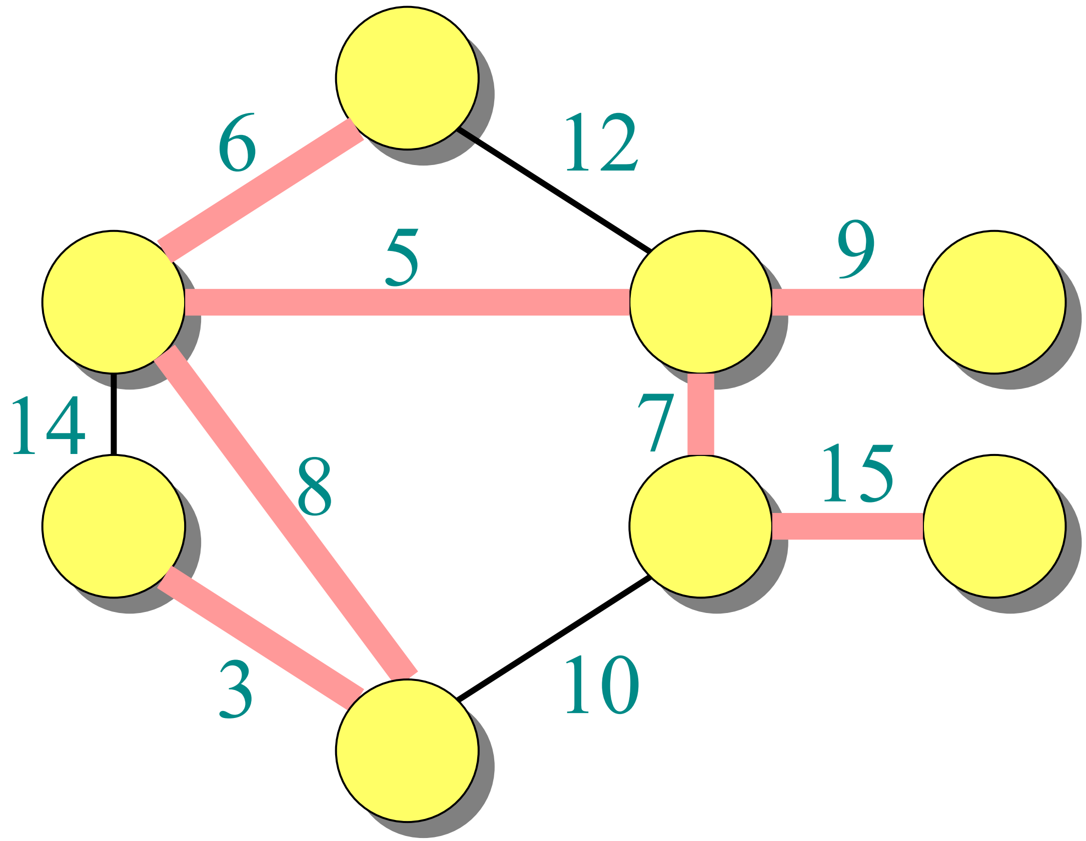

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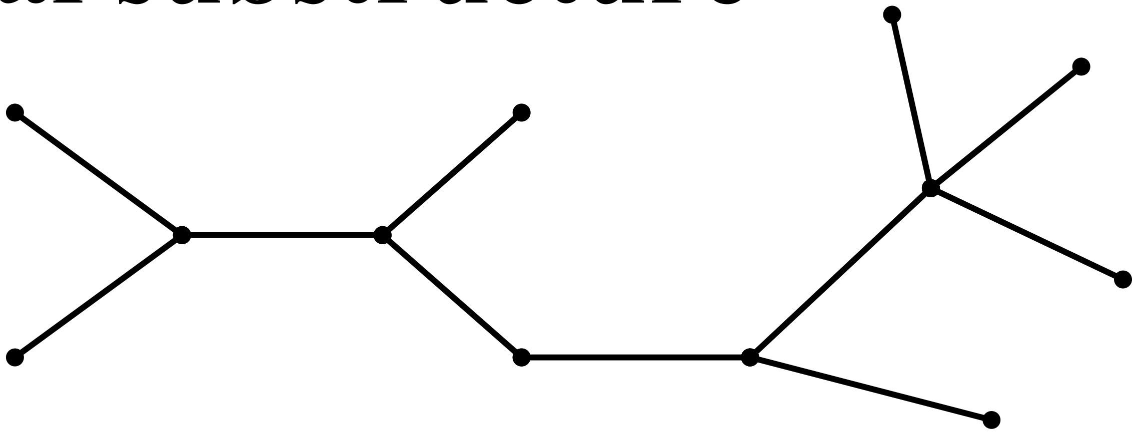

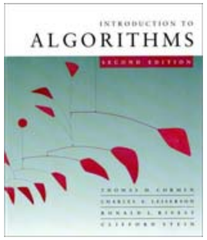

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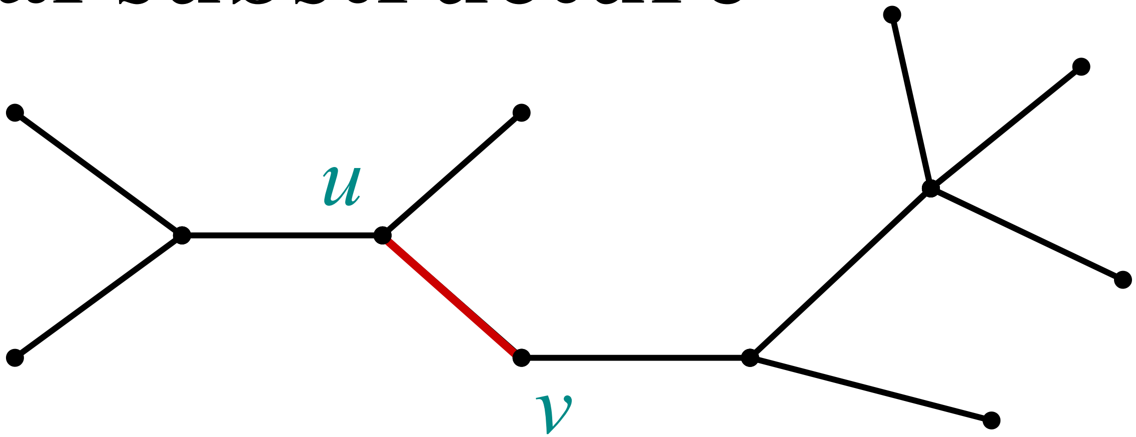

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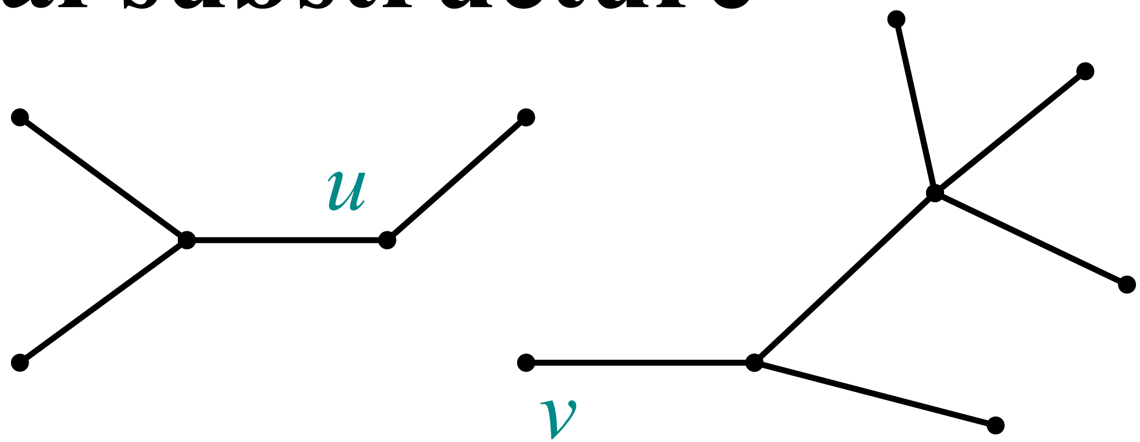

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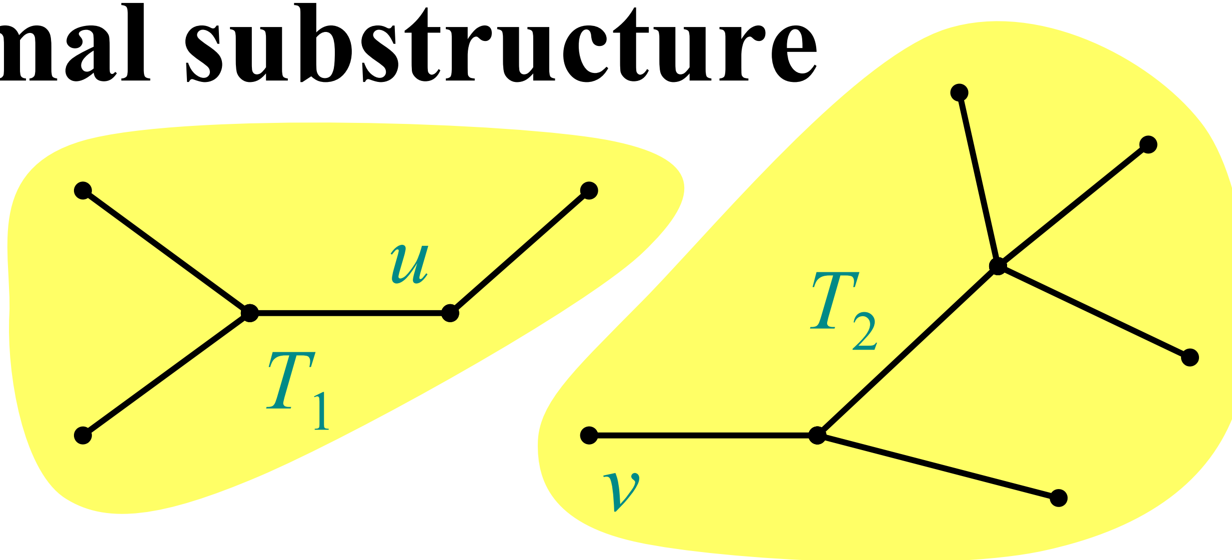

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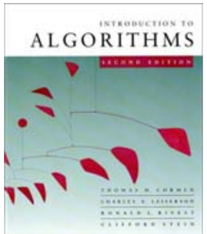

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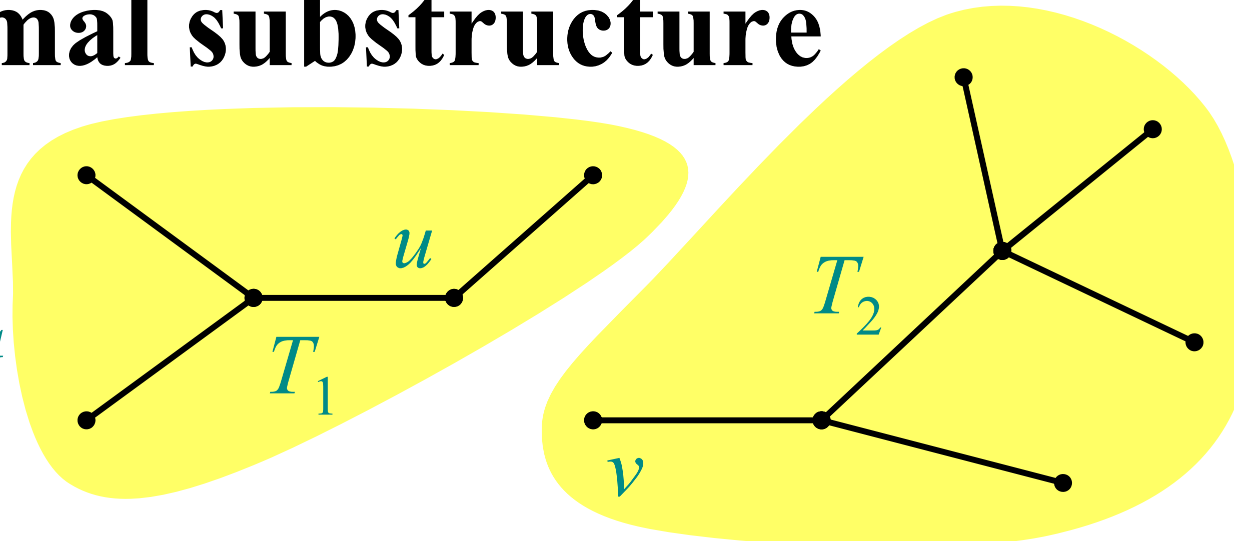

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Theorem. The subtree T_1 is an MST of $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$, the subgraph of G ***induced*** by the vertices of T_1:

$$V_1 = \text{vertices of } T_1,$$
$$E_1 = \{ (x, y) \in E : x, y \in V_1 \}.$$

Similarly for T_2.

Proof of optimal substructure

Proof. Cut and paste:

$$w(T) = w(u, v) + w(T_1) + w(T_2).$$

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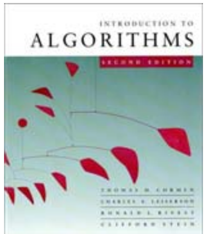

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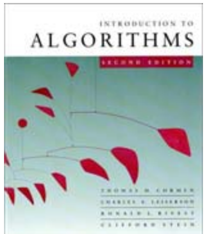

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Great, then dynamic programming may work!

- Yes, but MST exhibits another powerful property which leads to an even more efficient algorithm.

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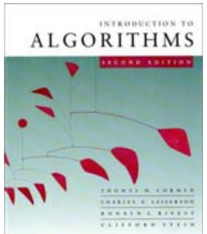

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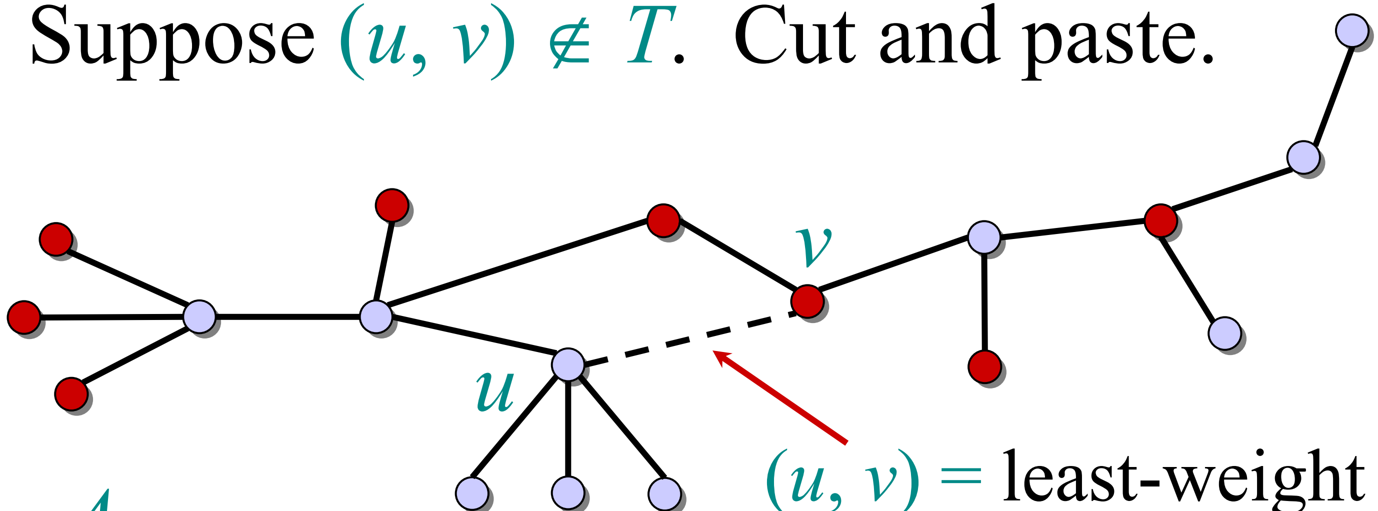

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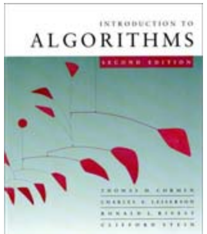

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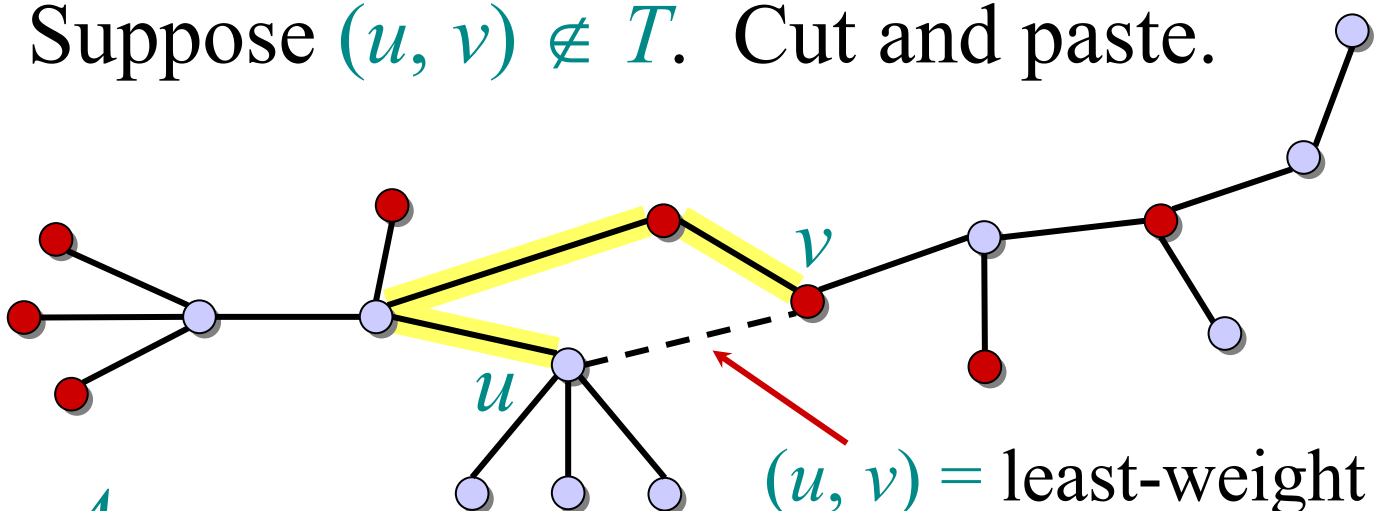

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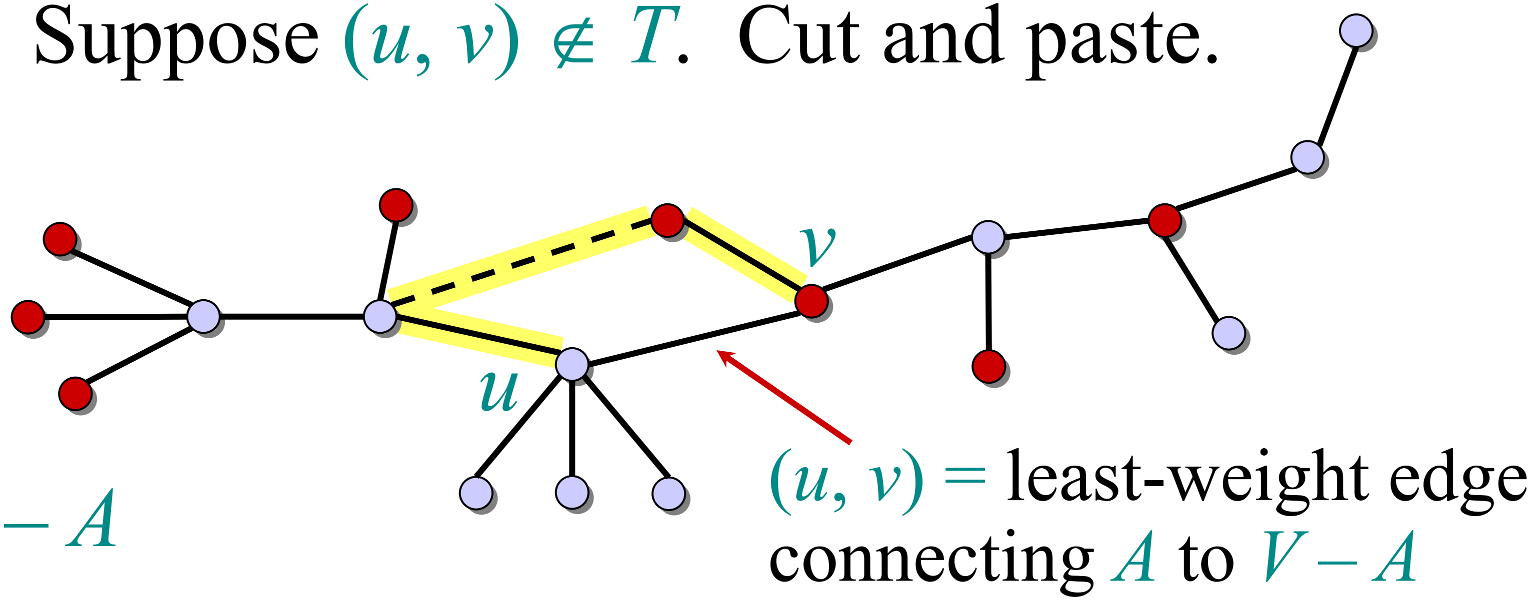

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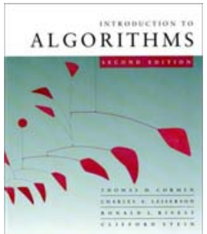

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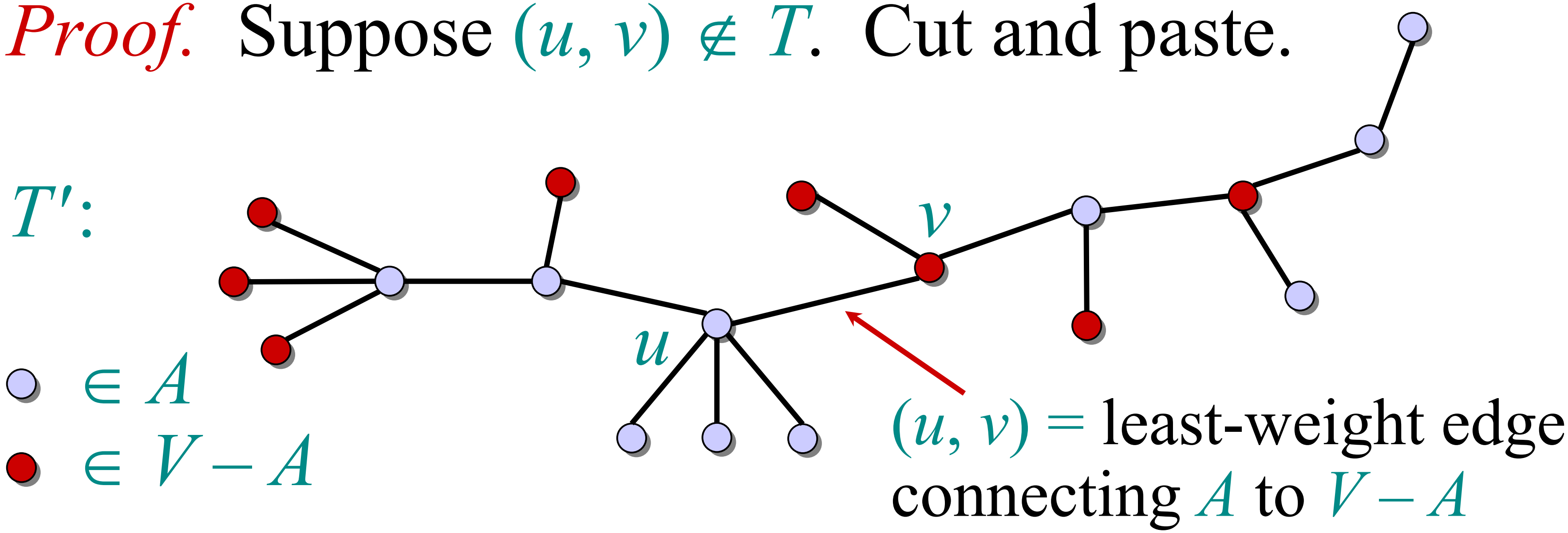

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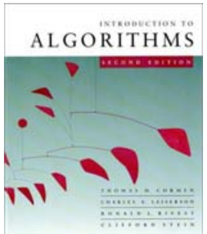
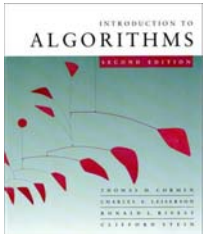


Prim's algorithm

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 $u \leftarrow$ 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
                    $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

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



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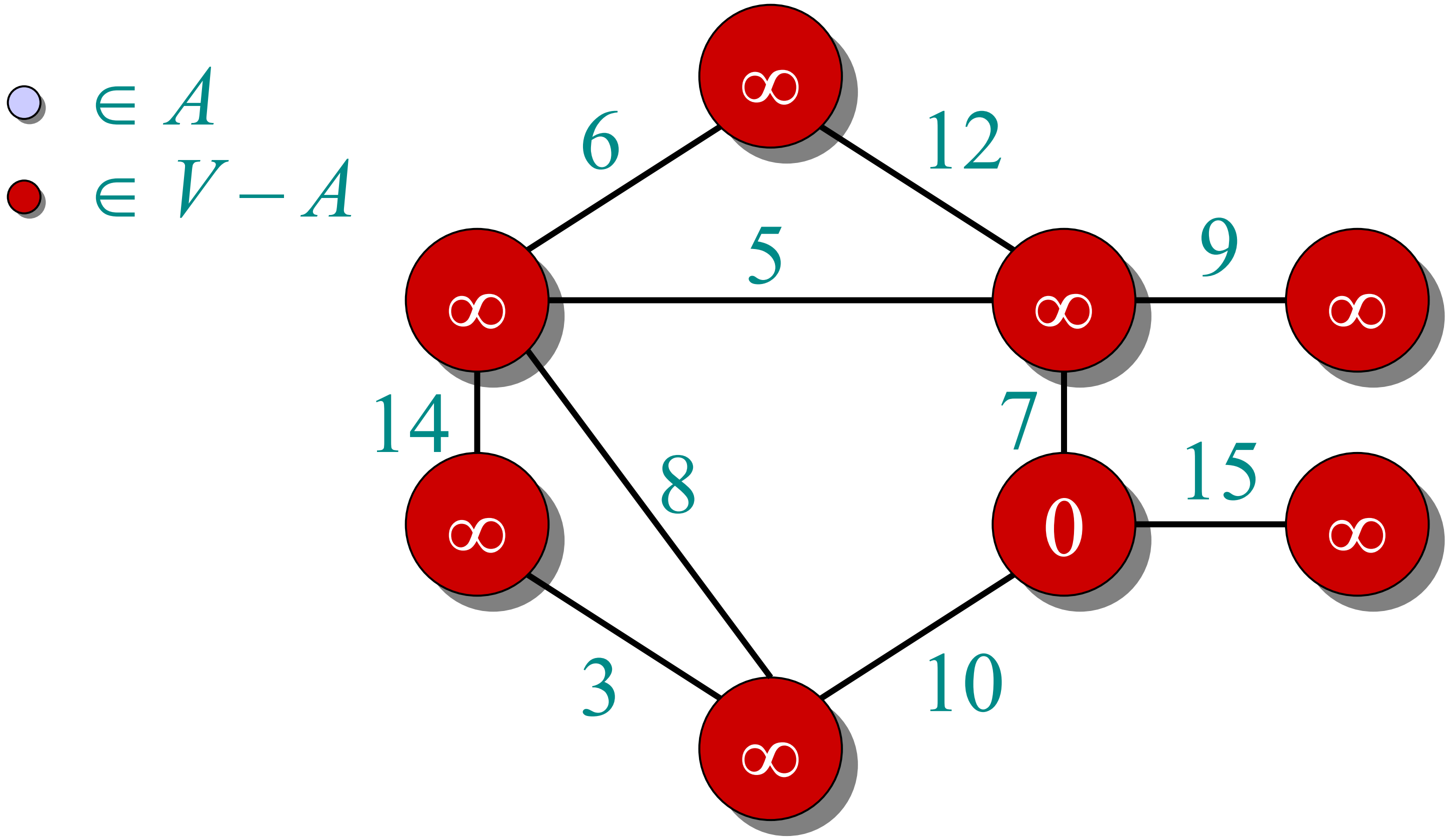

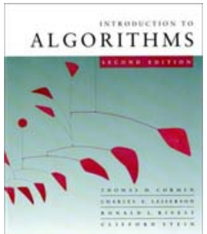

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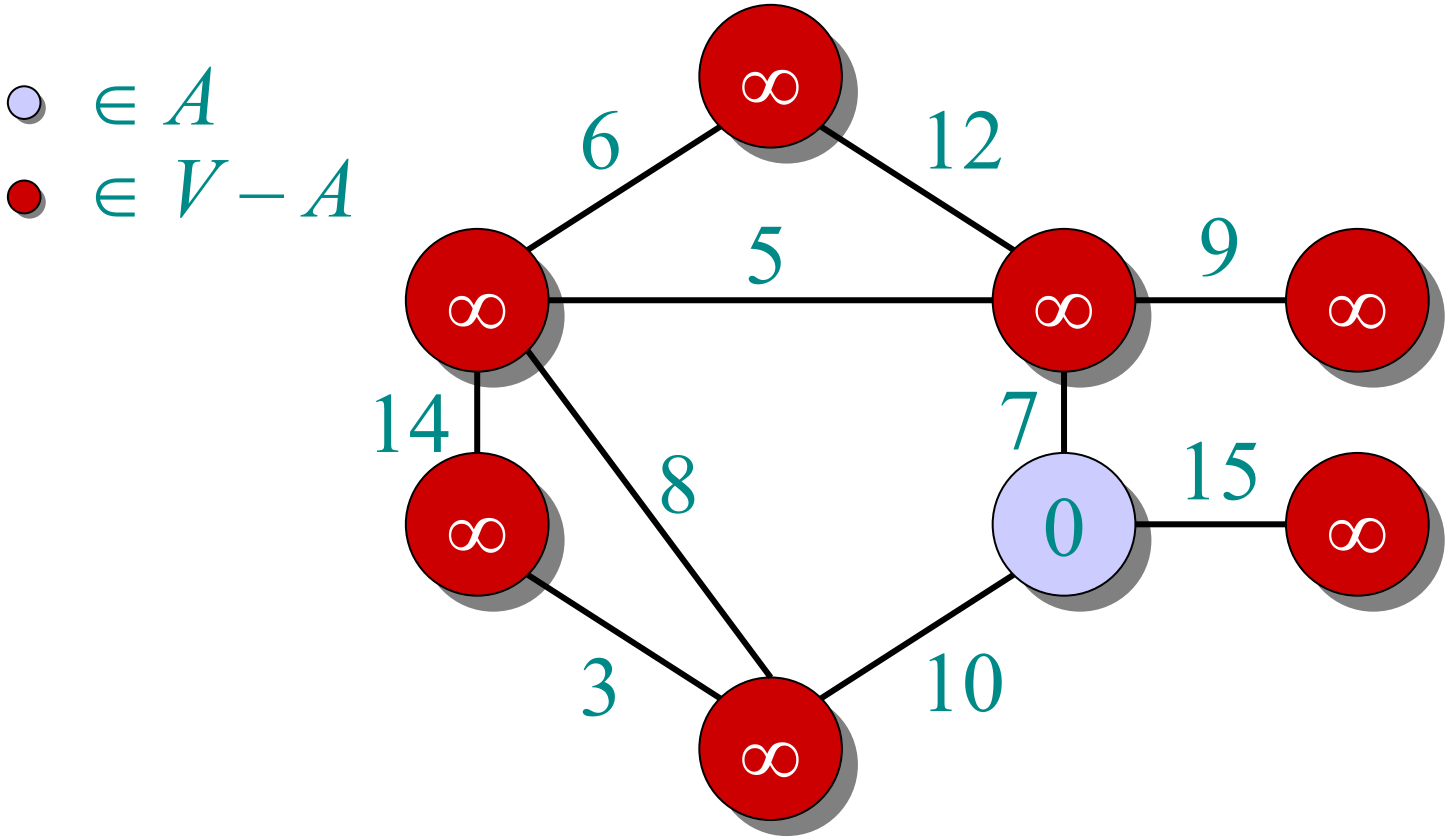

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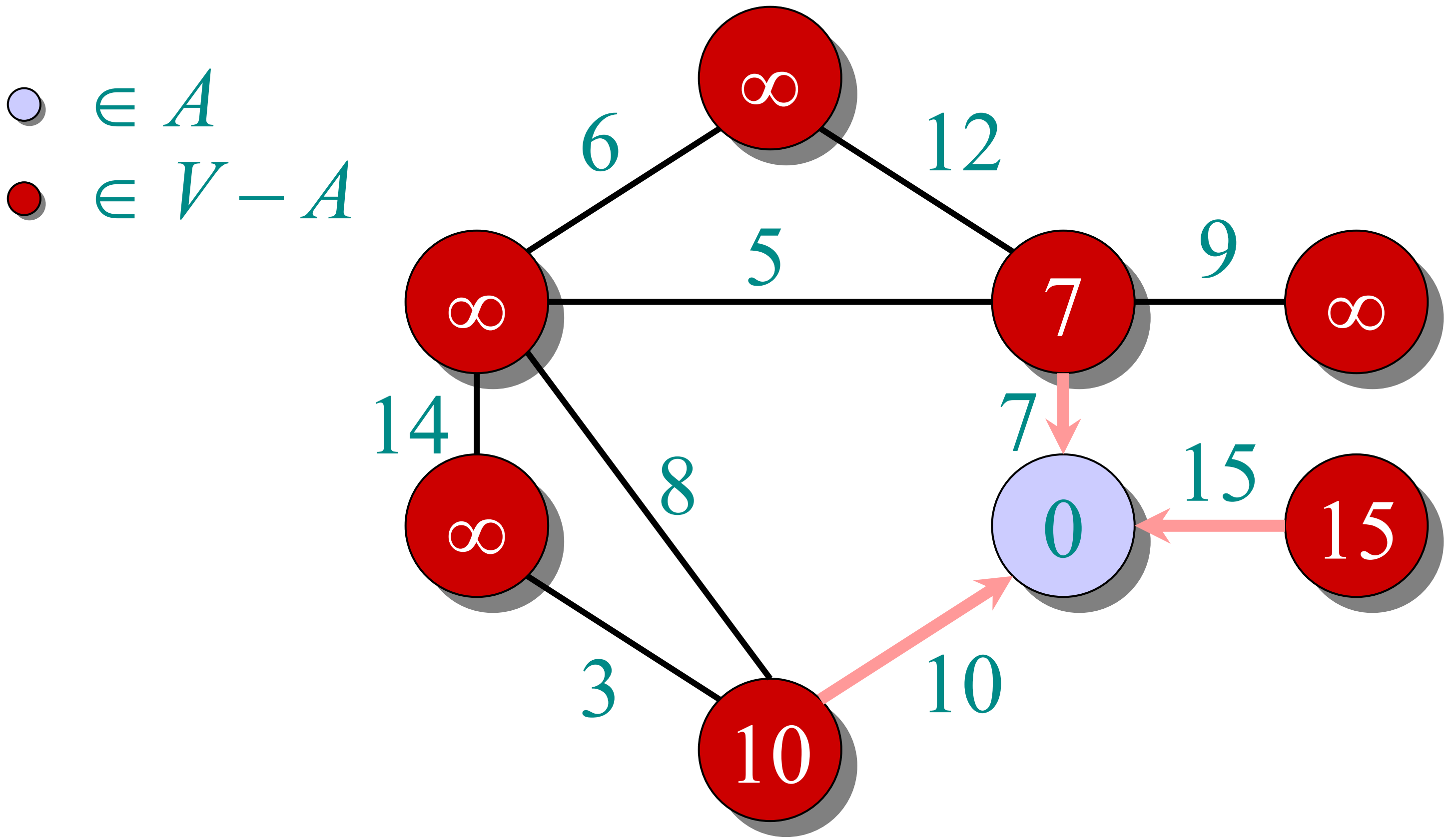

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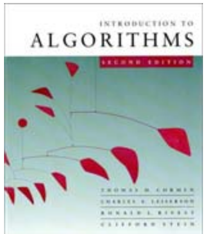

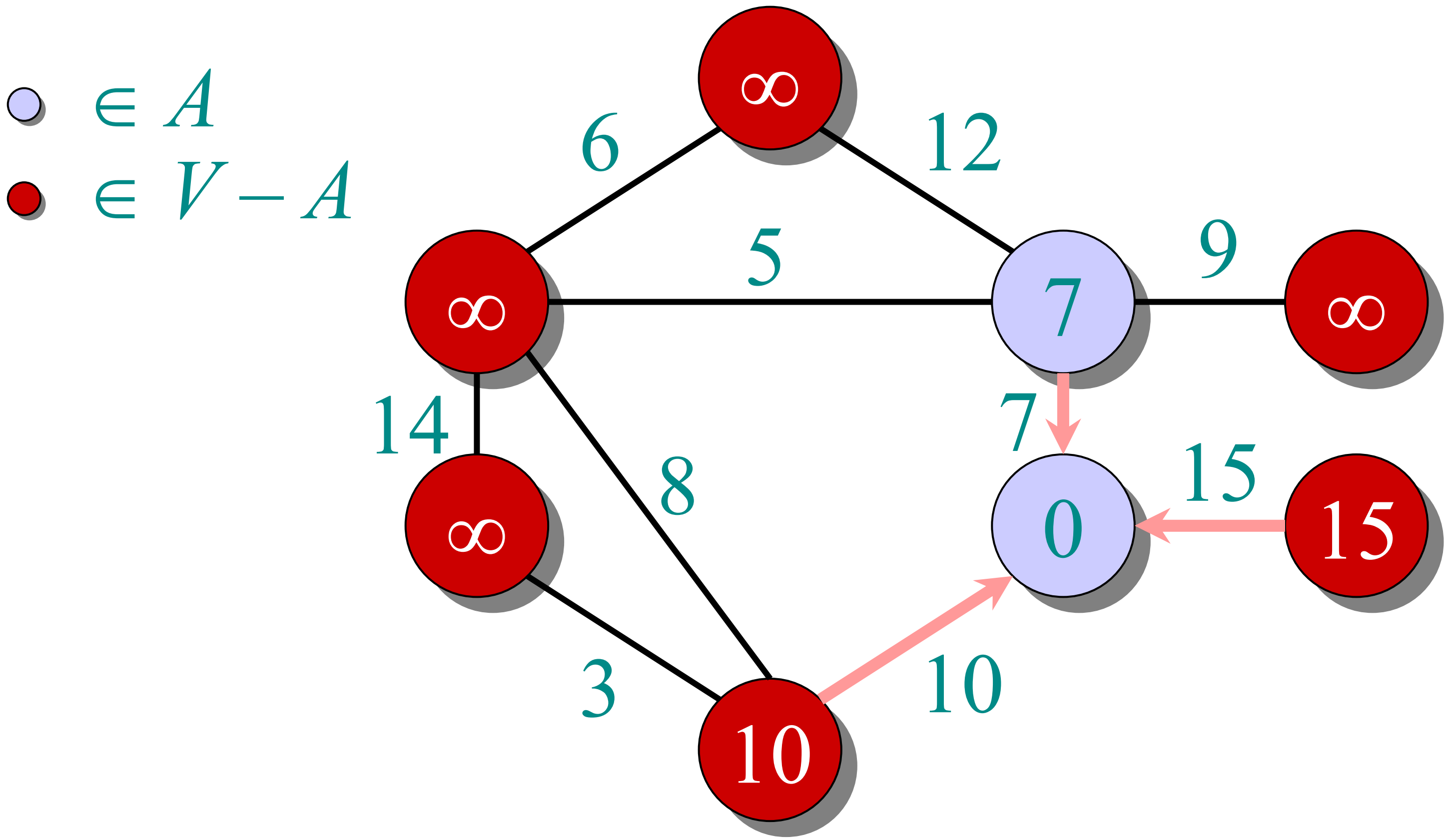

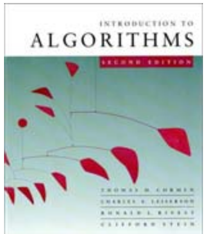

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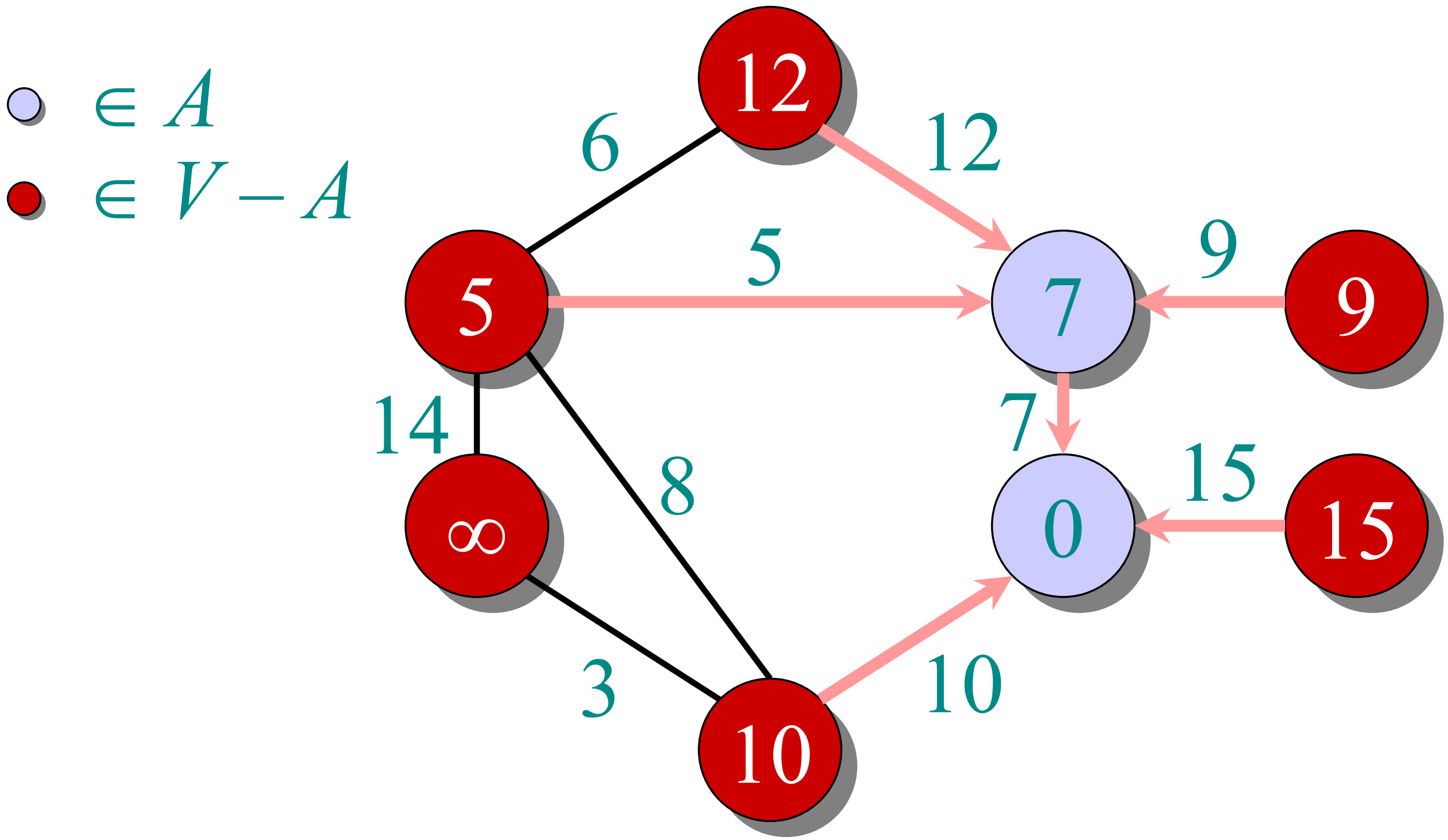

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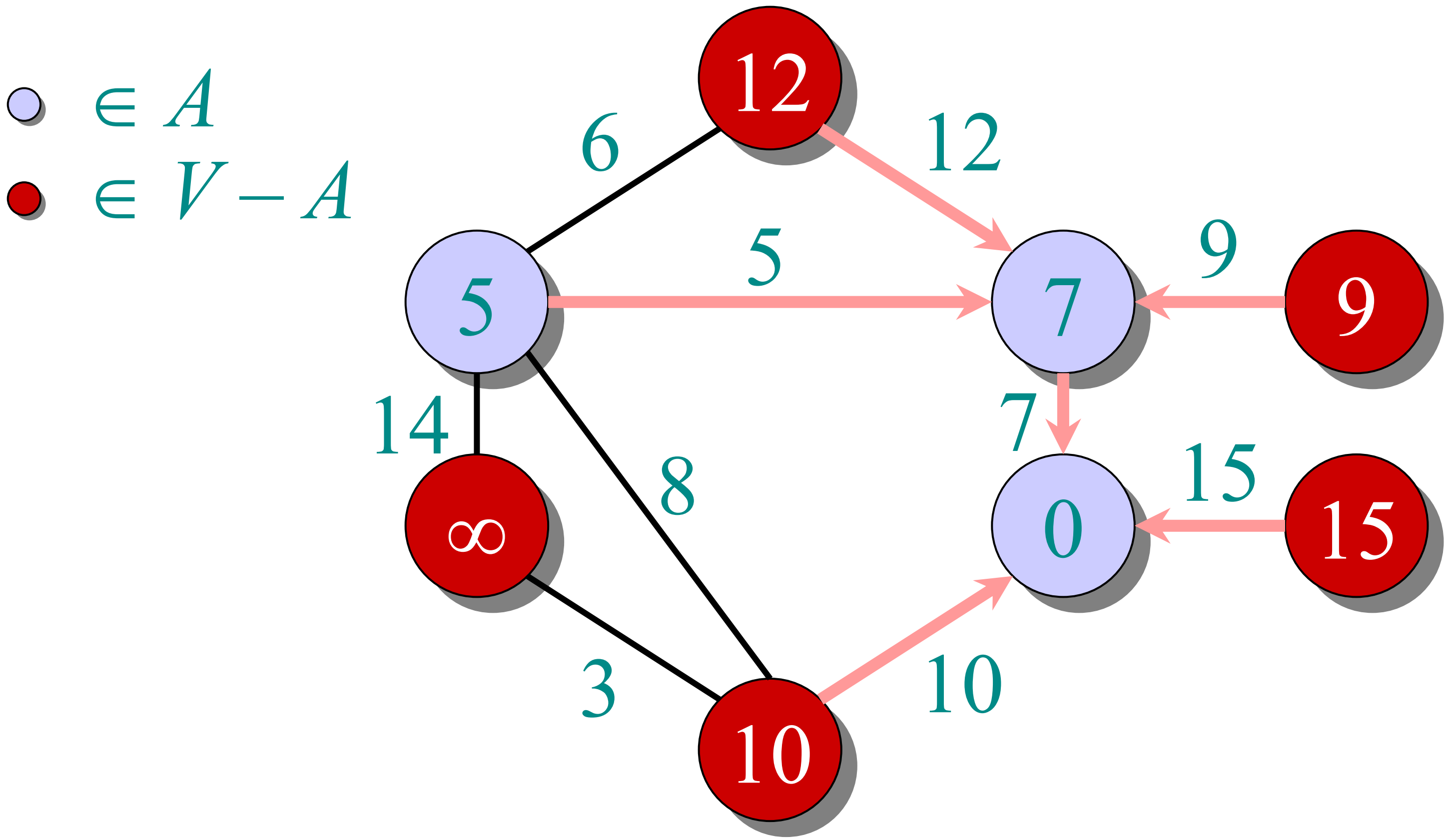

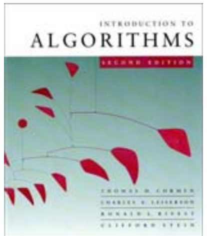

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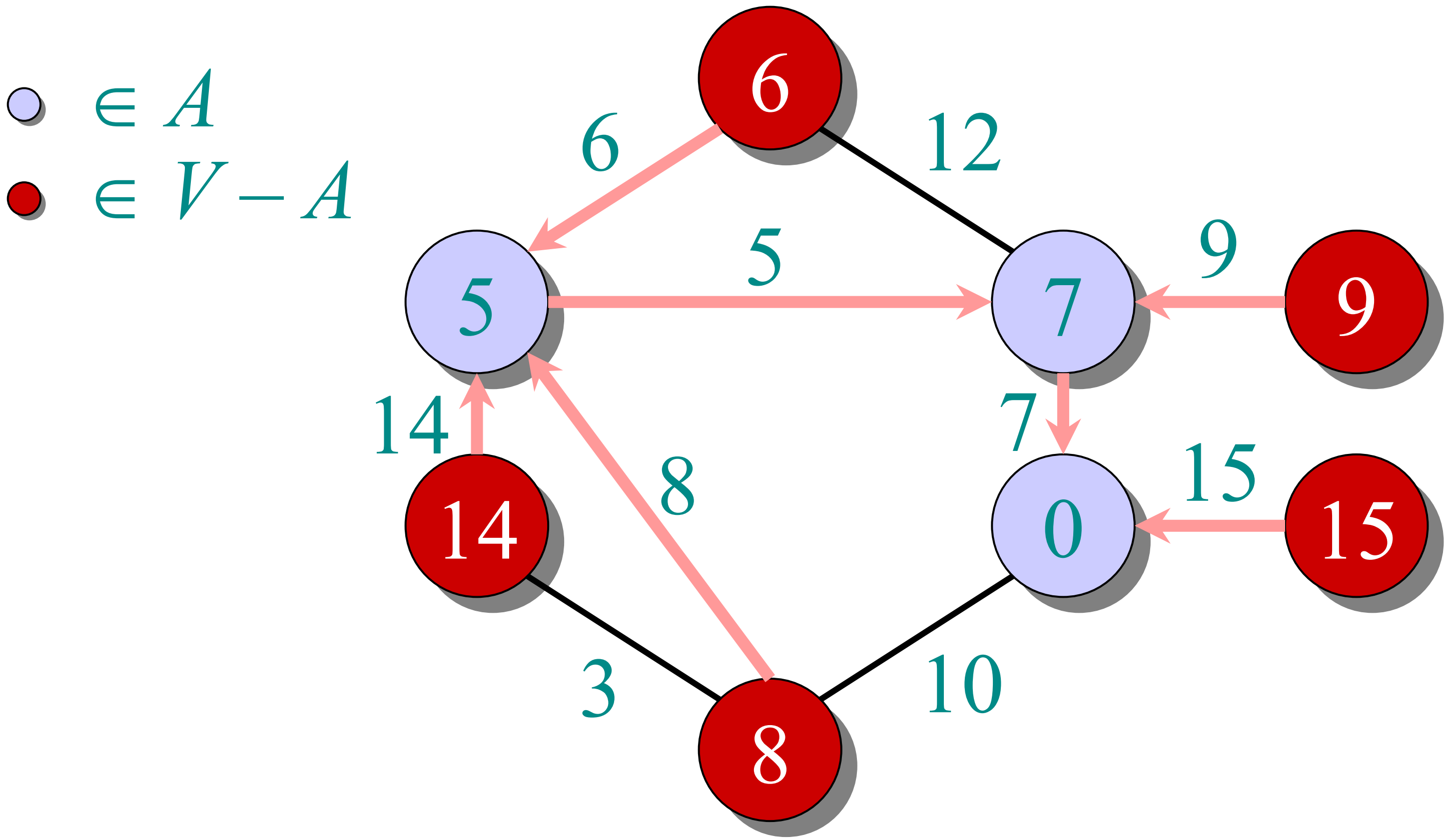

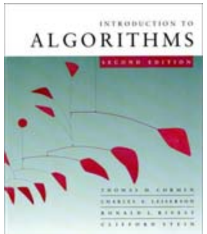

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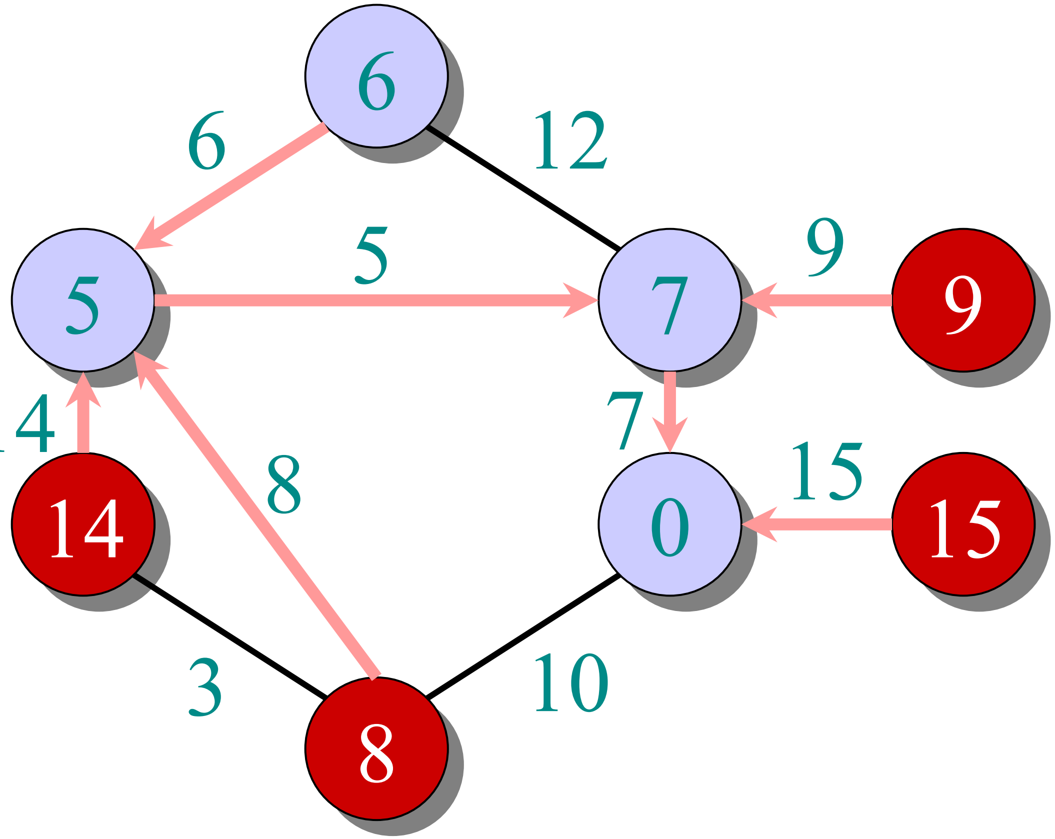

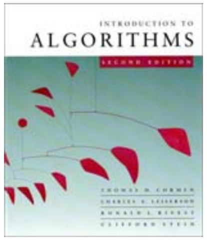

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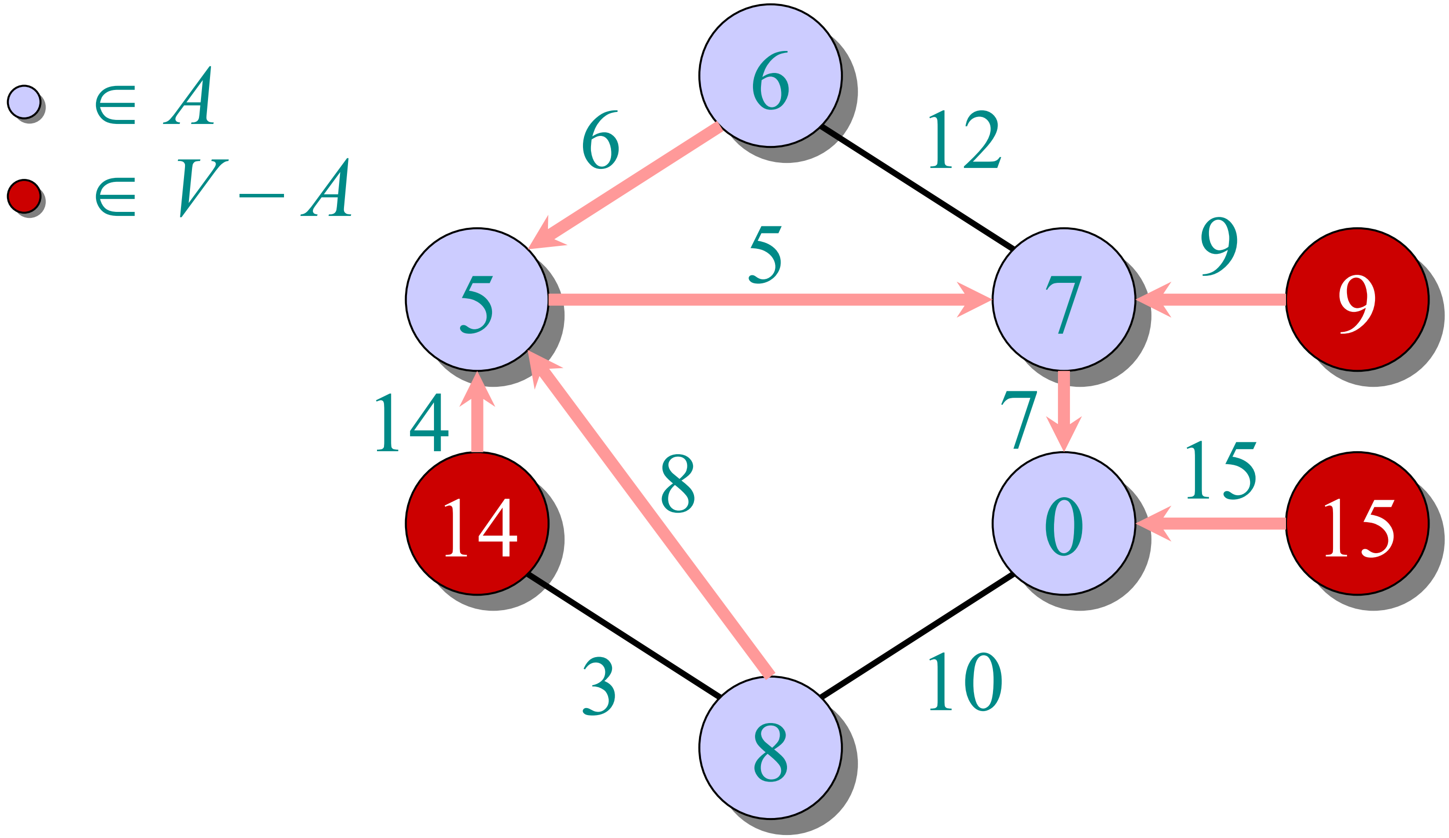

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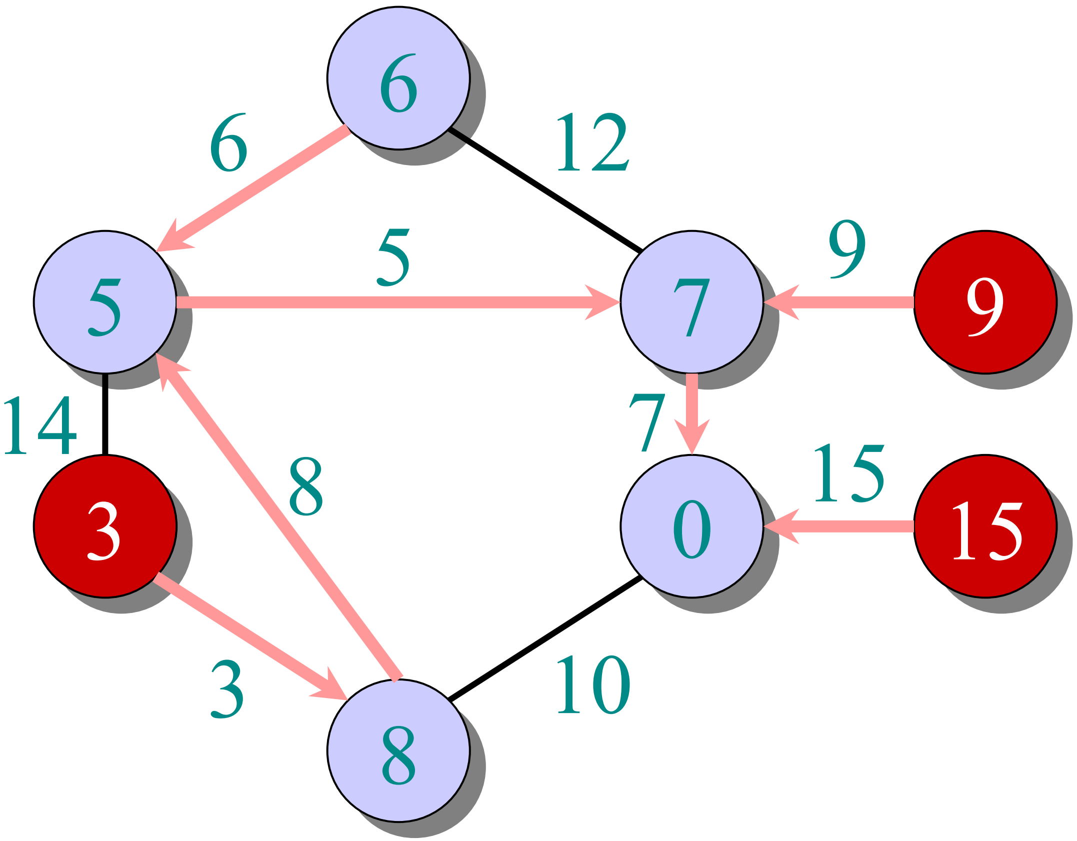

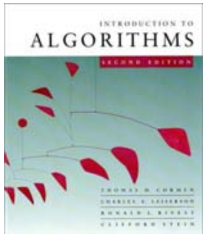

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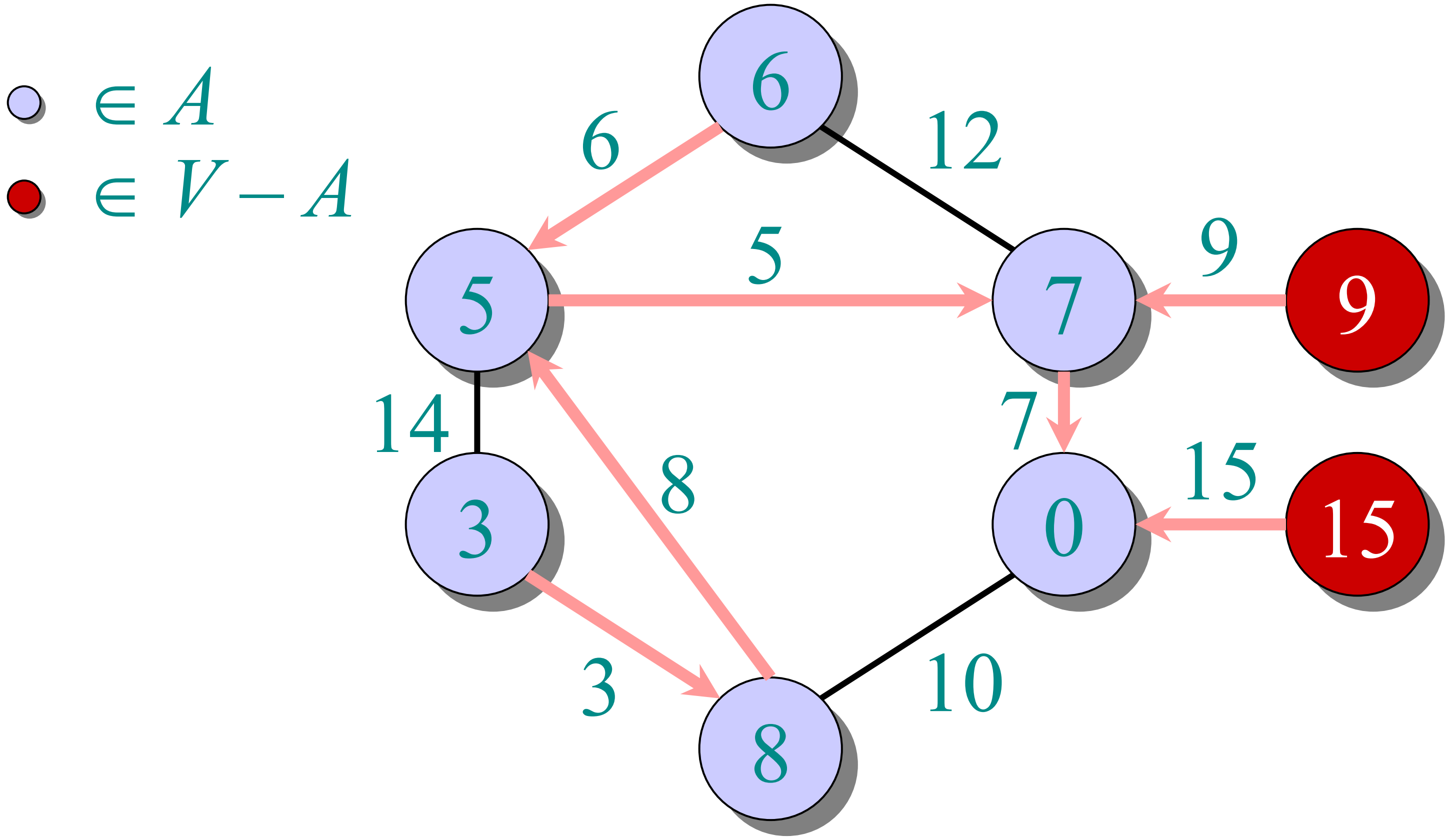

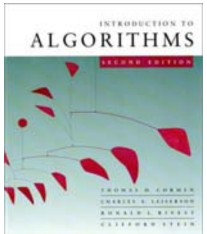

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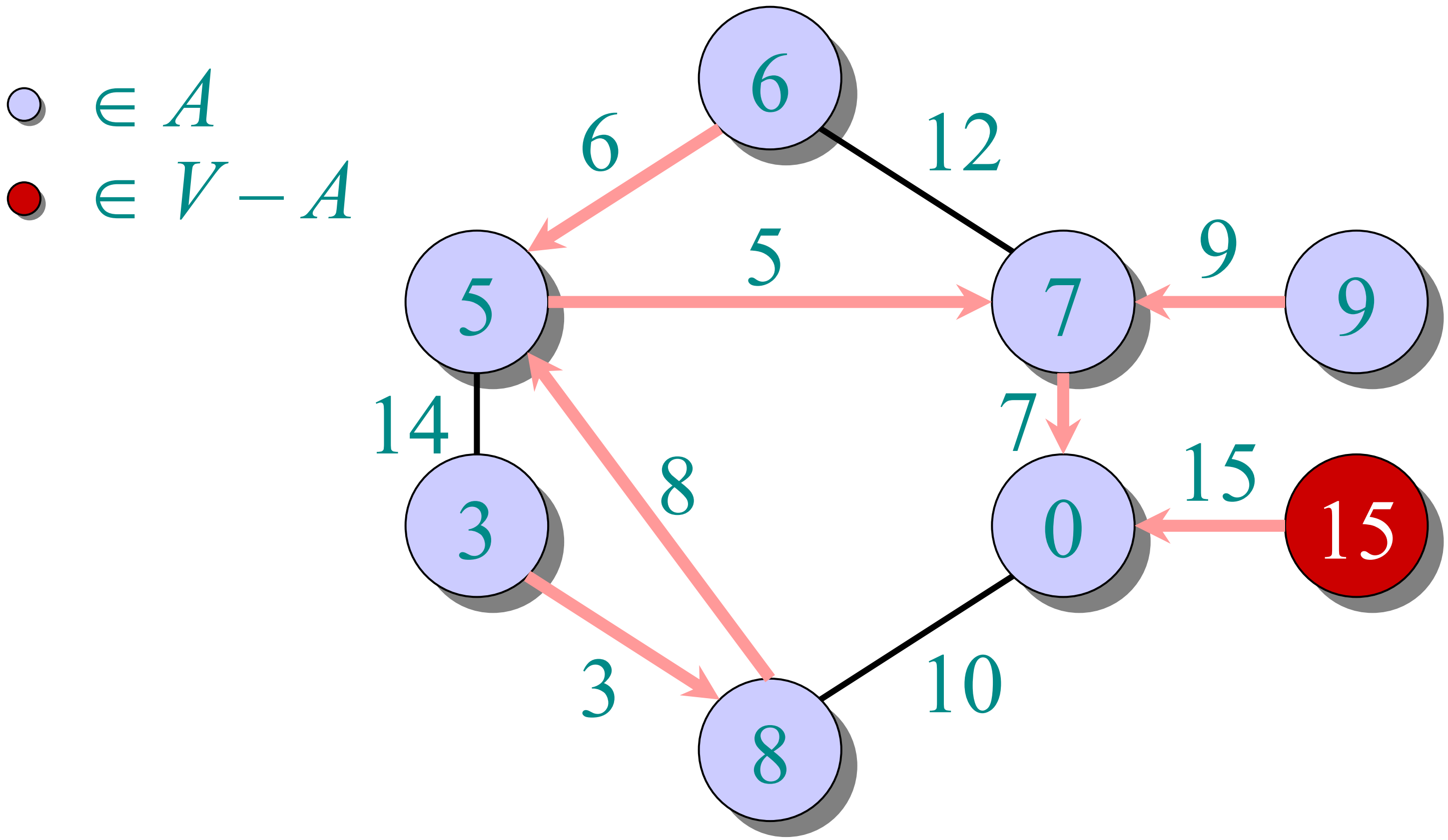

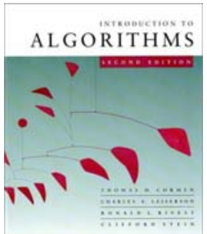

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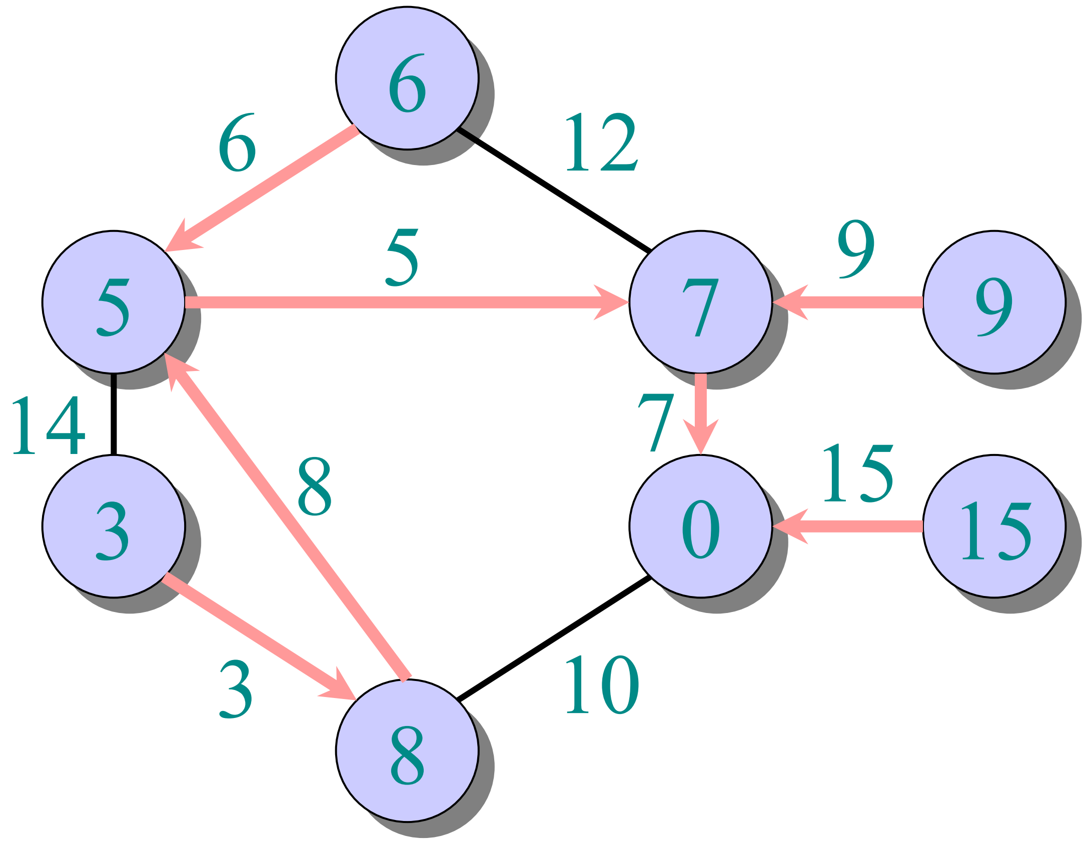

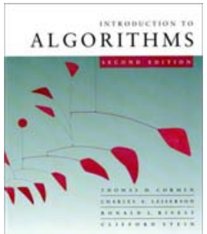

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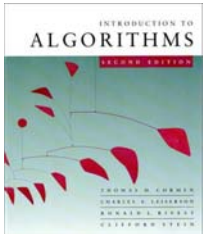

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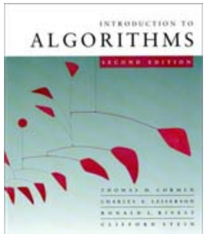

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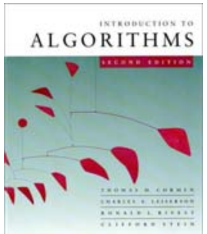

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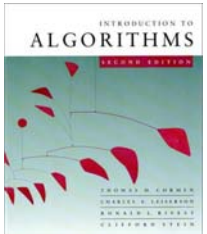

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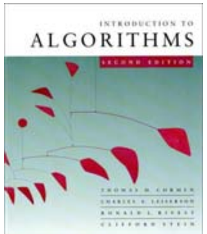

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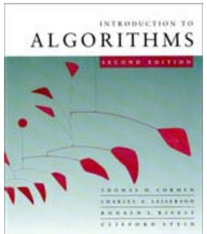

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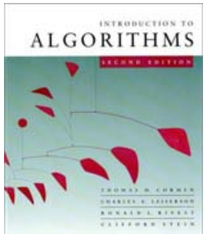

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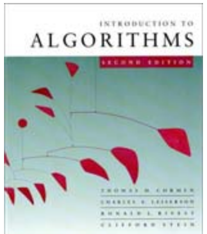

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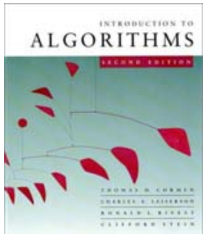

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