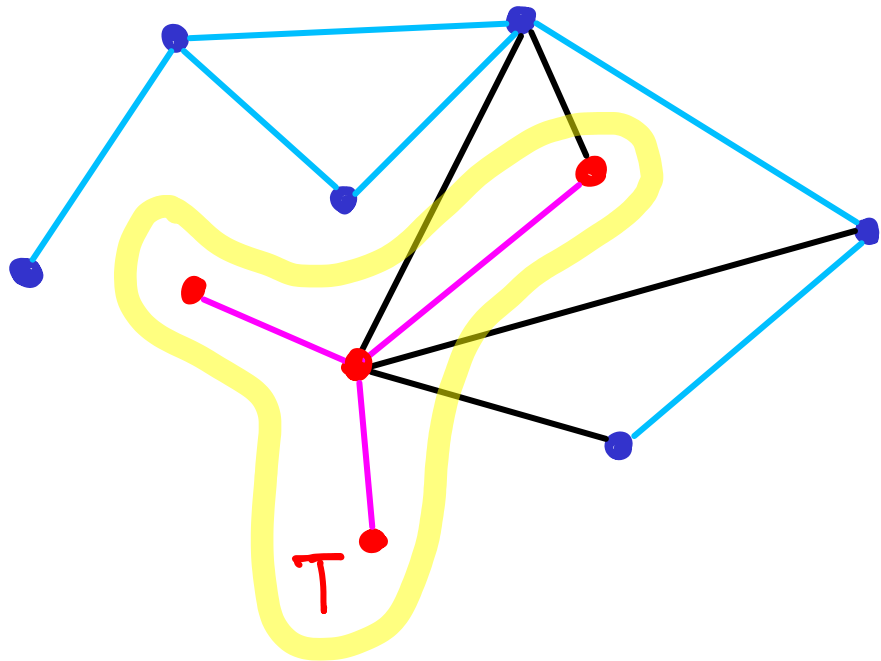


# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST

(R. Prim 1957, but also V. Jarnik 1930)

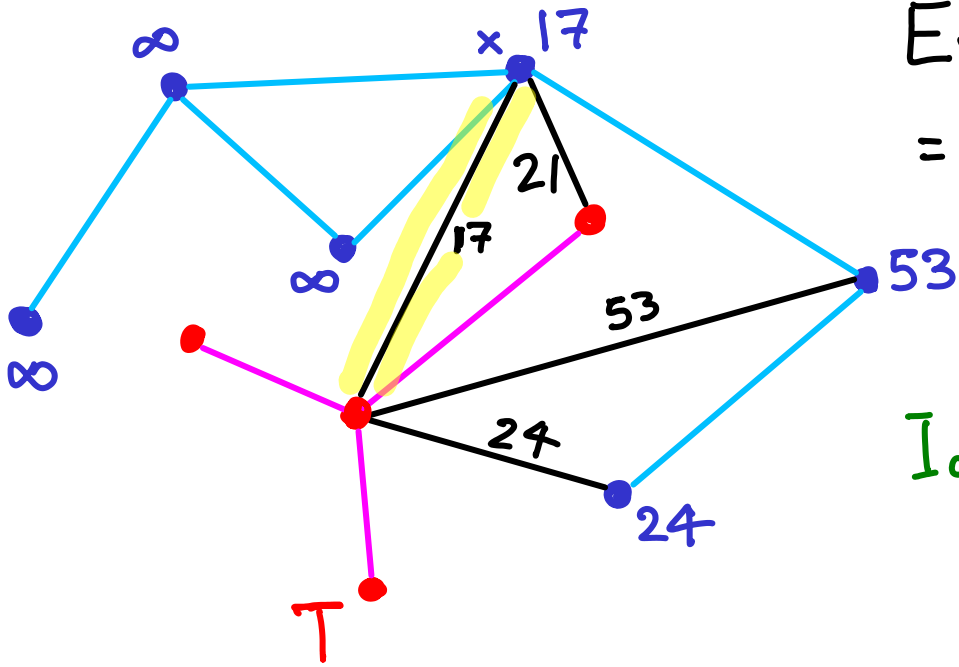


Uses basic principle:

Given a subtree  $T$  of MST,  
the "lightest" edge connecting  
to a vertex not in  $T$   
can be added to  $T$ .

Grow one tree, incrementally adding one edge (& vertex)

# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST



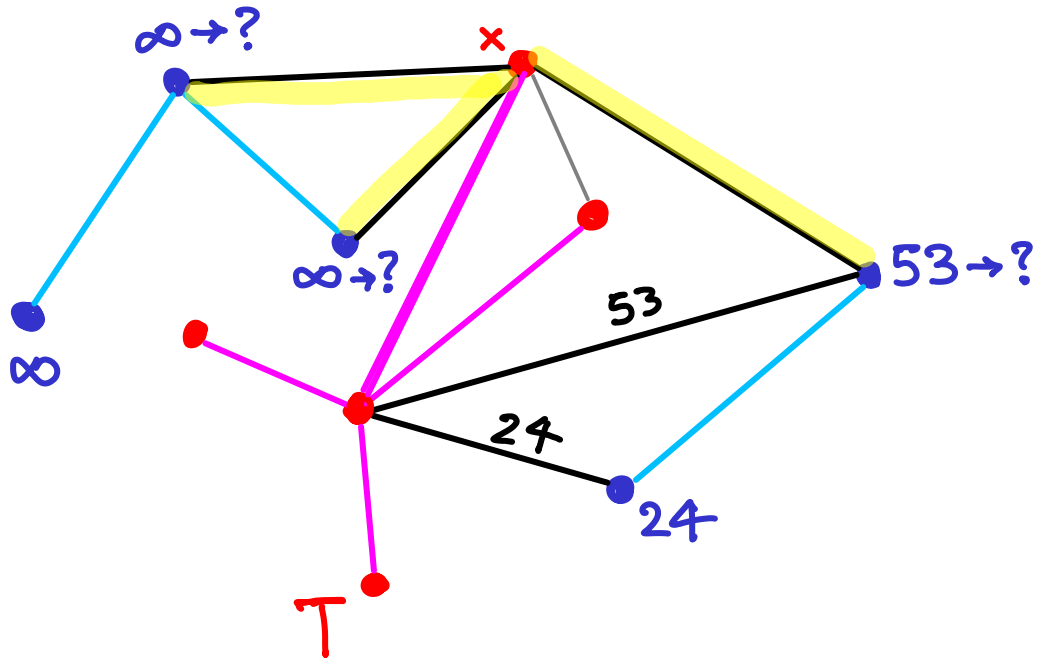
Every vertex not in  $T$  has a score =  
= lightest edge weight connecting it to  $T$

Identify lightest edge crossing cut:

- 1) identify min-score vertex,  $x$
- 2) identify lightest edge from  $x$  to  $T$

Brute force:  $O(V)$  per MST edge

# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST



Update scores when  $x$  joins  $T$ :

For each neighbor  $v_i$  of  $x$

if  $v_i$  not in  $T$

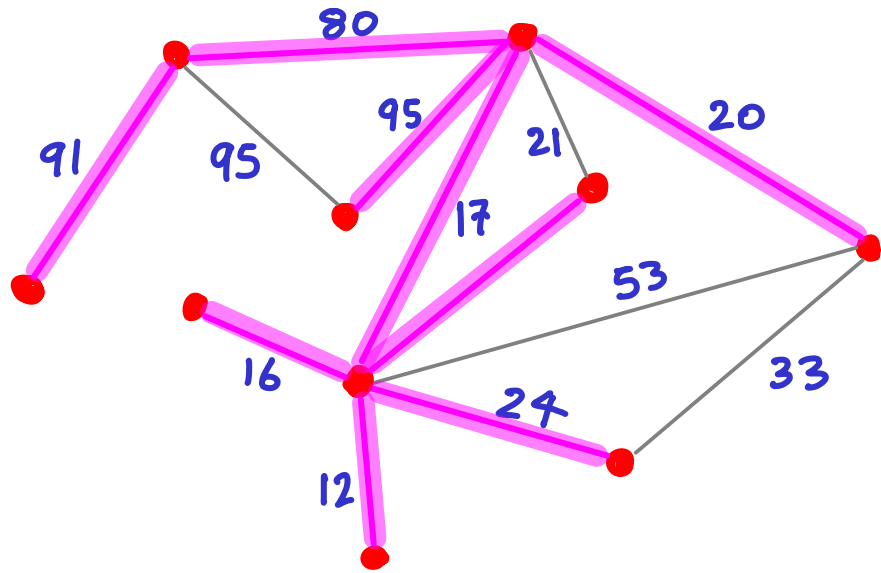
$c = \text{score}(v_i)$

$\text{score}(v_i) \leftarrow \min \{c, \underbrace{w(x, v_i)}_{\text{new option}}\}$

new option

Need to extract min score & decrease scores. How?

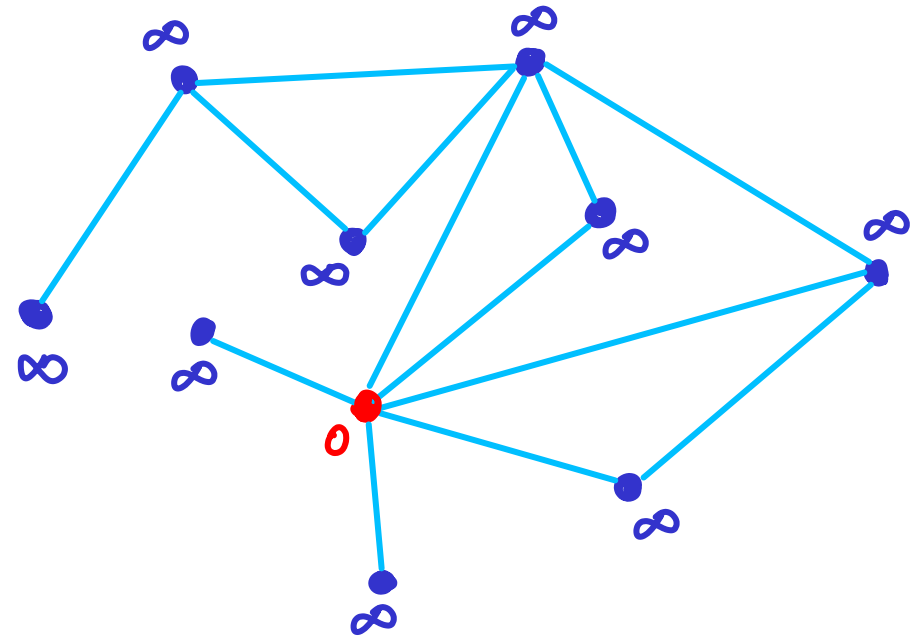
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For a detailed example of Prim's algorithm on this graph, please see full version of class notes.

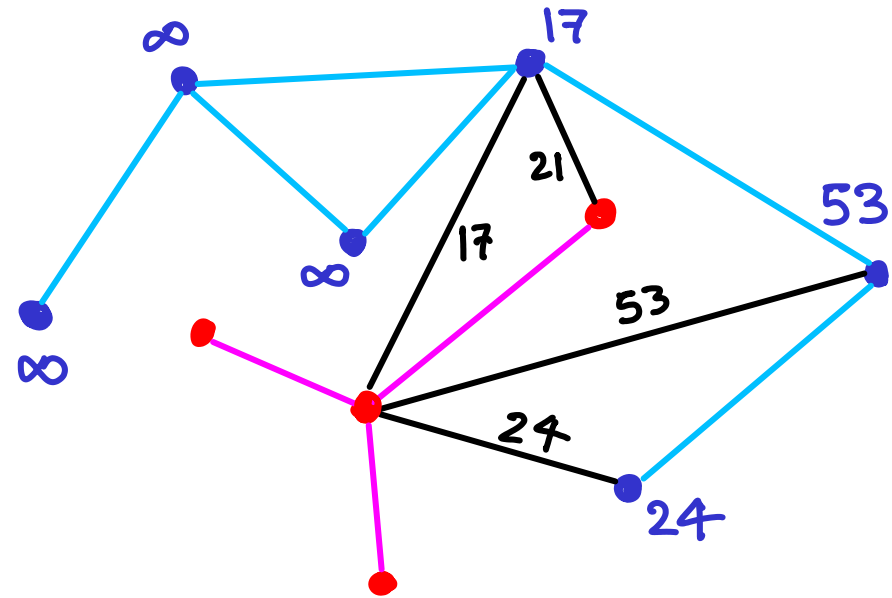
Summary follows.

# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST



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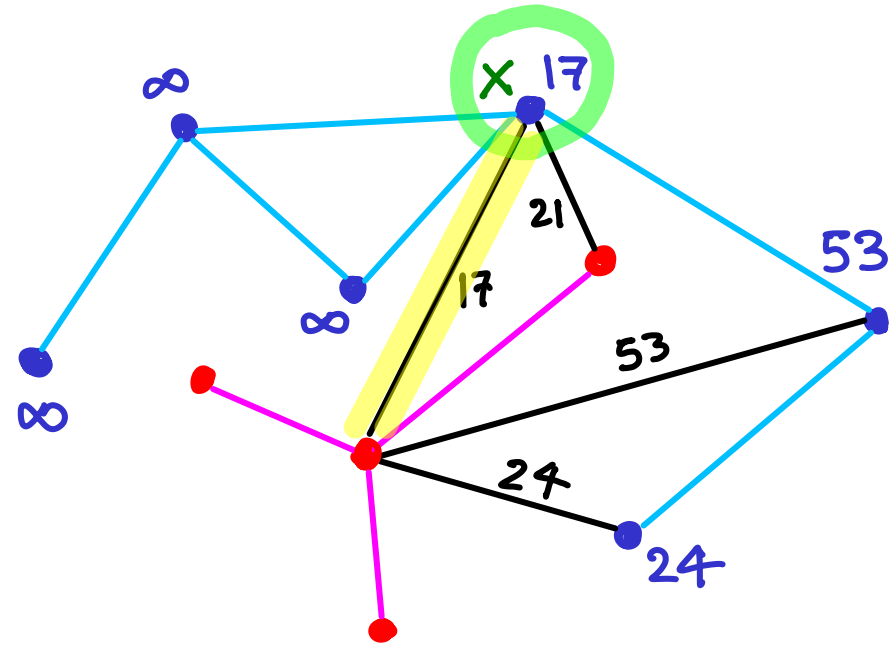
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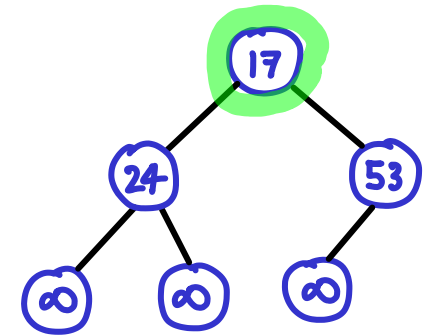
→  $|V|$  rounds

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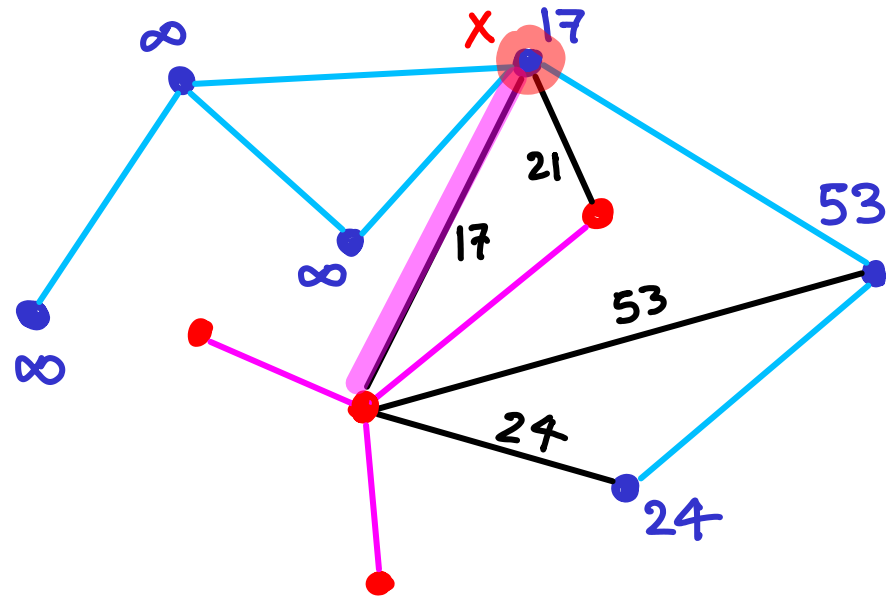
**x**: extract-min & add edge to  $T$   
mark  $x \rightarrow$  in  $T$ .



("add edge"  $\rightarrow$  find an edge from  $x$  to  $T$ , w/ min weight)

(if  $x=s$ , no edge to add)

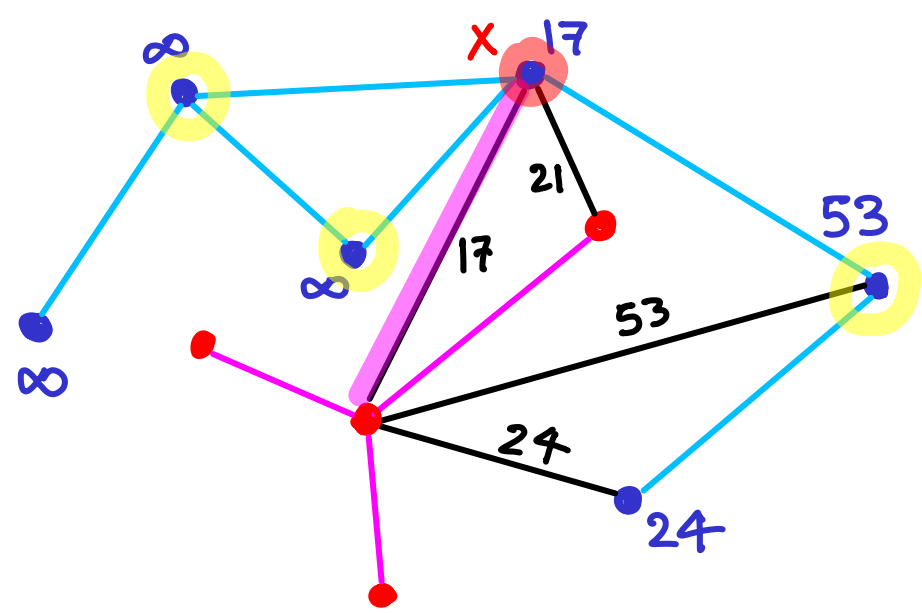
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$|V|$  rounds

$$\sum_{x \in V} (O(\log V) + O(\text{degree}(x))) \\ = O(V \log V) + O(E)$$

$$\sum_{x \in V} O(\text{degree}(x)) \cdot O(\log V) \\ = O(E) \cdot O(\log V)$$

dominates

Using adjacency list

$$\text{TOTAL} = O(E \log V)$$

# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST

with Fibonacci heap  
(beyond scope of COMP160)

- 1) start w/ any vertex  $s$ ; set  $w(s)=0$
- 2) set  $w(\neq s) = \infty$  & put all in pr.queue
- 3) while pr.queue not empty

$x$ : extract-min & add edge to T  
mark  $x \rightarrow$  in T.

for each unmarked neighbor  $q$  of  $x$   
if  $w(q) > w(q,x)$  then decrease.  
 $O(1)$  amortized

Using adjacency list

TOTAL =  $O(E + V \log V)$

$|V|$  rounds <sup>amortized</sup>

$$\sum_{x \in V} (O(\log V) + O(\text{degree}(x)))$$
$$= O(V \log V) + O(E)$$

$$\sum_{x \in V} O(\text{degree}(x)) \cdot \cancel{O(\log V)}$$
$$= O(E) \cdot \cancel{O(\log V)}$$

# PRIM'S ALGORITHM for MST

Using adj. matrix  
w/ weighted entries

& no pr. queue

$|V|$  rounds

1) start w/ any vertex  $s$ ; set  $w(s)=0$   
2) set  $w(\neq s) = \infty$  & put all in ~~pr.queue~~ <sup>array</sup>

3) while ~~pr.queue not empty~~  $\exists v$  not in  $T$   
 $O(V)$  { scan array |  $x$ : extract-min & add edge to  $T$   
mark  $x \rightarrow$  in  $T$ .  
 $O(V)$  { scan row( $x$ ) | for each unmarked neighbor  $q$  of  $x$   
in matrix | if  $w(q) > w(q,x)$  then decrease.

$O(V^2)$  time & space