# Lecture 20 

CSE 331
Oct 11, 2019

## SEAS scholarships

note<br>\section*{SEAS Scholarships}<br>Y'all should have received an email from Christine Human on this but I'd like to encourage y'all to apply as well!<br>Deadline is October 21 and here is the URL: https://buffalo.academicworks.com/

## HW 5 solutions

At the end of the lecture

## Extra OH today

## Extra Friday OH

A gentle reminder that you will be able to pickup solutions to all HWs (1-5) during the office hours this Friday (all in Salvador Lounge):

- Elijah (as usual) will have his $\mathrm{OH} 3-4: 10 \mathrm{pm}$ (note the extra 20 mins beyond the usual $3: 50 \mathrm{pm}$ stop).
- Nick will have a special OH 5-5:50pm.

We might add another OH earlier in the day: I'll update this post in case we are able to do so.
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mid-term office_hours

## Graded HW 4 and Quiz 1

Planning for tonight

# Mid-term-I on Monday 

## 1-1:50pm in this place

If you can reference away a Q, do it!

## Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

Input: Undirected, connected $G=(V, E)$, edge costs $c_{e}$
Output: Subset $\left.E^{\prime} \subseteq E\right)$, s.t. $T=\left(V, E^{\prime}\right)$ is connected $C(T)$ is minimized

If all $c_{e}>0$, then $T$ is indeed a tree

## Today's agenda

Greedy algorithm(s) for MST problem

## Kruskal's Algorithm

Input: $G=(V, E), c_{e}>0$ for every e in $E$

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T=\varnothing
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Sort edges in increasing order of their cost

Consider edges in sorted order

Joseph B. Kruskal


If an edge can be added to $T$ without adding a cycle then add it to $T$

## Prim's algorithm

Similar to Dijkstra's algorithm



Robert Prim

Input: $G=(V, E), c_{e}>0$ for every e in E $S=\{s\}, T=\varnothing$

While $S$ is not the same as $V$


Among edges $e=(u, w)$ with $u$ in $S$ and $w$ not in $S$, pick one with minimum cost
Add w to $S$, e to $T$

## Reverse-Delete Algorithm



Input: $\mathrm{G}=(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E}), \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{e}}>0$ for every e in E

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\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{E}
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Sort edges in decreasing order of their cost

Consider edges in sorted order
If an edge can be removed $T$ without disconnecting $T$ then remove it

## (Old) History of MST algorithms

1920: Otakar Borůvka


1957: Prim
1959: Dijkstra

