# Kruskal’s Algorithm

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## Depth First Search (DFS) Traversal

DFS Traversal Starting at A, moving clockwise around edges.

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### Running Time of DFS:

**Labeling:**
- Vertex:
- Edge:

**Queries:**
- Vertex:
- Edge:

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### Spanning Trees

Q: What road should we build first?

Q: What strategy should we use to build the next road?

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A **Spanning Tree** on a connected graph $G$ is a subgraph, $G'$, such that:
1. Every vertex is in $G'$ and
2. $G'$ is connected with the minimum number of edges

This construction will always create a new graph that is a tree (connected, acyclic graph) that spans $G$.

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A **Minimum Spanning Tree** is a spanning tree with the minimal total edge weights among all spanning trees.
- Every edge must have a weight
  - The weights are unconstrained, except they must be additive (*eg: can be negative, can be non-integers*)
- Output of a MST algorithm produces $G'$:
  - $G'$ is a spanning graph of $G$
  - $G'$ is a tree
  - $G'$ has a minimal total weight among all spanning trees
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Kruskal’s Running Time Analysis

We have multiple choices on which underlying data structure to use to build the Priority Queue used in Kruskal’s Algorithm:

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Based on our algorithm choice:

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Pseudocode for Kruskal’s MST Algorithm

1. KruskalMST(G):
2.     DisjointSets forest
3.     foreach (Vertex v : G):
4.         forest.makeSet(v)
5.     PriorityQueue Q  // min edge weight
6.     foreach (Edge e : G):
7.         Q.insert(e)
8.     Graph T = (V, {})
9.     while |T.edges()| < n-1:
10.        Vertex (u, v) = Q.removeMin()
11.        if forest.find(u) == forest.find(v):
12.            T.addEdge(u, v)
13.            forest.union( forest.find(u),
14.                            forest.find(v) )
15.     return T

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

1. Exam #12 (programming) starts Monday
2. MP7 extra credit deadline on Monday (+14 EC)
3. lab_graphs due Sunday
4. Multi-day “puzzle” POTDs available M/W/F