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e has minimum cost

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Priority Queues

Data structure to store a set S of n elements where each element $v \in S$ has an associated real/integer key $k(v)$ such that the following operations

- 1 **makeQ**: create an empty queue
- 2 **findMin**: find the minimum key in S
- 3 **extractMin**: Remove $v \in S$ with smallest key and return it
- 4 **add**($v, k(v)$): Add new element v with key $k(v)$ to S
- 5 **Delete**(v): Remove element v from S
- 6 **decreaseKey** ($v, k'(v)$): decrease key of v from $k(v)$ (current key) to $k'(v)$ (new key). Assumption: $k'(v) \leq k(v)$
- 7 **meld**: merge two separate priority queues into one

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