> *Kruskal’s algorithm is another popular algorithm for finding the minimum spanning tree (MST) of a weighted undirected graph.*

It is based on sorting the edges of the graph in non-decreasing order of their weights.

Outline of Kruskal’s algorithm:

1. Initialize an empty set to store the MST.
2. Create a disjoint-set data structure to keep track of the connected components. Initially, each vertex is in its own set.
3. Sort the edges of the graph in non-decreasing order of their weights. This can be done using any sorting algorithm.
4. Iterate through each edge in the sorted order:
    - a. Check if adding the current edge to the MST creates a cycle. This can be done by checking if the vertices of the edge belong to different sets in the disjoint-set data structure.
    - b. If the edge does not create a cycle, add it to the MST and merge the sets of the vertices using the disjoint-set data structure.
5. Return the MST.

The pseudocode for Kruskal’s algorithm:

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Kruskal's Algorithm:
Input: Graph G with vertices V and edges E, weights assigned to each
edge
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1. Initialize an empty set to store the MST: MST = {}
2. Create a disjoint-set data structure to keep track of the connected
components.
3. Sort the edges of G in non-decreasing order of their weights.
4. Iterate through each edge (u, v) in the sorted order:
   a. If adding (u, v) to MST does not create a cycle:
      - Add (u, v) to MST.
      - Merge the connected components of u and v using the disjoint-
set data structure.
5. Return MST.
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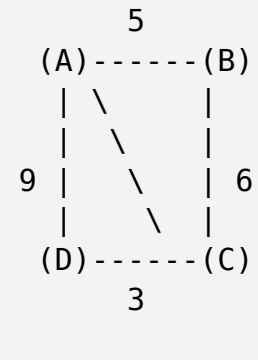
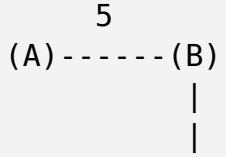
Example:

Undirected graph



Tresulting minimum spanning tree



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