

# Week 6 - Lectures 11, 12

1) Trees

↳ algorithms for spanning trees

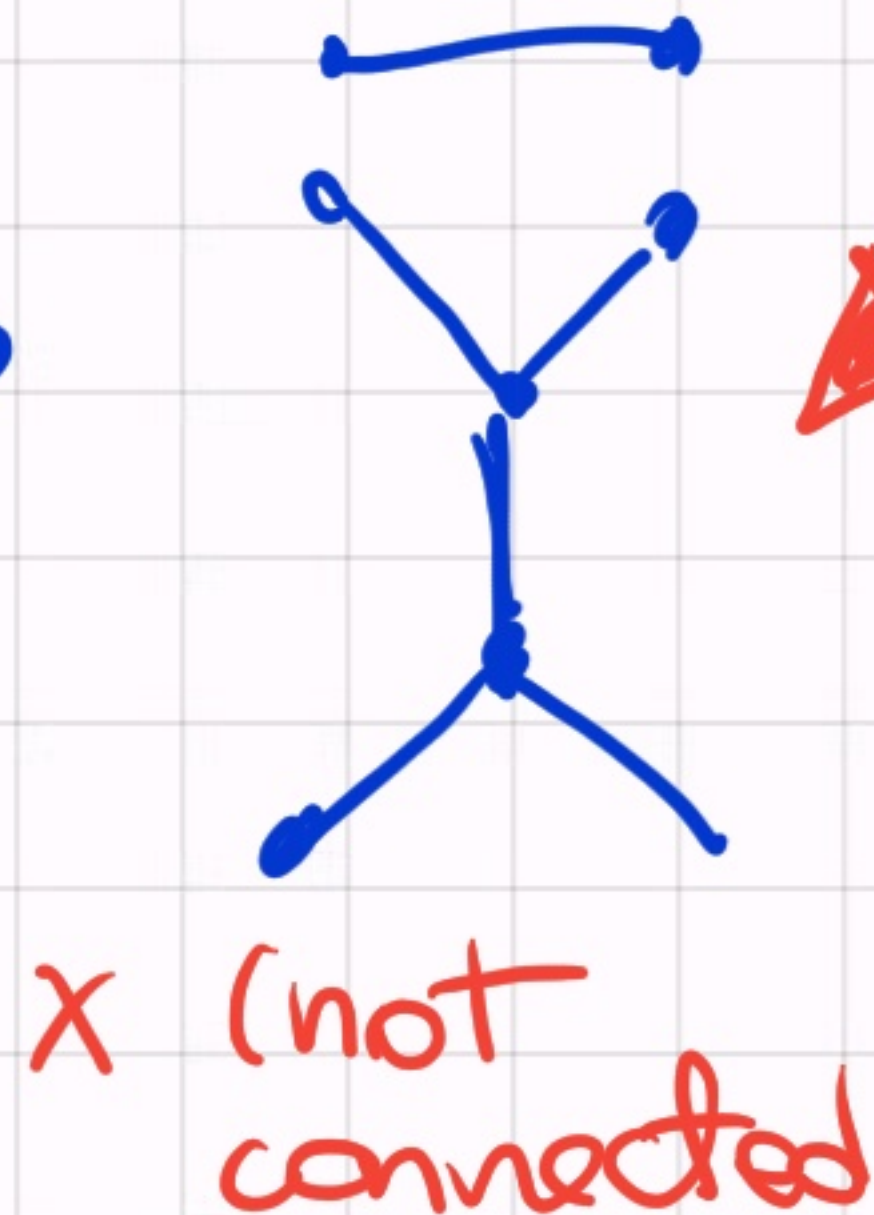
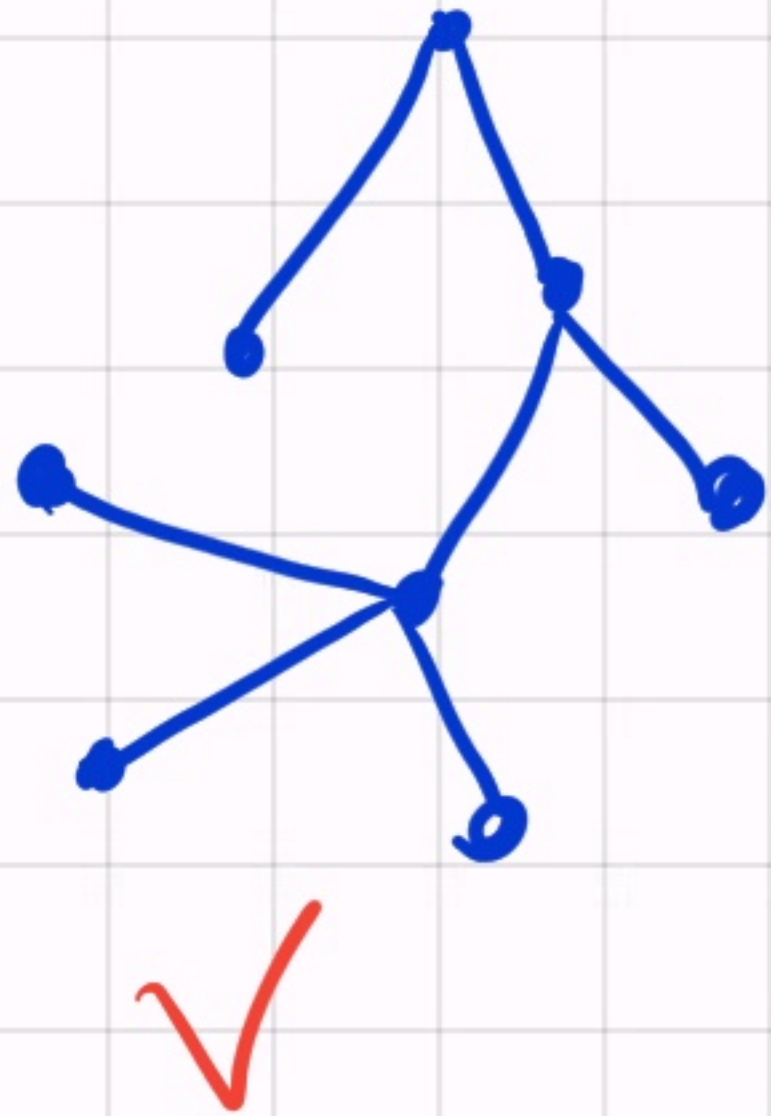
2) Combinatorial Optimization I

- Weighted graphs & minimal spanning tree

Trees

Def: A tree is a connected (loop free simple)  
graph with no cycles

A Forest is a (loop-free, simple) graph  
with no cycles



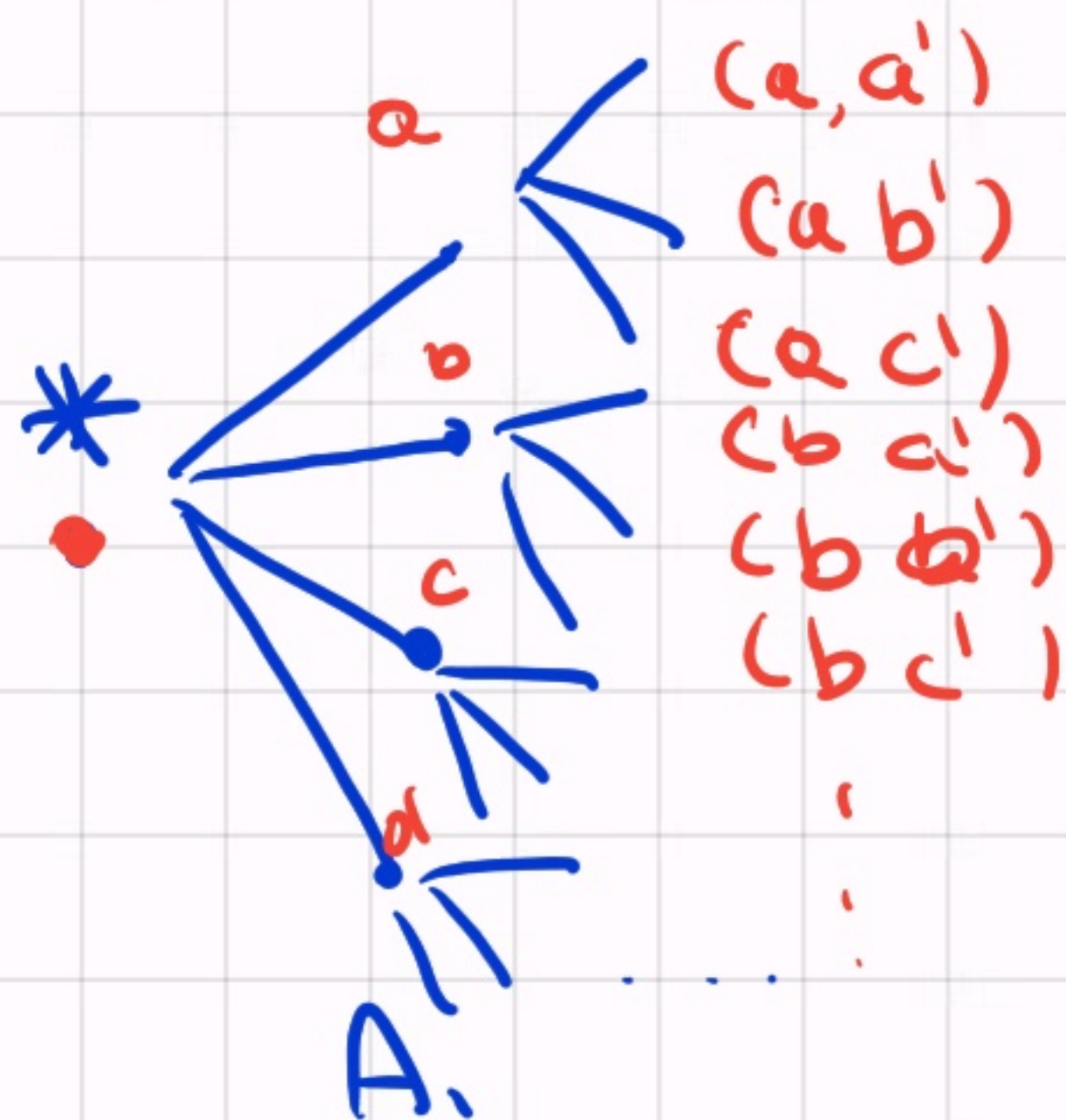
Forest



X there is a cycle

Example  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  sets  $\left( \bigcup_{i=0}^n A_1 \times \dots \times A_i = V(G) \right)$   
 (convention the empty product is a  $\{x\}$ )

$(a_1, \dots, a_i)$  is adjacent to  $(a_1, \dots, a_i, a_{i+1})$   
 $(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1})$



Def A spanning tree (forest) for a graph  $G$  is a tree (forest)  $T$ , with  $V(G) = V(T)$

Proposition A graph has a spanning tree

$\iff$  It is connected.

Proof ( $G$  finite)

$\implies$  We assume that  $G$  has a spanning tree  $T$ . We take  $a, b \in V(G) = V(T)$ .  
 $T$  is connected  $\implies \exists$  a path in  $T$  joining  $a$  and  $b$ .  
 $\implies \exists$  a path in  $G$  joining  $a$  and  $b$ .  
 $\implies G$  is connected.

$\Leftarrow$  We assume that  $G$  is connected

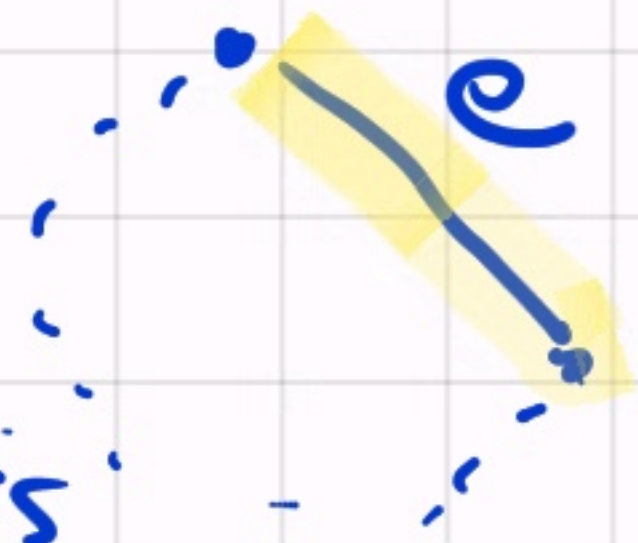
If it is a tree there is nothing to prove. So we can assume that  $G$  has a cycle. Let  $e$  an edge of this cycle

$$G - e \subseteq G \quad V(G) = V(G - e)$$

$V(G - e)$  is connected.

If it is a tree we stop otherwise  
we reiterate ( $G$  finite) this process end.

QED

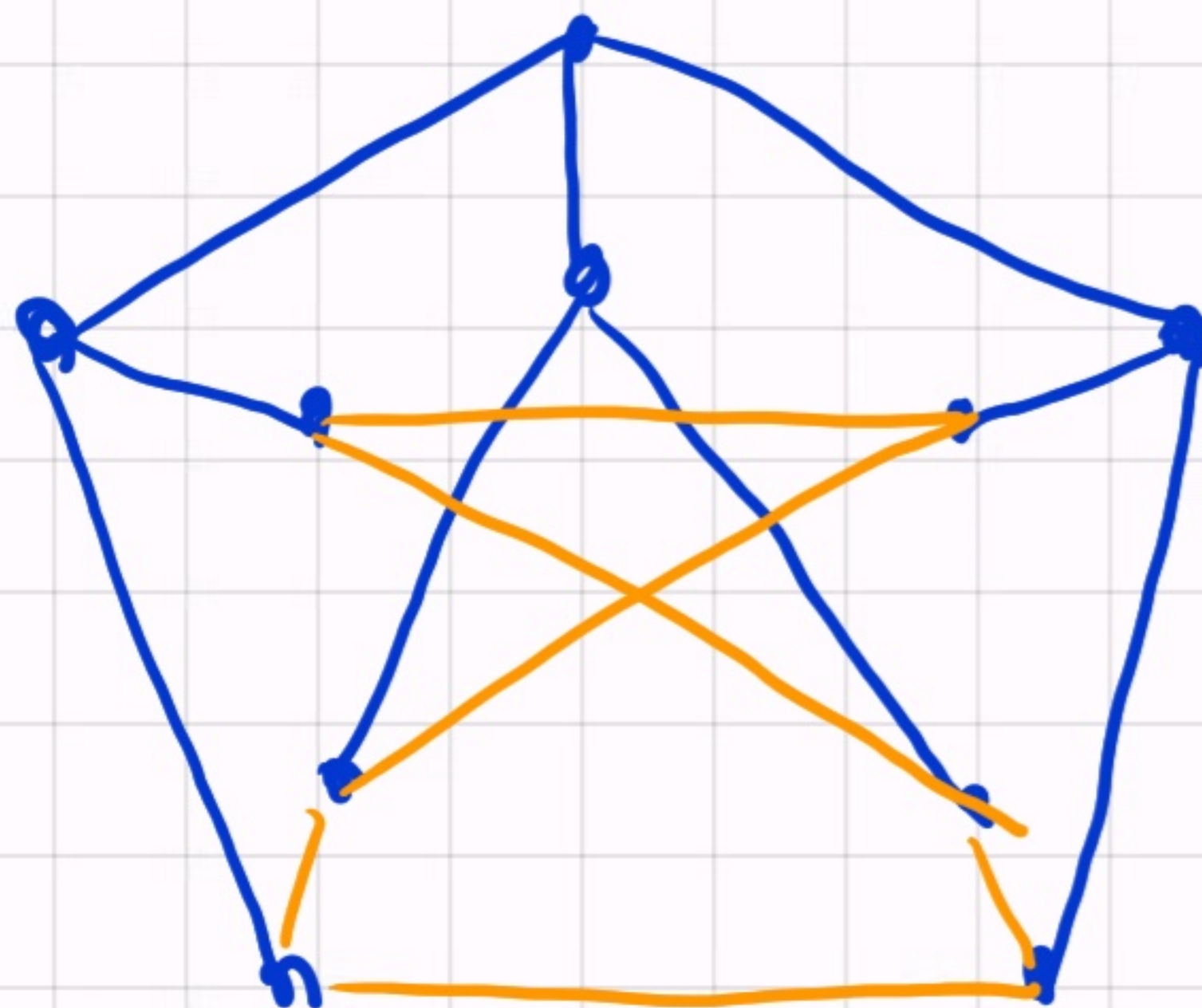


Example  
other.

$G = K_n$  : choose a vertex & connect the



(blue are spanning tree)



(! there might  
be many spanning  
trees)

Theorem The following are equivalent for a loop free Graph  $G$ :

1)  $G$  is a tree

2)  $\forall x, y \in V(G), x \neq y \exists !$  path connecting  $x$  and  $y$

If furthermore  $G$  is finite we have that  
1) & 2) are equivalent to

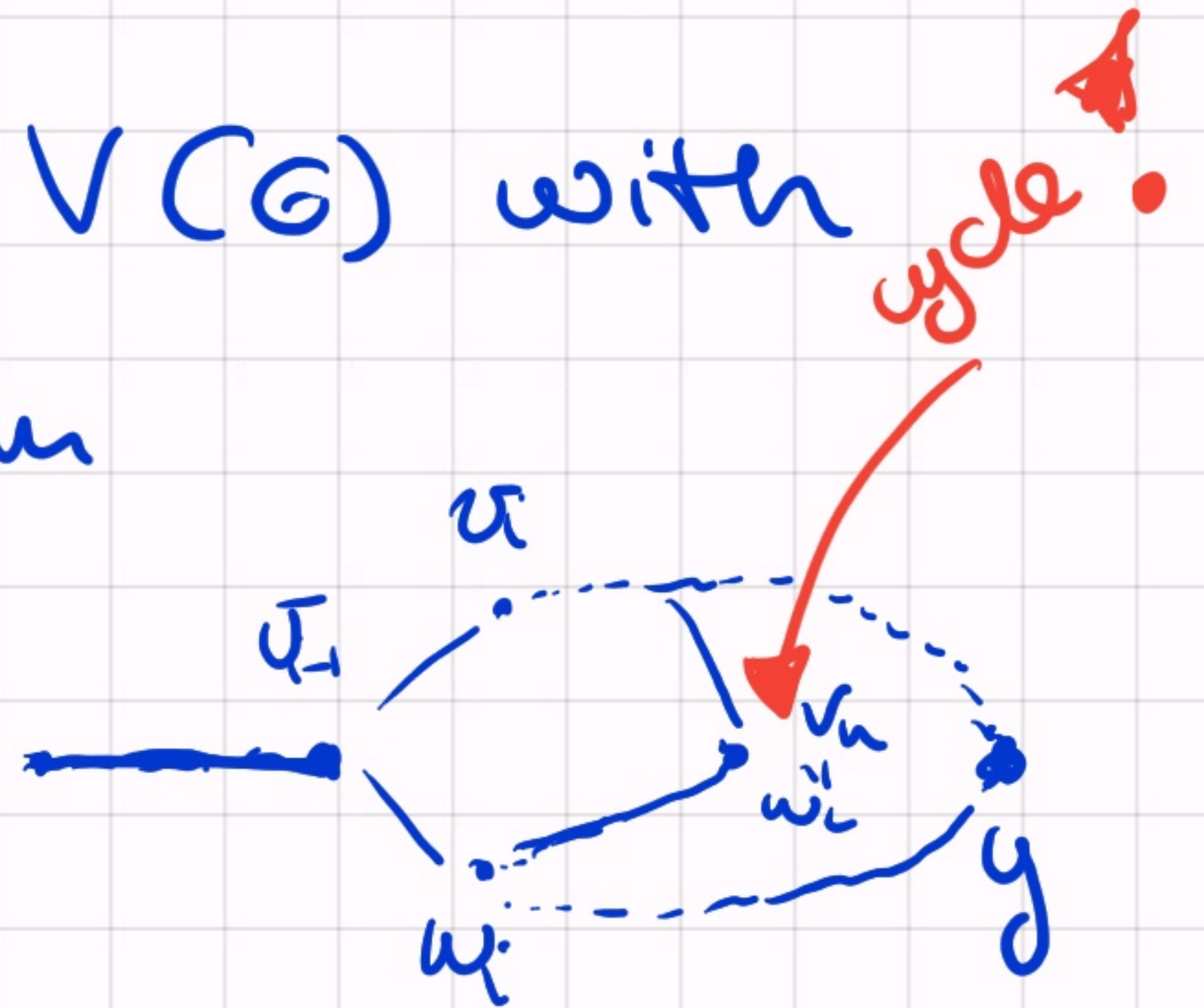
3)  $G$  is connected and  $|V(G)| = |E(G)| + 1$

## Proof

$$\underline{1) \Rightarrow 2)} \mid \left( \overset{\text{not}}{\neg 2) \Rightarrow \neg 1) \right)}$$

We assume that  $\exists x, y \in V(G)$  with two paths connecting them

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n = y) \\ & (x = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k = y) \end{aligned}$$



$$i = \min \{ n \mid v_n \neq w_n \}$$

$$j = \min \{ n \geq i \mid v_n \text{ is a vertex in the second walk} \}$$

$v_n = w_l$  for some  $l \geq i$

$(v_i = w_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_n = w_n, w_{n-1}, \dots, w_i)$

this is a cycle  $\Rightarrow G$  is not a tree.

2)  $\Rightarrow$  1)  $G$  is connected. Suppose that

there is a cycle in  $G$   $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_1)$

$(v_1, v_2)$  and  $(v_1, v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}, \dots, v_2)$  are two different paths connecting  $v_1$  and  $v_2$

$\Rightarrow$  12)

$G$  is finite

1)  $\Rightarrow$  3) by induction on  $|E|$

$$|E| = 0 \quad G = \bullet \quad |V| = 1 = 0 + 1 = |E| + 1$$

Assume that this is true if  $|E| \leq k$

let  $G$  with  $|E(G)| = k+1$ . We remove  
an edge from  $G \Rightarrow$  split  $G$  in two trees.  $|E(G)|$

$$|V(G)| = |V_1 \cup V_2| = |V_1| + |V_2|$$

induction.  $\rightarrow = |E_1| + 1 + |E_2| + 1 = (|E_1| + |E_2| + 1) + 1$

3)  $\Rightarrow$  1) We find a spanning tree  $T$

$$|E(T)| = |V(T)| - 1 = |V(G)| - 1 = |E(G)|$$

$$E(T) \subseteq E(G)$$

$$|E(G)| \leq +\infty$$

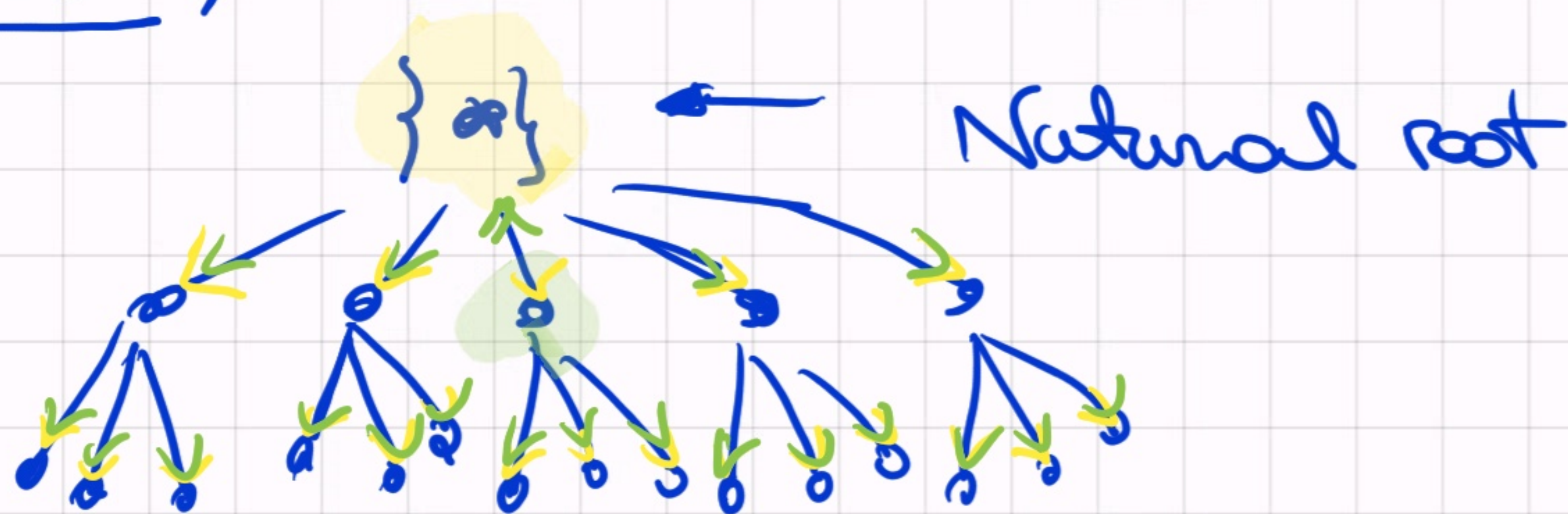
QED.

## Rooted trees :

A rooted tree is a tree  $T$  with a distinguished vertex  $v \in V(T)$  (the root)

Example

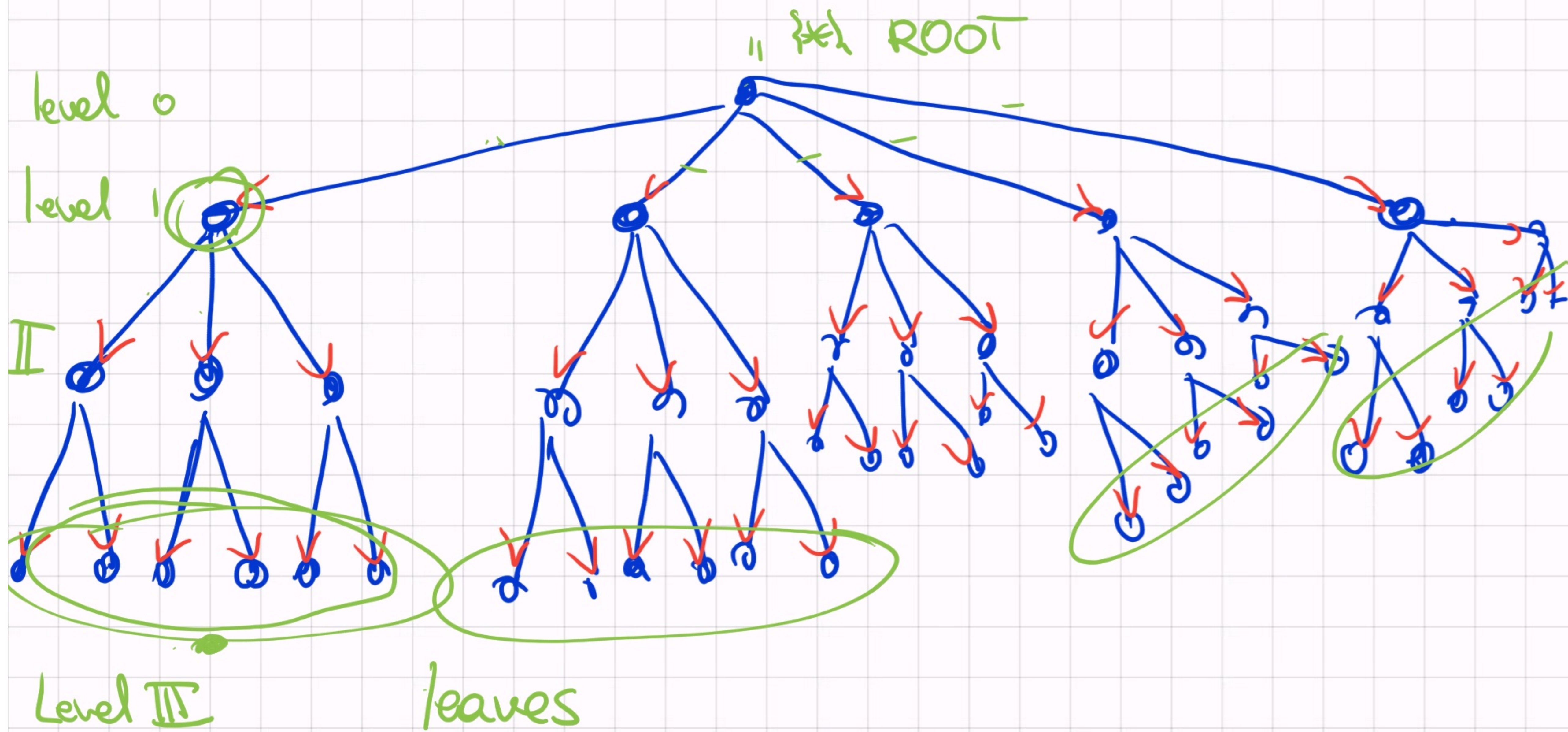
$A_1$   
 $A_2 \times A_2$



Def A directed tree is a directed graph such that the underlying graph is a tree

Prop: Let  $G$  a rooted tree. There is just one orientation (choice of direction for edges) such that

- 1) The incoming degree of the root  $r$  is 0.
- 2) The incoming degree of any other vertex is 1.



Def In a tree a terminal vertex is called leaf.

The non terminal vertices are called internal.

If  $(T, r)$  is a rooted tree and  $v \in V(G)$  the level of  $v$  is the length of the unique path from  $r$  to  $v$

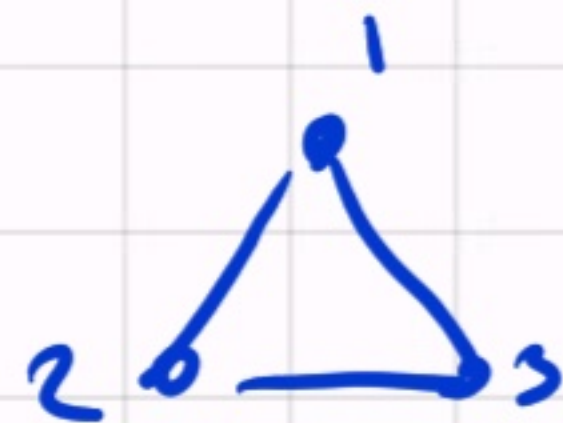
Given  $w$  adjacent to  $v$  we say that  $w$  is a

1) child if  $\text{level } w > \text{level } v$  (descendant)

2) parent if  $\text{level } w < \text{level } v$  (ancestors)

# Algorithm for spanning tree

$$G = \{ \{v_1 \dots v_n\}, E \}$$



Step 1  $T := (\{v_1\}, \emptyset)$ ,  $v := v_1$   
 $T = (\{v_1 \dots v_k\}, E(T))$   $v := v_k$

Step 2 if  $\exists v_k \notin V(T)$  with  $\{v, v_k\} \in E$

$$i = \min \{ k \}$$

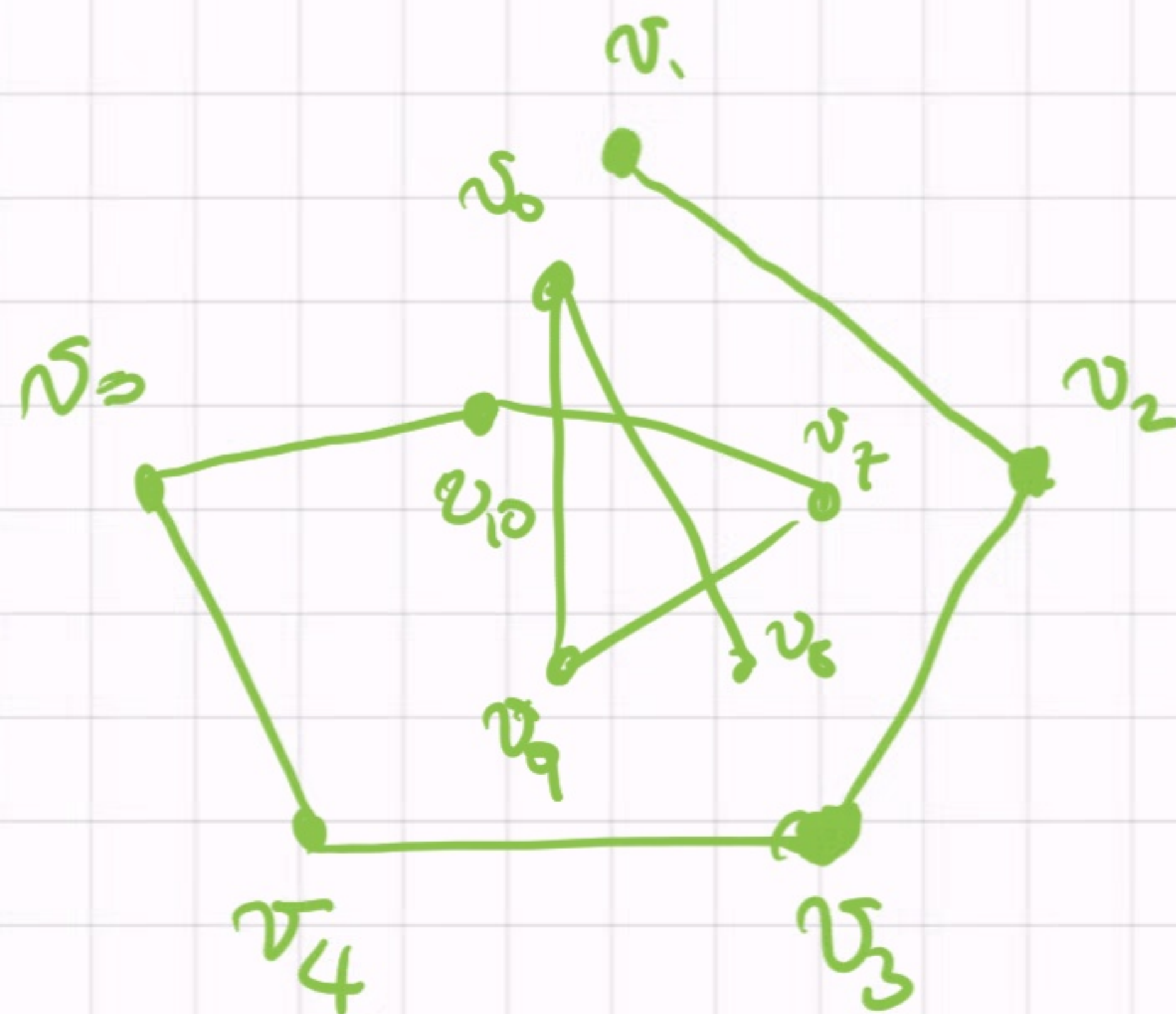
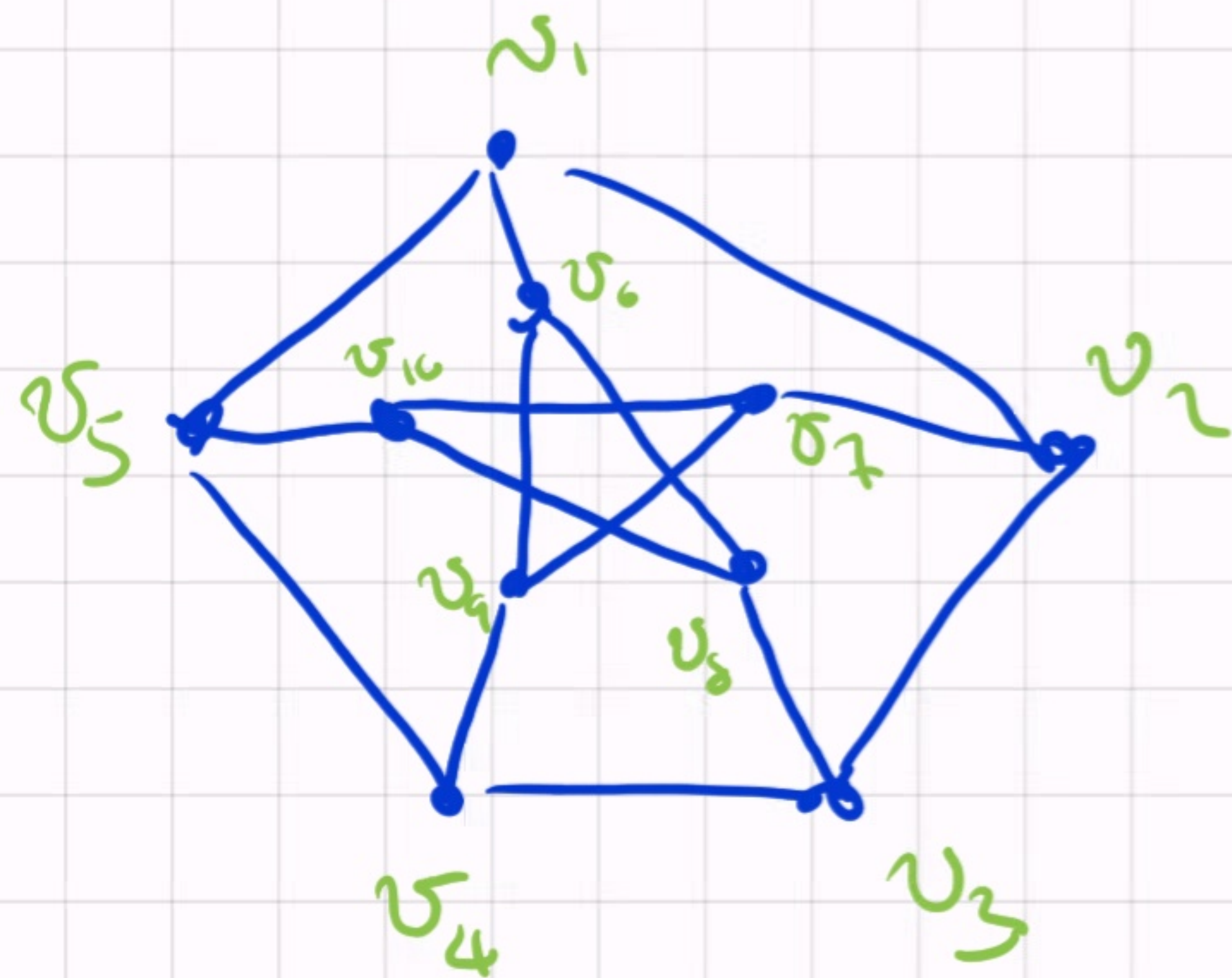
$$T = T + (v, v_i)$$

$$\boxed{v = v_i}$$

Return to 2

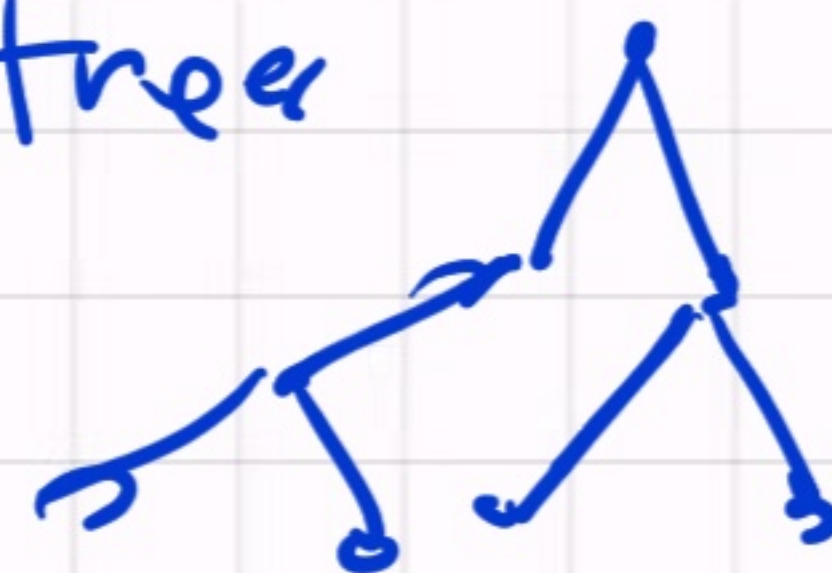
Else go to step 3

Step 3 if  $v = v_i$  then  $T$  is the spanning tree  
otherwise set  $u = \text{parent } v$  .  $v = u$ .



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In the book you have another algorithm that creates more "balanced" tree



$Q = \text{Queue}$  (First in First out)

Step 1  $T = (\{v_1\} \cup \emptyset)$

$$Q = [v_1]$$

Step 2 If  $Q \neq \emptyset$   
 $v = \text{front } Q$   
 $Q = Q \setminus v$

For  $i = 2 \dots n$   
if  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v$  & not visited

$$Q = [Q, v_i] \quad T = T + \{v, v_i\}$$

$$i = i + 1$$

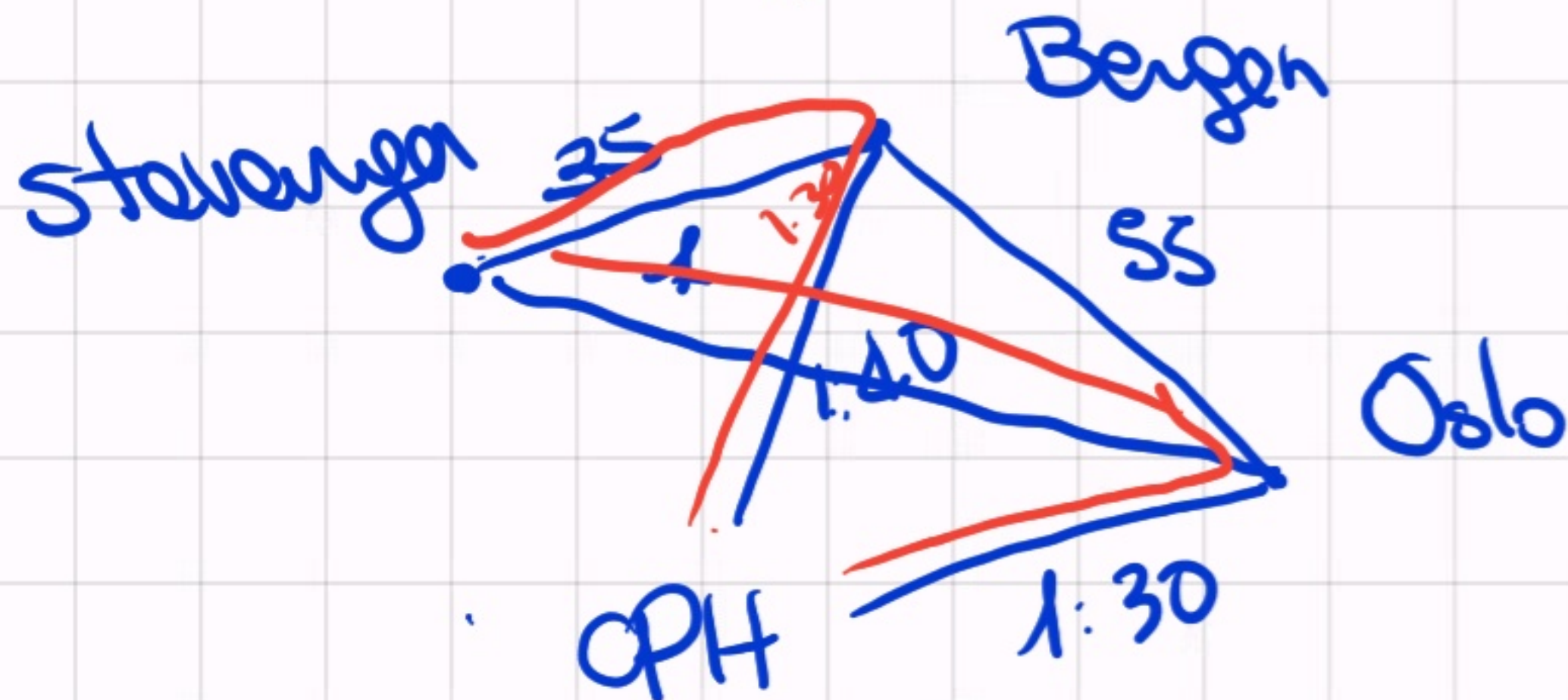
# Combinatorial Optimization I

# Weighted Graphs

A weighted Graph is a pair  $(G, w)$  with  $G$  a graph and  $w: E(G) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

## Examples

- Model flight time between different cities
- Transportation costs on different road



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If  $\Gamma: (v_1 \dots v_n)$  is a path in a weighted graph  
the length of  $\Gamma$  is

$$L(\Gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} w(\{v_i, v_{i+1}\})$$

Example flight from CPTT to Stavanger

Via Oslo  $L(\Gamma) = 3 \text{ h } 2 \text{ 70 minutes}$

Via Bergen  $L(\Gamma) = 2 \text{ h } 06 \text{ minutes}$

The pseudo distance associated to  $\omega$

$$d: V(G) \times V(G) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \underline{\{\infty\}}$$

$$d(v, w) = \inf \{ L(\pi) \mid \pi \text{ is a path from } v \text{ to } w \}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{6 finite}}{=} \min \{ L(\pi) \mid \pi \text{ is a path } \dots \}$$

Properties

$$d(v, v) = 0$$

$$d(v, w) = d(w, v)$$

$$d(v, w) + d(w, u) \geq d(v, u)$$

Proof (Exercise)

Convention: any weight function  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$   
can be extended to a function

$$\bar{w}: V(G) \times V(G) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$\bar{w}(v, u) = \begin{cases} w\{u, v\} & \text{if } \{u, v\} \in E(G) \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm

Goal  $(G, w)$  weighted graph  $v_0 \in V(G)$

Find the shortest path from  $v_0$  to every vertex of  $G$

Notation  $S \subseteq V(G)$

$S' := S \cup \{v \in V(G) \mid \exists u \in S \text{ adjacent to } v\}$

$$n = |V(G)|$$

## Dijkstra's Shortest-Path Algorithm

**Step 1:** Set the counter  $i = 0$  and  $S_0 = \{v_0\}$ . Label  $v_0$  with  $(0, -)$  and each  $v \neq v_0$  with  $(\infty, -)$ .

If  $n = 1$ , then  $V = \{v_0\}$  and the problem is solved.

If  $n > 1$ , continue to step (2).

**Step 2:** For each  $v \in S_i$  replace, when possible, the label on  $v$  by the new label  $(L(v), y)$  where

$$L(v) = \min_{u \in S_i} \{L(u), L(u) + \text{wt}(u, v)\},$$

and  $y$  is a vertex in  $S_i$  that produces the minimum  $L(v)$ . [When a replacement does take place, it is due to the fact that we can go from  $v_0$  to  $v$  and travel a shorter distance by going along a path that includes the edge  $(y, v)$ .]

**Step 3:** If every vertex in  $\bar{S}_i$  (for some  $0 \leq i \leq n - 2$ ) has the label  $(\infty, -)$ , then the labeled graph contains the information we are seeking.

If not, then there is at least one vertex  $v \in \bar{S}_i$  that is not labeled by  $(\infty, -)$ , and we perform the following tasks:

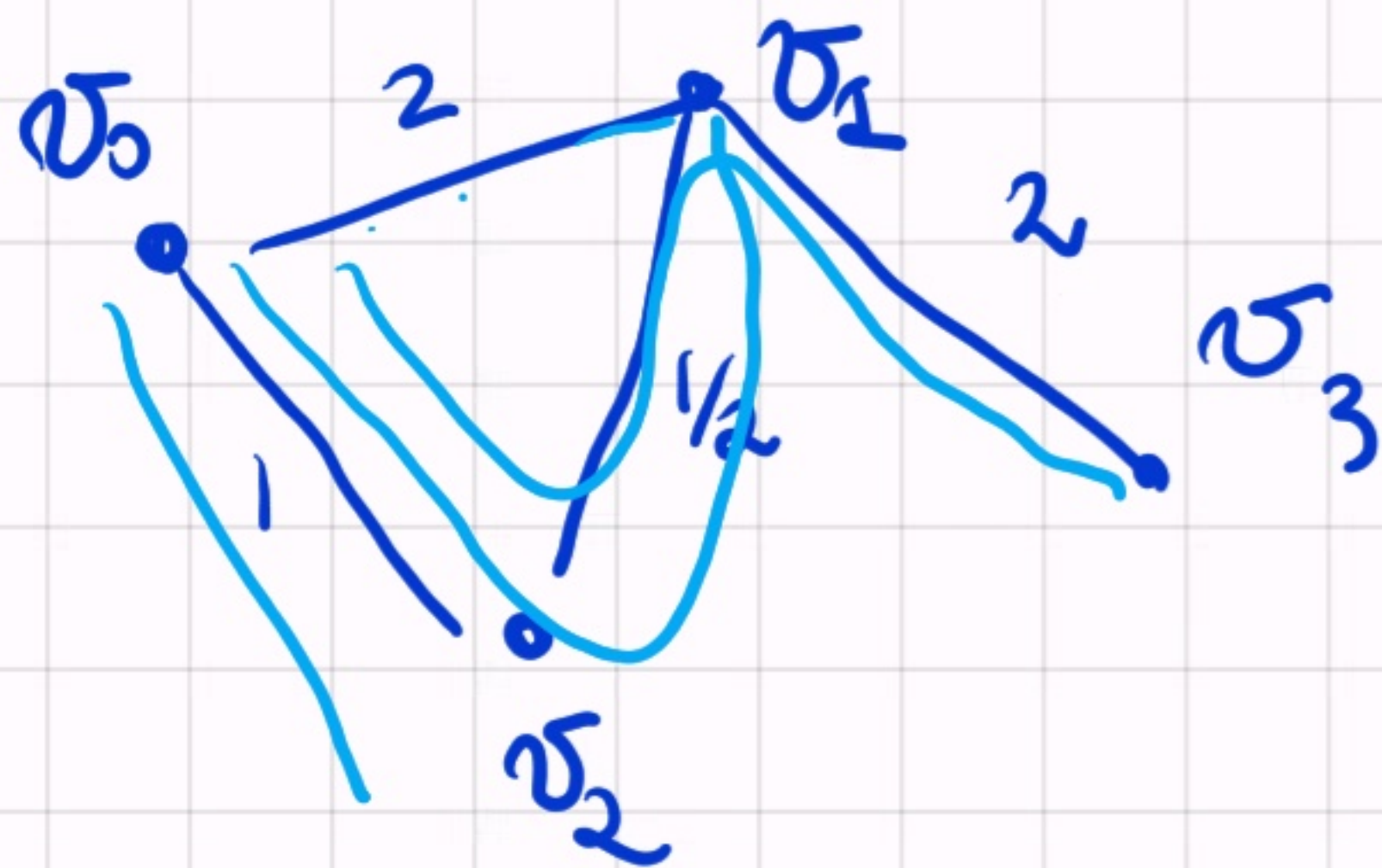
1) Select a vertex  $v_{i+1}$  where  $L(v_{i+1})$  is a minimum (for all such  $v$ ). There may be more than one such vertex, in which case we are free to choose among the possible candidates. The vertex  $v_{i+1}$  is an element of  $\bar{S}_i$  that is closest to  $v_0$ .

2) Assign  $S_i \cup \{v_{i+1}\}$  to  $S_{i+1}$ .

3) Increase the counter  $i$  by 1.

If  $i = n - 1$ , the labeled graph contains the information we want.

If  $i < n - 1$ , return to step (2).



$$f(v_i) = \text{label}(L(v), v)$$

Initialization

$$P(v_0) = (0, -)$$

$$f(v_i) = (\infty, -)$$

$$S_0 = \{v_0\}$$

First iteration.

$$\text{set } f(v_2) = (1, v_0)$$

$$f(v_1) = (2, v_0)$$

$$S = \{v_0, v_2\}$$

Second iteration

$$L(v_1) = \min \left\{ 2, \underset{L(v_2)}{1} + \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$f(v_1) = \left( \frac{3}{2}, v_2 \right)$$

$$f(v_3) = \min \{ +\infty, +\infty \} = (+\infty, -)$$

$$S = \{ v_0, v_1, v_2 \}$$

$$f(v_0) = (0, -)$$

$$f(v_2) = (1, v_0)$$

$$f(v_1) = \left( \frac{3}{2}, v_2 \right)$$

$$f(v_3) = (4, v_1)$$

Step 2

$\int_0^1$

## Minimal spanning tree

$(G, w)$  weighted graph, a minimal spanning tree

is a Spanning tree  $T$  for  $G$  such that

$$w(T) := \sum_{e \in E(T)} w(e) \leq \sum_{e \in E(T')} w(e) \quad \forall \text{ other}$$

Spanning tree.

$$n = |V(G)|$$

$$S = \emptyset$$

## Kruskal's Algorithm

**Step 1:** Set the counter  $i = 1$  and select an edge  $e_1$  in  $G$ , where  $\text{wt}(e_1)$  is as small as possible.

$$S = \{e_1\}$$

**Step 2:** For  $1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ , if edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i$  have been selected, then select edge  $e_{i+1}$  from the remaining edges in  $G$  so that (a)  $\text{wt}(e_{i+1})$  is as small as possible and (b) the subgraph of  $G$  determined by the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i, e_{i+1}$  (and the vertices they are incident with) contains no cycles.

**Step 3:** Replace  $i$  by  $i + 1$ .

If  $i = n - 1$ , the subgraph of  $G$  determined by edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  is connected with  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  edges, and is an optimal spanning tree for  $G$ .

If  $i < n - 1$ , return to step (2).

Theorem Any spanning tree obtained by Kruskal Algorithm is optimal.

Proof  $|V(G)| = n$   $T$  spanning tree obtained by the algorithm.  $E(T) = \{e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$   
 $T'$  optimal spanning tree

$$d(T') = \min_k \{ E(T') \ni e_1, \dots, e_{k-1}, e_k \notin E(T') \}$$

Let  $T_1$  optimal & such that  $d(T_1)$  is maximal.

If  $d(T_1) = n$  ✓  $T = T_1$  so is optimal  
"  $\{a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$

Suppose that  $d(T_1) \leq r < n$   $e_r \notin E(T_1)$

$T_1 + e_r$  has a cycle. Let  $e'_r$  to be  
another edge of the cycle.

$T_2 = T_1 + e_r - e'_r$   $\stackrel{0}{=} \text{algorithm.}$

$$\begin{aligned} w(T_2) &= w(T_1) + \underbrace{w(e_r) - w(e'_r)}_{=0} \\ &\leq w(T_1) \end{aligned}$$

$T_1$  optimal  $\Rightarrow \omega(T_2) = \omega(T_1)$

$T_2$  is optimal.

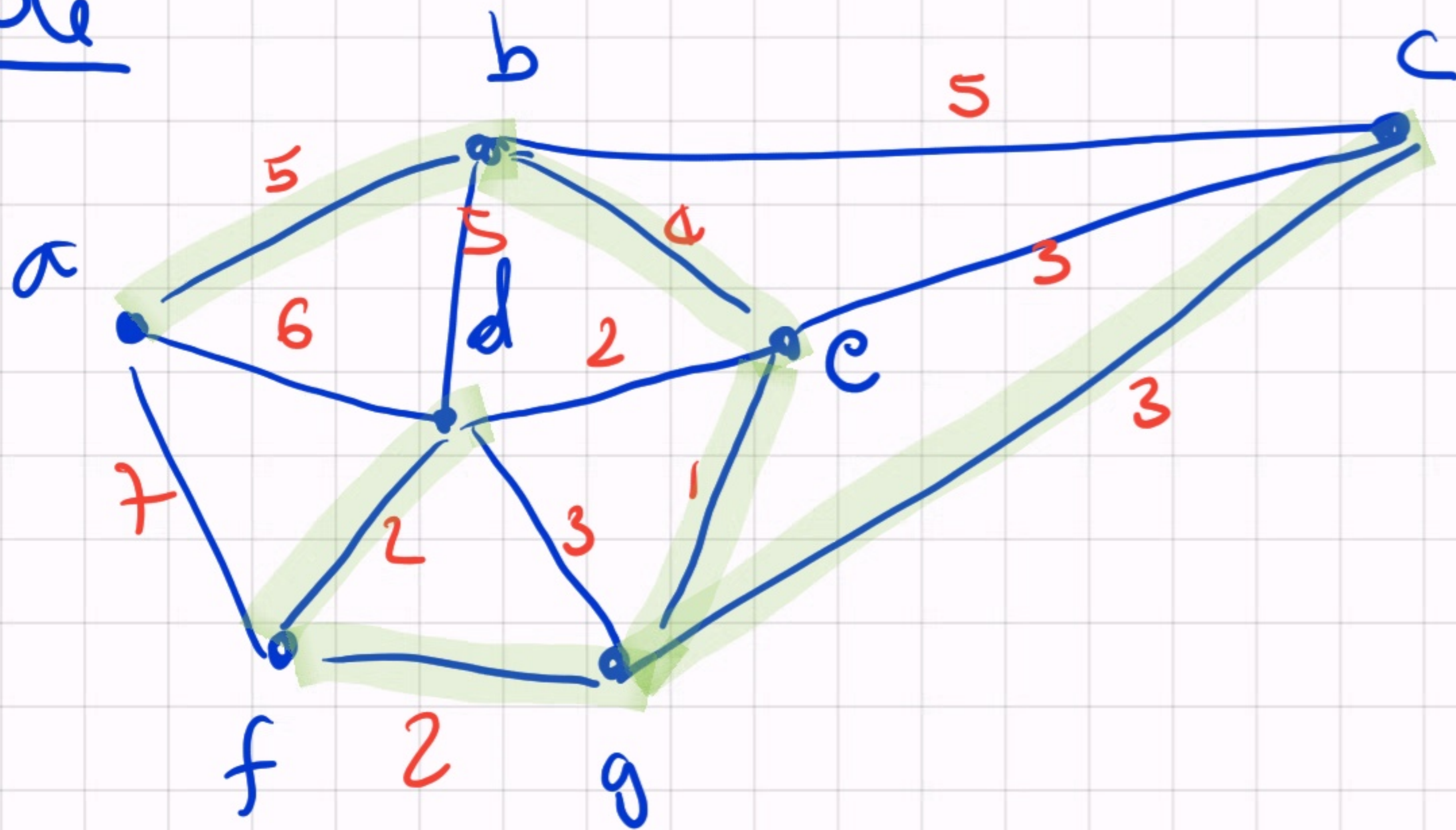
$d(T_2) = r+1 \Rightarrow T_2 = T$

So  $T$  is optimal

☺

QED

# Example



$$S = \{ \{e, g\} \}$$

1st iteration.

$S = \{\{e, g\}, \{f, d\}\}$

2nd iteration

$S = \{\{e, g\}, \{f, d\}, \{f, g\}\}$

3rd iteration

$\{g, c\}$

4th

$\{b, c\}$

$\{a, b\}$

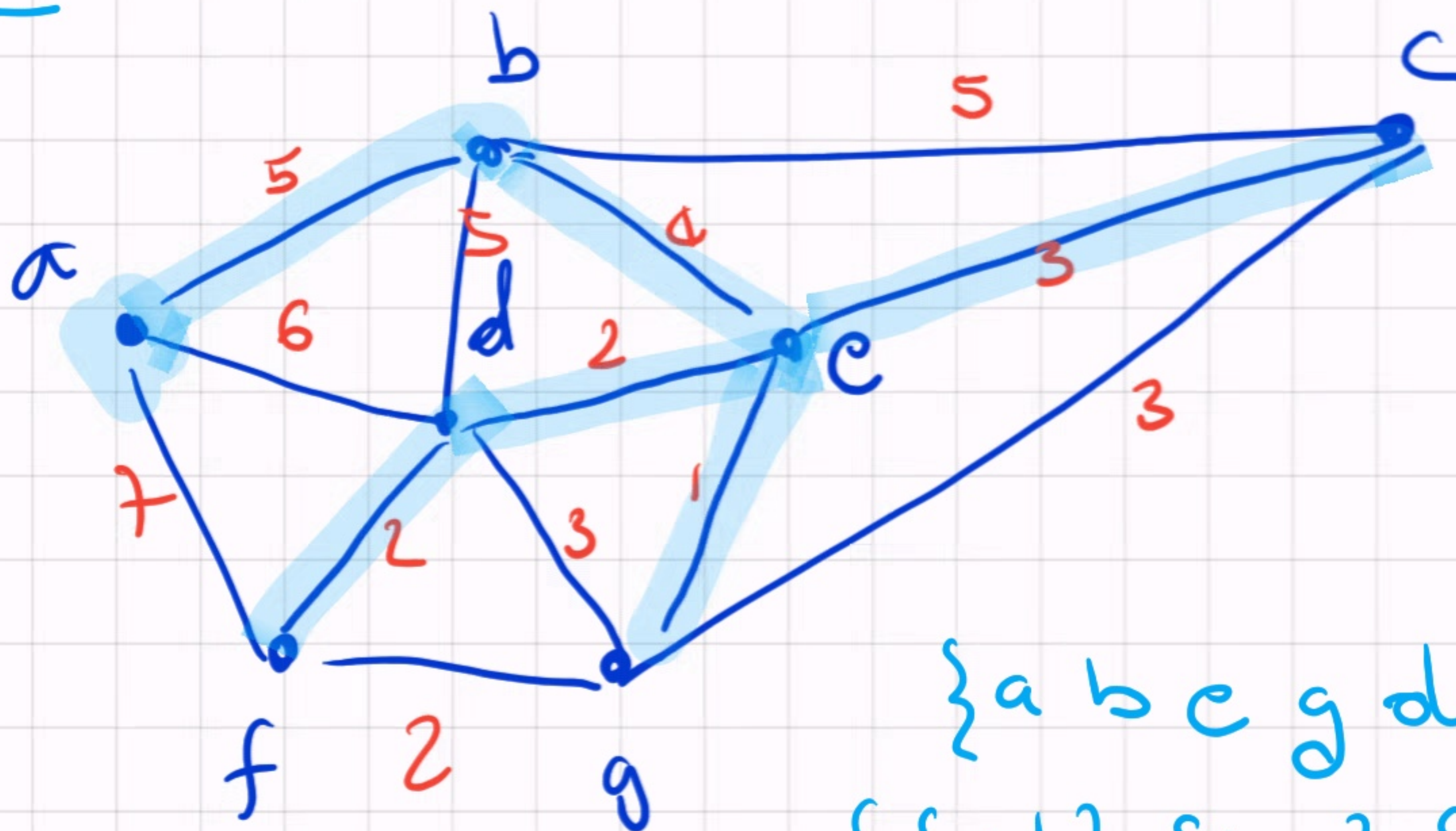
I have a spanning  
tree

## Prim's Algorithm

**Step 1:** Set the counter  $i = 1$  and place an arbitrary vertex  $v_1 \in V$  into set  $P$ . Define  $N = V - \{v_1\}$  and  $T = \emptyset$ .

**Step 2:** For  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , where  $|V| = n$ , let  $P = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$ ,  $T = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$ , and  $N = V - P$ . Add to  $T$  a shortest edge (an edge of minimal weight) in  $G$  that connects a vertex  $x$  in  $P$  with a vertex  $y (= v_{i+1})$  in  $N$ . Place  $y$  in  $P$  and delete it from  $N$ .

# Example



$\{a b c g d f c\}$   
 $\{ \{ab\} \{be\} \{eg\} \{ed\}$   
 $\{df\} \{ec\} \}$

Set up

$$P = \{a\}$$

$$N = V(G) \setminus \{a\} = \{b, c, d, \dots, g\}$$

$$E(T) = \emptyset$$

First iteration

$$P = \{a, b\}$$

$$N = \{c, \dots, g\}$$

$$E(T) = \{\{a, b\}\}$$

Second iteration

$$P = \{a, b, e\}$$

$$N = \{c, d, f, g\}$$

$$E(T) = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, e\}\}$$

$\{a, b, e, g\}$

$\{\{ab\} \{be\} \{eg\}\}$

$\{a b c e g d\}$

$\{ \cdot - - - \cdot \{e d\} \}$

$\{ \cdot - - - \cdot f \}$   
 $\{df\}$