

# CS473-Algorithms I

Lecture ?

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Both algorithms use a specific rule to:

Determine a **safe-edge** in the **Generic MST** algorithm.

In **Kruskal's** algorithm, the set A is a **forest**

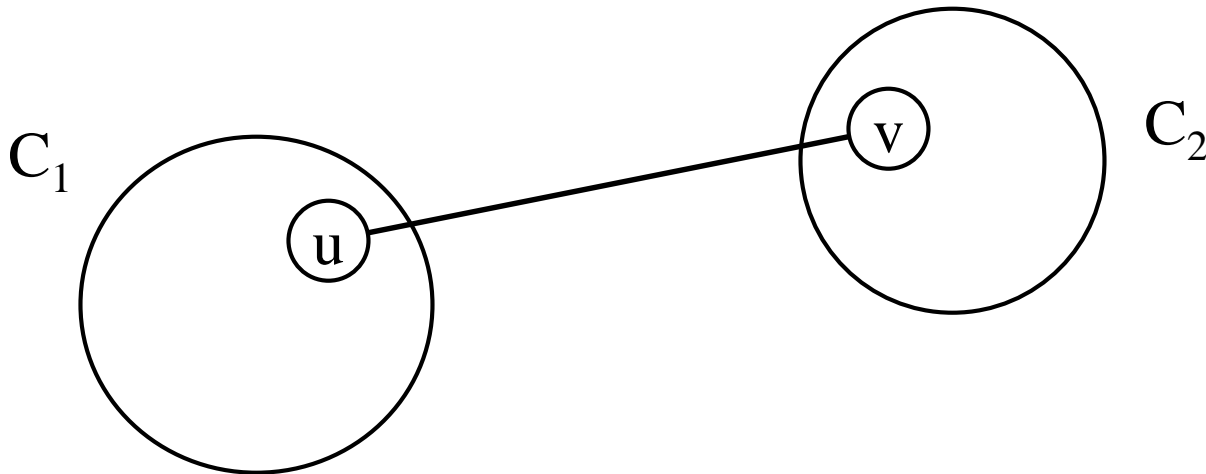
The **Safe-Edge** is always a Least-Weight edge in the graph that **connects two distinct components** (trees).

In **Prim's** algorithm, the set A forms a **single tree**

The **Safe-Edge** is always a Least-Weight edge in the graph that **connects** the tree to a vertex **not in tree**.

# Kruskal's Algorithm

- Kruskal's algorithm is based directly on the **Generic-MST**
- It finds a **Safe-Edge** to add to the growing forest, by **finding** an edge  $(u,v)$  of **Least-Weight** of all edges that connect any two trees in the forest
- Let  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  denote two trees that are connected by  $(u,v)$

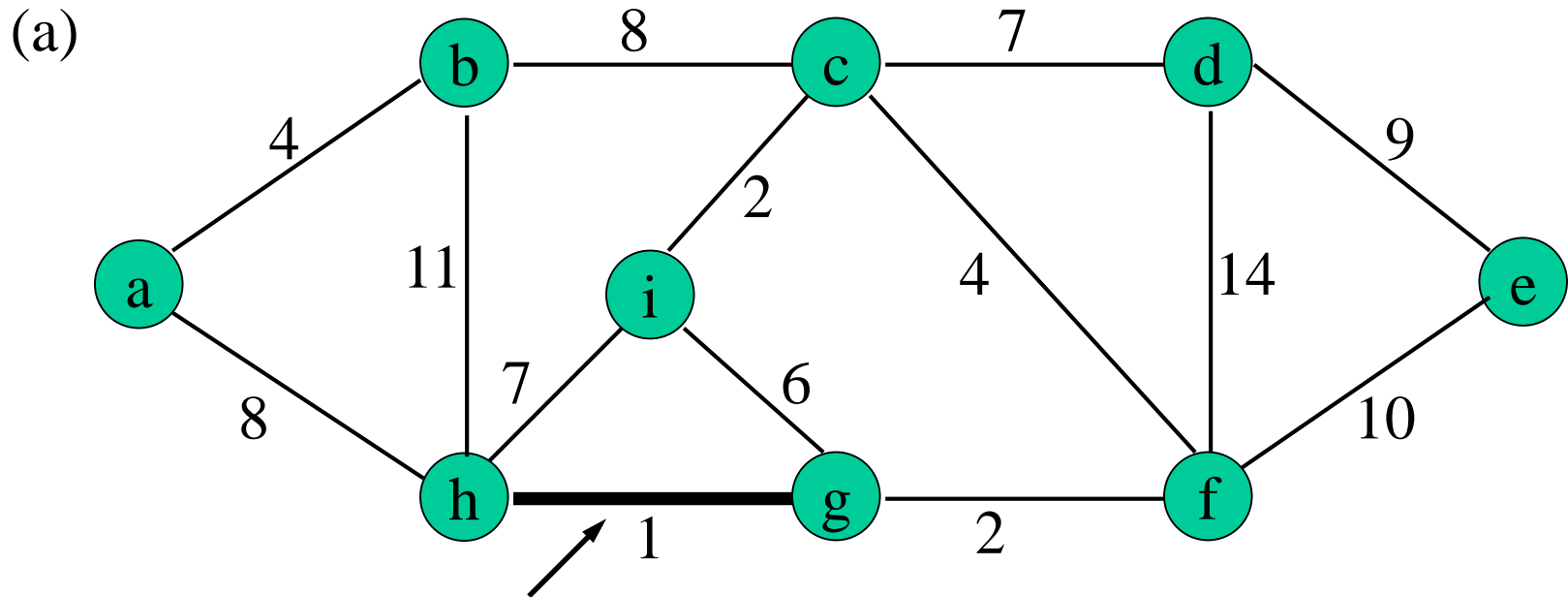


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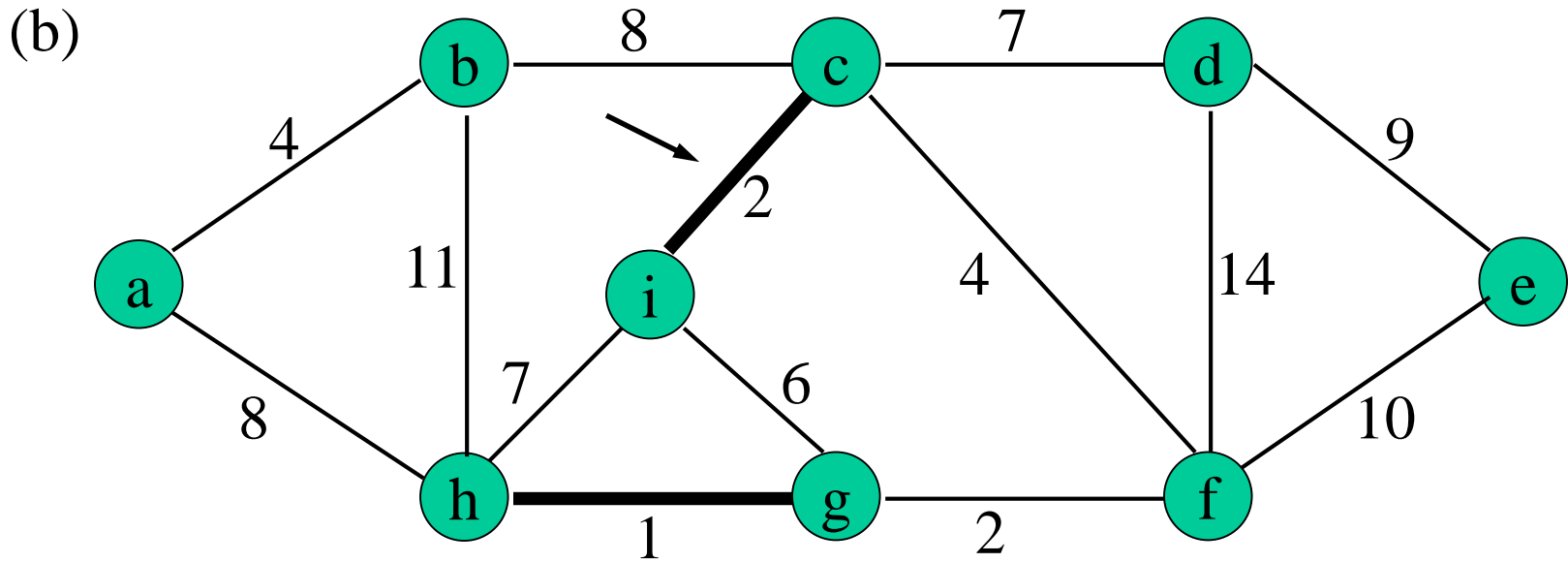
- Since  $(u,v)$  must be a **light-edge** connecting  $C_1$  to some other tree, the Corollary implies that  $(u,v)$  is a **Safe-Edge** for  $C_1$ .
- Kruskal's algorithm is a **greedy algorithm**

Because at each step it adds to the forest an edge of least possible weight.

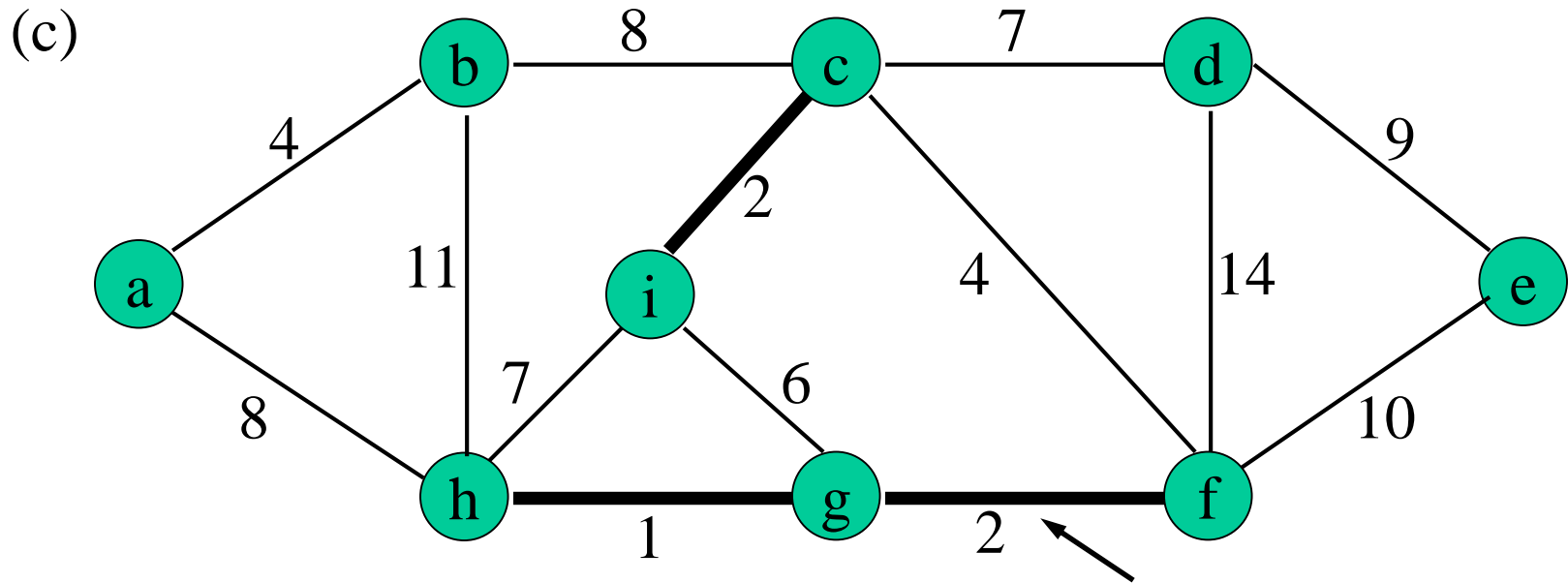
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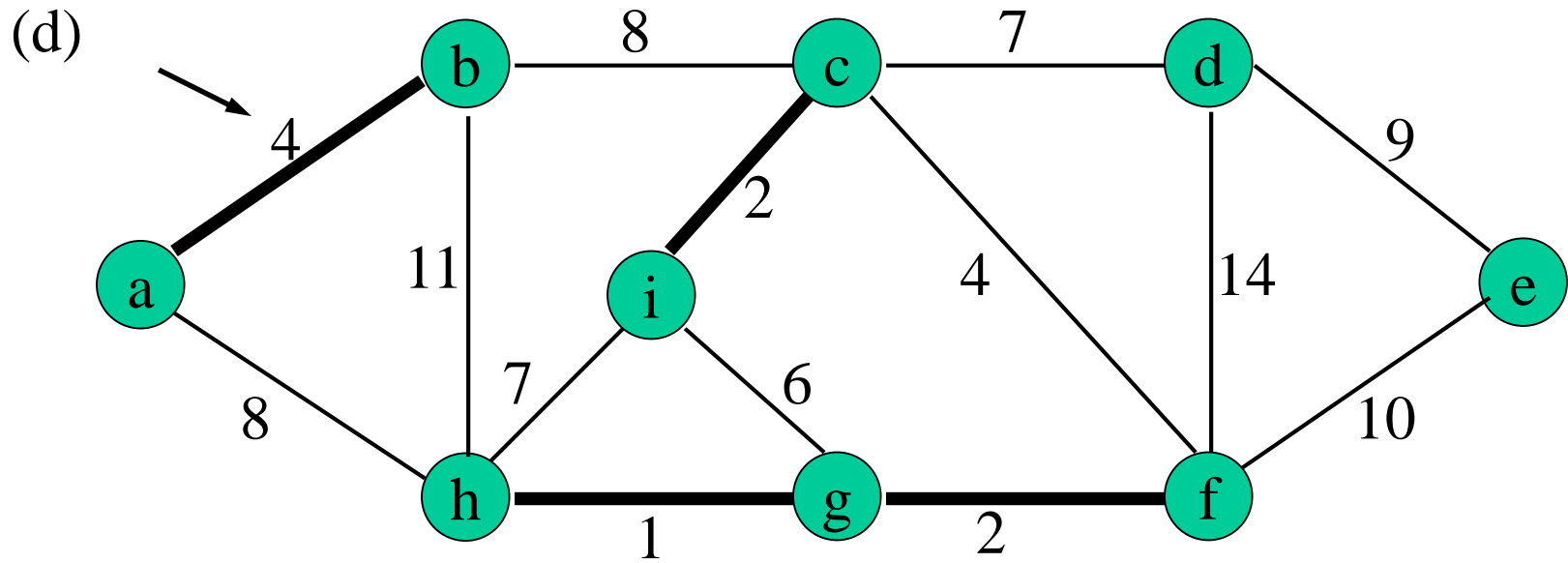
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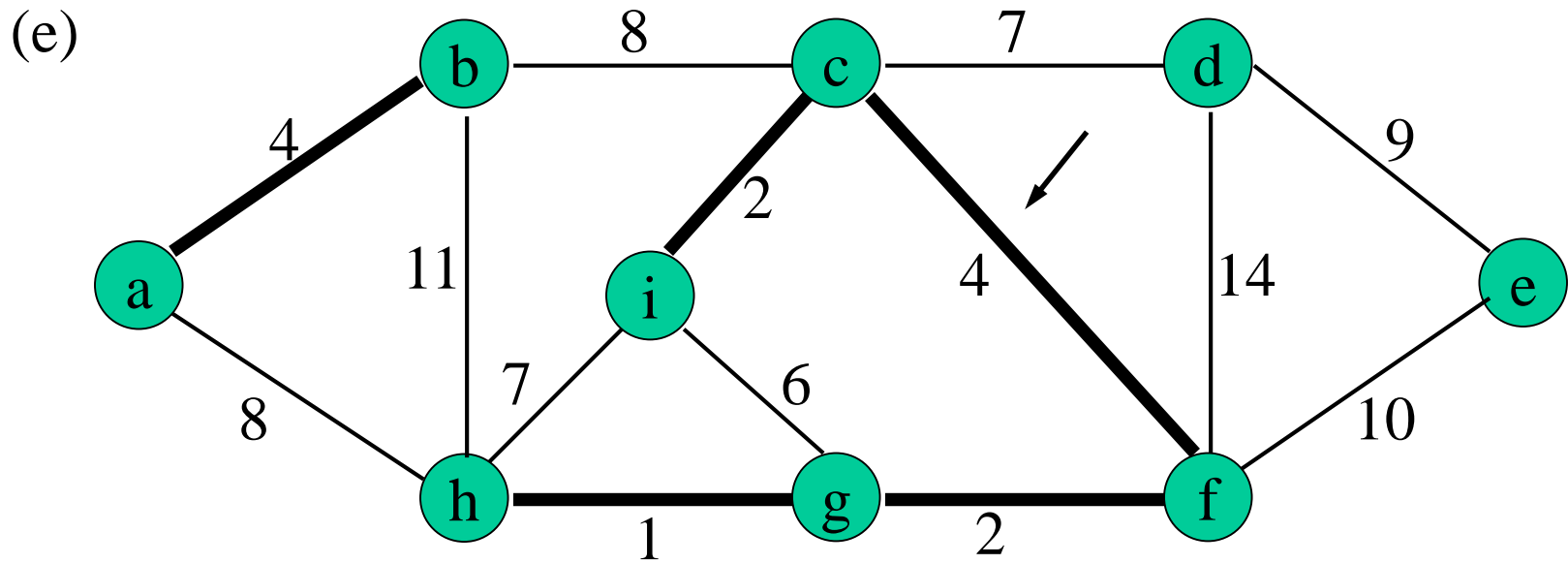


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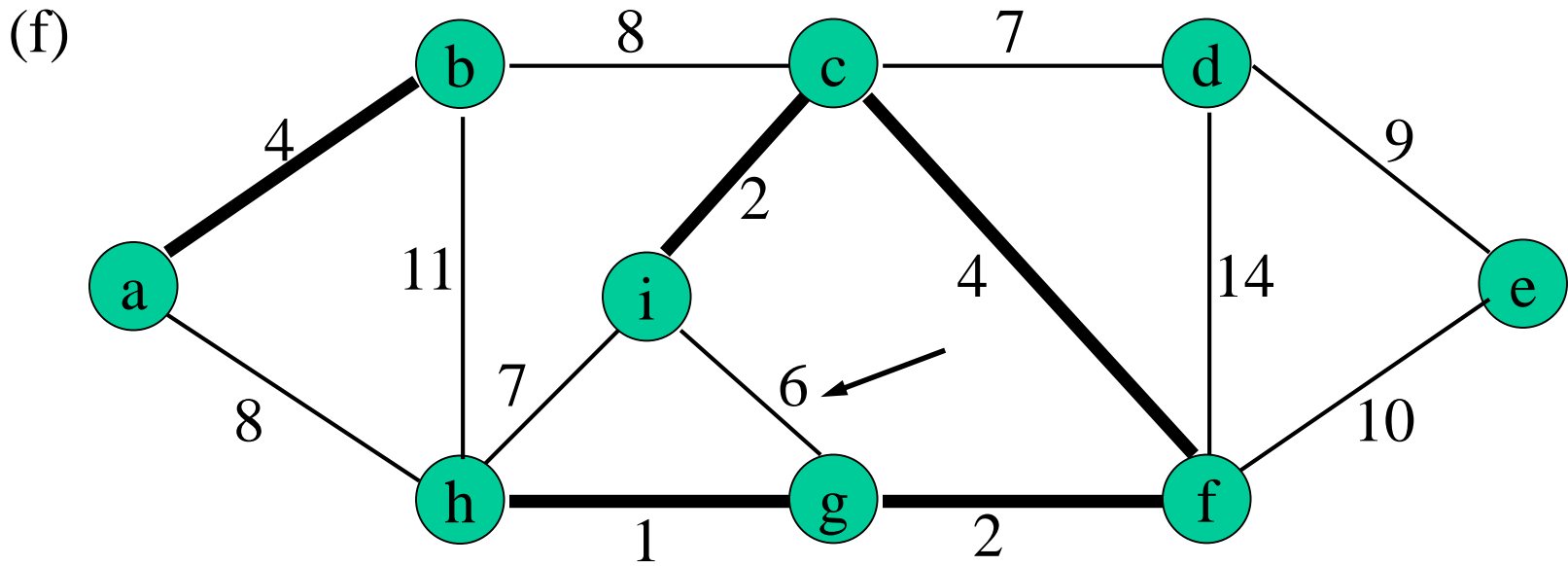




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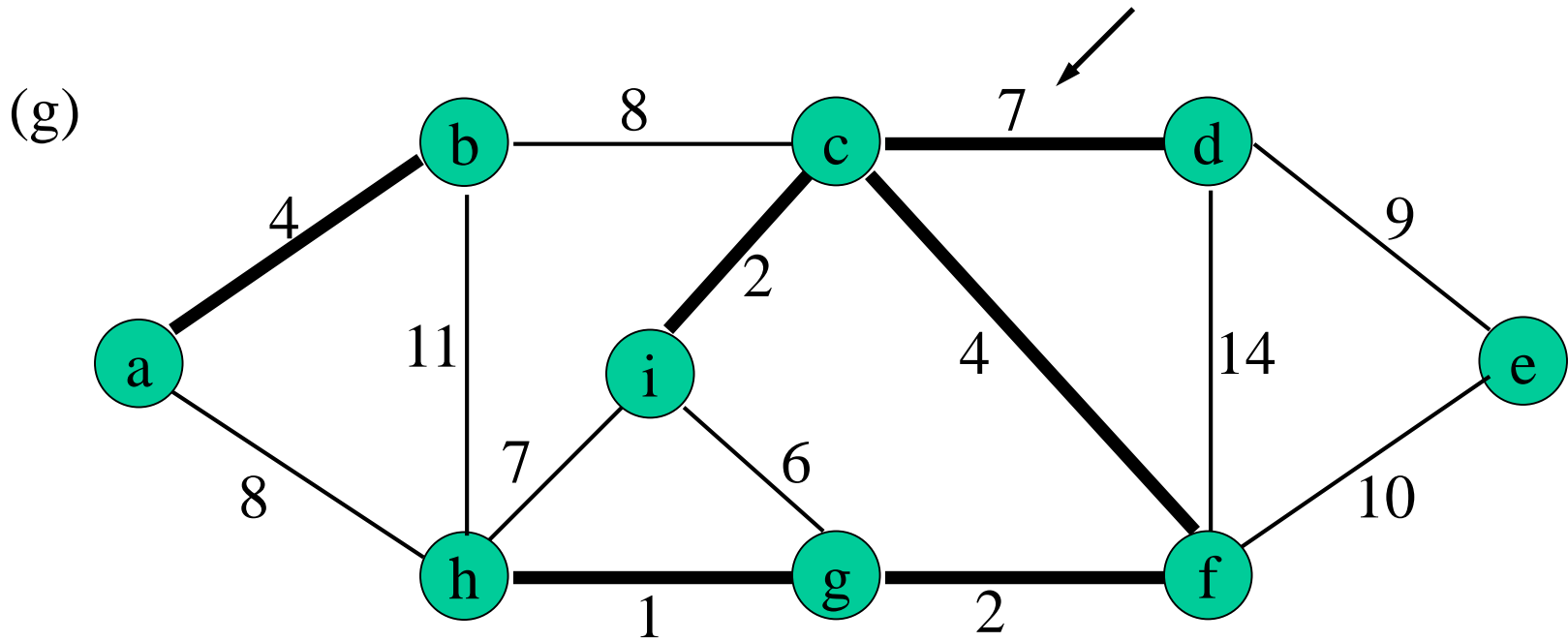


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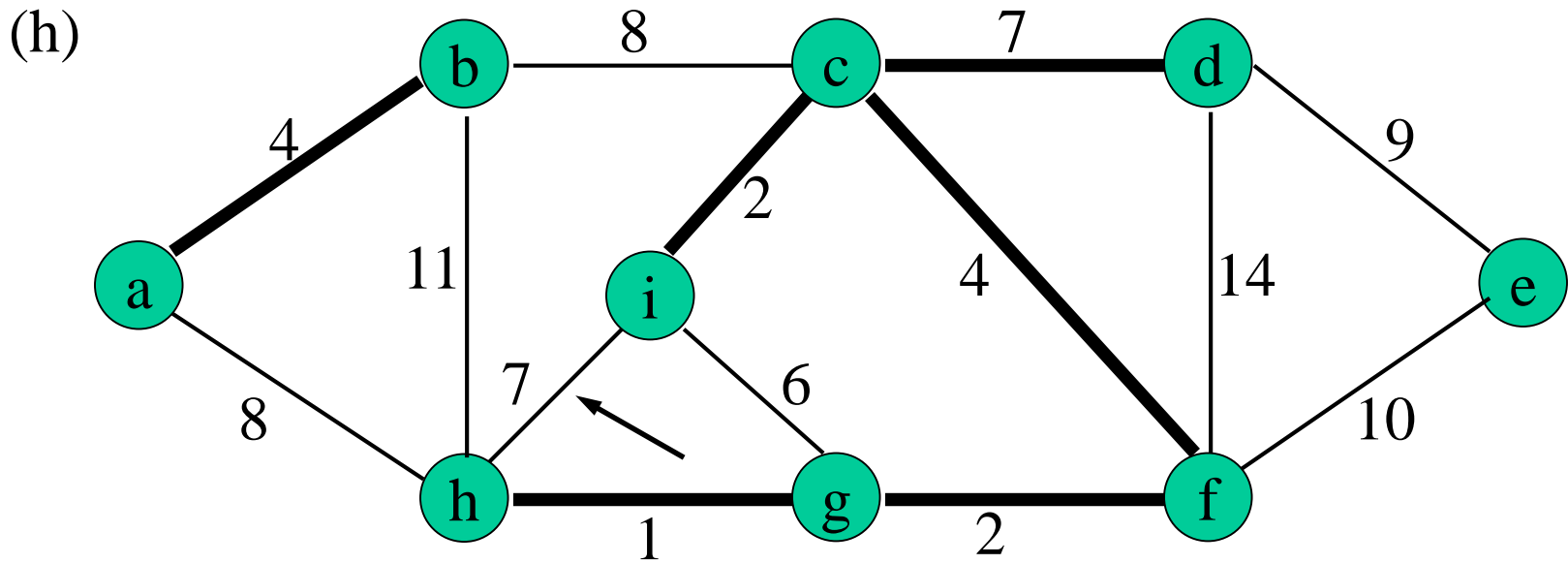


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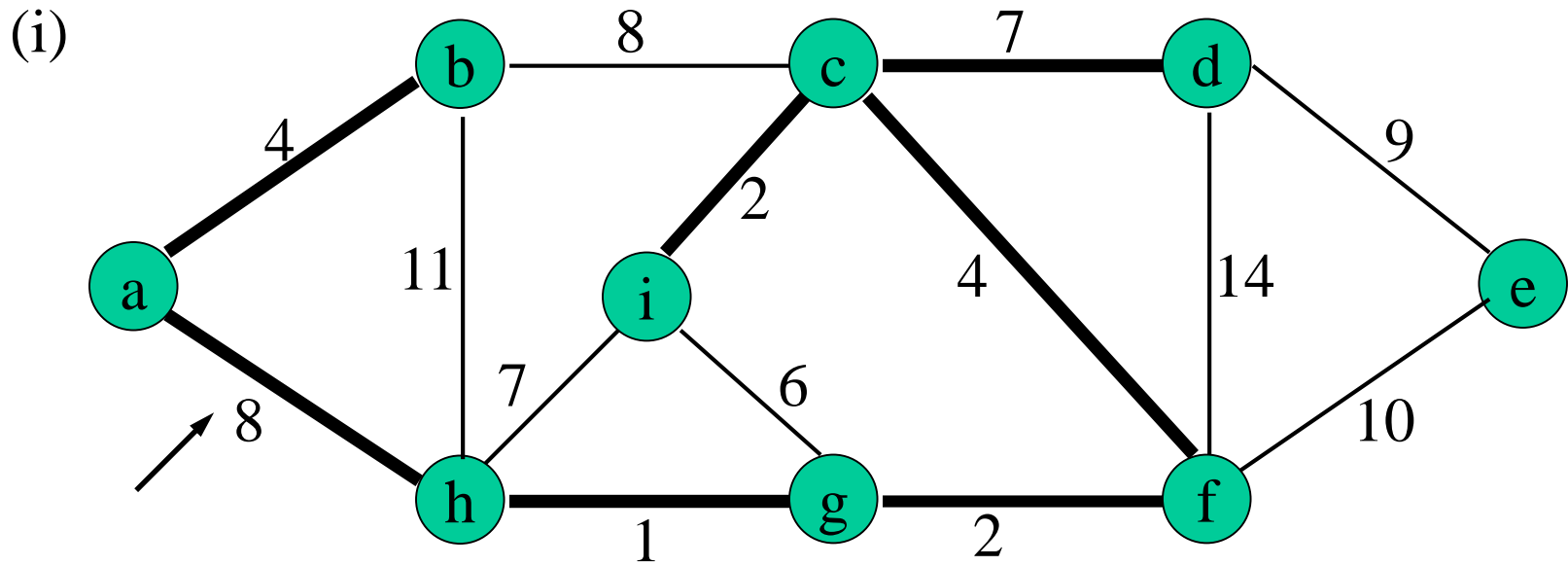


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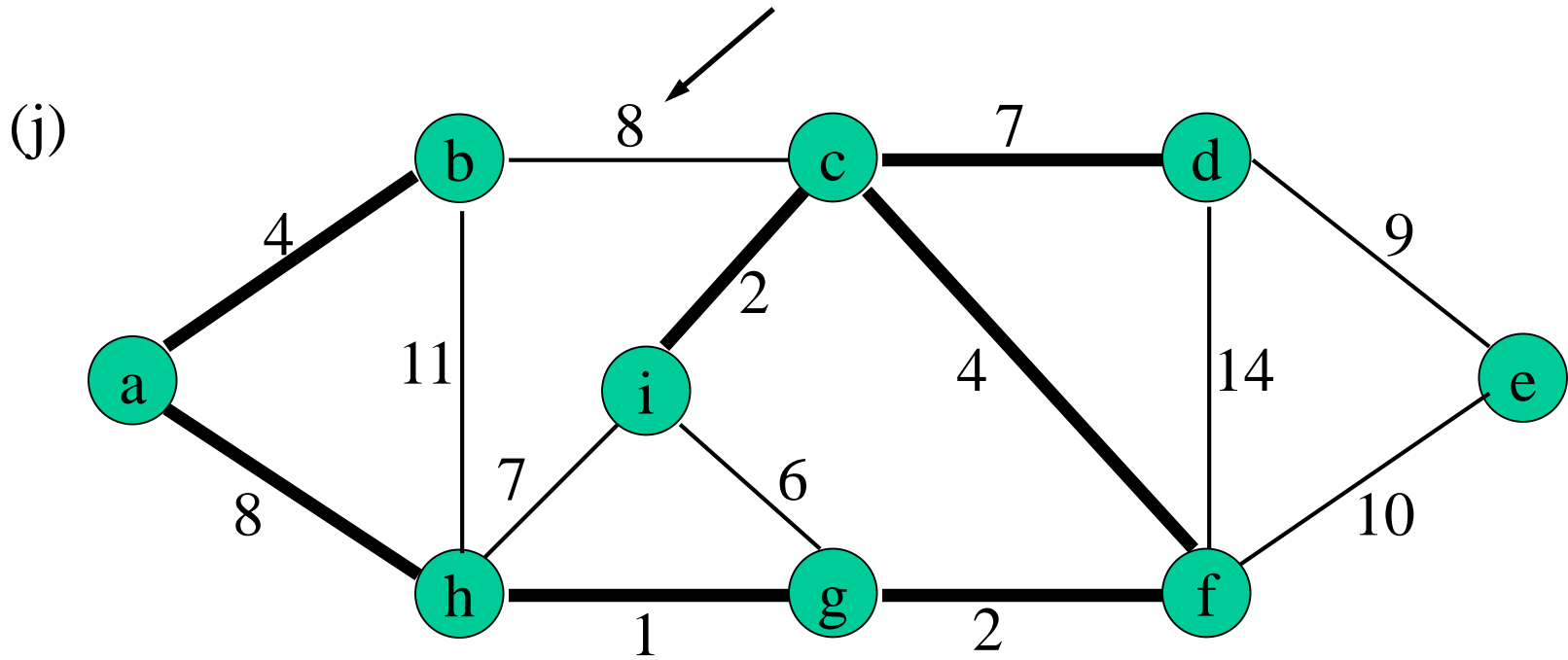


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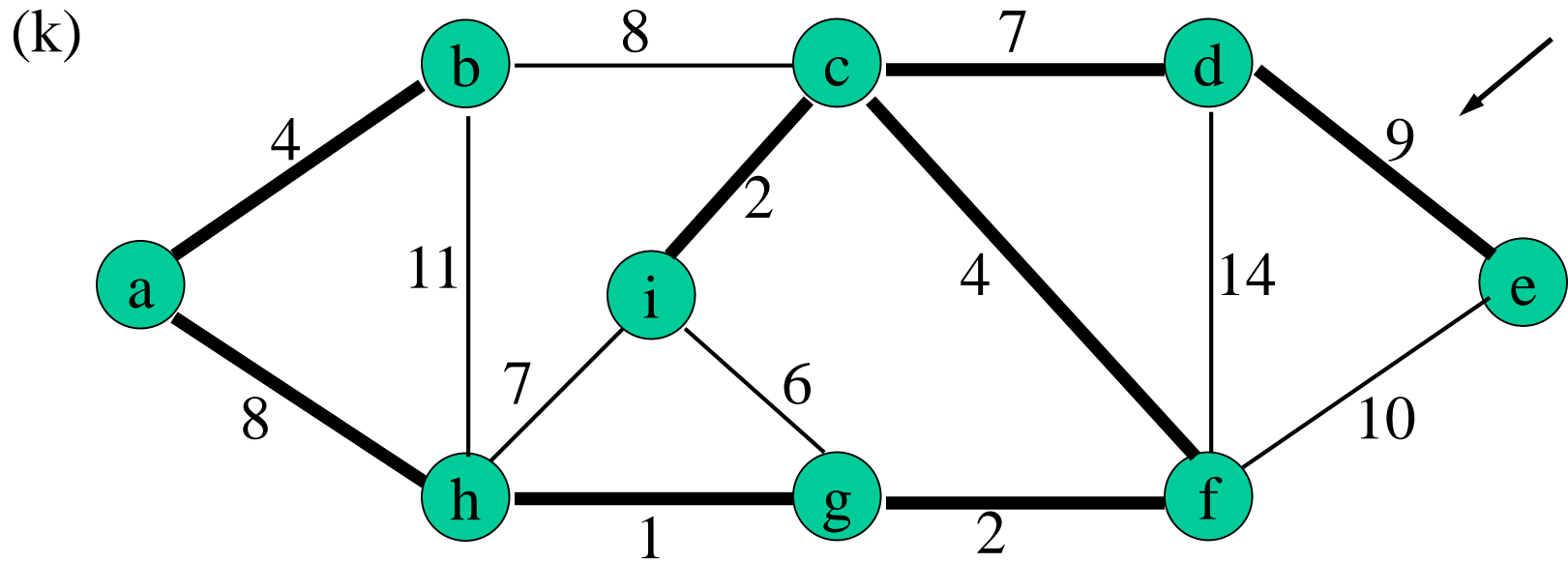


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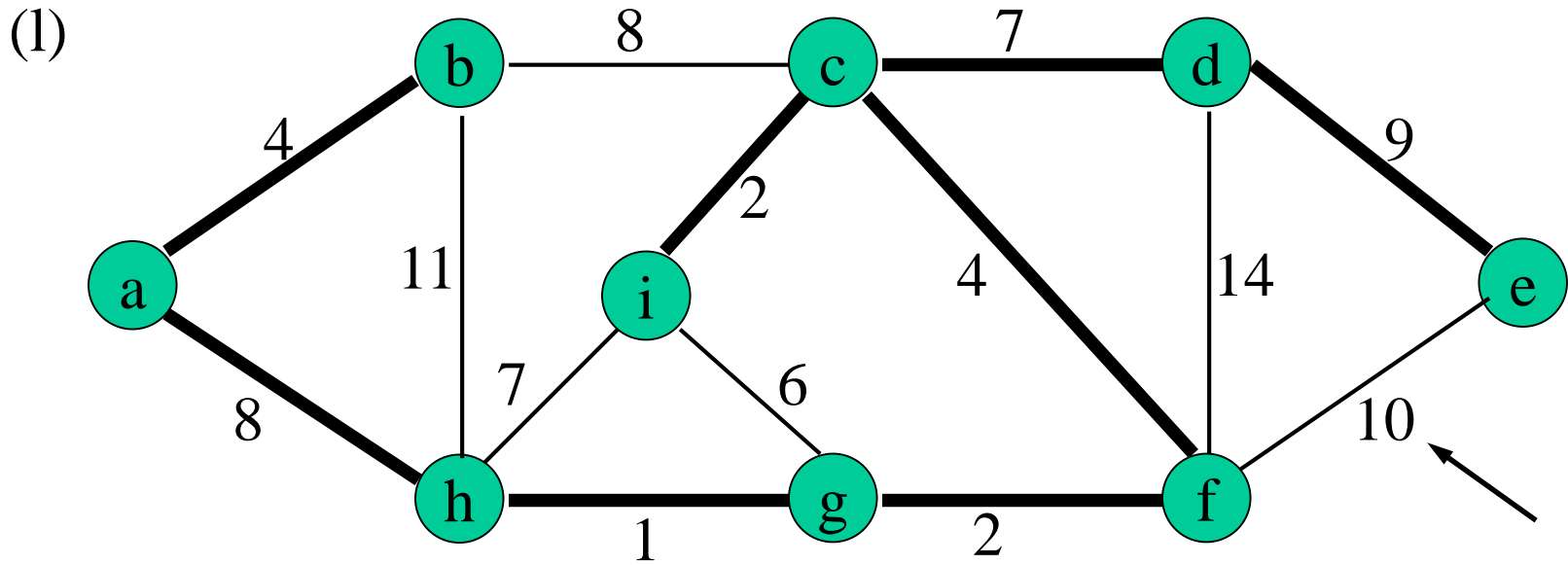


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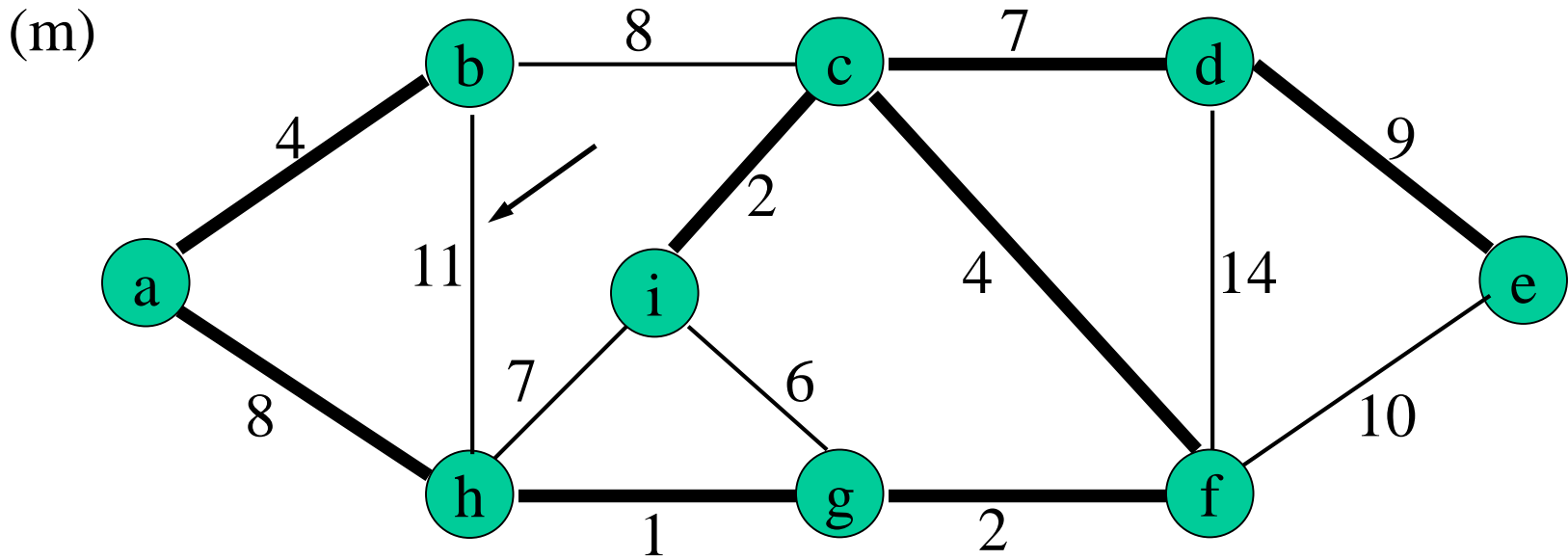
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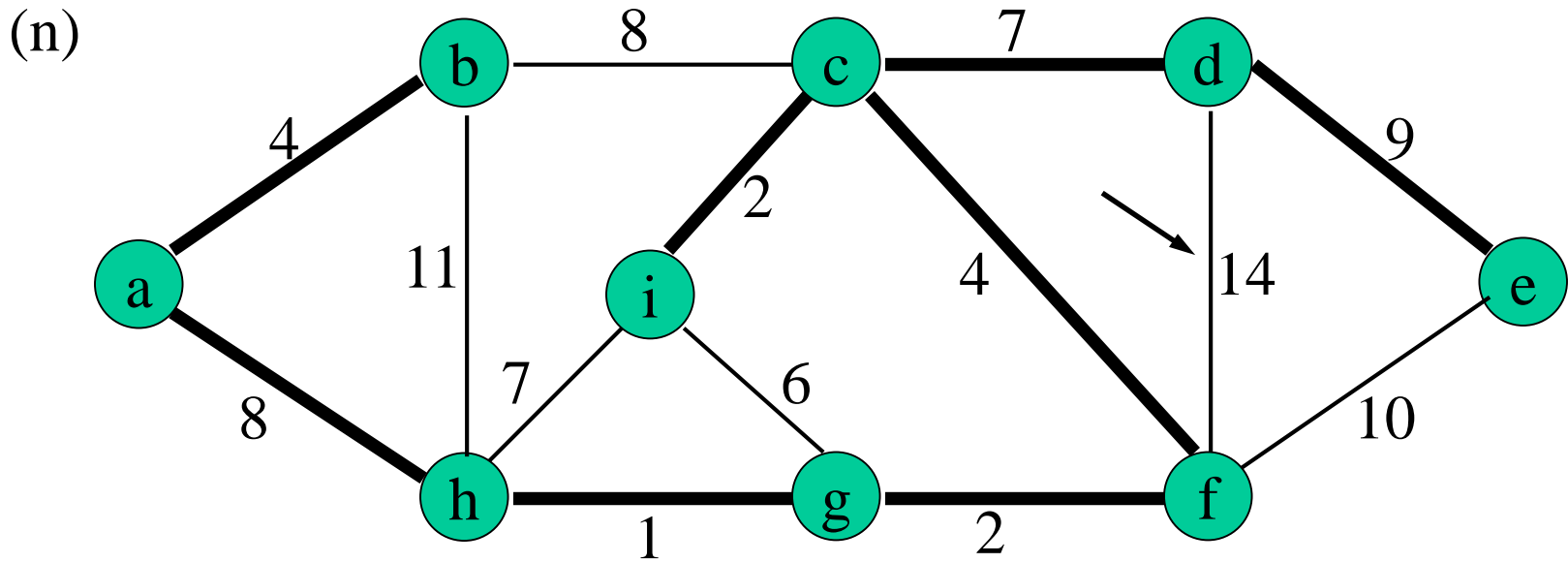


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# Kruskal's Algorithm

- Our implementation of Kruskal's Algorithm uses a **Disjoint-Set Data Structure** to maintain several disjoint set of elements
- Each set contains the vertices of a tree of the current forest

# Kruskal's Algorithm

**MST-KRUSKAL** ( $G, \omega$ )

$A \leftarrow \emptyset$

for each vertex  $v \in V[G]$  do

**MAKE-SET** ( $v$ )

**SORT** the edges of  $E$  by nondecreasing weight  $\omega$

    for each edge  $(u,v) \in E$  in nondecreasing order do

        if **FIND-SET**( $u$ )  $\neq$  **FIND-SET**( $v$ ) then

$A \leftarrow A \cup \{(u,v)\}$

**UNION** ( $u,v$ )

    return  $A$

end

# Kruskal's Algorithm

- The comparison  $\text{FIND-SET}(u) \neq \text{FIND-SET}(v)$  checks whether the endpoints  $u$  &  $v$  belong to the same tree
- **If they do**, then the edge  $(u,v)$  cannot be added to the tree without creating a cycle, and the edge is **discarded**
- **Otherwise**, the two vertices belong to different trees, and the edge is **added** to  $A$

# Running Time of Kruskal's Algorithm

- The running time for a graph  $G = (V, E)$  depends on the implementation of the disjoint-set data structure.
- Use the **Disjoint-Set-Forest** implementation with the **Union-By-Rank** and **Path-Compression** heuristics.
- Since it is the asymptotically fastest implementation known

Initialization (first for-loop) takes time  $O(V)$

Sorting takes time  $O(E \lg E)$  time

# Running Time of Kruskal's Algorithm

- There are  $O(E)$  operations on the disjoint-set forest which in total take  $O(E \alpha(E, V))$  time where  $\alpha$  is the **Functional Inverse of Ackerman's Function**
- Since  $\alpha(E, V) = O(\lg E)$

The total running time is  $O(E \lg E)$ .

# Prim's Algorithm

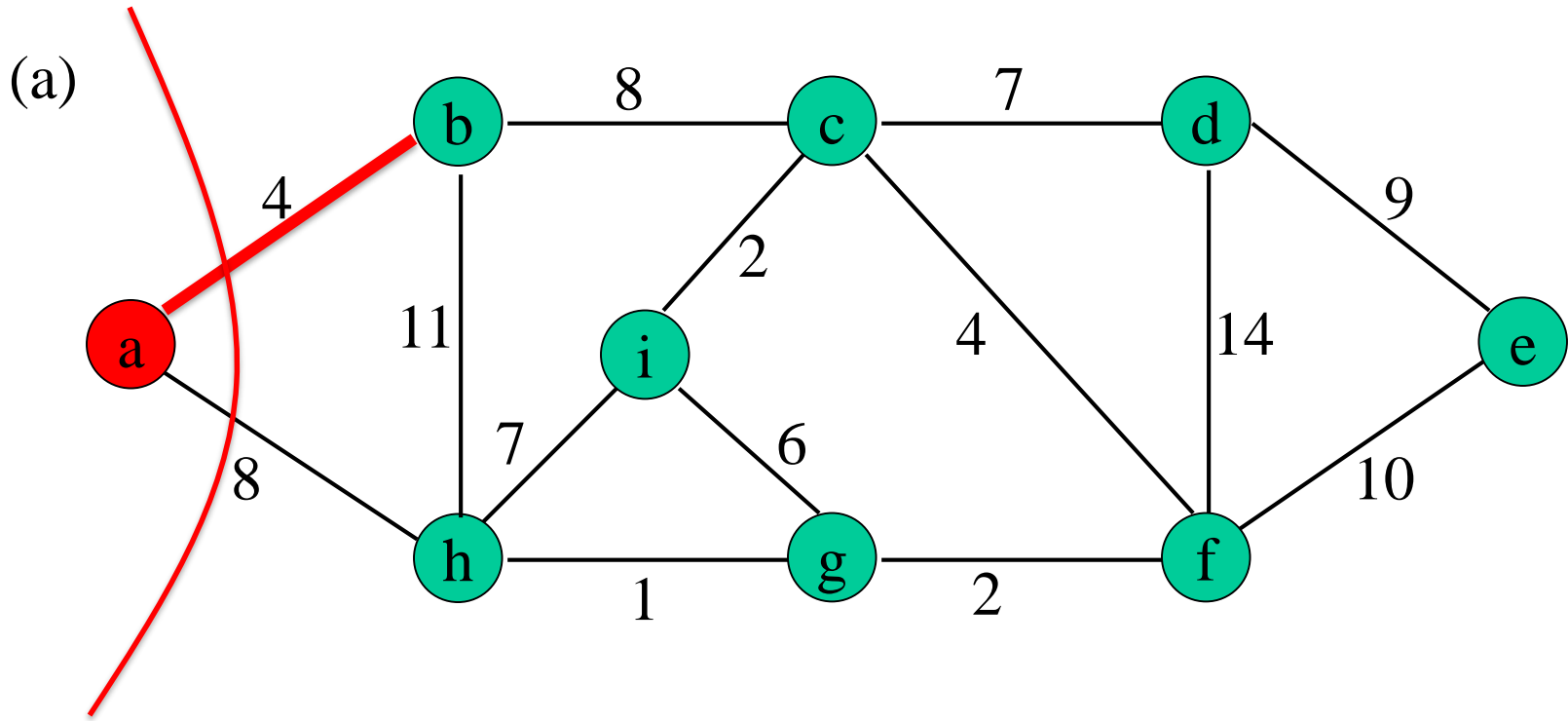
- Prim's algorithm is also a special case of Generic-MST algorithm
- The edges in the set  $A$  always form a single tree
- The tree starts from an arbitrary vertex  $v$  and grows until the tree spans all the vertices in  $V$
- At each step, a **light-edge** connecting a vertex in  $A$  to a vertex in  $V - A$  is added to the tree  $A$
- Hence, the Corollary implies that Prim's algorithm adds **safe-edges** to  $A$  at each step.



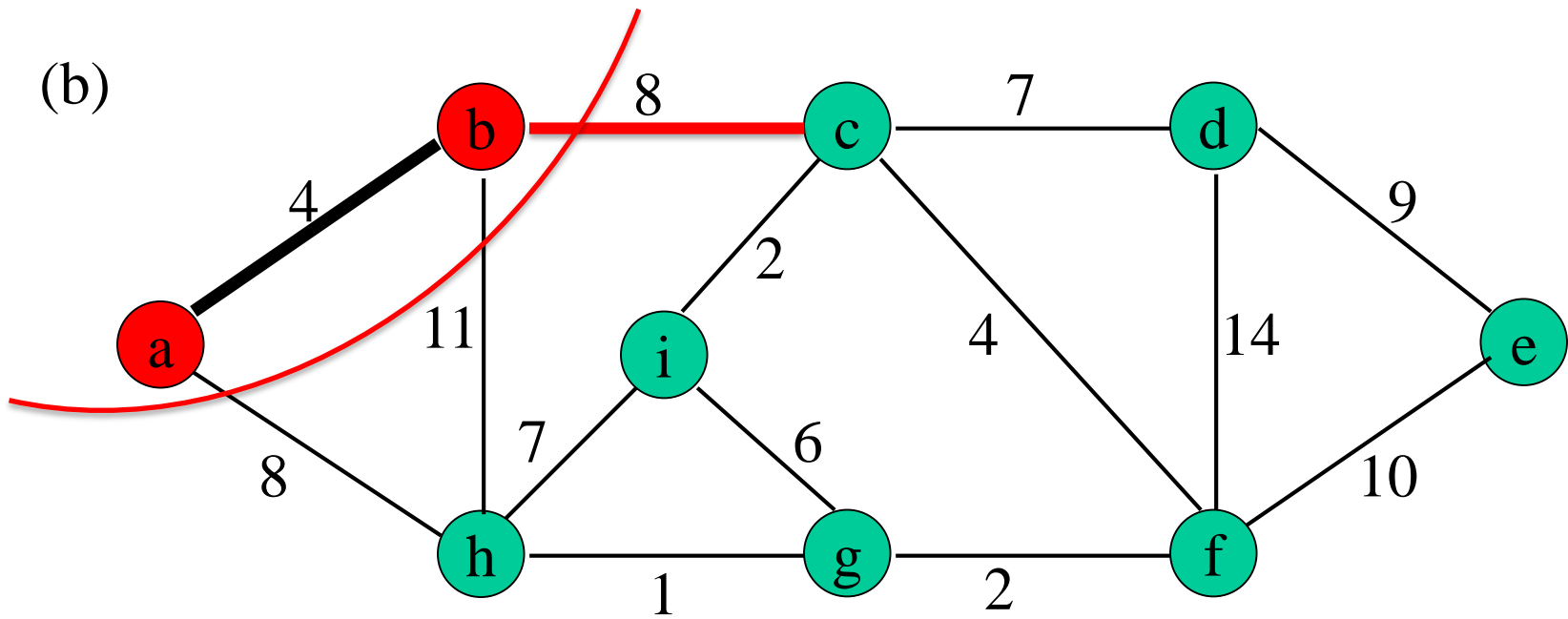
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- *This strategy is greedy*
- The tree is augmented at each step with an edge that contributes the minimum amount possible to the tree's weight.

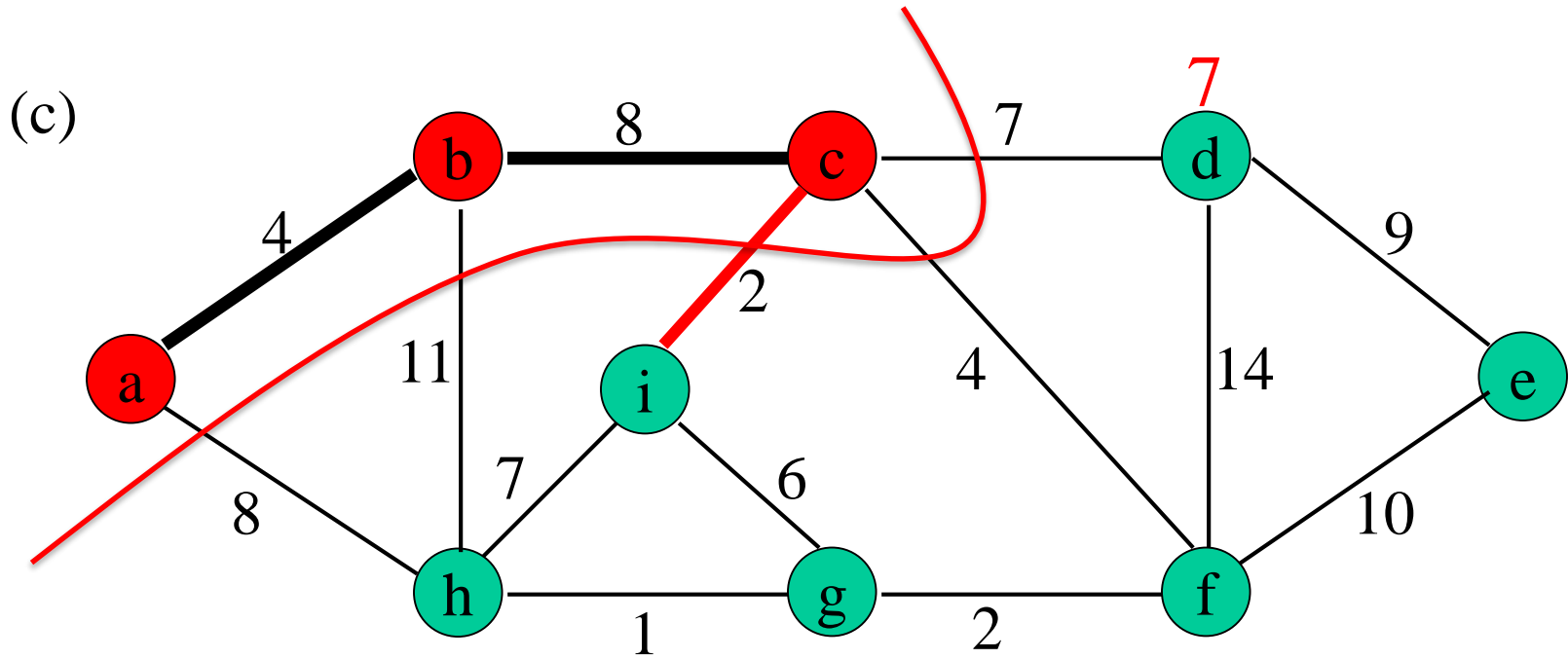
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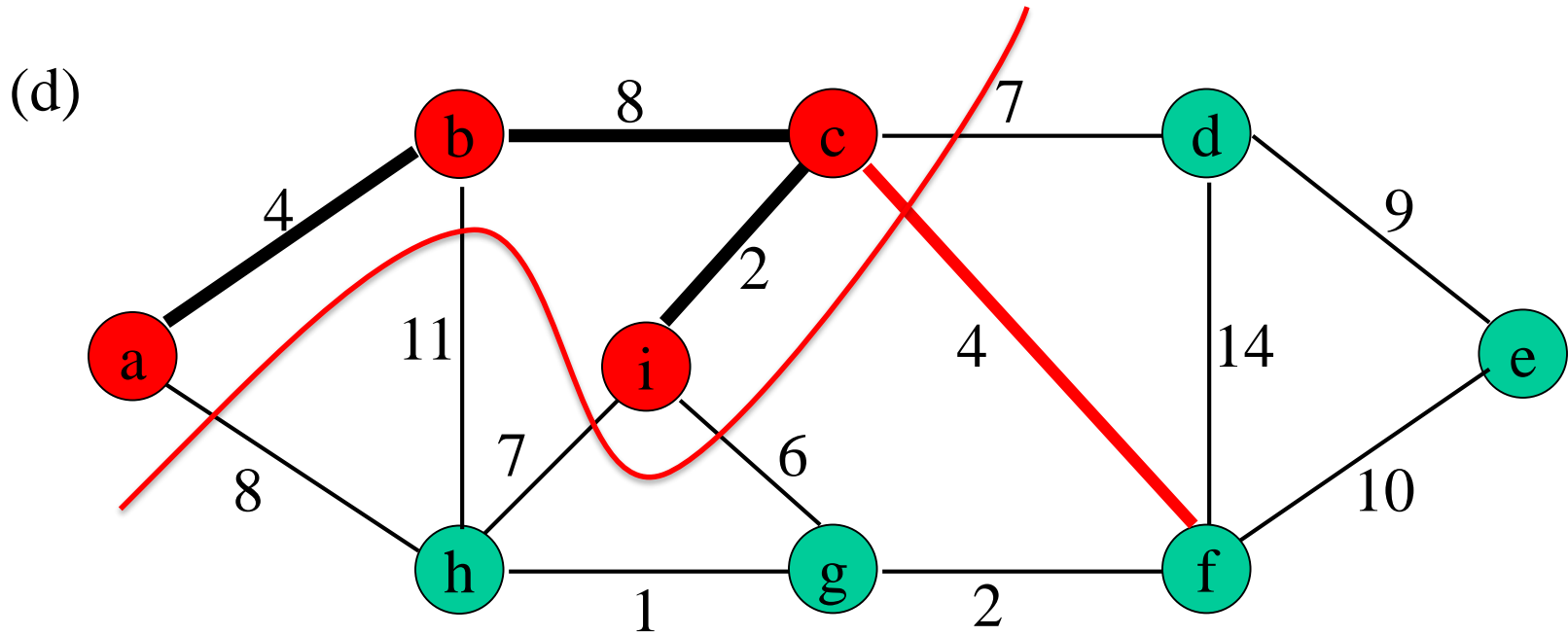
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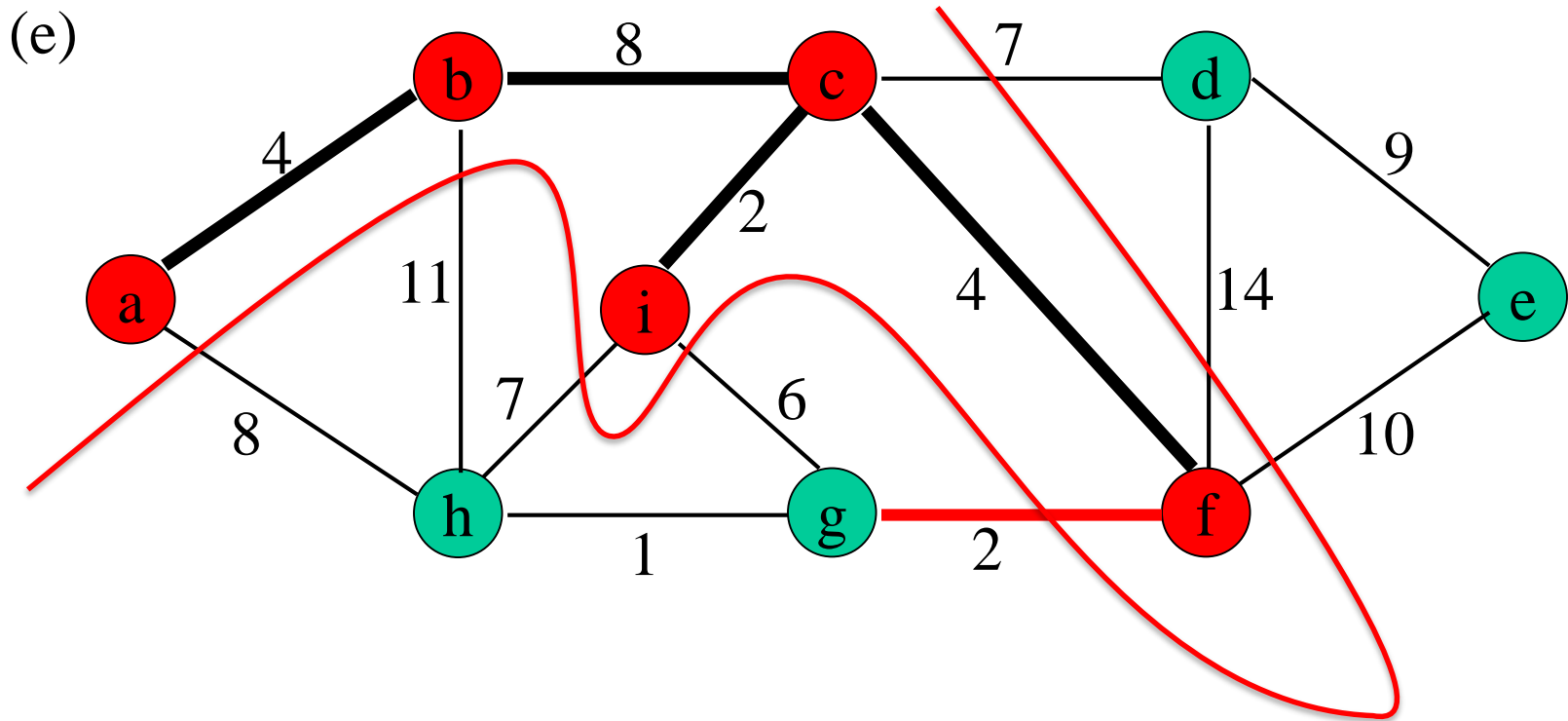
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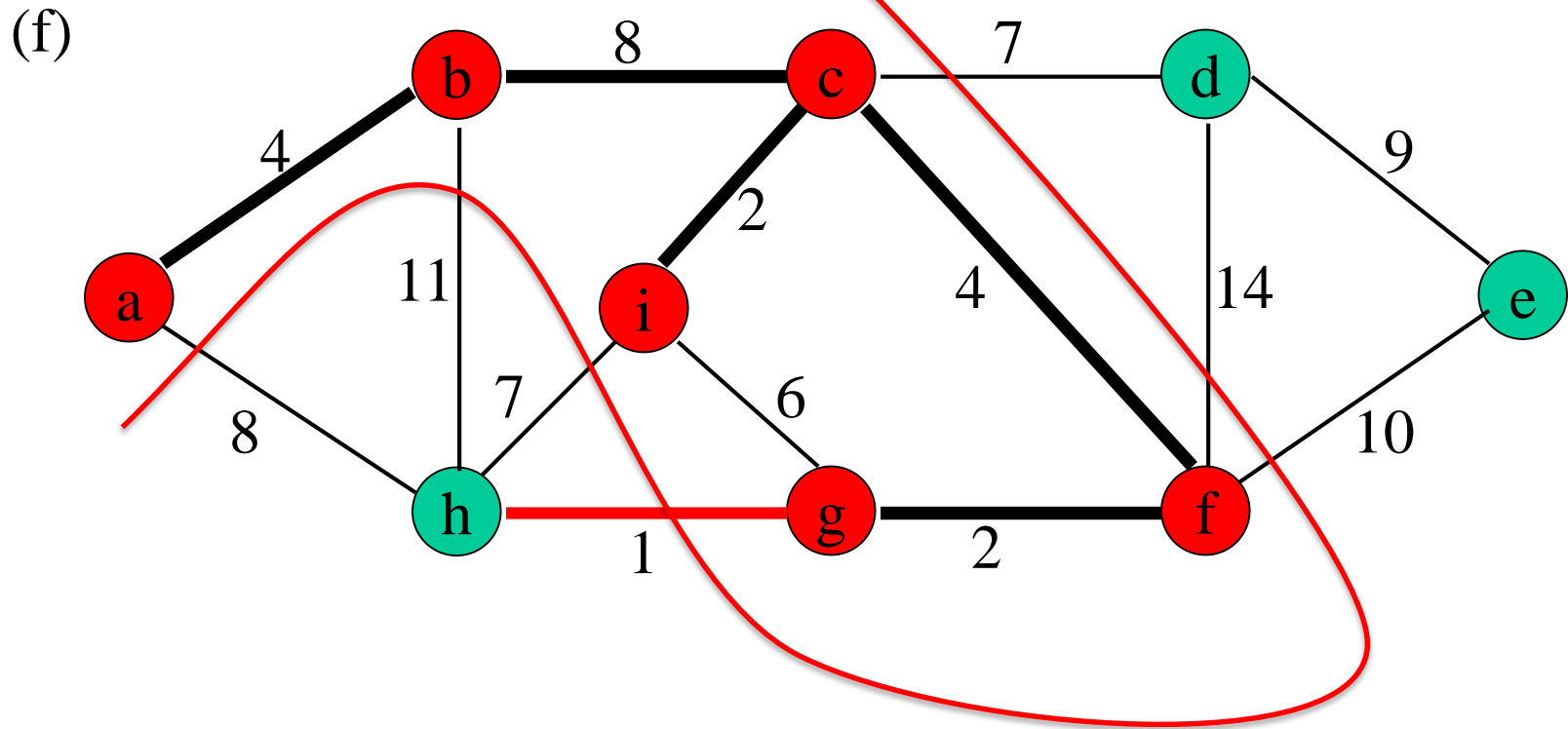
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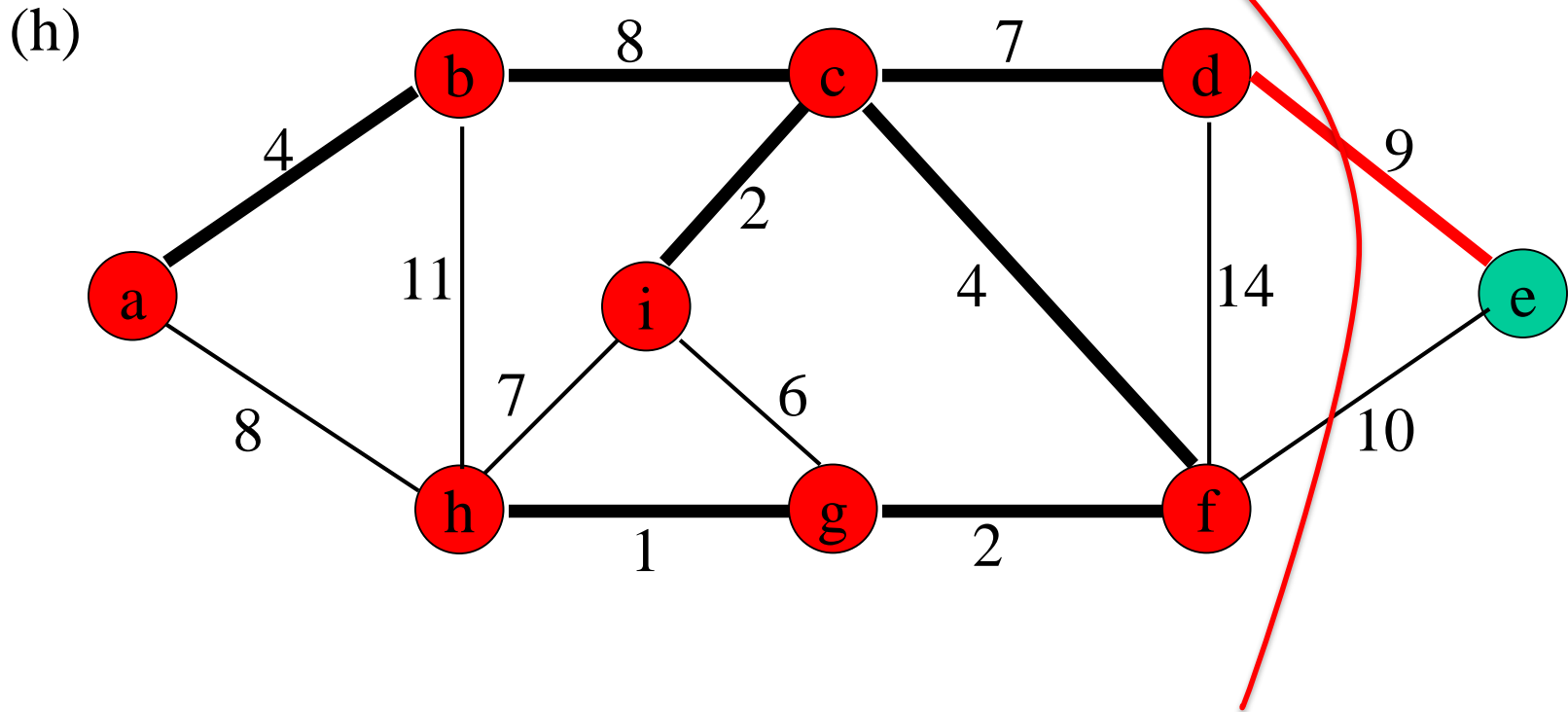
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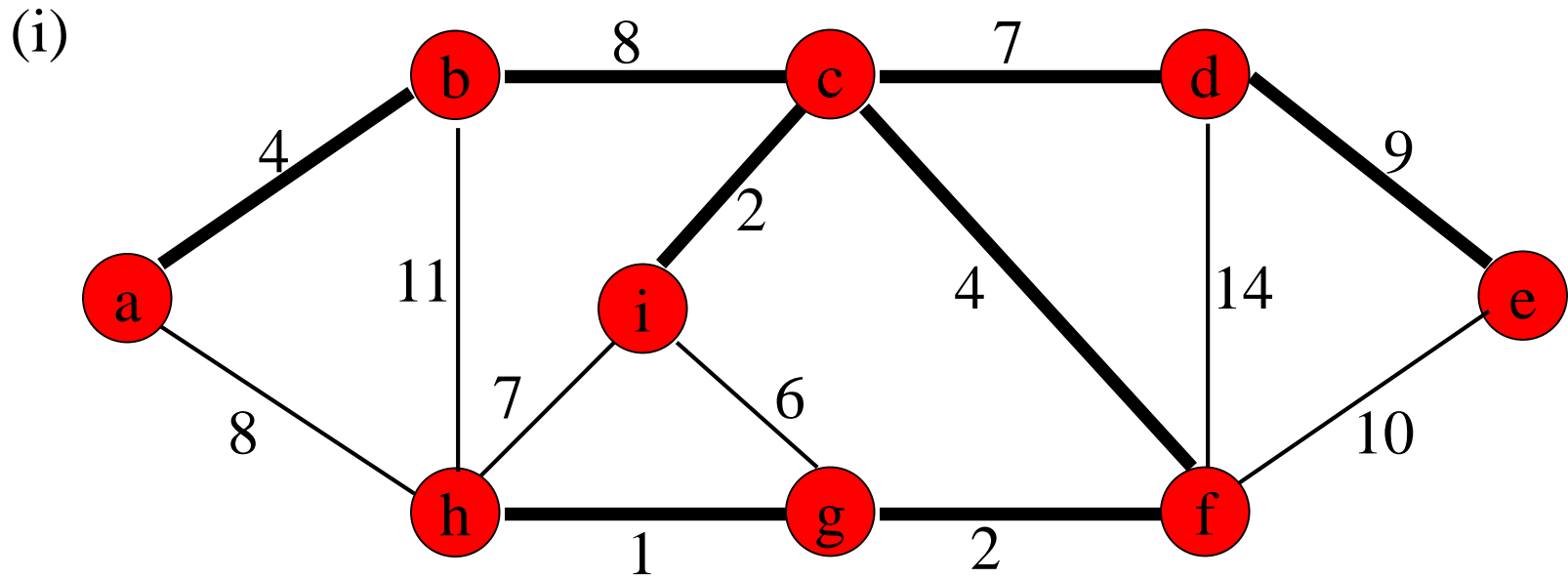


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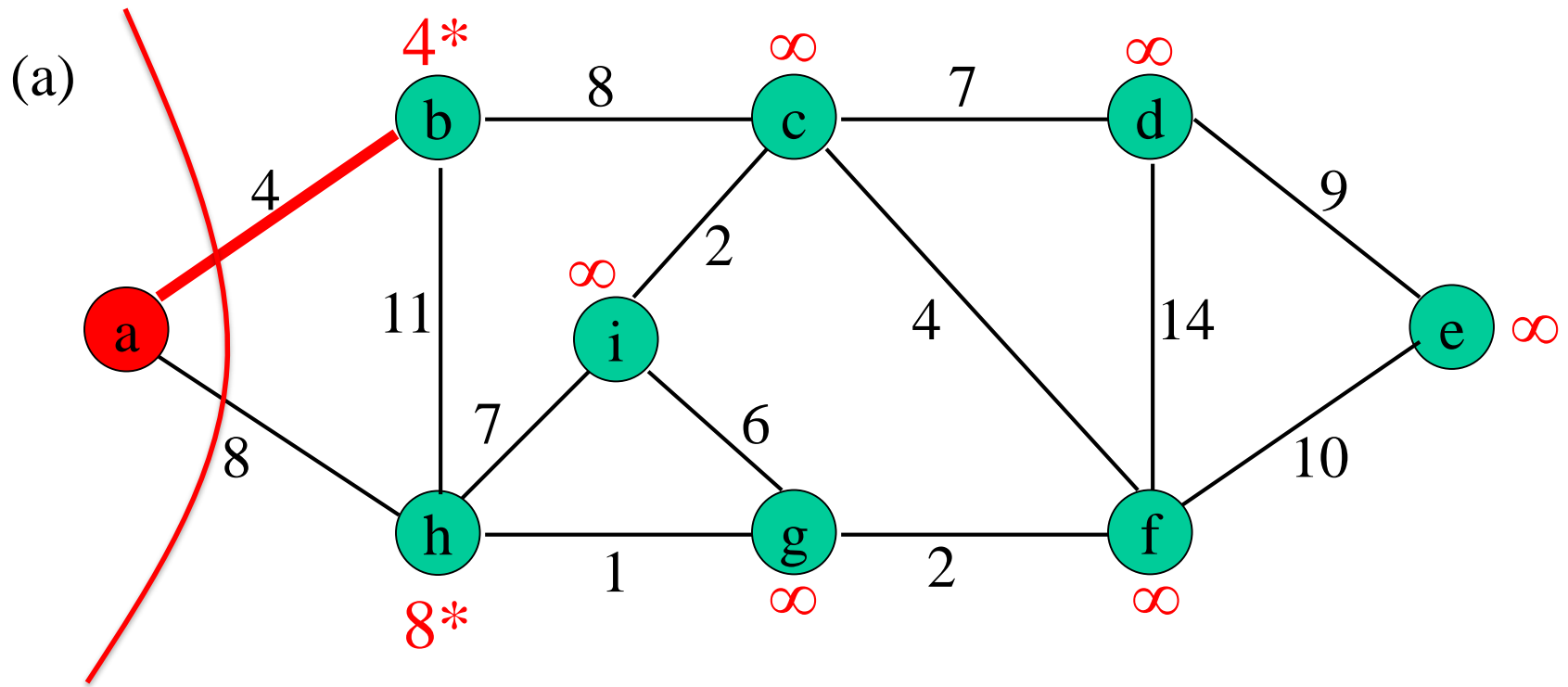
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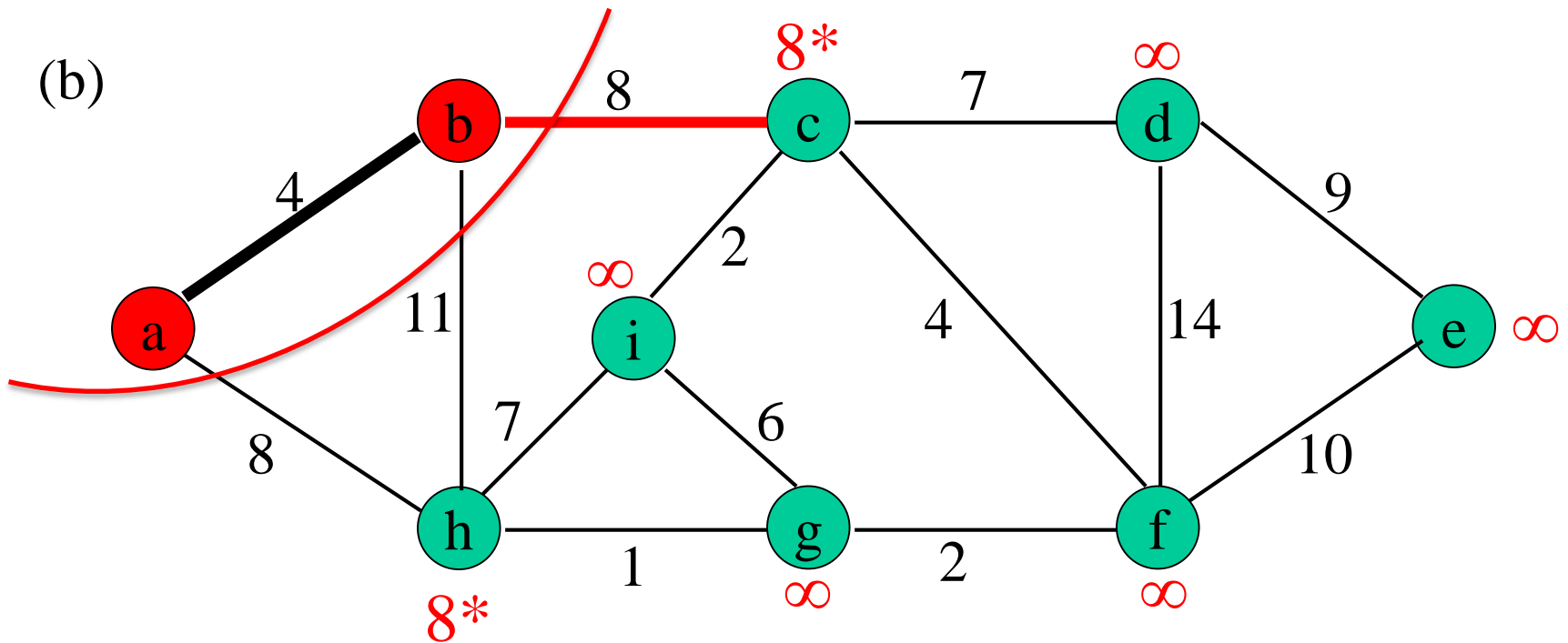
# Implementation of Prim's Algorithm

- The key to implementing Prim's algorithm efficiently is to make it easy to select a new edge to be added to  $A$
- All vertices that are not in the tree reside in a priority queue  $Q$  based on a **key** field.
- For each vertex  $v$ ,  $\text{key}[v]$  is the minimum weight of any edge connecting  $v$  to a vertex in the tree  
 **$\text{key}[v] = \infty$**  if there is no such edge.

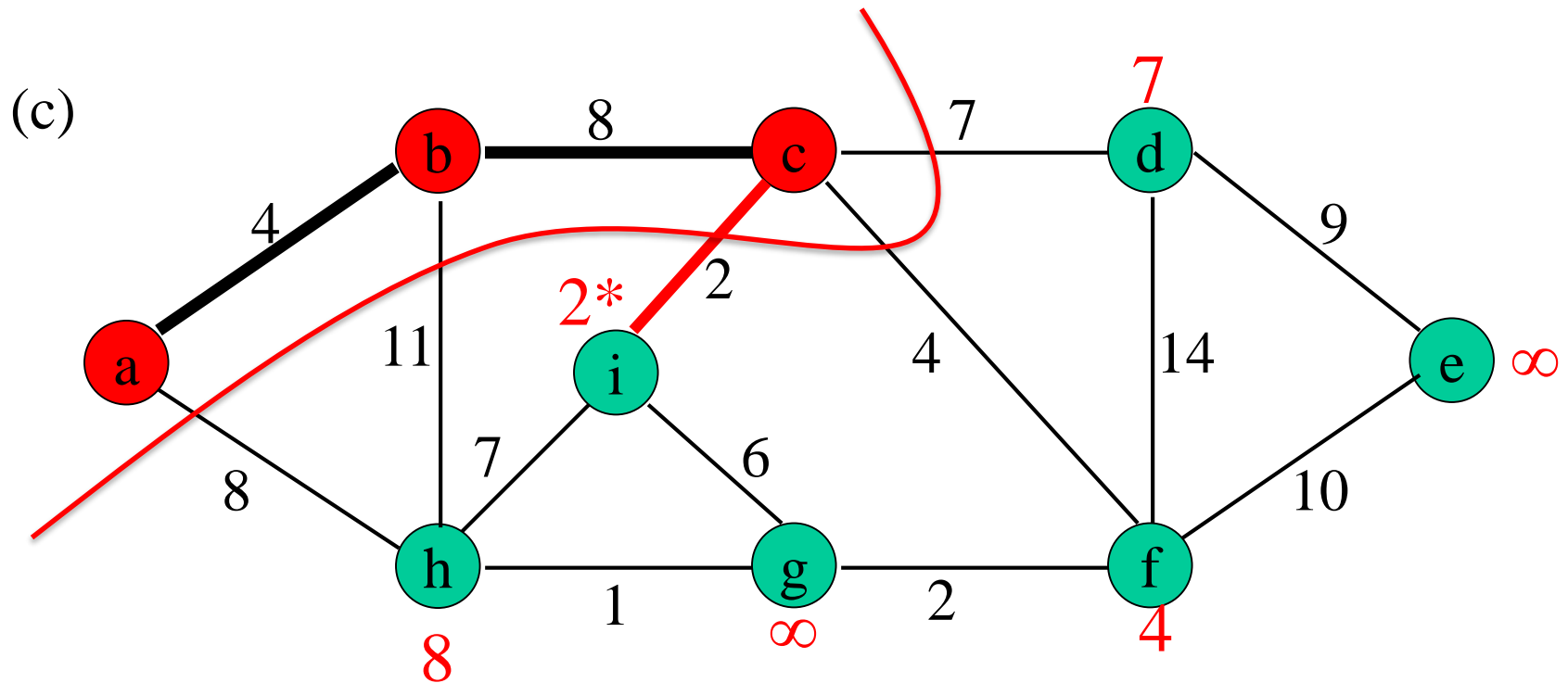
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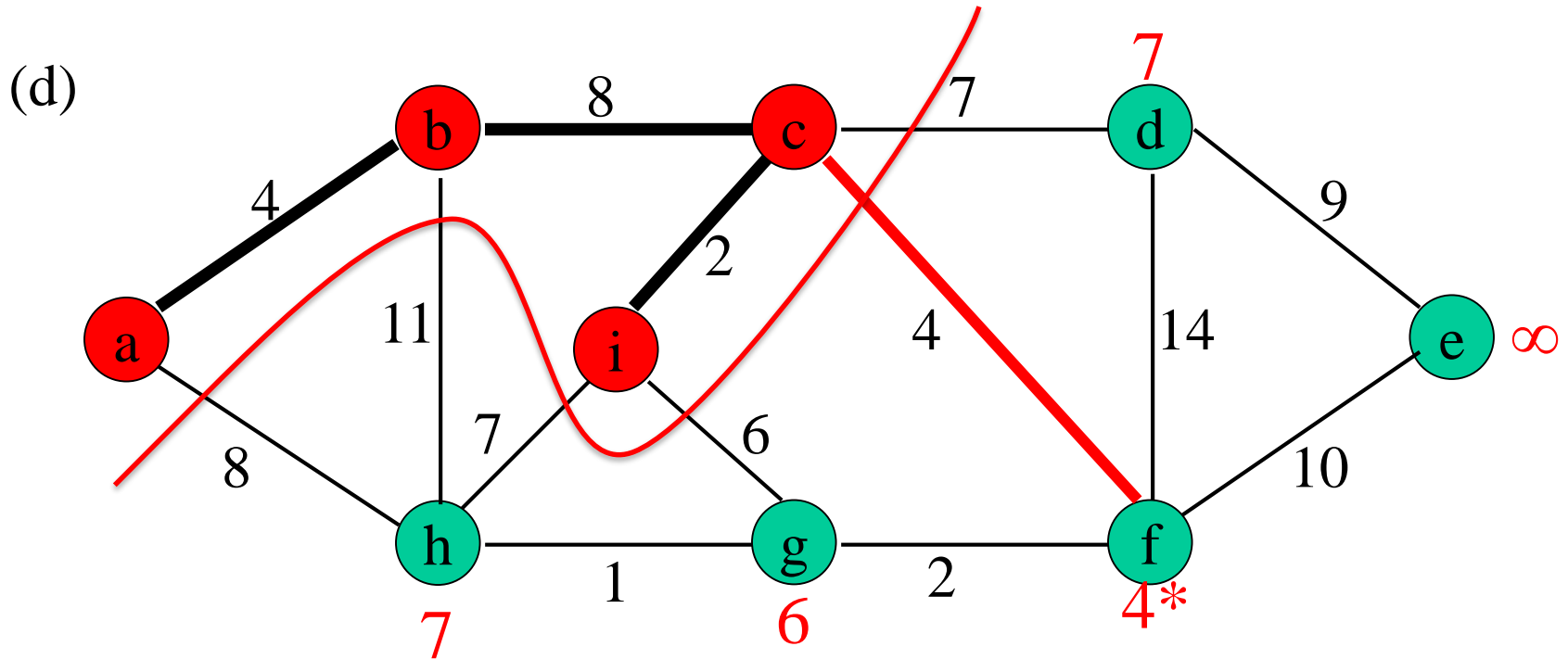
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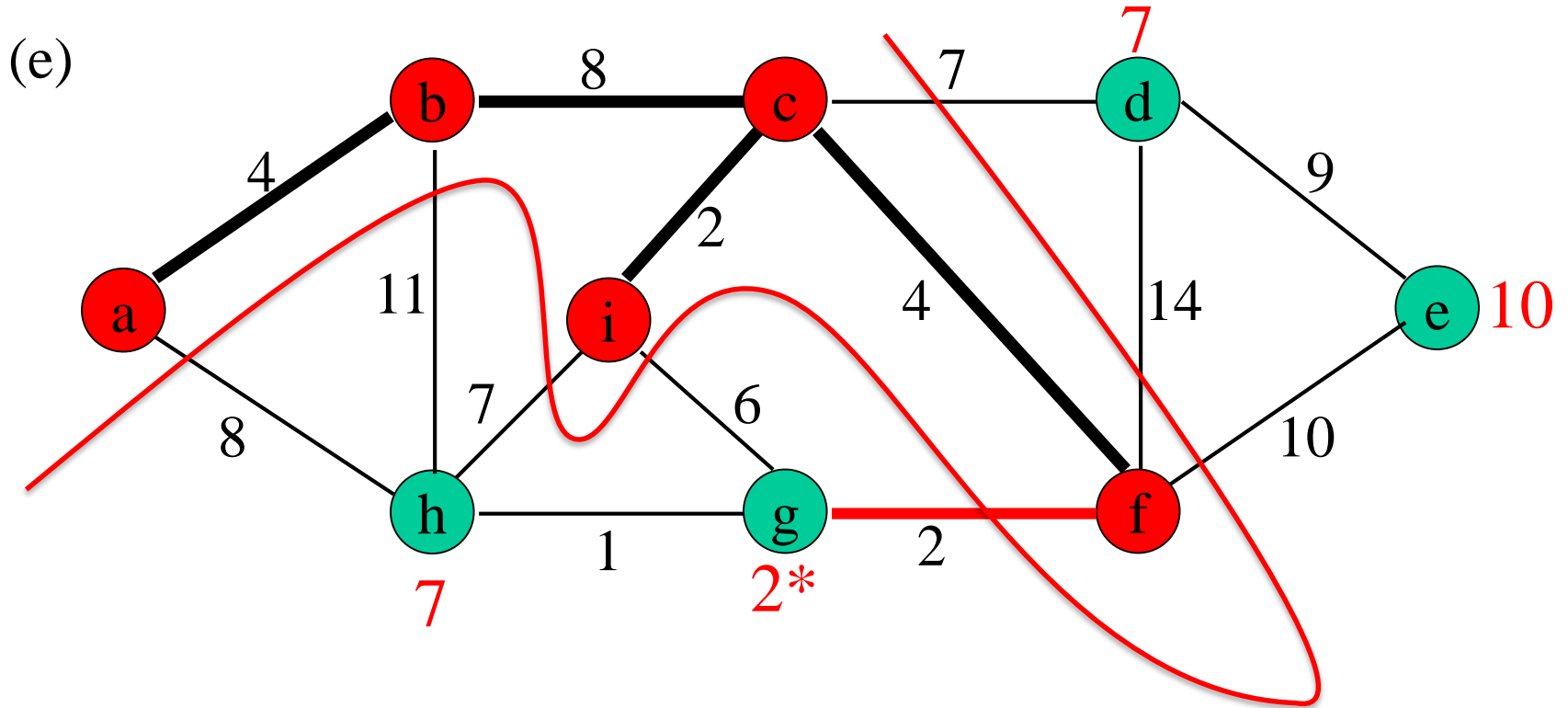
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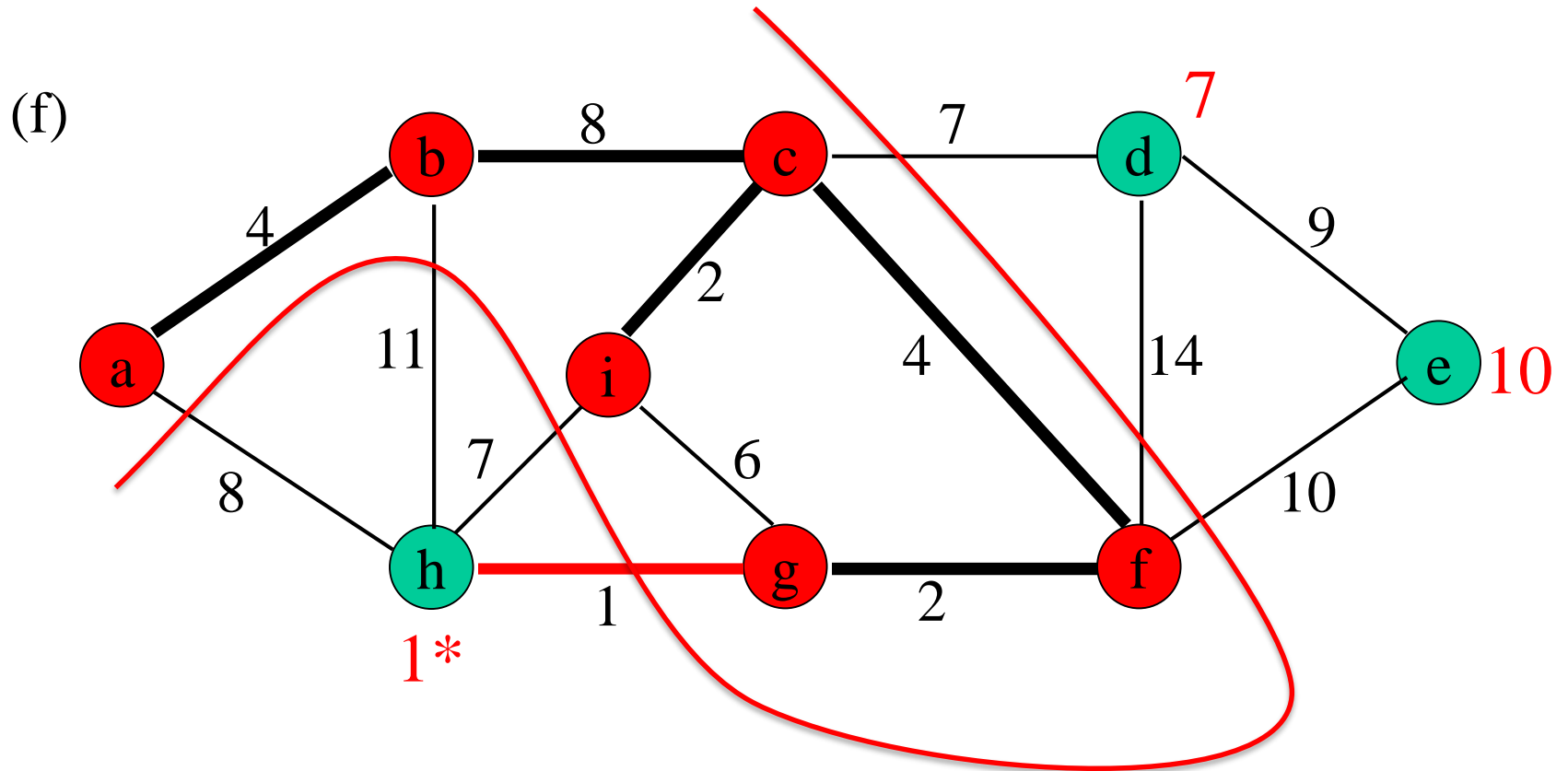
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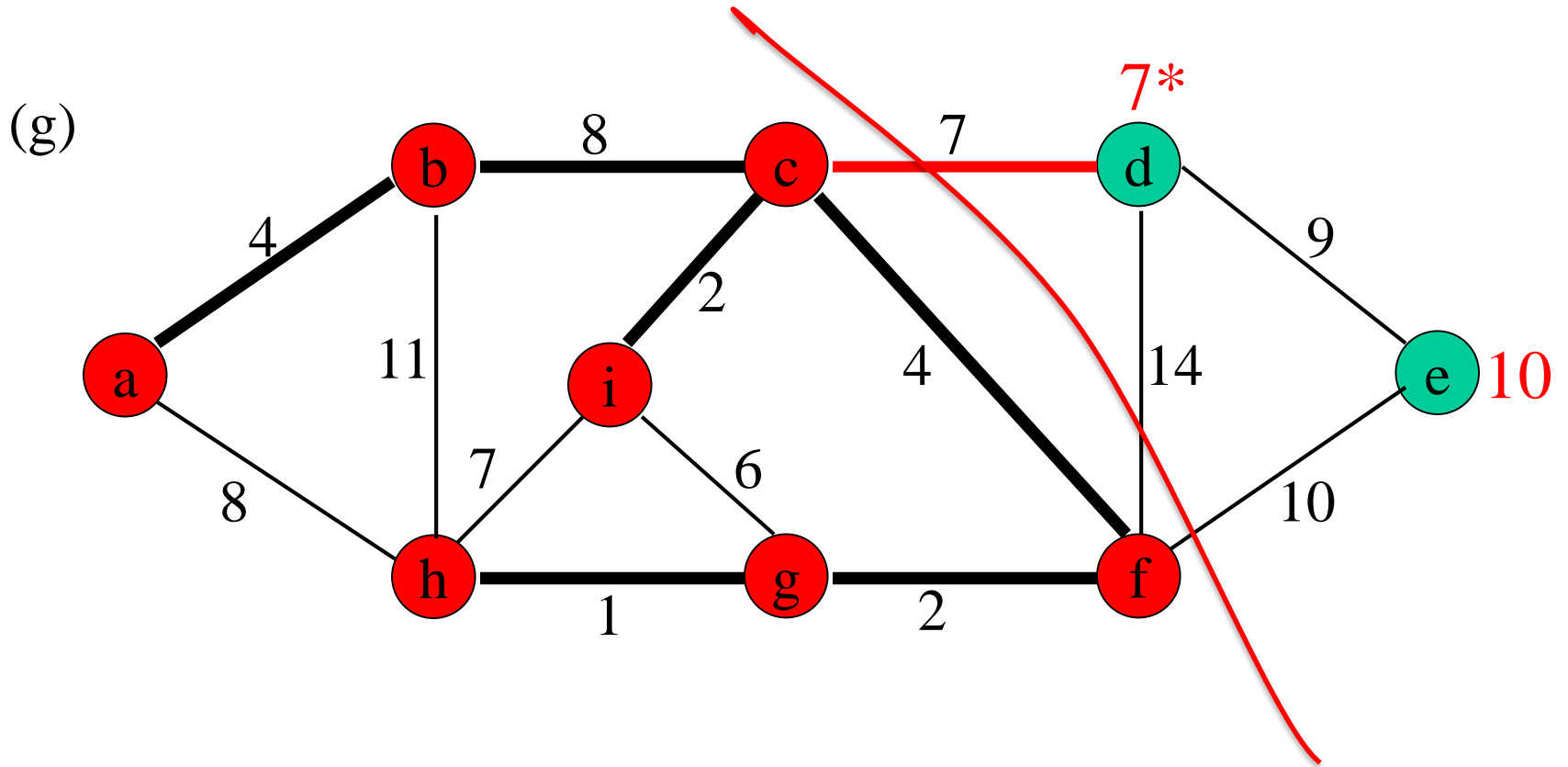


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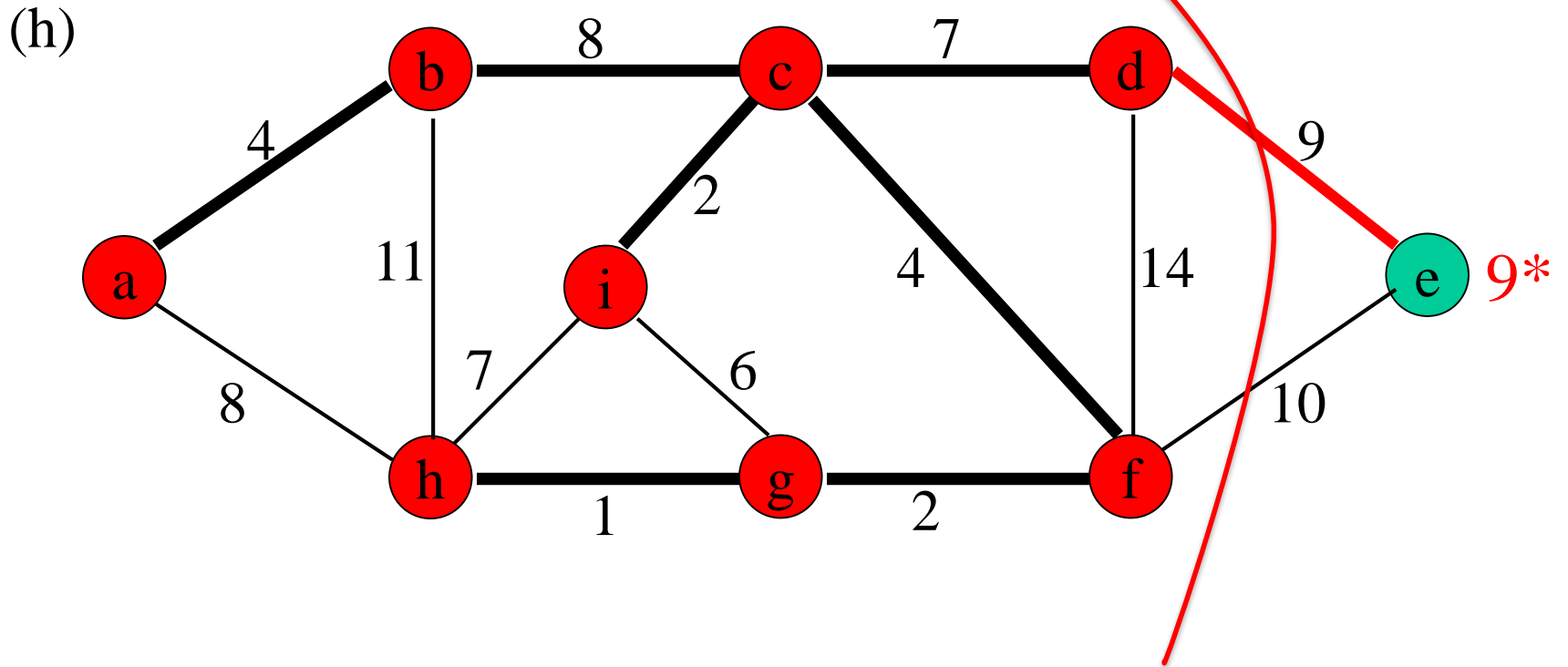




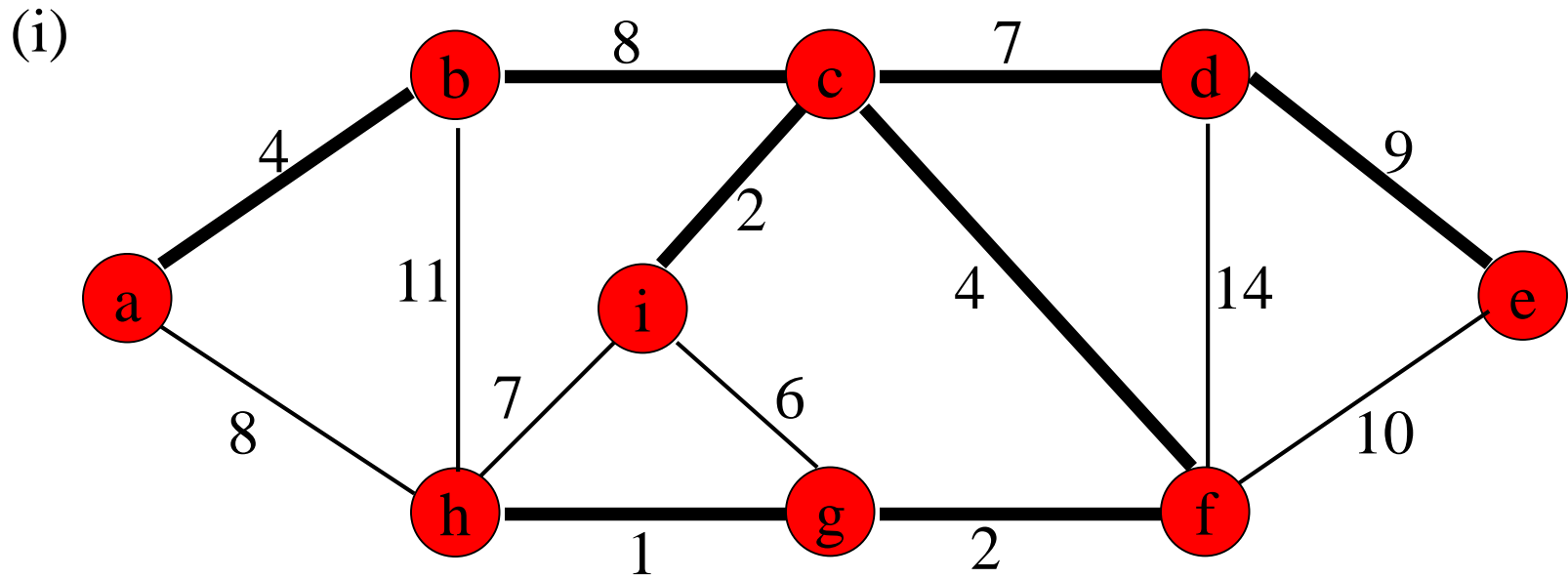
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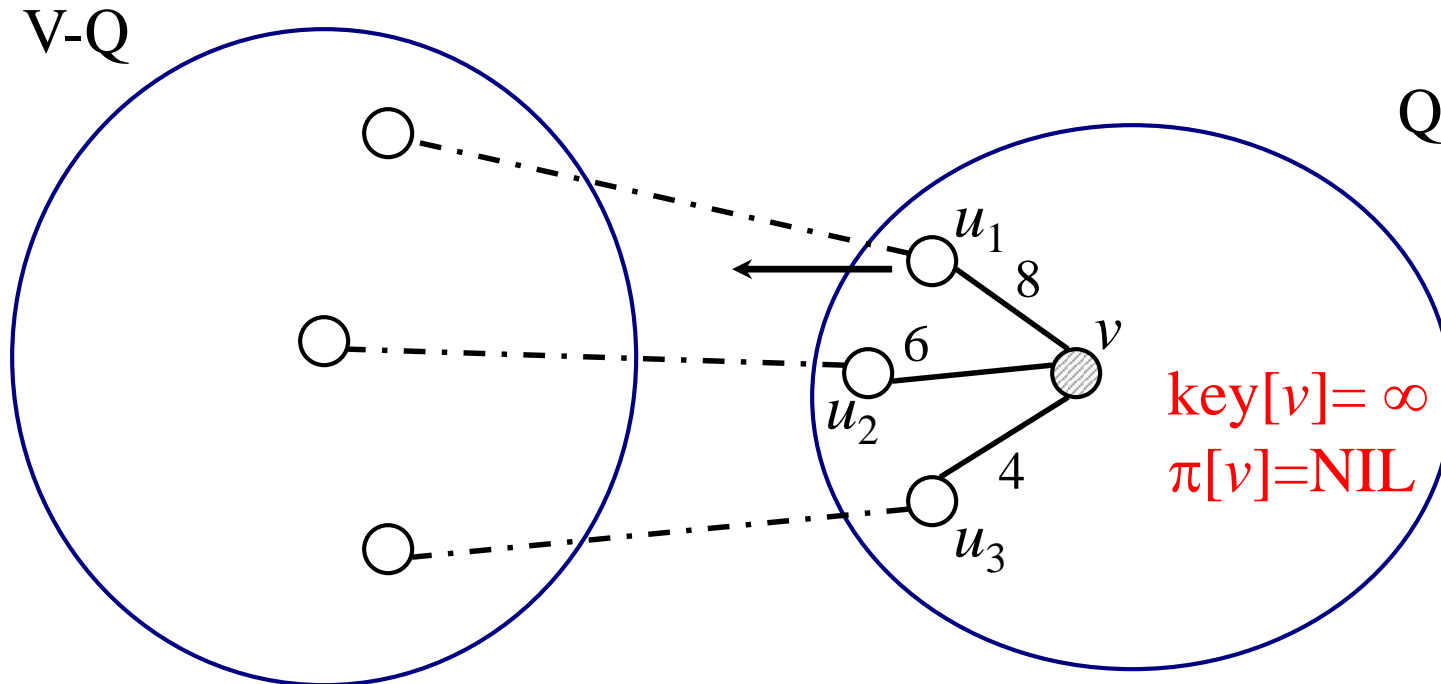
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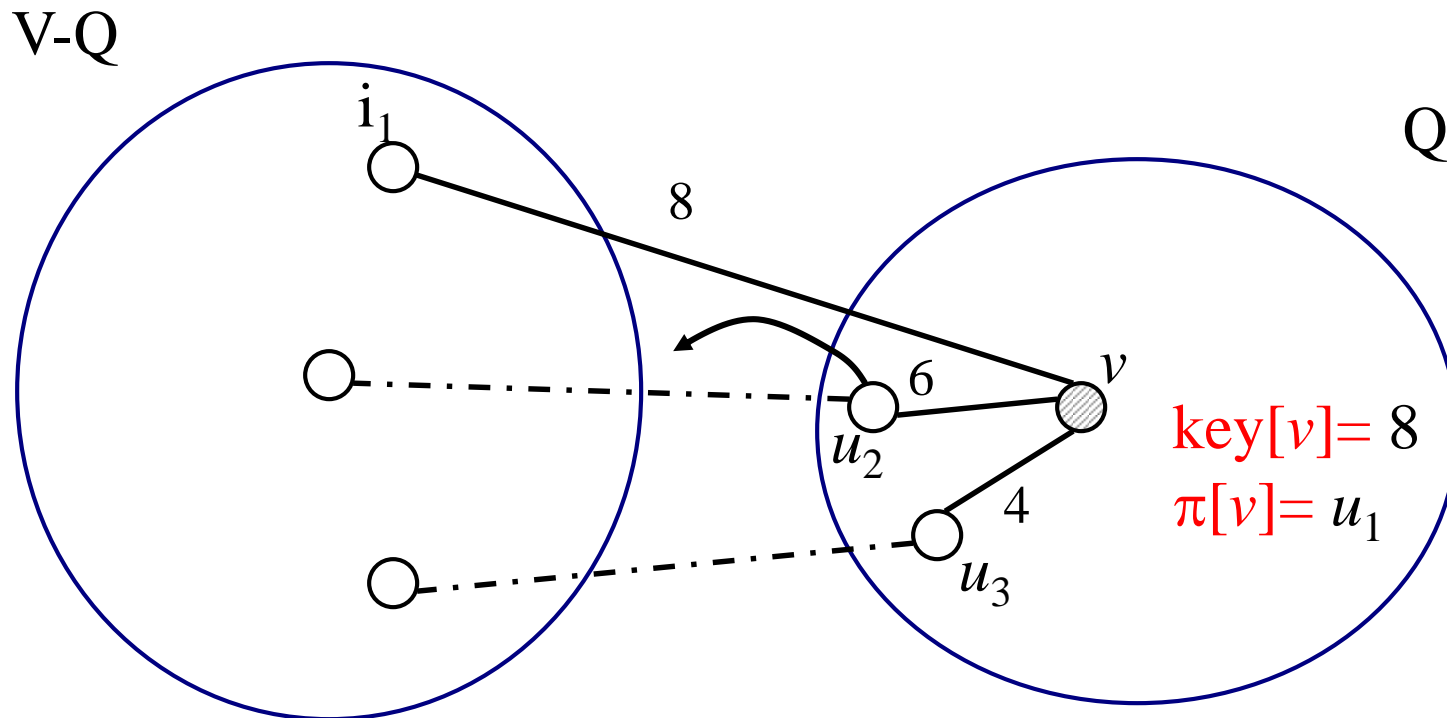


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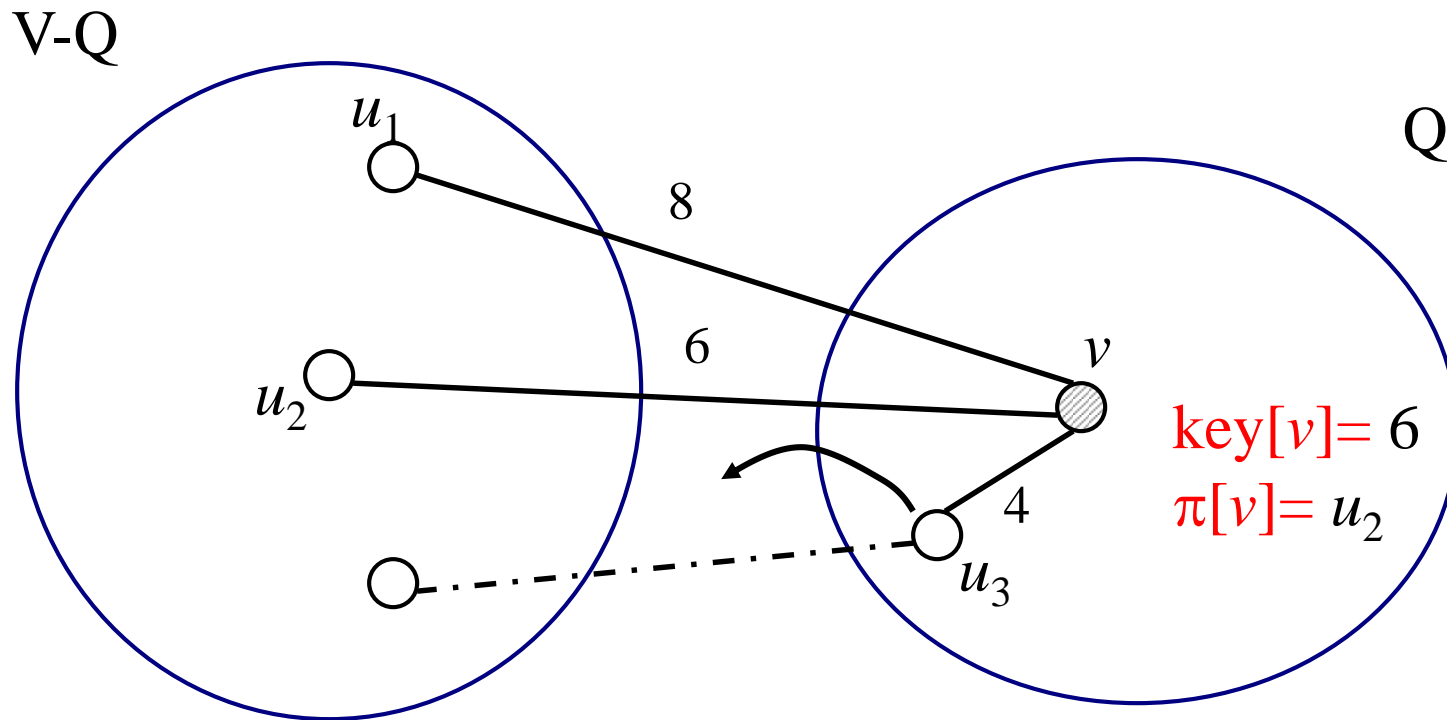
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Vertex  $u_1$  moves from **Q** to **V-Q** thru **EXTRACT-MIN**



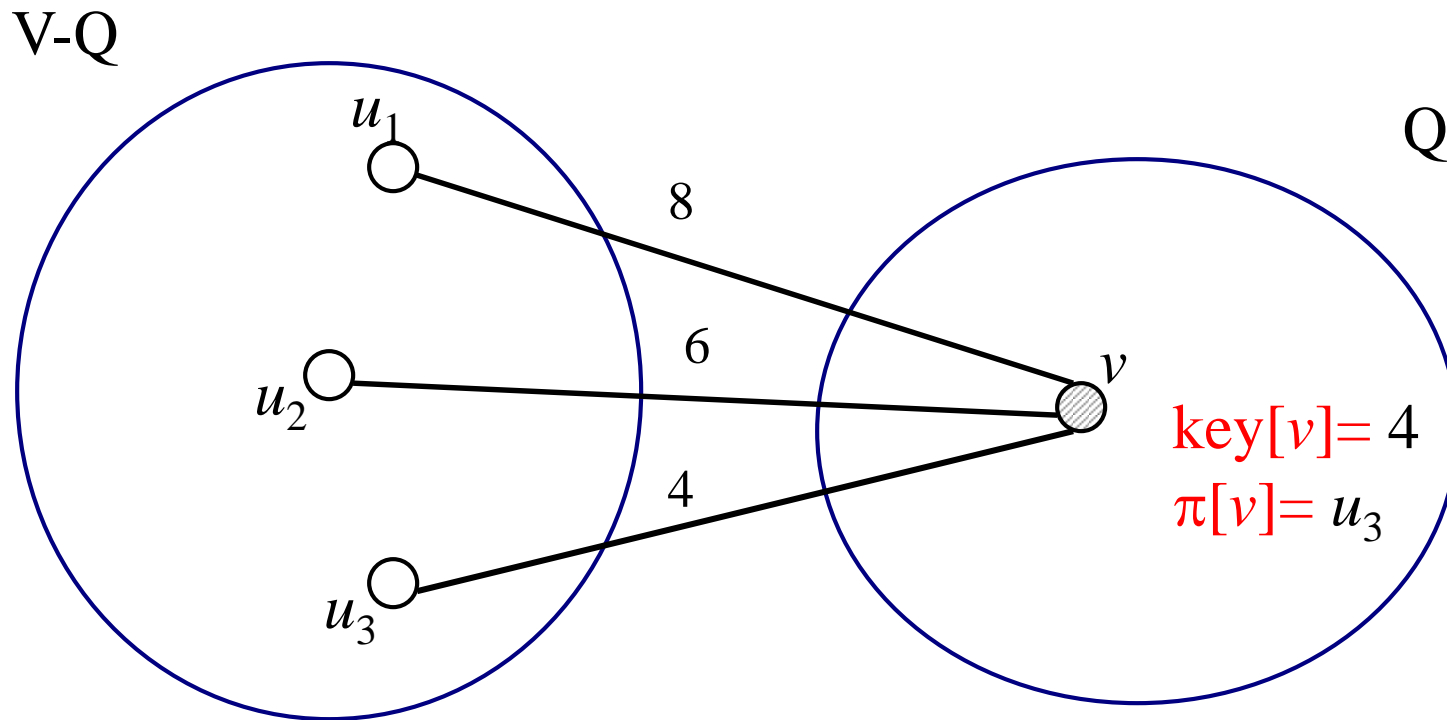
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Vertex  $u_2$  moves from **Q** to **V-Q** thru **EXTRACT-MIN**



# Prim's Algorithm

Vertex  $u_3$  moves from **Q** to **V-Q** thru **EXTRACT-MIN**



# Prim's Algorithm

- For each vertex  $v$  we maintain two fields:
  - $\text{key}[v]$  : Min. weight of any edge connecting  $v$  to a vertex in the **tree**.
  - $\text{key}[v] = \infty$  if there is no such edge
  - $\pi[v]$  : Points to the **parent** of  $v$  in the **tree**.
- During the algorithm, the set  $A$  in **Generic-MST** is maintained as
$$A = \{ (v, \pi[v]) : v \in V - \{r\} - Q \},$$
 where  $r$  is a random start vertex.
- When the algorithm terminates, the priority queue is empty.  
The **MST**  $A$  for  $G$  is thus  $A = \{ (v, \pi[v]) : v \in V - \{r\} \}$



# Prim's Algorithm

**MST-PRIM** ( $G, \omega, r$ )

$Q \leftarrow V[G]$

for each  $u \in Q$  do

$\text{key}[u] \leftarrow \infty$

$\text{key}[r] \leftarrow 0$

$\pi[r] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$

**BUILD-MIN-HEAP** ( $Q$ )

while  $Q \neq \emptyset$  do

$u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}$  ( $Q$ )

    for each  $v \in \text{Adj}[u]$  do

        if  $v \in Q$  and  $\omega(u, v) < \text{key}[v]$  then

$\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

**DECREASE-KEY** ( $Q, v, \omega(u, v)$ )

            /\*  $\text{key}[v] \leftarrow \omega(u, v)$  \*/

end

# Prim's Algorithm

- Through the algorithm, the set  $V - Q$  contains the vertices in the tree being grown.
- $u \leftarrow \text{EXTRACT-MIN}(Q)$  identifies a vertex  $u \in Q$  incident on a light edge crossing the cut  $(V-Q, Q)$  with the exception of the first iteration, in which  $u = r$
- Removing  $u$  from the set  $Q$  adds it to the set  $V - Q$  of vertices in the tree

# Prim's Algorithm

- The inner for-loop updates the key &  $\pi$  fields of every vertex  $v$  adjacent to  $u$  but not in the tree
- This updating maintains the **invariants**

$\text{key}[v] \leftarrow \omega(v, \pi[v])$ , and

$(v, \pi[v])$  is a **light-edge** connecting  $v$  to the **tree**

# Running Time of Prim's Algorithm

- The performance of Prim's algorithm depends on how we implement the priority queue
- If  $Q$  is implemented as a binary heap

Use **BUILD-MIN-HEAP** procedure to perform the initialization in  $O(V)$  time

**while-loop** is executed  $|V|$  times

each **EXTRACT-MIN** operation takes  $O(\lg V)$  time

Therefore, the total time for all calls **EXTRACT-MIN** is  $O(V \lg V)$

# Running Time of Prim's Algorithm

- **The inner for-loop** is executed  $O(E)$  times altogether since the sum of the lengths of all adjacency lists is  $2|E|$
- **Within the for-loop**

The membership test  $v \in Q$  can be implemented in constant time by keeping a bit for each vertex whether or not it is in  $Q$  and updating the bit when vertex is removed from  $Q$

The assignment  $\text{key}[v] \leftarrow \omega(u, v)$  involves a **DECREASE-KEY** operation on the heap which can be implemented in  $O(\lg V)$  time

# Running Time of Prim's Algorithm

- Thus, the total time for Prim's algorithm is

$$O( V \lg V + E \lg V ) = O ( E \lg V )$$

- The asymptotic running time of Prim's algorithm can be improved by using **FIBONACCI HEAPS**
- If  $|V|$  elements are organized into a fibonacci heap we can perform:

An **EXTRACT-MIN** operation in  $O(\lg V)$  **amortized time**

A **DECREASE-KEY** operation (line 11) in  $O(1)$  **amortized time**

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Hence, if we use **FIBONACCI-HEAP** to implement the priority queue  $Q$  the running time of Prim's algorithm improves to:

$$O(E + V \lg V)$$