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Proof. Note that

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w(T)=w\left(T_{1}\right)+w(u, v)+w\left(T_{2}\right) .
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There cannot be a better subtree than $T_{1}$ or $T_{2}$, otherwise $T$ would be suboptimal.

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Proof. If $(u, v) \notin T$, then

- $(u, v) \cup T$ forms a cycle,
- replace one of edges of $T$ by $(u, v)$ form a new tree $T$
- this is contradiction to $T$ is MST

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## Review: Priority Queue

A priority queue maintains a set $S$ of elements, each with an associated value called a "key", and supports the following operations:

- Search(S,k): returns x in S with $\operatorname{key}[\mathrm{x}]=\mathrm{k}$
- Insert(S, x)/Delete(S, x): inserts/deletes the element $\times$ into the set $S$
- Maximum(S)/Minimum(S): returns $\times$ in $S$ with largest/smallest key
- Extract-max(S)/Extract-min(S): removes and returns $x$ in $S$ with largest/smallest key
- Increase-key(S, x, k)/Decrease-key(S, x, k): increases/decreases the value of element x's key to the new value $k$
Recall that the priority queue has been used in Huffman coding.


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Q = empty
for each vertex u in V
    key[u] = infty // min. weight of any edge (w,u) and w in A
    pi[u] = nil // parent of u
    Insert(Q, u)
endfor
Decrease-key(Q,r,0)
while Q not empty
    u = Extract-Min(Q)
    for each v in Adj[u]
        if (v in Q) and (w(u,v) < key[v])
            Decrease-key(Q, v, w(u,v))
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- depends on how the priorty queue $Q$ is implemented
- Suppose $Q$ is a binary heap (see Section 6.1)
- Initialize $Q$ and the first for loop: $O(|V| \lg |V|)$
- Decrease key of root $r: O(\lg |V|)$
- While-loop:
a) $|V|$ Extract-Min calls: $O(|V| \lg |V|)$
b) $\leq|E|$ Decrease-Key calls: $O(|E| \lg |E|)$
- Total: $O(|E| \lg |V|)$
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- How to make sure "no loop created"?
use "disjoint-set" data structure


## Review: Disjoint-Set

Disjoint-Set maintains a collection of $S=\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, \ldots S_{k}\right\}$ of disjoint dynamic sets. Each set is identified by a representative, which is some member of the set.

A disjoint-set data structure supports the following operations:

- Make-set $(x)$ : creates a new set whose only member (and thus representative) is $x$.
- Union $(x, y)$ :
unites the sets that contain $x$ and $y$, say $S_{x}$ and $S_{y}$, into a new set that is the union of these two sets: $S_{x} \cup S_{y}$. The representative is any member of $S_{x} \cup S_{y}$.
- Find-set ( $x$ ):
returns (a pointer to) the representative of the (unique) set containing $x$.

To learn more about the disjoint-set data structure, see Chapter 21.

## MST

## MST-Kruskal (G, w)

A = emtpy
for each vertex $v$ in $V$
Make-set(v)
endfor
Sort the edges E in nondecreasing order by w
for each edge ( $u, v$ ) in E, taken in nondecreasing order by $w$ if Find-set(u) \= Find-set(v)
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