PSO 12

Minimum Spanning Trees, Prim's vs. Kruskal's, Topos == DAG

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Question 1

(Minimum spanning trees)

1. An edge is called a **light-edge** crossing a cut $\mathcal{C} := (S, V - S)$, if its weight is the minimum of any edge crossing the cut. Show that:

- if an edge (u, v) is contained in some MST, then it is a light-edge crossing some cut of the graph.
- the converse is not true, and give a simple counter-example of a connected graph such that there exists a cut $\mathcal{C} := (S, V - S)$, in which (u, v) is a light-edge crossing the cut $\mathcal{C}$ but does not form a MST of the graph.

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Question 3

(Topological Ordering)

1. Draw a directed acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$ with $|V| = 5$ nodes that has exactly two topological orderings.

2. Prove that G has a topological ordering if and only if G is a DAG.

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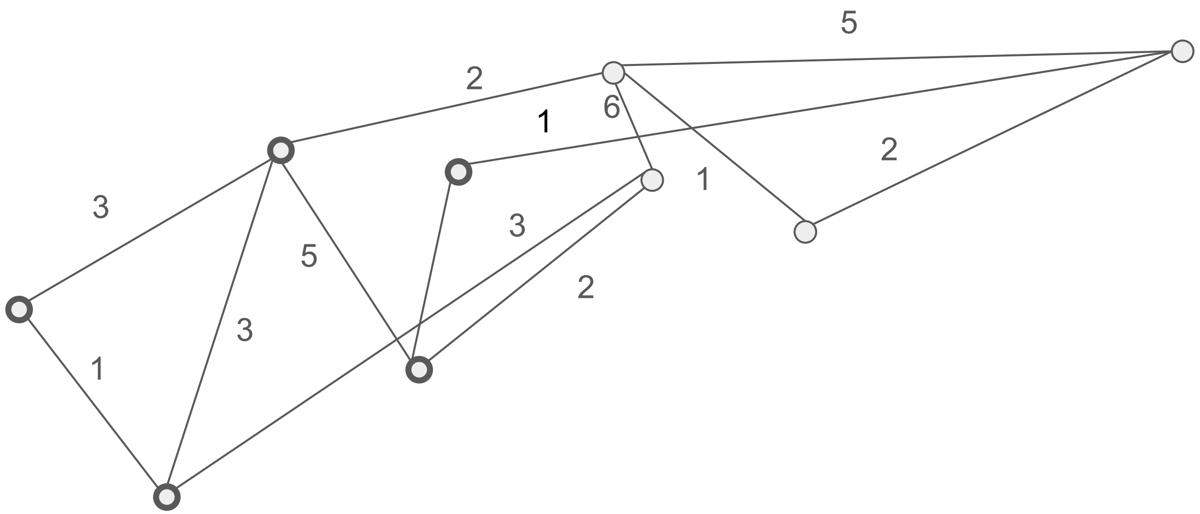

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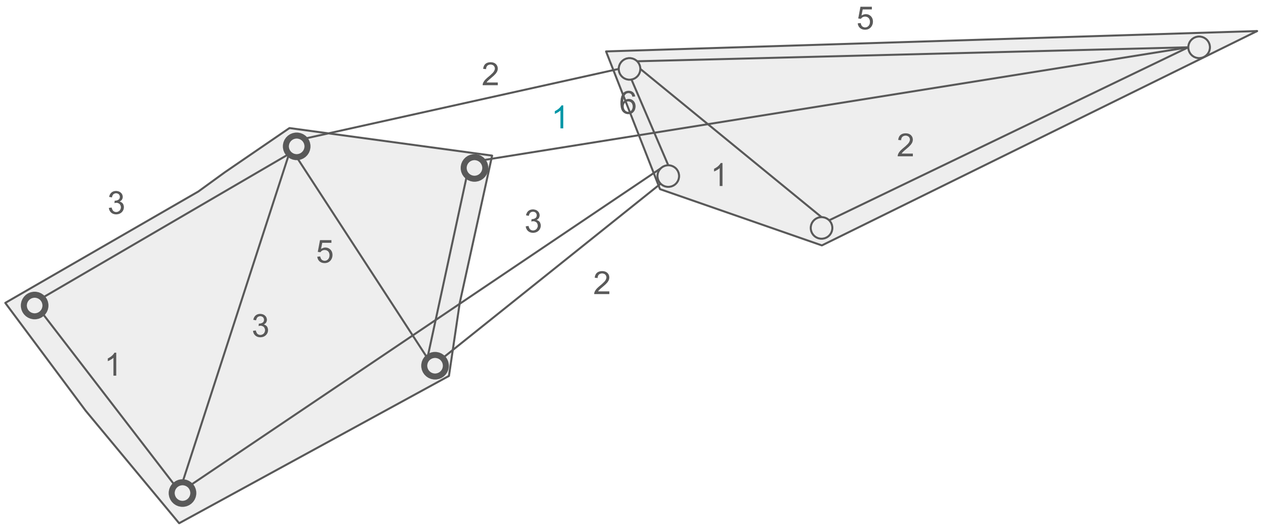

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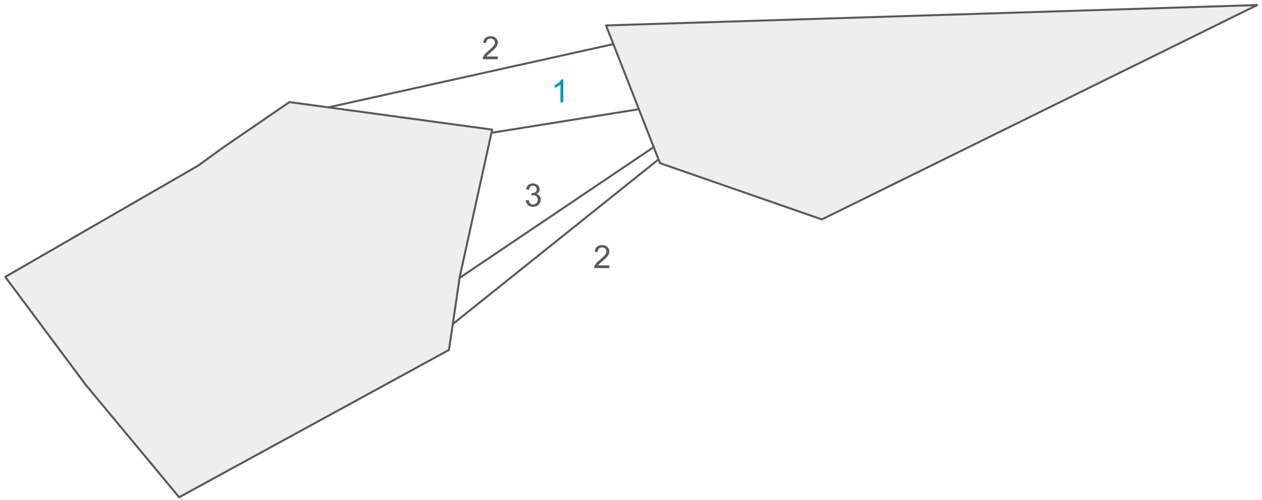

The light edge of this cut has weight 1

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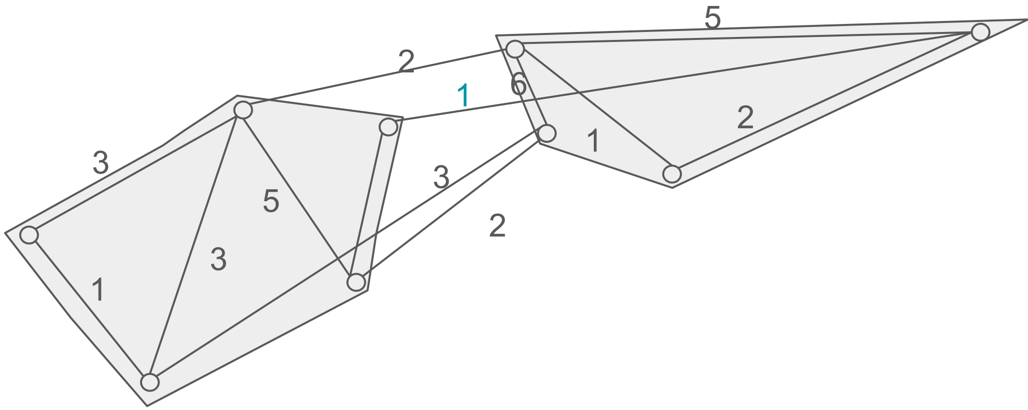

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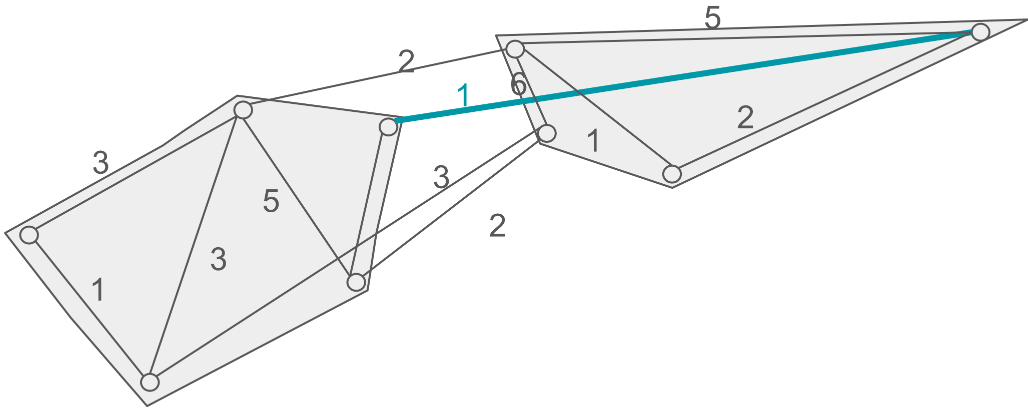

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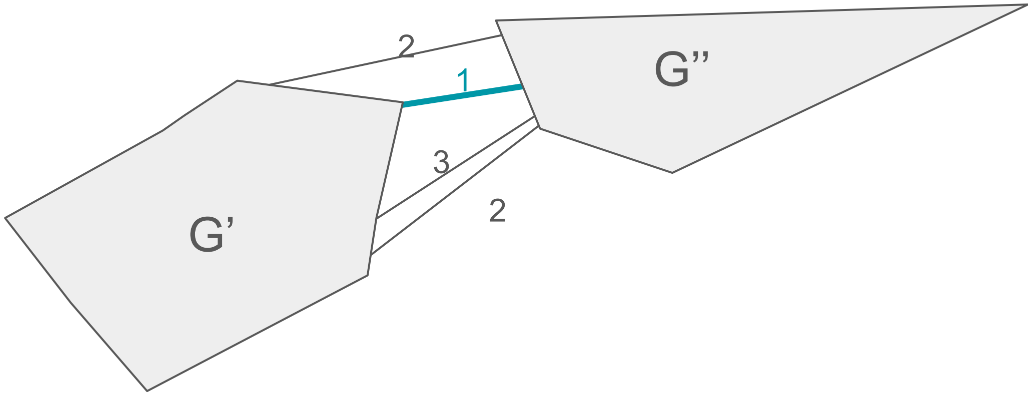

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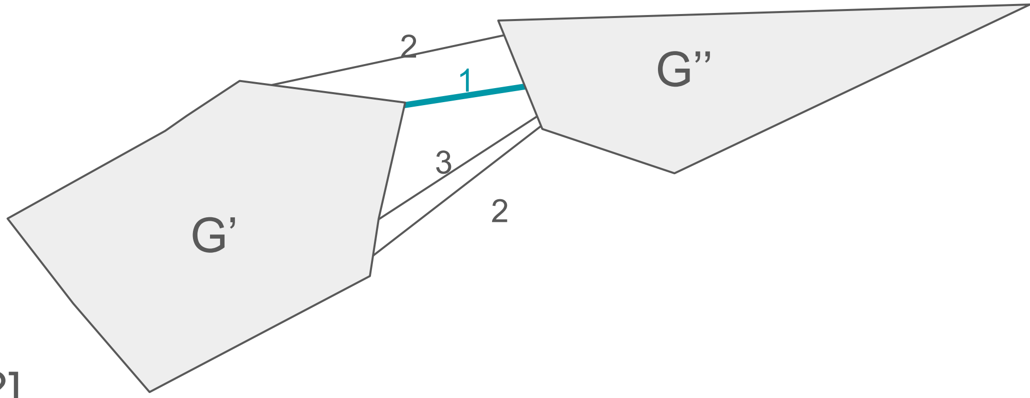
[How can we get our contradiction?]



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Show that this is false.

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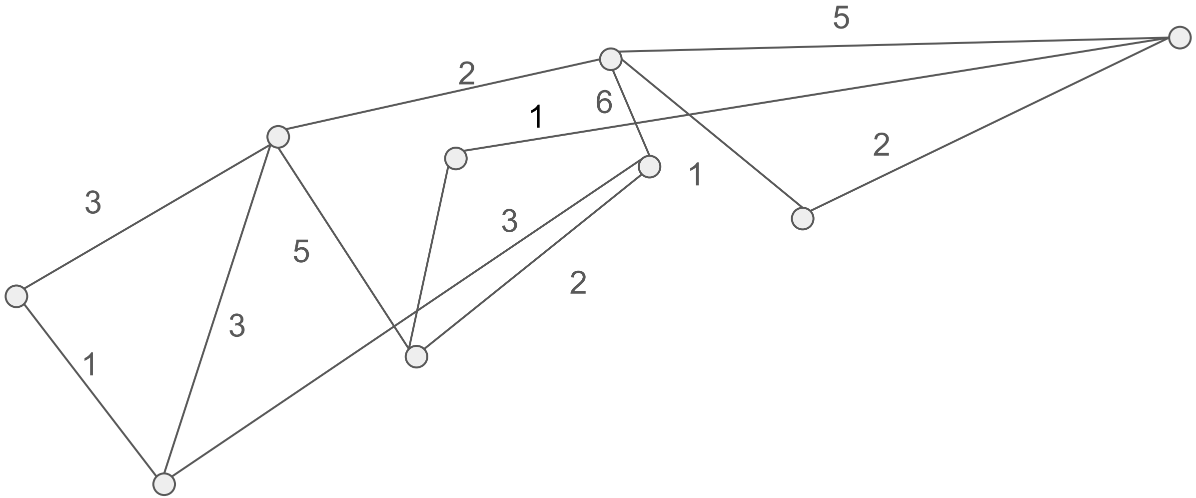

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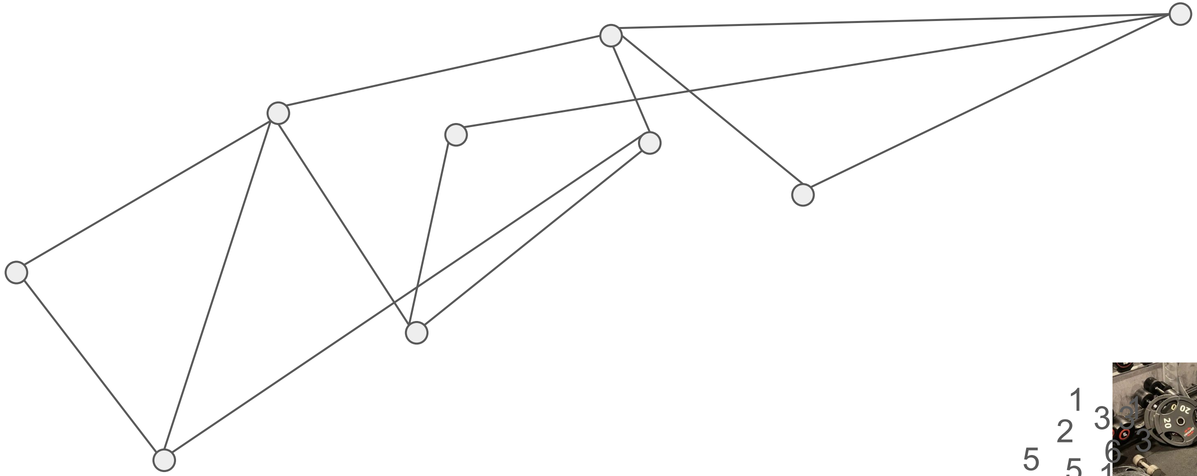

(Me and my bois have taken all the weights off the graph (we need them for our super set))

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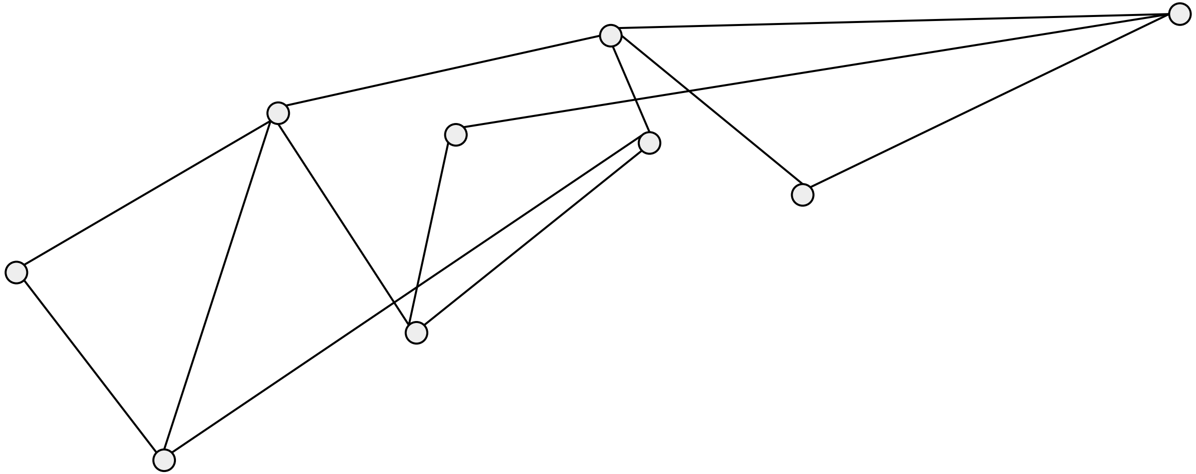

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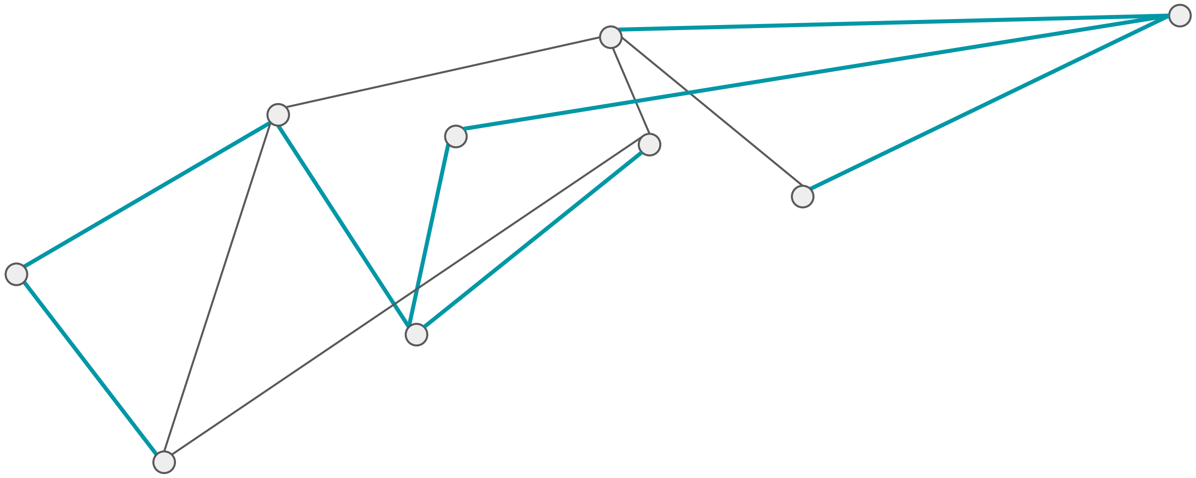

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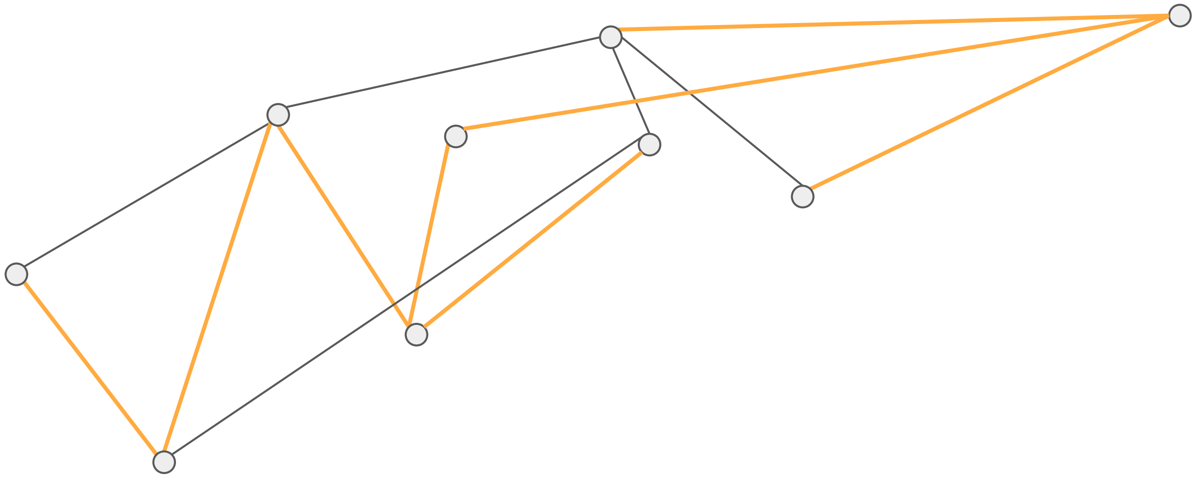

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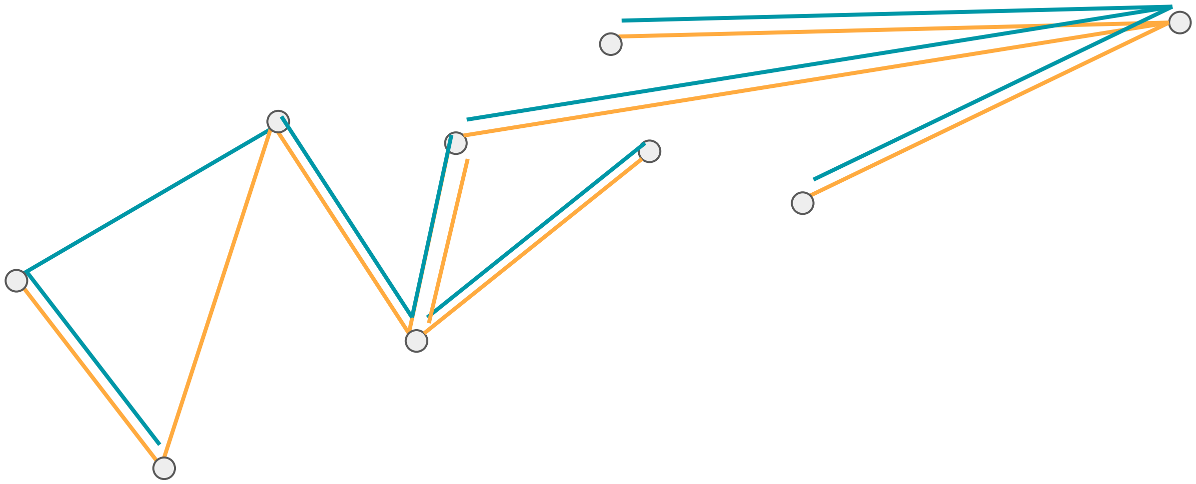

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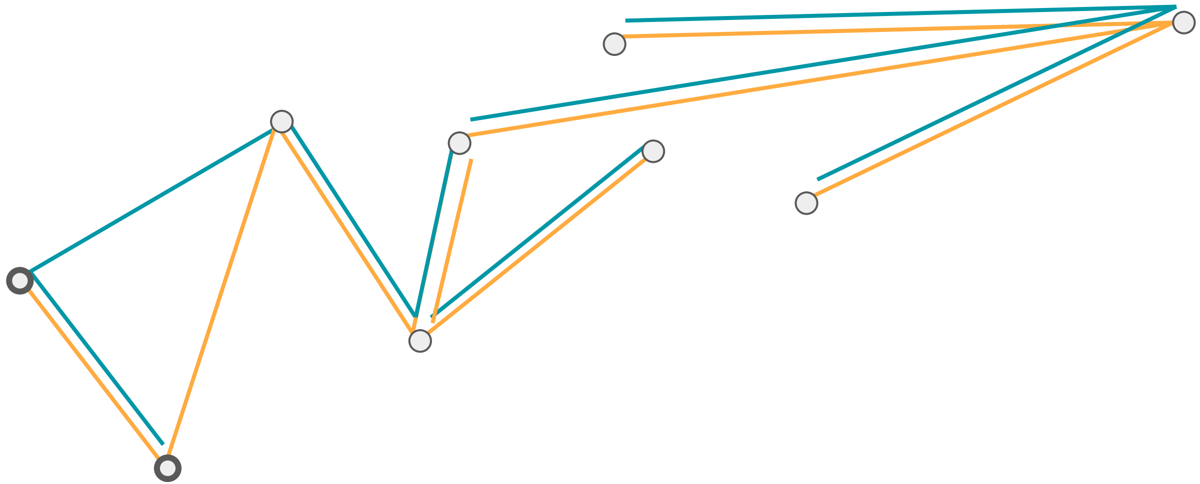

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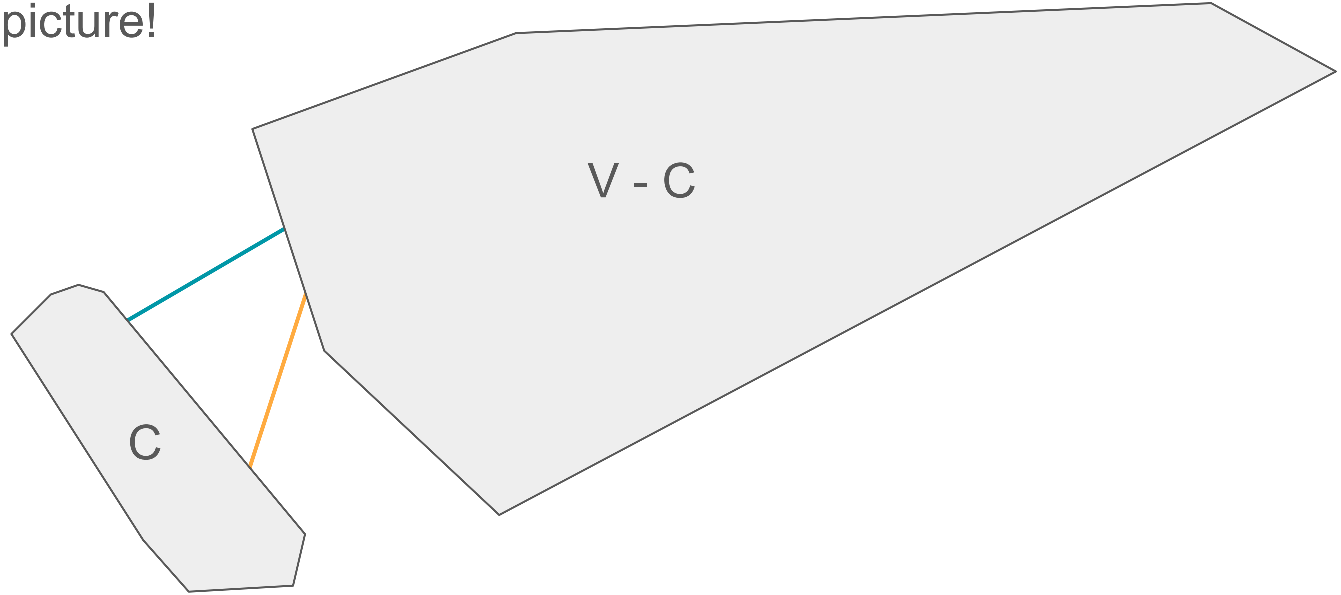

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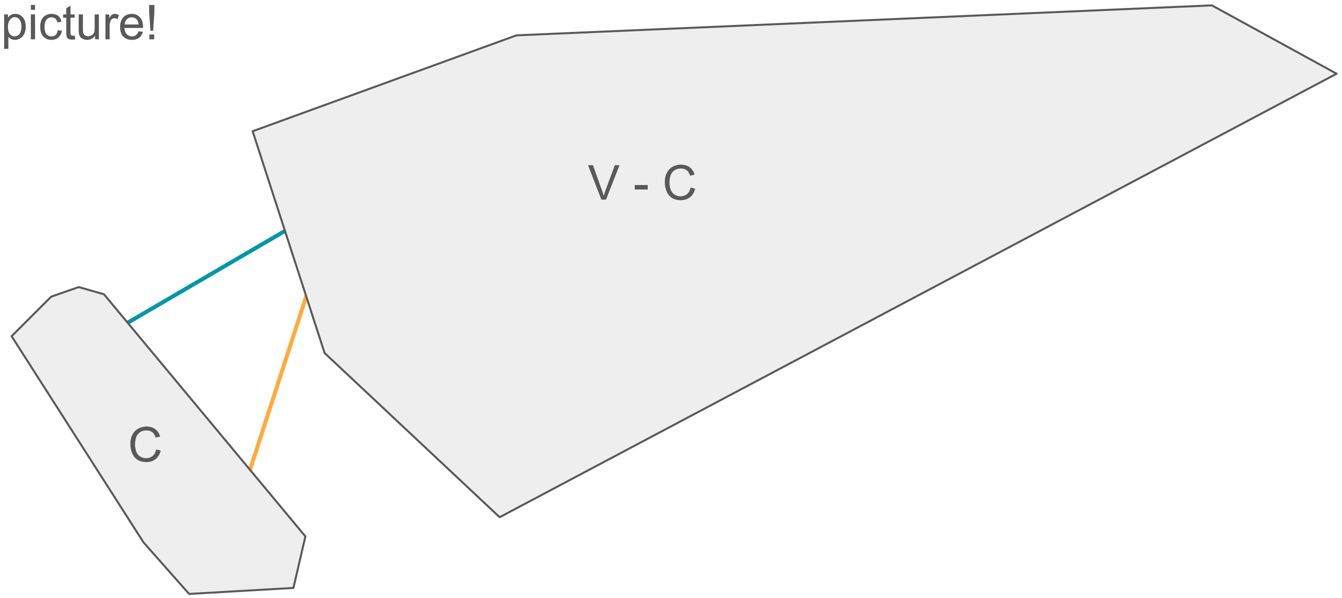

By our assumption, say e_1 is our unique light edge in cut C i.e., $wt(e_1) < wt(e_2)$

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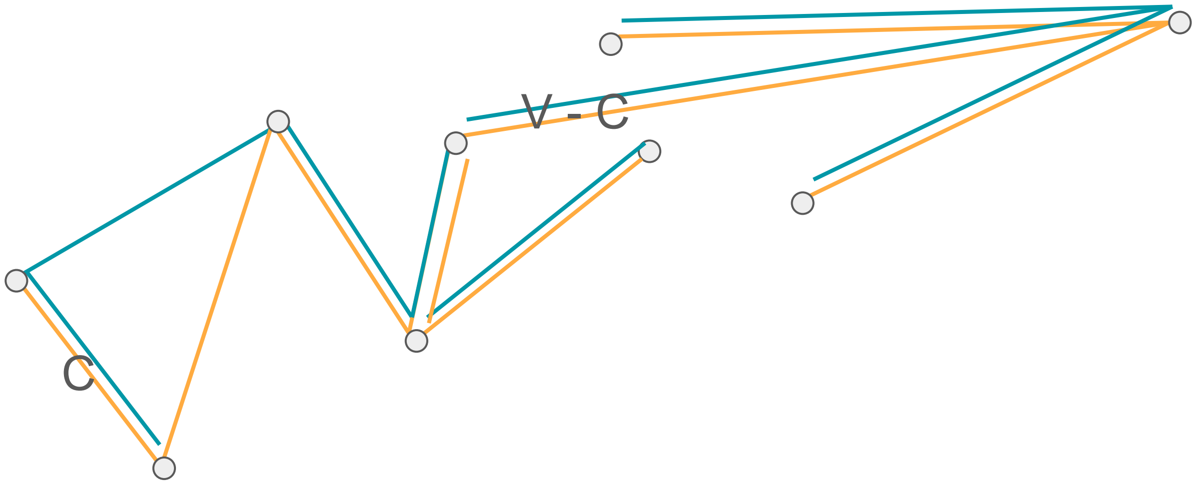

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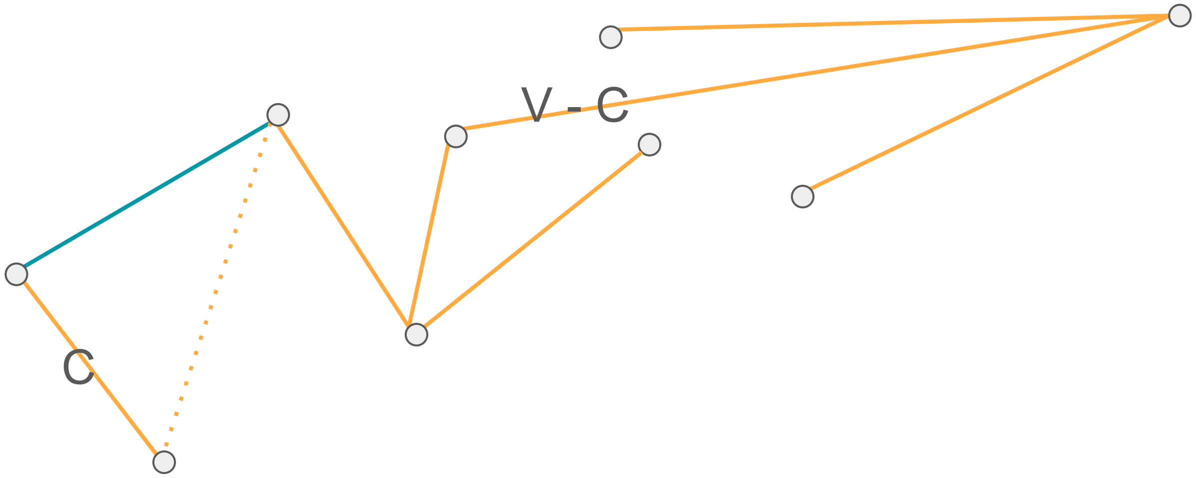

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Time for the counter example

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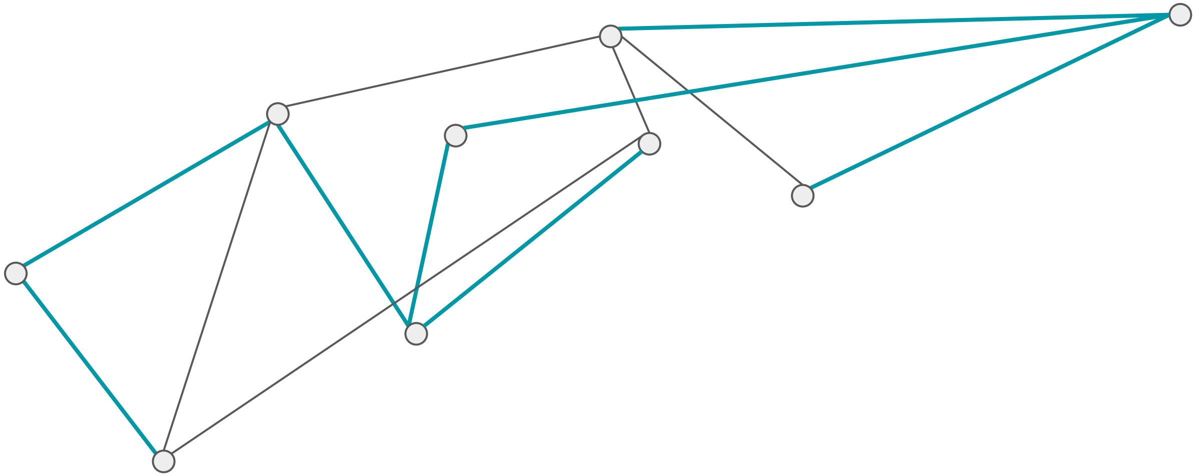

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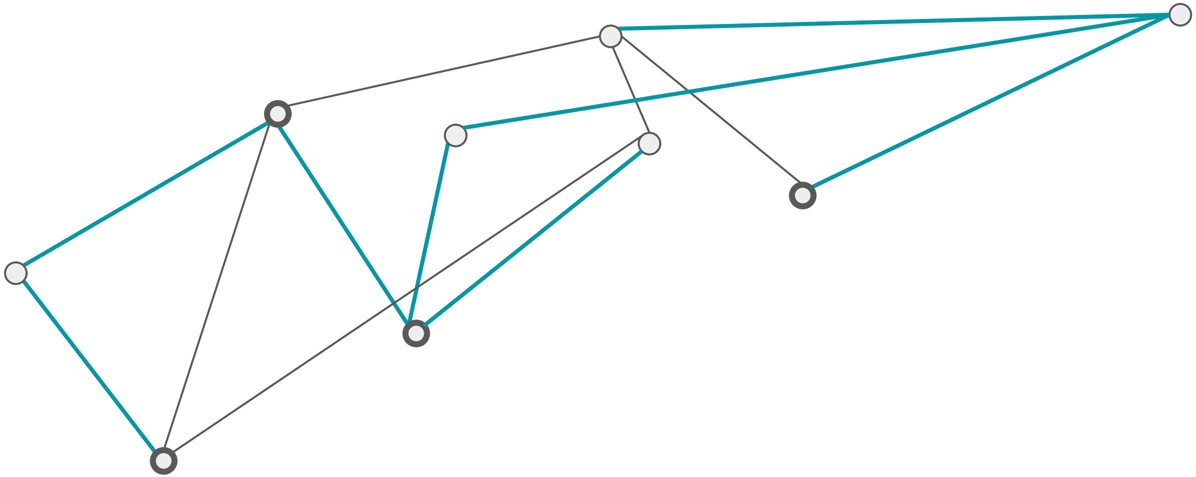

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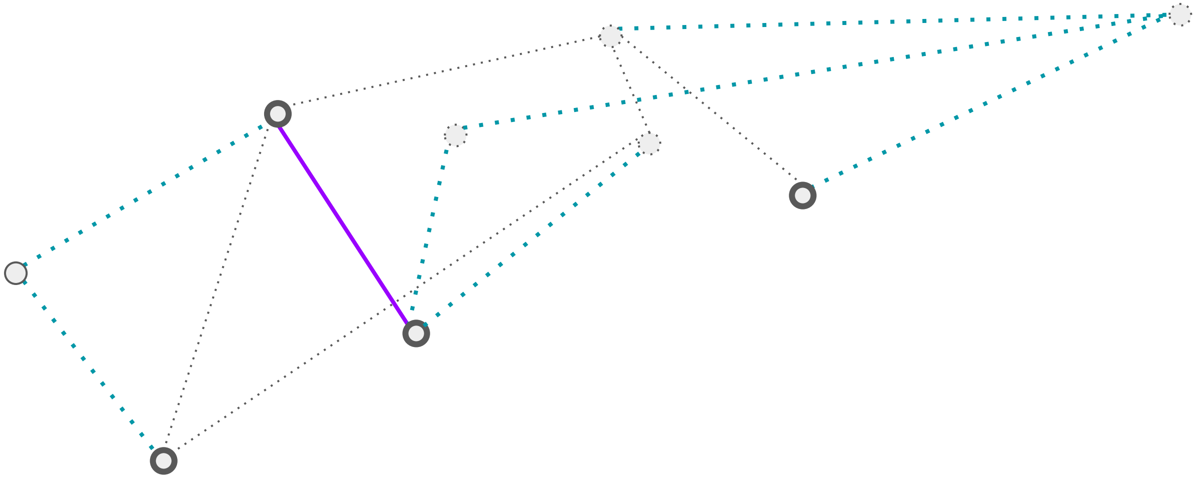

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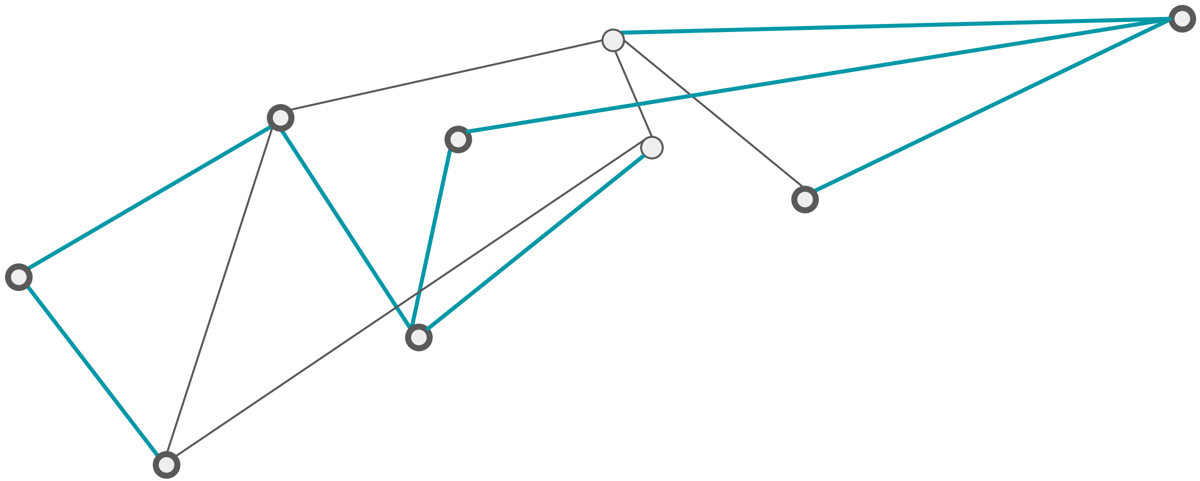

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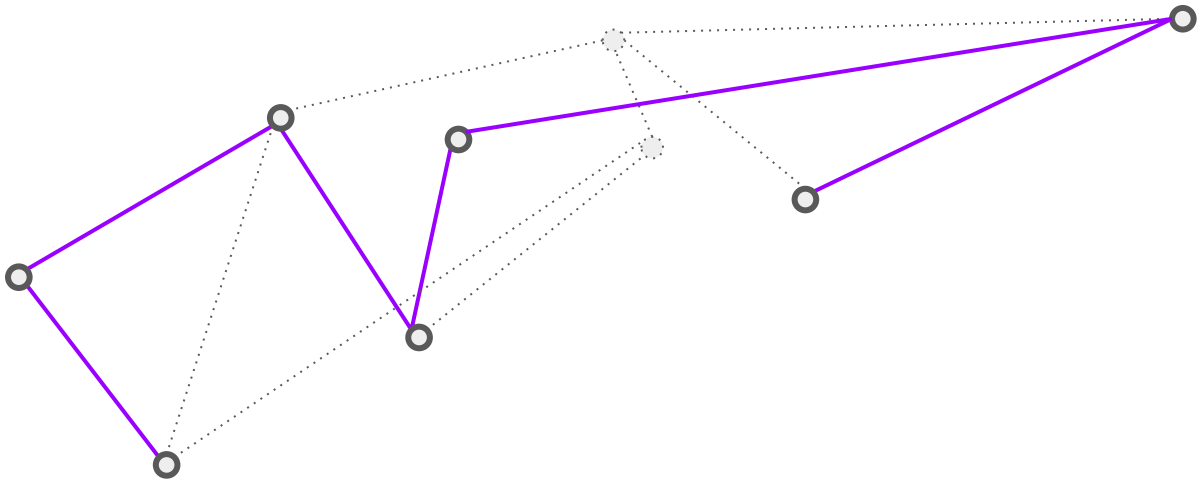

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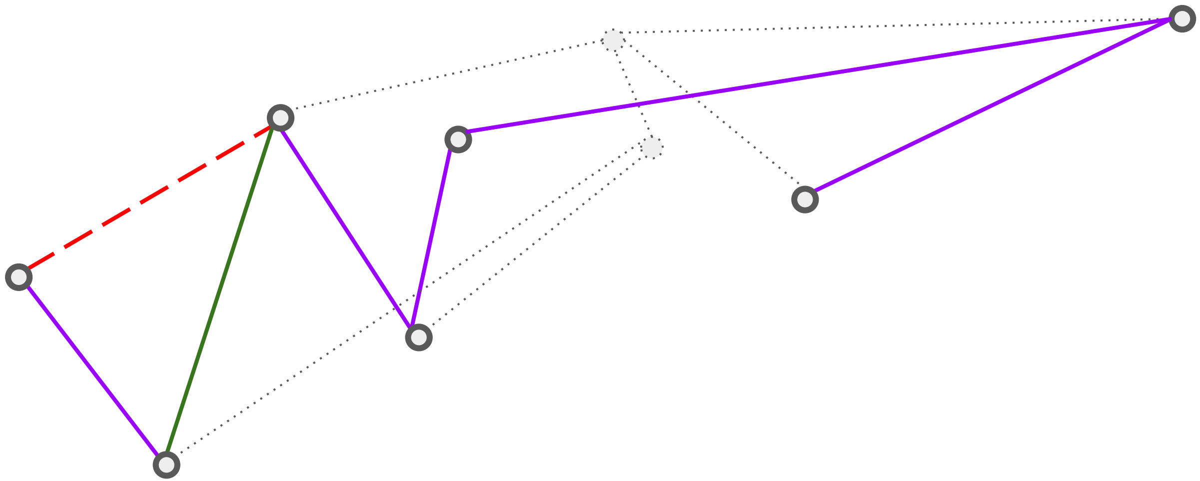

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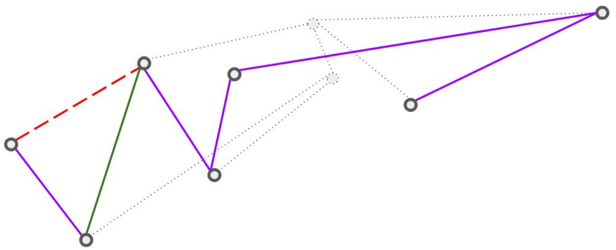

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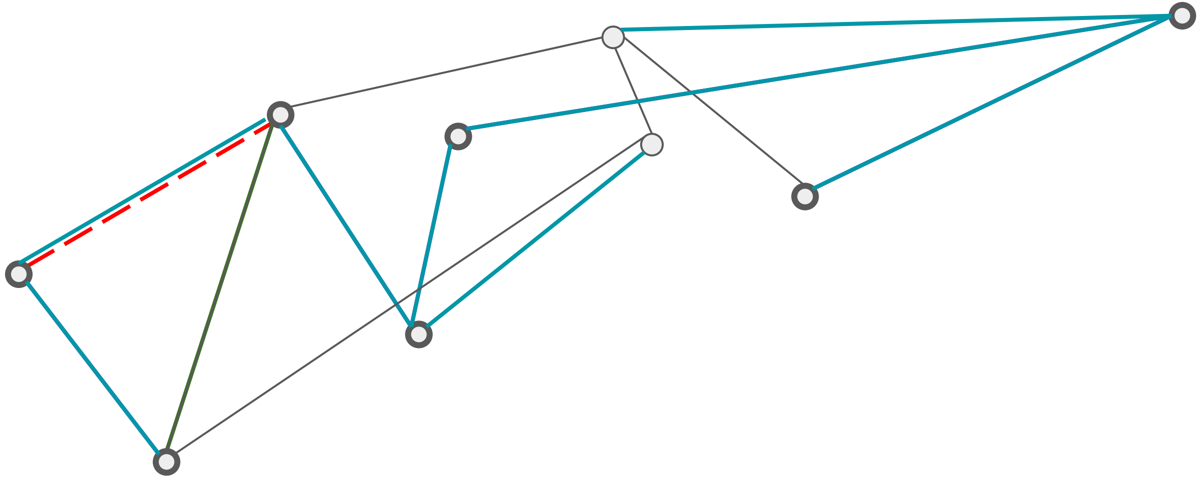

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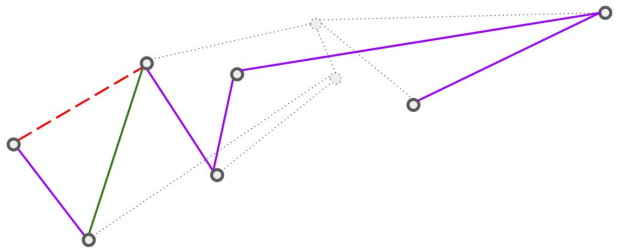

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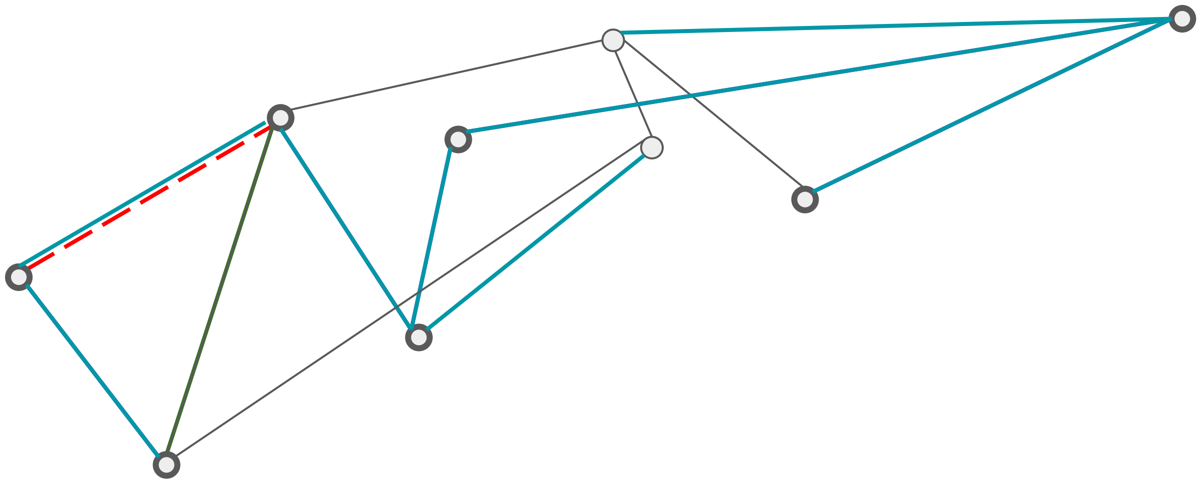

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Removing the red edge and adding the green edge gives us a cheaper tree

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Prims(G,start):
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  Let T = {start}

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Kruskal

- Sort edges by increasing order of their weights // O(?) time
- Run a Union Finding procedure // ~O(|E|) time

The **values** of the edges are bounded by |V|. What's a good sorting algorithm for this?

Question 3

(Topological Ordering)

1. Draw a directed acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$ with $|V| = 5$ nodes that has exactly two topological orderings.

2. Prove that G has a topological ordering if and only if G is a DAG.

When do we have two topo orderings?

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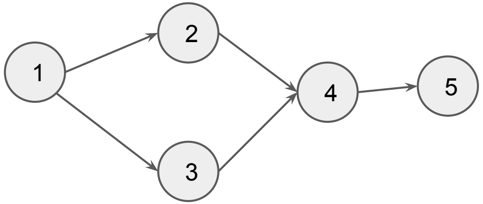
(→) Suppose G has a topo ordering (**WTS:** DAG)



(←) Suppose G is a DAG (**WTS:** topo ordering)