

**Theorem 4.4** If the undirected graph  $G$  is triangulated, then the cliques of  $G$  can be organized into a join tree.

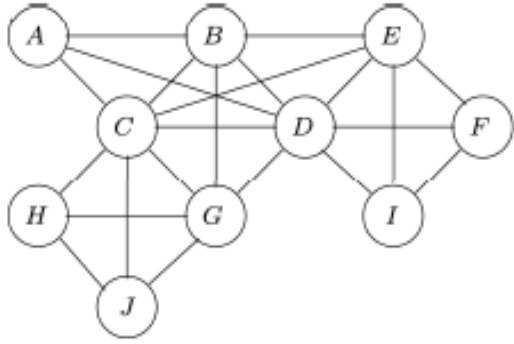
The proof consists of an algorithm to construct a join tree from  $G$ .

Defn. A join graph of  $G = (V, E)$  (where  $G$  is a triangulated undirected graph) is a weighted undirected graph  $J = (U, F, w)$ , where

-  $U$  is the set of cliques of  $G$  ( $U = \{\dots u_i \dots\}$ )

-  $\{u_i, u_j\} \in F$  iff  $u_i \cap u_j \neq \{\}$

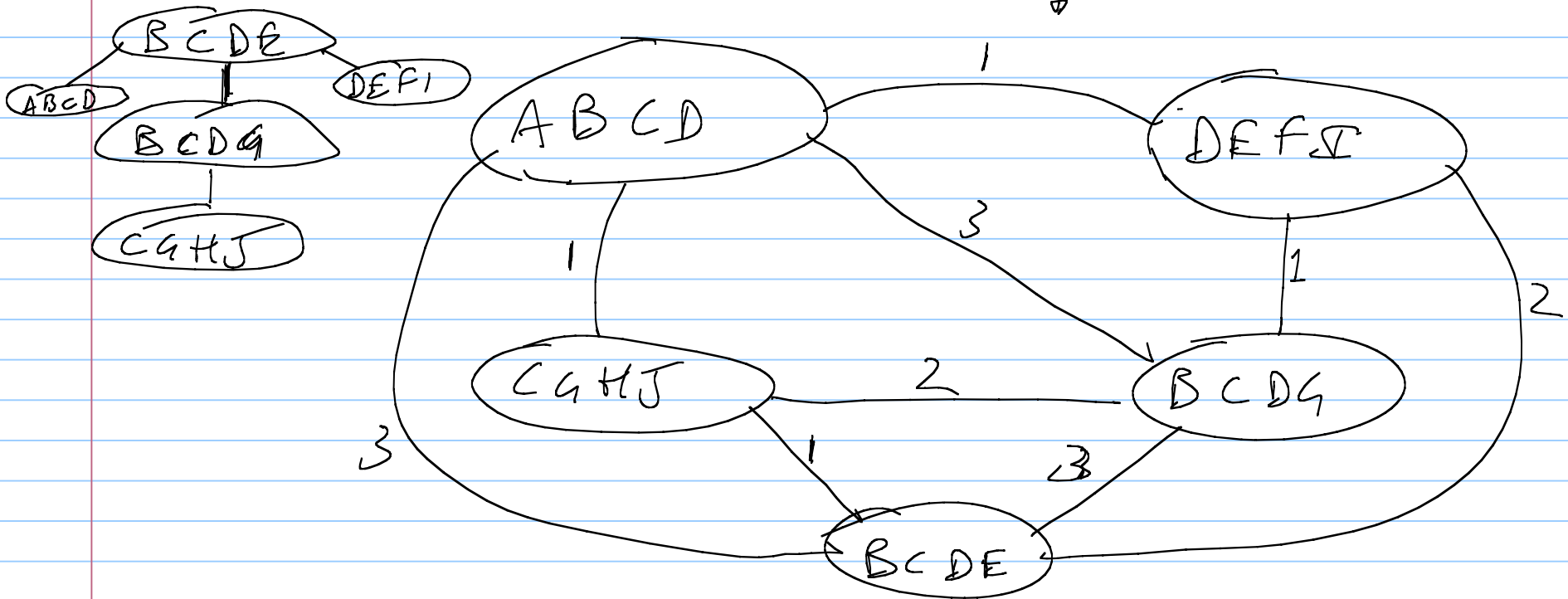
-  $w(\{u_i, u_j\}) = |u_i \cap u_j|$



Ex. Find the cliques w/ alg. 4.1

$\langle A, F, I, H, J, G, B, C, D, E \rangle$

The junction graph for  
 this is herey



Note: in class, the letters T, G, and J were mixed up!

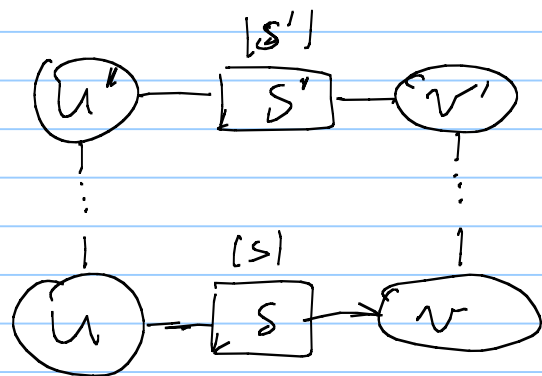
Theorem:  $T$  is a join tree of the triangulated undirected graph  $G$  iff  $T$  is a maximal spanning tree of  $J$ . [Jensen, 1988; Shihata, 1988; proof here is due to Jensen & Jensen, UAI-94].

### Proof

First: proof sketch. Replace an edge  $(u_i, u_j)$  with a non-maximal one. The path between  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  in the new tree will have flow smaller than  $|u_i \cap u_j|$  and therefore the join condition will not be satisfied.

Let  $T$  be a spanning tree of maximal weight.  
 Let it be constructed using Prim's algorithm (wlog), s.t.  
 $T_1 \subseteq T_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq T_n = T$  is a sequence of partial spanning trees.

Assume that  $T$  is not a j.o.t. Then, at some stage  $m$ , we have that  $T_m$  can be extended to a j.o.t.  $T'$ , but  $T_{m+1}$  cannot. Let  $(u, v)$  be the edge added to  $T_m$  to make it into  $T_{m+1}$ . Let  $u \cap v = S$ .



Consider the path between  $u$  and  $v$  in the tree through  $u' \rightarrow v'$

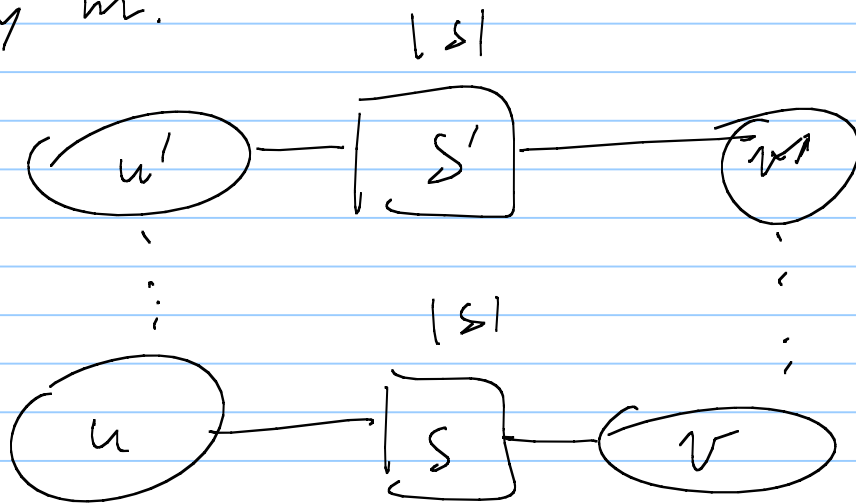
Since  $|u \cap v| = |S|$ , then  $|S'| \geq |S|$ . So Prim's algorithm could have chosen  $\{u', v'\}$  in place of  $\{u, v\}$ , contrary to the claim.

Let  $T$  be a non-maximal spanning tree.  
 We show that  $T$  is not a join tree.

Use the same construction, via Prim's algorithm

$$T_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq T', \quad T' \neq T$$

Let Prim try to construct  $T$ . It will fail at some stage, say  $m$ .



At that stage,  
 Prim would not choose  $u'-v'$ . It would choose an edge like  $u-v$  with higher weight, which is

absent from  $T$ . Then, the path  $u \dots u' \dots v' \dots v$  does not have the capacity to carry  $u \wedge v$ , and so  $T$  is an impostor!