

# Shortest Paths

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# Terminology

- A **network** is a **directed graph**. We will use both terms interchangeably.
- The **weight of a path** is the sum of weights of the edges that make up the path.
- The **shortest path** between two vertices  $s$  and  $t$  in a directed graph is a directed path from  $s$  to  $t$  with the property that no other such path has a lower weight.

# Shortest Paths

- Finding shortest paths is not a single problem, but rather a family of problems.
- We will consider three of these problems, each of which is a generalization of the previous one:
  - Source-sink: find the shortest path from a source vertex  $v$  to a sink vertex  $w$ .
  - Single-source: find the shortest path from the source vertex  $v$  to all other vertices in the graph.
    - It turns out that these shortest paths form a tree, with  $v$  as the root.
  - All-pairs: find the shortest paths for all pairs of vertices in the graph.

# Assumptions

- Allow directed graphs.
  - In all our algorithms, we will allow graphs to be directed.
  - Obviously, any algorithm that works on directed graphs will also work on undirected graphs. Why?
- Negative edge weights are not allowed. Why?

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  - In all our algorithms, we will allow graphs to be directed.
  - Obviously, any algorithm that works on directed graphs will also work on undirected graphs. Why?
    - Undirected graphs are a special case of directed graphs.
- Negative edge weights are not allowed. Why?
  - If we have negative weights, then "shortest paths" may not be defined.
  - If we can find a cyclic path with negative weight, then repeating that path infinitely will lead to "shorter" and "shorter" paths.
  - If all weights are nonnegative, a shortest path never needs to include a cycle.

# Shortest-Paths Spanning Tree

- Given a network  $G$  and a designated vertex  $s$ , a **shortest-paths spanning tree** (SPST) for  $s$  is a tree that contains  $s$  and all vertices reachable from  $s$ , such that:
  - Vertex  $s$  is the root of this tree.
  - Each tree path is a shortest path in  $G$ .

# Computing SPSTs

- To compute an SPST, given a graph  $G$  and a vertex  $s$ , we will design an algorithm that maintains and updates the following two arrays:
  - Array  $wt$ :  $wt[v]$  is the weight of the shortest path we have found so far from  $s$  to  $v$ .
    - At the beginning,  $wt[v] = \text{infinity}$ , except for  $s$ , where  $wt[s] = 0$ .
  - Array  $st$ :  $st[v]$  is the parent vertex of  $v$  on the shortest path found so far from  $s$  to  $v$ .
    - At the beginning,  $st[v] = -1$ , except for  $s$ , where  $st[s] = s$ .
  - Array  $in$ :  $in[v]$  is 1 if  $v$  has been already added to the SPST, 0 otherwise.
    - At the beginning,  $in[v] = 0$ , except for  $s$ , where  $in[s] = 1$ .

# Dijkstra's Algorithm

- Computes an SPST for a graph  $G$  and a source  $s$ .
- Like Prim's algorithm, but:
  - First vertex to add is the source.
  - Works with directed graphs, whereas Prim's only works with undirected graphs.
  - Requires edge weights to be non-negative.
- Time:  $O(V^2)$ , similar analysis to that of Prim's algorithm.
- Time  $O(E \lg V)$  using a priority-queue implementation.



# Dijkstra's Algorithm

Input: number of vertices  $V$ ,  $V \times V$  array weight, source vertex  $s$ .

1. For all  $v$ :
  2.  $wt[v] = \text{infinity}$ .
  3.  $st[v] = -1$ .
  4.  $in[v] = 0$ .
5.  $wt[s] = 0, st[s] = 0$ .
6. Repeat until all vertices have been added to the tree:
  7. Find the  $v$  with the smallest  $wt[v]$ , among all  $v$  such that  $in[v] = 0$ .
  8. Add to the SPST vertex  $v$  and edge from  $st[v]$  to  $v$ .
  9.  $in[v] = 1$ .
  10. For each neighbor  $w$  of  $v$ , such that  $in[w] = 0$ :
    11. If  $wt[w] > wt[v] + \text{weight}[v, w]$ :
      12.  $wt[w] = wt[v] + \text{weight}[v, w]$ ,
      13.  $st[w] = v$ .

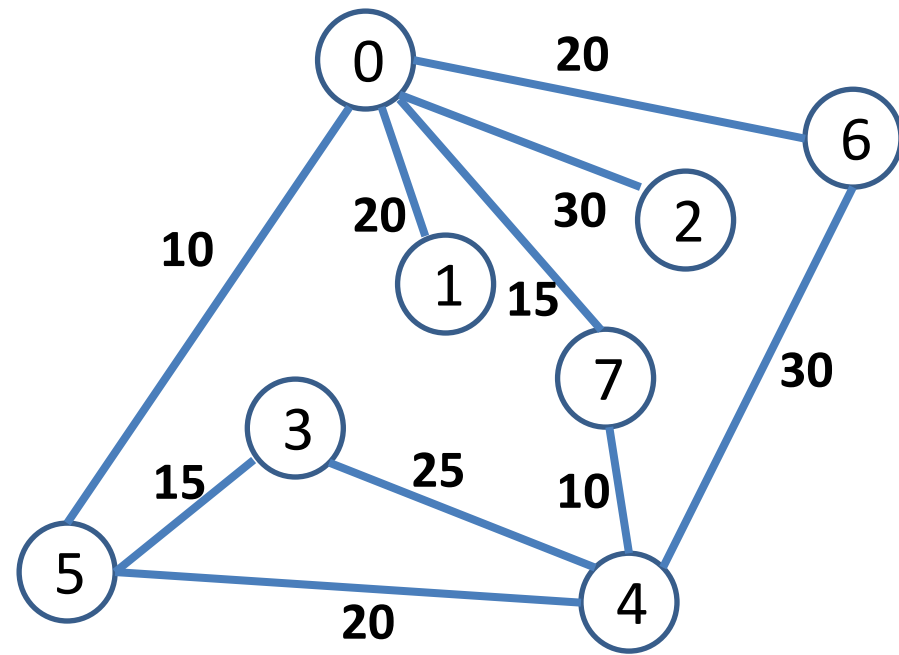
# Edge Relaxation

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if (wt[w] > wt[v] + e.wt)
{
    wt[w] = wt[v] + e.wt;
    st[w] = v;
}
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- $wt[w]$ : current estimate of shortest distance from source to  $w$ .
- $st[w]$ : parent vertex of  $w$  on shortest found path from source to  $w$ .

# Dijkstra Example

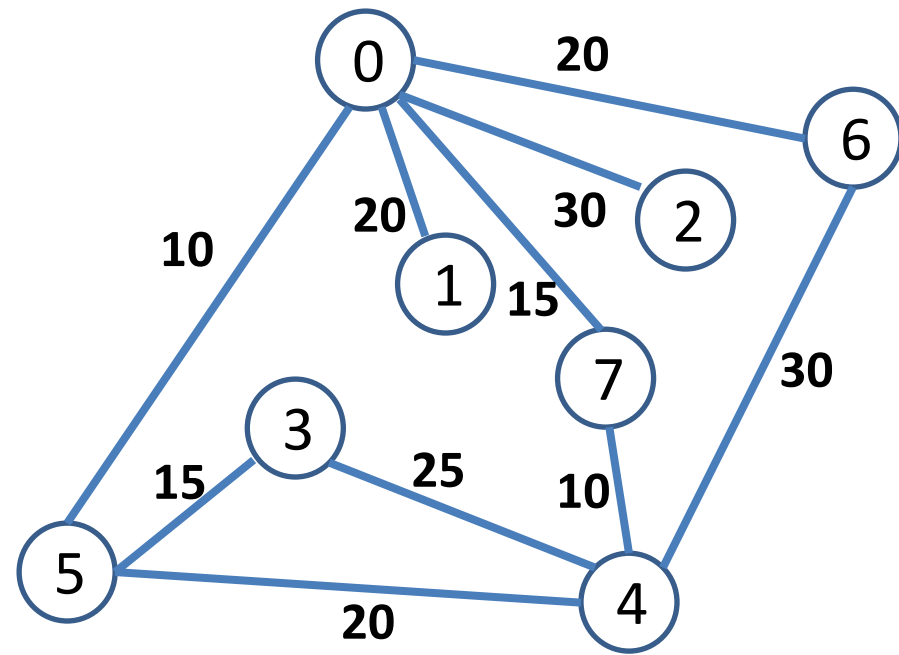
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- First, we initialize arrays wt, st, in (steps 2, 3, 4).



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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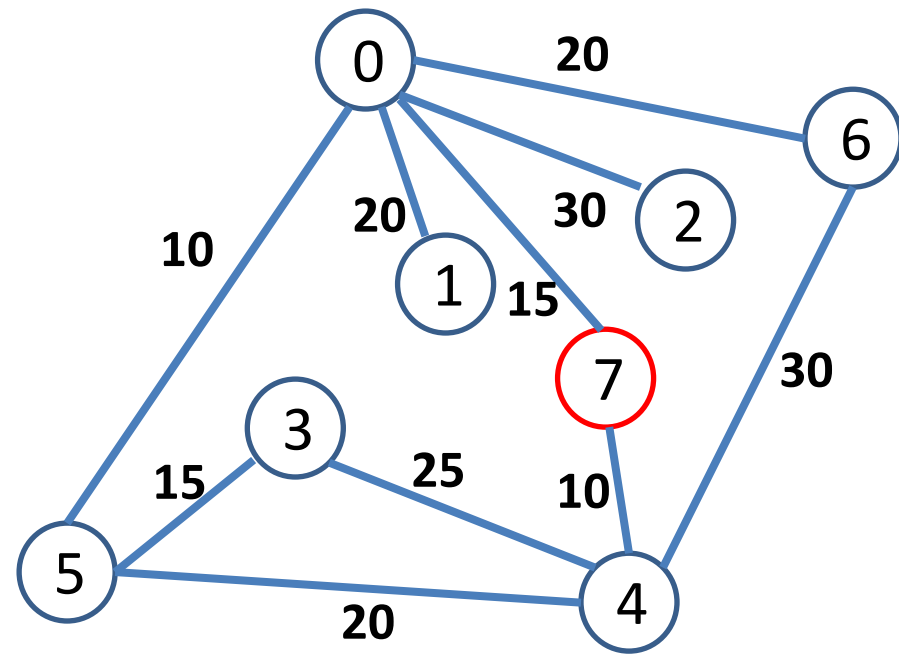
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- Step 5.



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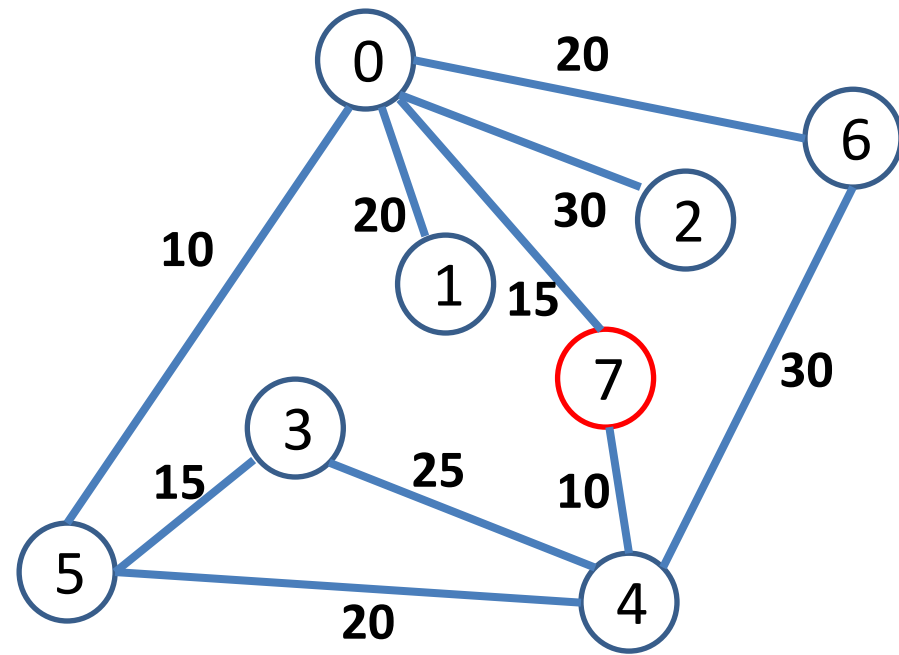
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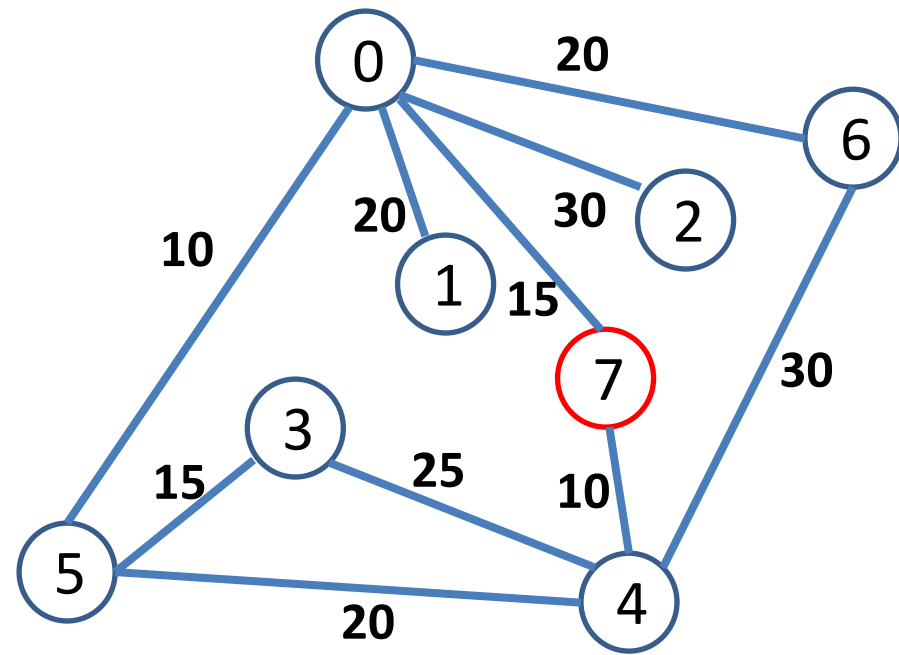
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 7$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 4\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 15
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[0] = wt[7] + 15$ ,  $st[0] = 7$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	0
st	7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	7
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

# Dijkstra Example

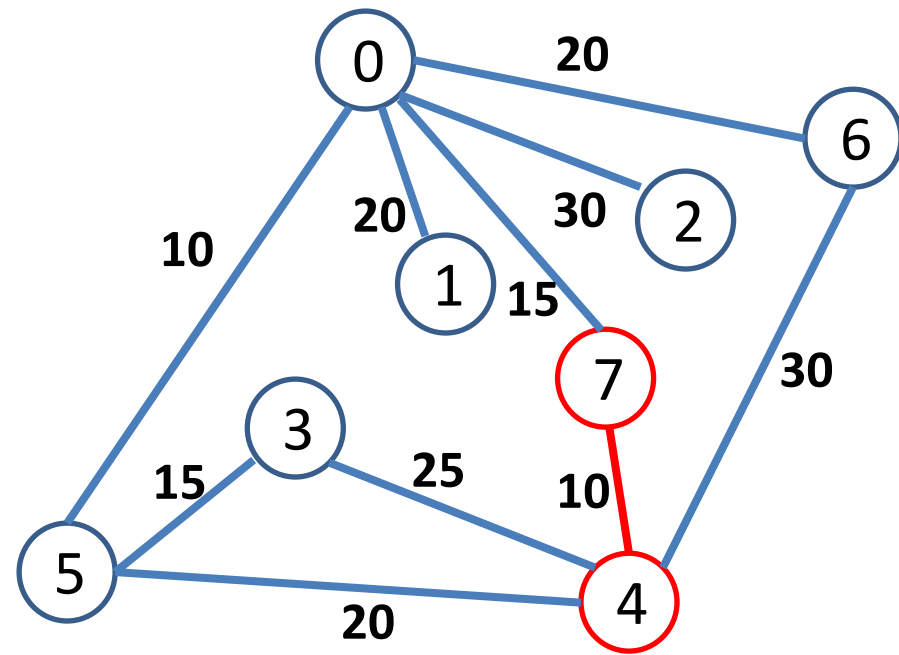
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 7$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 4\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 10
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[4] = wt[7] + 10$ ,  $st[4] = 7$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	inf	inf	inf	10	inf	inf	0
st	7	-1	-1	-1	7	-1	-1	7
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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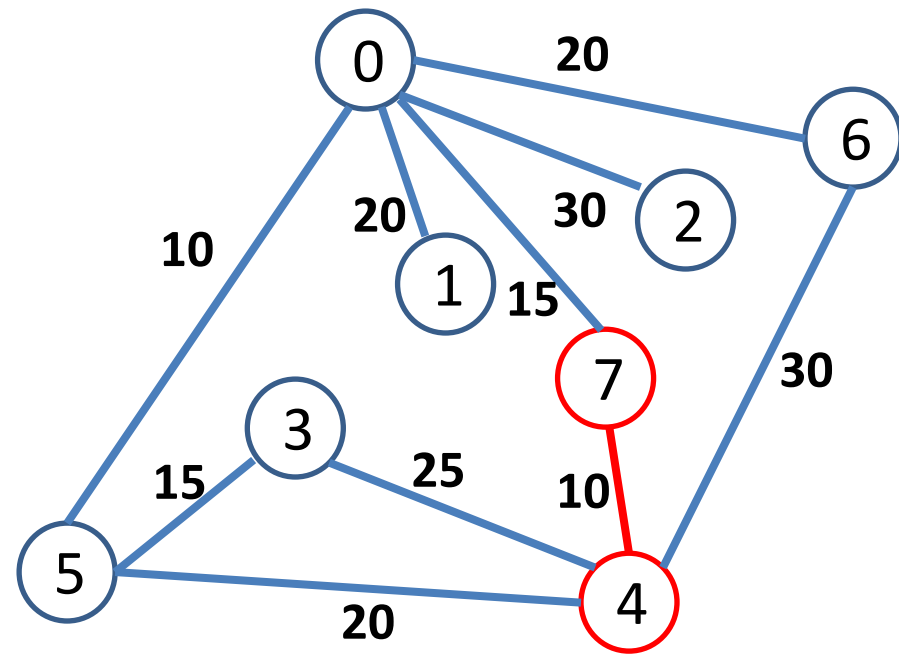


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wt	15	inf	inf	inf	10	inf	inf	0
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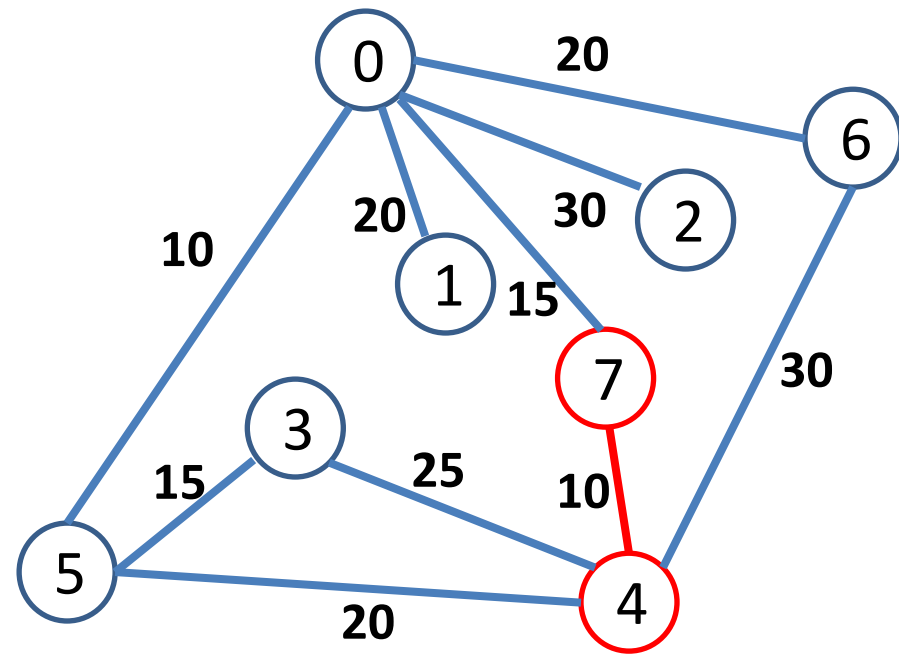
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 4$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with  $10+25=35$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[3] = wt[4] + 25$ ,  $st[3] = 4$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	inf	inf	35	10	inf	inf	0
st	7	-1	-1	4	7	-1	-1	7
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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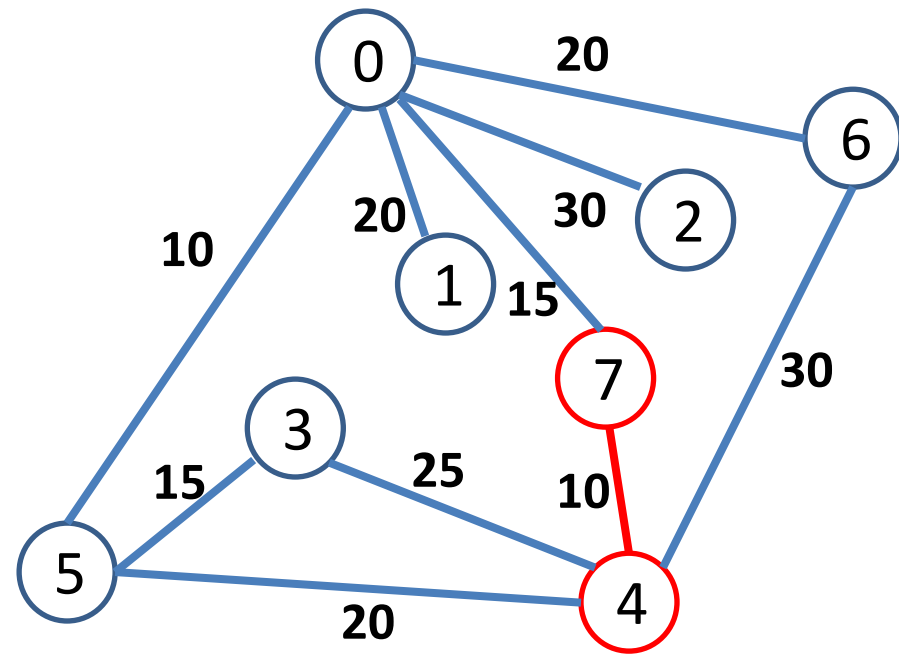
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 4$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with  $10+20=30$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[5] = wt[4] + 20$ ,  $st[5] = 4$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	inf	inf	35	10	30	inf	0
st	7	-1	-1	4	7	4	-1	7
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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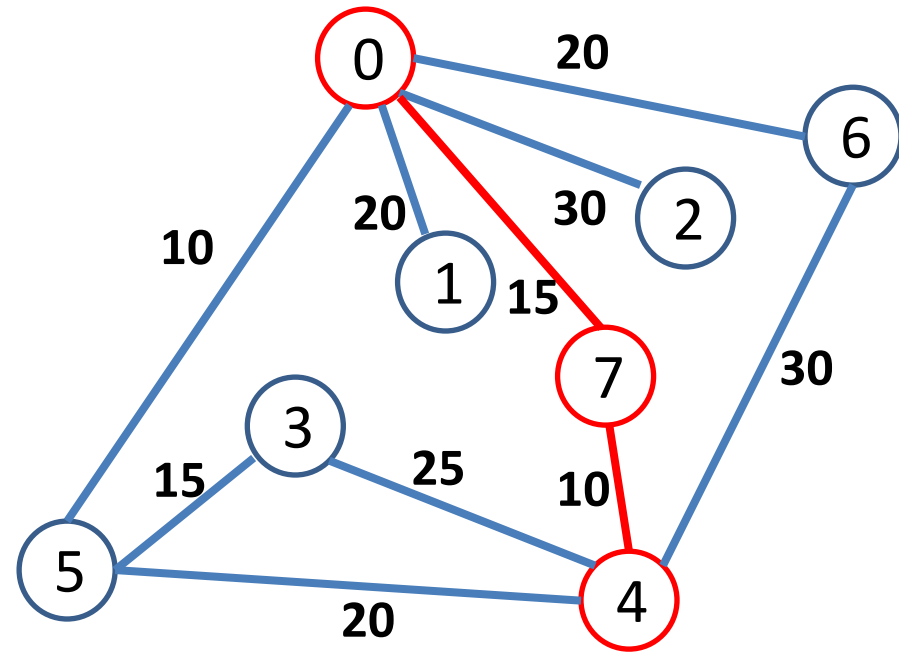
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 4$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with  $10+30=40$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[6] = wt[4] + 30$ ,  $st[6] = 4$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	inf	inf	35	10	30	40	0
st	7	-1	-1	4	7	4	4	7
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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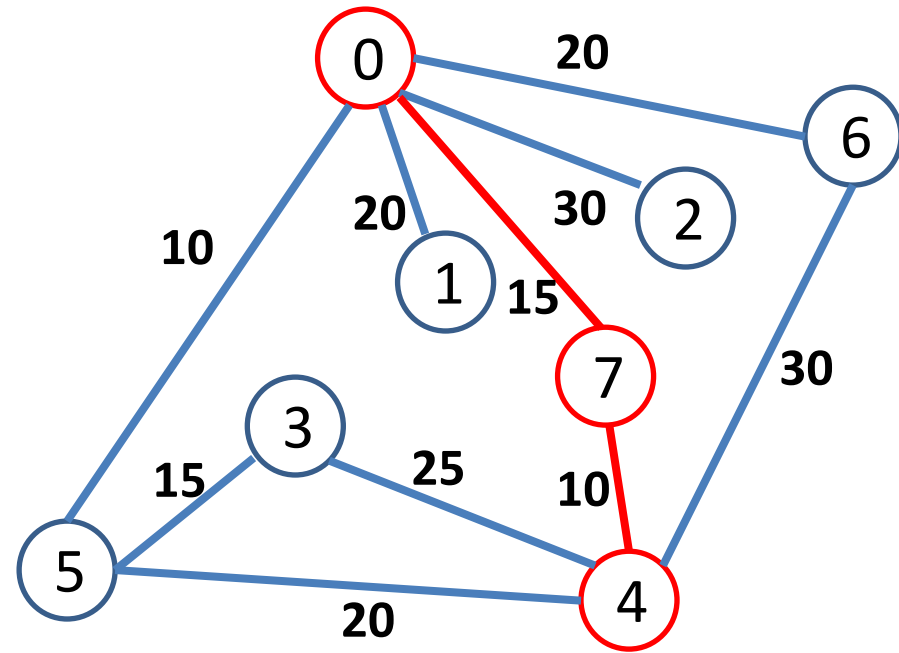
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wt	15	inf	inf	35	10	30	40	0
st	7	-1	-1	4	7	4	4	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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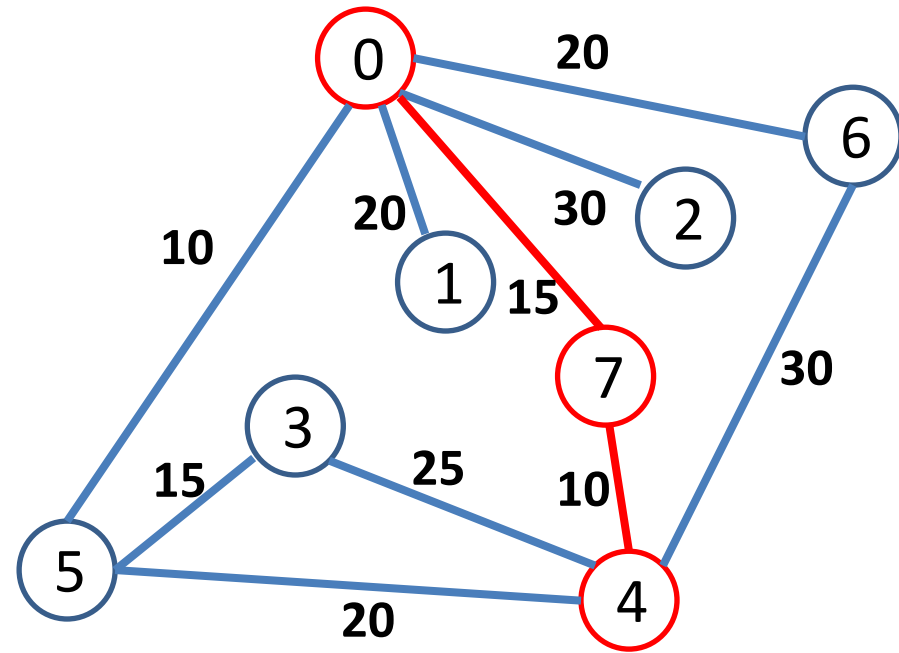
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- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with  $15+20=35$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[1] = wt[0] + 20$ ,  $st[1] = 0$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	inf	35	10	30	40	0
st	7	0	-1	4	7	4	4	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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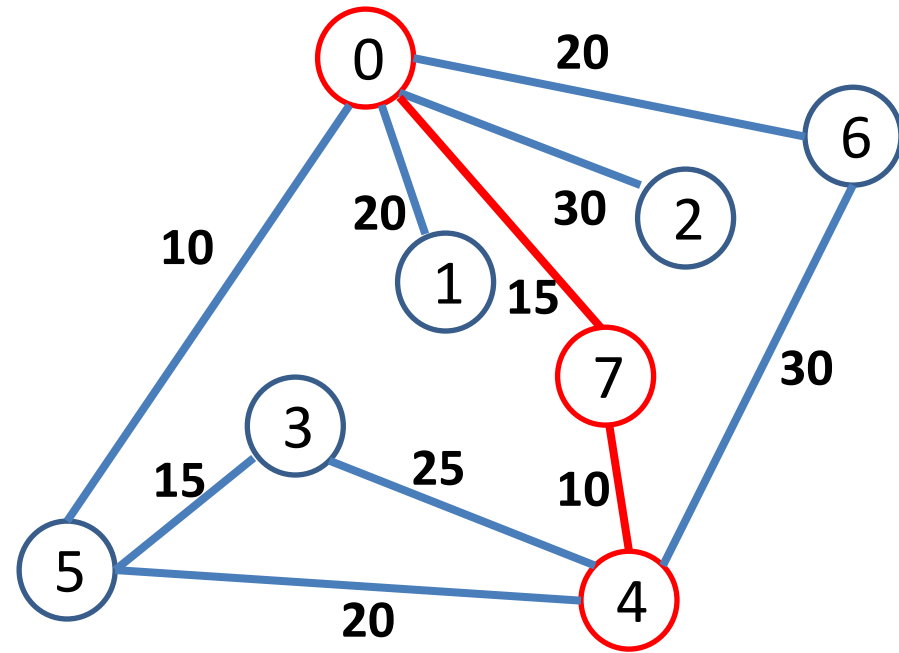
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 0$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with  $15+30=45$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[2] = wt[0] + 30$ ,  $st[2] = 0$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	30	40	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	4	4	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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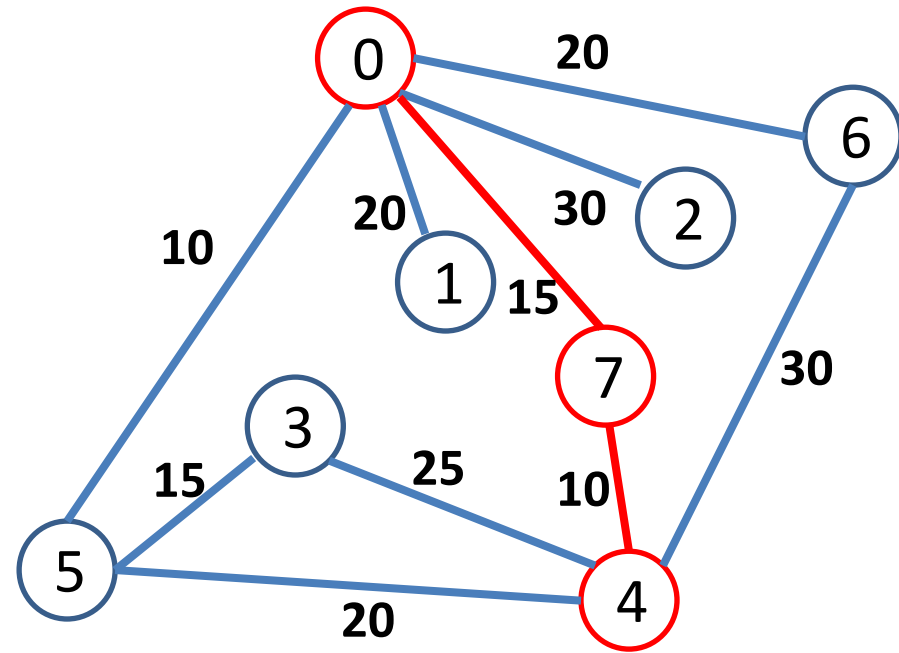
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 0$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 30 with  $15+10=25$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[5] = wt[0] + 10$ ,  $st[5] = 0$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	40	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	4	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 0$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 40 with  $15+20=35$
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[6] = wt[0] + 20$ ,  $st[6] = 0$ .

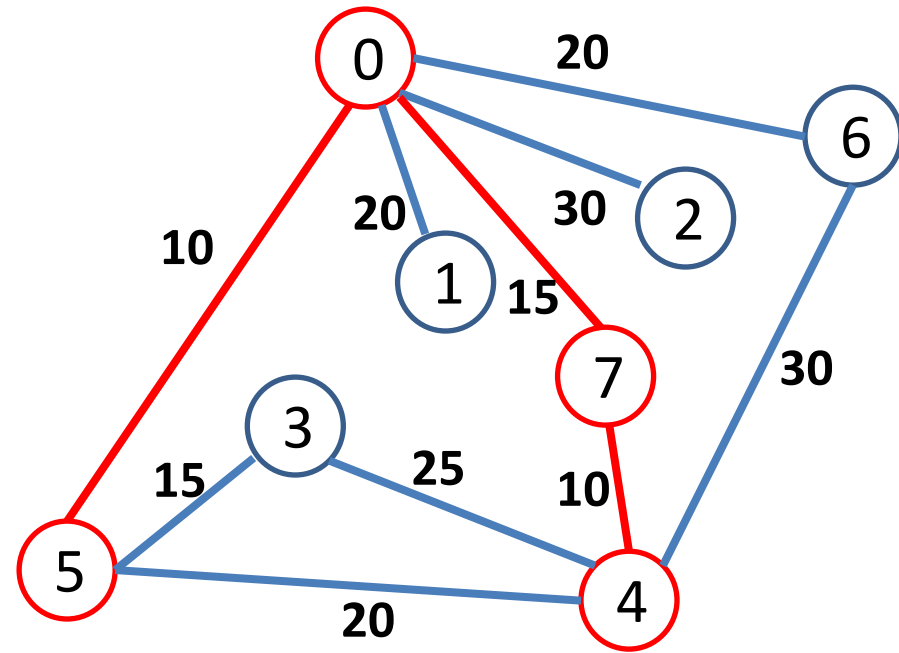


vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1



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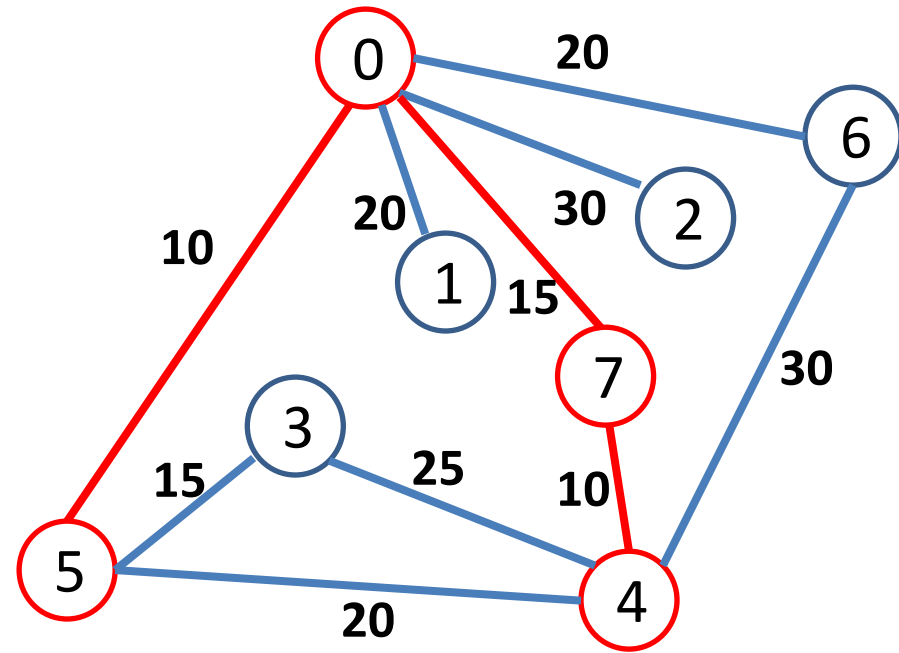
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st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
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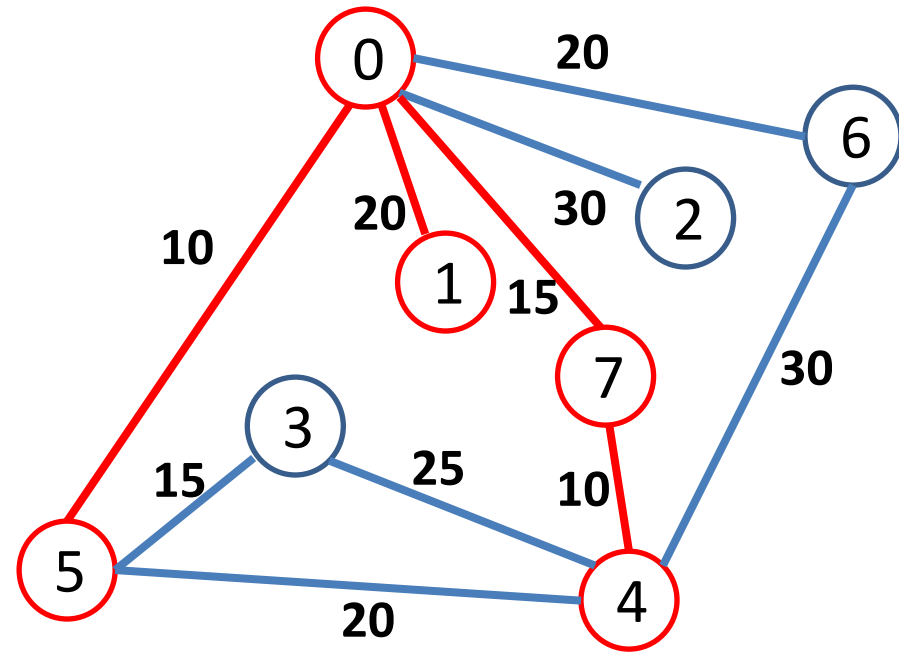
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 5$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 35 with  $25+15=40$   
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wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

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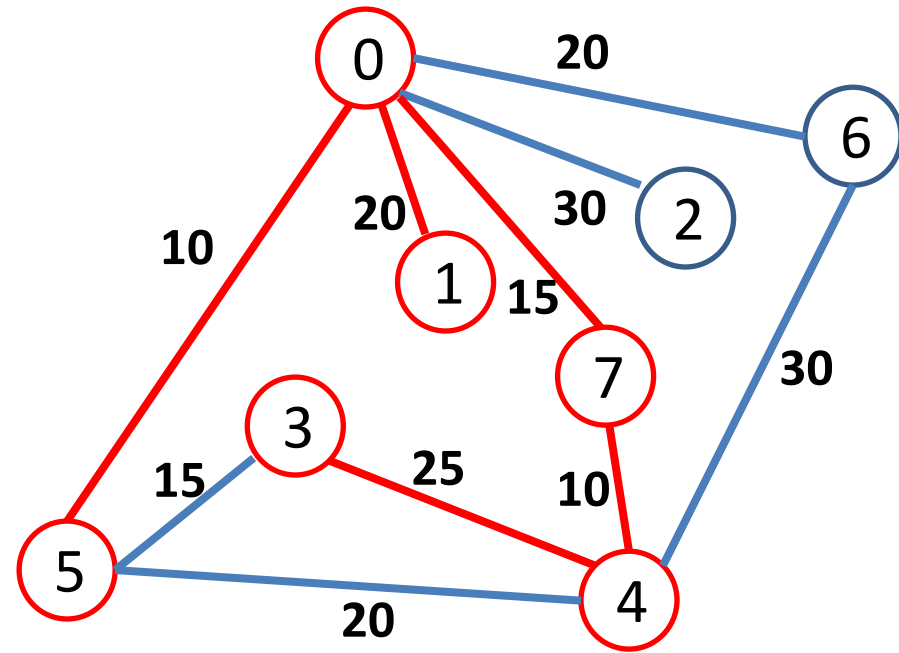
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 1$
- Step 10: For  $w =$  empty list



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wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1

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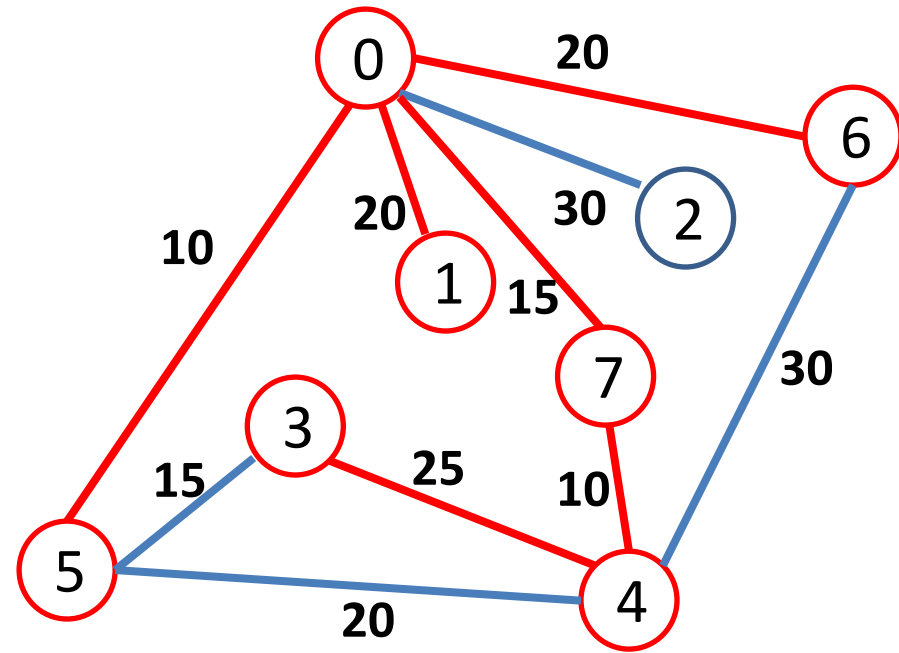
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 3$
- Step 10: For  $w =$  empty list



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

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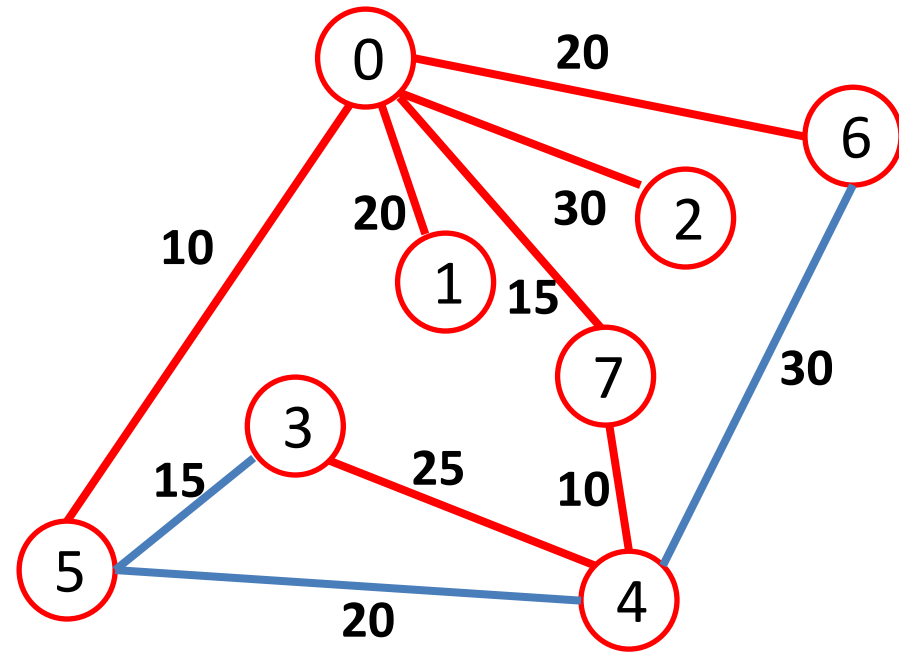
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- Step 10: For  $w =$  empty list



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wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
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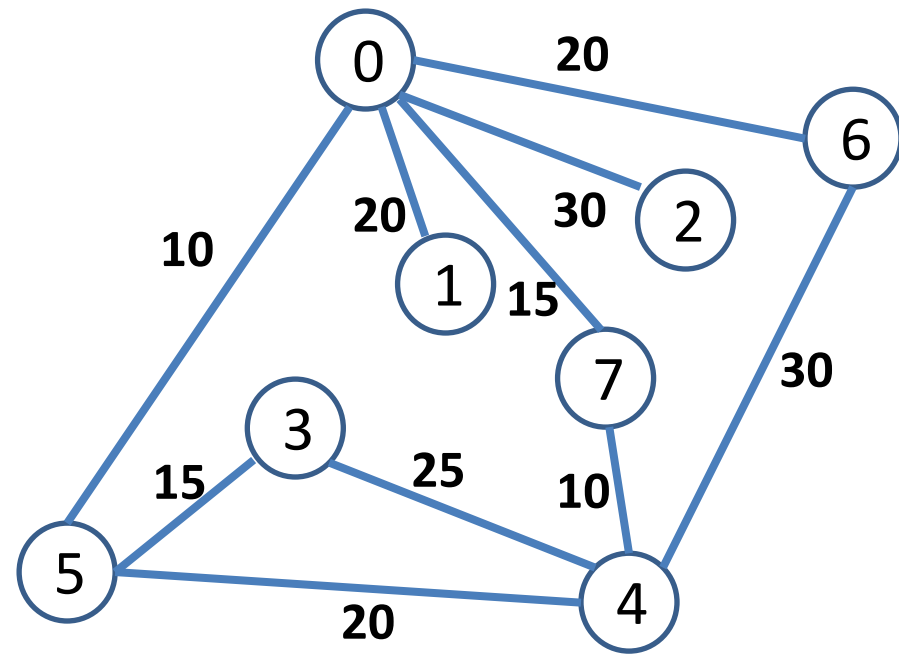
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wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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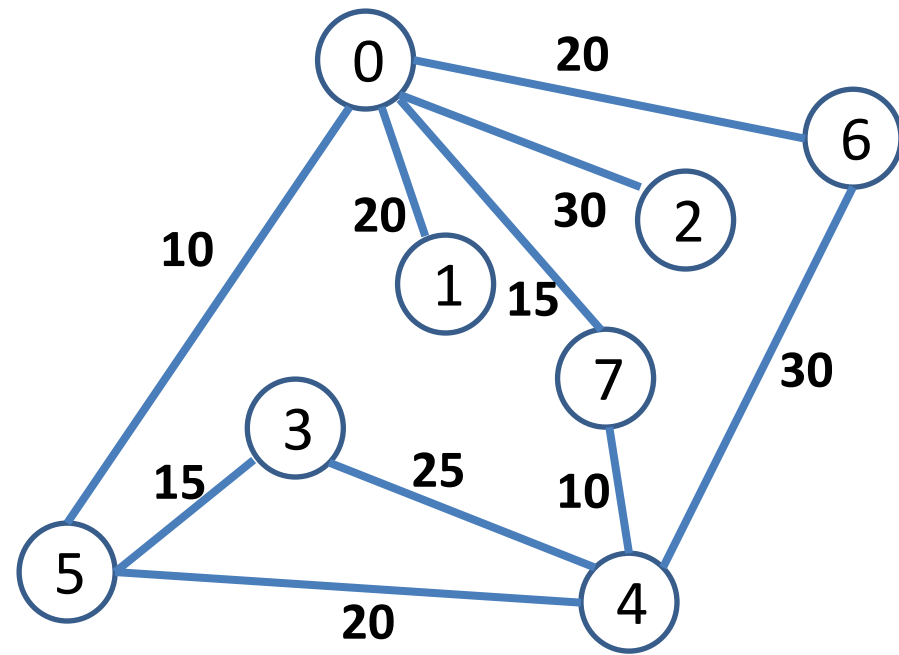
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wt	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Step 5.

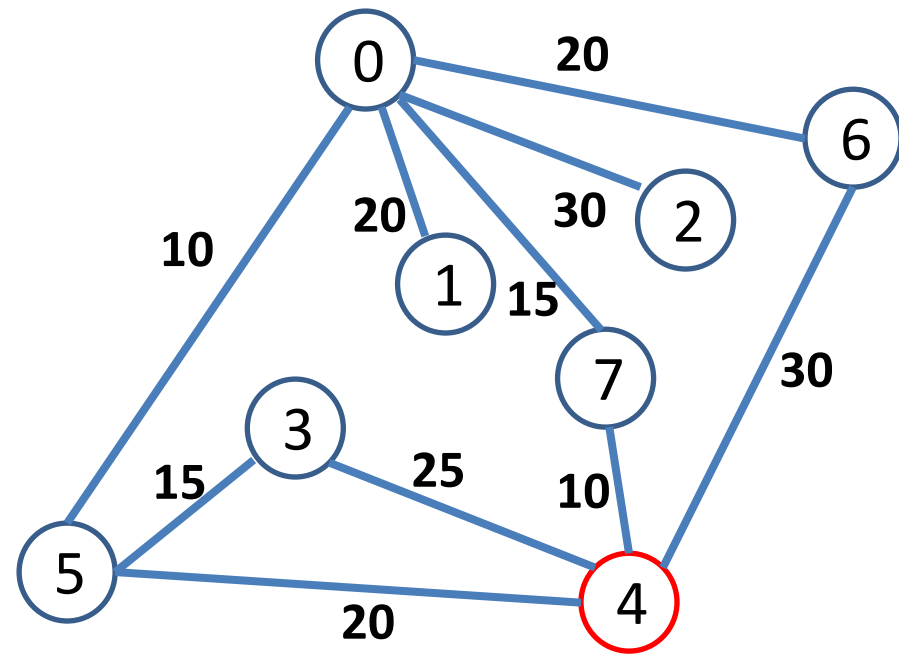


vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	inf	0	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	4	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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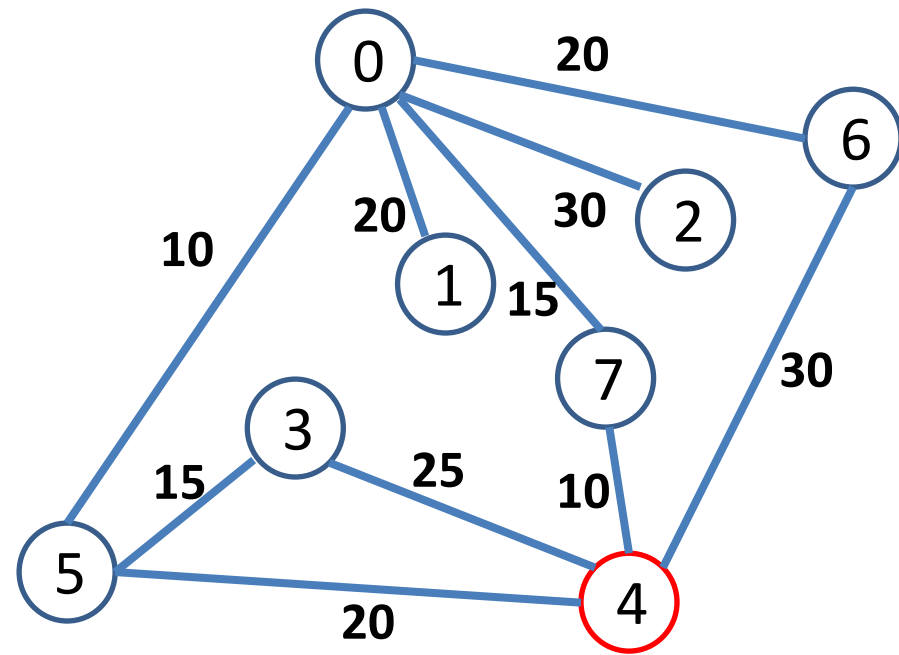
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 4$



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	inf	0	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	4	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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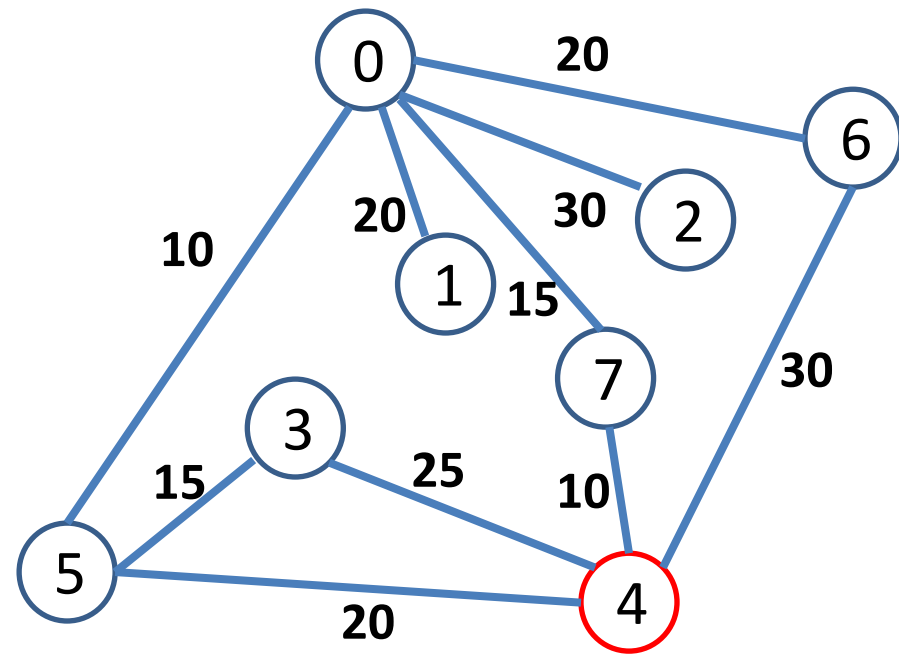
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- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 25
  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[3] = wt[4] + 25$ ,  $st[3] = 4$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	25	0	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	4	4	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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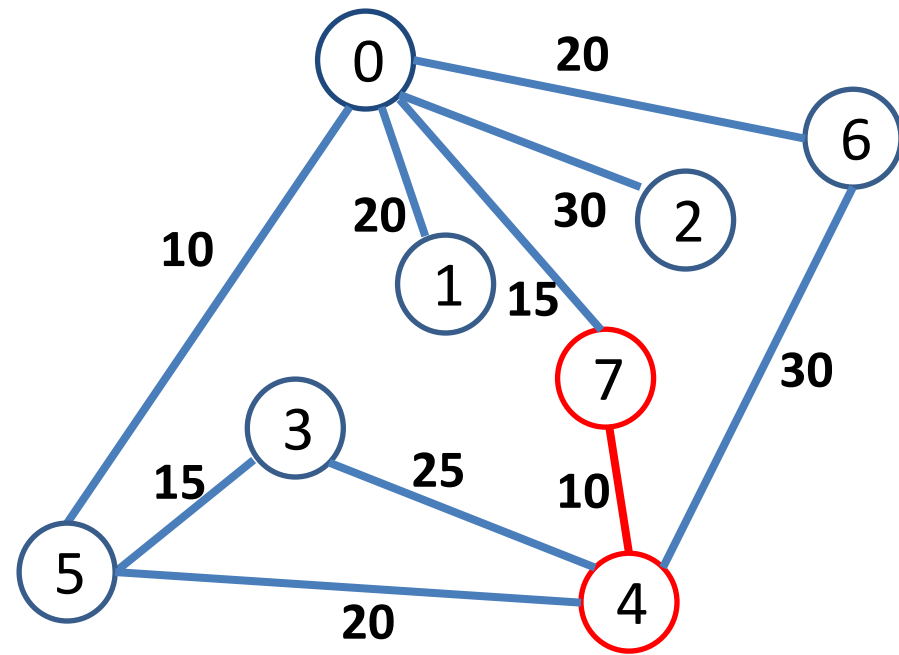
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- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$ 
  - Steps 12, 13: update  $wt[w]$ ,  $st[w]$



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	25	0	20	30	10
st	-1	-1	-1	4	4	4	4	4
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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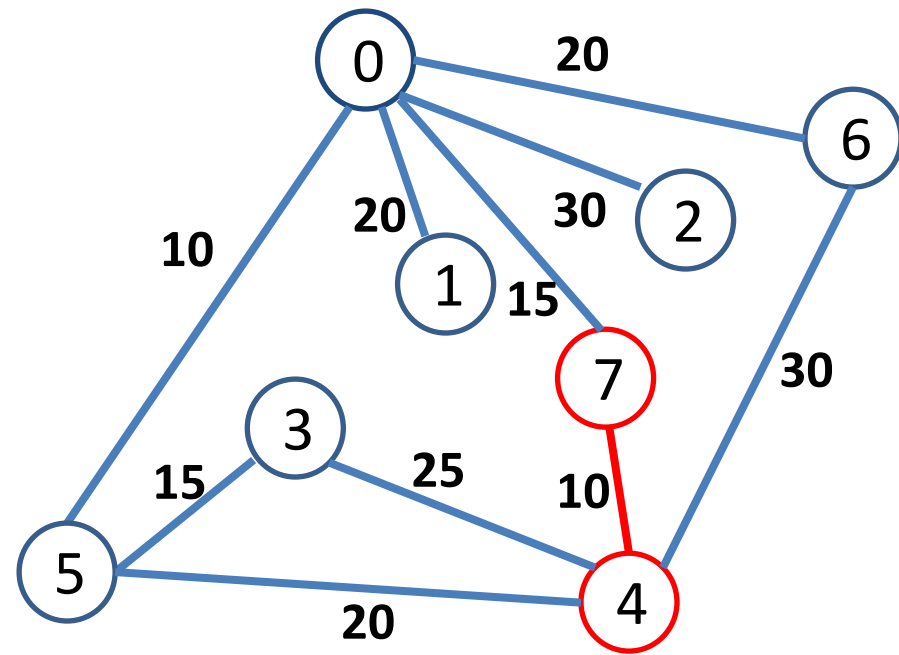
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in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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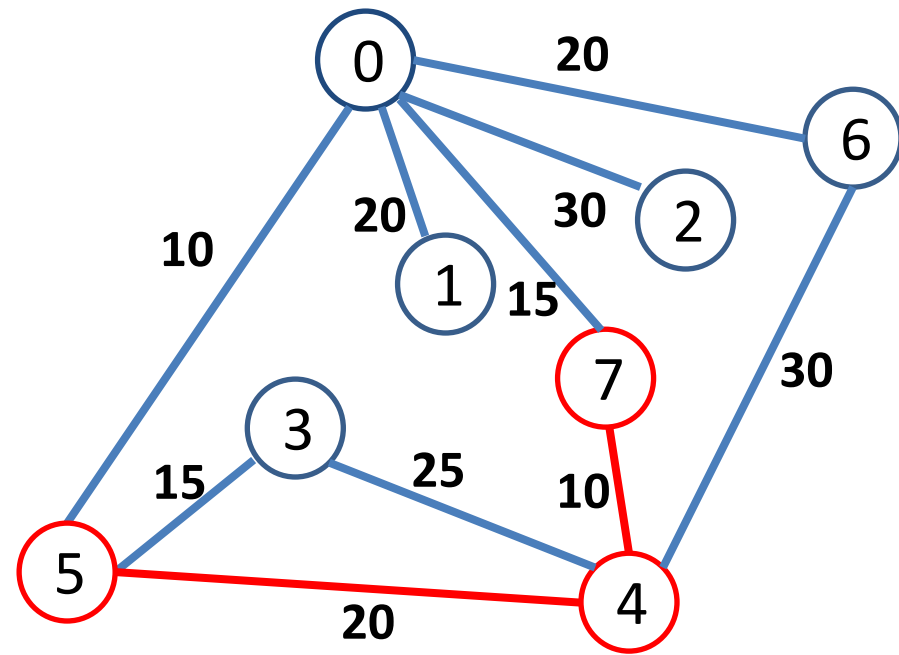
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- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 7$
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare  $\text{inf}$  with  $10 + 15 = 25$ .
  - Steps 12, 13:  $\text{wt}[0] = \text{wt}[7] + 15$ ,  $\text{st}[0] = 7$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	25	inf	inf	25	0	20	30	10
st	7	-1	-1	4	4	4	4	4
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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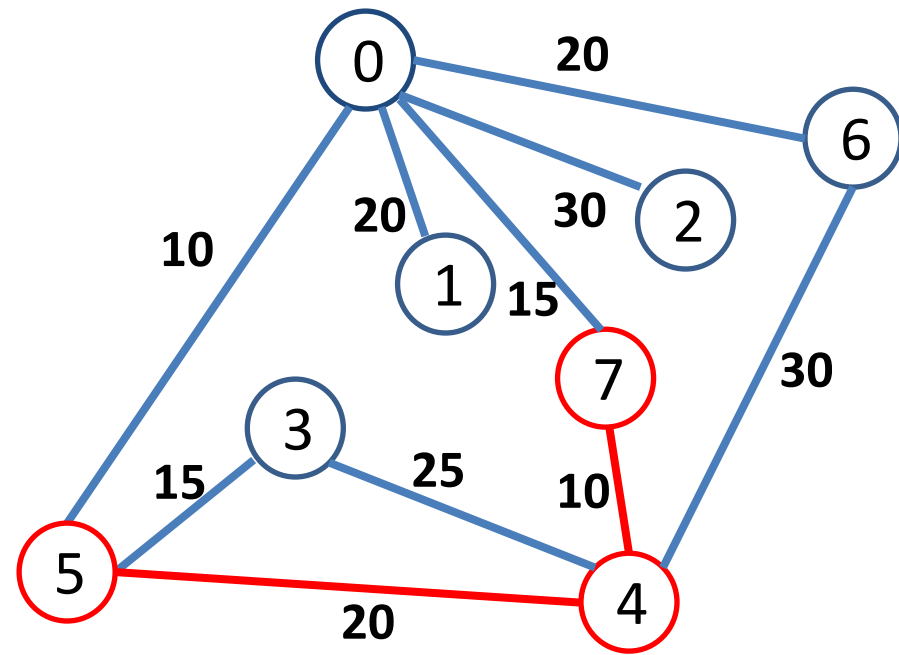
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vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	25	inf	inf	25	0	20	30	10
st	7	-1	-1	4	4	4	4	4
in	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

# Dijkstra Example

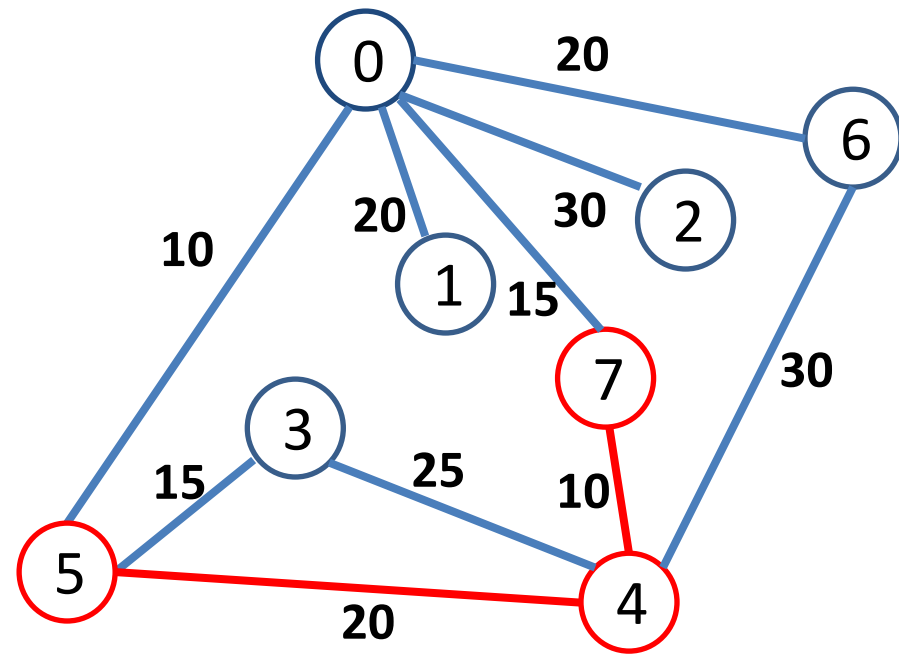
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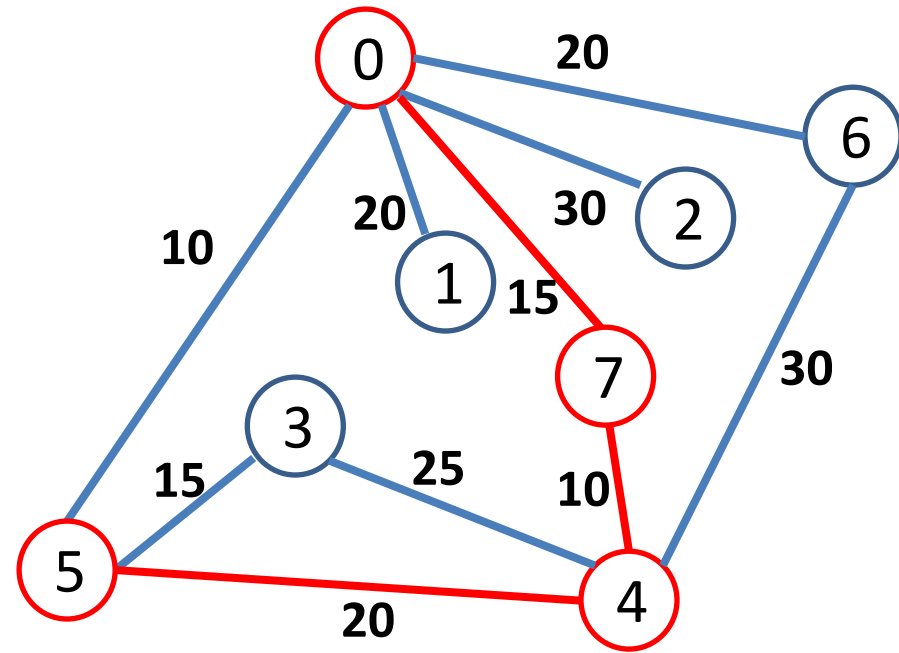


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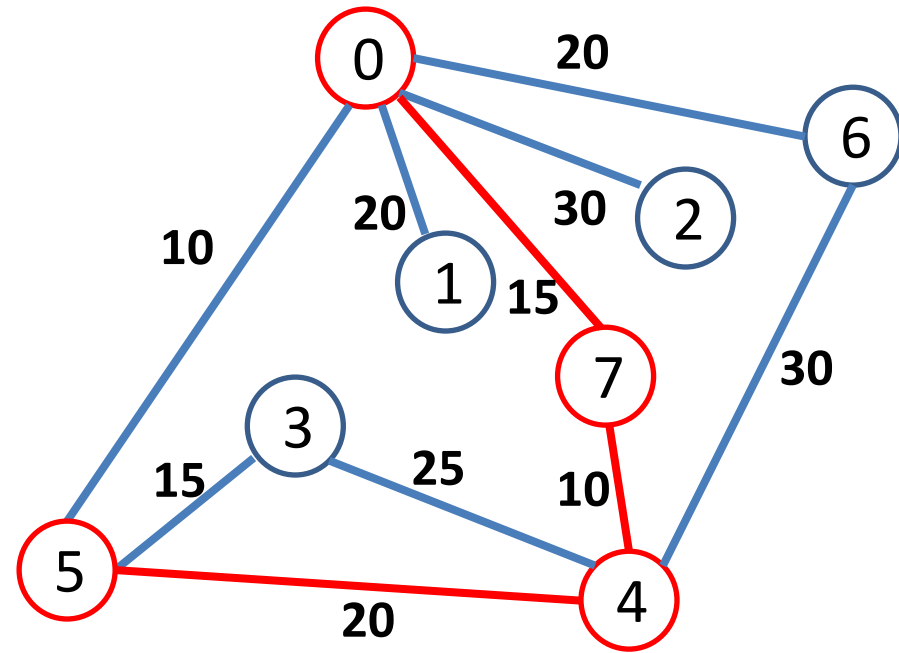
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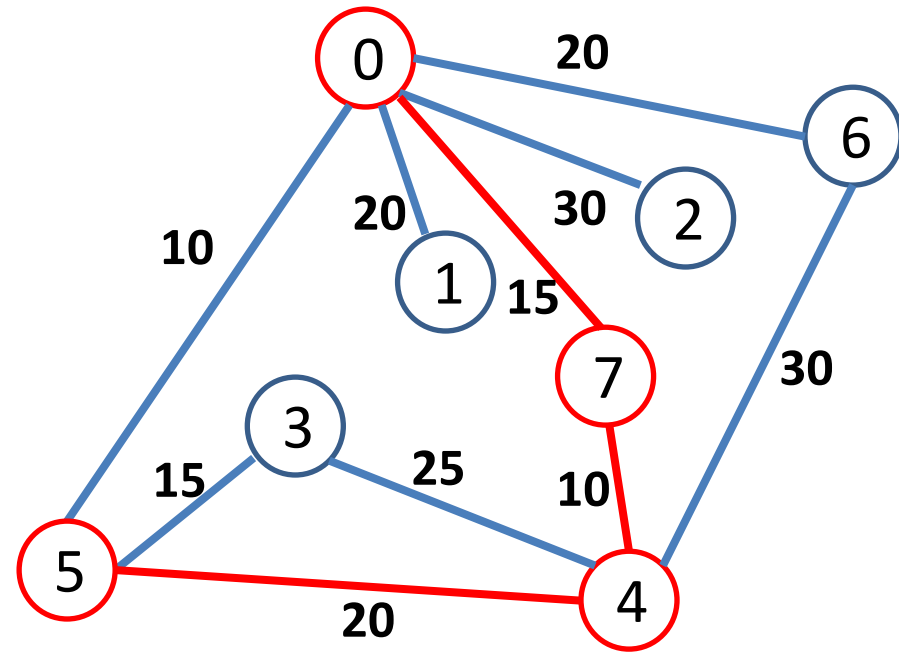
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  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[1] = wt[0] + 20$ ,  $st[1] = 0$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	25	45	inf	25	0	20	30	10
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in	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

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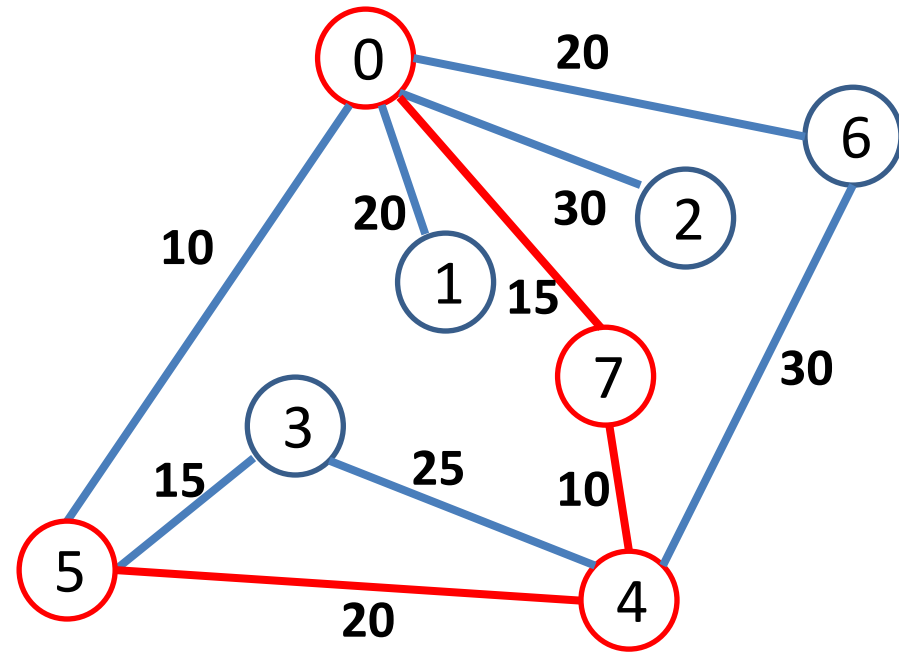
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  - Steps 12, 13:  $wt[2] = wt[0] + 30$ ,  $st[2] = 0$ .



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	25	45	55	25	0	20	30	10
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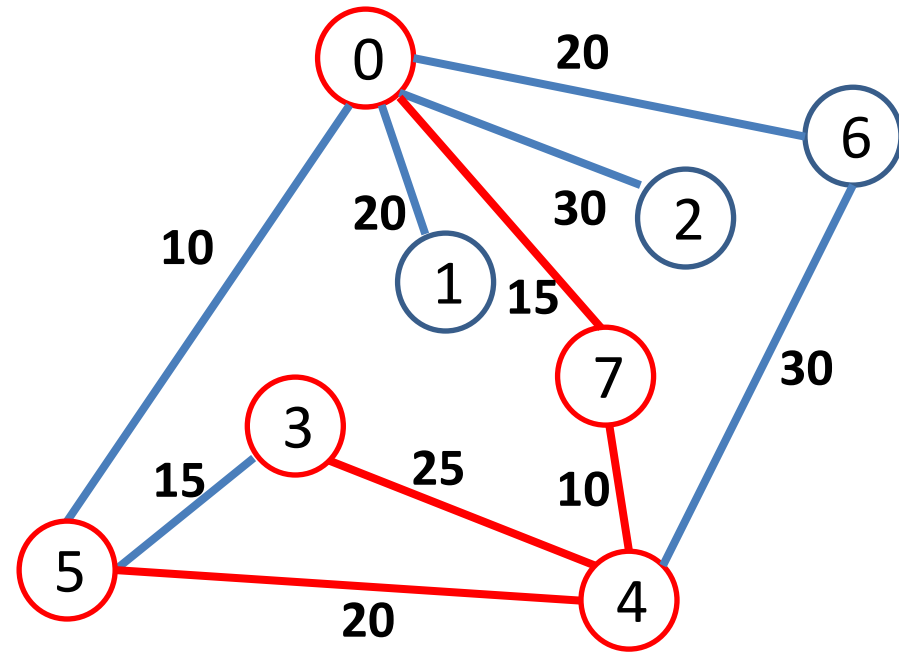
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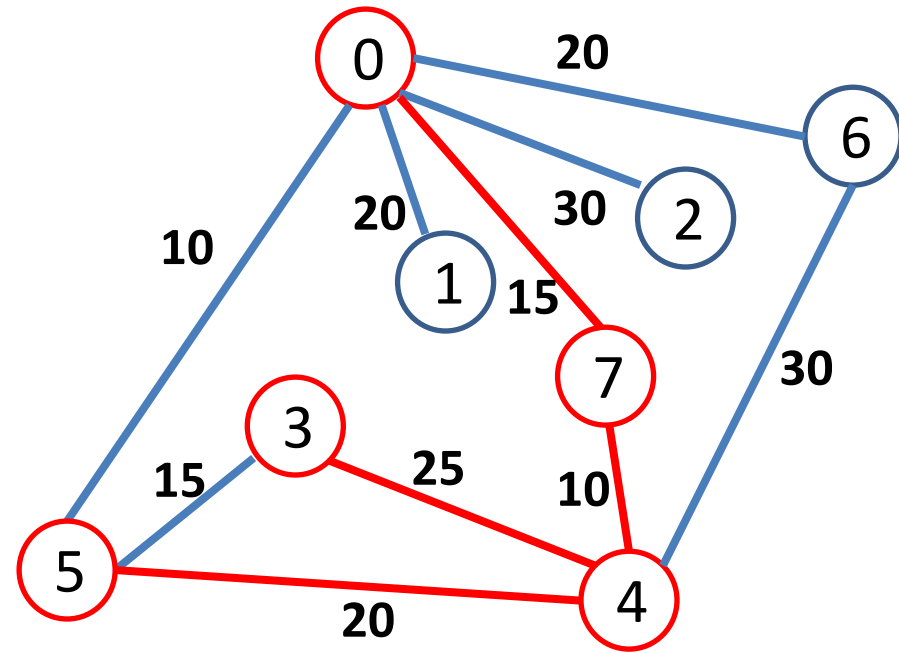
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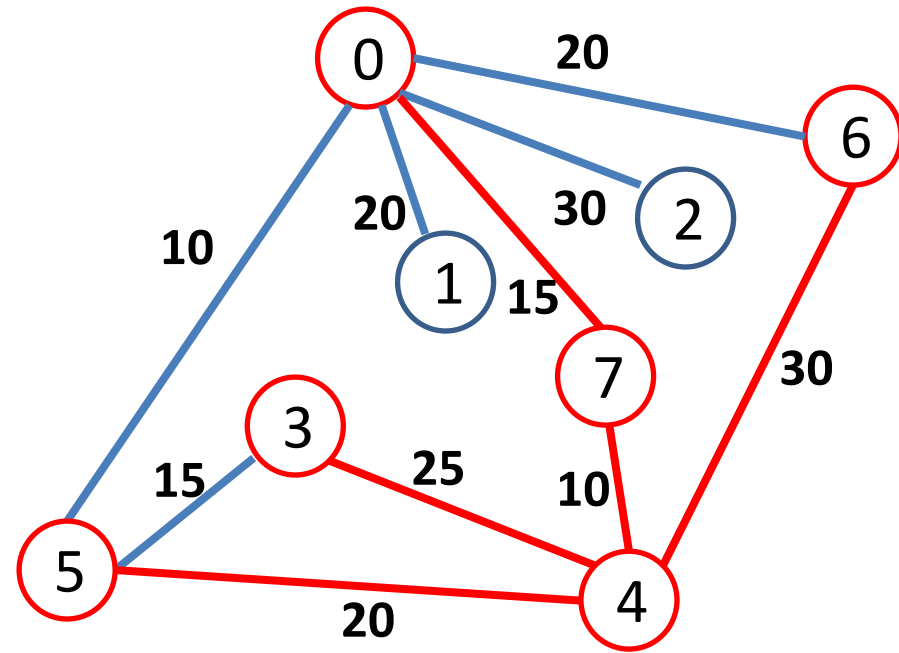
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
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- Step 10: empty list



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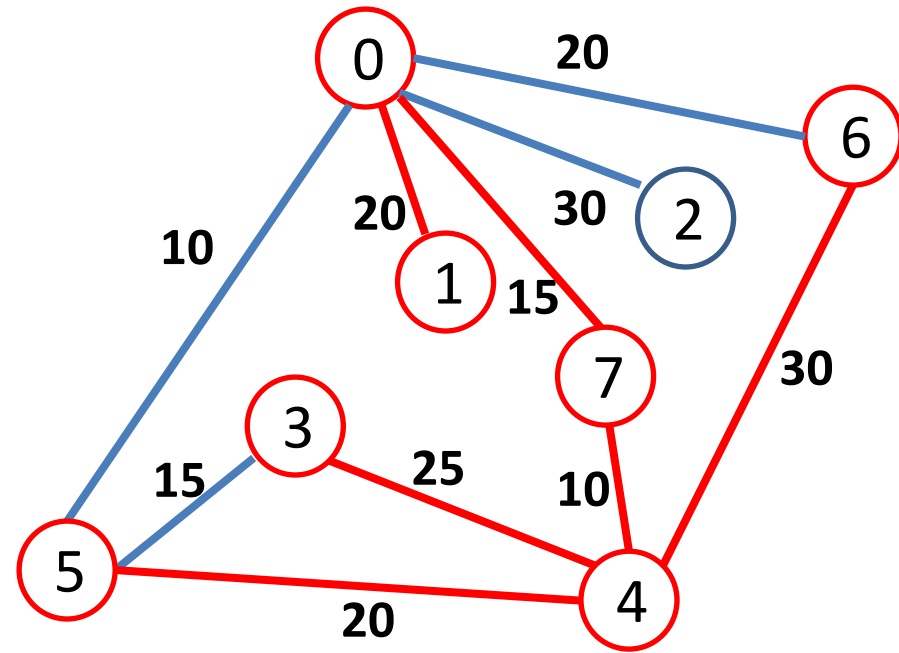
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st	7	0	0	4	4	4	4	4
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- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 1$
- Step 10: empty list

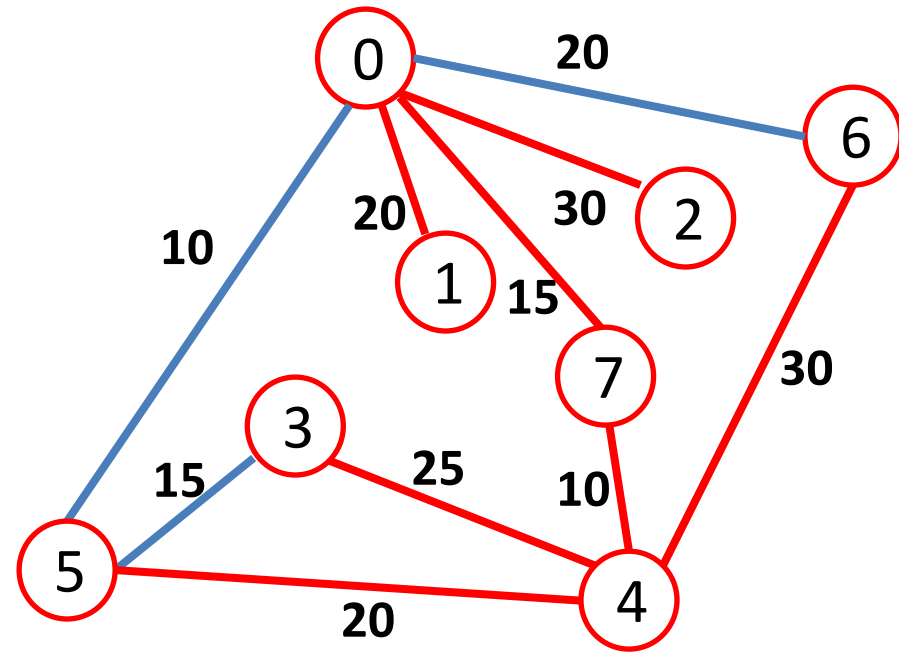


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wt	25	45	55	25	0	20	30	10
st	7	0	0	4	4	4	4	4
in	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1



# Dijkstra Example

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9:  $v = 2$
- Step 10: empty list



vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	25	45	55	25	0	20	30	10
st	7	0	0	4	4	4	4	4
in	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

# All-Pairs Shortest Paths

- Before we describe an algorithm for computing the shortest paths among all pairs of vertices, we should agree on what this algorithm should return.
- We need to compute two  $V \times V$  arrays:
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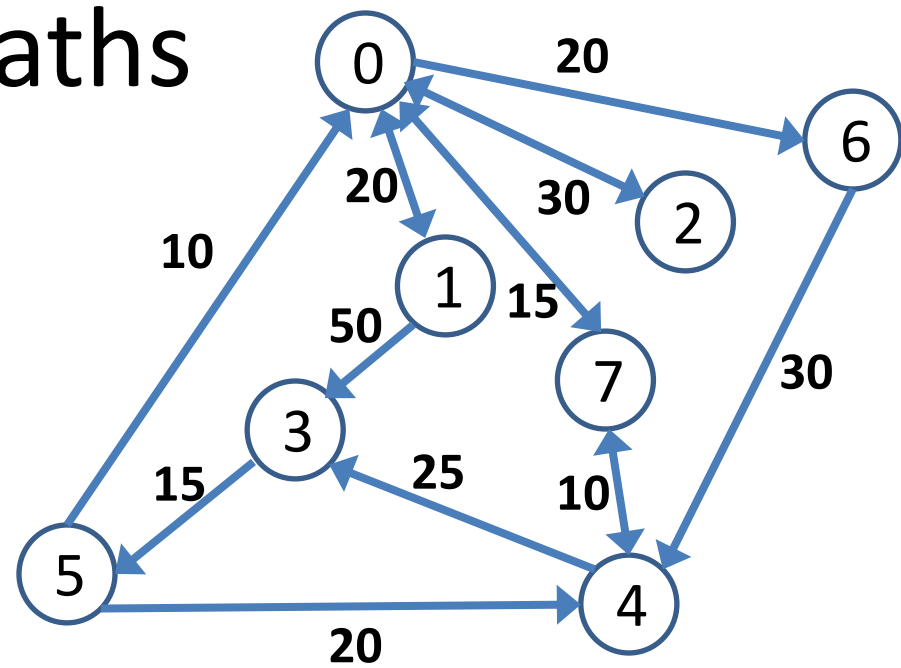
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- $\text{path} = \text{empty list}$
- $c = v$
- $\text{while}(\text{true})$ 
  - $\text{insert\_to\_end}(\text{path}, c)$
  - $\text{if } (c == w) \text{ break}$
  - $c = \text{path}[c][w]$

# Computing Shortest Paths

- Overview: we can simply call Dijkstra's algorithm on each vertex.
- Time:  $V$  times the time of running Dijkstra's algorithm once.
  - $O(E \lg V)$  for one vertex.
  - $O(VE \lg V)$  for all vertices.
  - $O(V^3 \lg V)$  for dense graphs.
- There is a better algorithm for dense graphs, Floyd's algorithm, with  $O(V^3)$  complexity, but we will not cover it.

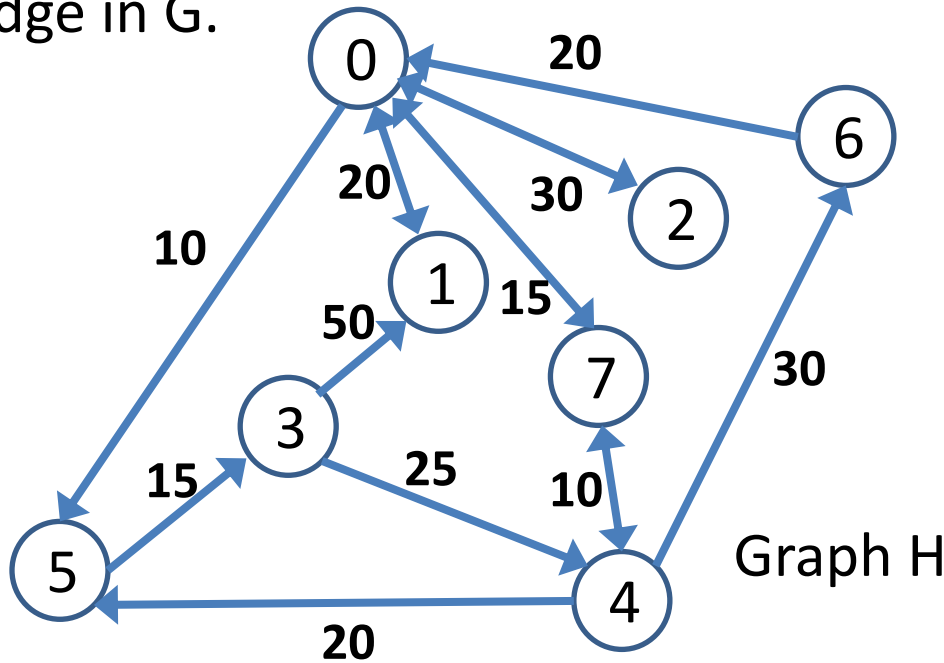
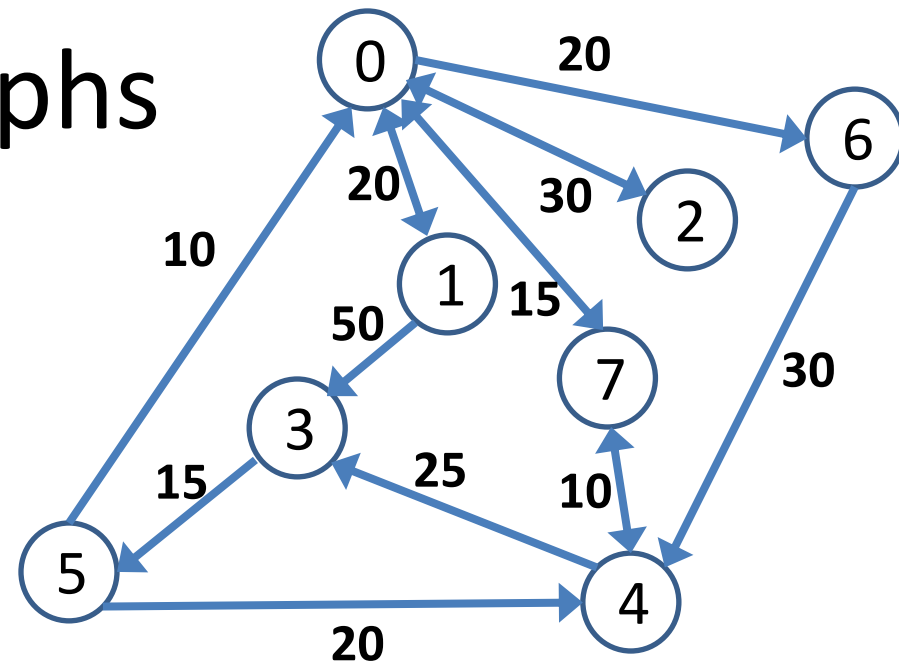
# All-Pairs Shortest Paths Using Dijkstra

- The complete all-pairs algorithm is more complicated than simply calling Dijkstra's algorithm  $V$  times.
- Here is why:
- Suppose we call Dijkstra's algorithm on vertex 1.
- The algorithm computes arrays  $wt$  and  $st$ :
  - $wt[v]$ : weight of shortest path from source to  $v$ .
  - $st[v]$ : parent vertex of  $v$  on shortest path from source to  $v$ .
- How do arrays  $wt$  and  $st$  correspond to arrays  $dist$  and  $path$ ?
  - $dist[v][w]$  is the distance of the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$ .
  - $path[v][w]$  is the vertex following  $v$ , on the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$ .
- No useful correspondence!!!



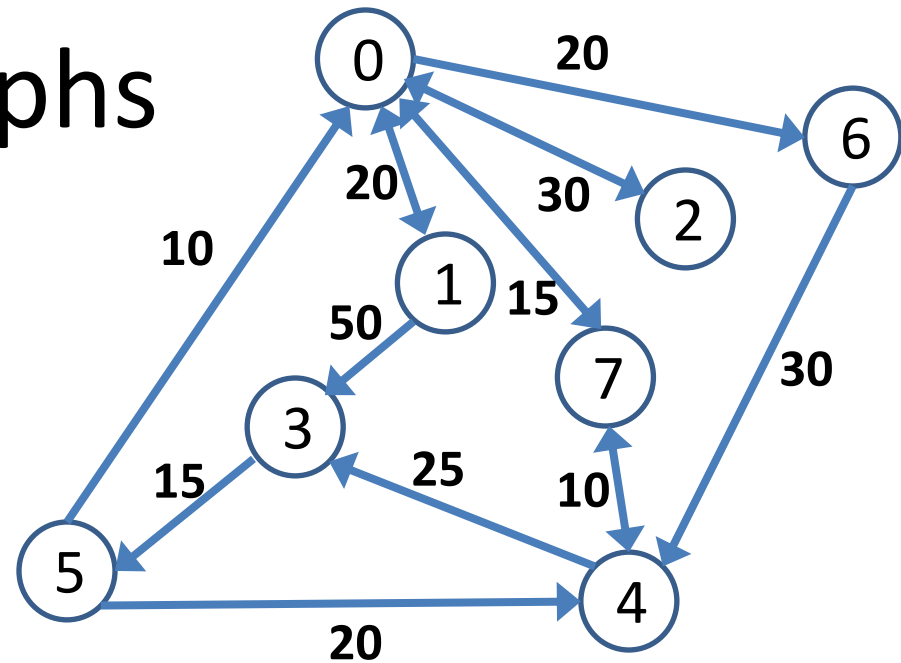
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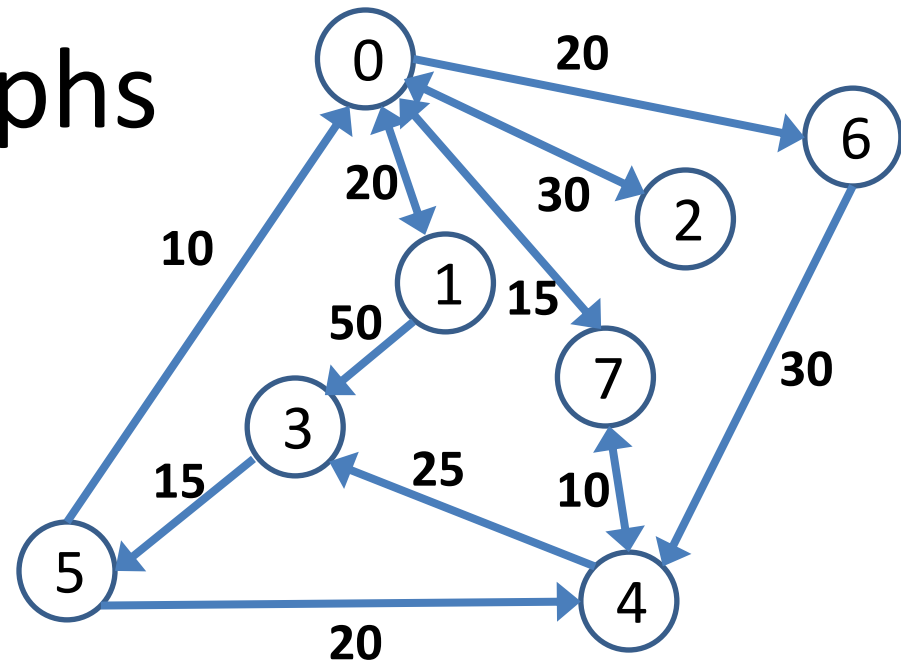
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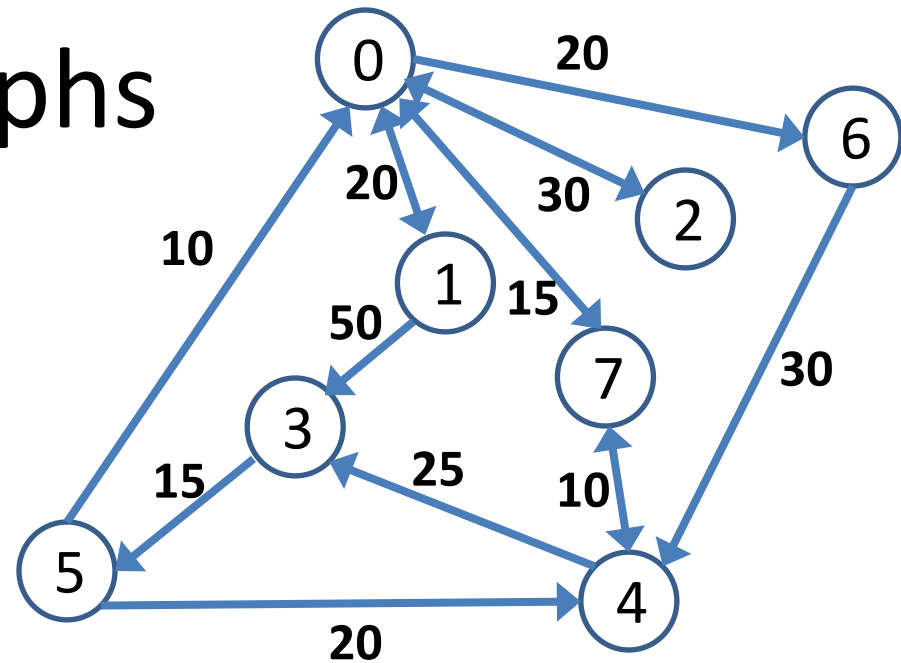
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  - Shortest path from 7 to 1 in  $H$ : 4, 7, 0, 1.
  - These two paths are just reversed forms of each other, and they have the same weights.





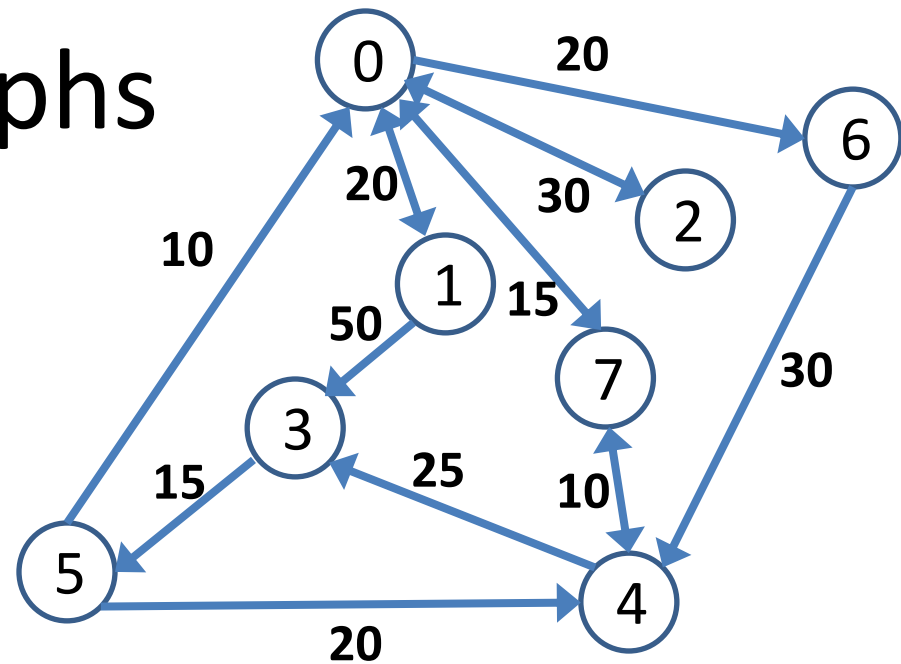
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- Suppose that we call Dijkstra's algorithm with source = vertex 1, on graph H (the **reverse graph** of what you see on the right).
- Consider the arrays wt and st we get as a result of that.
- These arrays are related to arrays dist and path on the **original graph G** (what you actually see on the right) as follows:
  - $\text{dist}[v][1] = \text{wt}[v]$ .
  - $\text{path}[v][1] = \text{st}[v]$ .
- Why?



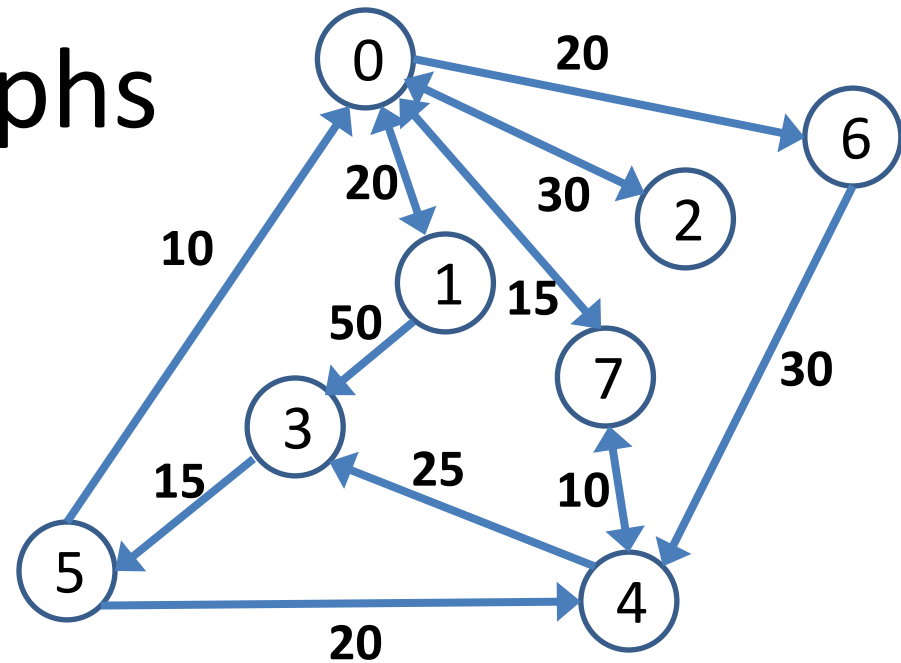
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# Using Dijkstra's Algorithm for All-Pairs Shortest Paths

Input: graph  $G$ .

1. Construct reverse graph  $H$ .
2. For each  $s$  in  $\{0, \dots, V-1\}$ :
  3. Call Dijkstra's algorithm on graph  $H$ , with source =  $s$ .
  4. For each  $v$  in  $\{0, \dots, V-1\}$ :
    5.  $\text{dist}[v][s] = \text{wt}[v]$ .
    6.  $\text{path}[v][s] = \text{st}[v]$ .