#### **Shortest Paths**

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#### Terminology

 A <u>network</u> is a <u>directed graph</u>. We will use both terms interchangeably.

 The <u>weight of a path</u> is the sum of weights of the edges that make up the path.

 The <u>shortest path</u> 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 two of these problems:
  - 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 shortest path 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?

#### Assumptions

- Allow directed graphs.
  - In all our shortest path 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?
  - With negative weights, "shortest paths" may not be defined.
  - If a cyclic path has 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] = 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.
- Very similar to 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.
  - The wt array behaves differently (see next slides).
- Time: O(V<sup>2</sup>), 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, VxV array weight, source vertex s.

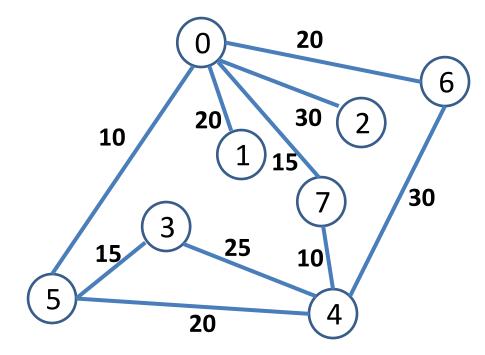
- 1. For all v:
  - 2. wt[v] = infinity.
  - 3. st[v] = -1.
  - 4. in[v] = 0.
- 5. wt[s] = 0, st[s] = s.
- 6. Repeat until all vertices have been added to the tree:
  - 7. Find the v with the smallest wt[v], among all v such that in[v] = 0.
  - 8. Add to the SPST vertex v and edge from st[v] to v.
  - 9. in[v] = 1.
  - 10. For each neighbor w of v, such that in[w] = 0:
    - 11. If wt[w] > wt[v] + weight[v, w]:
      - 12. wt[w] = wt[v] + 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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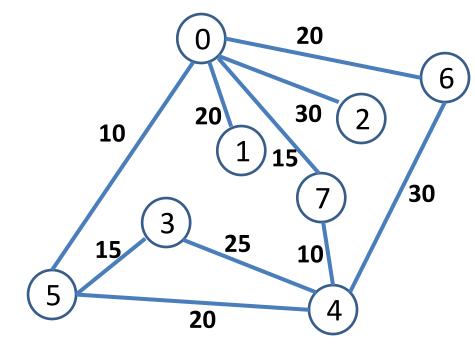
- wt[w]: current estimate of shortest distance from source to w.
- st[w]: parent vertex of w on shortest found path from source to w.

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- First, we initialize arrays wt, st, in (steps 2, 3, 4).



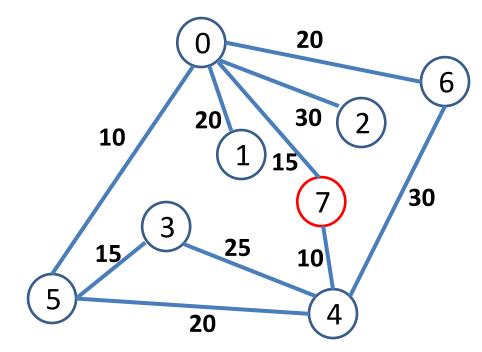
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wt	inf							
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Step 5.



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

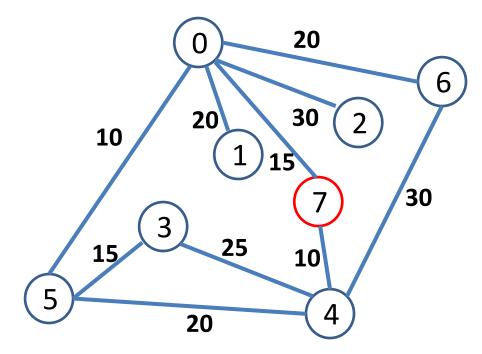
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 7



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wt	inf	0						
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	7
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

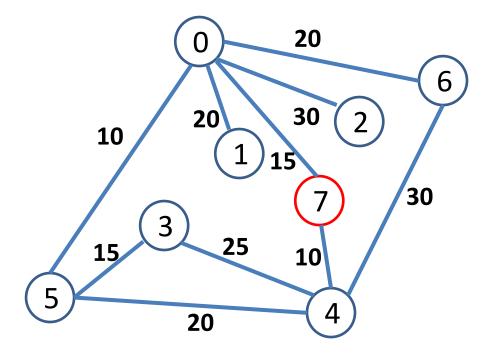
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 7
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 4\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 15
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[0] = wt[7] + 15, st[0] = 7.

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

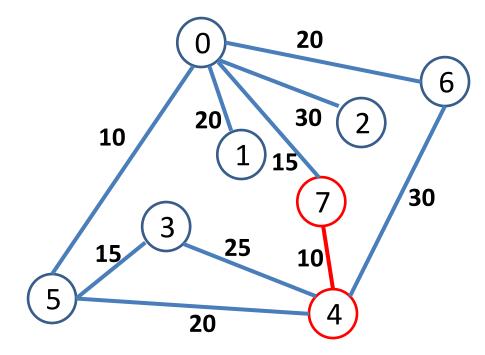


- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 7
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 4\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 10
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[4] = wt[7] + 10, st[4] = 7.

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



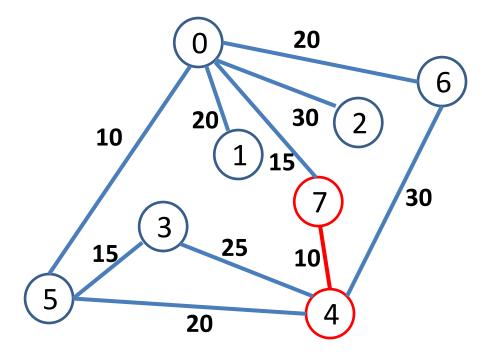
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in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

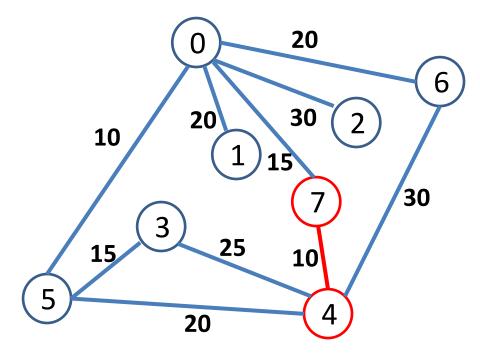
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  - Step 11: Compare inf with 10+25=35
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[3] = wt[4] + 25, st[3] = 4.

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



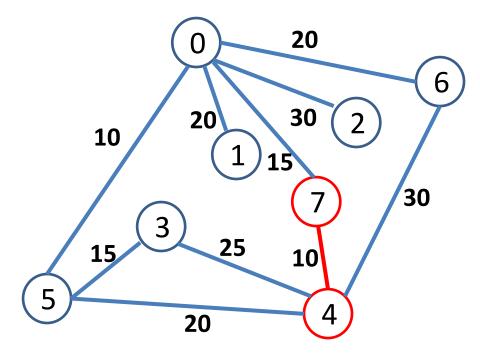
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  - Step 11: Compare inf with 10+20=30
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[5] = wt[4] + 20, st[5] = 4.

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

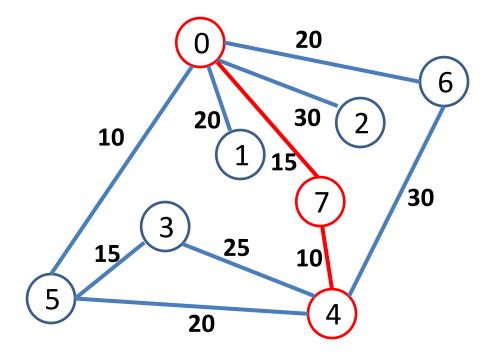


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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 4
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 10+30=40
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[6] = wt[4] + 30, st[6] = 4.

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



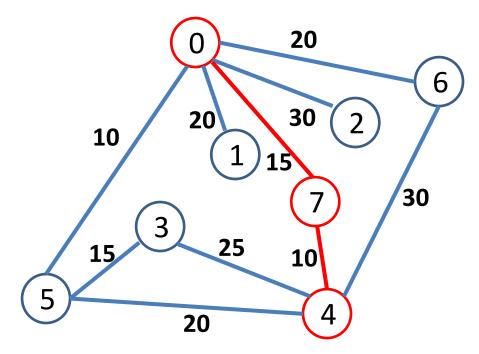
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wt	15	inf	inf	35	10	30	40	0
st	7	-1	-1	4	7	4	4	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

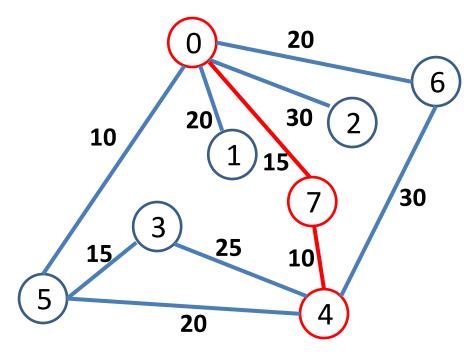
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  - Step 11: Compare inf with 15+20=35
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[1] = wt[0] + 20, st[1] = 0.

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



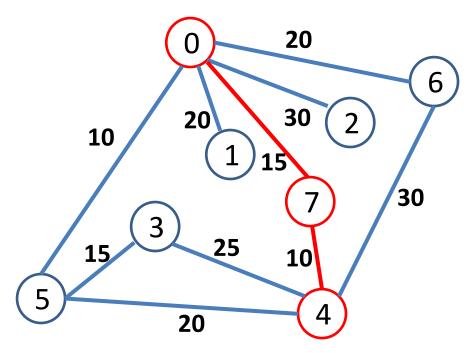
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For w = {1, 2, 5, 6}
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 15+30=45
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[2] = wt[0] + 30, st[2] = 0.

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



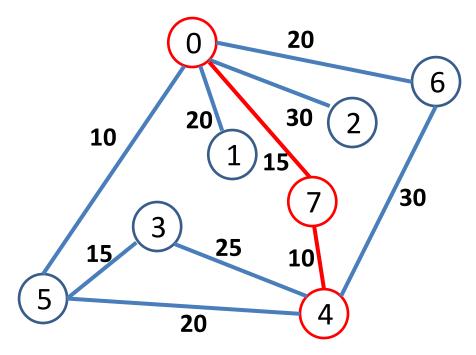
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For w = {1, 2, 5, 6}
  - Step 11: Compare 30 with 15+10=25
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[5] = wt[0] + 10, st[5] = 0.

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

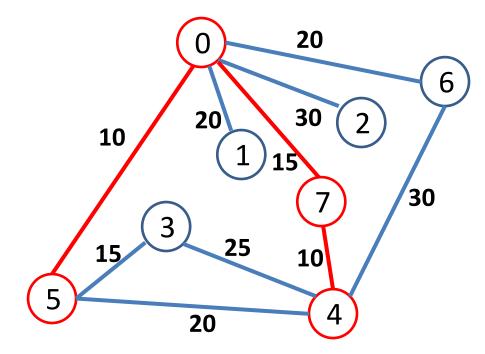


- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 40 with 15+20=35
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[6] = wt[0] + 20, st[6] = 0.

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

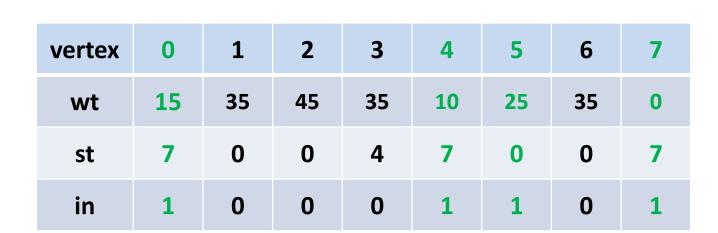


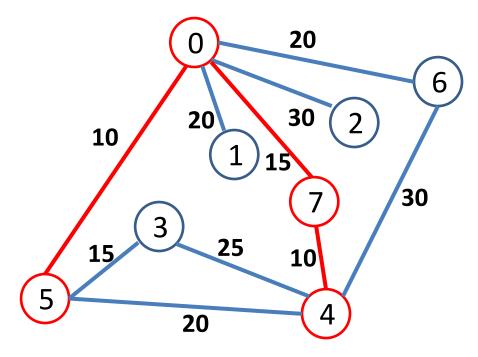
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 5



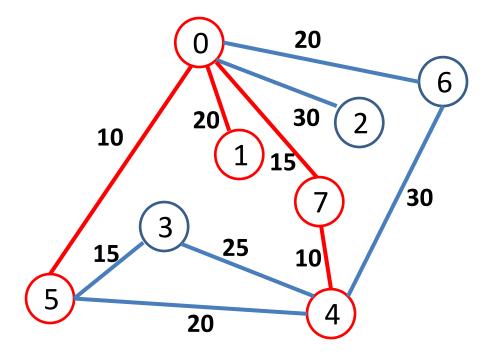
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

- 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=40NO UPDATE



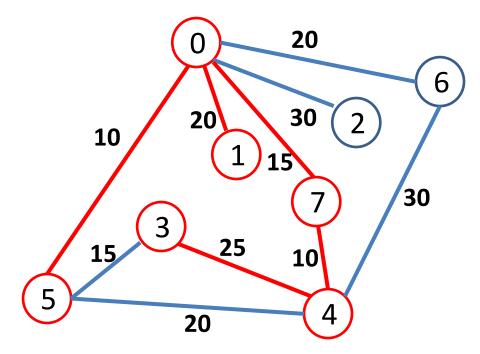


- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 1
- Step 10: For w = empty list



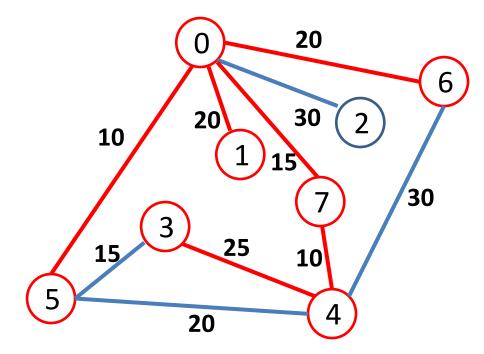
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1

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



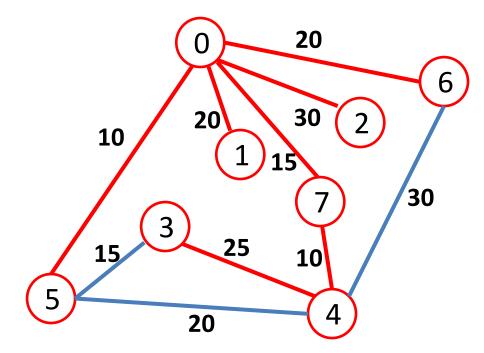
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 7.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 6
- Step 10: For w = empty list



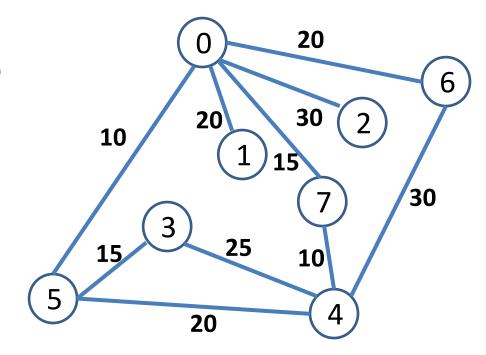
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

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- Step 10: For w = empty list



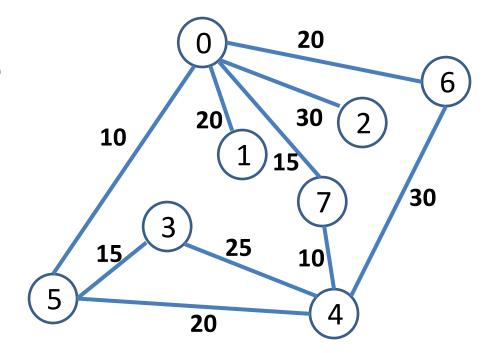
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	15	35	45	35	10	25	35	0
st	7	0	0	4	7	0	0	7
in	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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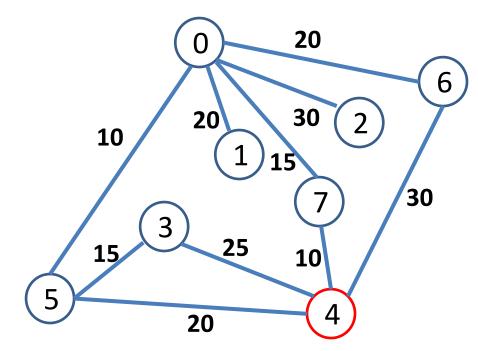
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf							
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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

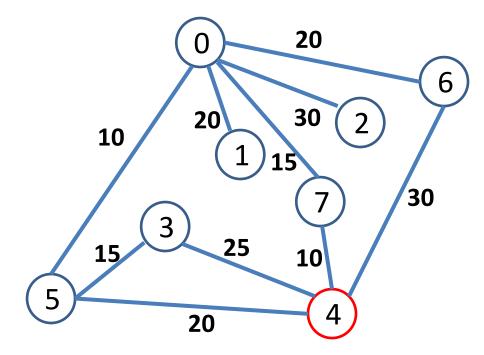
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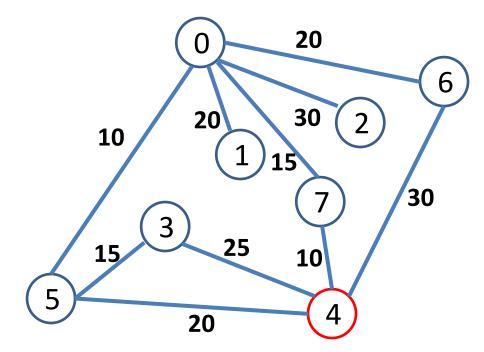
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	inf	0	inf	inf	inf
st	-1	-1	-1	-1	4	-1	-1	-1
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 4
- 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

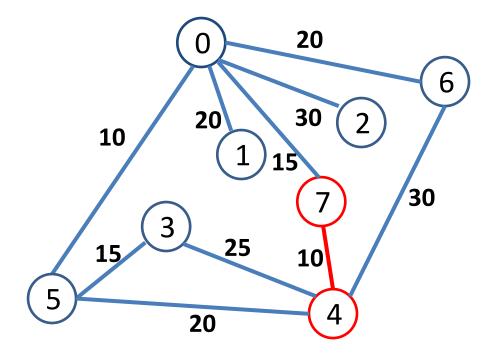


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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 4
- Step 10: For  $w = \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$ 
  - Steps 12, 13: update wt[w], st[w]



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

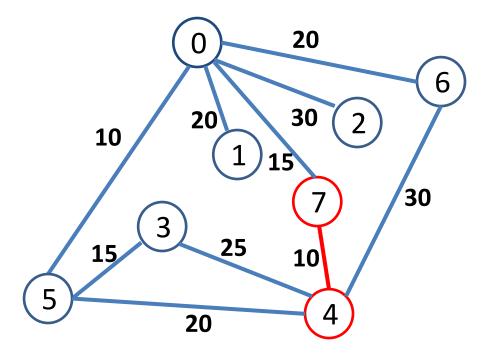
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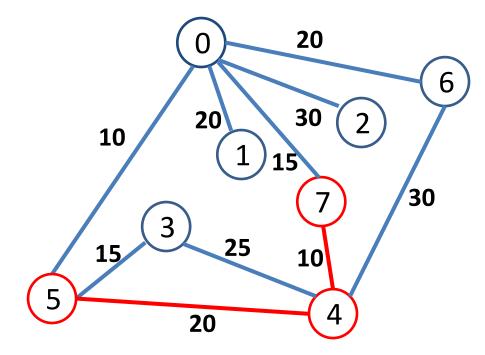
vertex	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
wt	inf	inf	inf	25	0	20	30	10
st	-1	-1	-1	4	4	4	4	4
in	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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



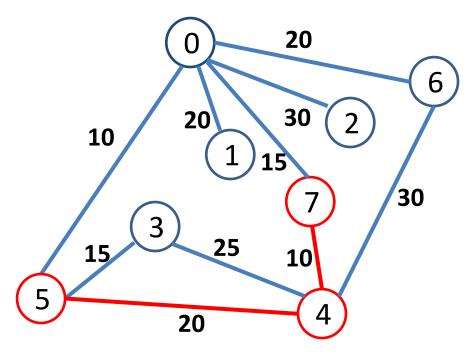
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 5



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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

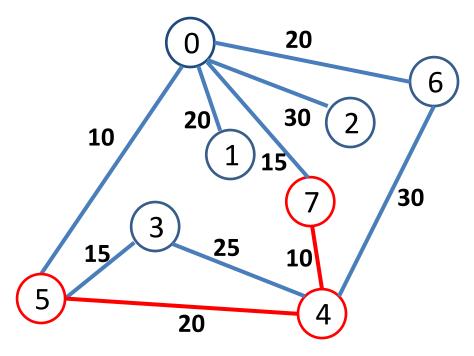
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 5
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 3\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 25 with 20+10 = 25.
     NO UPDATE

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

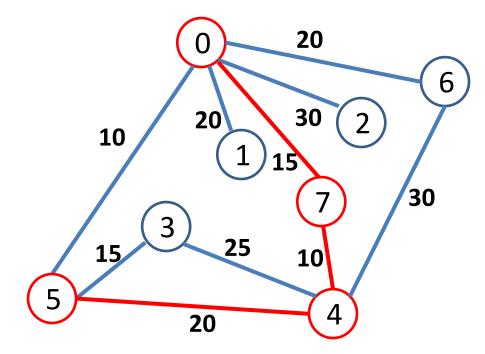


- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 5
- Step 10: For  $w = \{0, 3\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 25 with 20+15 = 35.
     NO UPDATE

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



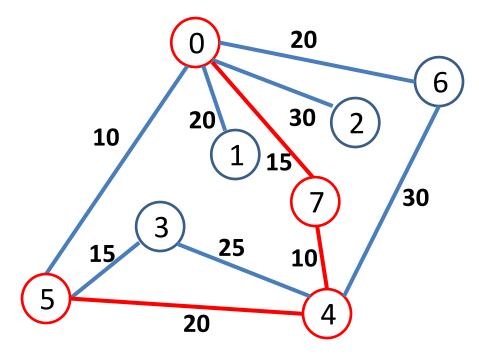
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0



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
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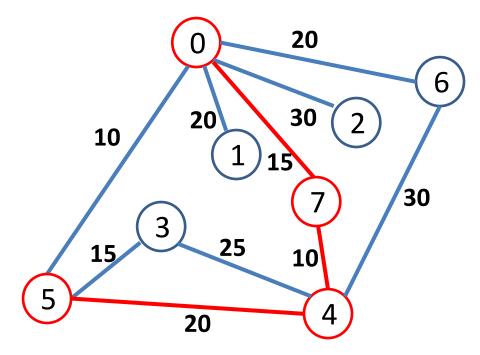
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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 25+20 = 45.
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[1] = wt[0] + 20, st[1] = 0.

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



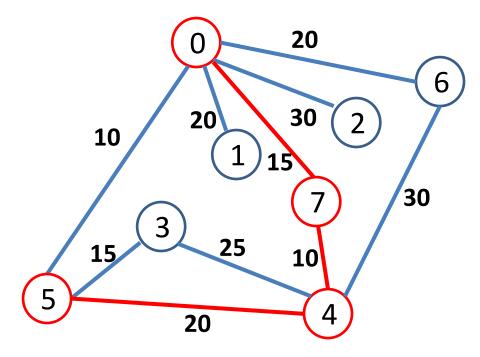
- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For w = {1, 2, 6}
  - Step 11: Compare inf with 25+30 = 55.
  - Steps 12, 13: wt[2] = wt[0] + 30, st[2] = 0.

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

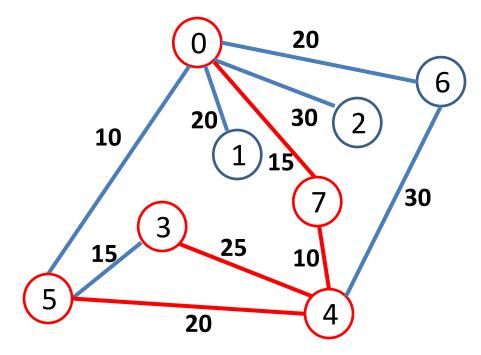


- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 0
- Step 10: For  $w = \{1, 2, 6\}$ 
  - Step 11: Compare 30 with 25+20 = 45.
     NO UPDATE

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	0	0	0	1	1	0	1

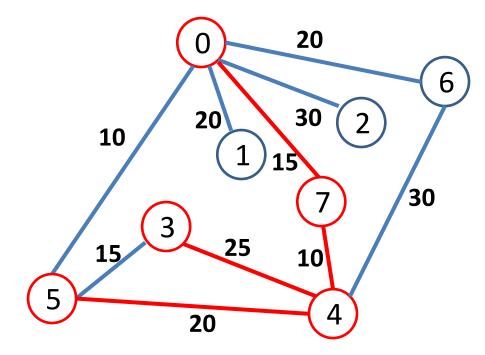


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- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 3



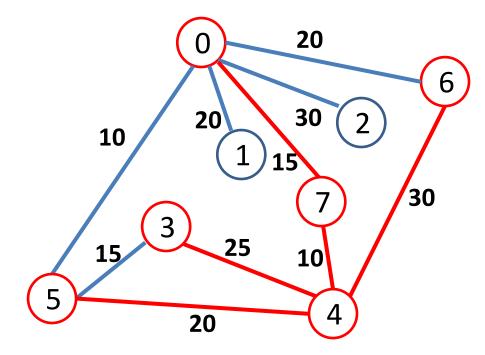
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st	7	0	0	4	4	4	4	4
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- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 3
- Step 10: empty list



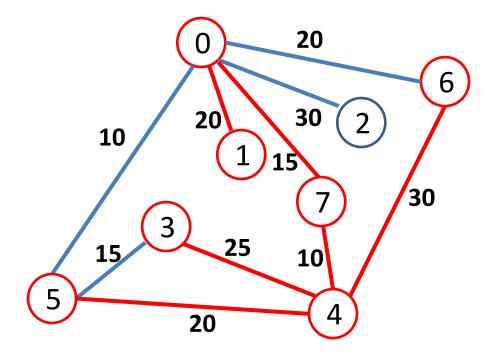
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- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 6
- Step 10: empty list



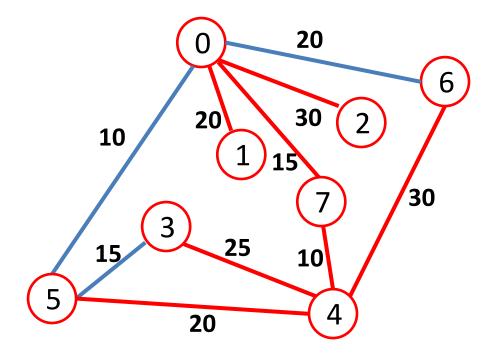
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st	7	0	0	4	4	4	4	4
in	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

- Suppose we want to compute the SPST for vertex 4.
- Steps 7, 8, 9: v = 1
- 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	0	1	1	1	1	1

- 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 x V arrays:
  - 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.
- Given these two arrays (after our algorithm has completed), how can we recover the shortest path between some v and w?

#### **All-Pairs Shortest Paths**

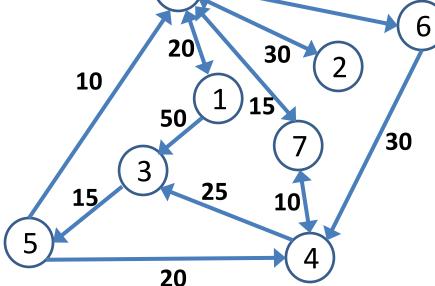
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- Given these two arrays (after our algorithm has completed), how can we recover the shortest path between some v and w?
- path = empty list
- c = v
- while(true)
  - insert\_to\_end(path, c)
  - if (c == w) break
  - c = path[c][w]

#### **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 Ig 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<sup>3</sup>) 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 vertex 1 to v.
  - st[v]: parent vertex of v on shortest path from vertex 1 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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Graph H

 Suppose that G is the graph you see on the right.

 Suppose that H is the reverse graph, obtained by switching the direction of every single edge in G.

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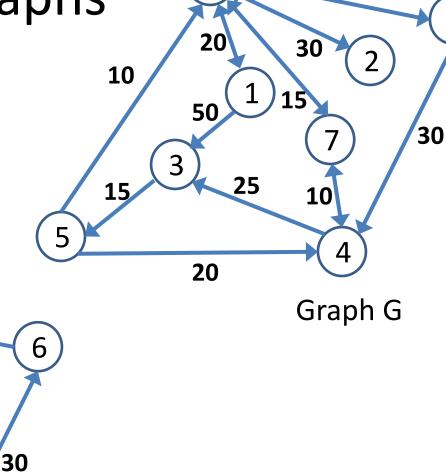
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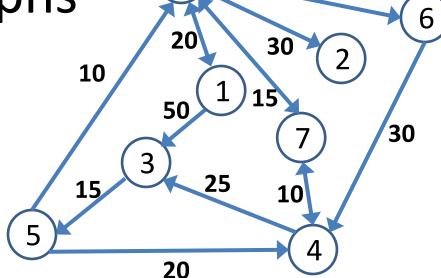
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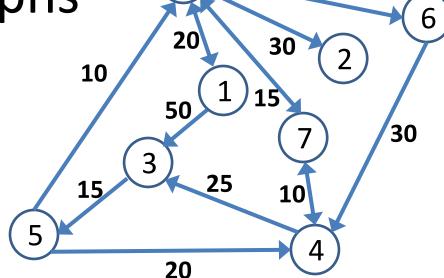


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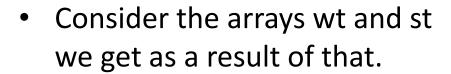
- Then, for any vertices v and w, the shortest path from w to v in H
  is simply the reverse of the shortest path from v to w in G.
- For example:
  - Shortest path from 1 to 4 in G:
  - Shortest path from 4 to 1 in H:

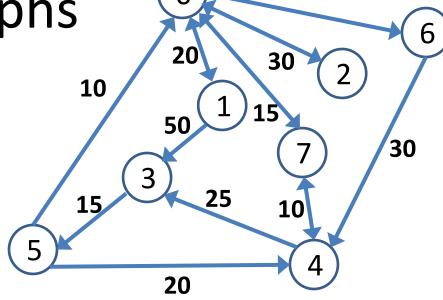
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- For example:
  - Shortest path from 1 to 4 in G: 1, 0, 7, 4
  - Shortest path from 4 to 1 in H: 4, 7, 0, 1.
  - These two paths are just reversed forms of each other, and they have the same weights.

 Suppose that we call Dijkstra's algorithm with source = vertex 1, on graph H (the <u>reverse graph</u> of what you see on the right).



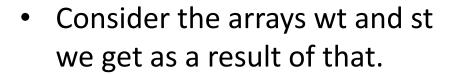


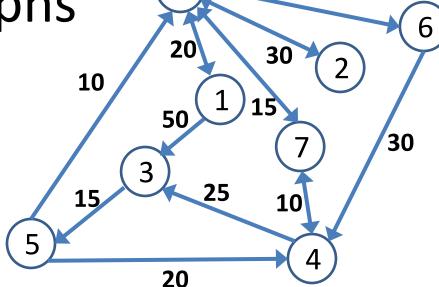
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 These arrays are related to arrays dist and path on the <u>original</u> graph G (what you actually see on the right) as follows:

- $\operatorname{dist}[v][1] = \operatorname{wt}[v].$
- path[v][1] = st[v].
- Why?

 Suppose that we call Dijkstra's algorithm with source = vertex 1, on graph H (the <u>reverse graph</u> of what you see on the right).





- wt[v] is the weight of the shortest path from 1 to v in H.
  - Therefore, wt[v] is the weight of the shortest path from v to 1 in G.
  - Therefore, dist[v][1] = wt[v].
- st[v] is the parent of v on the shortest path from 1 to v in H.
  - Therefore, st[v] is the vertex following v on the shortest path from v to 1 in G.
  - Therefore, path[v][1] = st[v].

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

Input: graph G.

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