# **Shortest-Path Algorithms II**

# **Shortest Path with Negative Costs**

Given a weighted directed graph (weights can be negative), a start node **s**, and end node **e**, find the cost of the shortest path from **s** to **e** (or report that it does not exist)

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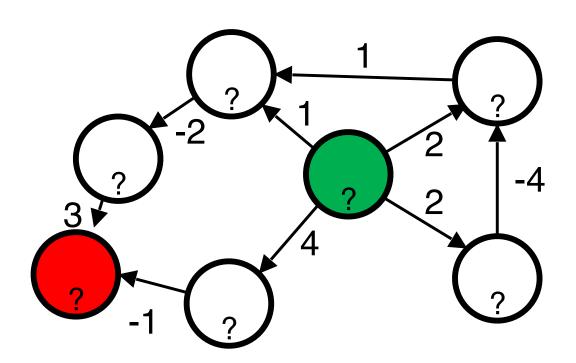
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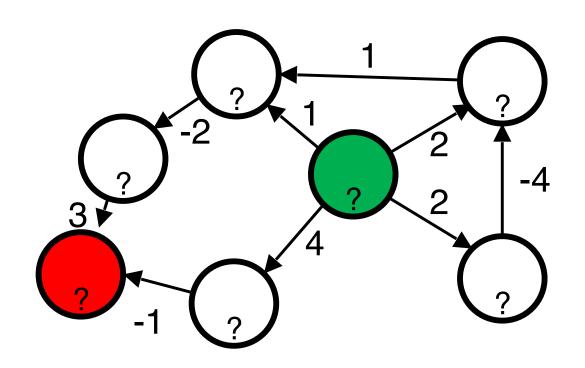
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Is there anything we know?

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Doesn't work because this penalizes paths with more edges

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#### **Questions:**

- 1. Will this process terminate?
- 2. How many iterations are needed?

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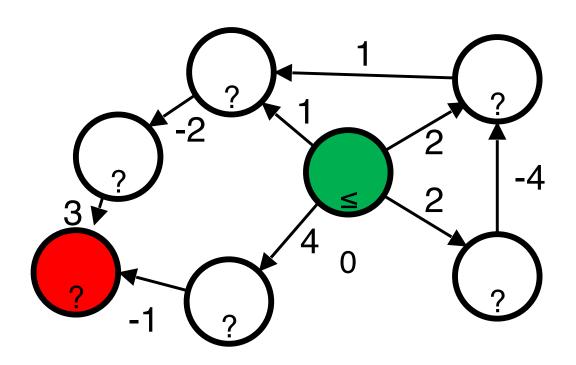
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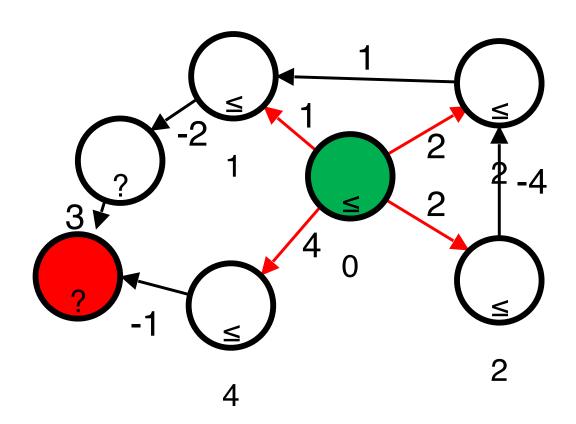
The shortest path to any node is either:

- 1) <= |V|
- 2) infinite

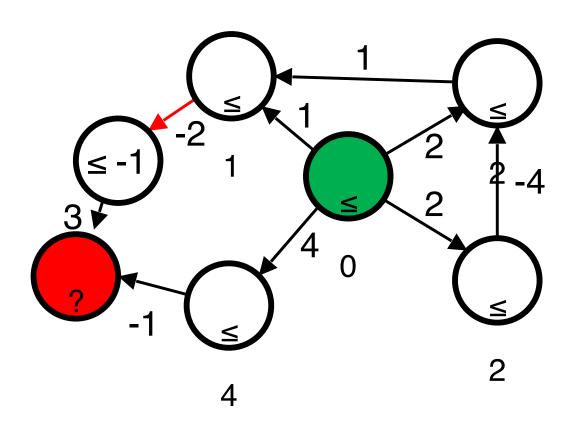
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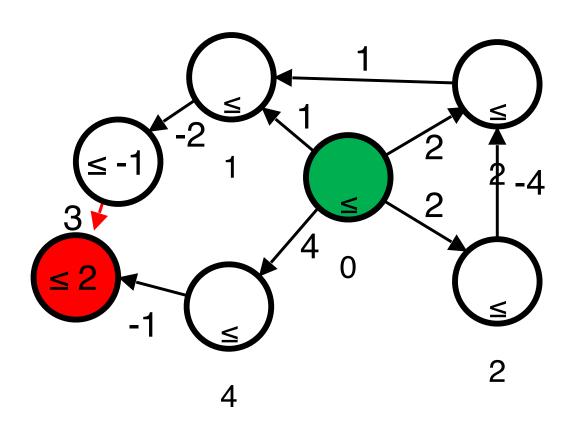
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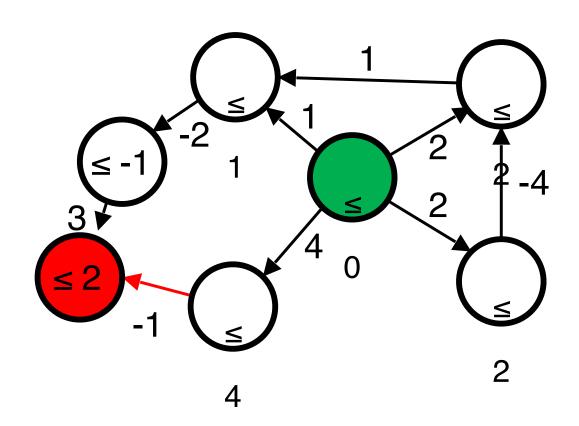
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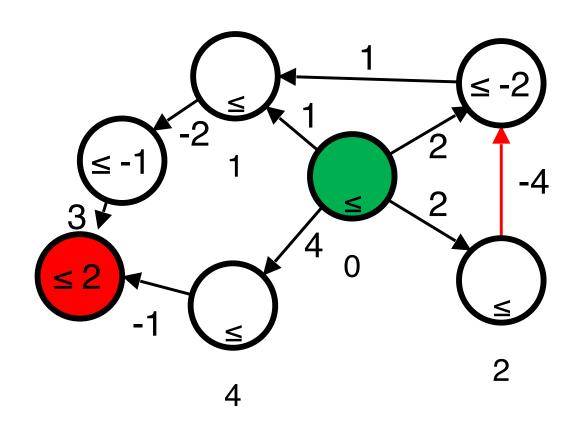
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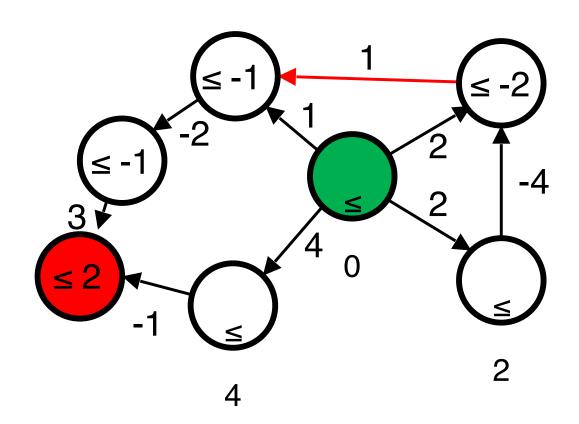
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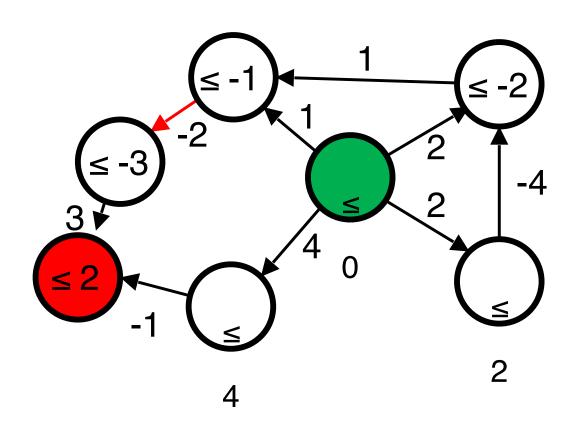
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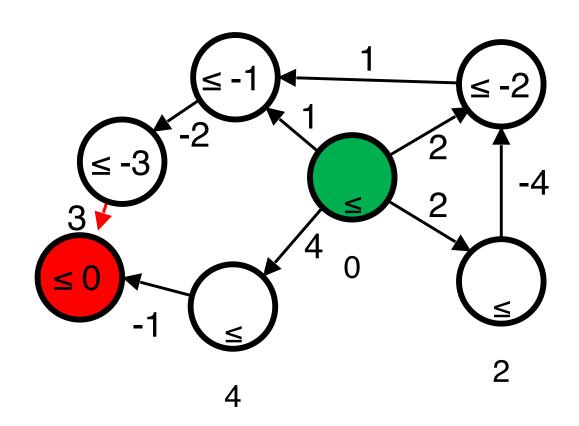
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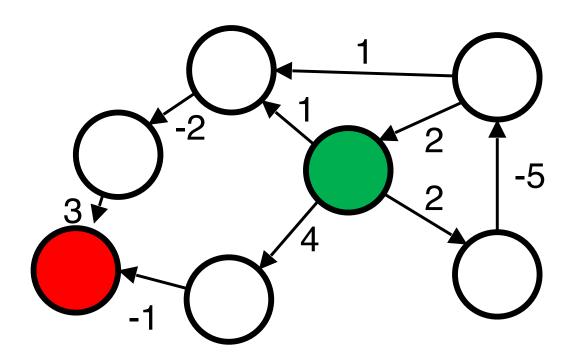


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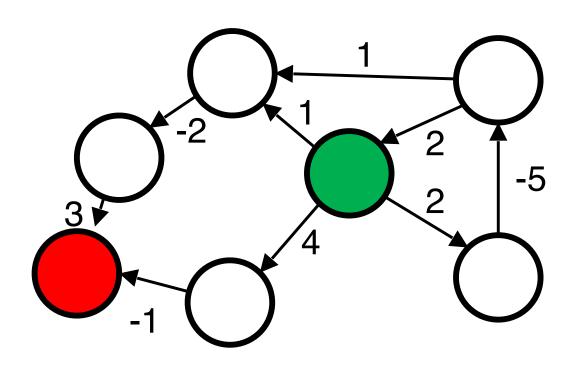
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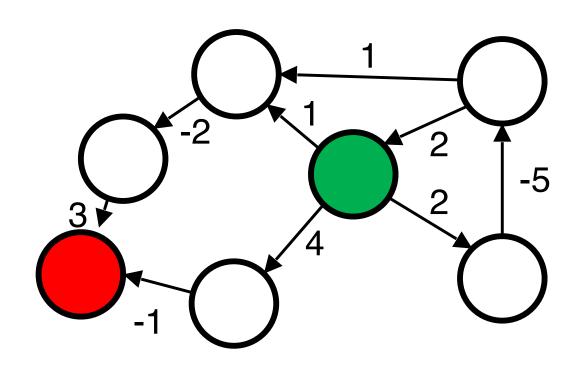
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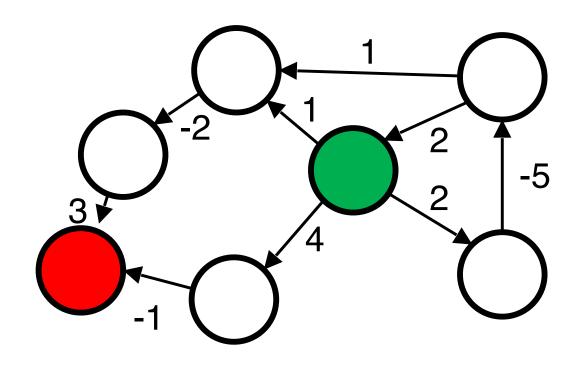
changes on the V+1st iteration => negative cycle

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What's the run time?

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Changes past iter  $|V| \Rightarrow$  cycle

What's the run time? O(IVIIEI)

#### **Bellman-Ford Pseudocode**

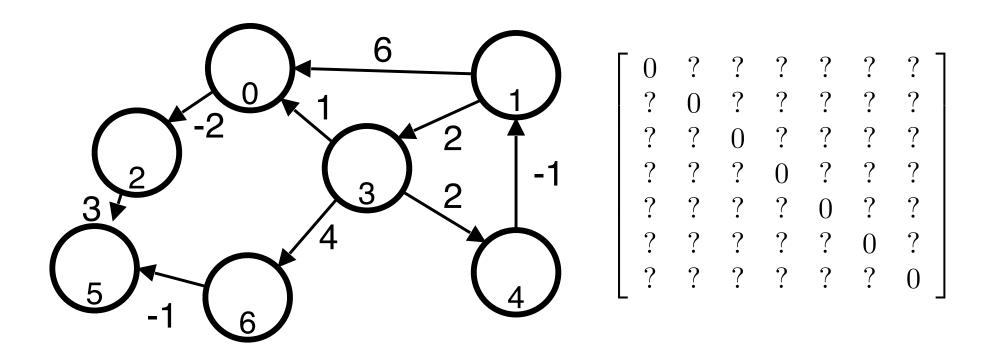
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for i from 1 to IVI - 1:
for edge (u, v) with weight w:
  if( dist(v) > dist(u) + w)
    dist(v) = dist(u) + w;
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Time complexity O(IVIIEI)

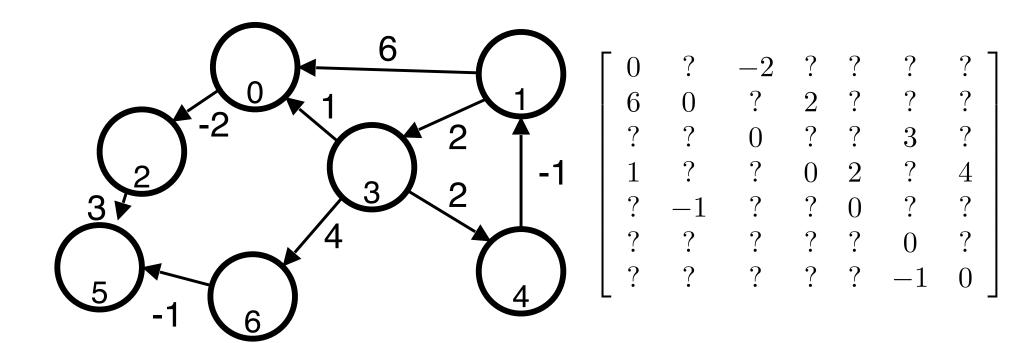
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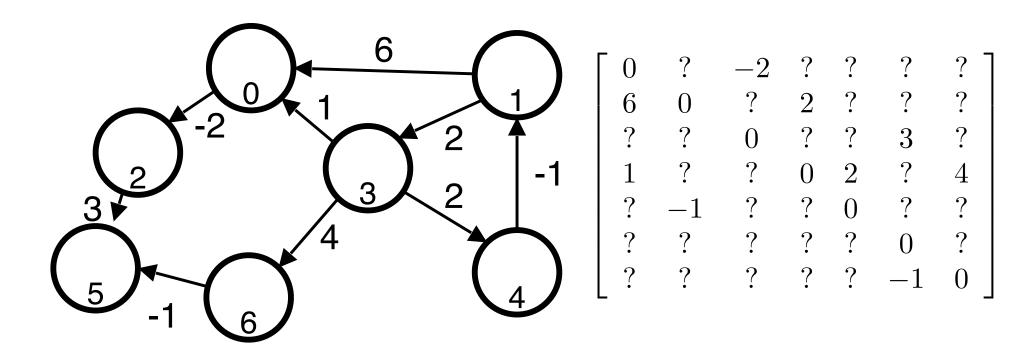
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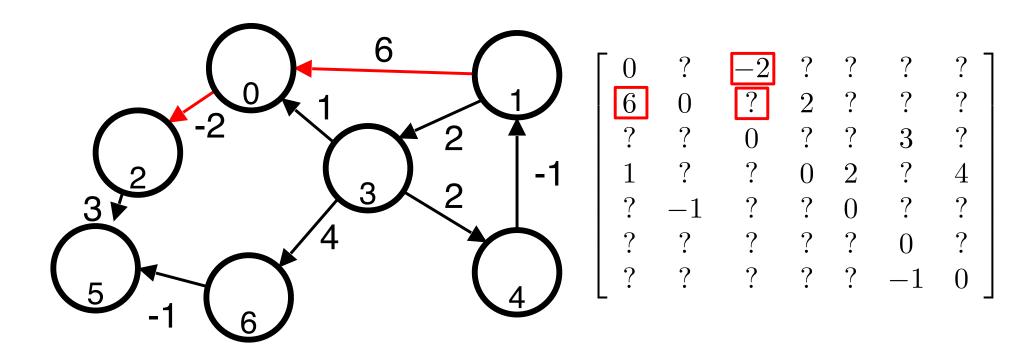
Run Bellman-Ford for each v: O(IVI2IEI)

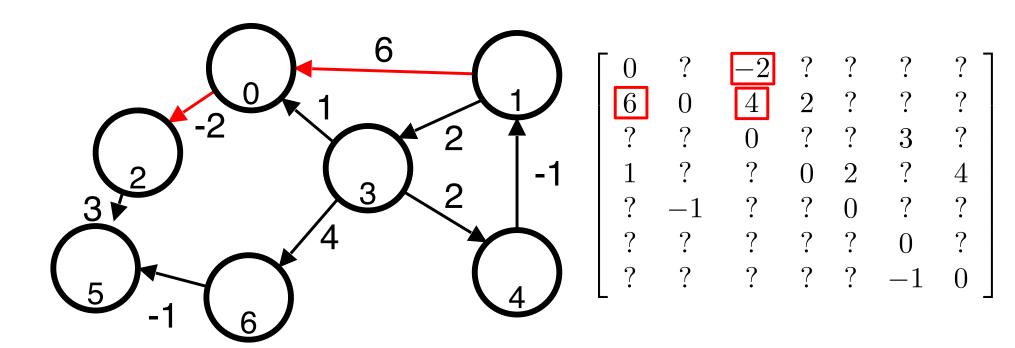


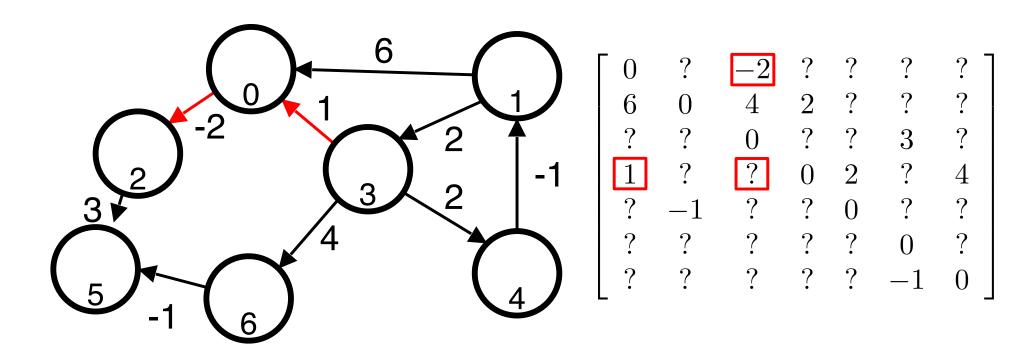
Vertex costs no longer useful; create distance matrix

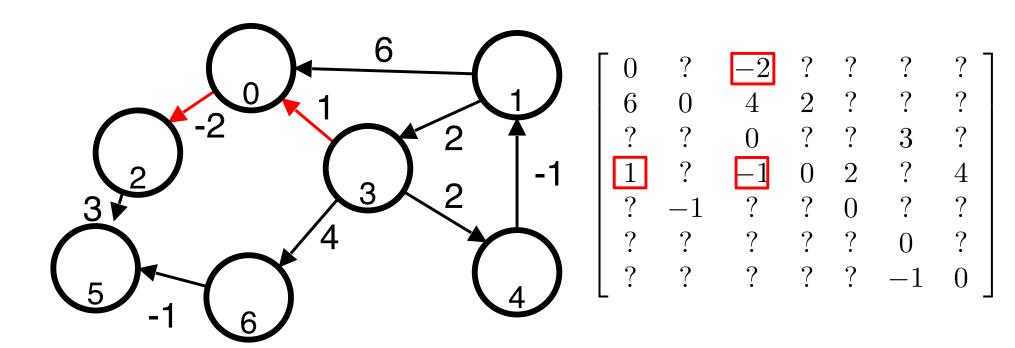


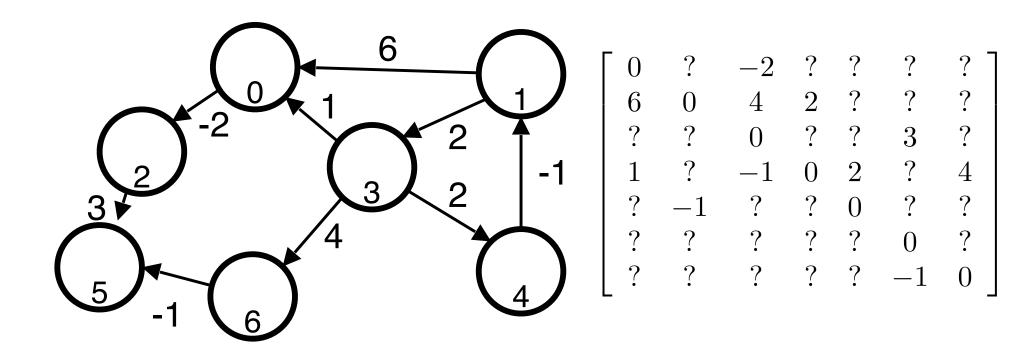


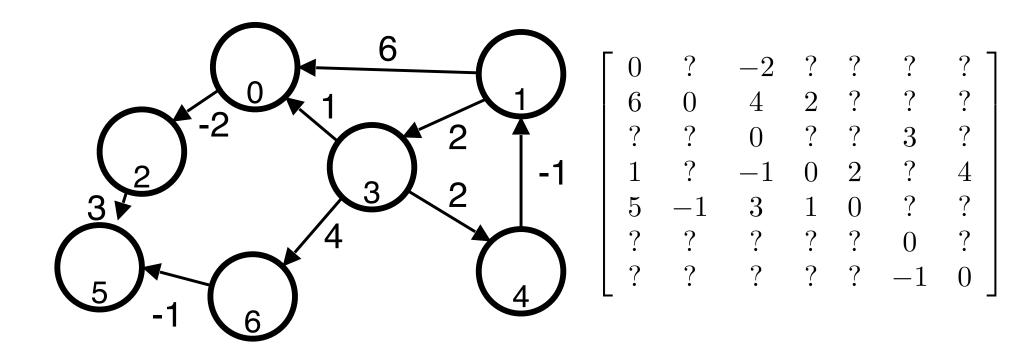












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Claim: if no negative cycles, will find all shortest paths

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How can we tell if there are negative cycles? Check for  $dist(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{v}) < 0$ 

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**Danger**: watch for overflow is using **MAXINT** to denote missing edges

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