CSCI 232: Data Structures and Algorithms

Shortest Path (Part 1)

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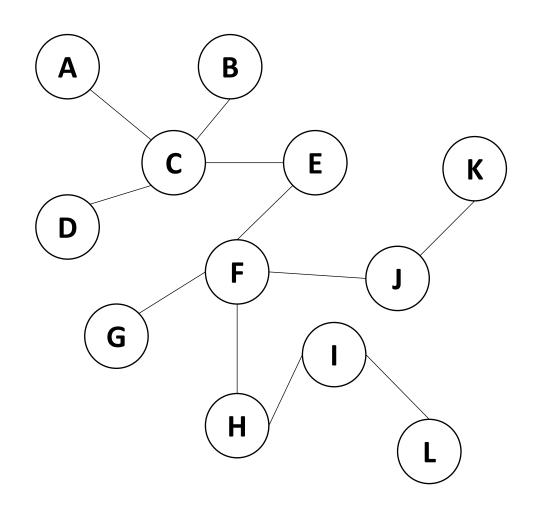
Announcements

Quiz 2 on Friday

- → Go to your lab section. Must be taken in Roberts 111
- → Same format as quiz 1

Program 3 posted. Due April 22nd

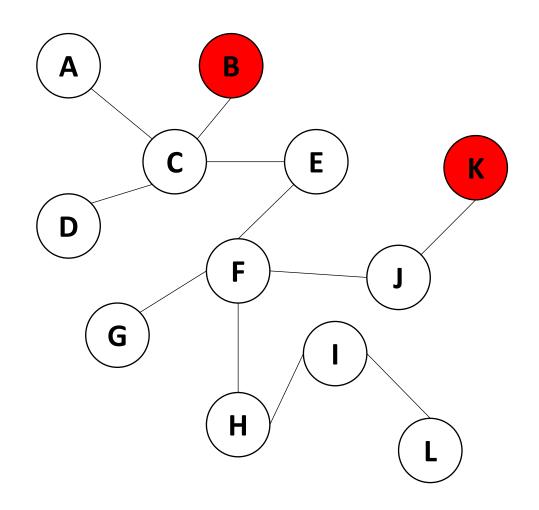
- → Longer and more challenging than past programs (worth more points)
- → Still very do-able (we have written a lot of the code in class)
- → Get started now



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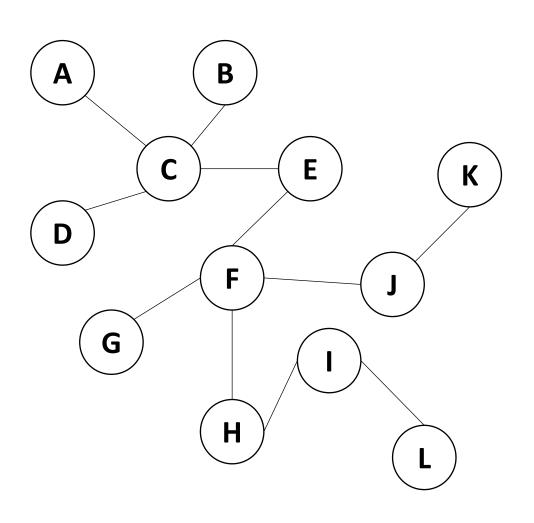
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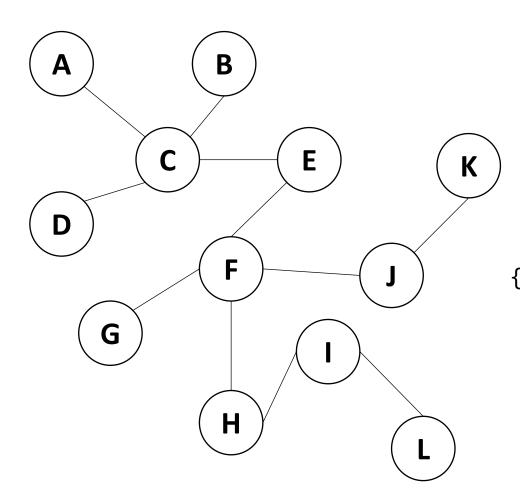
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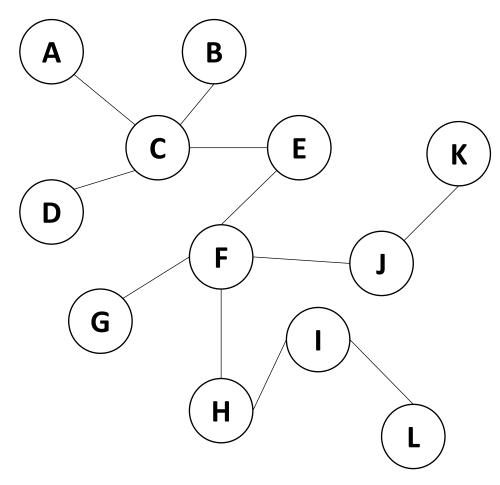
Longest Path ?



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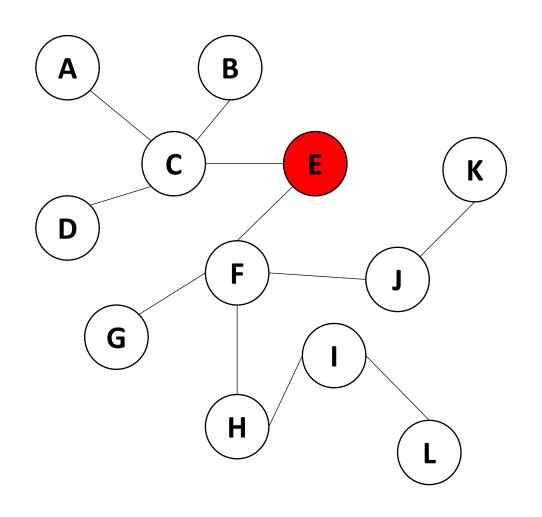
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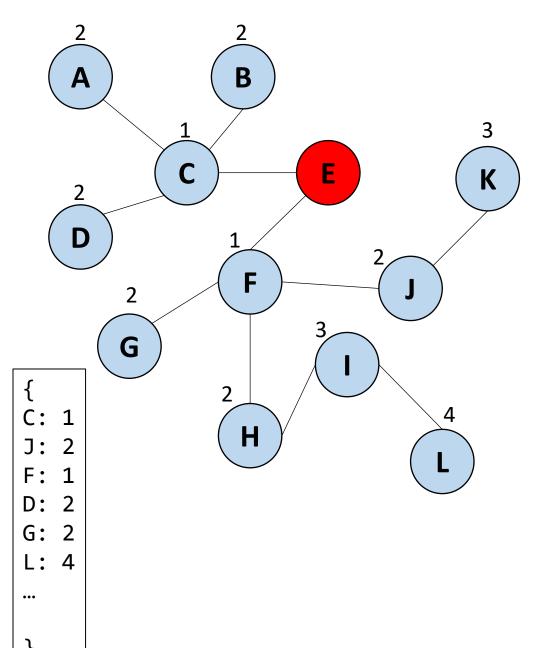
Just return the first key when iterating over it

    for(String key: adjList){
        return key;
    }
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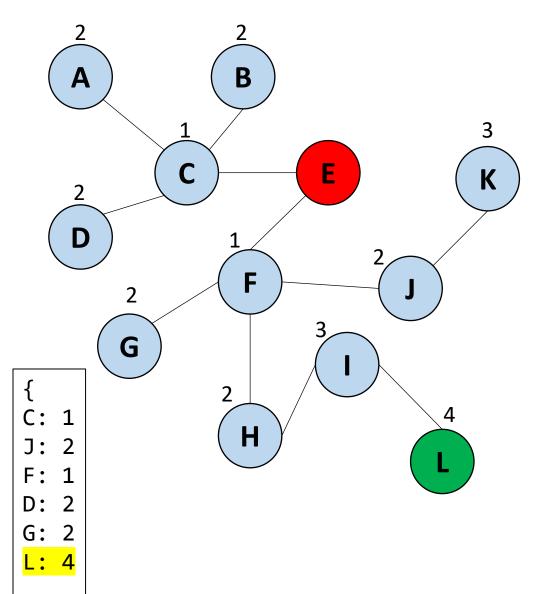
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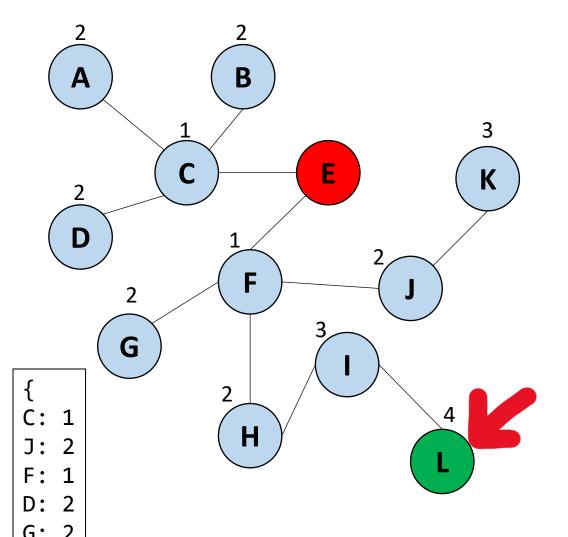
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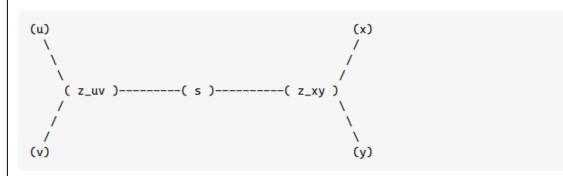
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Choose an arbitrary tree node s. Assume $u,v\in V(G)$ are nodes with d(u,v)=diam(G). Assume further that the algorithm finds a node x starting at s first, some node s starting at s next. wlog $d(s,u)\geq d(s,v)$. note that $d(s,x)\geq d(s,v)$ must hold, unless the algorithm's first stage wouldn't end up at s. We will see that s0.

The most general configuration of all nodes involved can be seen in the following pseudographics (possibly $s=z_{uv}$ or $s=z_{xy}$ or both):





these are all possible configurations. in particular, $x \notin path(s,u)$, $x \notin path(s,v)$ due to the result of stage 1 of the algorithm and $y \notin path(x,u)$, $y \notin path(x,v)$ due to stage 2.

we know that:

- 1. $d(z_{uv},y) \leq d(z_{uv},v)$ otherwise d(u,v) < diam(G) contradicting the assumption.
- 2. $d(z_{uv},x) \leq d(z_{uv},u)$. otherwise d(u,v) < diam(G) contradicting the assumption.
- 3. $d(s,z_{xy})+d(z_{xy},x)\geq d(s,z_{uv})+d(z_{uv},u)$, otherwise stage 1 of the algorithm wouldn't have stopped at x.
- 4. $d(z_{xy},y) \ge d(v,z_{uv}) + d(z_{uv},z_{xy})$, otherwise stage 2 of the algorithm wouldn't have stopped at y.
- 1) and 2) imply

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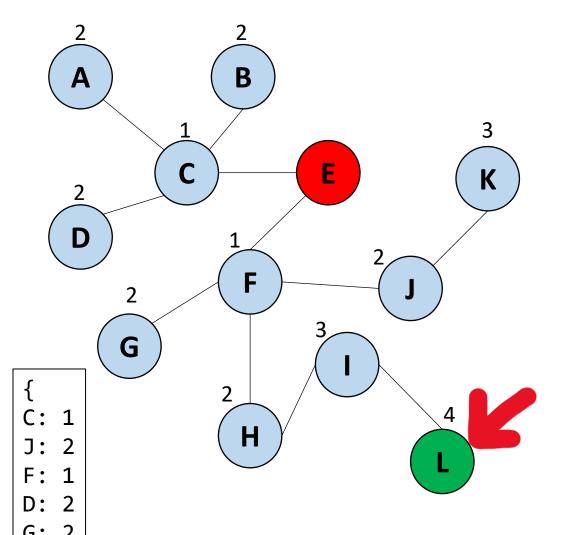
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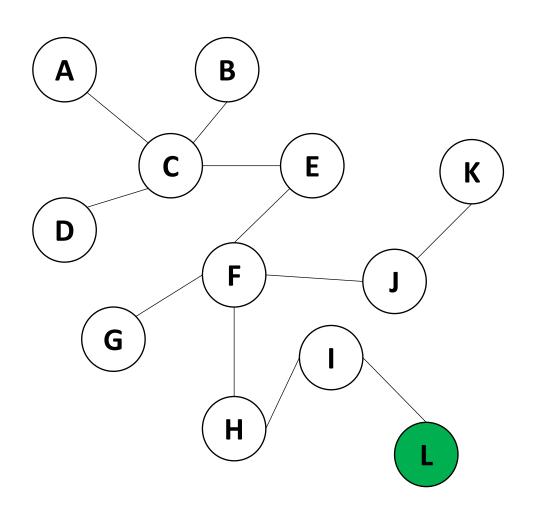


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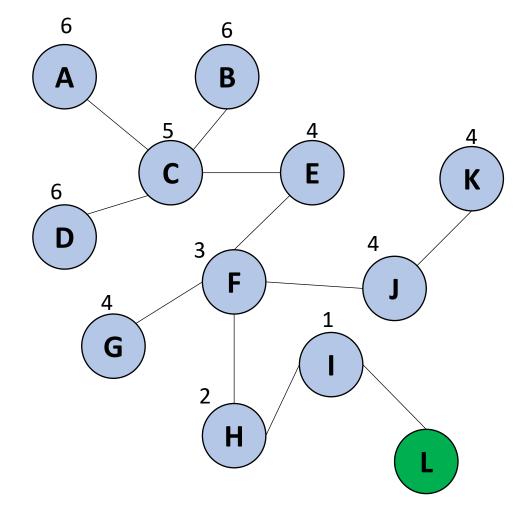
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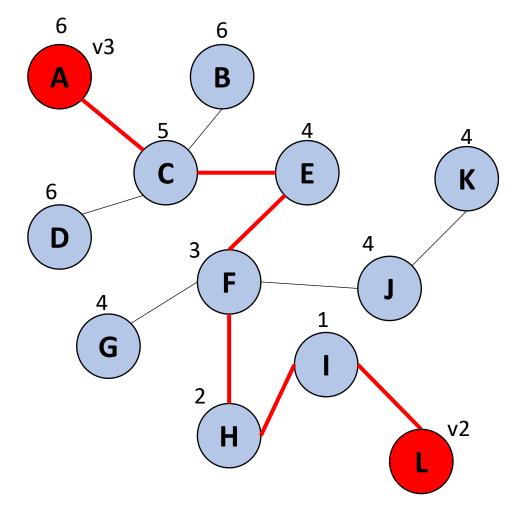
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"Double pass BFS"

Will only work on an acyclic graph

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Select the vertex with the longest distance, **v3**

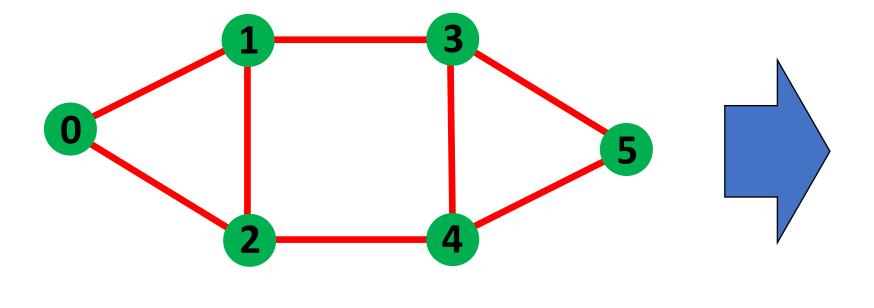
(We have a tie for longest path, so just select one of them)

Breadth First will visit every node, and will always find the farthest away node from some starting point

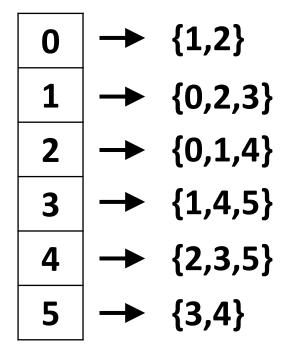
[V2, V3] is the longest path

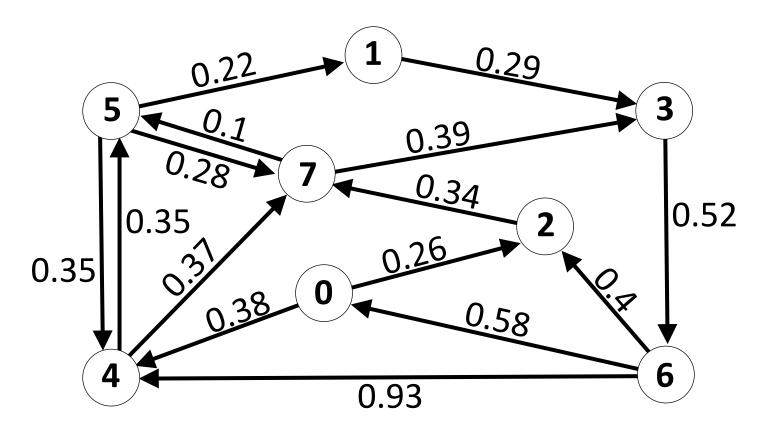
Graphs

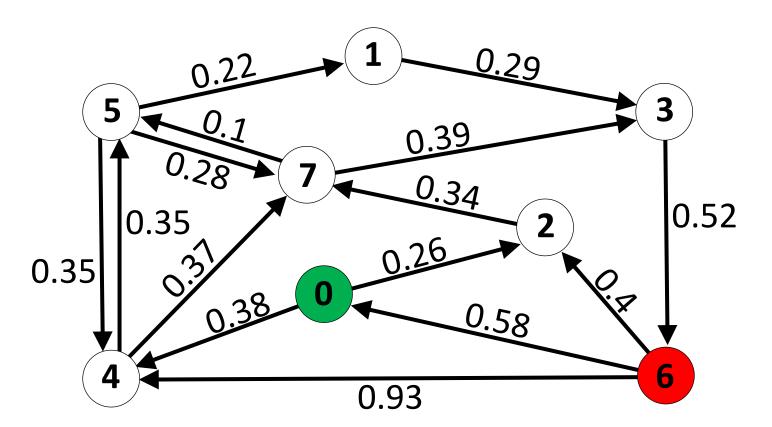
$$G = (V, E)$$



Adjacency List

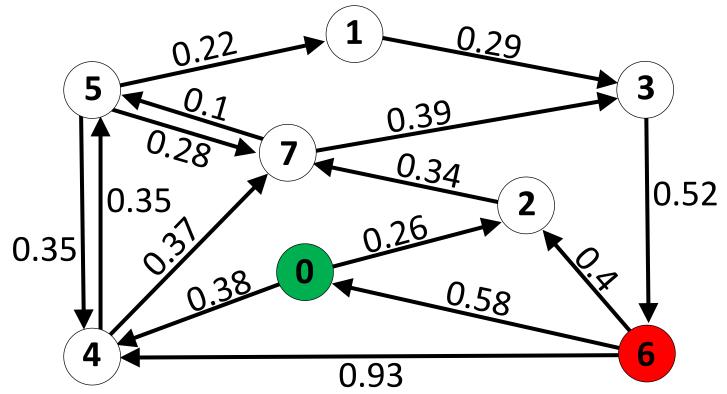






Path with the smallest sum of edge weights.

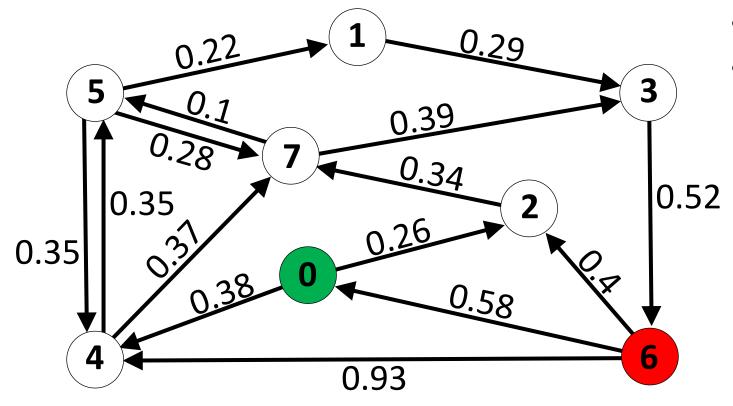
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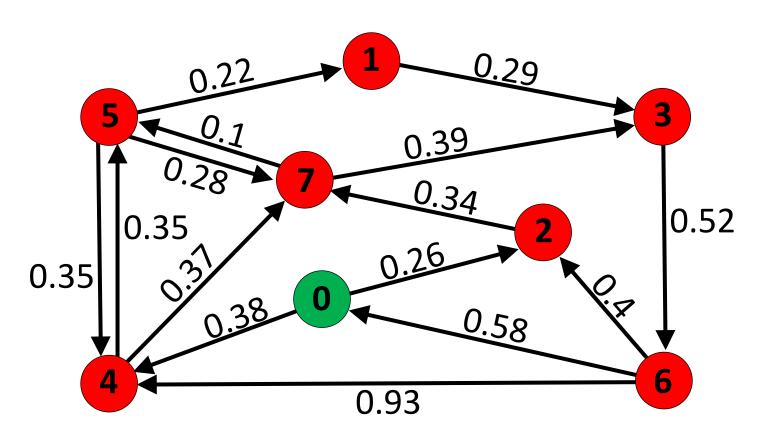


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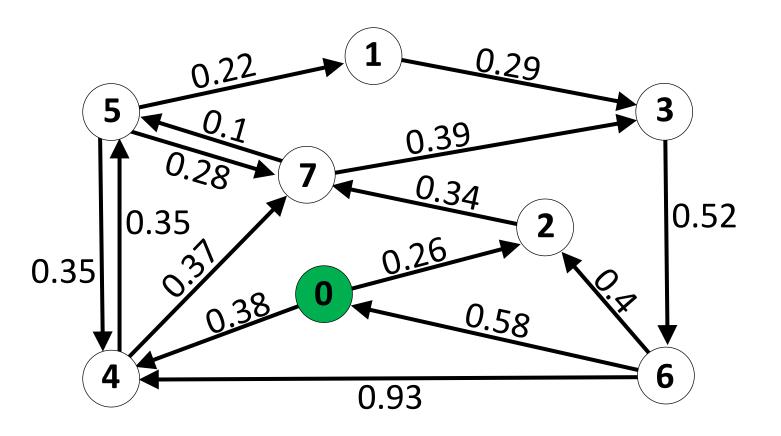
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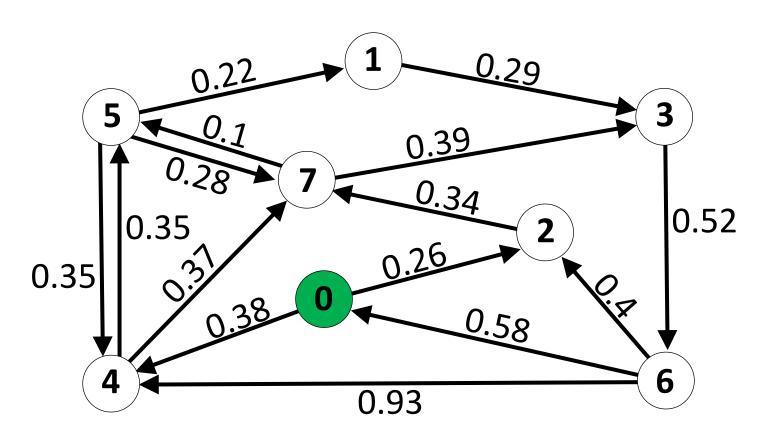


We are going to find the shortest path between vertex 0 and every other vertex, flooding out from 0.

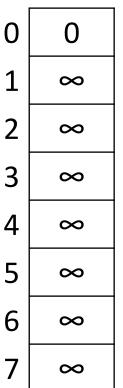


Distance from 0

0	?
1	?
2	?
3	?
4	?
5	?
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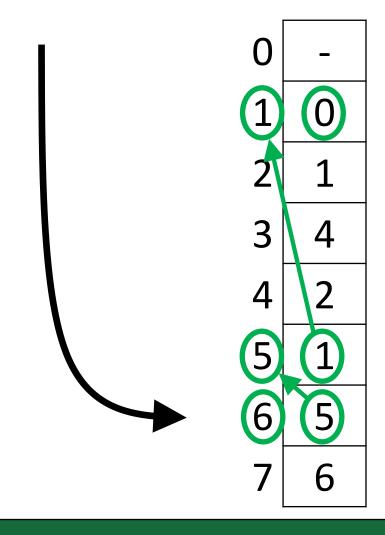
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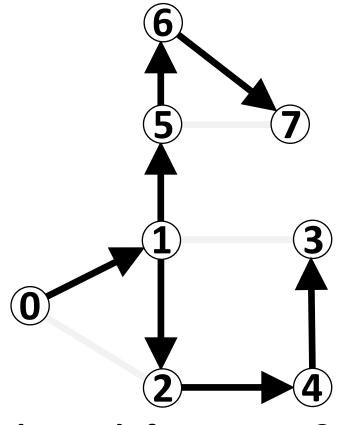


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Graphs - Paths

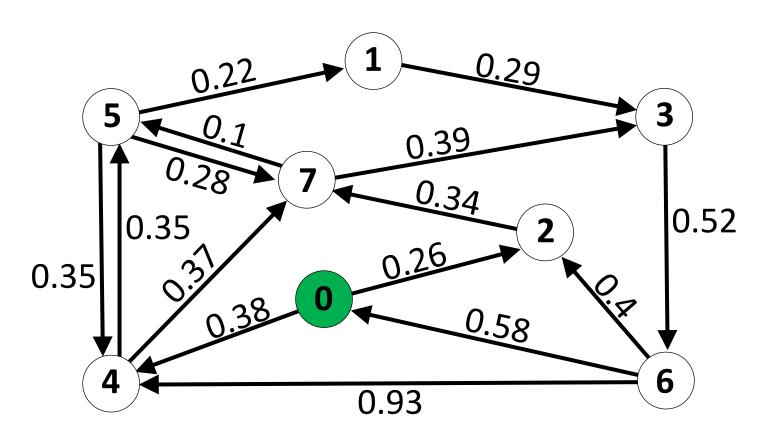
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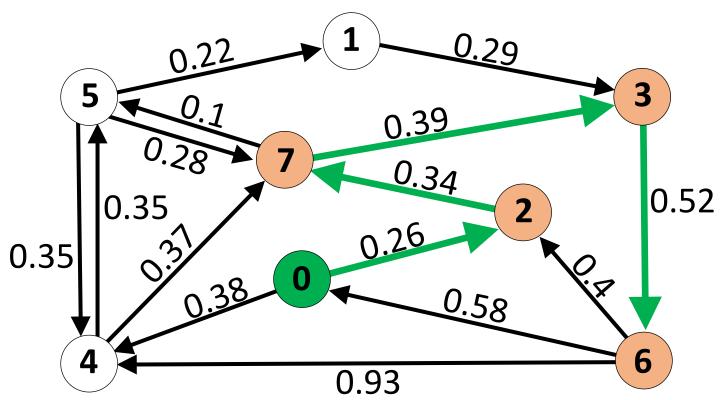
How do we determine the path from 0 to 6?

Start at vertex 6. Find its previous vertex. Find its previous vertex... until we get back to the start (0).



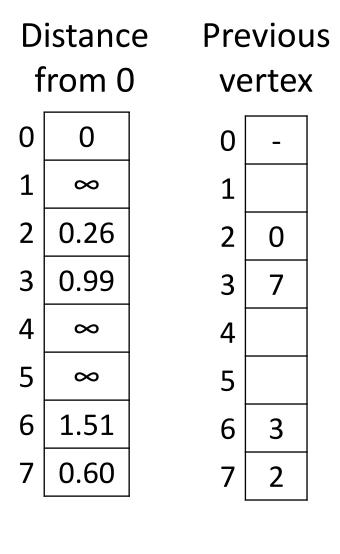
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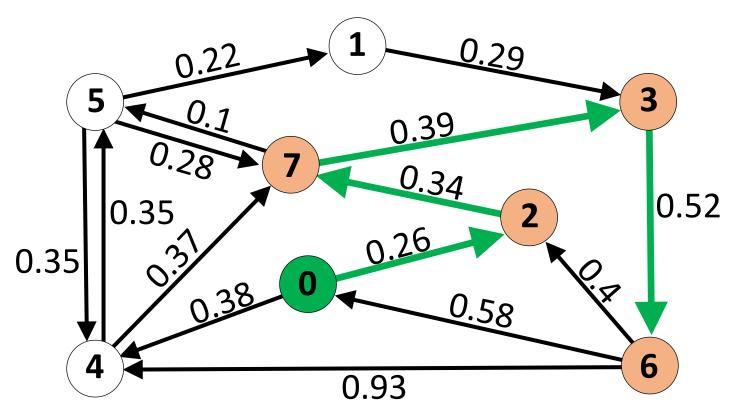
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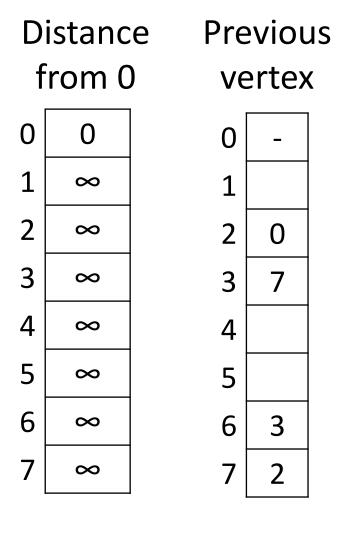


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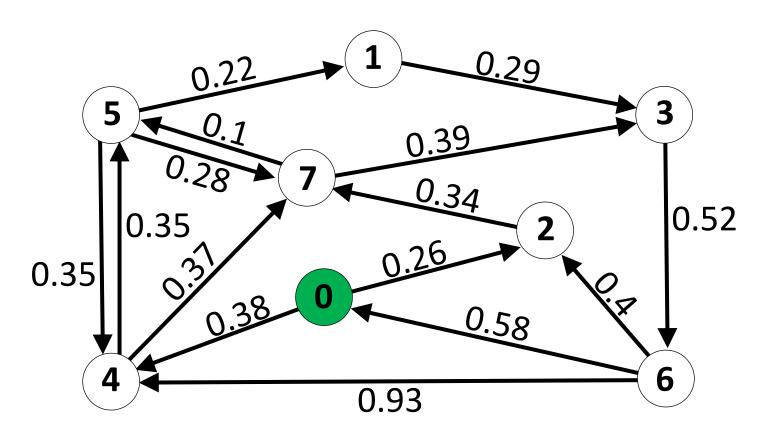
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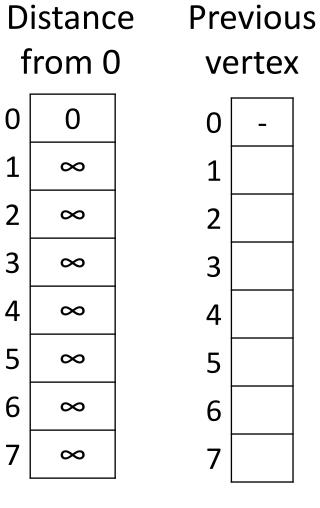


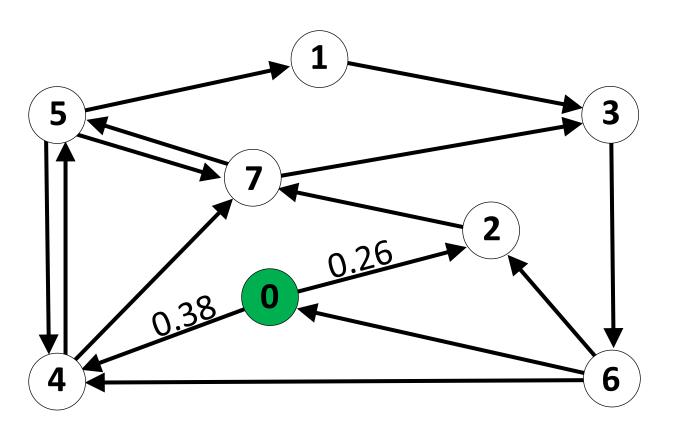


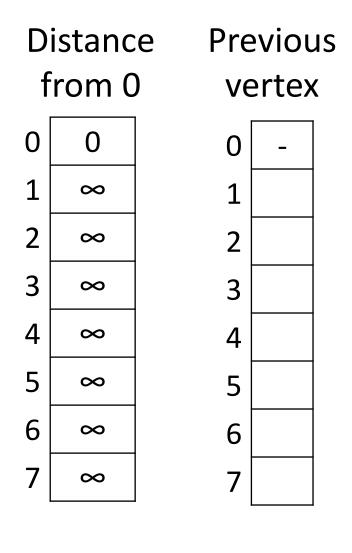


If this is the shortest path from 0 to 6, what can we say about the shortest path from 0 to 3?

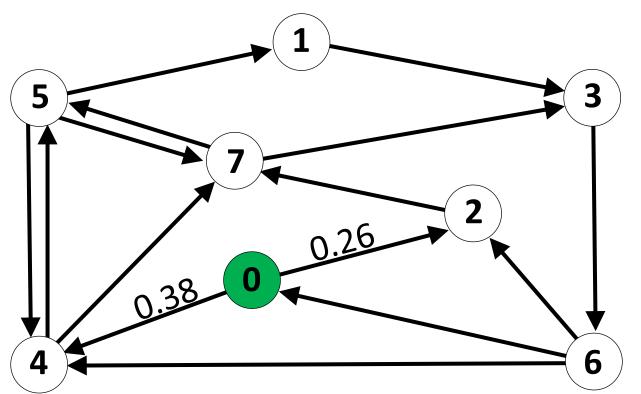


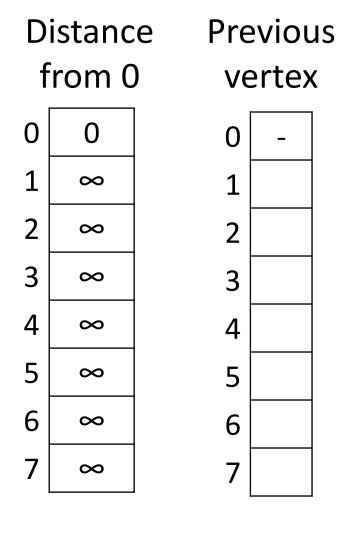




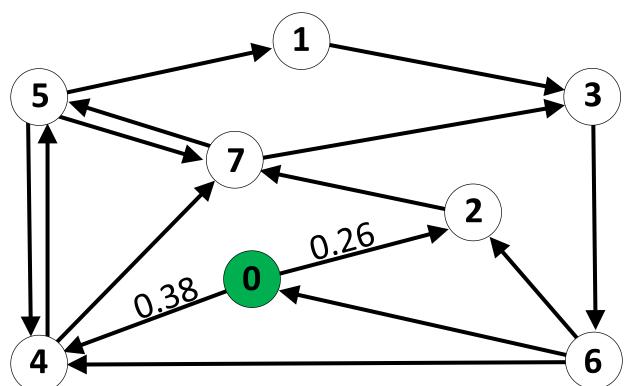


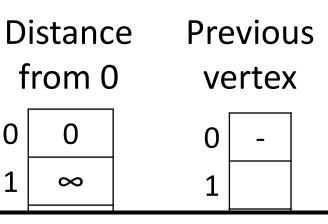
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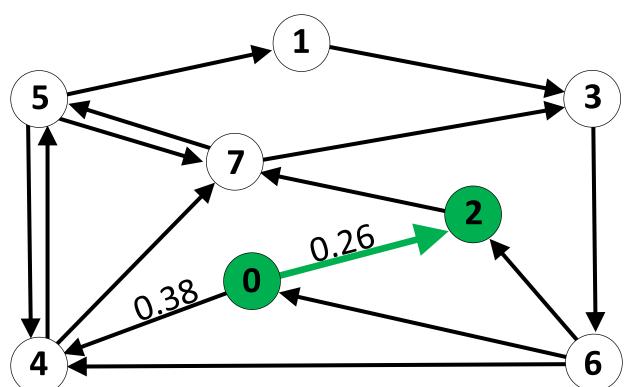


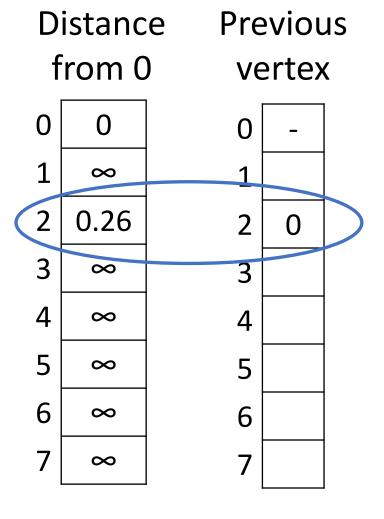


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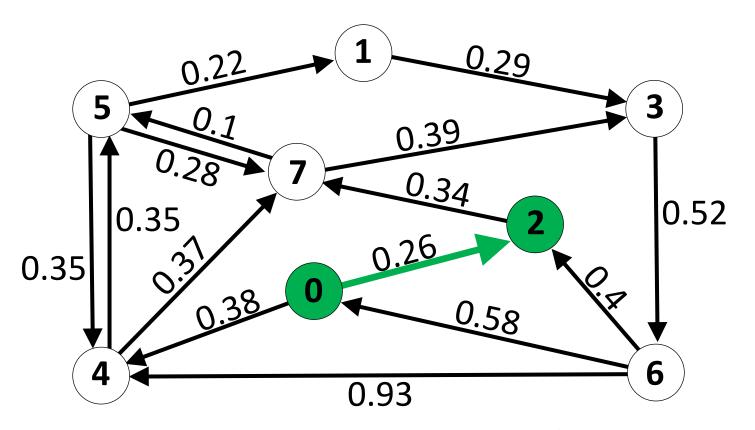
I.e., Could there be a shorter path from 0 to 4 other than the edge from 0 to 4?

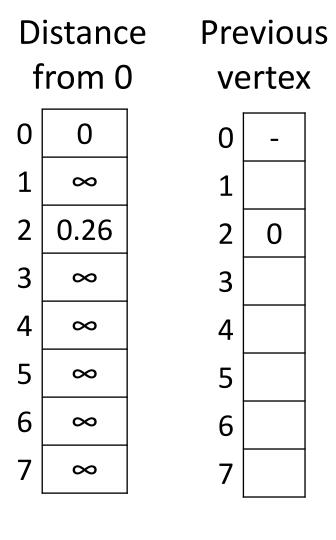
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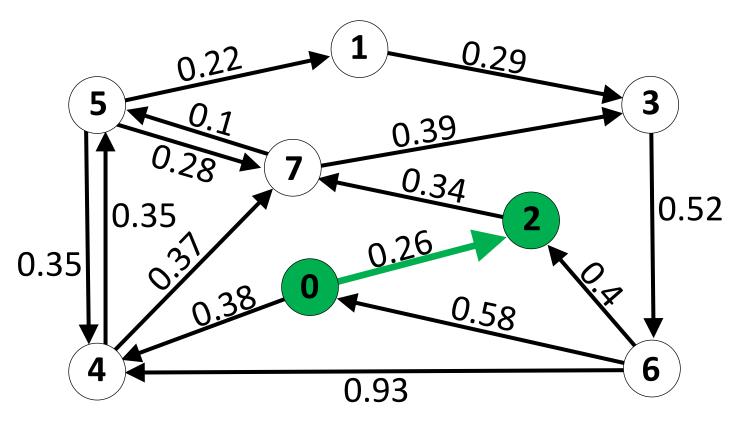


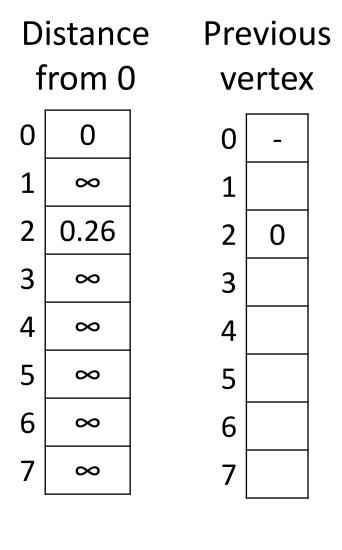
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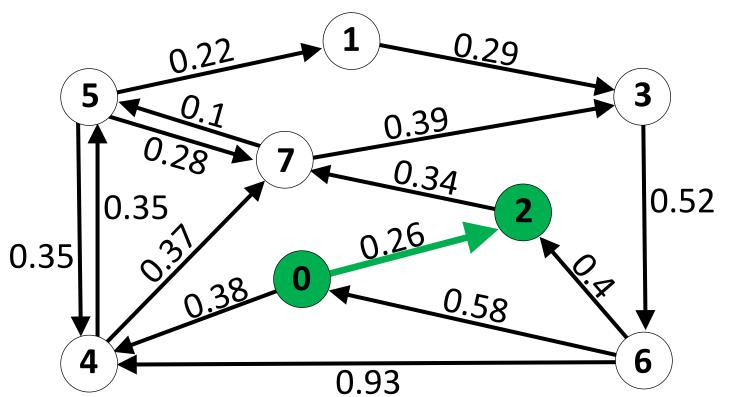


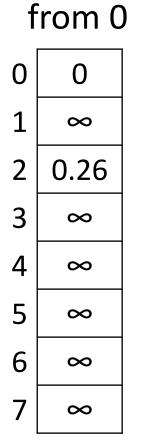
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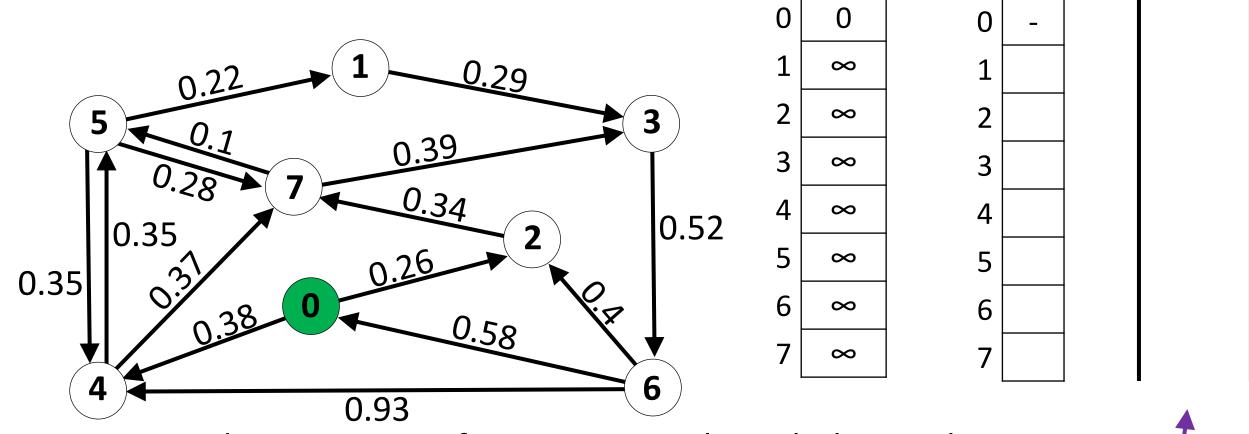
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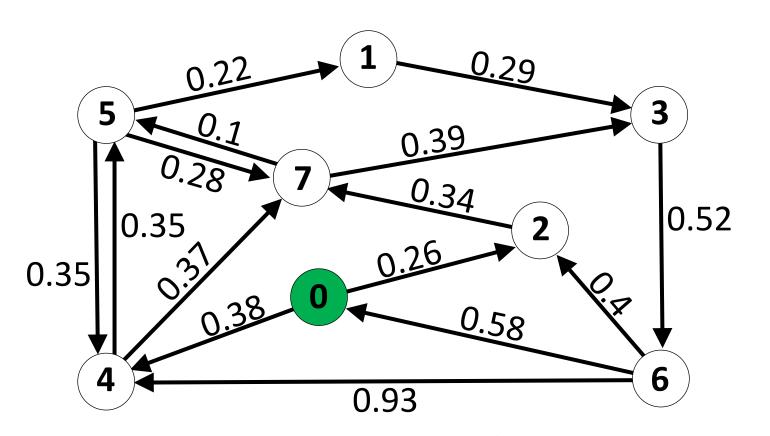
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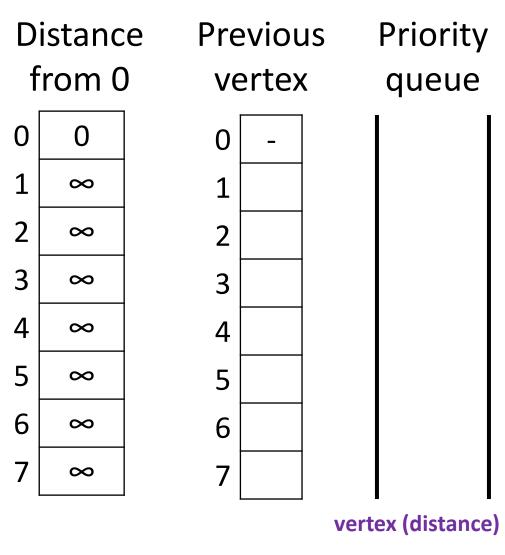
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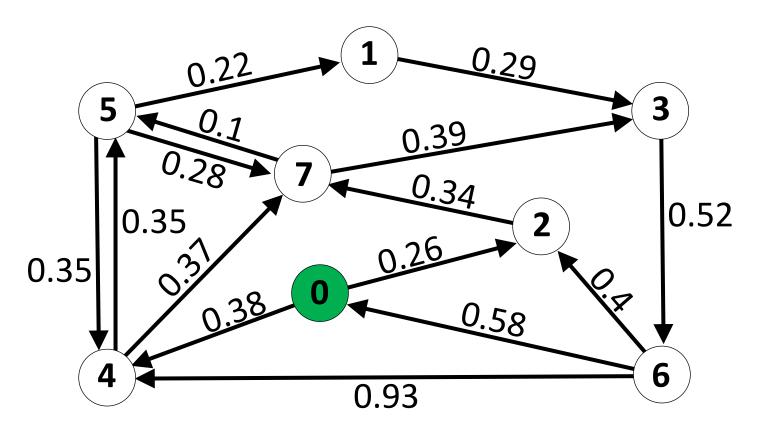
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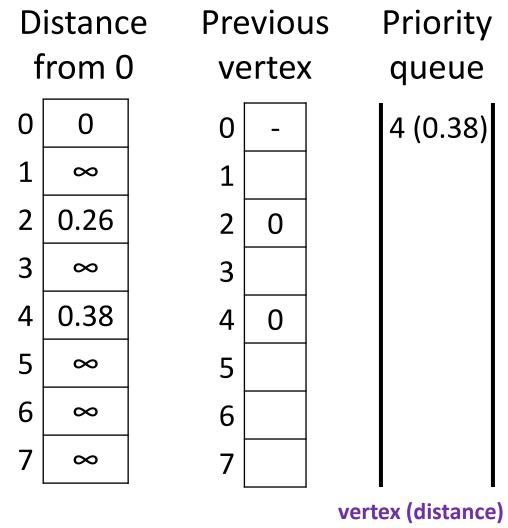
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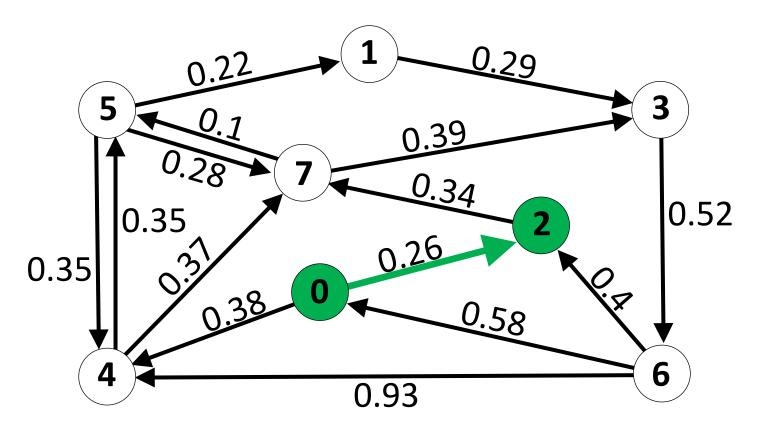
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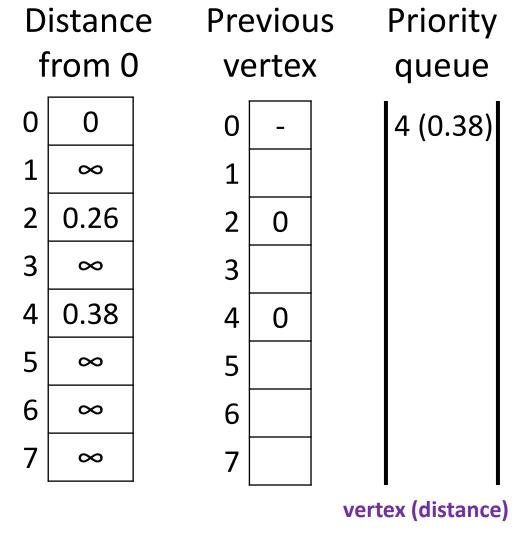
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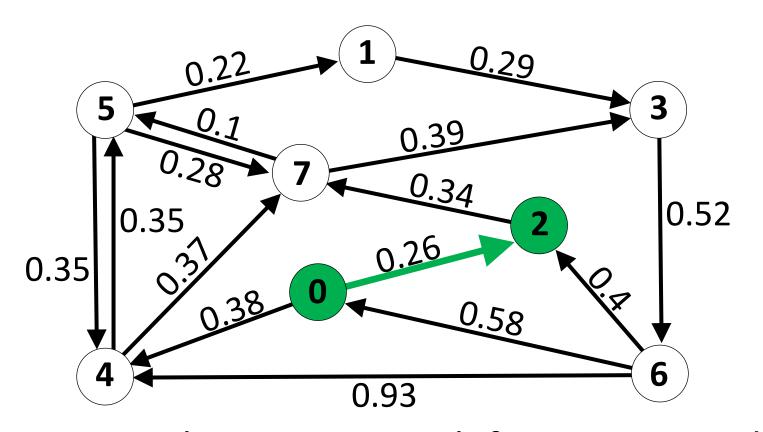
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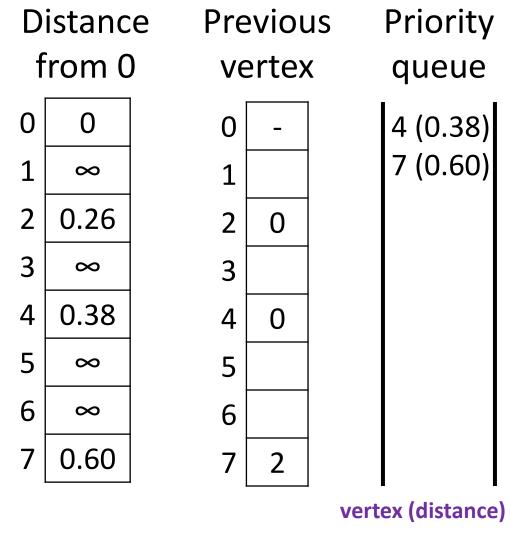


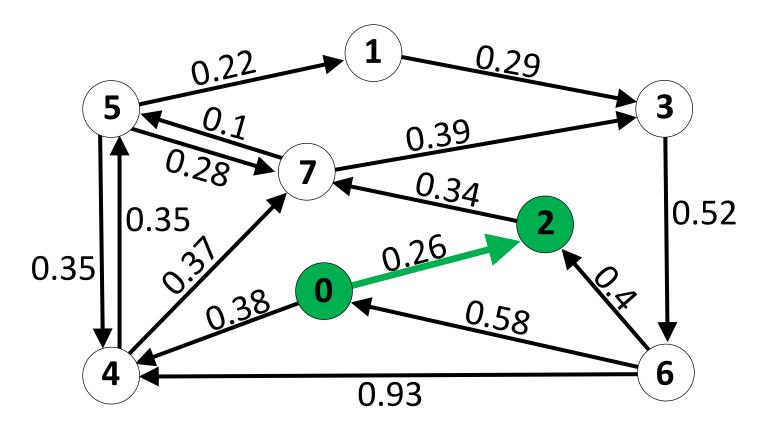




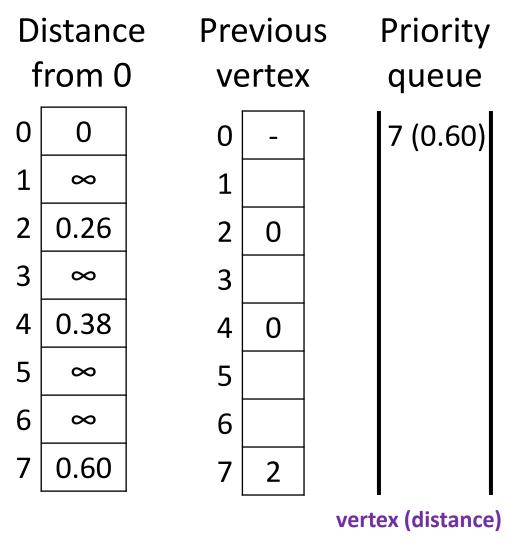


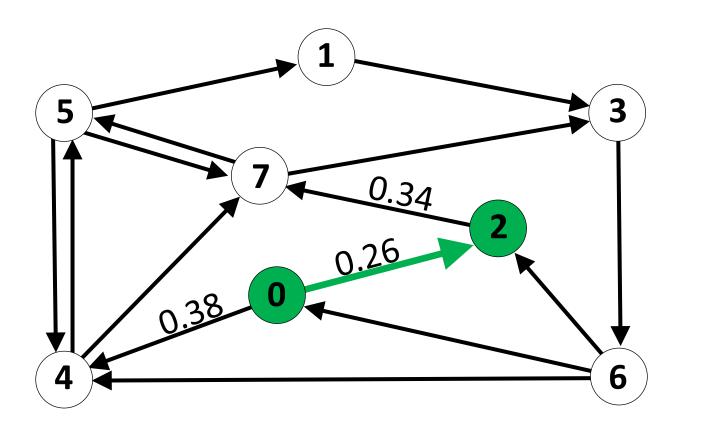


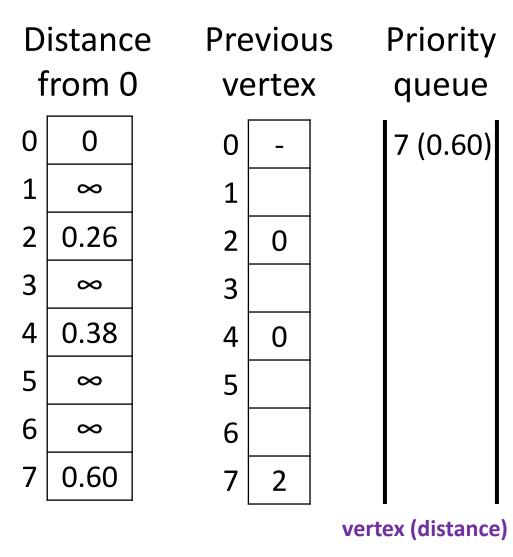




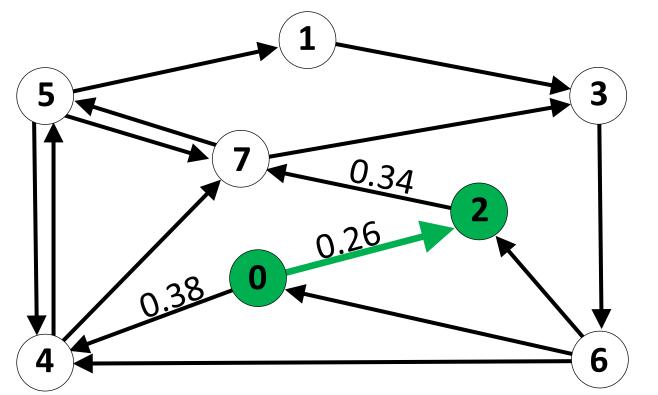
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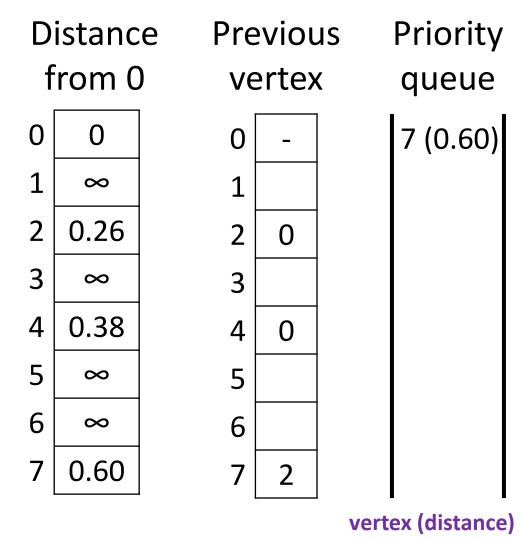




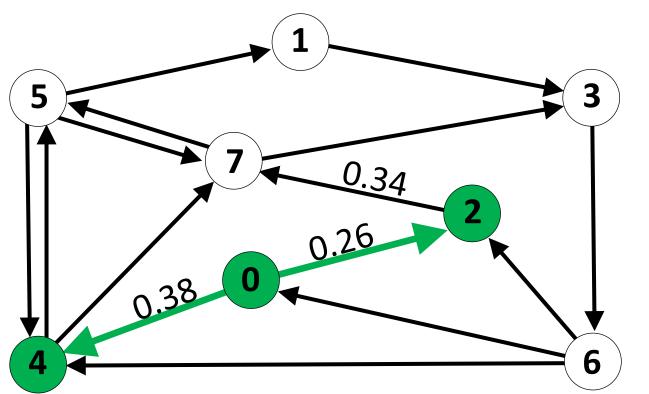


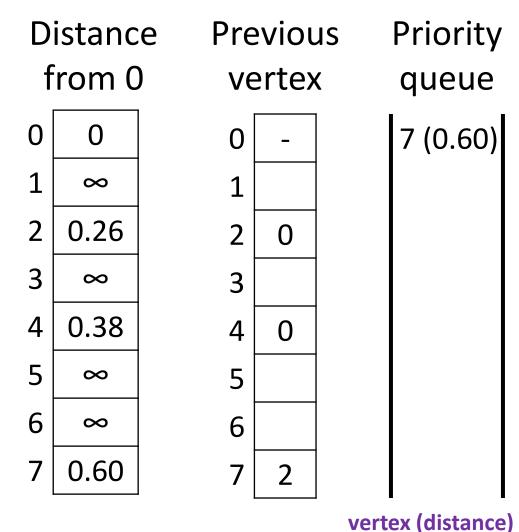
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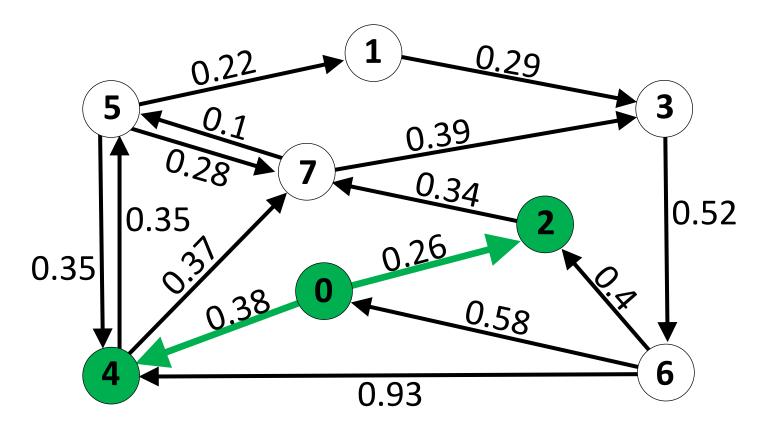


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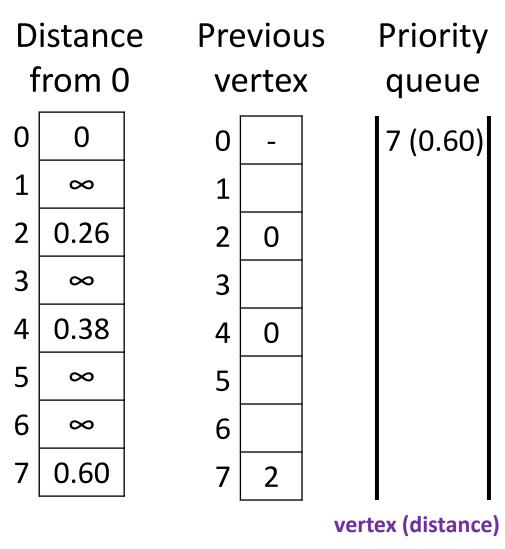


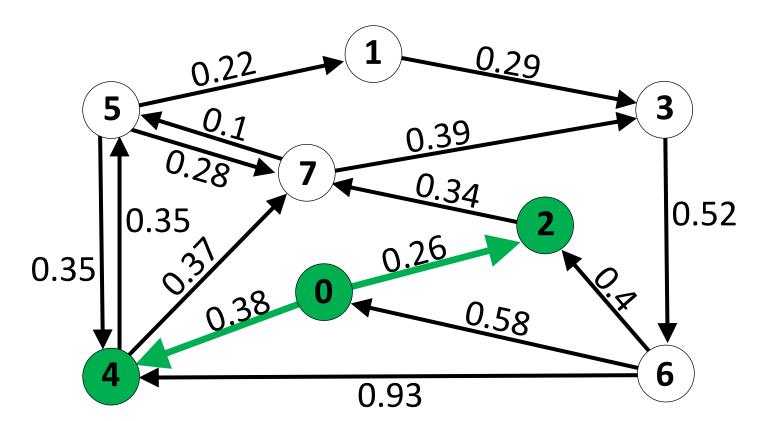


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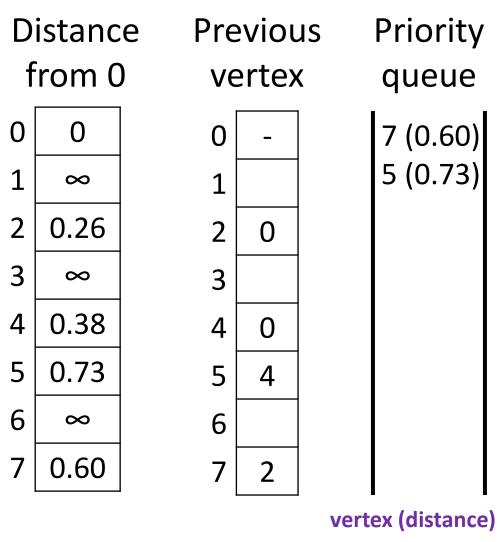


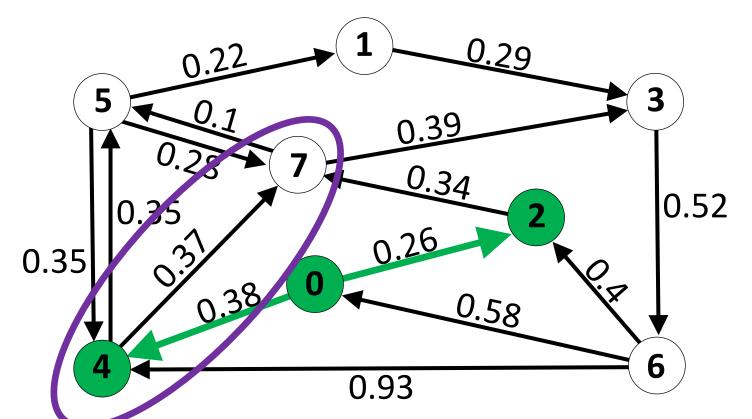
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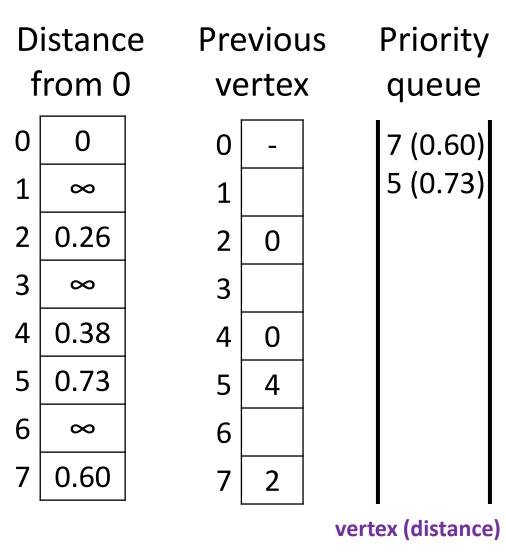
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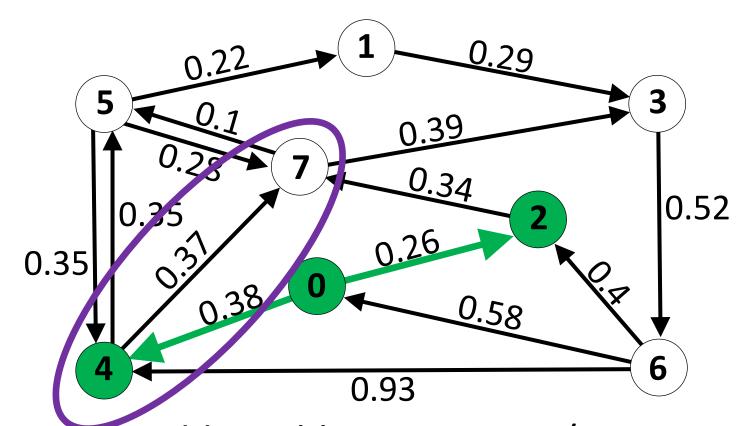


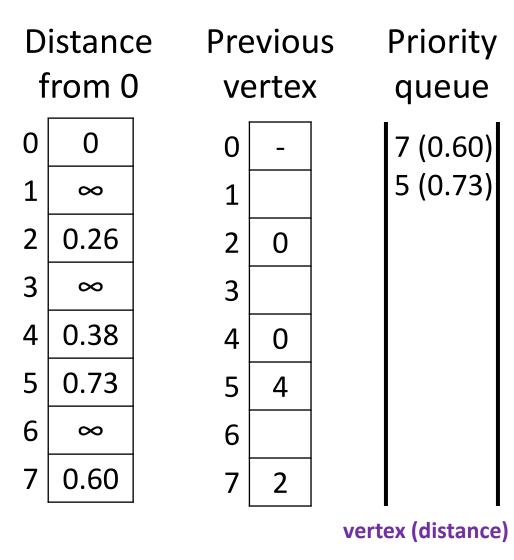


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We have another route to 7!

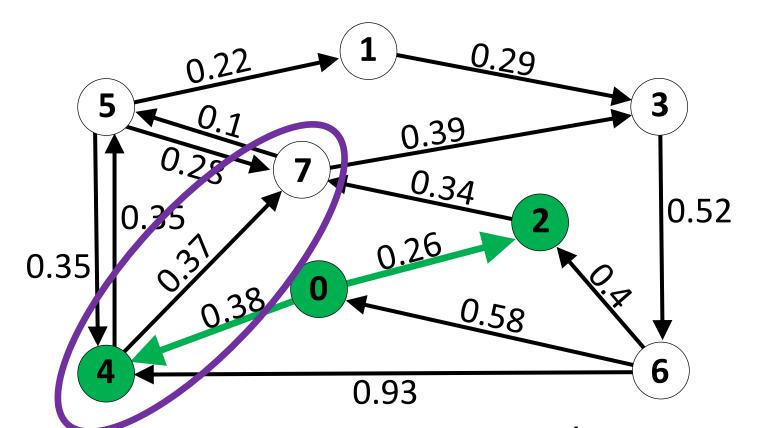


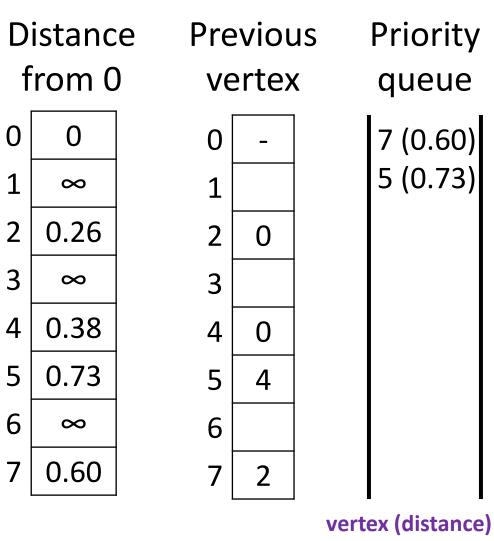




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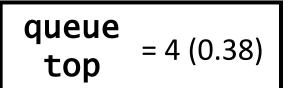
We have another route to 7! Check to see if it is shorter!

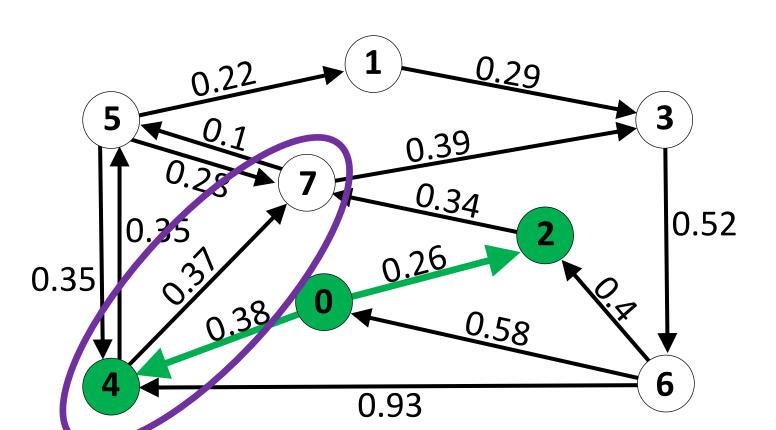


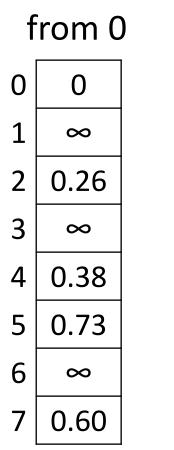


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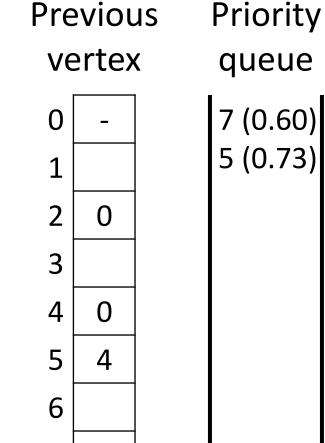
We have another route to 7! Check to see if it is shorter! It's not (0.38 + 0.37 = 0.75 > 0.60).







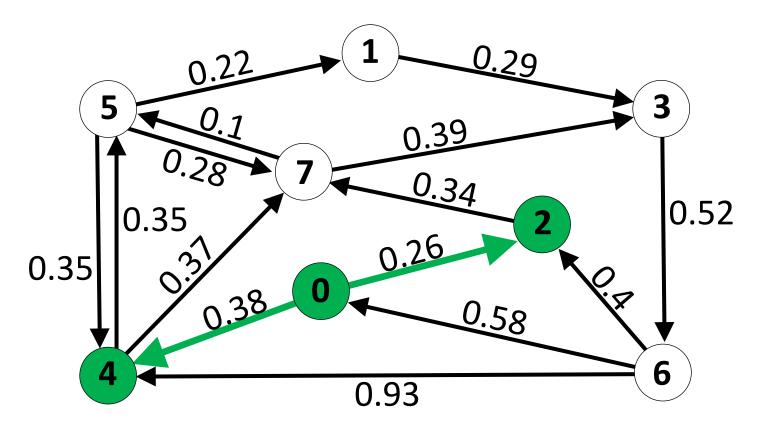
Distance



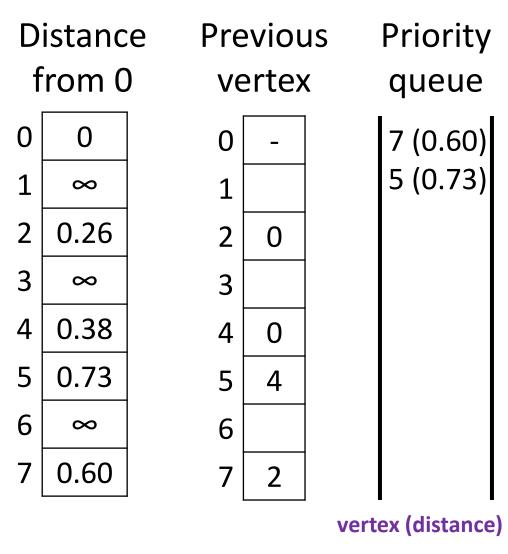
vertex (distance)

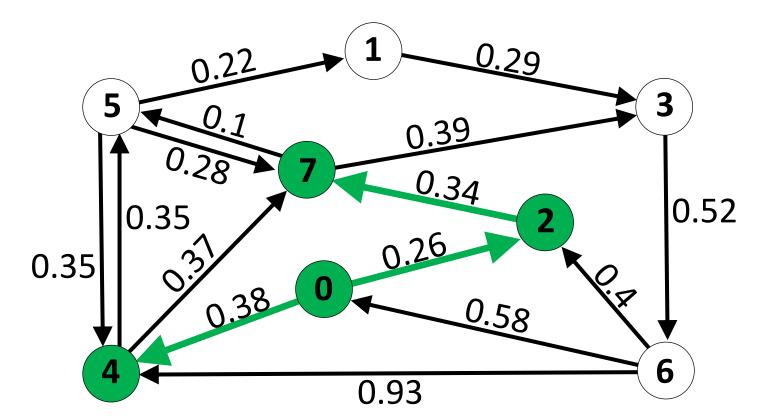
Rule: When processing vertex V, only add/modify queue for neighbor U if and only if:

distance[v] + weight(v, u) < distance[u]</pre>

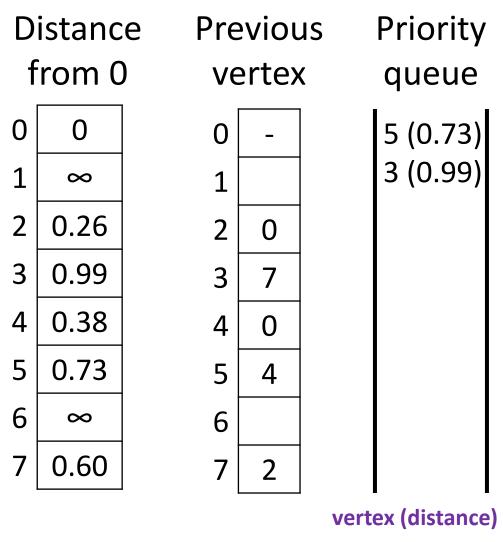


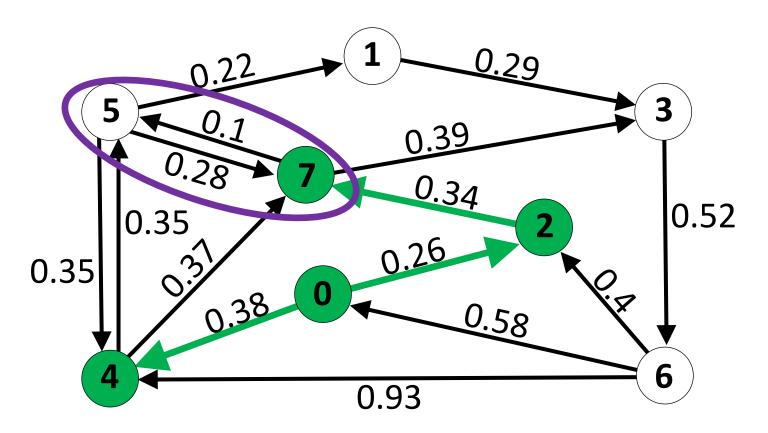
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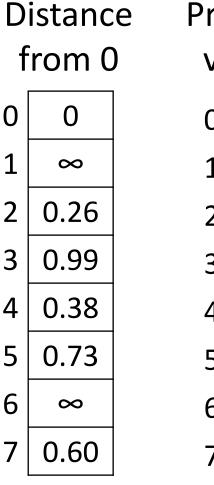


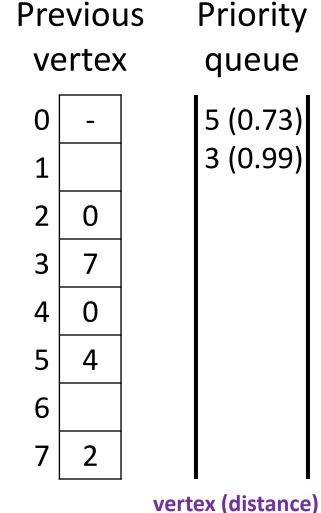


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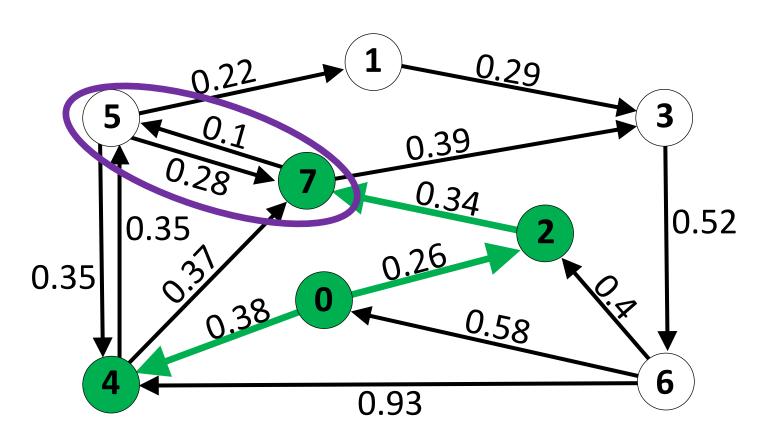


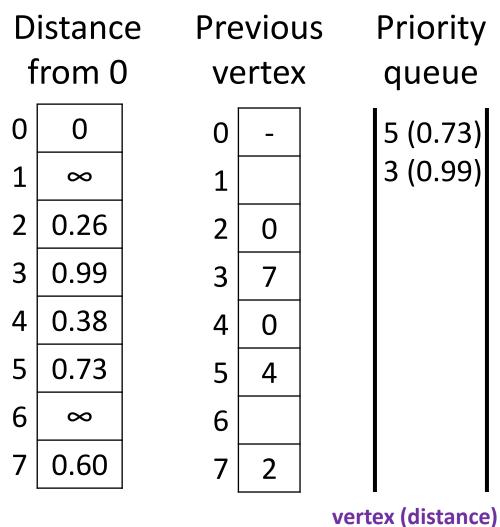




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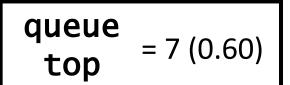
We have another route to 5, and at cost 0.7 < 0.73.

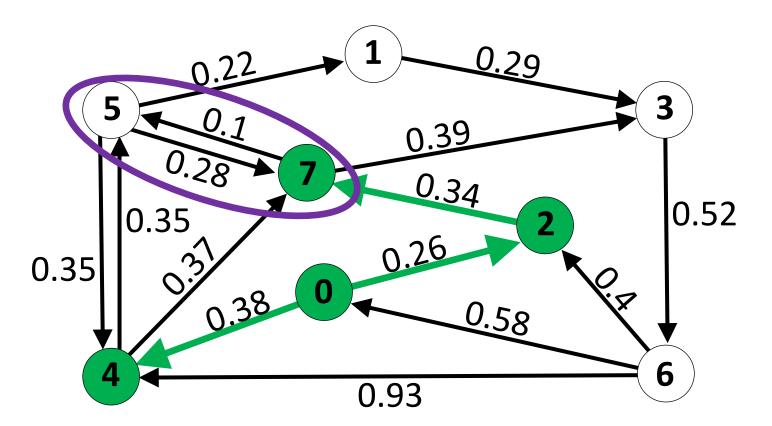


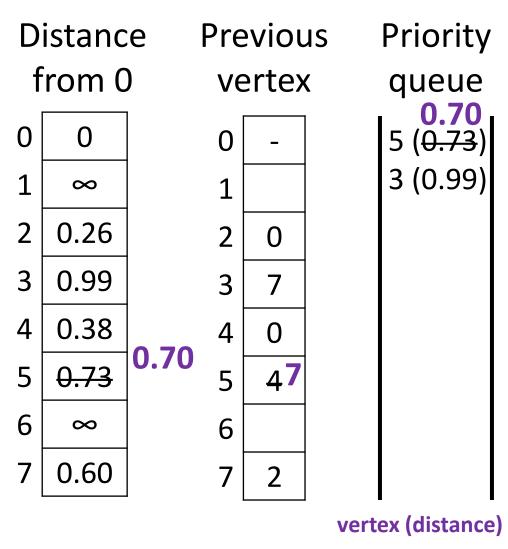


Repeat. We have another route to 5, and at cost 0.7 < 0.73. i.e., distance[v] + weight(v, u) < distance[u]

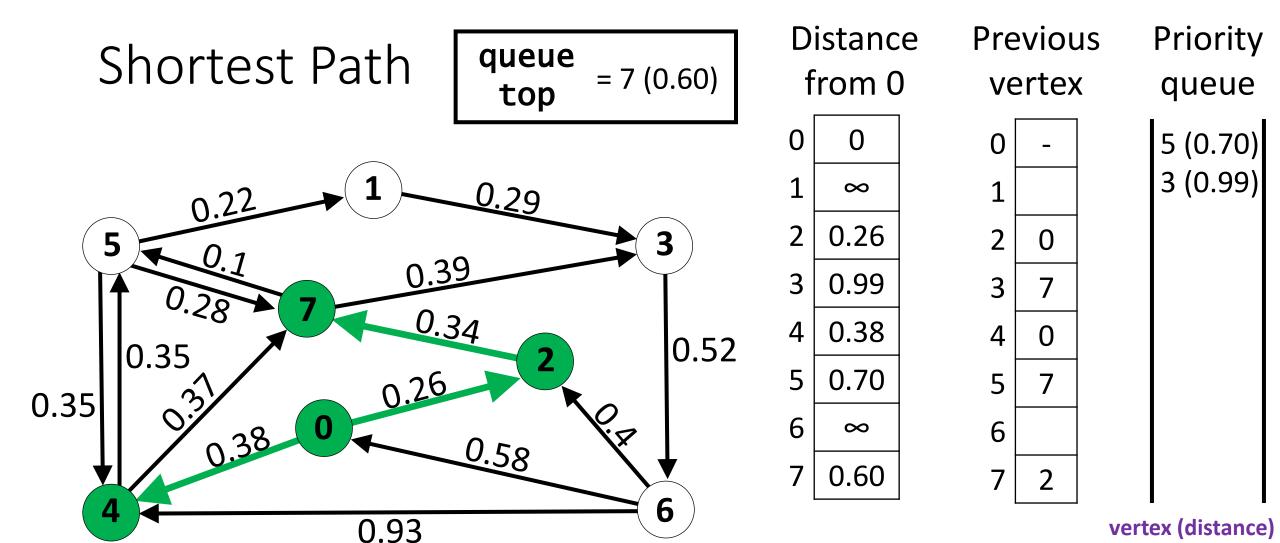




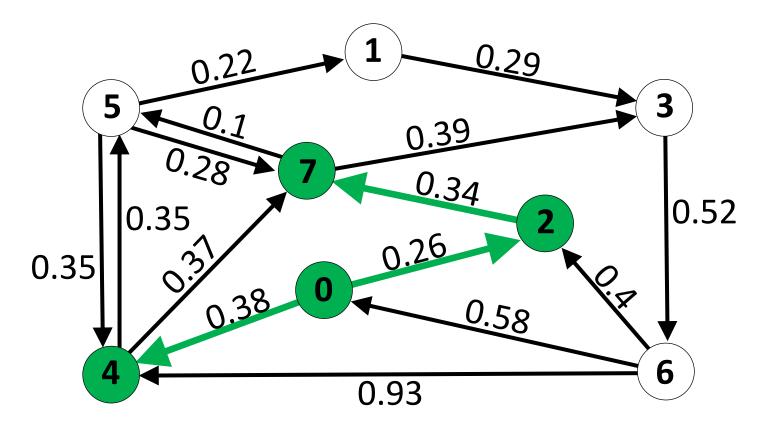




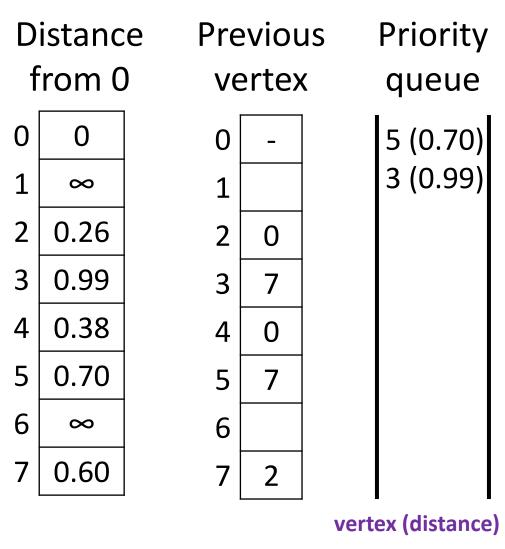
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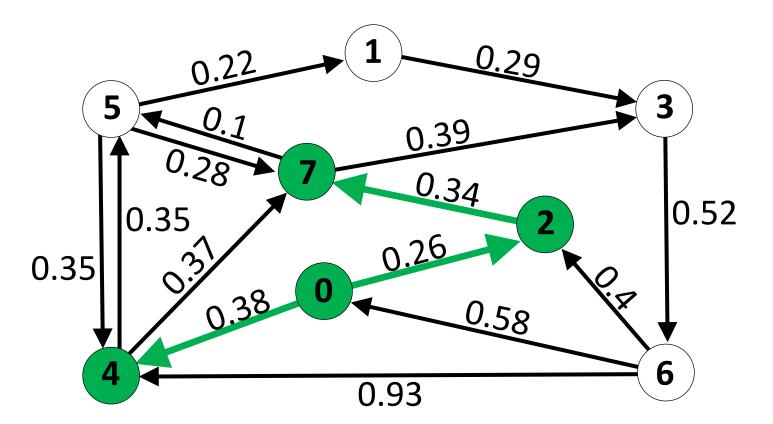


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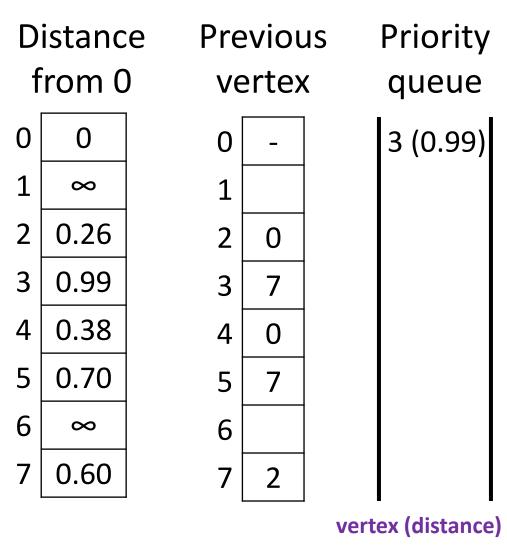


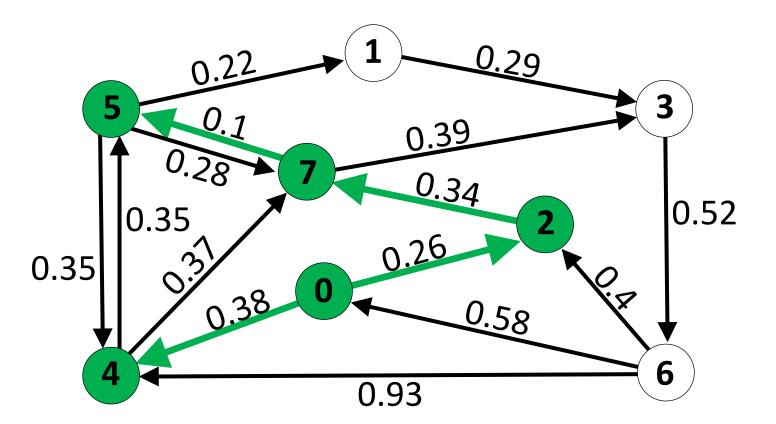
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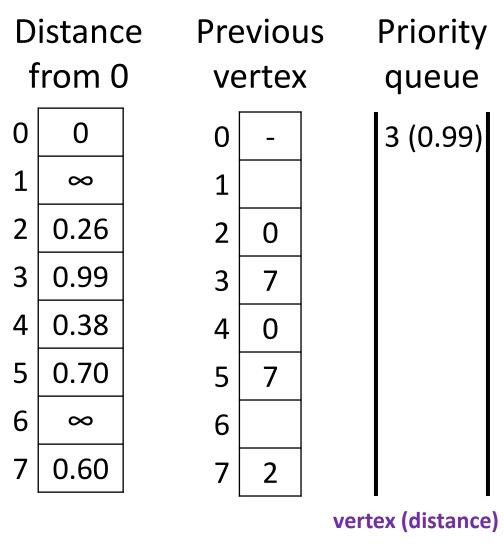


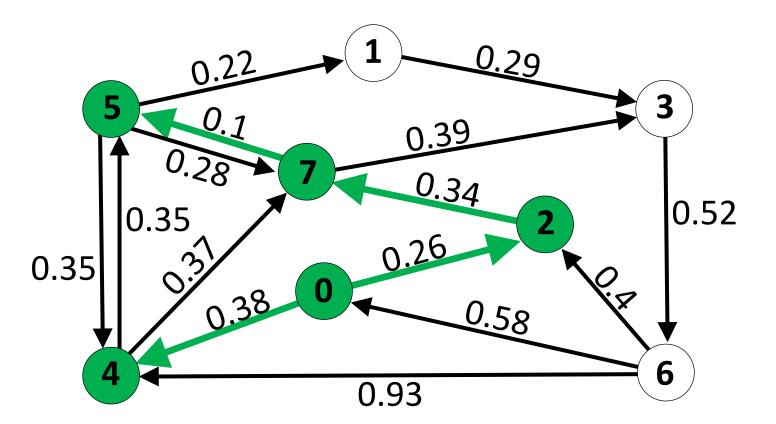
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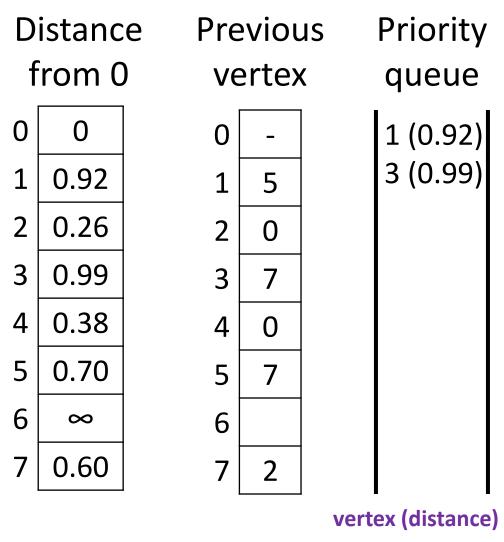


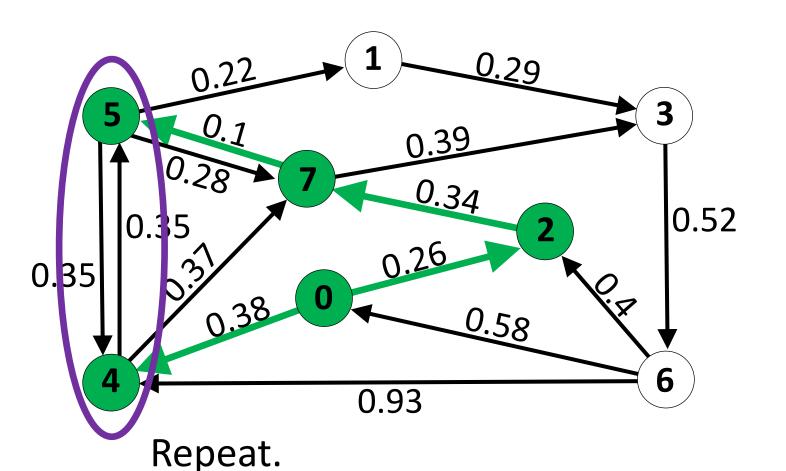
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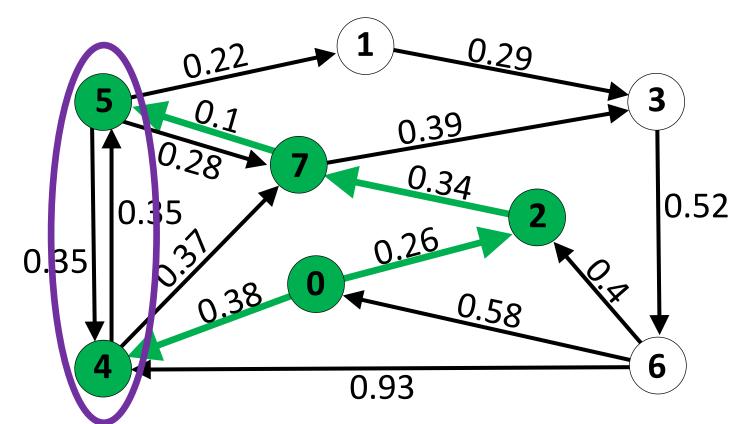
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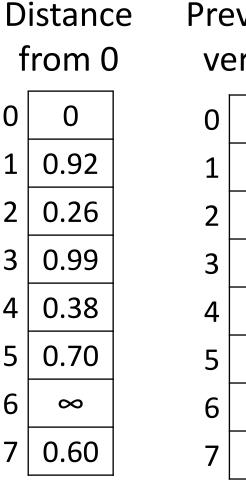


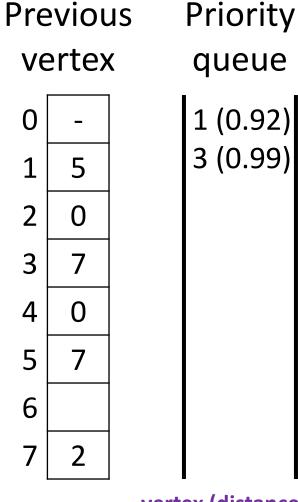


Distance Previous **Priority** from 0 vertex queue 1 (0.92) 0 0 0 3 (0.99) 0.92 0.26 2 0.99 3 0.38 4 4 5 0.70 5 6 ∞ 6 0.60 vertex (distance)

What about neighbor 4?



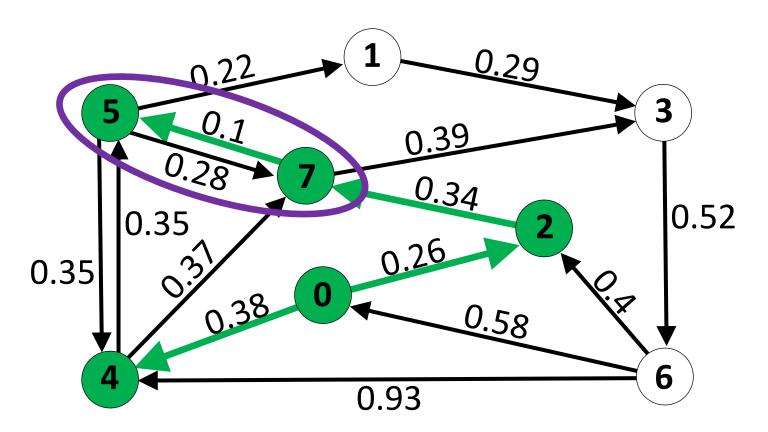


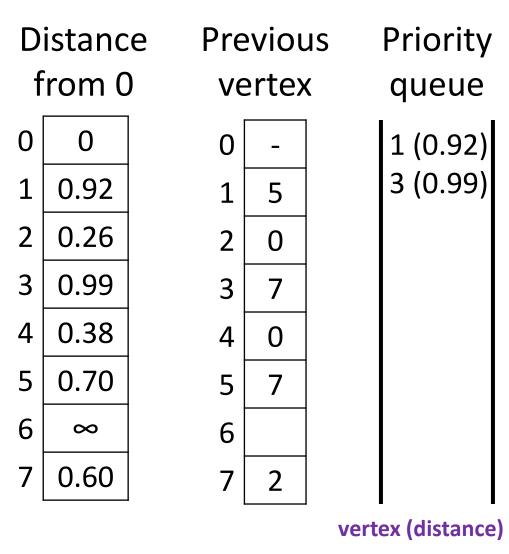


vertex (distance)

Repeat.

What about neighbor 4?distance[5] + weight(5, 4) = 0.70 + 0.35 = 1.05 ⊄ 0.38 = distance[4]

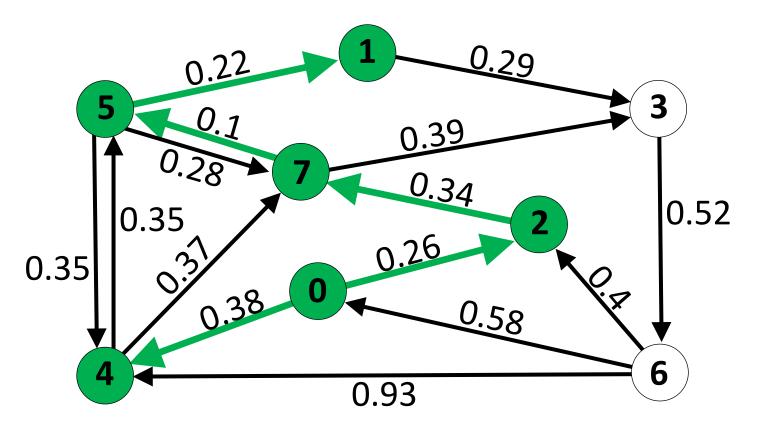




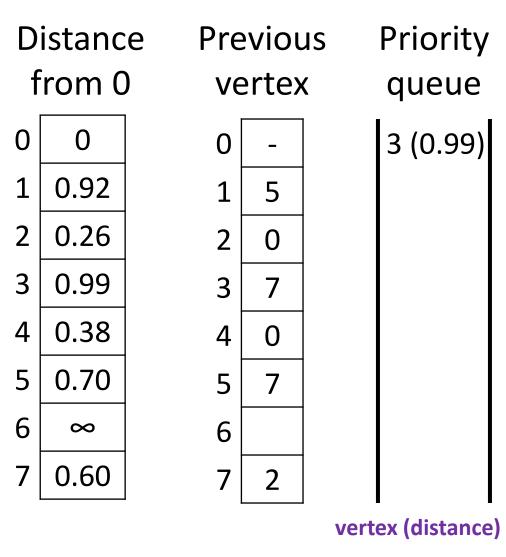
Repeat. What about neighbor 7?

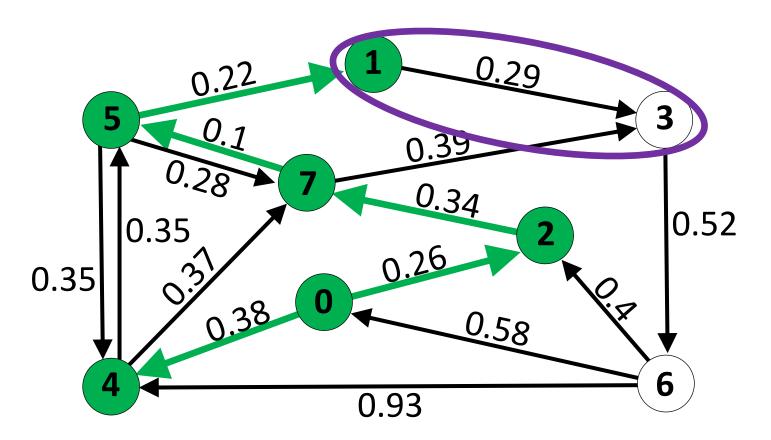
distance[5] + weight(5, 7) = 0.70 + 0.28 = 0.98 < 0.60 = distance[7]

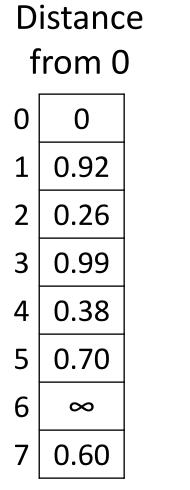




Repeat.





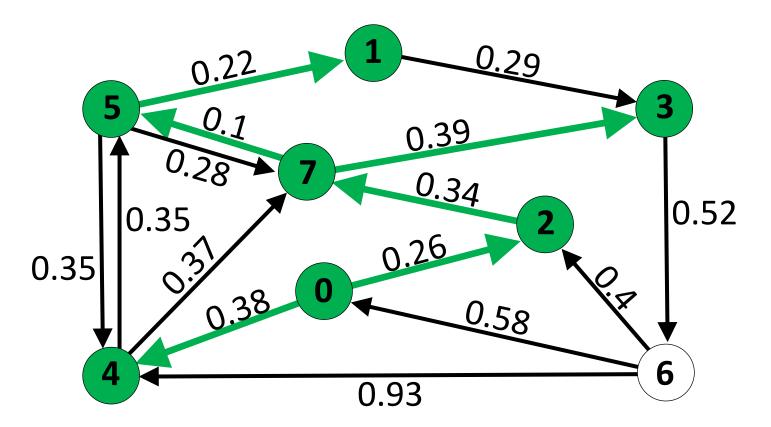


Previous

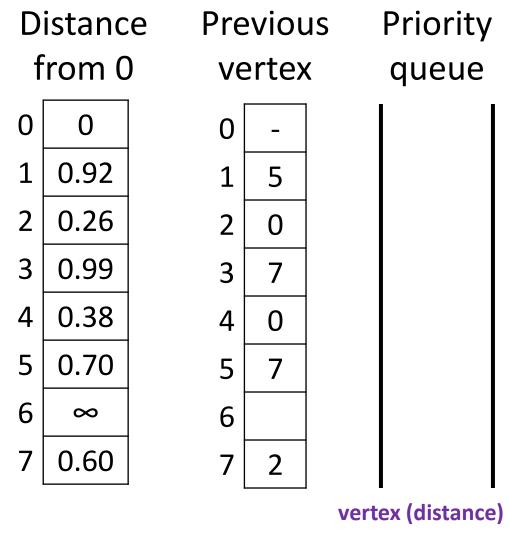
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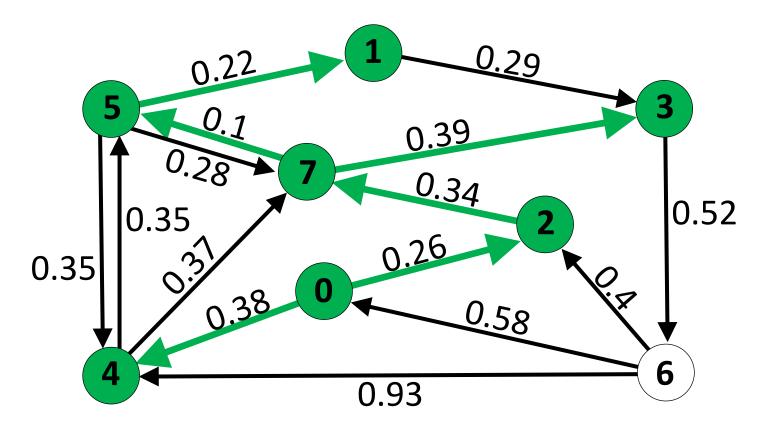
Repeat.

What about neighbor 3? 0.92 + 0.29 = 1.21 > 0.99

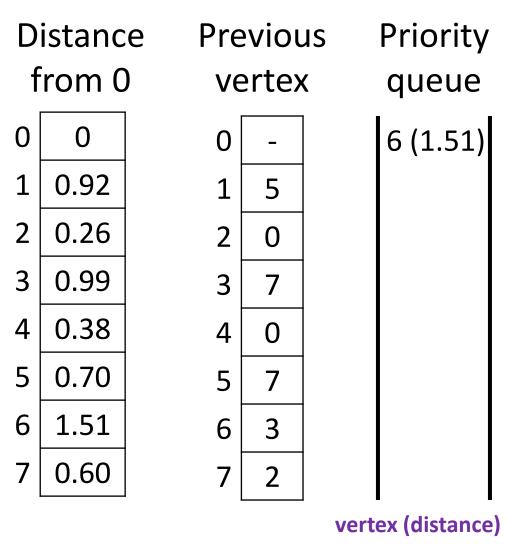


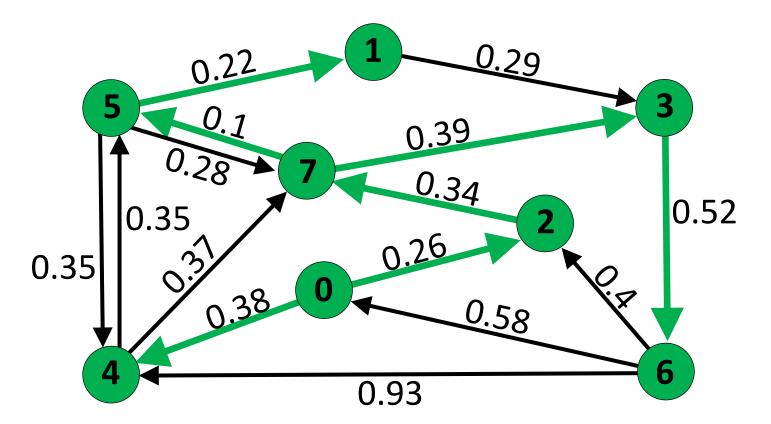
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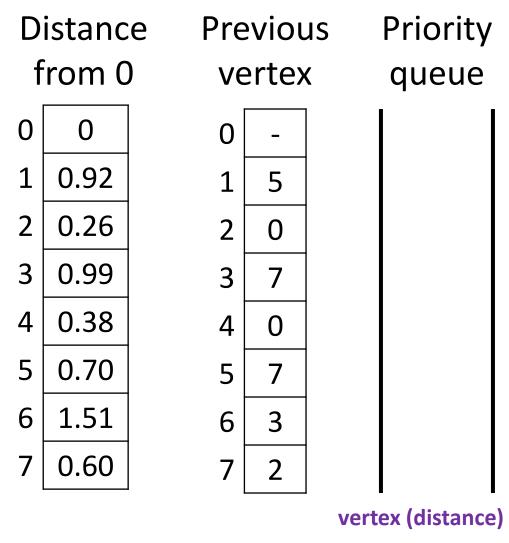


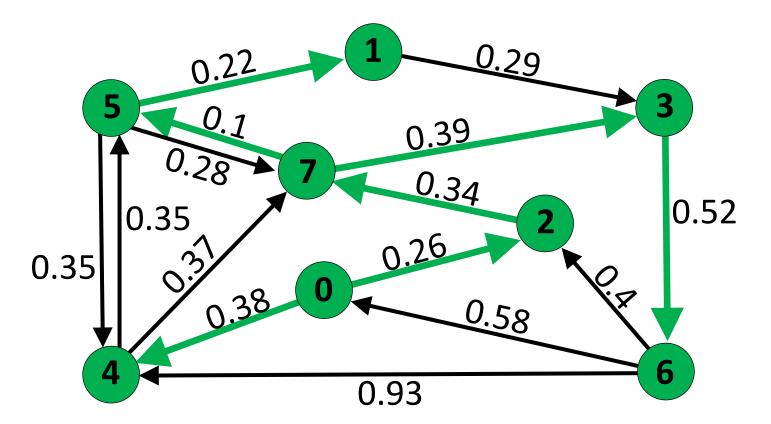
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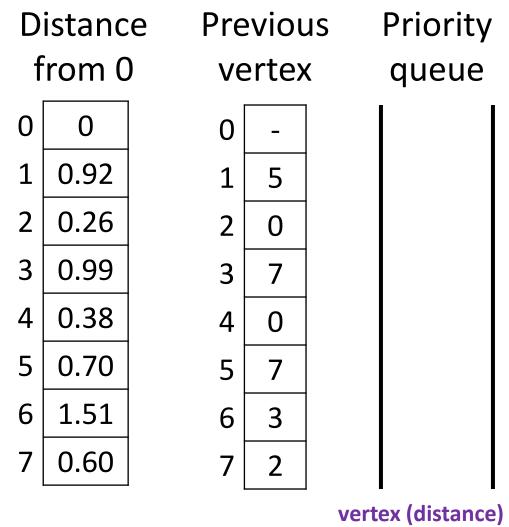


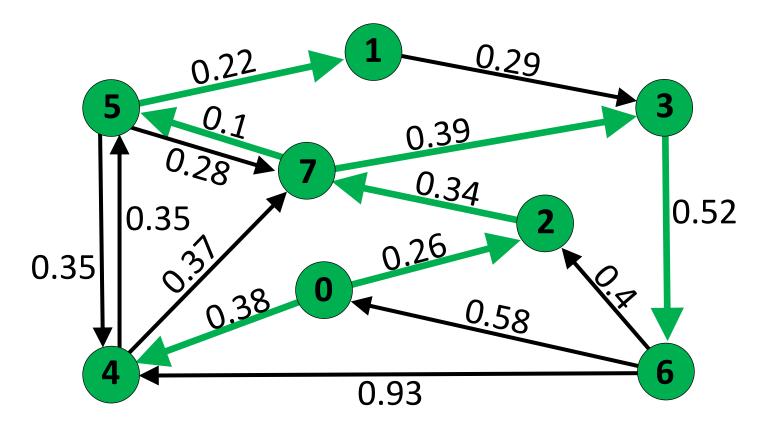
Repeat.





Repeat?

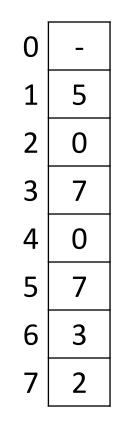




Distance from 0

Previous vertex

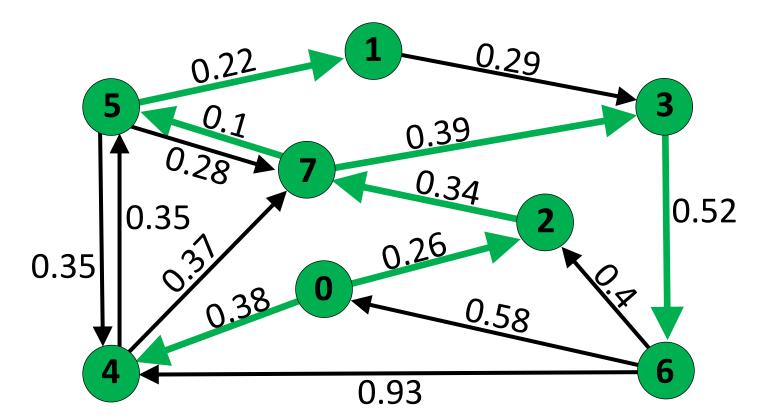
Priority queue





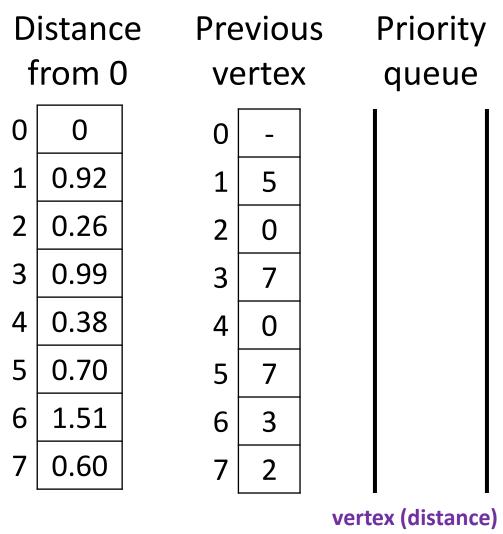
Repeat?

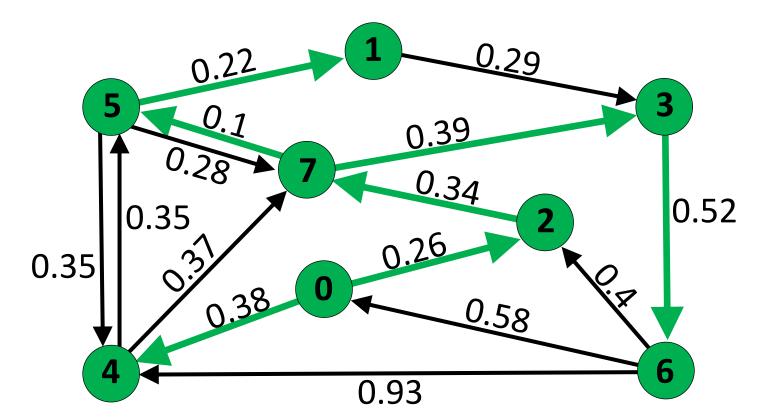
Neighbor 4? 1.51 + 0.93 > 0.38



Repeat?

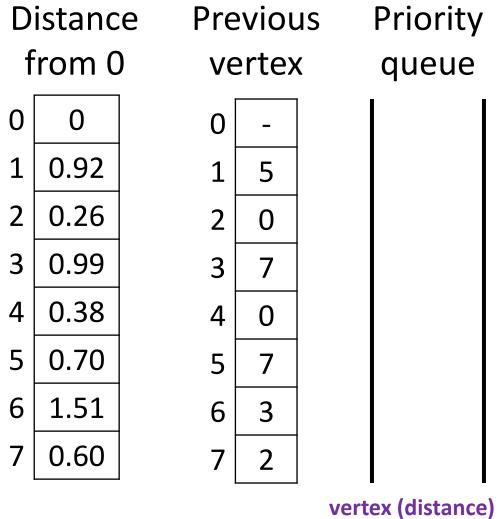
Neighbor 0? 1.51 + 0.58 > 0

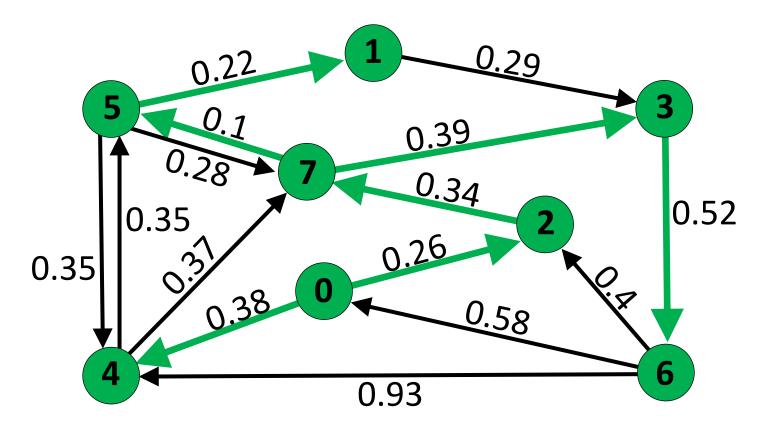




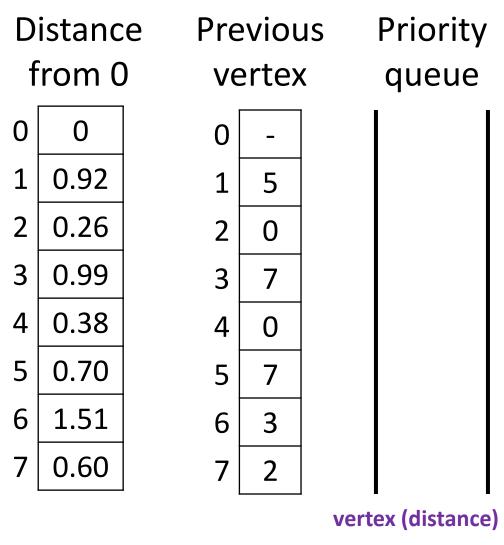
Repeat?

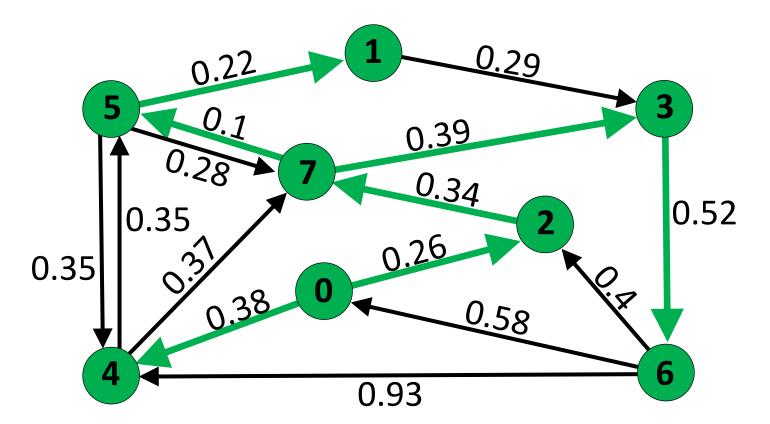
Neighbor 2? 1.51 + 0.4 > 0.26





When are we done?





from 0
0
0
1
0.92
2
0.26
3
0.99
4
0.38

0.70

1.51

0.60

5

6

Distance

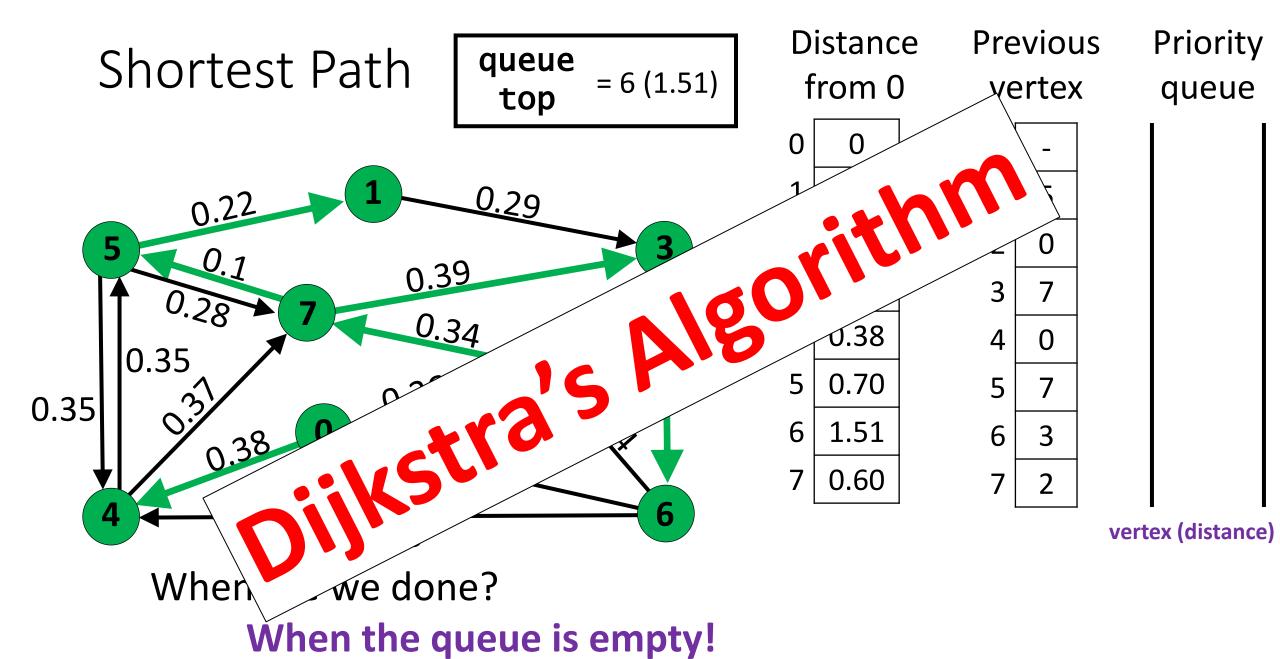
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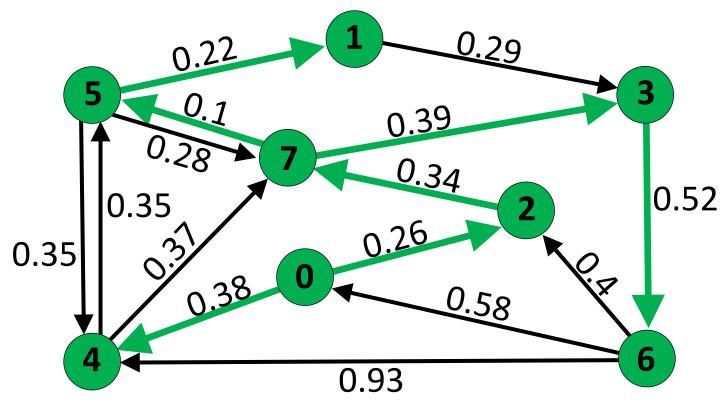
Priority queue

vertex (distance)

When are we done?

When the queue is empty!

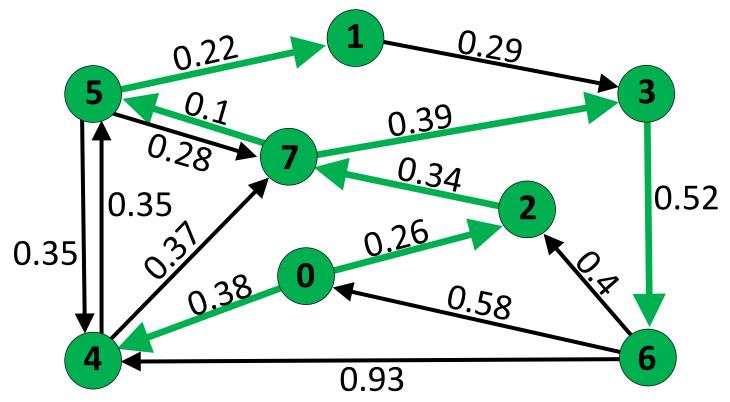




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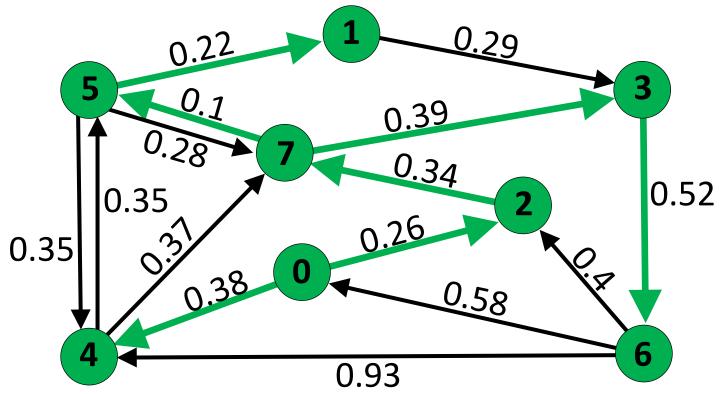


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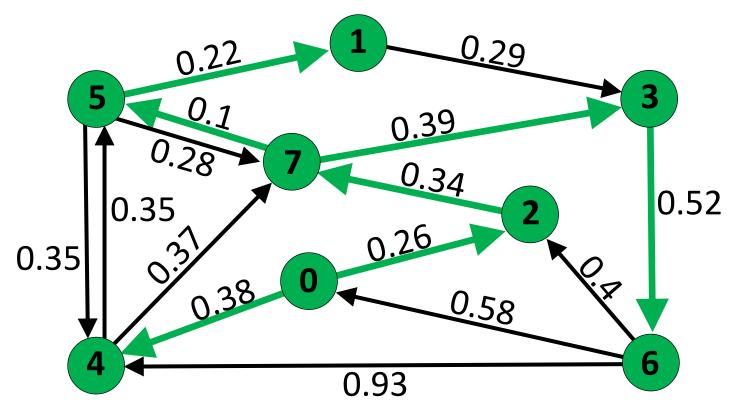
They are never taken, since they will never lower the cost of a path.



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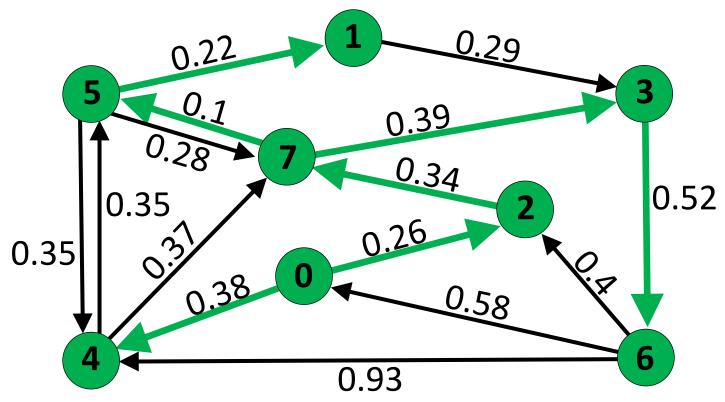


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What happens if there are parallel edges?

The cheapest one is taken and all others are ignored.



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What happens if there are negative weights?

```
public class Edge implements Comparable<Edge>{
                                         private int sourceVertex;
                                         private int destVertex;
                                         private double weight;
                                         public Edge(int vertex1, int vertex2, double weight) {
                                                this.sourceVertex = vertex1;
                                                this.destVertex = vertex2;
                                                this.weight = weight;
                                                 0.52
       0.35
0.35
                         0.93
```