

# SHORTEST PATHS

# Shortest paths in an edge-weighted digraph

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Given an edge-weighted digraph, find the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$ .

## edge-weighted digraph

4→5	0.35
5→4	0.35
4→7	0.37
5→7	0.28
7→5	0.28
5→1	0.32
0→4	0.38
0→2	0.26
7→3	0.39
1→3	0.29
2→7	0.34
6→2	0.40
3→6	0.52
6→0	0.58
6→4	0.93

**What is the shortest  
Path from 0 to 6**

# Shortest path applications

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- Map routing.
- **Seam carving**.
- Robot navigation.
- Urban traffic planning.
- Optimal pipelining of VLSI chip.
- Telemarketer operator scheduling.
- Network routing protocols (OSPF, BGP, RIP).
- Exploiting **arbitrage** opportunities in currency exchange.
- Optimal truck routing through given traffic congestion pattern.



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seam\\_carving](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seam_carving)



# Shortest path variants

## Which vertices?

- **Single source:** from one vertex  $s$  to every other vertex.
- Single sink: from every vertex to one vertex  $t$ .
- Source-sink: from one vertex  $s$  to another  $t$ .
- All pairs: between all pairs of vertices.

## Restrictions on edge weights?

- Nonnegative weights.
- Euclidean weights.
- Arbitrary weights.

## Cycles?

- No directed cycles.
- No "negative cycles."



which variant?

**Simplifying assumption.** Shortest paths from  $s$  to each vertex  $v$  exist.



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- *shortest-paths properties*
- *Dijkstra's algorithm*
- *edge-weighted DAGs*
- *negative weights*

# Weighted directed edge API

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```
public class DirectedEdge
```

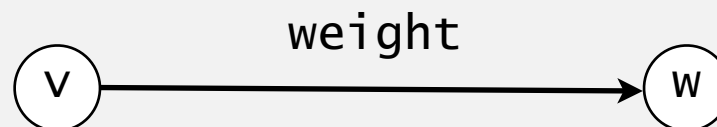
```
    DirectedEdge(int v, int w, double weight)    weighted edge  $v \rightarrow w$ 
```

```
    int from()                                vertex  $v$ 
```

```
    int to()                                  vertex  $w$ 
```

```
    double weight()                          weight of this edge
```

```
    String toString()                        string representation
```



Idiom for processing an edge  $e$ : `int v = e.from(), w = e.to();`

# Weighted directed edge: implementation in Java

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Similar to Edge for undirected graphs, but a bit simpler.

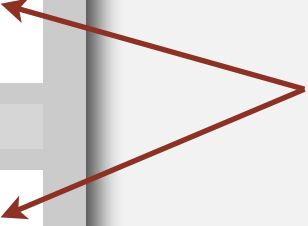
```
public class DirectedEdge
{
    private final int v, w;
    private final double weight;

    public DirectedEdge(int v, int w, double weight)
    {
        this.v = v;
        this.w = w;
        this.weight = weight;
    }

    public int from()
    { return v; }

    public int to()
    { return w; }

    public int weight()
    { return weight; }
}
```



from() and to() replace  
either() and other()



# Edge-weighted digraph API

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```
public class EdgeWeightedDigraph
```

```
    EdgeWeightedDigraph(int V)    edge-weighted digraph with V vertices
```

```
    EdgeWeightedDigraph(In in)    edge-weighted digraph from input stream
```

```
    void addEdge(DirectedEdge e)    add weighted directed edge e
```

```
    Iterable<DirectedEdge> adj(int v)    edges pointing from v
```

```
    int V()    number of vertices
```

```
    int E()    number of edges
```

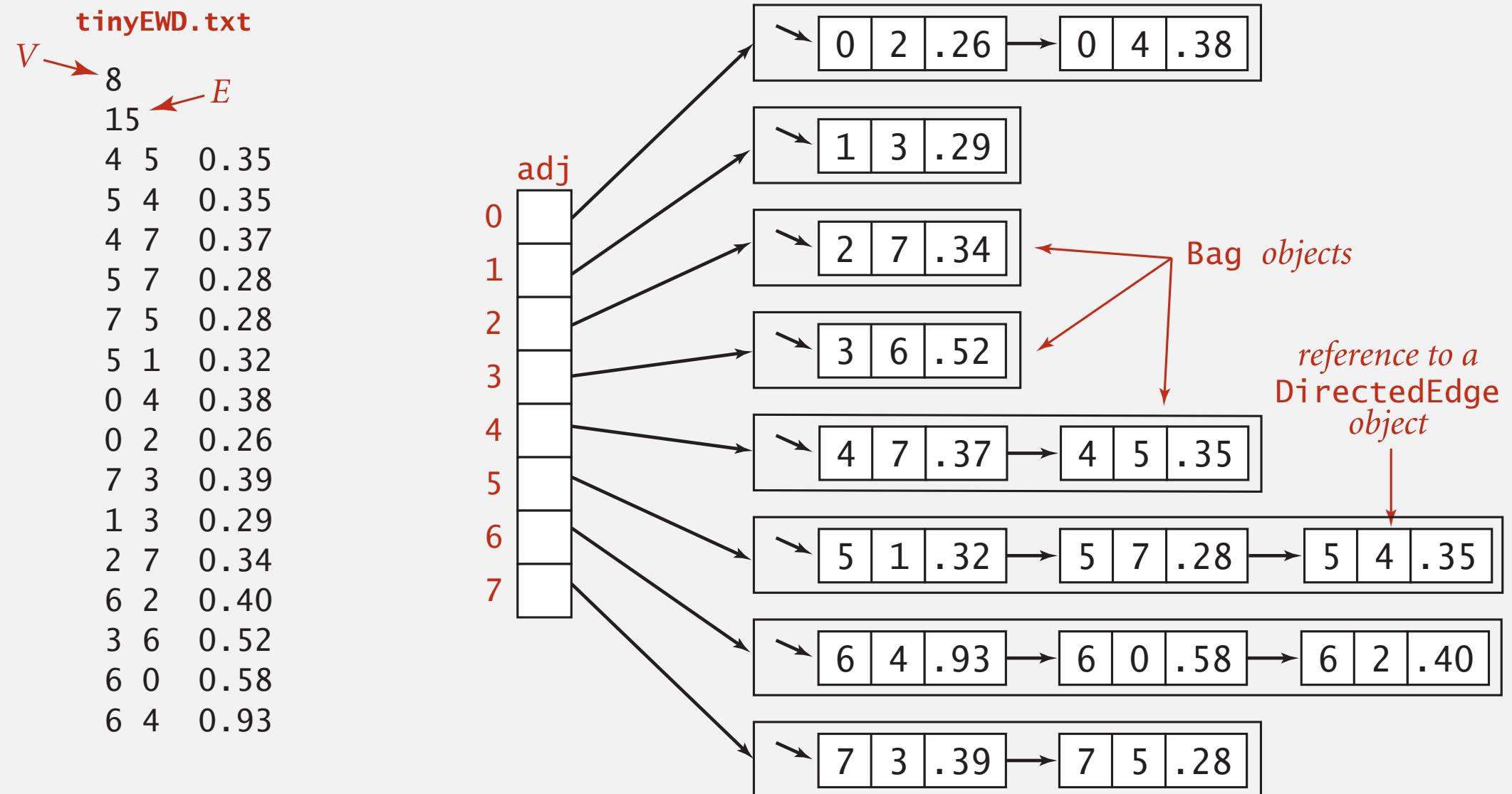
```
    Iterable<DirectedEdge> edges()    all edges
```

```
    String toString()    string representation
```

**Conventions.** Allow self-loops and parallel edges.



# Edge-weighted digraph: adjacency-lists representation



# Edge-weighted digraph: adjacency-lists implementation in Java

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Same as EdgeWeightedGraph except replace Graph with Digraph.

```
public class EdgeWeightedDigraph
{
    private final int V;
    private final Bag<DirectedEdge>[] adj;

    public EdgeWeightedDigraph(int V)
    {
        this.V = V;
        adj = (Bag<DirectedEdge>[]) new Bag[V];
        for (int v = 0; v < V; v++)
            adj[v] = new Bag<DirectedEdge>();
    }

    public void addEdge(DirectedEdge e)
    {
        int v = e.from();
        adj[v].add(e);
    }

    public Iterable<DirectedEdge> adj(int v)
    {
        return adj[v];
    }
}
```

← add edge  $e = v \rightarrow w$  to  
only  $v$ 's adjacency list

# Single-source shortest paths API

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**Goal.** Find the shortest path from  $s$  to every other vertex.

```
public class SP
```

```
    SP(EdgeWeightedDigraph G, int s)    shortest paths from s in graph G
```

```
    double distTo(int v)                length of shortest path from s to v
```

```
    Iterable <DirectedEdge> pathTo(int v)    shortest path from s to v
```

```
    boolean hasPathTo(int v)            is there a path from s to v?
```

```
SP sp = new SP(G, s);
for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)
{
    StdOut.printf("%d to %d (%.2f): ", s, v, sp.distTo(v));
    for (DirectedEdge e : sp.pathTo(v))
        StdOut.print(e + " ");
    StdOut.println();
}
```



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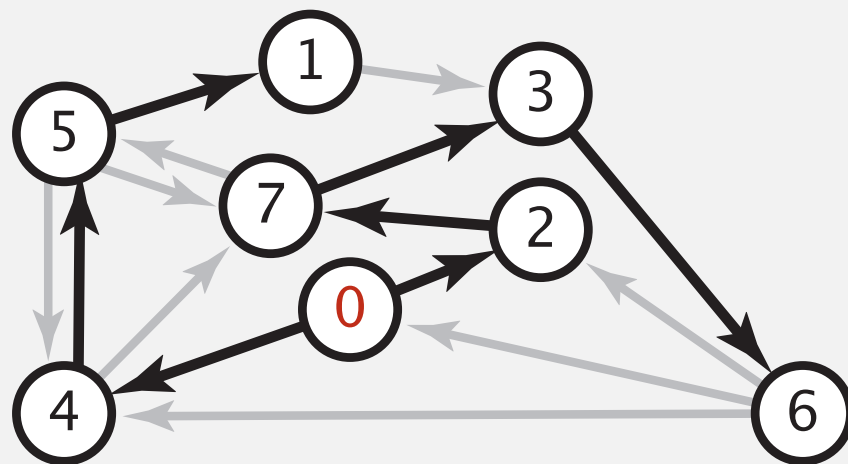
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shortest-paths tree from 0

	edgeTo[]	distTo[]
0	null	0
1	5->1 0.32	1.05
2	0->2 0.26	0.26
3	7->3 0.37	0.97
4	0->4 0.38	0.38
5	4->5 0.35	0.73
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7	2->7 0.34	0.60

parent-link representation

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{   return distTo[v];   }

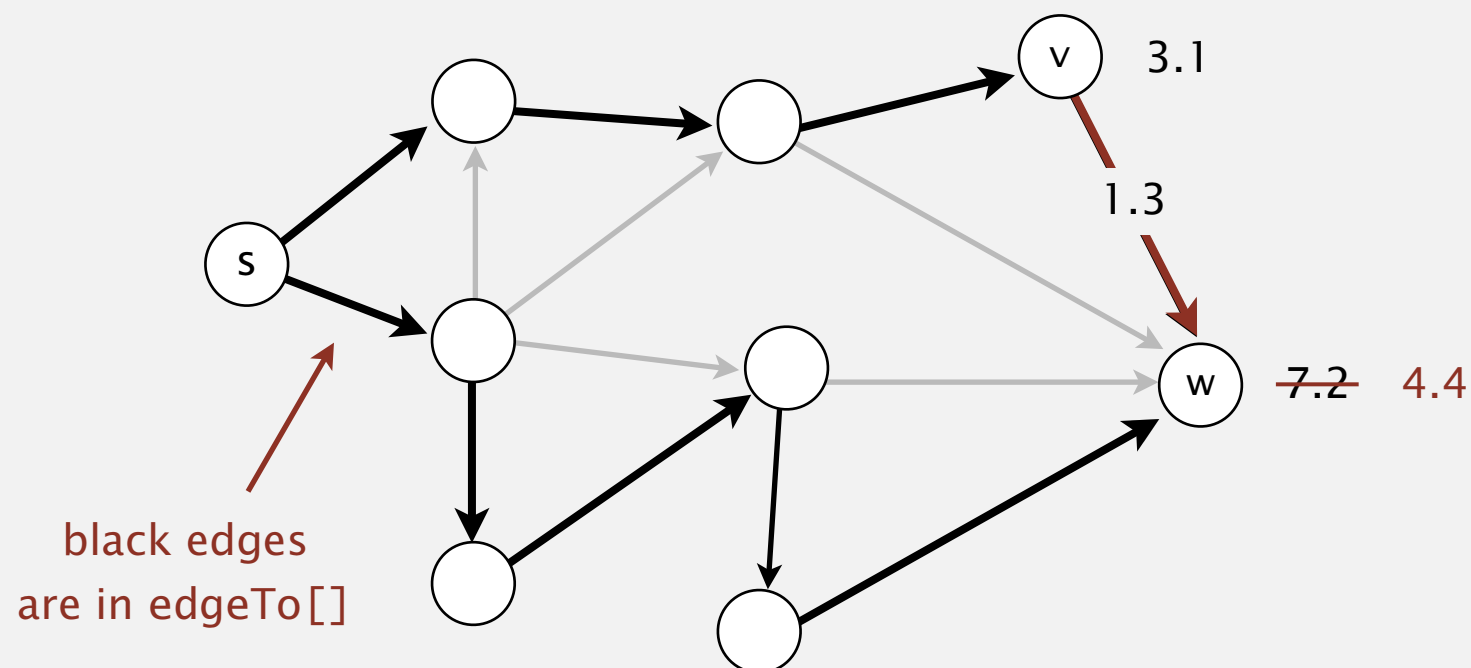
public Iterable<DirectedEdge> pathTo(int v)
{
    Stack<DirectedEdge> path = new Stack<DirectedEdge>();
    for (DirectedEdge e = edgeTo[v]; e != null; e = edgeTo[e.from()])
        path.push(e);
    return path;
}
```

# Edge relaxation

Relax edge  $e = v \rightarrow w$ .

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$v \rightarrow w$  successfully relaxes





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private void relax(DirectedEdge e)
{
    int v = e.from(), w = e.to();
    if (distTo[w] > distTo[v] + e.weight())
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        distTo[w] = distTo[v] + e.weight();
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private void relax(EdgeWeightedDigraph G, int v)
{
    for(DirectedEdge e: G.adj(V))
    {
        int w = e.to();
        if (distTo[w] > distTo[v] + e.weight())
        {
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        }
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```

# Shortest-paths optimality conditions

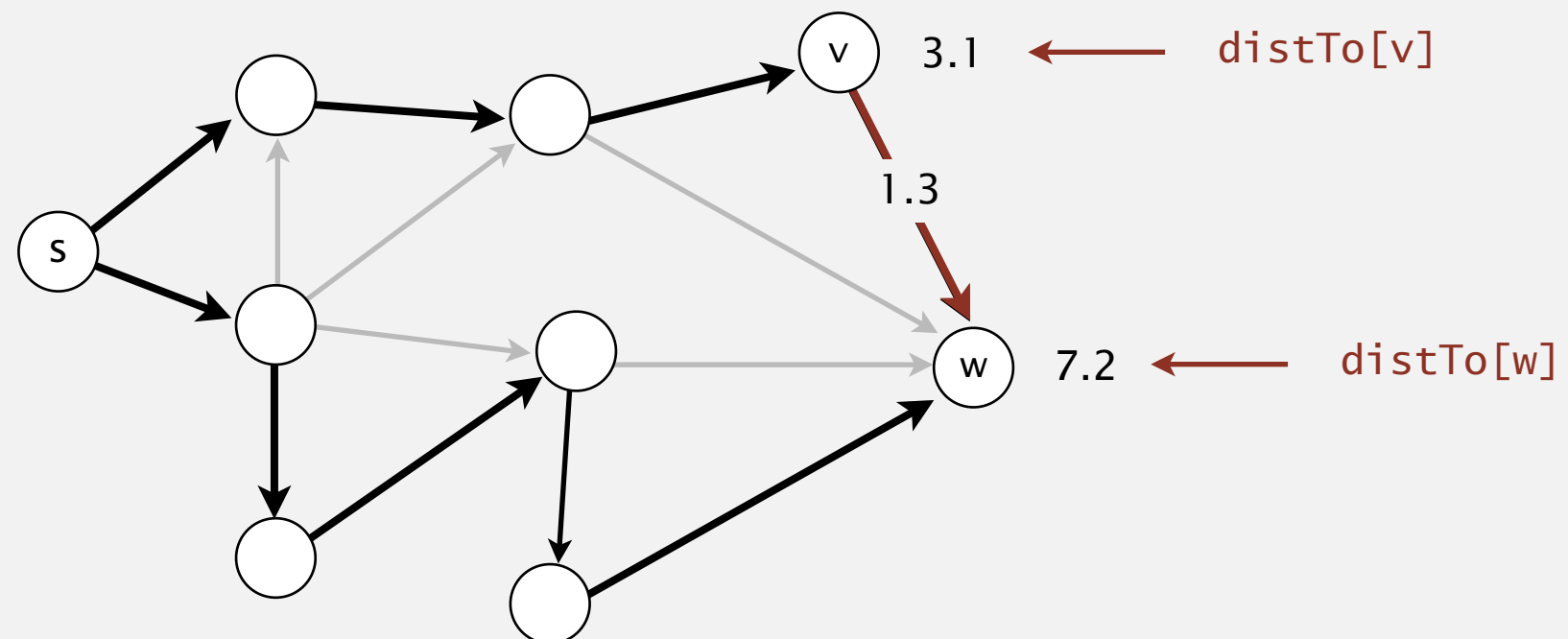
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- For each edge  $e = v \rightarrow w$ ,  $\text{distTo}[w] \leq \text{distTo}[v] + e.\text{weight}()$ .

**Pf by contradiction.**  $\Leftarrow$  [ necessary ]

- Suppose that  $\text{distTo}[w] > \text{distTo}[v] + e.\text{weight}()$  for some edge  $e = v \rightarrow w$ .
- Then,  $e$  gives a path from  $s$  to  $w$  (through  $v$ ) of length less than  $\text{distTo}[w]$ .



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**Pf.**  $\Rightarrow$  [ sufficient ]

- Suppose that  $s = v_0 \rightarrow v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k = w$  is a shortest path from  $s$  to  $w$ .

- Then,  
$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{distTo}[v_1] & \leq & \text{distTo}[v_0] & + e_1.\text{weight}() \\ \text{distTo}[v_2] & \leq & \text{distTo}[v_1] & + e_2.\text{weight}() \\ \dots & & & \\ \text{distTo}[v_k] & \leq & \text{distTo}[v_{k-1}] & + e_k.\text{weight}() \end{array}$$


$e_i = i^{\text{th}}$  edge on shortest path from  $s$  to  $w$

- Add inequalities; simplify; and substitute  $\text{distTo}[v_0] = \text{distTo}[s] = 0$ :

$$\text{distTo}[w] = \text{distTo}[v_k] \leq \underline{e_1.\text{weight}() + e_2.\text{weight}() + \dots + e_k.\text{weight}()}$$

weight of shortest path from  $s$  to  $w$

- Thus,  $\text{distTo}[w]$  is the weight of shortest path to  $w$ . ■

 weight of some path from  $s$  to  $w$

# Generic shortest-paths algorithm

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Repeat until optimality conditions are satisfied:

- Relax any edge.
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**Proposition.** Generic algorithm computes SPT (if it exists) from  $s$ .

**Pf sketch.**

- The entry  $\text{distTo}[v]$  is always the length of a simple path from  $s$  to  $v$ .
- Each successful relaxation decreases  $\text{distTo}[v]$  for some  $v$ .
- The entry  $\text{distTo}[v]$  can decrease at most a finite number of times. ■

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**Efficient implementations.** How to choose which edge to relax?

**Ex 1.** Dijkstra's algorithm (nonnegative weights).

**Ex 2.** Topological sort algorithm (no directed cycles).

**Ex 3.** Bellman-Ford algorithm (no negative cycles).



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*“ Do only what only you can do. ”*

*“ In their capacity as a tool, computers will be but a ripple on the surface of our culture. In their capacity as intellectual challenge, they are without precedent in the cultural history of mankind. ”*

*“ The use of COBOL cripples the mind; its teaching should, therefore, be regarded as a criminal offence. ”*

*“ It is practically impossible to teach good programming to students that have had a prior exposure to BASIC: as potential programmers they are mentally mutilated beyond hope of regeneration. ”*

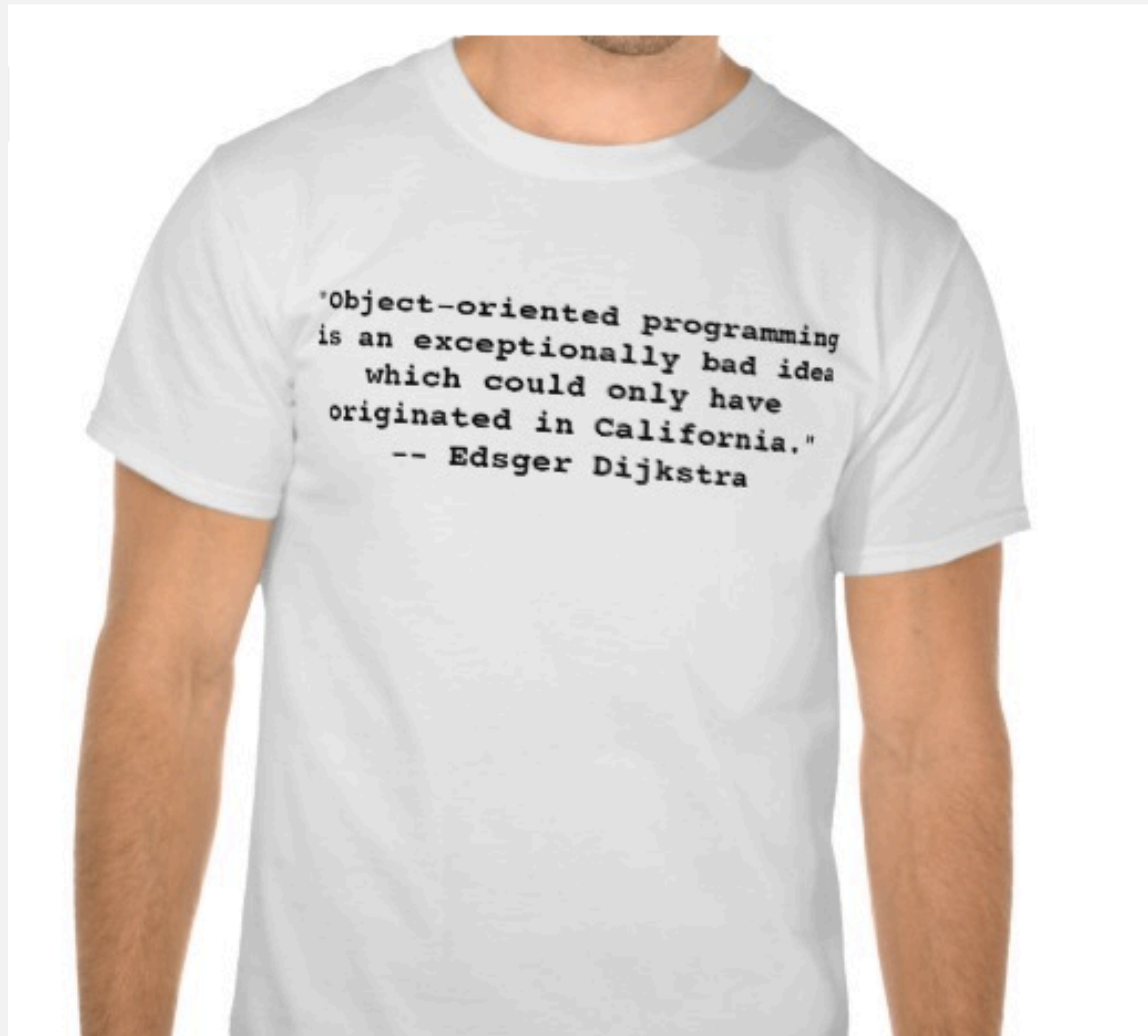
*“ APL is a mistake, carried through to perfection. It is the language of the future for the programming techniques of the past: it creates a new generation of coding bums. ”*



**Edsger W. Dijkstra**  
**Turing award 1972**

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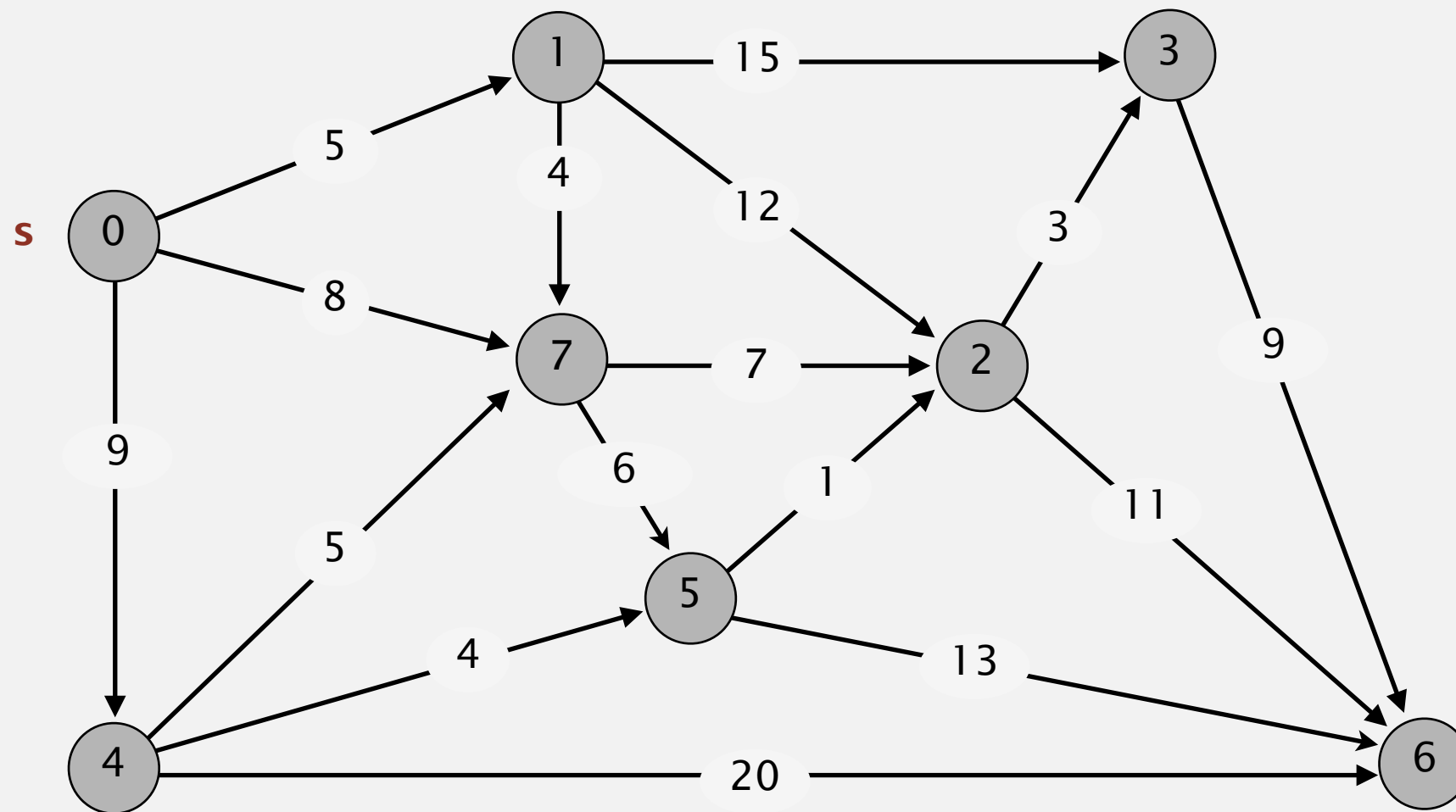
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# Dijkstra's algorithm demo



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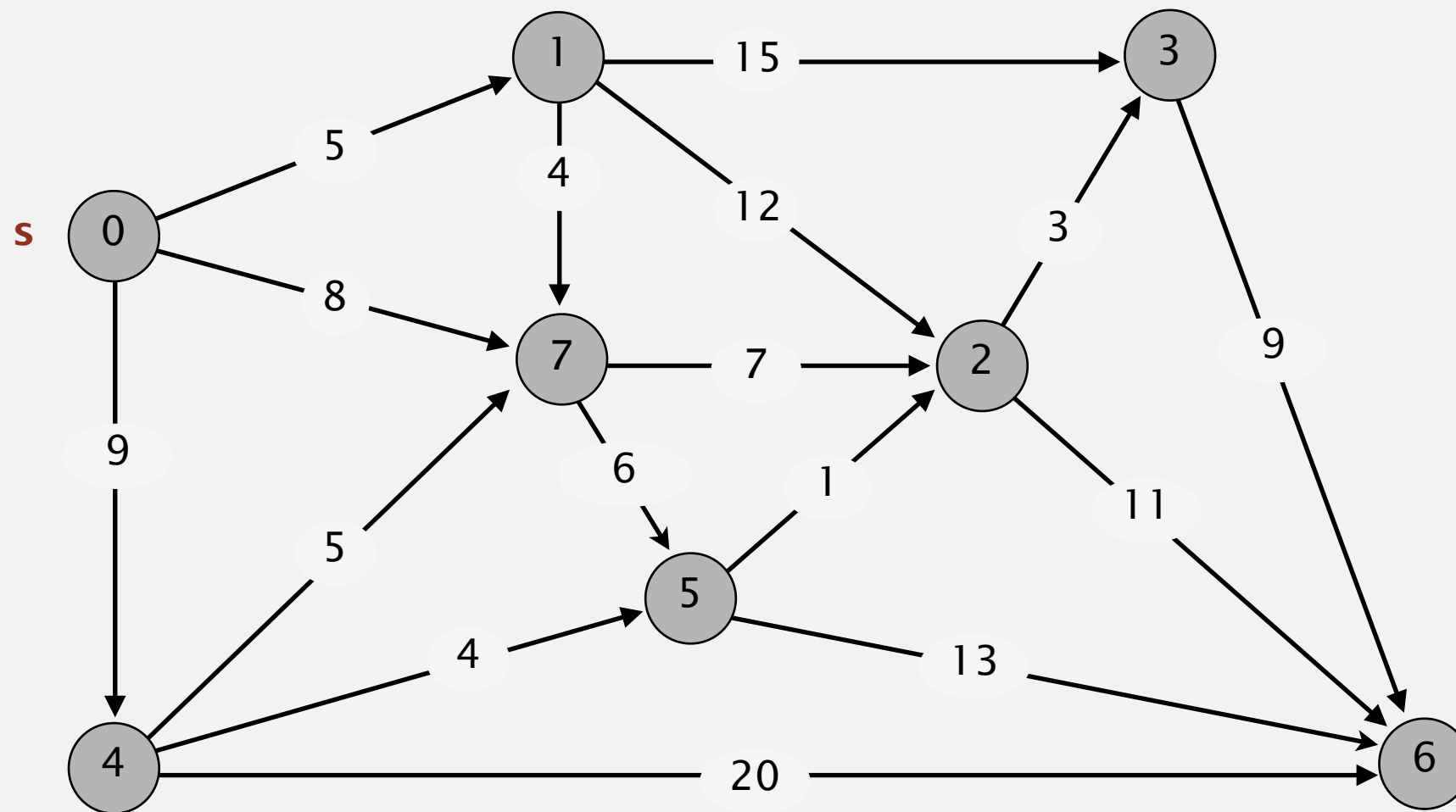


an edge-weighted digraph

0→1	5.0
0→4	9.0
0→7	8.0
1→2	12.0
1→3	15.0
1→7	4.0
2→3	3.0
2→6	11.0
3→6	9.0
4→5	4.0
4→6	20.0
4→7	5.0
5→2	1.0
5→6	13.0
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7→2	7.0

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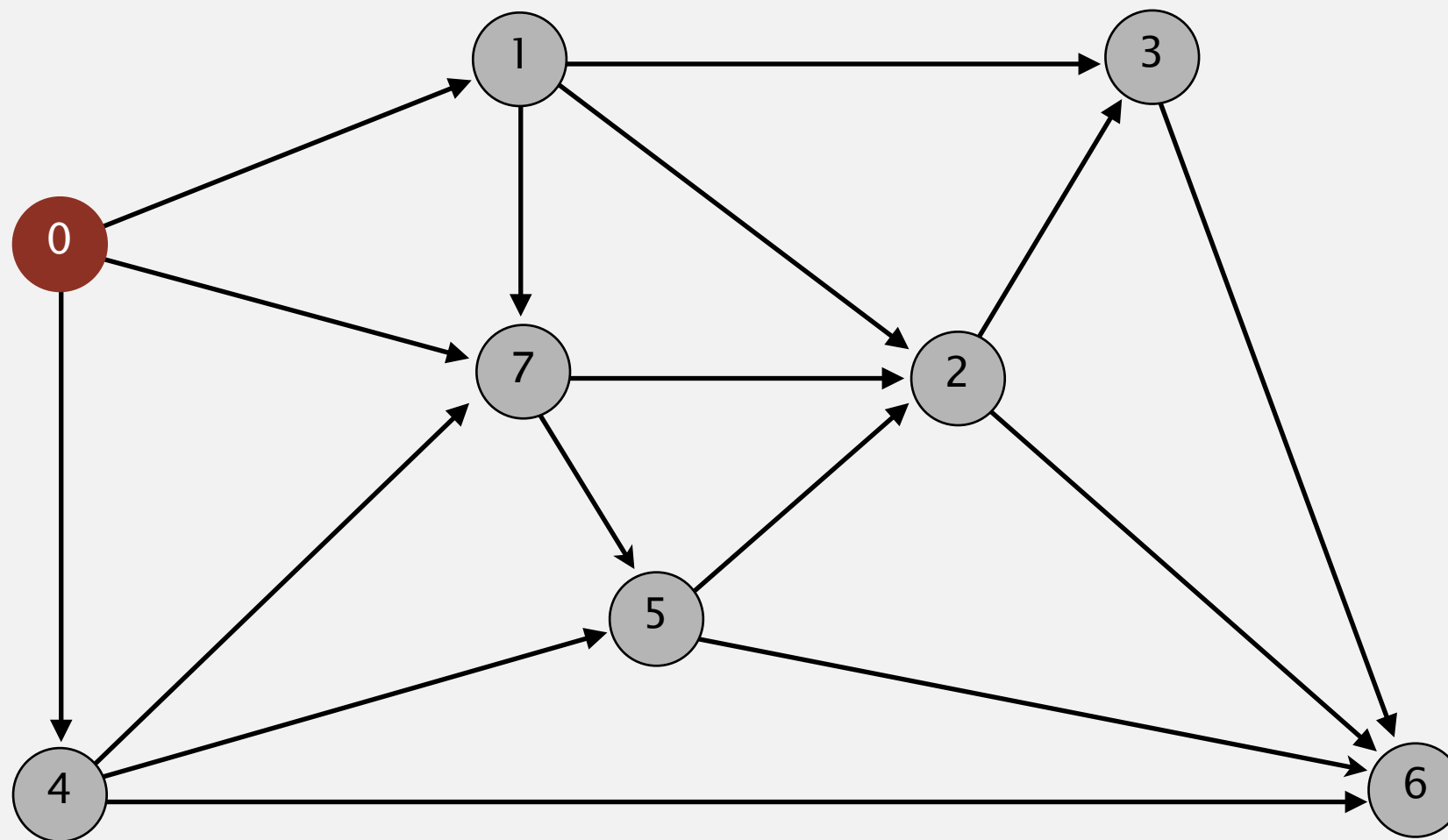


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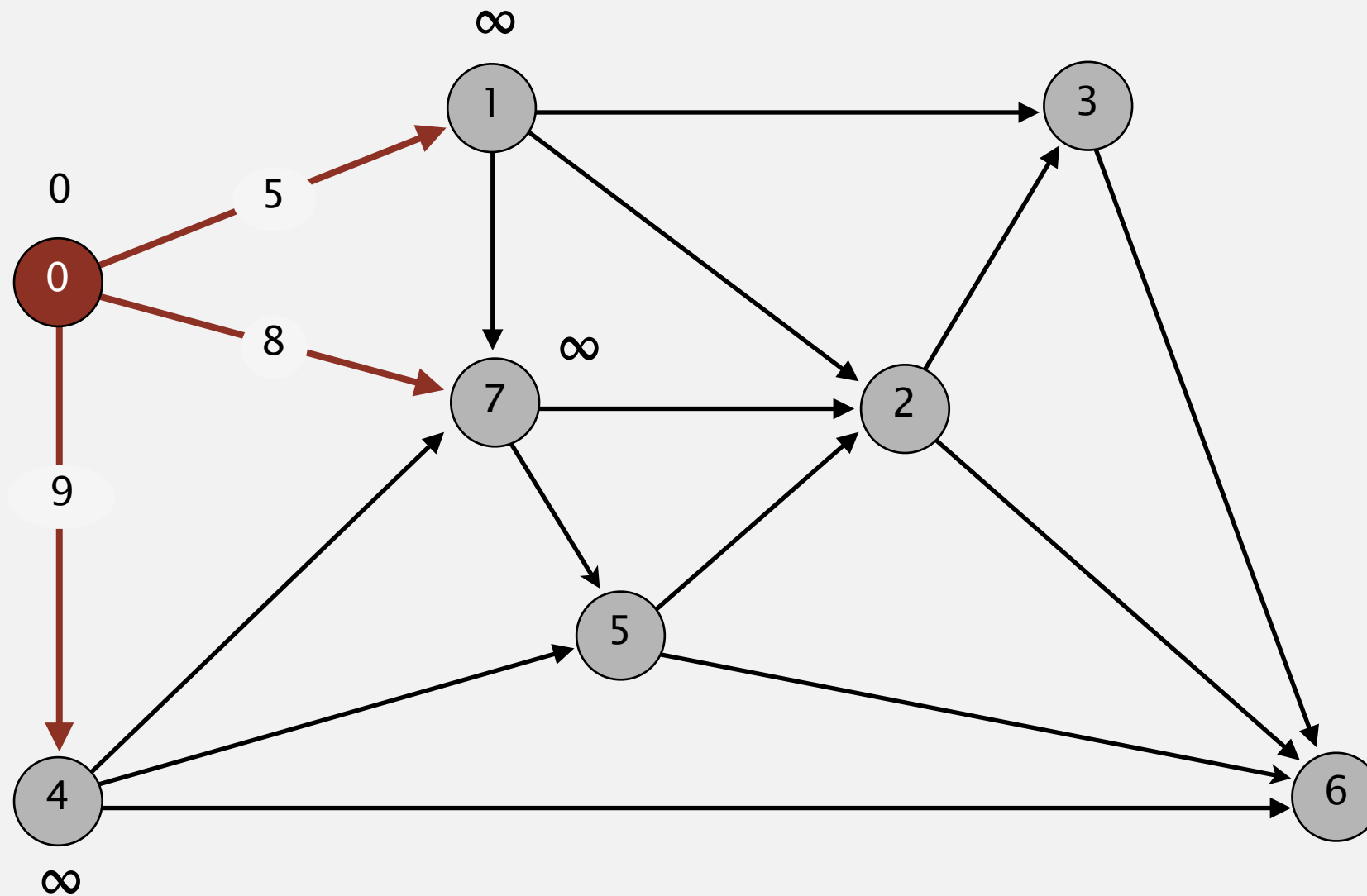


v	distTo[]	edgeTo[]
→ 0	0.0	-
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

choose source vertex 0

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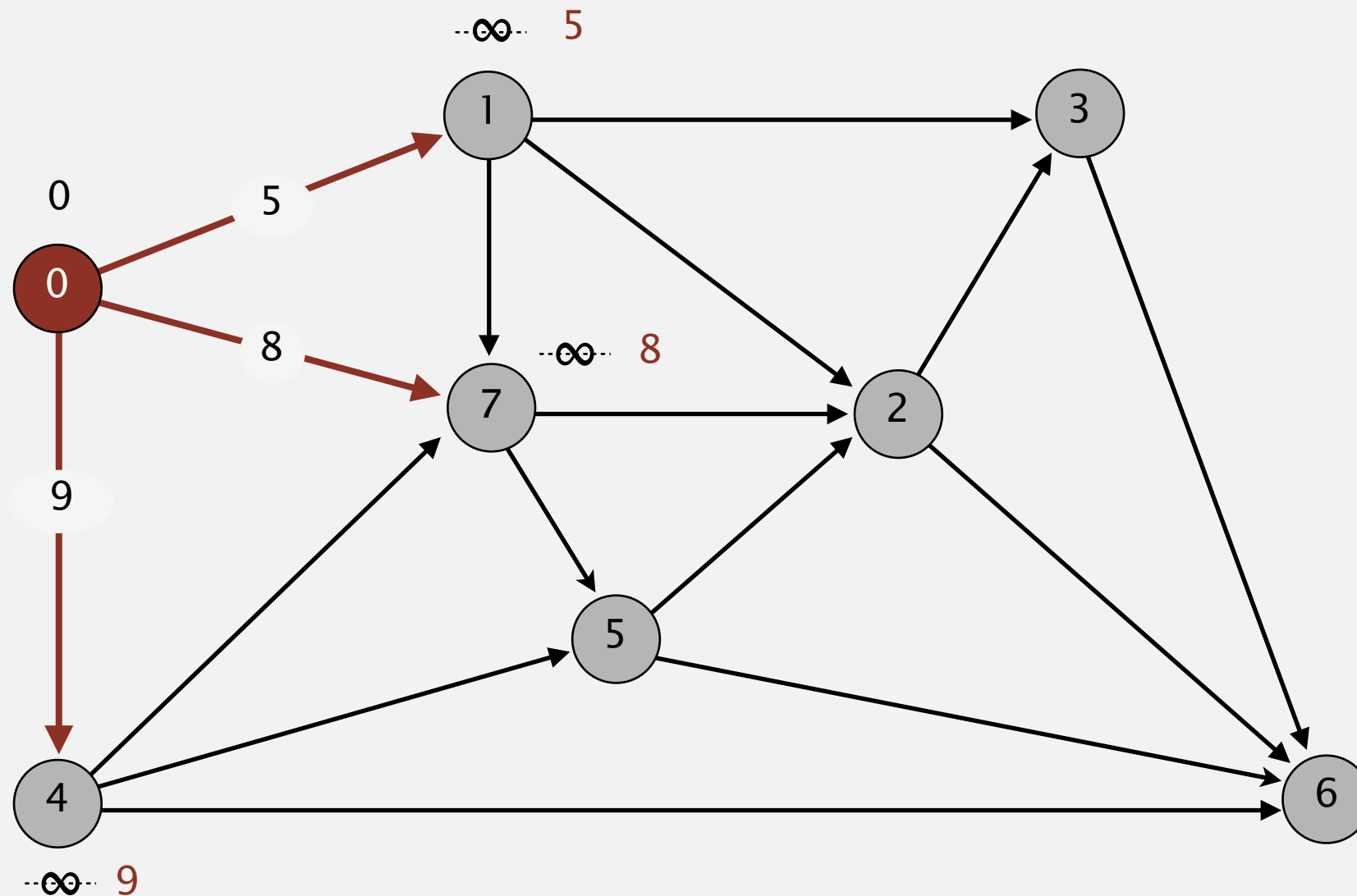


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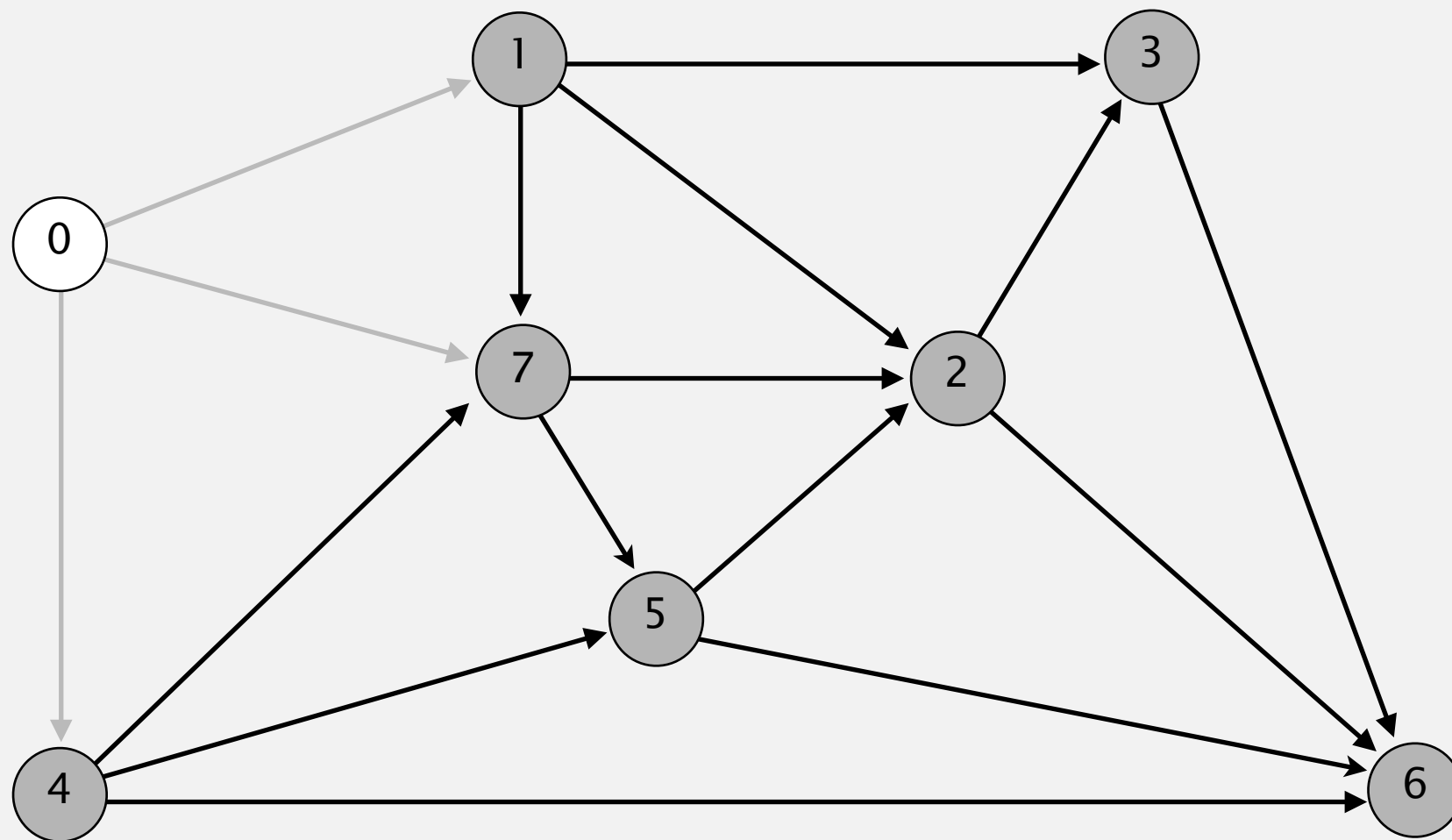
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1	5.0	0→1
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3		
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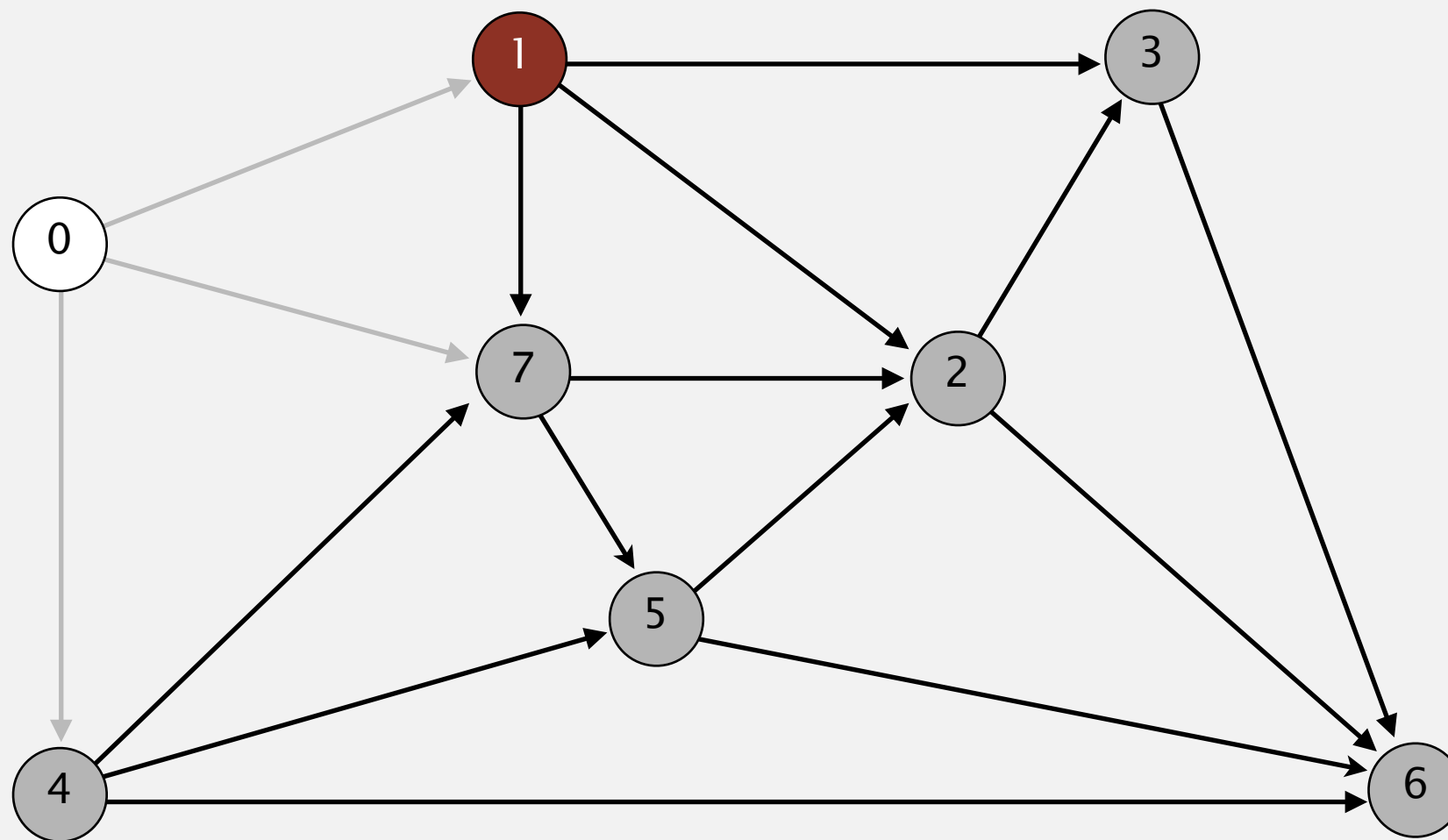
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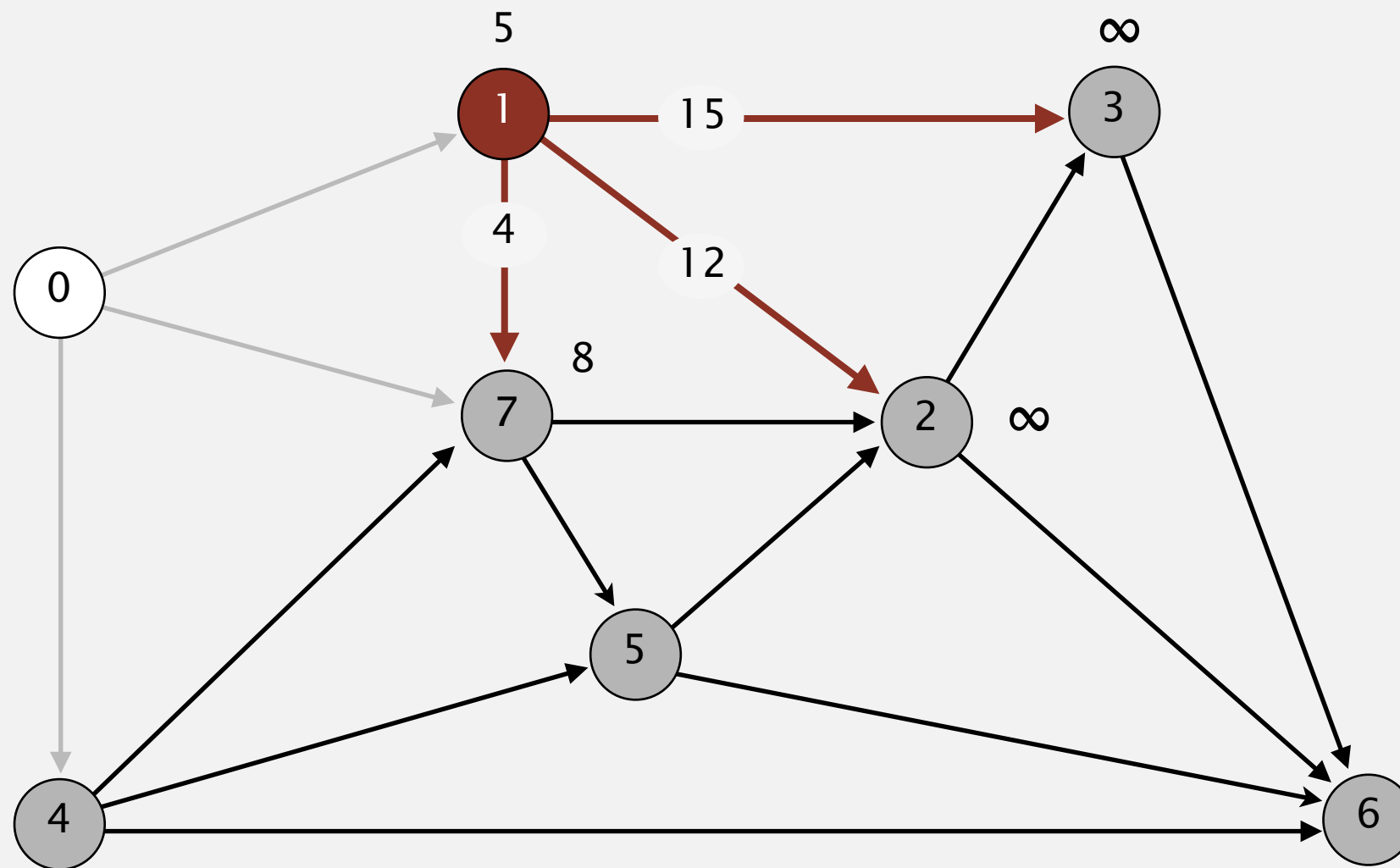


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choose vertex 1

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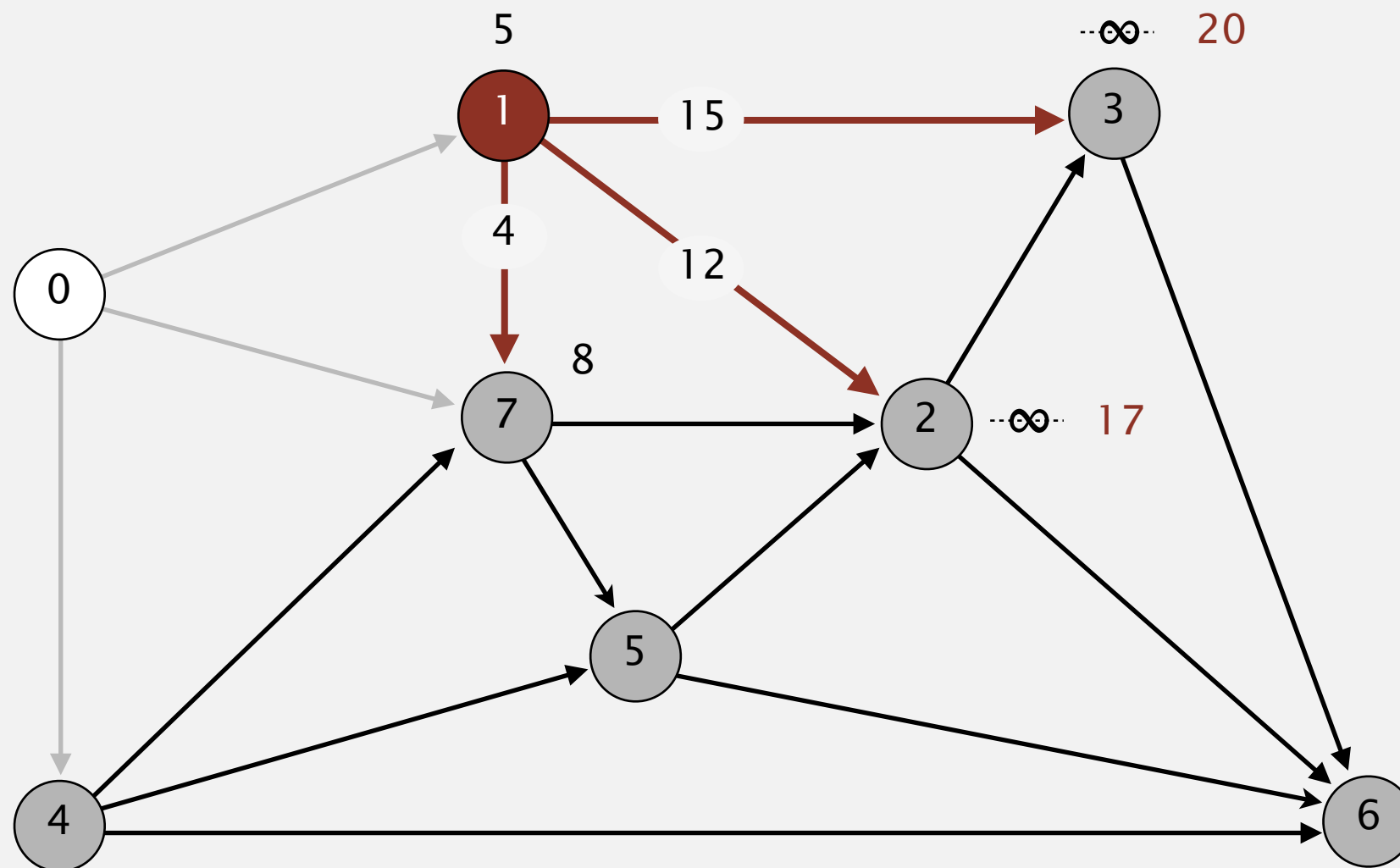


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relax all edges pointing from 1

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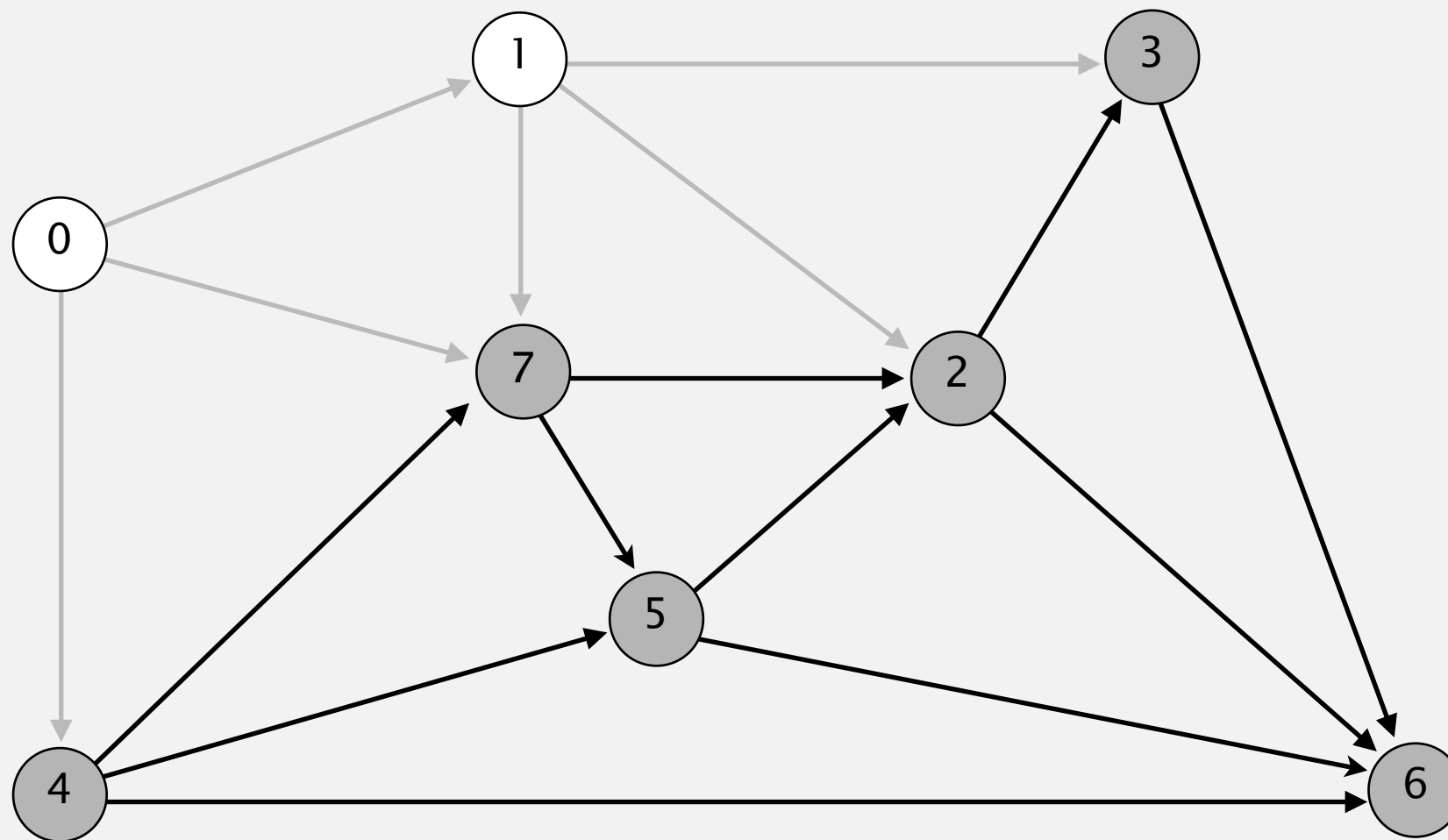


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0	0.0	-
→ 1	5.0	0→1
2	17.0	1→2
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6	∞	
7	8.0 ✓	0→7

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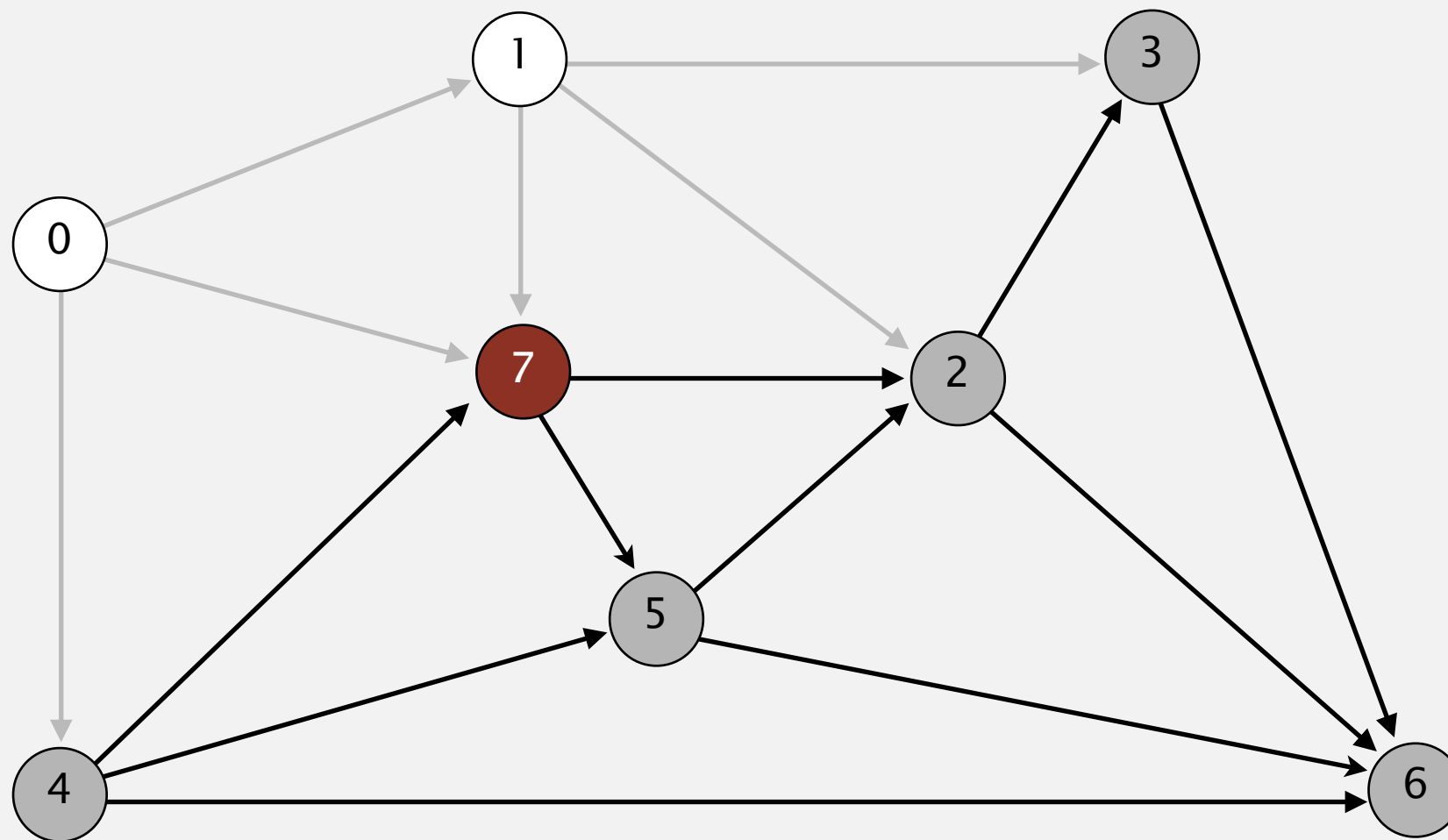
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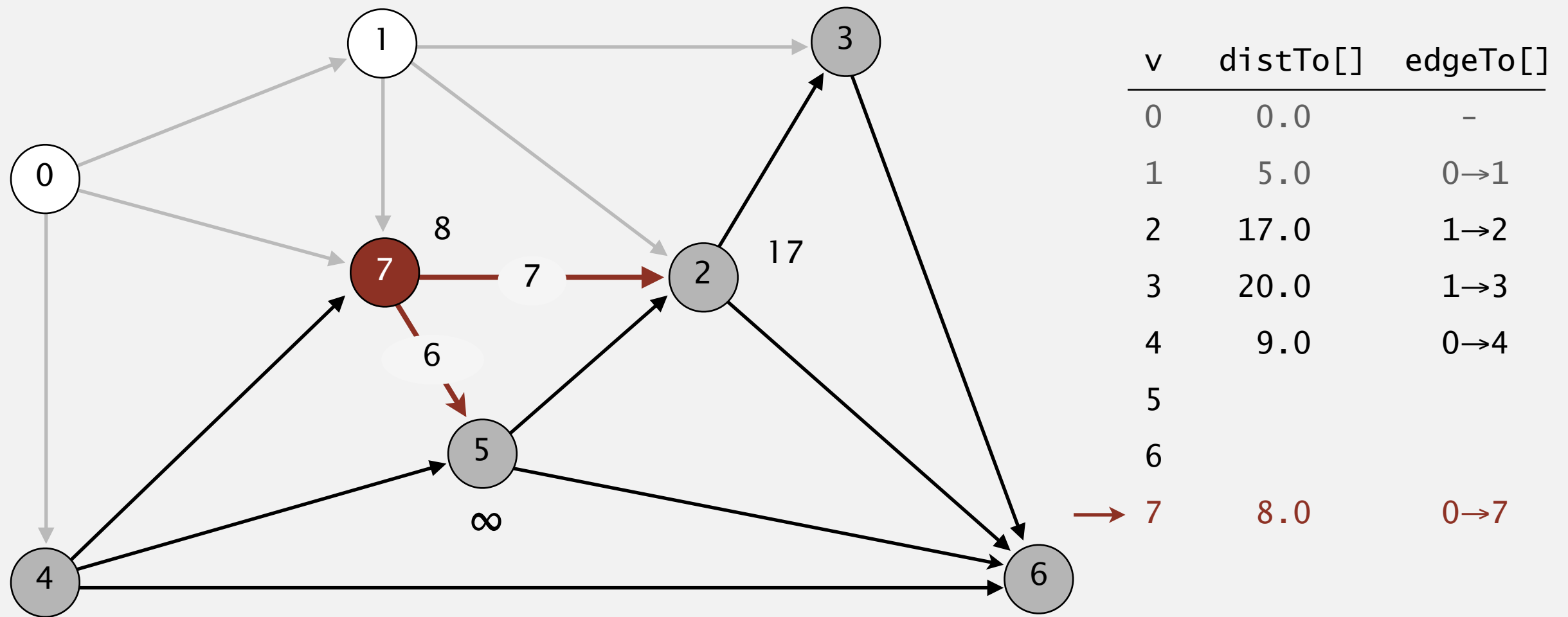


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→ 7	8.0	0→7

choose vertex 7

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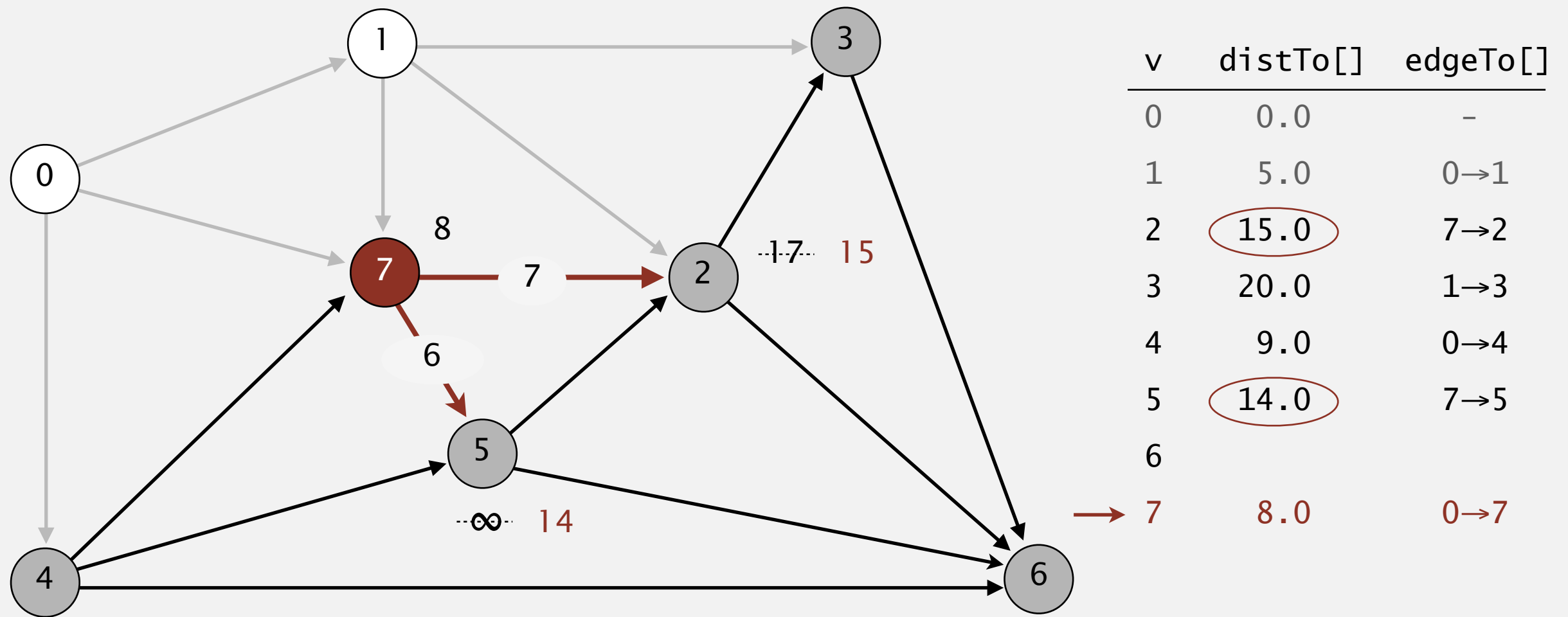


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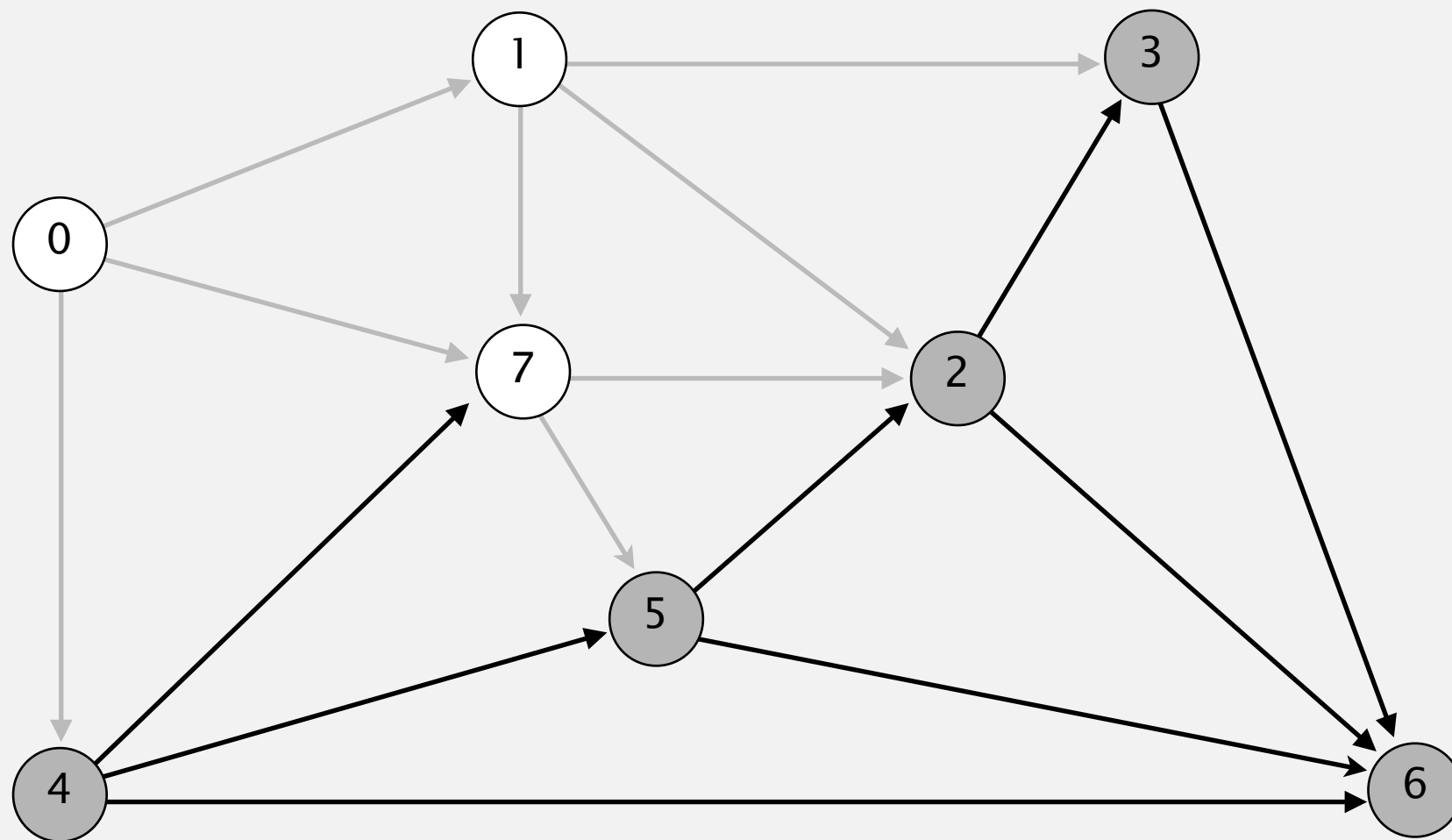
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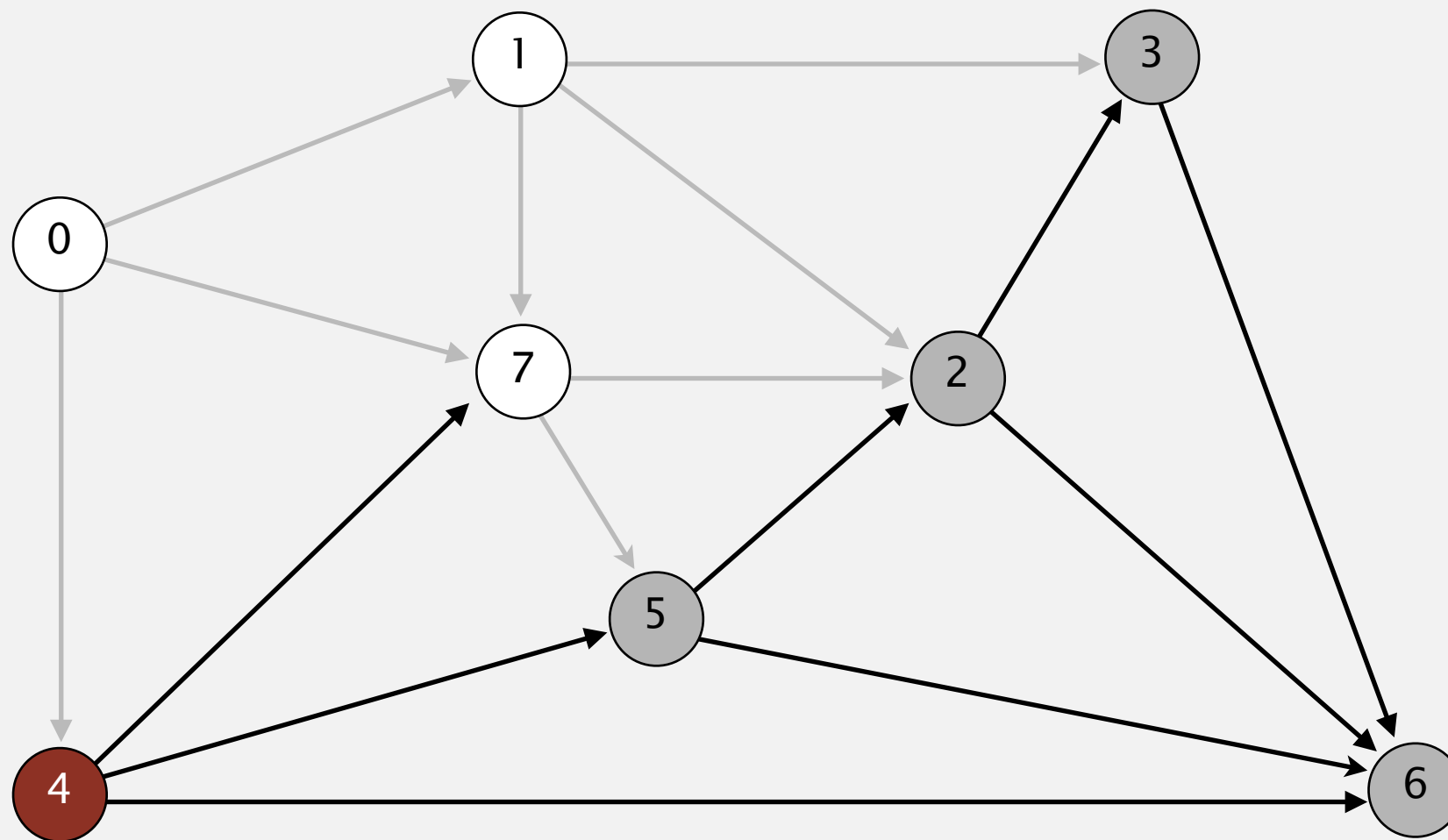
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6		
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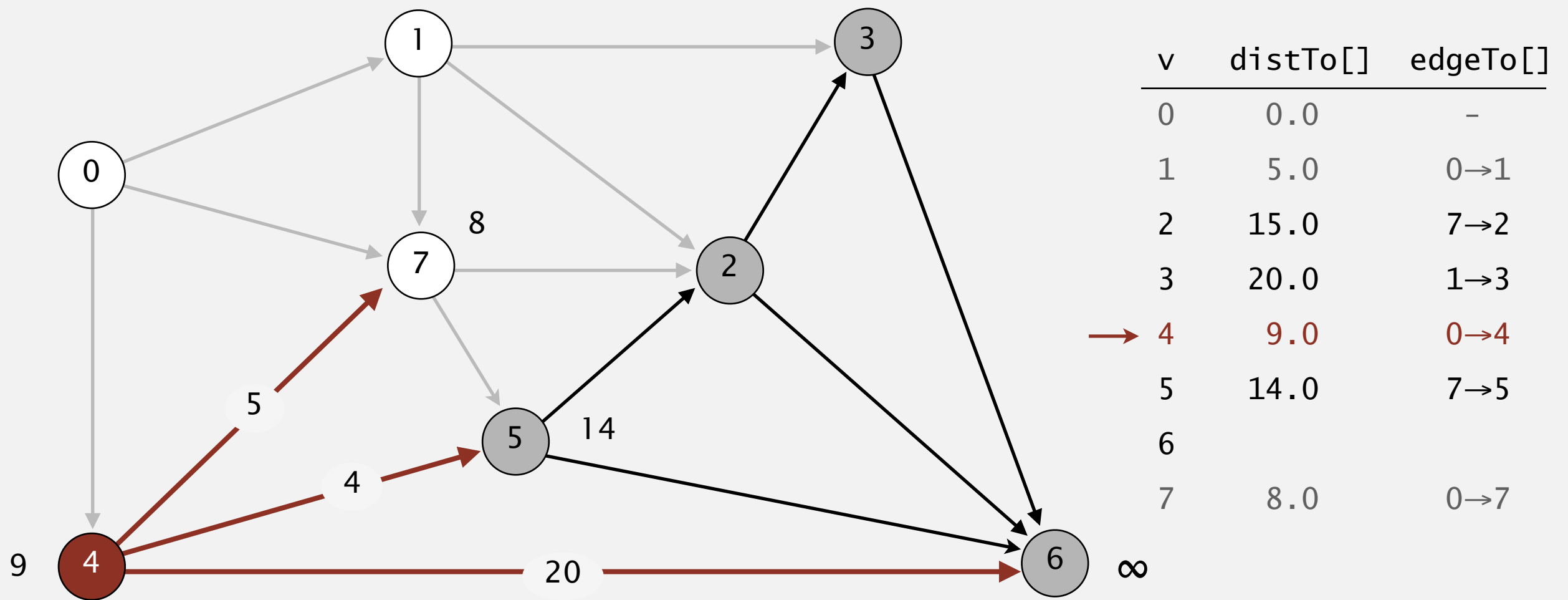


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6		
7	8.0	0→7

select vertex 4

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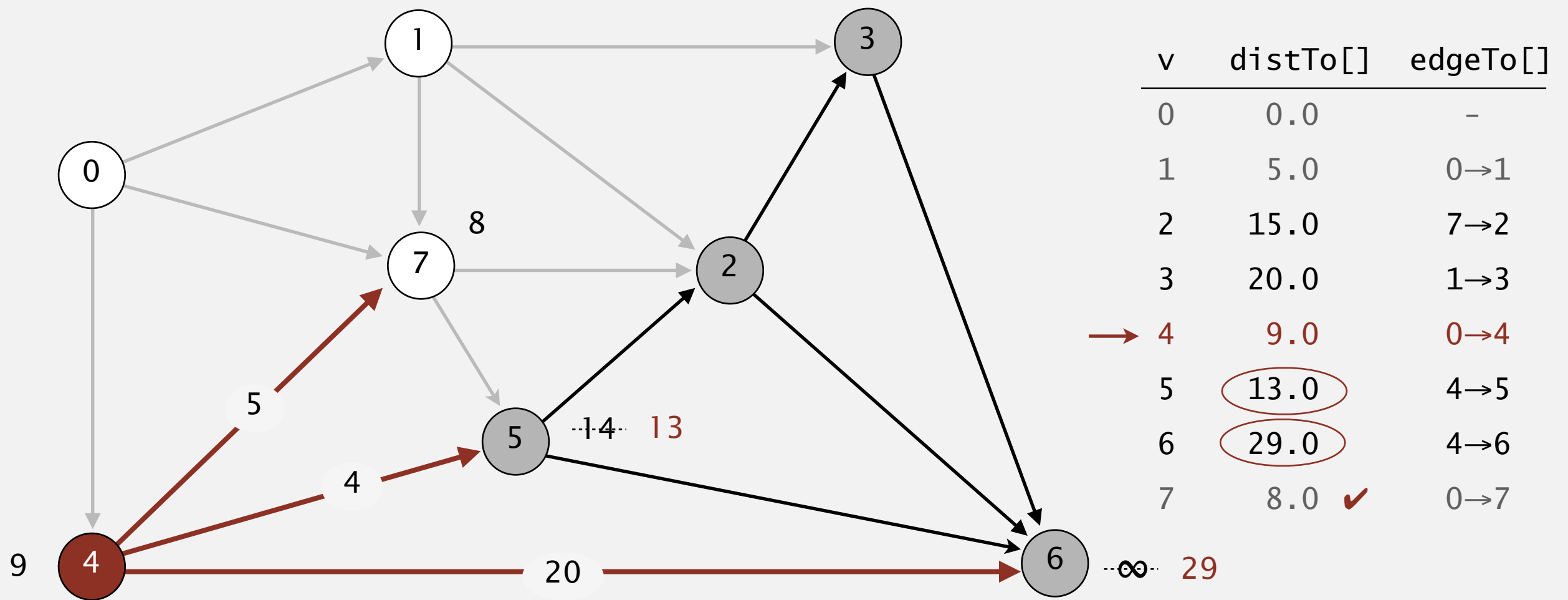
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relax all edges pointing from 4

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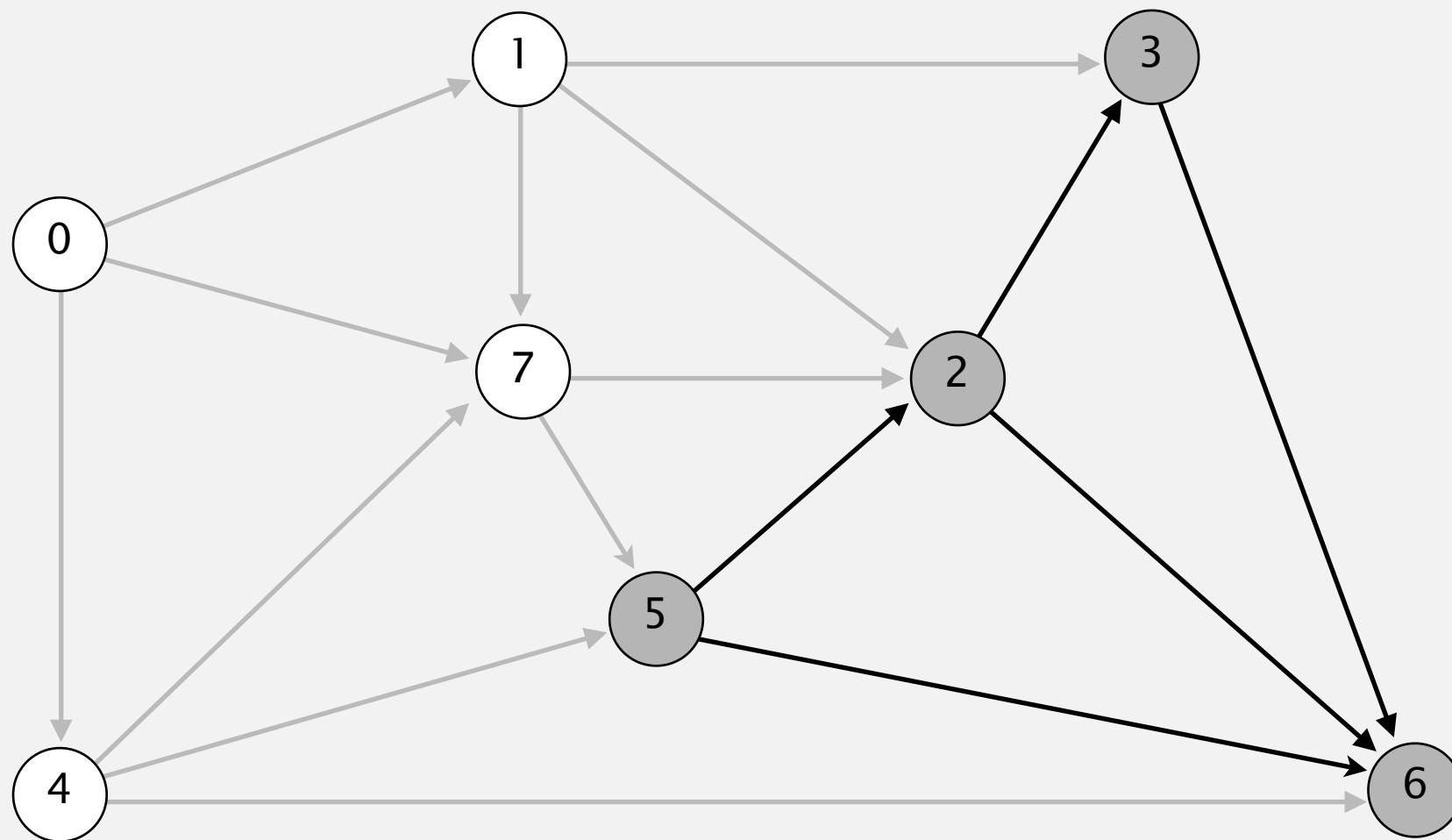
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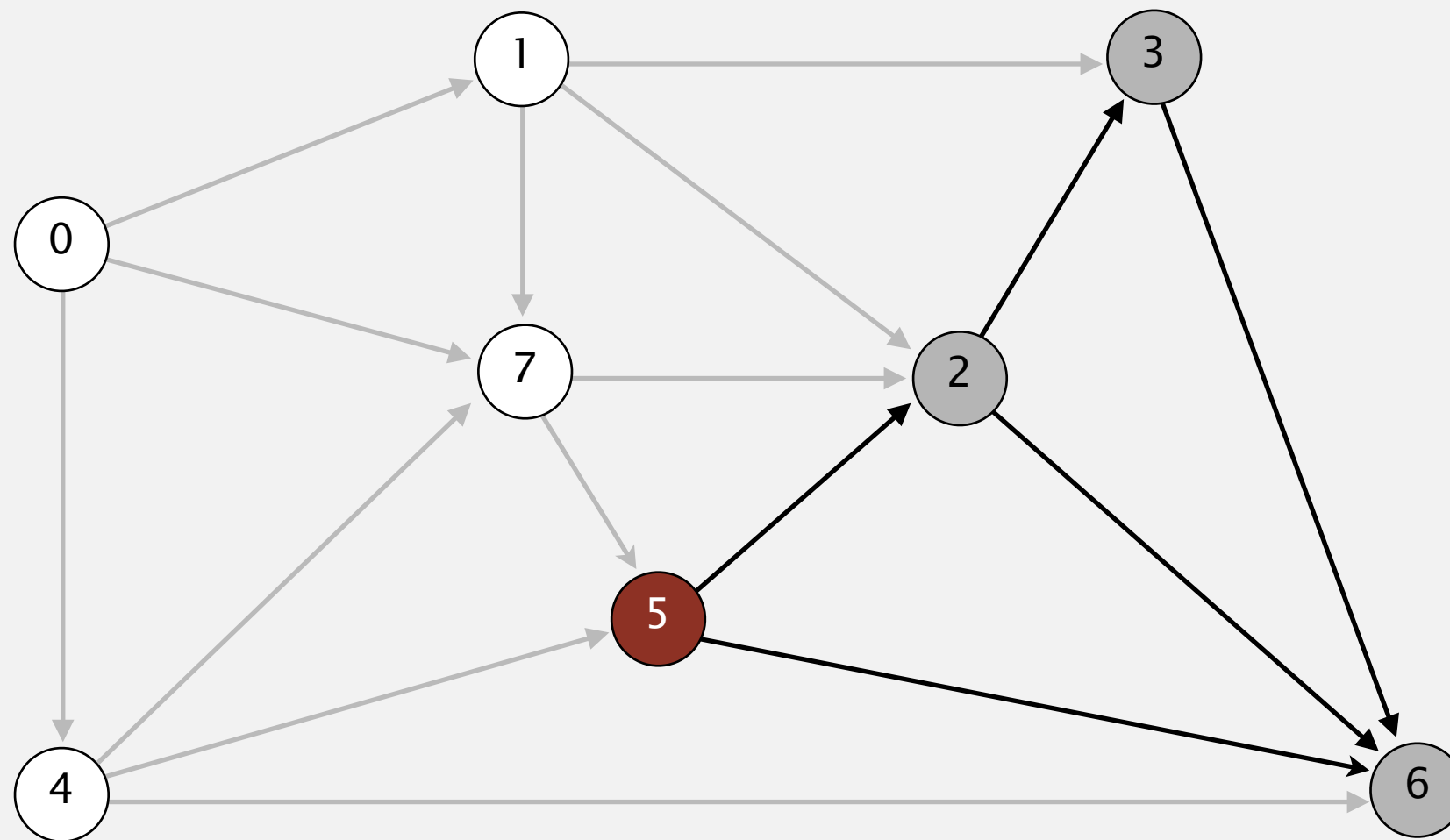
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5	13.0	4→5
6	29.0	4→6
7	8.0	0→7

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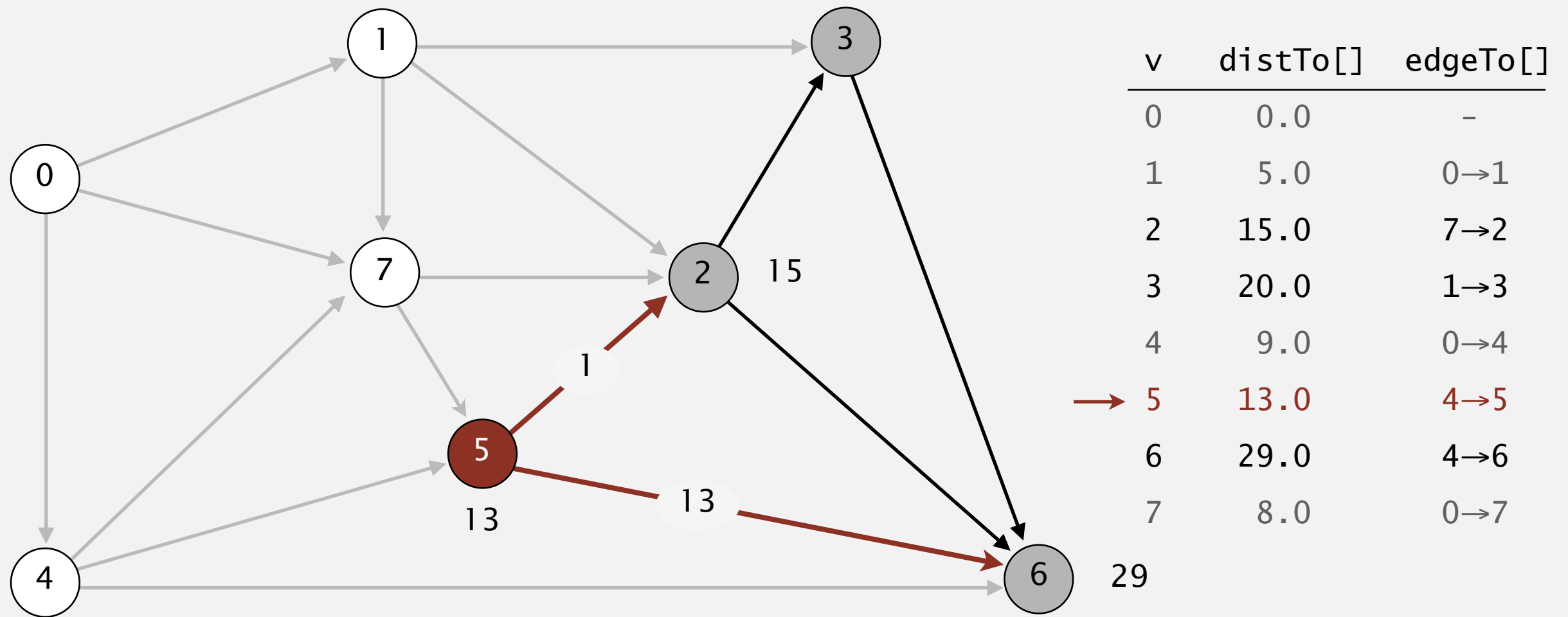


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→ 5	13.0	4→5
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**select vertex 5**

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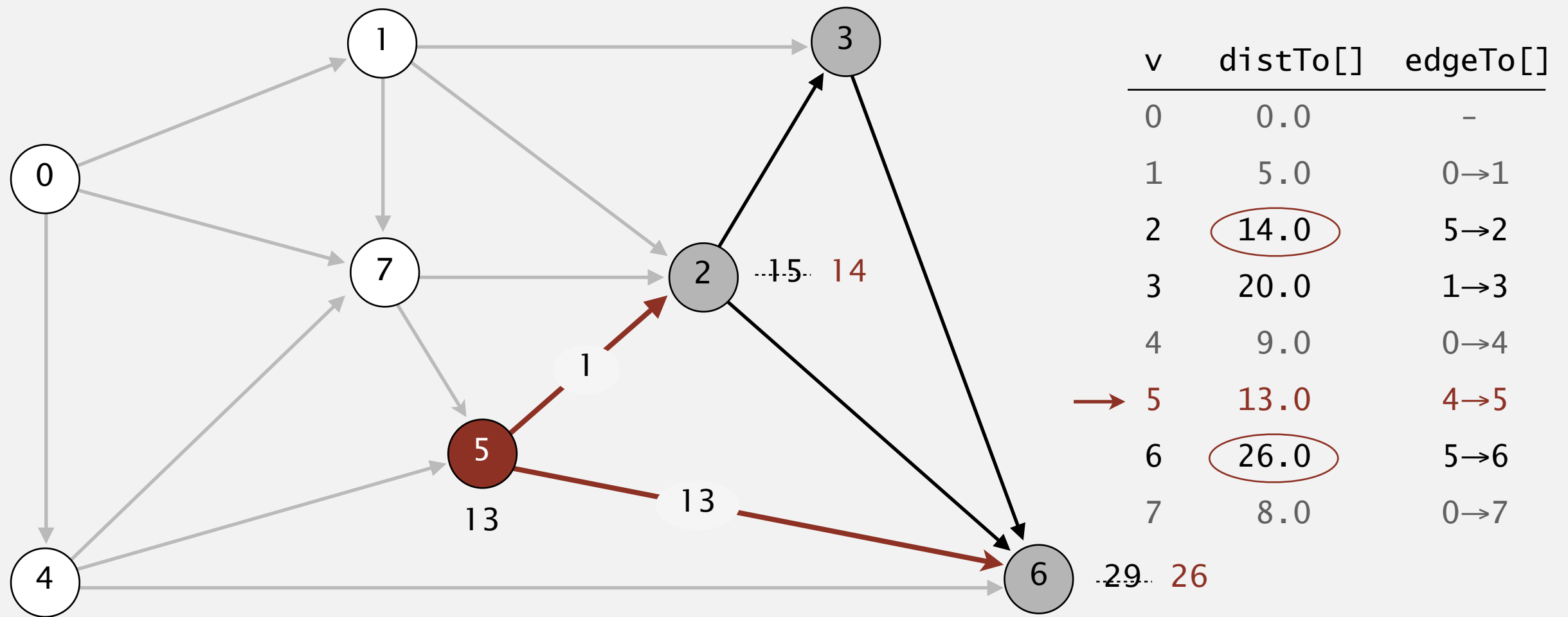


relax all edges pointing from 5



# Dijkstra's algorithm demo

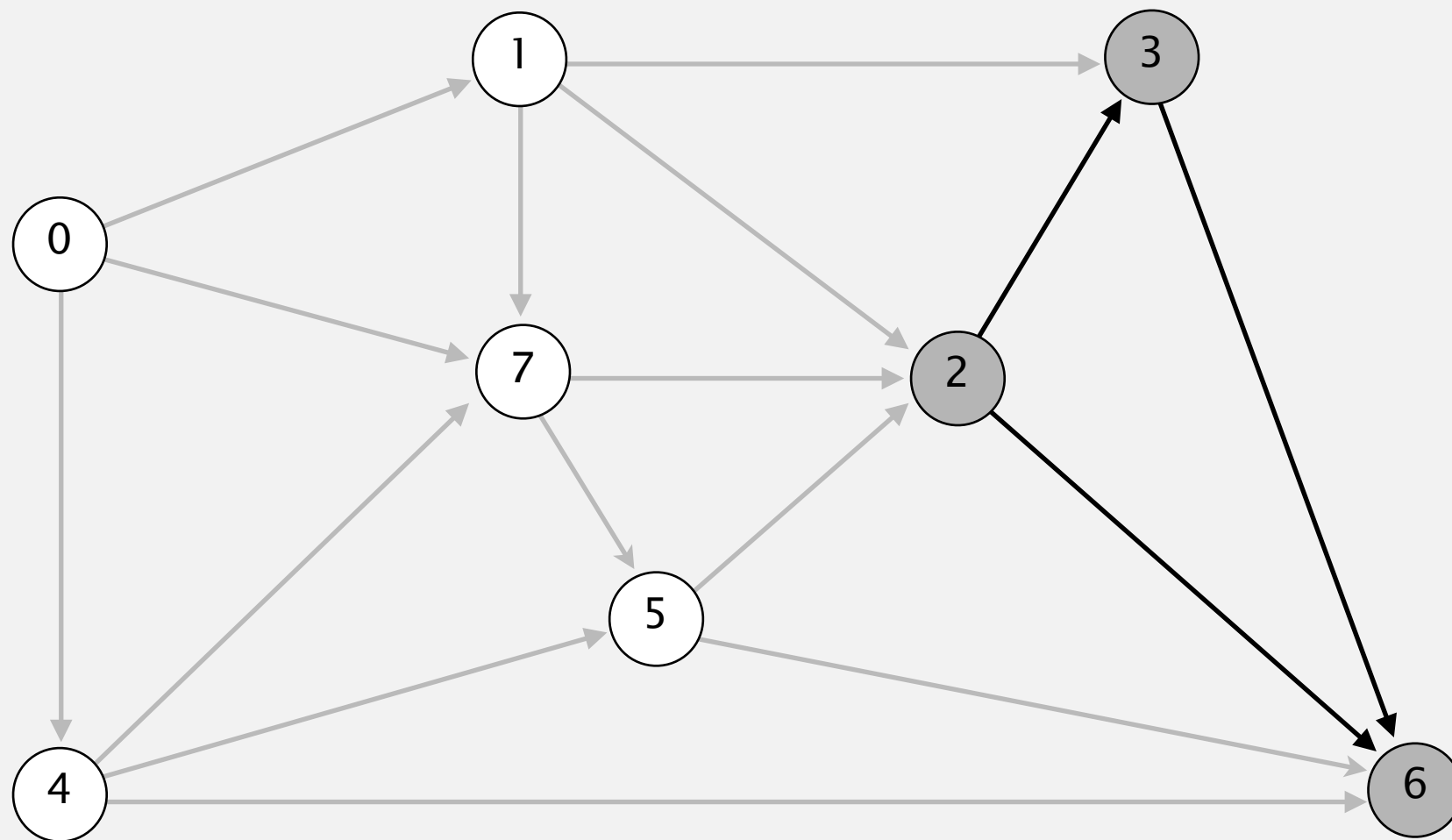
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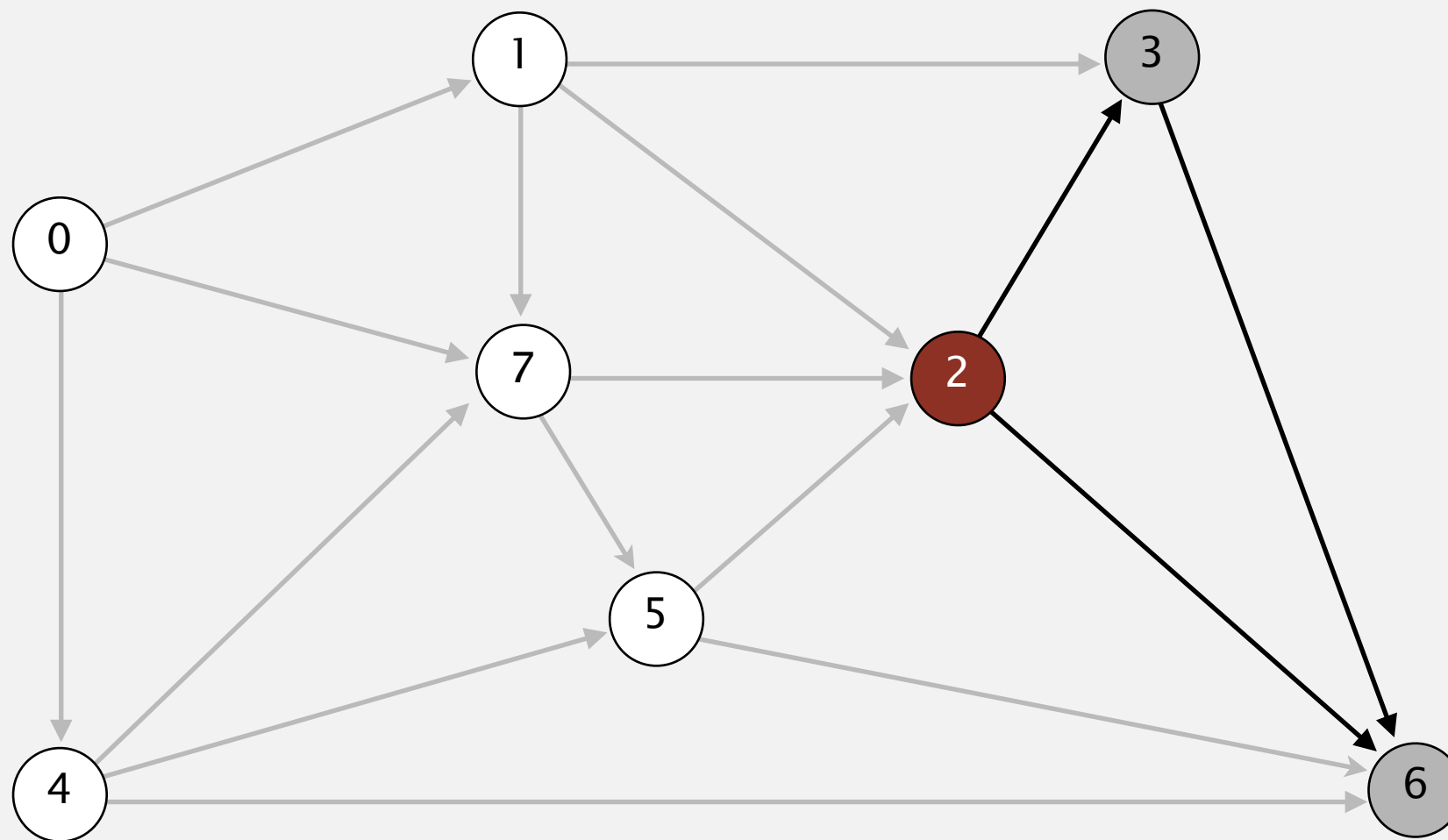
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5	13.0	4→5
6	26.0	5→6
7	8.0	0→7

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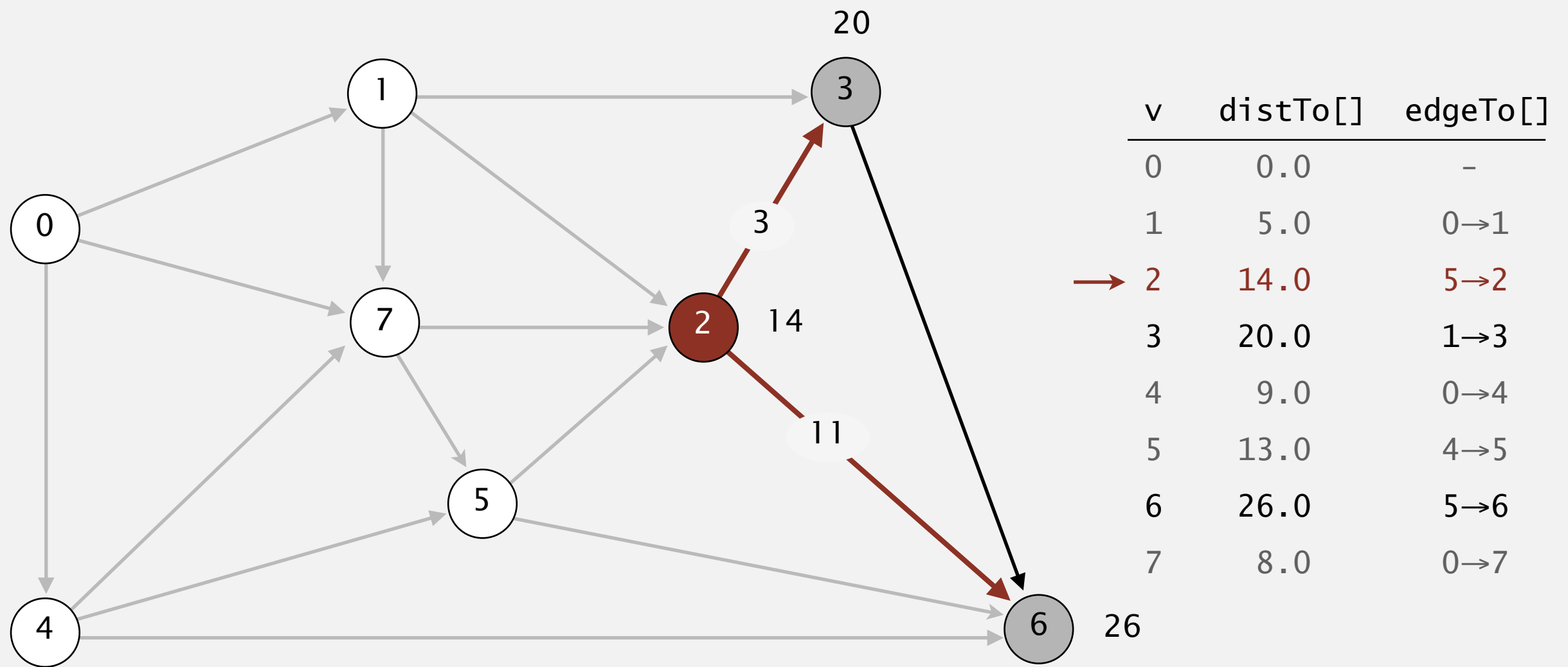


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select vertex 2

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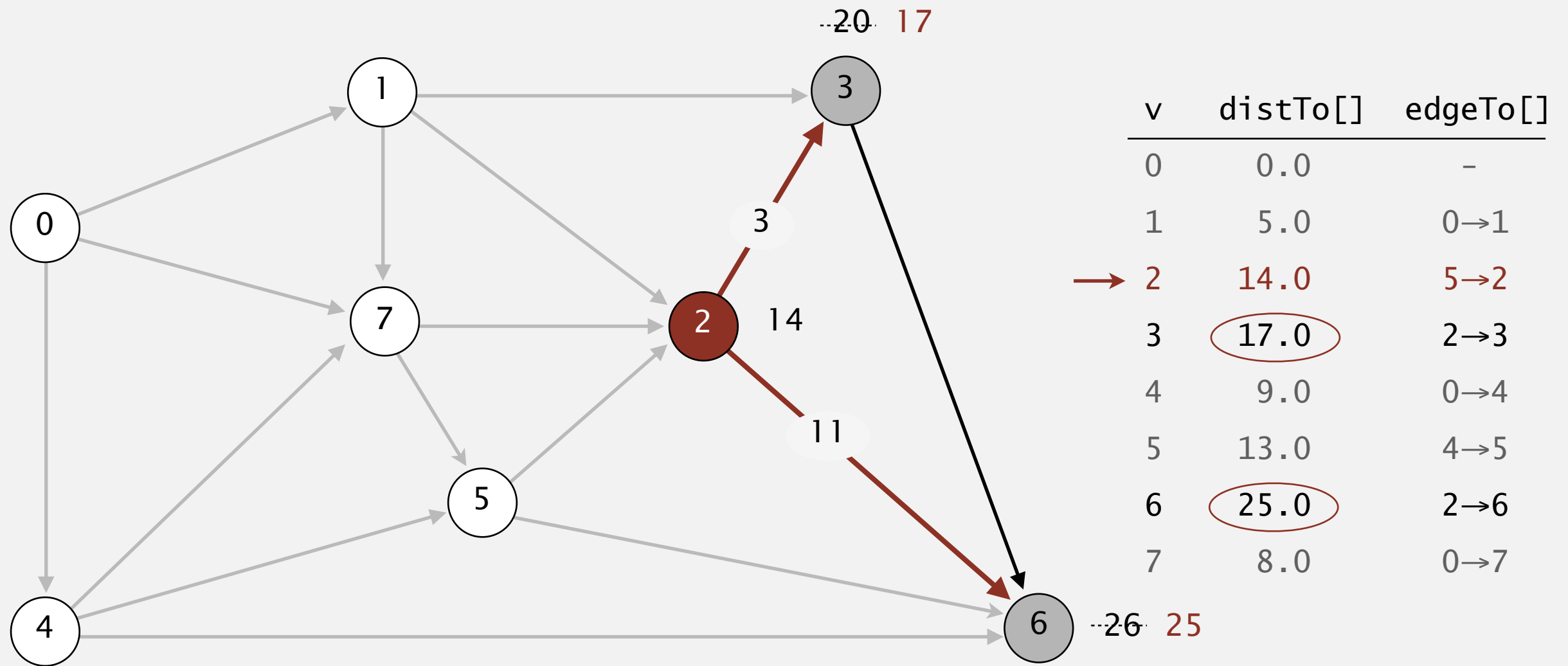
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relax all edges pointing from 2

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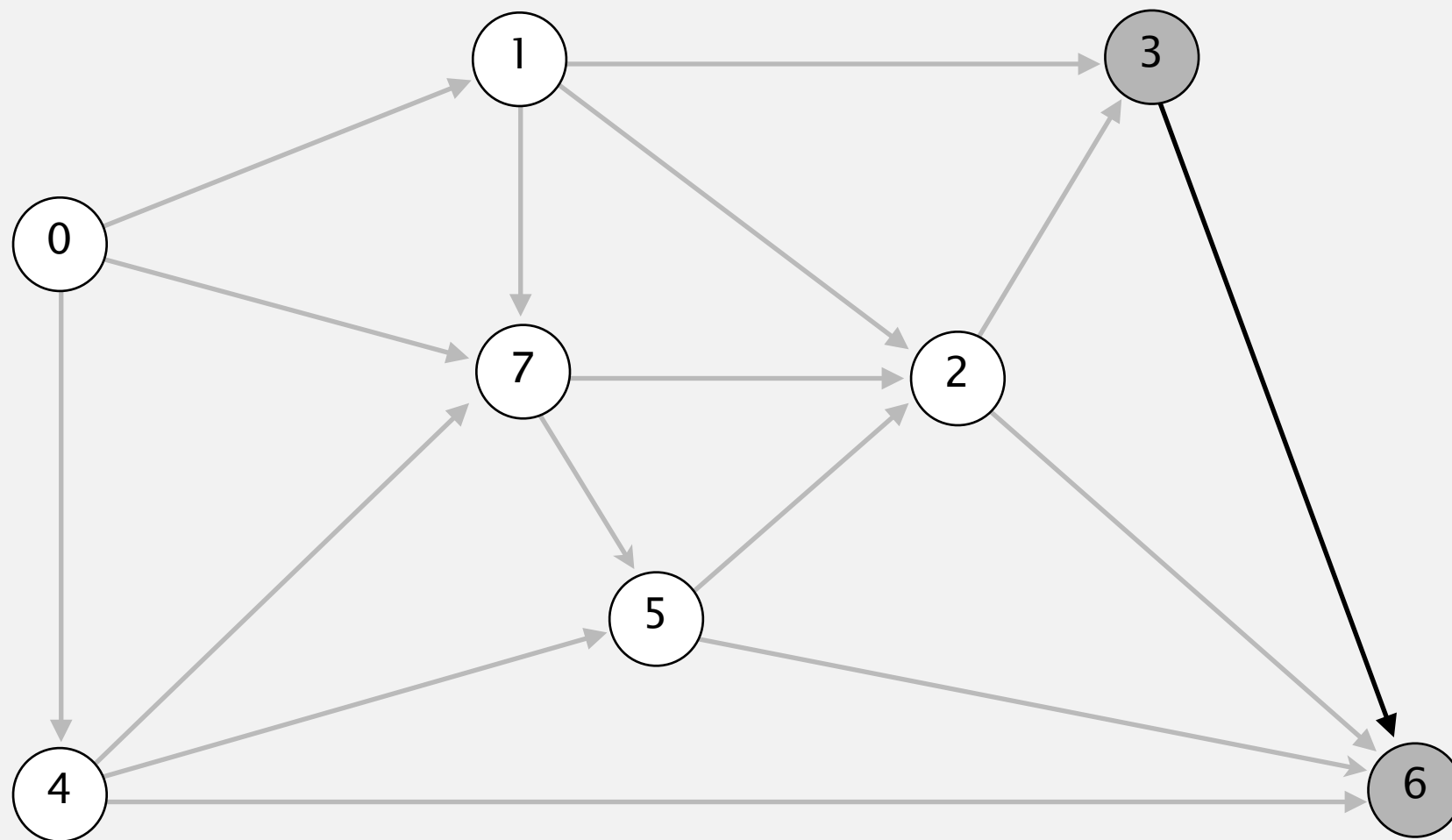


relax all edges pointing from 2

# Dijkstra's algorithm demo

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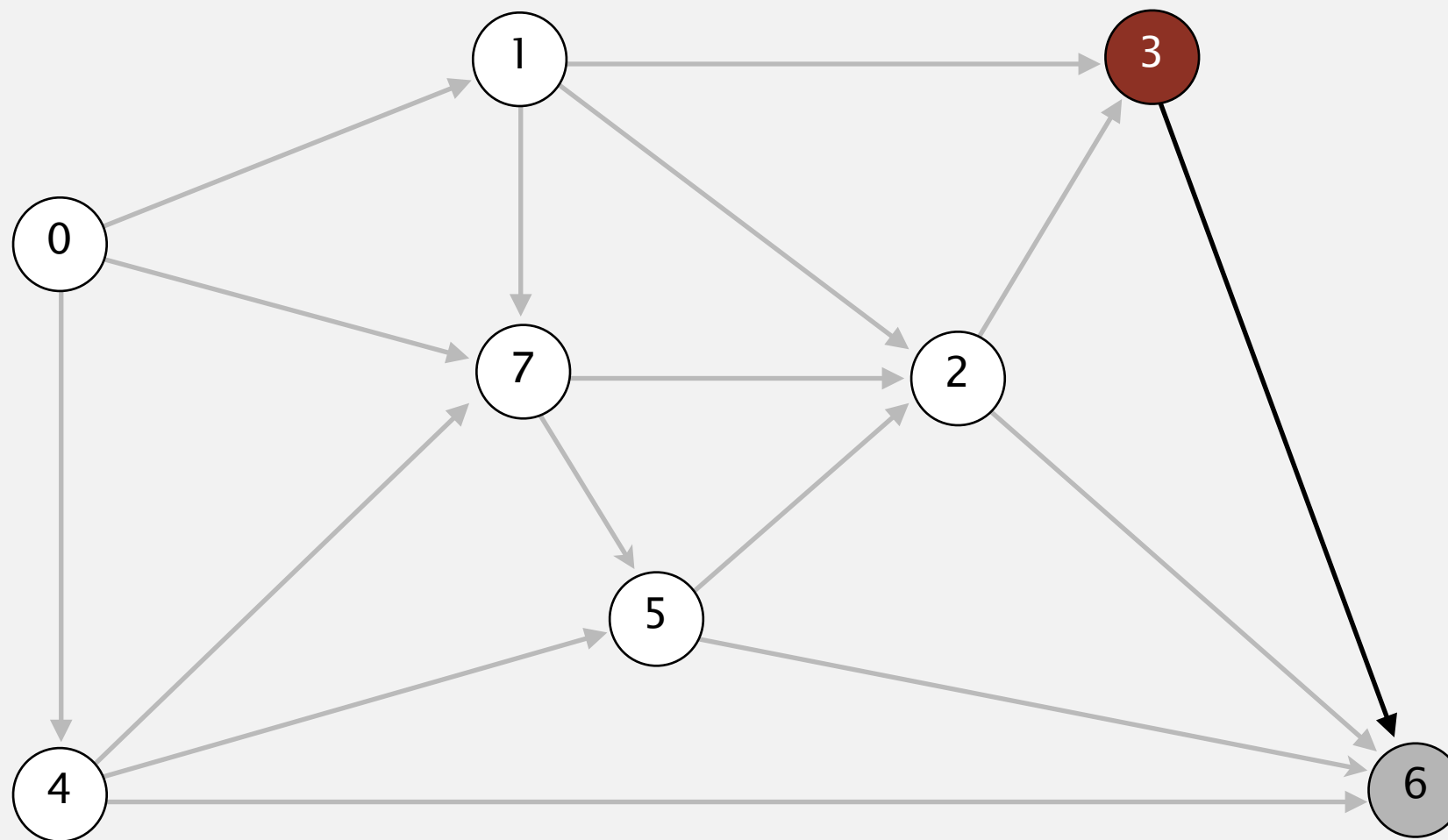
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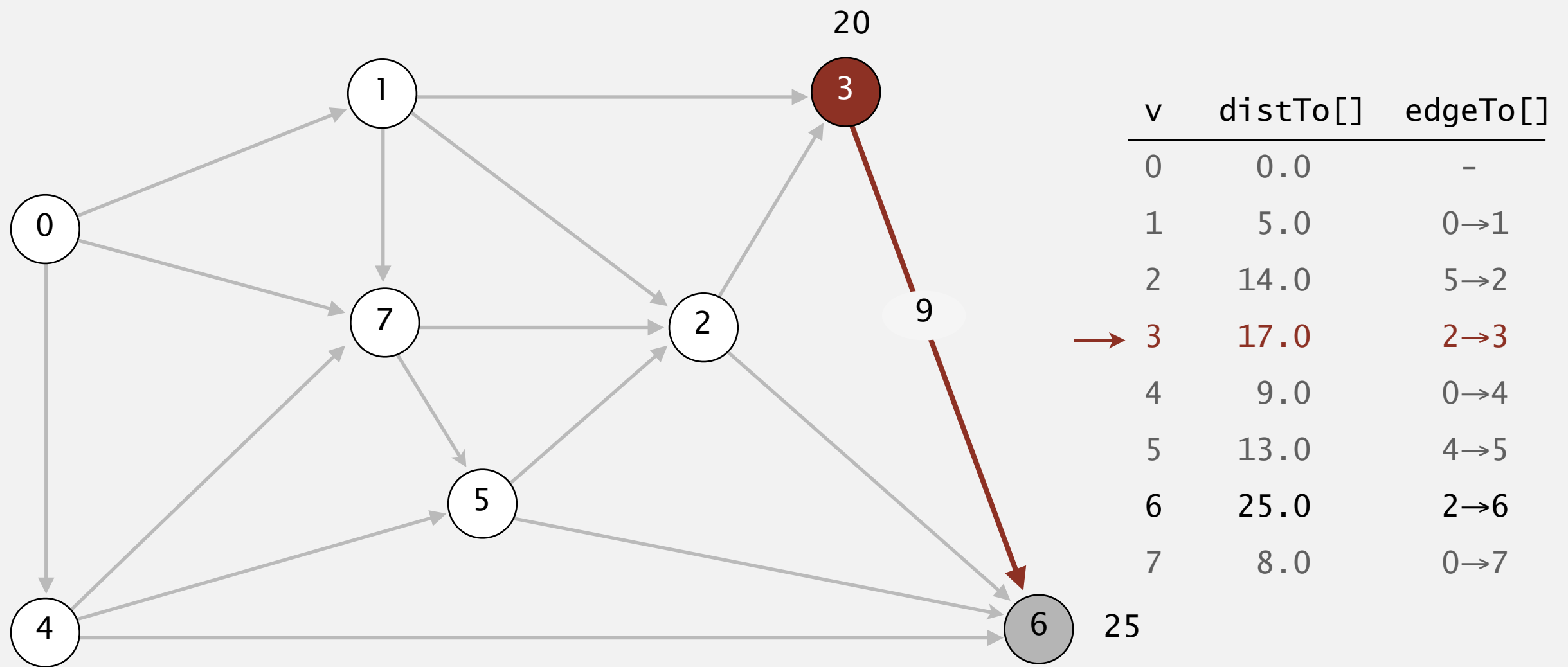


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**select vertex 3**

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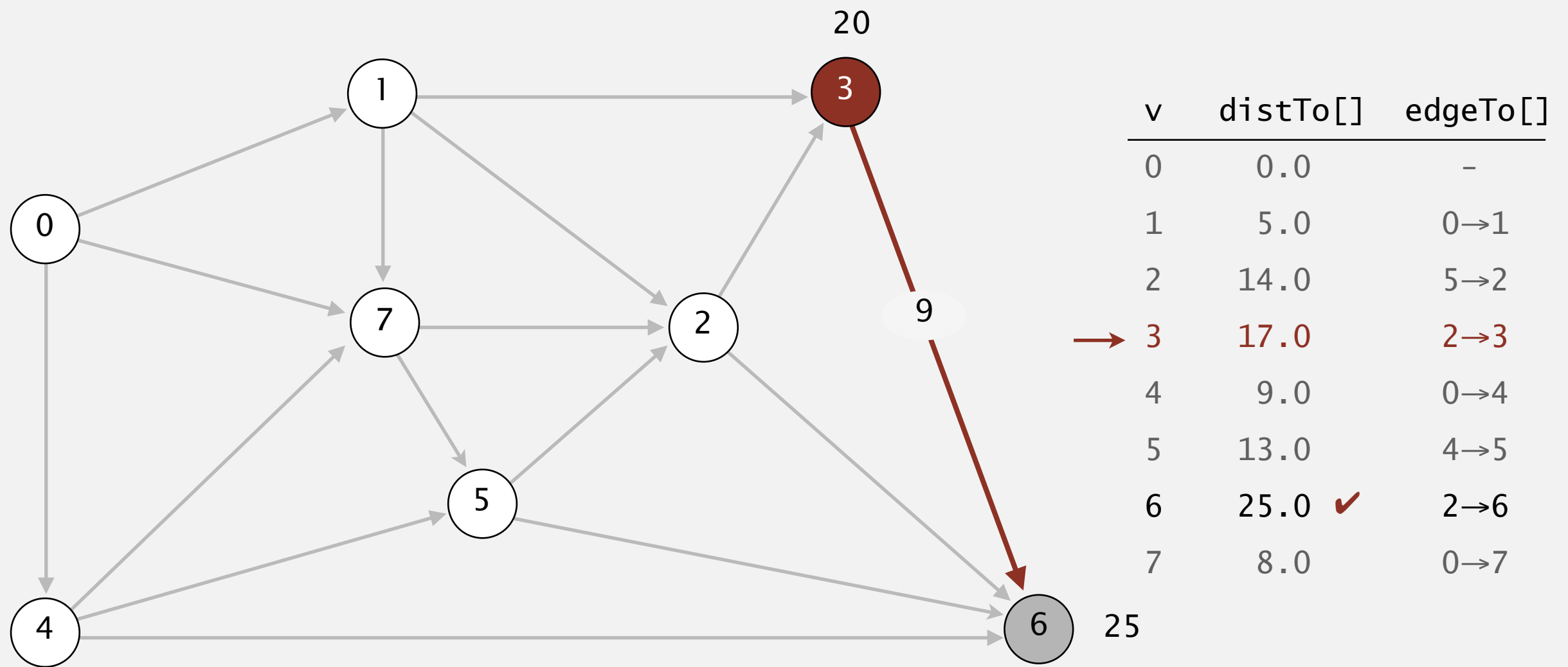


relax all edges pointing from 3



# Dijkstra's algorithm demo

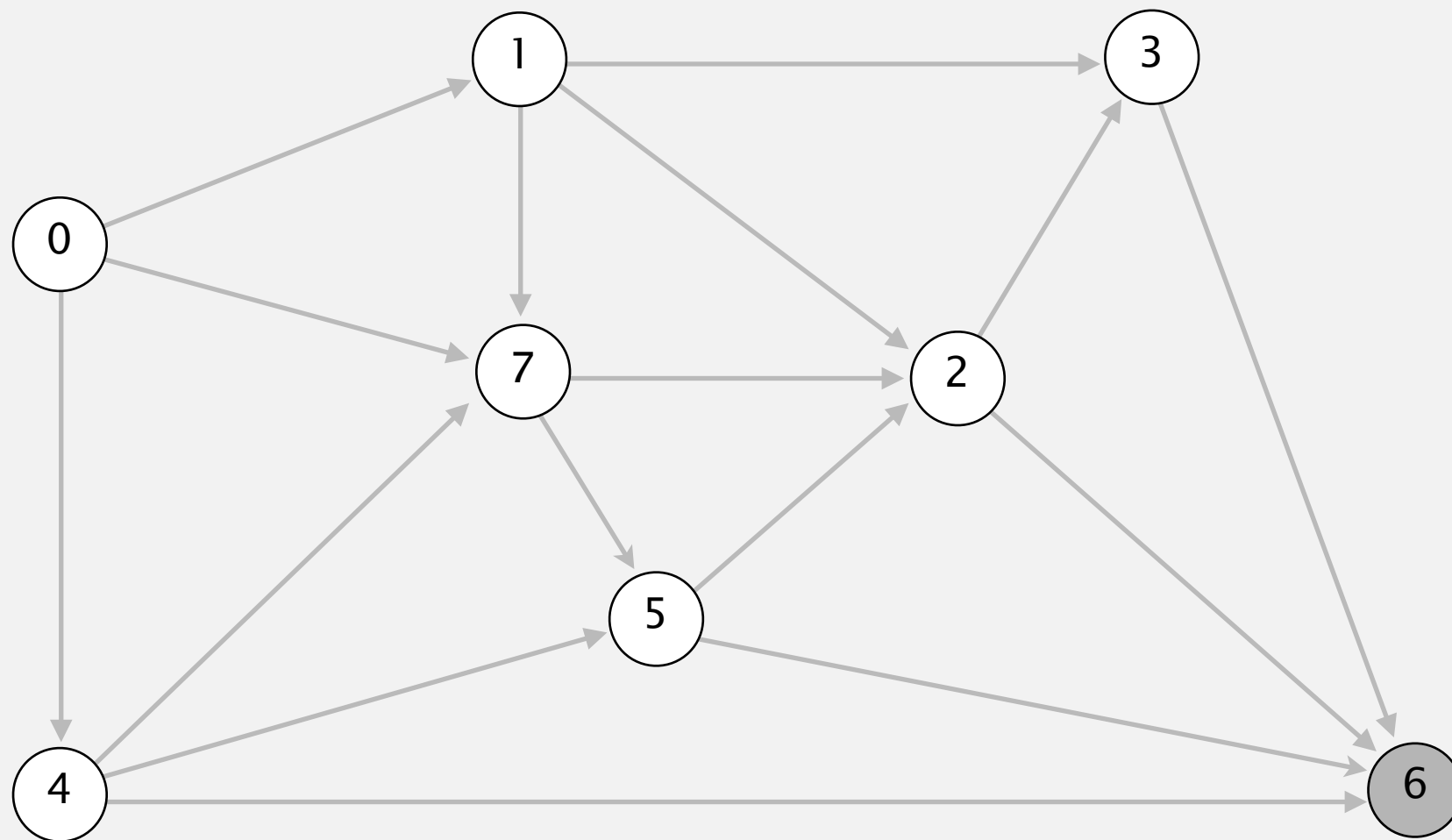
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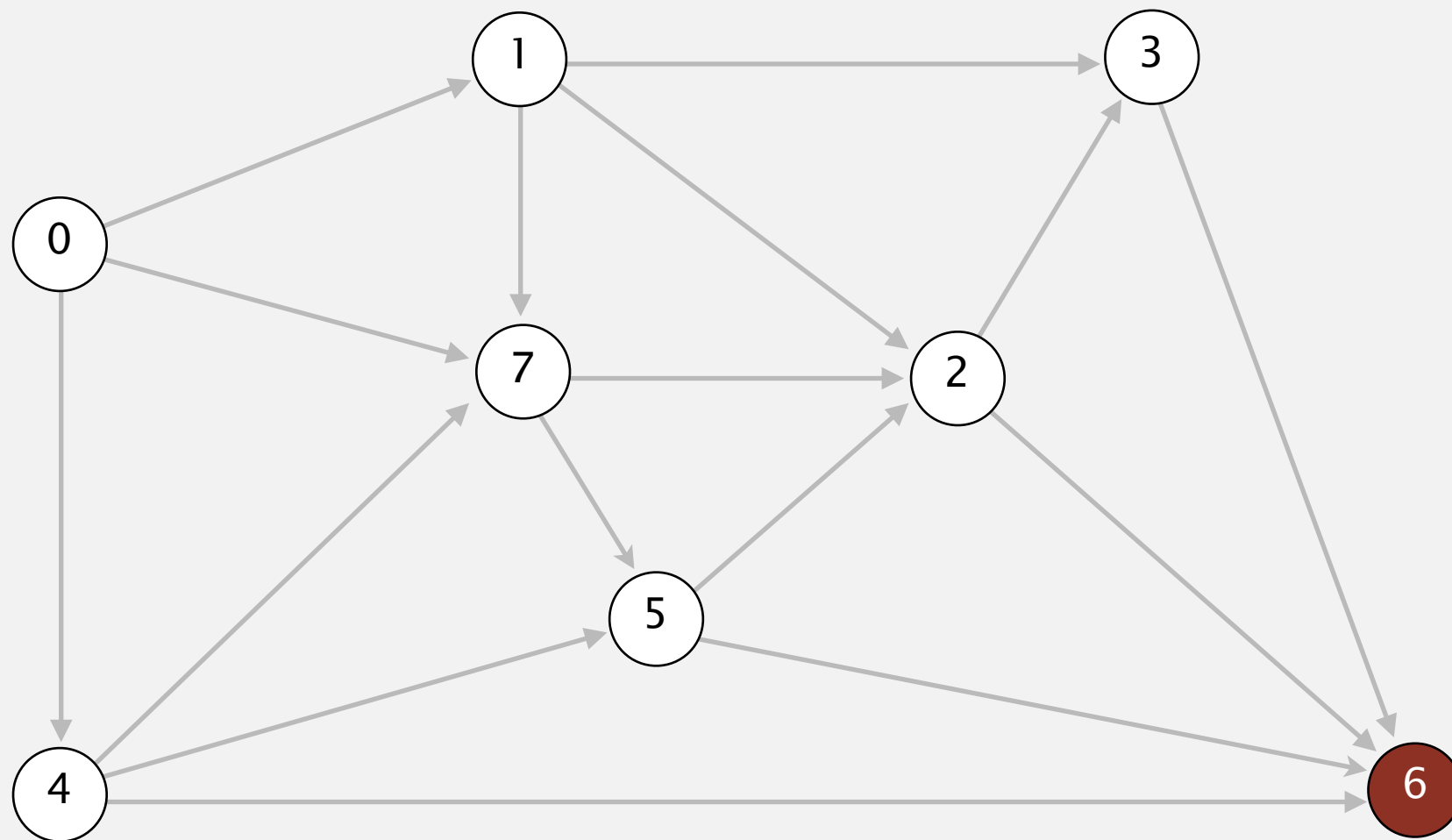
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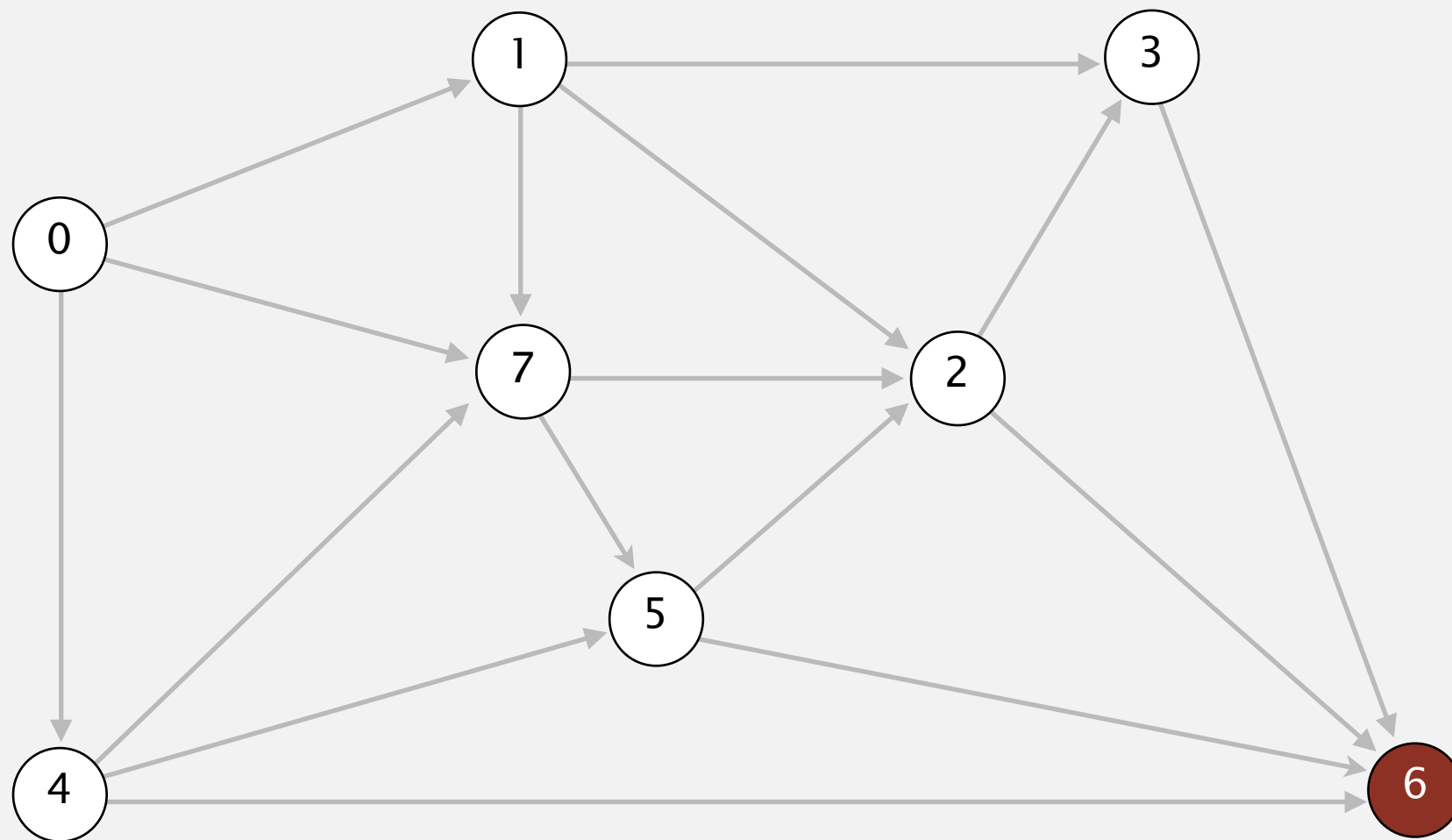


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**select vertex 6**

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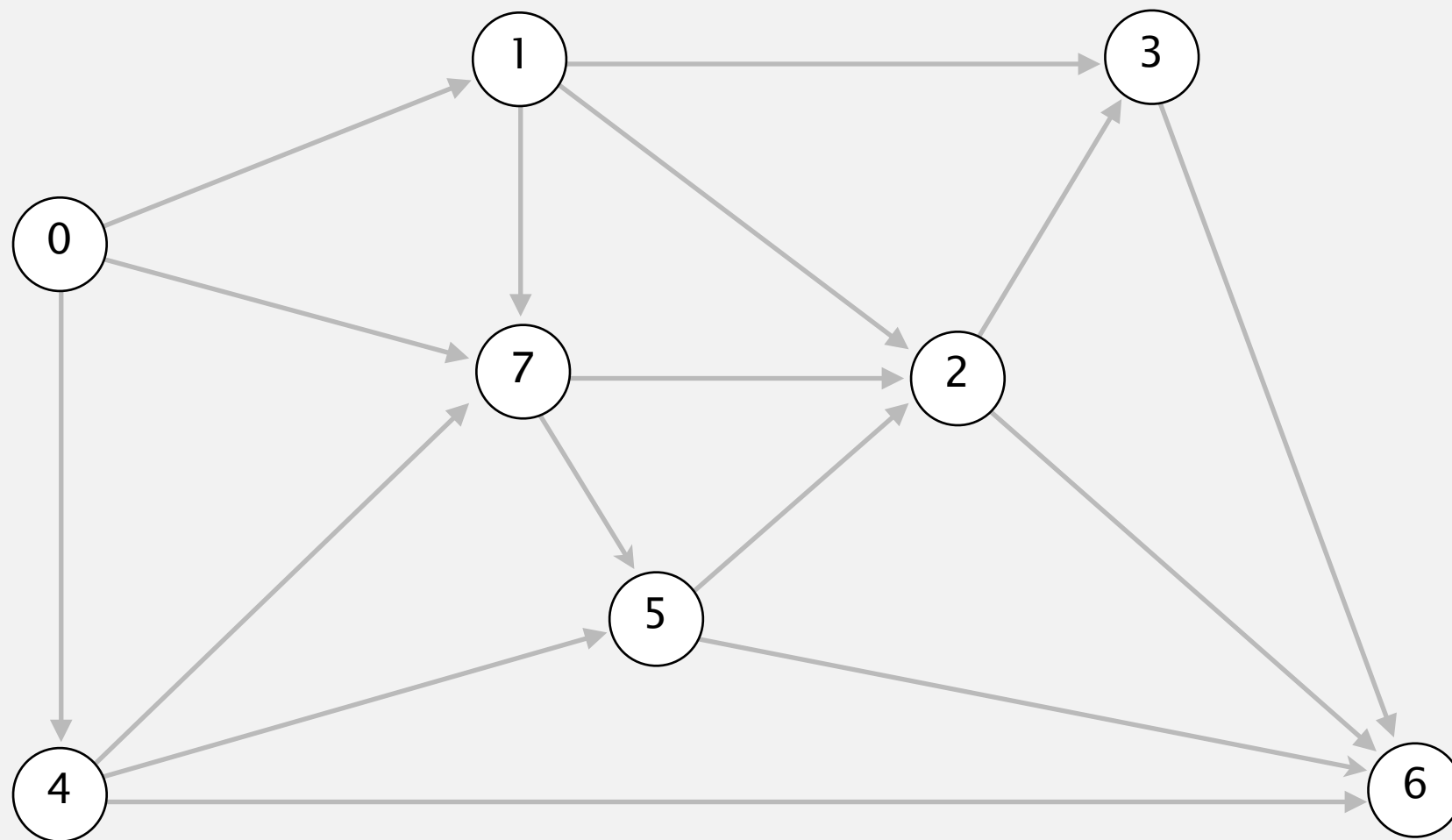
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relax all edges pointing from 6

# Dijkstra's algorithm demo

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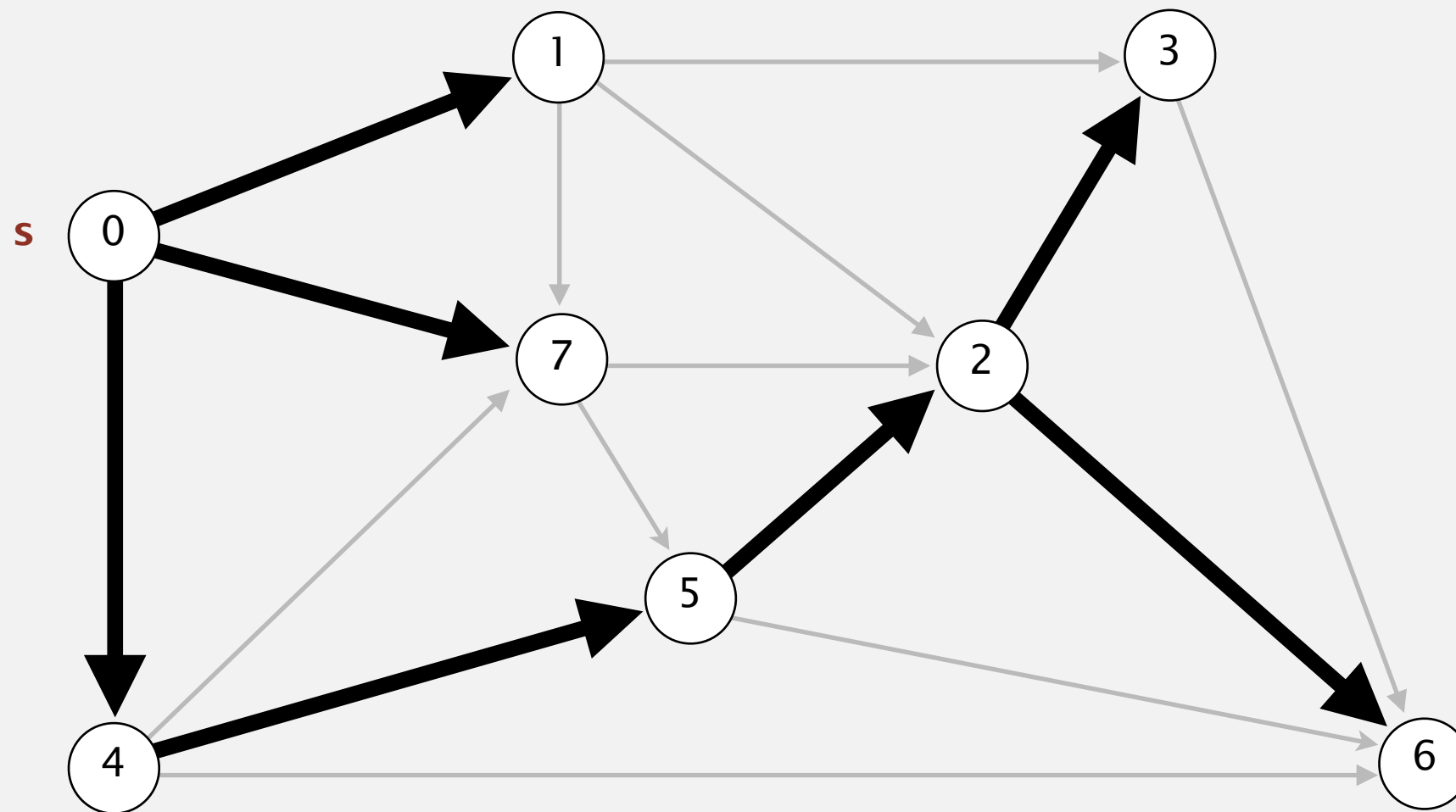
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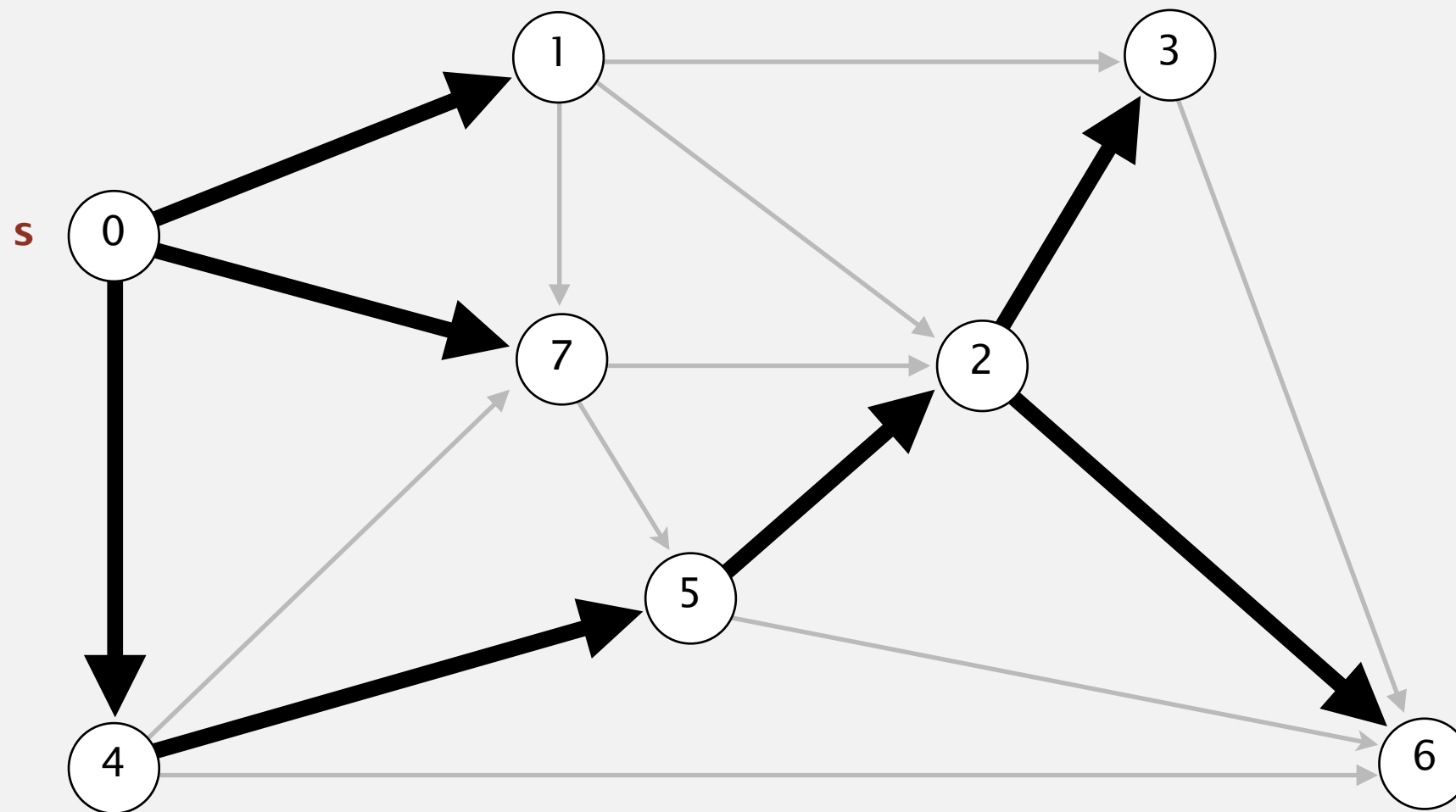


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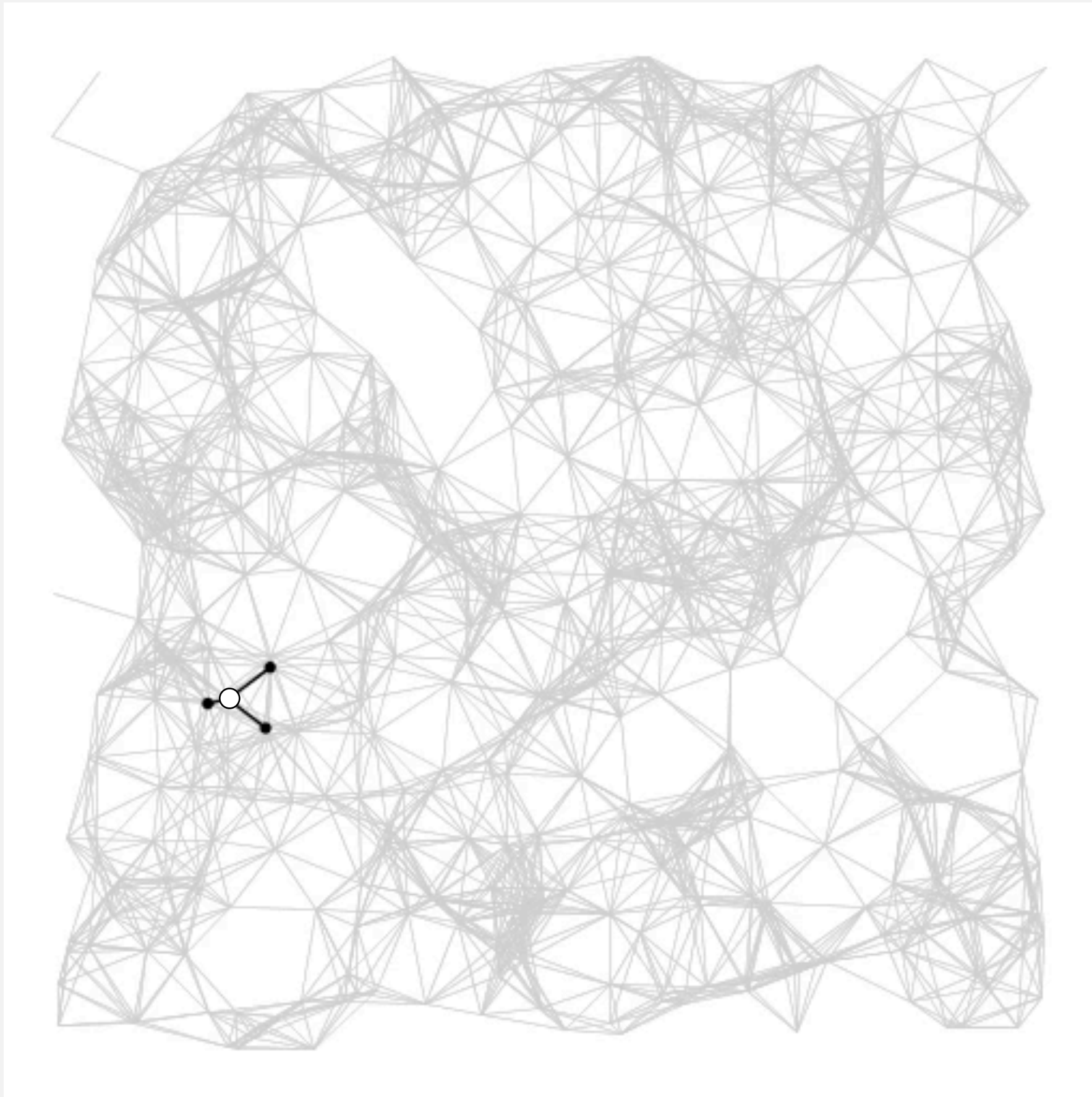


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# Dijkstra's algorithm visualization

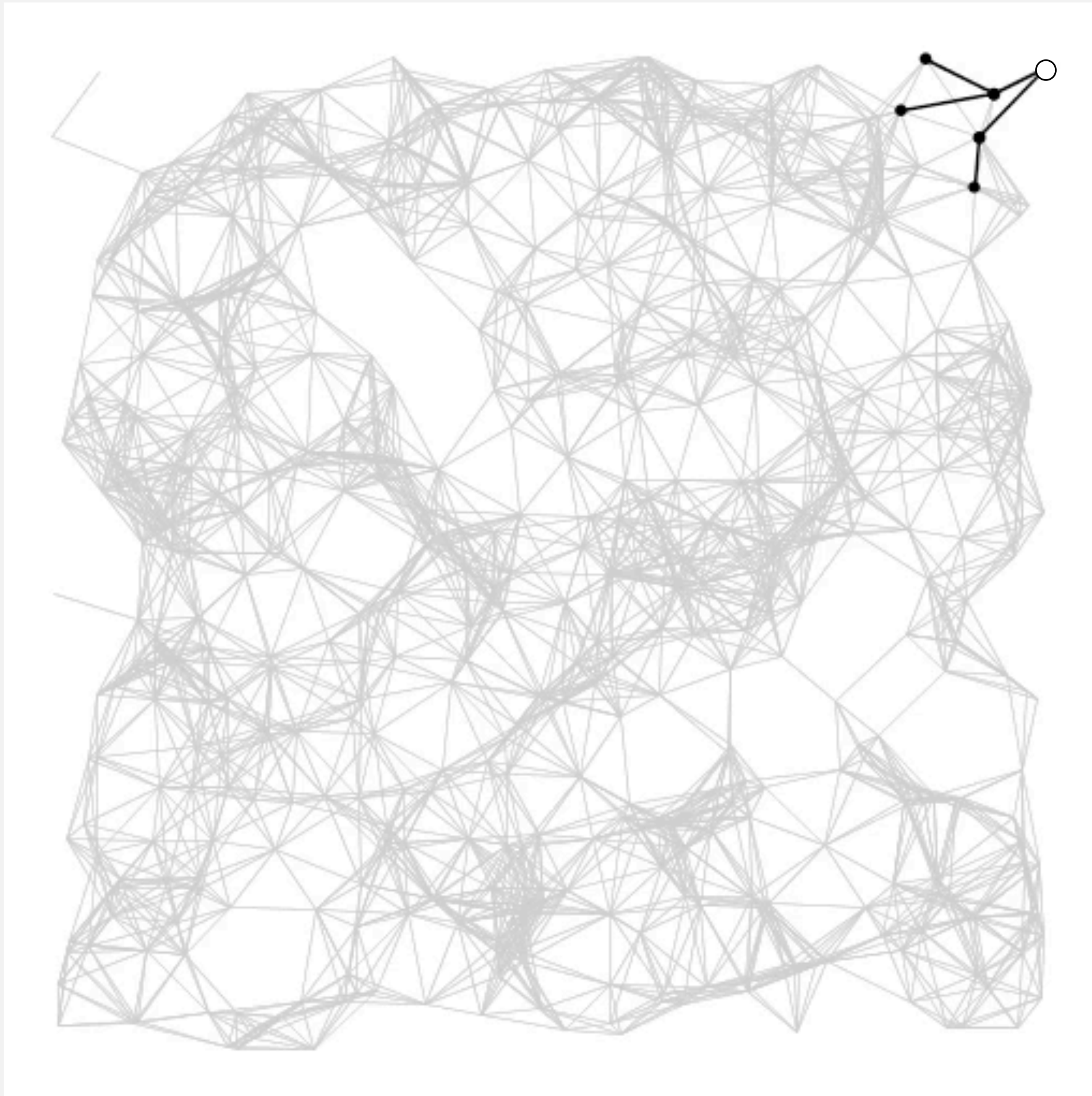
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# Dijkstra's algorithm visualization

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# Dijkstra's algorithm: correctness proof 1

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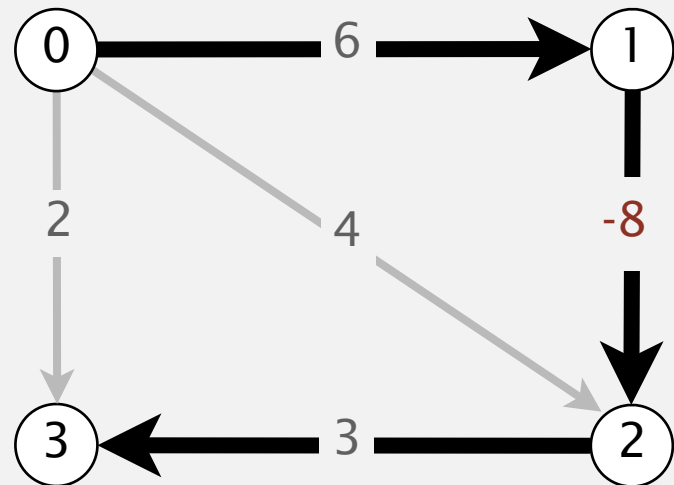
**Proposition.** Dijkstra's algorithm computes a SPT in any edge-weighted digraph with nonnegative weights.

**Pf.**

- Each edge  $e = v \rightarrow w$  is relaxed exactly once (when vertex  $v$  is relaxed), leaving  $\text{distTo}[w] \leq \text{distTo}[v] + e.\text{weight}()$ .
- Inequality holds until algorithm terminates because:
  - $\text{distTo}[w]$  cannot increase   $\text{distTo}[]$  values are monotone decreasing
  - $\text{distTo}[v]$  will not change  we choose lowest  $\text{distTo}[]$  value at each step (and edge weights are nonnegative)
- Thus, upon termination, shortest-paths optimality conditions hold. ■

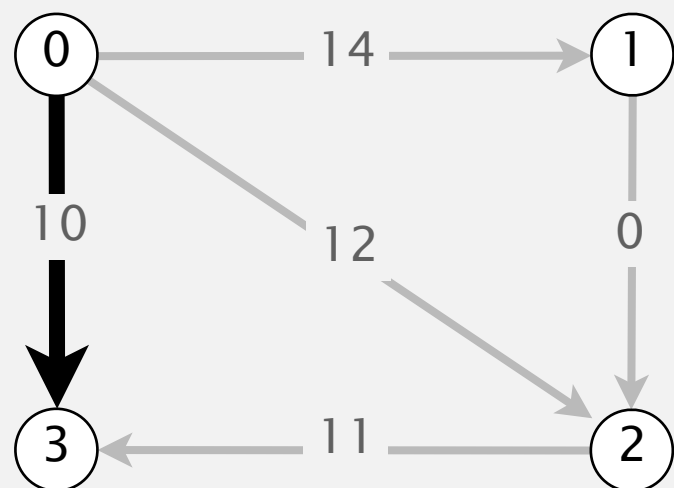
# Shortest paths with negative weights: failed attempts

**Dijkstra.** Doesn't work with negative edge weights.



Dijkstra selects vertex 3 immediately after 0.  
But shortest path from 0 to 3 is  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$ .

**Re-weighting.** Add a constant to every edge weight doesn't work.



Adding 8 to each edge weight changes the  
shortest path from  $0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$  to  $0 \rightarrow 3$ .

**Conclusion.** Need a different algorithm.

# Dijkstra's algorithm: Java implementation

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```
public class DijkstraSP
{
    private DirectedEdge[] edgeTo;
    private double[] distTo;
    private IndexMinPQ<Double> pq;

    public DijkstraSP(EdgeWeightedDigraph G, int s)
    {
        edgeTo = new DirectedEdge[G.V()];
        distTo = new double[G.V()];
        pq = new IndexMinPQ<Double>(G.V());

        for (int v = 0; v < G.V(); v++)
            distTo[v] = Double.POSITIVE_INFINITY;
        distTo[s] = 0.0;

        pq.insert(s, 0.0);
        while (!pq.isEmpty())
        {
            int v = pq.delMin();
            for (DirectedEdge e : G.adj(v))
                relax(e);
        }
    }
}
```

← relax vertices in order  
of distance from s

# Dijkstra's algorithm: Java implementation

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```
private void relax(DirectedEdge e)
{
    int v = e.from(), w = e.to();
    if (distTo[w] > distTo[v] + e.weight())
    {
        distTo[w] = distTo[v] + e.weight();
        edgeTo[w] = e;
        if (pq.contains(w)) pq.decreaseKey(w, distTo[w]);
        else pq.insert(w, distTo[w]);
    }
}
```

← update PQ

# Computing a spanning tree in a graph

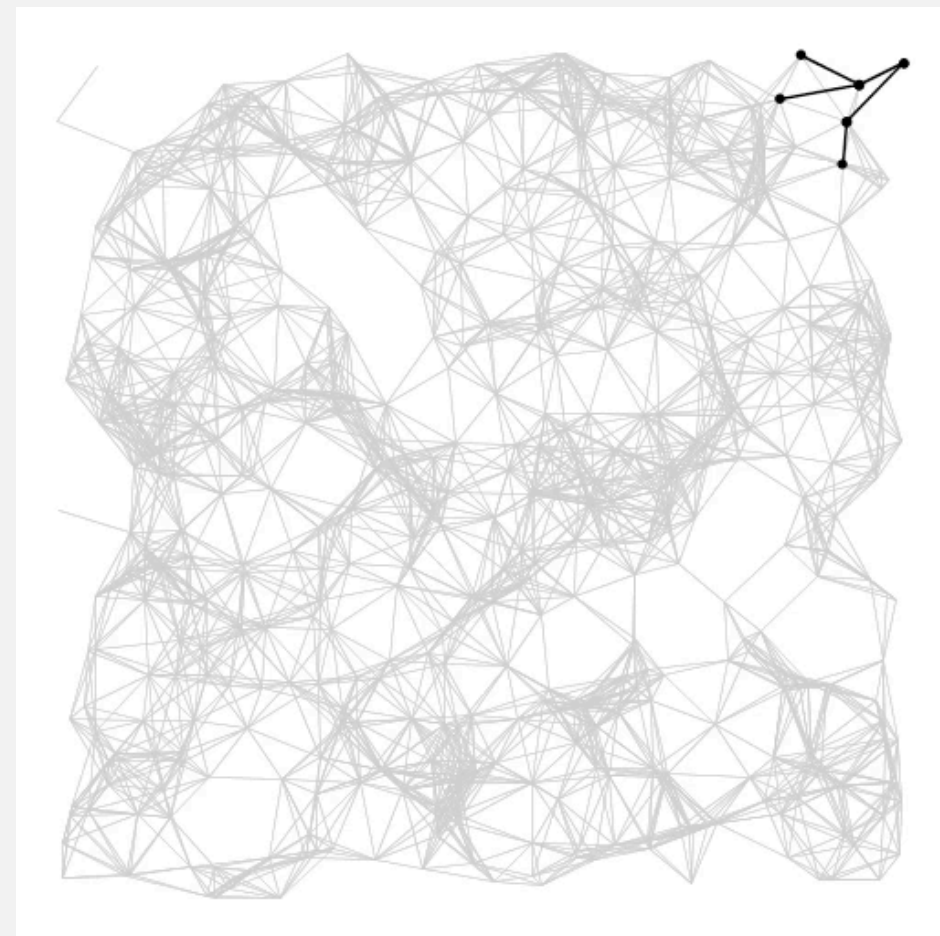
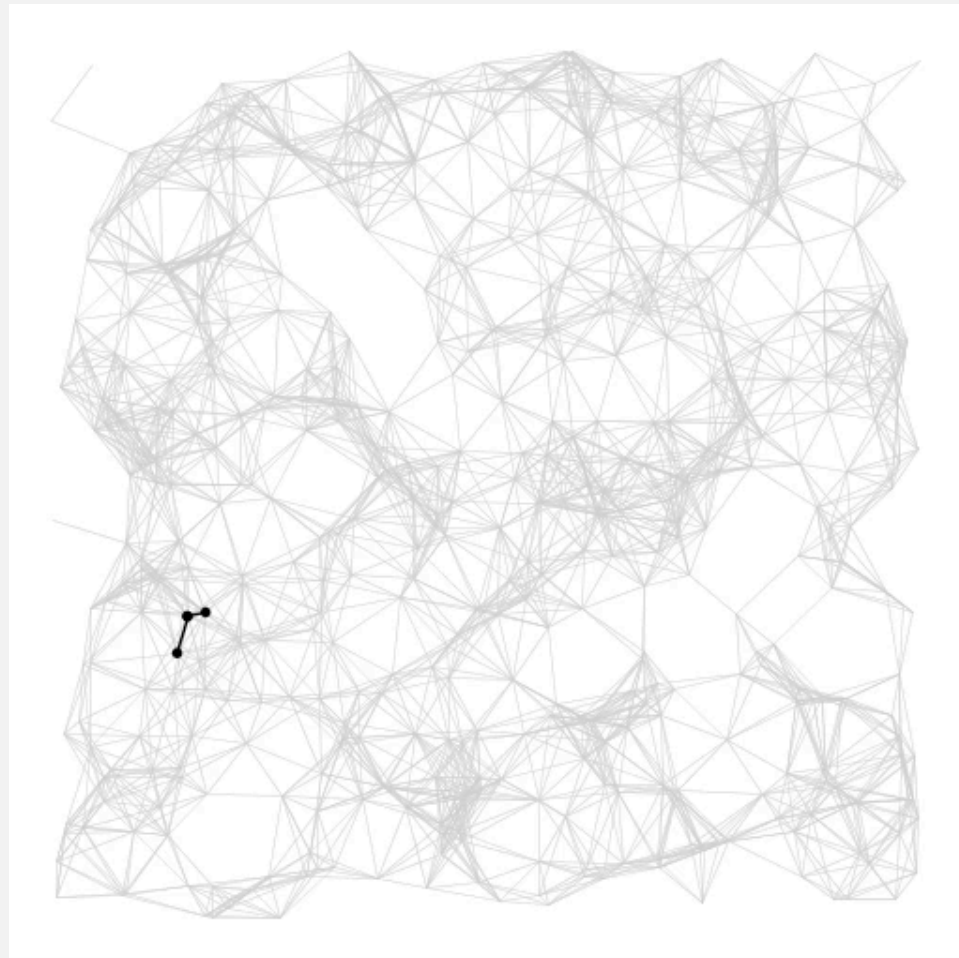
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## Dijkstra's algorithm seem familiar?

- Prim's algorithm is essentially the same algorithm.
- Both are in a family of algorithms that compute a spanning tree.

**Main distinction:** Rule used to choose next vertex for the tree.

- Prim: Closest vertex to the **tree** (via an undirected edge).
- Dijkstra: Closest vertex to the **source** (via a directed path).



# Priority-first search

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**Insight.** Four of our graph-search methods are the same algorithm!

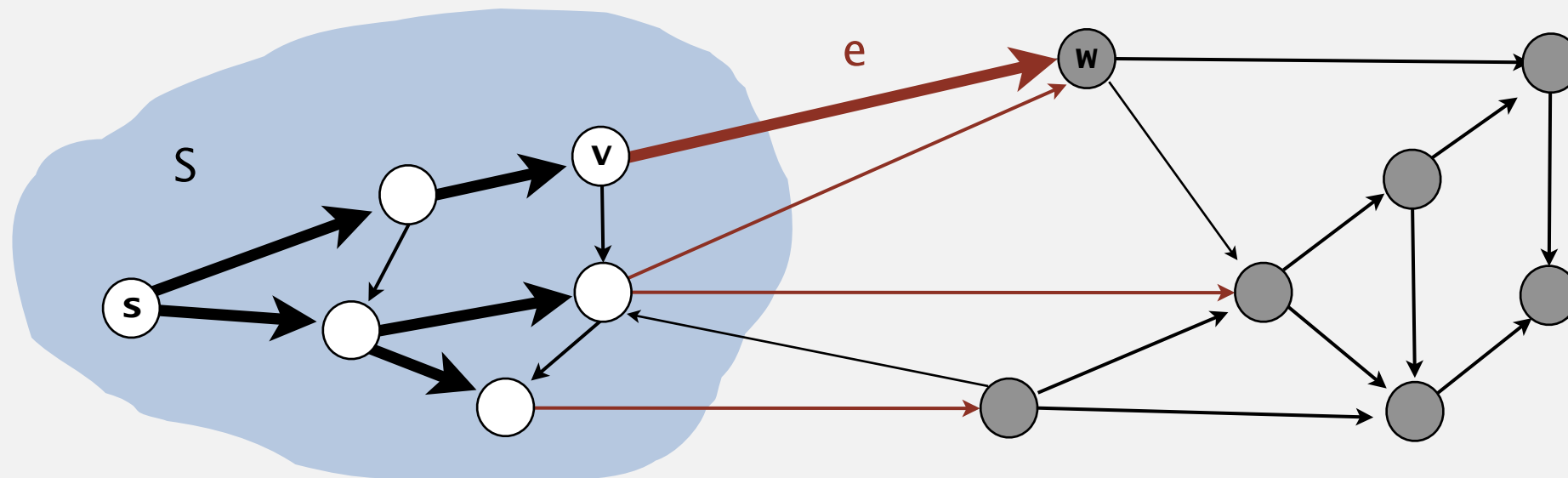
- Maintain a set of explored vertices  $S$ .
- Grow  $S$  by exploring edges with exactly one endpoint leaving  $S$ .

**DFS.** Take edge from vertex which was discovered most recently.

**BFS.** Take edge from vertex which was discovered least recently.

**Prim.** Take edge of minimum weight.

**Dijkstra.** Take edge to vertex that is closest to  $S$ .



**Challenge.** Express this insight in reusable Java code.

# Dijkstra's algorithm: which priority queue?

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Depends on PQ implementation:  $V$  insert,  $V$  delete-min,  $E$  decrease-key.

PQ implementation	insert	delete-min	decrease-key	total
<b>unordered array</b>	1	$V$	1	$V^2$
<b>binary heap</b>	$\log V$	$\log V$	$\log V$	$E \log V$
<b>d-way heap</b>	$\log_d V$	$d \log_d V$	$\log_d V$	$E \log_{E/V} V$

$E \log_D V$  where the best value for  $D$  is  $E/D$

## Bottom line.

- Array implementation optimal for dense graphs.
- Binary heap much faster for sparse graphs.
- 4-way heap worth the trouble in performance-critical situations.
- Fibonacci heap best in theory, but not worth implementing.