

Graph Theory and Its Applications

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Lecture 9

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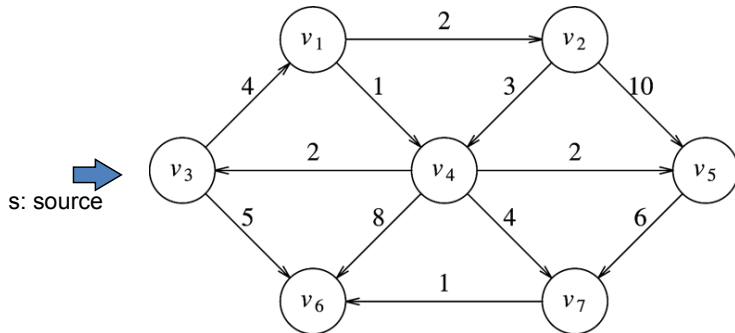
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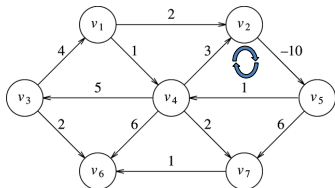
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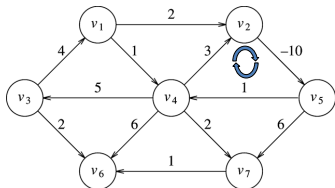
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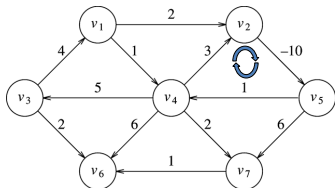
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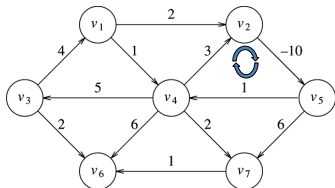
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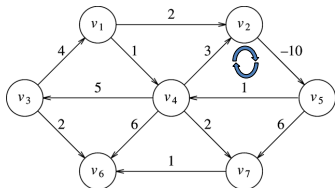
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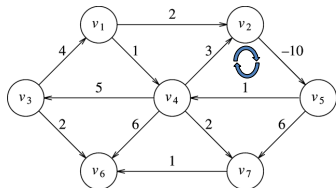
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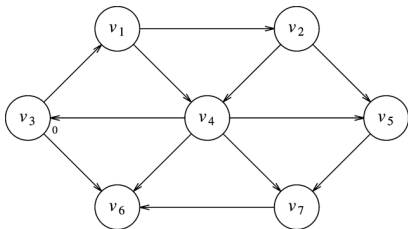
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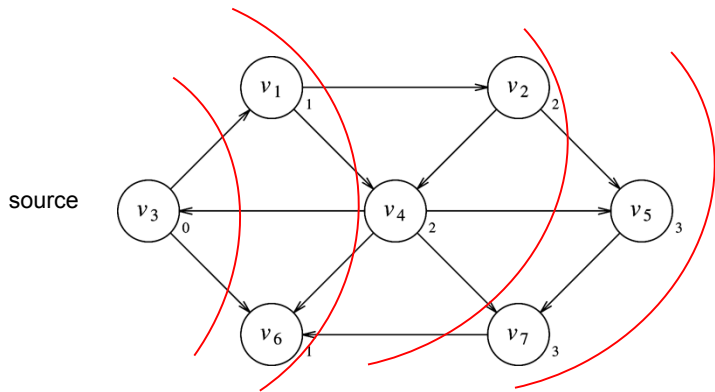
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v	Initial State			v ₃ Dequeued			v ₁ Dequeued			v ₆ Dequeued		
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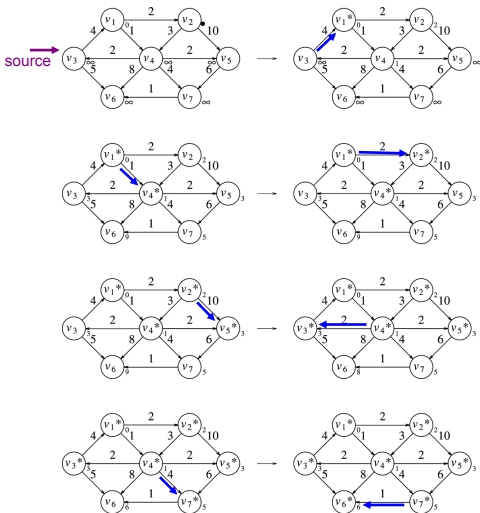
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