

# CS062

## DATA STRUCTURES AND ADVANCED PROGRAMMING

### 28: Minimum Spanning Trees

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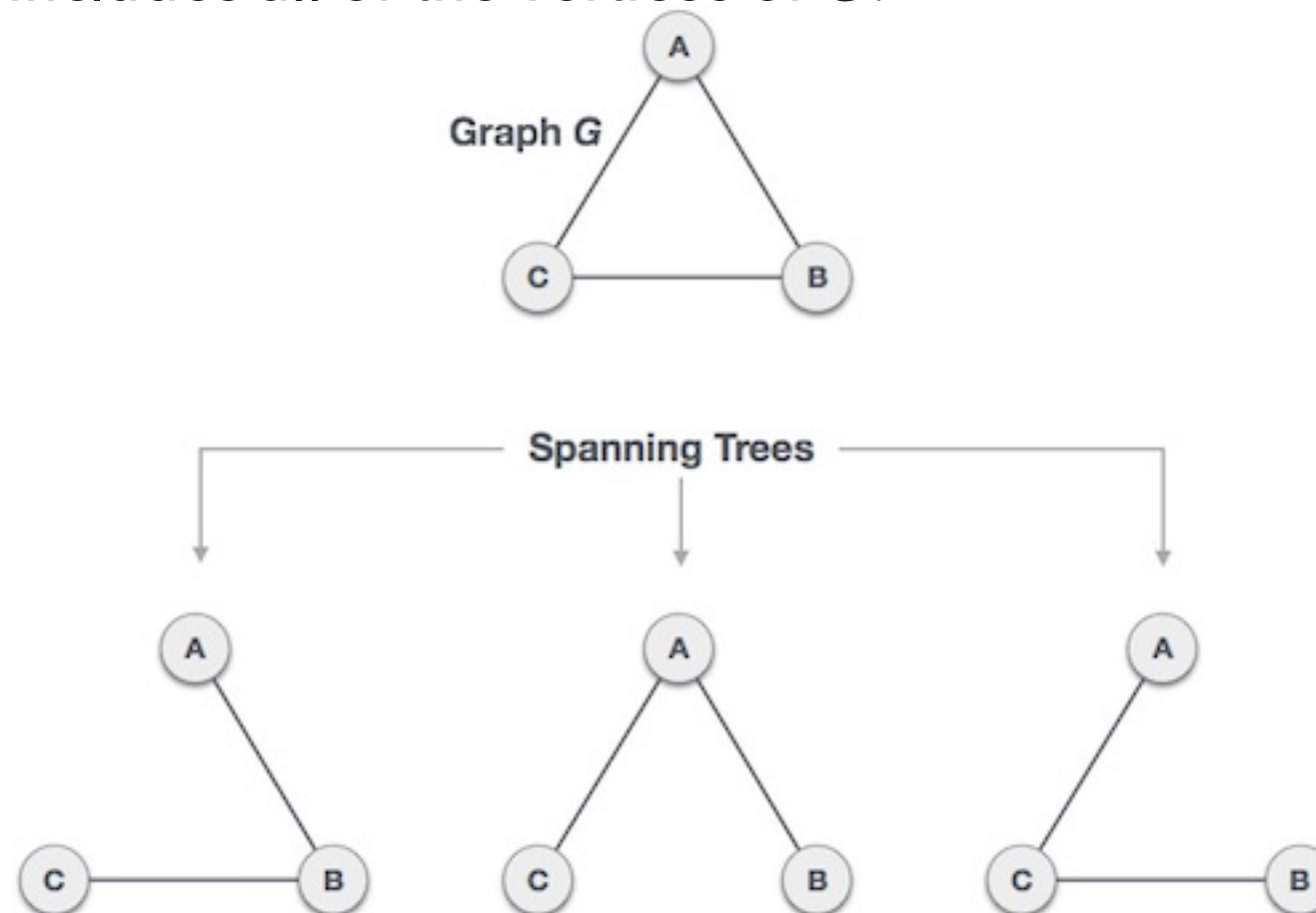
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## Lecture 28: Minimum Spanning Trees

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Kruskal's Algorithm
- ▶ Prim's Algorithm

# Spanning Trees

- ▶ Given an edge weighted graph  $G$  (not digraph!), a **spanning tree** of  $G$  is a subgraph  $T$  that is:
  - ▶ A tree: connected and acyclic.
  - ▶ Spanning: includes all of the vertices of  $G$ .

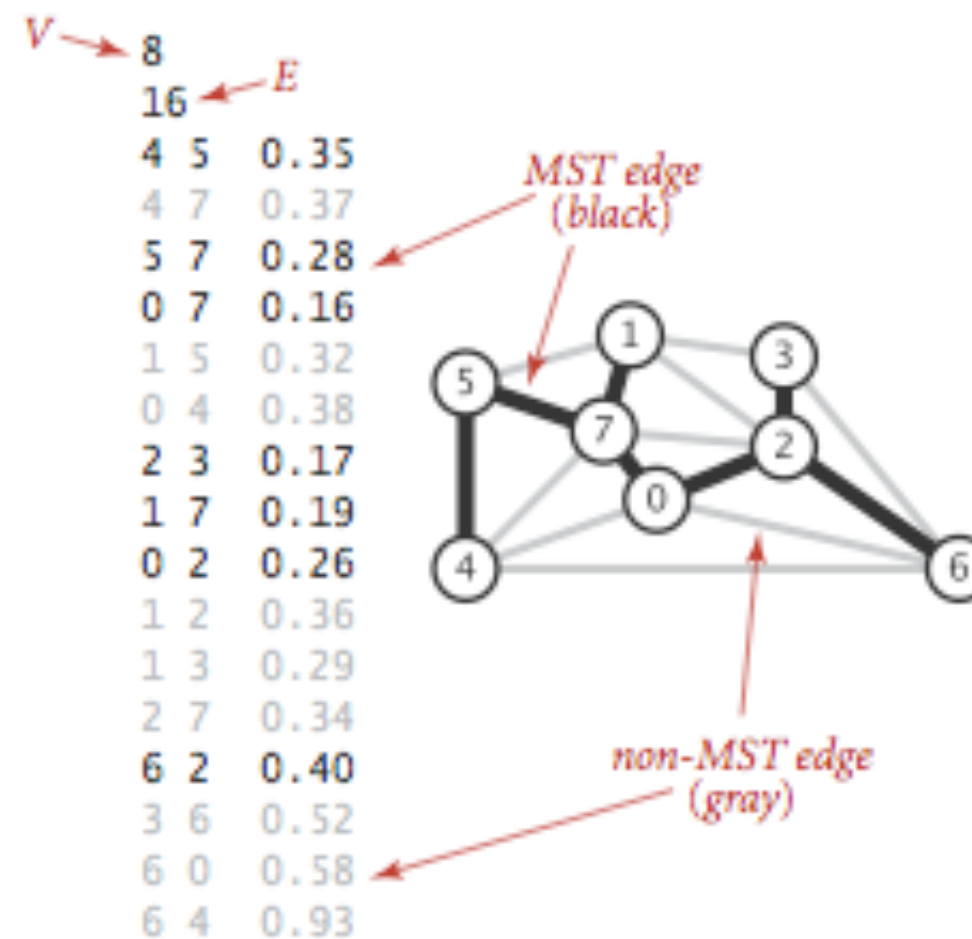


## Properties

- ▶ A connected graph  $G$  can have more than one spanning tree.
- ▶ All possible spanning trees of  $G$  have the same number of vertices and edges.
- ▶ A spanning tree has  $|V| - 1$  edges.
- ▶ A spanning tree by definition cannot have any cycle.
- ▶ Adding one edge to the spanning tree would create a cycle (i.e. spanning trees are maximally acyclic).
- ▶ Removing one edge from the spanning tree would make the graph disconnected (i.e. spanning trees are minimally connected).

## Minimum spanning tree problem

- ▶ Given a connected edge-weighted undirected graph find a spanning tree of minimum weight.



An edge-weighted graph and its MST

## Minimum spanning applications

- ▶ Network design
- ▶ Cluster analysis
- ▶ Cancer imaging
- ▶ Cosmology
- ▶ Weather data interpretation
- ▶ Many others
  - ▶ <https://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/gina/mst.html>
  - ▶ <https://personal.utdallas.edu/~besp/teaching/mst-applications.pdf>

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## Kruskal's algorithm

- ▶ Sort edges in ascending order of weight.
- ▶ Starting from the one with the smallest weight, add it to the MST  $T$  unless doing so would create a cycle.
- ▶ Uses a data structure called Union-Find (Chapter 1.5 in book).
- ▶ Running time of  $|E| \log |V|$  in worst case.





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## KRUSKAL'S ALGORITHM DEMO

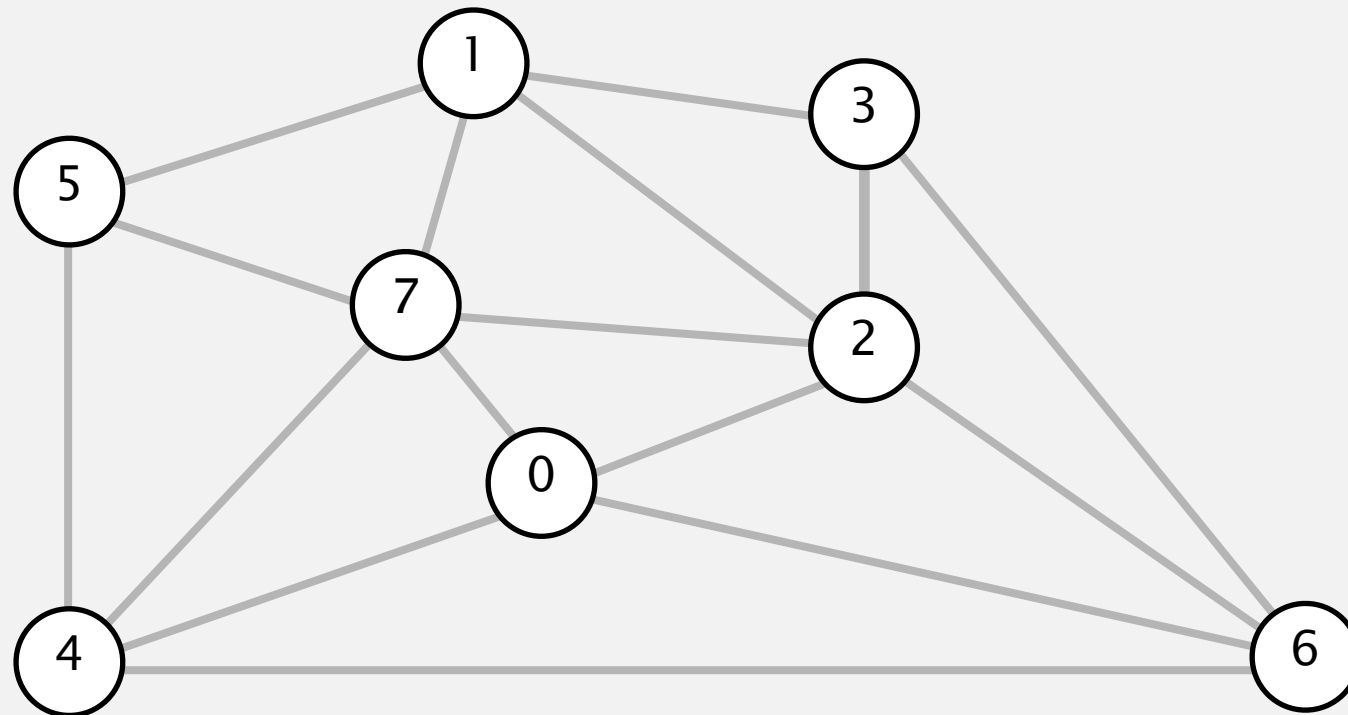
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an edge-weighted graph

graph edges  
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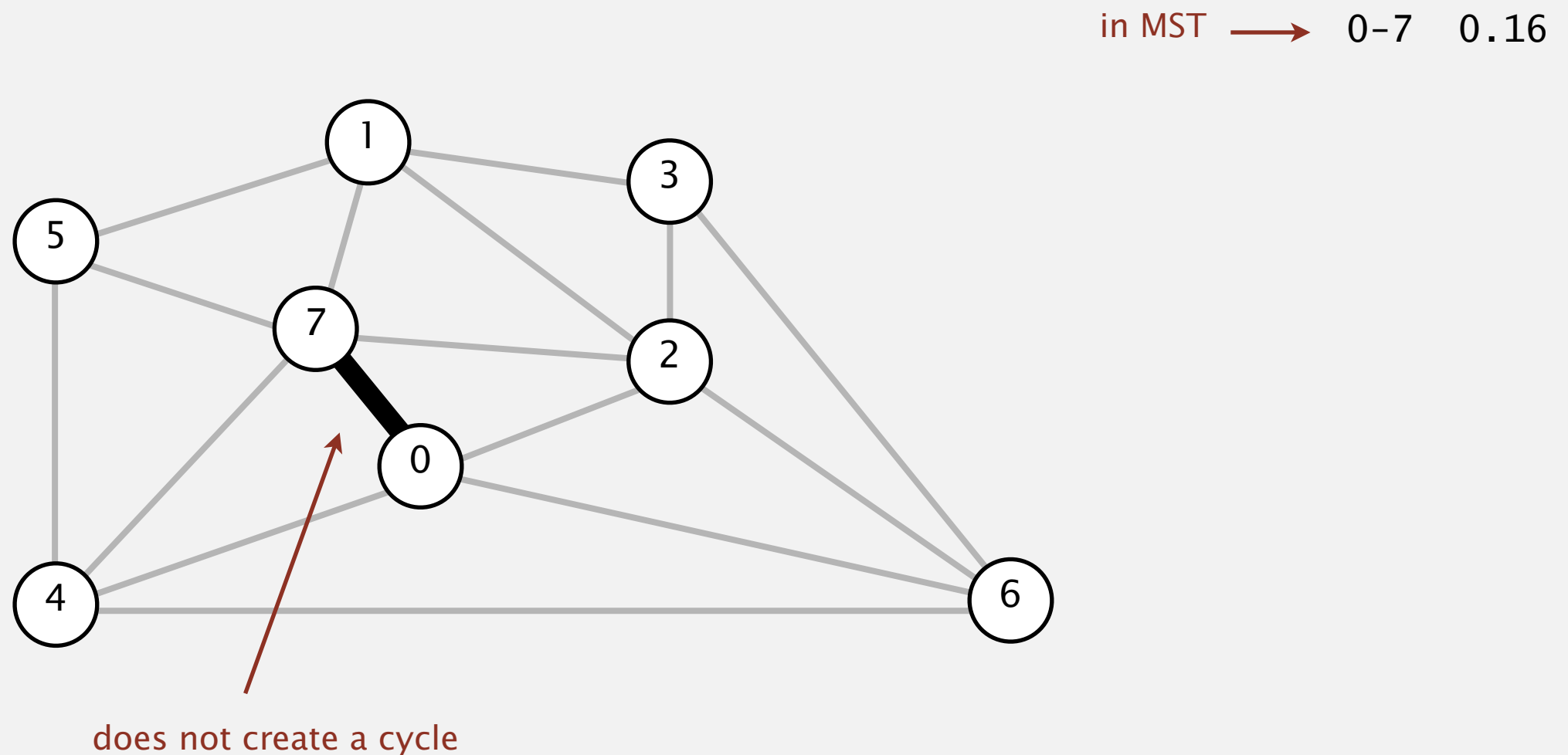
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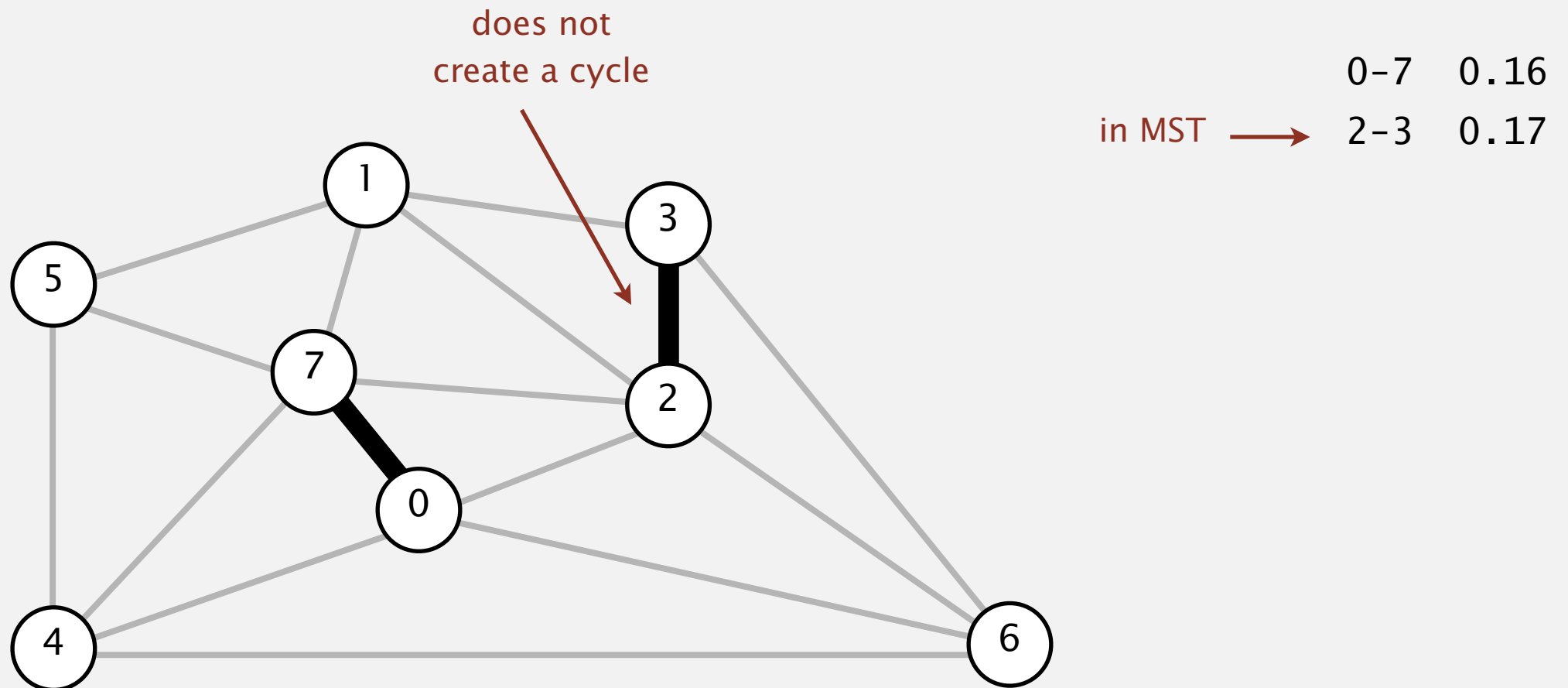


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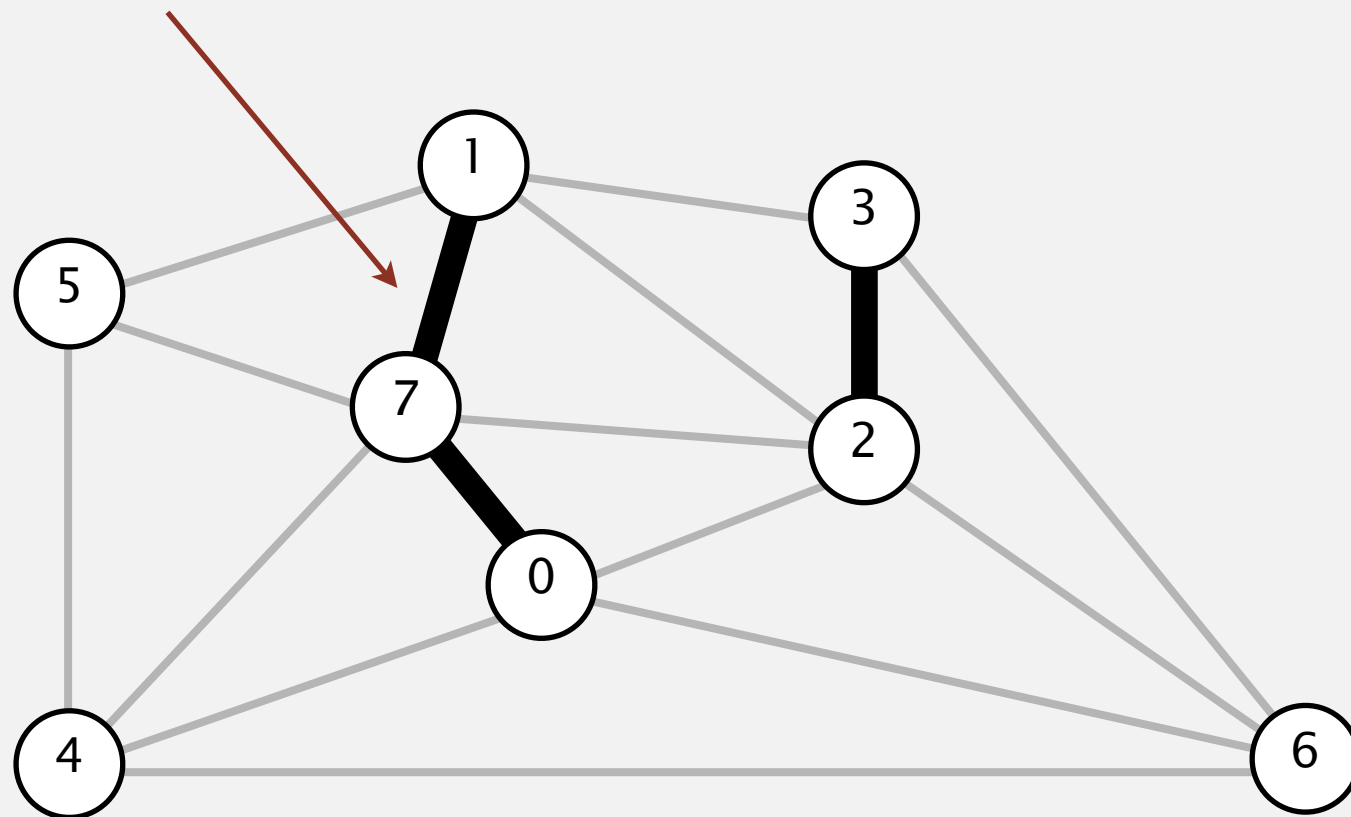
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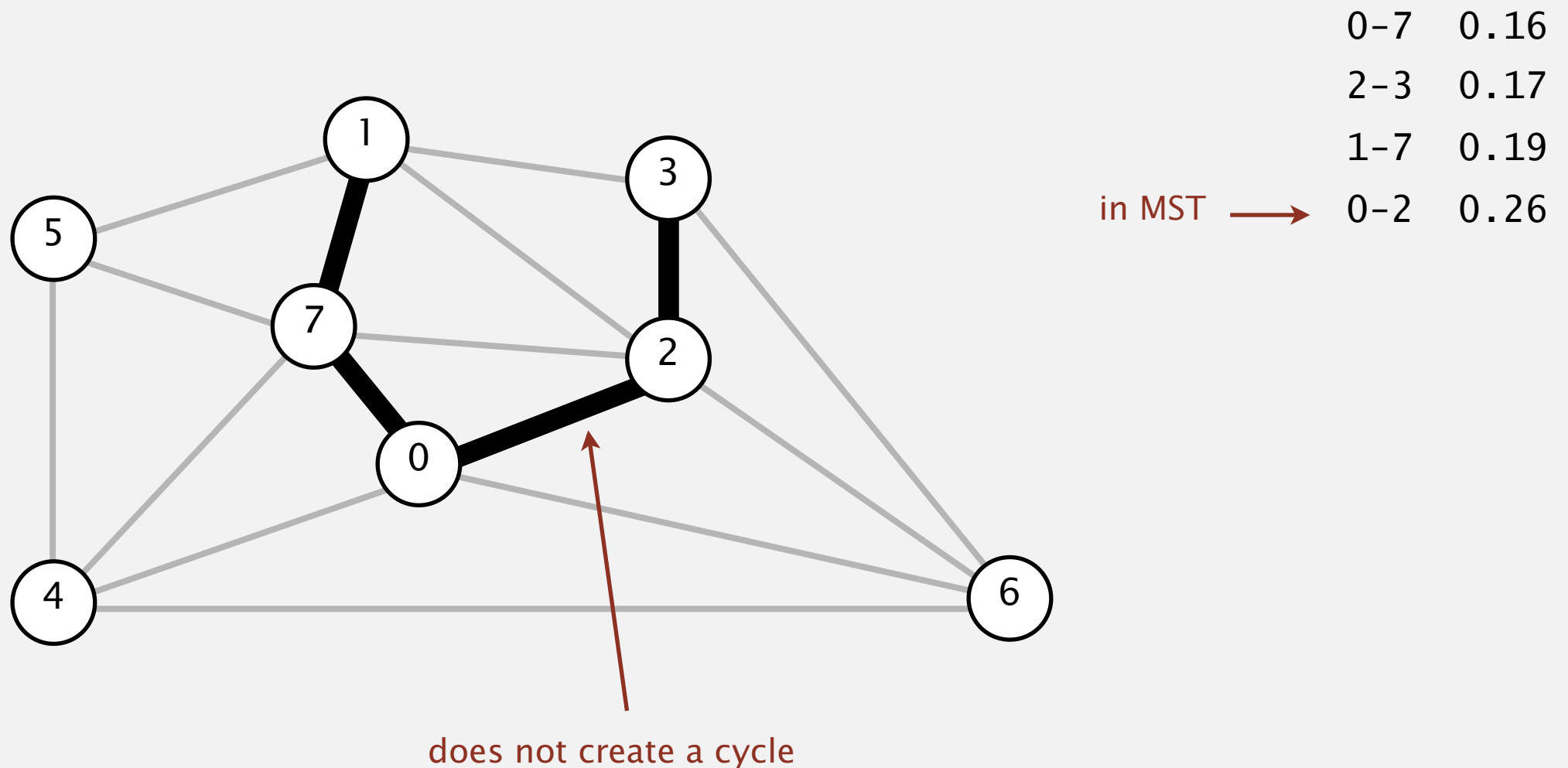
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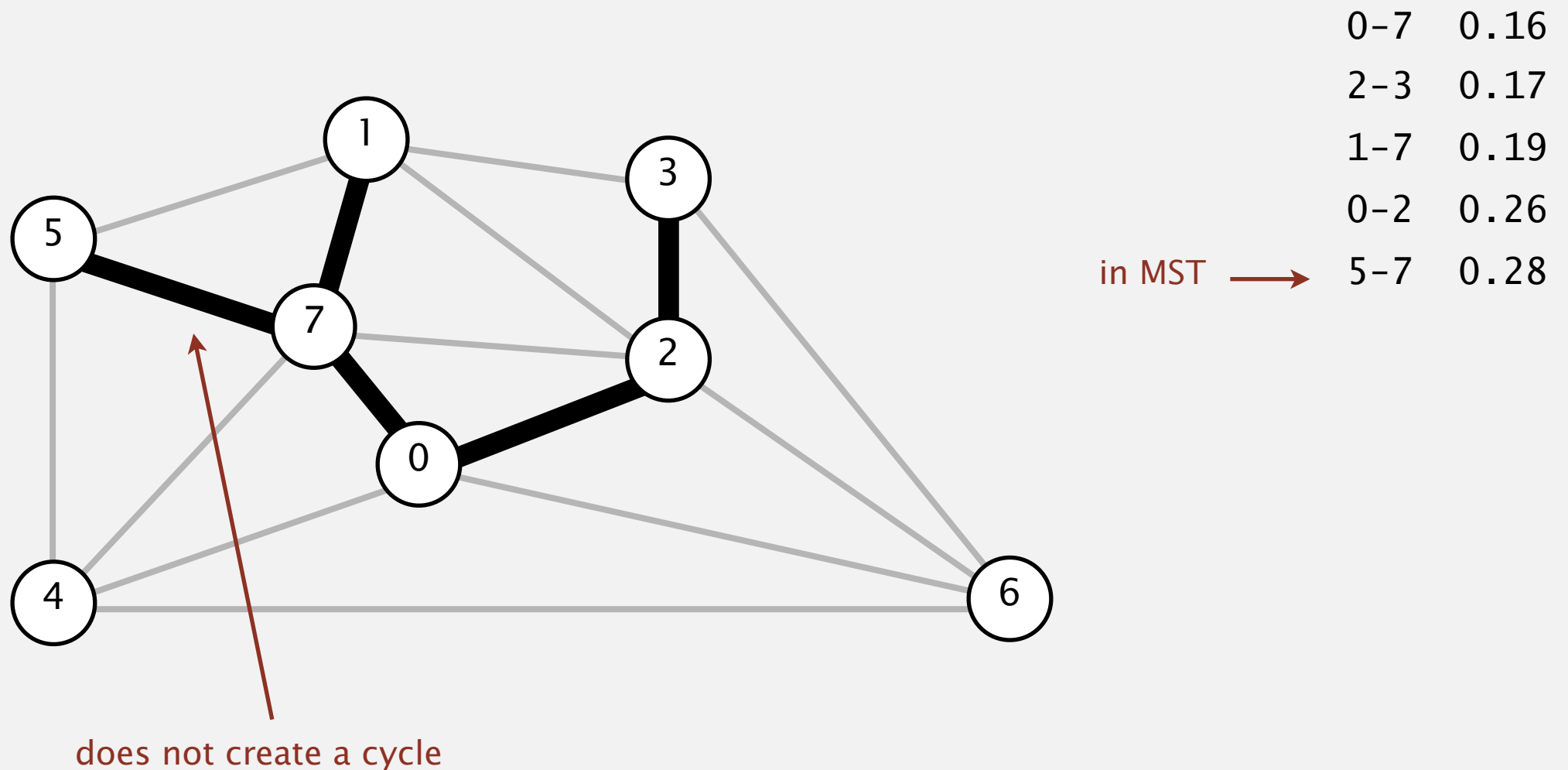


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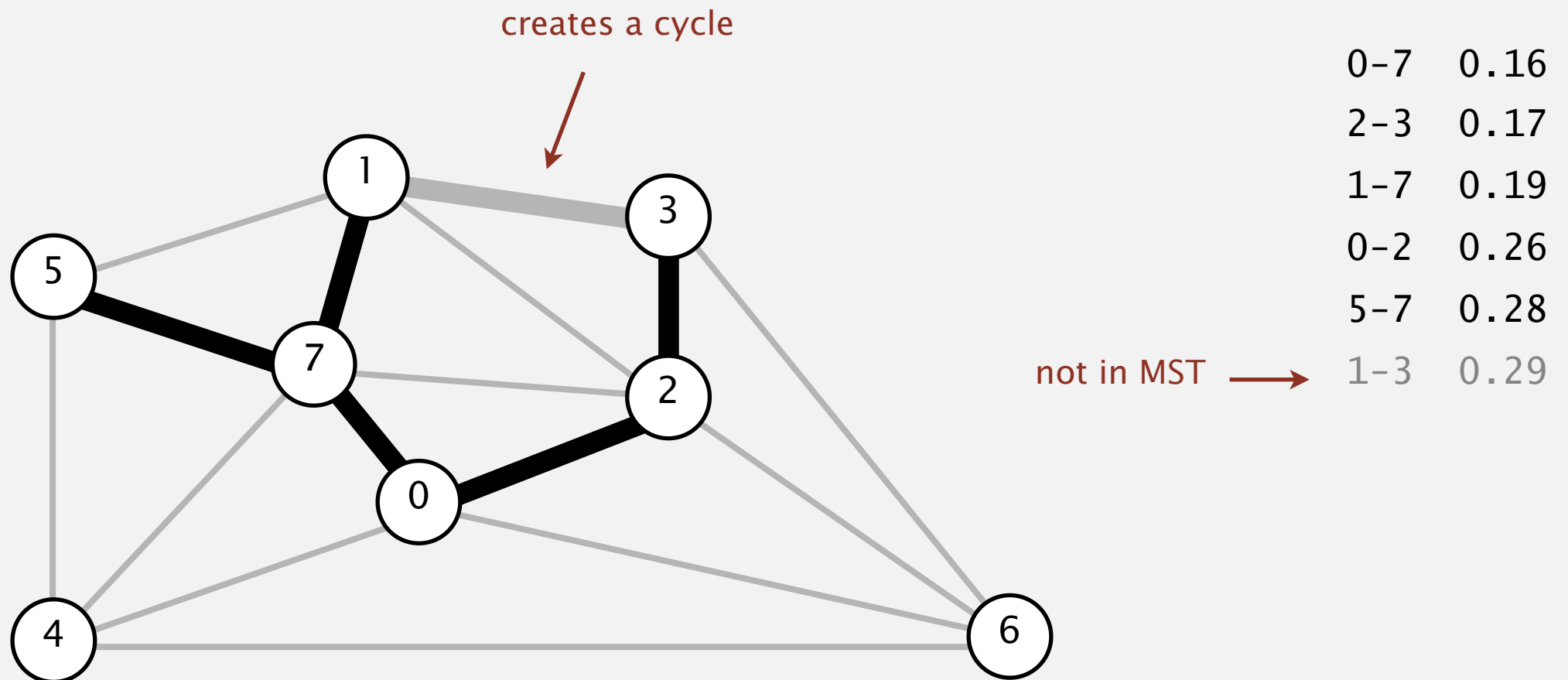


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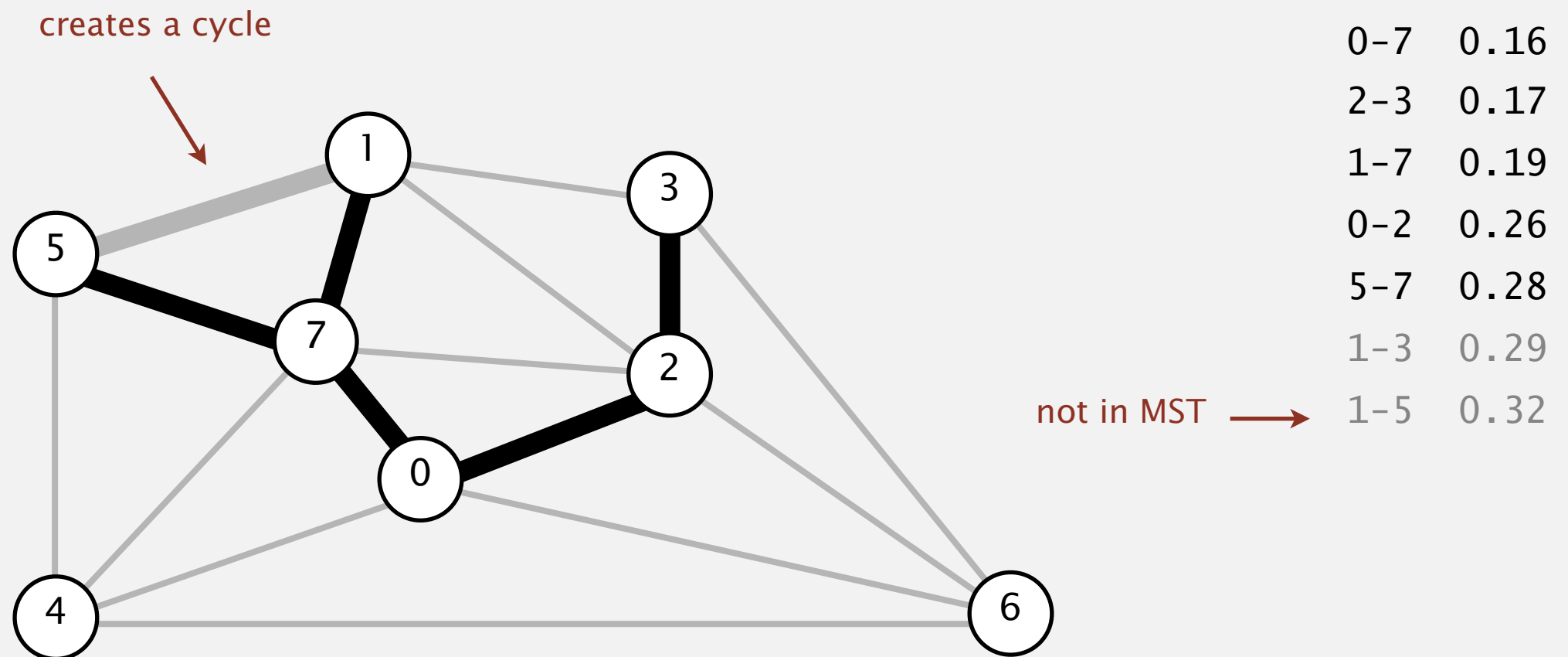


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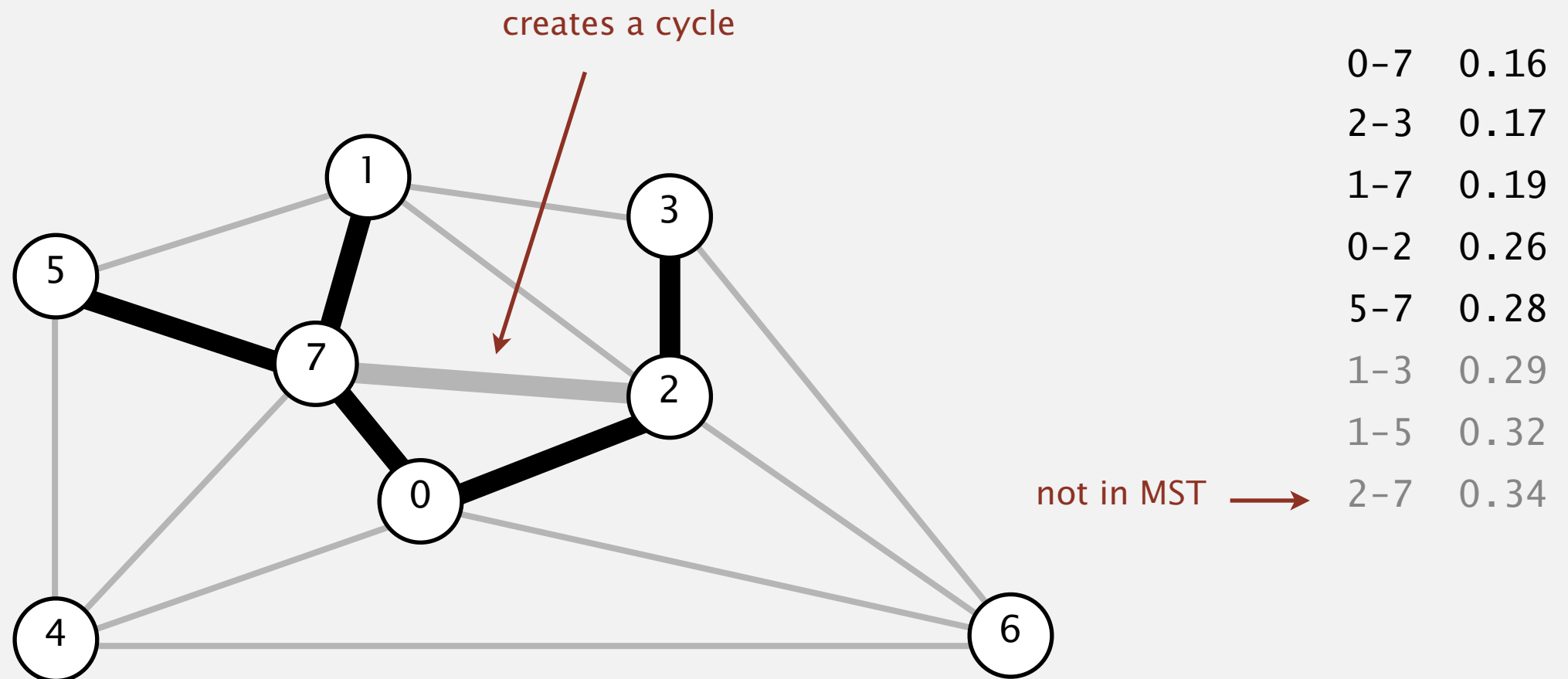


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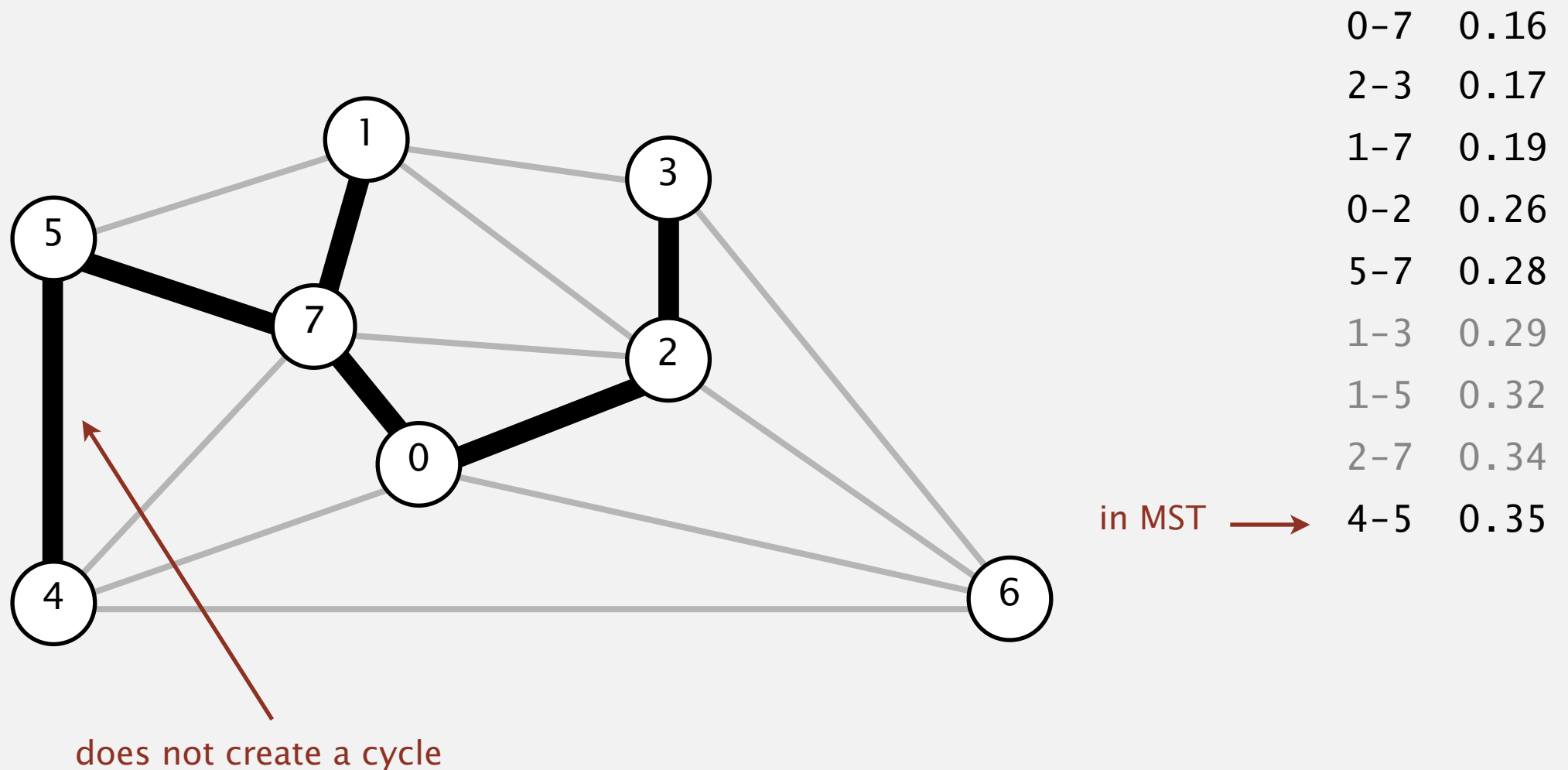


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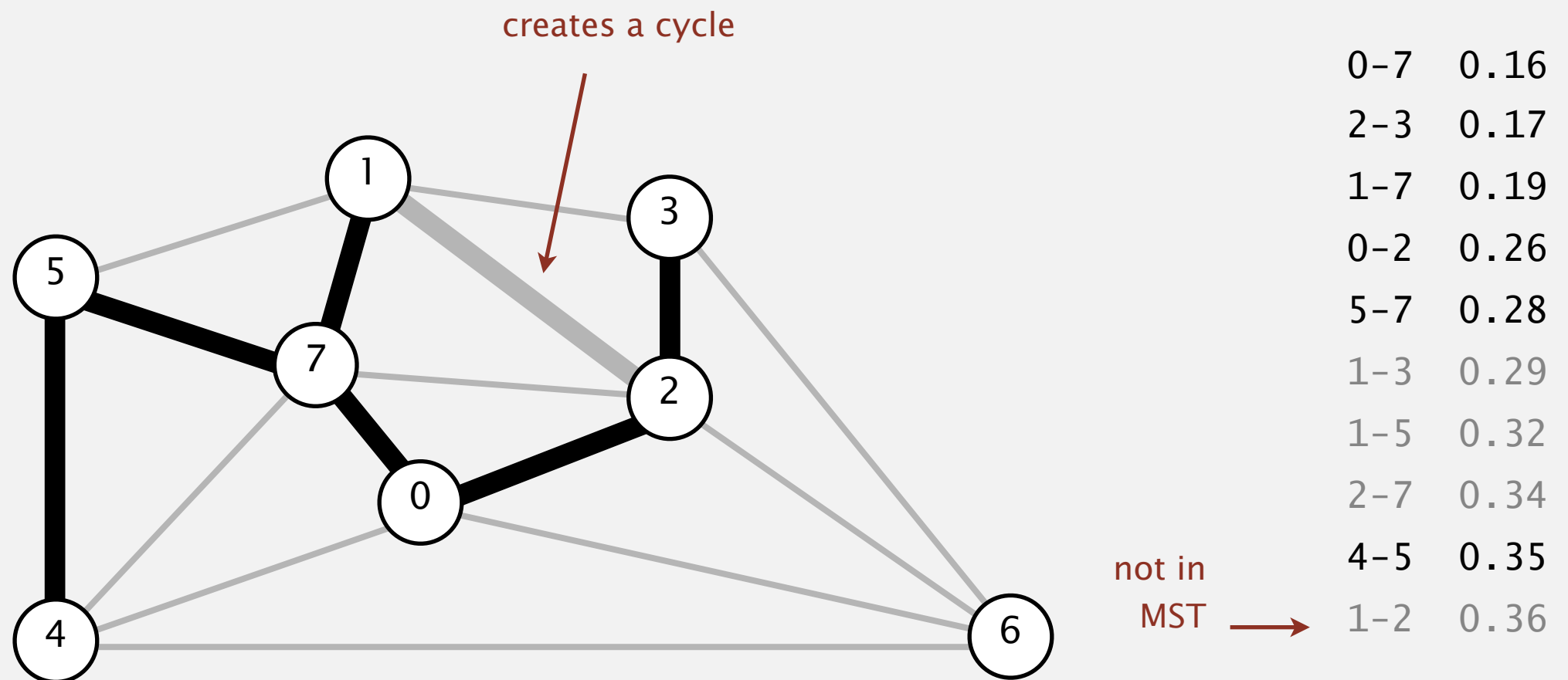


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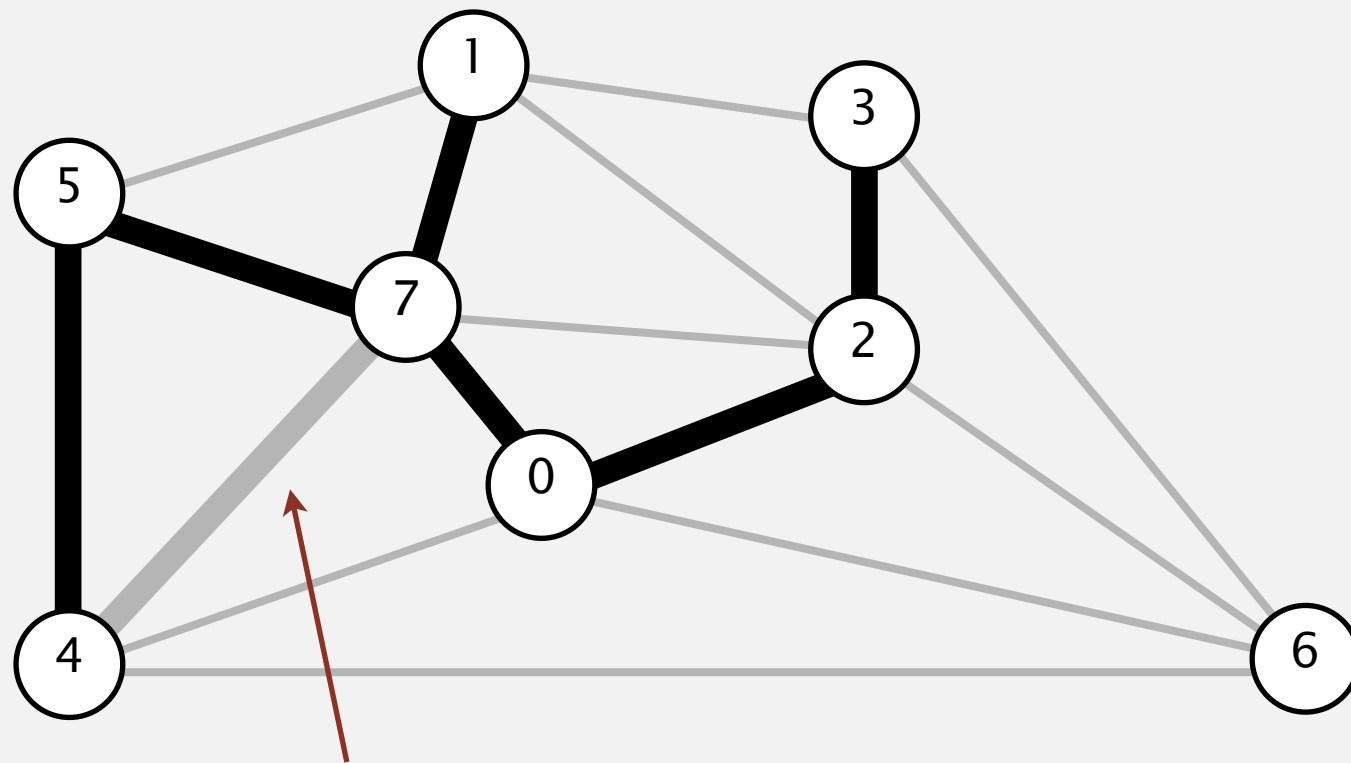
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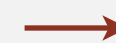
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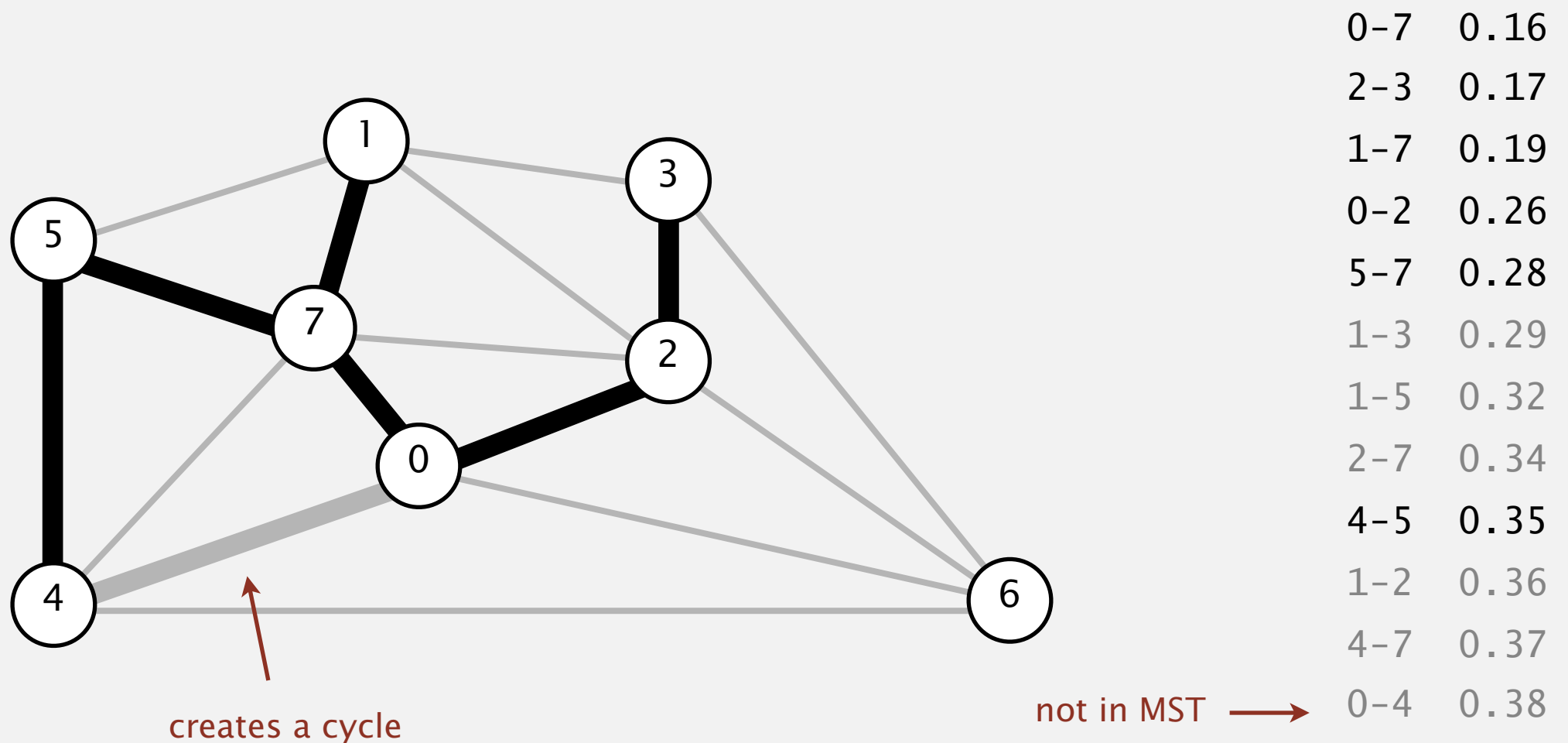
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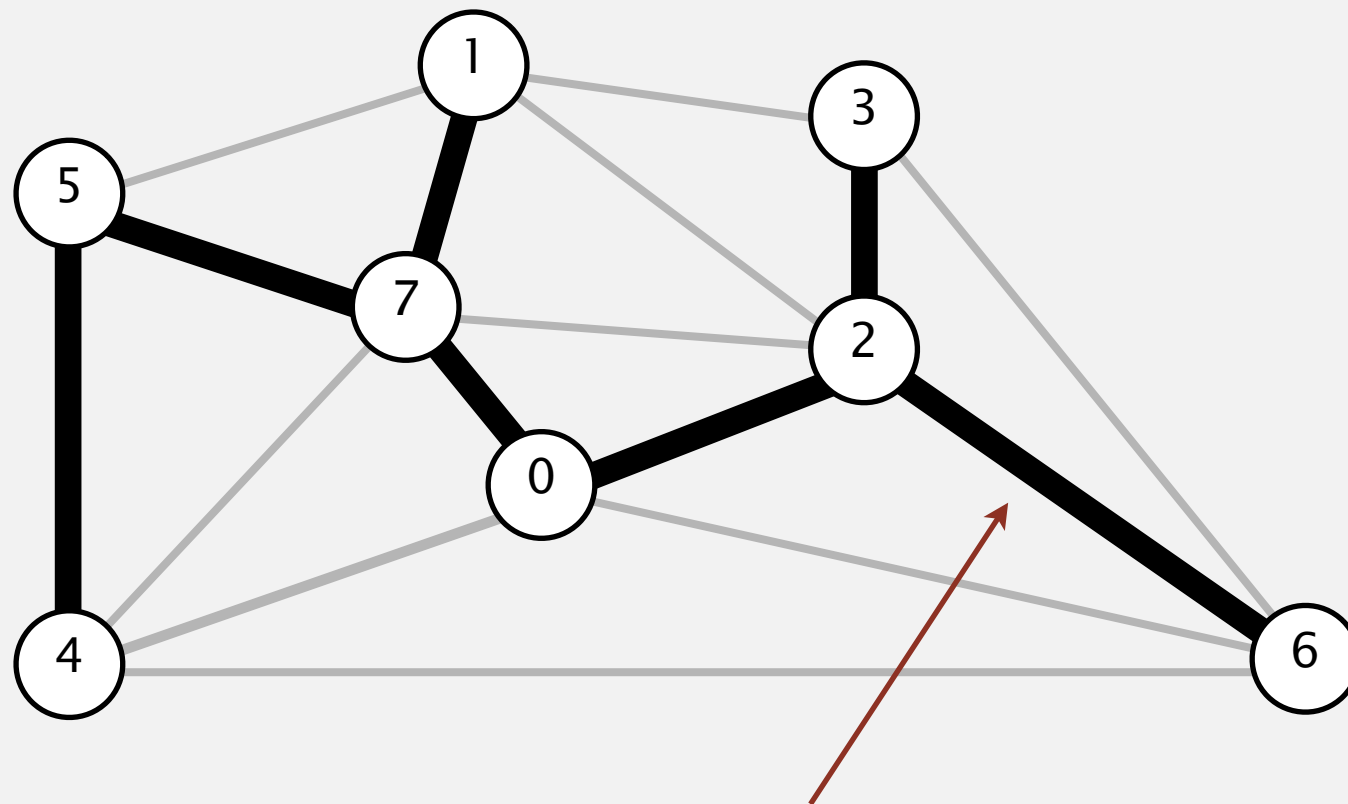


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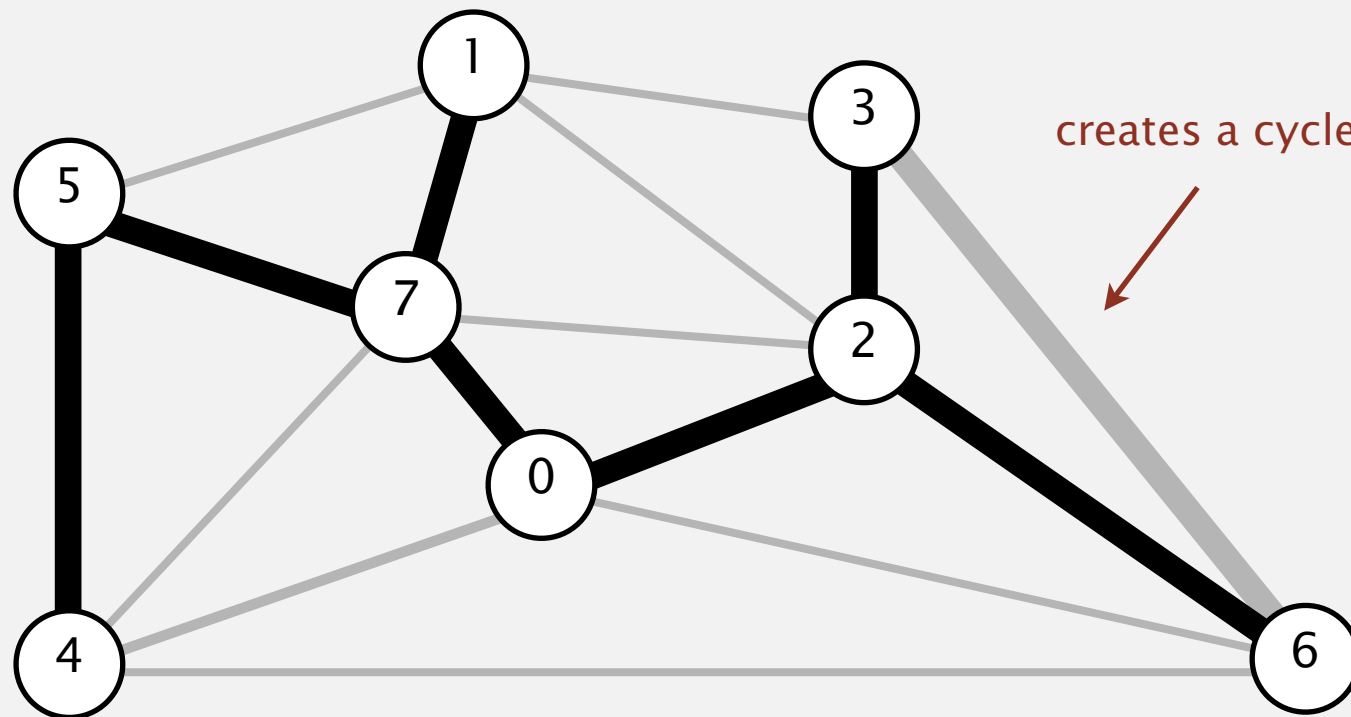
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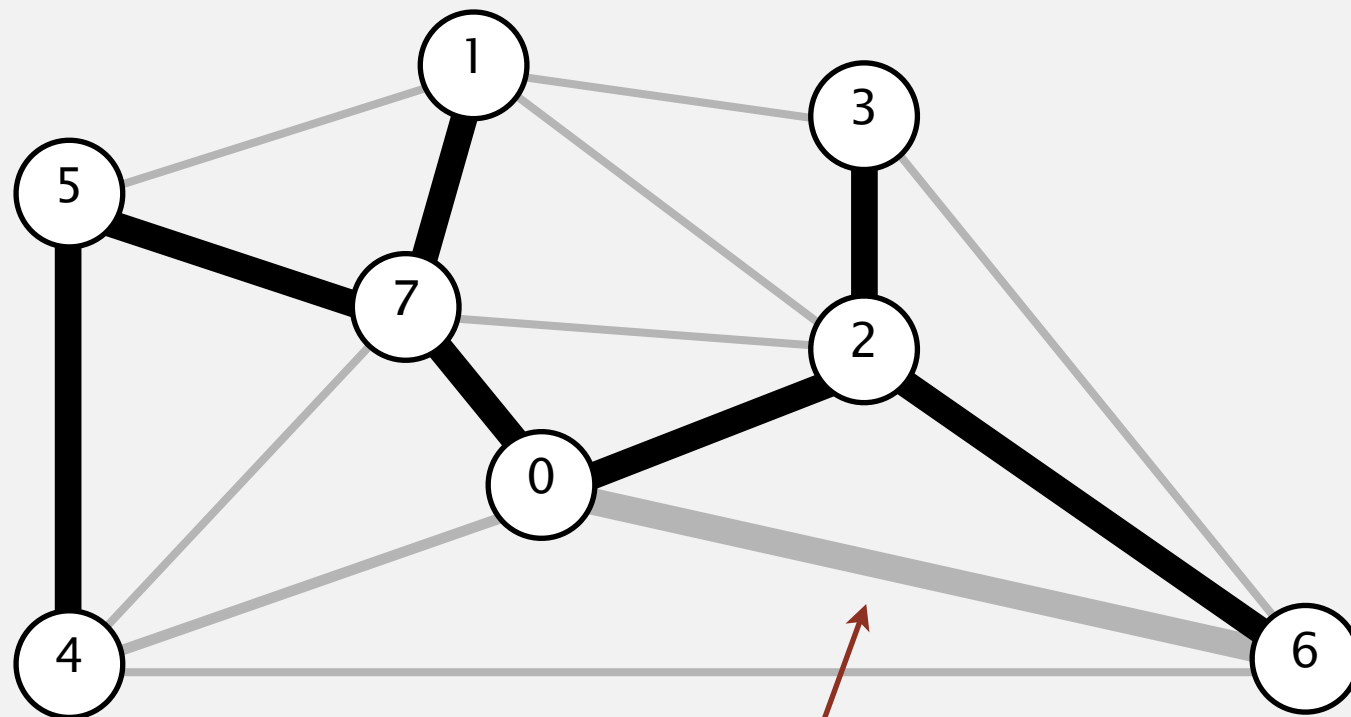


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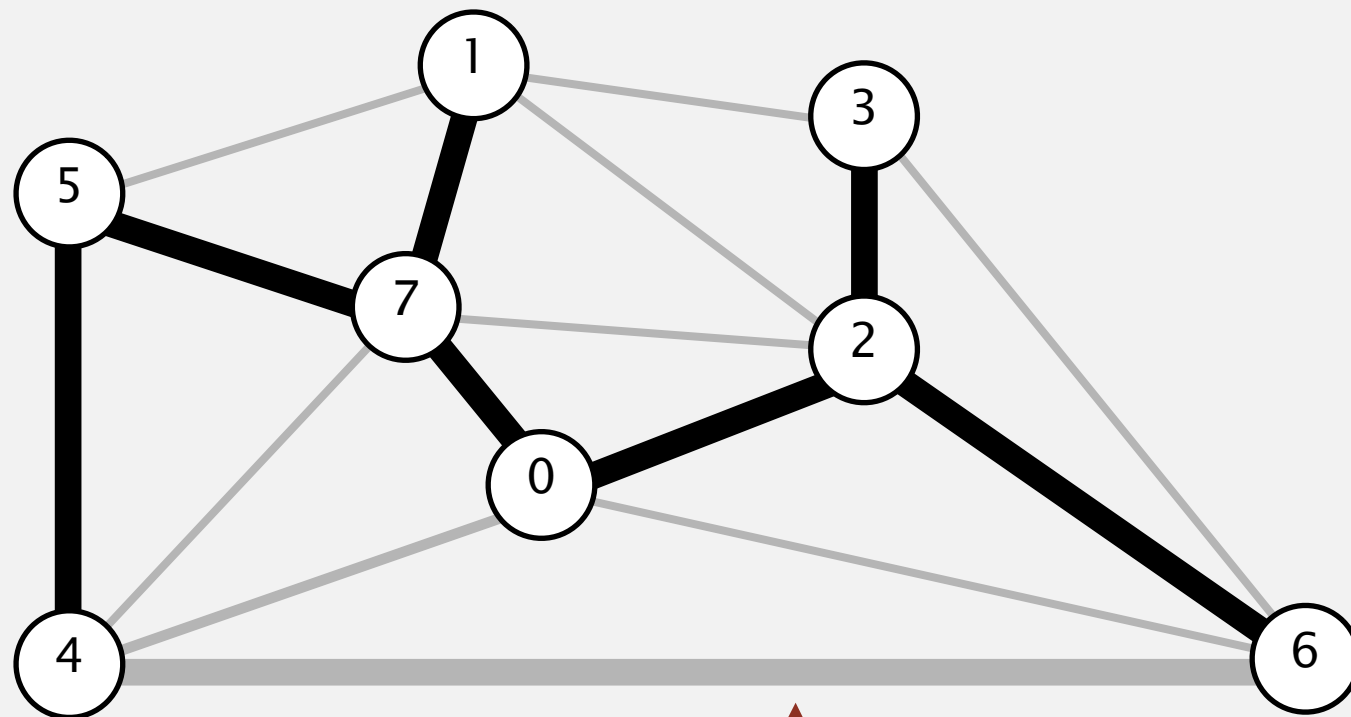
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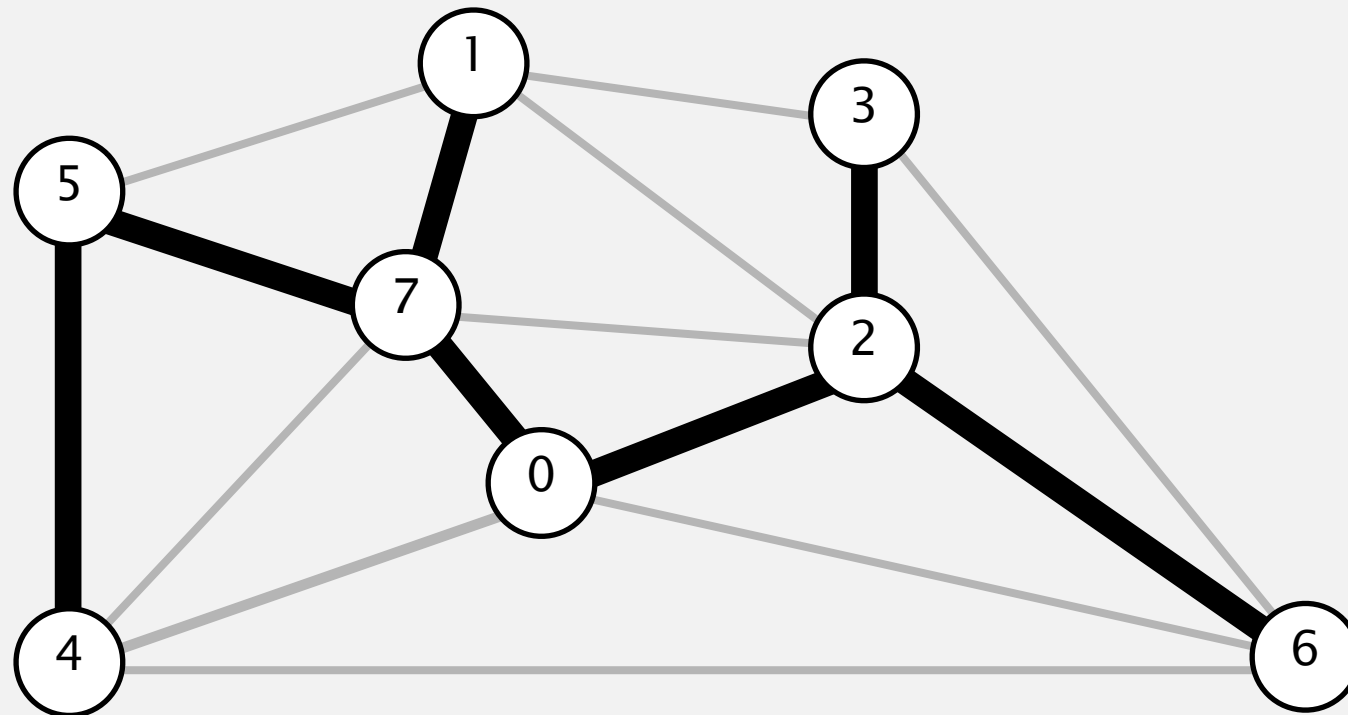
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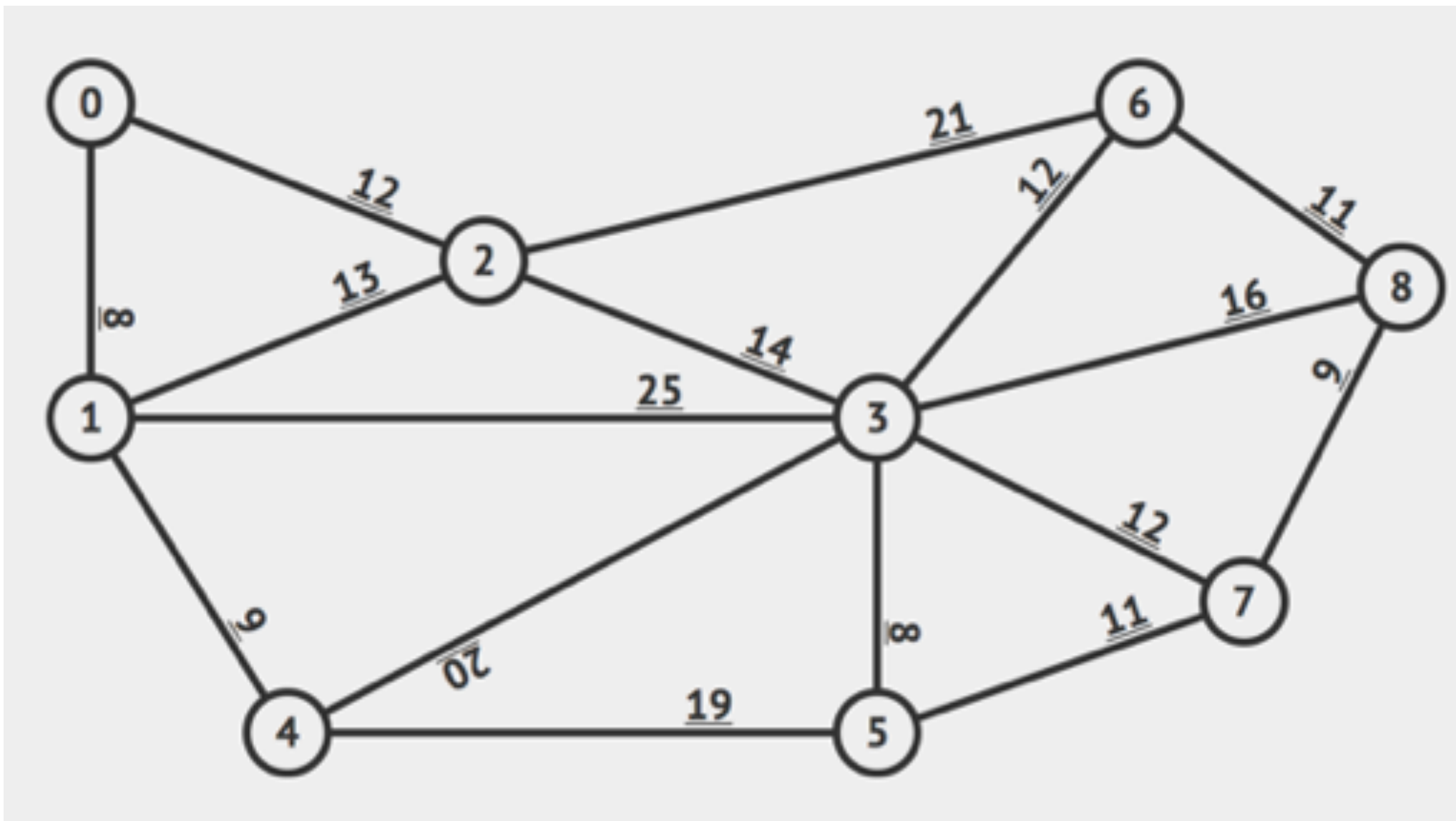
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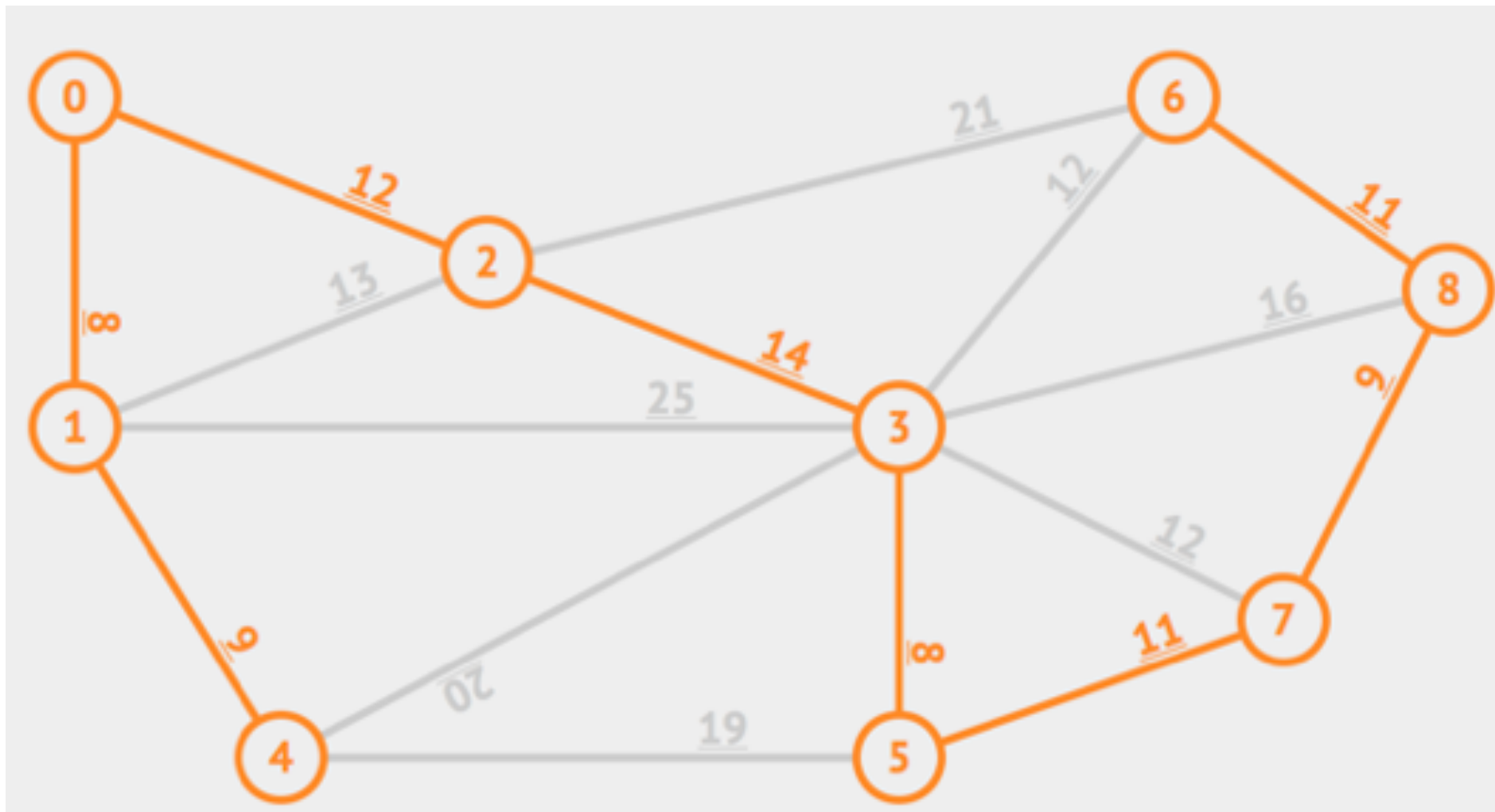
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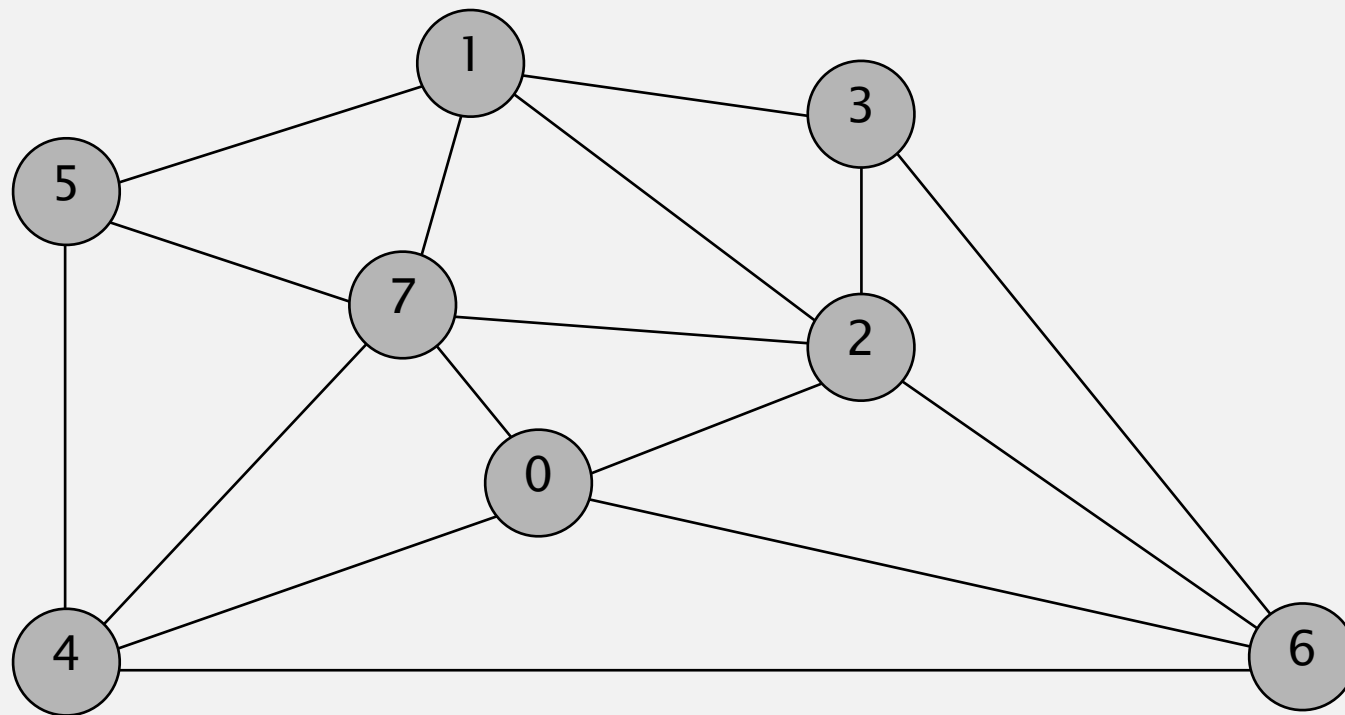
## Prim's algorithm

- ▶ Start with a random vertex (here, 0) and greedily grow tree  $T$ .
- ▶ Add to  $T$  the min weight edge with exactly one endpoint in  $T$ .
- ▶ Repeat until  $|V| - 1$  edges.
  
- ▶ Two versions, lazy and eager. We will see lazy, here...
- ▶ Uses min-priority queue.
- ▶ Running time of  $|E| \log |V|$  in worst case, as well.

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**an edge-weighted graph**

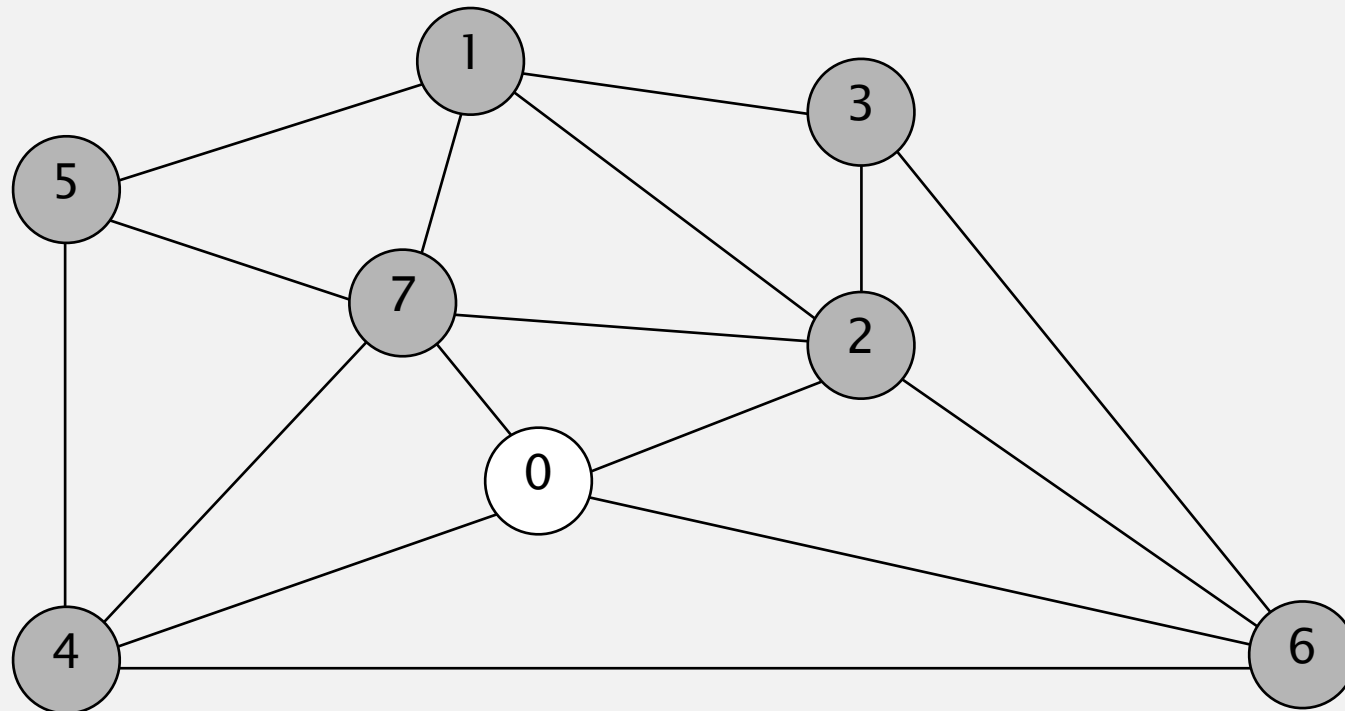
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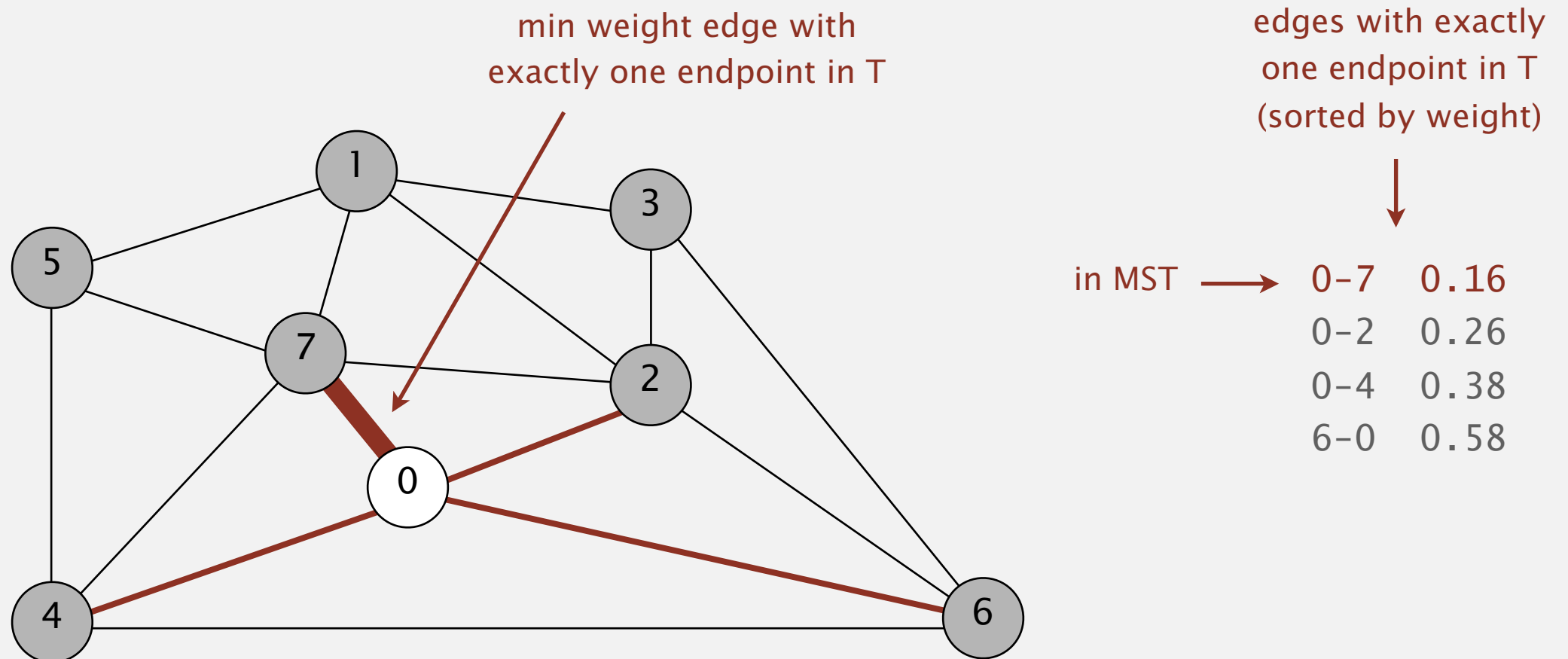
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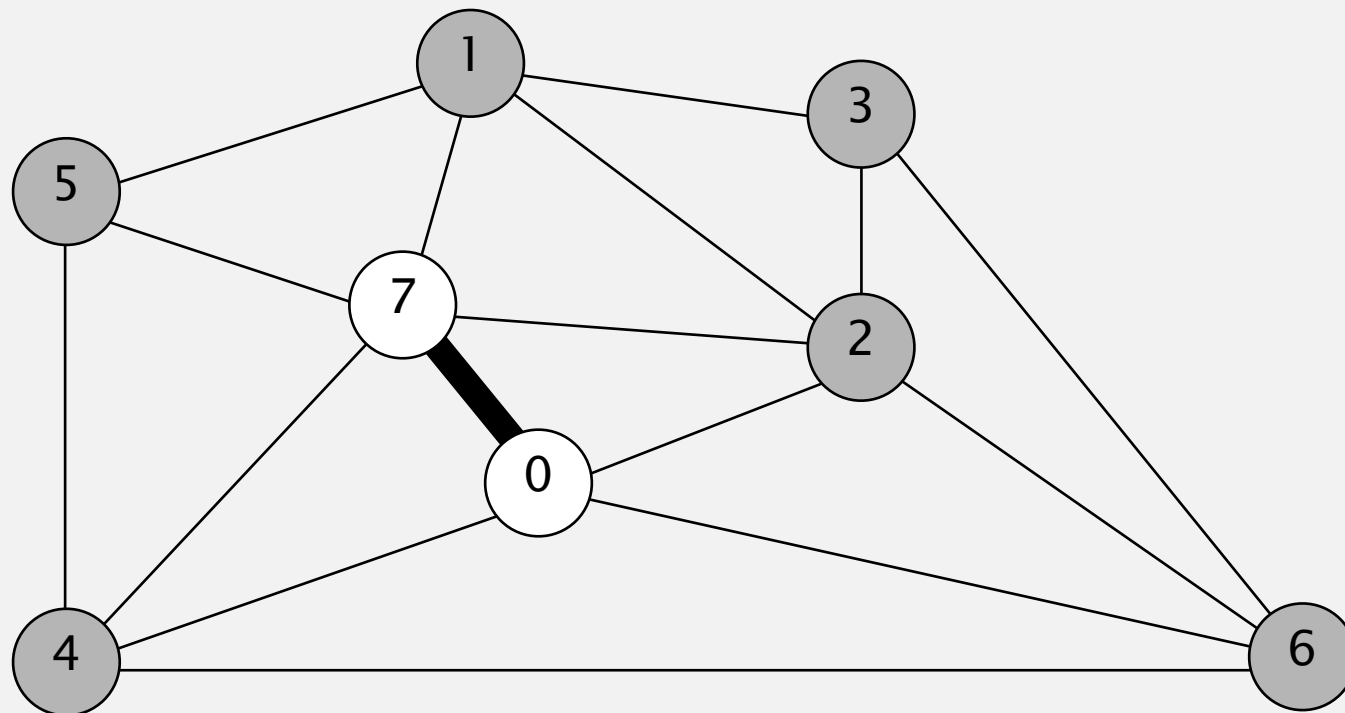
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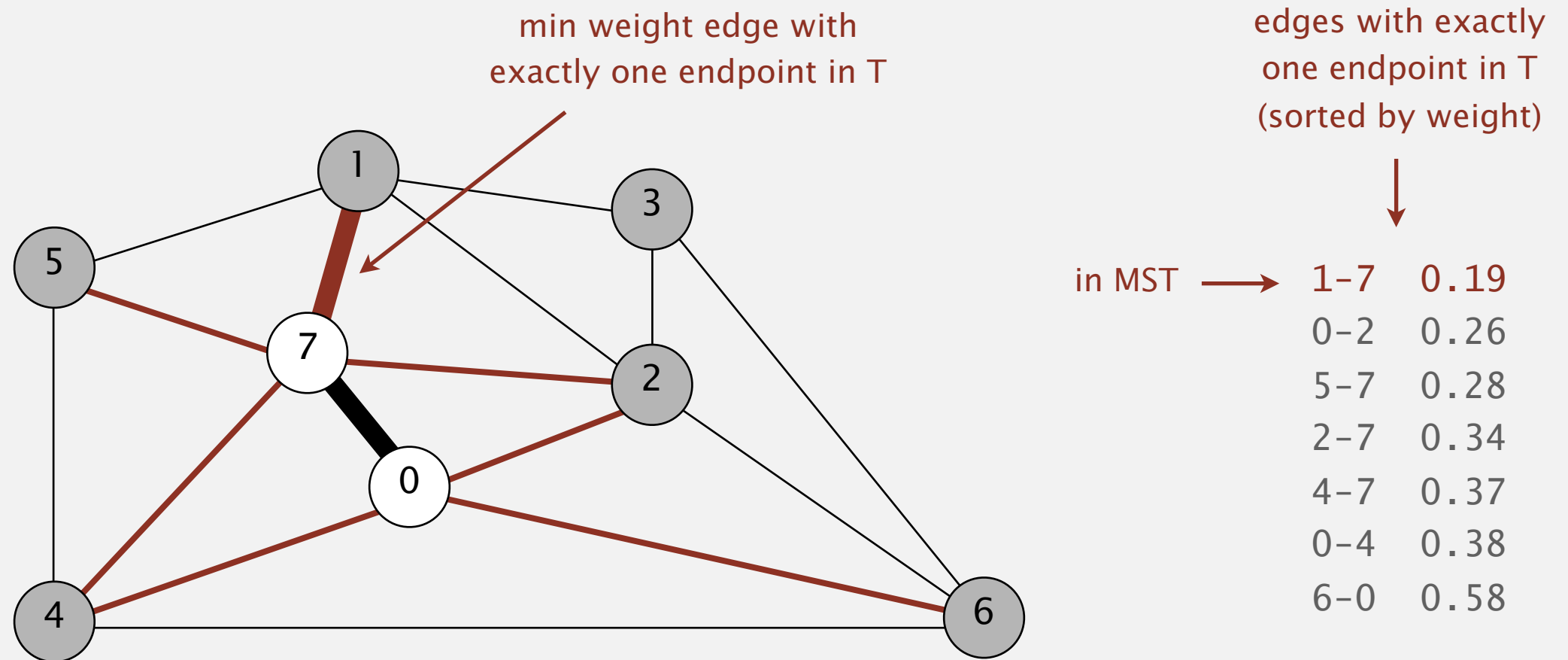


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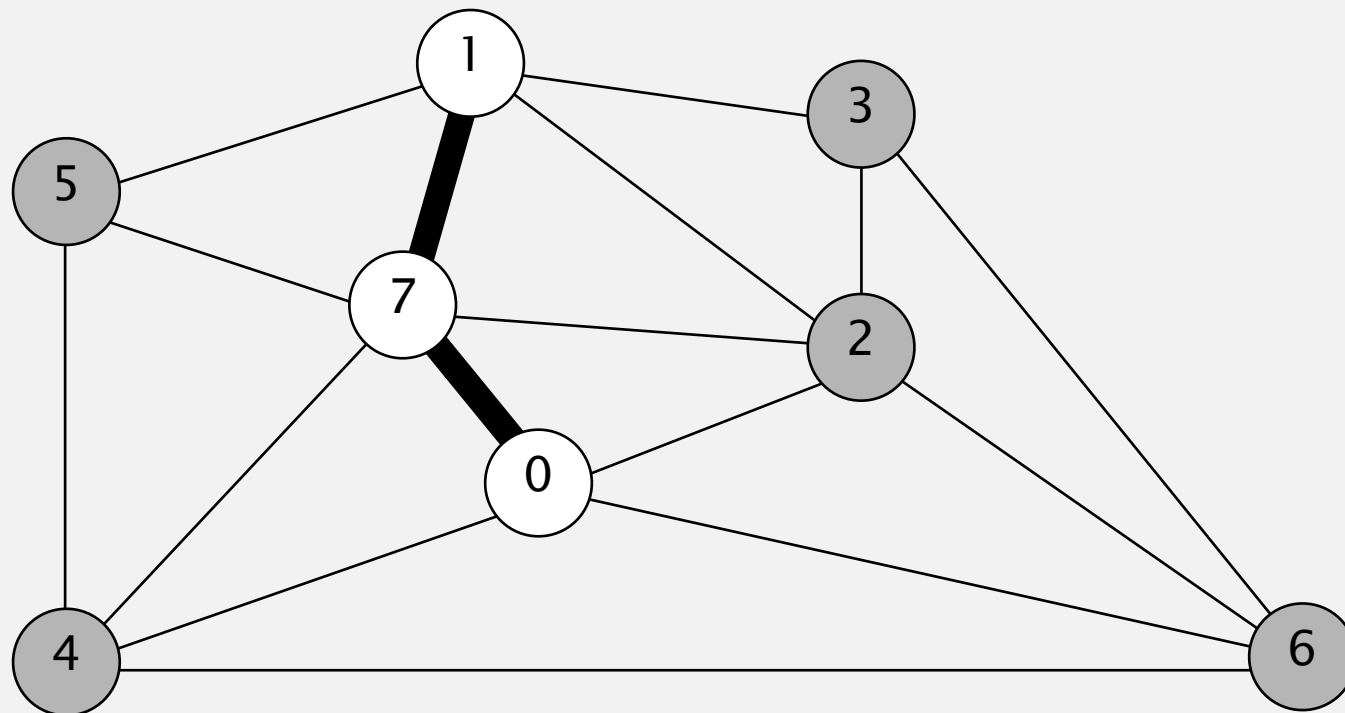
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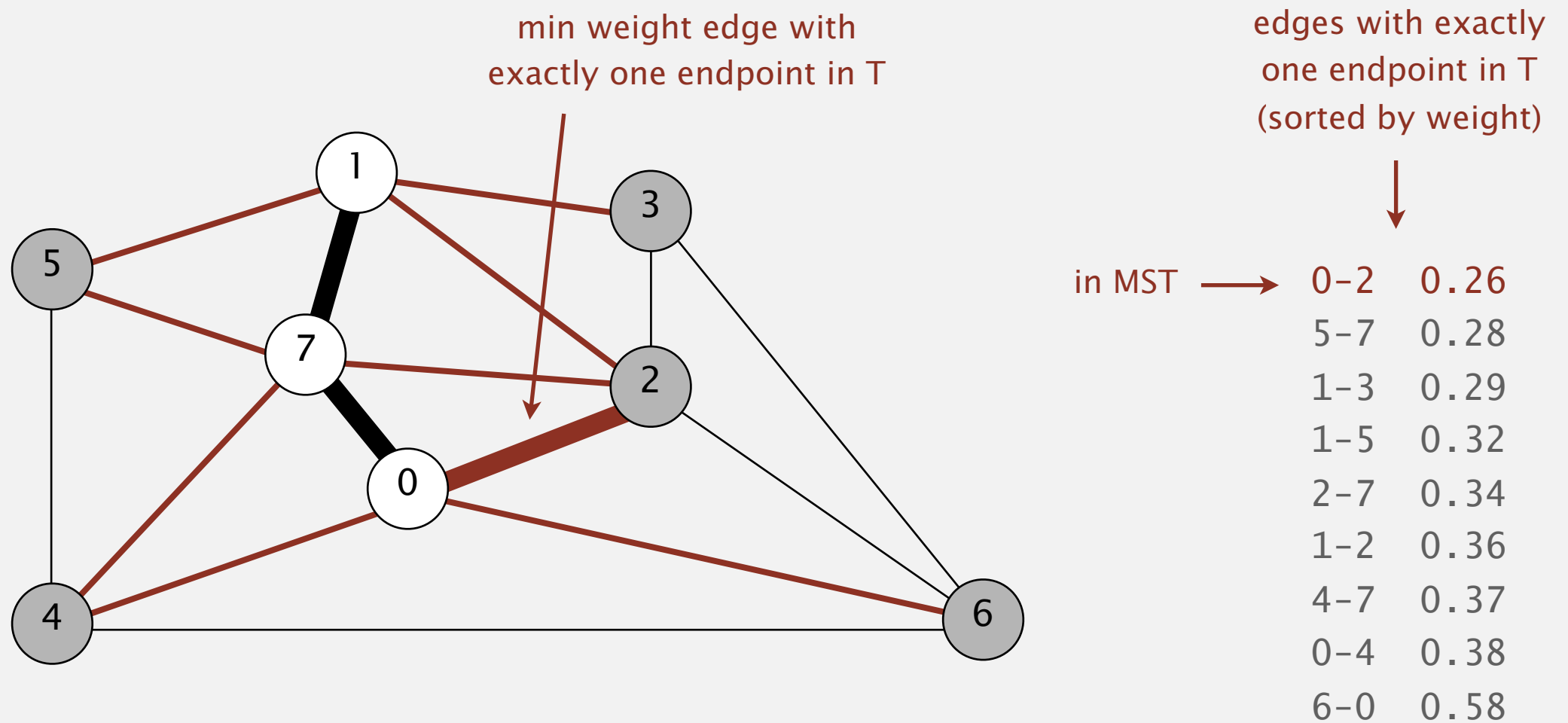


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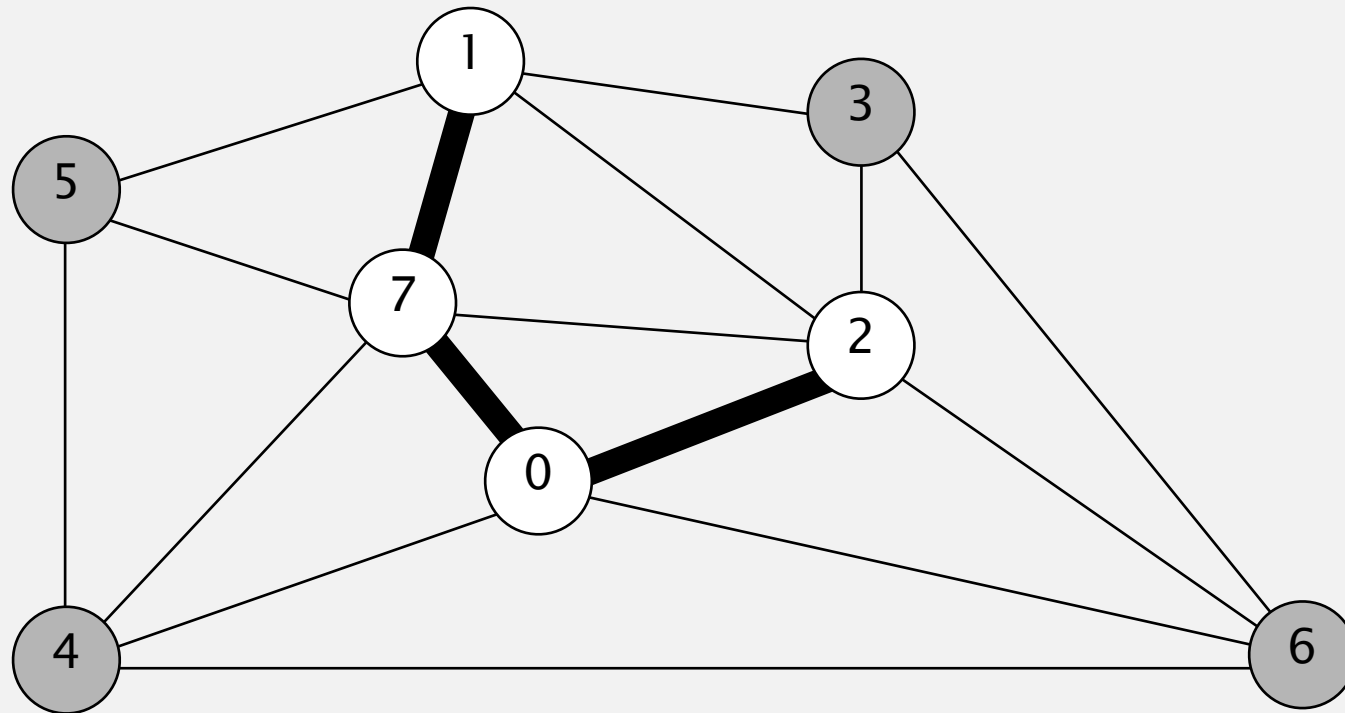
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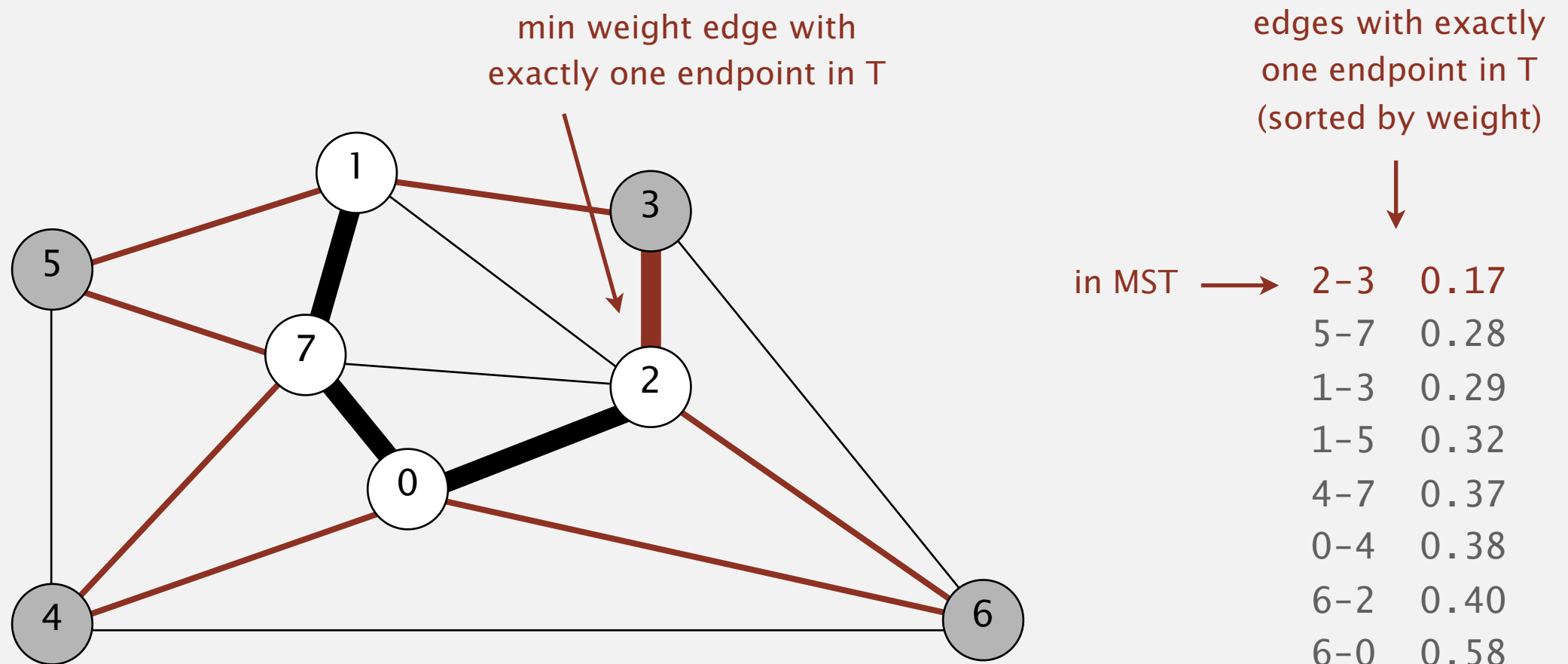


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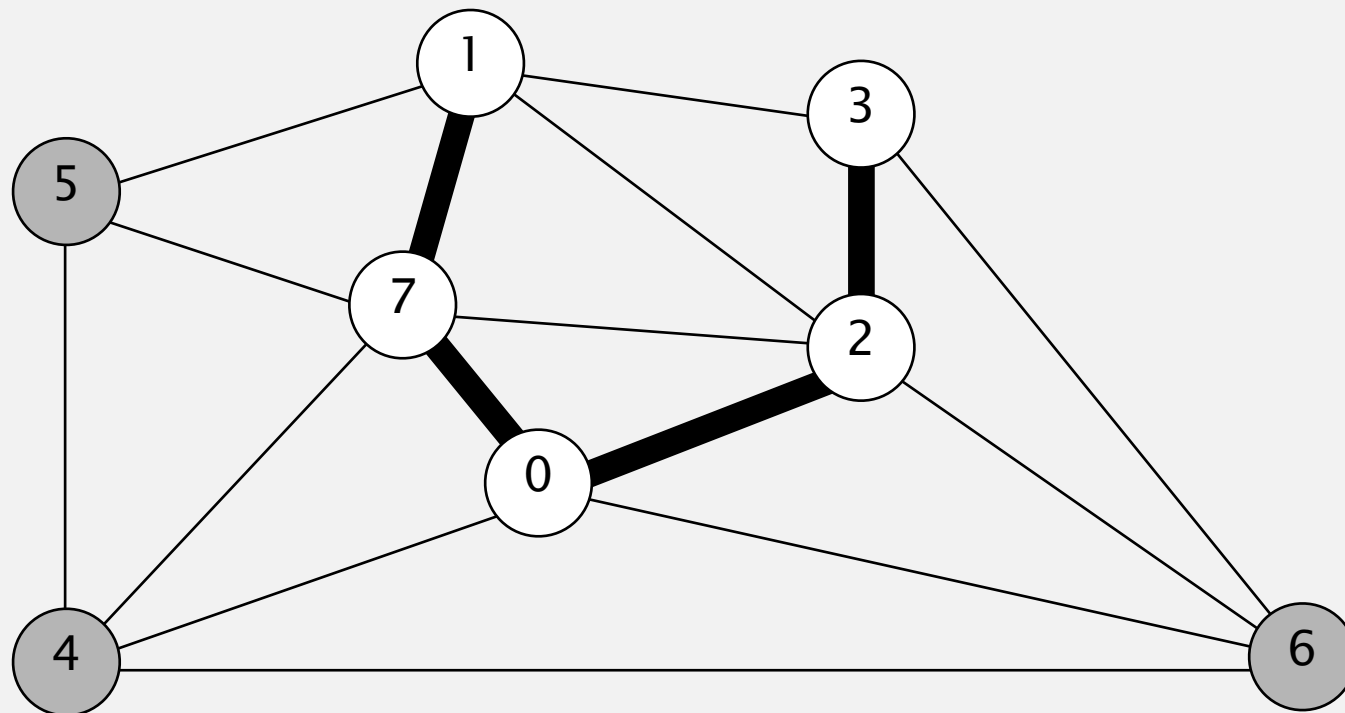
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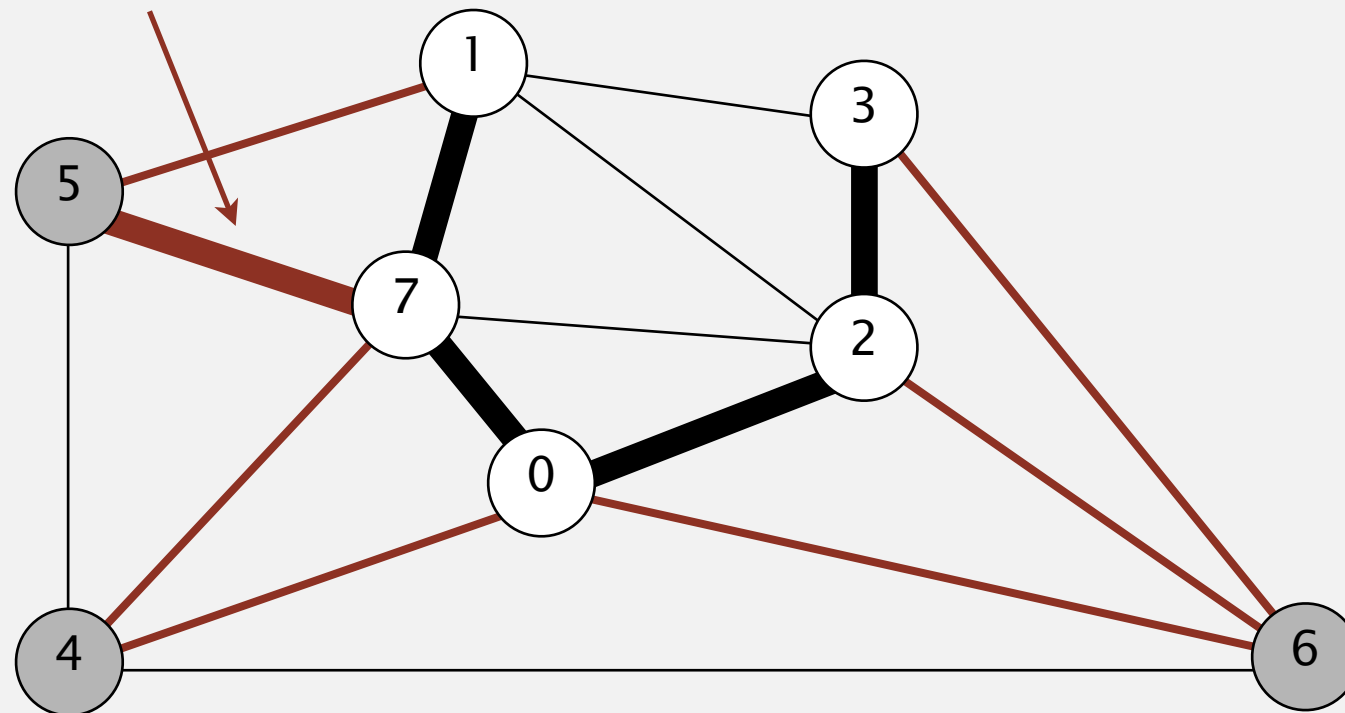
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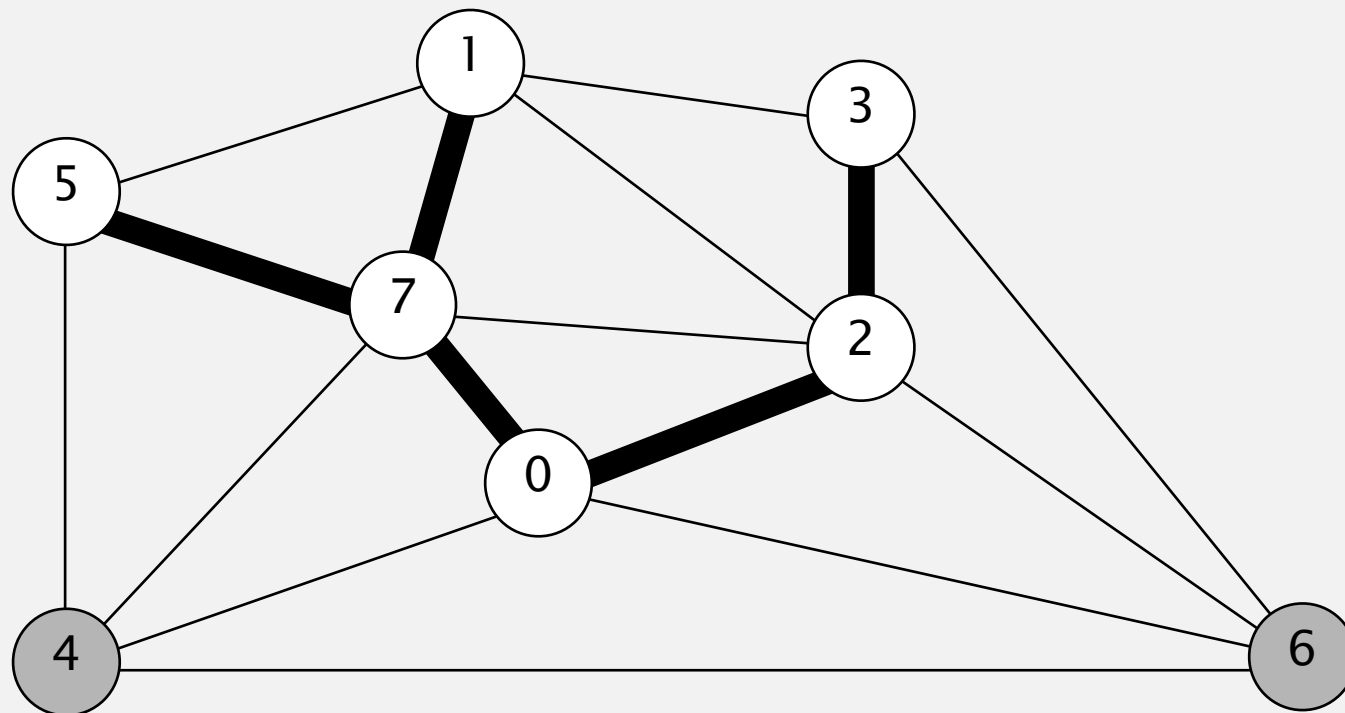
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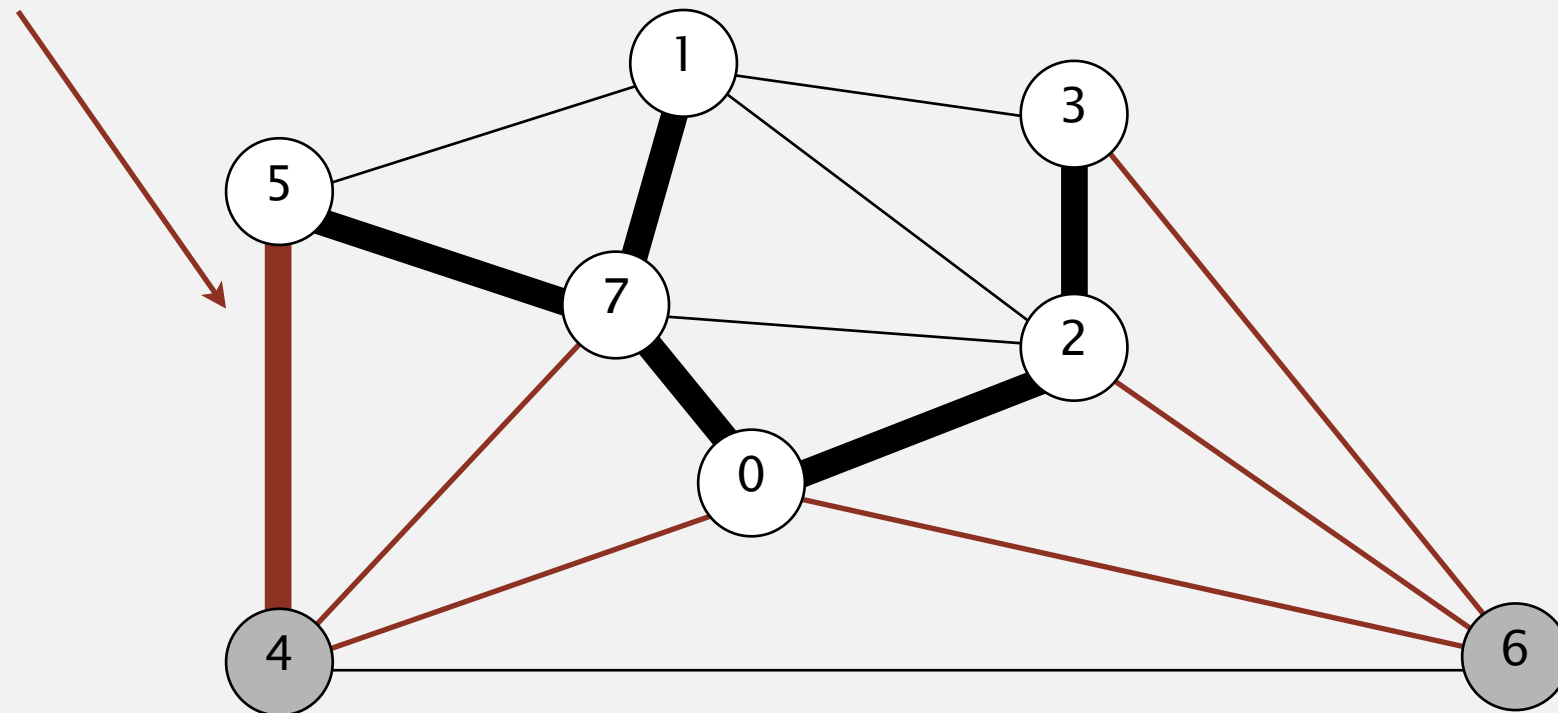
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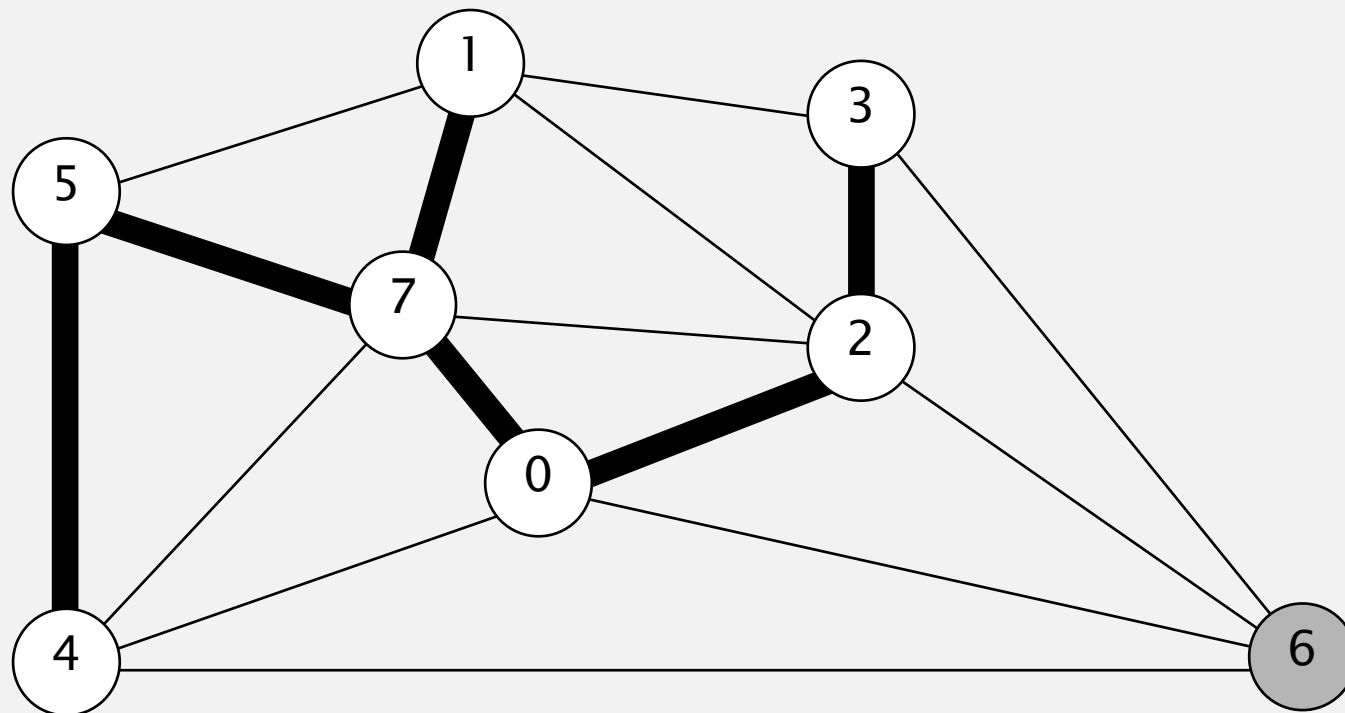
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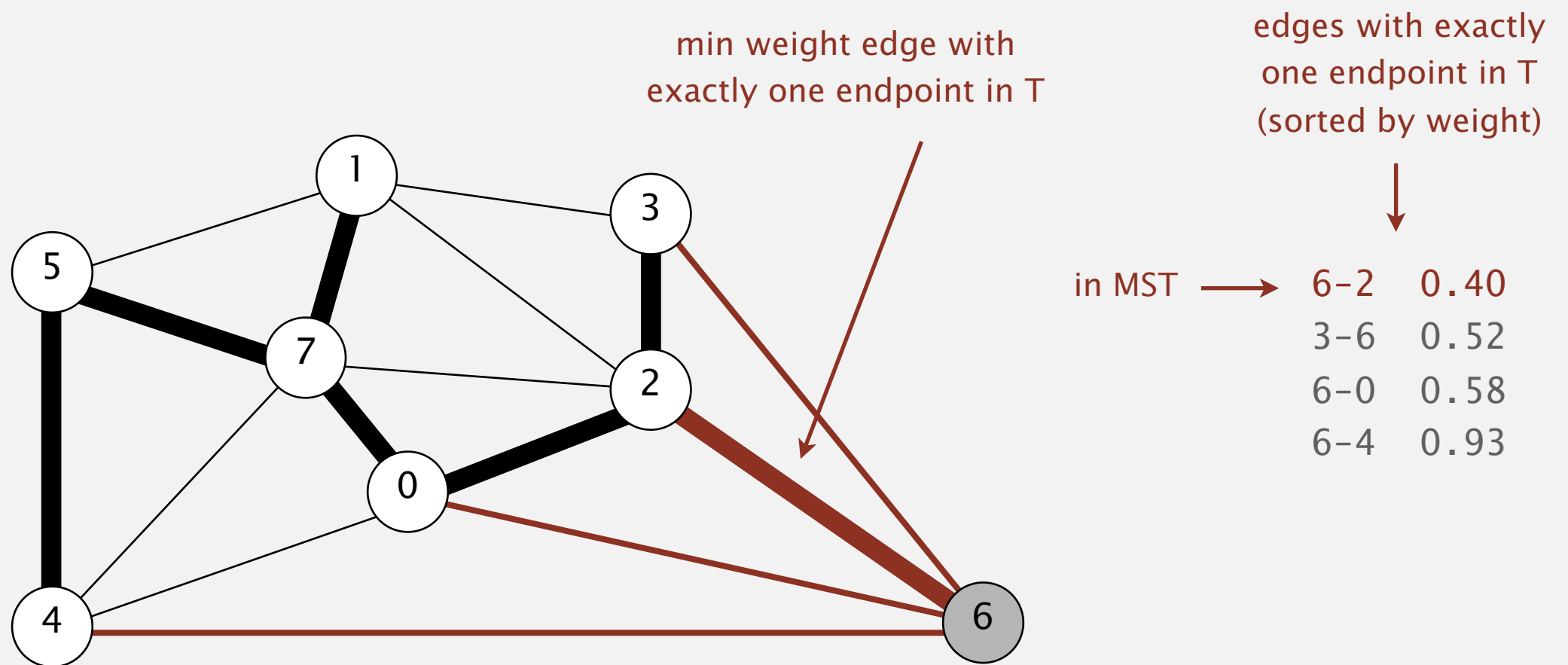


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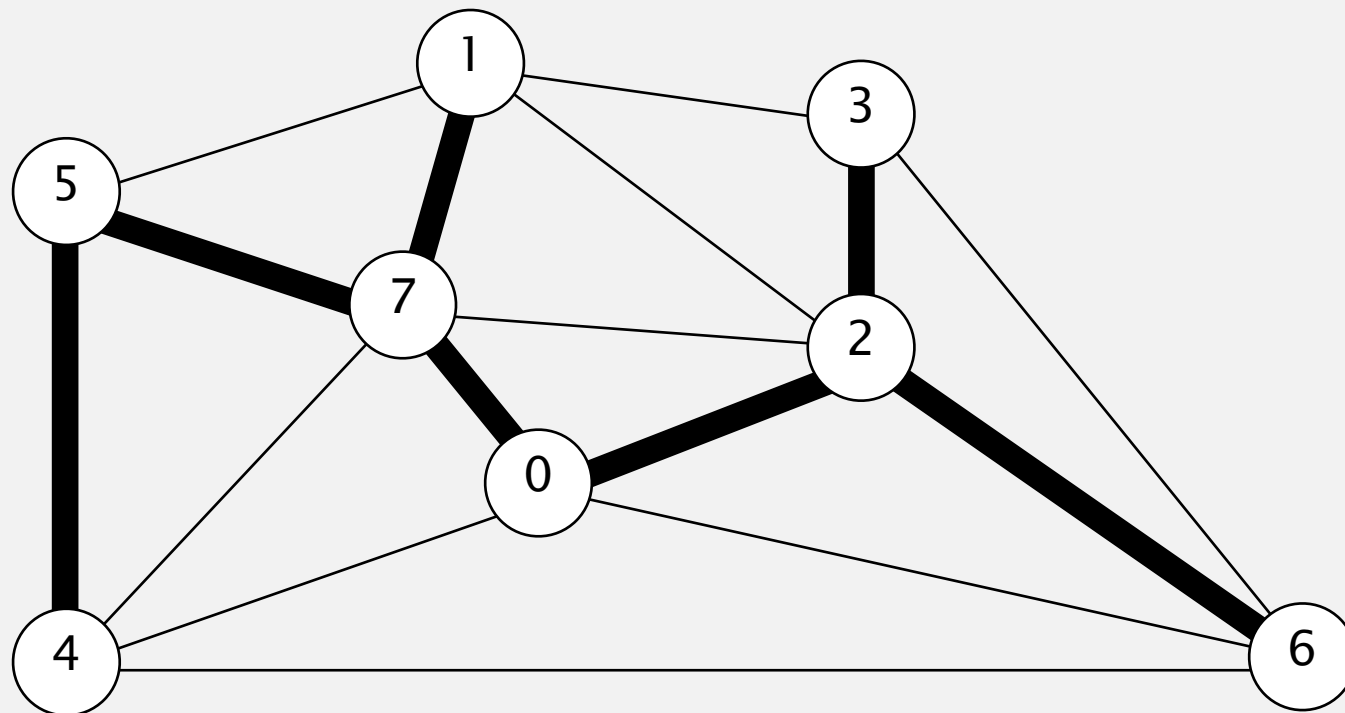
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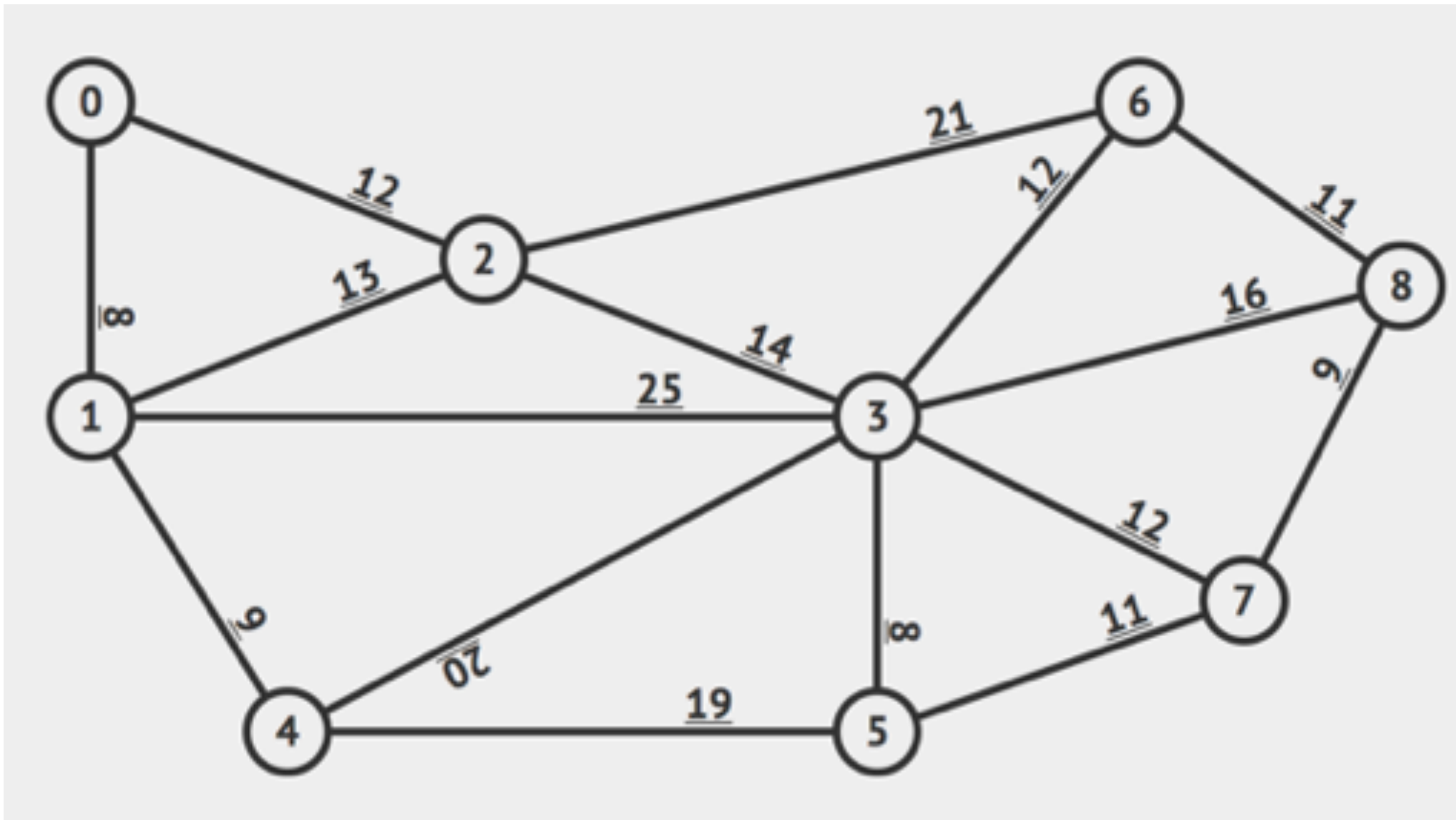
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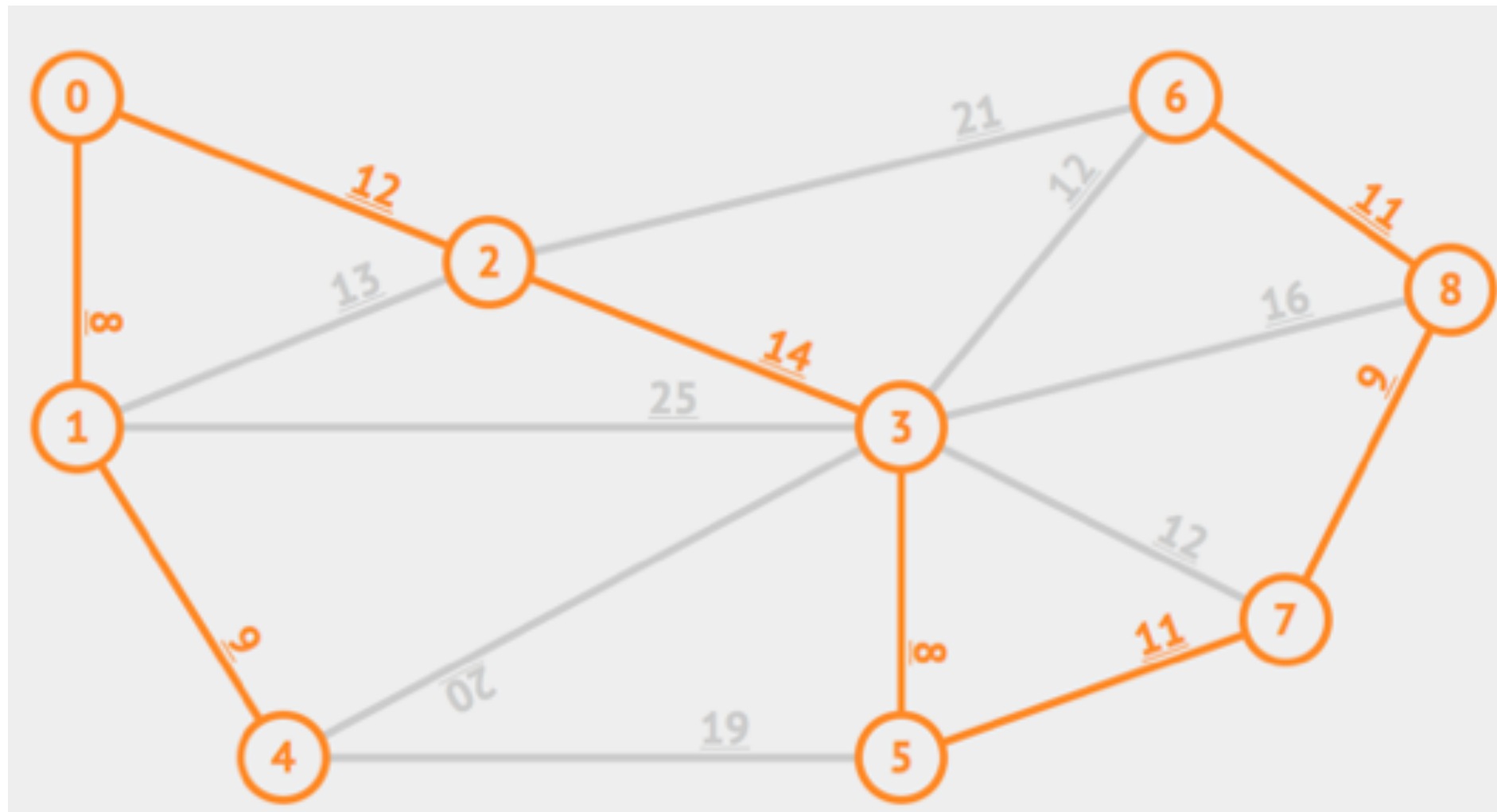
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