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max flow



Max flow

Min Cut

“Consider a rail network connecting two cities by way of a number of intermediate cities, where each link of the network has a number assigned to it representing its capacity. Assuming a steady state condition, find a maximal flow from one given city to the other.”

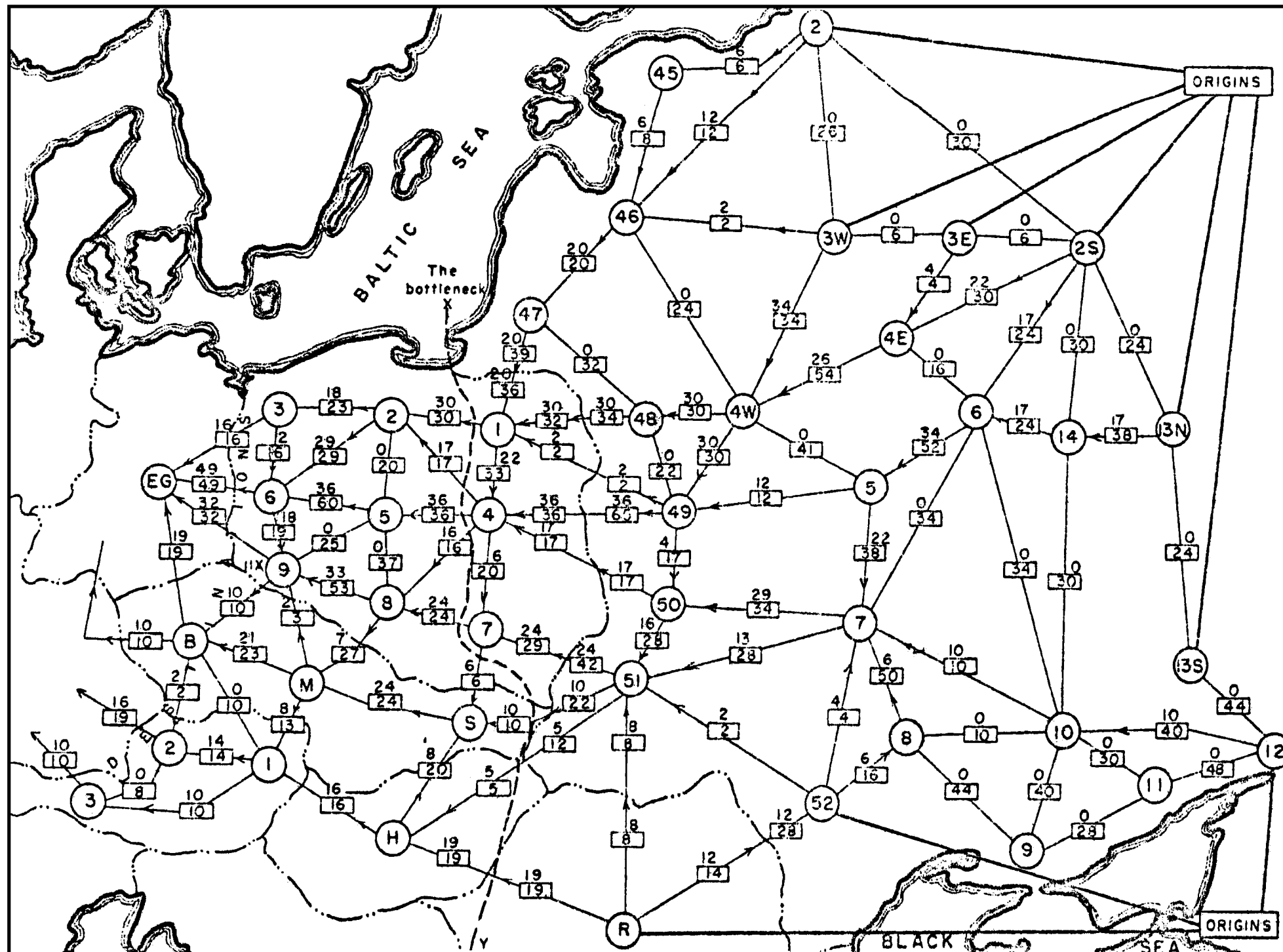


Figure 4 From Harris and Ross [3]: Schematic diagram of the railway network of the Western Soviet Union and East European countries, with a maximum flow of value 163,000 tons from Russia to Eastern Europe and a cut of capacity 163,000 tons indicated as 'The bottleneck'

courtesy Alexander Schrijver

FLOW NETWORKS

$$G = (\underline{V}, \underline{E})$$

SOURCE + SINK: s t

CAPACITIES: $C: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$ \rightarrow rational positive numbers

FLOW

MAP FROM EDGES TO NUMBERS:

$$f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^+$$

CAPACITY CONSTRAINT:

$$f(e) \leq c(e)$$

FLOW CONSTRAINT:

for every node $v \in V - \{s, t\}$

$$\text{IN}(v) = \text{OUT}(v) \Rightarrow \sum_u f(u, v) = \sum_w f(v, w)$$

$$\underline{|f|} =$$

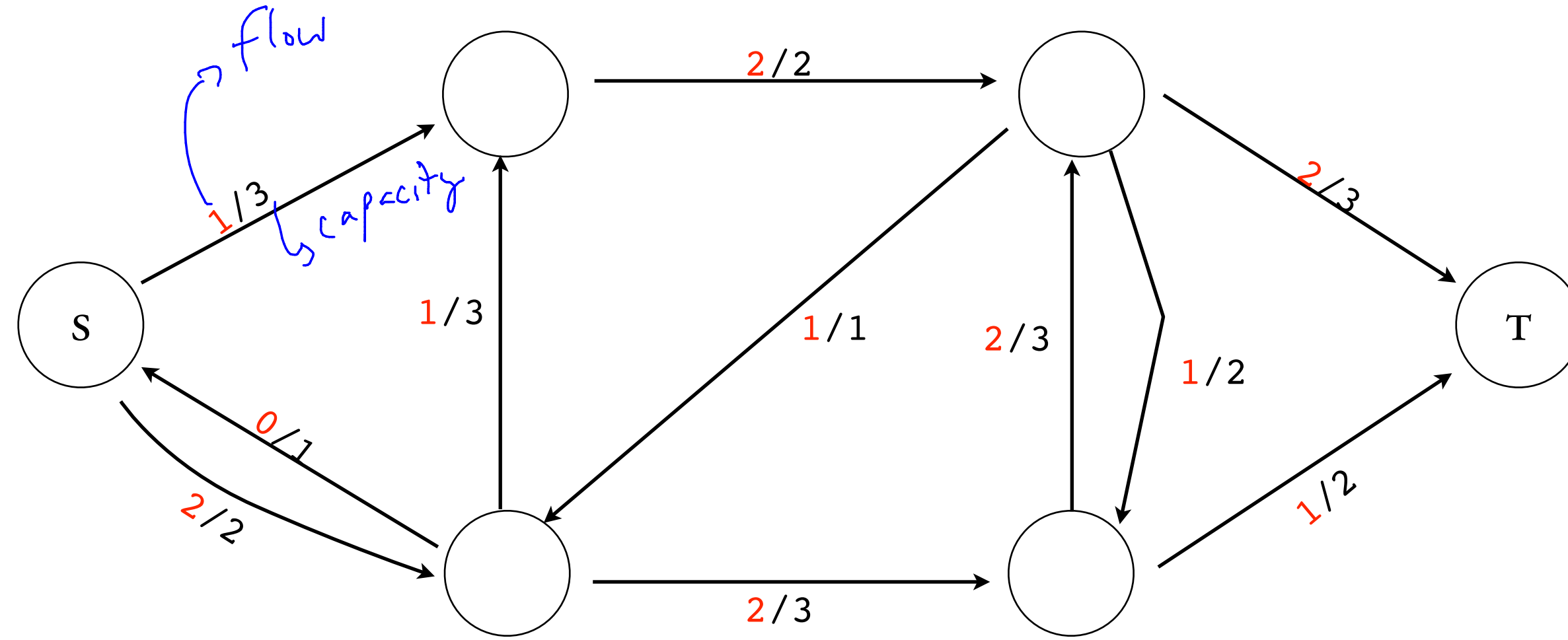
$$\text{OUT}(s) - \text{IN}(s)$$

MAX FLOW PROBLEM

GIVEN A GRAPH G , COMPUTE

$$\text{ARGMAX}_f |f|$$

EXAMPLE of A FLOW



HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS

BIPARTITE MATCHING

EDGE-DISJOINT PATHS

NODE-DISJOINT PATHS

SCHEDULING

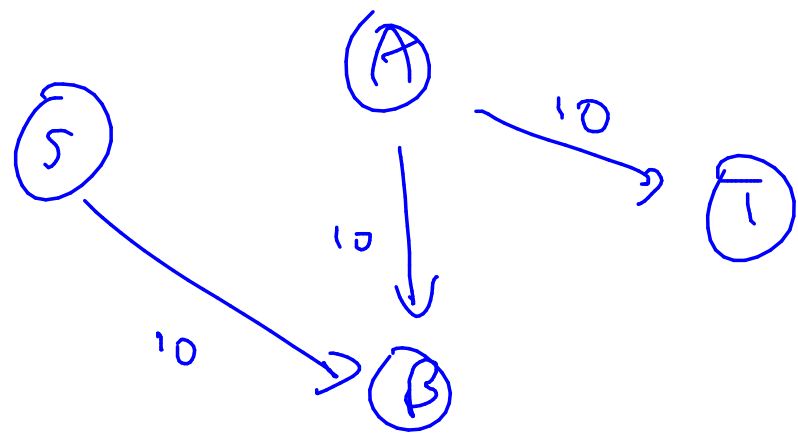
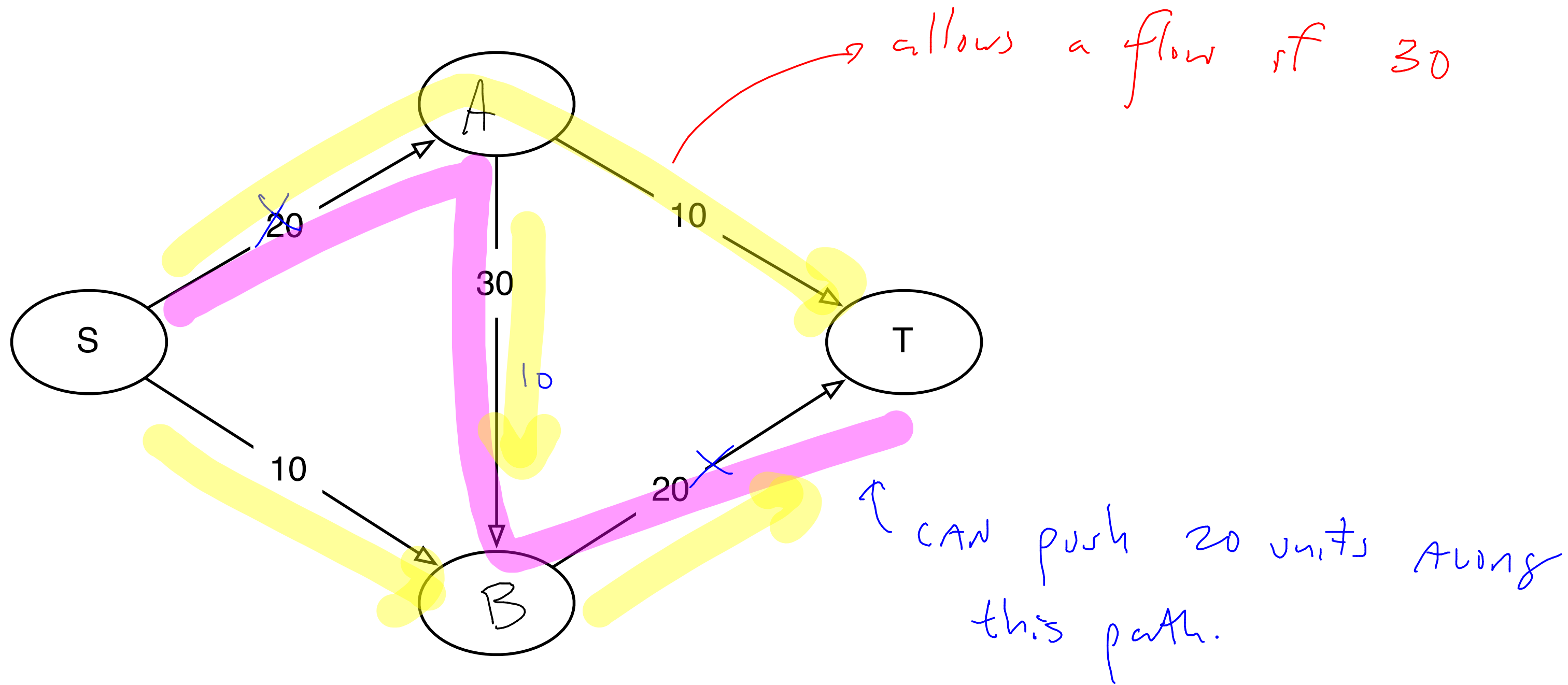
BASEBALL ELIMINATION

RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS

WILL DISCUSS MANY OF THESE APPLICATIONS IN L22.

ALGORITHMS FOR MAX FLOW

GREEDY FAILS



RESIDUAL GRAPHS

$$\underline{G_f = (V, E_f)}$$

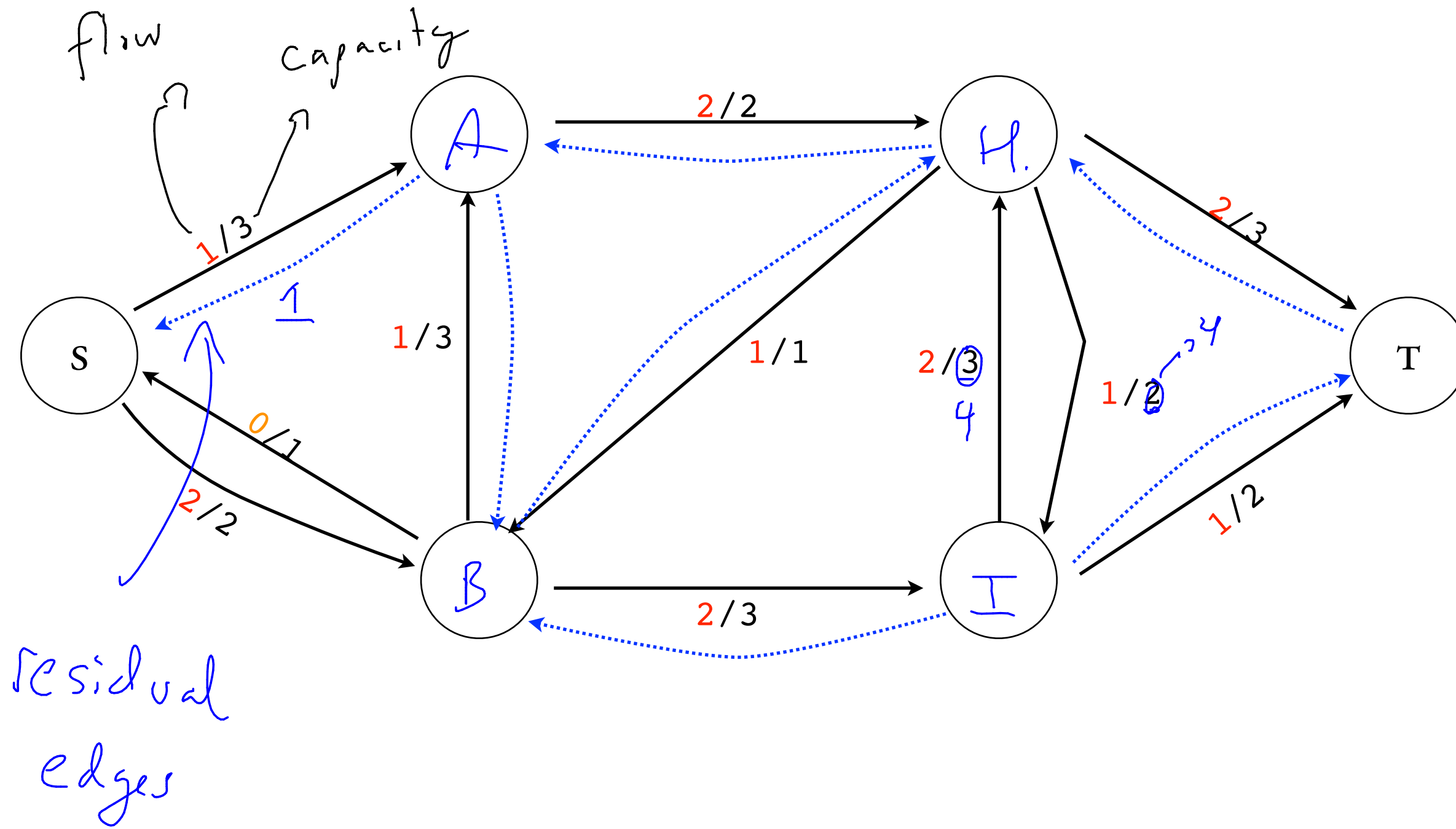
given a flow f , one
can construct a
residual graph G_f using
 $c_f(u, v) =$

" whenever you push x units on edge (u, v) ,
create a residual edge from (v, u) w/
this rule } capacity x ."

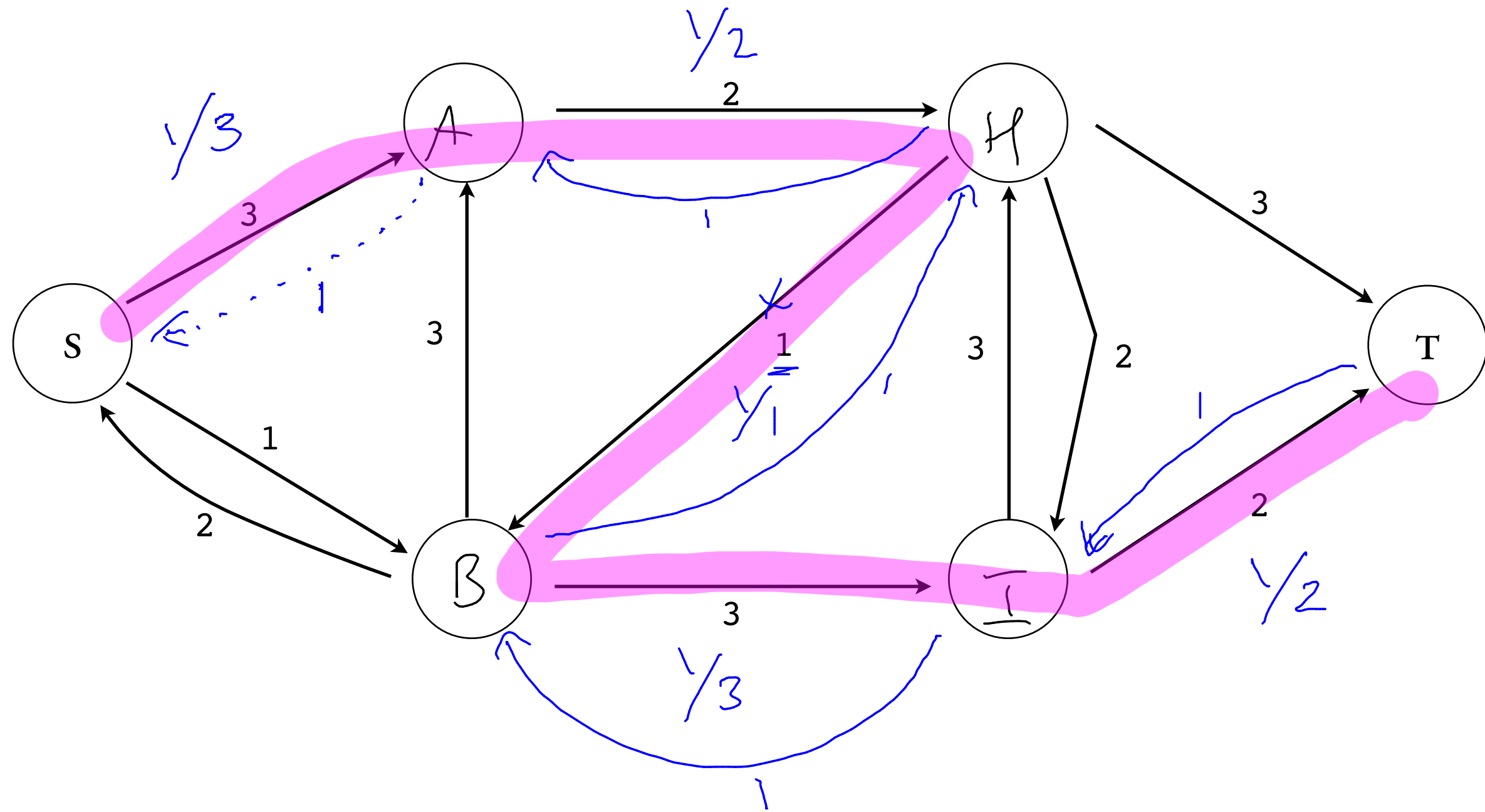
AUGMENTING PATHS

DEF: Any path from s to t in a residual graph G_f .

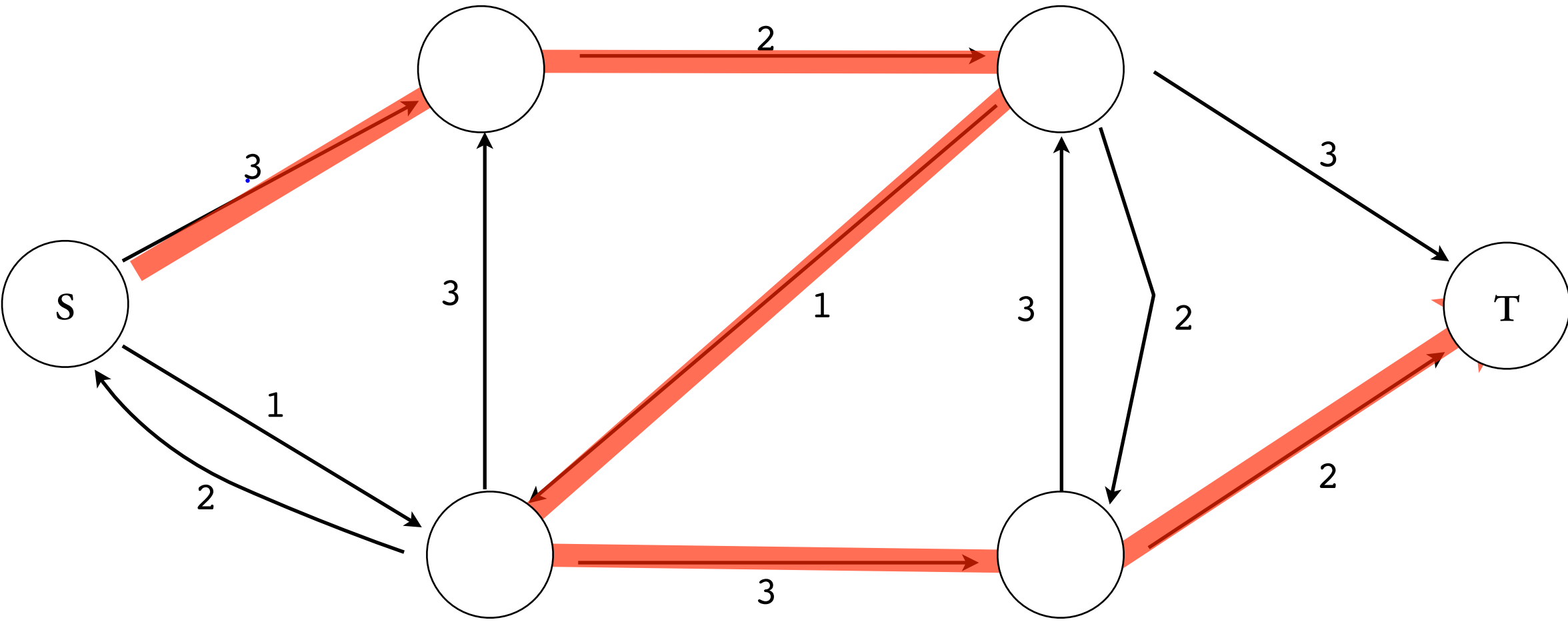
EXAMPLE RESIDUAL GRAPH

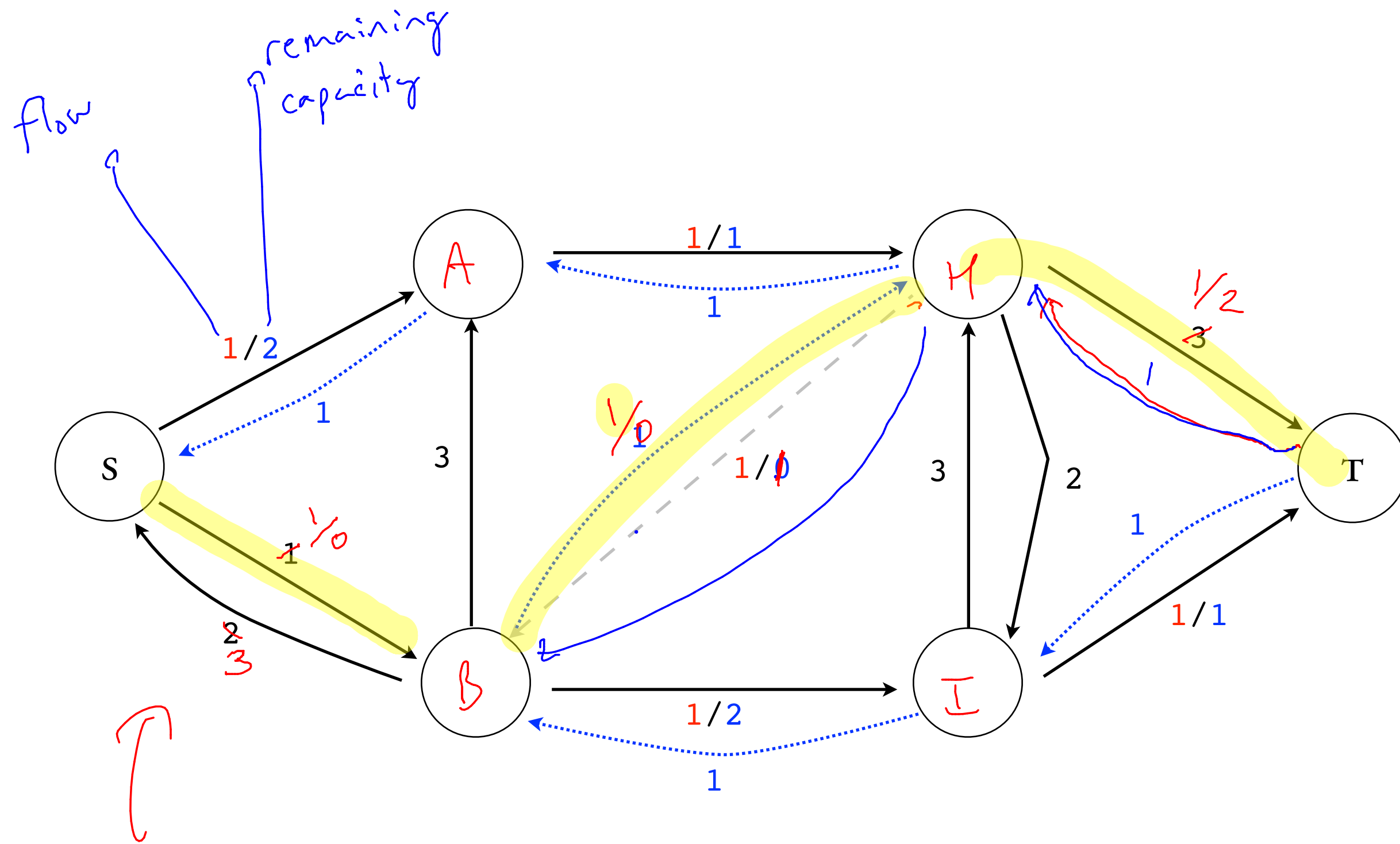


$$G = (V, E) \subset$$



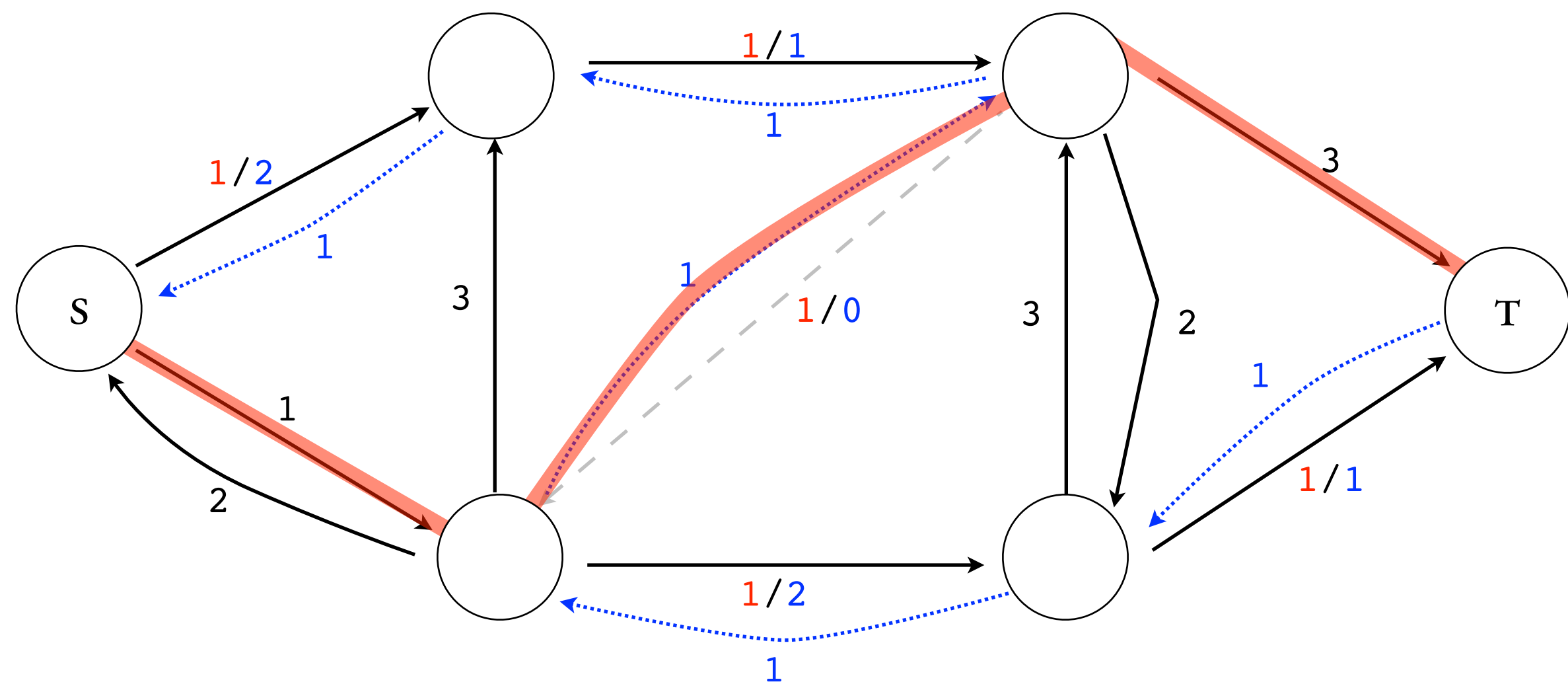
- 1st augmenting path
- we can push 1 unit

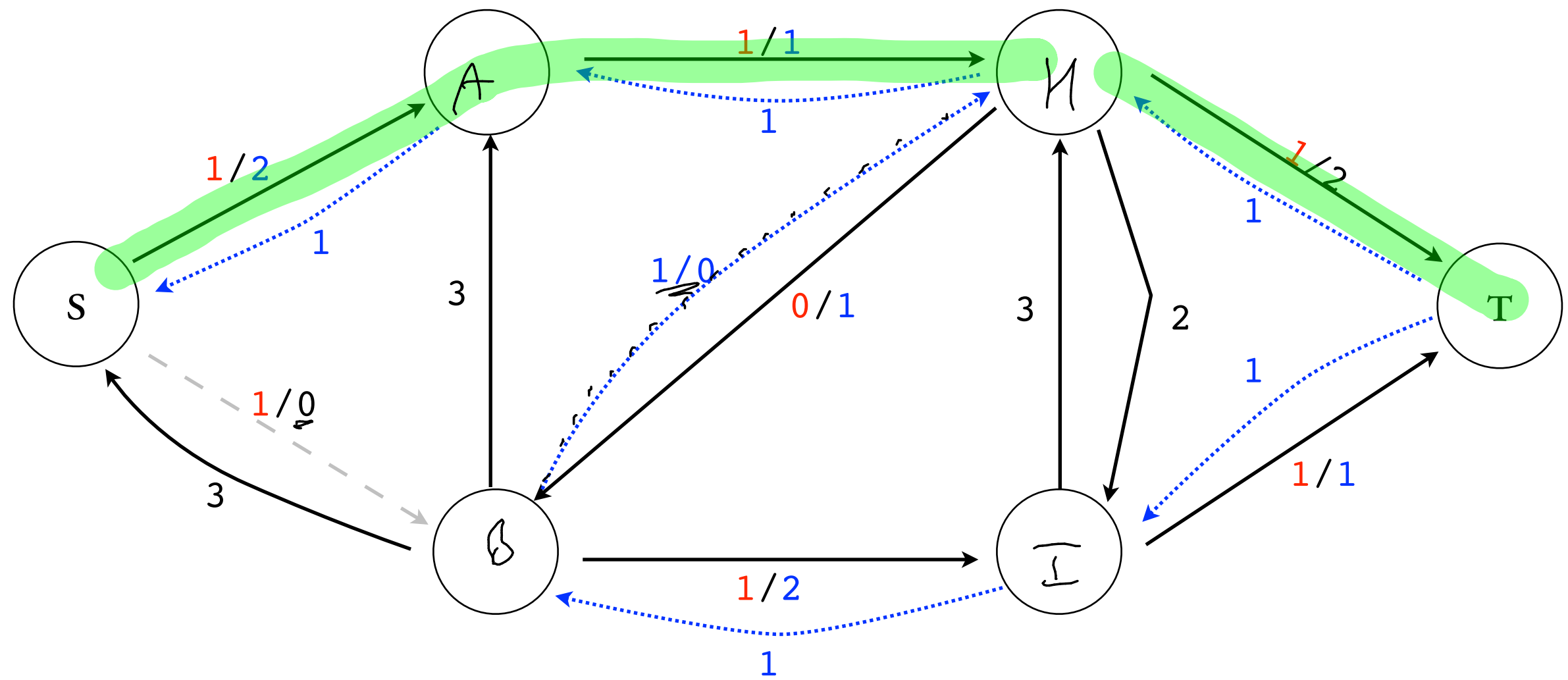


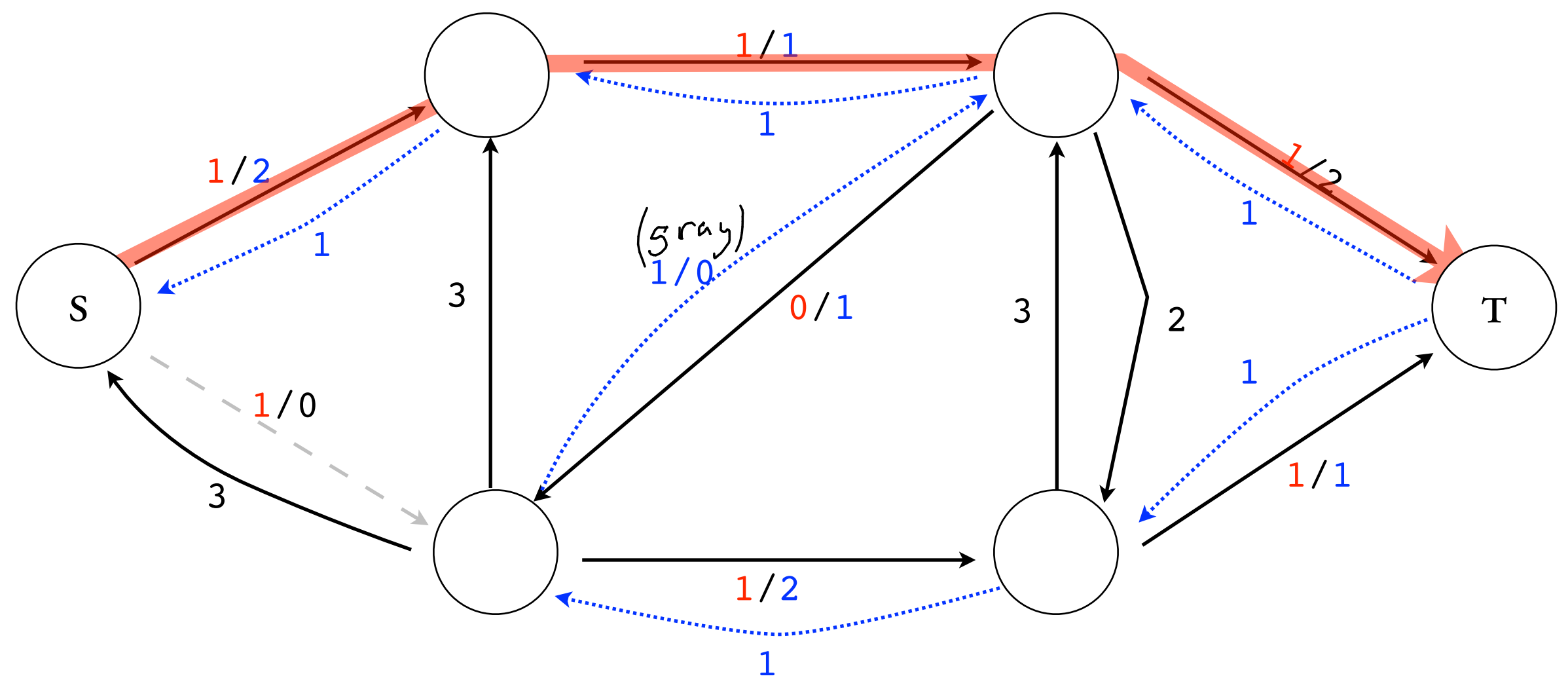


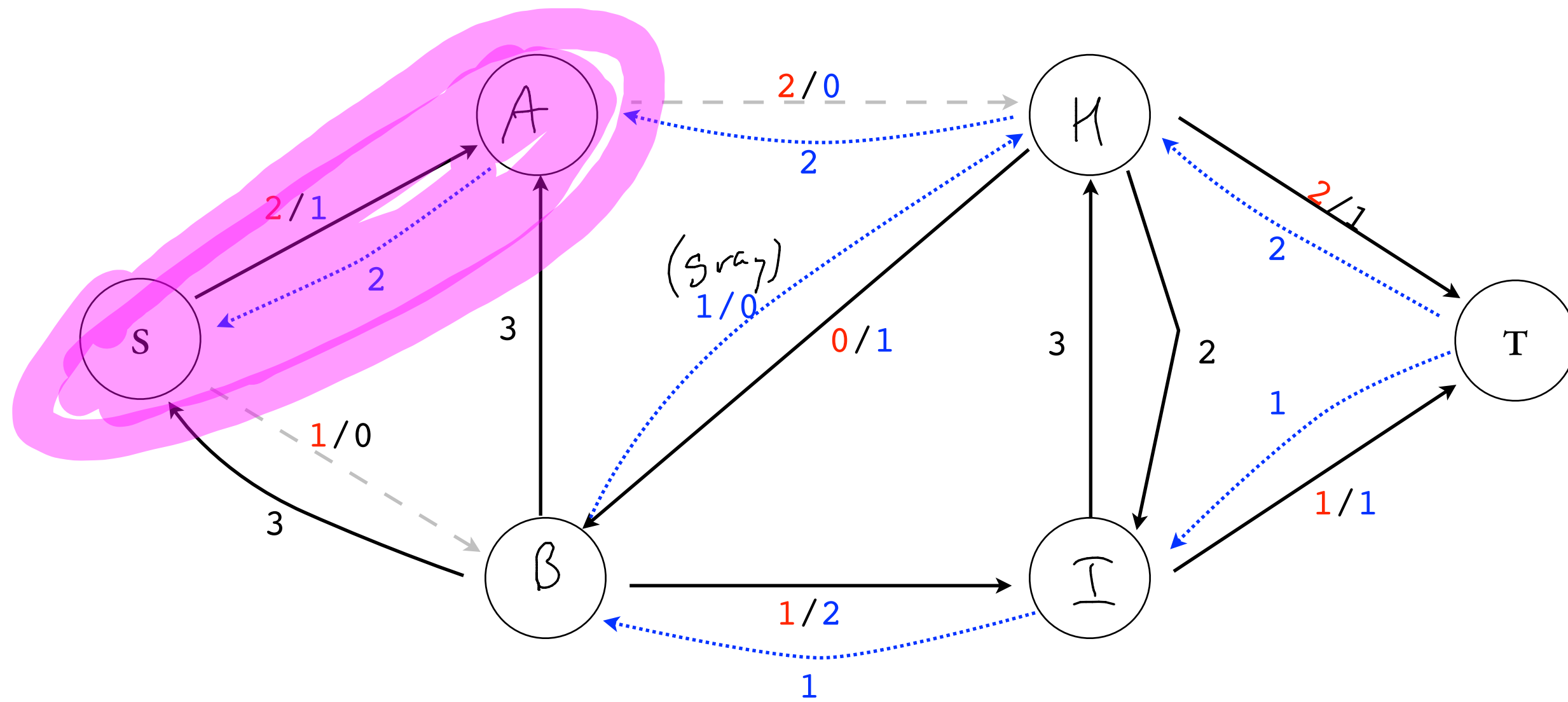
G_f

- we push 1 unit of flow $S \rightarrow B \rightarrow H \rightarrow T$







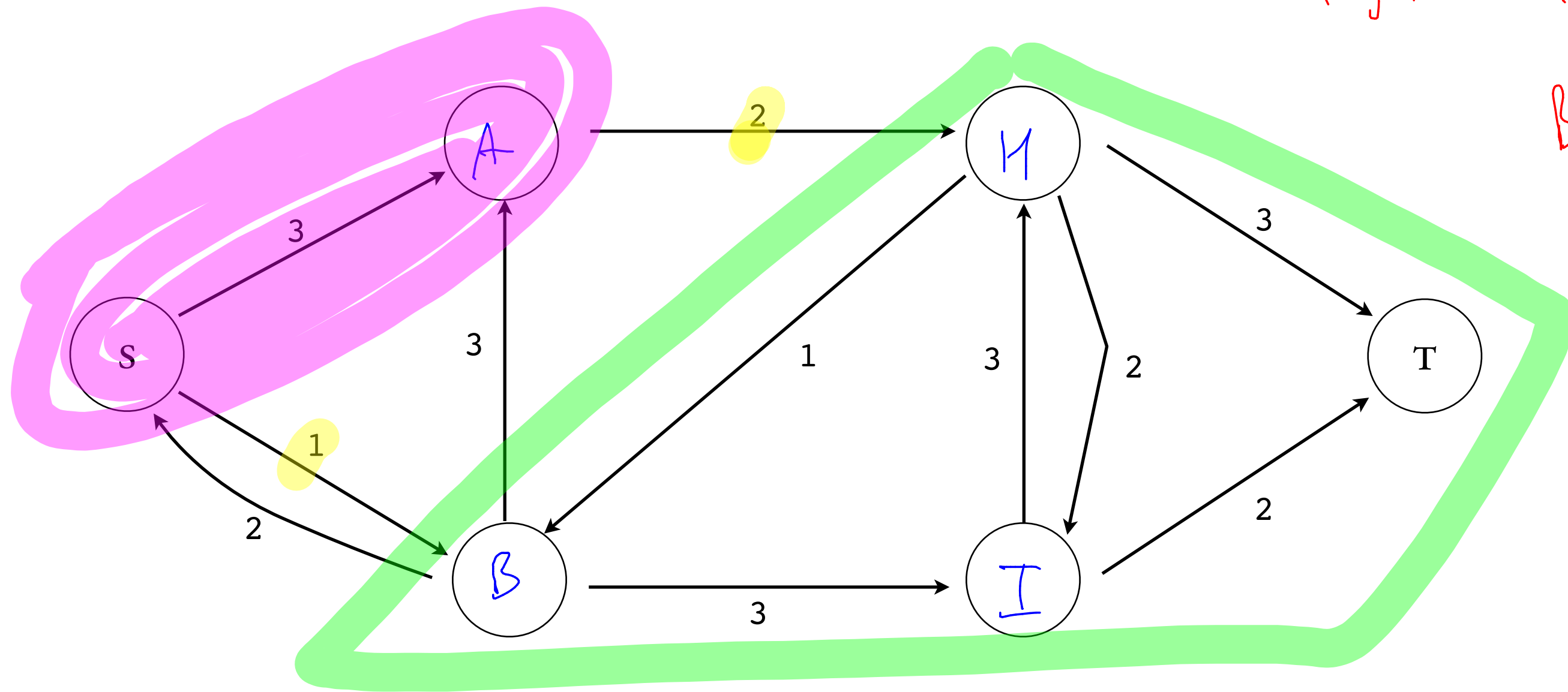


No more augmenting paths from s to t !!

\Rightarrow done.

$$|f| = ||\{S, A\}, \{B, H, I, T\}||$$

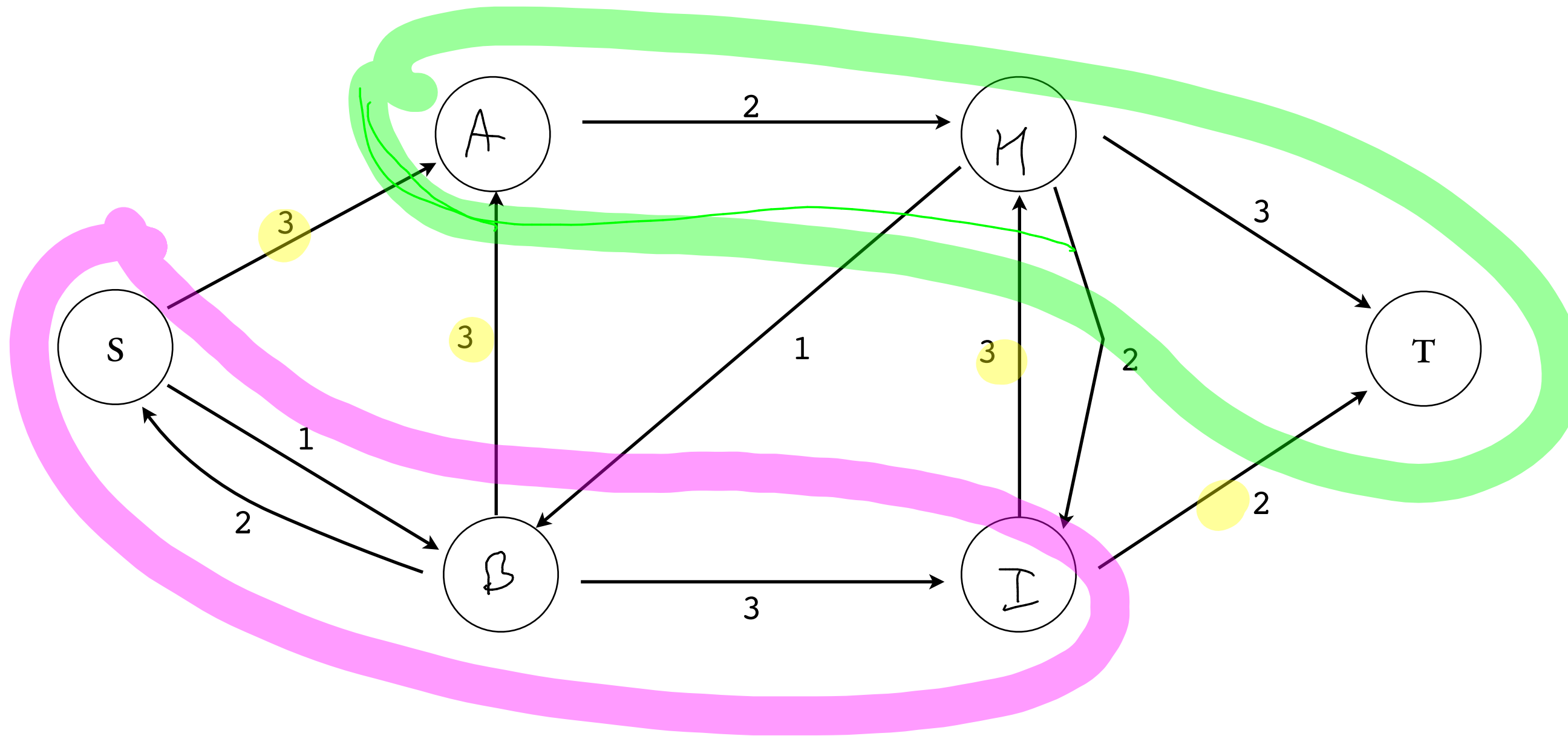
By lemma, there cannot be a larger flow.



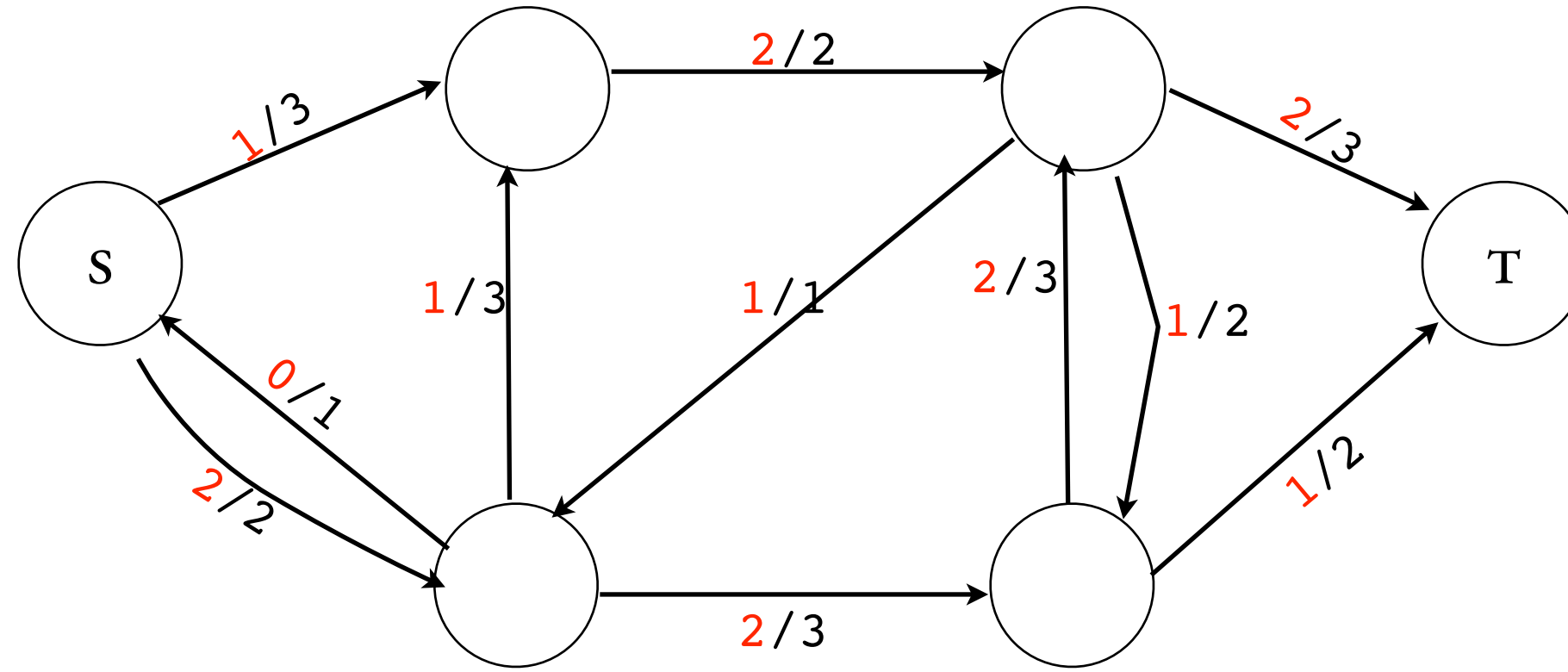
$\{S, A\}$ $\{B, H, I, T\}$ is a graph cut.

This cut has value 3.

OTHER CUTS ARE LARGER



FOR ANY $f, (S, T)$ IT HOLDS THAT $|f| \leq ||S, T||$



EXAMPLE:

CUTS

DEF OF A CUT:

COST OF A CUT:

$$||S, T|| = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{w \in T} c(u, w)$$

LEMMA: [MIN CUT] FOR ANY $f, (S, T)$, $|f| \leq |S, T|$

THM: MAX FLOW = MIN CUT

$$\max_f |f| = \min_{S,T} ||S, T||$$

IF F IS A MAX FLOW, THEN GF HAS NO AUGMENTING PATHS.

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FORD-FULKERSON

INITIALIZE $f(u, v) \leftarrow 0 \forall u, v$

WHILE EXISTS AN AUGMENTING PATH p IN G_f

AUGMENT f WITH $c_f(p) = \min_{(u,v) \in p} c_f(u, v)$

WHY DOES FF WORK? (HIGH LEVEL)

We simultaneously construct a flow f and cut (S, T)

$$\text{s.t. } |f| = ||S, T||$$

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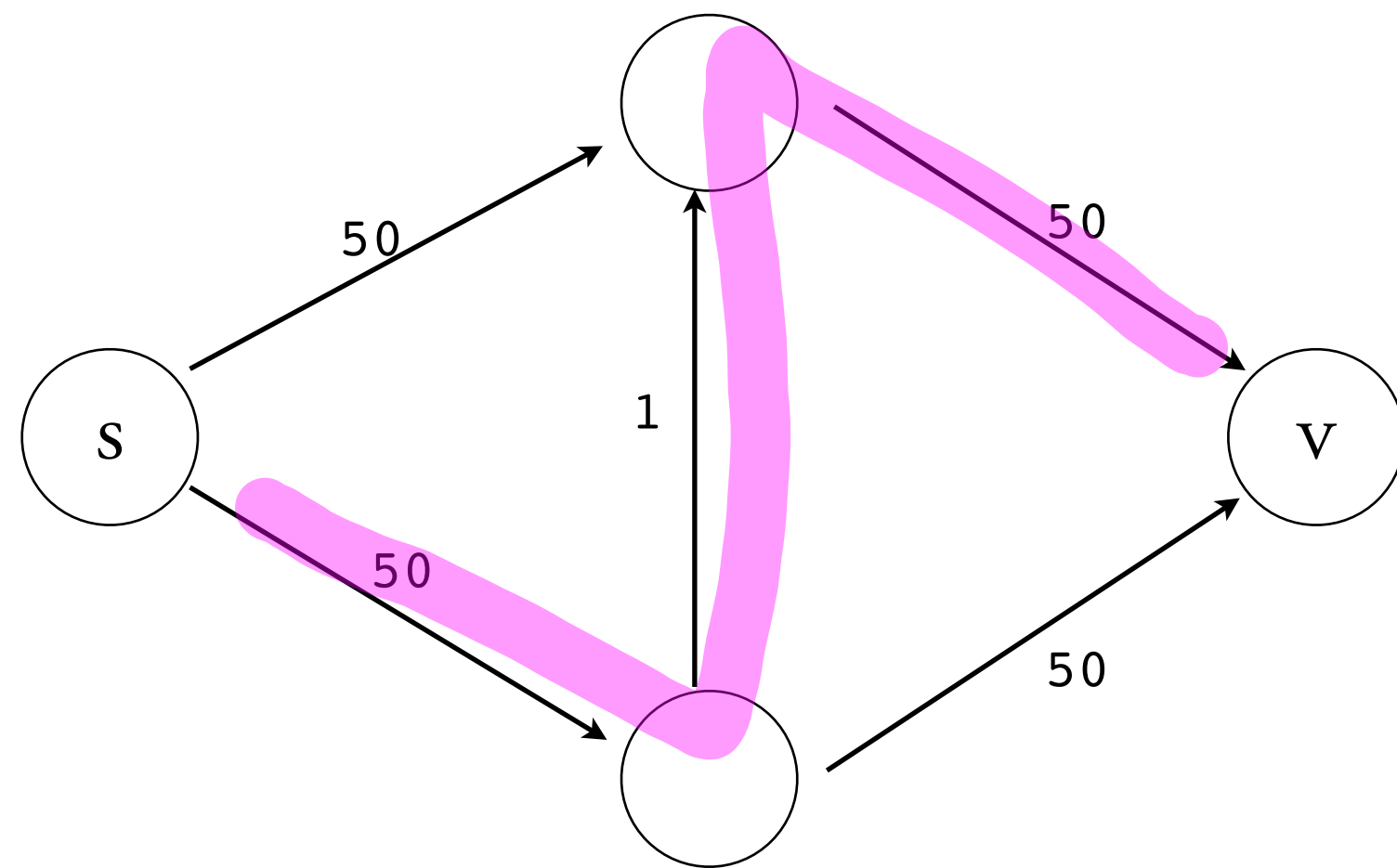
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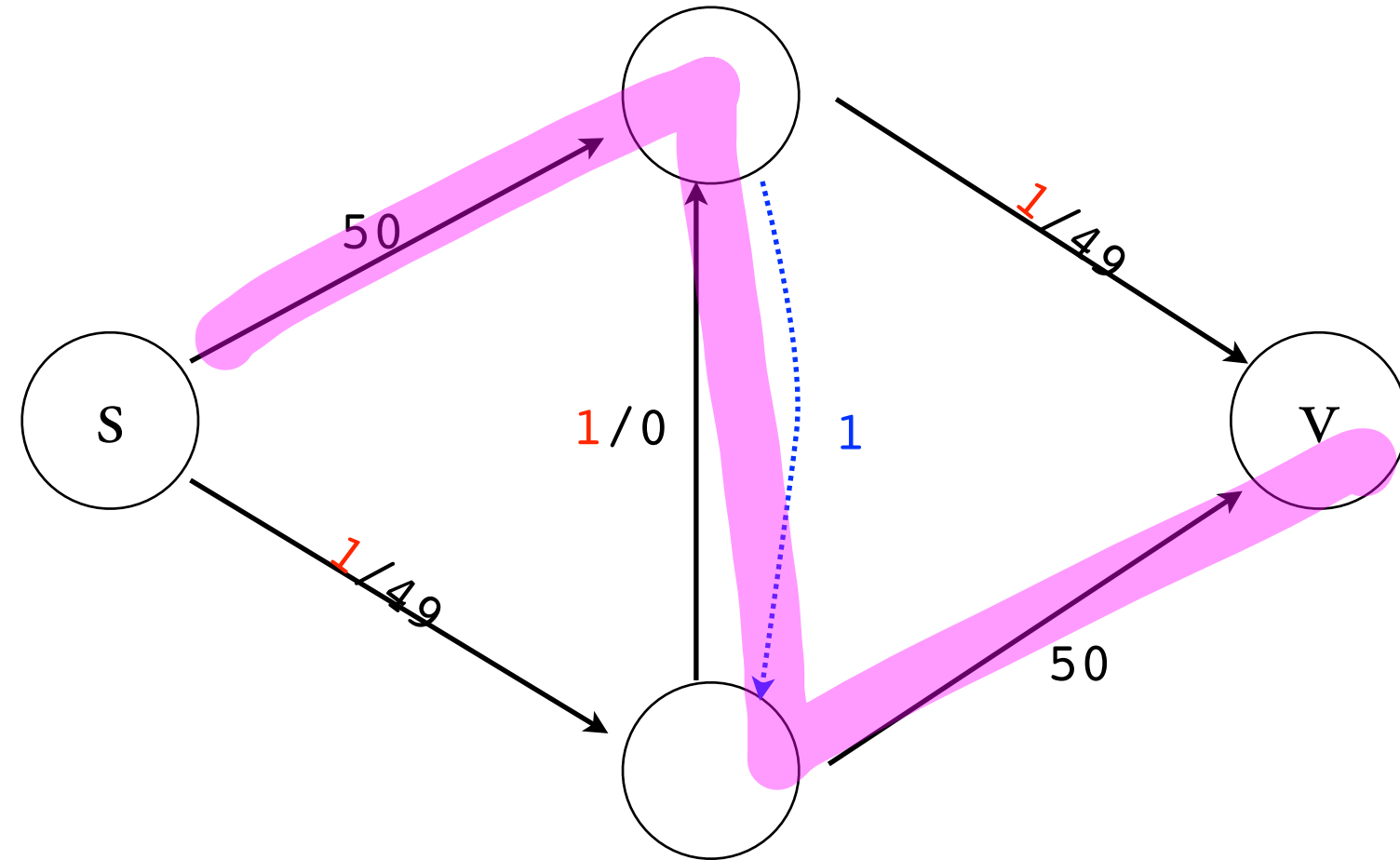
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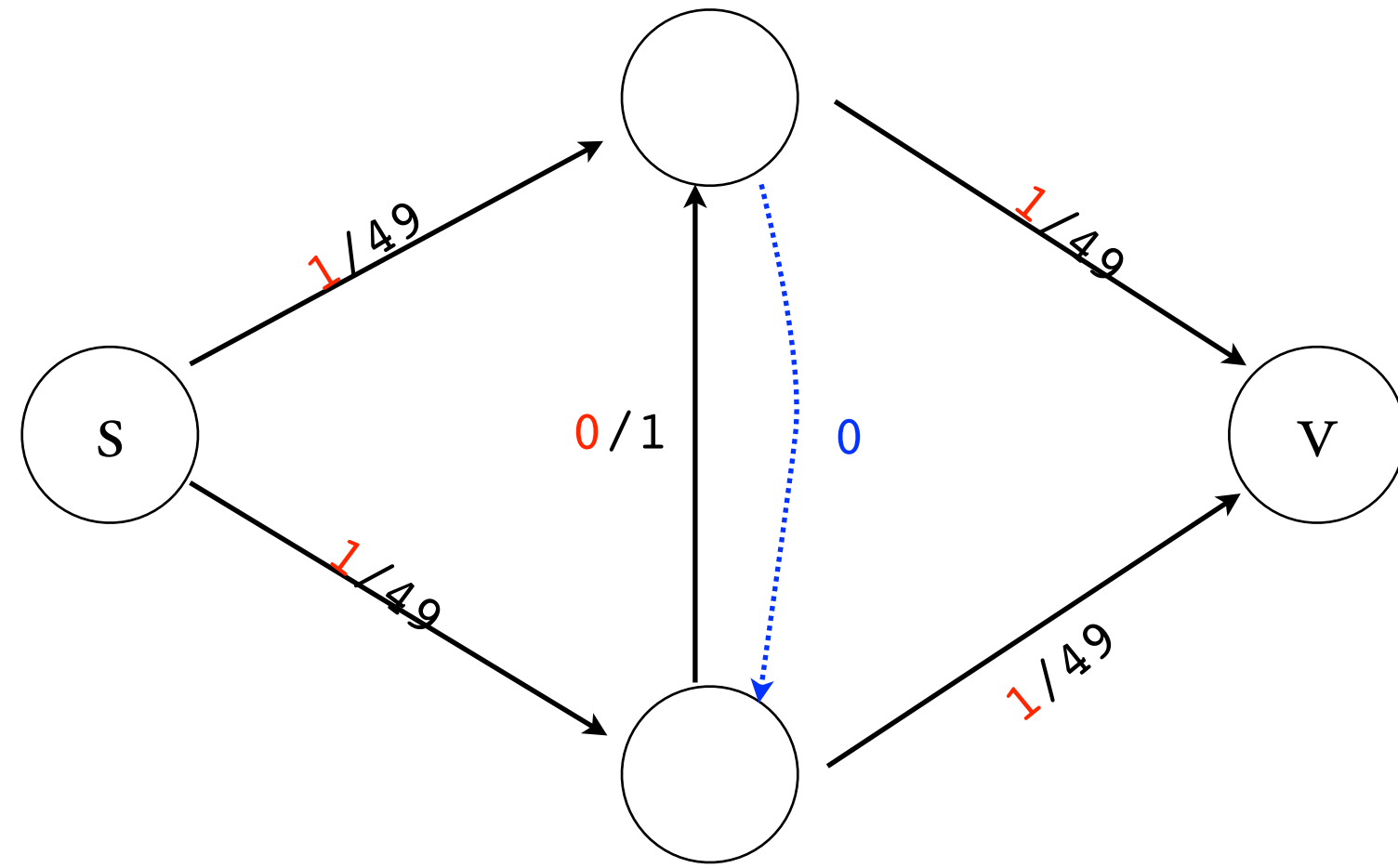
TIME TO FIND AN AUGMENTING PATH:

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS OF WHILE LOOP:

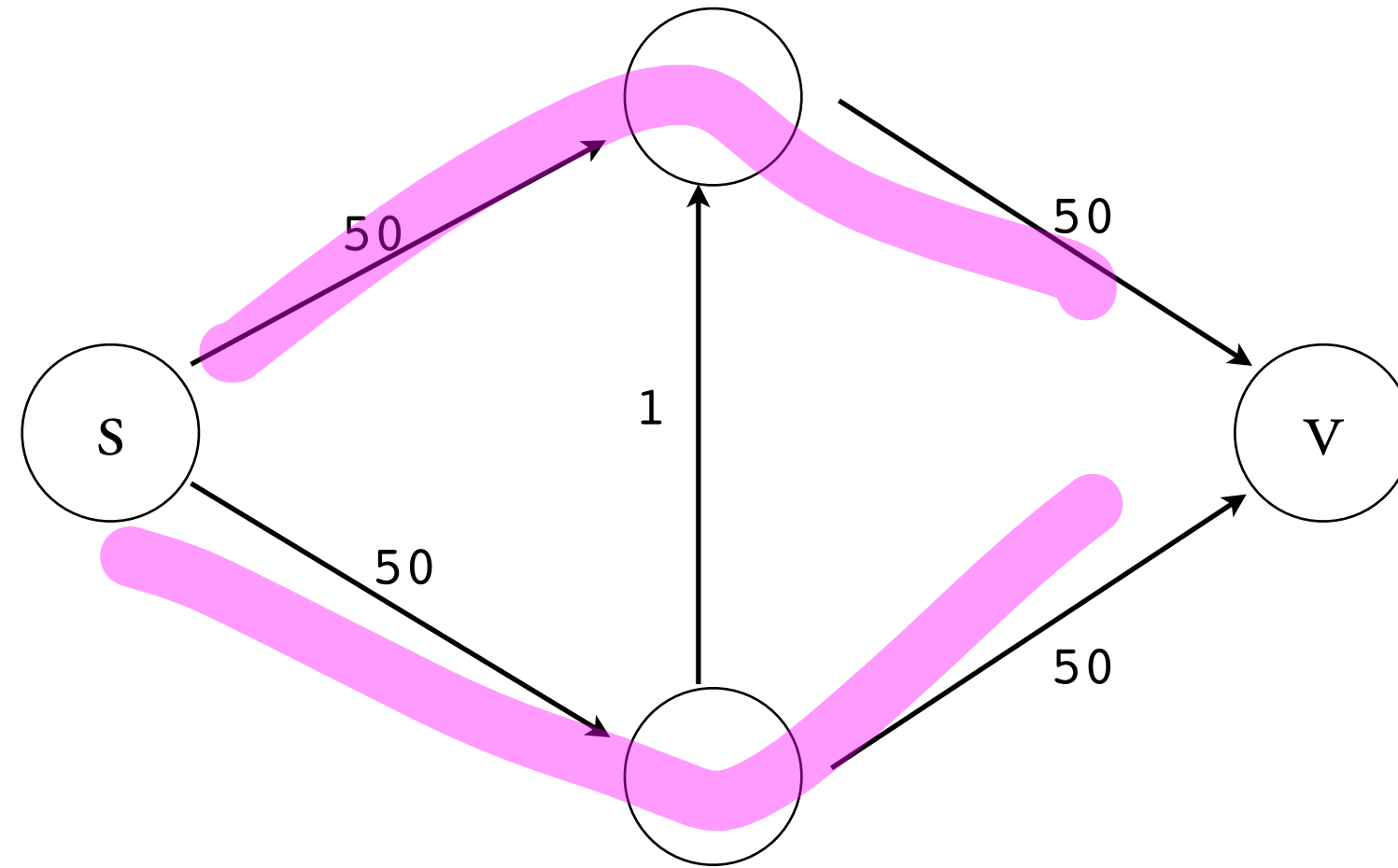
$|f| \rightarrow \text{max flow}$







ROOT OF THE PROBLEM



Picking bad paths.

EDMONDS-KARP 2

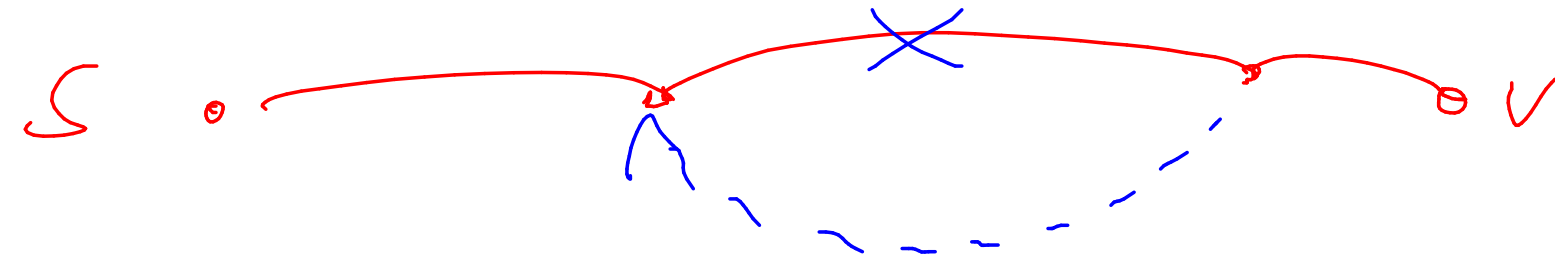
CHOOSE PATH WITH FEWEST EDGES FIRST.

$\delta_f(s, v)$: # of hops from s to v along the
shortest path in residual graph G_f .

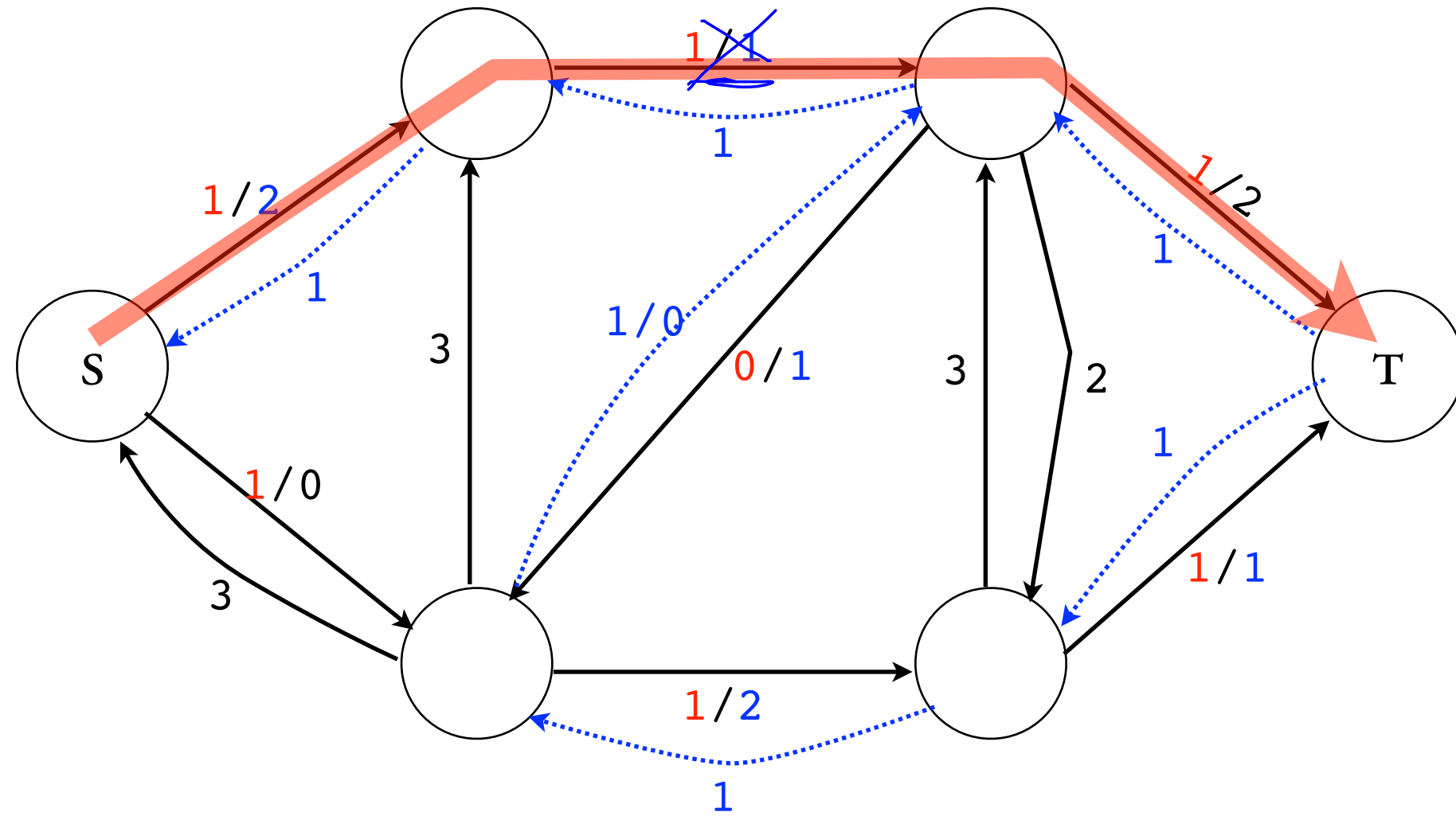
LEMMA:

$\delta_f(s, v)$ INCREASES MONOTONICALLY THRU EXEC

$$\underline{\delta_{i+1}(v)} \geq \underline{\delta_i(v)}$$

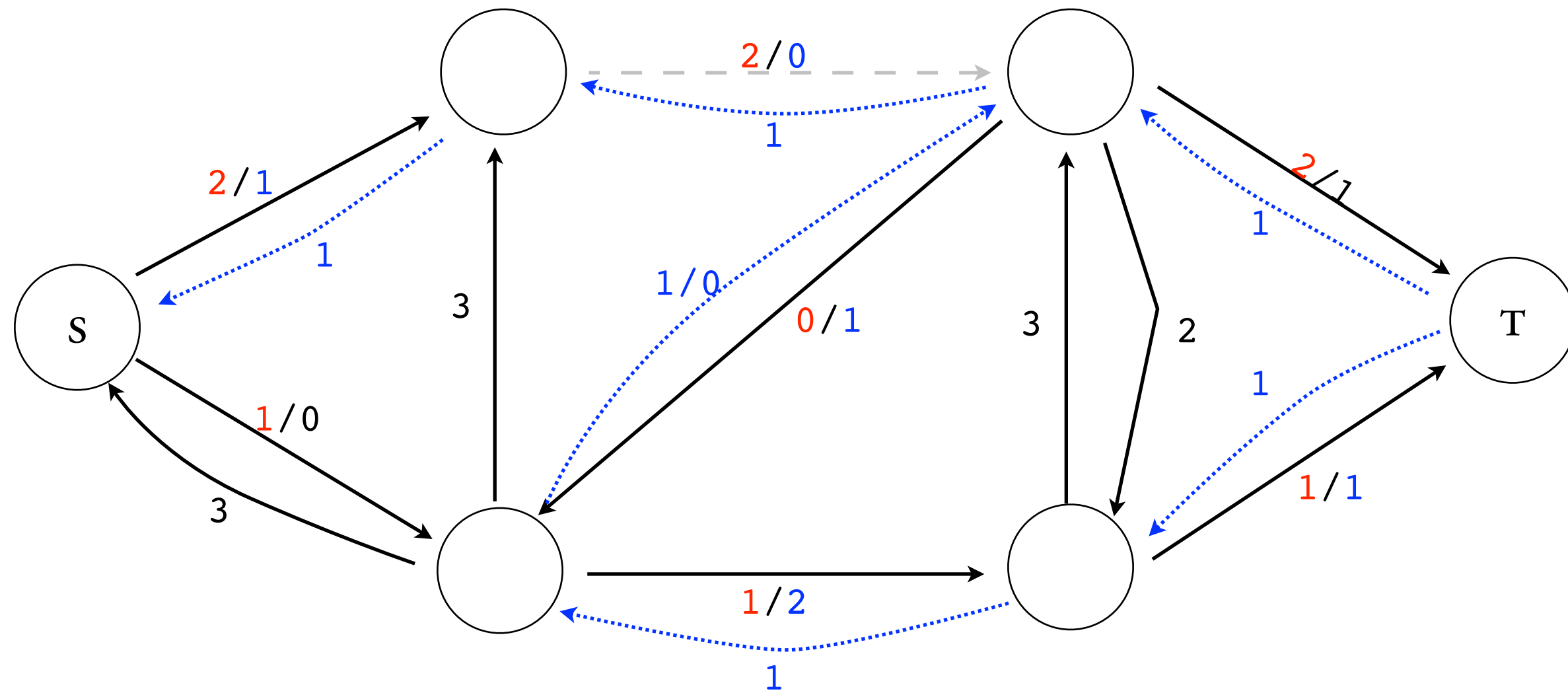


shortest path @ i

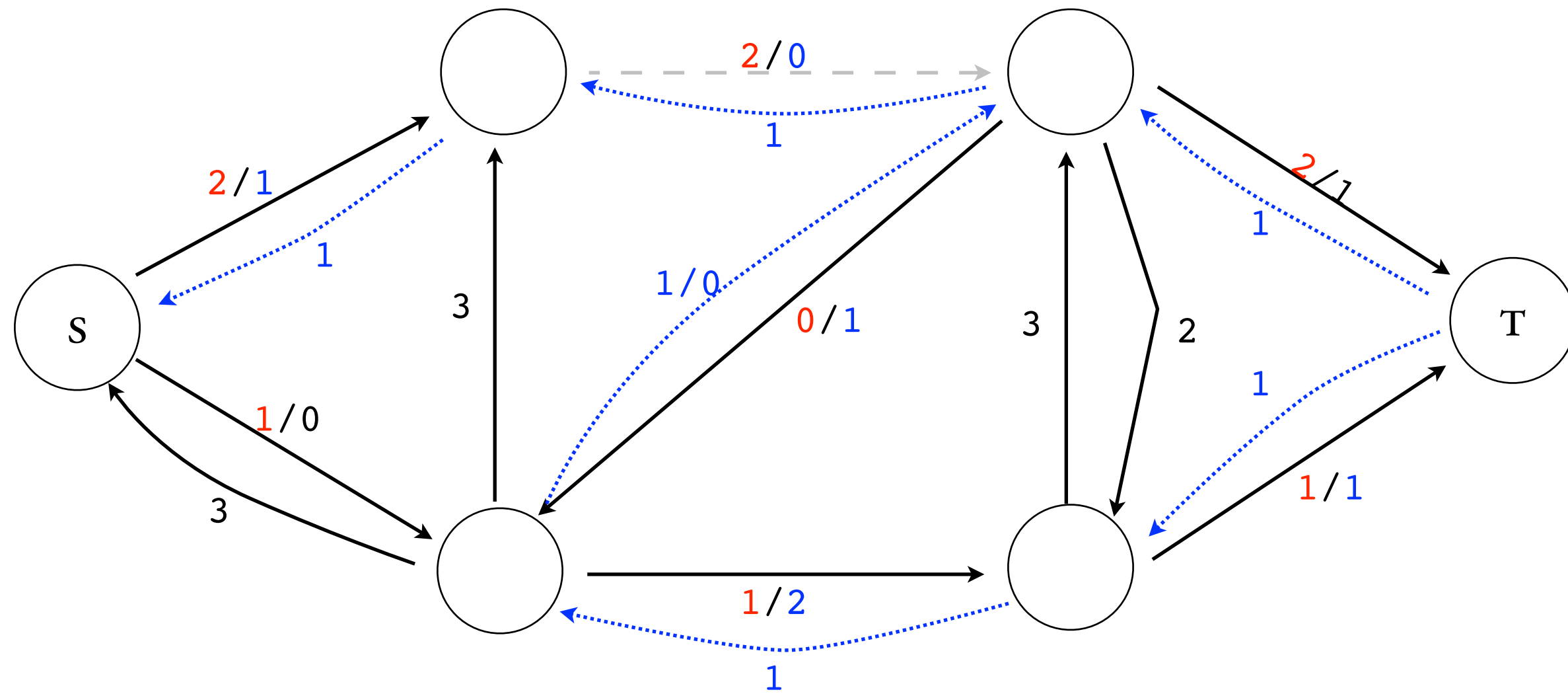


FOR EVERY AUGMENTING PATH, SOME EDGE IS **CRITICAL**.



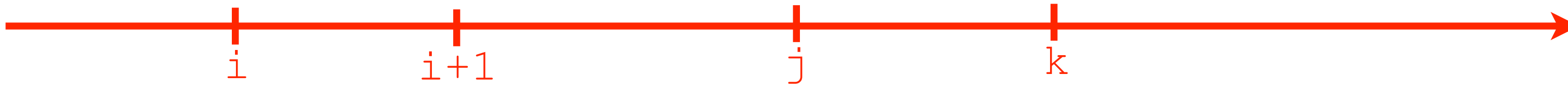


CRITICAL EDGES ARE REMOVED IN NEXT RESIDUAL GRAPH.

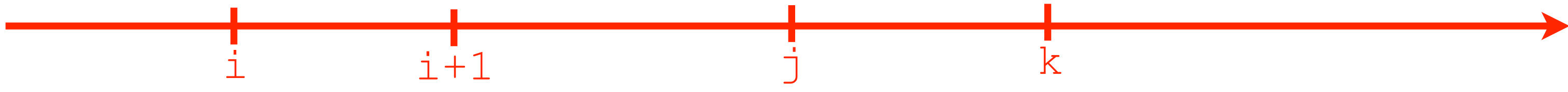


KEY IDEA: HOW MANY TIMES CAN AN EDGE BE **CRITICAL**?

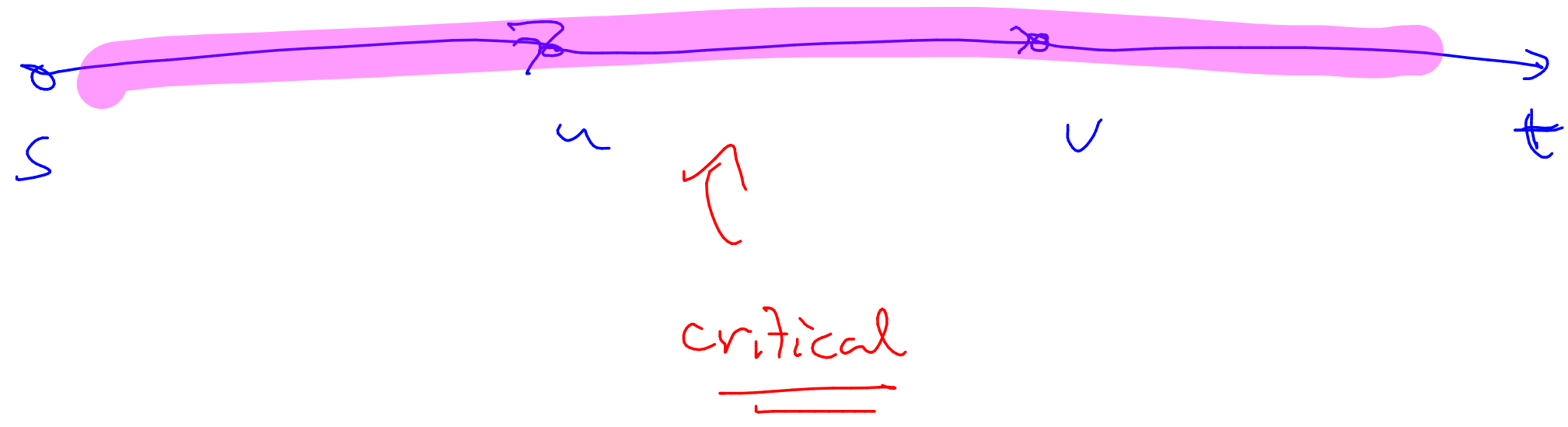
$\frac{V}{2}$ times



Outline of the argument



first time (u,v) is critical:

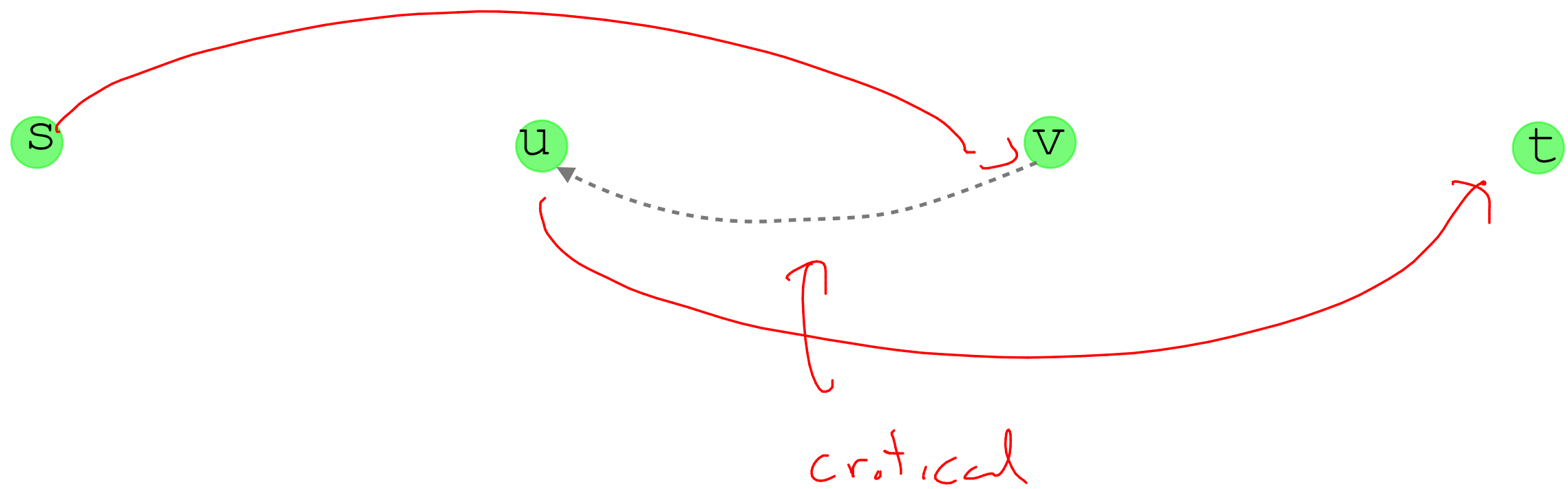




time $i+1$: (u,v) is critical: $\delta_{i+1}(s, v) \geq \delta_i(s, u) + 1$



time j : Edge (u,v) STRIKES BACK



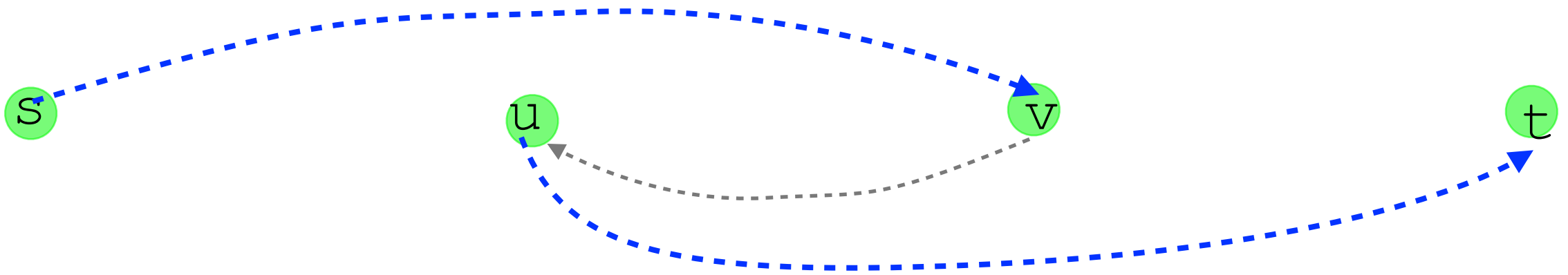


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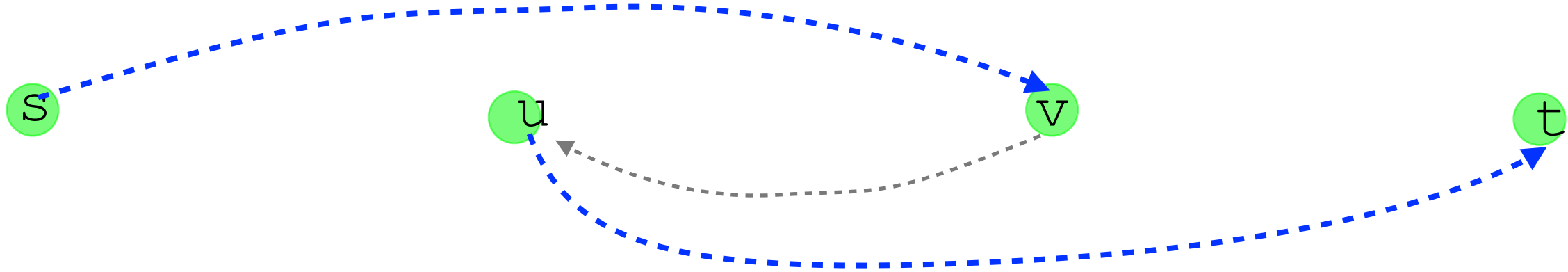
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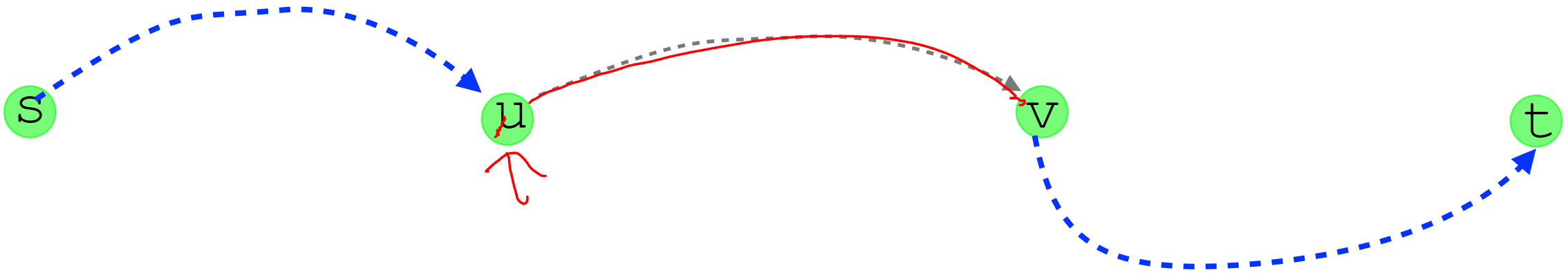
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time k : RETURN OF THE (u,v) critical

$$\underline{\delta_k(s, u)} \geq \underline{\delta_i(s, u)} + \underline{2}$$



QUESTION: How many times can (u,v) be critical?

$$E \approx V$$

- edge critical only $\frac{V}{2}$ times.

- there are only E edges.

ergo, total # of augmenting paths:

$$\frac{EV}{2}$$

time to find an augmenting path:

$$\Theta(E+U) \quad (\text{BFS})$$

total running time of E-K algorithm:

↪ $\Theta(E^2V)$

ff

$$O(E|f^*|)$$

ek2

$$\Theta(E^2V)$$

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push-relabel

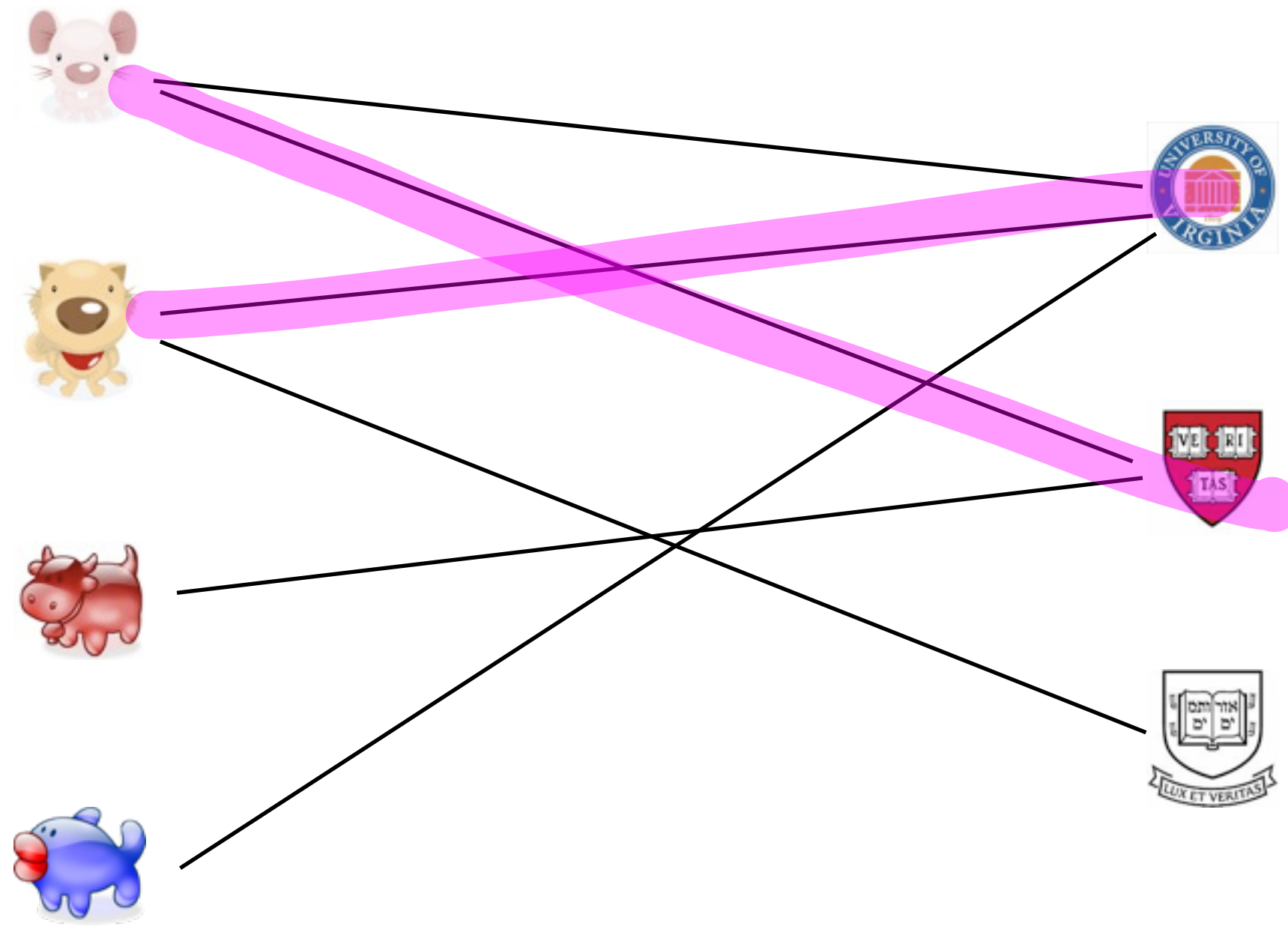
$$\Theta(EV^2)$$

faster push-relabel

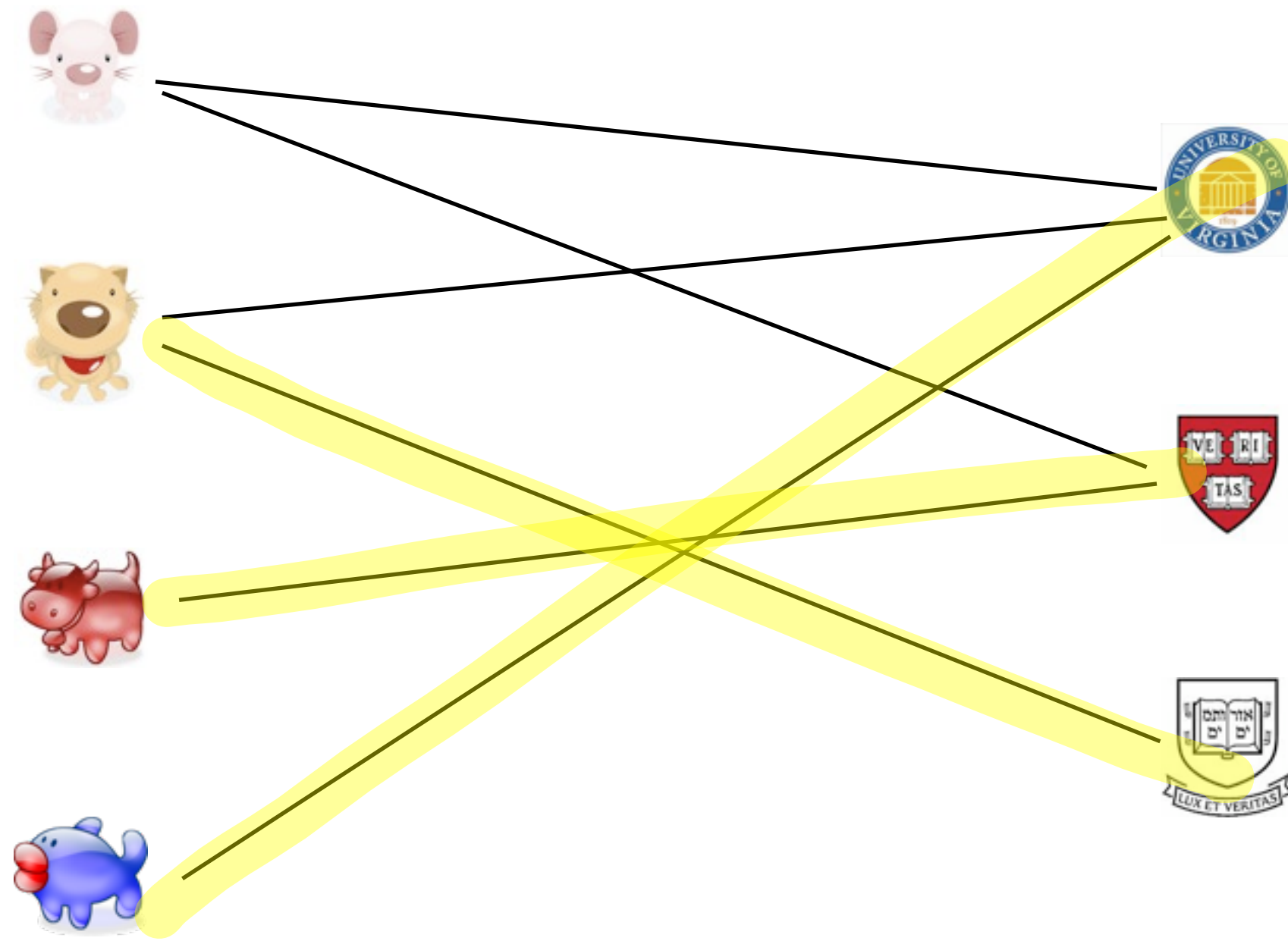
→ $\Theta(V^3)$

APPLICATIONS OF MAX FLOW

MAXIMUM BIPARTITE MATCHING



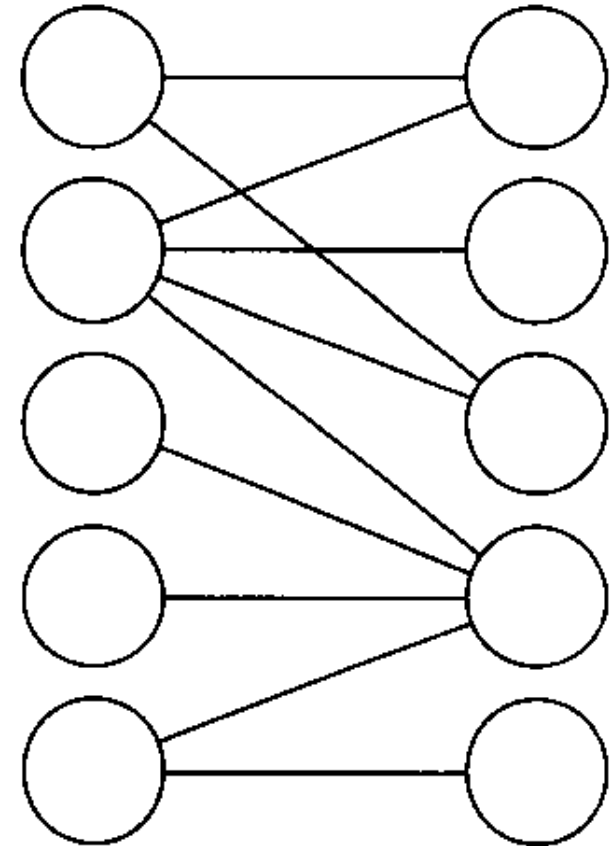
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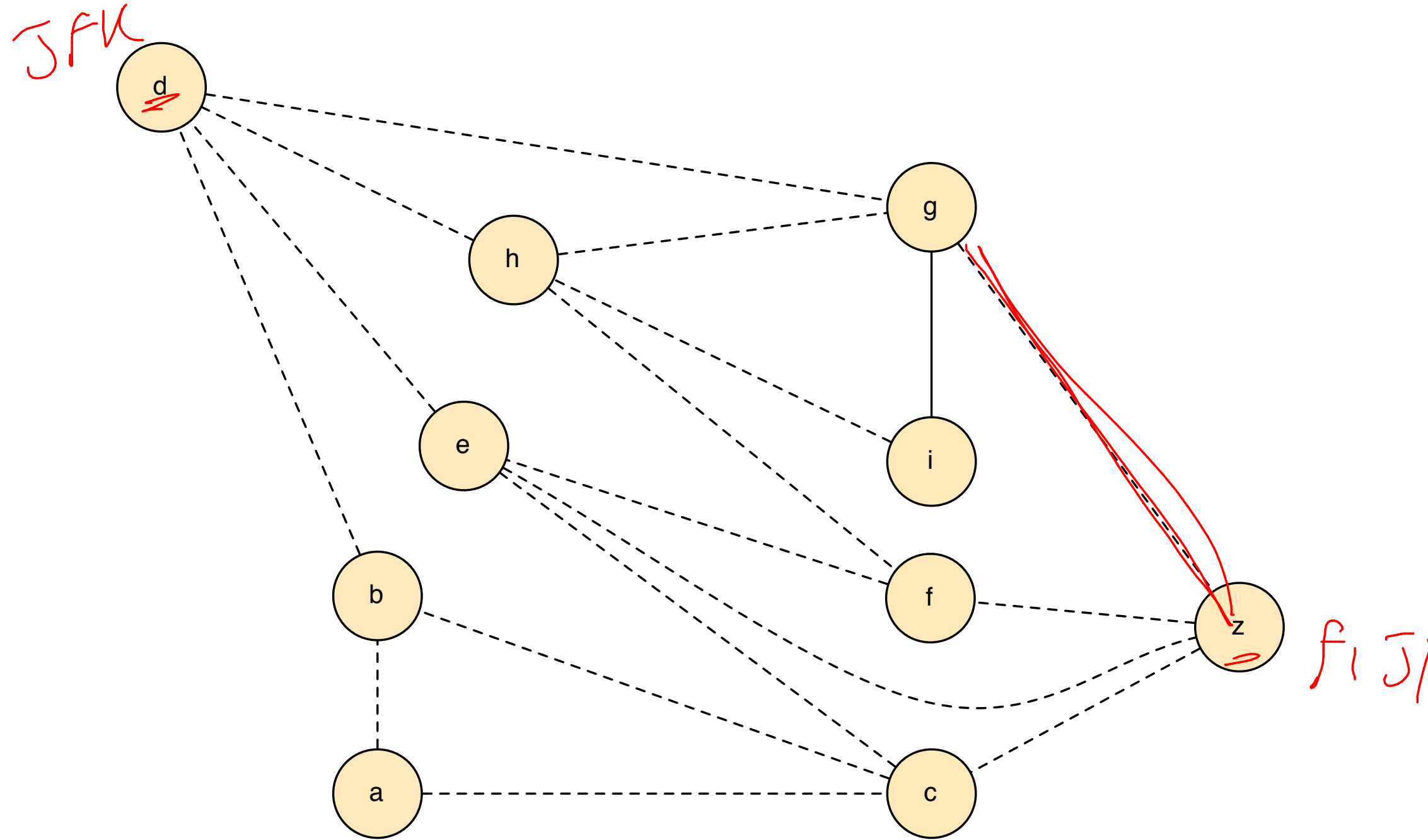
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PROBLEM:

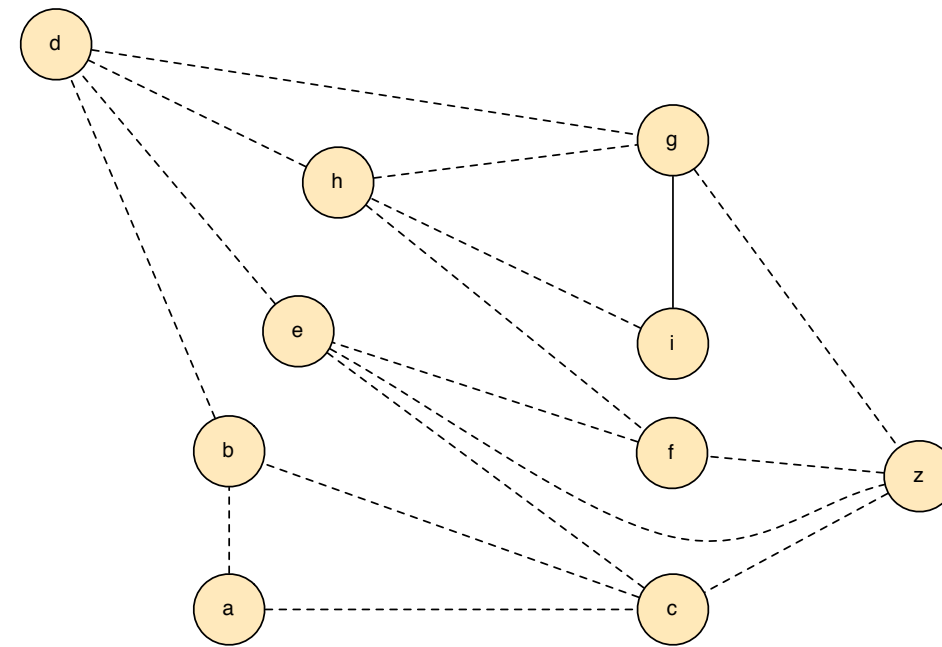
ALGORITHM



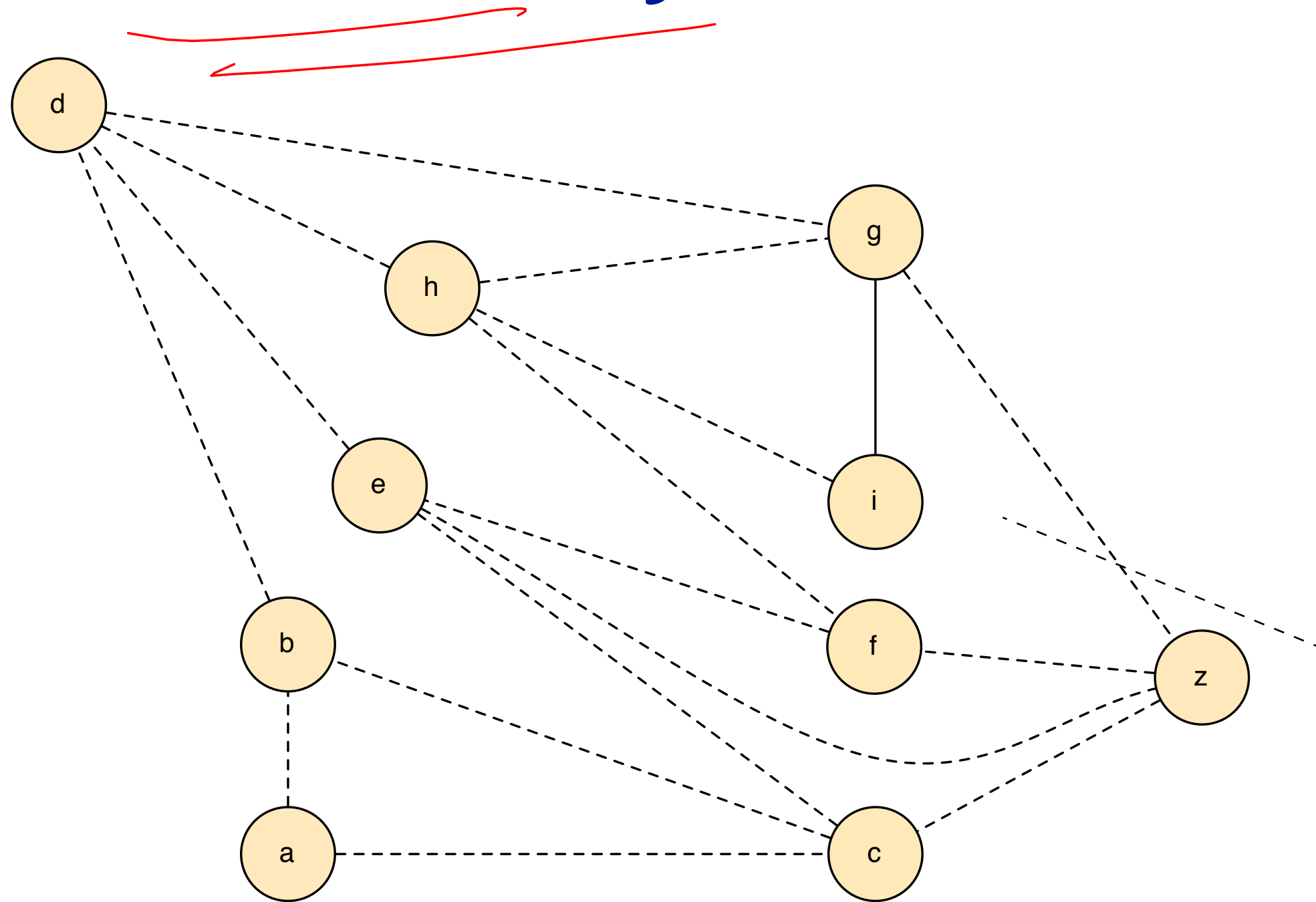
EDGE-DISJOINT PATHS



ALGORITHM



VERTEX-DISJOINT PATHS



BASEBALL ELIMINATION

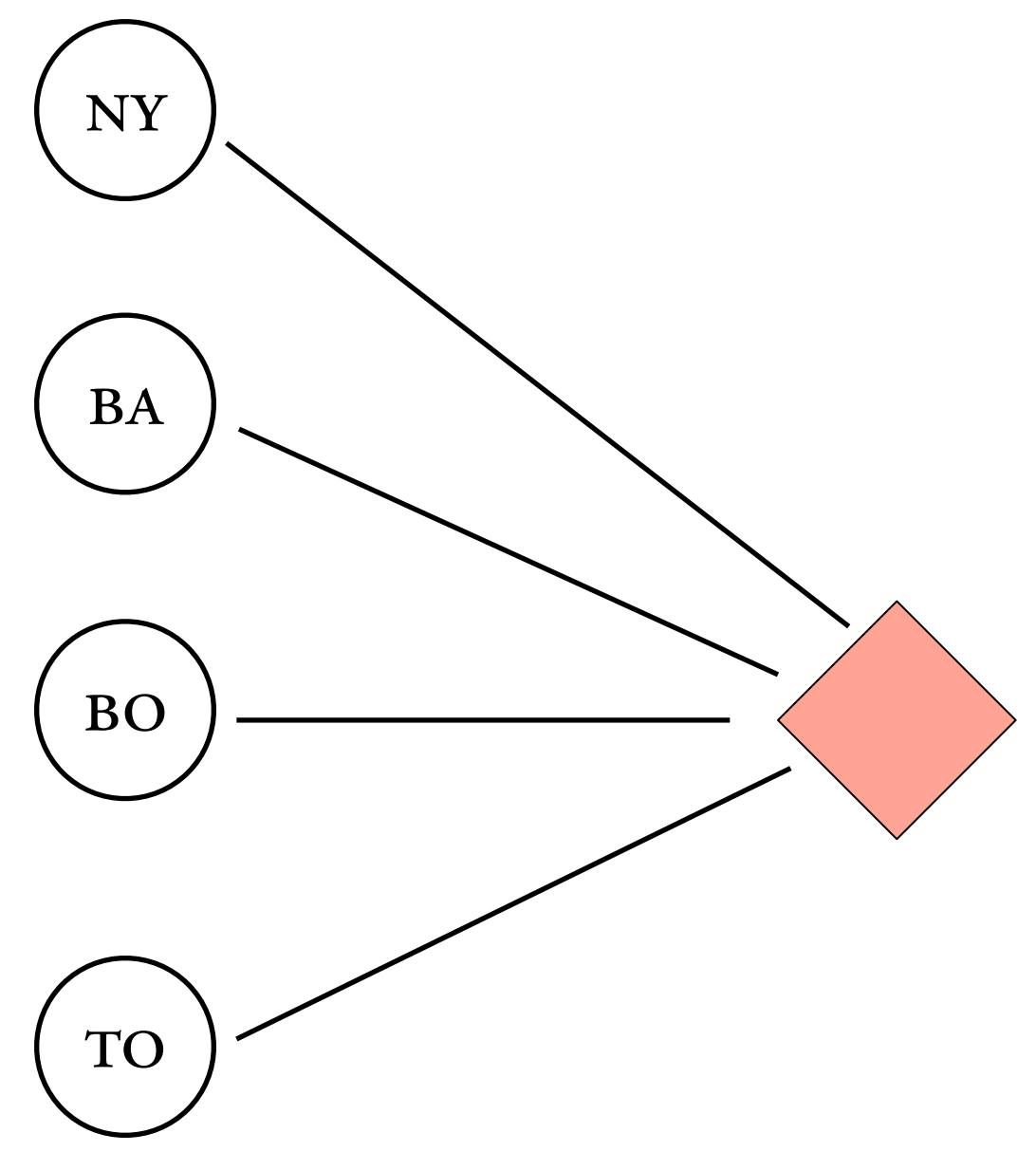
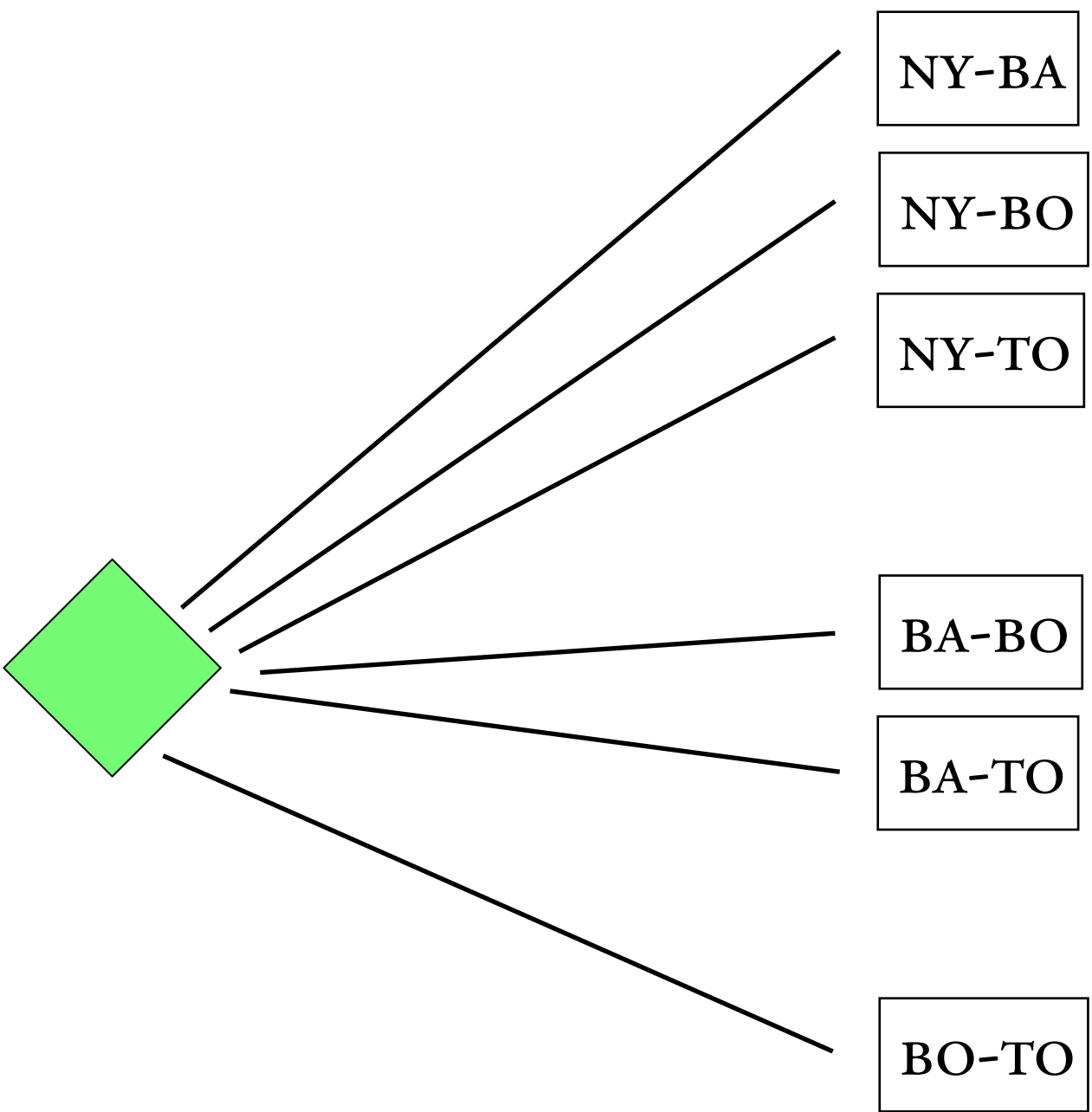
Against

	W	L	Left	A	P	N	M
ATL	83	71	8	-	1	6	1
PHL	80	79	3	1	-	0	2
NY	78	78	6	6	0	-	0
MONT	77	82	3	1	2	0	-

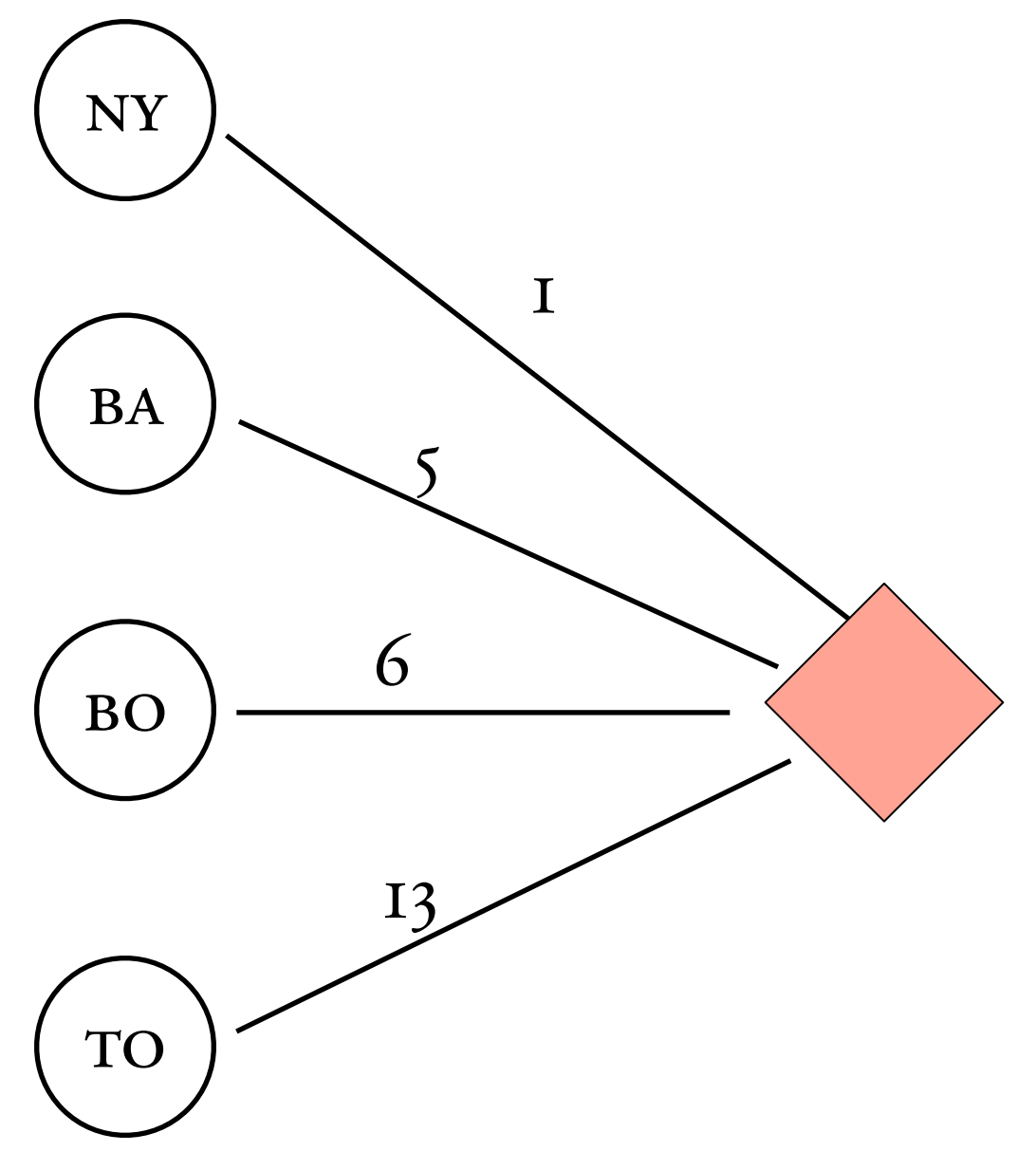
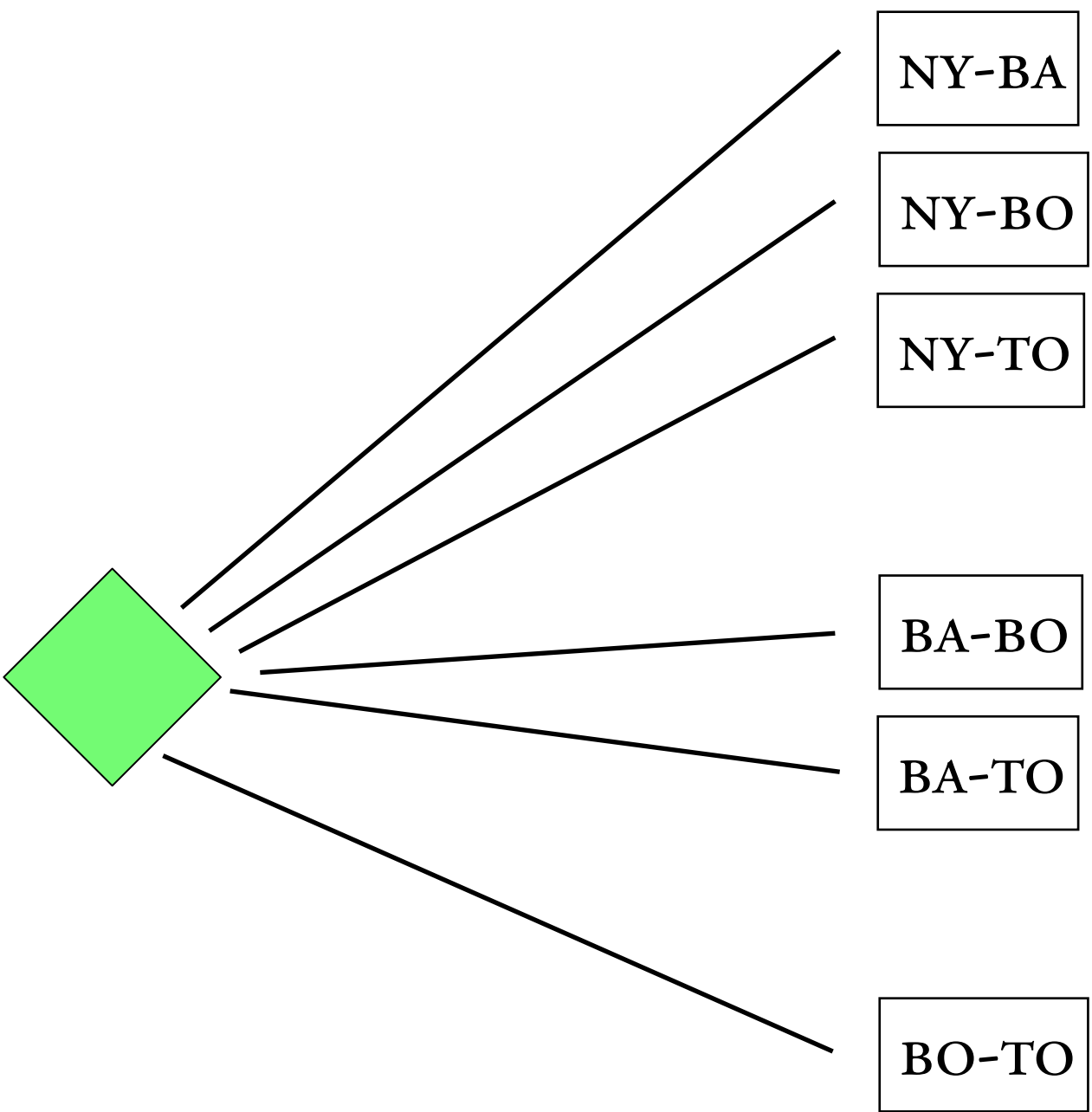
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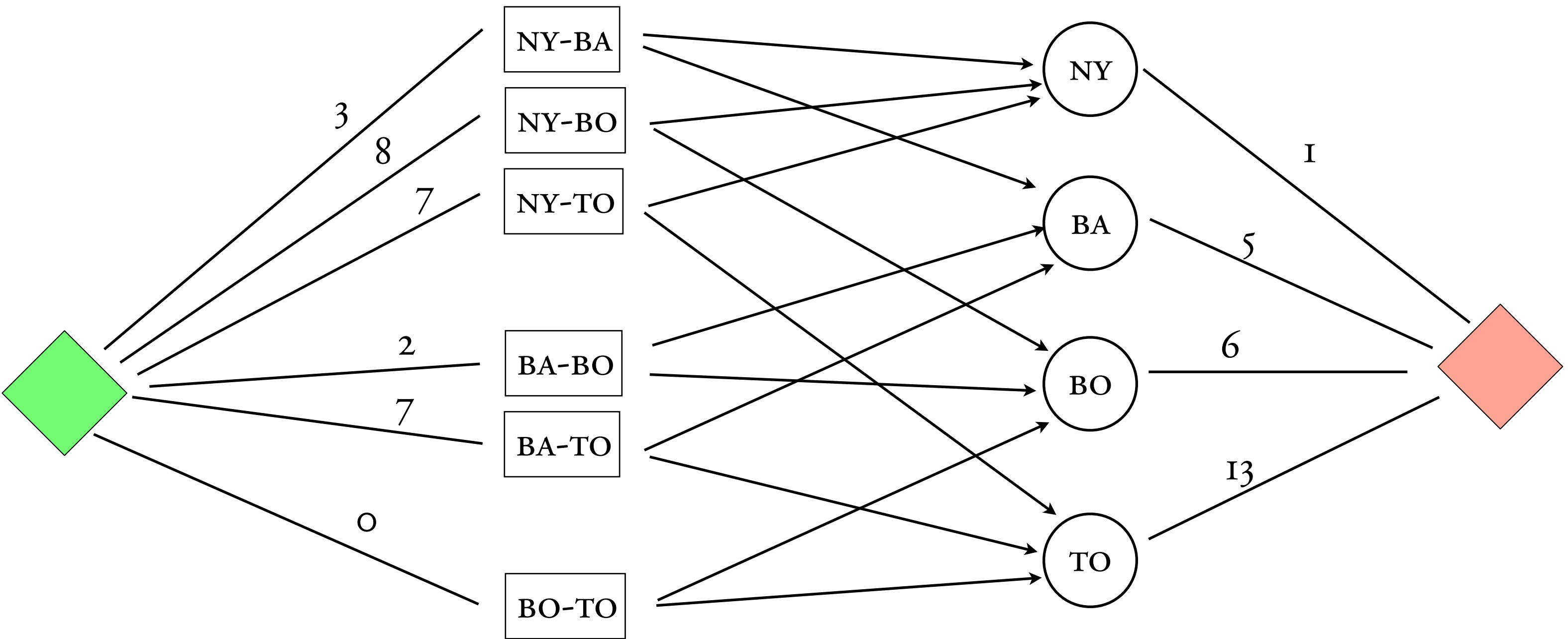
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NY	75	59	28		3	8	7	3
BAL	71	63	28	3		2	7	4
BOS	69	66	27	8	2			
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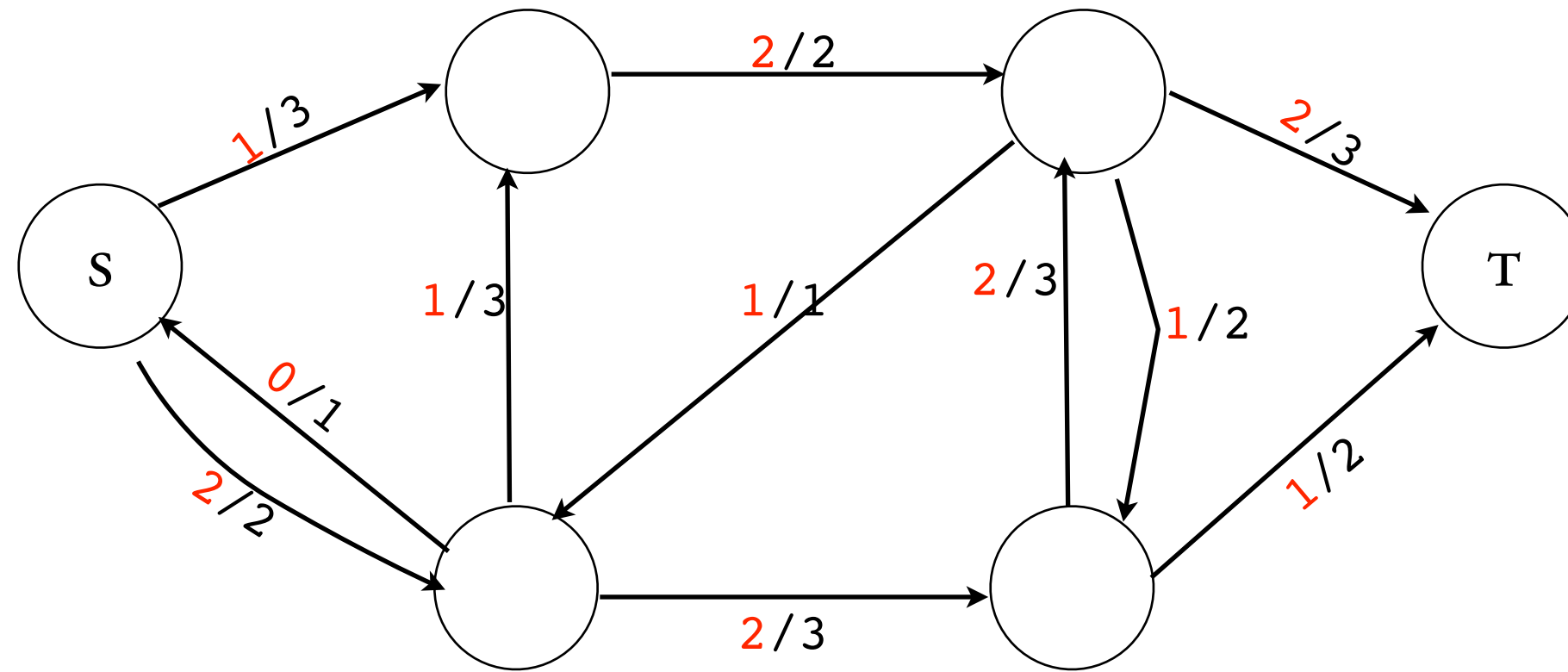
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