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*Max Flows 2*

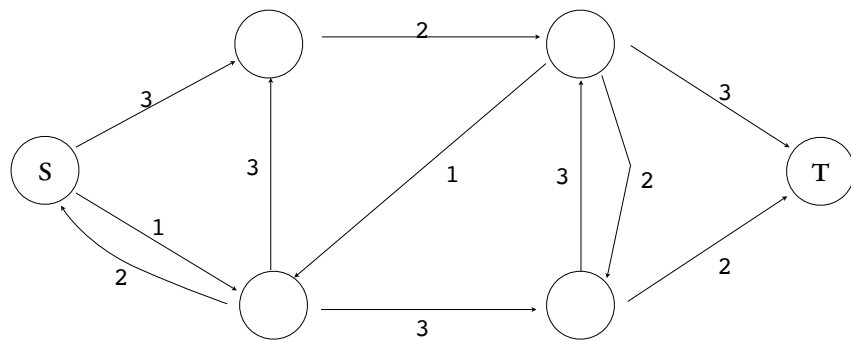
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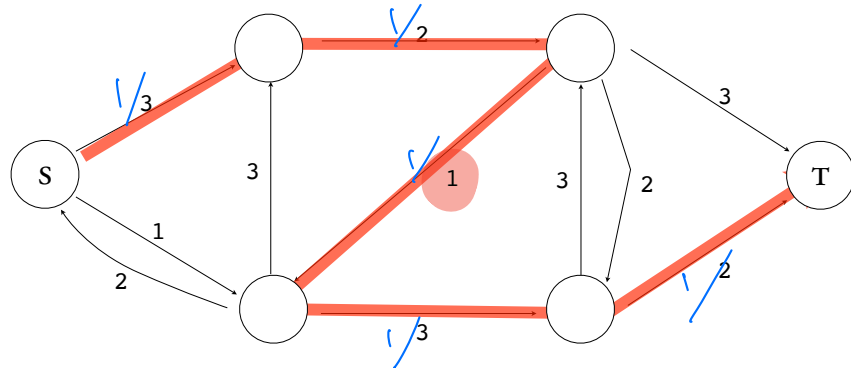
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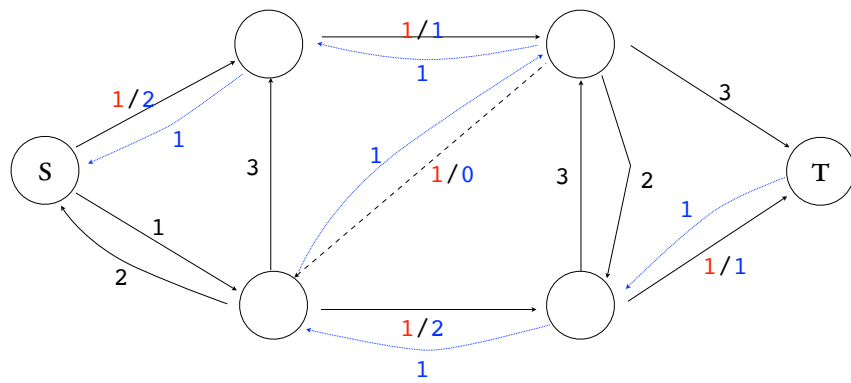
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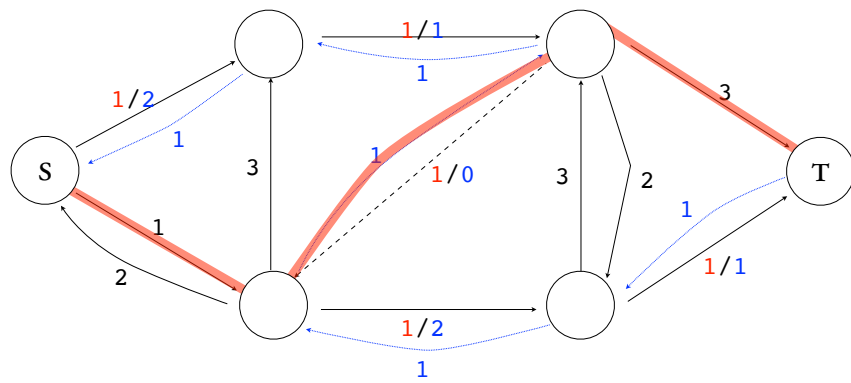
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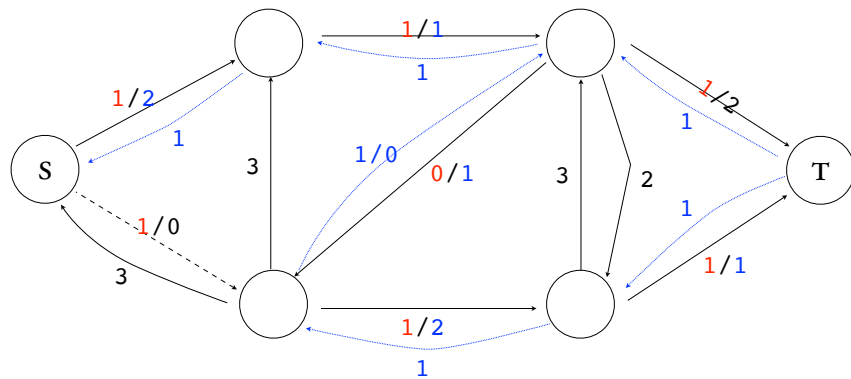
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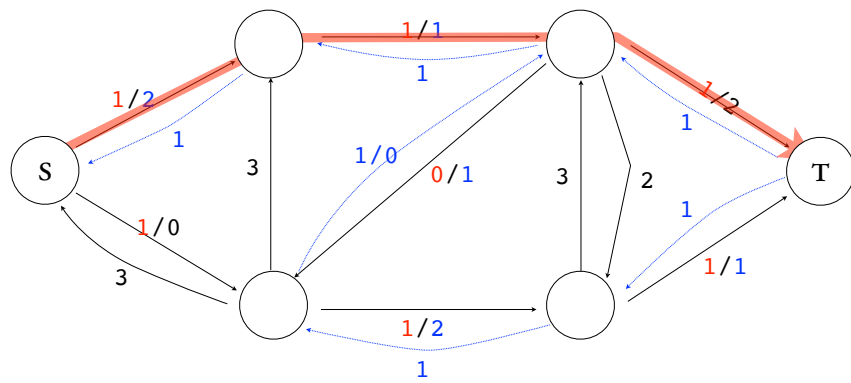




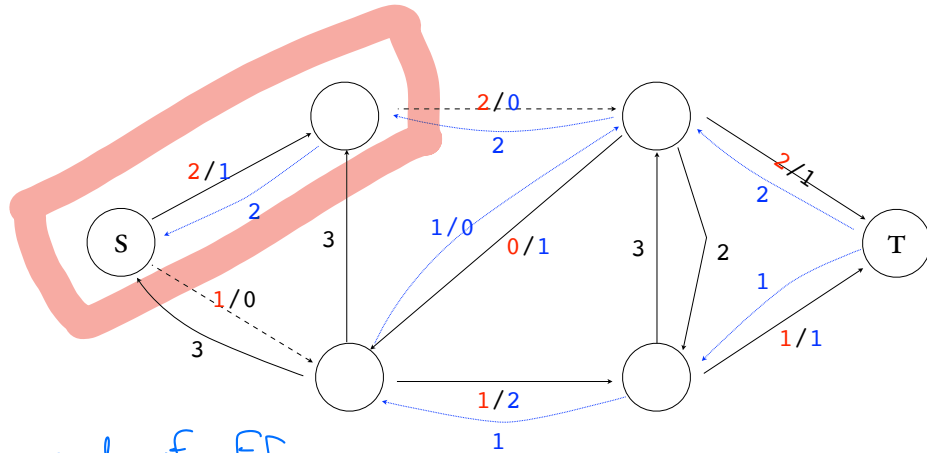












At the end of FF,  
 we can identify a cut whose value is equal to  
 the value of the flow.

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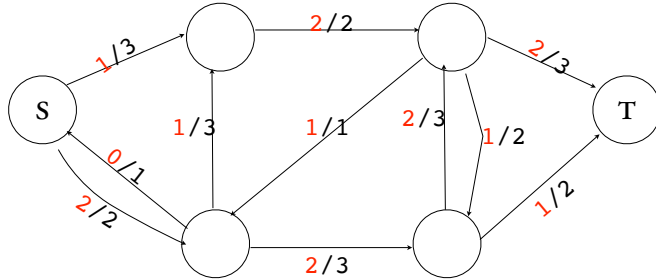
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TIME TO FIND AN AUGMENTING PATH:  $\Theta(E+V)$  DFS, BFS.

NUMBER OF ITERATIONS OF WHILE LOOP:  $|f|$

potentially a problem.

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



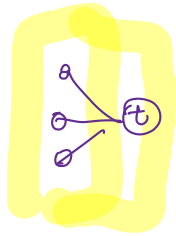
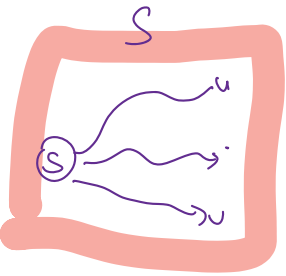
# Thm: max flow = min cut

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

IF  $f$  IS A MAX FLOW, THEN  $G_f$  HAS NO AUGMENTING PATHS.

Define the set  $S = \{v \mid \exists \text{ a path from } s \text{ to } v \text{ in } G_f \text{ and } c_f(p) > 0\}$

these are the nodes one can still "reach" from  $s$ .



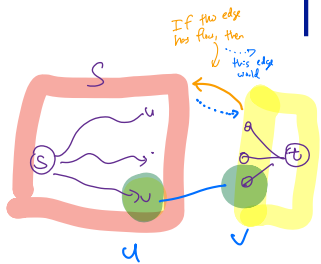
Define  $T = V - S$ .

Note that  $s \in S$ . Note  $t \in T$ . (why?)

$\Rightarrow (S, T)$  is a cut.

Because if  $t \in S$ , then there is still one more augmenting path !!

# Thm: max flow = min cut (cont)



① Consider some  $u \in S$  and  $v \in T$ .

$f(u,v) = c(u,v)$ . why? If there was residual cf, then  $v$  would have been in the set  $S$ .

$$c_f(u,v) = 0 \Rightarrow f(u,v) = c(u,v)$$

②  $f(v,u) = 0$  for any  $v \in T, u \in S$ . (orange) If  $f(v,u) > 0$ , then there exists

a residual edge  $u,v$  w/  $f(u,v) > 0$ . and so  $v$  would be in  $S$ .

③

$$|f| = \sum_{u \in S} \left[ \sum_{v \in T} f(u,v) - \sum_{v \in T} f(v,u) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u,v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v,u)$$

this term is 0 by ②

$= ||S, T|| \Rightarrow$  that  $f$  has to be the MAX FLOW.

# FORD-FULKERSON

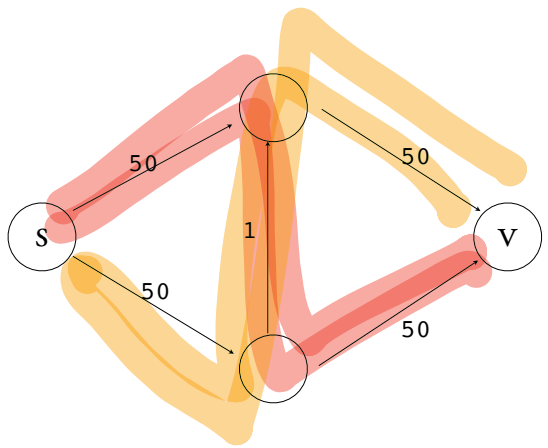
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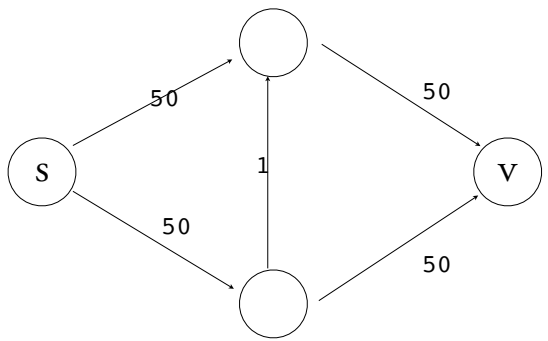
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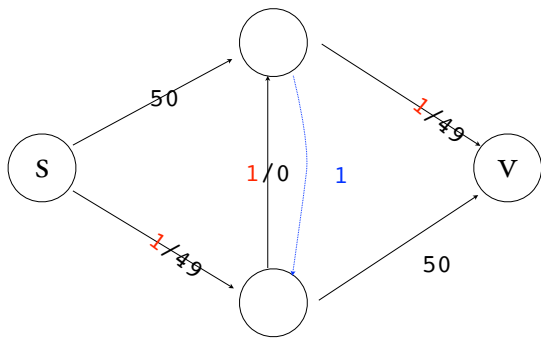
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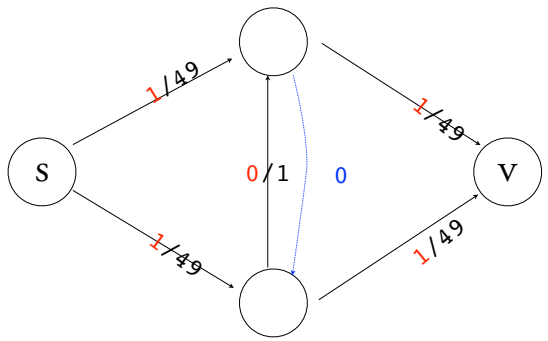
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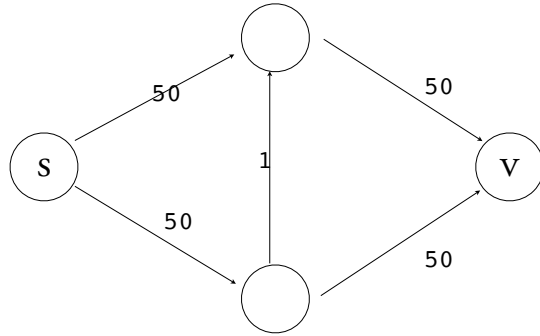








# root of the problem



# Edmonds-Karp 2

for a graph  $G$ ,  
and flow  $f$ ,

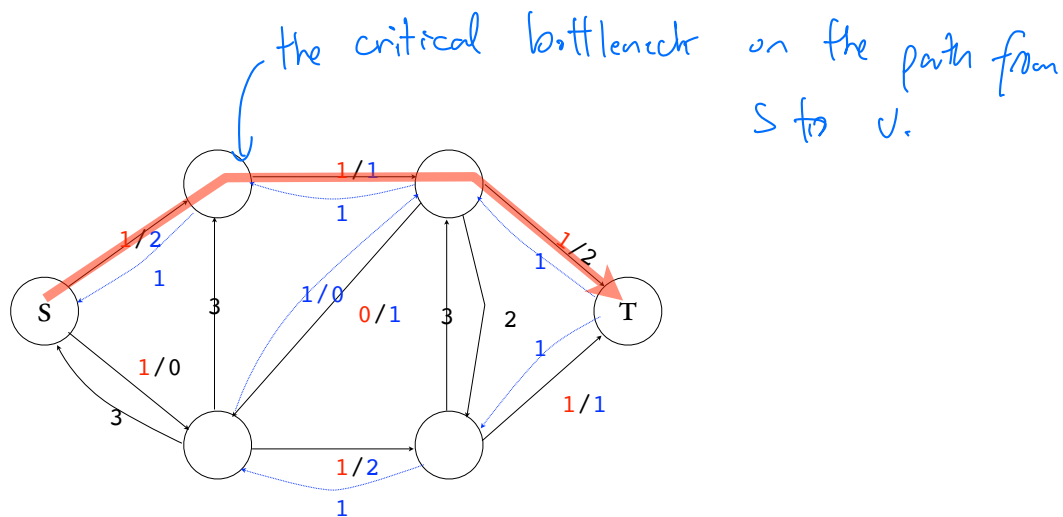
choose path with fewest edges first. (BFS)

$\delta_f(s, v)$  : fewest # of edges on a path from  $s$  to  $v$   
in the residual graph  $G_f$

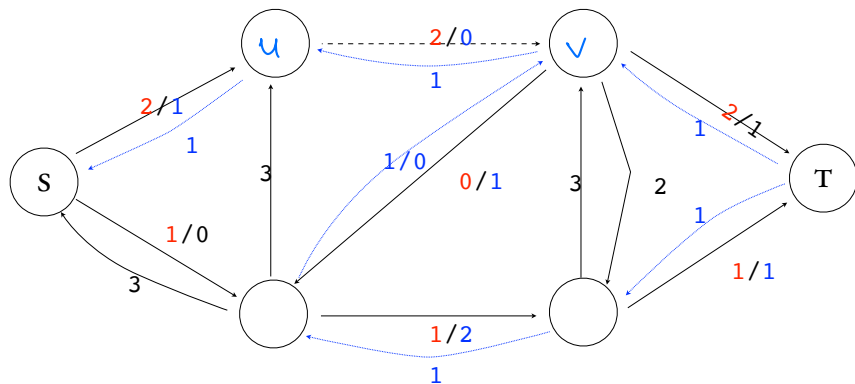
$\delta_f(s, v)$  increases monotonically thru exec

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

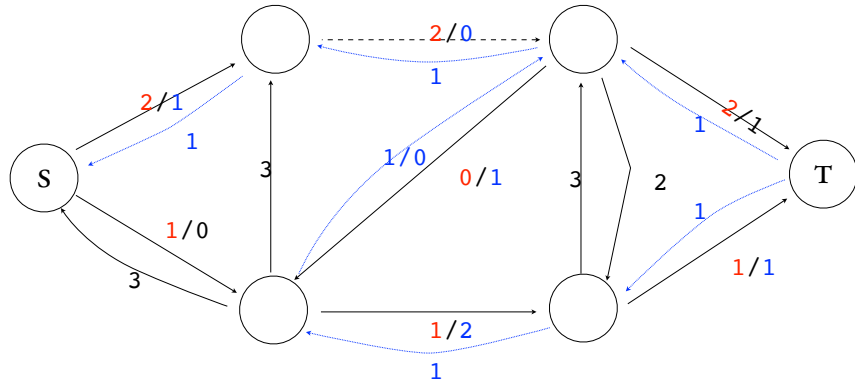
↳ index  $i$  corresponds to the number of augmenting paths that have been found so far.



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**?

[when we are using the EK2 idea of always pushing along the shortest path from s to t]

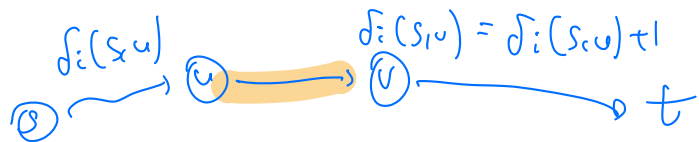


timeline of augmenting paths using EK2

→ the  $i$ th augmenting flow that EK found.



Lets say that edge  $(u,v)$  is the **critical edge** at time  $i$  for the 1st time.



Therefore, at time  $i$ , the edge  $(u,v)$  has 0 capacity and there is some edge from  $(v,u)$ .



$$d_{i+1}(s,v) \geq d_i(s,u) + 1$$



first time  $(u,v)$  is critical:

the iteration at which  $(u,v)$  is an edge in  $G_f$ .



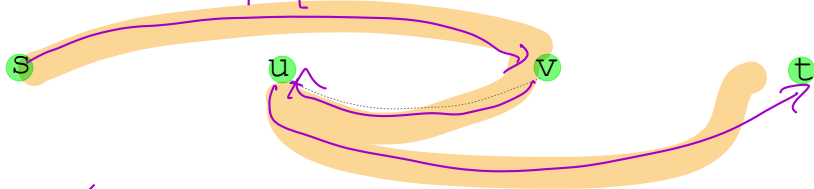
time  $i+1$ :  $(u,v)$  is critical:  $\delta_{i+1}(s, v) \geq \delta_i(s, u) + 1$



time  $j$ : Edge  $(u,v)$  STRIKES BACK

what must occur for the edge  $(u,v)$  to be added back??

We must have found a short cut path  $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow u \rightsquigarrow t$



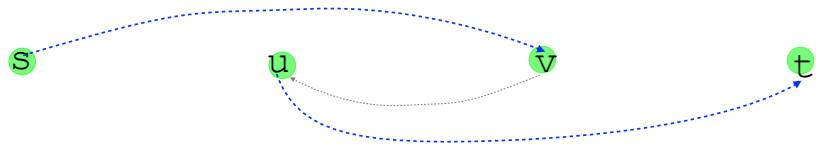
$$\delta_j(s, u) = \delta_j(s, v) + 1$$



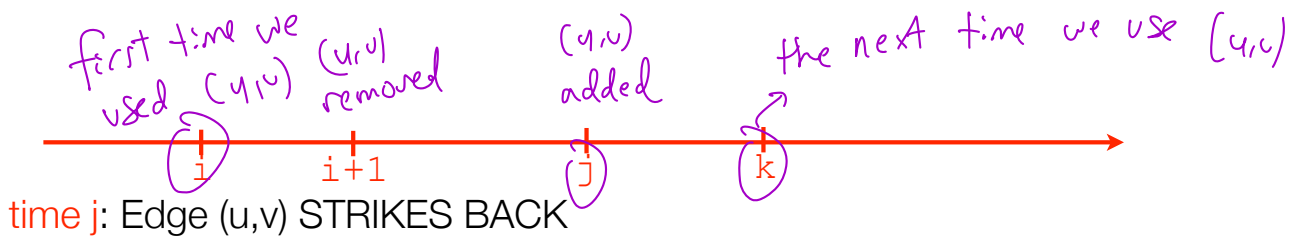
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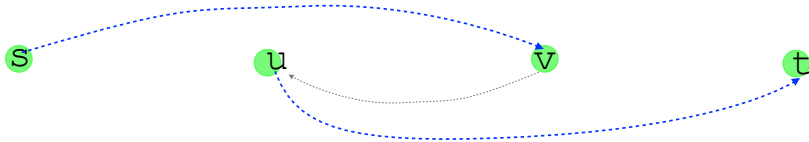


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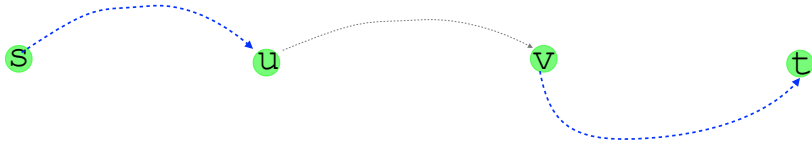
$$\delta_j(s, u) \geq (\delta_{i+1}(s, u) + 1) + 1 = \delta_{i+1}(s, u) + 2$$

2nd time  $(u,v)$  is used



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

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



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

$$\frac{|V|}{2}$$

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

there are only  $E$  edges.

ergo, total # of augmenting paths:  $\Theta(E \cdot V)$

time to find an augmenting path:  $\Theta(E)$   
BFS

total running time of E-K algorithm:

worst case:  $\Theta(E^2V)$

Every augmenting path has at least 1 critical edge

FF  $O(E|f^*|)$  Any augmenting path.

EK2  $\Theta(E^2V)$  BFS.

PUSH-RELABEL

(Tarjan et al) FASTER PUSH-RELABEL  $\Theta(V^3)$

Goodberg Rao  $O(\min \{E^{2/3}, V^{1/2}\} \cdot E \cdot \log(\frac{V^2}{E}) \cdot \log(U))$

$V^{1.43} \cdot \log(\dots)$   $V^{2.5} \cdot \log(\dots)$

max value of a capacity





# Bipartite Matchings

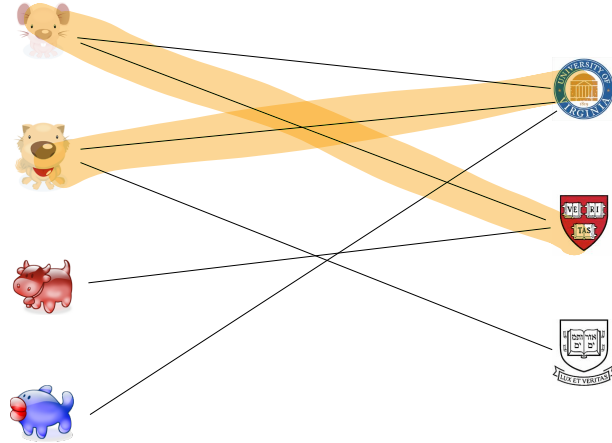
# maximum bipartite matching

$V = \{L, R\}$

Left nodes

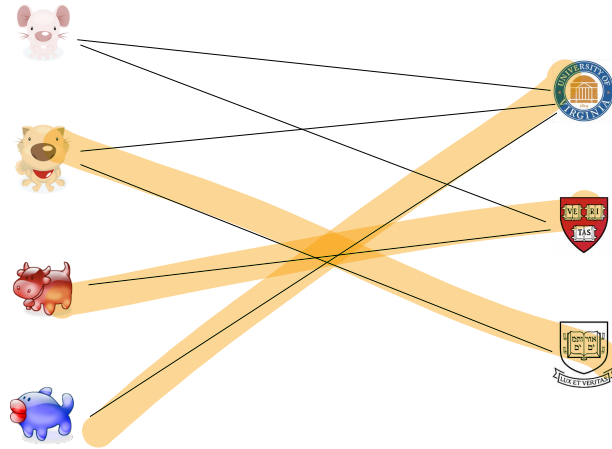
Right nodes

All edges  
in the  
graph go  
from  
L to R.



only 2 students were matched.

# maximum bipartite matching



3 students can be  
matched.

# bipartite matching

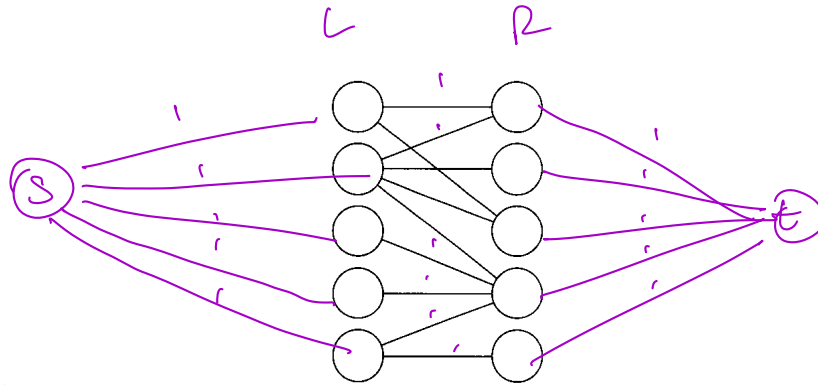
**PROBLEM:** Given as input a bipartite graph  $G = ((L, R), E)$ ,

find the largest subset of edges  $M \subseteq E$

such that each node occurs at most once in the set  $M$ .

# algorithm

$G'$



Add a  $s, t$ .

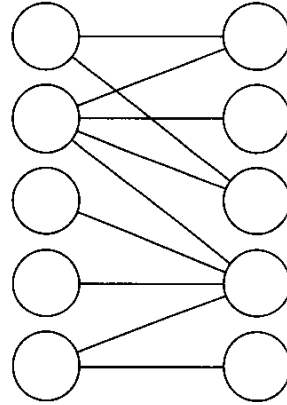
Add edges from  $s$  to  $\{L\}$  and  $\{R\}$  to  $t$ .

Set all capacity to 1.

# algorithm

G

1. MAKE NEW G'  
FROM INPUT G.
2. RUN FF ON G'
3. OUTPUT ALL MIDDLE EDGES  
WITH FLOW  $F(E)=I$ .



FF always produces integral flows  
if capacities are integral.

# correctness

input

IF  $G$  HAS A MATCHING OF SIZE  $K$ , THEN  $G'$  has a MAXFLOW of  $K$

Proof: Given a matching  $M \subseteq E$  of size  $|M|=K$ , such that each node occurs at most once in  $M$ , construct a flow  $f$  as follows: for all  $e \in M$ ,  $f(e)=1$

①  $f$  is a valid flow. for all  $e=(u,v) \in M$ ,  $f(s,u)=1$   
capacity constraint:  $f(u,v) \leq c(u,v)$   $f(v,t)=1$   
flow constraint:  $\checkmark$   $0$  otherwise.

②  $|f|=K$ . because  $\sum_{u \in L} f(s,u) = K$ .

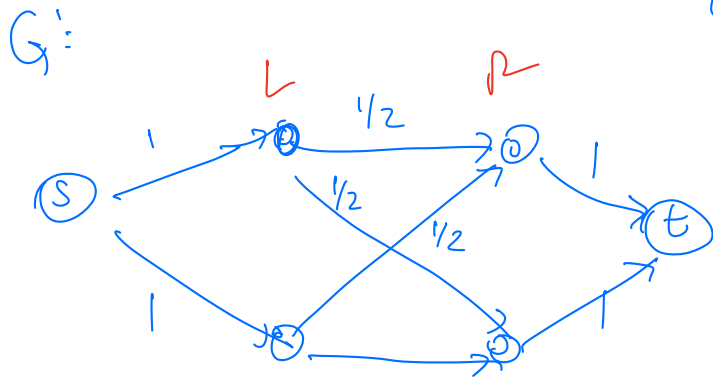
# correctness

IF  $G'$  HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN  $G$  HAS A BIPARTITE MATCHING OF  $K$ .

Proof: Consider all edges in  $G'$  between  $L$  and  $R$  with  $f(e) = 1$ .

Add  $e$  to  $M$ .  $\Rightarrow |M| = K$ . each  $e = (u, v)$  is s.t.  $u$  can only have one unit of inflow from  $s$ , so it can occur at most once in  $M$ .

Same for each  $v$ .



This is a  $\text{VALID MAX FLOW}!!$   
But our reduction procedure produces  $M = \{ \}$ . (empty set)



# integrality theorem

IF CAPACITIES ARE ALL INTEGRAL, THEN FF returns an integral flow.

Proof: By induction. In FF,  $f$  begins as 0. Thus integral.

Spse  $f$  is integral after  $i$  steps of FF.

Consider the  $(i+1)^{\text{st}}$  step. Since  $f$  is integral, all residual capacities on  $G_f$  are integral.

FF finds an augmenting path. The min capacity will be integral, and thus the update to  $f$  will remain integral on step  $i+1$ .

# correctness

IF  $G'$  HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN  $G$  HAS  $K$ -MATCHING.

$G'$  has integral flows. Therefore, each flow value can be only 0 or 1 because capacities are 1.  
[Rest of the argument from before]

running time

$$O(E \cdot |f|) < O(E \cdot V)$$

# edge-disjoint paths

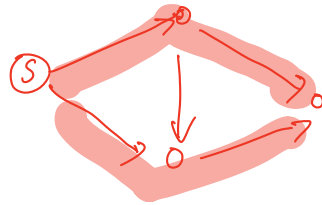
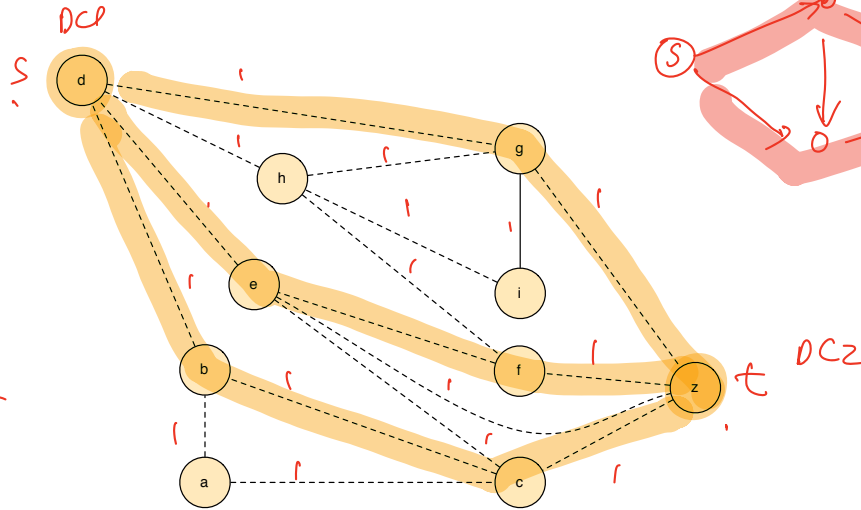
INPUT: graph  $G$

source and destination

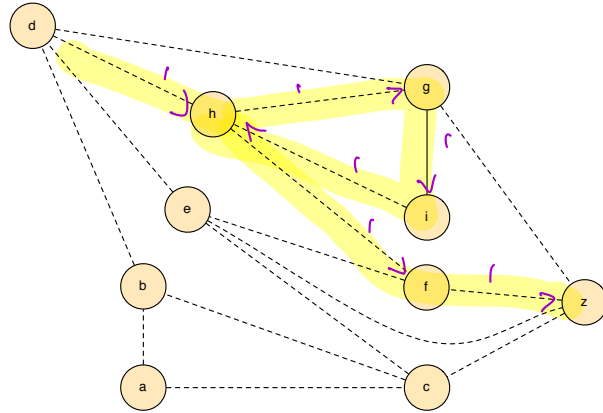
$s, t$

output: # of edge-disjoint paths

(the actual paths)



# algorithm



add capacity 1 to each edge

1. Compute max flow

2. Remove all edges with  $f(e) = 0$ .

3. Walk from s.

1. If you reach a node you have visited before, erase flow along path

2. If you reach t, add this path to your set, erase flow along path.

# analysis

IF  $G$  HAS  $K$  DISJOINT PATHS, THEN

there  $(G, c)$  has a flow  $|f| = K$ .

capacity for each edge

why is this true??

→ simply assign a flow of 1 on each edge on the  $K$  disjoint paths.

(a) capacity constraint will be satisfied because  $f(e) \leq c(e)$  for all  $e \in E$ .

(b) flow constraint: (for you to ponder)  
(I will post on the U7 website)

# analysis

(G, c)

IF  $G$  HAS A FLOW OF  $K$ , THEN

there exist  $K$  edge disjoint paths.

To show:  $\exists$   $K$  edge disjoint paths among the edges in  $G'$   
for which  $f(e) = 1$ .

This argument is by induction: Start w/  $i$  paths and a  $G$  with flow  $K$ .

→ After running the procedure in step 3, the resulting graph has  $(i+1)$  paths and  $G$  with flow  $K-1$ .

(proof as an exercise, posted on website)

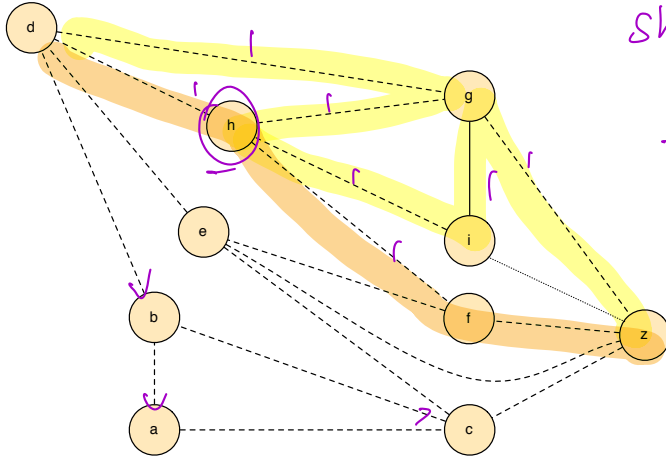


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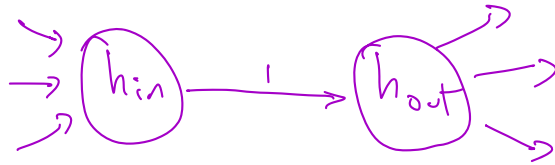
⇒ edge disjoint paths may still share a common node.

Input: graph  $G$ , and  $s, t \in V$ .

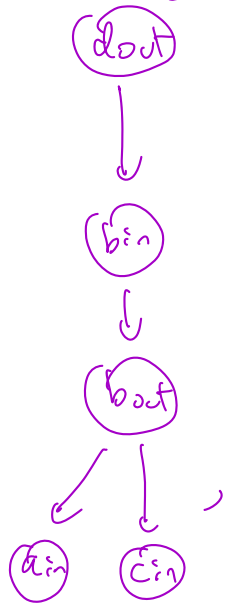
Output: # of vertex disjoint paths.



for each node, replace :



example:



# BASEBALL ELIMINATION

	W	L	Left	Against			
				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	-

MONT cannot win the NLG.

# BASEBALL ELIMINATION

	W	L	Left	N	B	Bo	Against	
							T	D
NY	75	59	28		3	8	7	3
BAL	71	63	28	3		2	7	4
BOS	69	66	27	8	2			
TOR	63	72	27	7	7			
DET	49	86	27	3	4			

Some team must have 77 wins.



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 $4 \overline{) 305}$   
 $\underline{28}$   
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75  
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 69  
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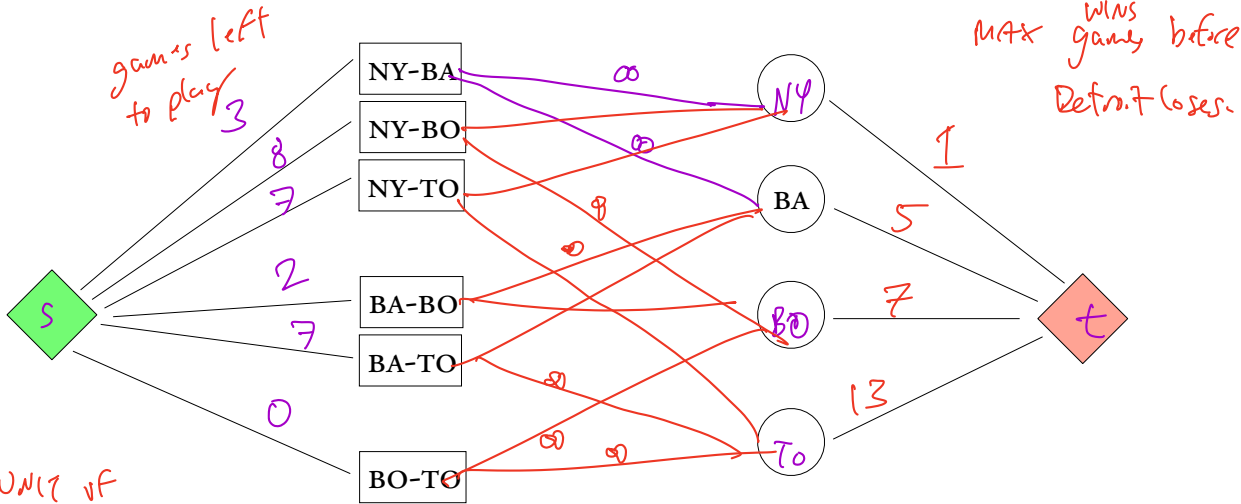

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CAN Detroit win??

Run Flow

Better non-trivial



games left to play 3

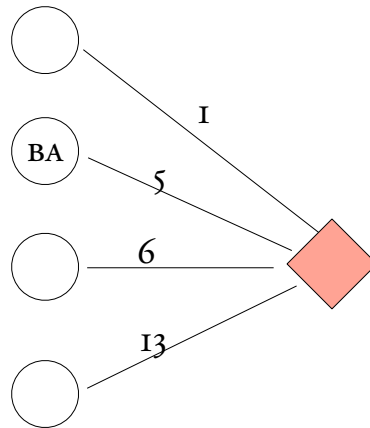
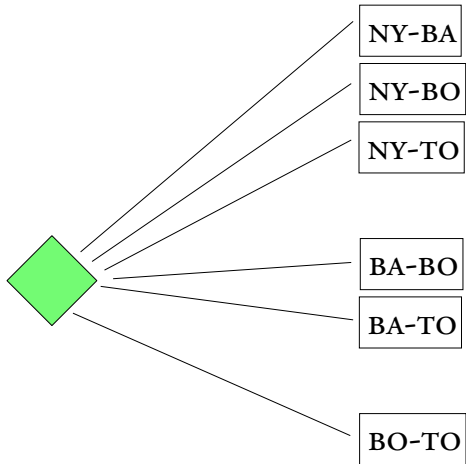
MAX wins before Defeat loses.

UNIT OF Flow = 1 WIN

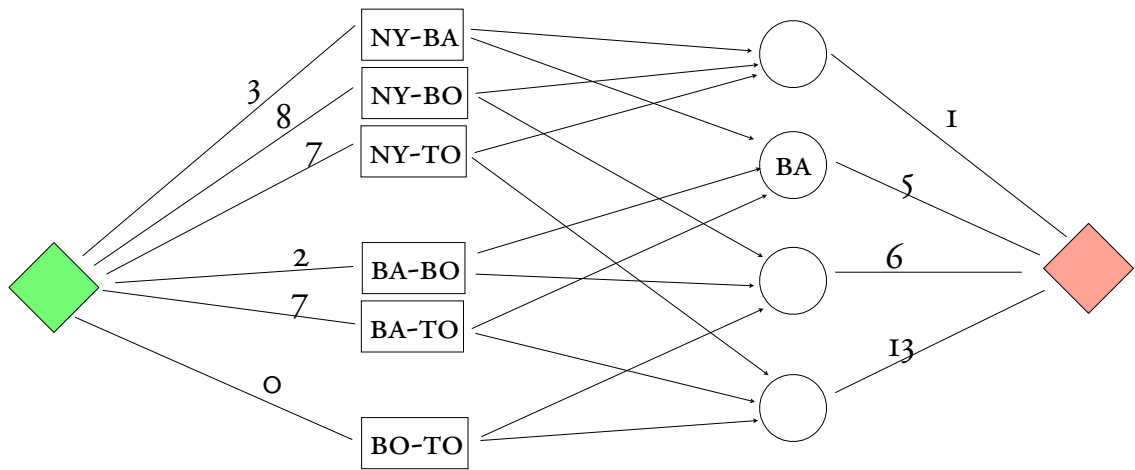
(NY-SP)

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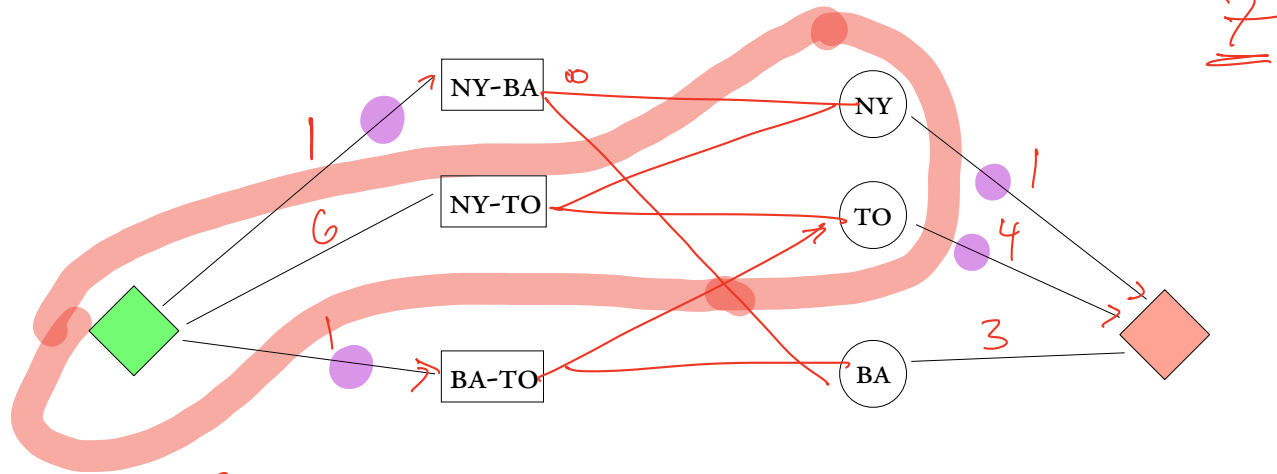
	W	N	B	Bo	Against	T
NY	90		1	4		6
BAL	88	1		4		1
BOS	79	4	4			4
TOR	87	6	1	4		

$$79 + 12 = \underline{\underline{91}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \\ 88 \\ 87 \\ \hline 265 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$

$$3 \overline{) 273} \quad 91$$

FLOW  $\leq$  ANY CUT



↑  
 this cut  
 has value 7 which is  
 less than the 8 games  
 left.

	W	L	Left	N	B	Bo	T
NY	90				1	4	6
BAL	88			1		4	1
BOS	79			4	4		4
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# Why it works

Thm: A team  $T$  has been eliminated if the maxflow of graph  $G$  is less than the total number of games left between the other teams in the league.