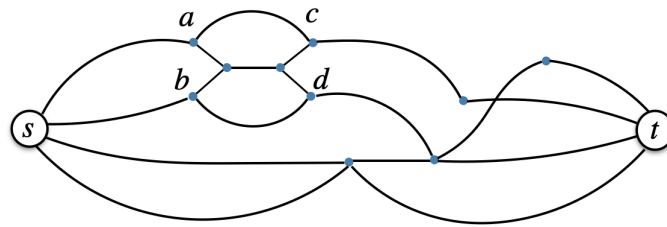


**Question 1** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices, and  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  be  $n$  vertex pairs. Present an algorithm to compute a subgraph  $H = (V, E_H \subseteq E)$  with  $O(n^{1.5} \log n)$  edges such that  $\text{distance}(x_i, y_i, G) = \text{distance}(x_i, y_i, H)$ , for  $i \in [1, n]$ . [3 marks]

**Question 2** Let  $G$  be an undirected unit-capacitated graph on  $n$  vertices and  $G_f$  be residual graph with respect to some  $(s, t)$ -max-flow.

- A. Prove that the number of directed edges entering SCC of  $s$  is same as  $(s, t)$ -max-flow value. [2 marks]
- B. Explain what are (i) SCCs of  $G_f$ , (ii) intra-cluster edges, (iii) the DAG  $G_f^{scc}$ , if  $G$  is as shown below. [1 marks]



**Question 3** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an  $n$  vertex weighted undirected graph and  $Z \subseteq V$  be a set of size  $k$ .

- A. Explain how can you compute a  $Z \times Z$  distance oracle with stretch 5,  $O((nk)^{2/3} \log n)$  space, and  $O(1)$  query time. [3 marks]
- B. Let  $H_Z = (Z, E_Z)$  be a complete graph such that  $wt(x, y, H_Z) = \text{distance}(x, y, G)$ , for each  $x, y \in Z$ . Explain how can you use this new graph along with result of (i) as black-box to improve space of  $Z \times Z$  oracle to  $O(n)$  when  $k = n^{2/3}$ . [1 marks]