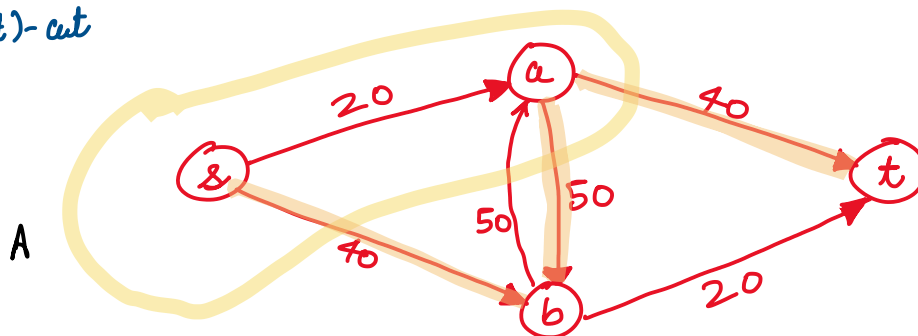


Def<sup>n</sup>:  $(s,t)$ -cut

For any  $A \subsetneq V$  with  $(s,t) \in (A, \bar{A})$

$$(*) \text{ cut}(A, \bar{A}) := \{(x,y) \in E \mid x \in A, y \in \bar{A}\}$$

Eg.  $(s,t)$ -cut



$$\begin{array}{l} \{s, a\} \\ \hline \{s, a, b\} \\ \hline \{s, a, b, t\} \end{array}$$

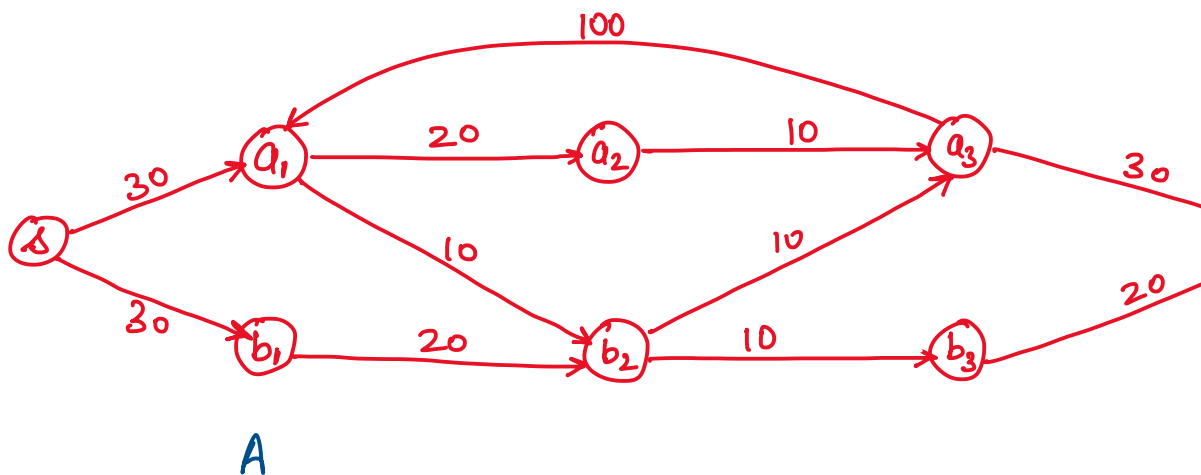
Capacity of  $(s,t)$ -cut

For a cut  $(A, \bar{A})$  with  $s \in A$  and  $t \in \bar{A}$

$$(*) \text{ c}(A, \bar{A}) = \sum_{(x,y) \in \text{cut}(A, \bar{A})} c(x,y)$$

Q. Which  $(s,t)$ -cut has minimum capacity?

Eg.



$$C(A, A) = 10 + 10 + 10 = 30$$

$$A = \{v\}$$

$$C(A, \bar{A}) = 20 + 20 + 10 = 50$$

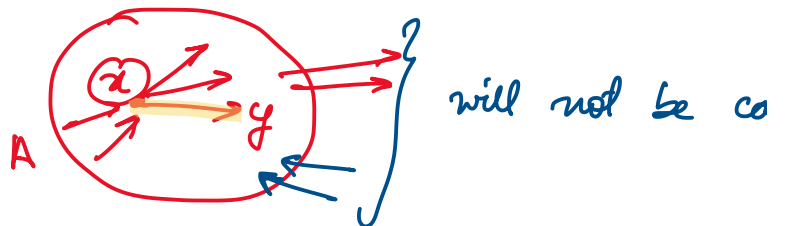
$$A = \{s\}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \underline{f_{\text{out}}(A)} := \sum_{\substack{(x,y) \in E \\ x \in A \\ y \in \bar{A}}} f(x,y)$$

$$\textcircled{*} f_{\text{in}}(A) :=$$

Lemma from Lec 30: For each  $A \subseteq V$ , and a flow  $f$

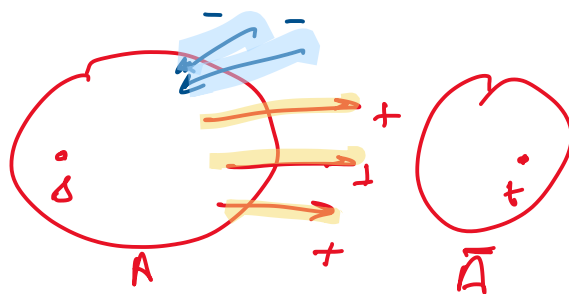
$$f_{\text{out}}(A) - f_{\text{in}}(A) = \sum_{x \in A} (f_{\text{out}}(x) - f_{\text{in}}(x))$$



Corollary of Lemma:

For any cut  $(A, \bar{A})$  with  $s \in A$  and  $t \in \bar{A}$

$$\underbrace{f_{\text{out}}(A) - f_{\text{in}}(A)}_{\text{LHS}} = f_{\text{out}}(s)$$



$\equiv \text{val}(f)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{x \in A} (f_{\text{out}}(x) - f_{\text{in}}(x)) \\ &= f_{\text{out}}(s) \\ &= \text{val}(f) \end{aligned}$$

### Observation 1

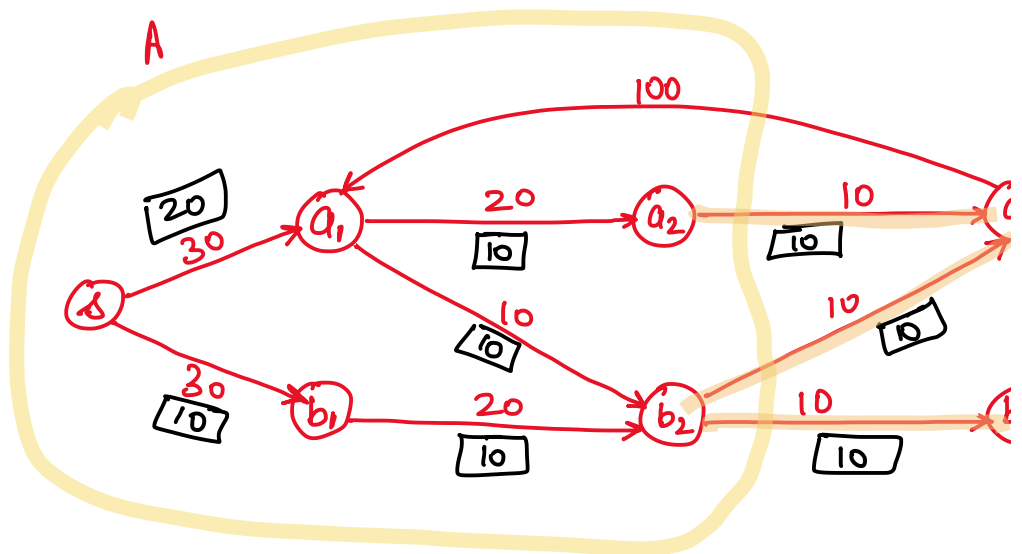
For any cut  $(A, \bar{A})$   $(s, t) \in A \times \bar{A}$

$$\text{val}(f) = f_{\text{out}}(A) - f_{\text{in}}(A) \leq \underline{f_{\text{out}}(A)} \leq$$

### Theorem 1:

$(s, t)$  - max-flow value  $\stackrel{?}{\leq} \min_{\substack{A \subseteq V \\ (s, t) \in A \times \bar{A}}} f_{\text{out}}(A)$

Eg.:



$$(s, t) - \text{flow} = 30$$

$C(f)$

↑ This is max-flow by Theorem.

Lemma: ~~Suppose  $f$  is a flow that cannot be Ford-Fulkerson algorithm further~~

Lemma: Let  $f$  be flow s.t.  $\nexists s \rightarrow t$  path  
let  $A :=$  set of vertices reachable from  $s$   
Then,  
$$\text{val}(f) = C(A, \bar{A}).$$

Proof

$$E_1 = \{(x, y) \in E(G) \mid x \in A, y \in \bar{A}\}$$

For

$$C = (x, y) \in E_1, \quad f(e) = C(e)$$

by o/w  $C_2(x, y) \neq 0$  and  $y \in A$

$E_1$  is fully saturated

$$E_2 = \{(x, y) \in E$$

For  $(x, y)$

by

$E_2$  has

$$\Rightarrow f_{\text{out}}(A) - f_{\text{in}}(A) = C(A, \bar{A}) - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{val}(f) = C(A, \bar{A})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Flow  $f$  is a  $(s, t)$ -max-flow

$\Rightarrow$  Flow  $f$  computed from F.F. algo

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Theorem 2:  $(s, t)$  - max-flow value =

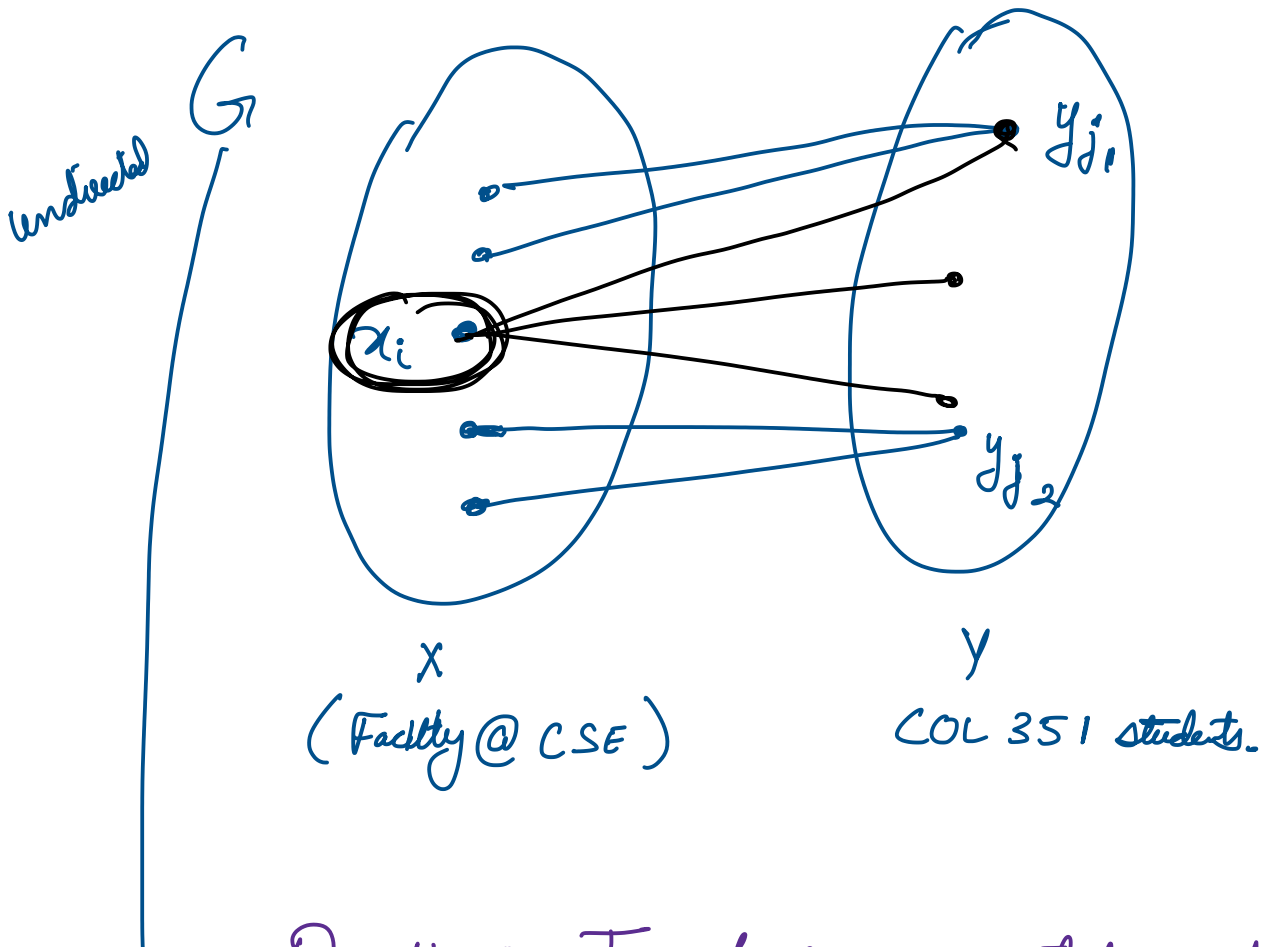
Max Flow  
Min cut Theorem

$(s, t)$

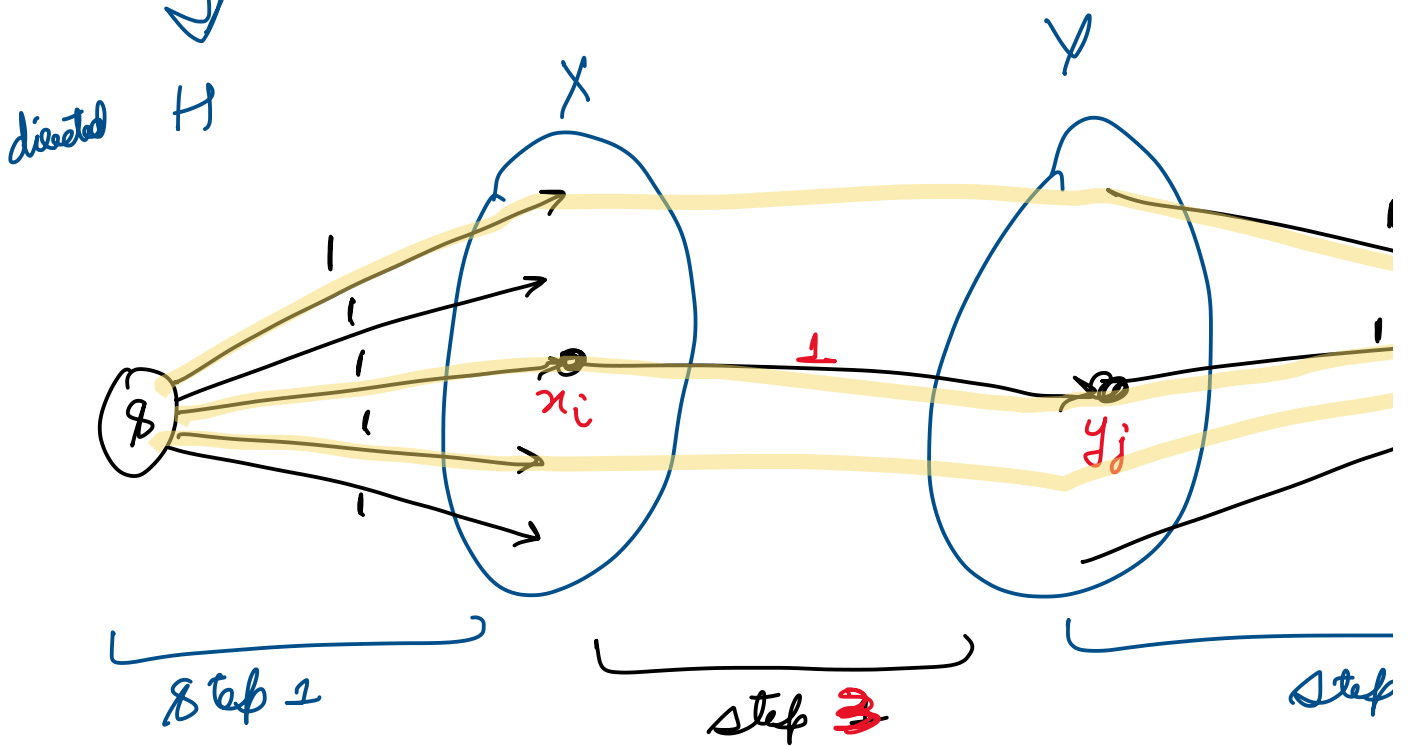
## Applications

### ① Bi-partite Matching

Set  $M \subseteq E(G)$   
& t.  
two edges  $e_1, e_2 \in M$   
have a  
Common vertex.



Question = 10 find a matching  $M =$



Integral -  $(s, t)$  - max-flow.  $\rightarrow$  edges from  $X$

$\text{val}(s, t \text{ - max-flow}) \equiv \text{No of}$

Time complexity to find M.M. =  $\underbrace{\text{Time to compute new graph}}_{O(m+n)}$

$$= O((m+n)n)$$

$$= O(m \cdot n)$$