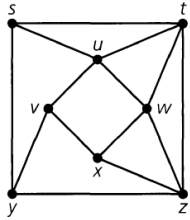




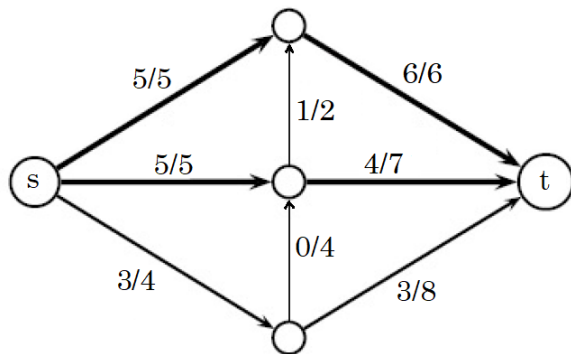
**P5 [15 points] Counting paths**

a) In the graph below, how many paths of length 2 are there? (You will count the paths which visit 2 edges 3 vertices. e.g.  $utw$ ) (Do not count one-by-one, try to find an easy way so that you can also solve part b)



b) In a 6-regular graph with 100 vertices, how many paths of length 2 are there?

**P6 [15 points] Max flow** A flow network is given below. Use the allocated spaces to 1) Draw the residual graph and find out whether the flow can be further improved (increased) 2) Update the flow accordingly 3) and show that it is indeed a maximum flow.



Residual graph:

New flow:

Proof of maximality:

**P7 [15 points] Inclusion-Exclusion Principle**

In an exam, there are 10 questions each worth 10 points. In how many different ways can a student get 50 points? (For example, the student can get 7, 10, 6, 2, 7, 0, 8, 0, 10, 0 from questions 1 through 10, respectively. You need to count the number of such gradings that add up to 50.)

**P8 [15 points] Generating Functions**

In how many ways can a farmer distribute 24 apples to four children so that each child gets at least three apples but no more than eight?

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Table 1: Some generating functions that can be useful. For all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

- 1)  $(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}x^n$
- 2)  $(1+ax)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}ax + \binom{n}{2}a^2x^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}a^nx^n$
- 3)  $(1+x^m)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x^m + \binom{n}{2}x^{2m} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}x^{nm}$
- 4)  $(1-x^{n+1})/(1-x) = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\cdots+x^n$
- 5)  $1/(1-x) = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\cdots$
- 6)  $1/(1-ax) = 1+ax+a^2x^2+a^3x^3+\cdots$
- 7)  $1/(1+x)^n = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}x + \binom{-n}{2}x^2 + \cdots = 1 + (-1)\binom{n+1-1}{1}x + (-1)^2\binom{n+2-1}{2}x^2 + \cdots$
- 8)  $1/(1-x)^n = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}(-x) + \binom{-n}{2}(-x)^2 + \cdots = 1 + (-1)\binom{n+1-1}{1}(-x) + (-1)^2\binom{n+2-1}{2}(-x)^2 + \cdots$