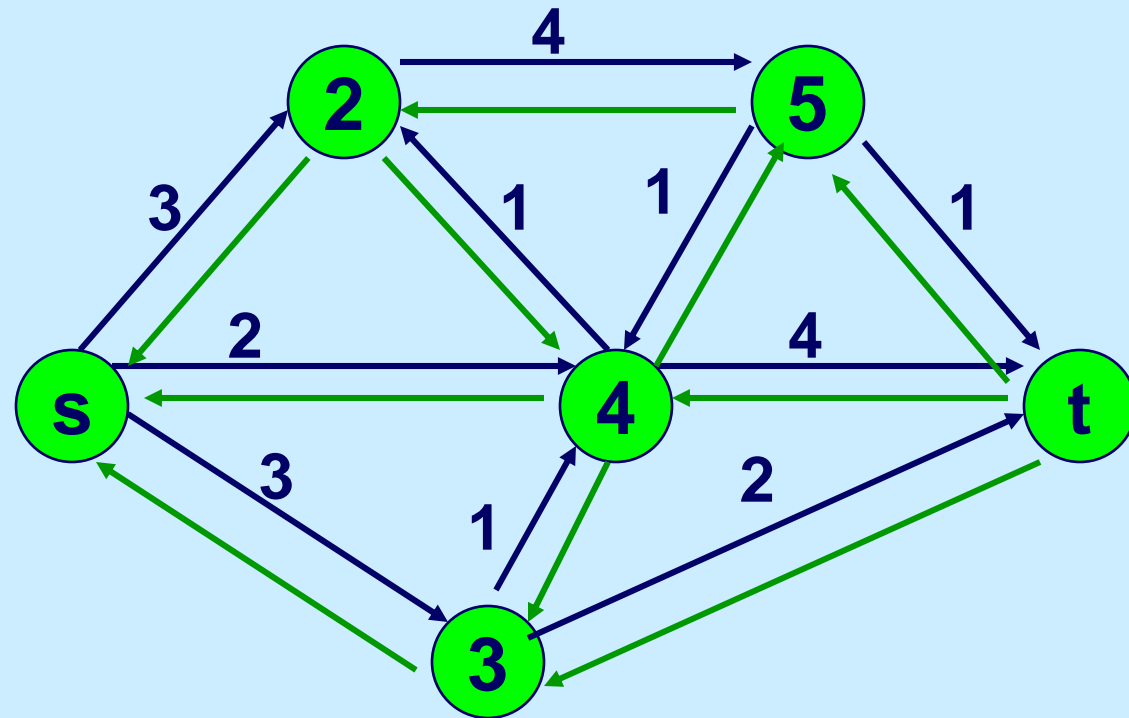


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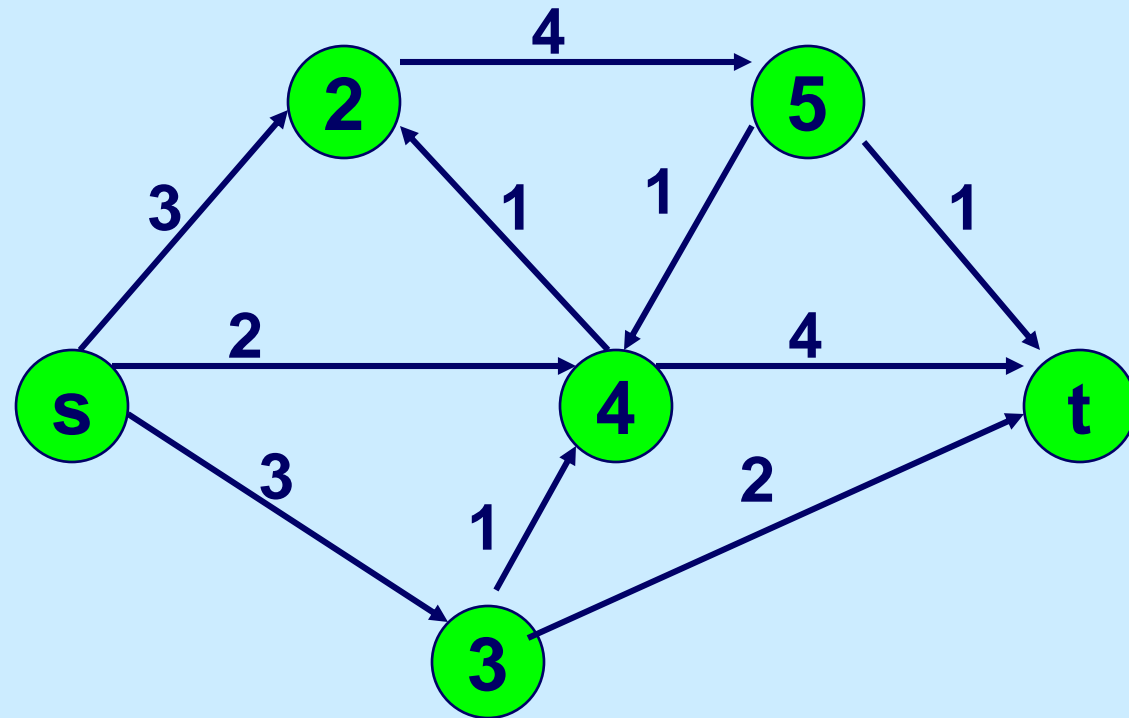
**The Goldberg-Tarjan Preflow Push  
Algorithm for the Maximum Flow  
Problem**

# Preflow Push



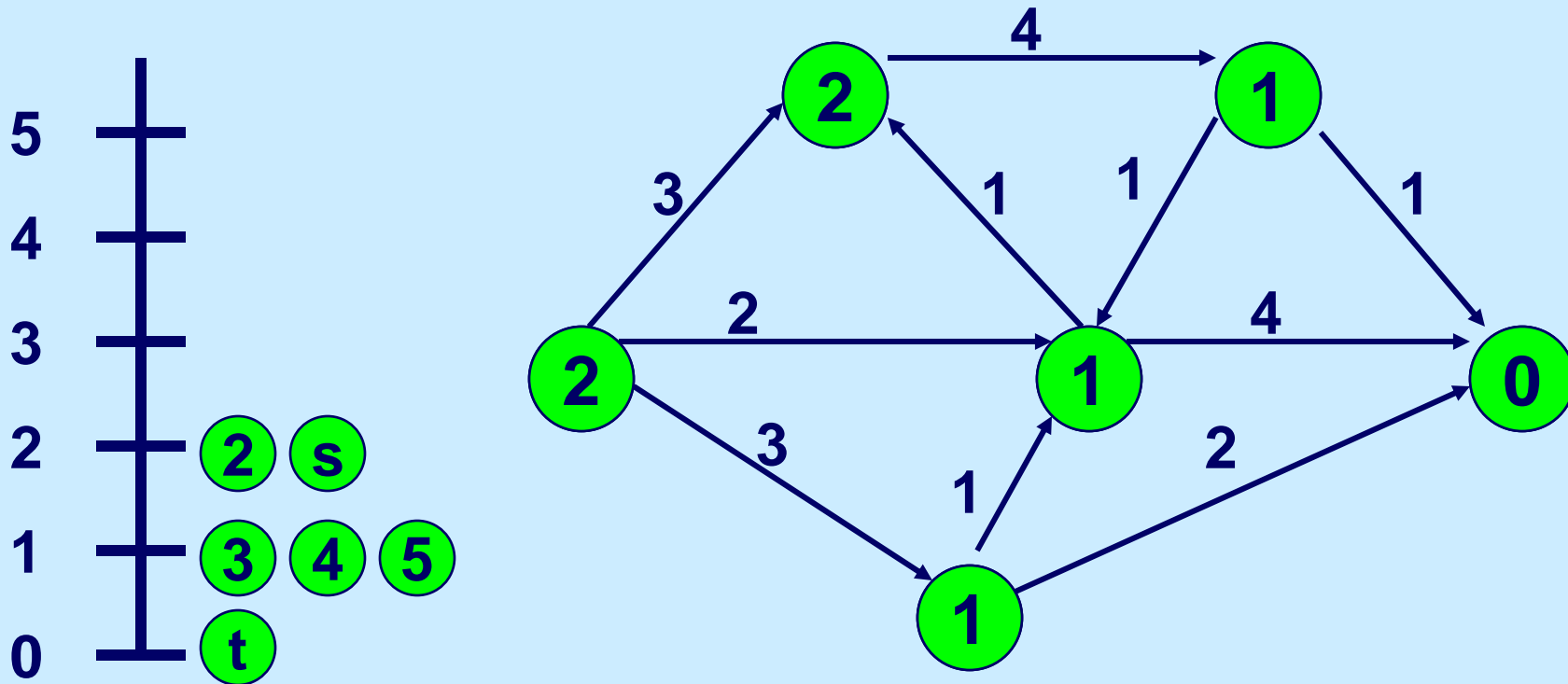
**This is the original network,  
plus reversals of the arcs.**

# Preflow Push



**This is the original network,  
and the original residual  
network.**

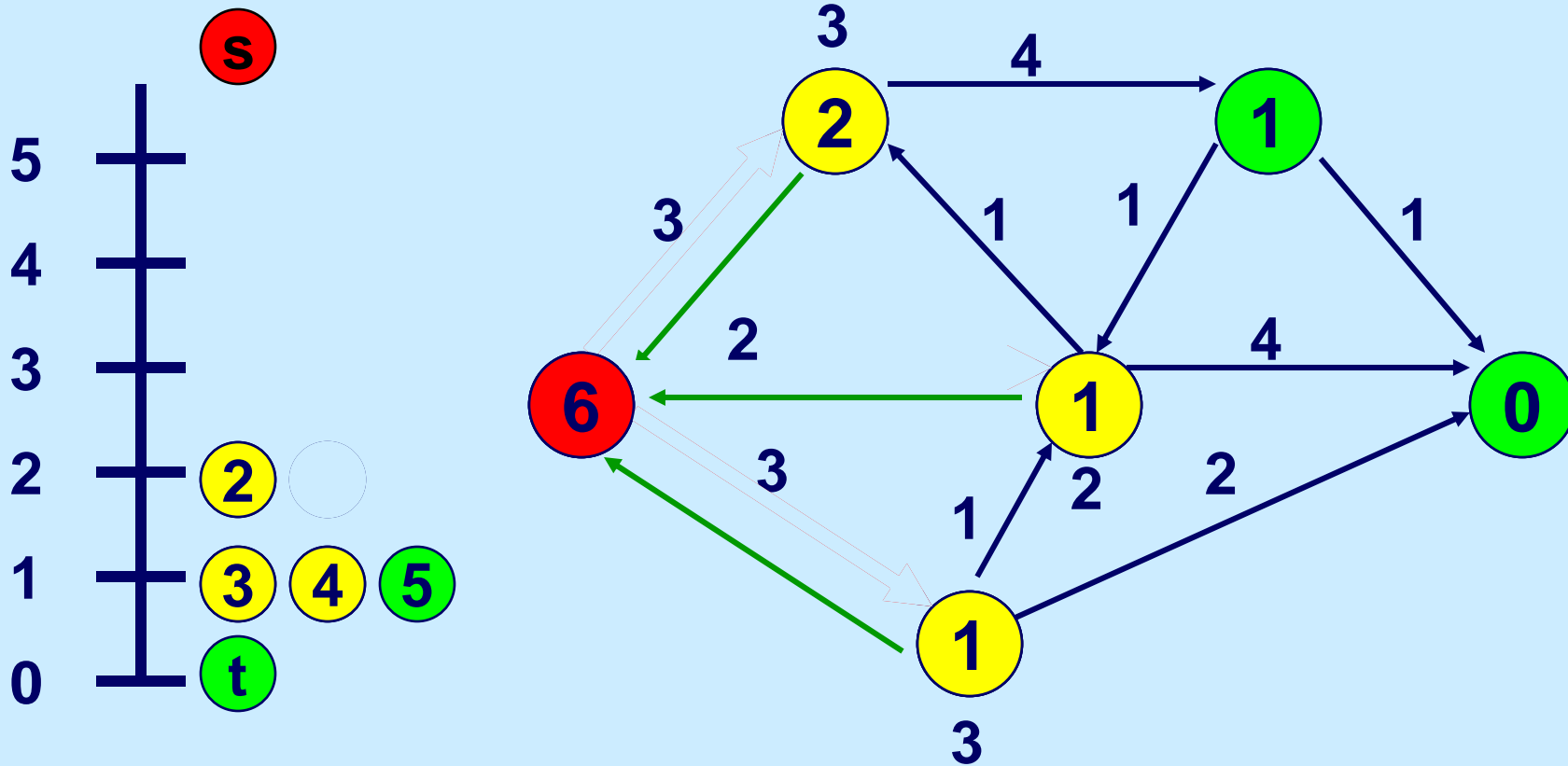
# Initialize Distances



The node label henceforth will be the distance label.

$d(j)$  is at most the distance of  $j$  to  $t$  in  $G(x)$

## Saturate Arcs out of node s

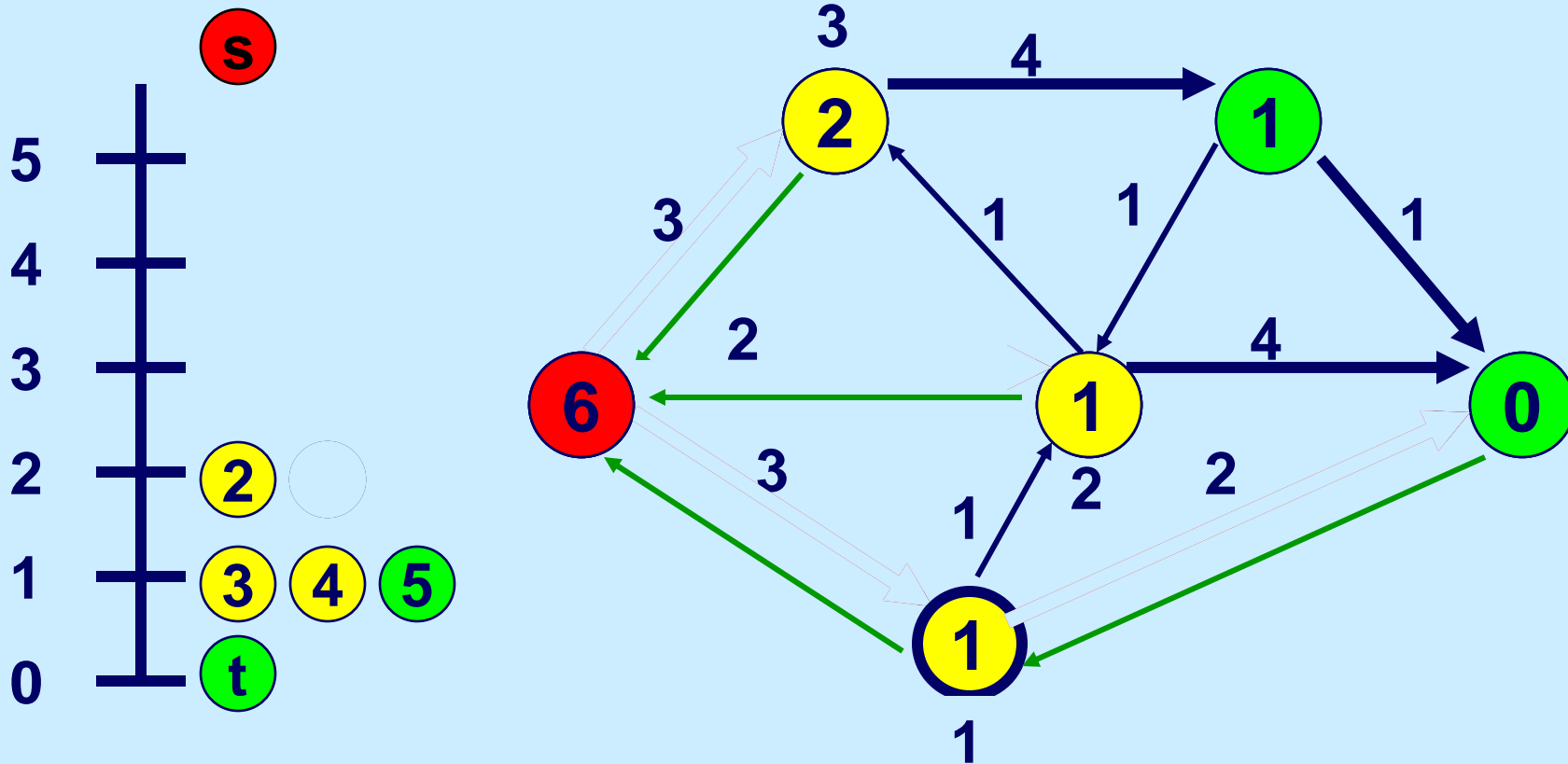


Saturate arcs out of node s.

Move excess to the adjacent arcs

Relabel node s after all incident arcs have been saturated.

# Select, then relabel/push

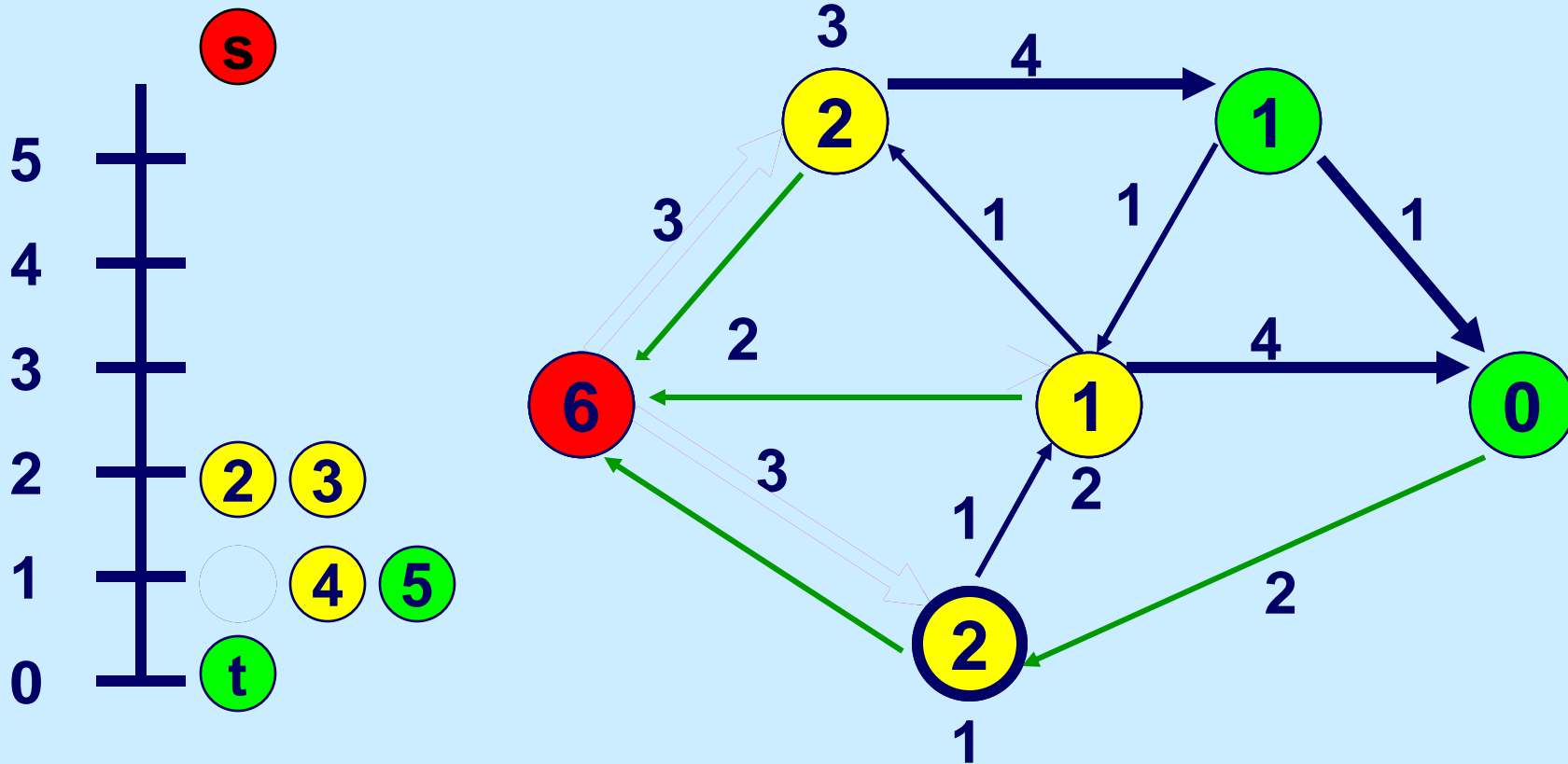


Select an active node, that is, one with excess

Push/Relabel

Update excess after a push

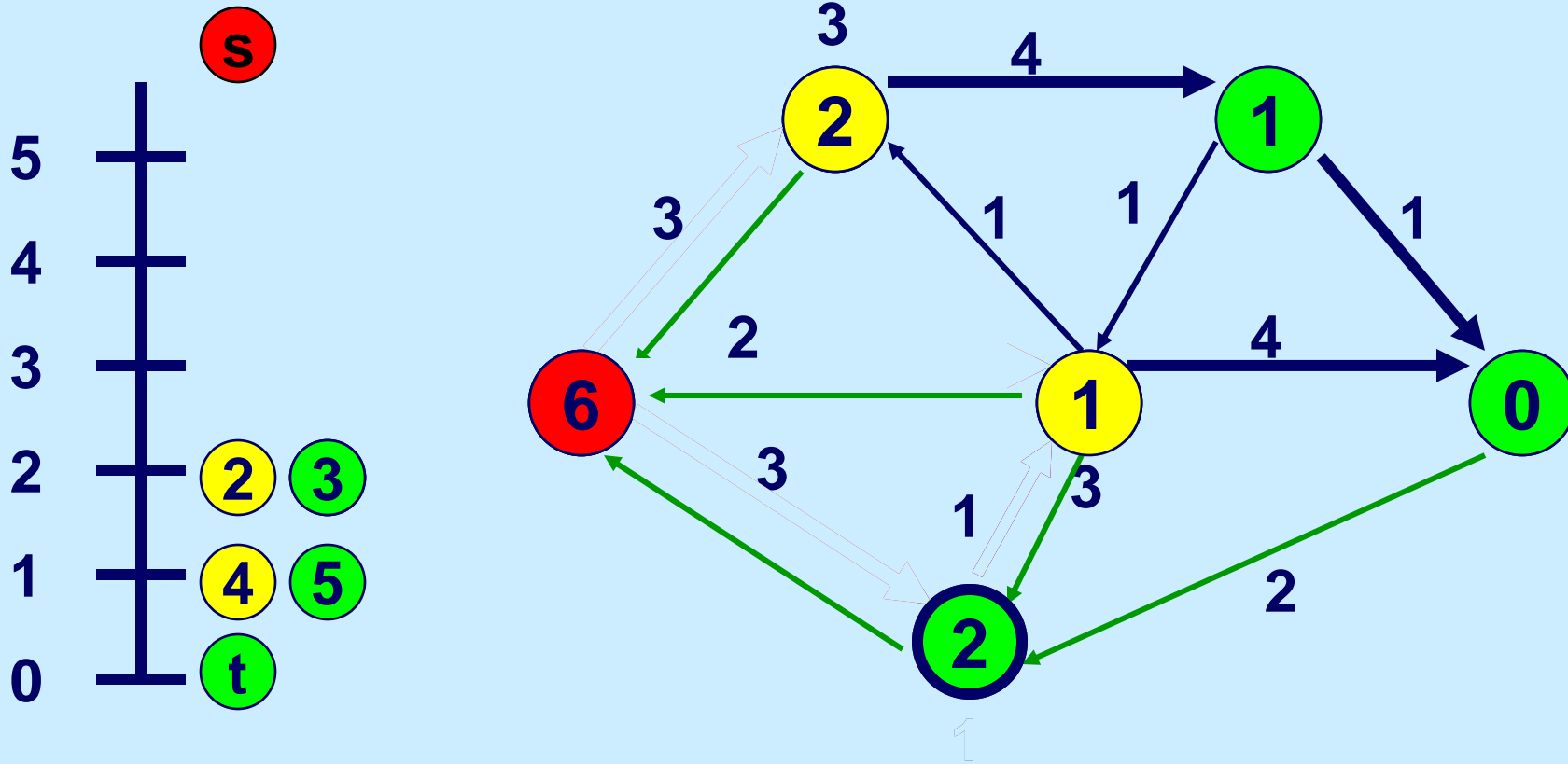
## Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node, that is, one with excess

No arc incident to the selected node is admissible. So relabel.

# Select, then relabel/push

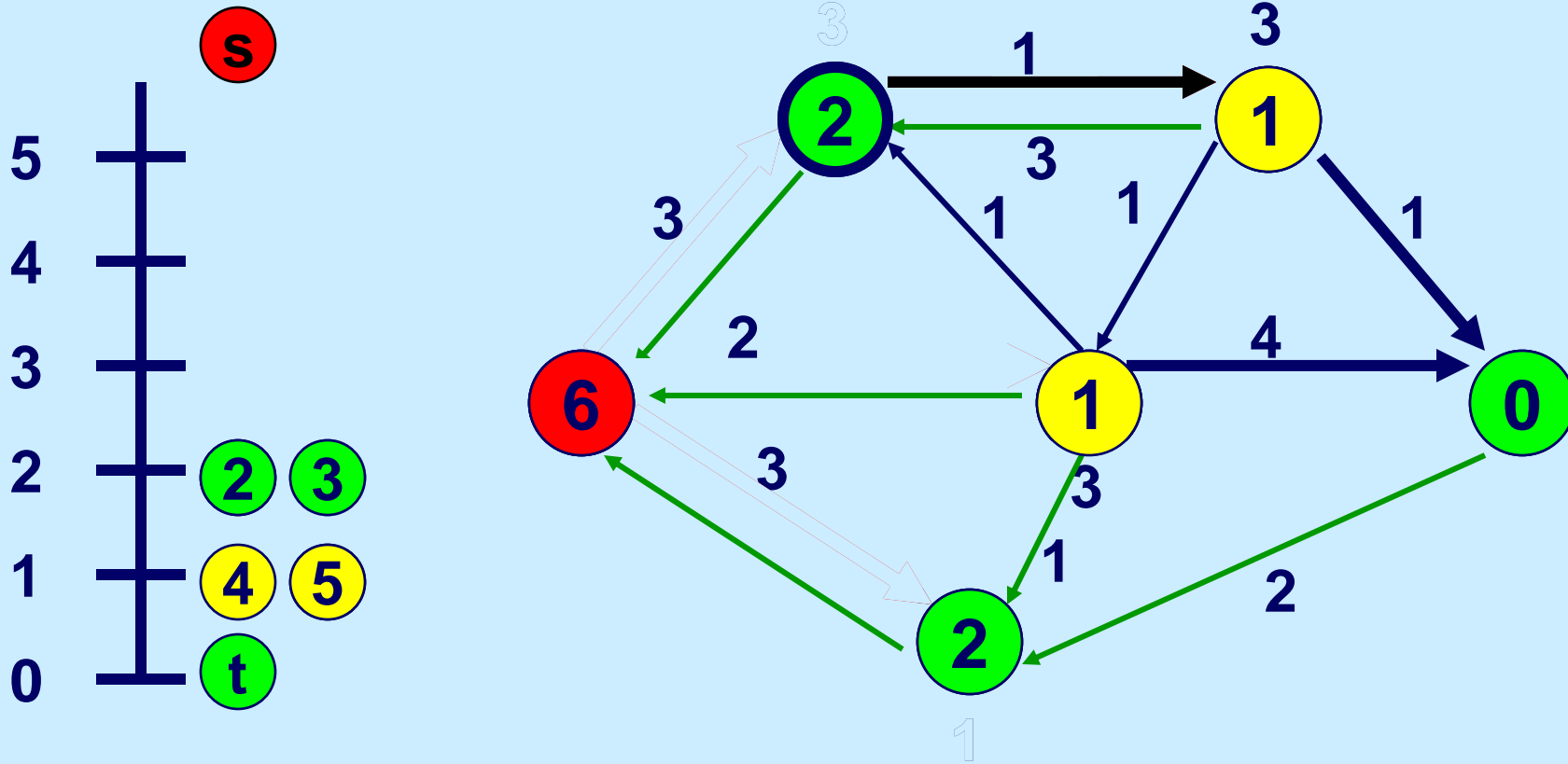


Select an active node, that is, one with excess

Push/Relabel



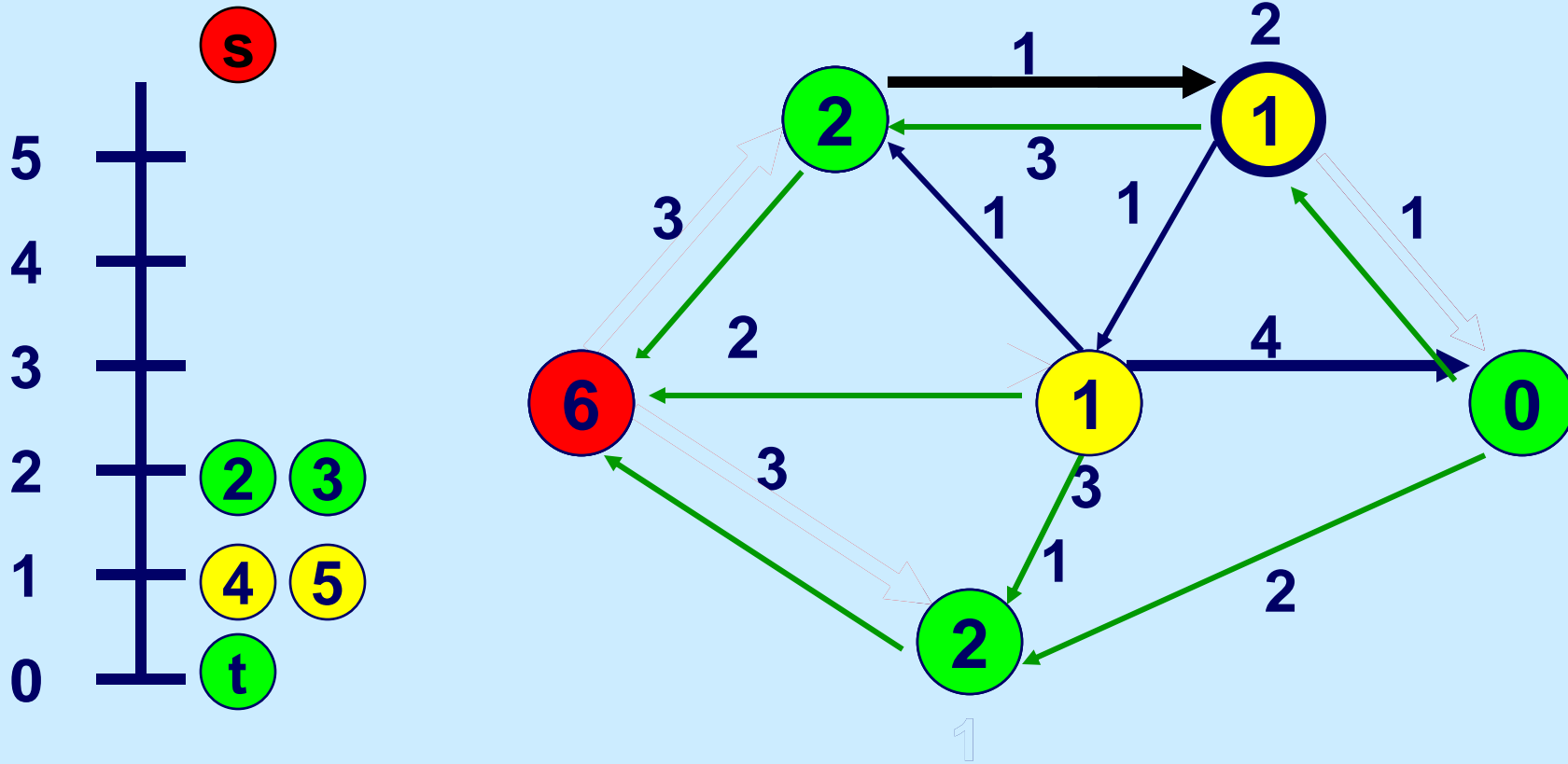
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

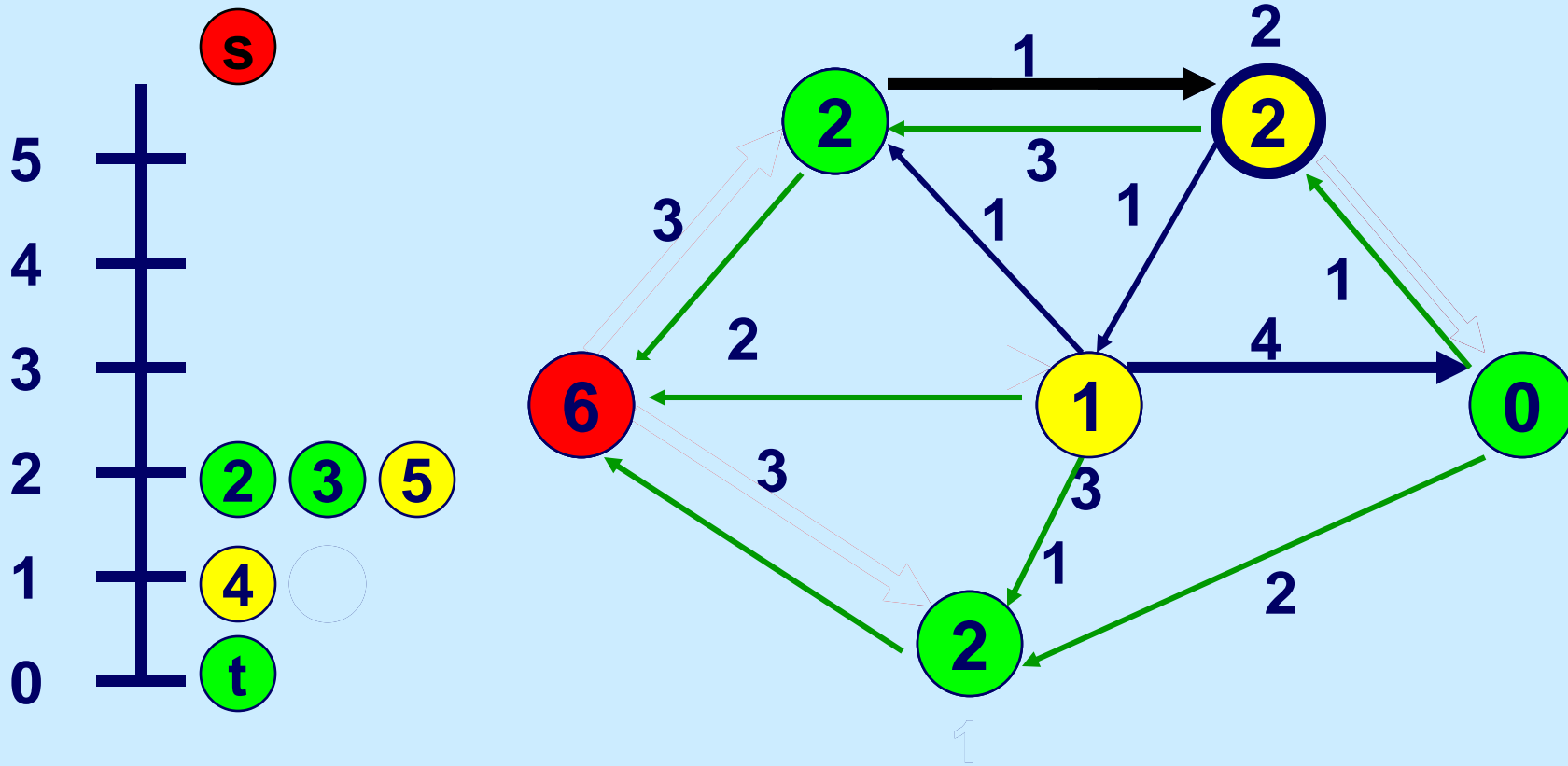
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

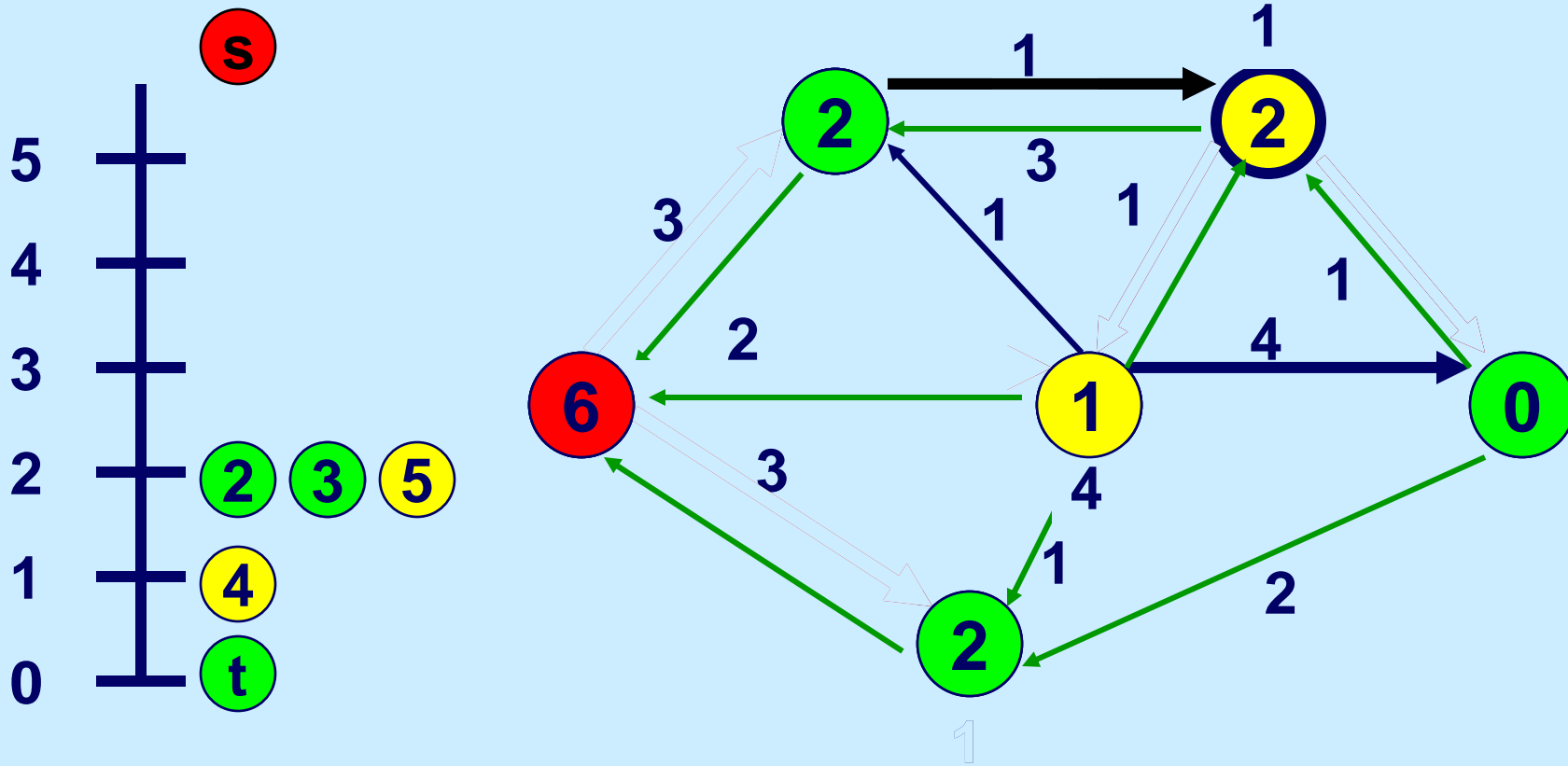
## Select, then relabel/push



**Select an active node.**

**There is no incident admissible arc. So Relabel.**

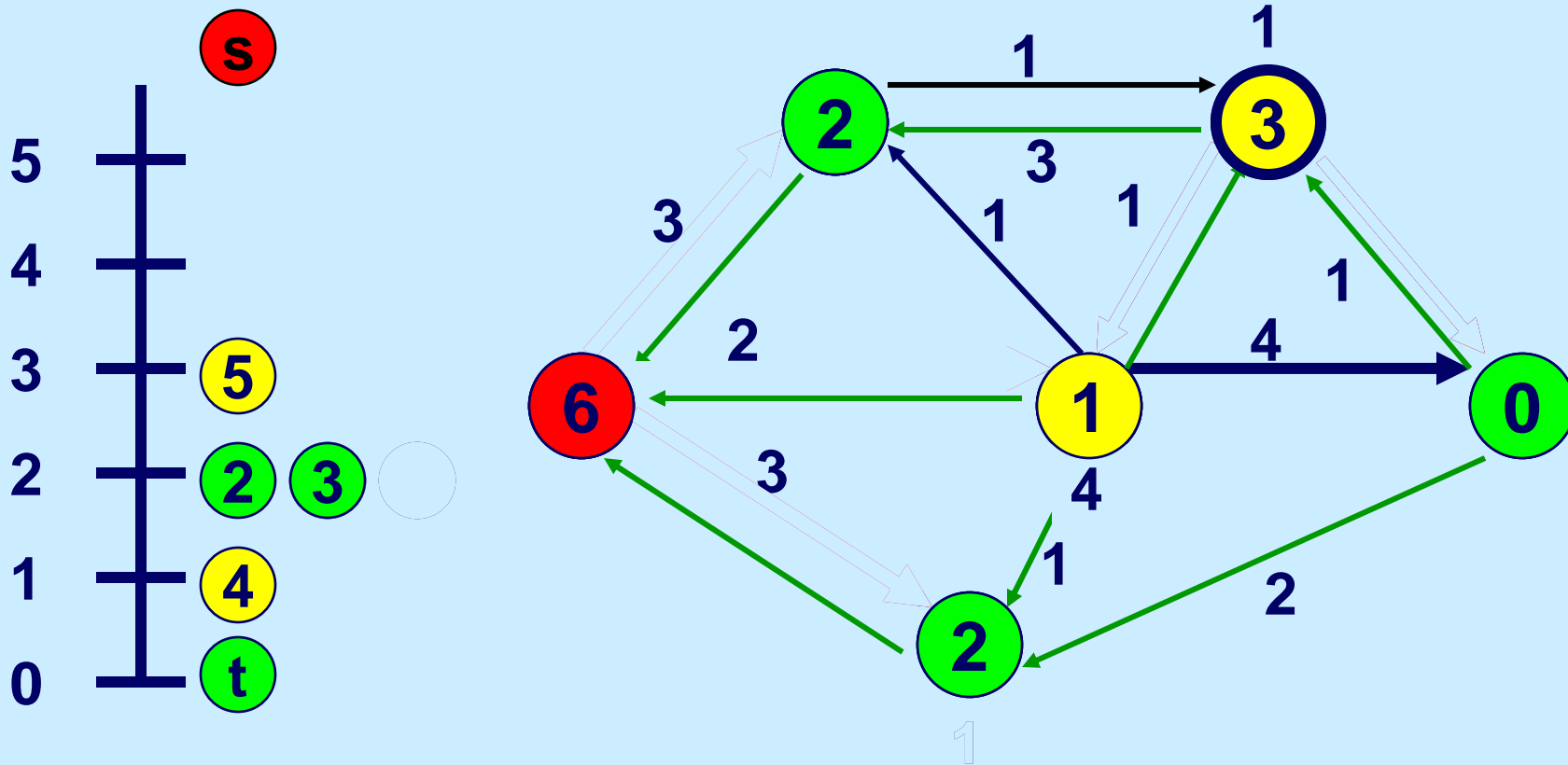
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

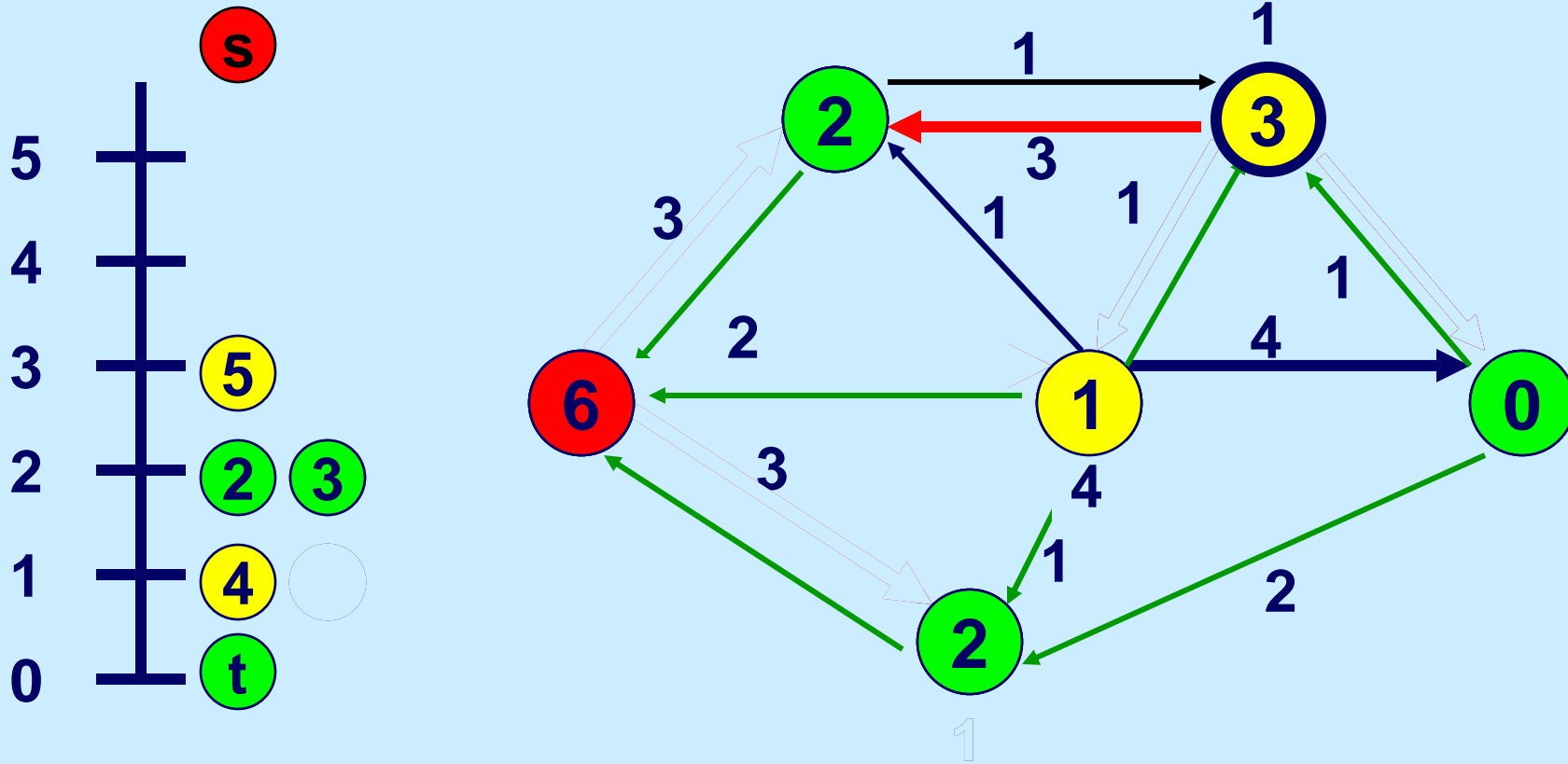
## Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

There is no incident admissible arc. So relabel.

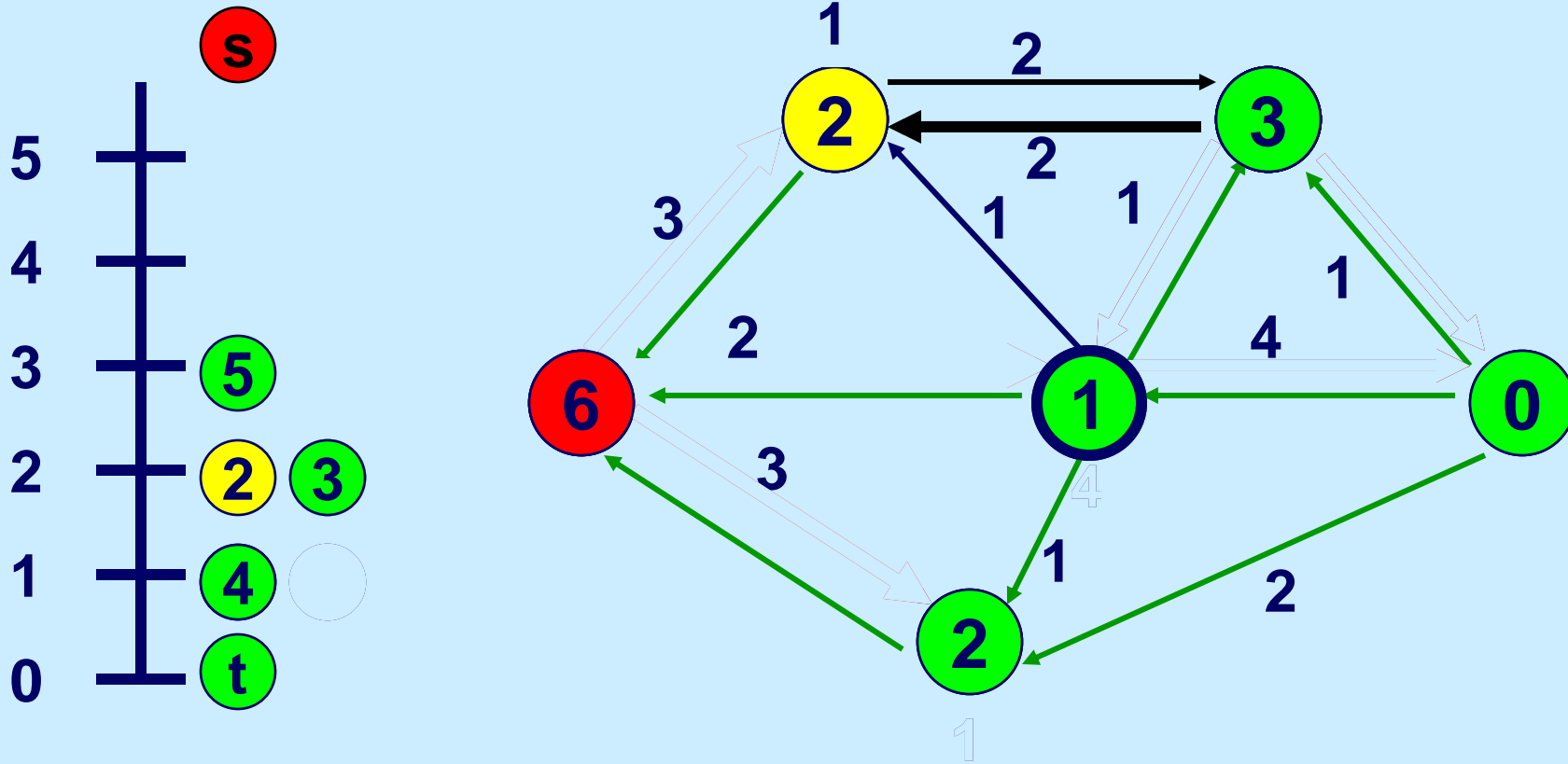
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

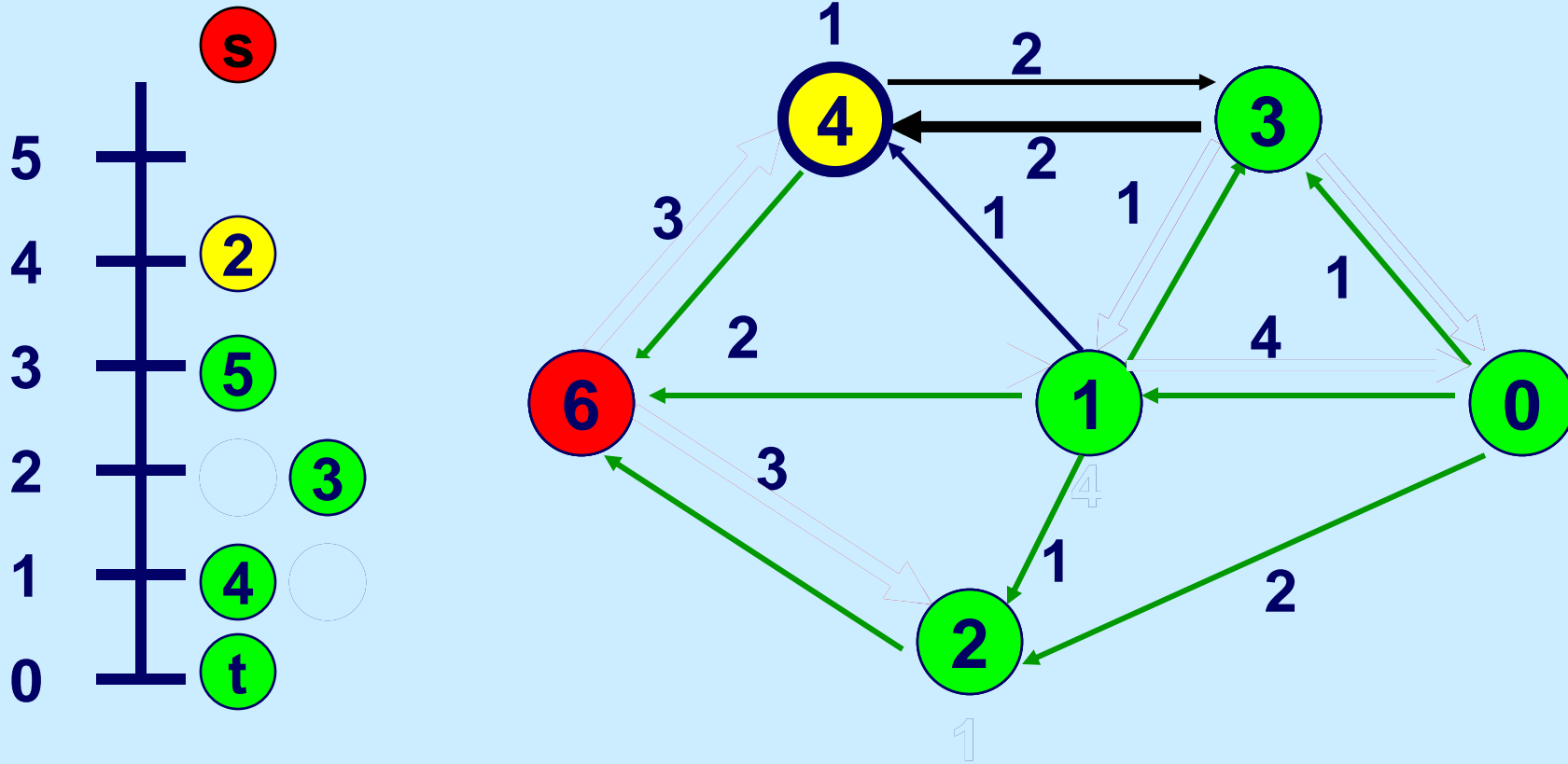
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

# Select, then relabel/push

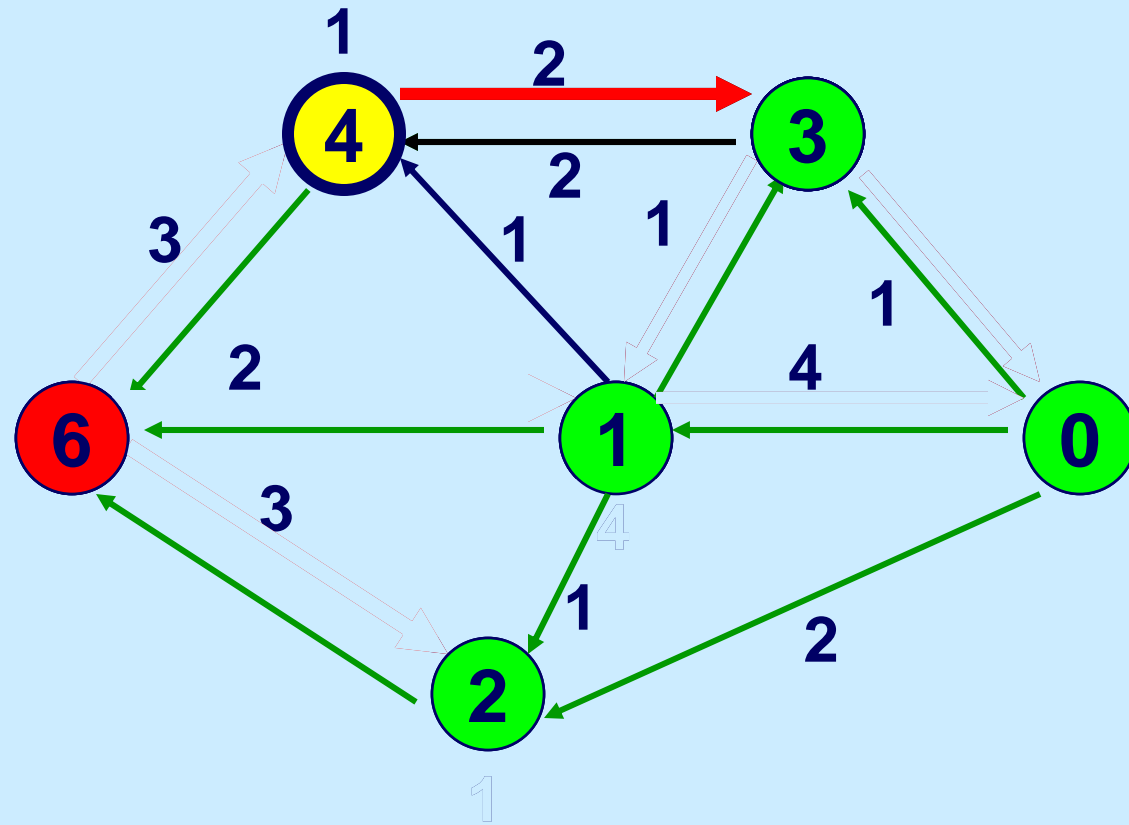
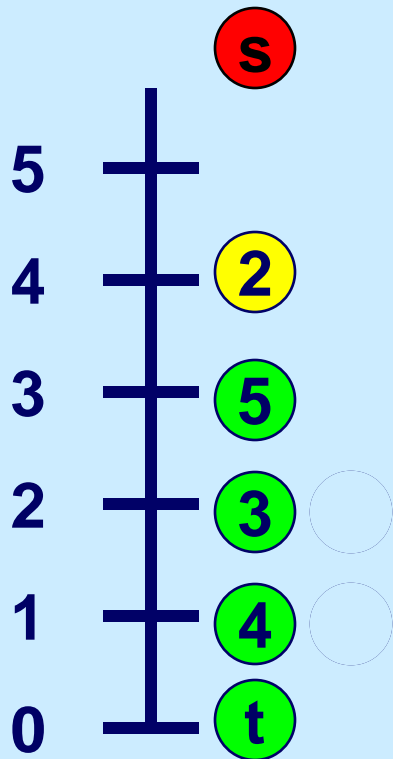


Select an active node.

Push/Relabel



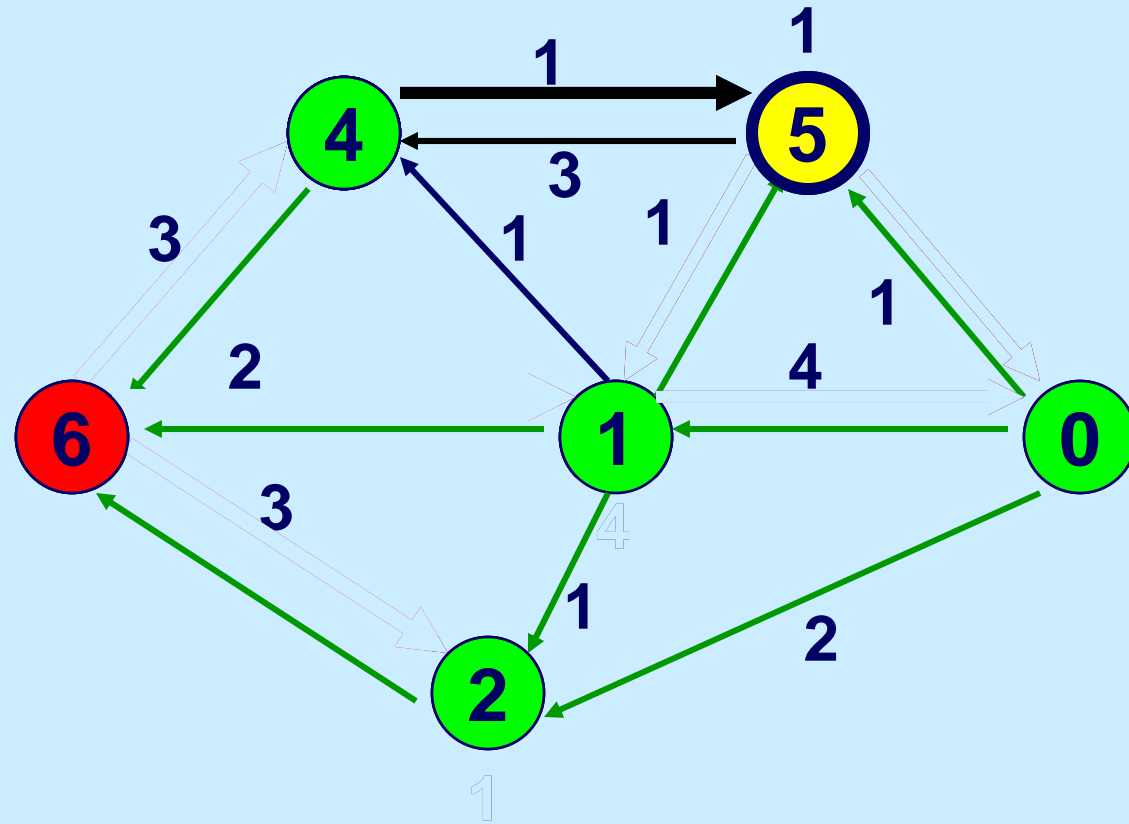
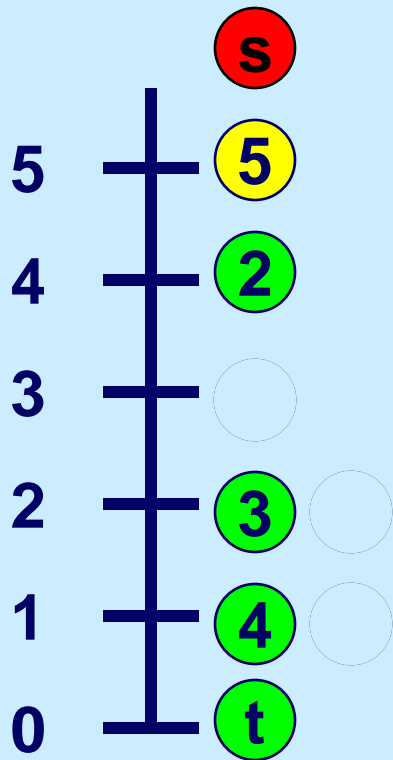
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

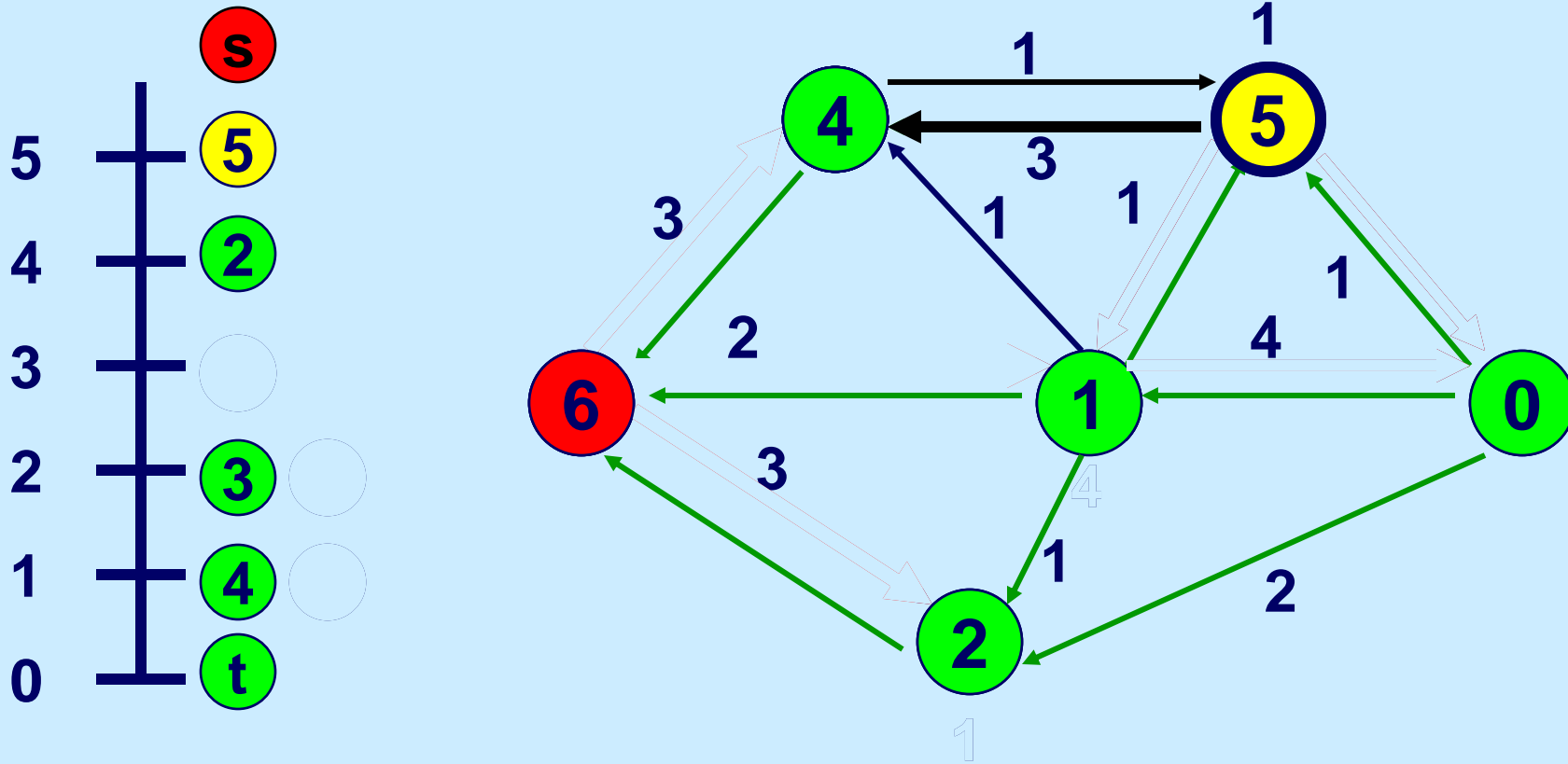
# Select, then relabel/push



Select an active node.

Push/Relabel

## Select, then relabel/push



One can keep pushing flow between nodes 2 and 5 until eventually all flow returns to node s.

There are no paths from nodes 2 and 5 to t, and there are ways to speed up the last iterations.