

CAP5415-Computer Vision  
Lecture 13-Image/Video Segmentation  
Part II

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\**A* is an adjacency relation between pixel locations

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The role of an energy function in minimization-based vision is twofold:

1. as the quantitative measure of the global quality of the solution and
2. as a guide to the search for a minimal solution.

Correct solution is embedded as the minimum.

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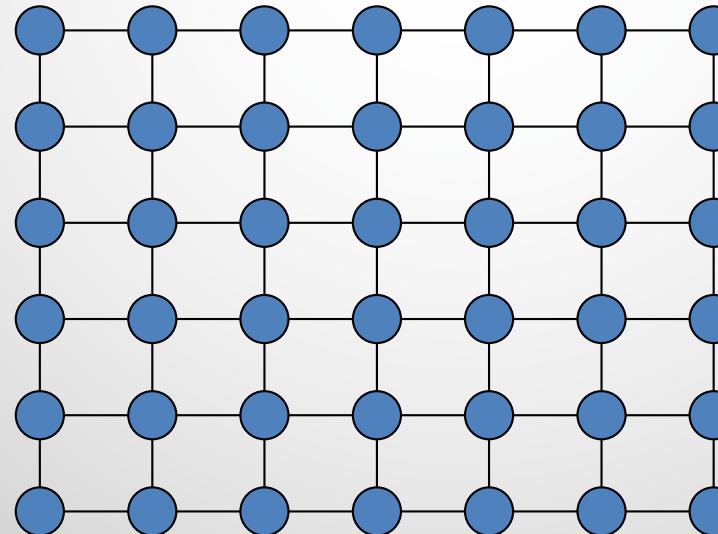
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This optimization model is characterized by local interactions along edges between adjacent pixels, and often called **MRF (Markov Random Field)** model.

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 $\Psi(p, q) = K_{pq}\delta(p \neq q)$  where  
$$K_{pq} = \frac{\exp(-\beta(I_p - I_q)^2/(2\sigma^2))}{||p, q||}$$

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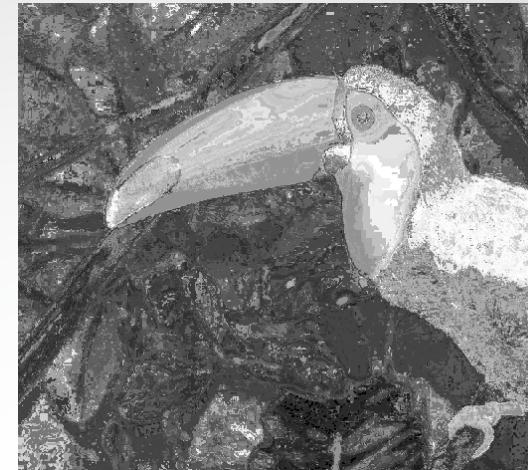
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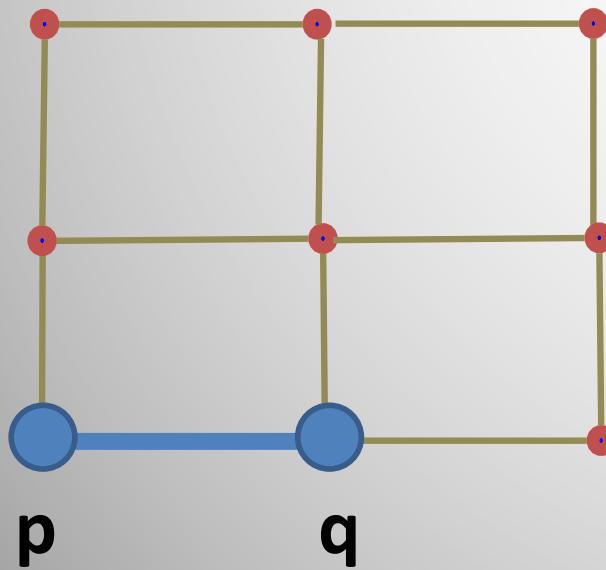
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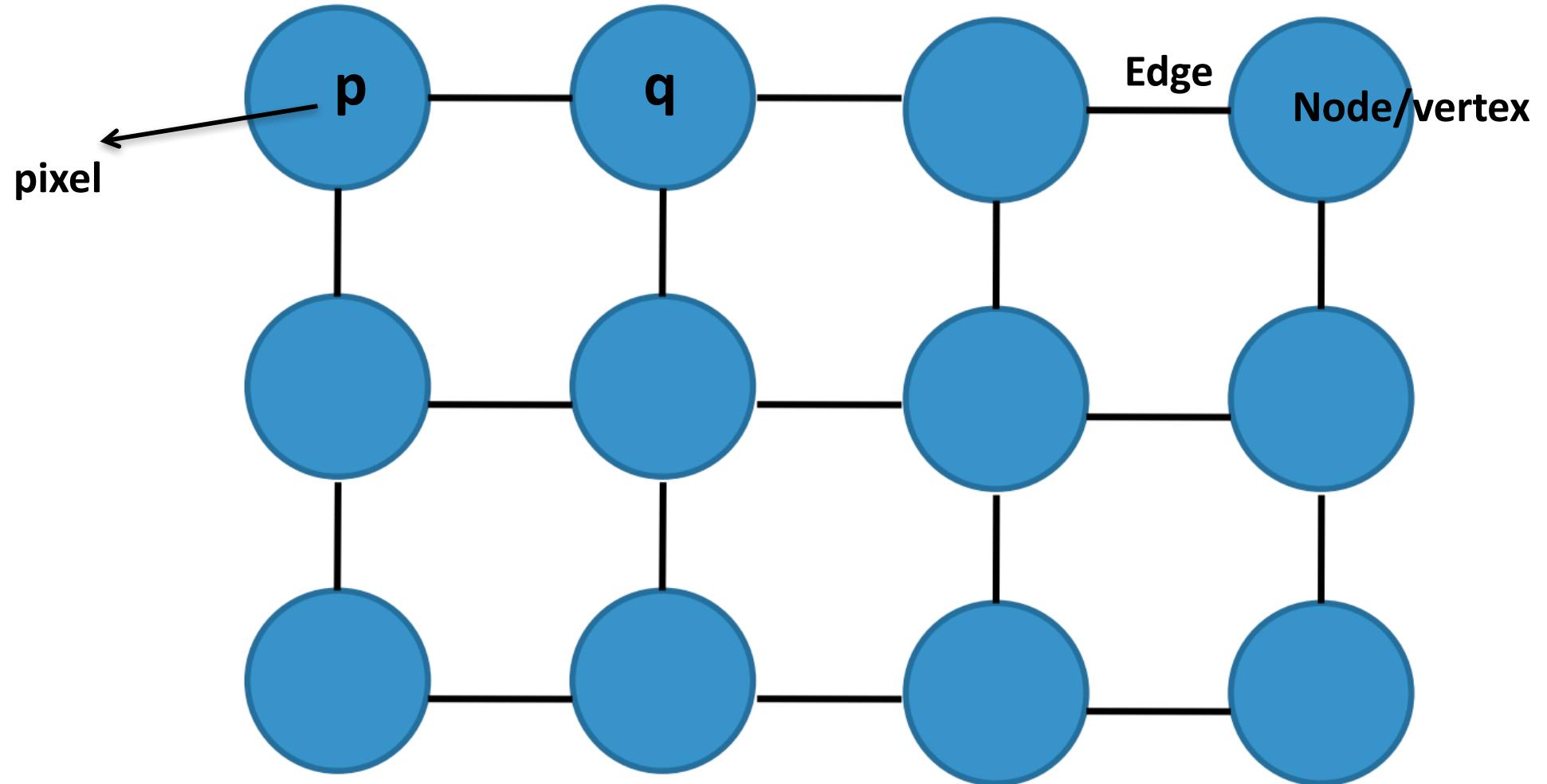


**Unary Cost (data term)**



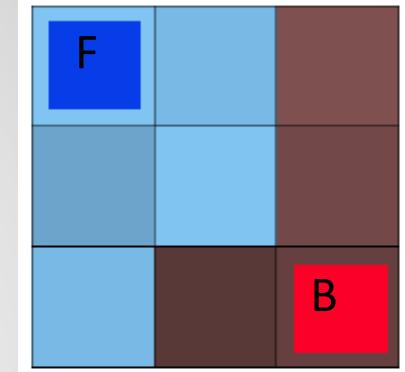
**Discontinuity Cost**

## Recap: Image as a Graph

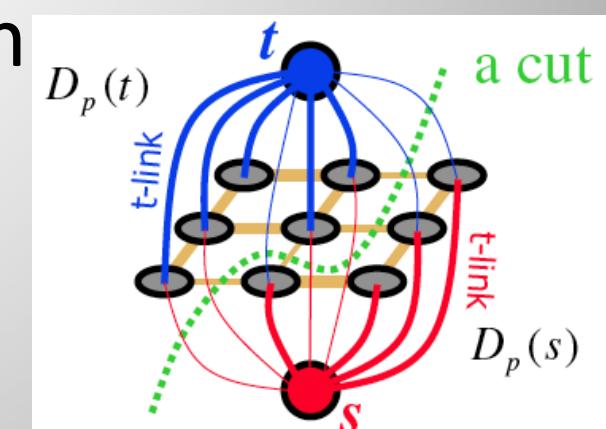


## Graph Cuts for Optimal Boundary Detection (Boykov ICCV 2001)

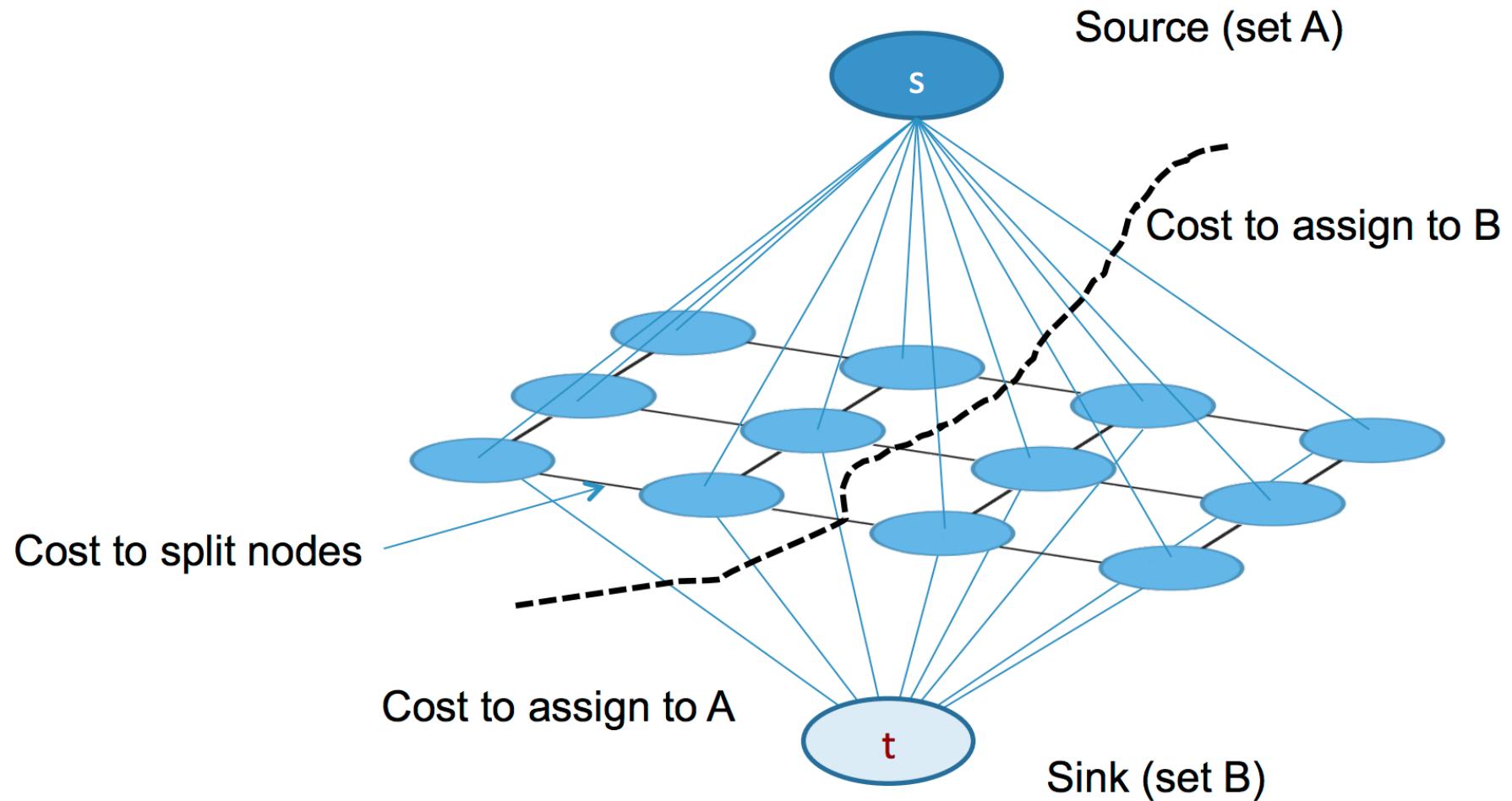
- Binary label: foreground vs. background
- User labels some pixels
- Exploit
  - Statistics of known Fg & Bg
  - Smoothness of label
- Turn into discrete graph optimization
  - Graph cut (min cut / max flow)



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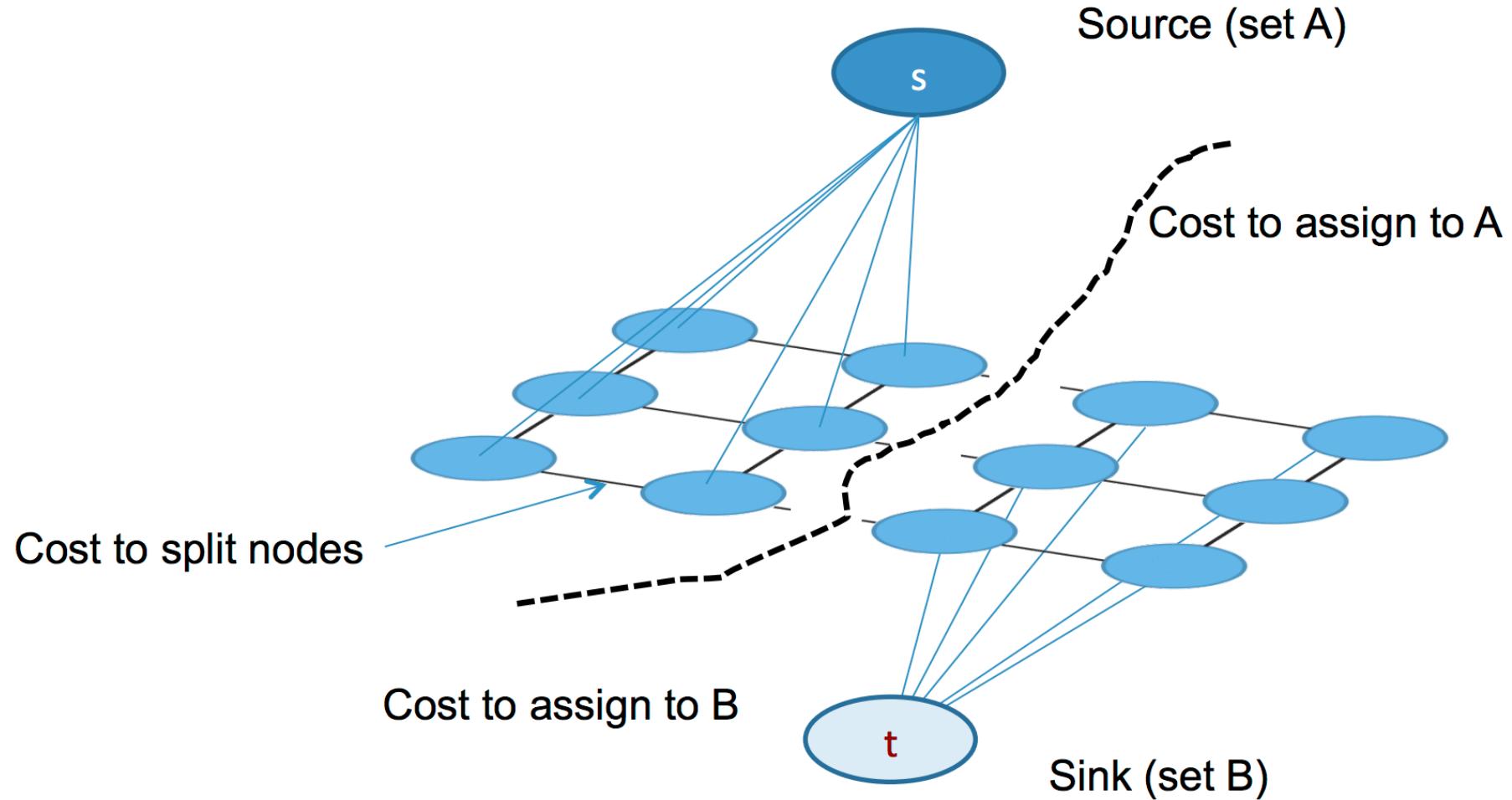
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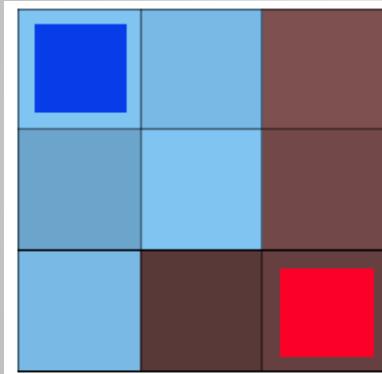


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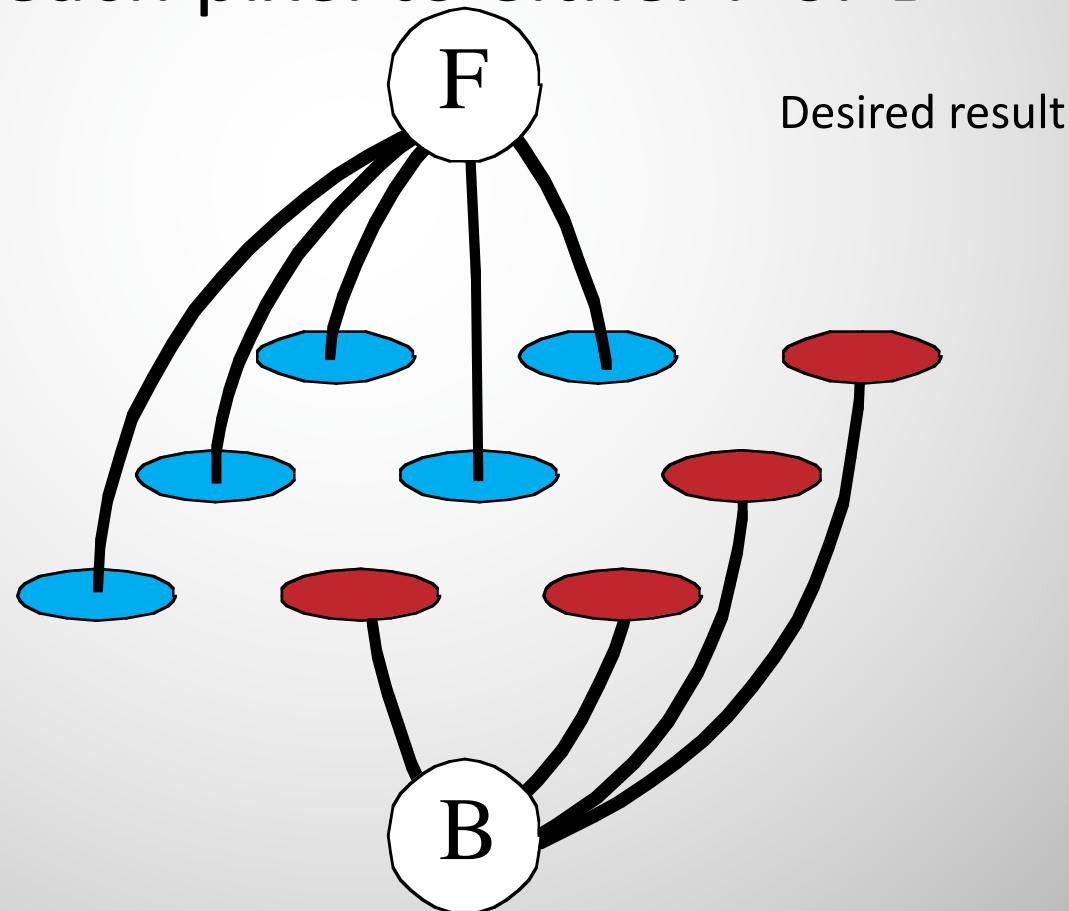
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- Each pixel = node
- Add two nodes F & B
- Labeling: link each pixel to either F or B

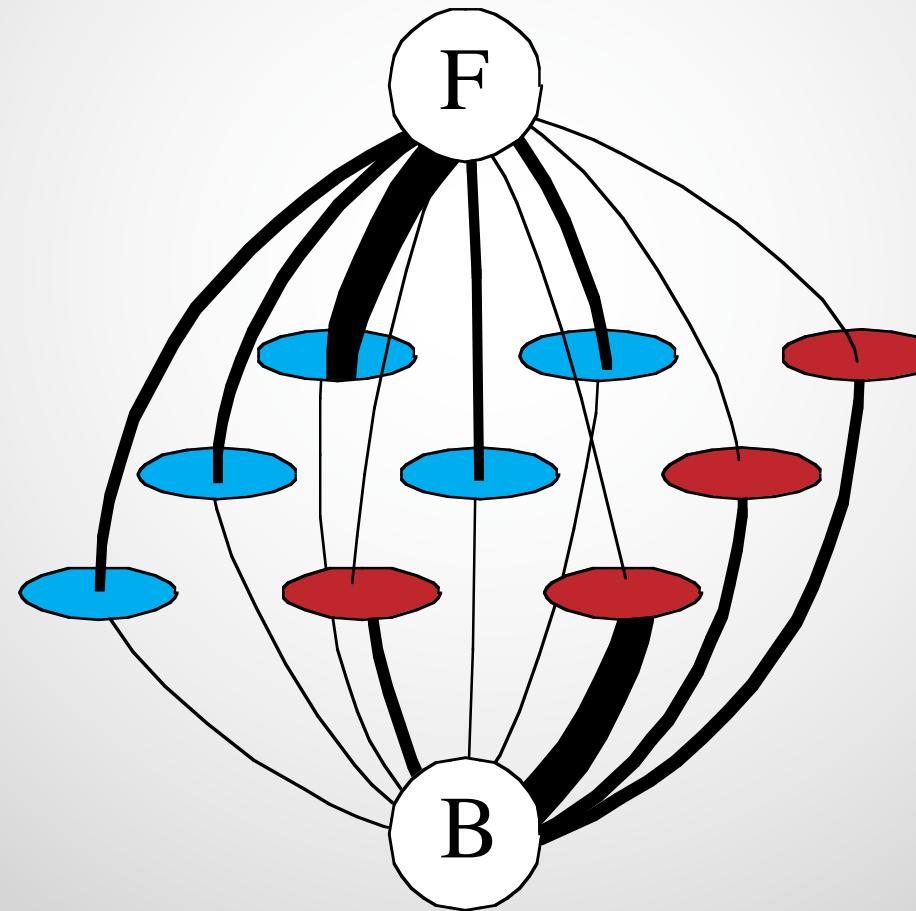


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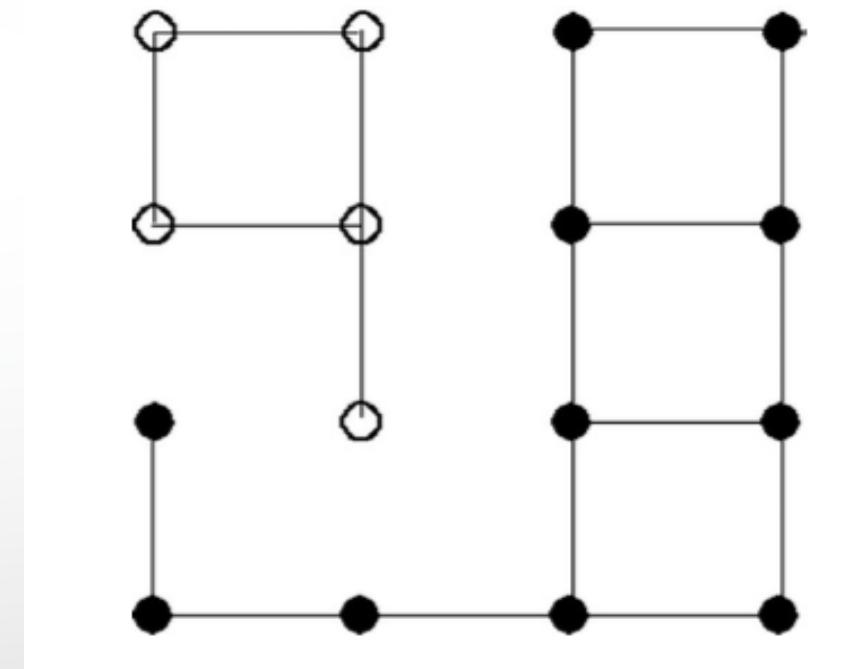
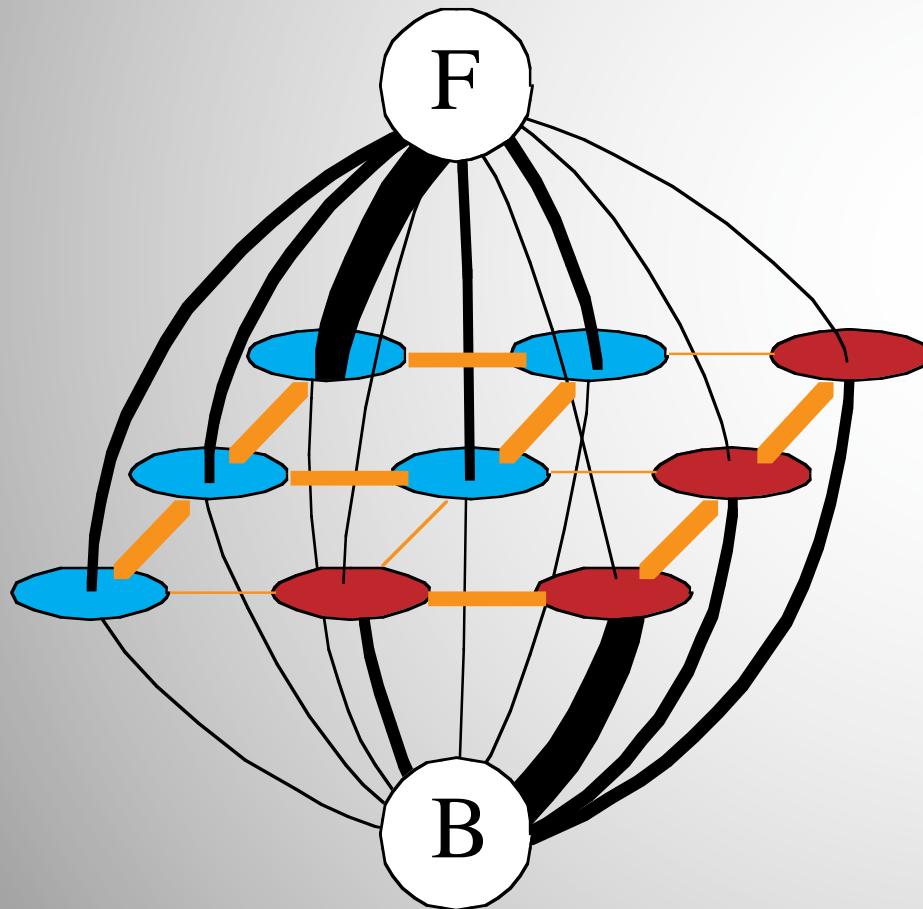
# Cost Function: Data term

- Put one edge between each pixel and both F & G
- Weight of edge = minus data term



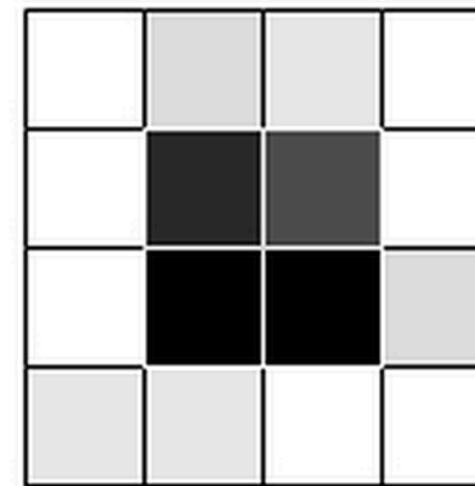
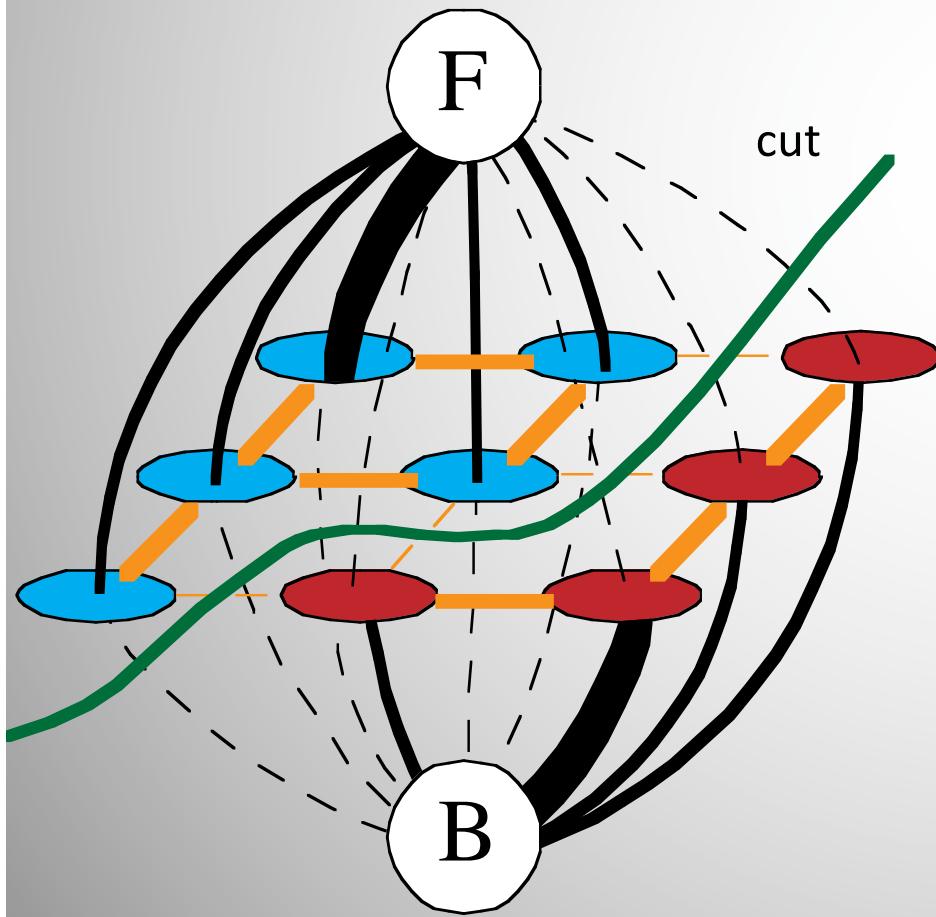
# Cost Function: Smoothness term

- Add an edge between each neighbor pair
- Weight = smoothness term

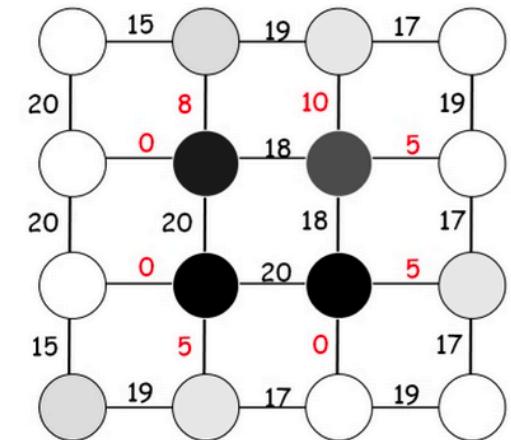


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- Energy optimization equivalent to graph min cut
- **Cut:** remove edges to disconnect F from B
- **Minimum:** minimize sum of cut edge weight

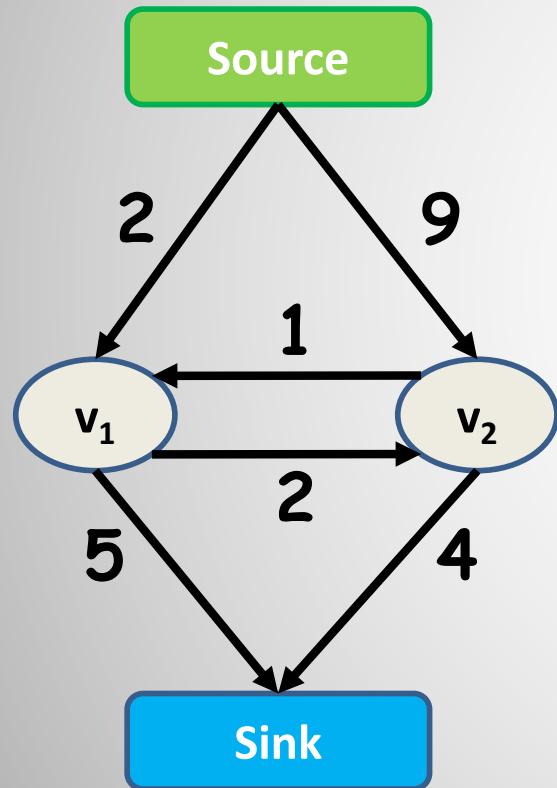


A 4x4 Image



Dissimilarity Graph of Pixels

# Min-Cut



**Graph ( $V, E, C$ )**

Vertices  $V = \{v_1, v_2 \dots v_n\}$

Edges  $E = \{(v_1, v_2) \dots\}$

Costs  $C = \{c_{(1, 2)} \dots\}$

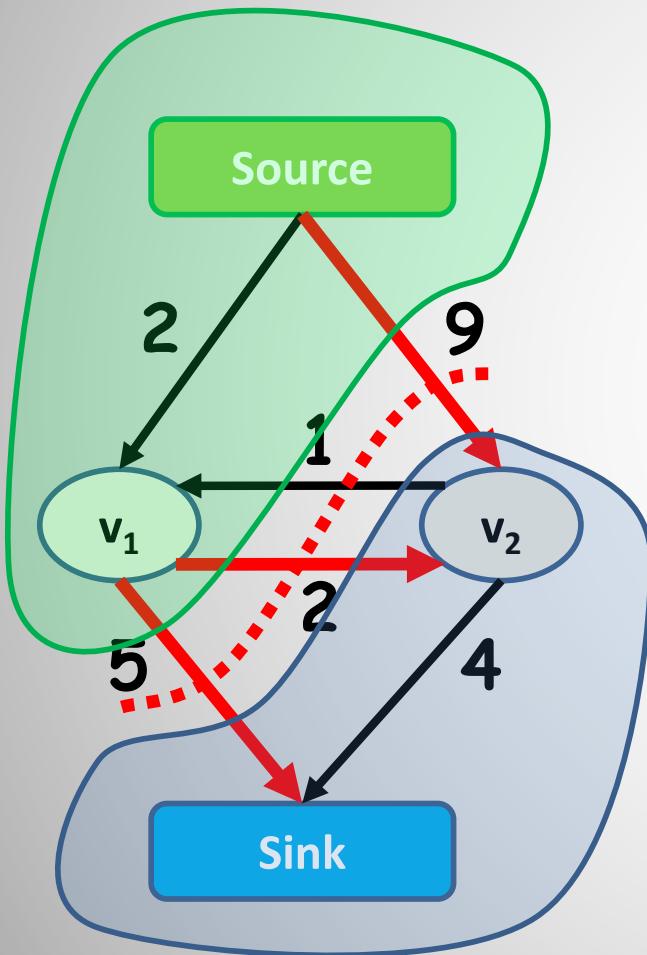
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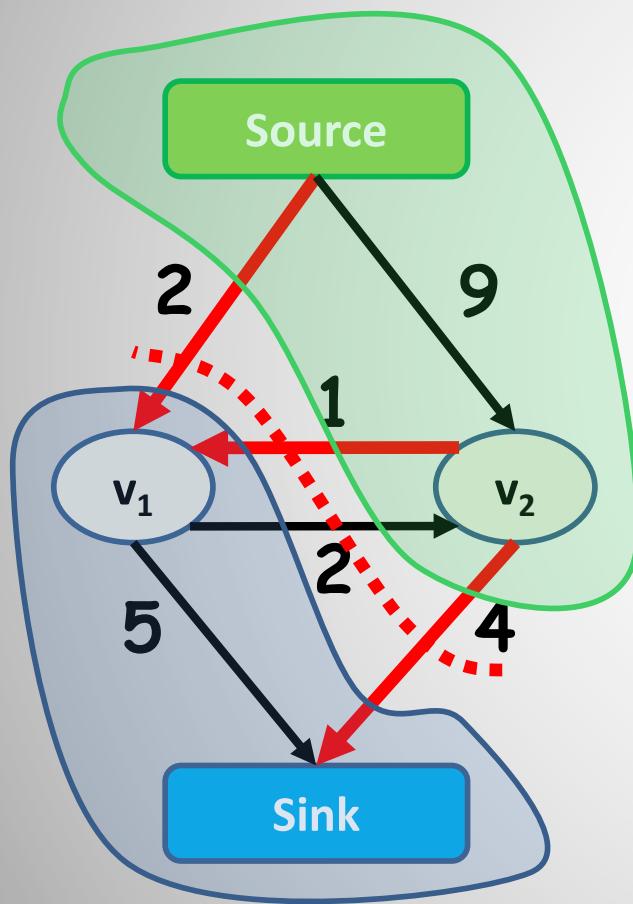


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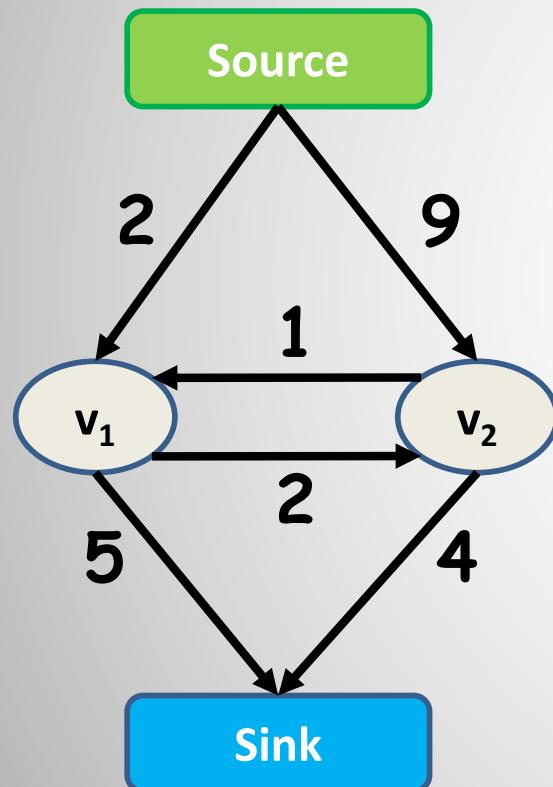
st-cut with the minimum cost

$$2 + 1 + 4 = 7$$

# How to compute min-cut?

Solve the dual maximum flow problem

Compute the maximum flow between  
Source and Sink



## Constraints

Edges: Flow < Capacity

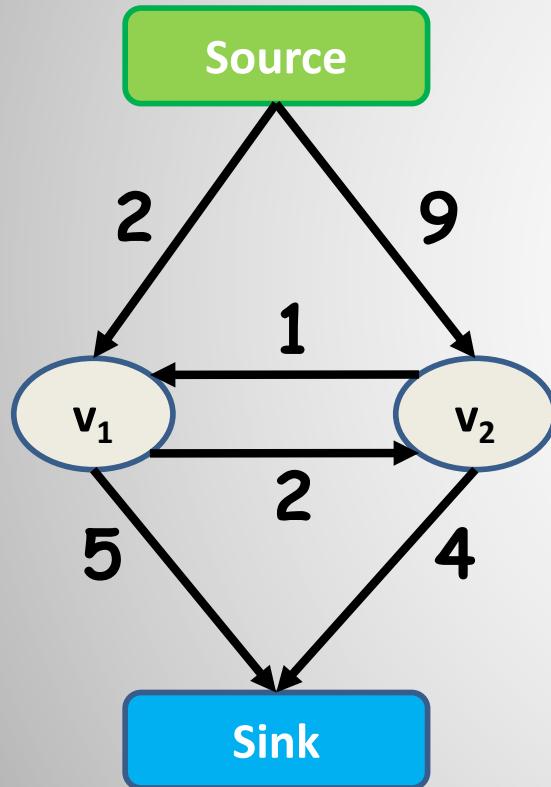
Nodes: Flow in & Flow out

## Min-cut\Max-flow Theorem

In every network, the maximum flow equals the cost of the st-mincut

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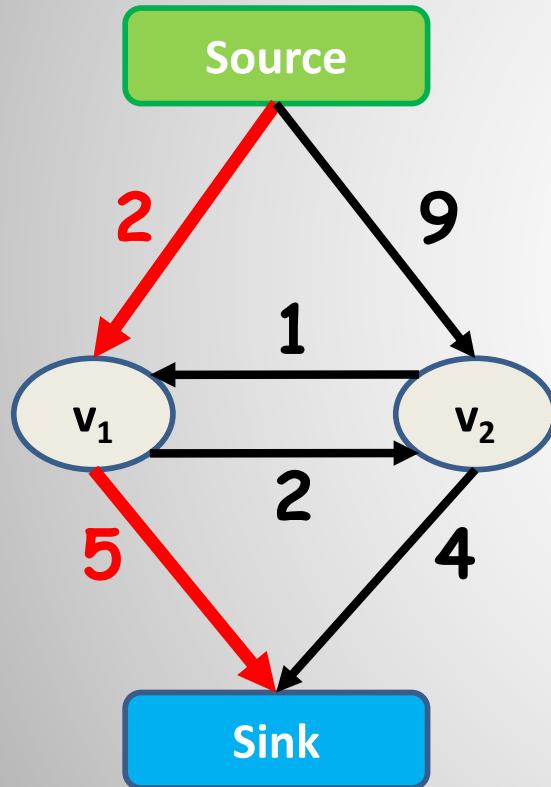
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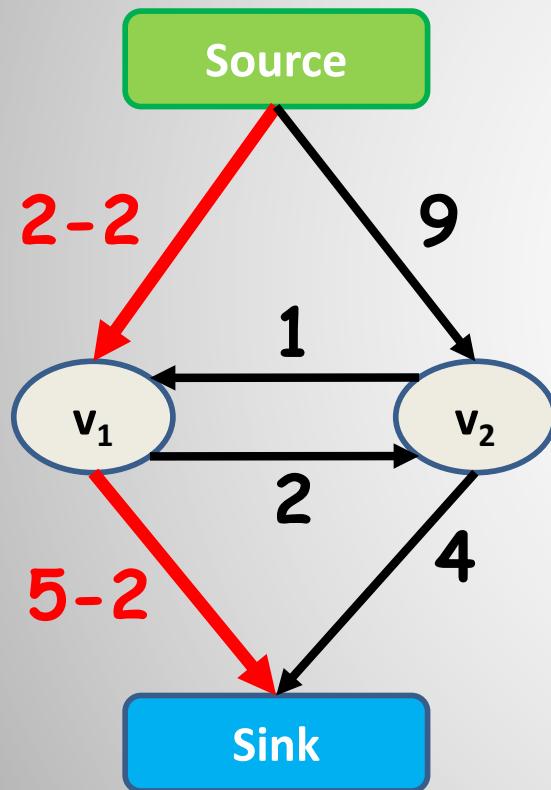
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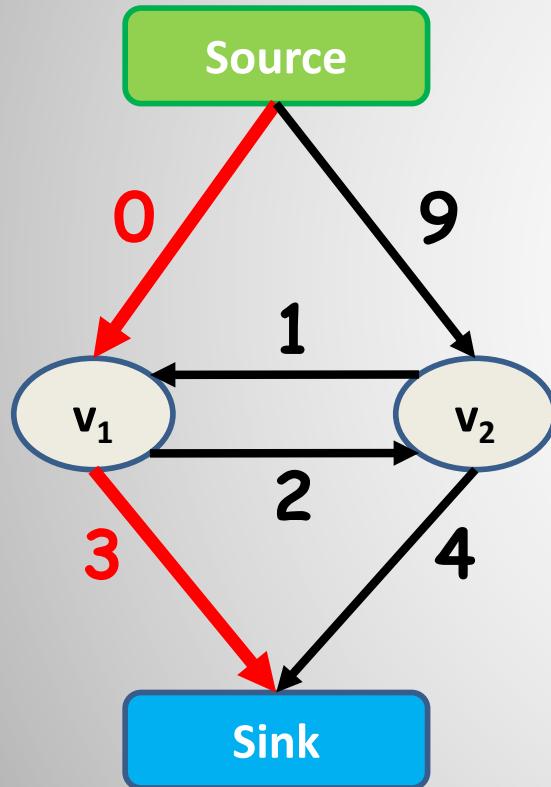
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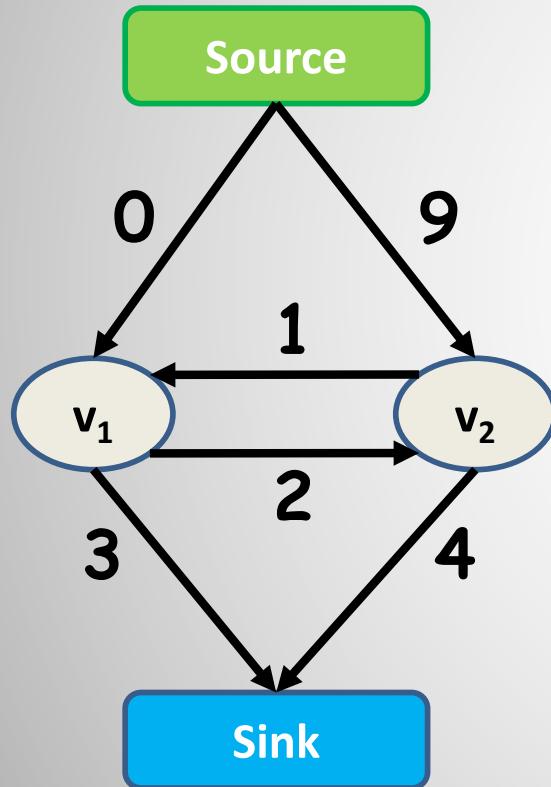
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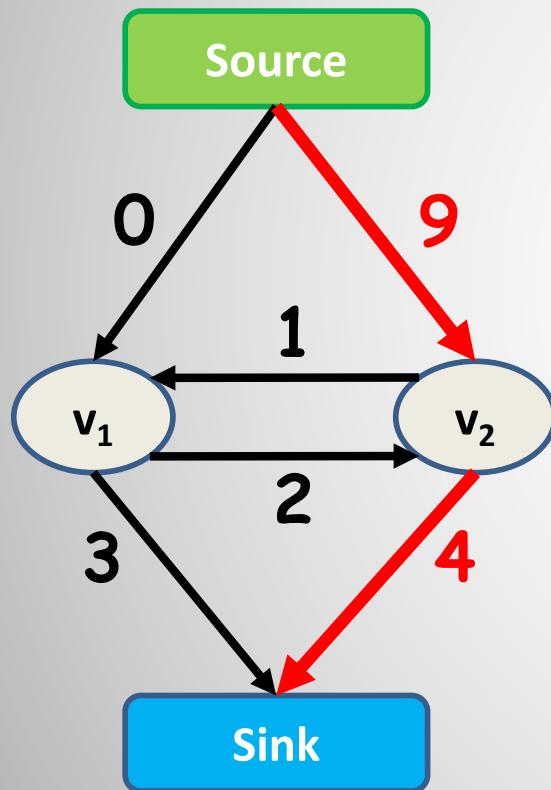
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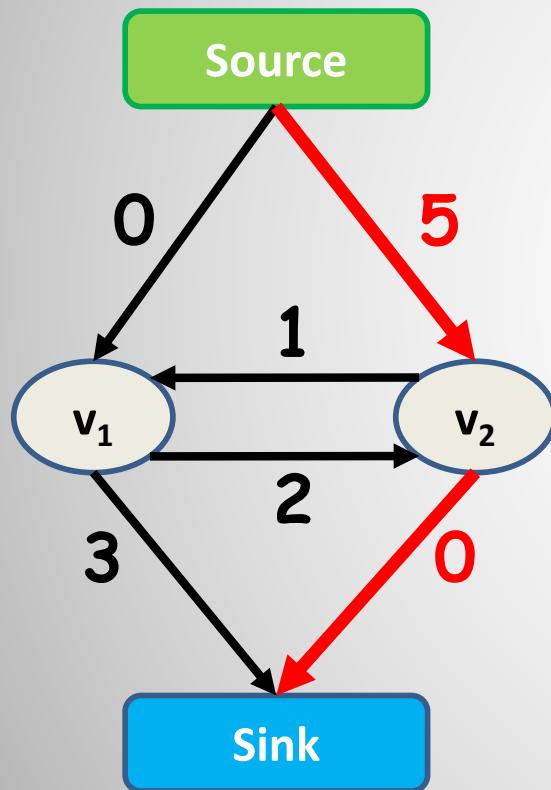
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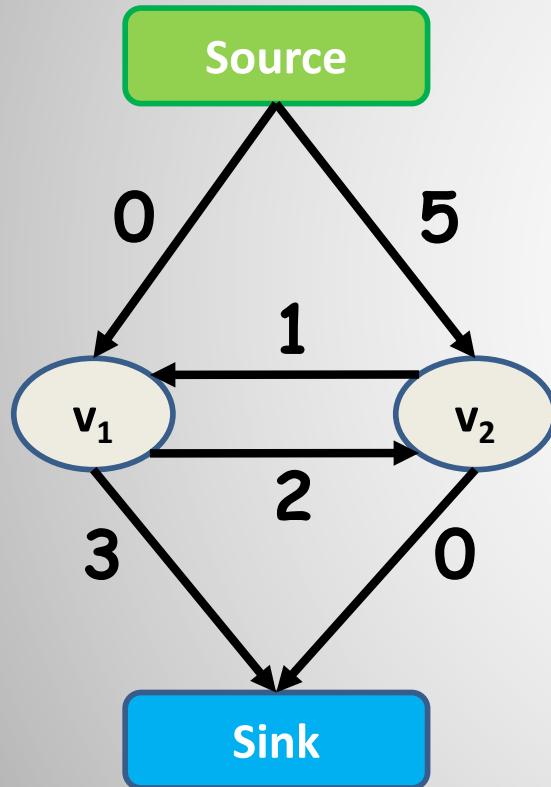
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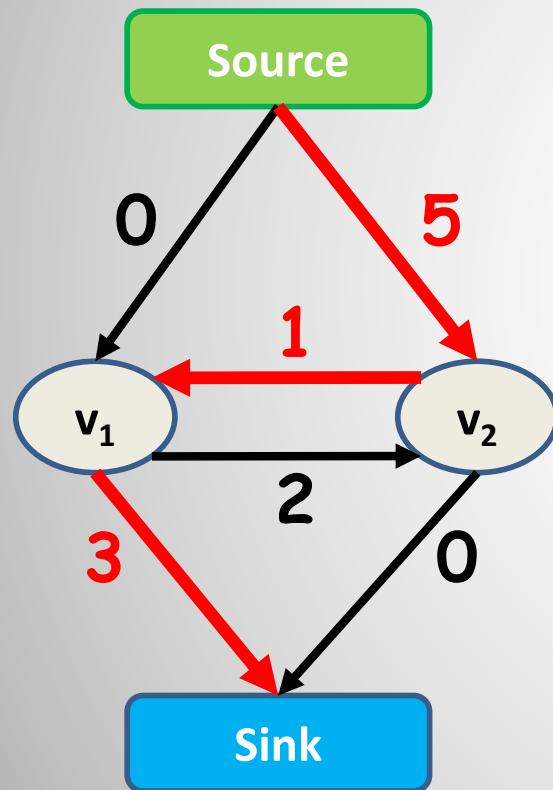
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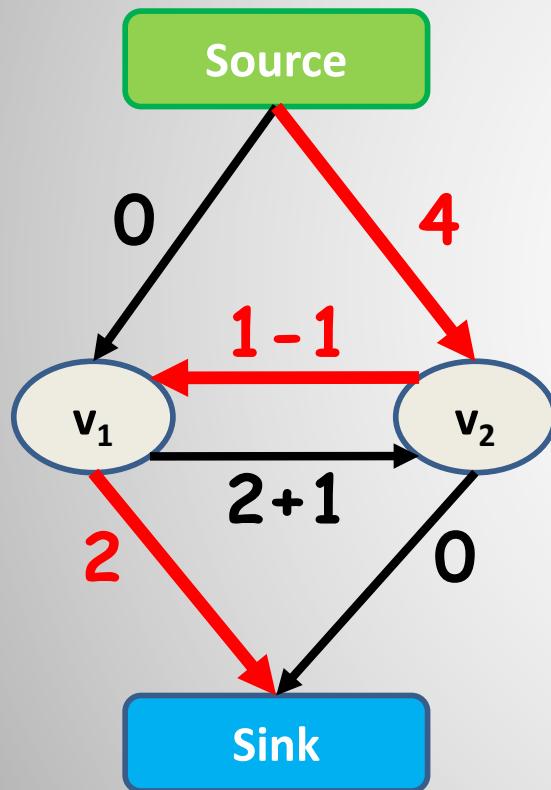
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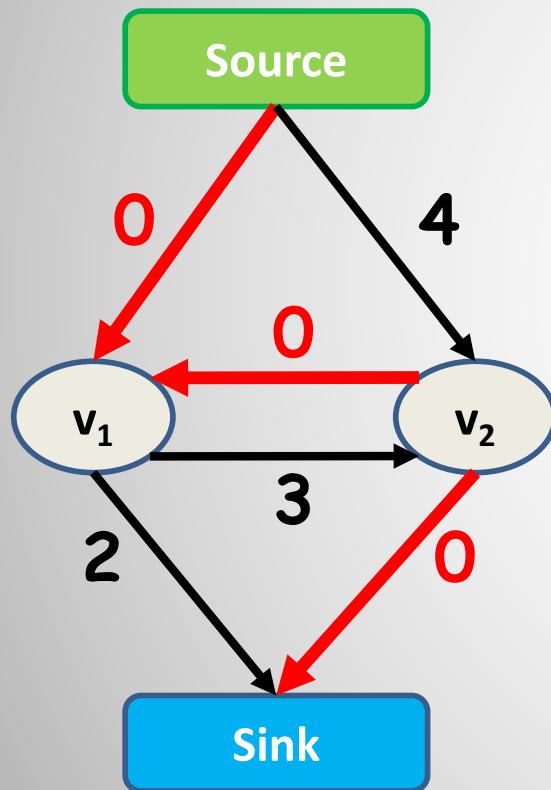
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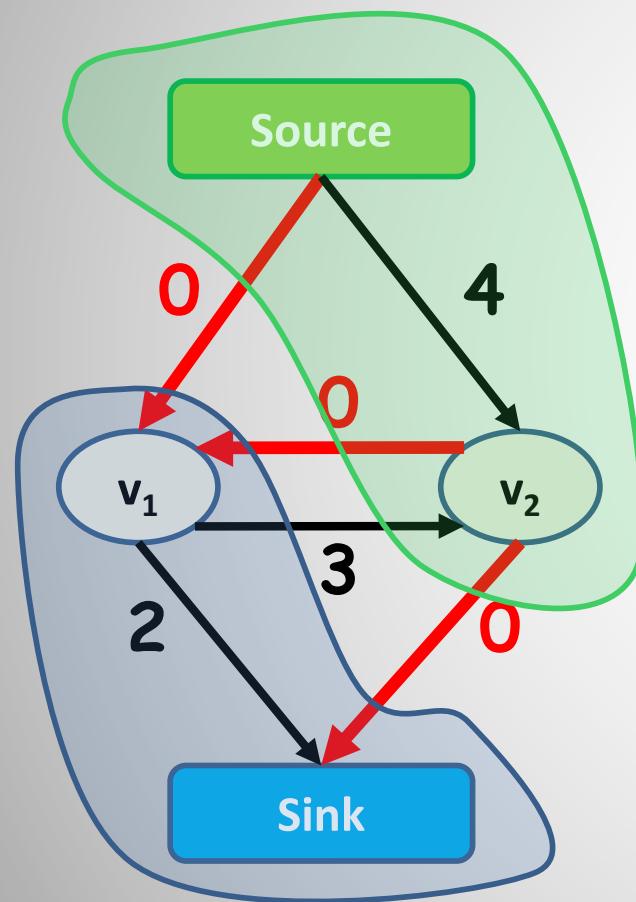
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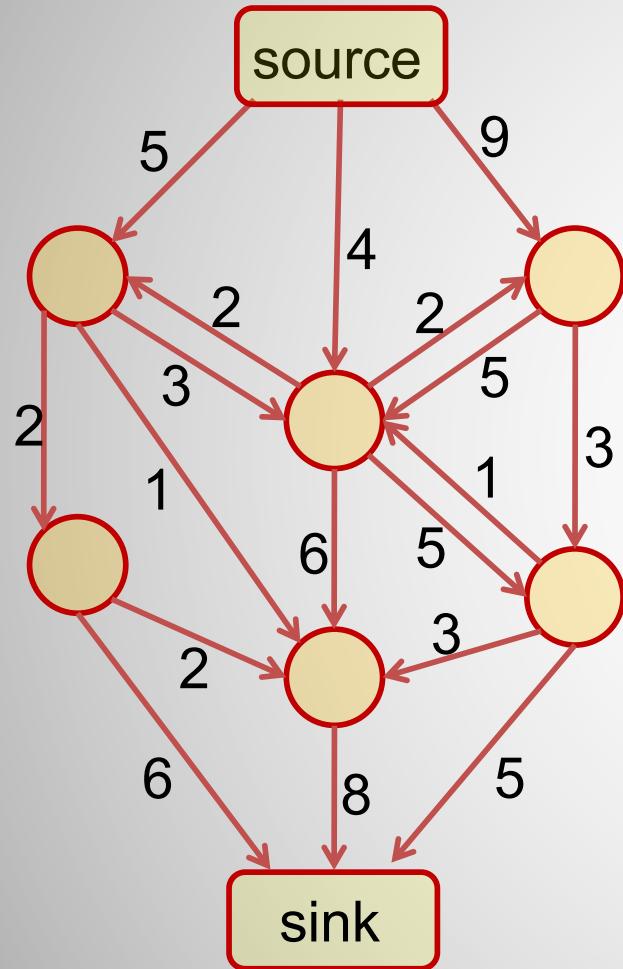


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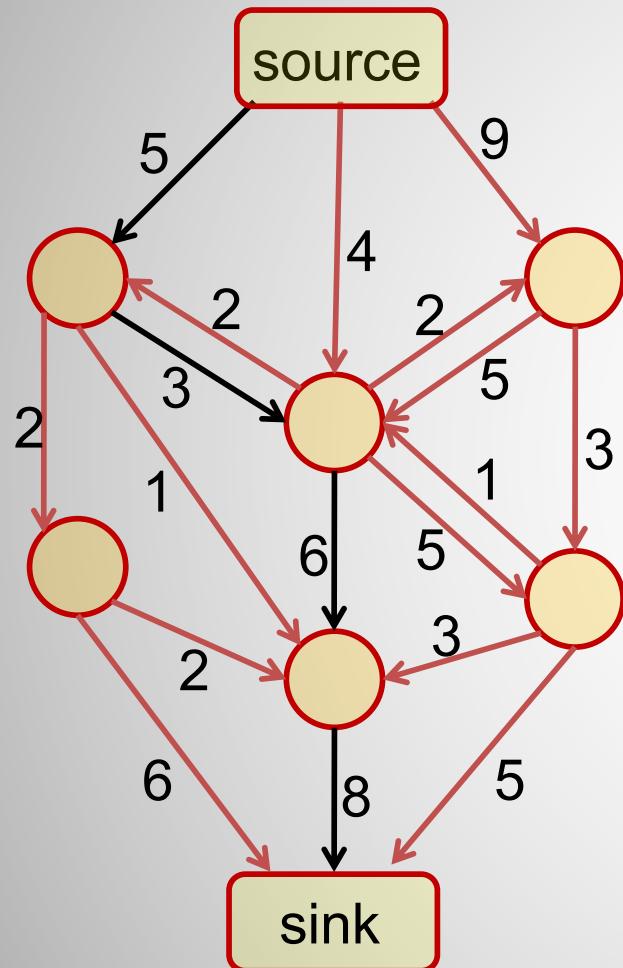
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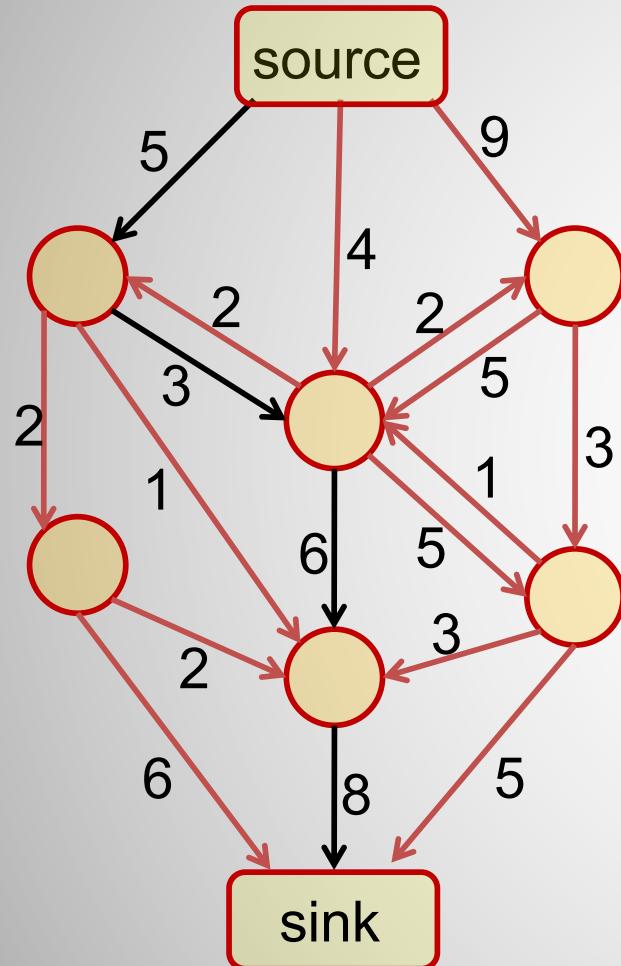
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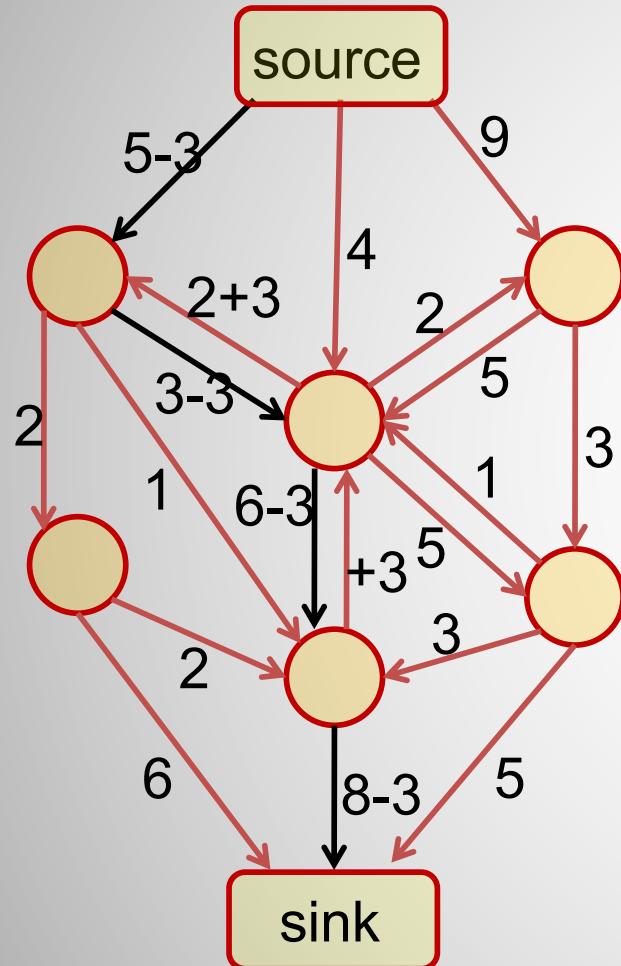
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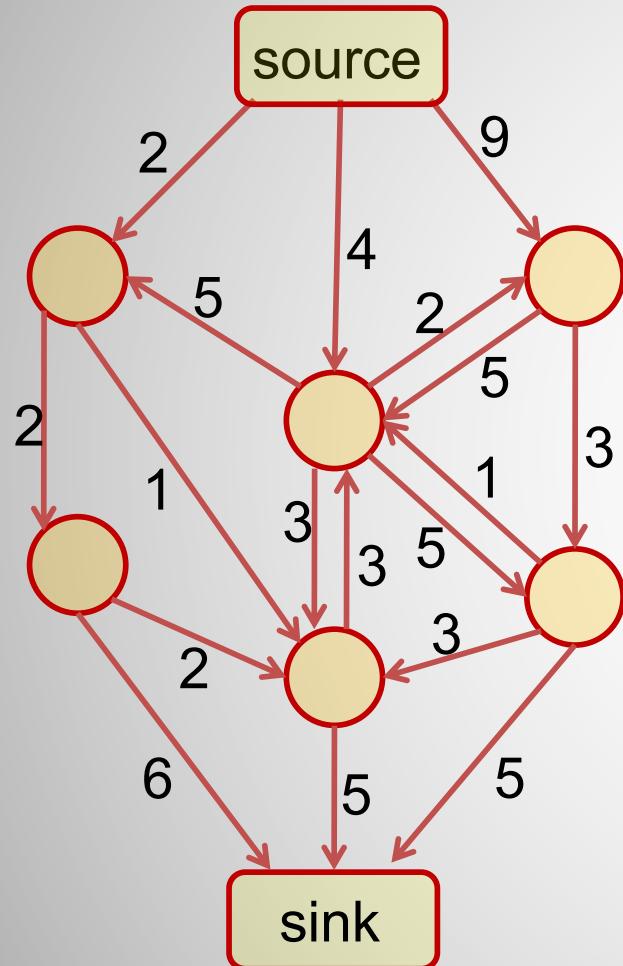
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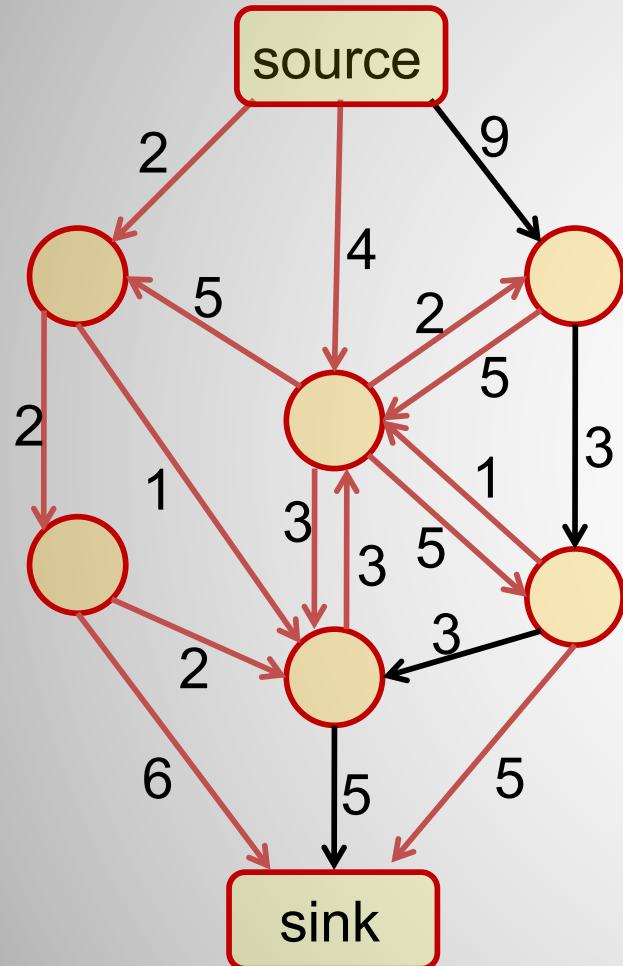
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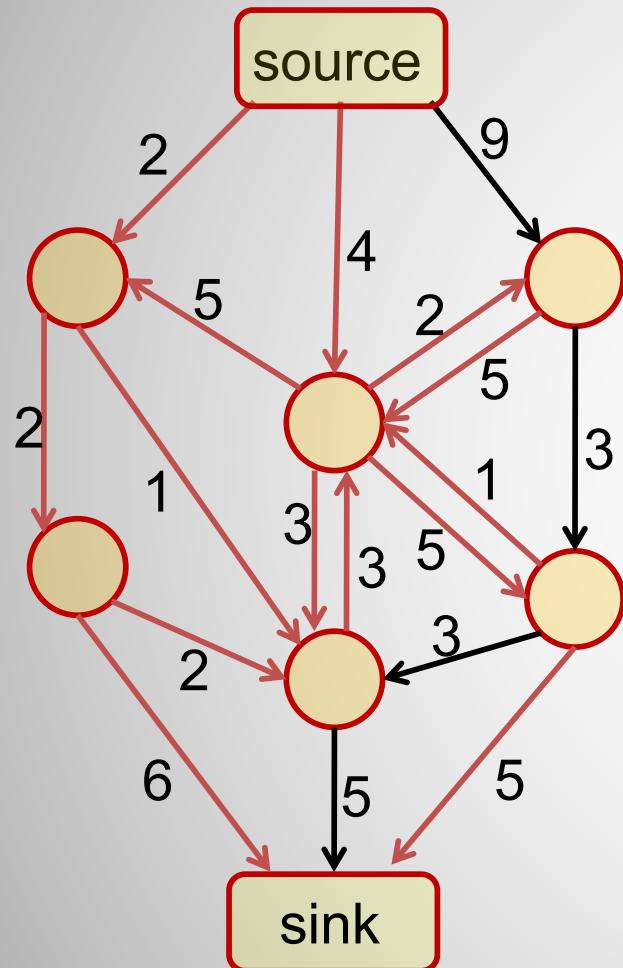
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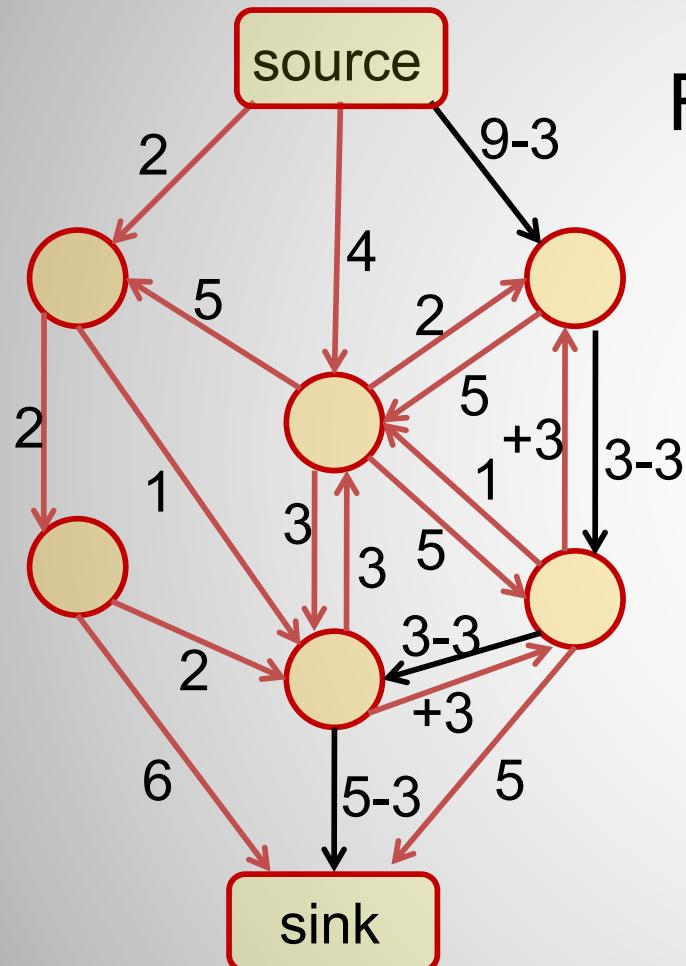
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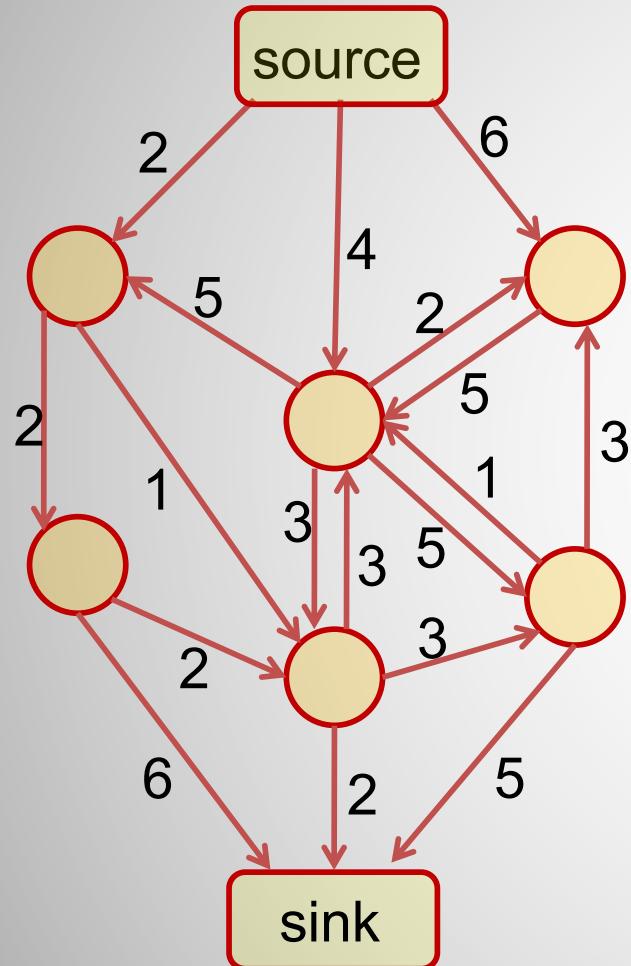
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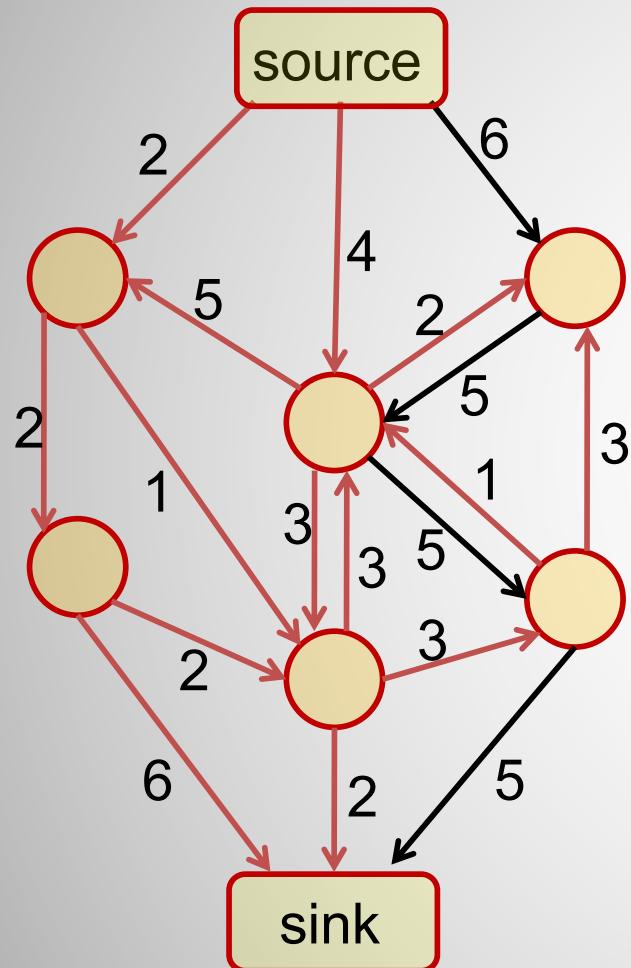
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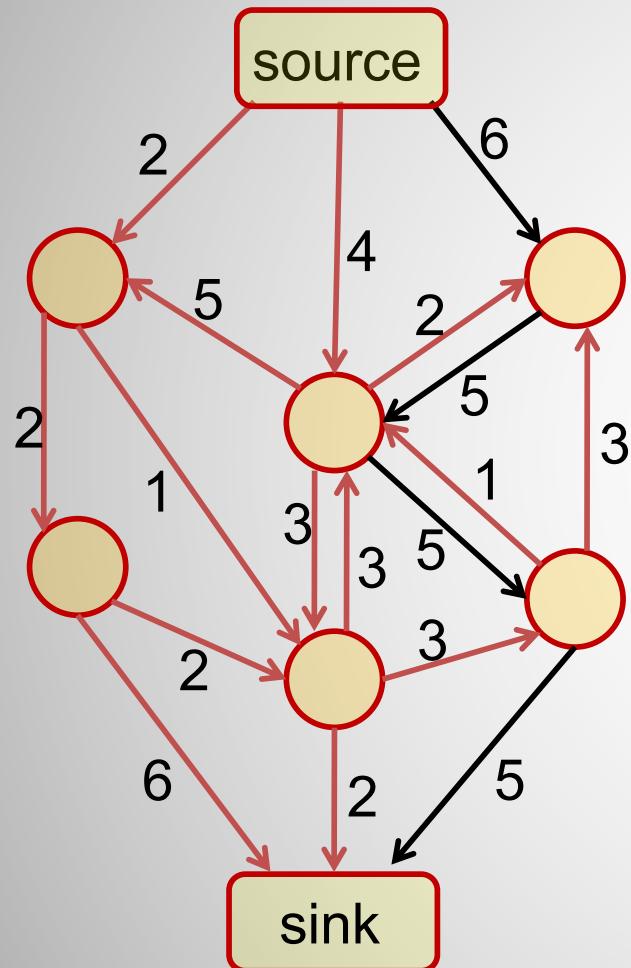
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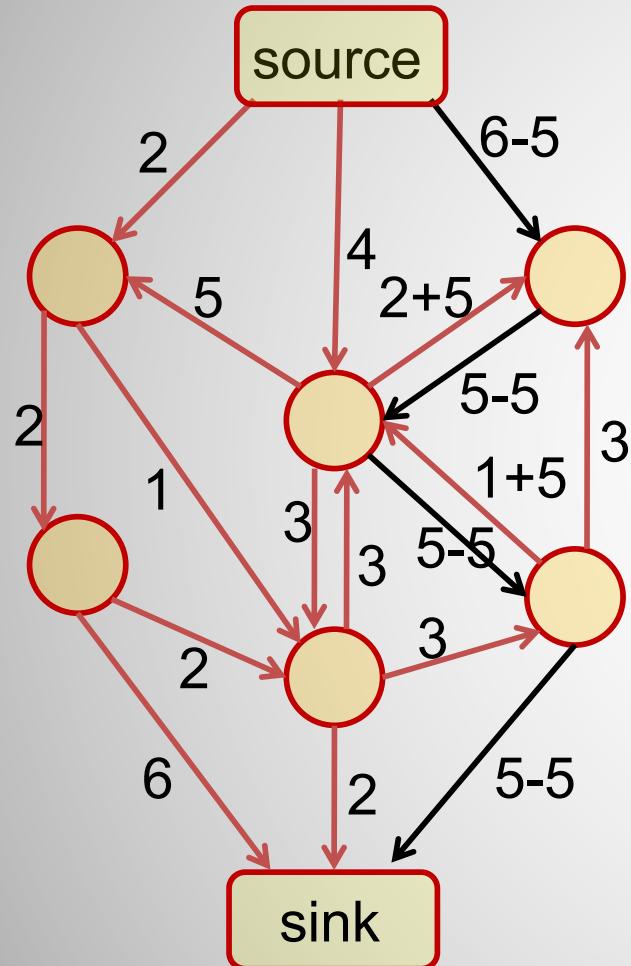
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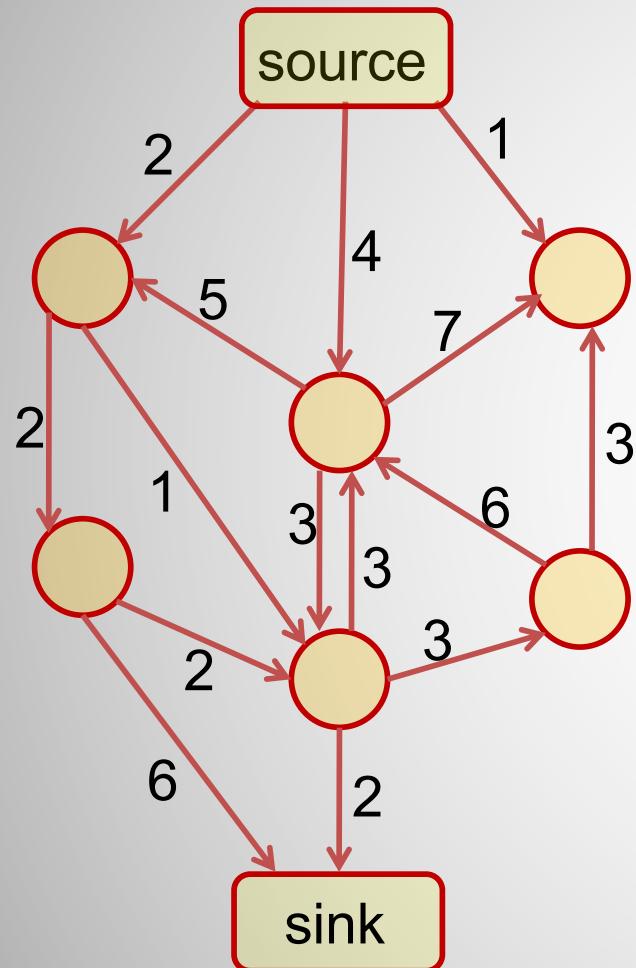
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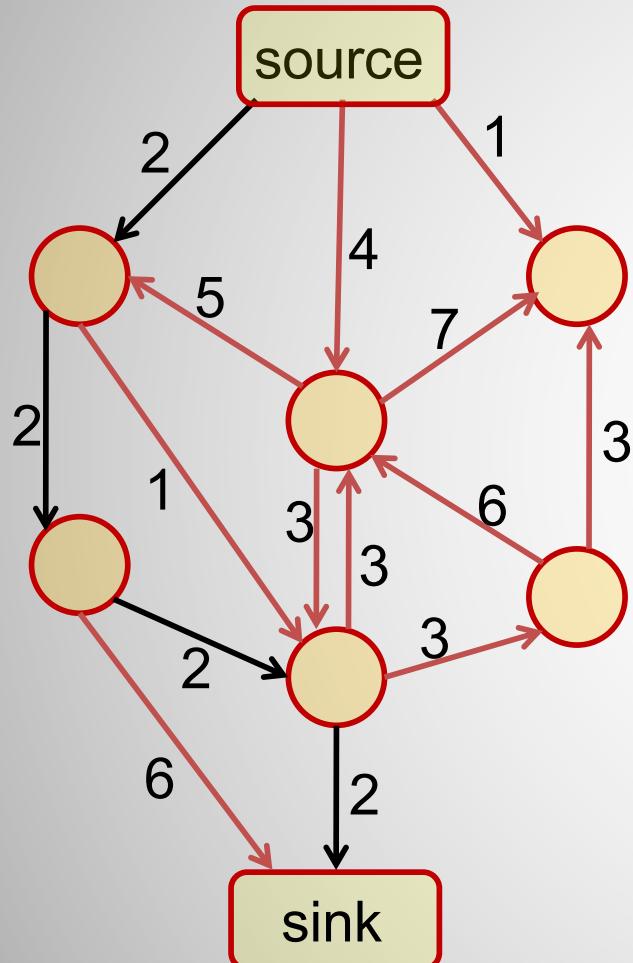
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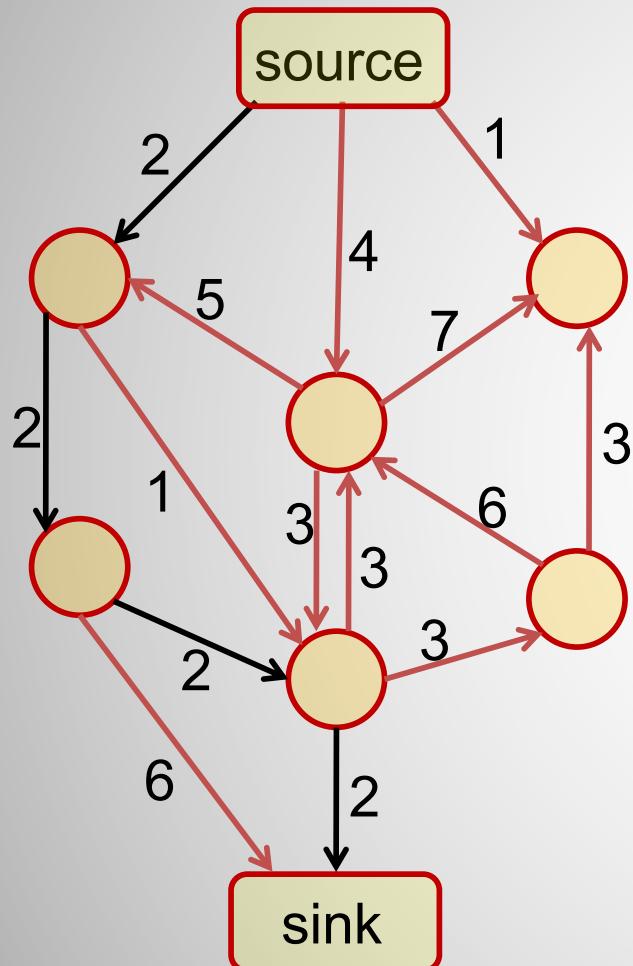
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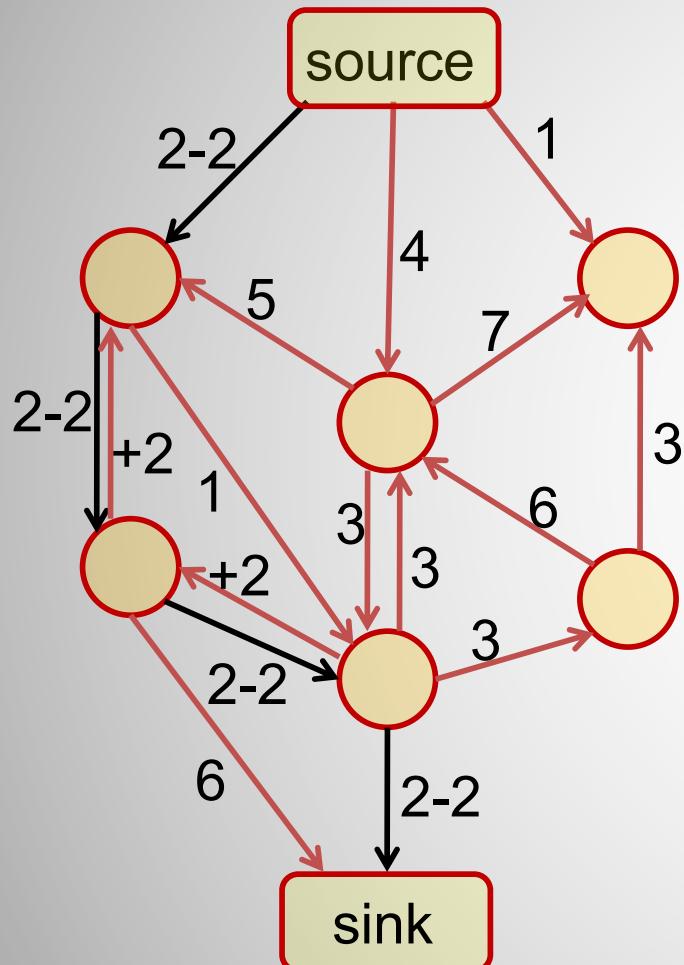
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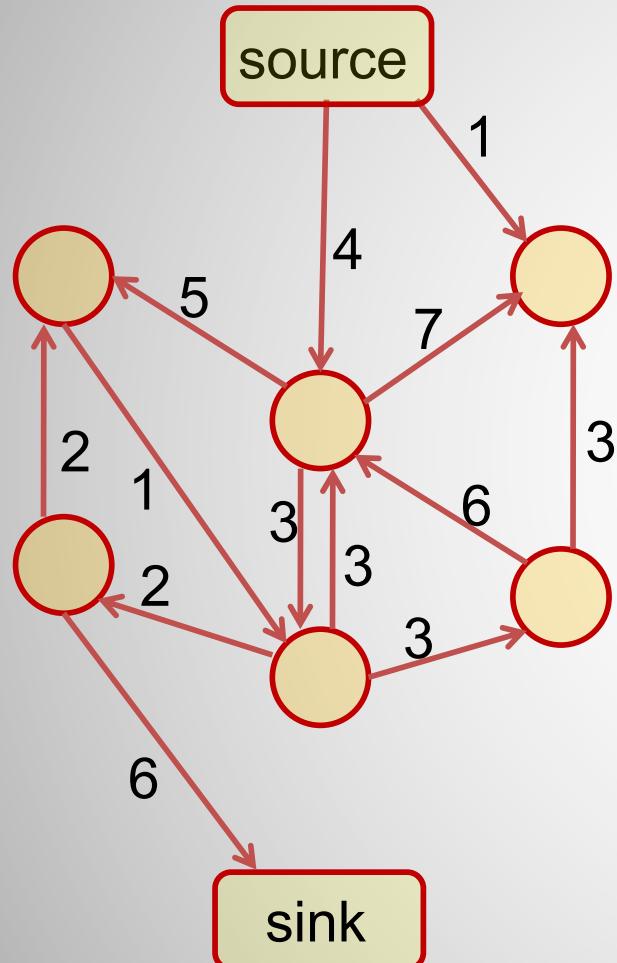
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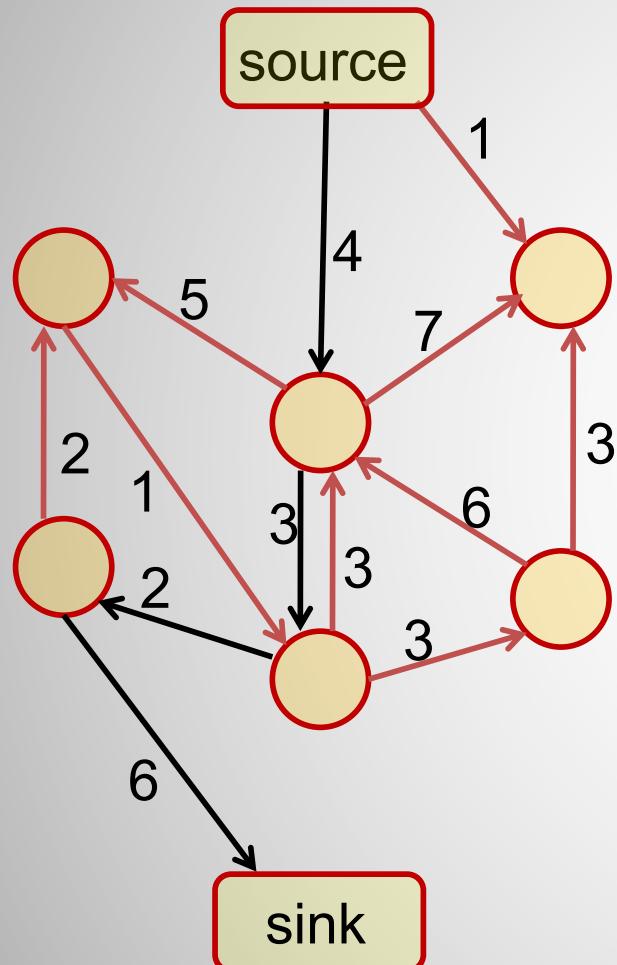
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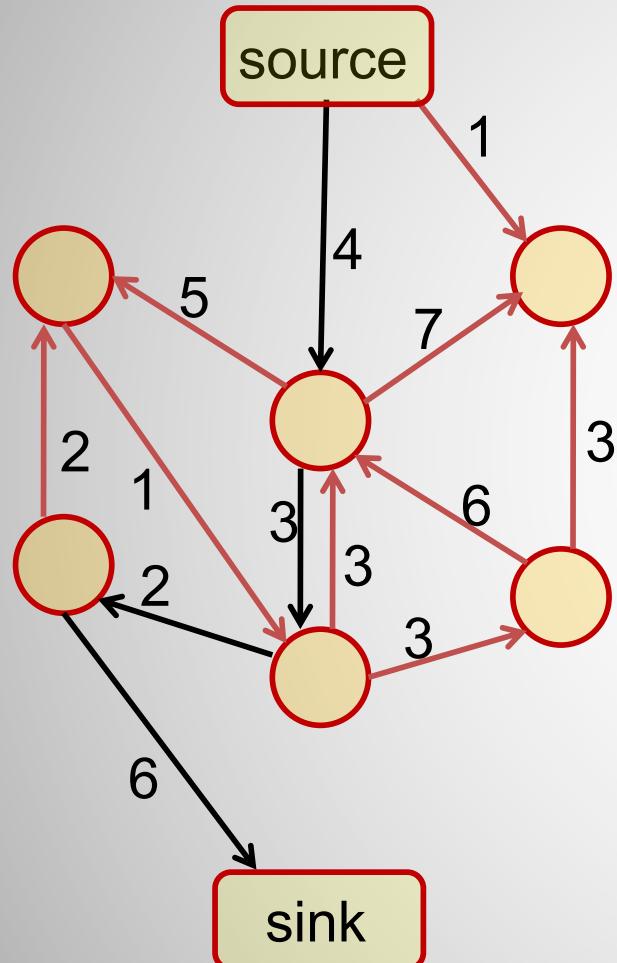
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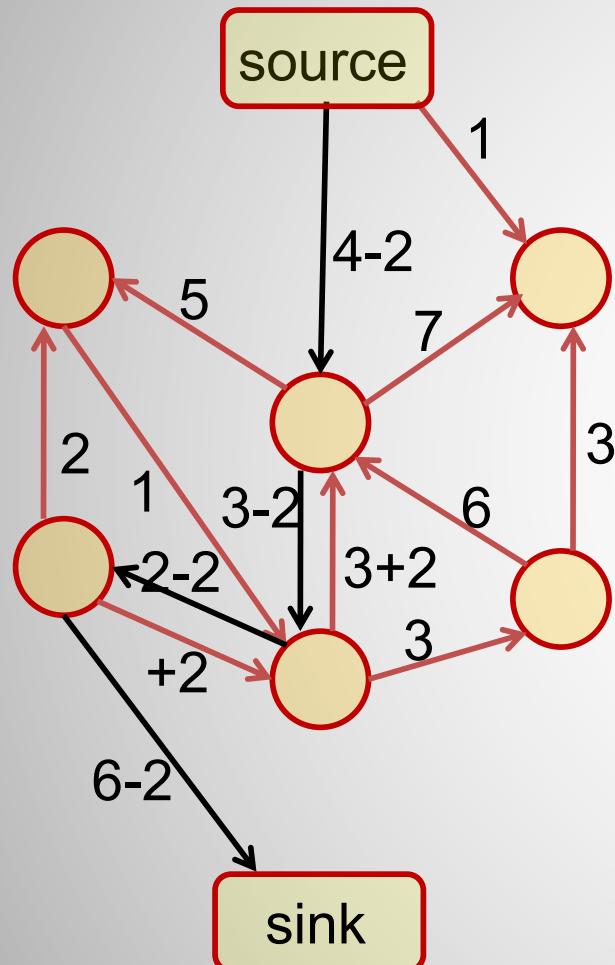
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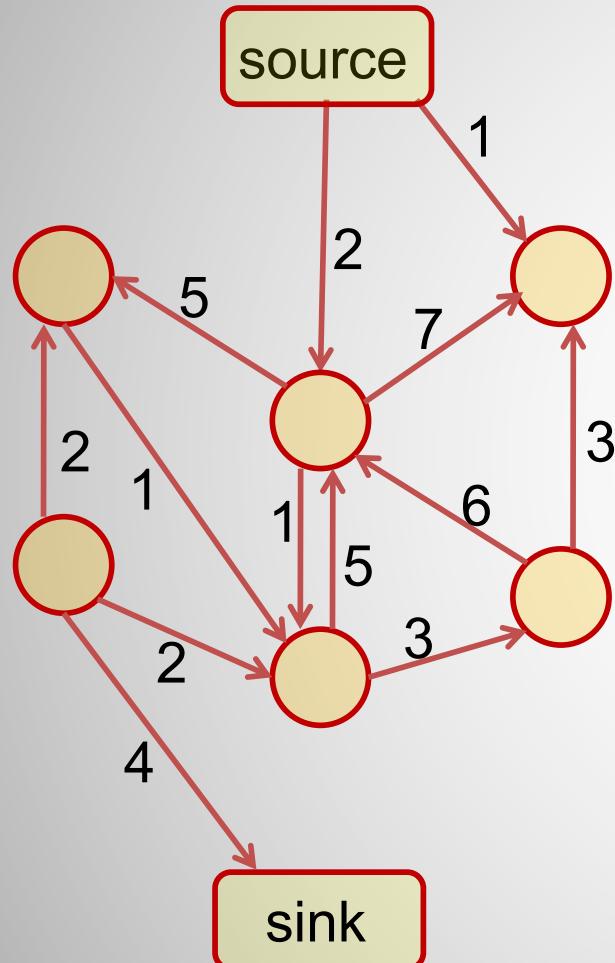
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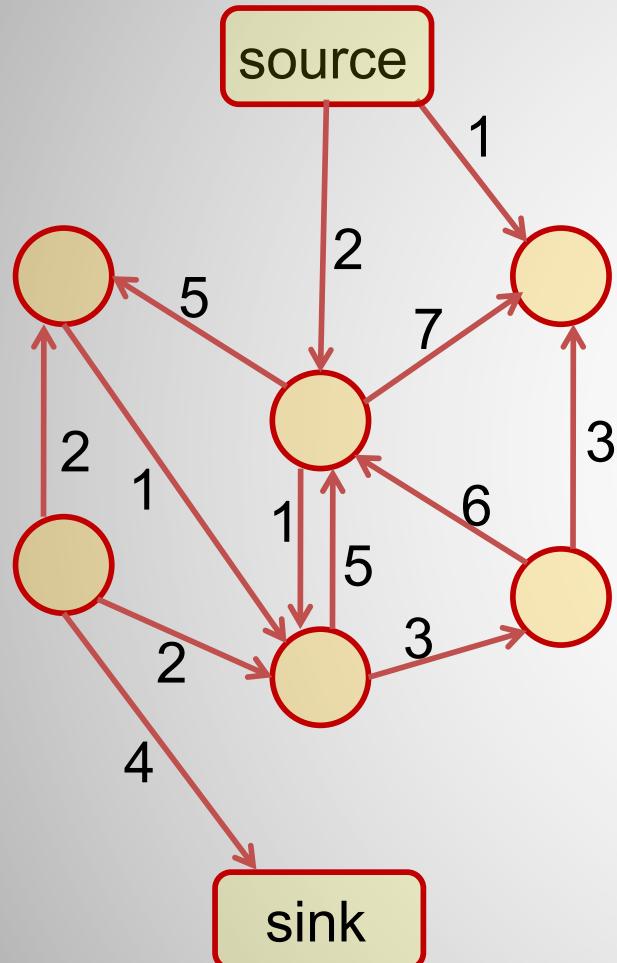
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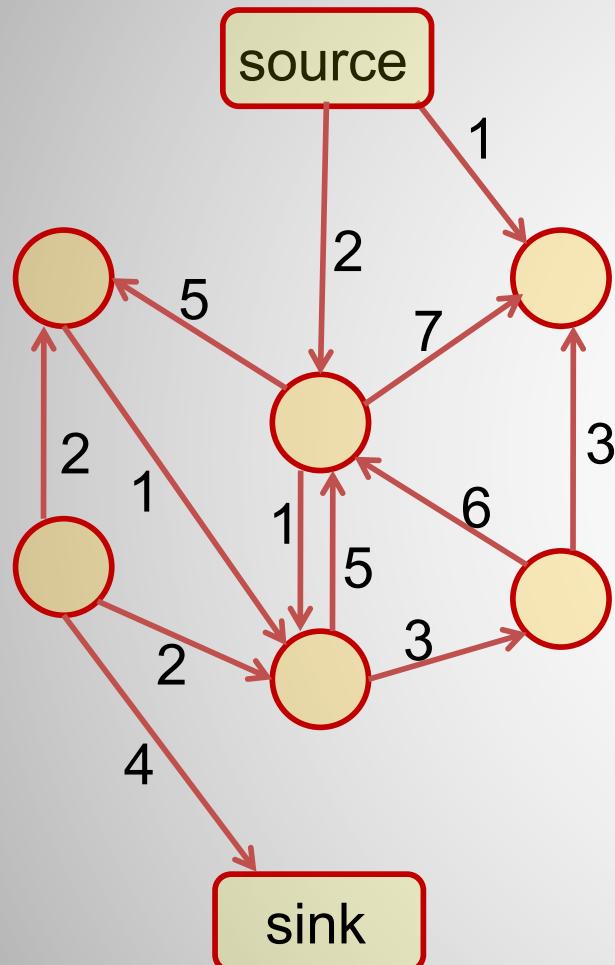
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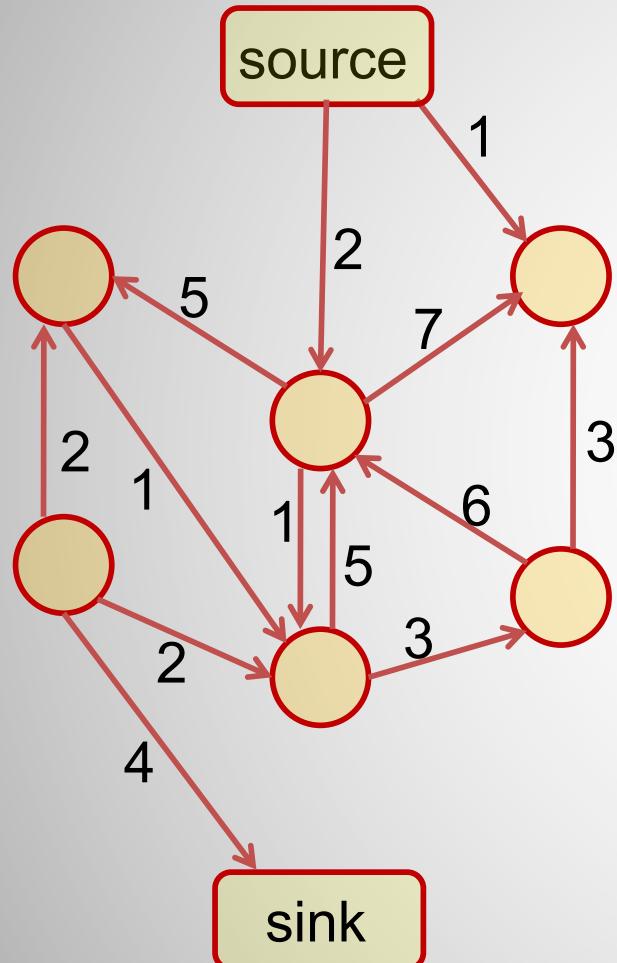
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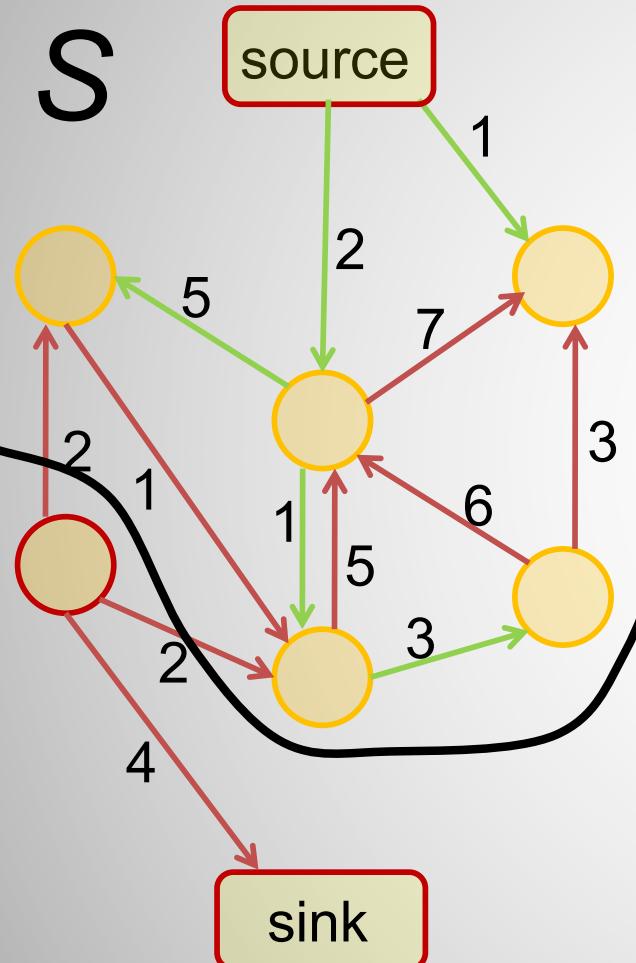
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Why is the solution globally optimal ?

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# Another Example-Max Flow

**S**



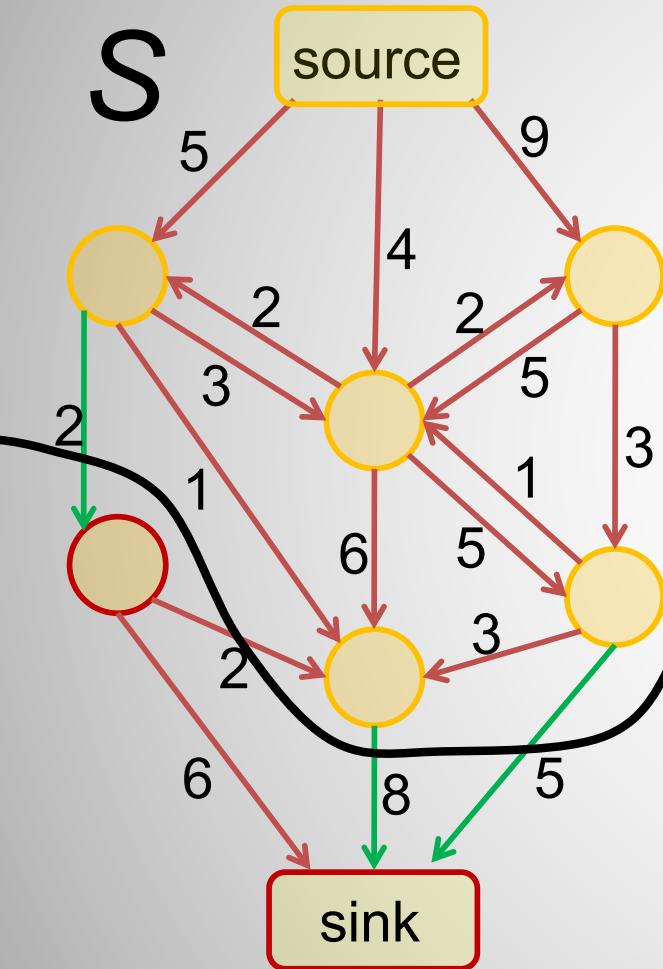
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# Another Example-Max Flow

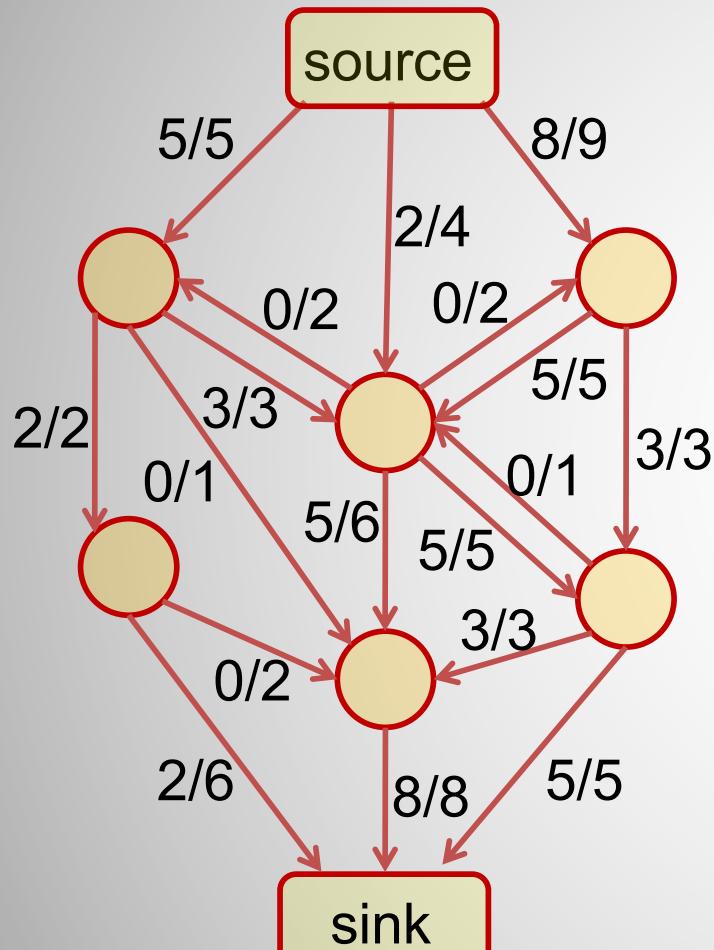


Ford & Fulkerson algorithm (1956)

Why is the solution globally optimal ?

1. Let  $S$  be the set of reachable nodes in the residual graph
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# Another Example-Max Flow



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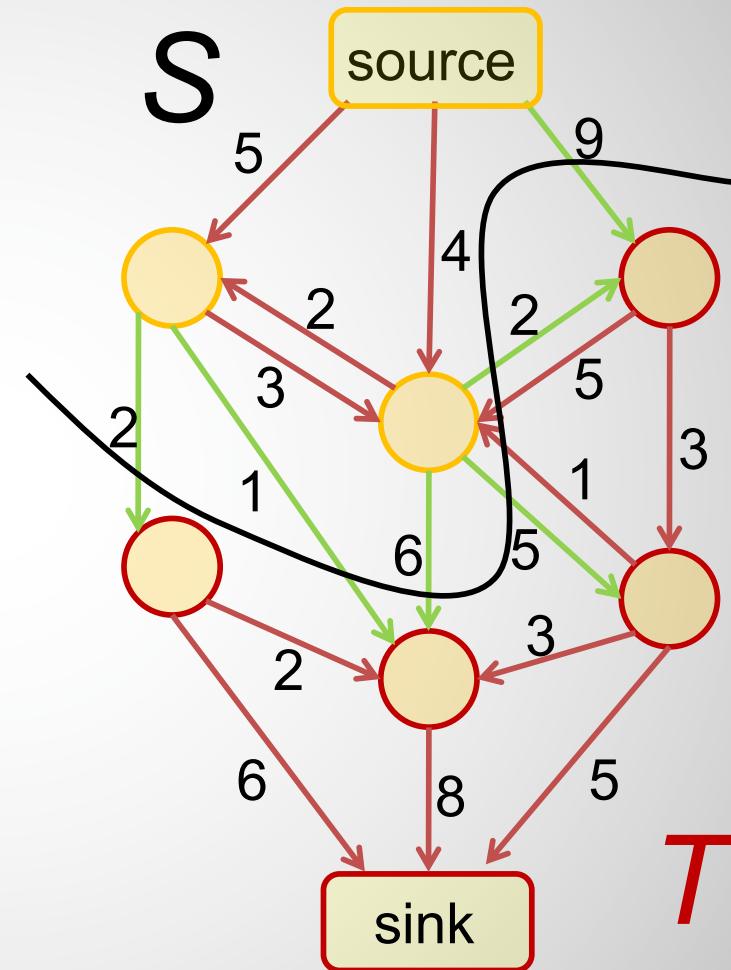
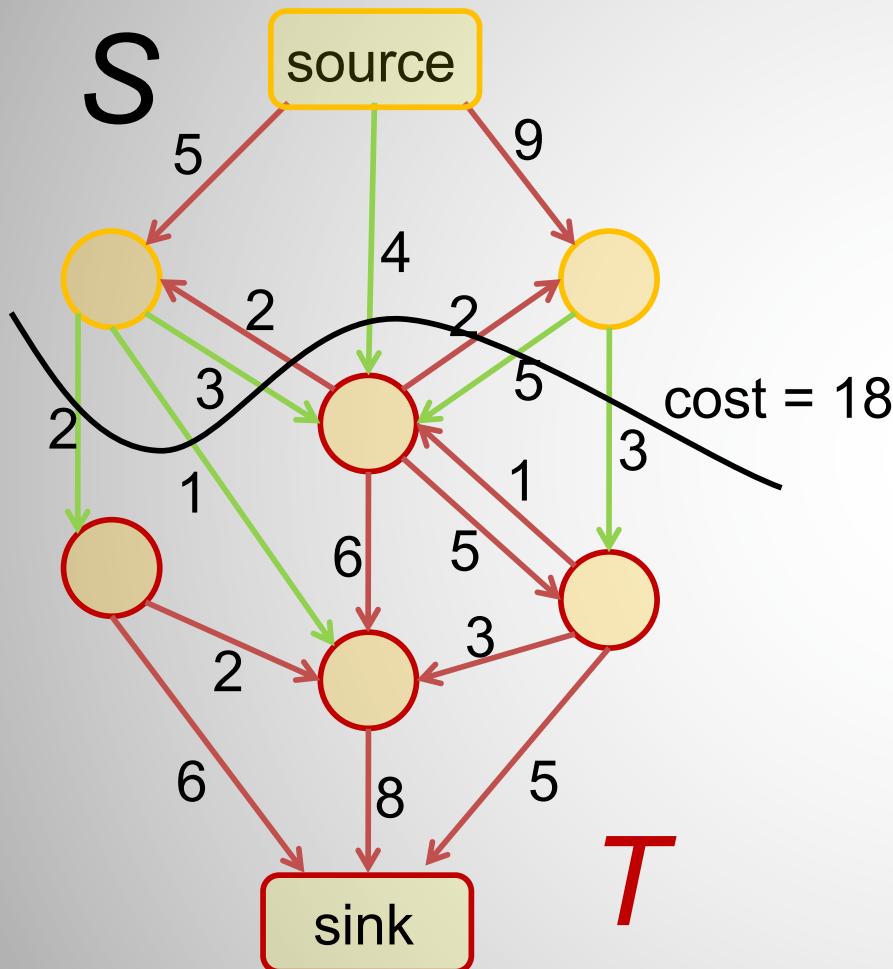
Individual flows obtained by summing up all paths

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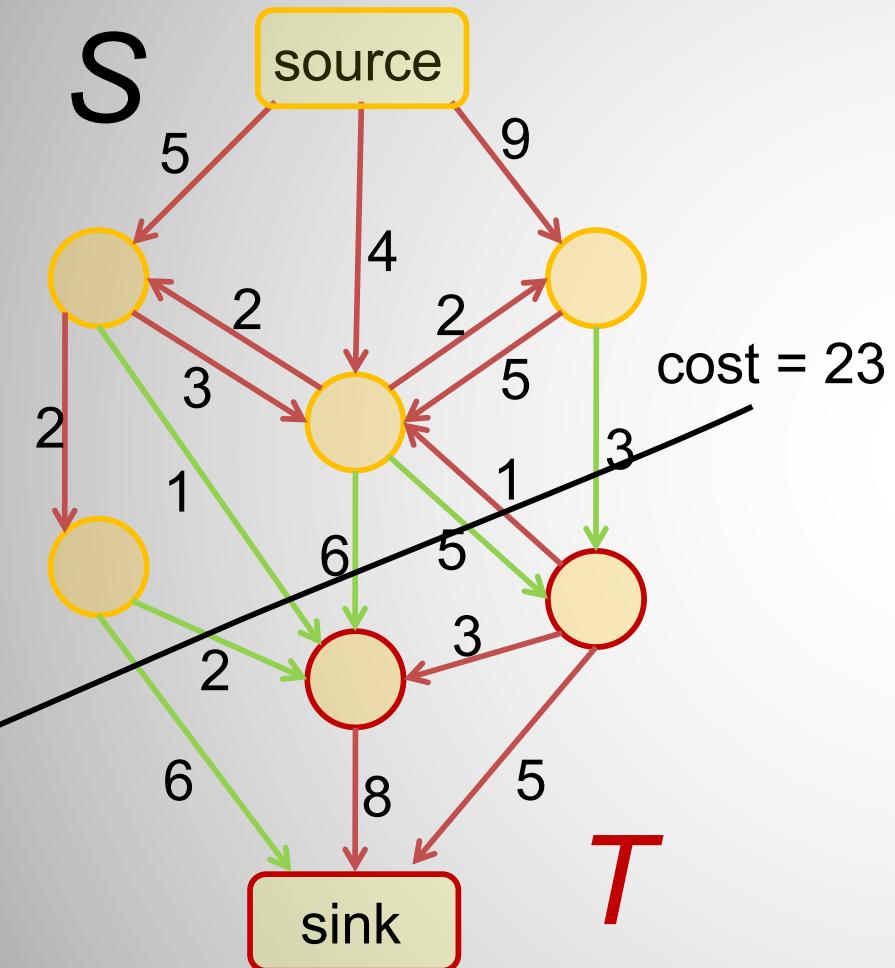
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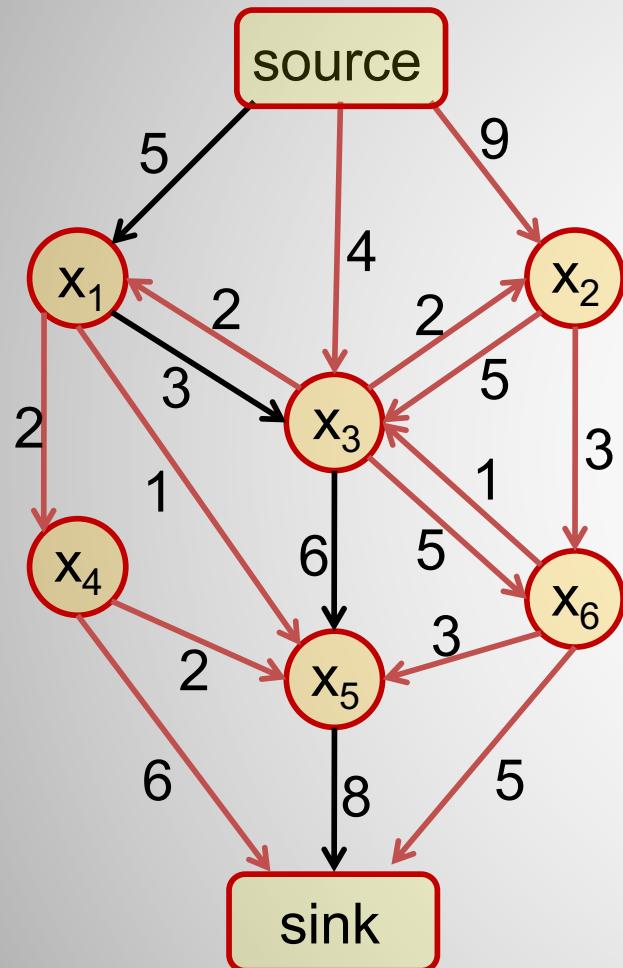
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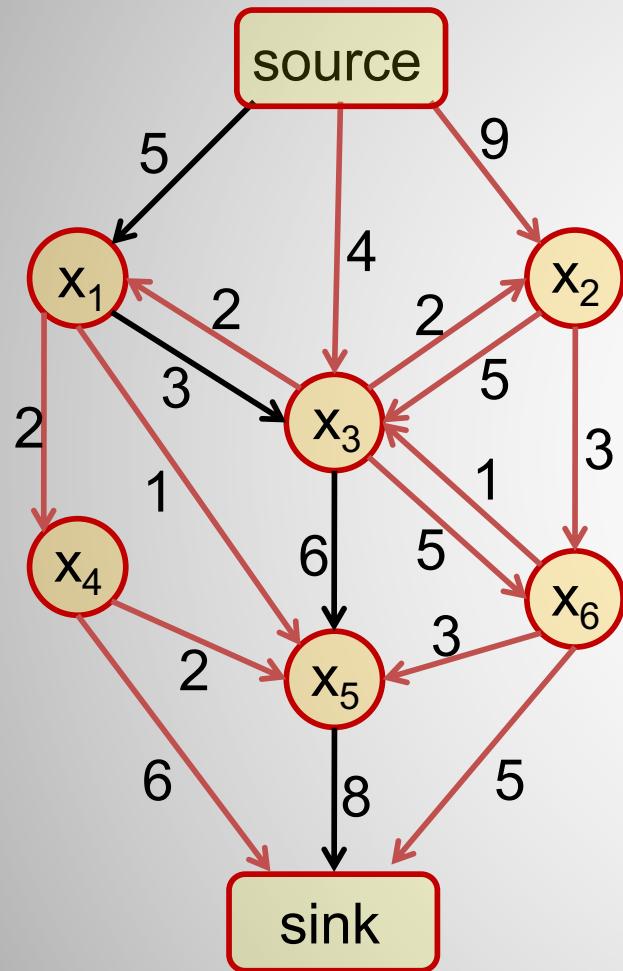


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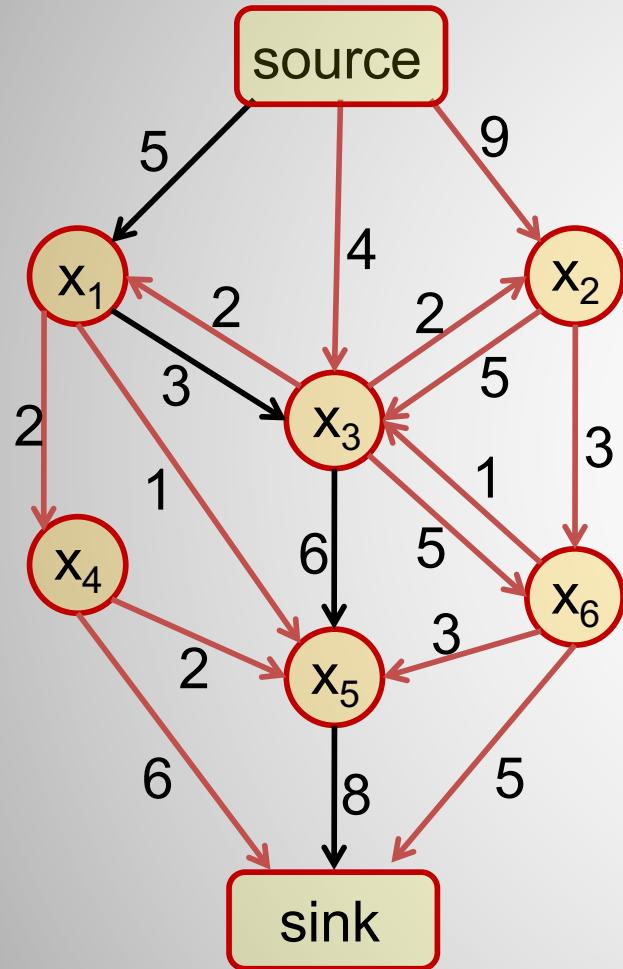
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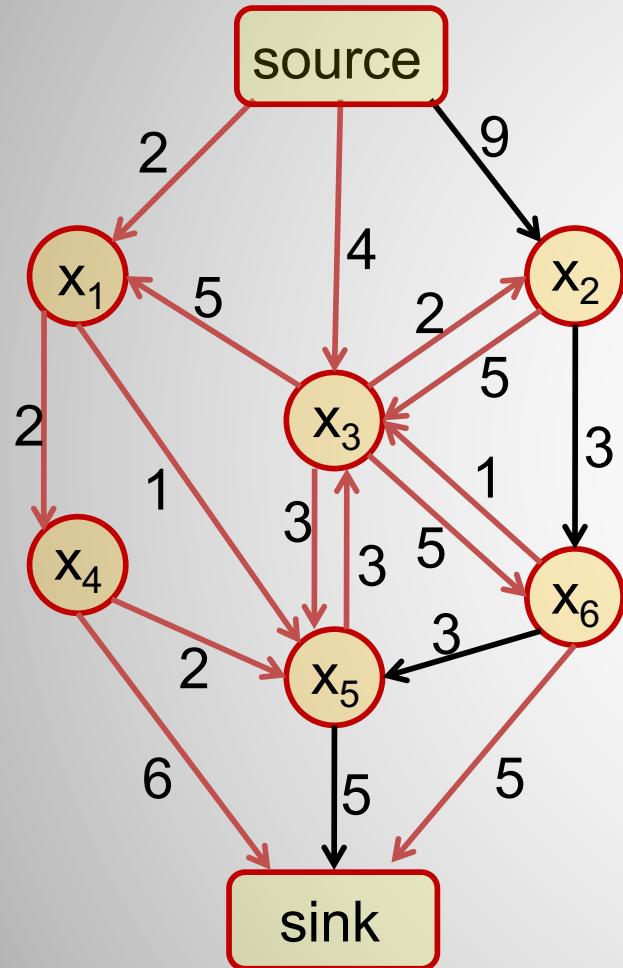
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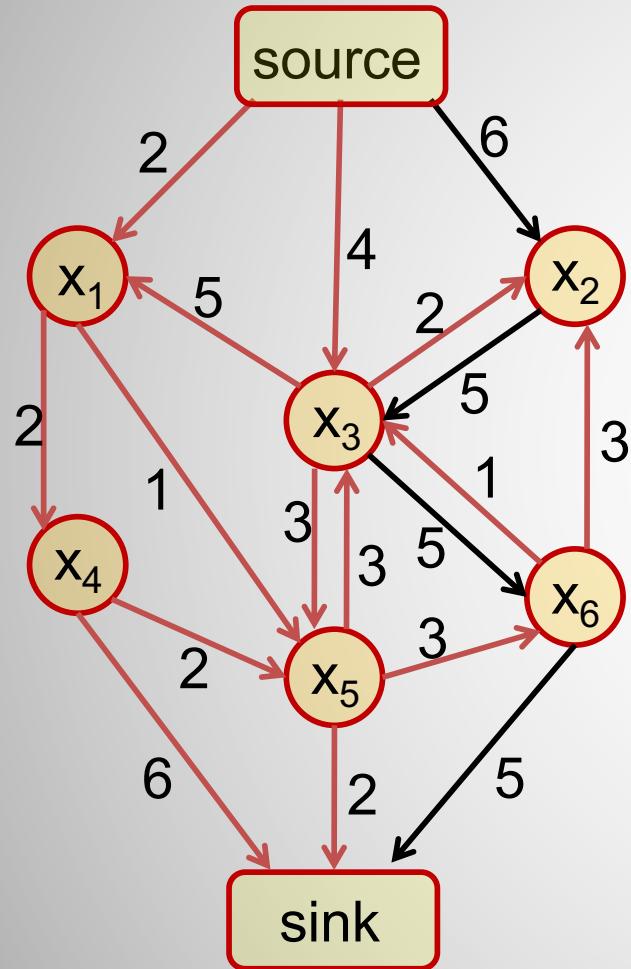
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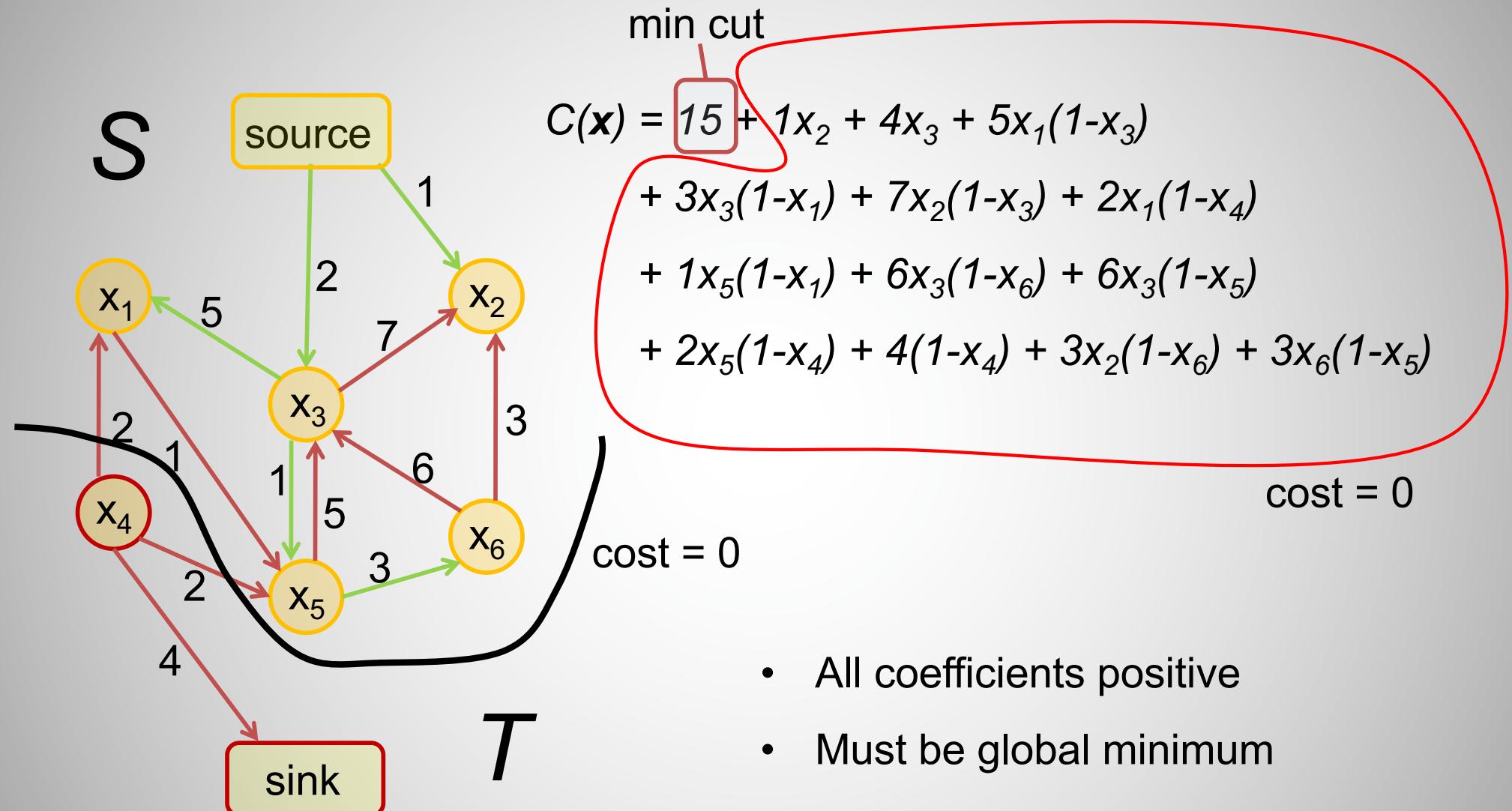
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# Another Example-Max Flow



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# Another Example-Max Flow



S – set of reachable nodes from s

# History of Max-Flow Algorithms

Augmenting Path and Push-Relabel

year	discoverer(s)	bound
1951	Dantzig	$O(n^2mU)$
1955	Ford & Fulkerson	$O(m^2U)$
1970	Dinitz	$O(n^2m)$
1972	Edmonds & Karp	$O(m^2 \log U)$
1973	Dinitz	$O(nm \log U)$
1974	Karzanov	$O(n^3)$
1977	Cherkassky	$O(n^2m^{1/2})$
1980	Galil & Naamad	$O(nm \log^2 n)$
1983	Sleator & Tarjan	$O(nm \log n)$
1986	Goldberg & Tarjan	$O(nm \log(n^2/m))$
1987	Ahuja & Orlin	$O(nm + n^2 \log U)$
1987	Ahuja et al.	$O(nm \log(n\sqrt{\log U}/m))$
1989	Cheriyan & Hagerup	$E(nm + n^2 \log^2 n)$
1990	Cheriyan et al.	$O(n^3/\log n)$
1990	Alon	$O(nm + n^{8/3} \log n)$
1992	King et al.	$O(nm + n^{2+\epsilon})$
1993	Phillips & Westbrook	$O(nm(\log_{m/n} n + \log^{2+\epsilon} n))$
1994	King et al.	$O(nm \log_{m/(n \log n)} n)$
1997	Goldberg & Rao	$O(m^{3/2} \log(n^2/m) \log U)$ $O(n^{2/3} m \log(n^2/m) \log U)$

n: #nodes

m: #edges

U: maximum edge weight

Algorithms  
assume non-negative edge weights

# Ford-Fulkerson Alg.

```
FORD-FULKERSON ( $G, s, t$ )
1   for each edge  $(u, v) \in E[G]$ 
2       do  $f[u, v] \leftarrow 0$ 
3            $f[v, u] \leftarrow 0$ 
4   while there exists a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ 
5       do  $c_f(p) \leftarrow \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$ 
6           for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
7               do  $f[u, v] \leftarrow f[u, v] + c_f(p)$ 
8                    $f[v, u] \leftarrow -f[u, v]$ 
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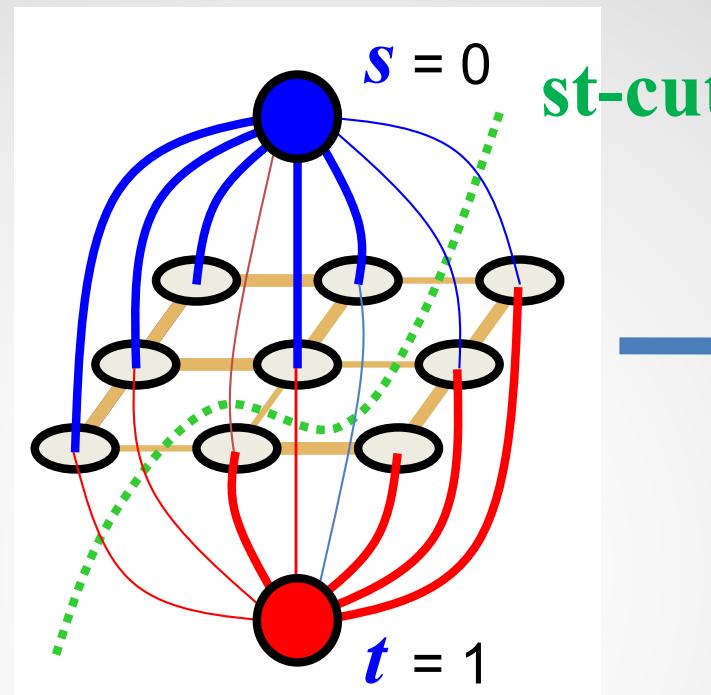
In each iteration of the Ford-Fulkerson method, we find some augmenting path  $\mathbf{p}$  and increase the flow  $\mathbf{f}$  on each edge of  $\mathbf{p}$  by the residual capacity  $\mathbf{c}_f(\mathbf{p})$ .

If  $u$  and  $v$  are not connected by an edge in either direction, we assume implicitly that  $f[u, v] = 0$ .

The capacities  $c(u, v)$  are assumed to be given along with the graph, and  $c(u, v) = 0$  if  $(u, v) \notin E$ .

# Example Segmentation in a Video

$E(x)$



$x^*$



Image

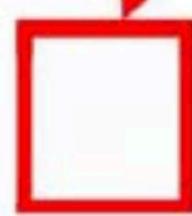


Flow



Global Optimum

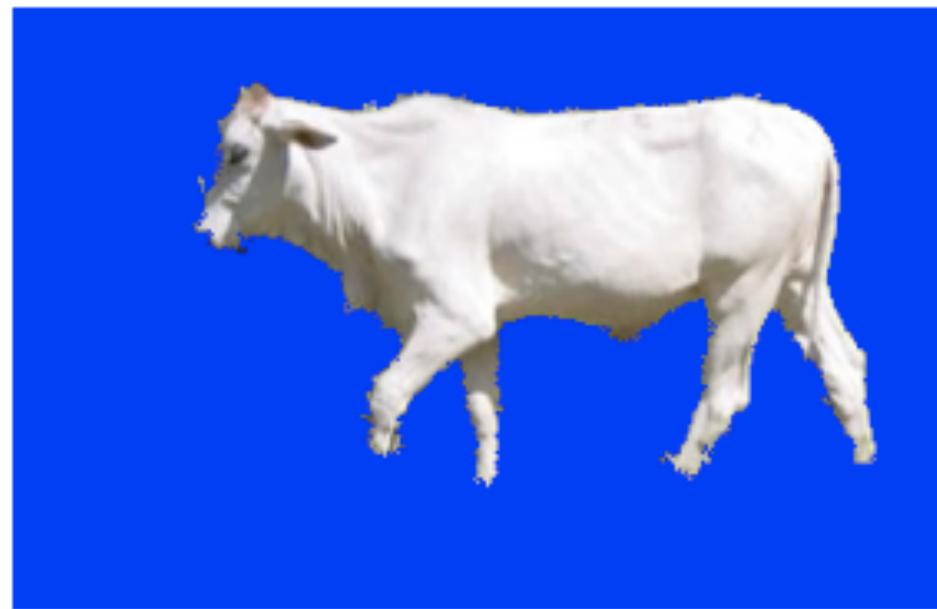
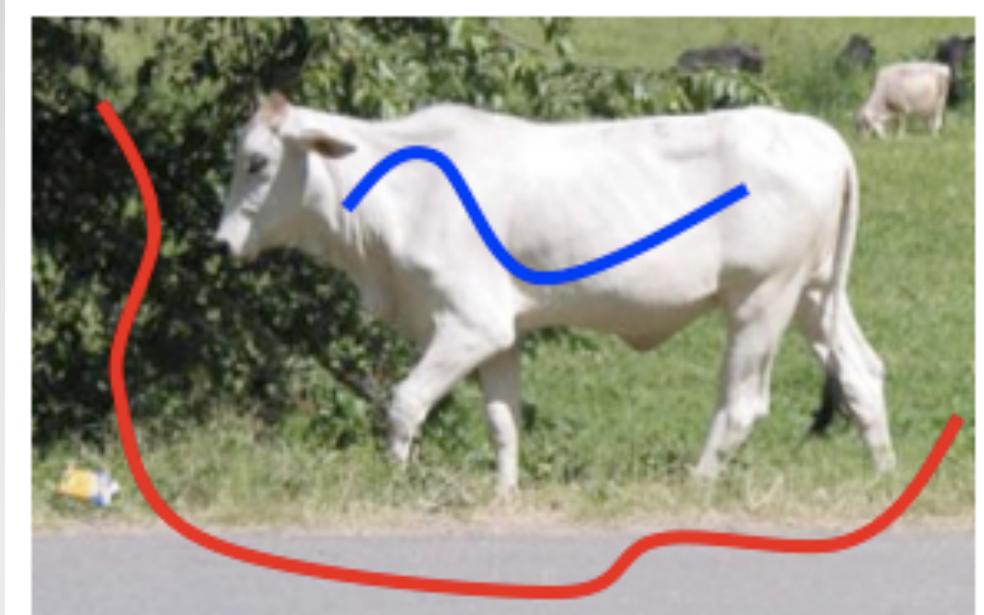
# Recap: Data Term



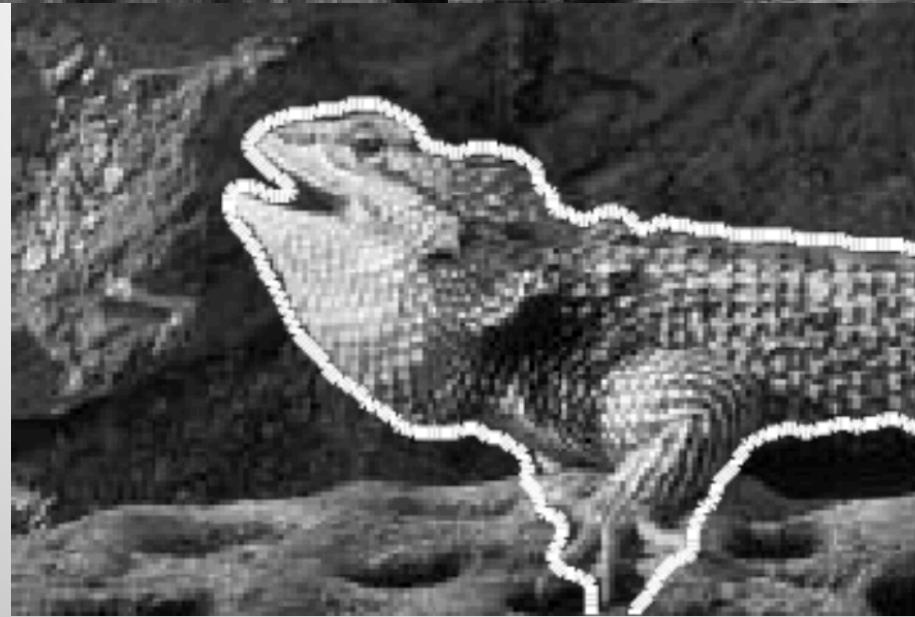
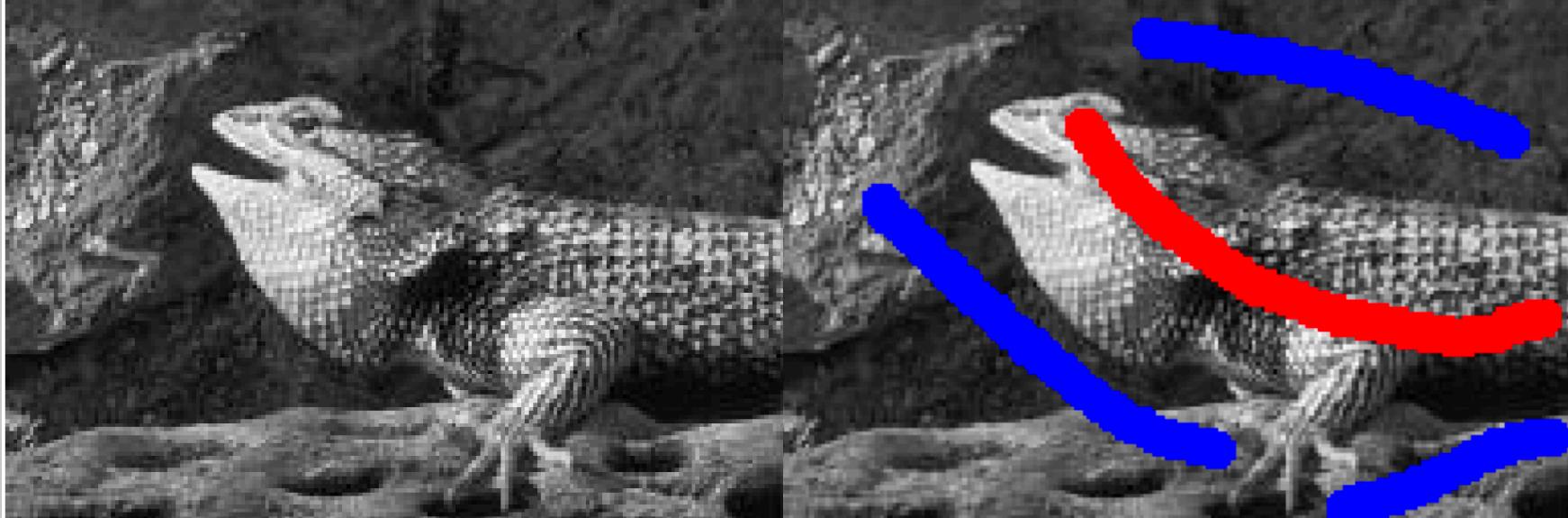
Without spatial relationship, data term can be the same for regions that Belong to different objects.

Image patches show their similarities although they pertain to different objects

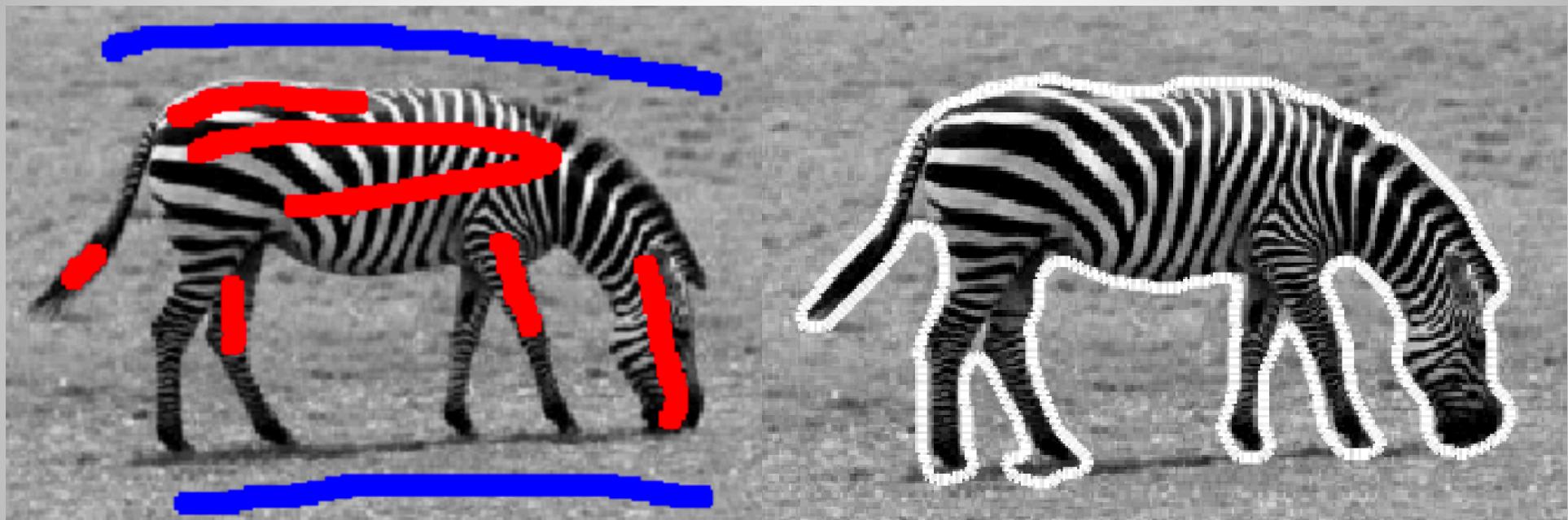
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# Optimality?



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

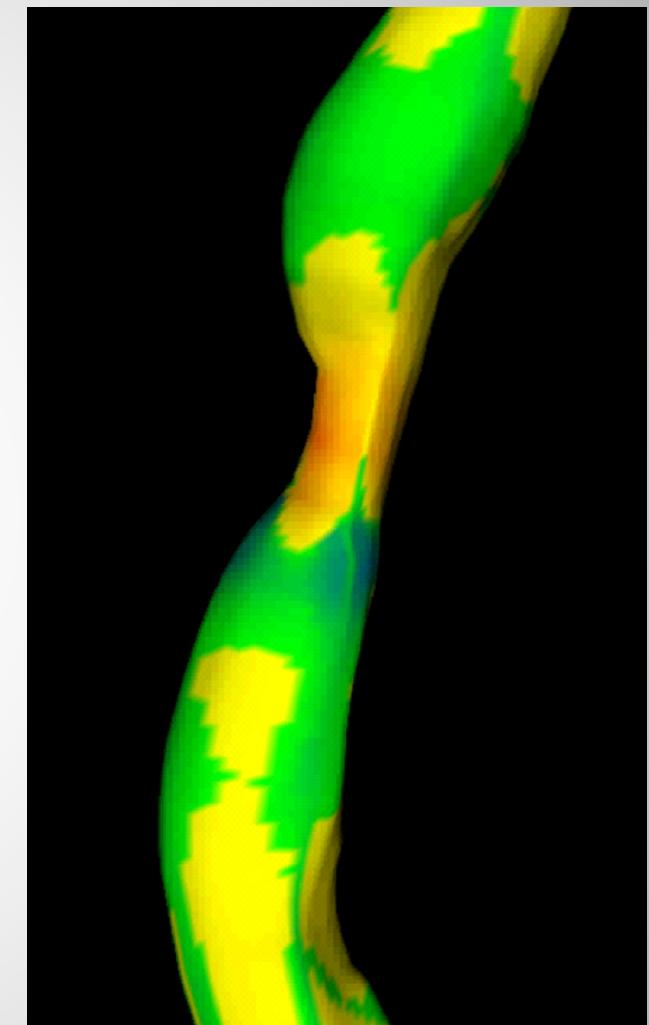
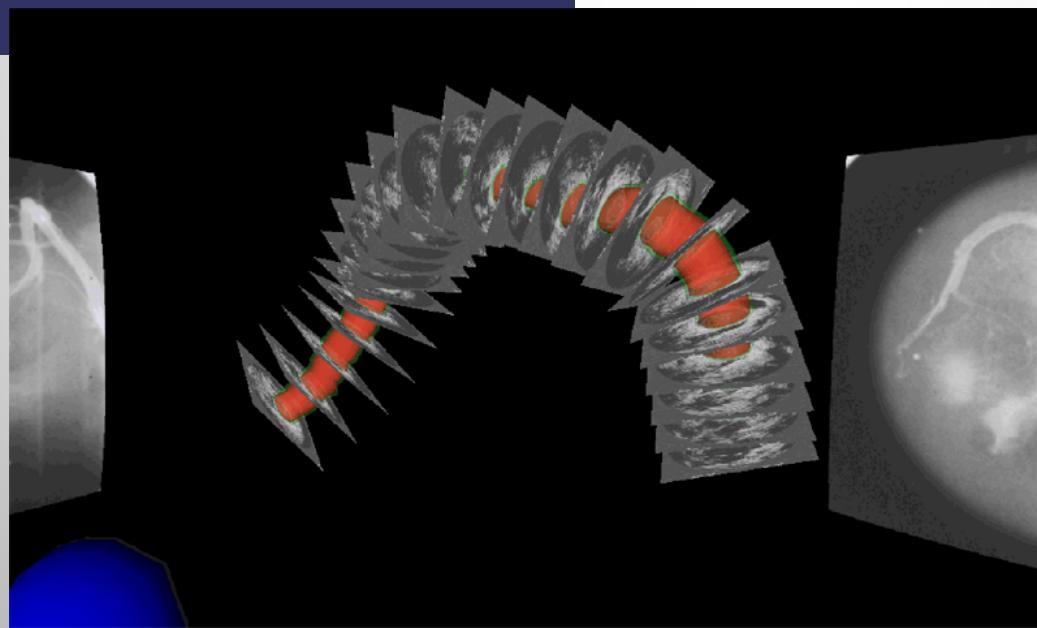
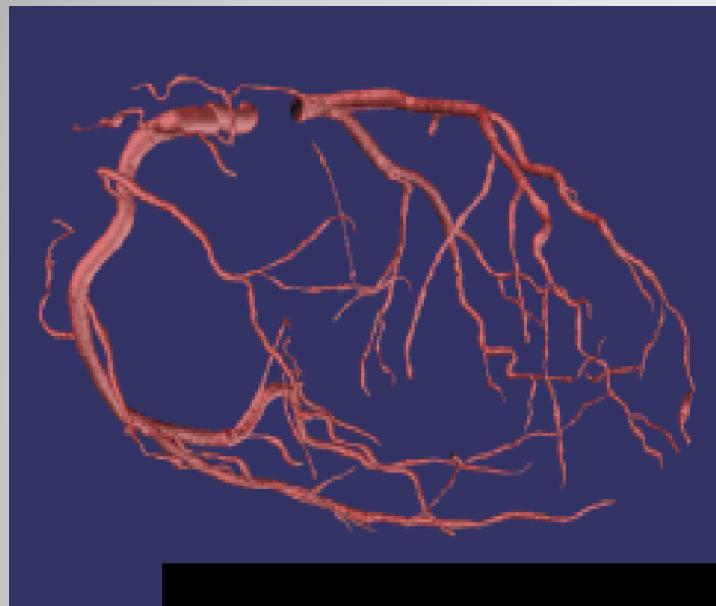


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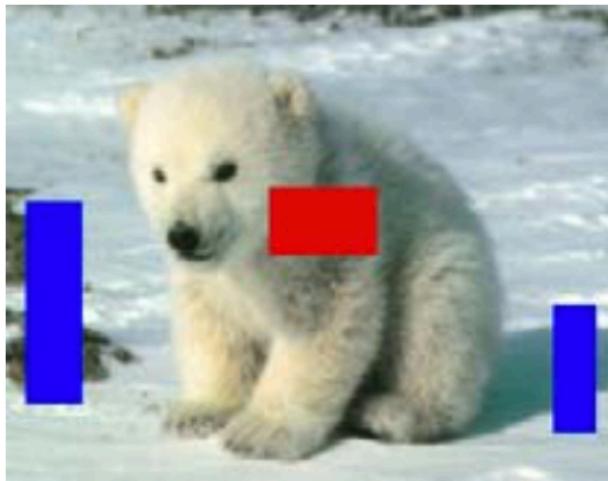


GrabCut  
(iterative GC  
With box prior)

# Vascular Surface Segmentation via GC



# GC Refinement



(a)



(b)



(c)

Kohli and Torr

# GC Segmentation in Videos



Segmentation of human lame walk in a video sequences  
Kohli and Torr

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