

# 计算机问题求解 — 论题3-13

## - 最大流算法

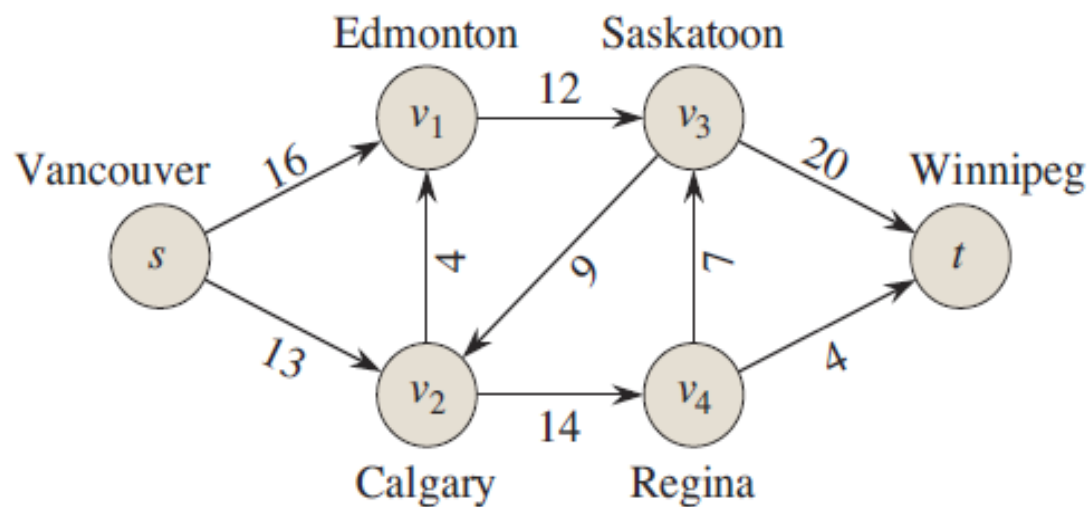
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# Lucky Puck Company's Trucking Problem

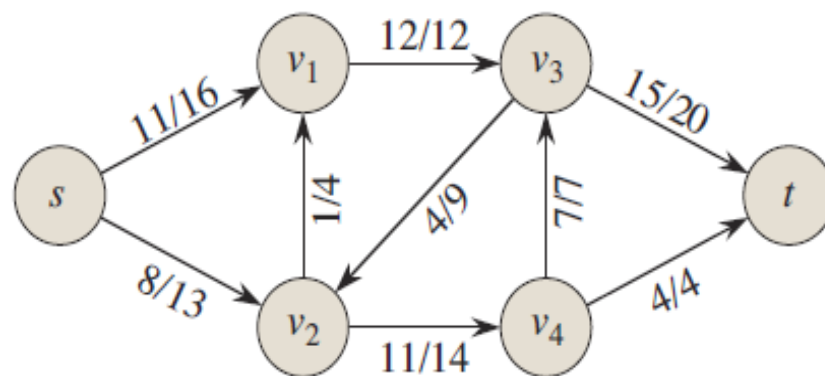
Lucky公司生产冰球，其工厂在温哥华，仓库在温尼泊。公司委托物流公司运输。物流公司经营固定线路网，可能经过多个中间城市。分配给Lucky公司的任意两个城市间的最大运输量是固定的。如果Lucky公司是按运输量确定生产量，它如何计划它每天最大产量？

## 问题1:

## 如何建立解决这个问题模型？



问题2:运输方案有多种,最优方案是什么?  
图中的方案是最优的吗?



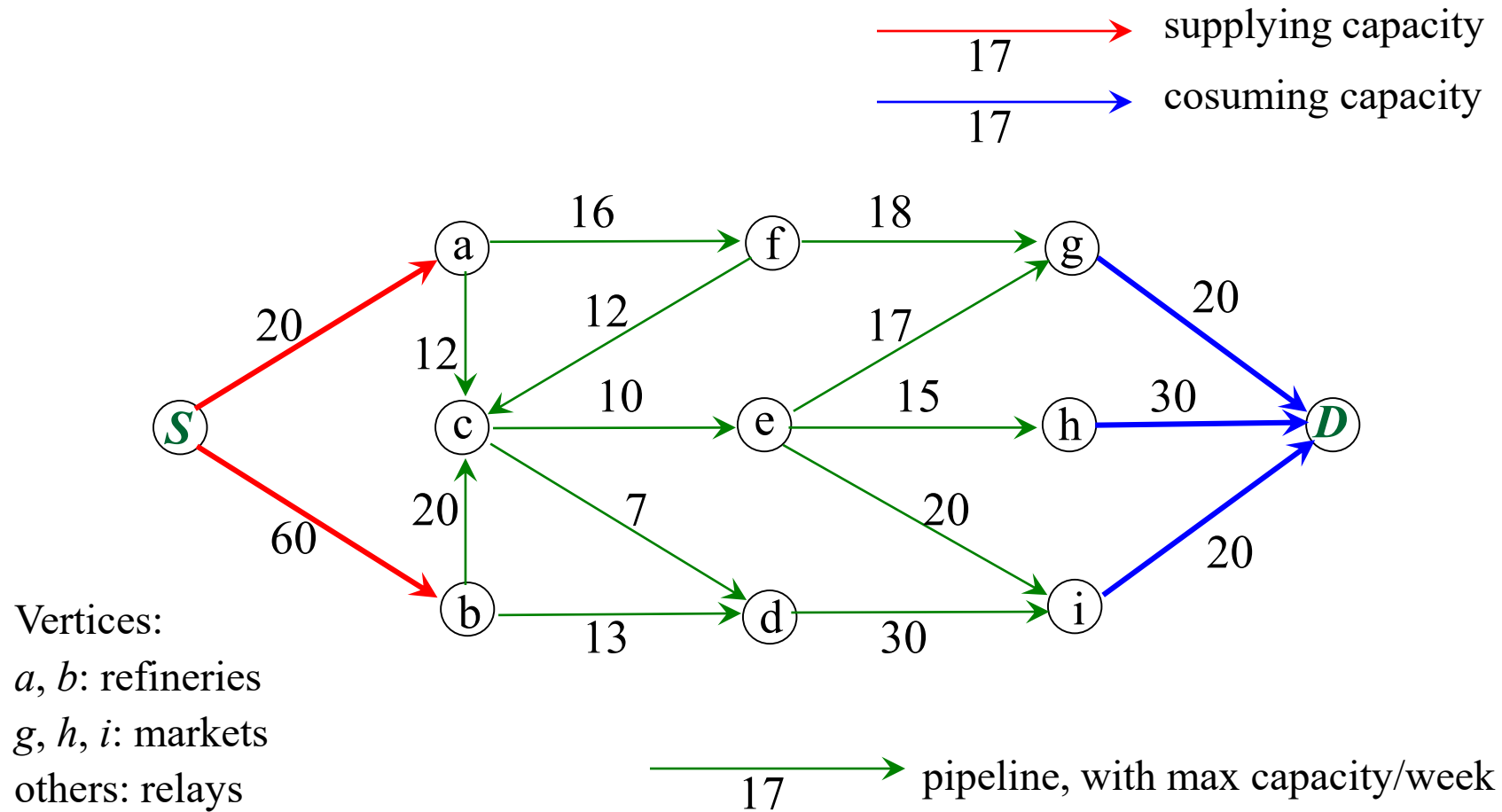
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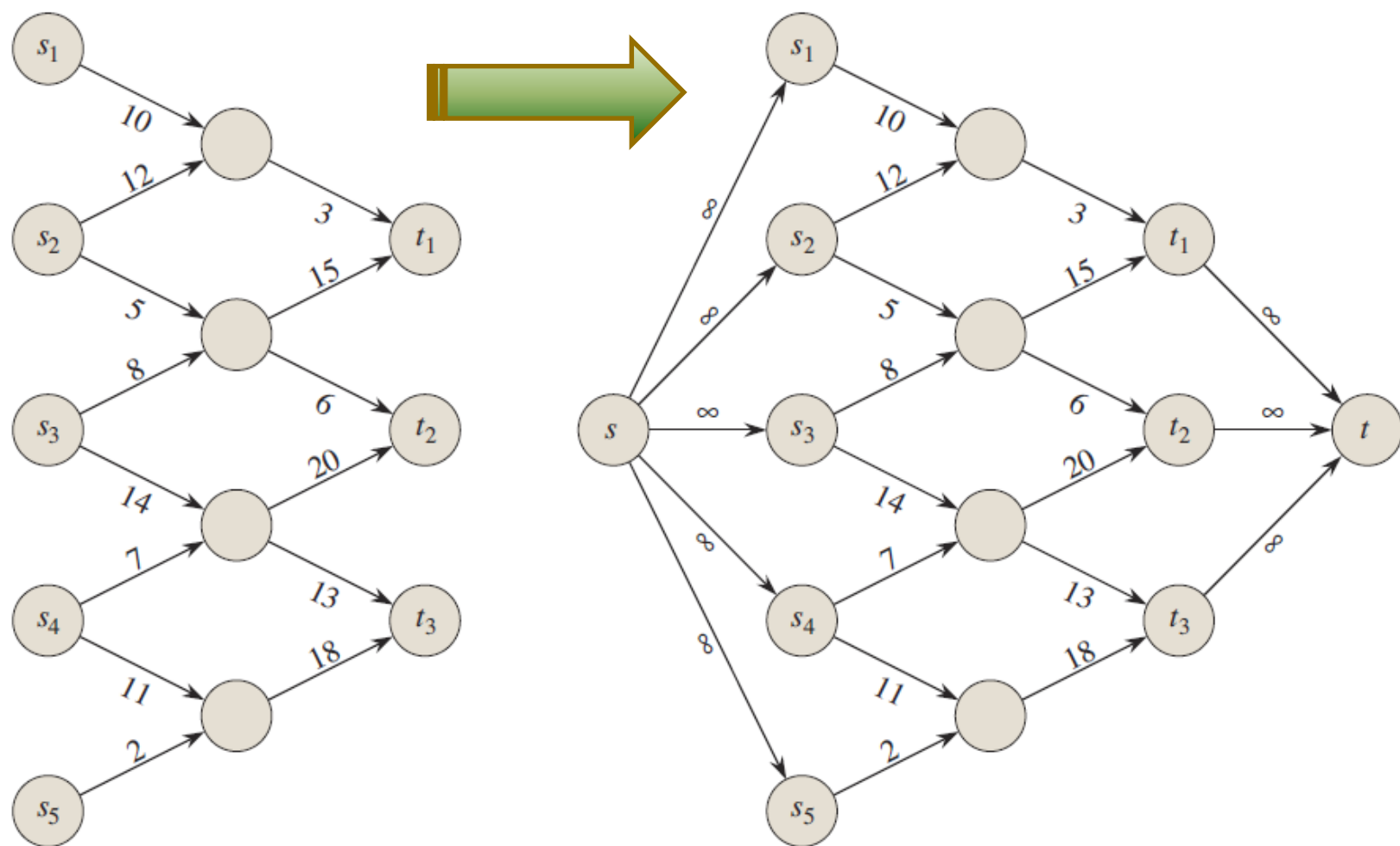
问题3:

如果工厂与仓库都不止一个，该怎么办？

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# A Model of Oil Supply





# 严格的数学模型

We are now ready to define flows more formally. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a flow network with a capacity function  $c$ . Let  $s$  be the source of the network, and let  $t$  be the sink. A *flow* in  $G$  is a real-valued function  $f : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfies the following two properties:

**Capacity constraint:**

**Flow conservation:** For all  $u \in V - \{s, t\}$ , we require

When  $(u, v) \notin E$ , there can be no flow from  $u$  to  $v$ , and  $f(u, v) = 0$ .

问题4:

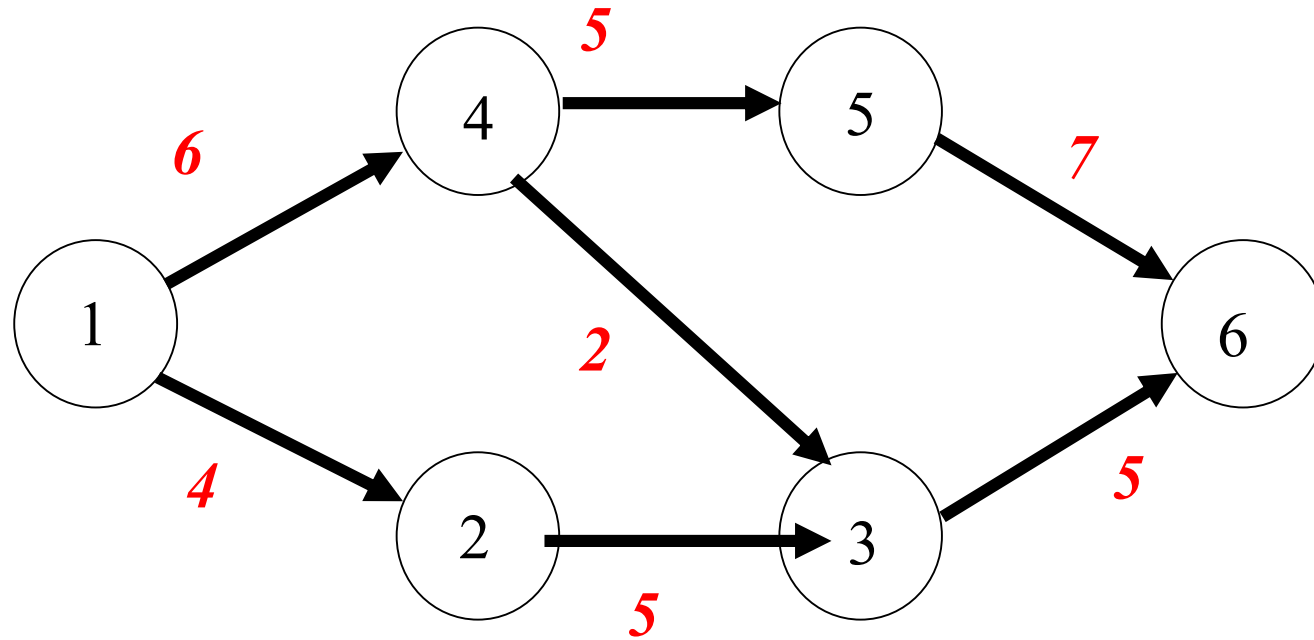
什么叫一个flow的 “value”?

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)$$

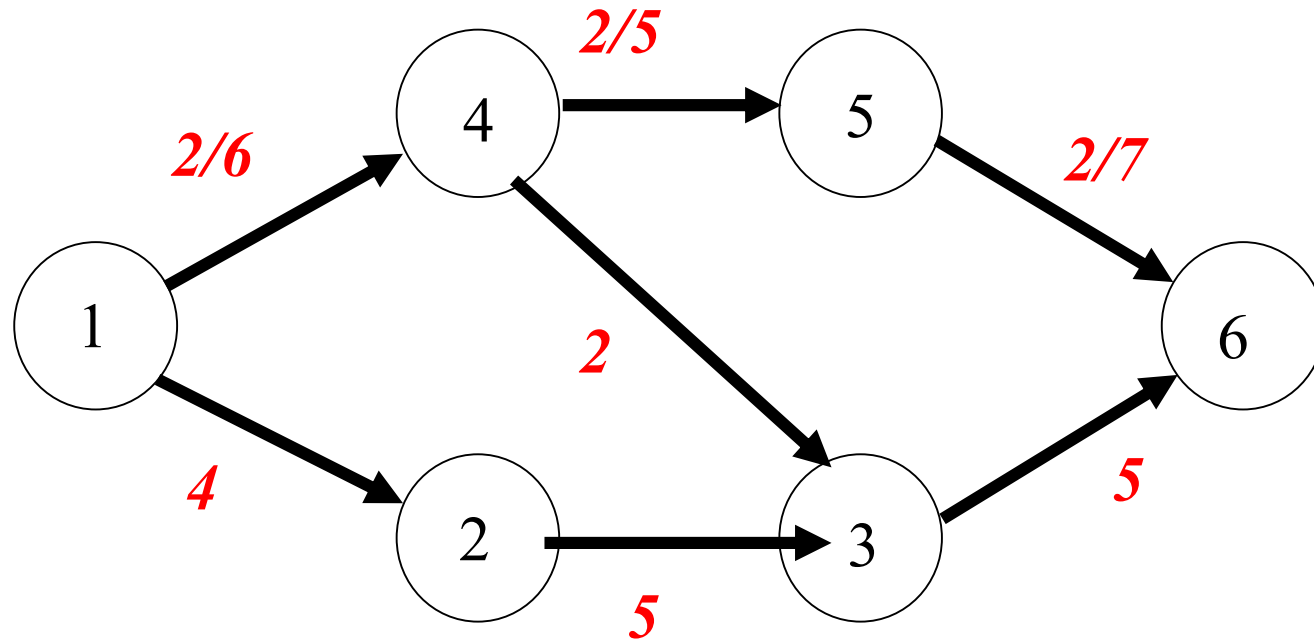
什么是最大流问题?



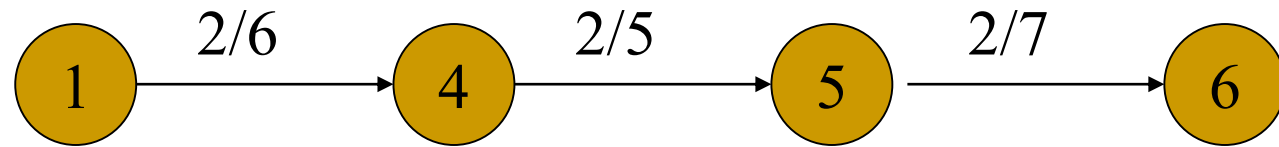
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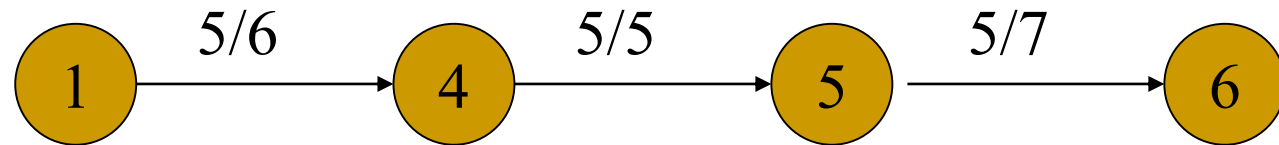


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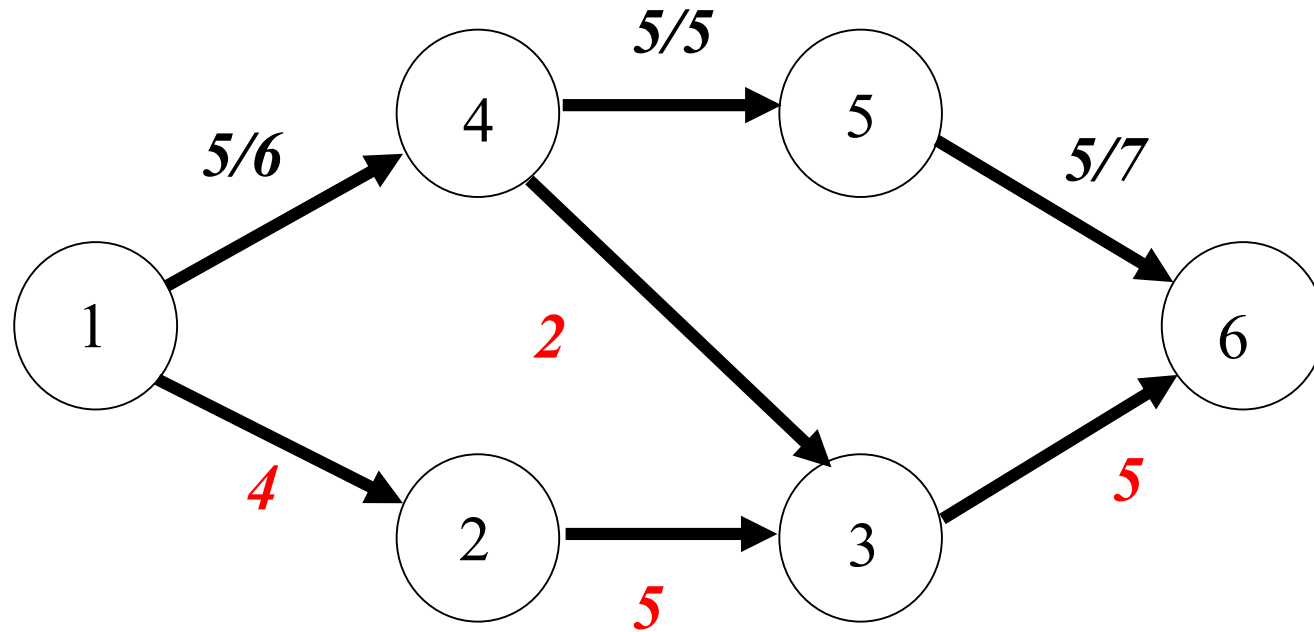


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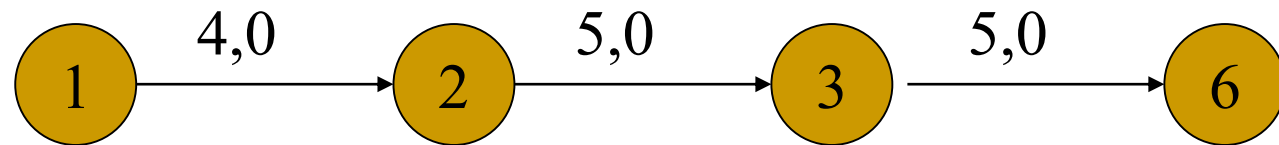
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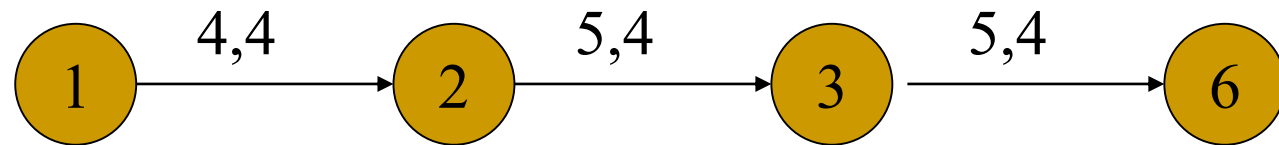


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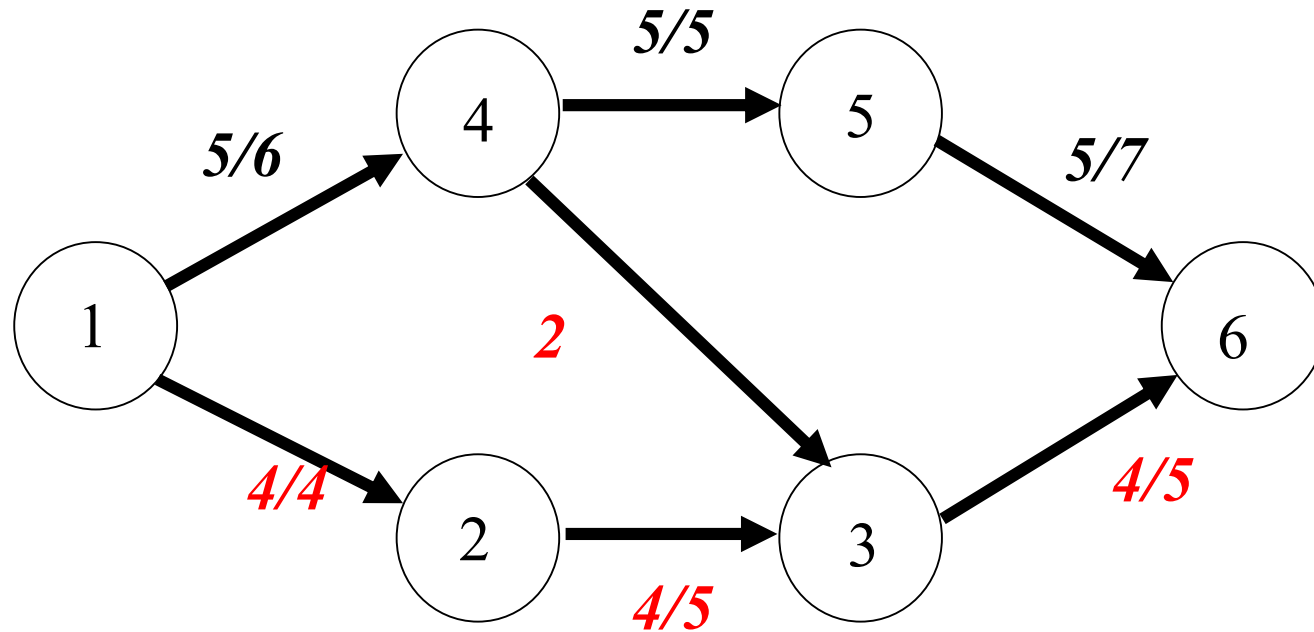


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Value of flow increased by 4

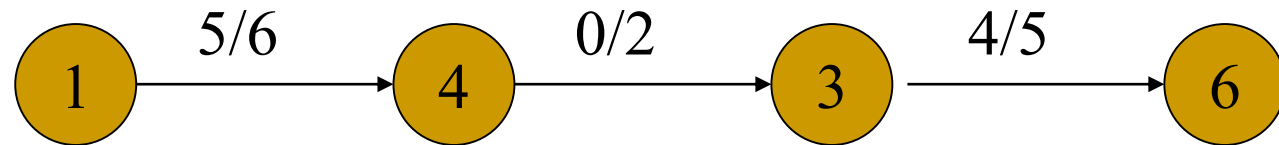


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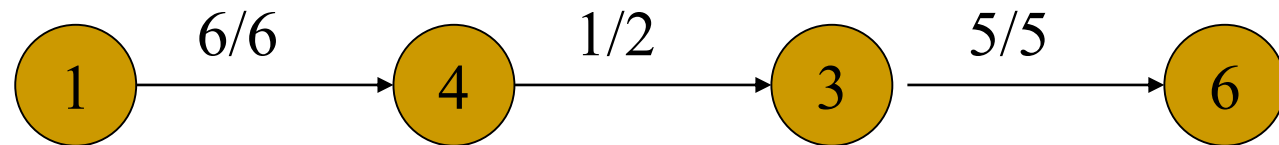
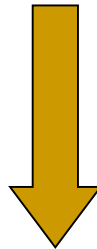
No other path?

## Path3 in N

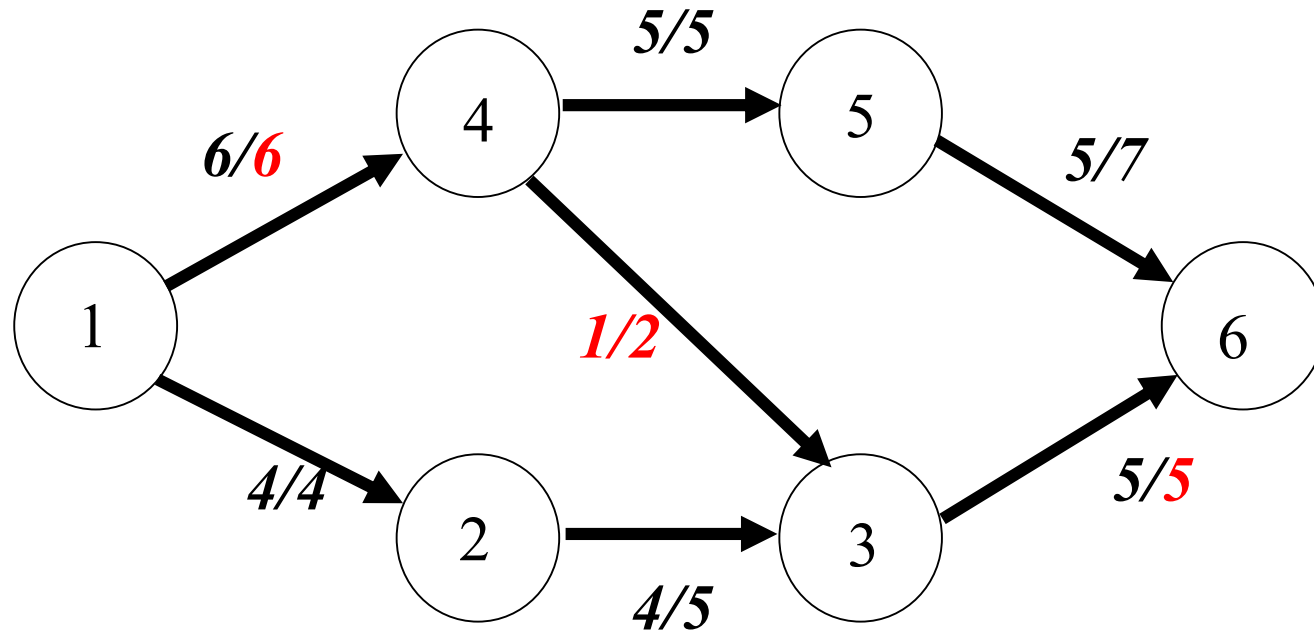


Properly oriented

Value of flow increased by 1



No other path!



Find all the path and increase its flow value to the max!



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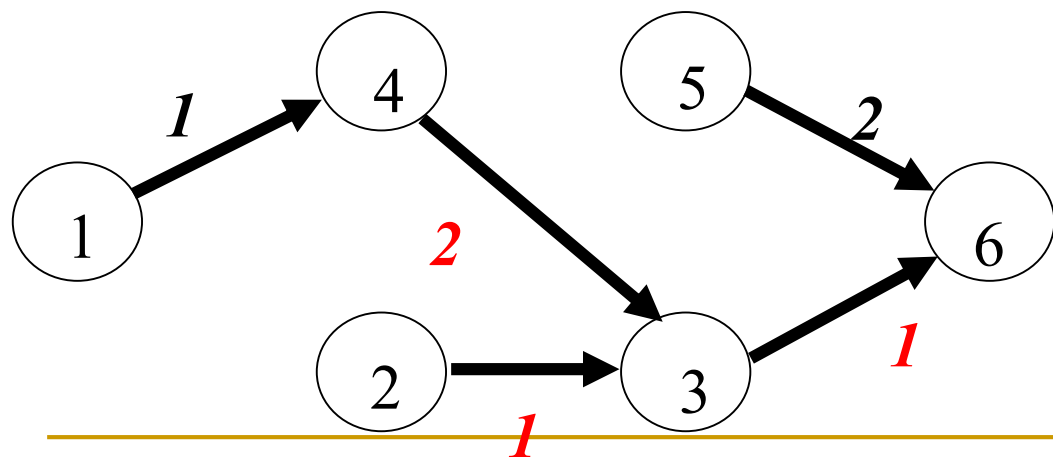
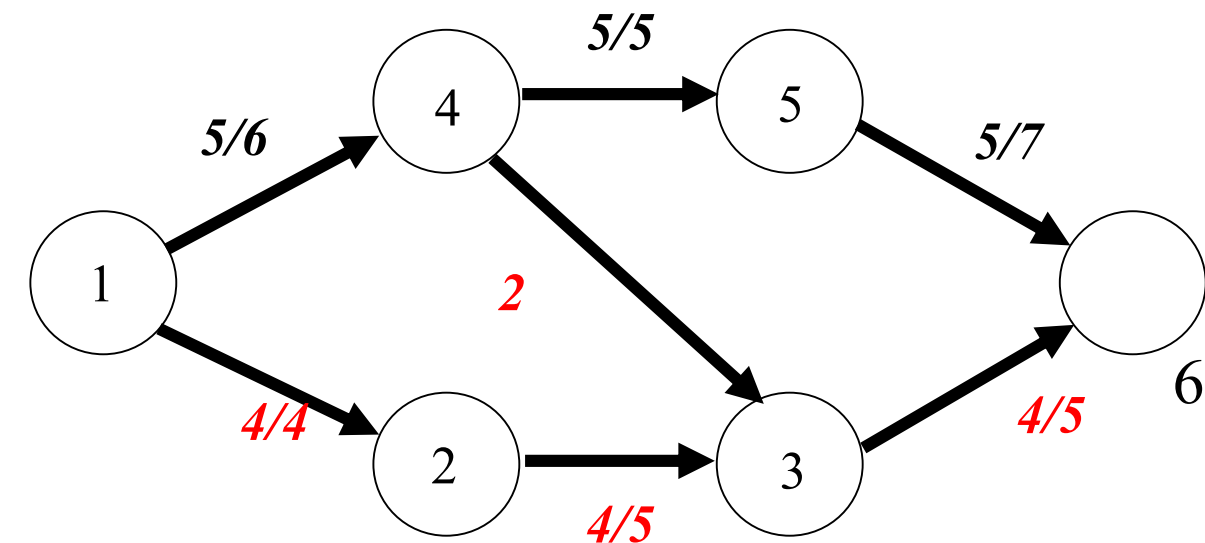
FORD-FULKERSON-METHOD( $G, s, t$ )

- 1 initialize flow  $f$  to 0
- 2 **while** there exists an augmenting path  $p$  in the residual network  $G_f$
- 3     augment flow  $f$  along  $p$
- 4 **return**  $f$

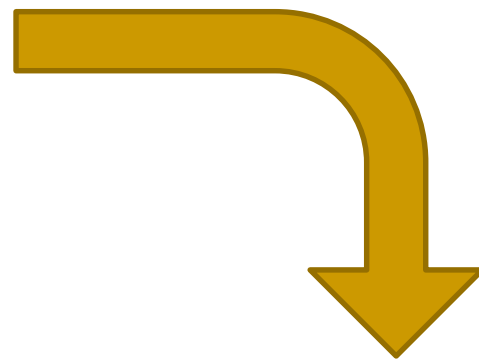
找到所有的augmenting path是方法的关键所在!

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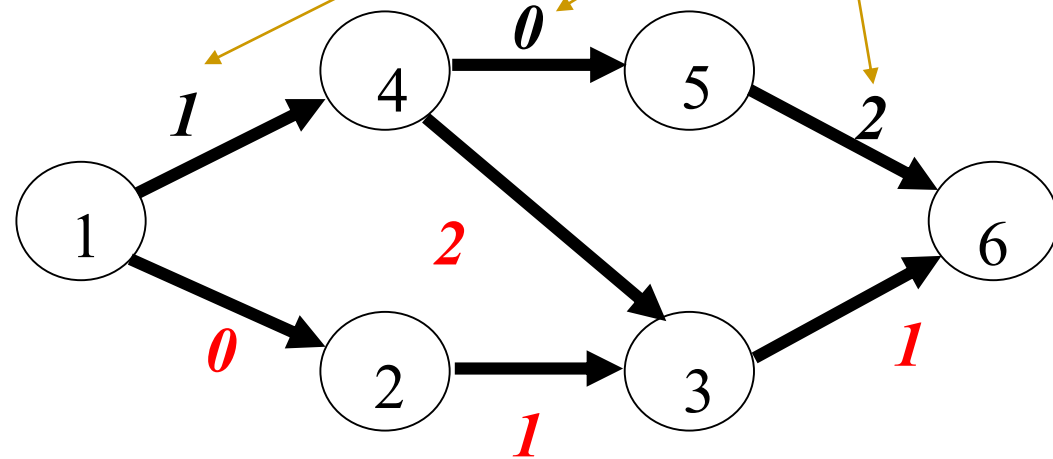
再看这个流网络中的流 $f$ :



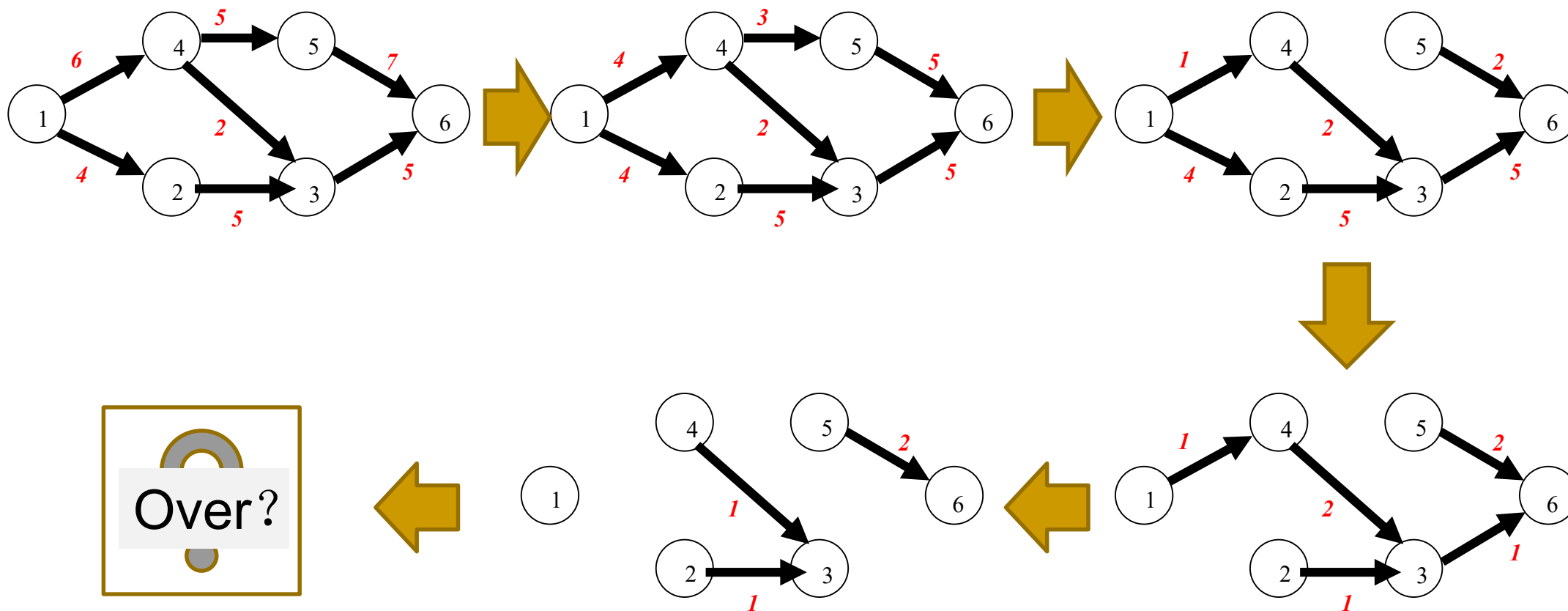
当前流 $f$ 下的残存网络 $G_f$



当前流 $f$ 下的  
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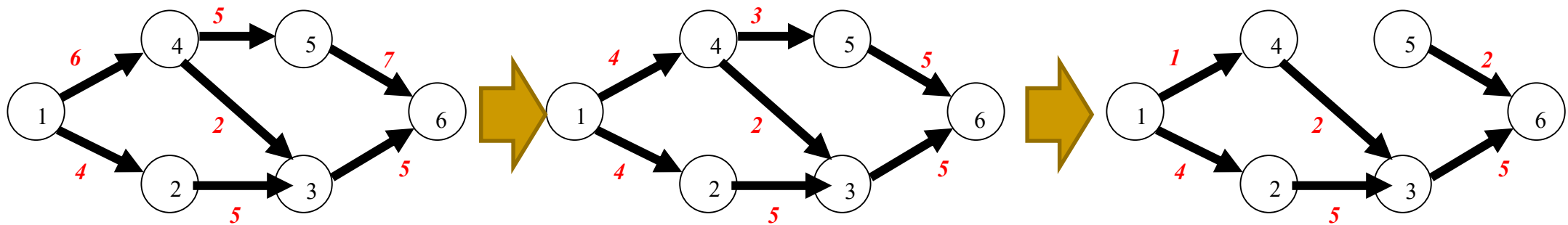


# 借助残存运力/网络概念，再看上述寻找过程



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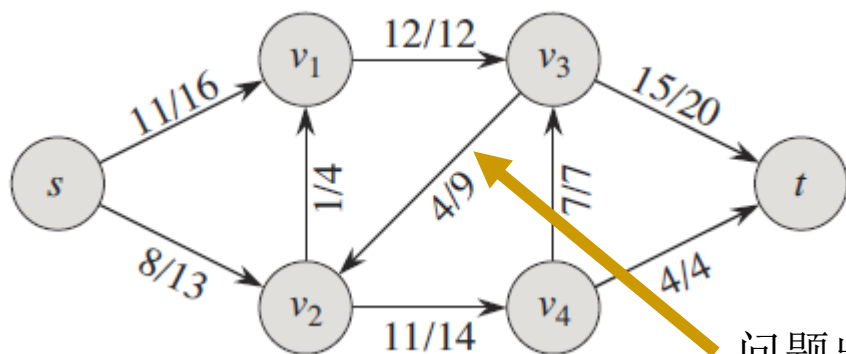
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证明要点:

- 1, 证明函数是一个流: 符合流的两个特性
- 2, 证明  $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$ .

# 我们找到的方法一定正确吗？



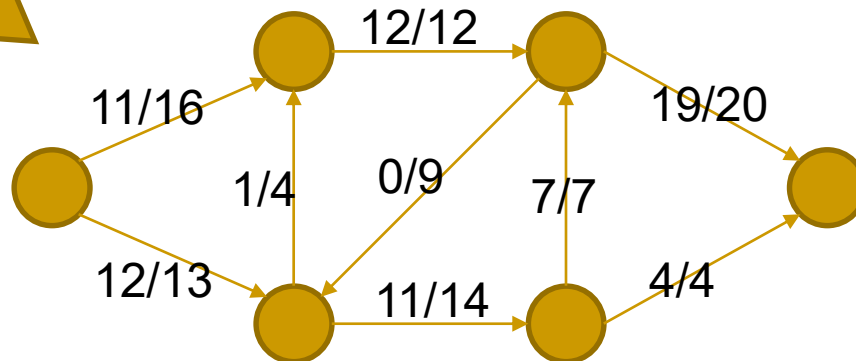
这是最大的流了吗？

问题出在什么地方？

这种决策在增广流过程中能保证不出现吗？

我们有办法还是在“残存”模型中“纠正”这个错误吗？

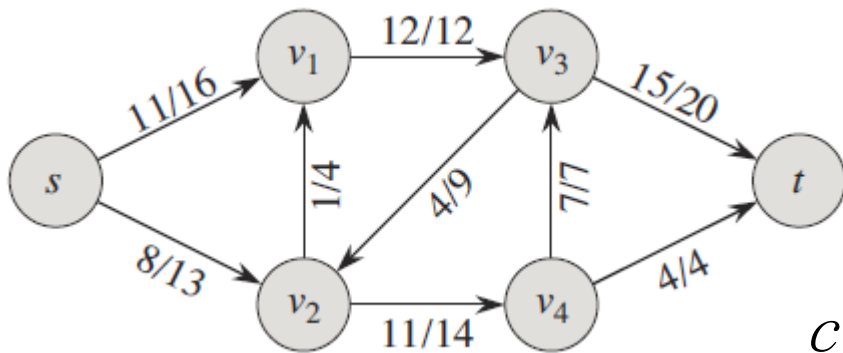
No!



# residual capacity

define the *residual capacity*  $c_f(u, v)$  by

$$c_f(u, v) = \begin{cases} c(u, v) - f(u, v) & \text{if } (u, v) \in E, \\ f(v, u) & \text{if } (v, u) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$$c_f(v_3, v_2) = ?$$

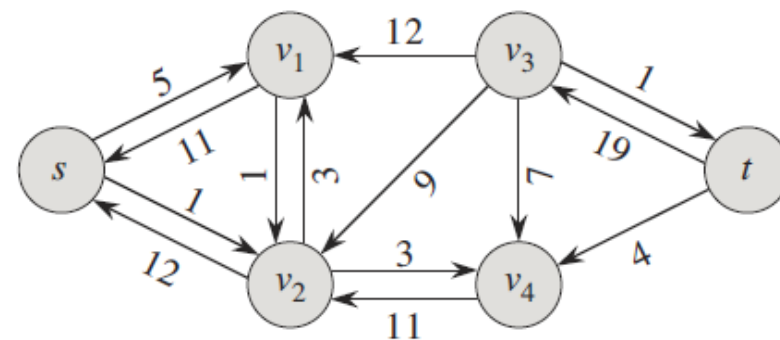
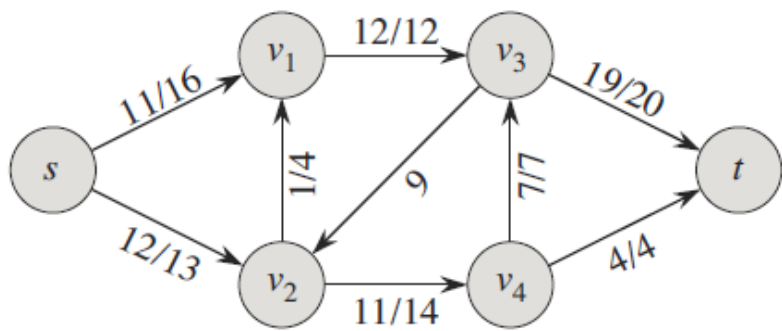
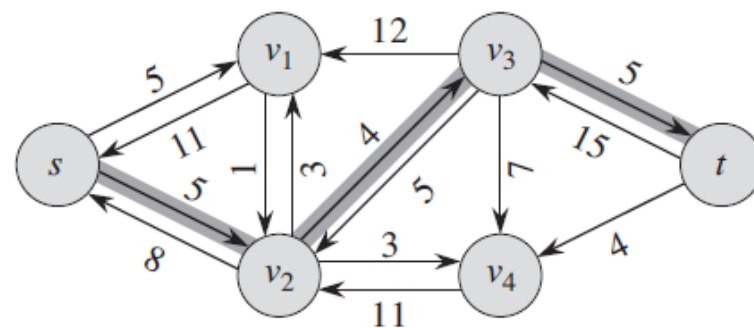
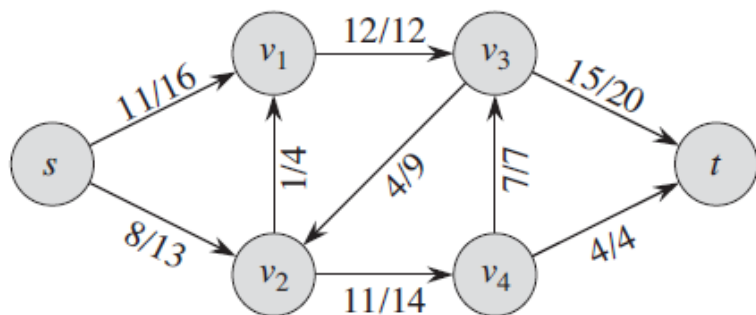
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问题5: 我们为什么要如此定义residual capacity?

# Residual Network

Given a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  and a flow  $f$ , the *residual network* of  $G$  induced by  $f$  is  $G_f = (V, E_f)$ , where

$$E_f = \{(u, v) \in V \times V : c_f(u, v) > 0\} . \quad (26.3)$$

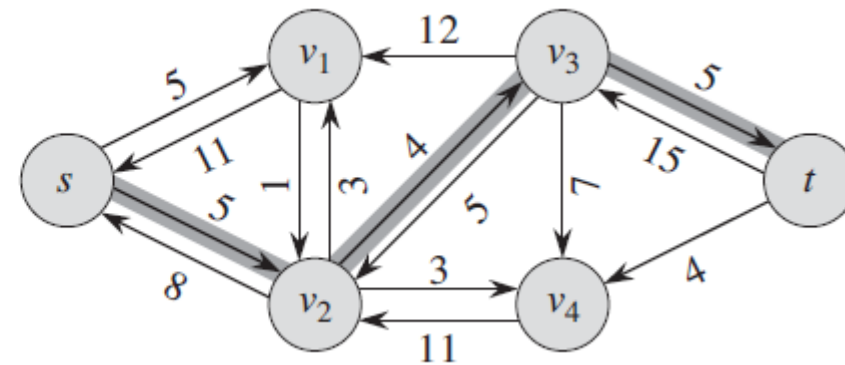
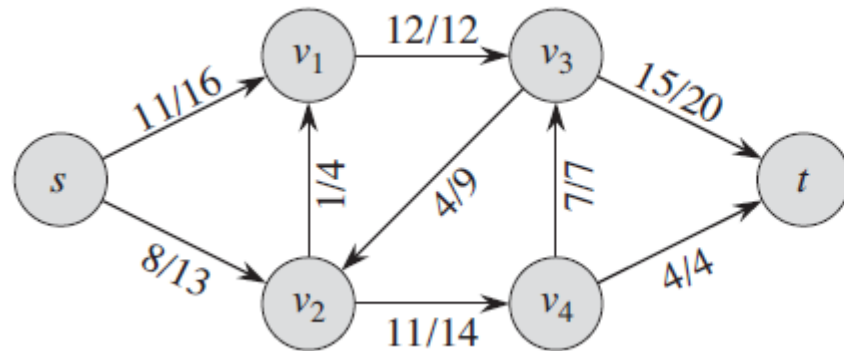


残存网络中找不到源到目的地的路径，所有增广路确定全部找到？



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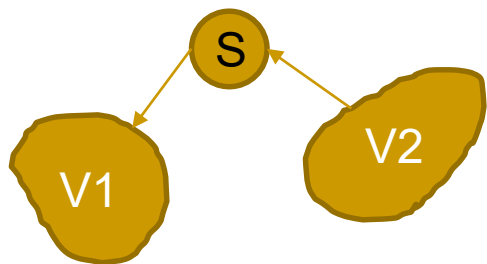


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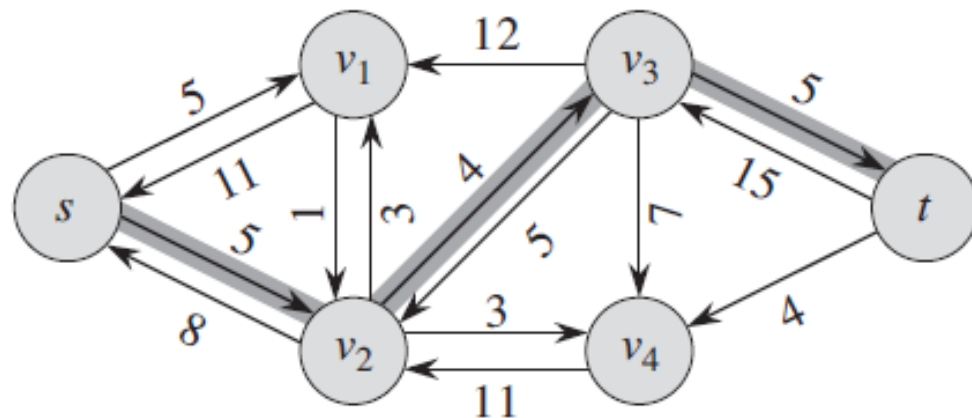
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} (f \uparrow f')(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} (f \uparrow f')(v, s), \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} (f(s, v) + f'(s, v) - f'(v, s)) - \sum_{v \in V_2} (f(v, s) + f'(v, s) - f'(s, v)) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) + \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(v, s) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(s, v) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(s, v) + \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(v, s) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(v, s) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(v, s). \quad (26.6) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f'(v, s) \\
 &= |f| + |f'|.
 \end{aligned}$$

# 增广路径



$$c_f(p) = \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is on } p\}$$

问题7: 如果在residual network中发现了一条s,t路径, 是否一定可以将流网络中的流进行扩大?

问题8: If not, 是否意味着最大流已经出现?

# 答案是肯定的:

## ***Corollary 26.3***

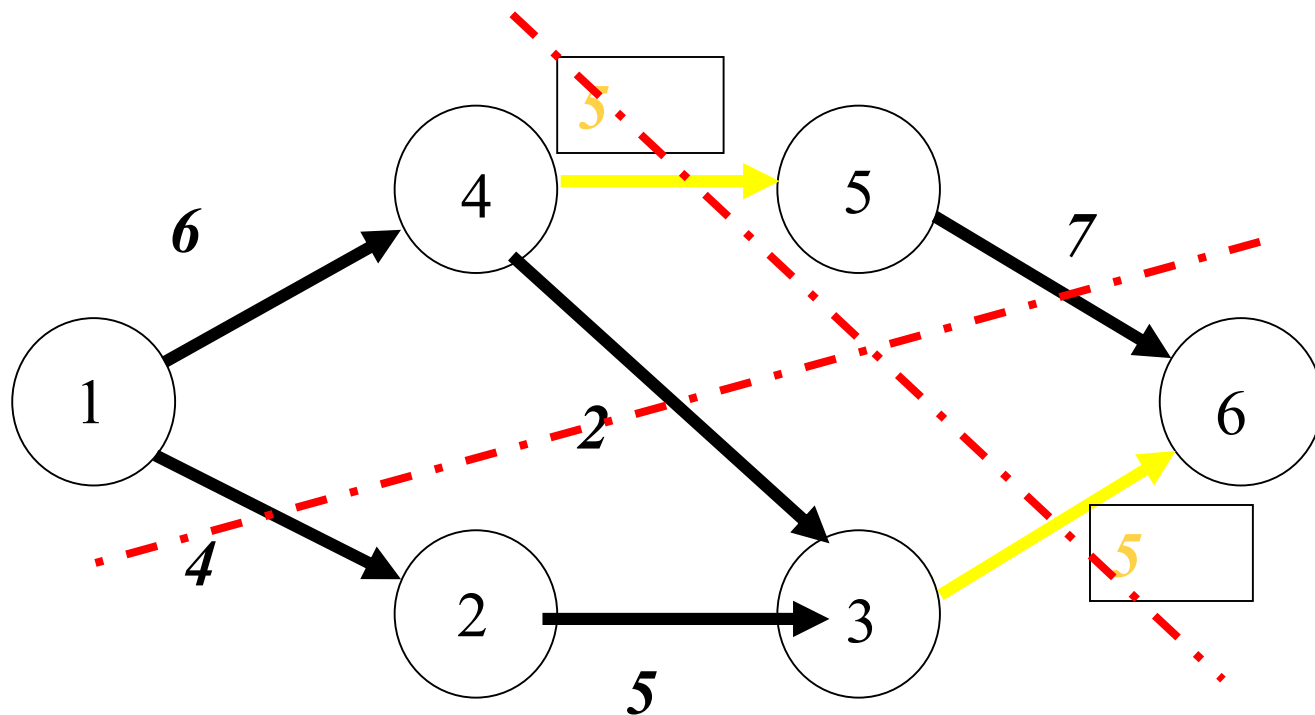
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## ***Theorem 26.6 (Max-flow min-cut theorem)***

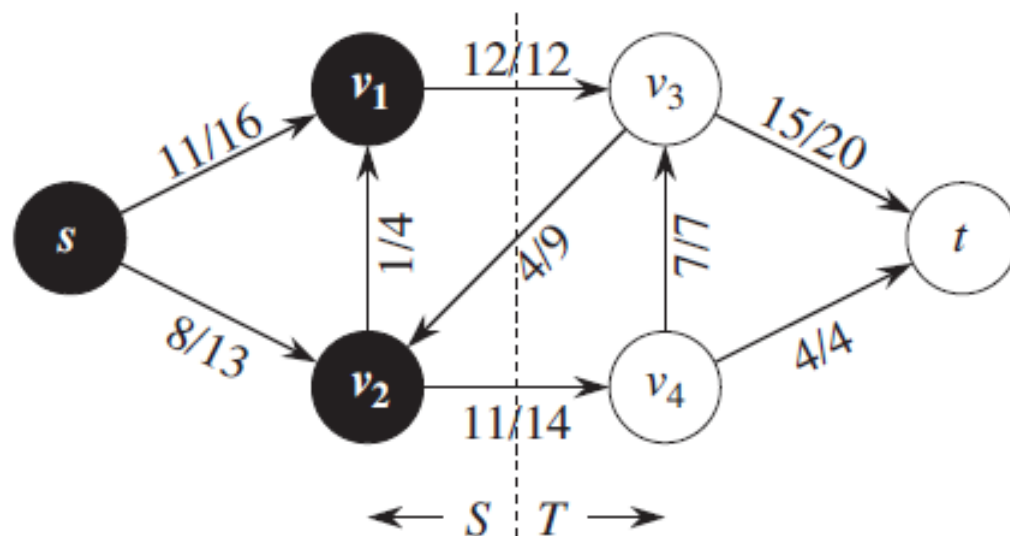
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3.  $|f| = c(S, T)$  for some cut  $(S, T)$  of  $G$ .

问题10: 任意的流值, 都不会超过任意的割容量?



# 流网络的割



$$f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) .$$

问题9：任何一个割的净流量是否一定等于 $f$ 的值？

# Yes:

## Lemma 26.4

Let  $f$  be a flow in a flow network  $G$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , and let  $(S, T)$  be any cut of  $G$ . Then the net flow across  $(S, T)$  is  $f(S, T) = |f|$ .

证明:

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$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \left( \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) \right).$$

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u)$$

$$= \sum_{v \in V} \left( f(s, v) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} f(u, v) \right) - \sum_{v \in V} \left( f(v, s) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} f(v, u) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u).$$



S和T是V的划分

$$\begin{aligned}|f| &= \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) + \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \\ &= \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \right).\end{aligned}$$

$f(x, y)$ 重复出现，结果为0

The two summations within the parentheses are actually the same, since for all vertices  $x, y \in V$ , the term  $f(x, y)$  appears once in each summation. Hence, these summations cancel, and we have

$$\begin{aligned}|f| &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \\ &= f(S, T).\end{aligned}$$

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### **Corollary 26.5**

The value of any flow  $f$  in a flow network  $G$  is bounded from above by the capacity of any cut of  $G$ .

**Proof** Let  $(S, T)$  be any cut of  $G$  and let  $f$  be any flow. By Lemma 26.4 and the capacity constraint,

$$\begin{aligned} |f| &= f(S, T) \\ &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) \\ &= c(S, T) . \end{aligned}$$

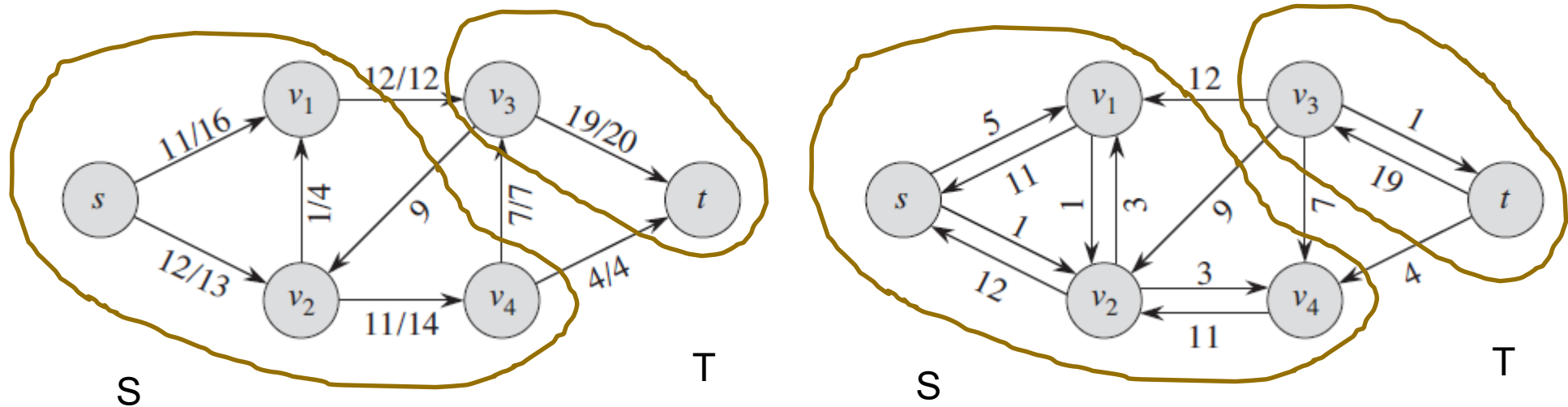


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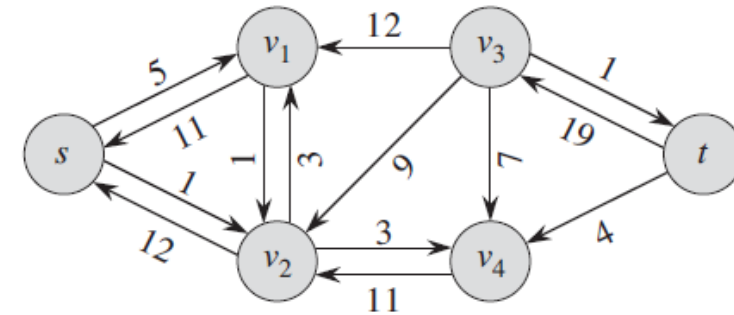
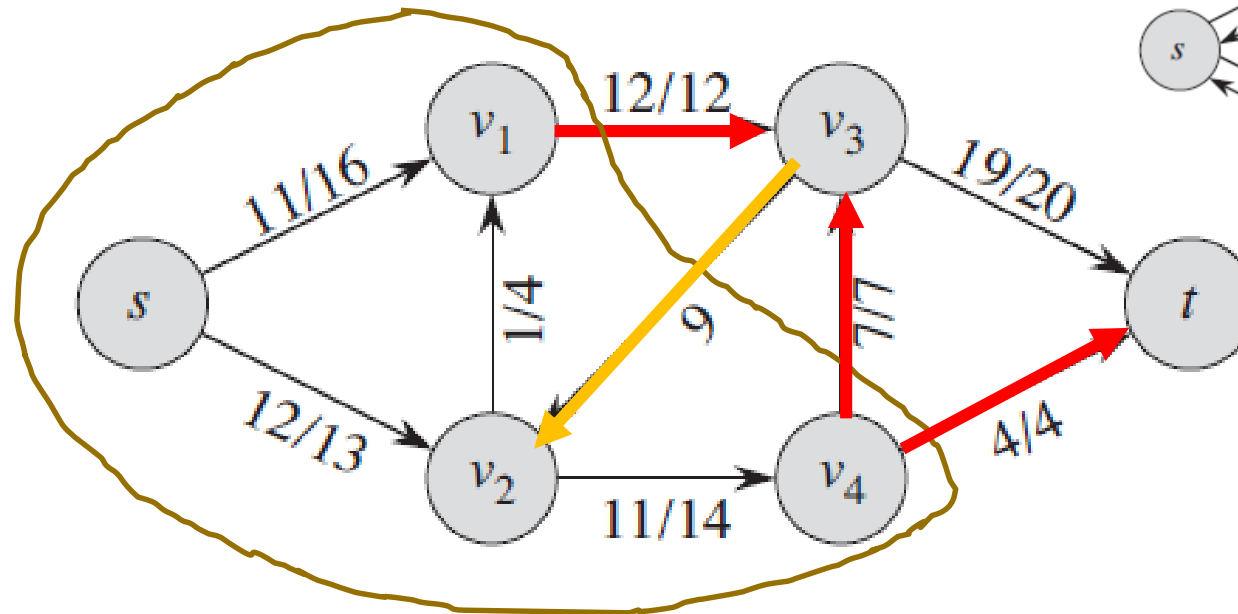
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证明要点：找不到增广路径时，残存网络必定将网络进行了切割，这个切割的容量恰好就是这个流的值



$$\begin{aligned}
 f(S, T) &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} 0 \\
 &= c(S, T) .
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 26.4, therefore,  $|f| = f(S, T) = c(S, T)$ .



# 如何设计该方法的实现算法？

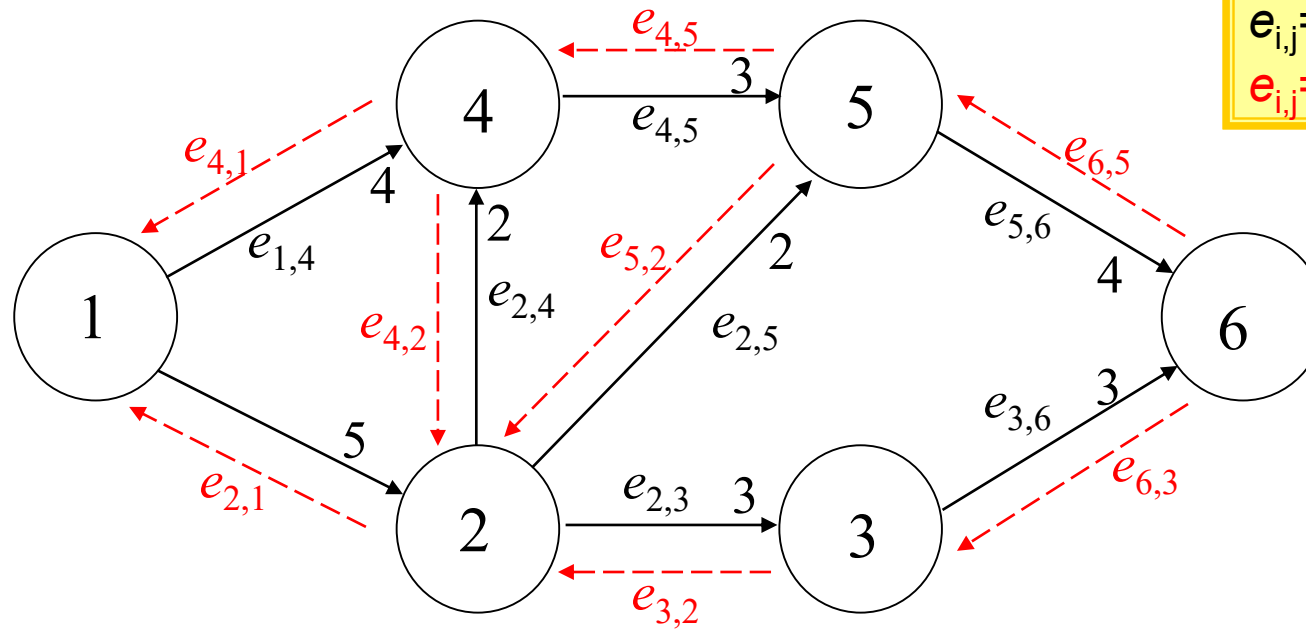
FORD-FULKERSON( $G, s, t$ )

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1  for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
2       $(u, v).f = 0$ 
3  while there exists a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ 
4       $c_f(p) = \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$ 
5      for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
6          if  $(u, v) \in E$ 
7               $(u, v).f = (u, v).f + c_f(p)$ 
8          else  $(v, u).f = (v, u).f - c_f(p)$ 
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算法的正确性已经证明，但其效率取决于**s-t**路径的探知

# Labeling Algorithm (Ford & Fulkson)

## General Scenario:



Residual capacity:

$$e_{i,j} = C_{i,j} - F_{i,j}$$

$$e_{i,j} = F_{j,i} \text{ if } F_{j,i} > 0$$

$C_{i,j}$  is the capacity of edge  $(i,j)$

$F_{i,j}$  is the flow on edge  $(i,j)$

—————→ edges in  $N$   
- - - - -→ edges in  $s(N)$ ,  
but not in  $N$

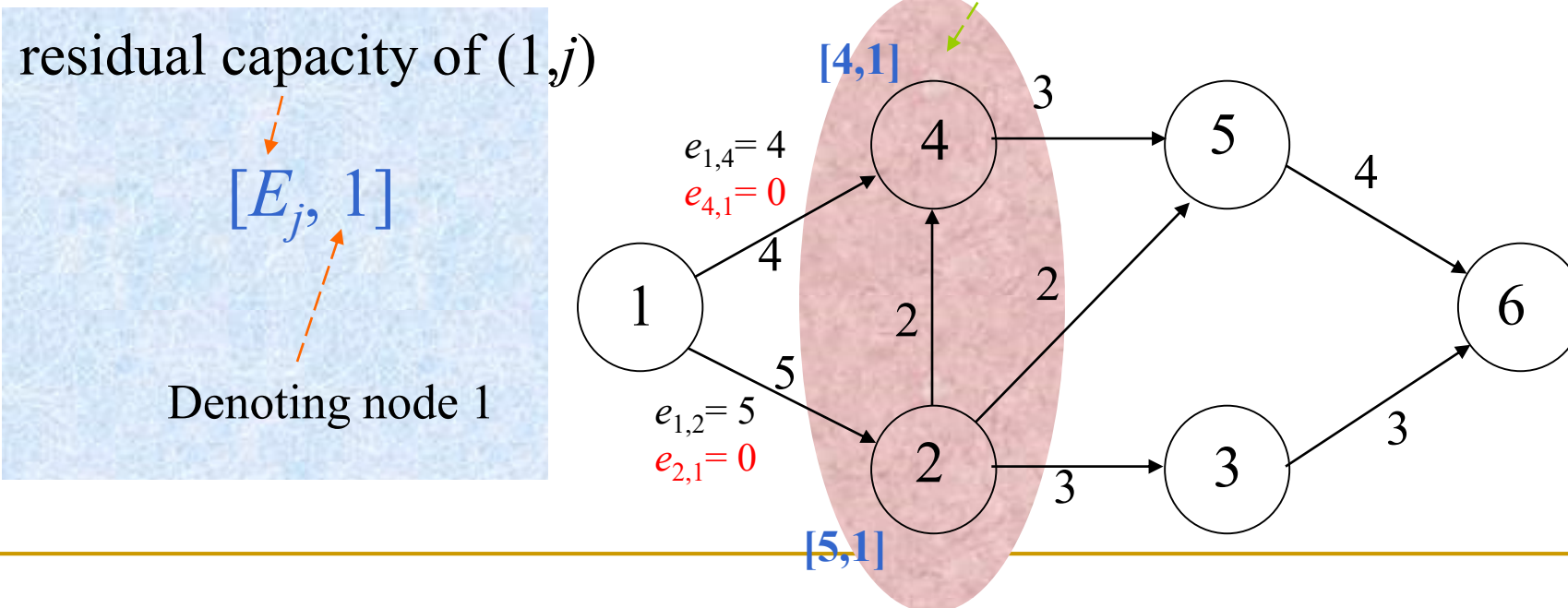
# Labeling Algorithm (Ford & Fulkson)

Initialization: set all flow to 0

Step 1: (1) Identify  $N_1$

(2) Label nodes in  $N_1$  as follows

$N_1$ , all nodes connected to the source by an edge with positive residual capacity

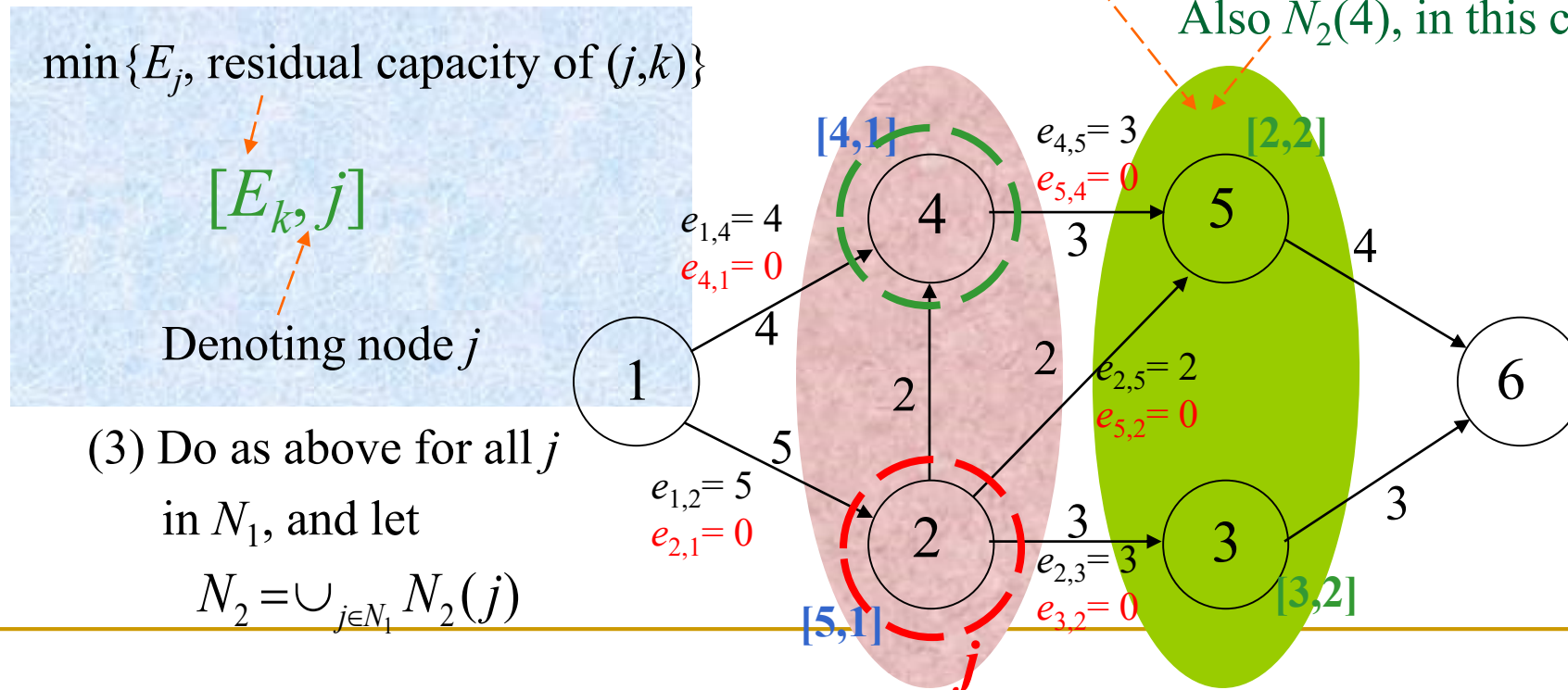


# Labeling Algorithm (Ford & Fulkson)

Step 2: (1) Identify  $N_2(j)$ , based on the node  $j$ , with the smallest number, in  $N_1$   
 (2) Label nodes in  $N_2(j)$  as follows

$N_2(j)$ , all unlabelled nodes connected to node  $j$  by an edge with positive residual capacity

Also  $N_2(4)$ , in this case





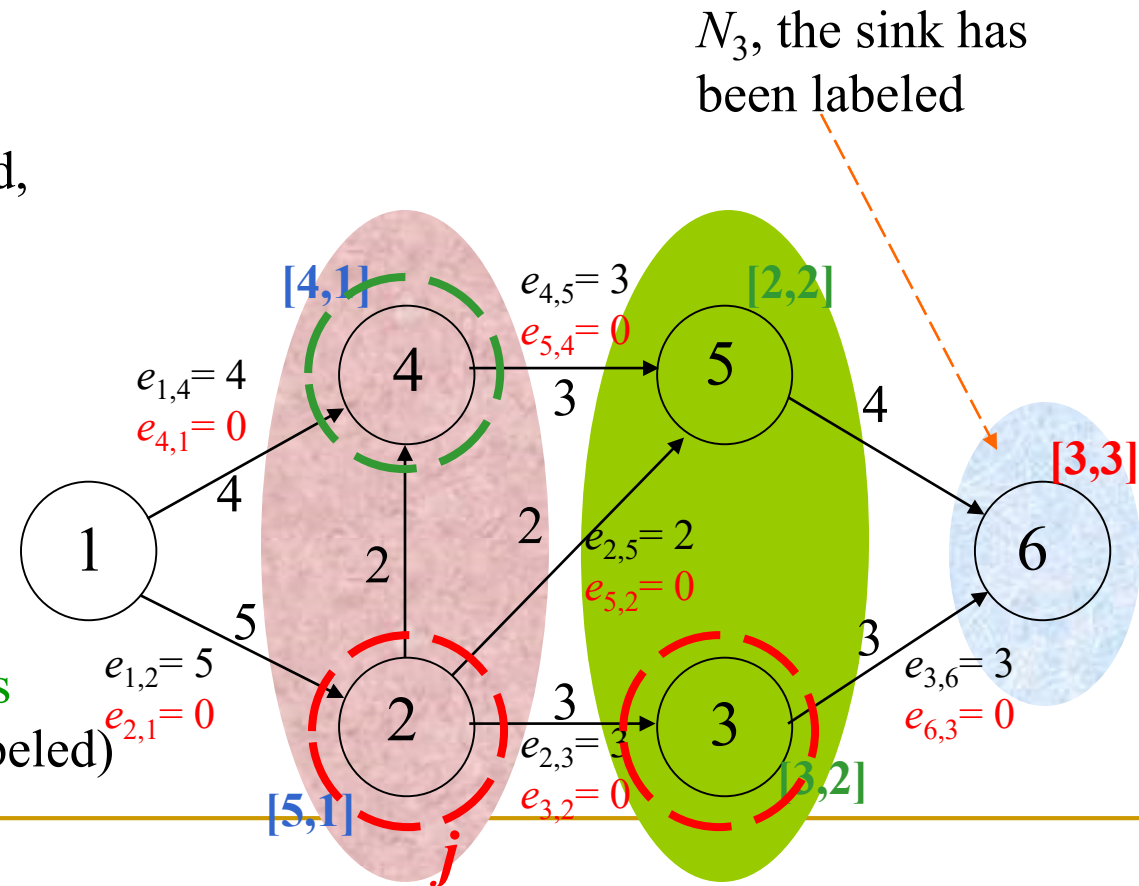
# Labeling Algorithm (Ford & Fulkson)

Step 3: Continue as in step 2,  
forming  $N_3, N_4, N_5, \dots$ , until:

(i) the sink has been labeled,  
and the total flow is the  
maximum flow (step 4)

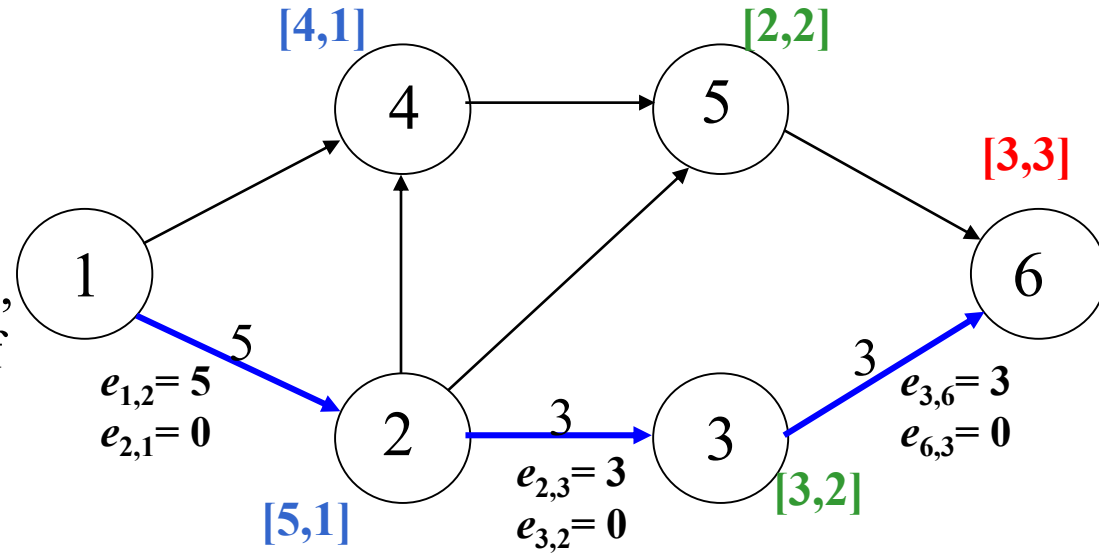
or

(ii) the sink has not been  
labeled, but no other  
nodes can be labeled  
according to the rules  
(note: the source is not labeled)

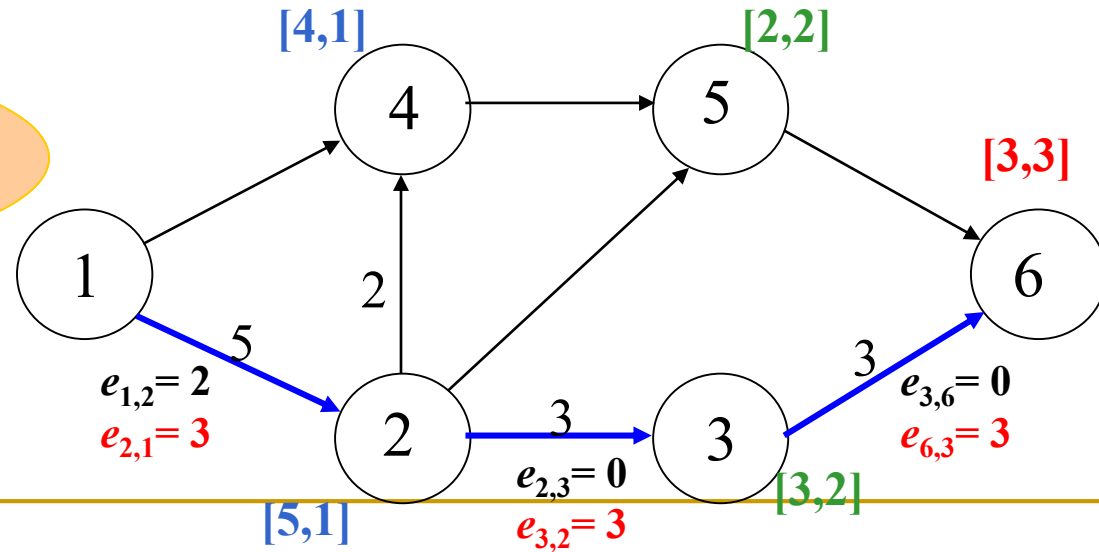


Situation after one full cycle:

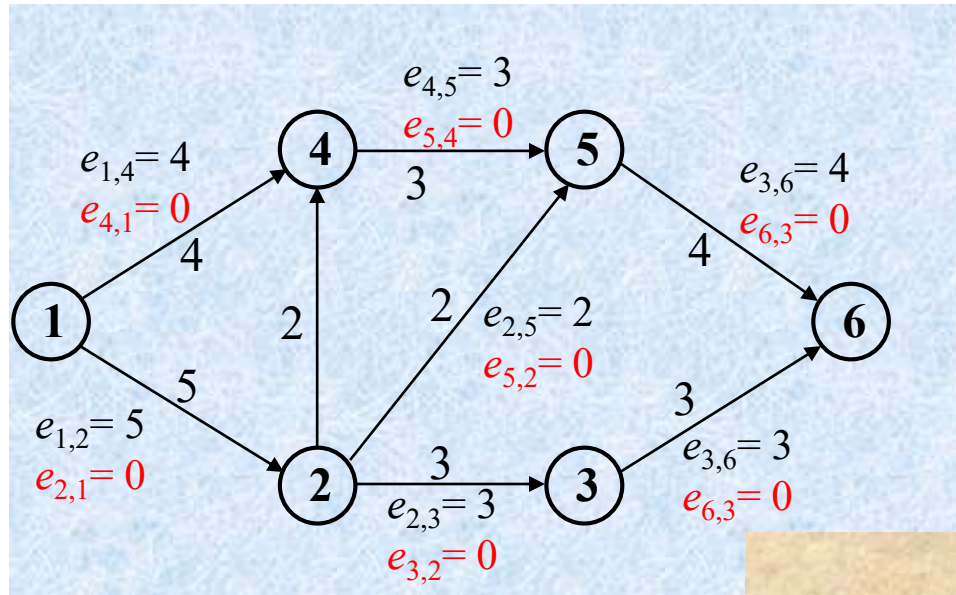
The label of sink is  $[E_n, m]$  (here,  $[3,3]$ ), where  $E_n$  is the amount of extra flow that can be made to reach the sink through a path  $\pi$ , and the path can be traced backward by node  $m$



$e_{i,j}$ ,  $e_{j,i}$  are changed accordingly  
and then return to step 1

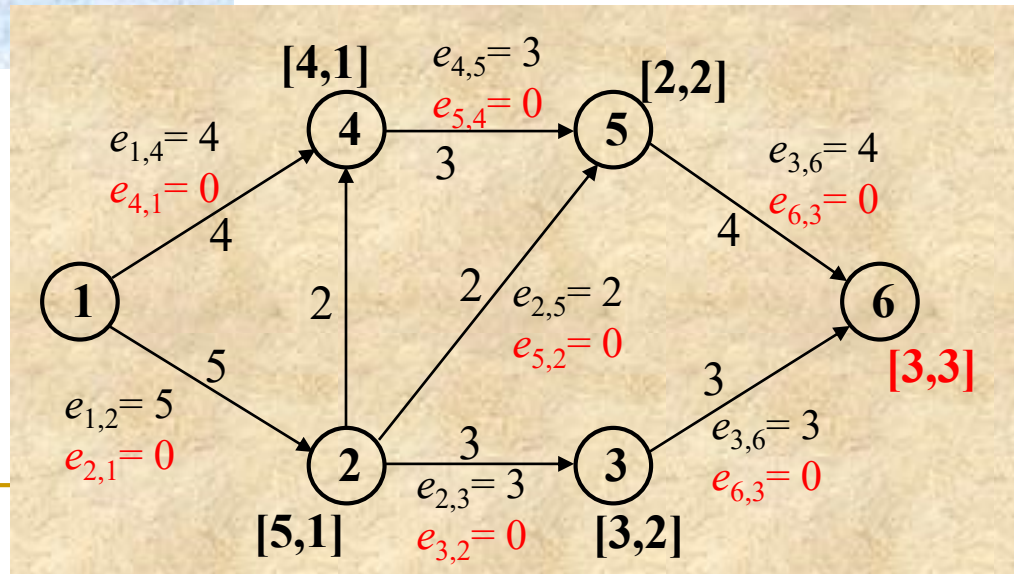


# Applying Labeling Algorithm

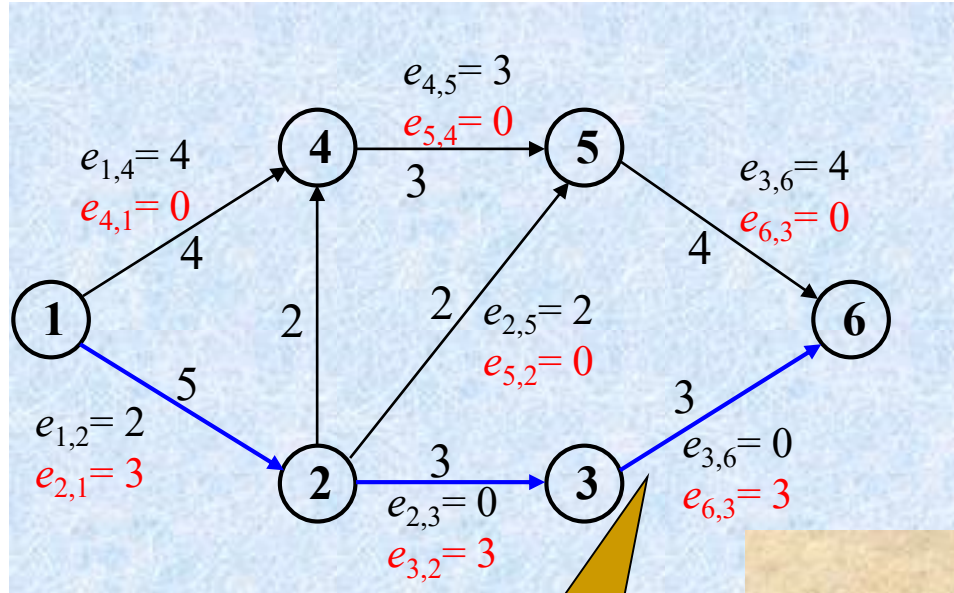


At the beginning,  
setting all flow to 0

After the first cycle



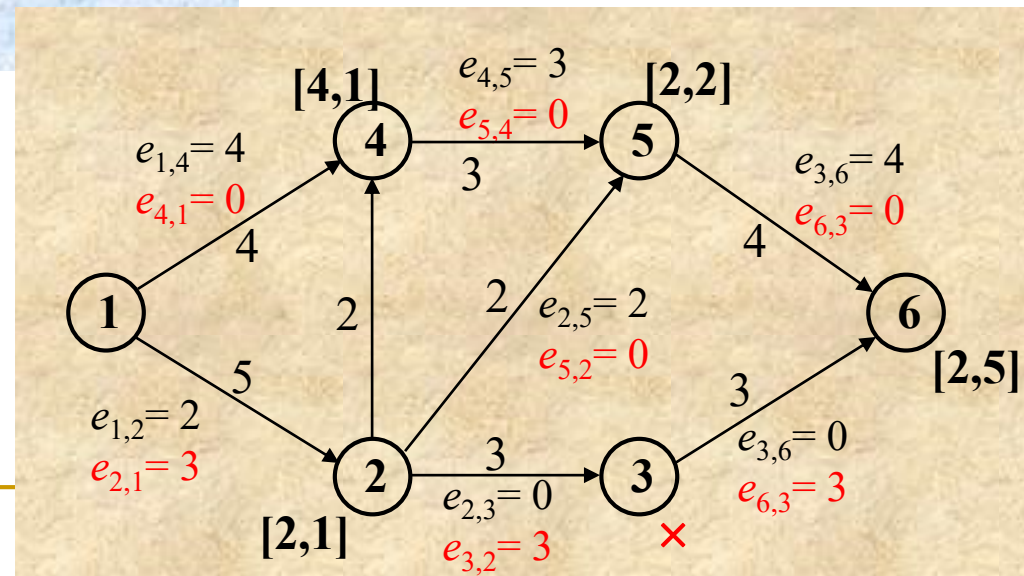
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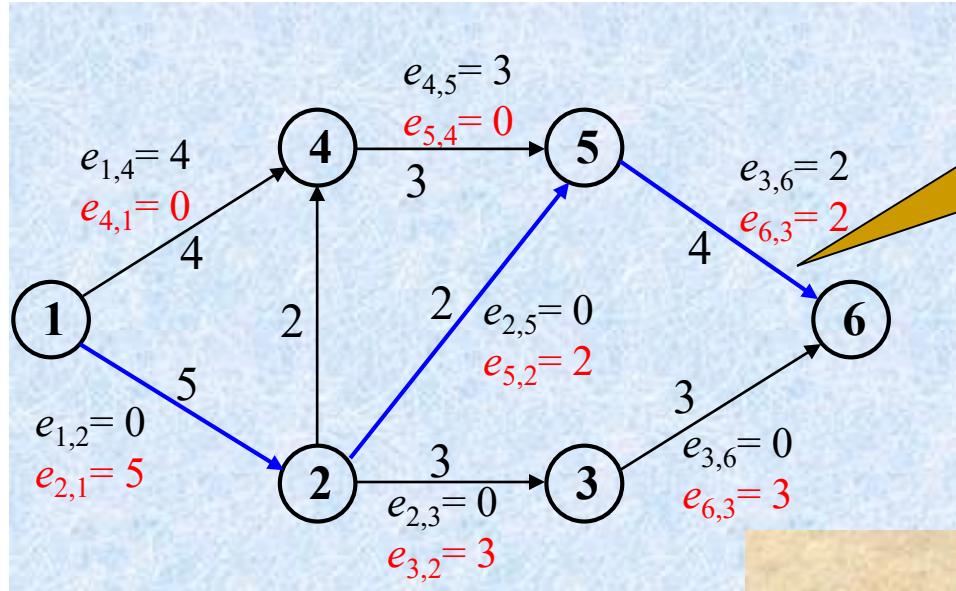
After the first cycle

After the second cycle

We increased the flow of this path by 3



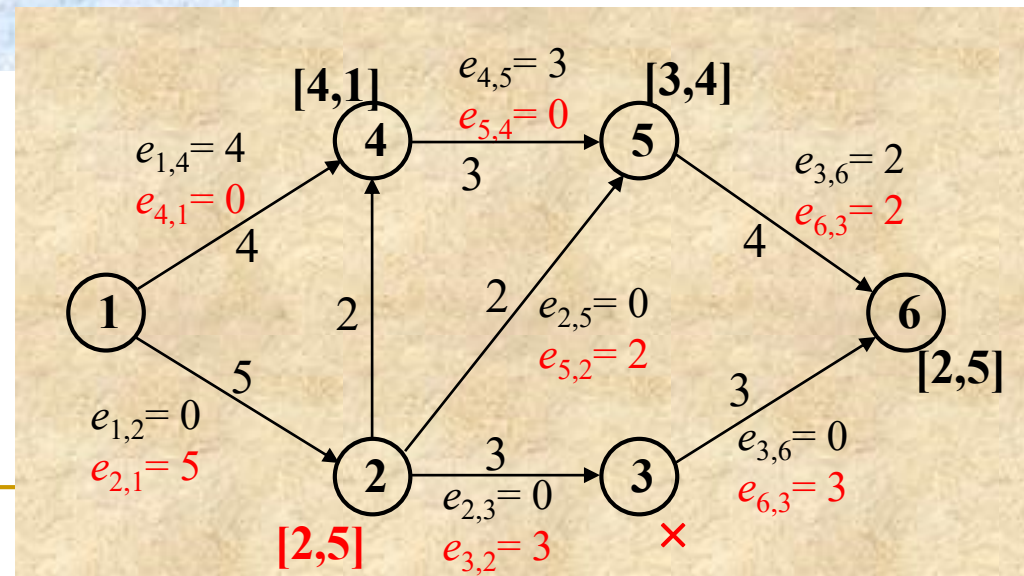
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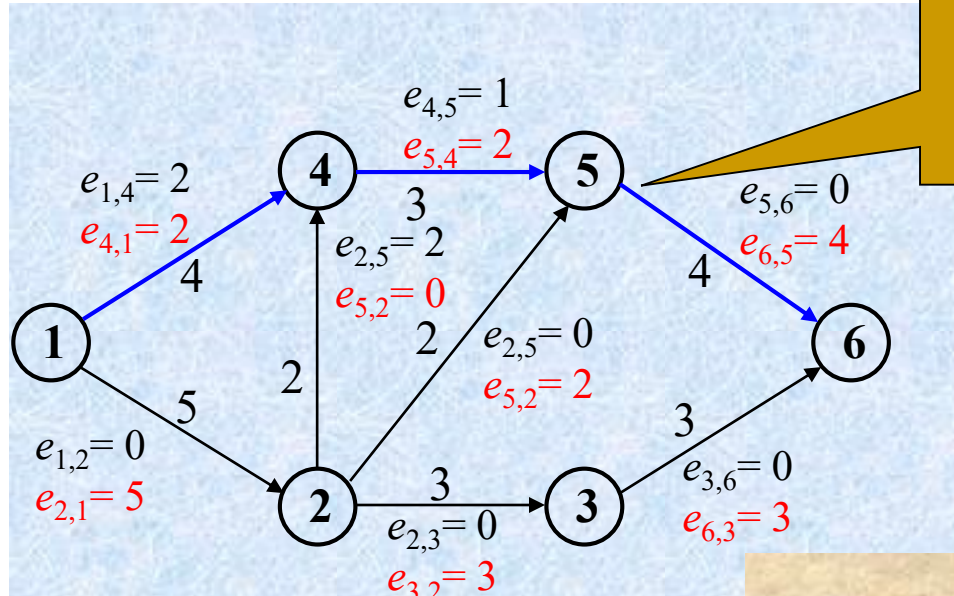
After the second cycle

We increased the flow of this path by 2

After the third cycle



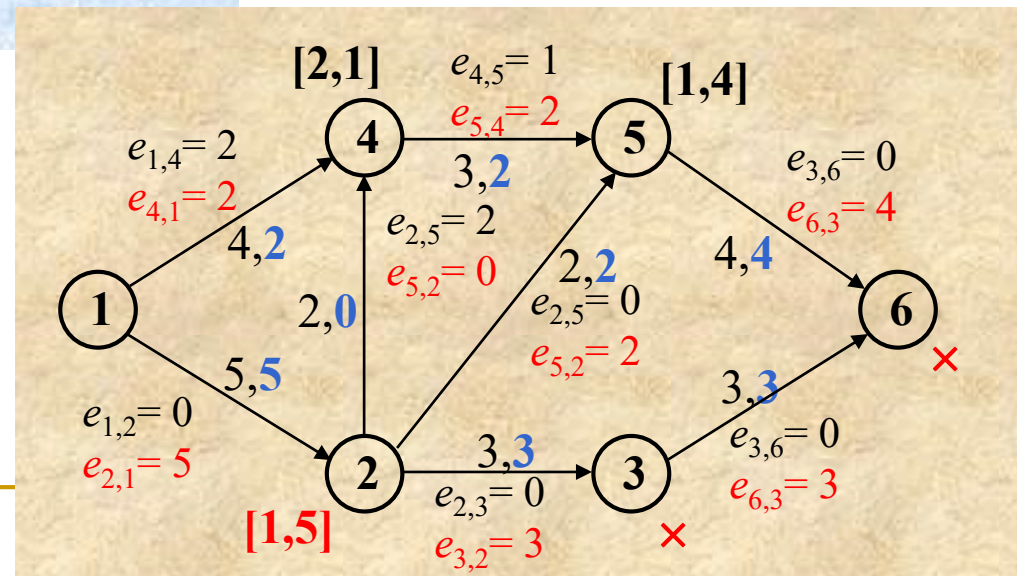
# Applying Labeling Algorithm



We increased the flow of this path by 2

After the fourth cycle  
The sink has not been labeled,  
so the final result reached

After the third cycle





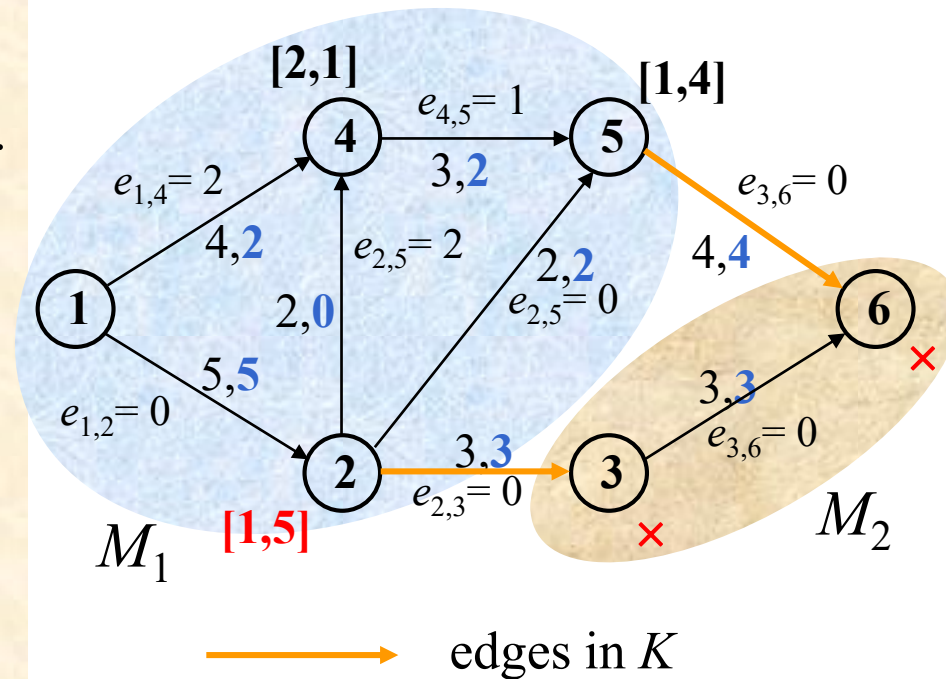
# Correctness of Labeling Algorithm

Any path  $\pi$  in  $N$  from the source to the sink begins with a node in  $M_1$  and ends with a node in  $M_2$ .

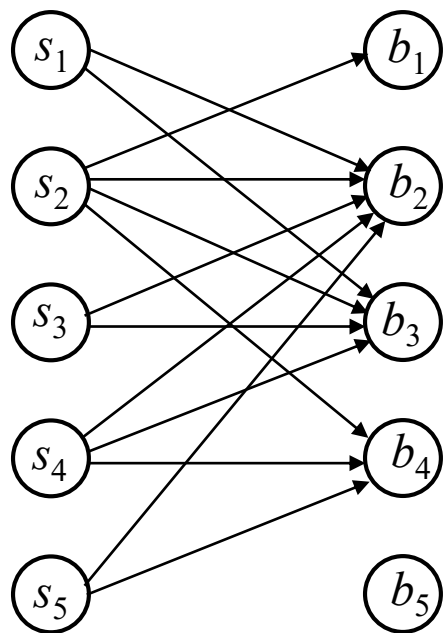
Let  $K$  consists of all edges in  $N$  that connect a node in  $M_1$  with a node in  $M_2$ . So, there must be a edge  $(i,j)$ , with  $i$  is the last node in  $\pi$  that belongs to  $M_1$ , and  $j$  in  $M_2$ . So,  $(i,j)$  is in  $K$ , and  $K$  is a cut.

For all such  $(i,j)$ , the final flow produced by the algorithm must result in  $(i,j)$  carrying its full capacity, otherwise, the positive excess capacity will cause  $j$  labeled, contradiction.

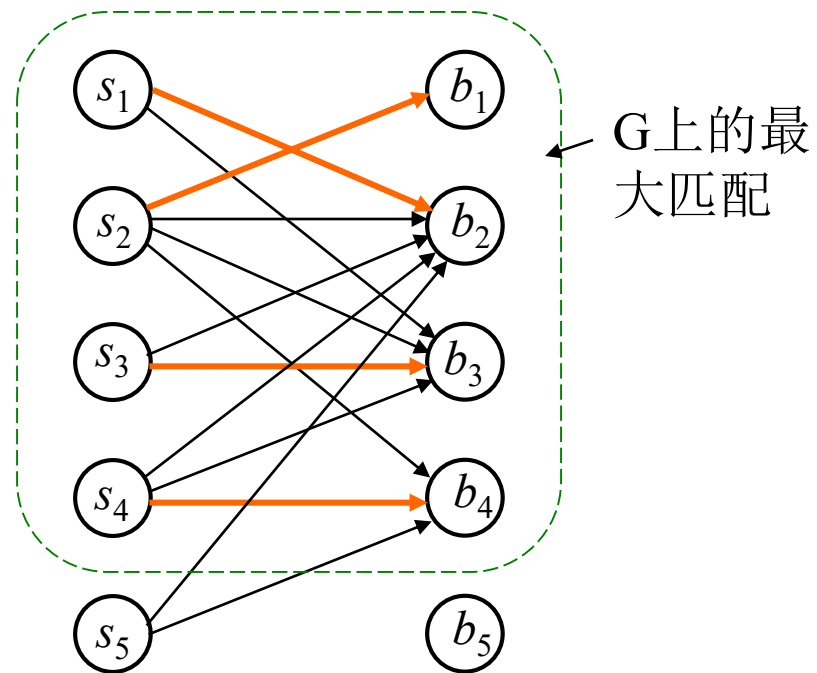
Algorithm stops at Step 4



# Matching

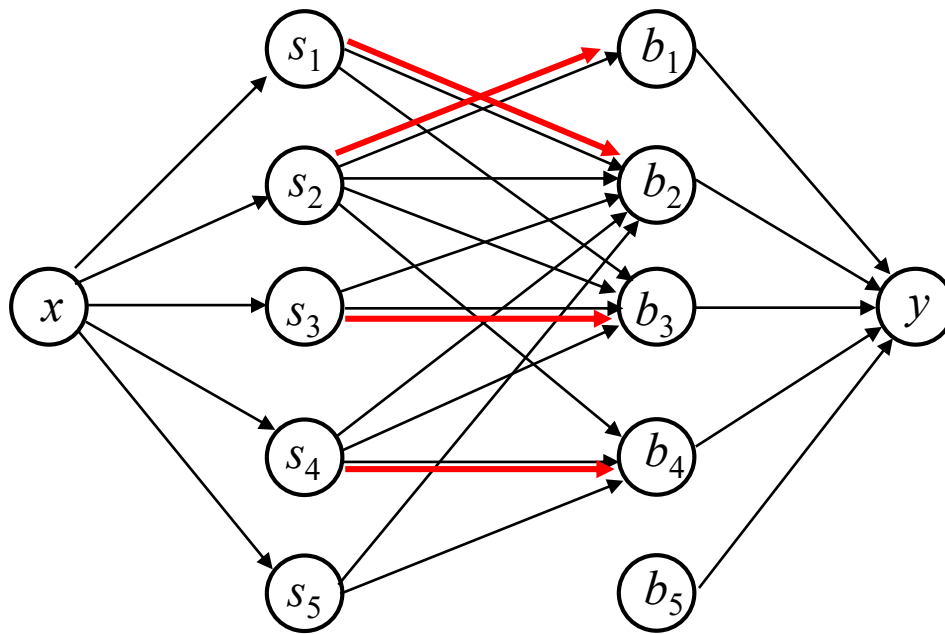


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# 用网络流来解两步图最大匹配问题



Labeling algorithm for max flow is used in the network to compute the matching

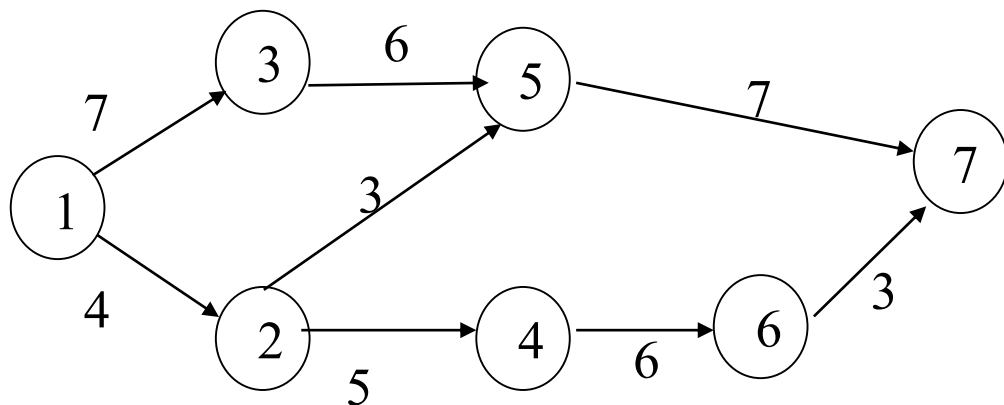
with each capacity set to 1

# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- Let  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then there exists a complete matching  $M$  if and only if for each  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $|X| \leq |R(X)|$

# Open topics:

1, 写出标号算法。用标号法求解以下流网络的最大流



2, 利用最大流算法，证明**hall**定理

# 课外作业

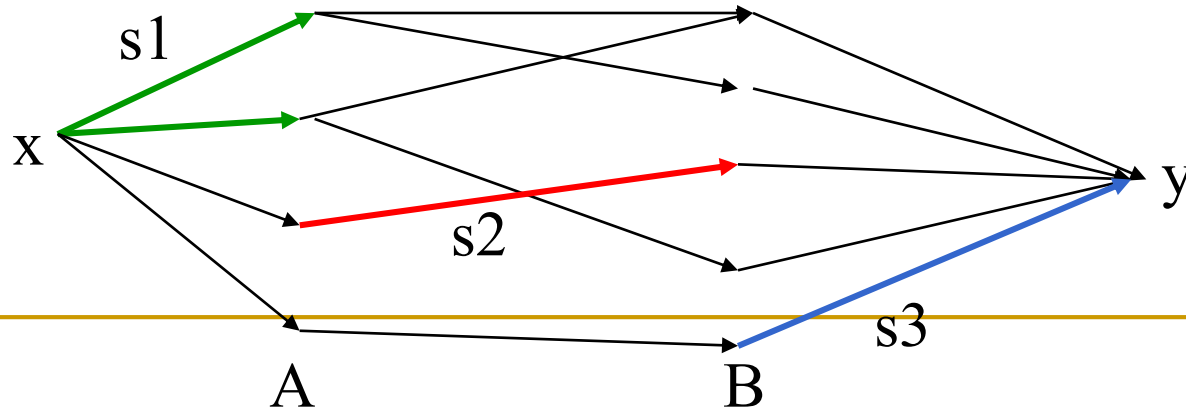
- TC Ex.26.1: 1, 2, 6, 7
- TC Ex.26.2: 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13
- TC Ex.26.3: 3
- TC Prob.26: 1, 2

# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- Let  $R$  be a relation from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then there exists a complete matching  $M$  if and only if for each  $X \subseteq A$ ,  $|X| \leq |R(X)|$
- Proof:
  - $\Rightarrow$  Obviously
  - $\Leftarrow |A| = n$ 
    - add supersource and supersink, if max flow value is  $|A|$ , then we get it.
    - If min cut has value  $|A|$ , we get it.

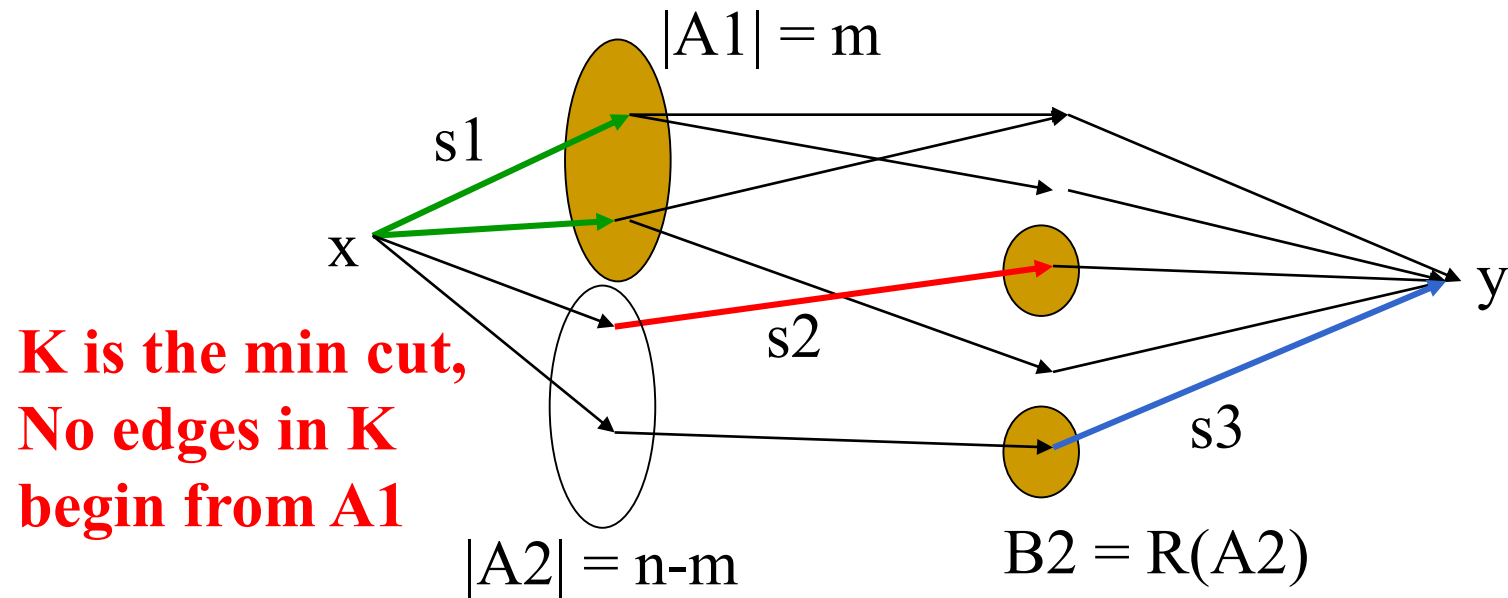
# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- Suppose  $K$  is a minimal cut.
- We can consider all edges in  $K$  as in three sets:
  - $S_1$ : those begin at supersource;  $|S_1|=m$
  - $S_2$ : those correspond to pairs in  $R$ ;
  - $S_3$ : those end at supersink.



# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- Remove S1:



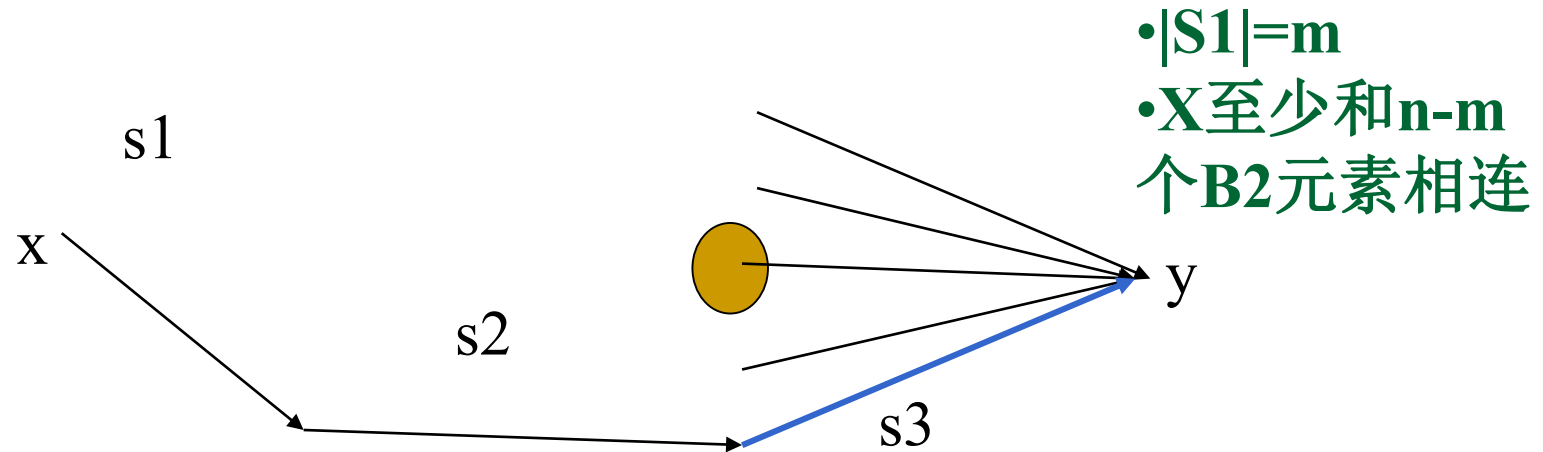
If  $m = n$ ,  $s1=n$ , we get it

precondition

X通过A2集合元素至少和n-m个B2元素相连

# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- Remove  $S_2$ : suppose  $|S_2| = r$



if  $|S_3|=0$ ,  $|S_2| = n-m$ ,  $|K| = |S_1| + |S_2| = n$

X is still connected to at least  $(n-m)-r$  elements of B

if  $|S_3| > 0$

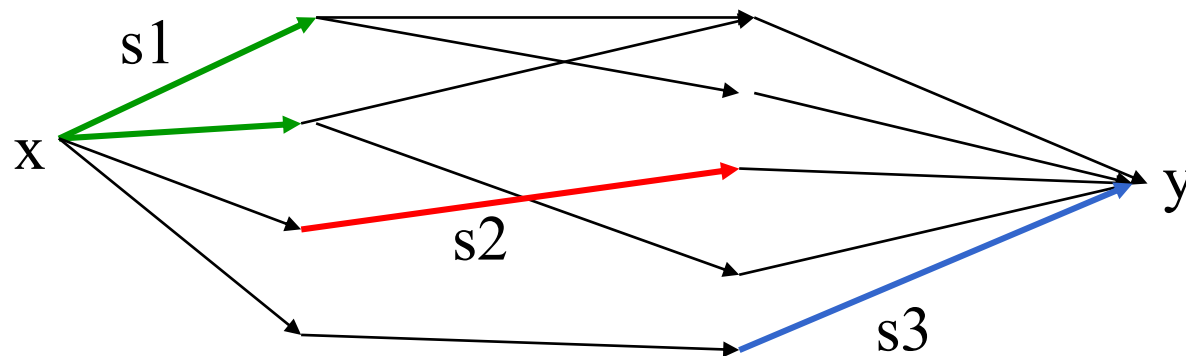


# Hall's Marriage Theorem

- $K$  is a min cut:

- $X$  is still connected to at least  $(n-m)-r$  elements of  $B$

- $|S3| \geq (n-m)-r$



$$|K| = |S1| + |S2| + |S3| \geq m + r + n - m - r = n$$

# Proof of Hall's Theorem:

$|K| \geq n$ , So, the following greens is one of the min cut.  
So, the following reds is one of the complete matching

