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1. We can first construct a new directed graph  $G'$  which has all the same vertices in  $G$ . And for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $G$ , adding not only  $(u, v)$  but also  $(v, u)$  to  $G'$ . Then we set the capacity of each edge  $c(u, v)$  to 1, so that the minimum number of edges that must be removed to disconnect the graph will be equal to the minimum capacity of all  $s$ - $t$  cuts of the graph.

Then we can pick an arbitrary vertex  $s$  and run the maximum-flow algorithm on the flow network  $\mathcal{F} = (G, s, t, c)$  for all vertices  $t$  such that  $t \neq s$ . We claim that the minimum number of edges that must be removed to disconnect the graph is the minimum of those maximum flow value.

There are  $|V| - 1$  such flow network in total, each having  $|V|$  vertices and  $2|E|$  edges. So the maximum-flow algorithm will run on at most  $|V|$  flow networks, each having  $O(V)$  vertices and  $O(E)$  edges.

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that the value our algorithm produce, call it  $m$ , is not the minimum number of edges that must be removed to disconnect the graph, and let  $k$  denote the real minimum and  $A, B$  denote the two resulting set of disconnected vertices. Then

$$k < m \tag{1}$$

Let  $f(s, t)$  denote the value of the maximum flow from vertex  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G'$  where  $s \in A$  and  $t \in B$ . By the max flow min cut theorem,  $f(s, t)$  is a minimum cut and  $k$  cannot be smaller than  $f(s, t)$ . Then

$$f(s, t) \leq k \tag{2}$$

On the other hand, our algorithm produce the minimum of all maximum flows, so

$$m \leq f(s, t) \tag{3}$$

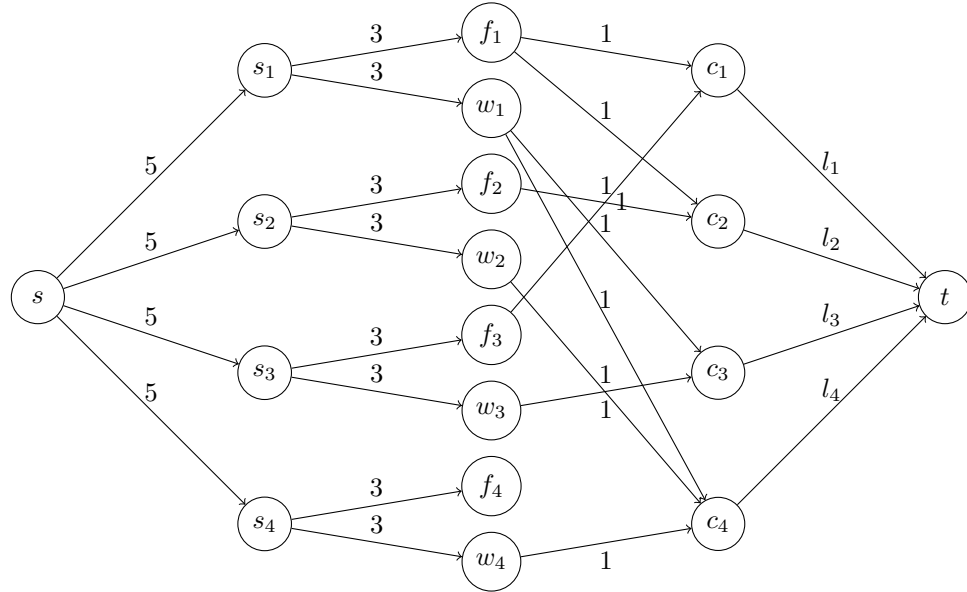
(2) and (3) contradict with our assumption in (1). So our algorithm is correct.

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2. (a) We can turn this problem into a network flow shown in the example below. In our example  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$ ,  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4\}$ ,  $T_1 = \{c_1, c_2\}$  and  $T_2 = \{c_3, c_4\}$ .

We introduced two vertices  $f_j$  and  $w_j$  for each student  $s_j$  representing the bottleneck of the maximum number of courses they can take in each term and they have inflow capacity of 3. Each student  $s_j$  has a inflow capacity of 5 from the source vertex  $s$  that represents the total limit of courses that they can take. For  $f_j$  and  $w_j$ , the edge  $(f_j, c_i)$  and  $(w_j, c_i)$  exists and has capacity 1 if and only if student  $s_j$  is interested in course  $c_i$ . Edge  $(c_i, t)$  exists and has capacity  $l_i$ .

The assignment that maximize the revenue can be found by finding an integral maximum flow of the network described above from  $s$  to  $t$ . Our method is valid because the value of a flow in this network represents the number of enrolment in all courses in a possible assignment. The maximum flow also maximize the total enrolment and therefore maximize the revenue.



(b) **Variables:**

We use all variables already defined in the problem.

$a_{ij}^1$ : student i take course j in term 1, then assign 1 student i not take course j in term 1, or course j is not in term 1, then assign 0.

$a_{ij}^2$ : student i take course j in term 2, then assign 1 student i not take course j in term 2, or course j is not in term 2, then assign 0.

$y_i$ : student i take 5 courses, then assign 1. student i not take 5 courses, then assign 0.

$b_{ij}$ : course i has student j in it, then assign 1. Otherwise assign 0.

**Objective function:**  $\max y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n$

**Constraints:**

$$b_{11} + b_{12} + \dots + b_{1n} \leq l_1$$

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$$b_{m1} + b_{m2} + \dots + b_{mn} \leq l_m$$

$$a_{11}^1 + a_{12}^1 + \dots + a_{1m}^1 \leq 3$$

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$$a_{n1}^1 + a_{n2}^1 + \dots + a_{nm}^1 \leq 3$$

$$a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + \dots + a_{1m}^2 \leq 3$$

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$$a_{n1}^2 + a_{n2}^2 + \dots + a_{nm}^2 \leq 3$$

$$a_{11}^1 + a_{12}^1 + \dots + a_{1m}^1 + a_{11}^2 + a_{12}^2 + \dots + a_{1m}^2 \leq 5$$

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$$a_{n1}^1 + a_{n2}^1 + \dots + a_{nm}^1 + a_{n1}^2 + a_{n2}^2 + \dots + a_{nm}^2 \leq 5$$

**Justification:**

with variable  $b_{ij}$ , we can constraint each course has student less than enrolment limit.

with variable  $a_{ij}^1$  and  $a_{ij}^2$ , we can constraint each student has less than 3 courses per term and less than 5 courses in 2 terms.

$y_i$  indicate whether a student has 5 courses. We can maximize all  $y_i$  to reach our goal.