

Solution5

Notation:

- \Rightarrow := this implies
- i.e := that is
- $\max(f)$:= maximum flow

In the network (G, s, t, c) $\max(f) = 24$.

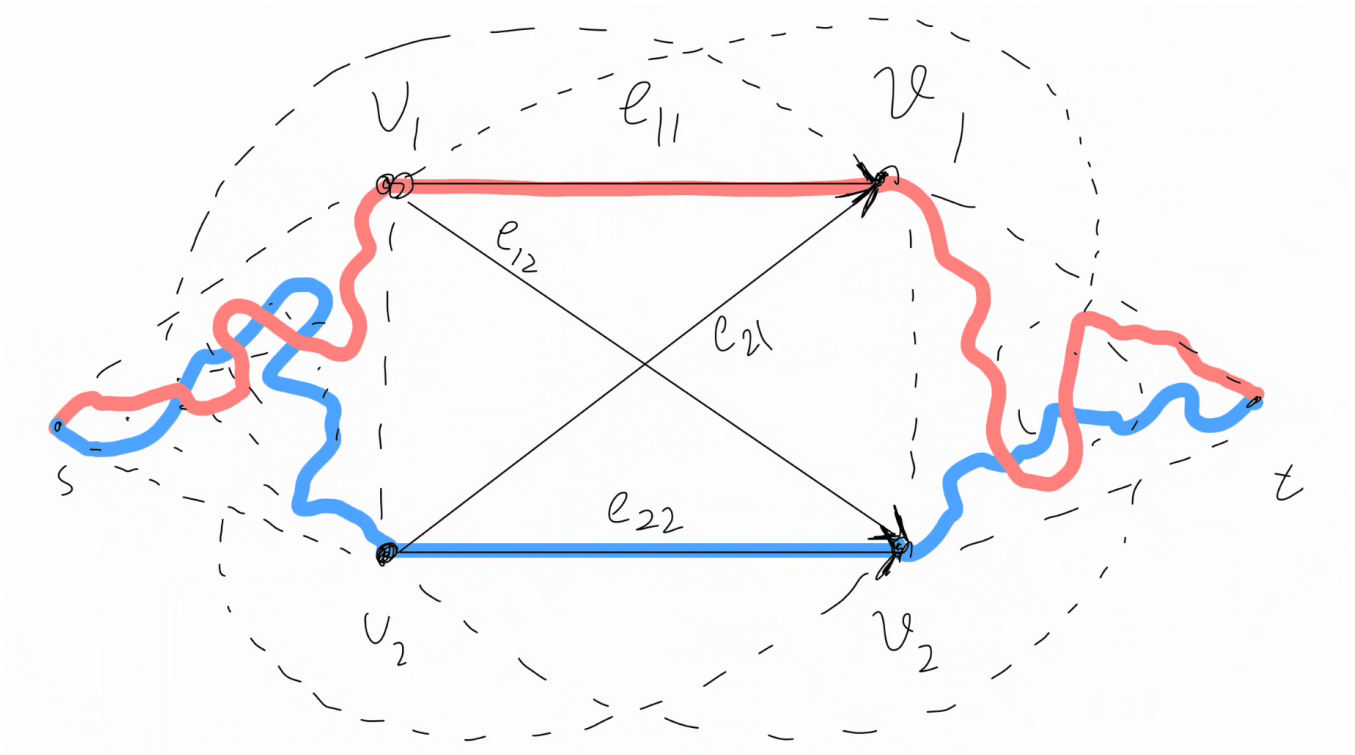
let: $e_{11} = u_1v_1$ $e_{22} = u_2v_2$ $e_{21} = u_2v_1$ $e_{12} = u_1v_2$

1:

In the original graph there are 2 augmenting paths containing e_{11} , e_{22} respectively that can carry +32 flow if e_{11}/e_{22} weren't the bottleneck (i.e if we raise the capacity of e_{11}/e_{22} by 32 then you can flow +32 units each through those 2 augmenting paths)

Proof direct:

After raising the capacities $c(e_{11}) += 32$ and $c(e_{22}) += 32 \Rightarrow \max(f) = 88 = 24 + 32 + 32 \Rightarrow$ the e_{11} and e_{22} where a bottleneck of 2 augmenting paths that brought +32 flow each (and because they e_{11} and e_{22} are full even after raising their capacity they still may be a bottleneck) \Rightarrow in the original graph there exists 2 augmenting paths from s to t which can supply +32 flow each through the network and pass through e_{11} , e_{22} respectively.



2:

e_{21} and e_{12} are full in the original graph.

Proof contradiction:

If they aren't then we can send more flow using the 2 augmenting paths above:

- for e_{21} we use the augmenting path $s \rightarrow u_2 v_1 \rightarrow t$
- for e_{12} we use the augmenting path $s \rightarrow u_1 v_2 \rightarrow t$

But our flow was maximum. This is a contradiction.

Now if we increase the capacity of e_{21} to 31 \Rightarrow then we can flow +31 units through the augmenting path $s \rightarrow u_2 v_1 \rightarrow t$ (the part $s \rightarrow u_2$ and $v_1 \rightarrow t$ can now at least pump +1 more flow, but this won't have an effect in e_{12} cause when it could pump +32 it didn't have any effect in the first place (using 2)).

e_{12} is full (2) \Rightarrow if we decrease the capacity e_{12} by some number then also the max flow decreases (e_{12} is a bottleneck of $\langle 0, 32 \rangle = +32$) \Rightarrow when we decreased the capacity by 13 our flow also decreased the same amount (also the capacity in the first place was ≥ 13).

This makes our $\max(f) = 21 + 31 - 13 = 39$

Klevis Bottleneck Theory :) (haha)

This is like a simple example and some semi precise definitions, just to get the idea of what I am thinking.

Note:

If I could define define bottleneck precisely like:

e is a bottleneck of value between $\langle a, b \rangle \Leftrightarrow$

- if raising c of e by $n \in [c(e), b]$ increases the $\max(f)$ by n .
- if decreasing c of e by $m \in [a, c(e)]$ decreases the $\max(f)$ by m .

Notation: $\text{bottleneck}(e) = \text{neck}(e) = \langle a, b \rangle$

Example:

$\text{neck}(e_{11}) = \langle 0, +32 \rangle = \text{neck}(e_{22}) = \text{neck}(e_{21}) = \text{neck}(e_{12}) = +32$

Lemma:

Lemma if e bottleneck $\Leftrightarrow e$ full (in $\max f$)

Theorem:

The bottle neck edges are the edges going through the min cut.

and so on...