

Solution4

They are some edges in G where $c(e)=x$.

We will $c(e)=x$ edges e' .

$$33-22=11$$

$$c(e')=x=33 \text{ edges each.}$$

This tells us that after we raised the capacity of some edges for 11 we could only send 9 more units of flow through the network. So even if this flow went through e' edges still it wouldn't use all the capacity of these edges \Rightarrow that our flow has a bottleneck not on the e' edges \Rightarrow even if we raise the capacity of these edges further they won't have any effect in how much more flow we can put in $\Rightarrow M(33)=M(42)=1243$.

More formally:

In $M(33)$, $f(e) < c(e)$ for all e' edges

Proof direct:

Let's think of all augmenting paths in $M(22)$. They may have 0, 1 or many $c(e')=x=2$ edges each. To get from $M(22) \Rightarrow M(33)$ we raise capacity of e' by 11. By doing this we at most put +9 flow through the network, because $M(22)$ and $M(33)$ are max flows. This flow should have gone through some of the augmenting paths in $M(33)$.

1. If e' was part of these augmenting paths then $f(e')=f(e')+9$ but the capacity was raised by 11 $c(e')=c(e')+11 \Rightarrow f(e') < c(e')$ (Using $f(e) \leq c(e)$)
2. If e' was NOT part of these augmenting paths then the flow stays the same and the capacity was raised by 11 $\Rightarrow f(e') < c(e')$

If we still increase the $c(e')=33 \rightarrow 42$ we still can't put more flow through the augmenting paths.

Proof contradiction:

If we could then we would at least be able to put +1 flow through the augmenting path in $M(42)$. If we did then we would have been able to do it for same augmenting path in $M(33)$, because $f(e') < c(e')$ and the capacity of the other edges has not changed. But for $M(33)$ we could not do that because $M(33)$ is a max flow.

$\Rightarrow M(33)=M(42)=1243$.