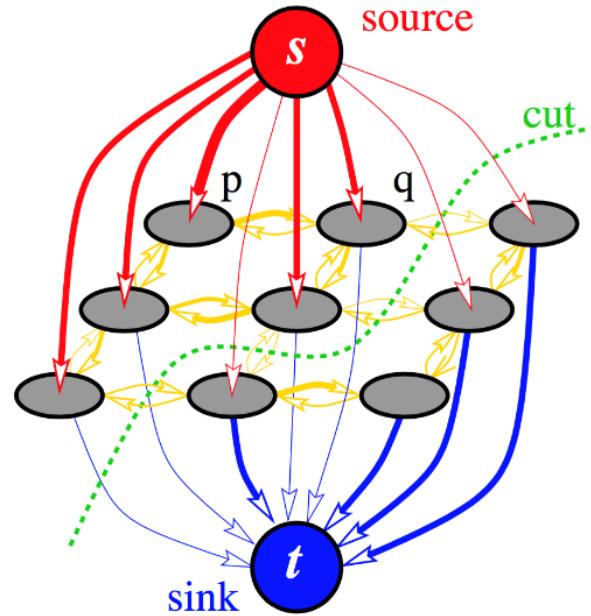


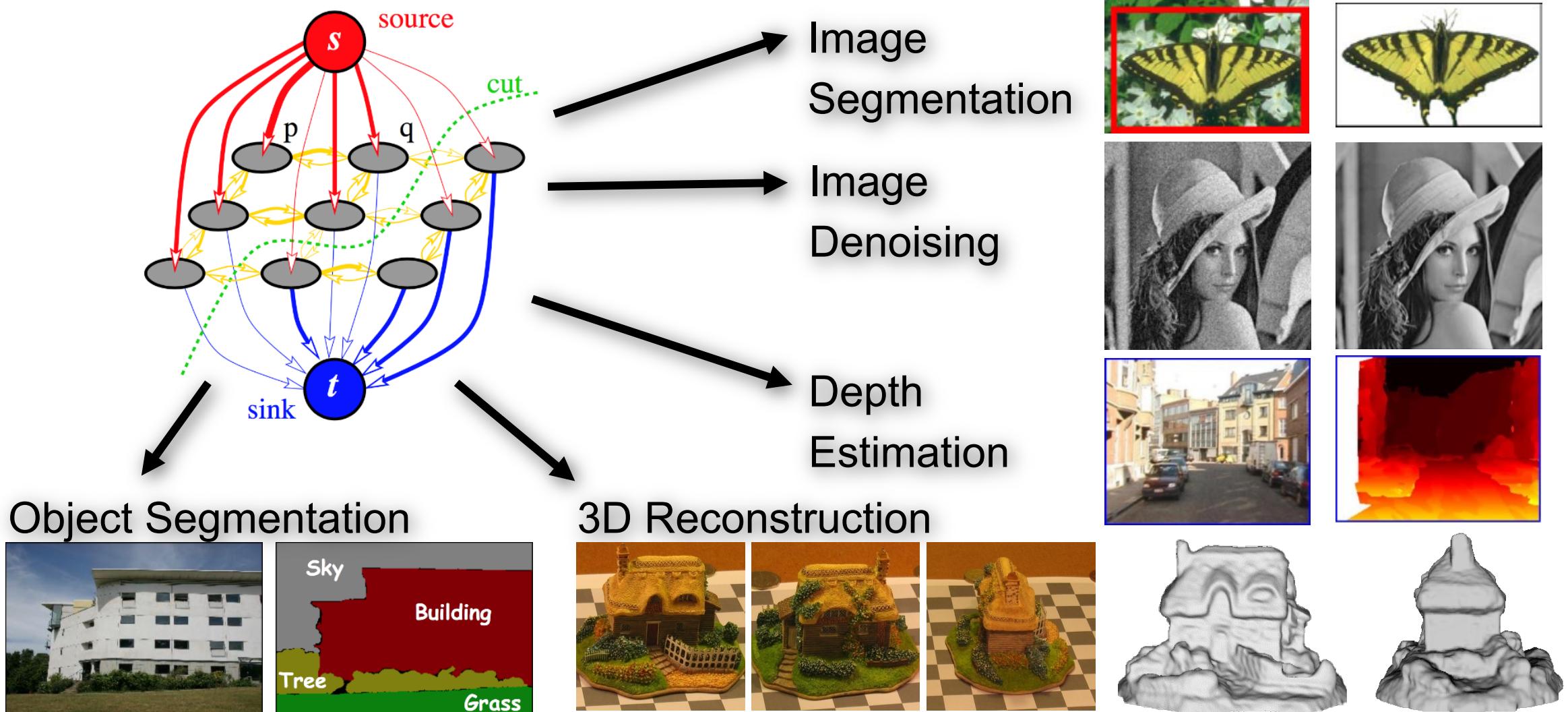
# Graph-cuts



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# Overview Graph-cuts



# Image Labeling Problems

Assign a label to each image pixel

Geometry Estimation



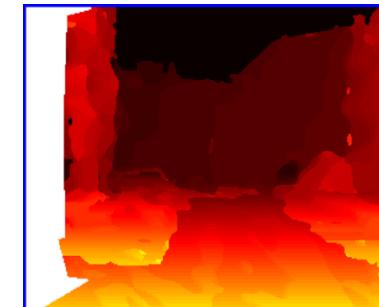
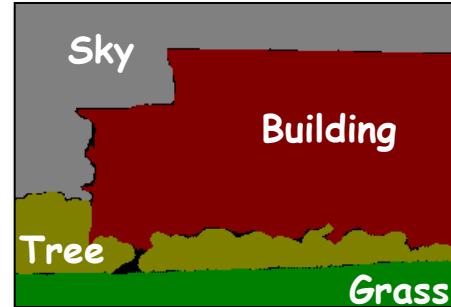
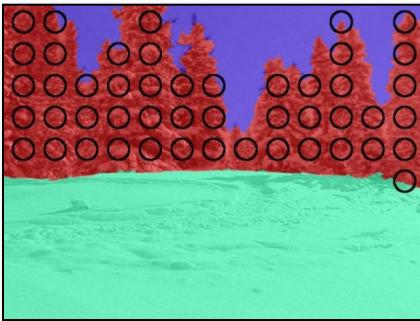
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Object Segmentation



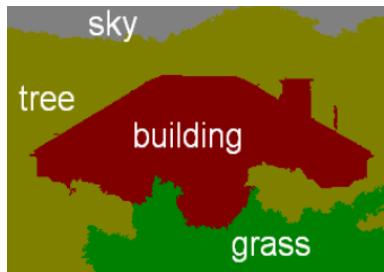
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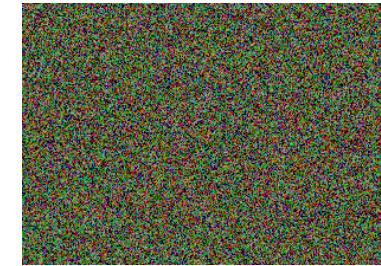
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Possible labelling



Unprobable labelling

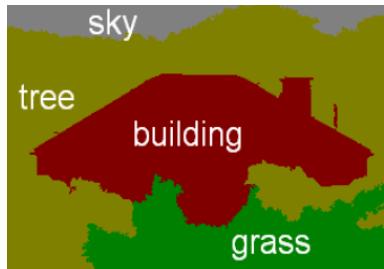


Impossible labelling

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# Image Labeling Problems

- Labelings are highly structured
- Labels highly correlated with very complex dependencies



- Neighbouring pixels tend to take the same label
- Low number of connected components
- Classes present may be seen in one image
- Geometric / Location consistency
- Planarity in depth estimation
- ... many others (task dependent)

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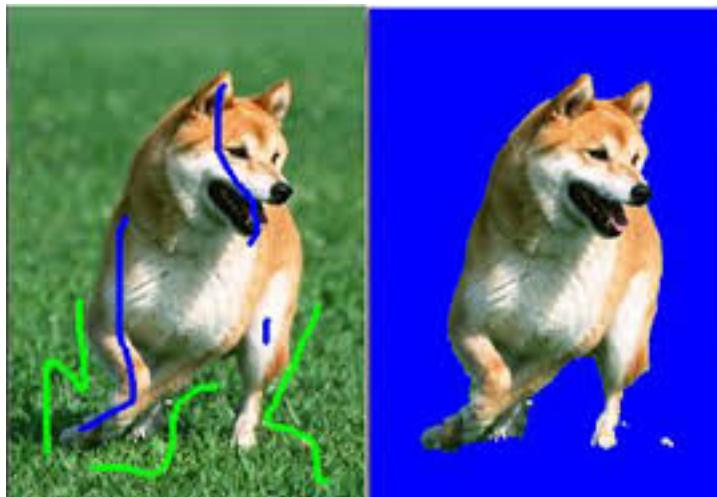
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- Number of pixels up to millions
  - Hard to train complex dependencies
  - Optimization problem is hard to infer

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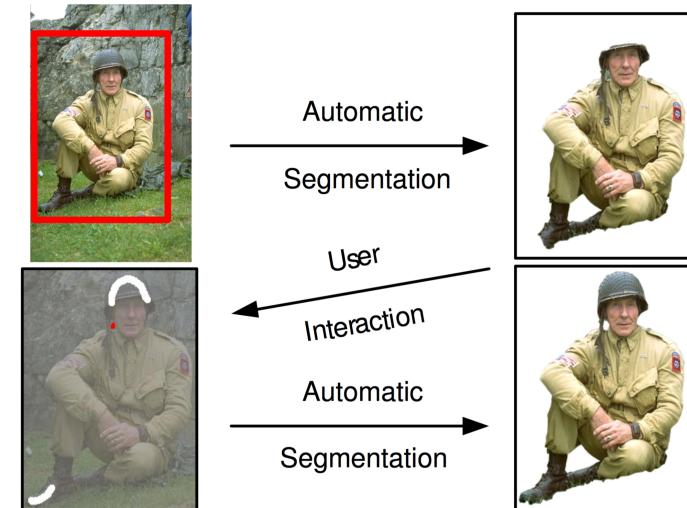
# Image Segmentation



Interactive Graph Cuts, Boykov, Jolly, ICCV 2001



GrabCut – Rother, Kolmogorov, Blake, SIGGRAPH 2004



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# Image Segmentation

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \psi_i(x_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

**Data term**

$x_i = 0 \implies i \in \text{Background}$

$x_i = 1 \implies i \in \text{Foreground}$

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$$\psi_i(0) = -\log(p(x_i \notin FG))$$

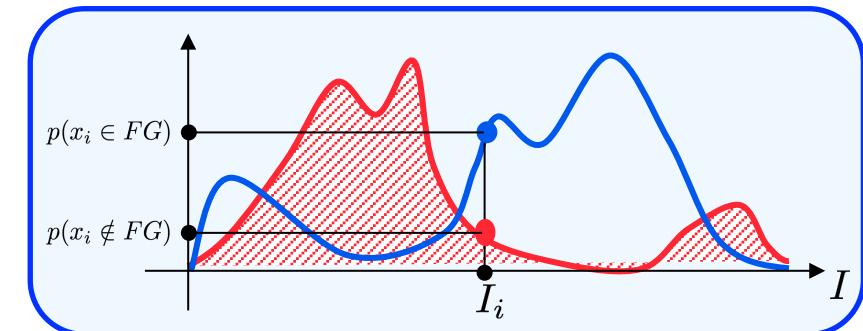
$$\psi_i(1) = -\log(p(x_i \in FG))$$

**Smoothness term**

$$\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = K_{ij} \delta(x_i \neq x_j)$$

where  $K_{ij} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \exp(-\beta(I_i - I_j)^2)$

**Intensity dependent smoothness**



**Estimated using FG / BG color models**

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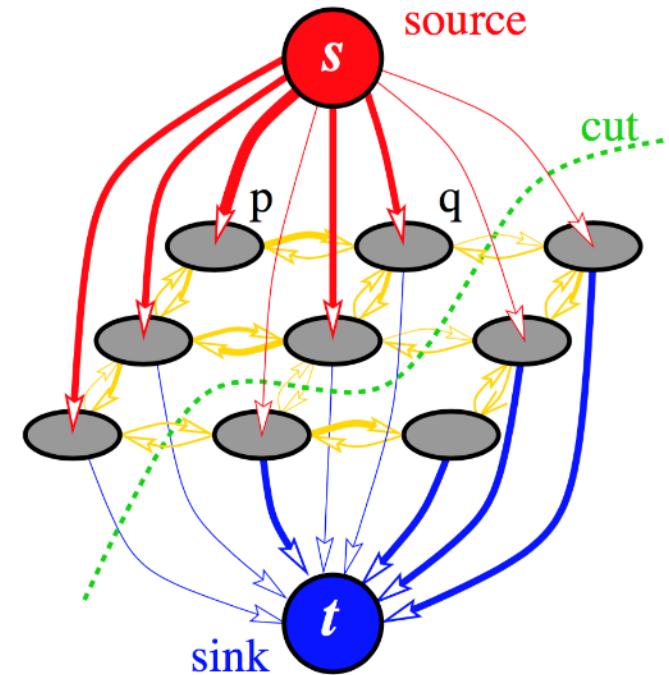
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$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{L}} E(\mathbf{x})$$

How to solve this optimisation problem?

- Transform into min-cut / max-flow problem
- Solve it using min-cut / max-flow algorithm



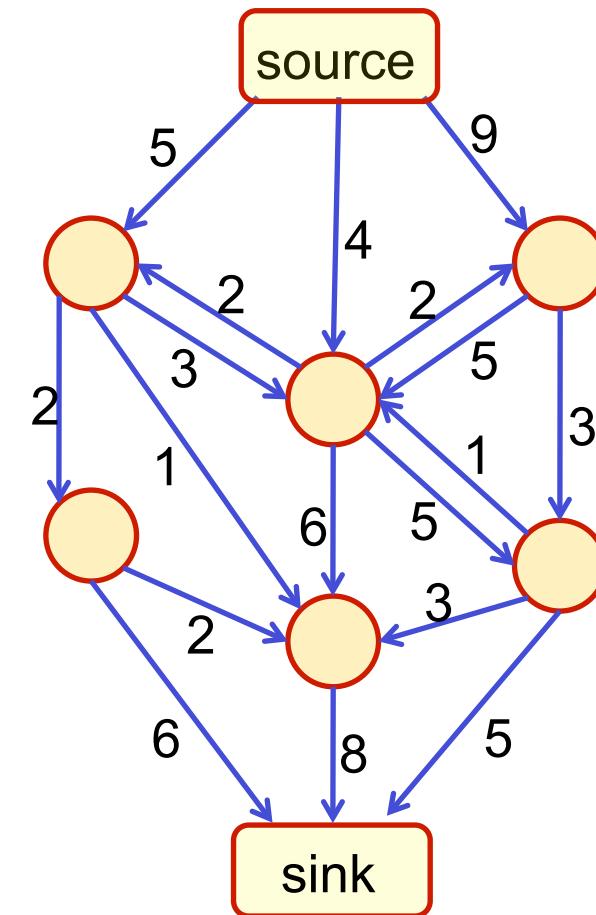
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# Max-Flow Problem

Task :

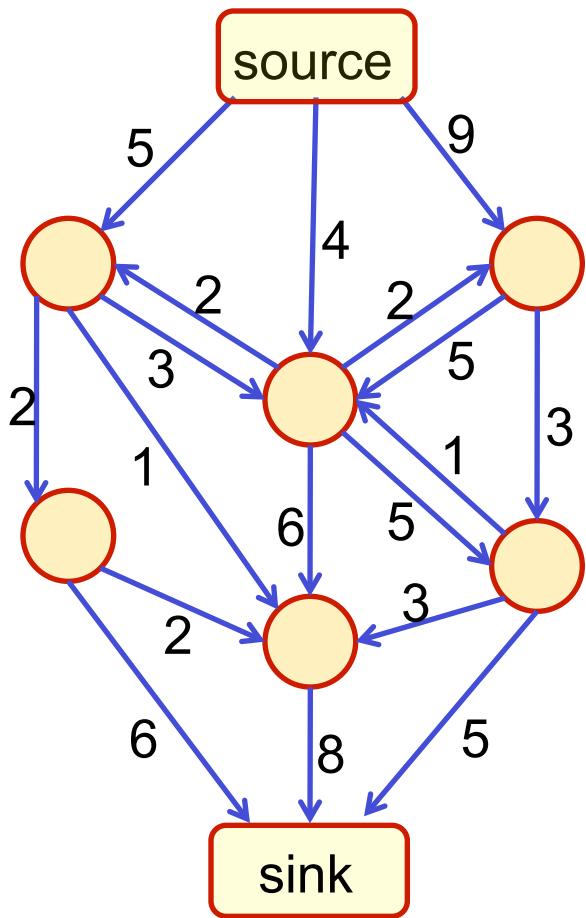
Maximize the flow from the source to the sink such that

- 1) The flow is conserved for each node
- 2) The flow for each pipe does not exceed the capacity



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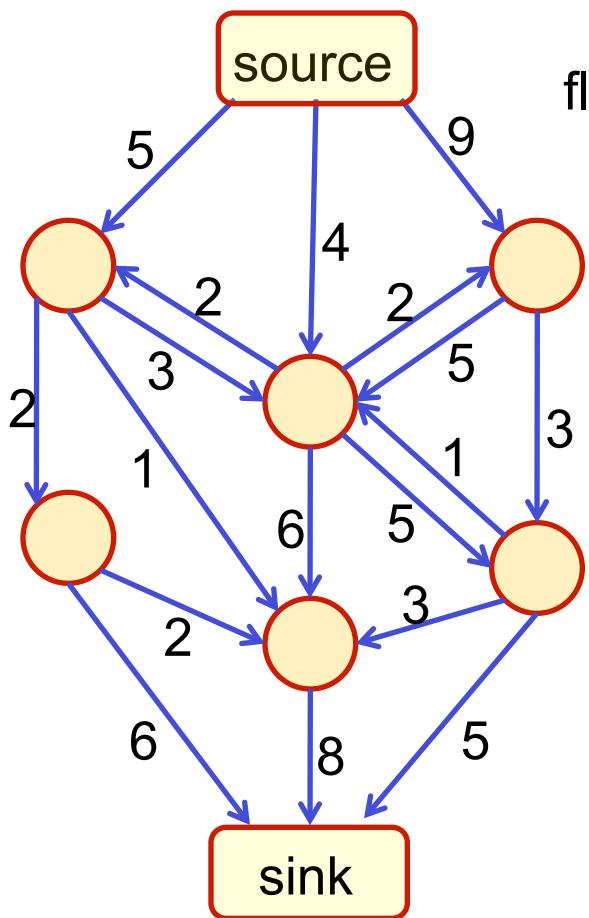
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$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{i \in V} f_{si} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq f_{ij} \leq c_{ij}, \quad \forall (i, j) \in E \\ & \sum_{j \in N(i)} f_{ji} - f_{ij} = 0, \quad \forall i \in V \setminus \{s, t\} \end{aligned}$$

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# Max-Flow Problem



flow from node i  
to node j

flow from the  
source

s.t.

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conservation of flow

capacity

set of edges

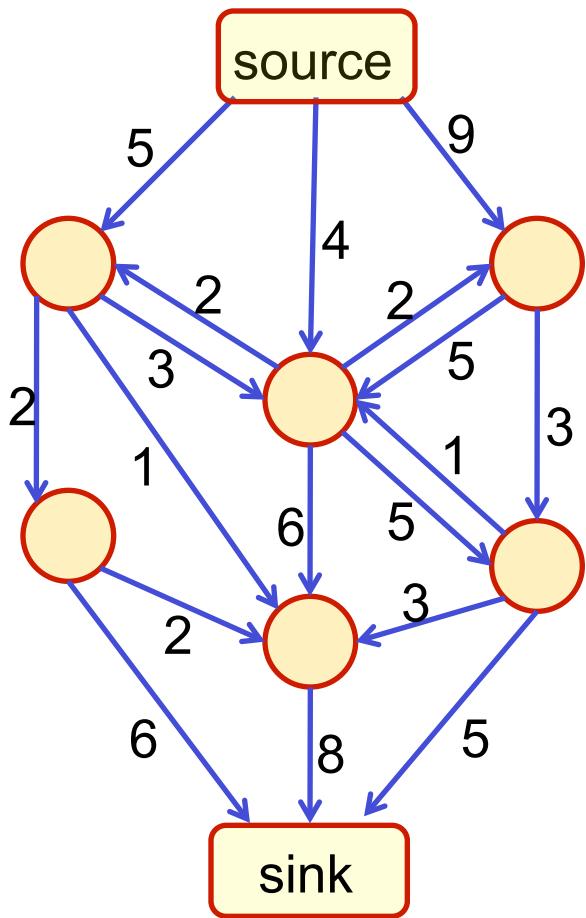
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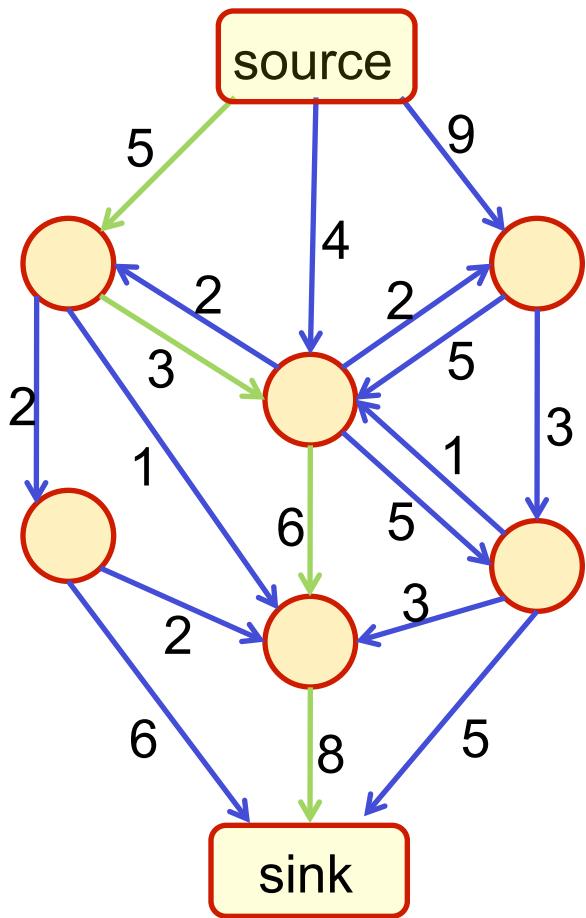
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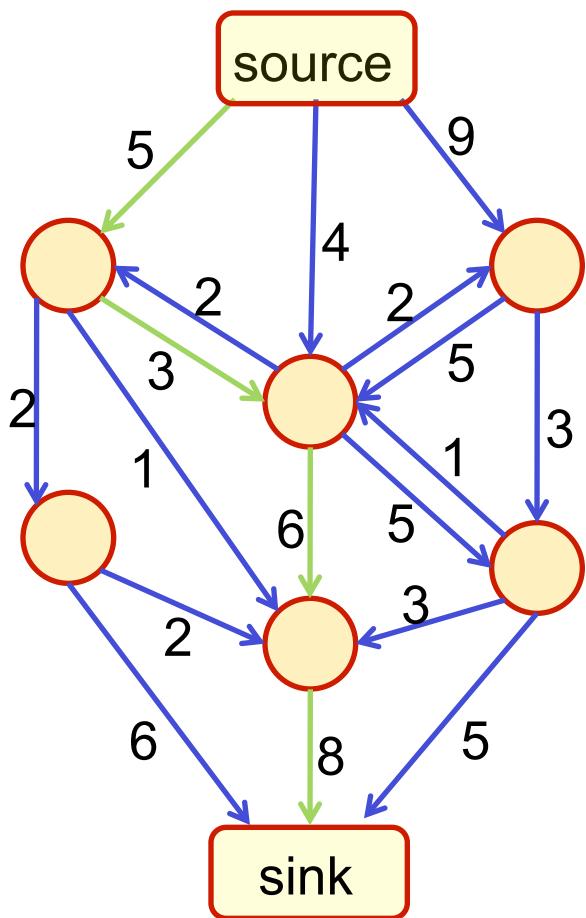
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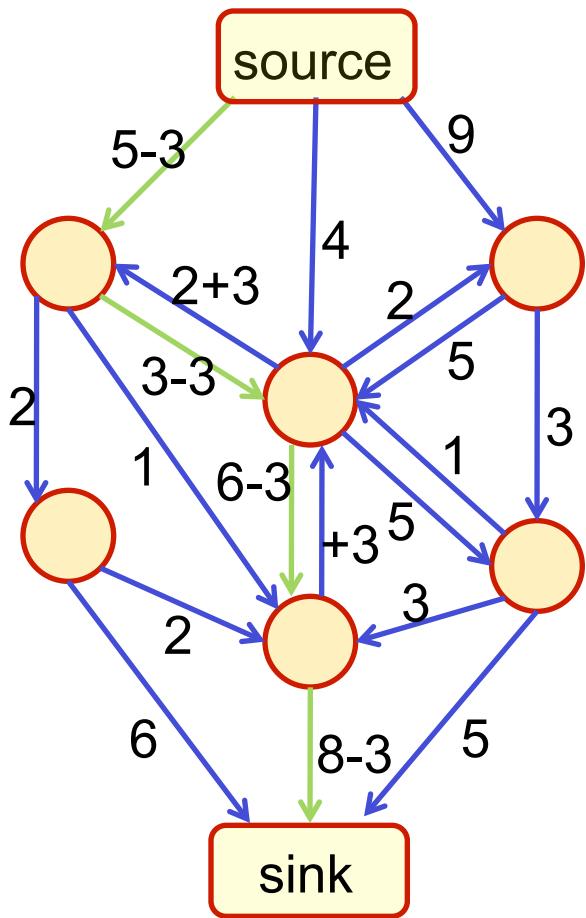
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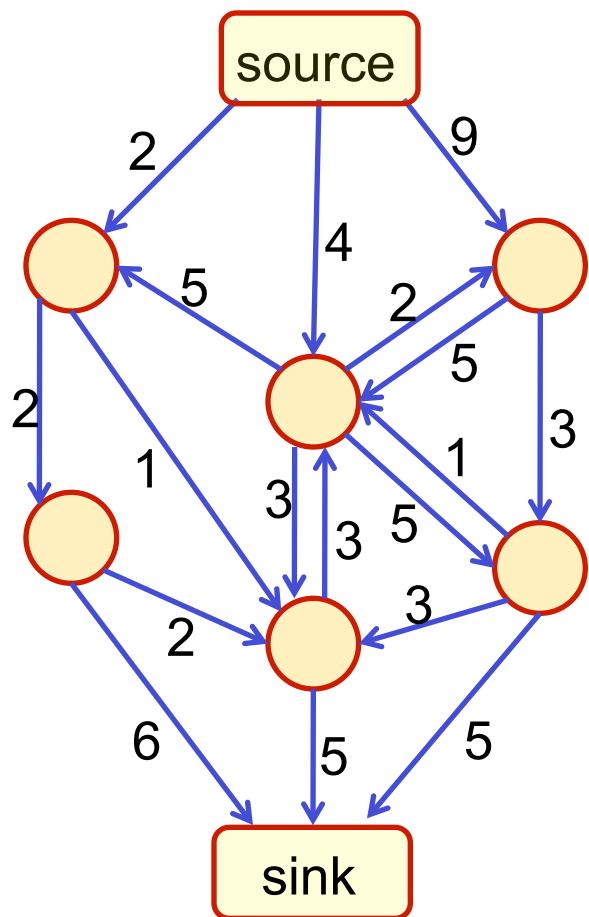
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$$r_{ij} = c_{ij} - f_{ij} + f_{ji}$$

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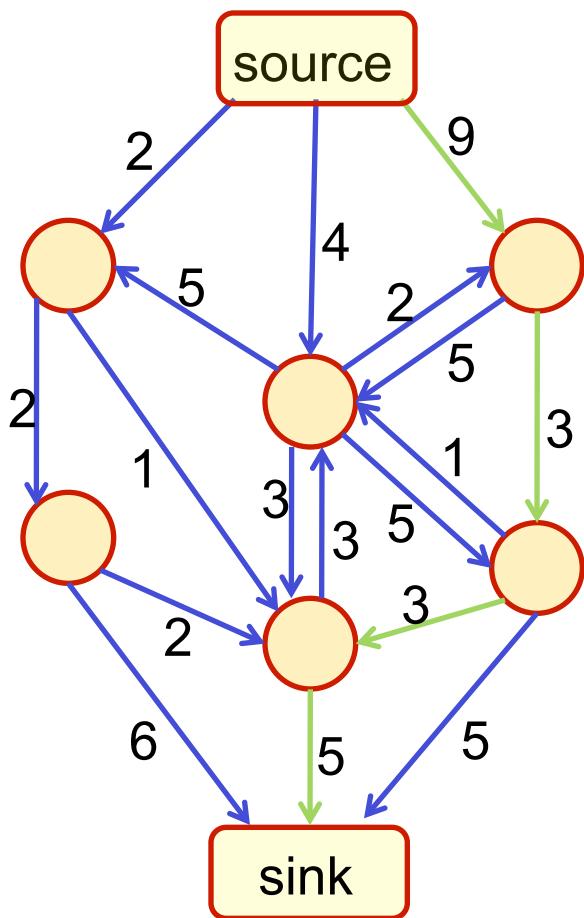
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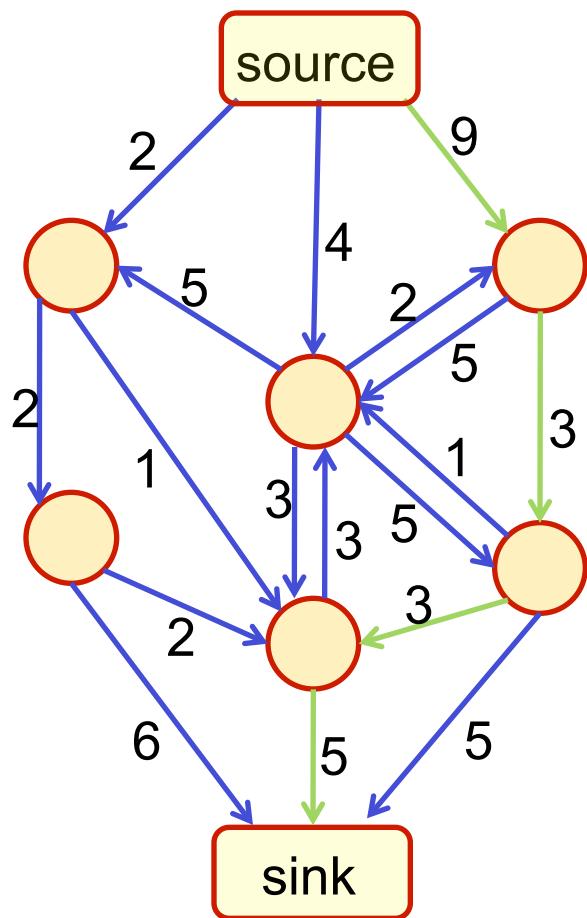
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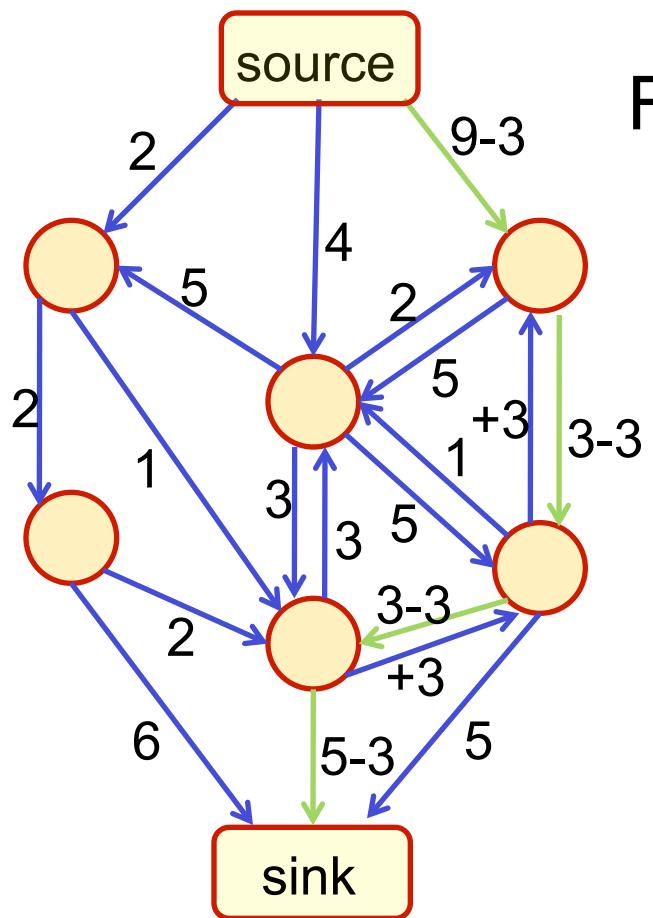
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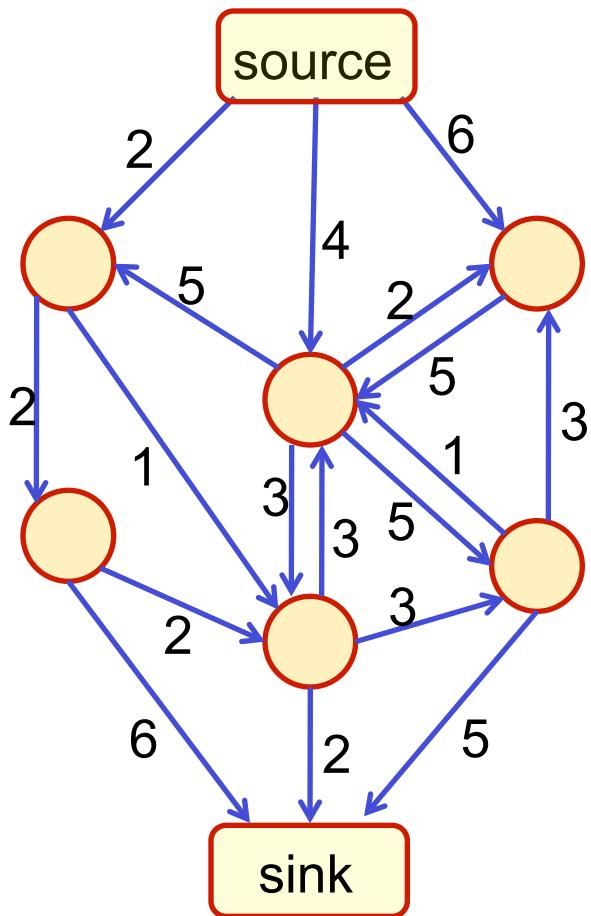
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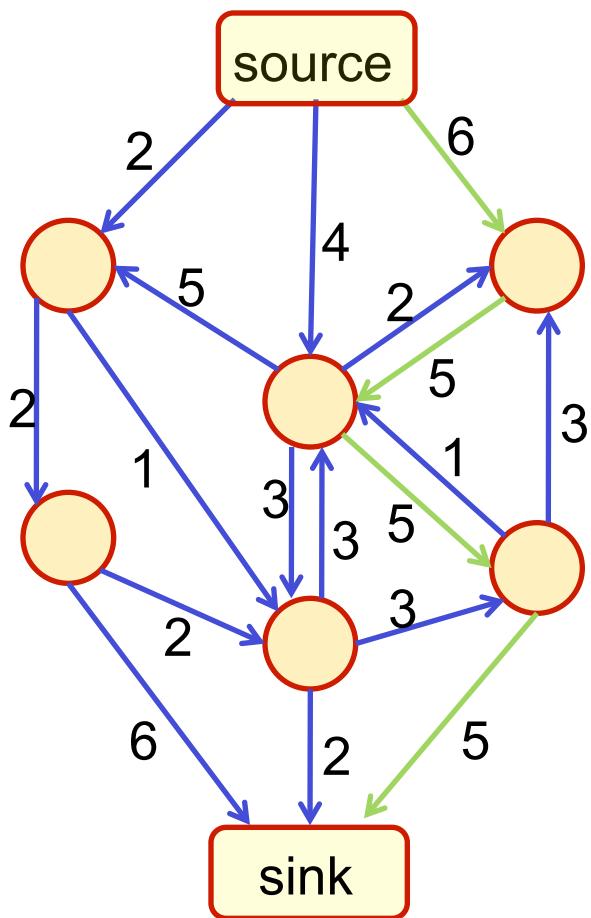
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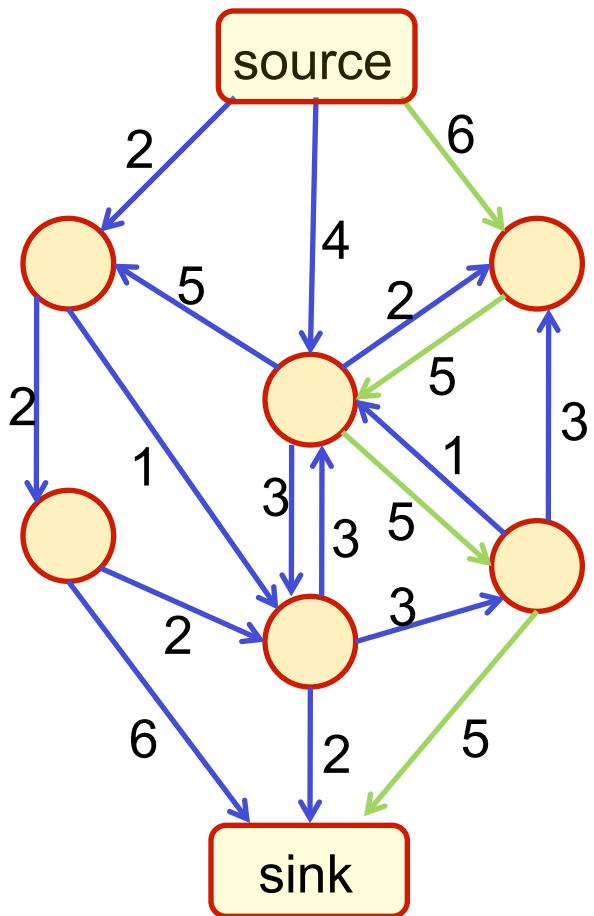
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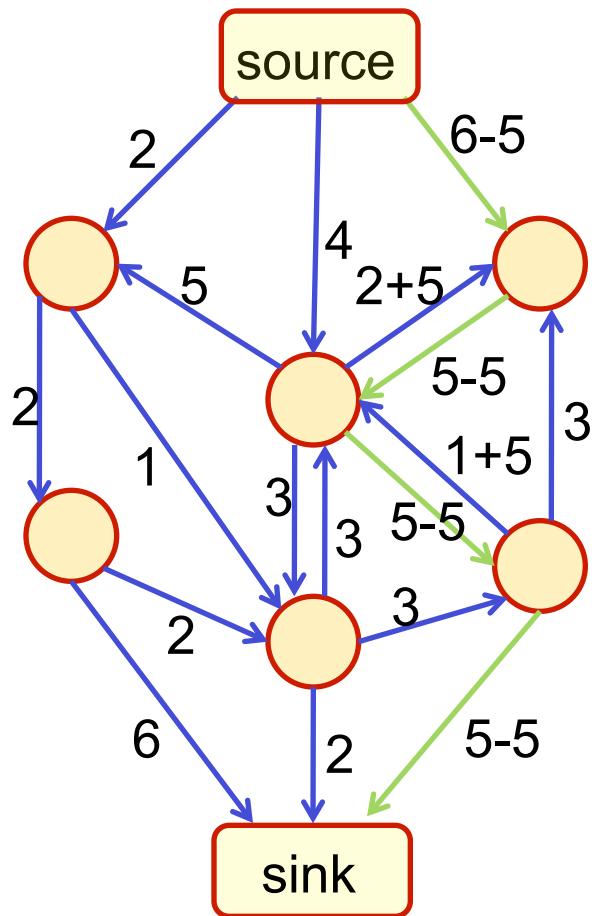
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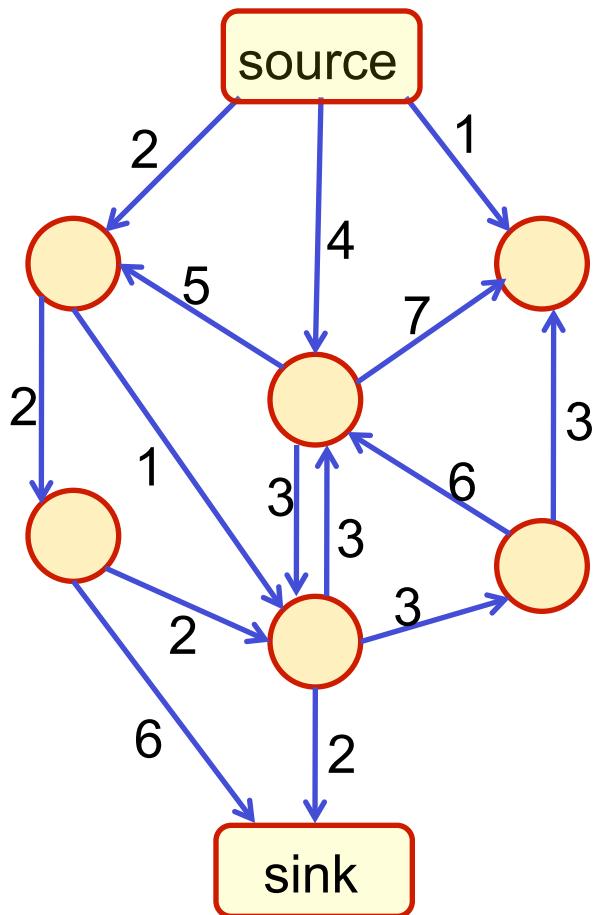
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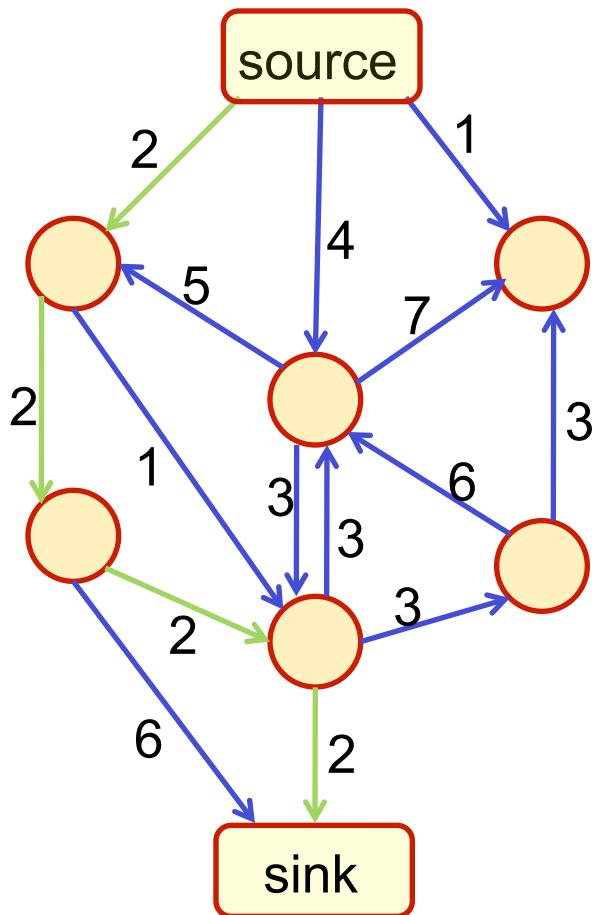
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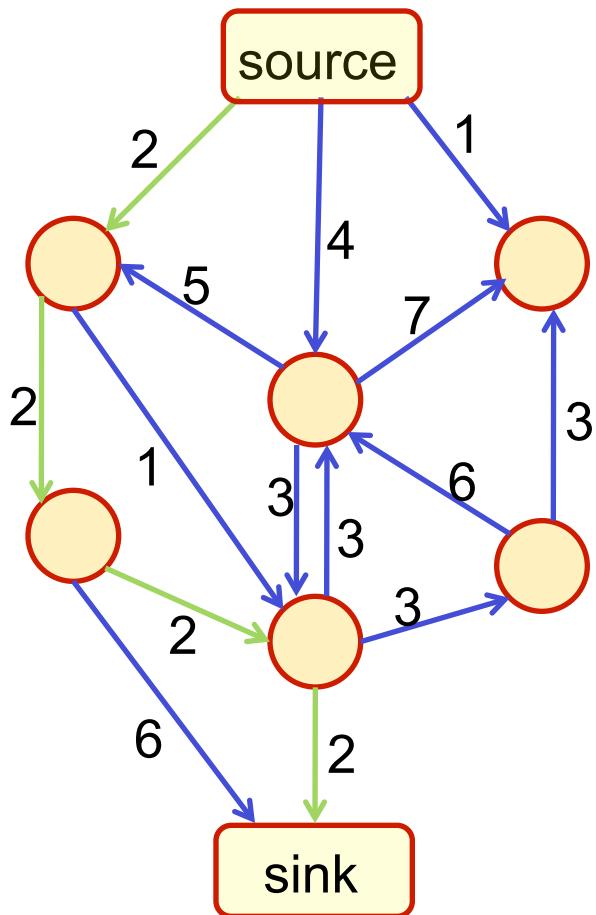
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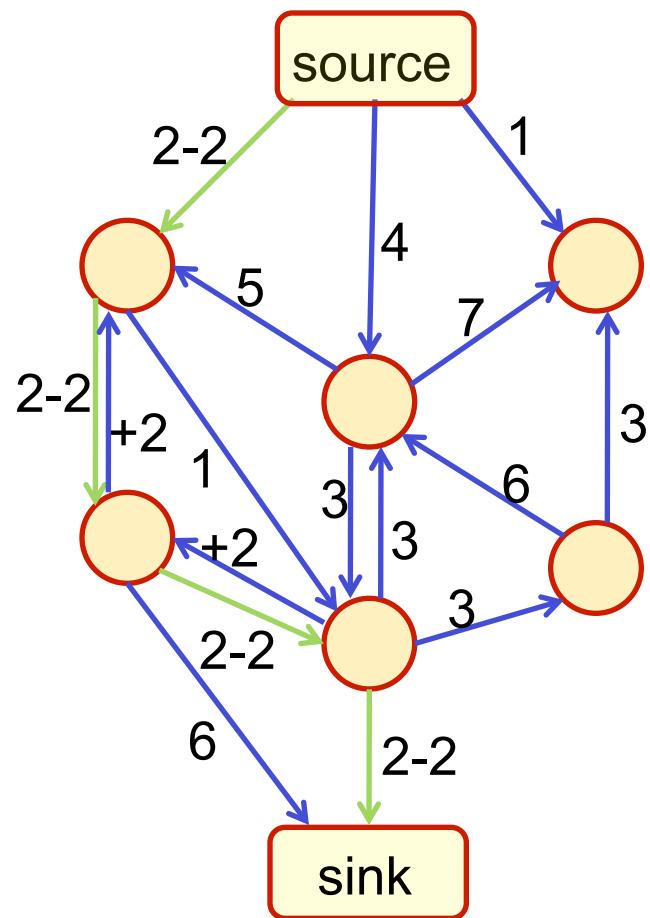
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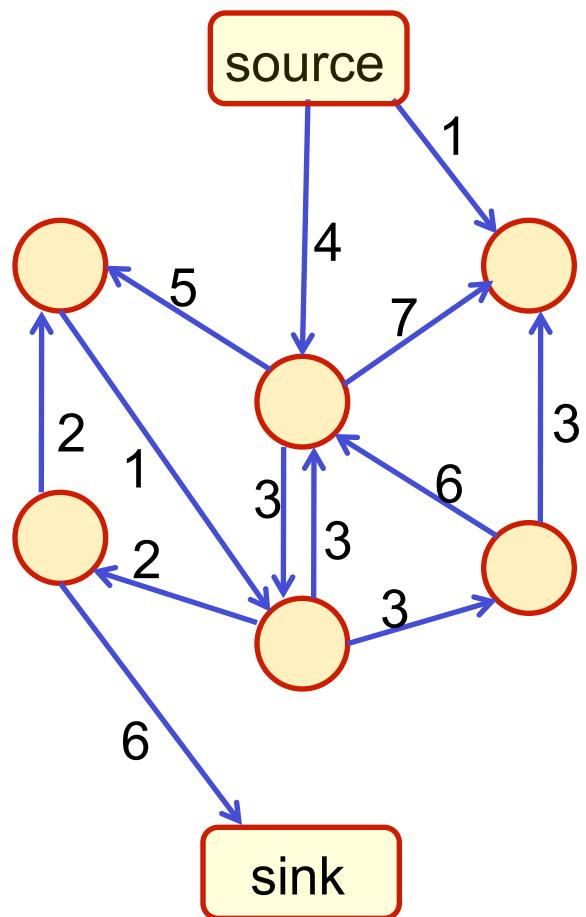
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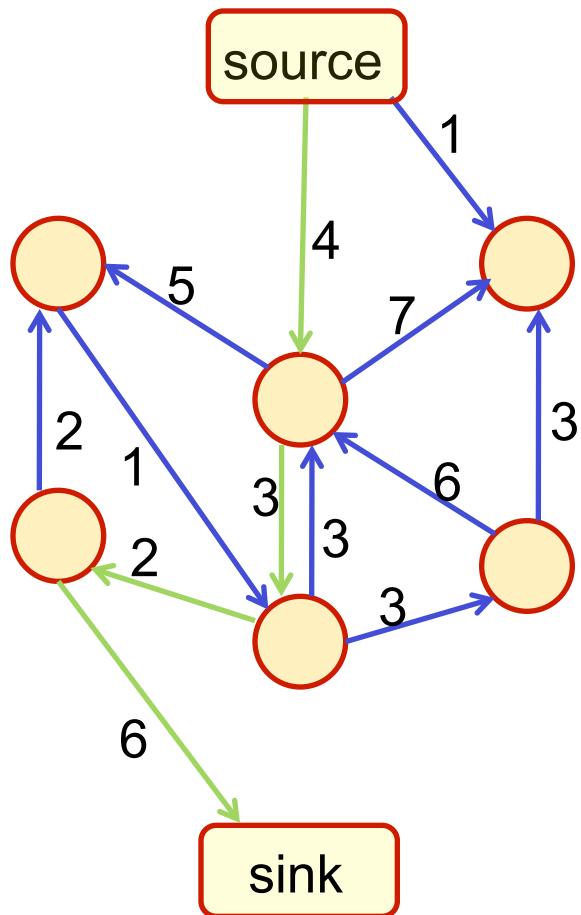
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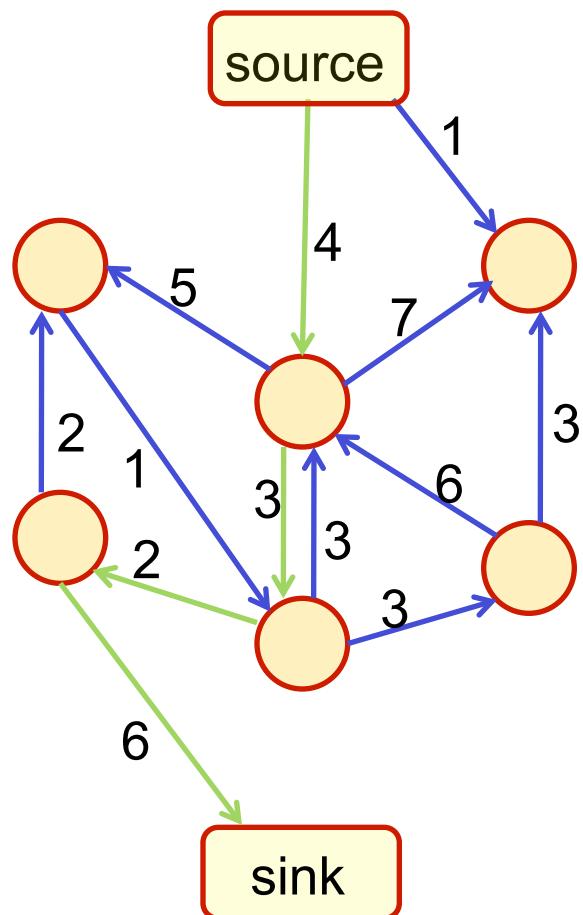
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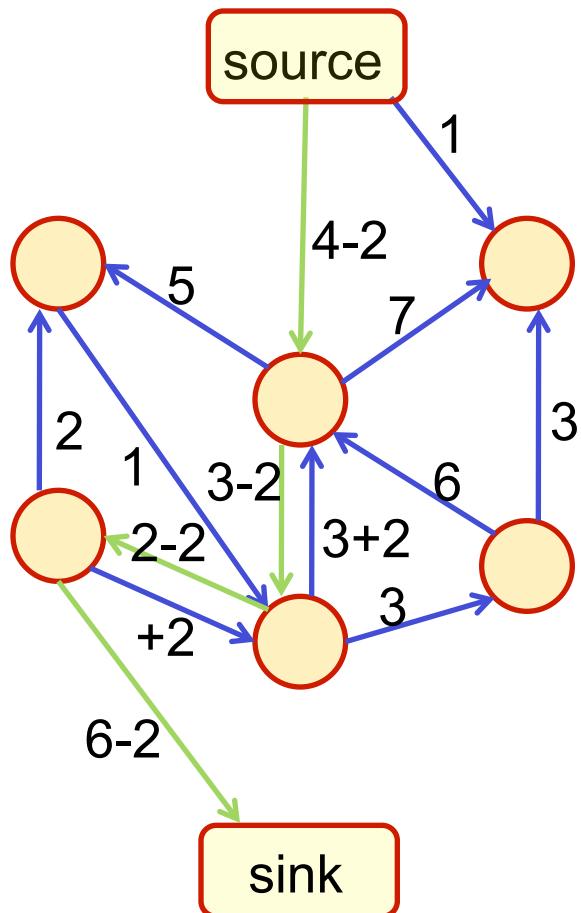
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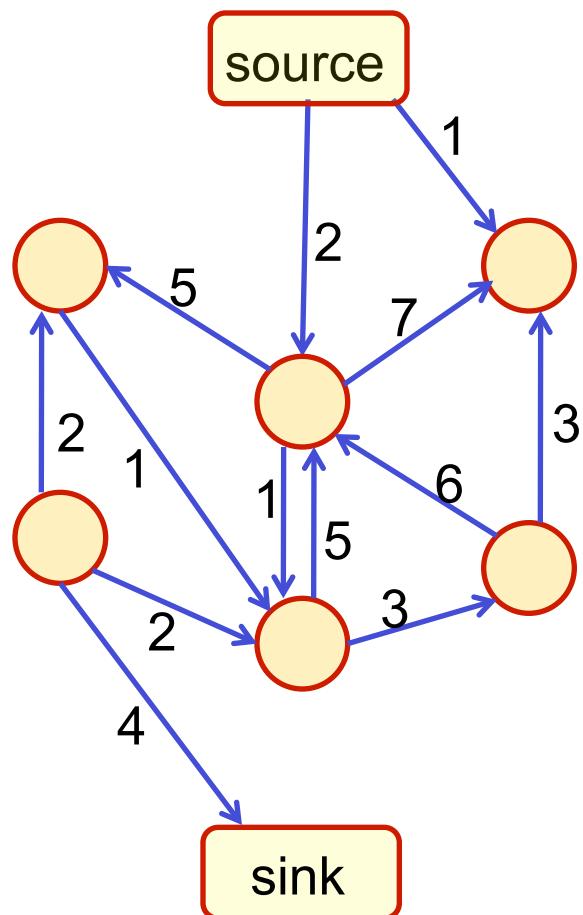
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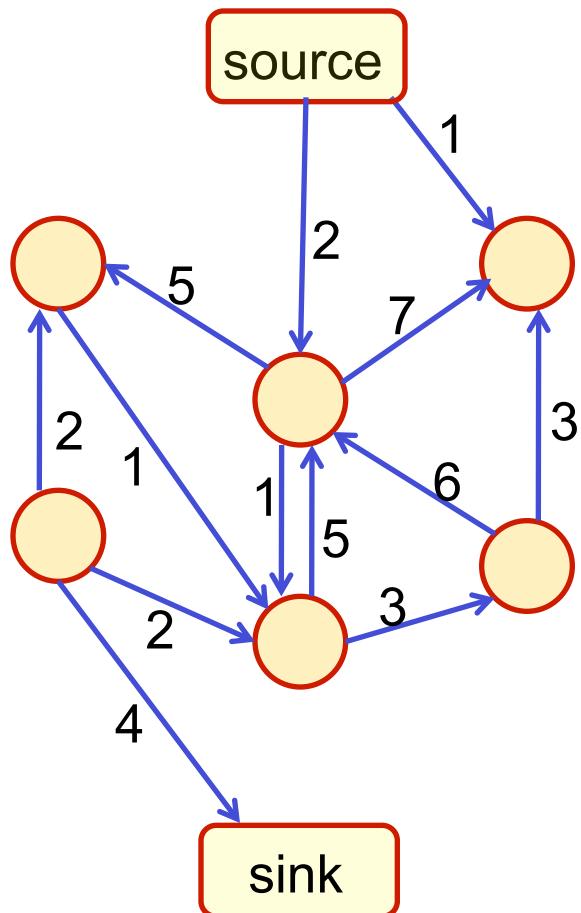
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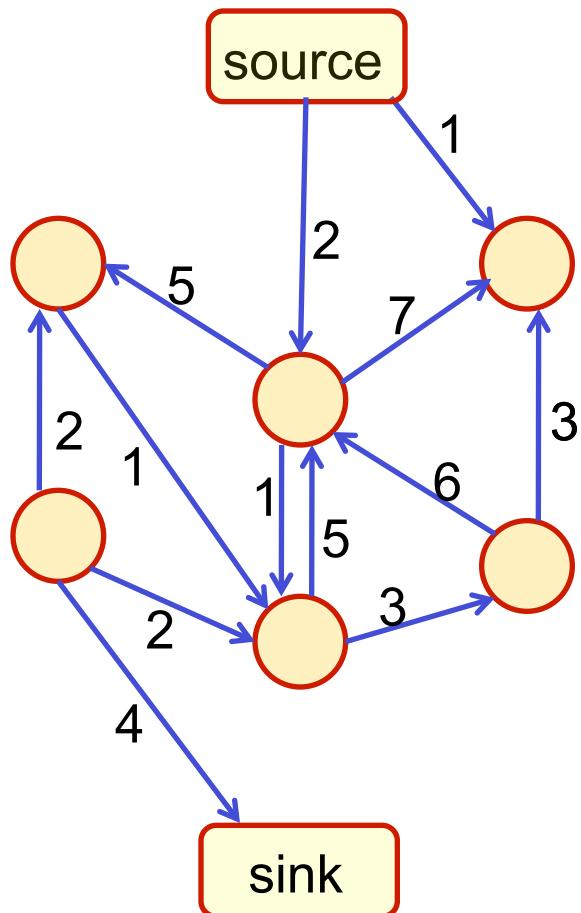
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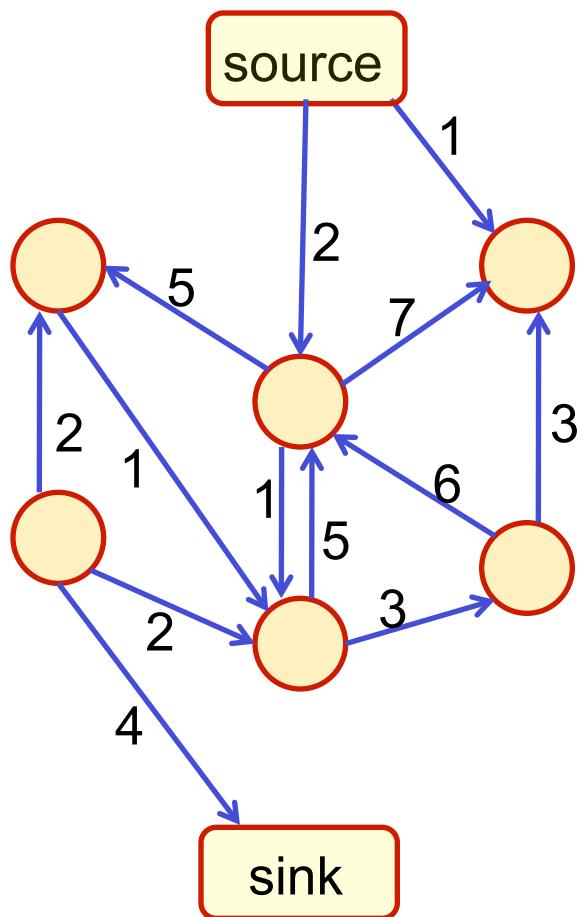
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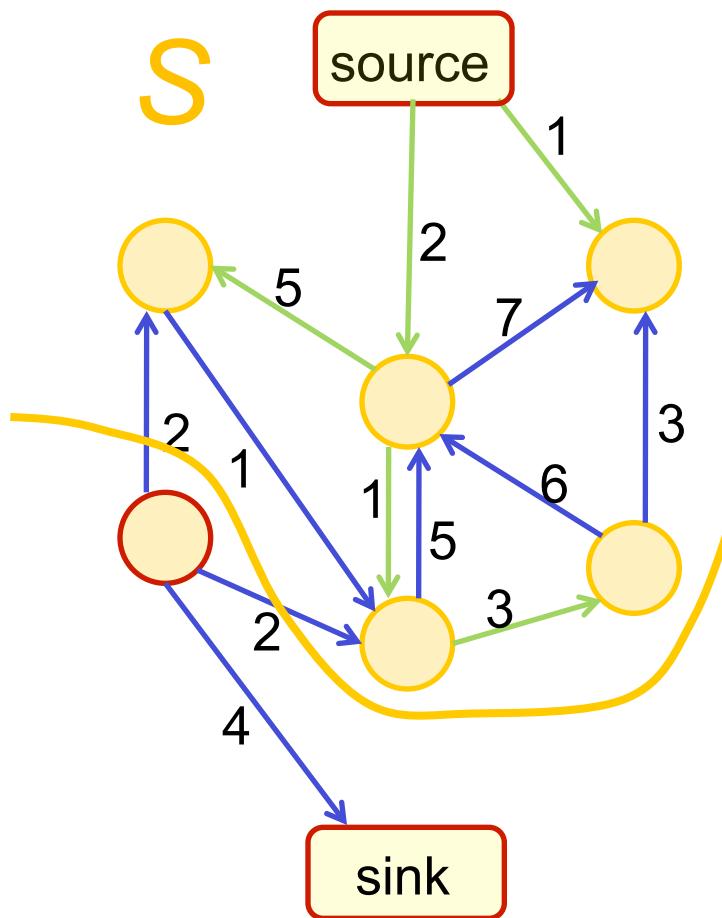
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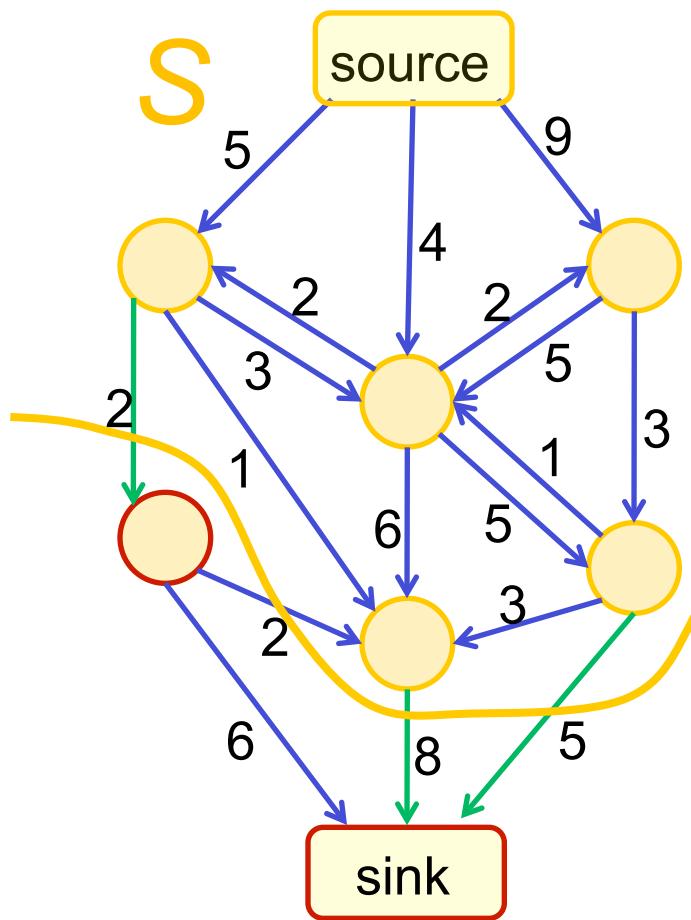
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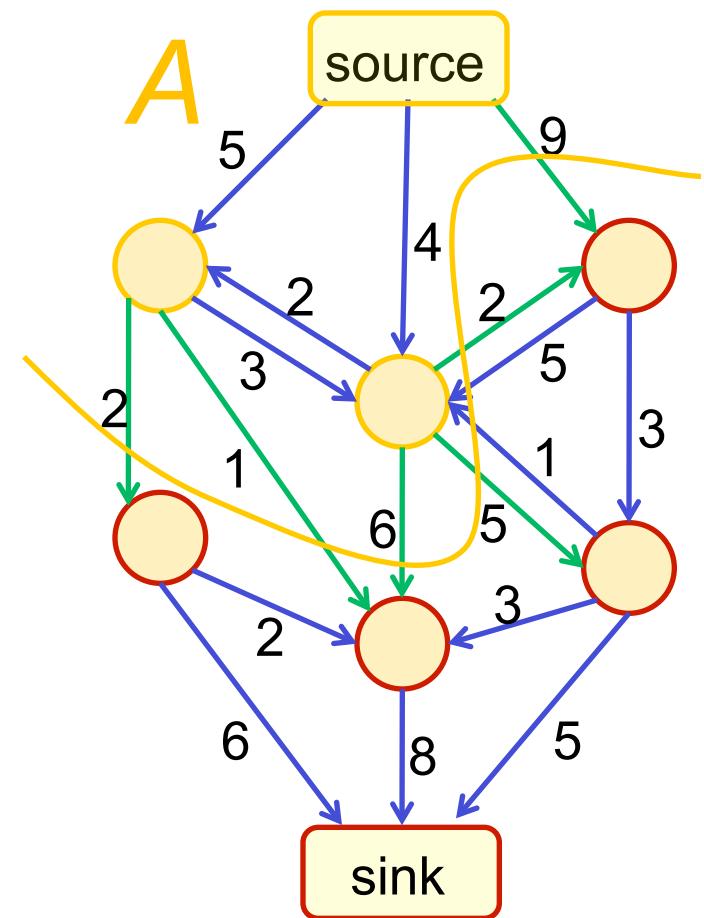
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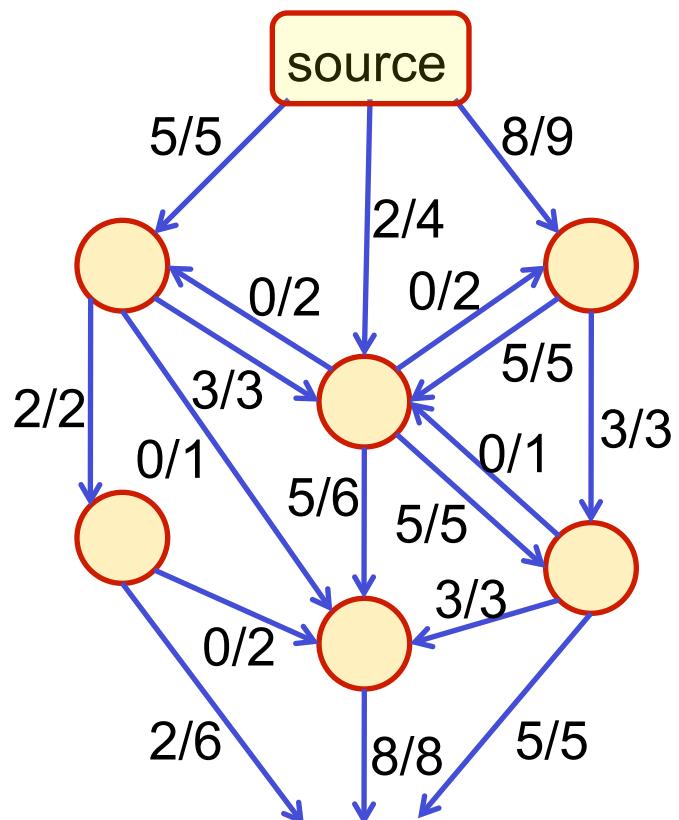
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# Max-Flow Problem



Individual flows obtained by summing up all paths

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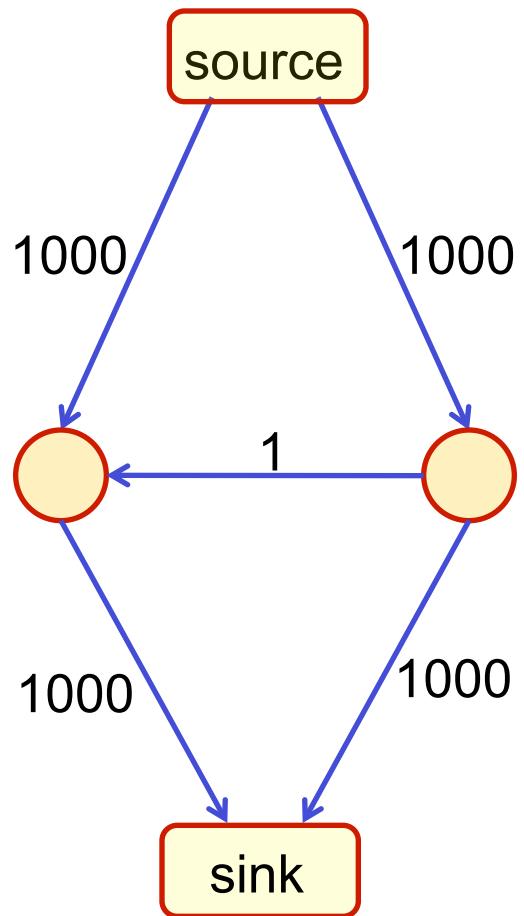
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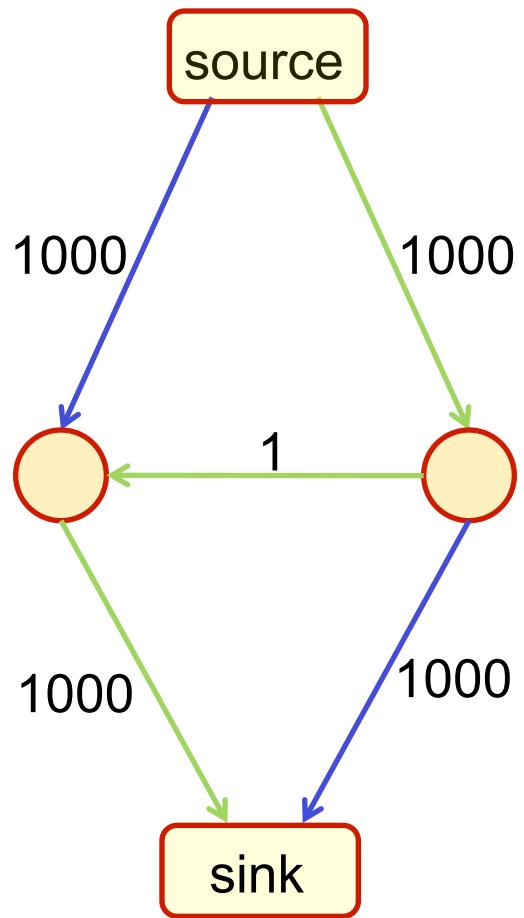


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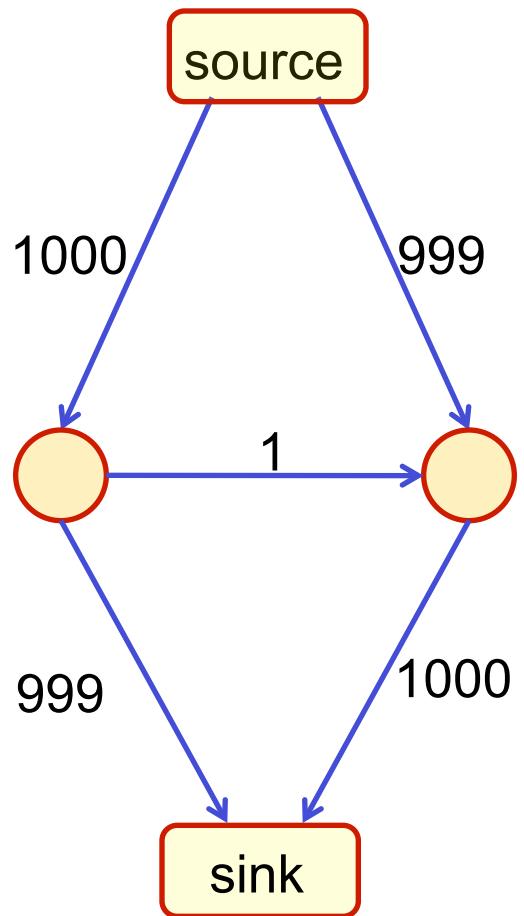


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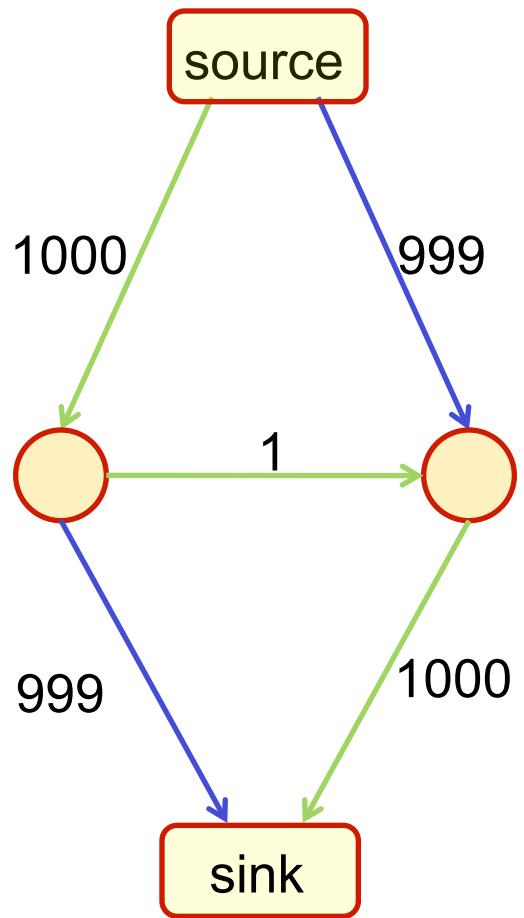


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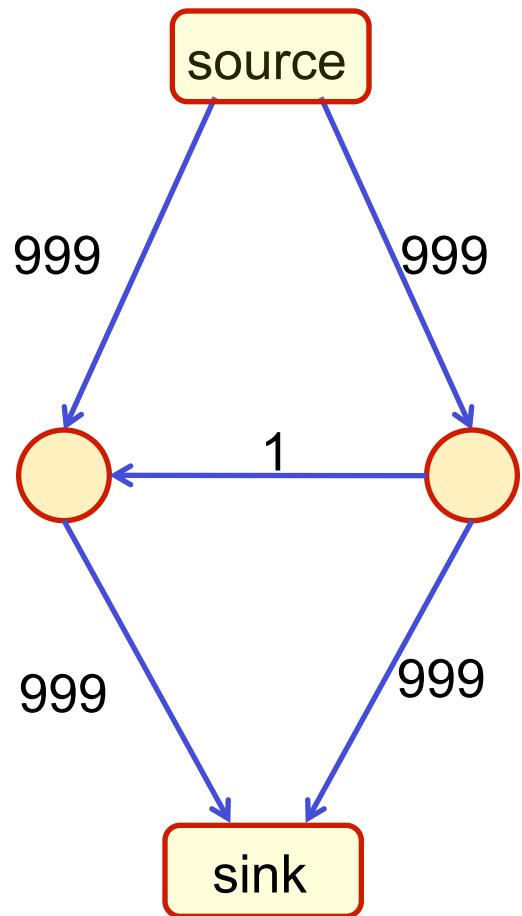


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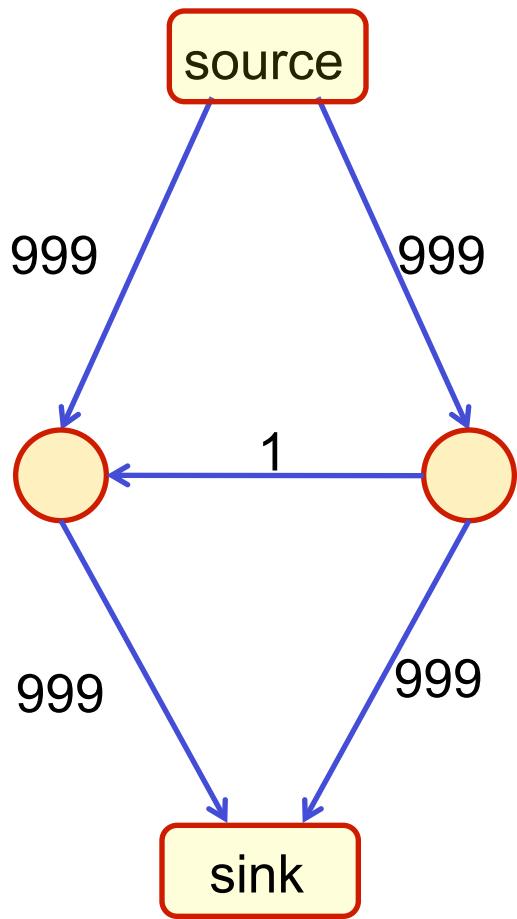


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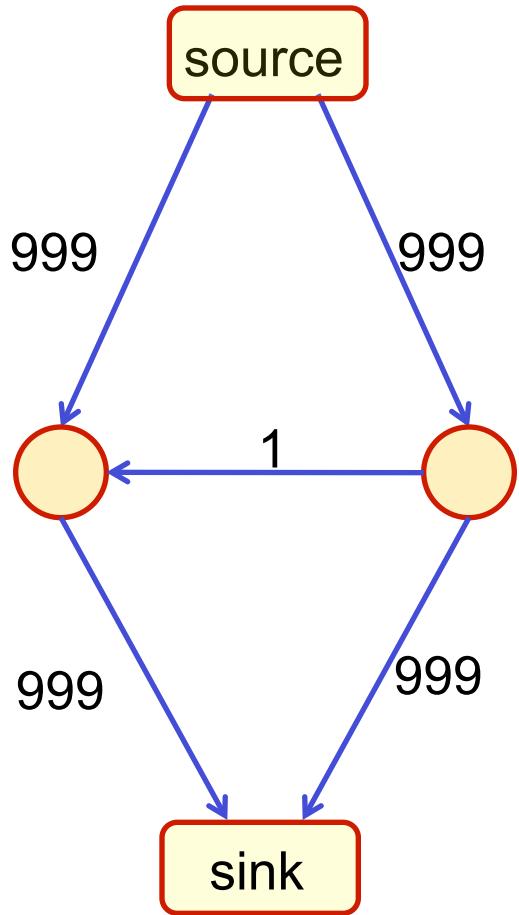
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- Standard algorithm not polynomial
- Breath first leads to  $O(VE^2)$ 
  - Path found in  $O(E)$
  - At least one edge gets saturated
  - The saturated edge distance to the source has to increase and is at most  $V$  leading to  $O(VE)$

(Edmonds & Karp, Dinic)

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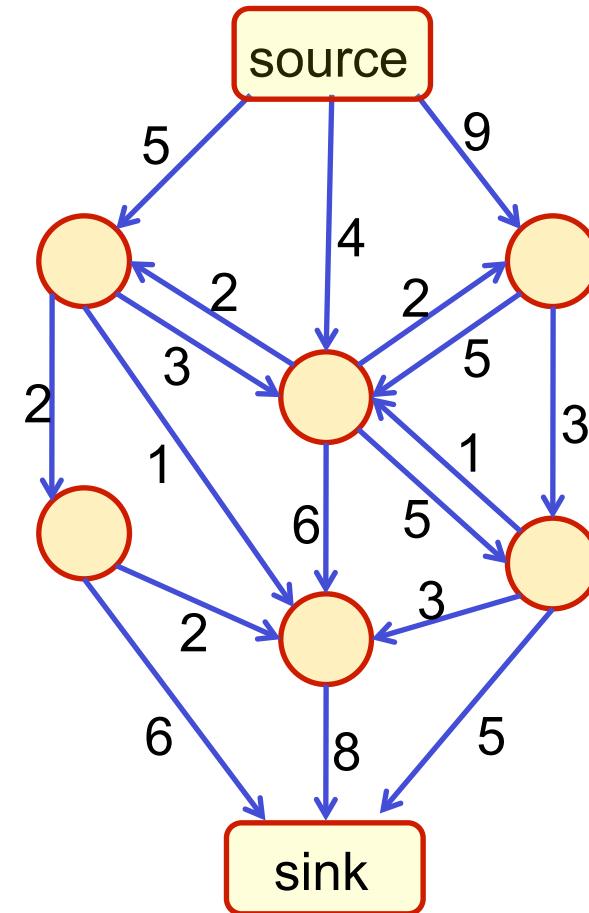
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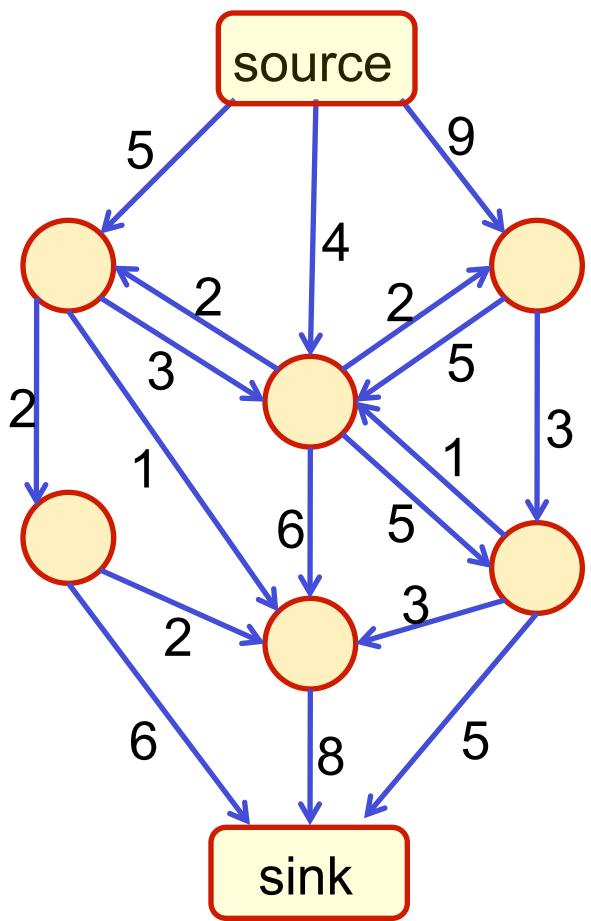
Minimize the cost of the cut

- 1) Each node is either assigned to the source S or sink T
- 2) The cost of the edge  $(i, j)$  is taken if  $(i \in S)$  and  $(j \in T)$



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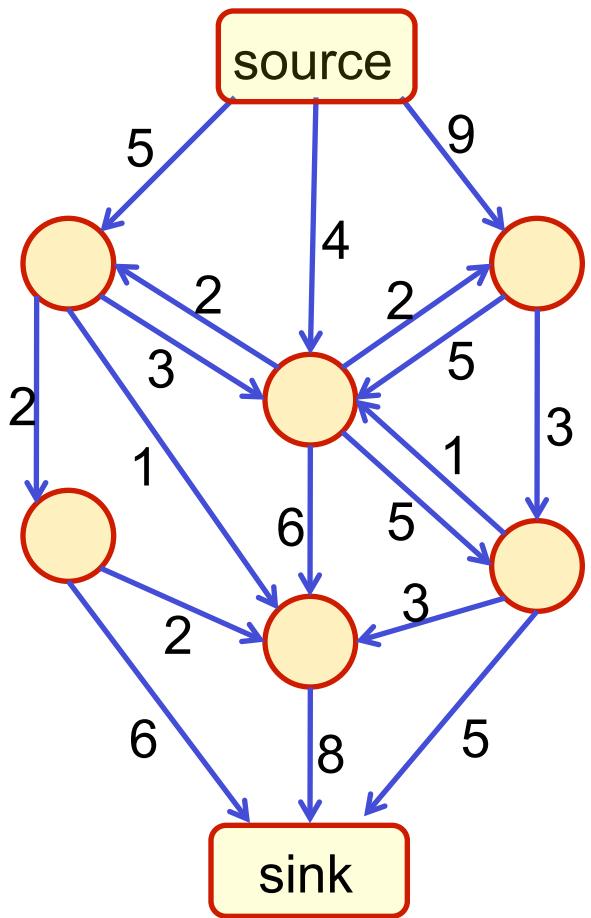
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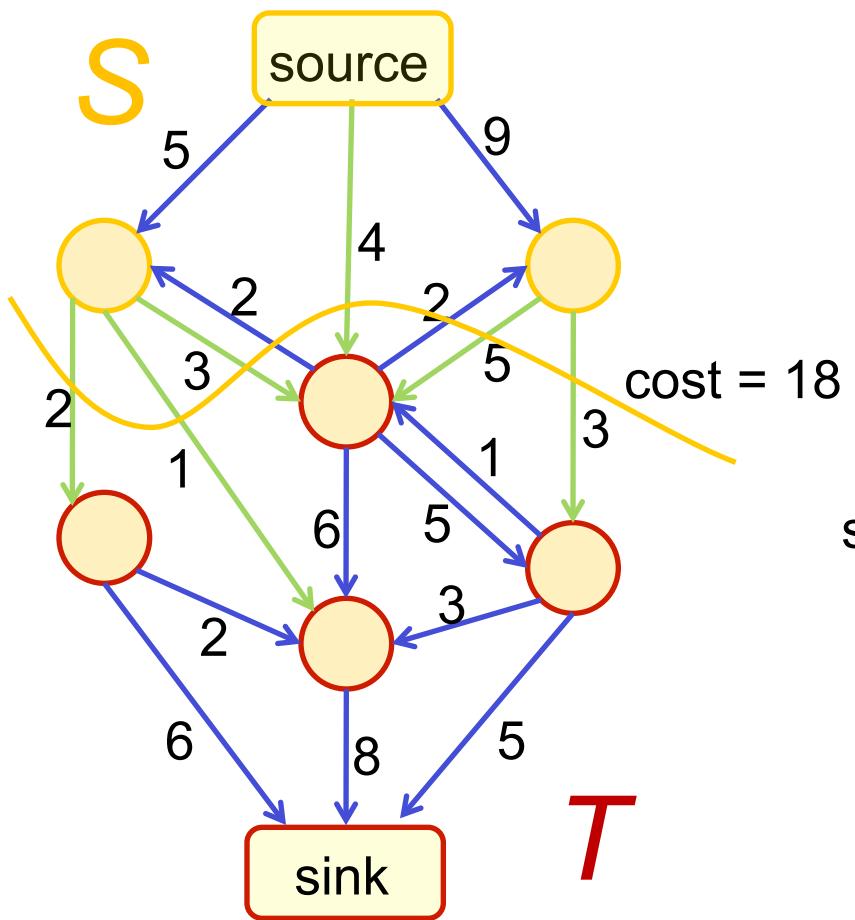
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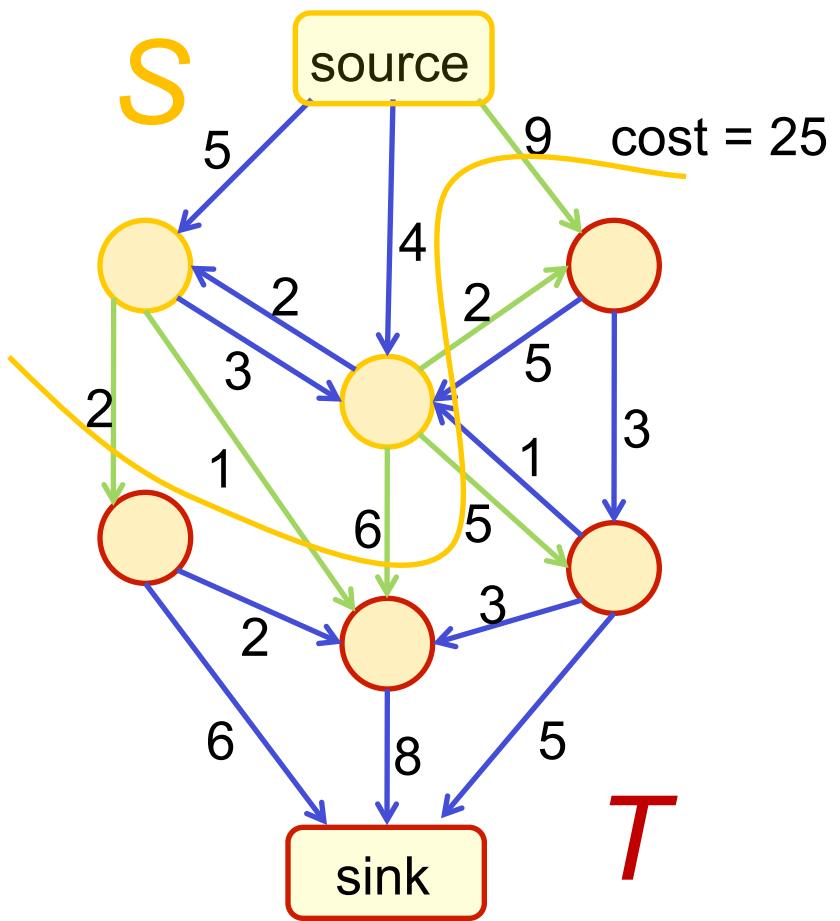
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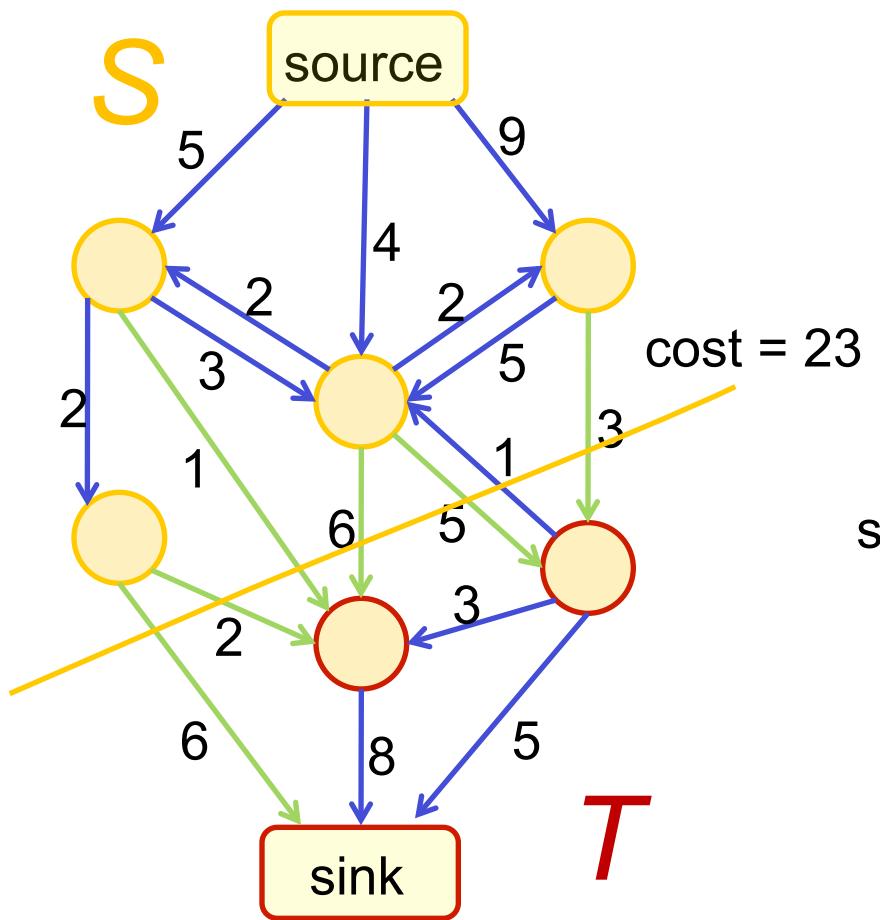
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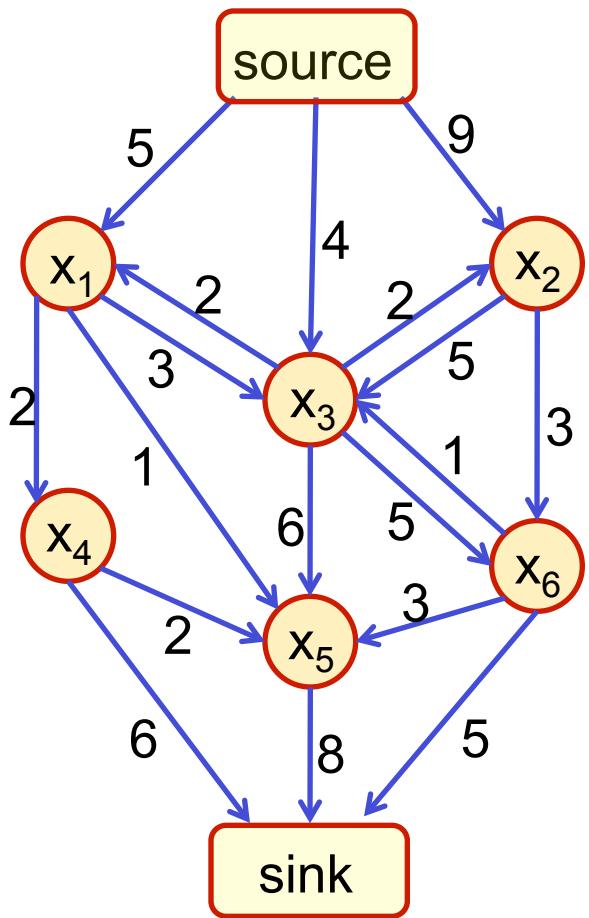
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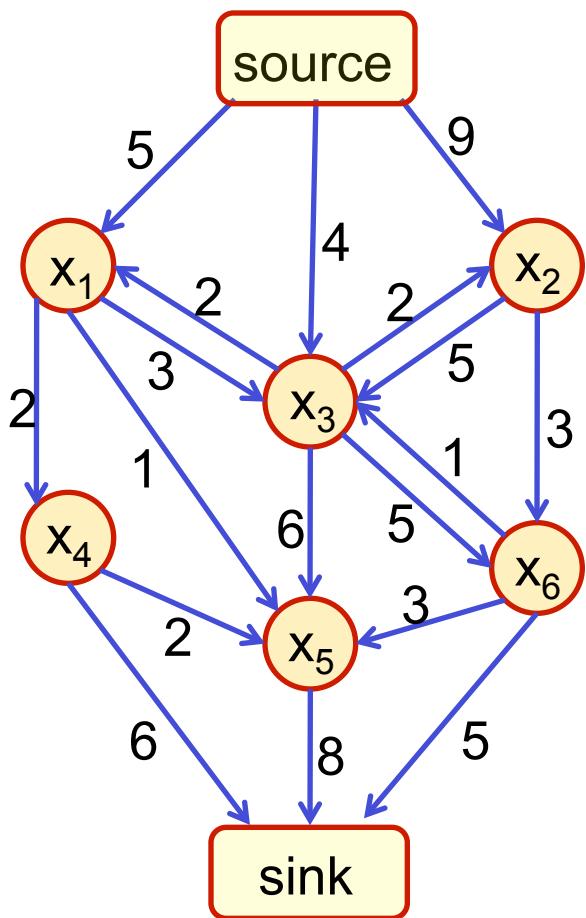
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$$s.t. \quad x_s = 0, \quad x_t = 1$$

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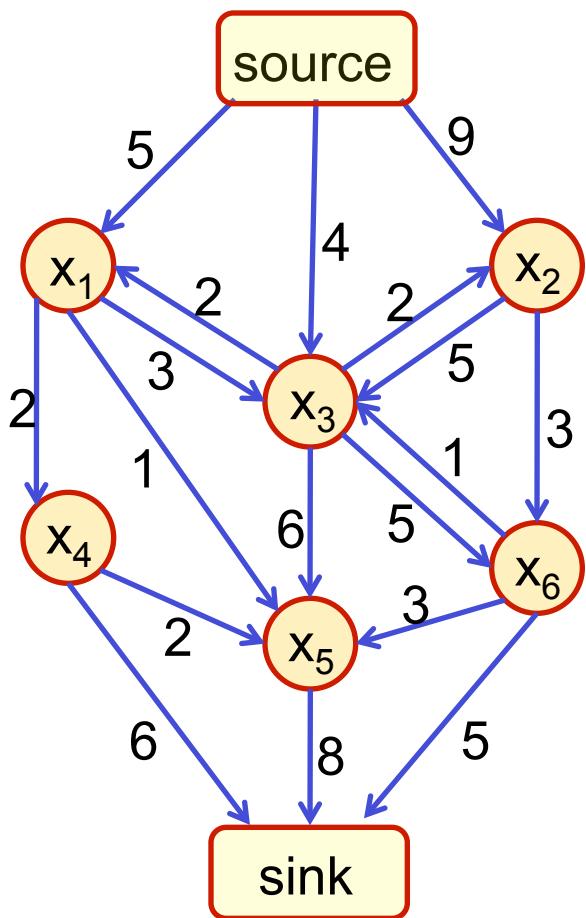
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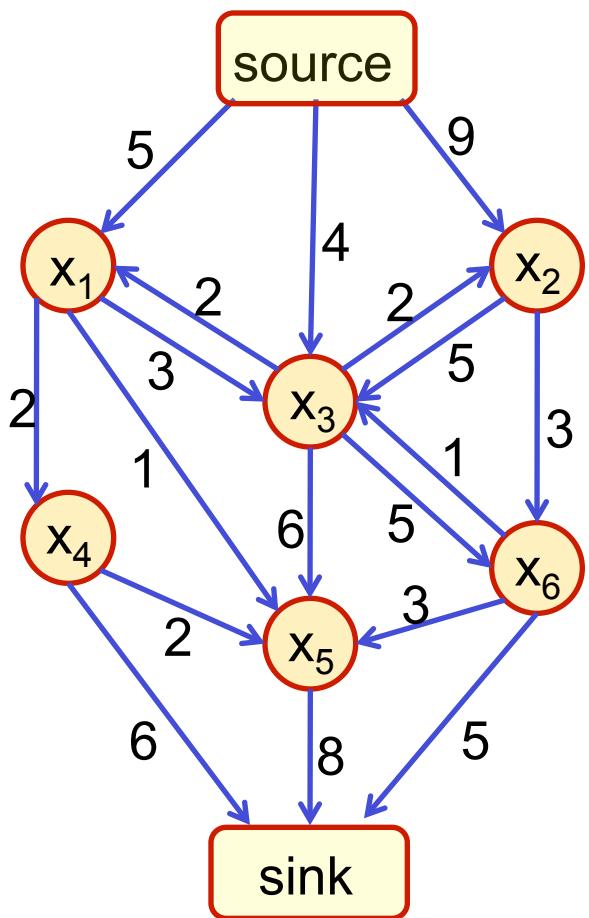
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Dual to max-flow problem

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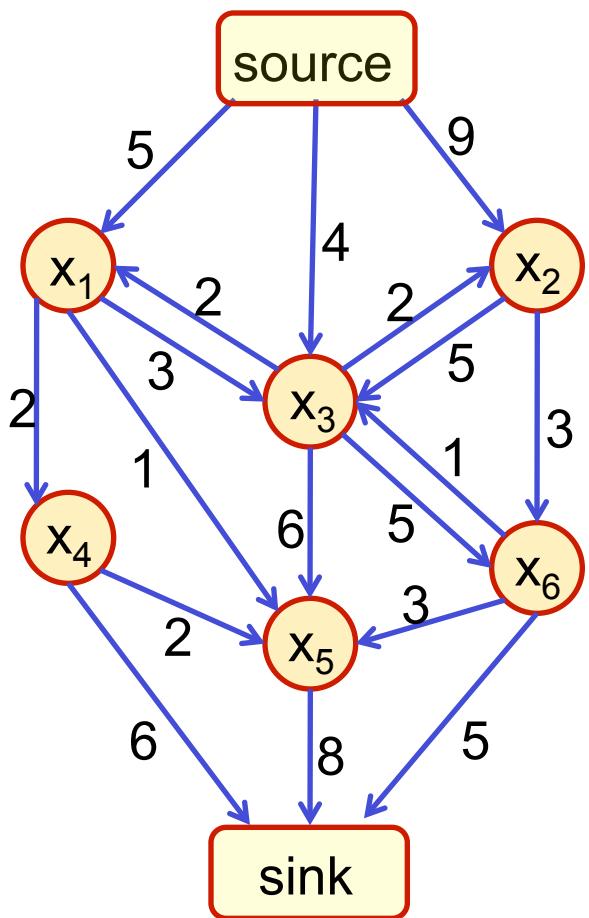
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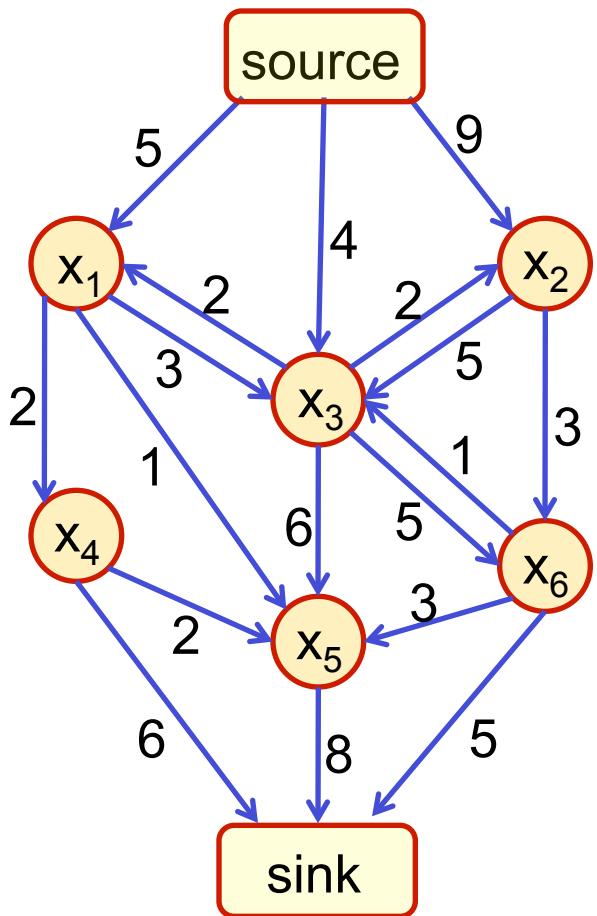
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Edges between variables

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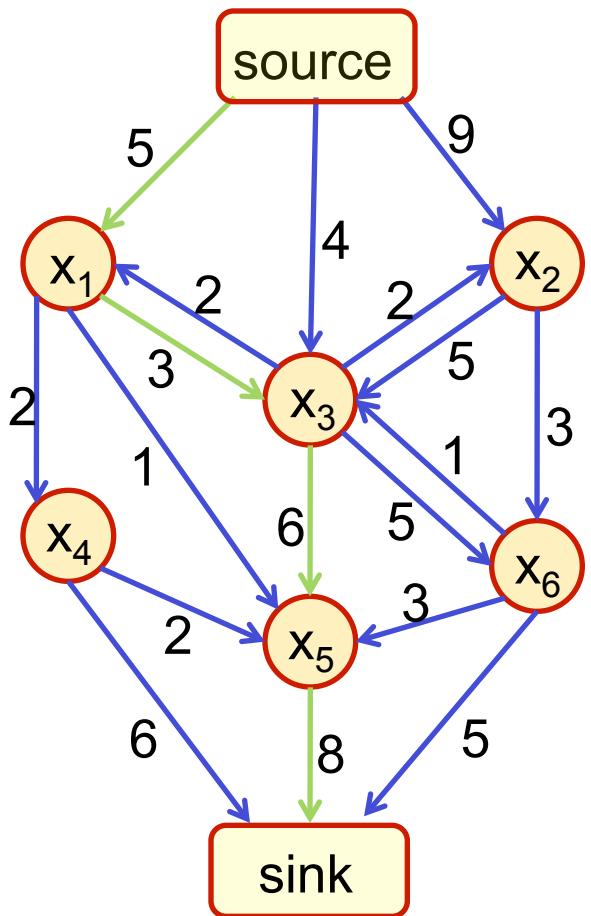
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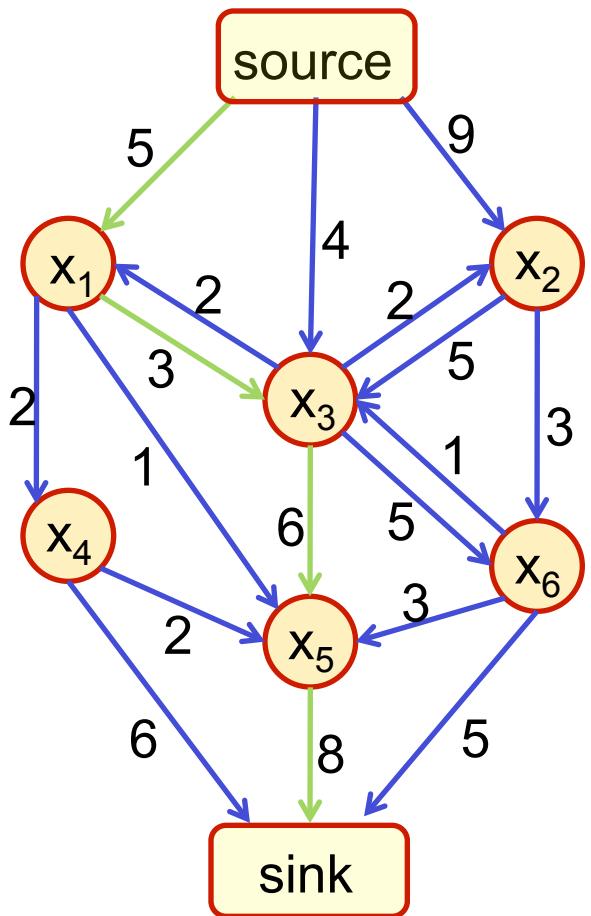
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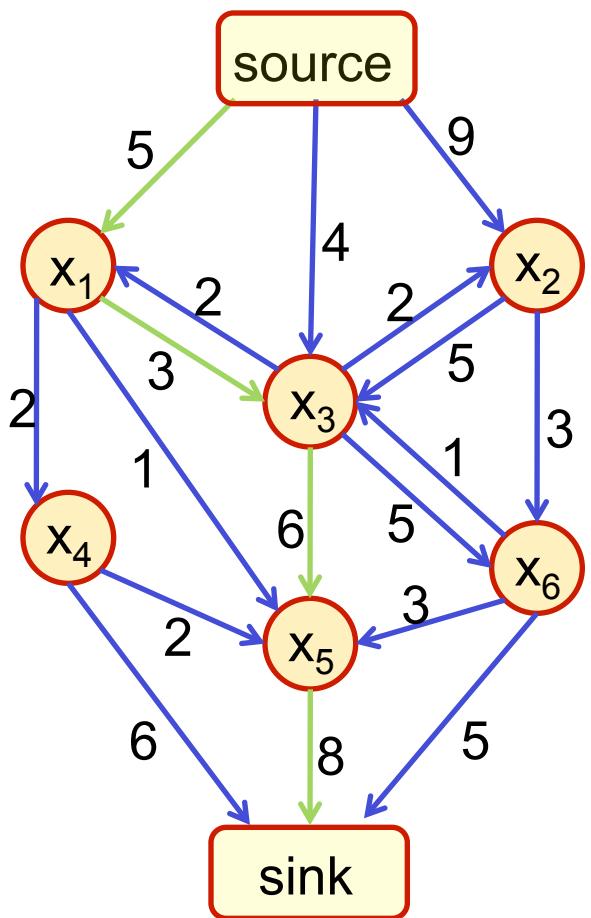
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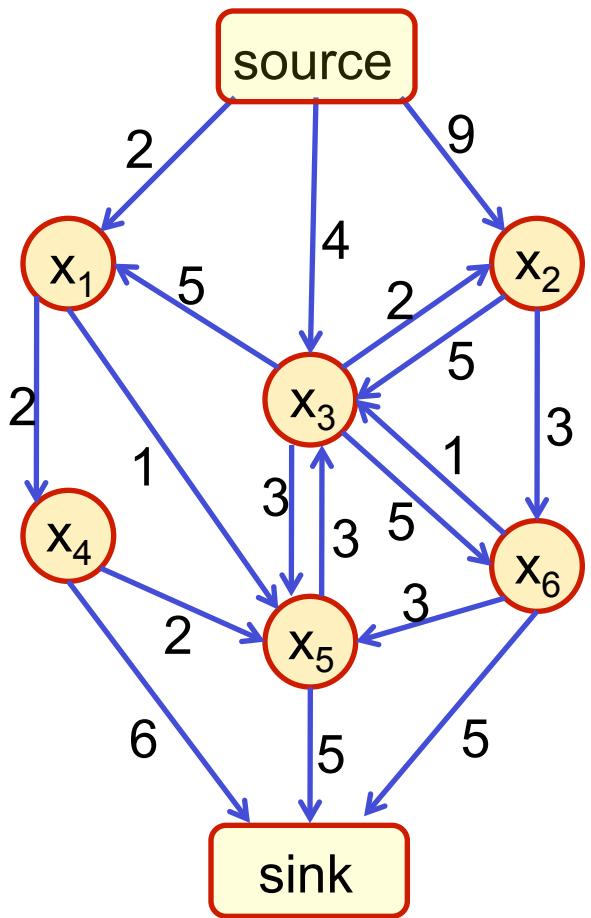


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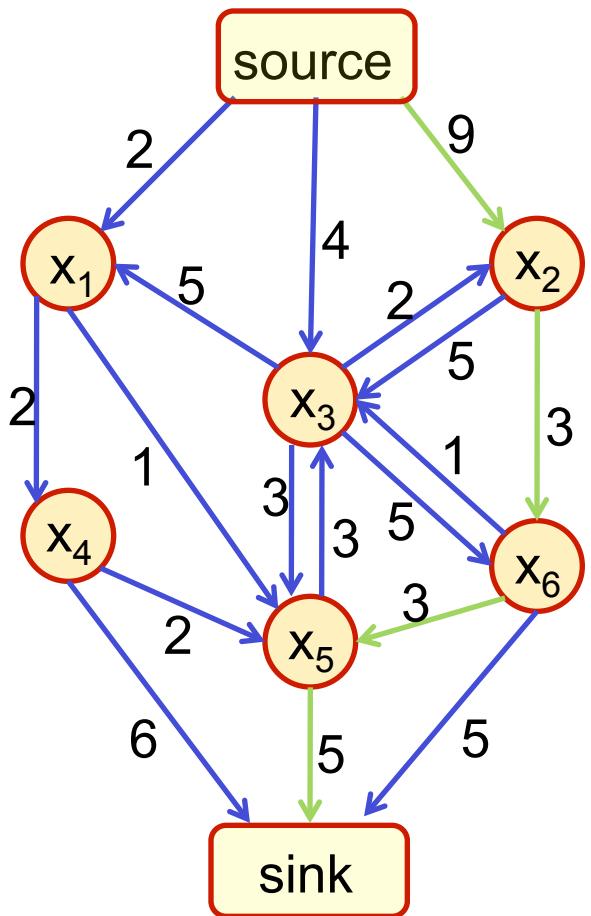
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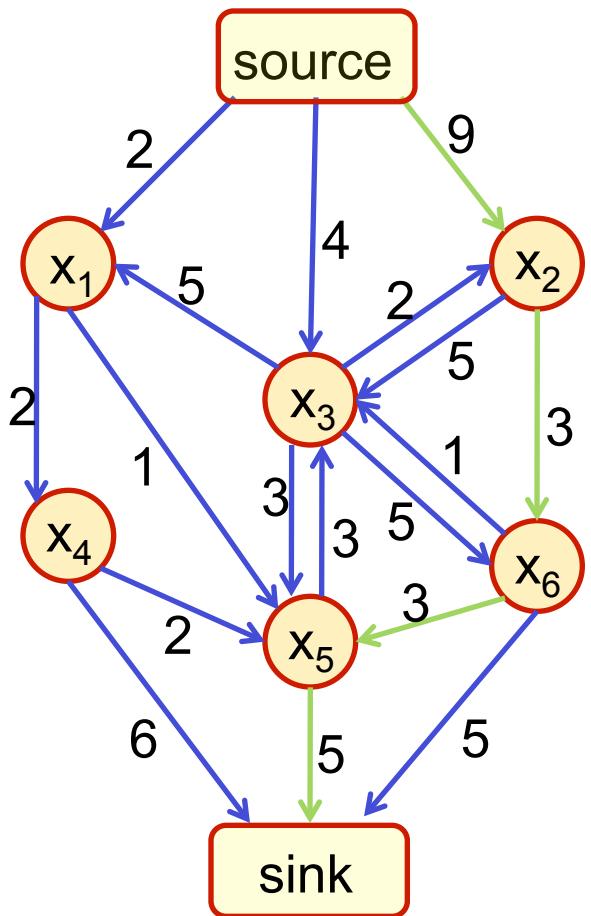
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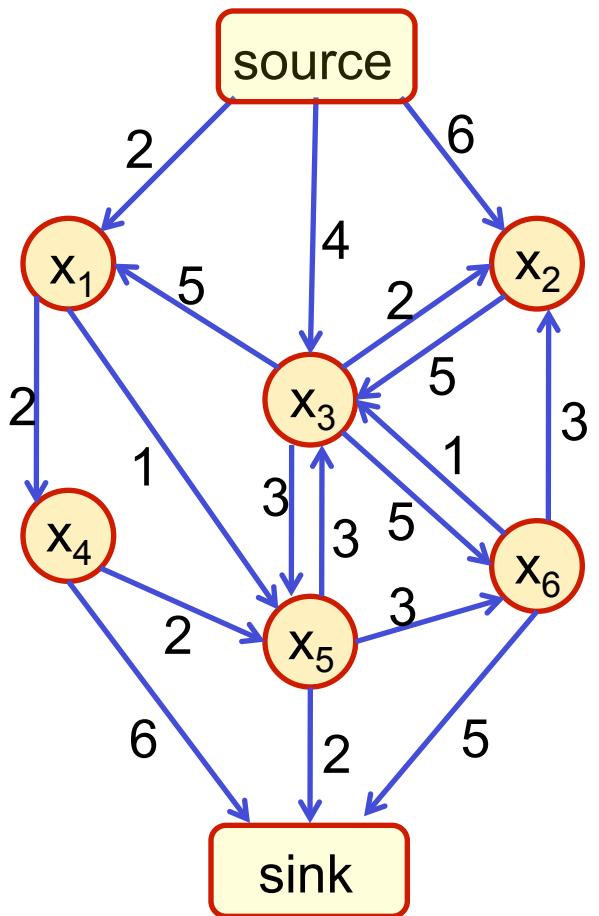


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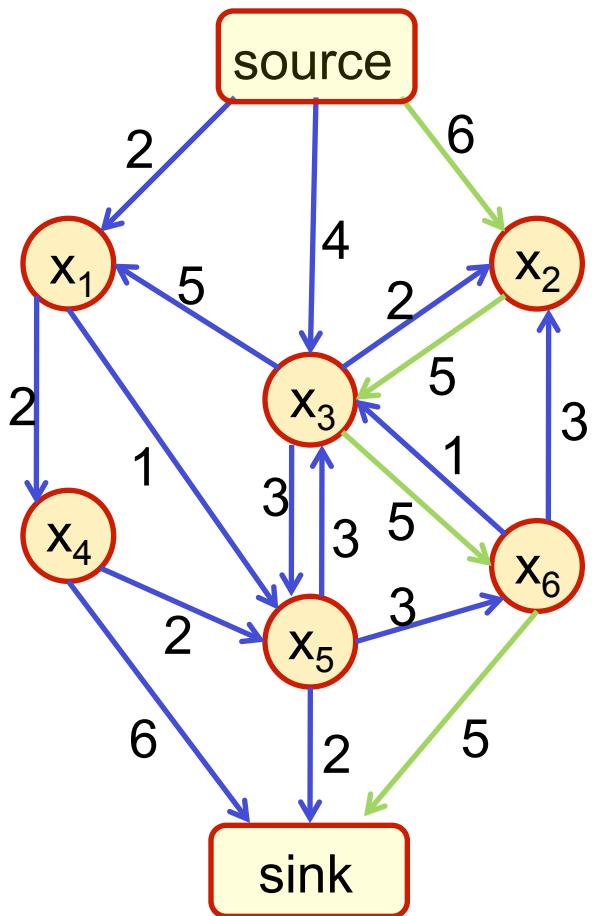
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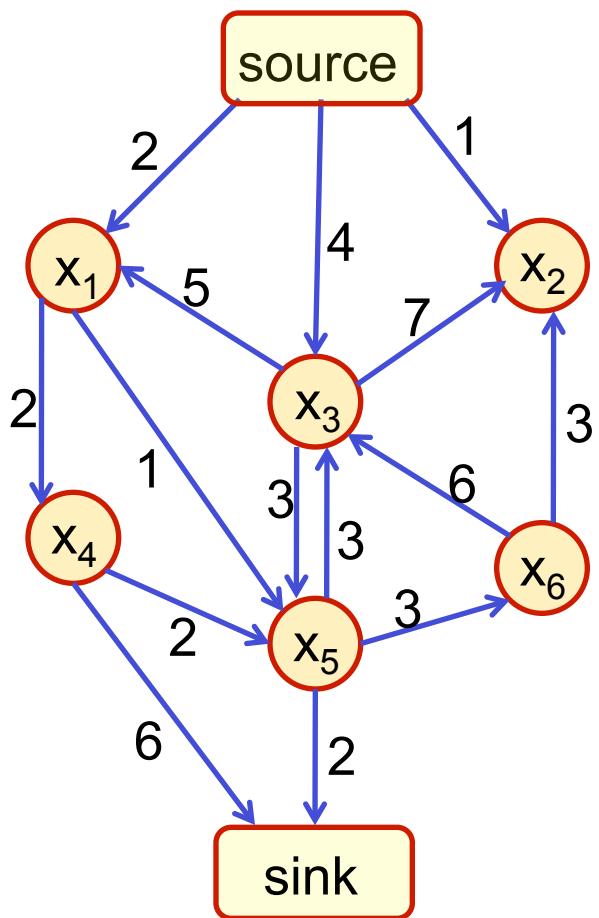
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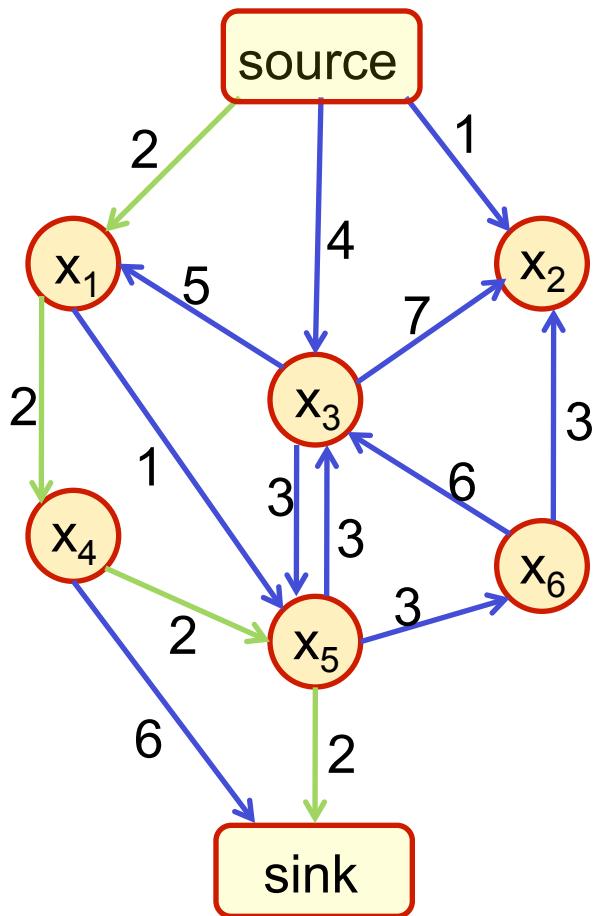
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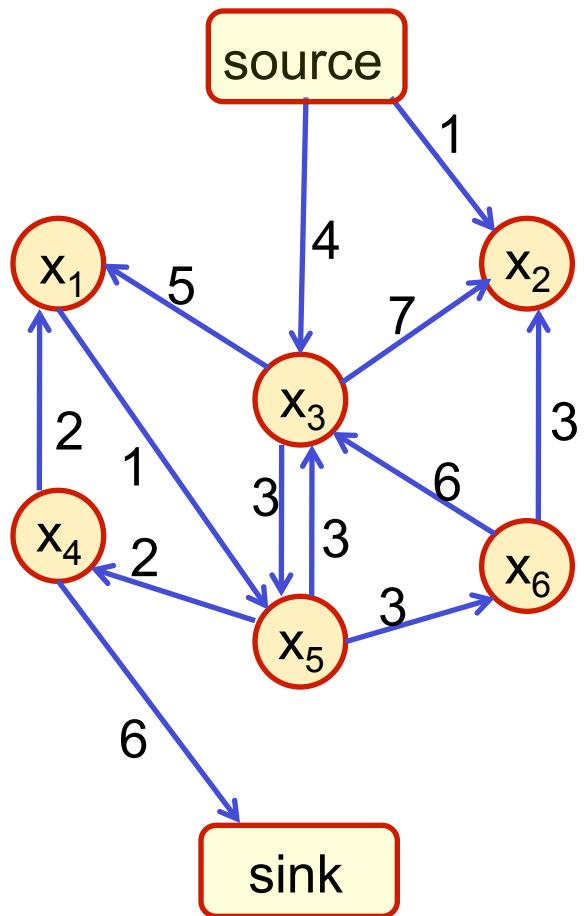
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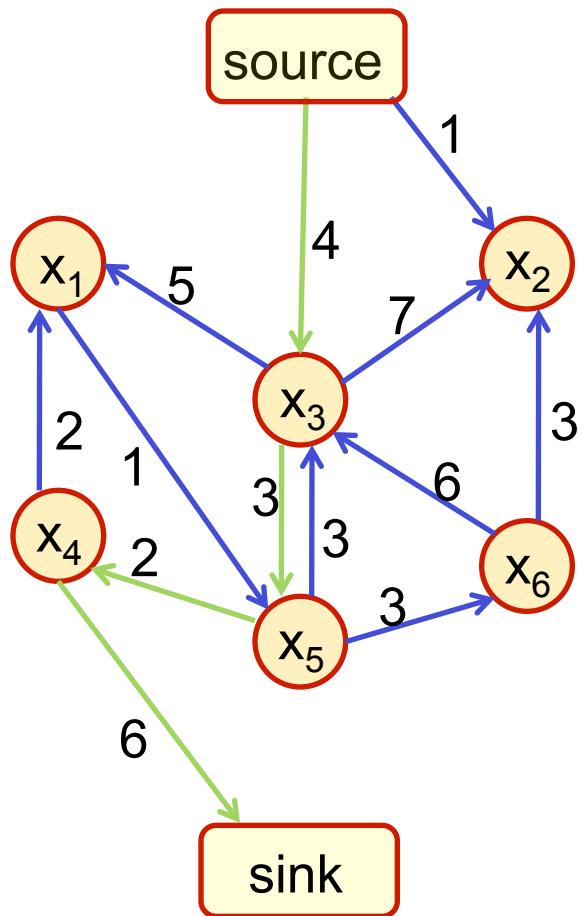
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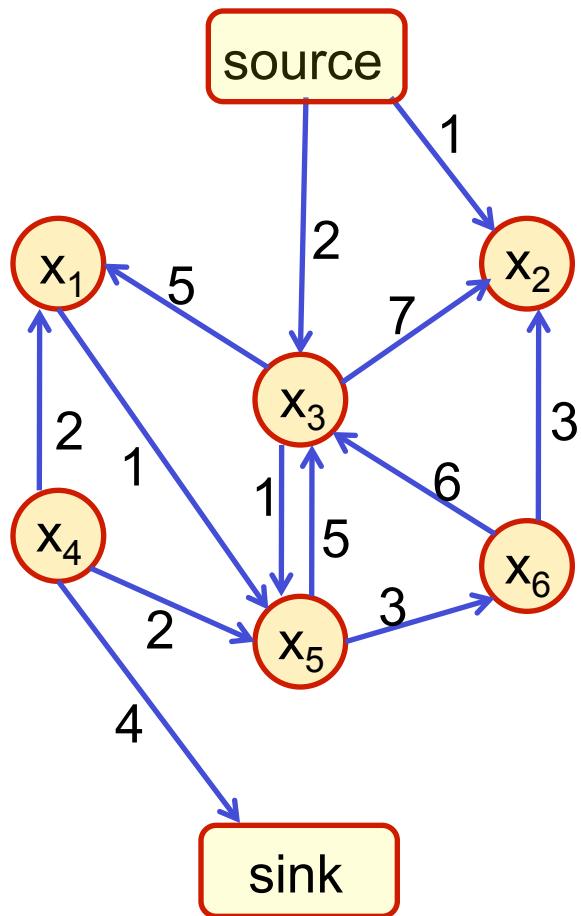
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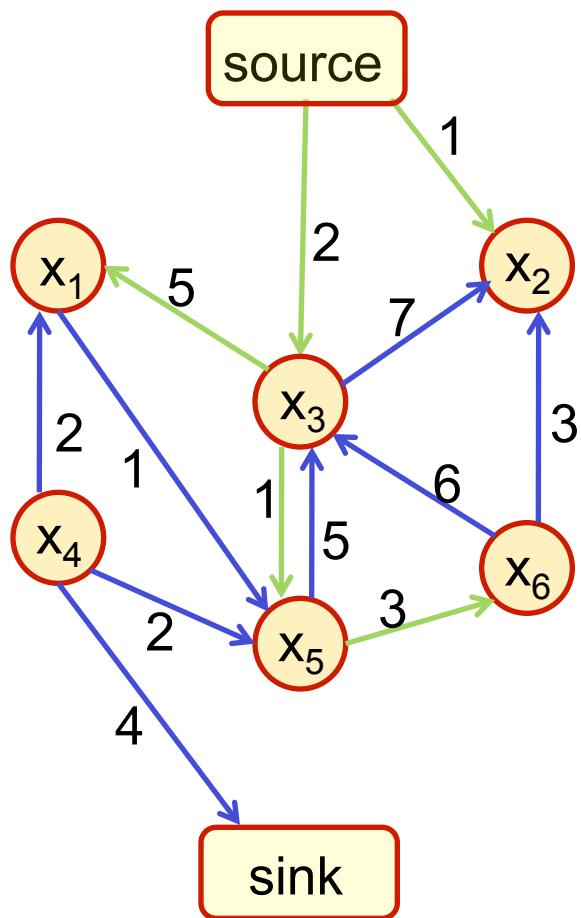
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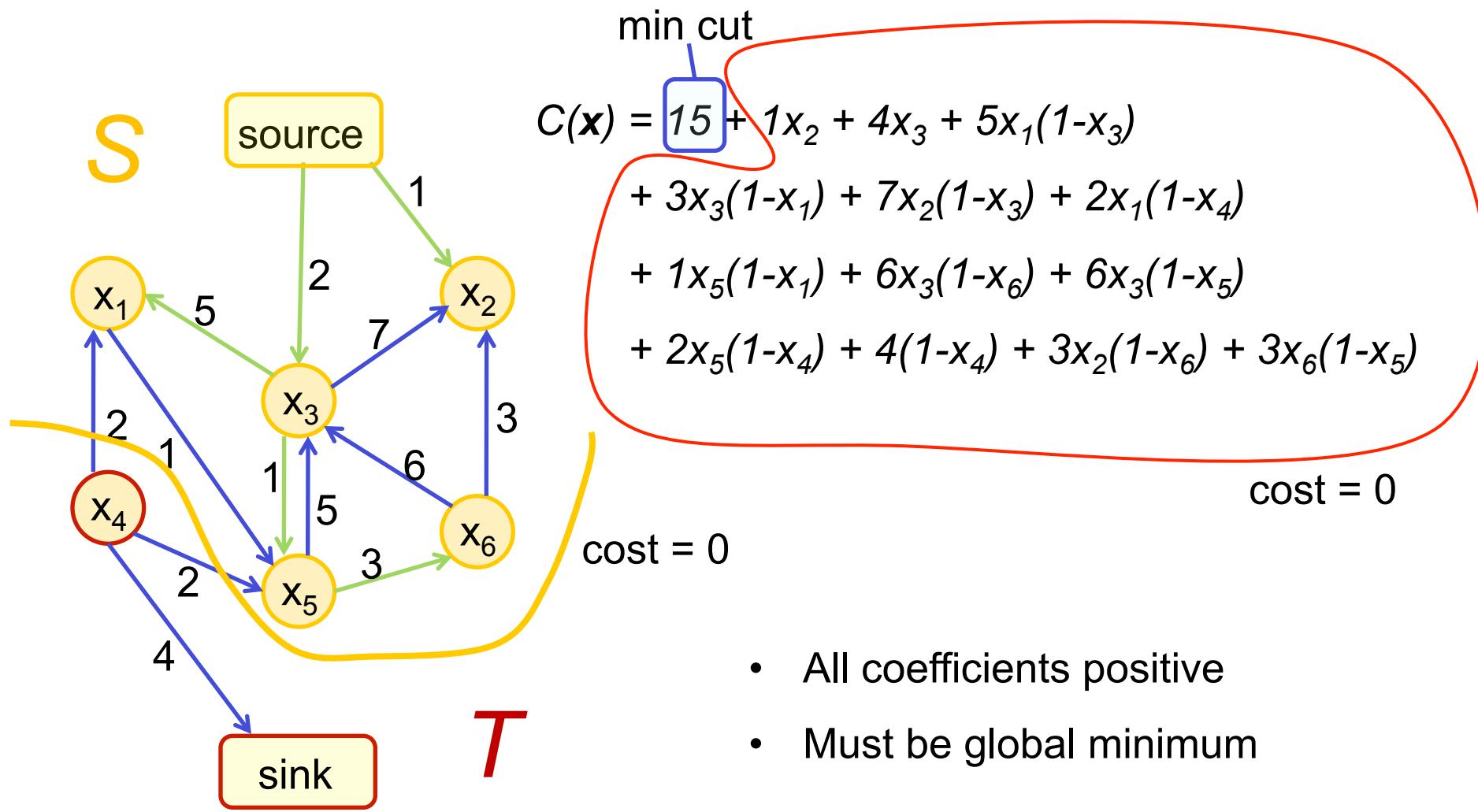
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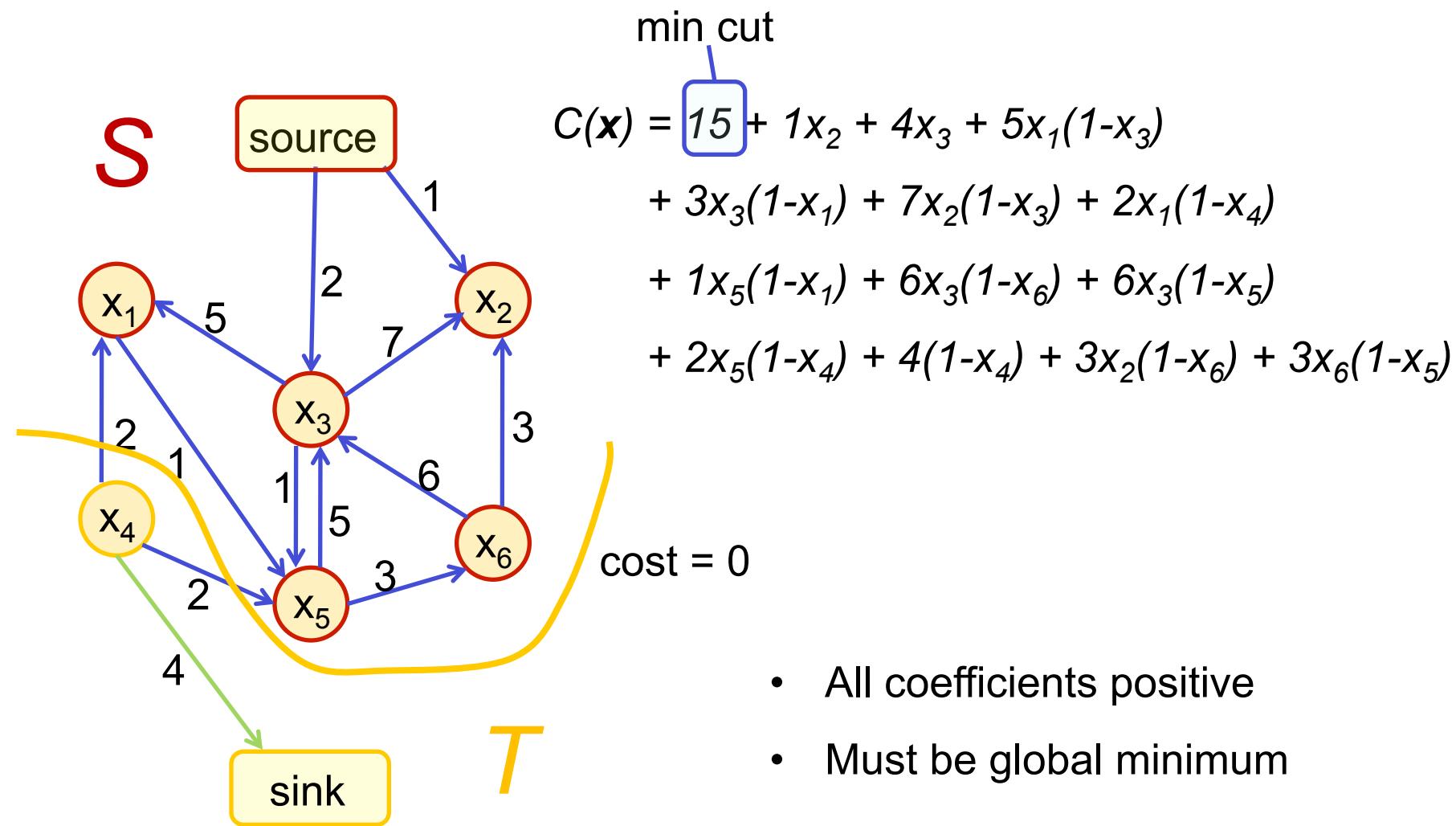
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S – set of reachable nodes from s

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# Min-Cut Problem



$T$  – set of nodes that can reach  $t$  (not necessarily the same)

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# Markov / Conditional Random Field

- Markov / Conditional Random fields model conditional dependencies between random variables
- Each variable is conditionally independent of all other variables given its neighbors
- Posterior probability of the labeling  $x$  given data  $D$  is :

$$\Pr(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{D}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(-\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)\right)$$

partition function      cliques      potential functions

- Energy of the labeling is defined as:

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = -\log \Pr(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{D}) - \log Z = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \psi_c(\mathbf{x}_c)$$

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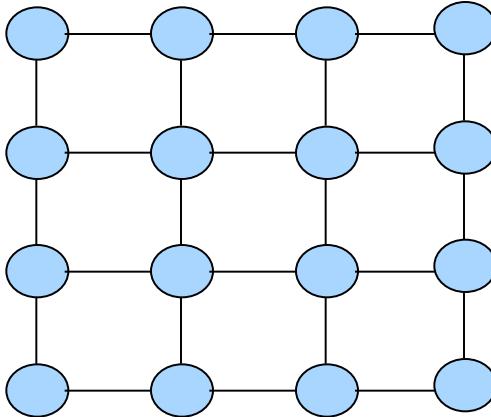
$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}} \Pr(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{D}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}} E(\mathbf{x})$$

- The only distinction (MRF vs. CRF) is that in the CRF the conditional dependencies between variables depend also on the data
- Typically we define an energy first and then pretend there is an underlying probabilistic distribution there, but there isn't really (Psssst, don't tell anyone)

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# Pairwise CRF models

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \psi_i(x_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$



**What is the most general pairwise energy solvable using GraphCut ?**

**Submodular !**

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# Graph-cut based Inference

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \psi_i(x_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

Required conditions for graph-cut based inference:

- submodularity: An energy / potential is called **submodular** iff for every pair of variables :

$$E(0, 0, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}) + E(1, 1, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}) \leq E(0, 1, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{ij}) + E(1, 0, \bar{\mathbf{x}}_{ij})$$

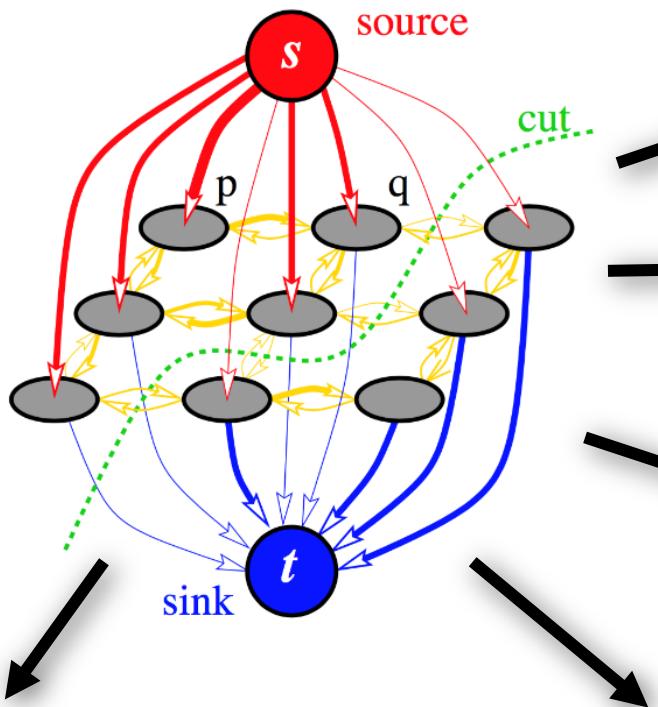
- pairwise potentials: positiveness  $\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \psi_{ji}(x_j, x_i) \geq 0$

(optional) metric  $\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) \leq \psi_{ik}(x_i, x_k) + \psi_{kj}(x_k, x_j)$

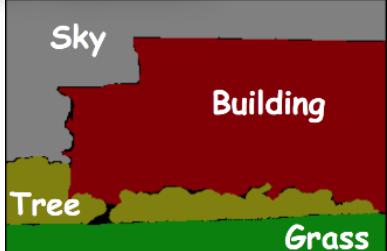
some algorithms (e.g. alpha-expansion) require the metric condition, others don't (e.g. alpha-beta swap)

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# Graph-cut Applications



Object Segmentation



3D Reconstruction



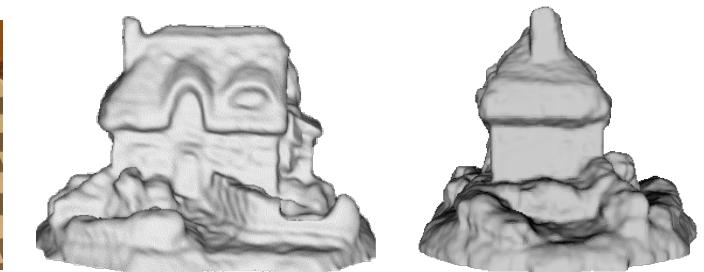
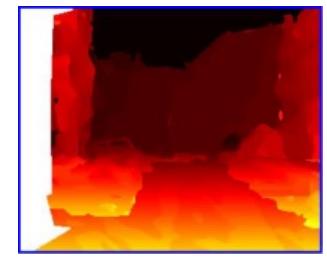
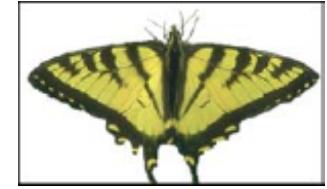
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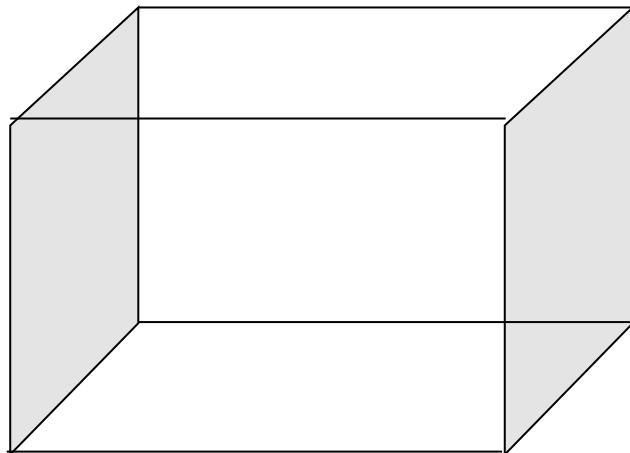
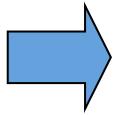


Depth  
Estimation

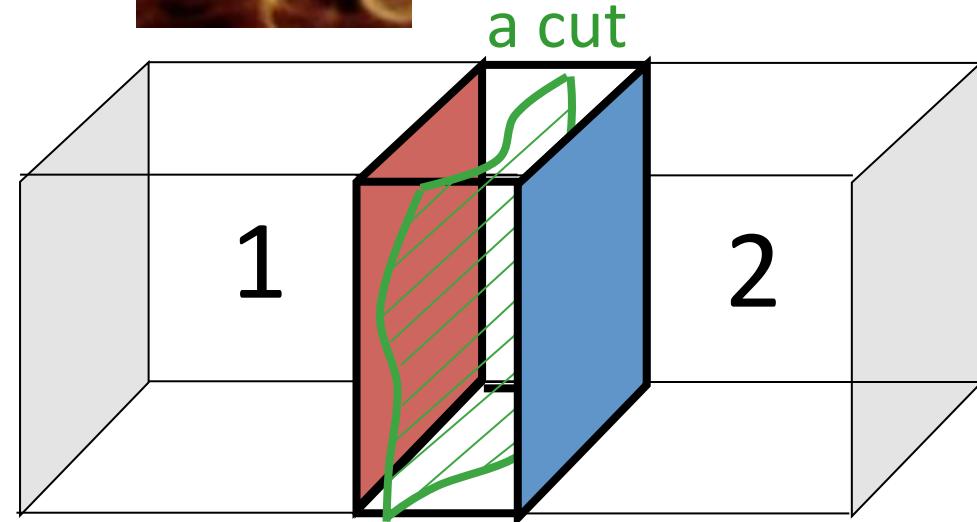


# Graph-cuts for Video Textures

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Short video clip



Long video clip

[ECCV'06 tutorial slides from Boykov, Cremers, Kolmogorov]

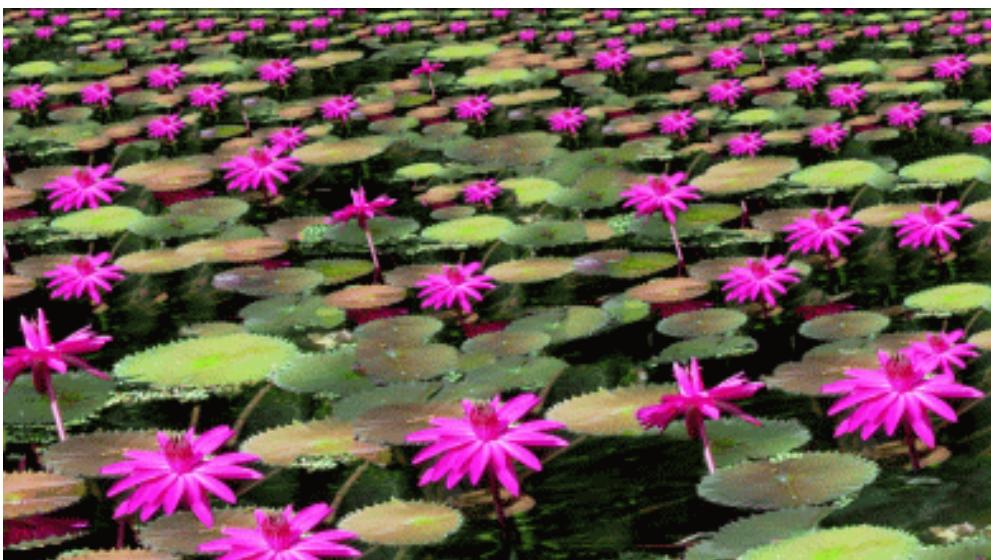
# Graph-cuts for Video Textures

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# Graph-cuts for Texture Synthesis

Graphcut Textures - Kwatra, Schödl, Essa, Bobick, SIGGRAPH 2003



# Multi-view Reconstruction



Calibrated images of  
Lambertian scene

[Vogiatzis, Torr, Cippola, CVPR 2005]

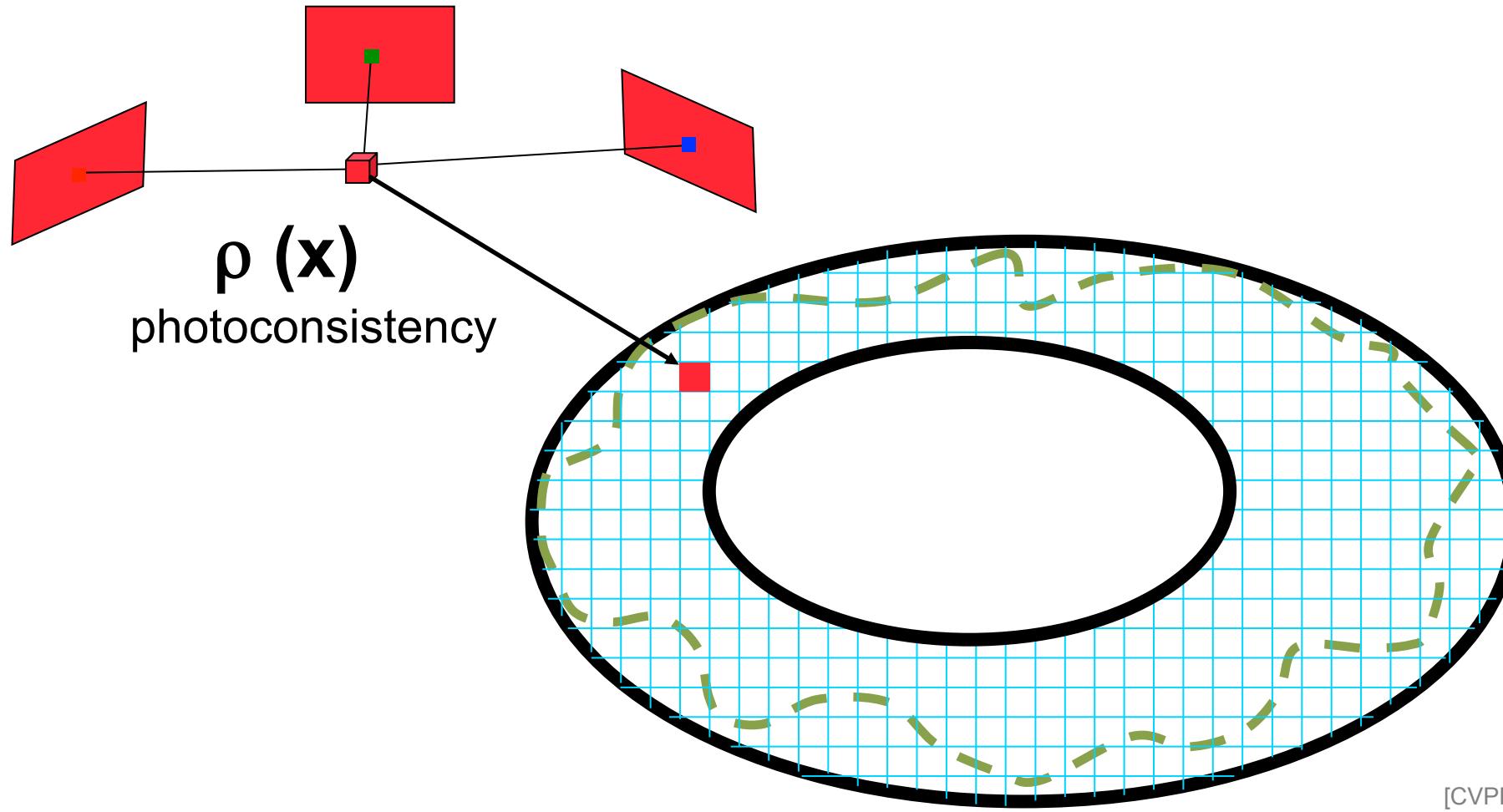


3D model of  
scene

[CVPR'05 slides from Vogiatzis, Torr, Cippola]

# Multi-view Reconstruction

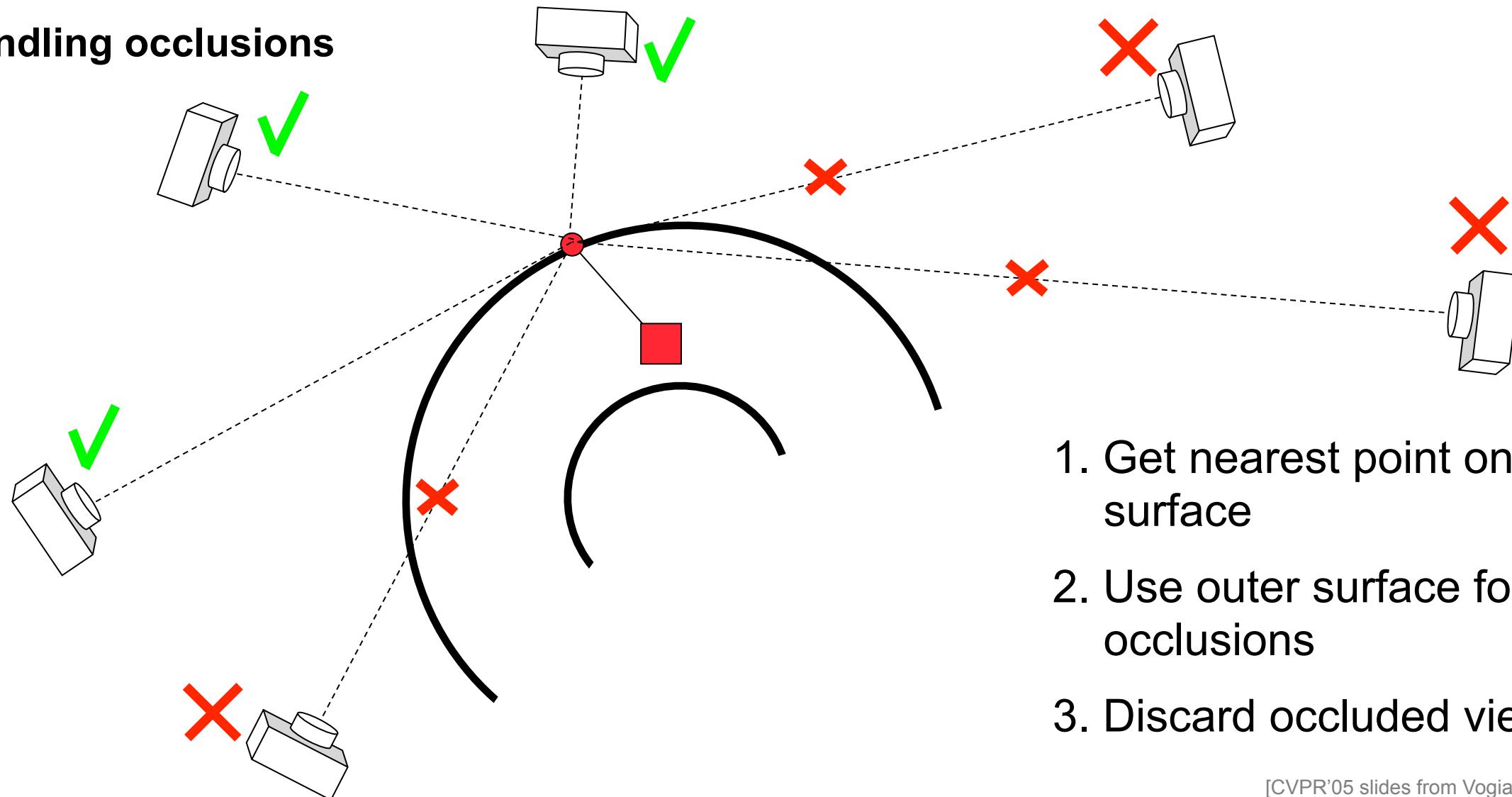
Estimating photoconsistency within a narrow band.



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# Multi-view Reconstruction

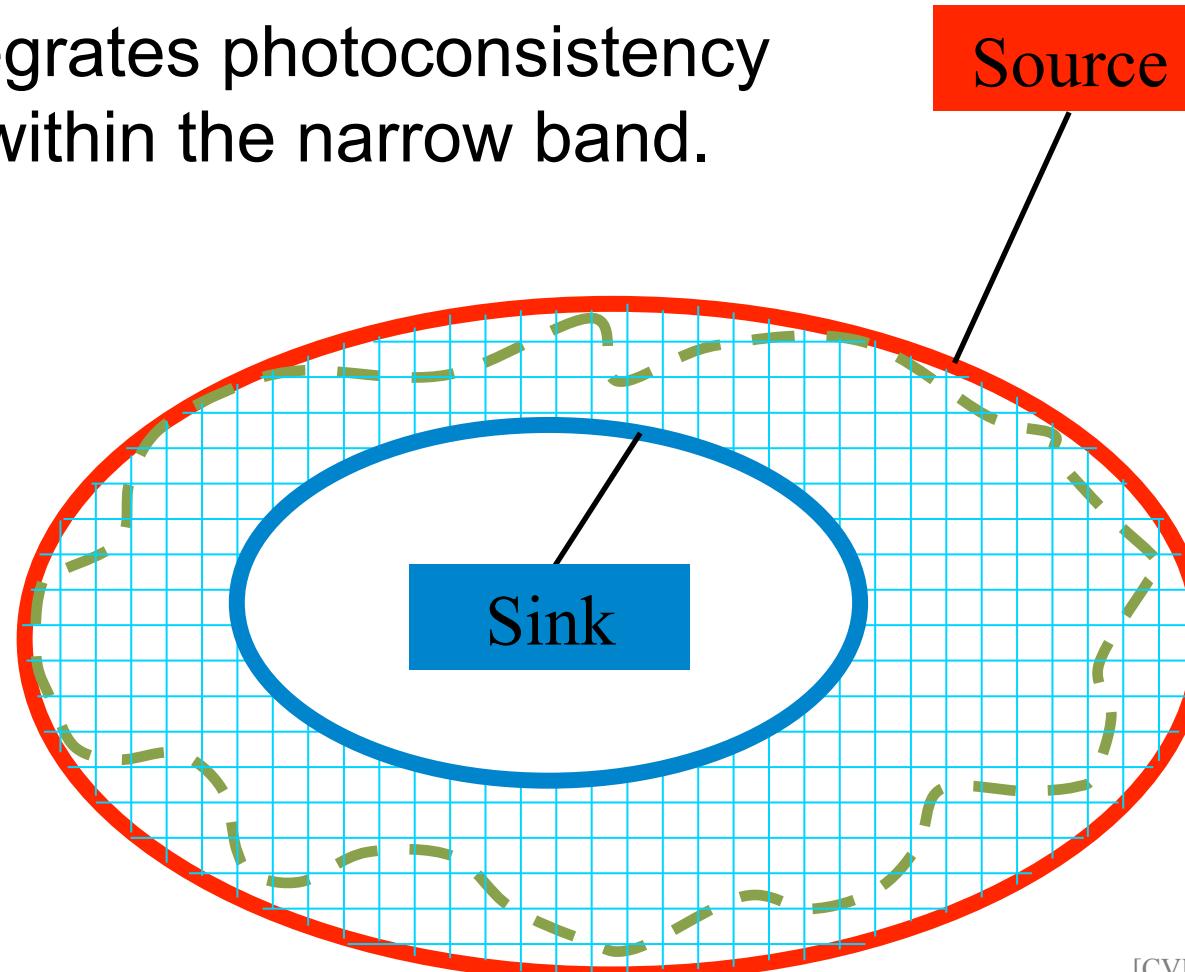
## Handling occlusions



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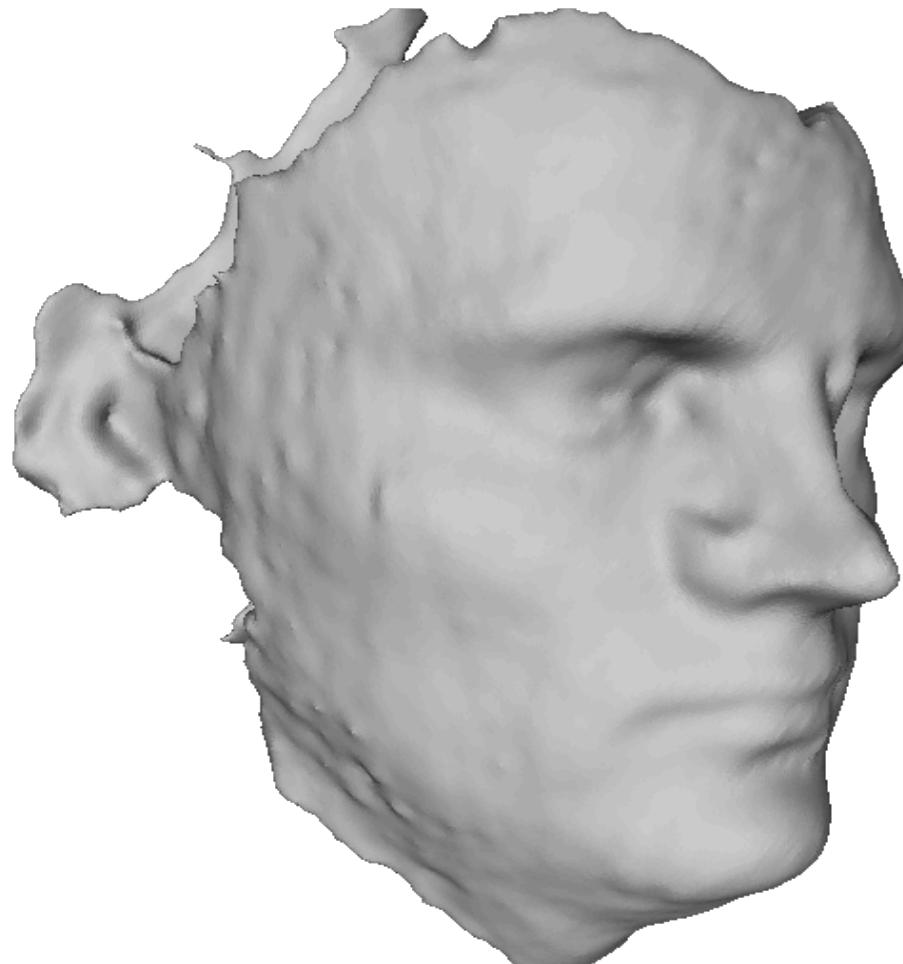
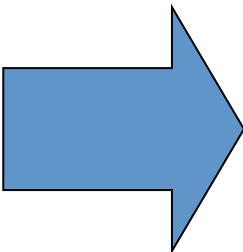
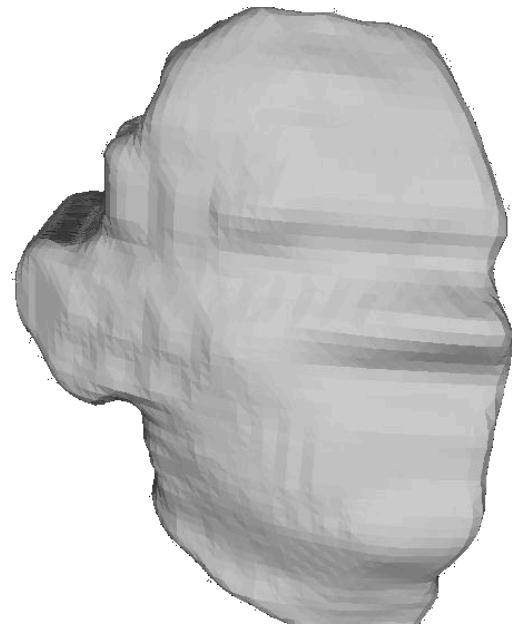
# Multi-view Reconstruction

The cost of the cut integrates photoconsistency over the whole space within the narrow band.



[CVPR'05 slides from Vogiatzis, Torr, Cippola]

# Multi-view Reconstruction



visual hull (silhouettes)  
narrow band for graph-cut

best photo-consistent surface

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# Multi-label Graph-cuts

For solving non-binary / multi-way / multi-label graph-cuts, the problem can be transformed into solving a **sequence of binary graph-cuts** to find a **local optimum**.

Two algorithms were proposed by Boykov, Veksler, Zabih, PAMI 2001:

- Alpha-beta-swap (requires only semi-metric)
- Alpha-expansion (requires metric condition)

# Alpha-expansion algorithm

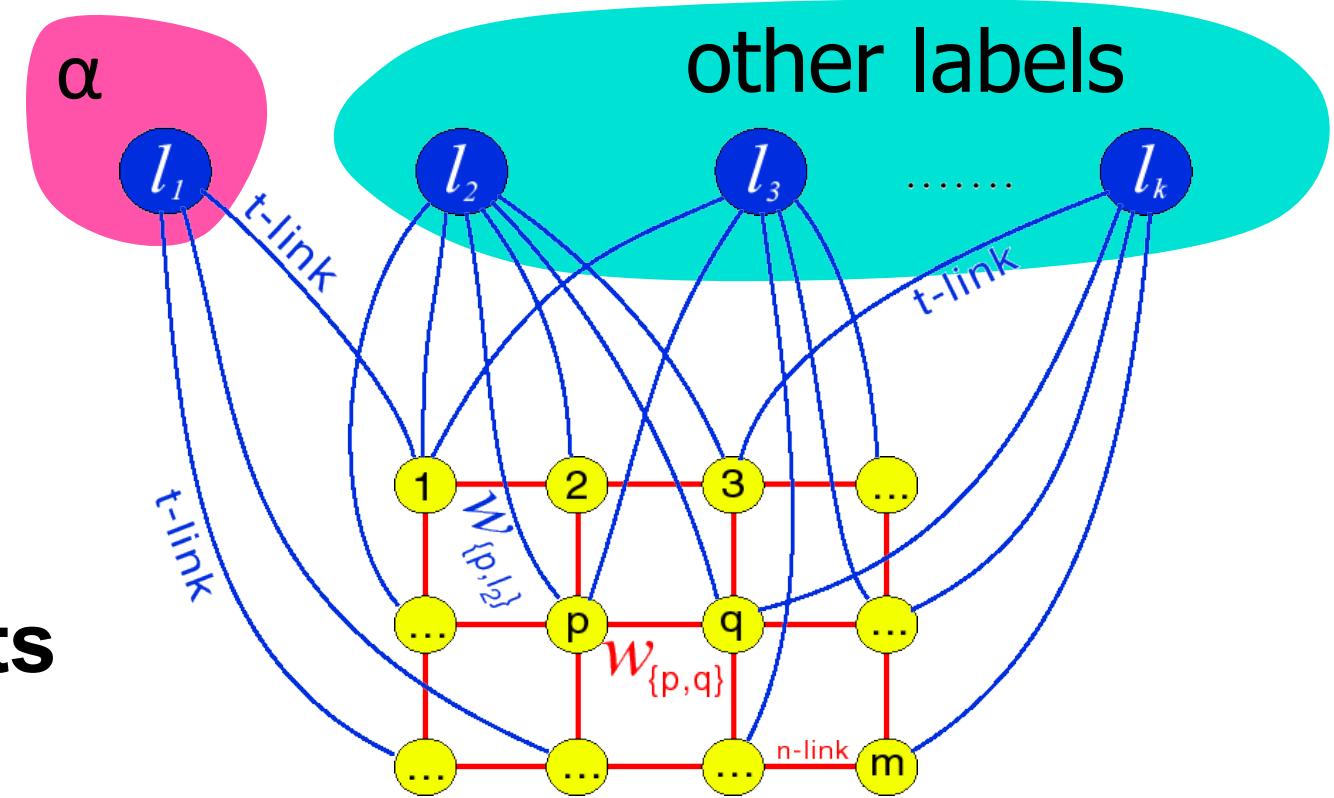
[Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, R. Zabih, PAMI 2001]

Idea: Break problem into smaller sub-problems.

Multi-way cut



Sequence of binary s-t cuts



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# Alpha-expansion algorithm

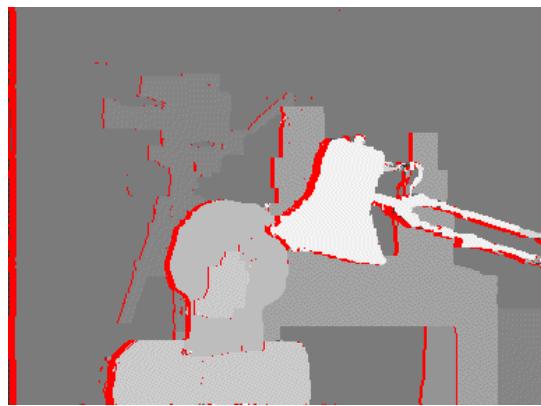
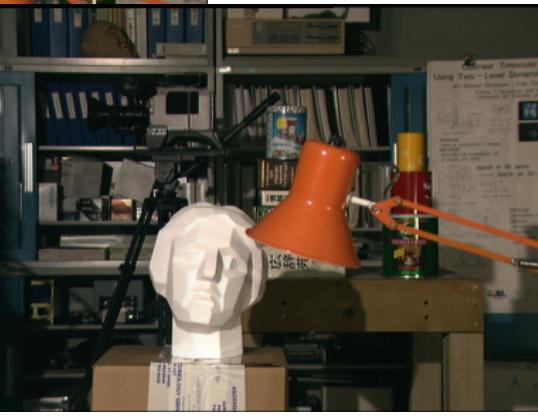
[Y. Boykov, O. Veksler, R. Zabih, PAMI 2001]

1. Start with any initial solution
2. For each label “a” in any (e.g. random) order
  1. Compute optimal  $a$ -expansion move ( $s-t$  graph cut) that most decreases  $E$
  2. Decline the move if there is no energy decrease
3. Stop when no expansion move would decrease energy

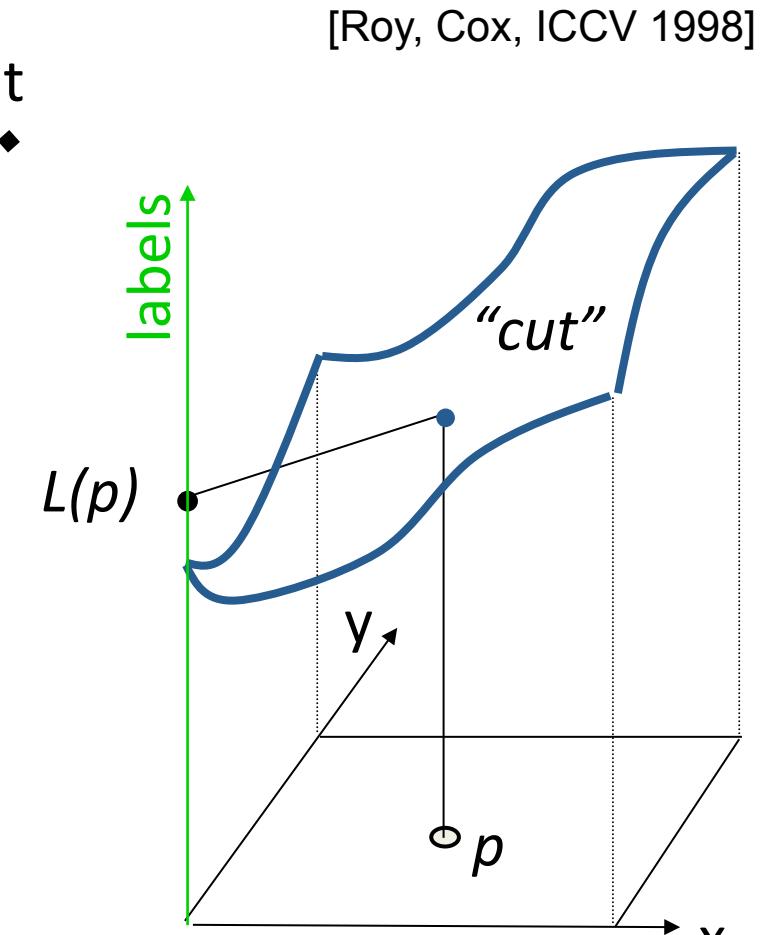
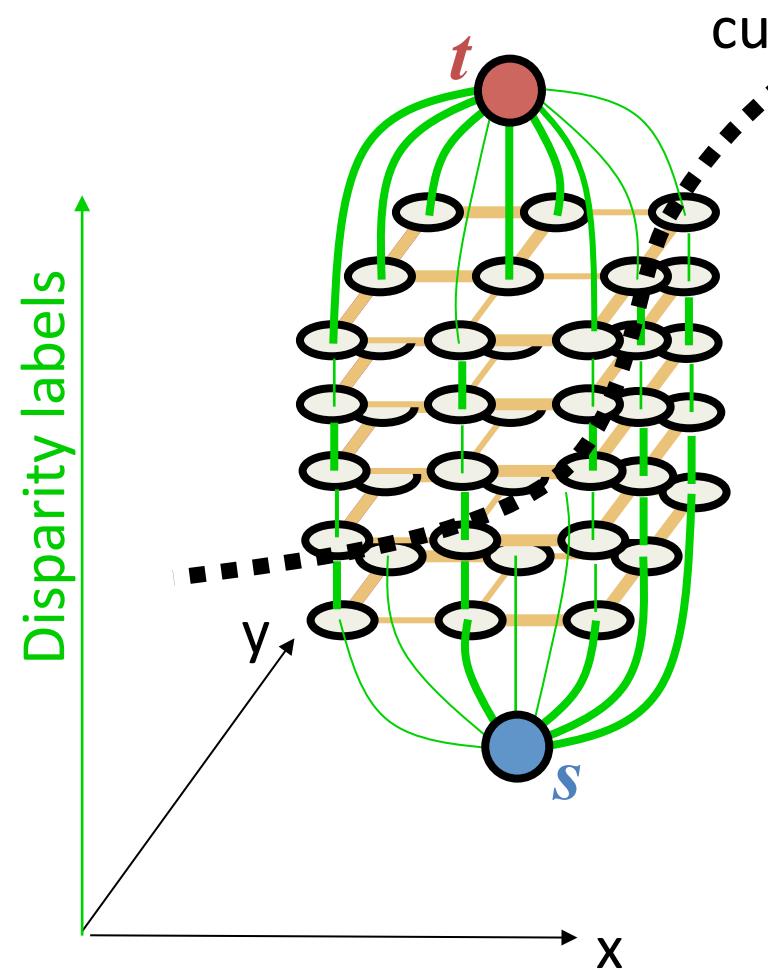
Note: Different orders of expansion moves might lead to different solutions (local minimum).

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# Example: Stereo Reconstruction



depth map



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# Example: Stereo Reconstruction

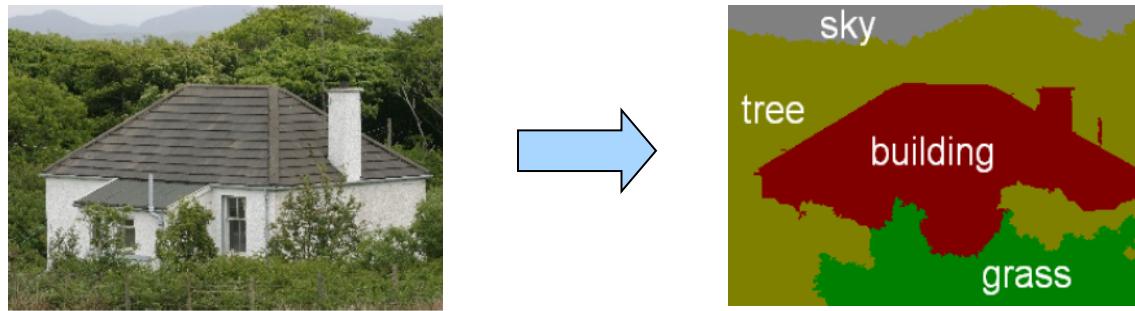


- initial solution
- -expansion
  - -expansion

For each move we choose the expansion the gives the largest energy decrease.

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# Example: Object-class Segmentation



$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \psi_i(x_i) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}, j \in \mathcal{N}_i} \psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

**Data term**

**Smoothness term**

**Data term**

**Discriminatively trained classifier**

**Smoothness term**

$$\psi_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = K_{ij} \delta(x_i \neq x_j)$$

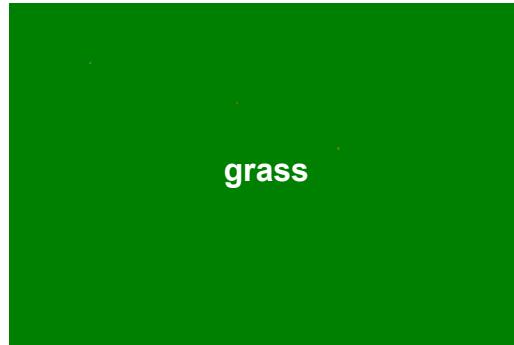
**where**  $K_{ij} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \exp(-\beta(I_i - I_j)^2)$

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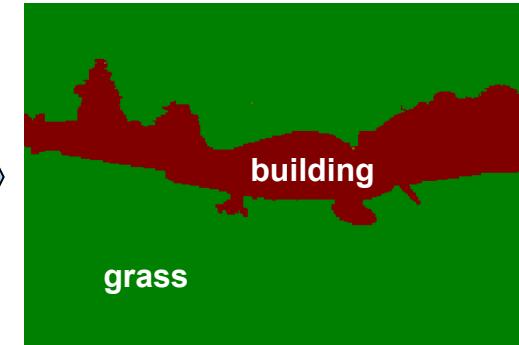
# Example: Object-class Segmentation



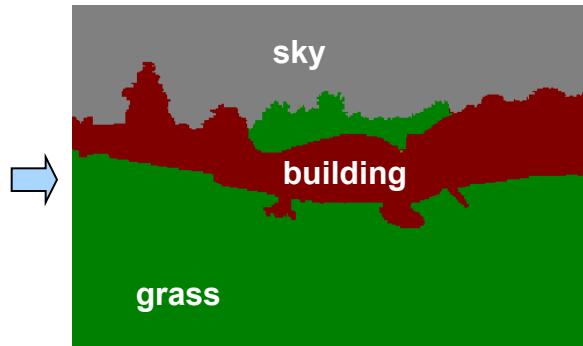
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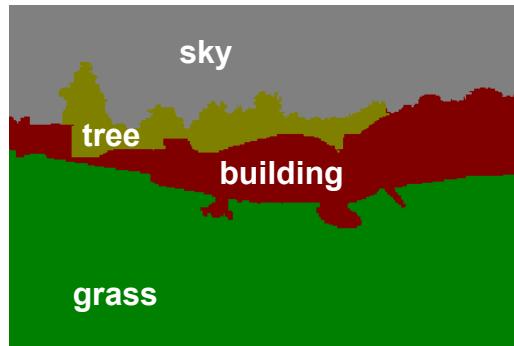
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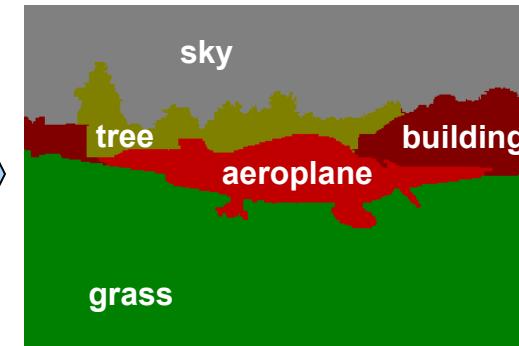
Building expansion



Sky expansion



Tree expansion



Final Solution

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# Questions?

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