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Solution

This algorithm will use the algorithm from problem 4 (problem 23 in the book) to determine the set of *upstream*, *downstream*, and *central* vertices of the graph G . Now, if the set of *central* vertices is empty, then G has a unique minimum s-t cut.

Time Complexity: Problem 4 algorithm: $O(|E||V|C)$ + Check if there are *central* vertices: $O(1) = O(|E||V|C)$

Space Complexity: The tree sets of vertices *upstream*, *downstream*, and *central*, along with the graph.

Claim: Having no *central* vertices ensure that there is a unique s-t cut of a network flow G .

Proof. *Central* vertex v is defined such that at least one minimum s-t cut (A, B) for which $v \in A$, and at least one minimum s-t cut (A, B) for which $v \in B$. If there are no such vertices, then that means that all vertices are either *upstream* or *downstream*. Furthermore, this means that all vertices are always part of the same s-t cut and always on their corresponding side; thus, there is only one s-t cut. \square