

CMPSC 465: LECTURE XVIII

All Pairs Shortest Paths
Maximum Flow

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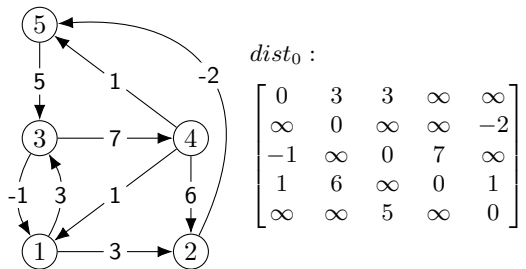
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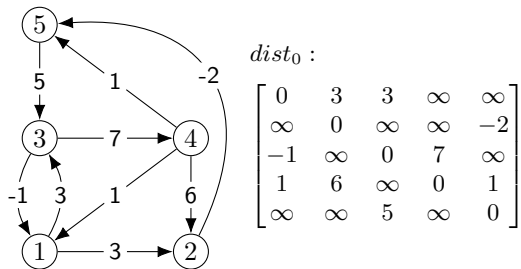
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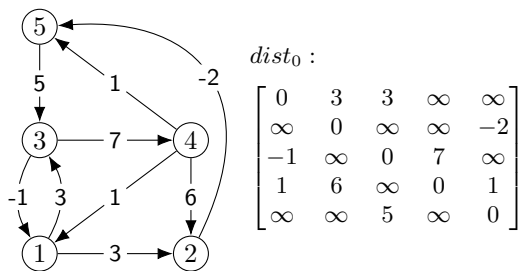
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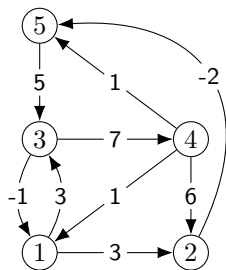
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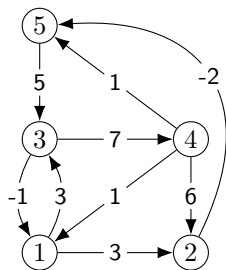
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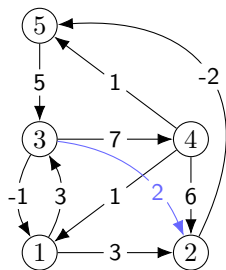
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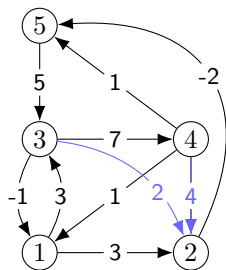
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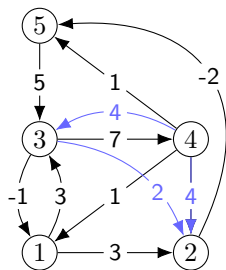
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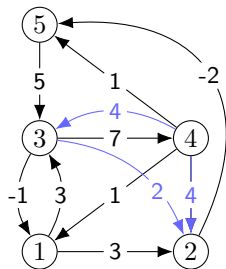
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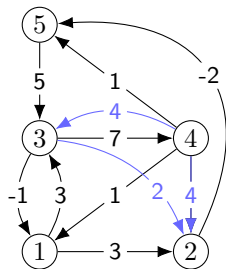
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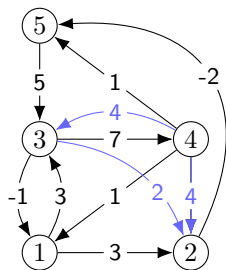
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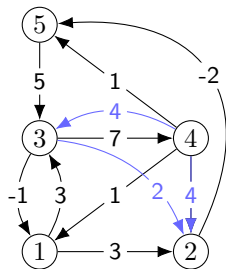
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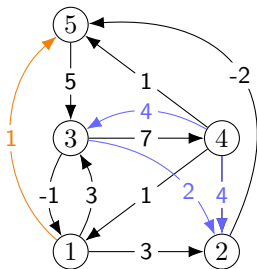
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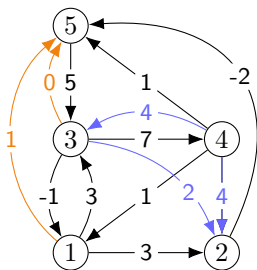
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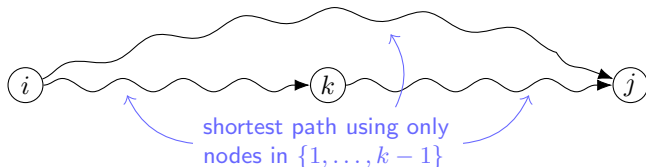
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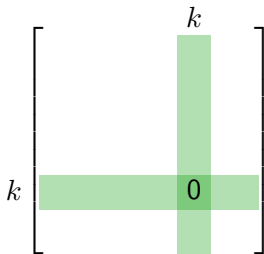
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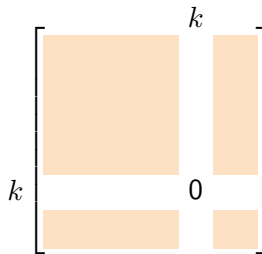
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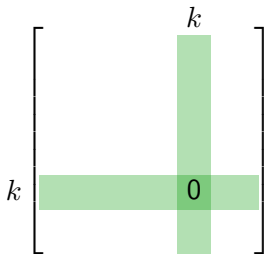
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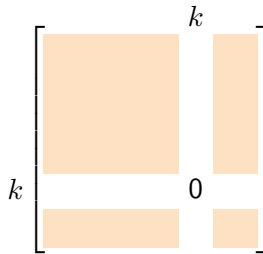
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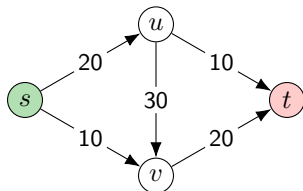
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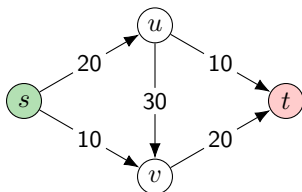
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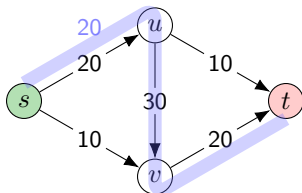
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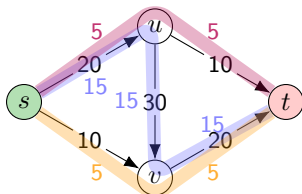
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