

# Part VI

## Graph Algorithms (III)

# Graph Algorithms

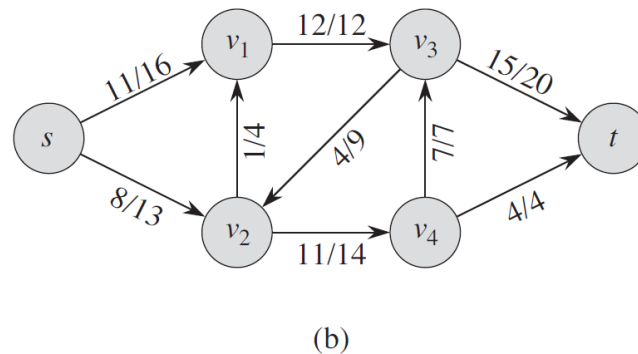
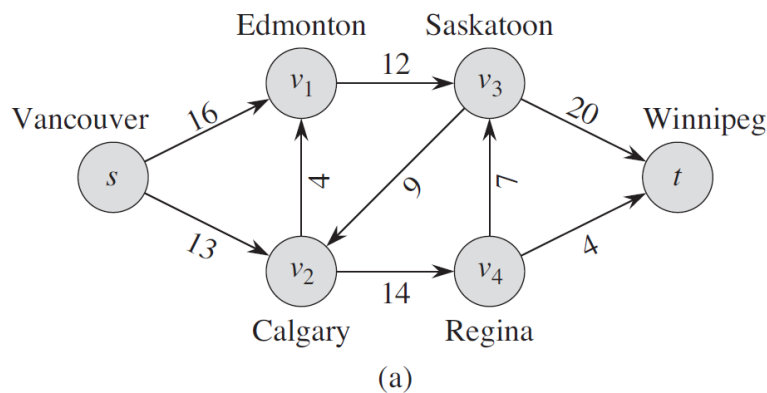
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- **Elementary Graph Algorithms**
  - ◆ Representations of Graphs
  - ◆ BFS, DFS
  - ◆ Sort Topologically
- **Single-Source Shortest Paths**
  - ◆ Finding shortest paths from a given source vertex to all other vertices.
- **All-Pairs Shortest Paths**
- **Maximum Flow**

# 26 Maximum Flow

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Imagine a material coursing through a system **from a source**, where the material is produced, **to a sink**, where it is consumed. The source produces the material **at some steady rate**, and the sink consumes the material **at the same rate**.



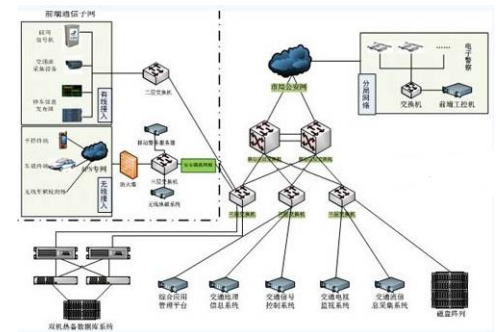
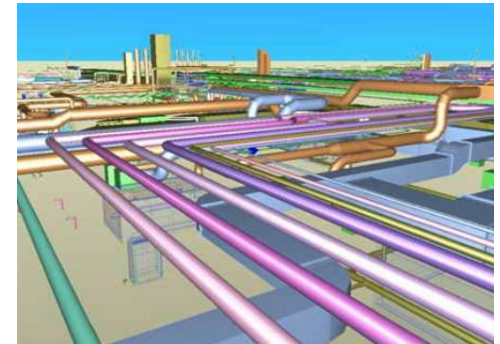
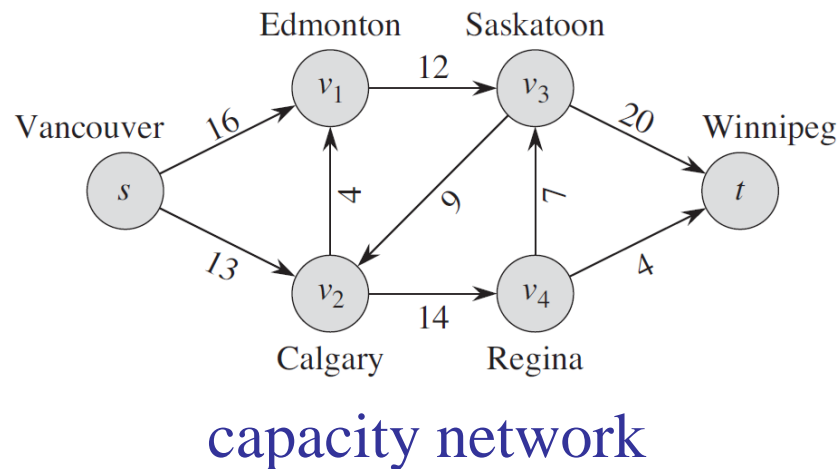
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## Flow networks

- ◆ Liquids flowing through pipes
- ◆ Parts through assembly lines
- ◆ Current through electrical networks
- ◆ Information through communication networks
- ◆ Cars through highway traffic networks



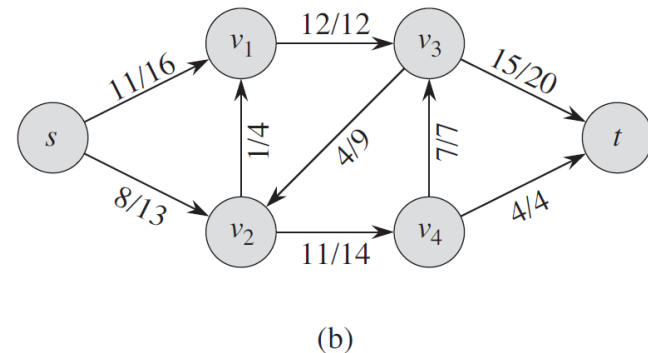
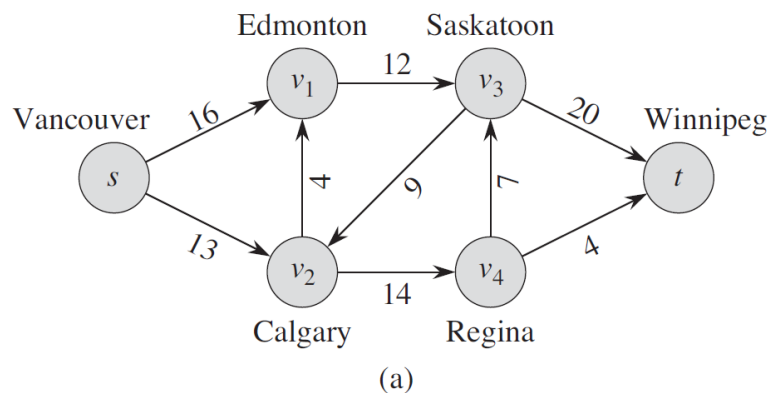
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### Basic definition

1. Flow networks  $G$
2. Flow  $f$
3. Maximum-flow  $f_{\max}$
4. Residual networks  $G_f$  (残留网络)
5. Residual capacity  $c_f(u, v)$  of  $G_f$  (顶点间的残留容量)
6. Augmenting path  $p$  (增广路径)
7. Residual capacity  $c_f(p)$  of  $p$  (路径上的残留容量)
8. Cut  $(S, T)$  and its net flow  $f(S, T)$  and capacity  $c(S, T)$
9. Max-flow min-cut (最大流最小割)

## 26 Maximum Flow

- **Capacity:** a maximum rate at which the material can flow through the conduit.
- **Flow conservation:** the rate at which material enters a vertex must equal the rate at which it leaves the vertex.
- **Maximum-flow problem:** we wish to compute the greatest rate at which we can ship material from the source to the sink without violating any capacity constraints.



capacity network

## 26.1 Flow networks

### Flow networks and flows

- A flow network  $G = (V, E)$  is a directed graph in which each edge  $(u, v) \in E$  has a nonnegative capacity  $c(u, v) \geq 0$ . If  $(u, v) \notin E$ ,  $c(u, v) = 0$ .
- Each vertex lies on some path from the source to the sink.

- *source*  $s$

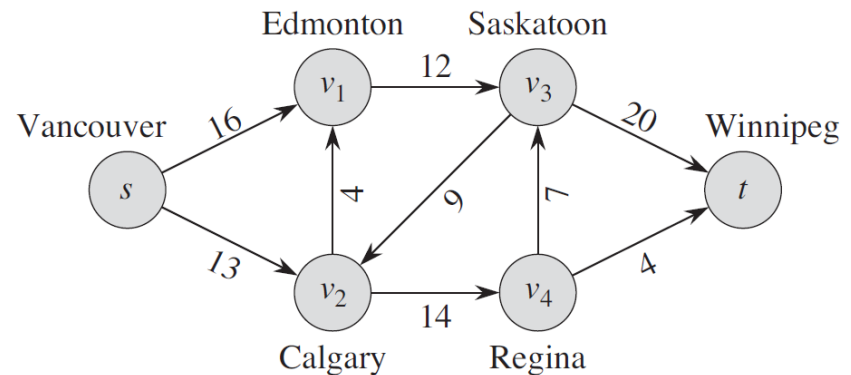
- *sink*  $t$

- A *flow* in  $G$  is

a real-valued function

$f: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  that satisfies

The following two properties:



capacity network



## 26.1 Flow networks

### Flow networks and flows

A *flow*  $f: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  that satisfies The following two properties:

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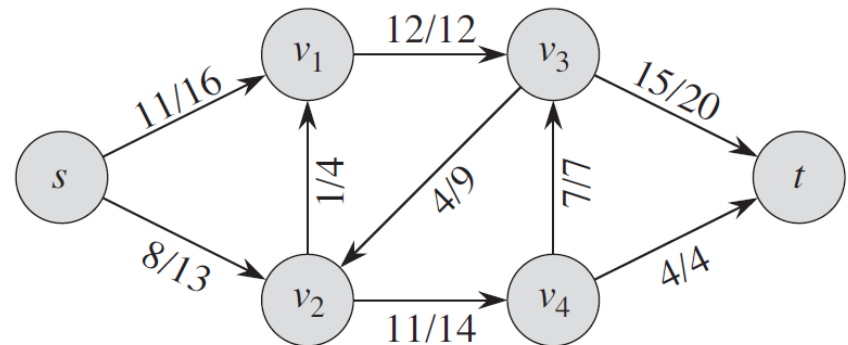
$$0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v) .$$

**(2) Flow conservation:** For all  $u \in V - \{s, t\}$ , we require

$$\sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) .$$

**“ flow in equals flow out. ”**

When  $(u, v) \notin E$ , there can be no flow from  $u$  to  $v$ , and  $f(u, v) = 0$ .



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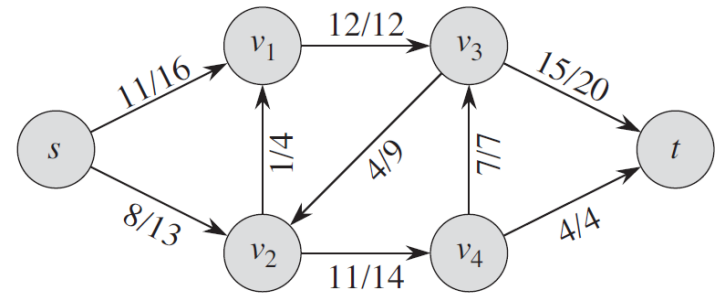
### Flow networks and flows

- $f(u, v)$  : the flow from vertex  $u$  to  $v$ .
- The value  $|f|$  of a flow  $f$  is defined as

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s),$$

that is, the total flow out of the source minus the flow into the source.  
(Here, the  $|\cdot|$  notation denotes flow value, not absolute value.)

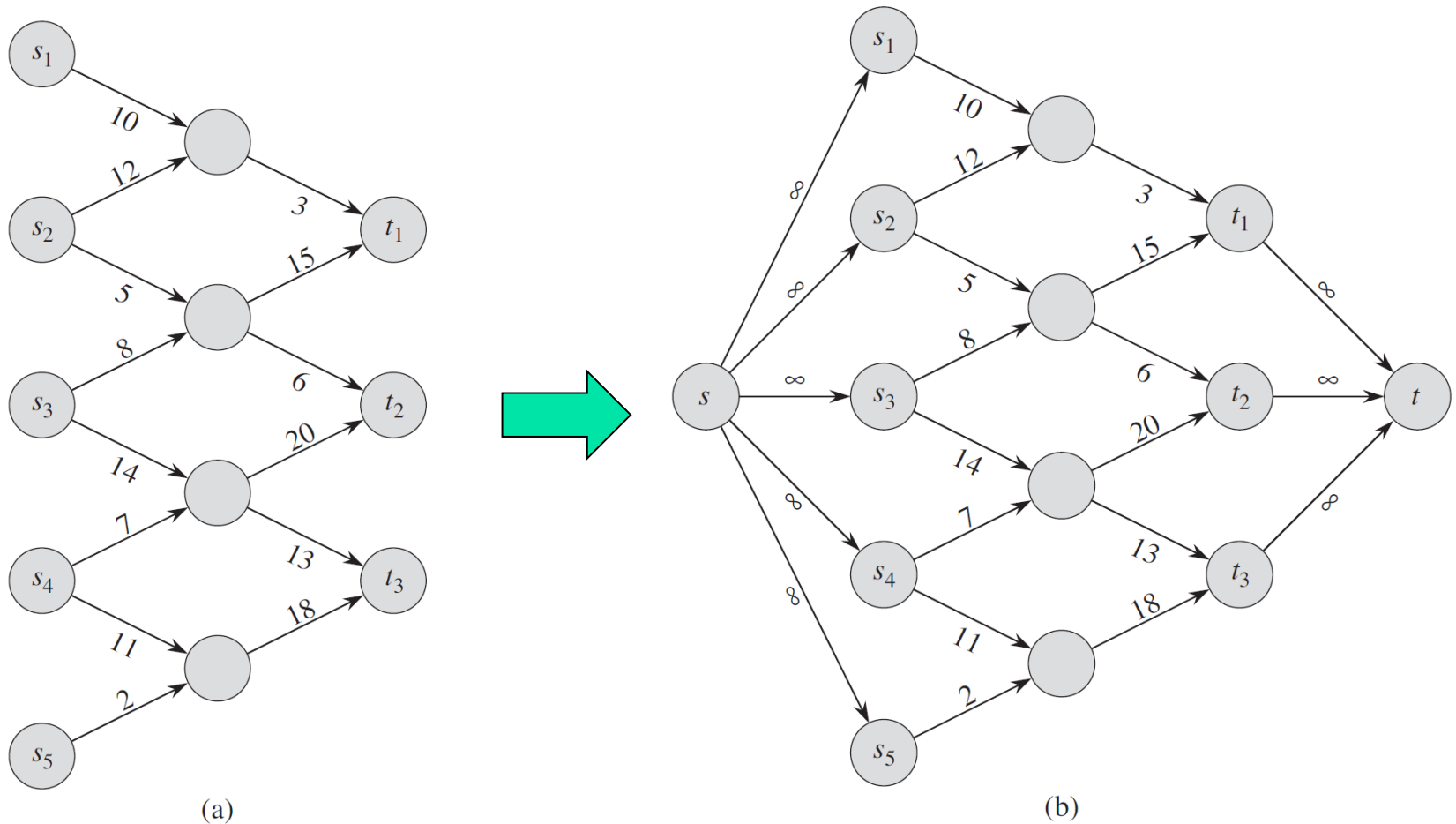
- **Maximum-flow problem:** we are given a flow network  $G$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ , and we wish to find **a flow of maximum value**.



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## 26.1 Flow networks

### Networks with multiple sources and sinks

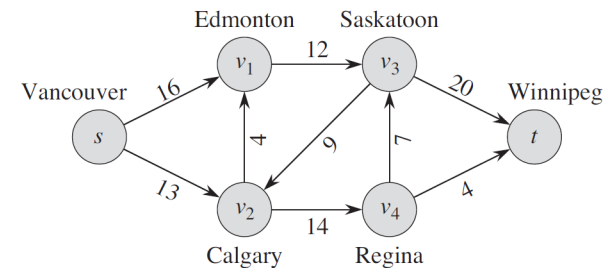


## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

A “**method**” rather than an “**algorithm**”.

The Ford-Fulkerson method depends on three important **ideas**:

- ◆ **residual networks** (剩余网络 (残留网络), 核心思想: 存在一些边, 在其上还能增加额外流, 这些边就构成了残留网络的增广路径)
- ◆ **augmenting paths**
- ◆ **cuts**



FORD-FULKERSON-METHOD( $G, s, t$ )

- 1 initialize flow  $f$  to 0
- 2 **while** there exists an augmenting path  $p$  in the residual network  $G_f$
- 3     augment flow  $f$  along  $p$
- 4 **return**  $f$

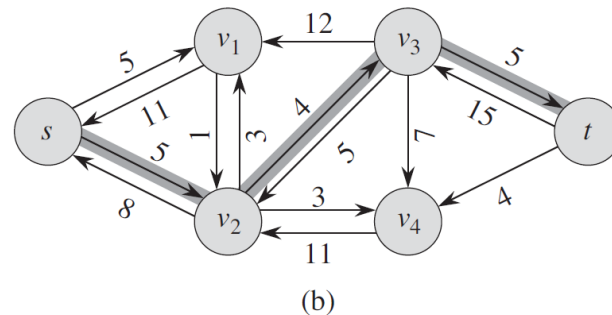
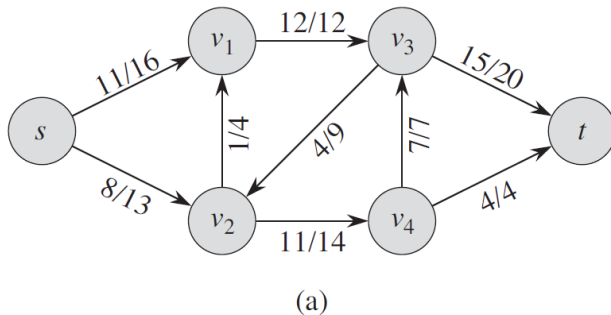
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### Residual networks

#### residual capacity

边上还能增加的额外流  
反向流最多抵消正向流

$$c_f(u, v) = \begin{cases} c(u, v) - f(u, v) & \text{if } (u, v) \in E, \\ f(v, u) & \text{if } (v, u) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Example: let  $u \leftarrow s$ ,  $v \leftarrow v_1$ , there are  $c(u, v) = 16$  and  $f(u, v) = 11$ , then we can increase  $f(u, v)$  by up to  $c_f(u, v) = 5$  units before we exceed the capacity constraint on edge  $(u, v)$ . We also wish to allow an algorithm to return up to 11 units of flow from  $v$  to  $u$ , and hence  $c_f(v, u) = 11$ .

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### Residual networks

- residual capacity

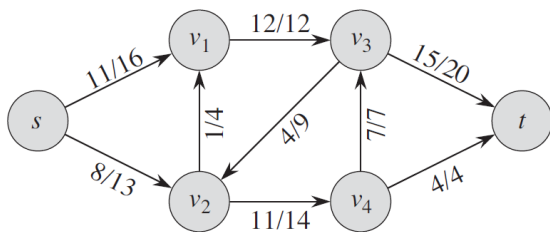
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- residual network:  $G_f = (V, E_f)$ , where

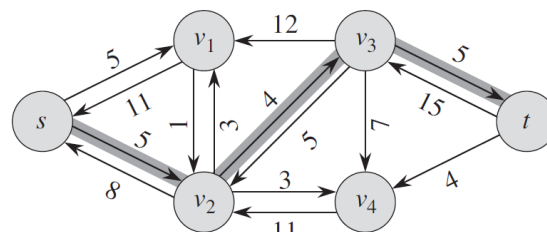
$$E_f = \{(u, v) \in V \times V : c_f(u, v) > 0\}$$

残留网络：顶点跟流网络一样，边（残留边）的权值为流网络的残留容量

流网络



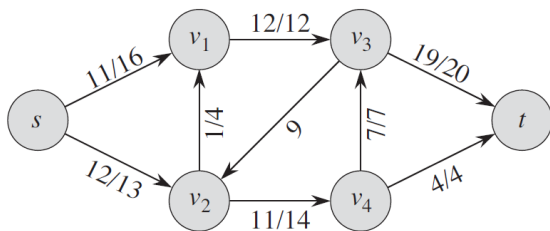
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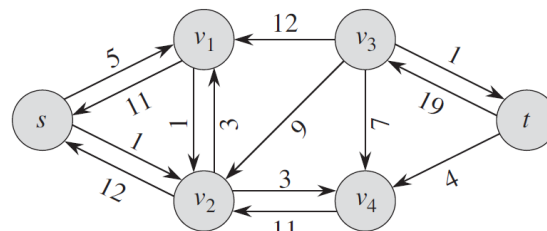
(b)

(a)的残留网络（粗线是增广路径）

在(a)图中，沿着其残留网络的增广路径上增加流以后新的流网络



(c)



(d)

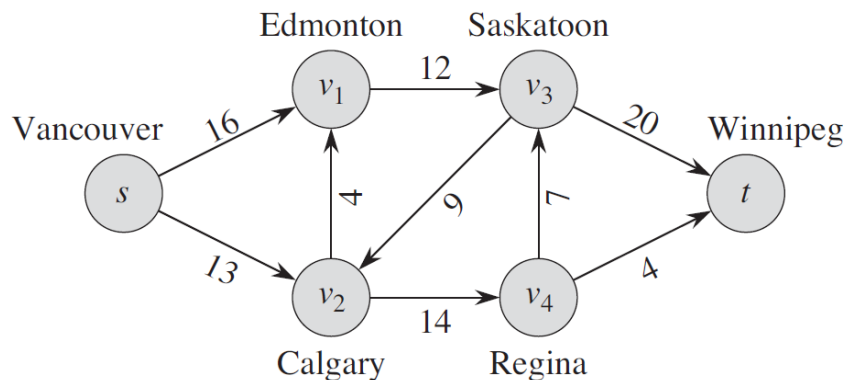
(c)的残留网络

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### Residual networks

- residual capacity 
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- 只有容量（流为零）的网络，其残留网络就是其自身。如下图既是流网络原图（流为零），也是残留网络。



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### Residual networks

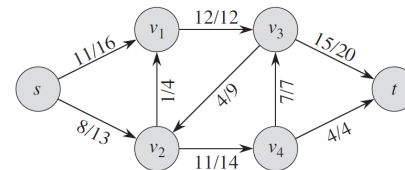
**Lemma 26.1** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a flow network, and let  $f$  be a flow in  $G$ . Let  $G_f$  be the residual network of  $G$  induced by  $f$ , and let  $f'$  be a flow in  $G_f$ . Then the flow sum  $f + f'$  ( $f \uparrow f'$ ) defined by **equation (26.4)** is a flow in  $G$  with value

$$|f + f'| = |f| + |f'|.$$

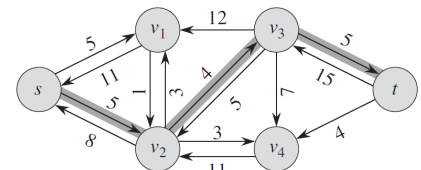
$$(f_1 + f_2)(u, v) = f_1(u, v) + f_2(u, v) \quad \dots\dots (26.4)$$

**Proof** Verify that the **capacity constraints**, **flow conservation** are obeyed.

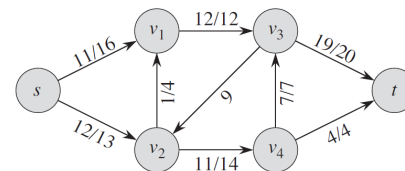
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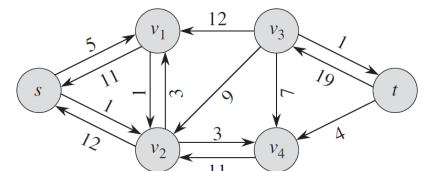
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(b)



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**Capacity constraint:** For all  $u, v$ , we have  $f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$

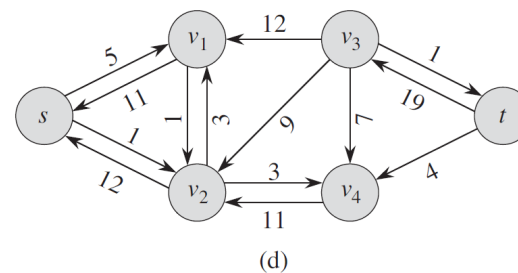
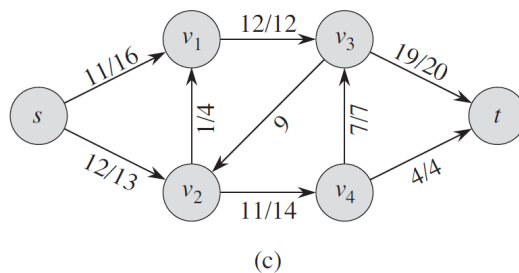
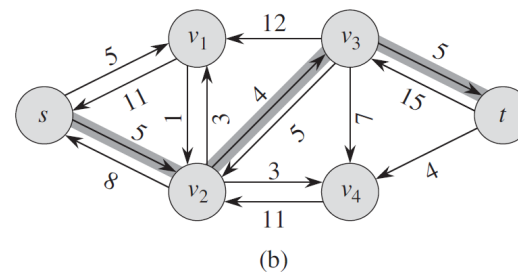
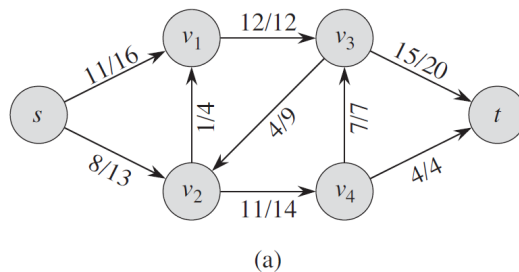
**Flow conservation:** For all  $u \in V - \{s, t\}$ , flow in equals flow out



## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Residual networks

How to find a flow  $f'$  in  $G_f$ ?



## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Augmenting paths (增广路径)

- An **augmenting path**  $p$  is a simple path from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ .
- **residual capacity** of  $p$ : the maximum amount by which we can increase the flow on each edge in the augmenting path  $p$ .

$c_f(p) = \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is on } p\}$ . (容量最小的那条边  $(u, v)$ , 也称为关键边)

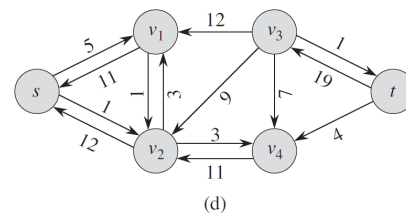
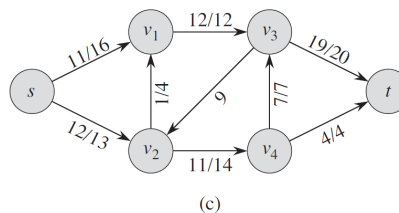
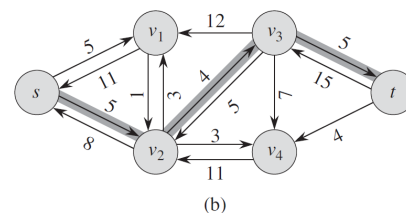
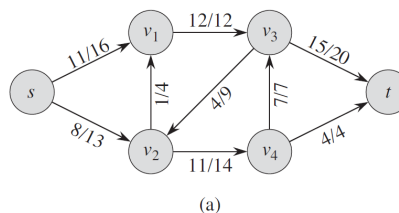
- **Lemma 26.2** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a flow network, let  $f$  be a flow in  $G$ , and let  $p$  be an augmenting path in  $G_f$ . Define a function  $f_p : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by

$$f_p(u, v) = \begin{cases} c_f(p) & \text{if } (u, v) \text{ is on } p, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $f_p$  is a flow in  $G_f$

with value  $|f_p| = c_f(p) > 0$ .

残留网络上的流



*Proof:* verify two properties of flow...

## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Augmenting paths

$$f_p(u, v) = \begin{cases} c_f(p) & \text{if } (u, v) \text{ is on } p, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 26.3** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a flow network, let  $f$  be a flow in  $G$ , and let  $p$  be an augmenting path in  $G_f$ . Then the function  $(f \uparrow f_p): V \times V \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , is a flow in  $G$  with value  $|f| + |f_p| > |f|$ .

**Proof:**

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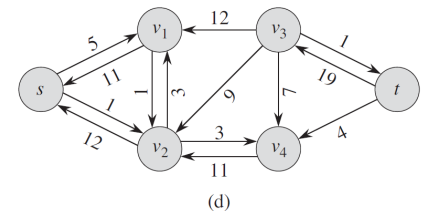
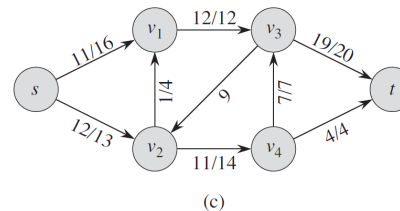
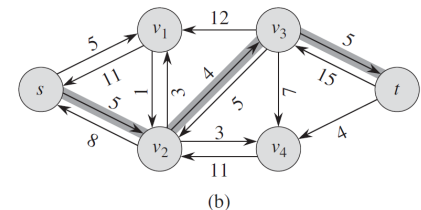
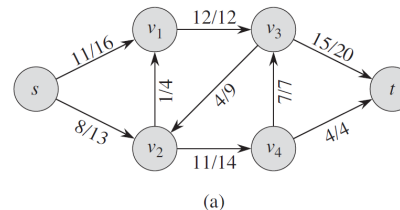
from Lemmas 26.2 and 26.1,

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Lemmas 26.2:  $f_p$  is a flow in  $G_f$ .

Lemmas 26.1:  $f + f_p$  is a flow in  $G$ .

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## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Cuts of flow networks

- A **cut**  $(S, T)$  of flow network  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of  $V$  into  $S$  and  $T = V - S$  such that  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$ . ( source is in  $S$ , sink is in  $T$ .)
- If  $f$  is a flow, then the **net flow** across the cut  $(S, T)$  is defined to be  $f(S, T)$ .

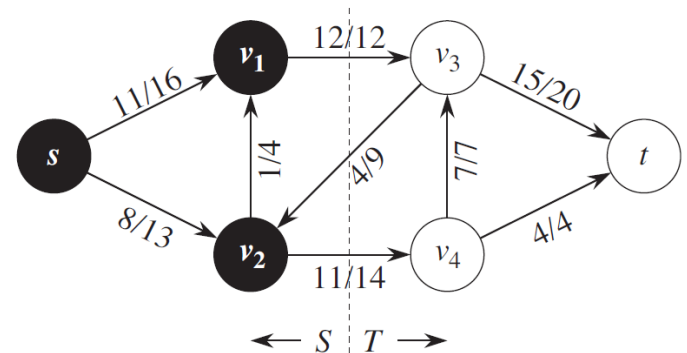
$$f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u)$$

- The **capacity** of the cut  $(S, T)$  is  $c(S, T)$ .

$$c(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v)$$

注意：不含反向容量

- A **minimum cut** of a network is a cut whose capacity is minimum over all cuts of the network. (一个网络的最小割是网络中具有最小容量的割)



$$f(S, T) = 19$$

$$c(S, T) = 26$$

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### Cuts of flow networks

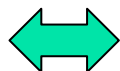
**Lemma 26.4** Let  $f$  be a flow in a flow network  $G$ , and let  $(S, T)$  be any cut of  $G$ . Then the net flow across  $(S, T)$  is  $f(S, T) = |f|$ .

(任意割的容量都相等)

*Proof* ...略 (根据流的定义与流守恒性质来证明, 证明略)

流的定义

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)$$



切割的净流定义

$$f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u)$$

流守恒性质

$$\sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) \quad \left( \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = 0 \right)$$

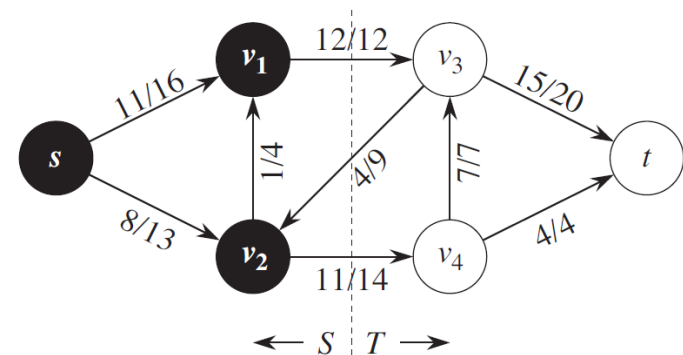
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### Cuts of flow networks

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- **Corollary 26.5** The value of any flow  $f$  in a flow network  $G$  is bounded from above by the capacity of any cut of  $G$ .  
(任意割的容量都是流的上界)

**Proof** 很显然。根据切割的净流与容量的定义来证明。

$$\begin{aligned} |f| &= f(S, T) \\ &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) \\ &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) \\ &= c(S, T). \end{aligned}$$



## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Cuts of flow networks

#### Theorem 26.6: (Max-flow min-cut theorem)

If  $f$  is a flow, then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $f$  is a maximum flow in  $G$ .
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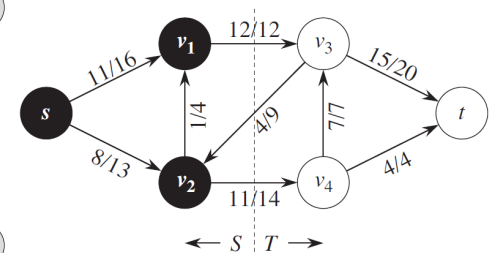
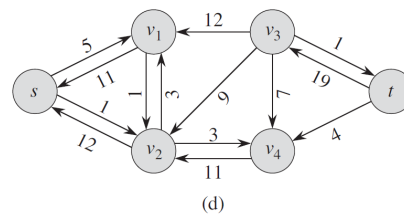
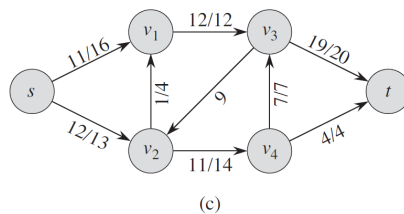
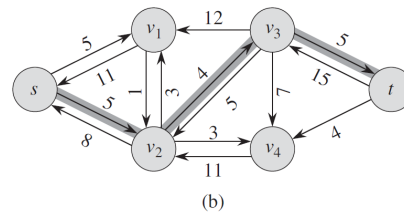
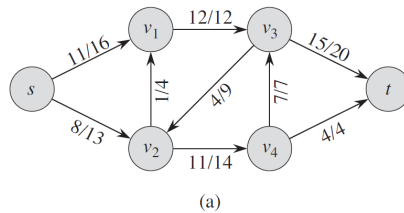
*Proof ...*

证明思路:

1= $\Rightarrow$ 2

2= $\Rightarrow$ 3

3= $\Rightarrow$ 1



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最大流求解算法：

- ① 流网络比较小时：穷举出所有切割(cut)，求出最小cut。
- ② 流网络比较大时：求残留网络，找增广路径（求路径上的残留容量），在流网络中沿增广路径压入残留（剩余）容量。

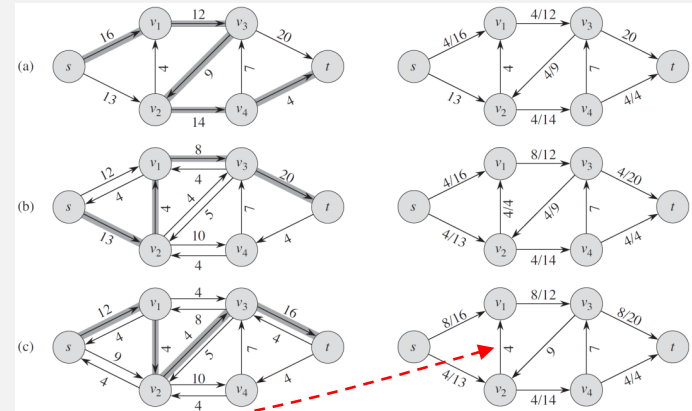


## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### The basic Ford-Fulkerson algorithm

FORD-FULKERSON( $G, s, t$ )

```
1 for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ 
2    $f[u, v] \leftarrow 0$ 
3 while there exists a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ 
4    $c_f(p) \leftarrow \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$ 
5   for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
6     if  $(u, v) \in E$ 
7        $f[u, v] \leftarrow f[u, v] + c_f(p)$ 
8     else  $f[v, u] \leftarrow f[v, u] - c_f(p)$ 
```



算法：求残留网络 $G_f$ ，找增广路径 $p$ ，求路径上的残留容量 $c_f(p)$ ，在流网络中沿增广路径在每条边上压入残留（剩余）容量。

# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm

虚线框里的是residual network

1. 初始, 图a-L, 流 $f$ 为0, 增广路径的残留容量为4;

2. 图a-R, 沿增广路径可压入流4, 图中的流为4;

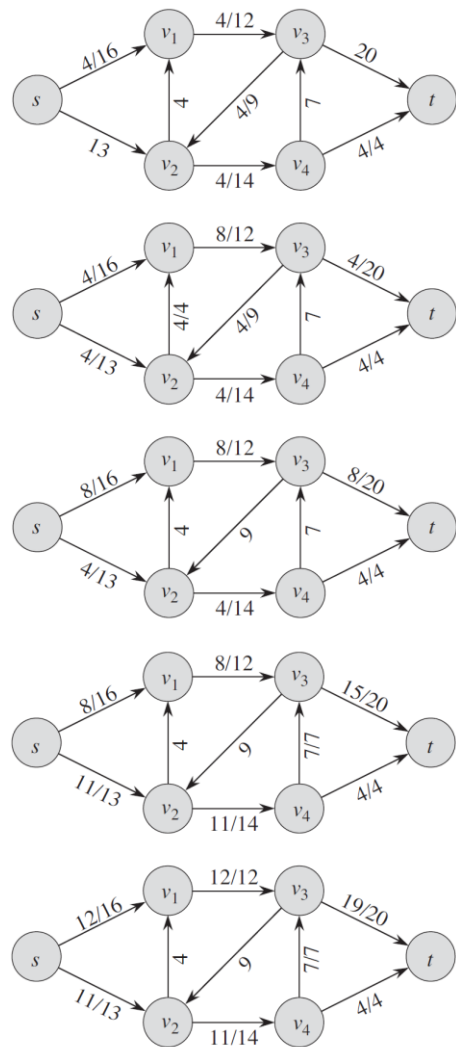
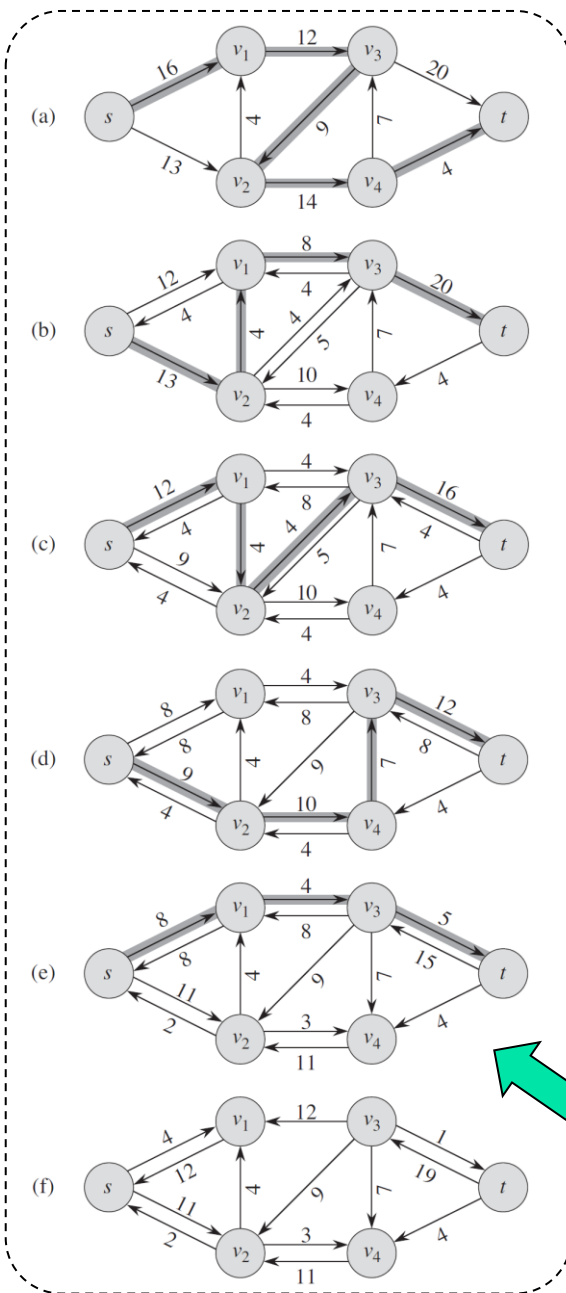
3. 图b-L是图a-R的残留网络, 图b-L的一个增广路径的残留容量是4;

4. 在流网络图a-R的基础上, 沿图b-L的增广路径可压入流4, 得到图b-R;

.....

图f中不存在增广路径 (不能再增加流, 因此图e-2中的流就是最大流。

增广路径选取方法不同, 计算效率不同。



The residual network  $G_f$ .  
A shaded: augmenting path  $p$ .

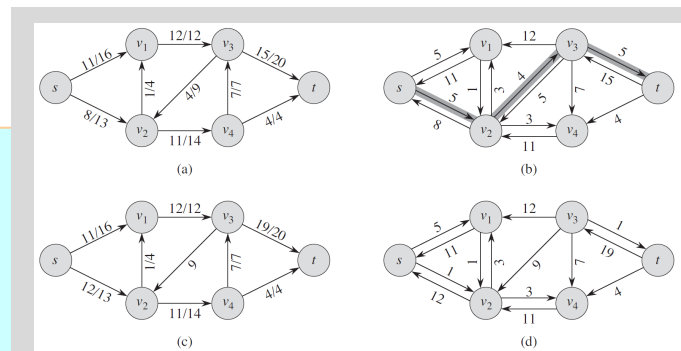
## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

### Analysis of Ford-Fulkerson

FORD-FULKERSON( $G, s, t$ )       $O(E \cdot f^*)$

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5    for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
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7         $f[u, v] \leftarrow f[u, v] + c_f(p)$ 
8      else  $f[v, u] \leftarrow f[v, u] - c_f(p)$ 
```

When the capacities are integral and the optimal flow value  $f^*$  is small, the running time of the F-F algorithm is good.



设最大流为  $f^*$  :

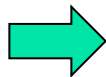
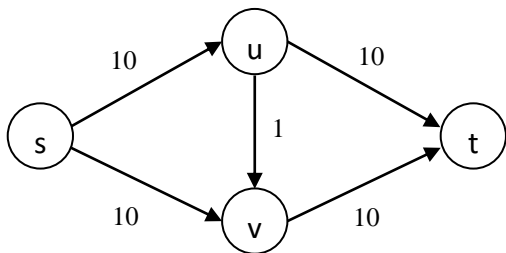
每次找到增广路径, 流至少增加1, 流从0增加到  $f^*$ , 时间为  $O(f^*)$ ;

每次找增广路径和给边增加流的操作, 时间为  $O(E)$ ;

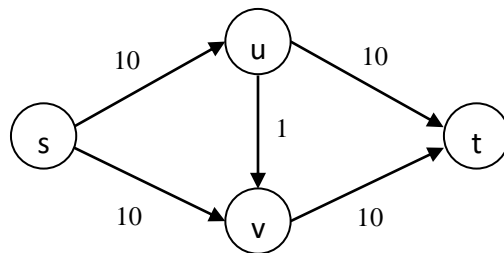
总的时间,  $O(E \cdot f^*)$

# If $f^*$ is large? an example...

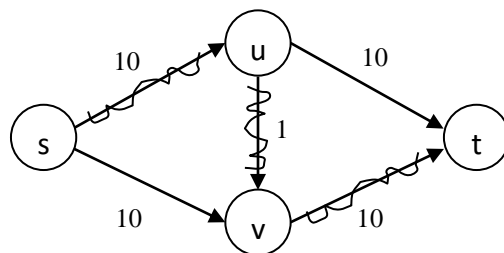
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原图  
(容量图)



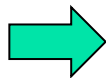
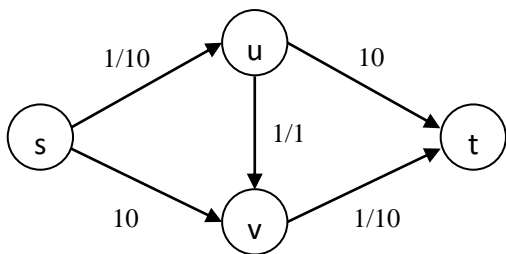
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残留网络  
(与原图相同)



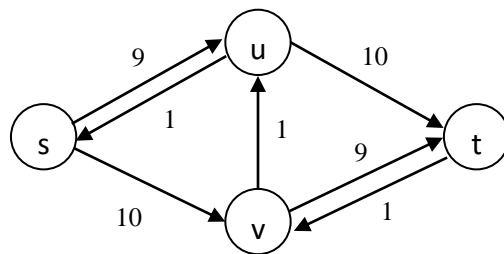
增广路  $p$



3  
原图中沿  $p$   
压入流1

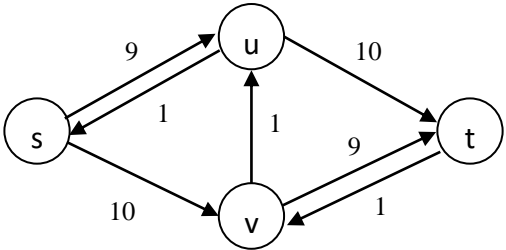
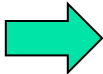
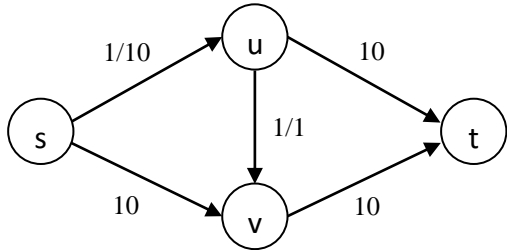


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残留网络



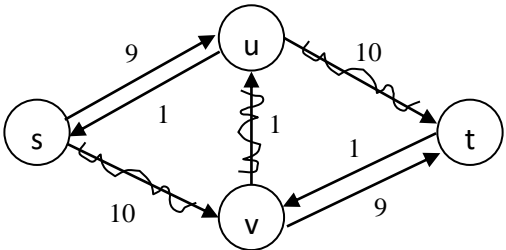
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原图中沿p  
压入流1



4

残留网络

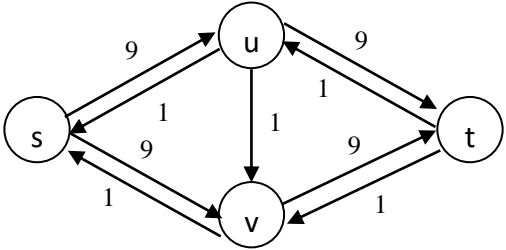
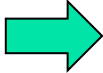
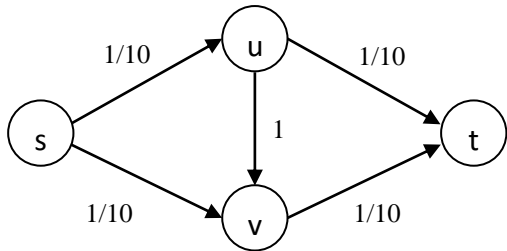


增广路 p



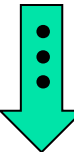
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上一流图中  
沿p压入流1



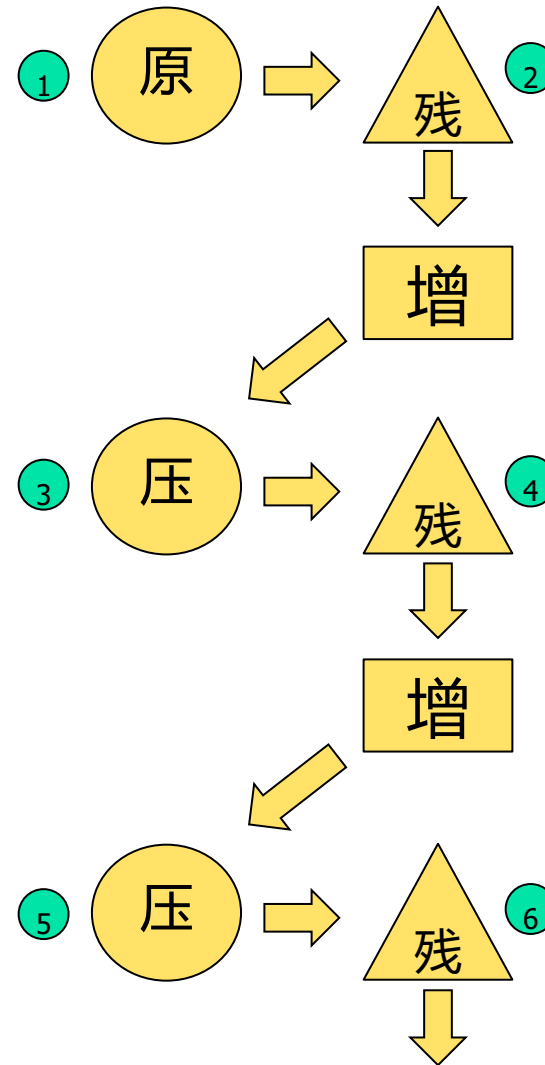
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残留网络



If  $f^*$  is large?  
an example...

If the optimal flow  
value  $f^*$  is large, the  
F-F algorithm is not  
good.



## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

FORD-FULKERSON( $G, s, t$ )

```
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```

$O(E \cdot f^*)$

### The Edmonds-Karp algorithm

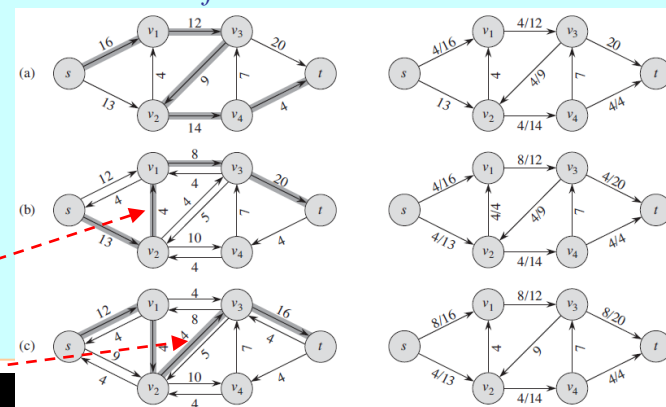
We can improve the bound on F-F by finding the augmenting path  $p$  in line 3 with a **breadth-first search**. That is, we choose  $p$  as a shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network, where each edge has unit distance (weight). We call the F-F method so implemented the **Edmonds-Karp algorithm**. The E-K algorithm runs in  $O(VE^2)$  time. *Proof ...?*

## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

EDMONDS-KARP( $G, s, t$ )

```
1 for each edge  $(u, v) \in E$ 
2    $f[u, v] \leftarrow 0$ 
3 while there exists a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$  (using BFS)
4    $c_f(p) \leftarrow \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$ 
5   for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
6     if  $(u, v) \in E$ 
7        $f[u, v] \leftarrow f[u, v] + c_f(p)$ 
8     else  $f[v, u] \leftarrow f[v, u] - c_f(p)$ 
```

$O(V \cdot E^2)$



证明思想：关键边（增广路径 $p$ 上的最小容量边）。

沿着 $p$ 增加流一次，关键边消失；边 $(u, v)$ 最多 $O(V)$ 次作为关键边；共 $E$ 条边；E-K算法执行中的关键边数量 $O(V \cdot E)$ （关键边全部消失，不再有增广路径，最大流找到）。每次找增广路径和给边增加流的操作，时间为 $O(E)$ 。  
总的时间， $O(V \cdot E^2)$



## 26.2 The Ford-Fulkerson method

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### **Idea:**

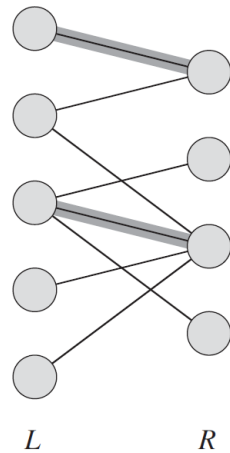
- ♦ residual networks
- ♦ augmenting paths
- ♦ Cuts

**Method:** The Ford-Fulkerson method

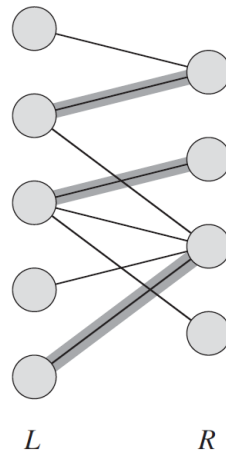
**Algorithm:** EK

**Code:**

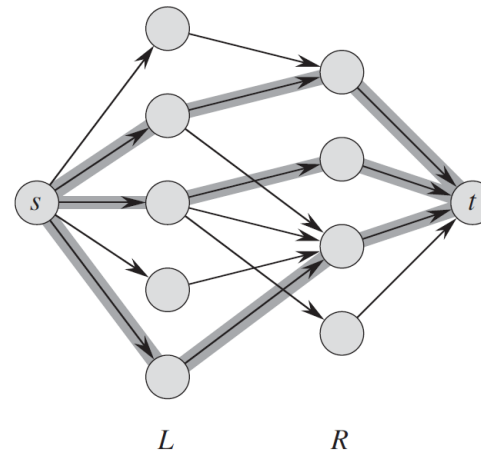
## 26.3 Maximum bipartite matching



(a)



(b)



(c)

### Practical applications

- ◆ L : machines ; R : tasks
- ◆ L : students ; R : scholarships
- ◆ L : students ; R : mentors
- ◆ L : gentlemen ; R : ladies
- ◆ ...



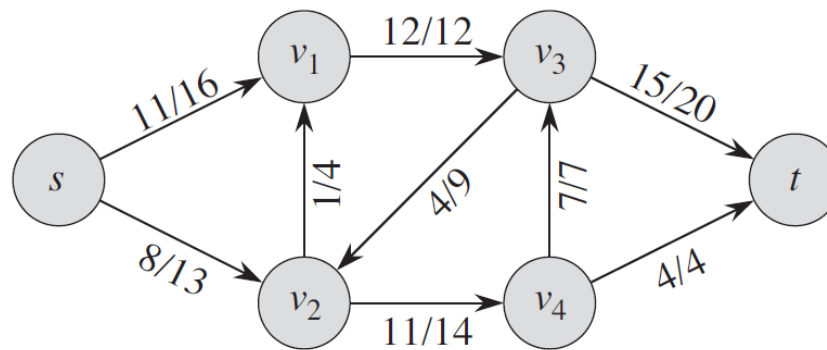
26.4 Push-relabel algorithms \*

26.5 The relabel-to-front algorithm \*

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## Exercise

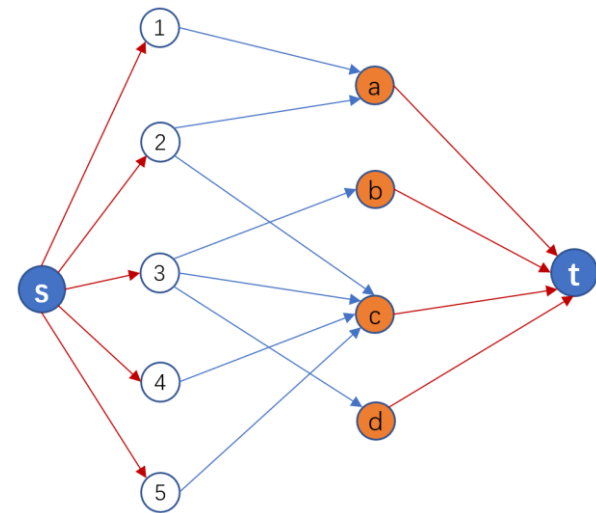
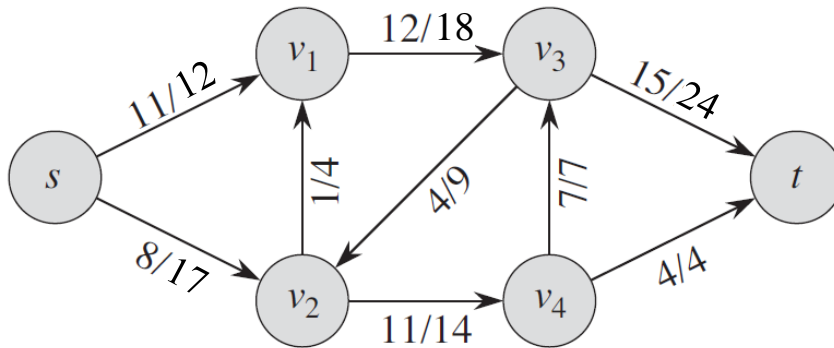
- In Figure 26.1(b), what is the flow across the cut  $(S, T) = (\{s, v_2, v_4\}, \{v_1, v_3, t\})$ ? What is the capacity of this cut?
- What is the minimum cut to the figure? What is the maximum flow?



## Exercise

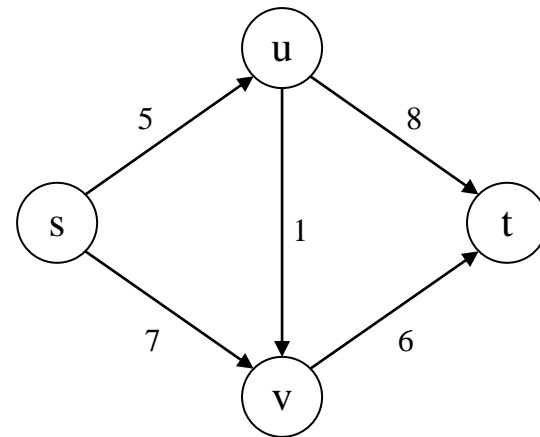
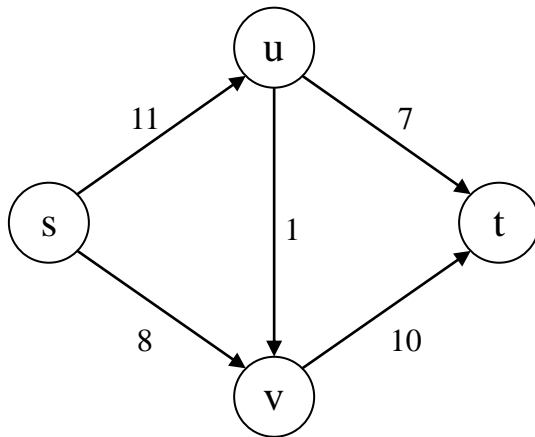
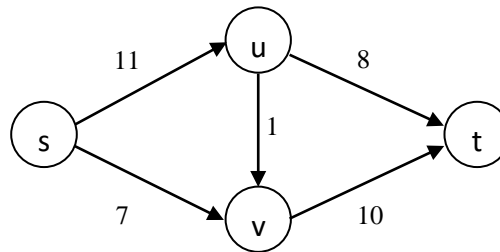
In the followed Figures, for each,

- What is the minimum cut?
- What is the maximum flow?



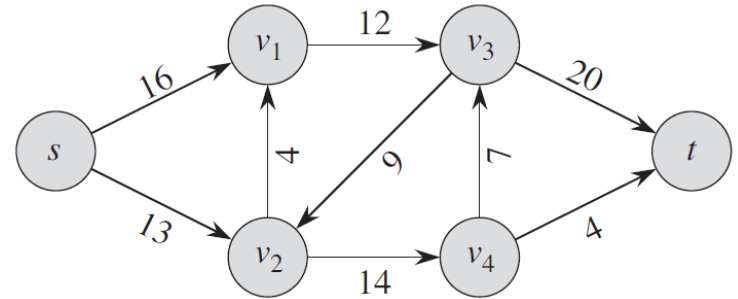
## Exercise

**What is the maximum flow?**



# Exercise

采用E-K算法，画出左图的最大流求解过程。



EDMONDS-KARP( $G, s, t$ )

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