

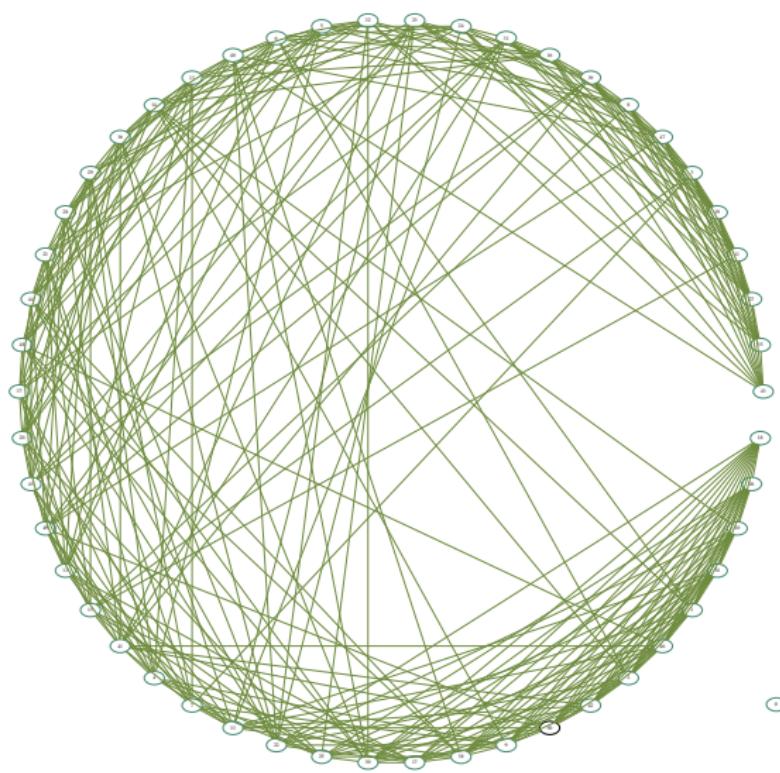


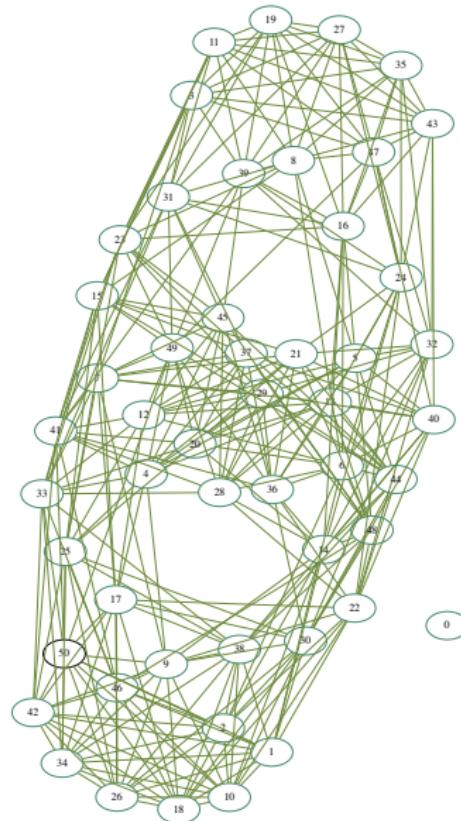
Algorithms, Matching

Part 1. Networks and Matchings

B9 - Algorithms Matching

M-ALG-102





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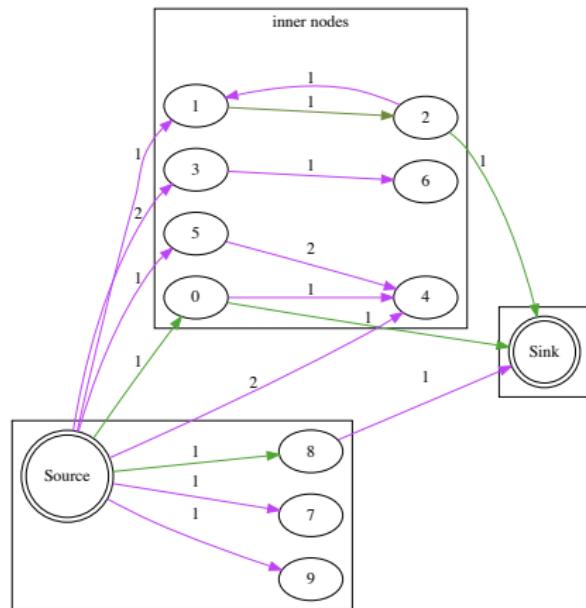
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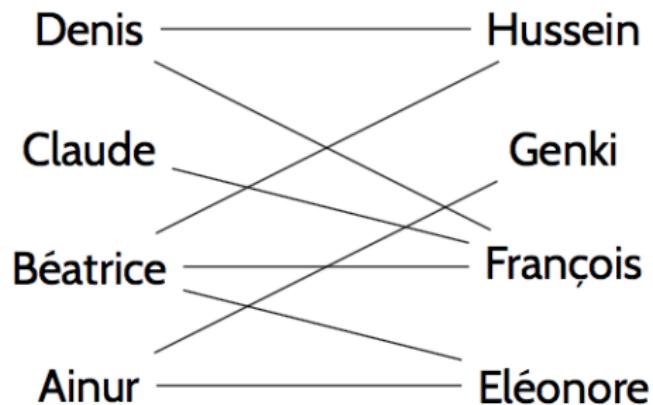
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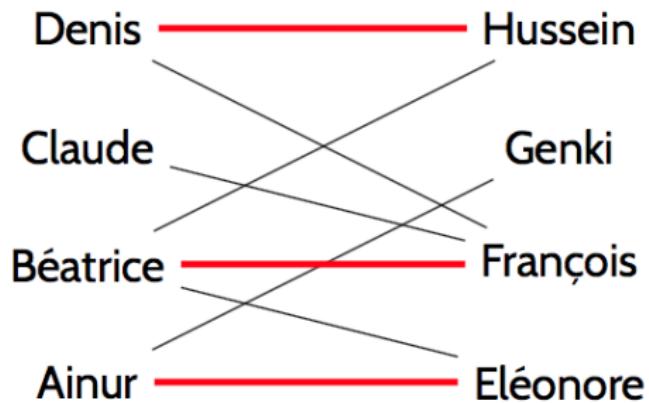
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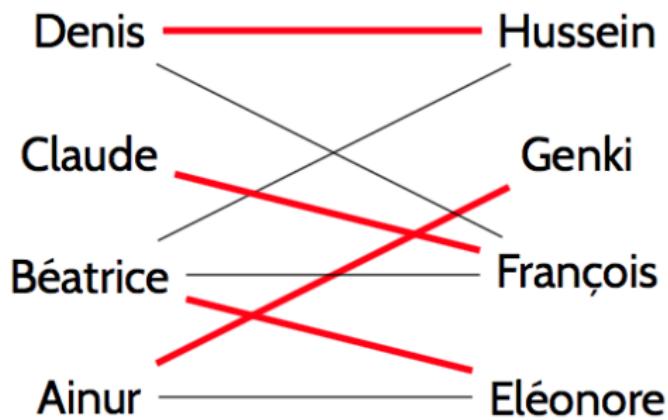


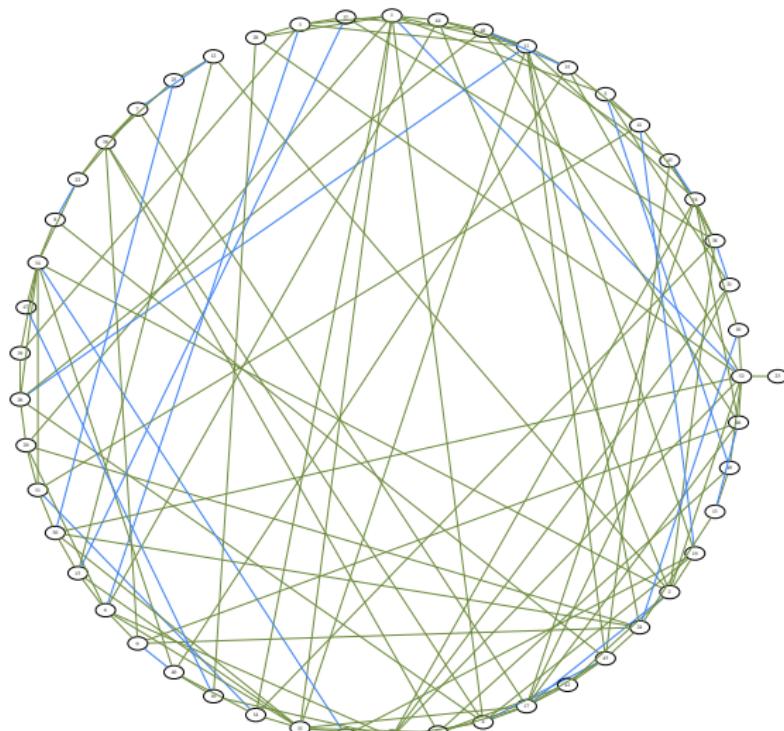


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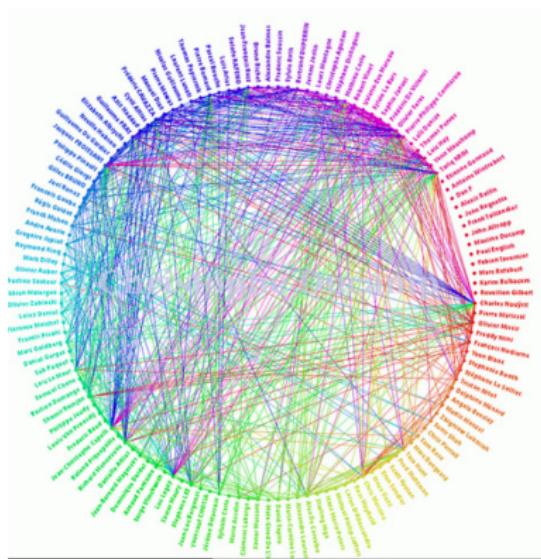


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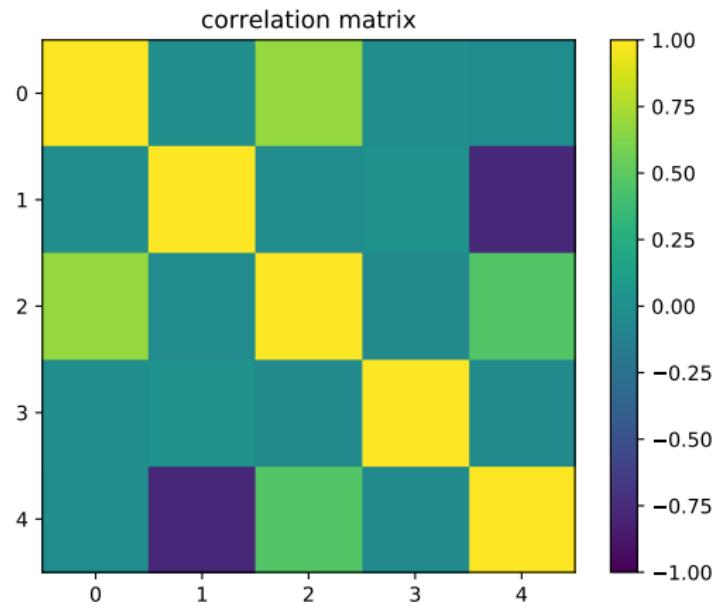


Matching size: 21
Algo step: 128
Nb nodes: 50



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- ▶ The content of the course will sometimes be mathematical.
- ▶ Don't hesitate to ask if you need more reminders.

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Overview of the module

Day 1 Networks, the matching problem and the maximum flow problem

Day 2 Data clustering and representation

Organisation of the module

- ▶ Course and exercises in python 3
- ▶ Small coding exercises, also paper + pen
- ▶ Project : explained tomorrow
- ▶ Please clone the following repository
<https://github.com/nlehir/ALG02>

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Libs

Day 1 graphviz (helper file on the github)

Day 2 numpy, matplotlib, pandas, sklearn

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Day 1

The matching problem

- Definition of the problem
- Experimental solutions
- Brute force algorithm
- Greedy algorithm

The Maximum flow problem

- Presentation of the problem
- Solution with the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm
- Connection with the matching problem
- More results on the two problems

Introductory example 1 : Max Flow

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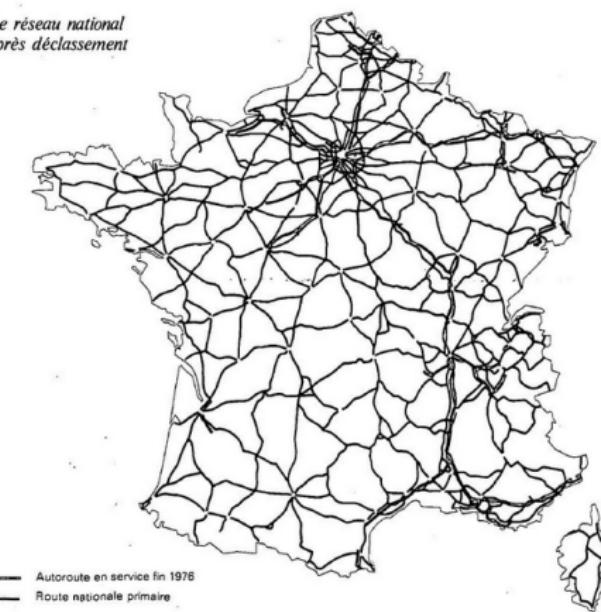


Figure: Problem 1 : transporting merchandise through a network

Introductory example 2 : Maximum matching (Optimal allocation)

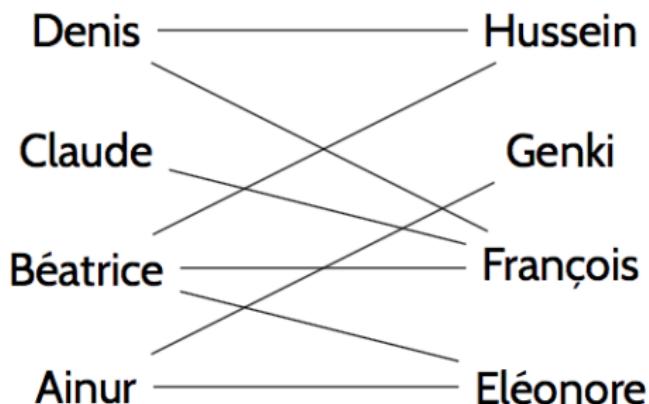


Figure: Problem 2 : Building the largest possible number of teams of 2 persons.

Introductory example 2

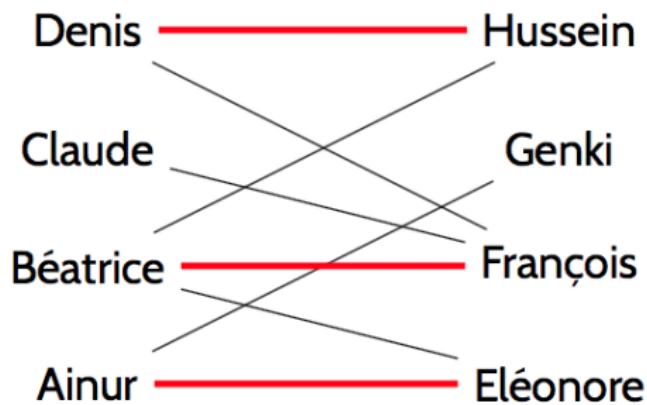


Figure: Problem 2 : not optimal allocation

Introductory example 2

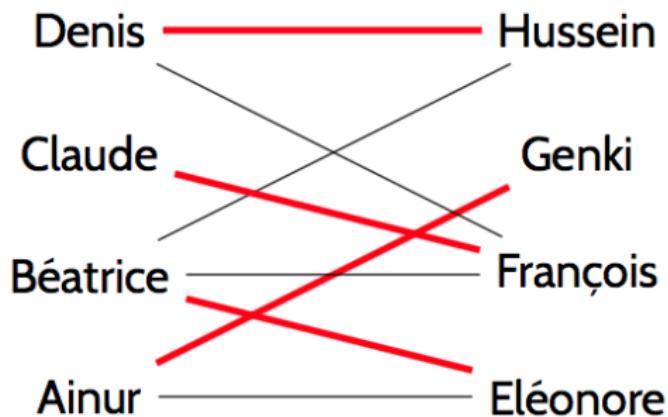


Figure: Problem 2 : optimal allocation

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Other examples

- ▶ Assigning students to internships

Other examples

- ▶ Assigning students to internships
- ▶ Assigning machines to a task

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Summary

- ▶ Today we will work on **connecting the two problems.**

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Summary

- ▶ Today we will work on **connecting the two problems**.
- ▶ Under some restrictions, the two problems **equivalent**.

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└ The matching problem

└ Definition of the problem

Reminders on graphs

- ▶ A graph is defined by ?

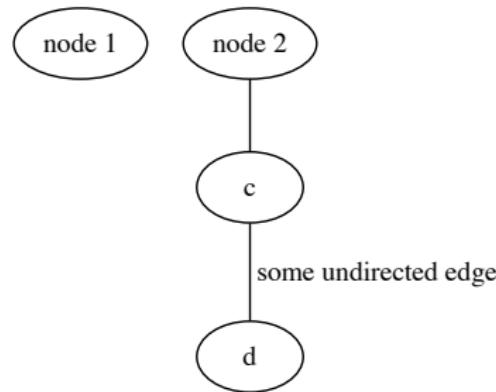
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Reminders on graphs

- ▶ A graph is defined by set of **vertices** (or **nodes**) V and a set of **edges** E .



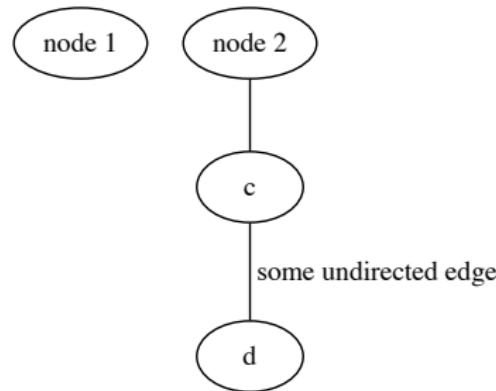
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Reminders on graphs

- ▶ It can be **undirected**, as this one :



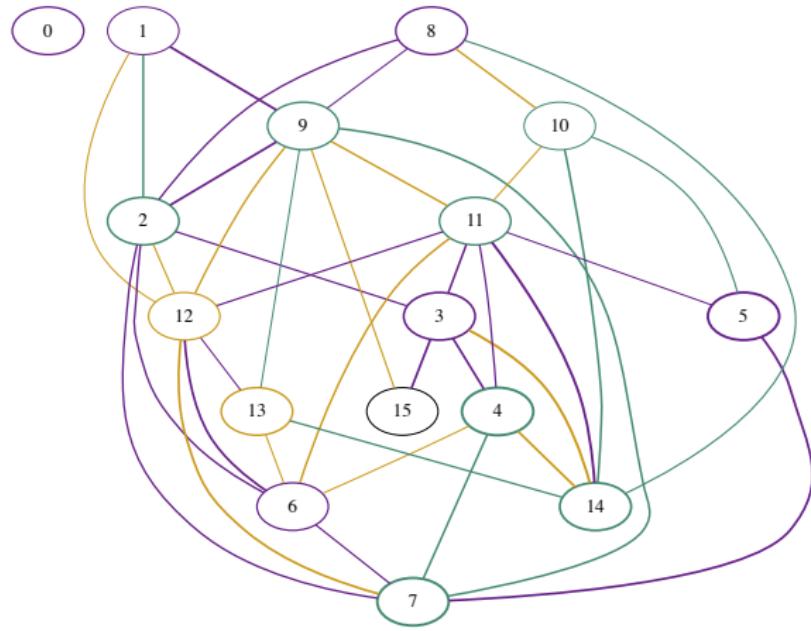
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Reminders on graphs

Undirected graph



Reminders on graphs

- ▶ Or **directed**, as this one. (it is then called a **digraph**)

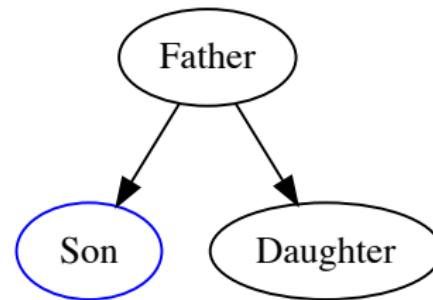


Figure: Digraph (graphviz demo)

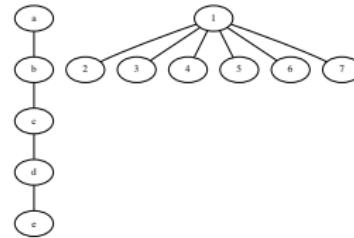
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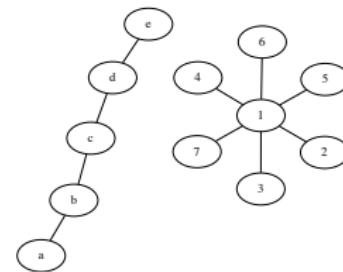
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Useful tool : graphviz

- ▶ A tool to visualize graphs
- ▶ Several **generator programs** : dot, neato



(a) Image generated with **dot**



(b) Image generated with **neato**

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Warm up question

Given an **undirected** graph with n nodes, how many edges can we build ?

Notation of a graph : $G(V, E)$

- ▶ V : set of n vertices
- ▶ E : set of edges

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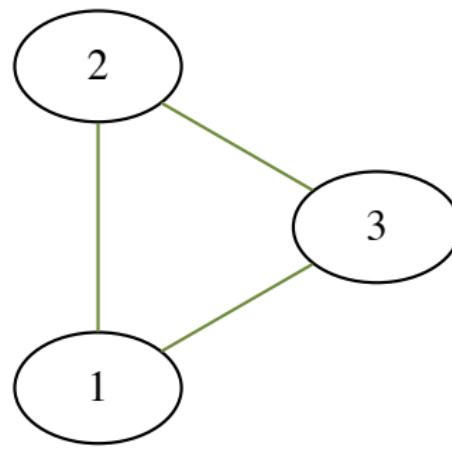
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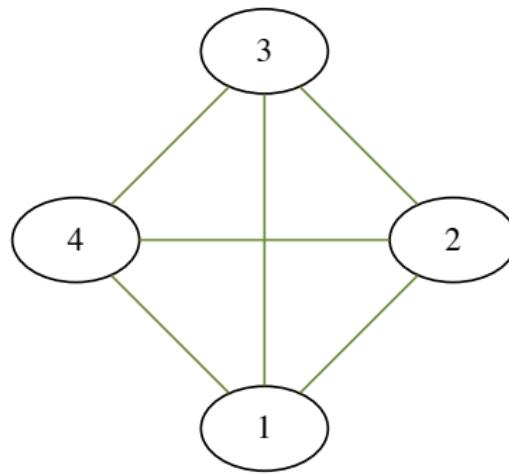
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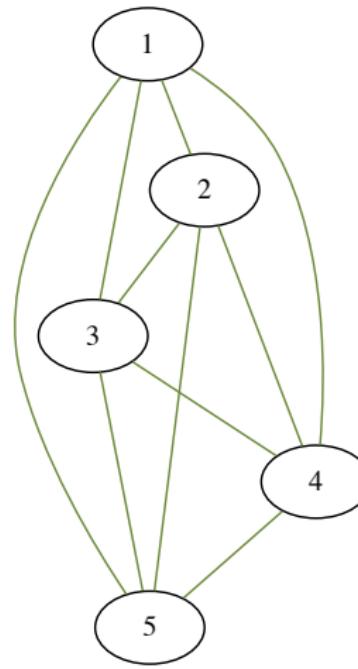
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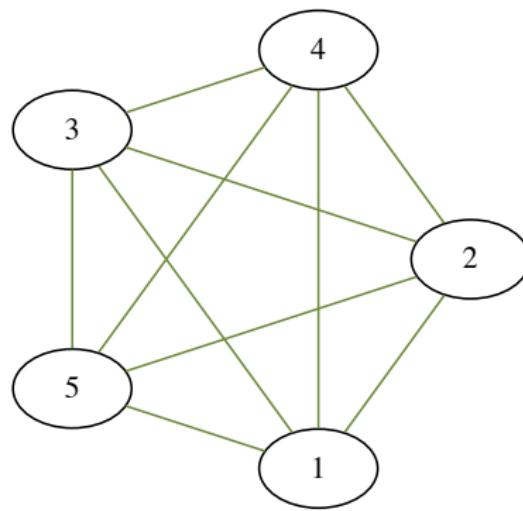
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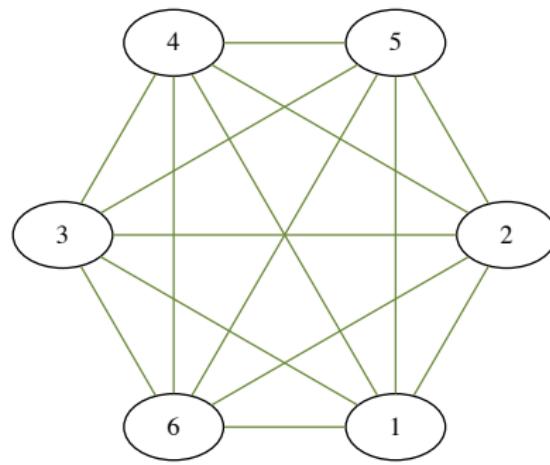
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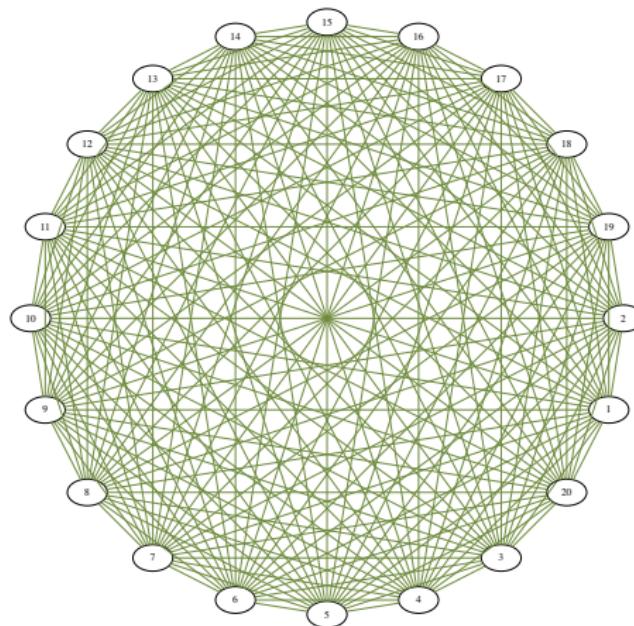


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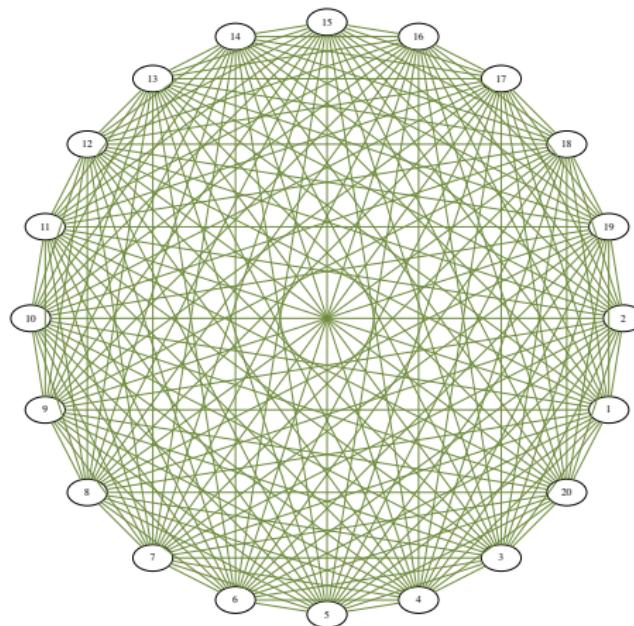


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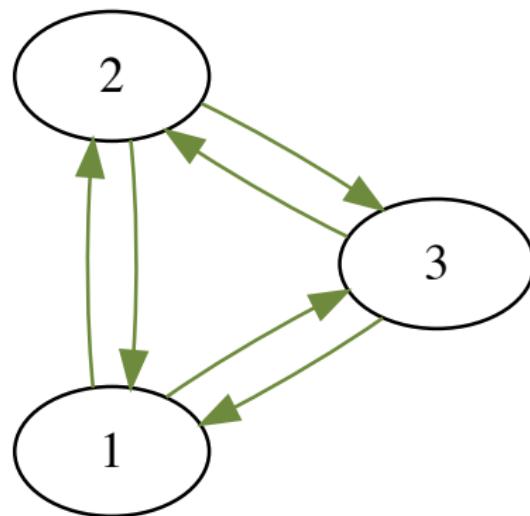


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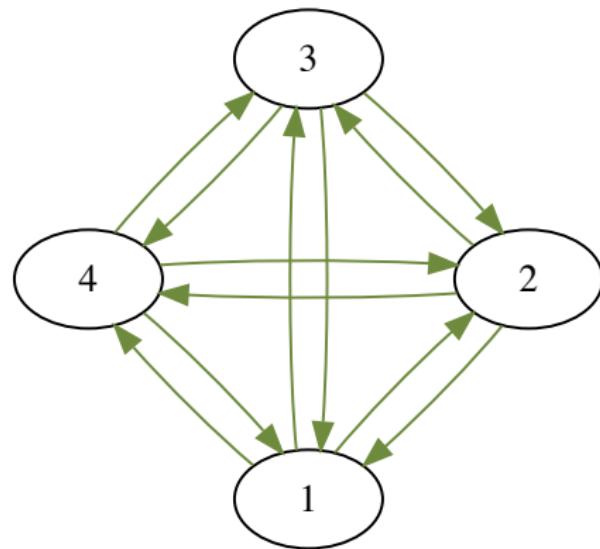


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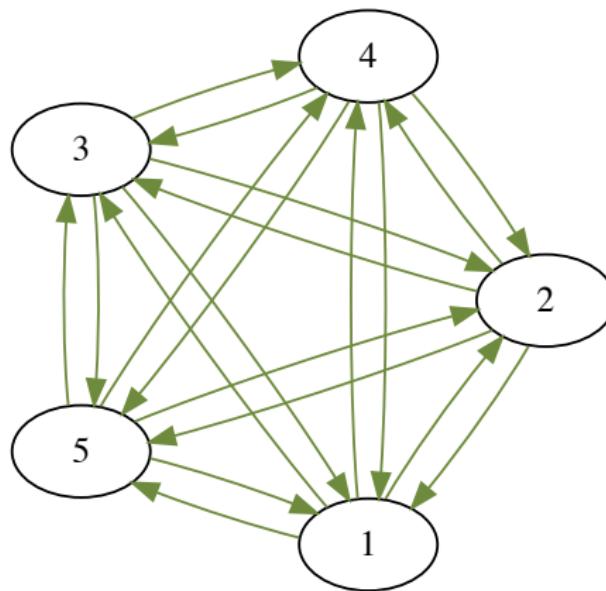


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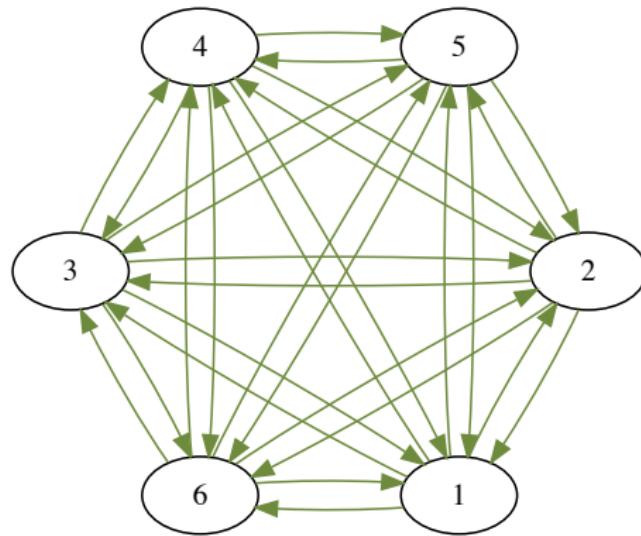


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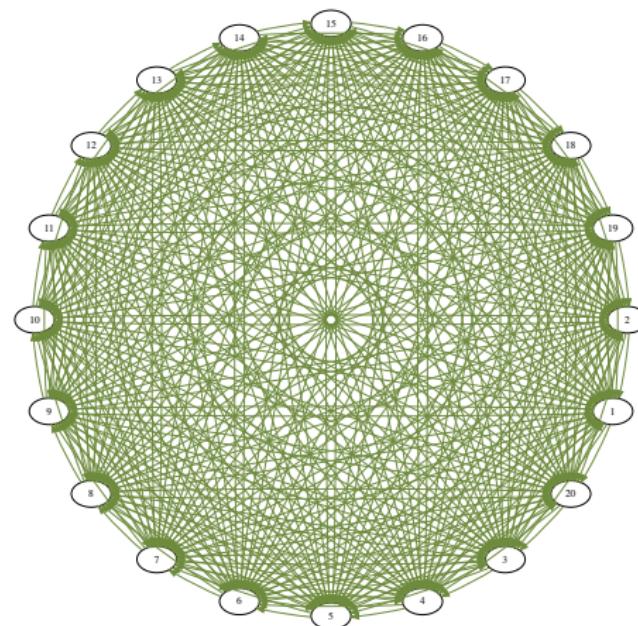


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Warm up question

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$$n(n - 1) \quad (1)$$

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Warm up question

Given an **directed** graph with n nodes, how many edges can we build ?

$$n(n - 1) \quad (2)$$

So if the graph is **undirected**, we can build :

$$\frac{n(n - 1)}{2} \quad (3)$$

edges.

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Remark

$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ is also the number of subsets of size 2 in a set of size n .

$$\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} \quad (4)$$

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Famous graph problem

- ▶ Do you know some famous **graph problems** ?

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Famous graph problem

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Famous graph problem

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- ▶ Dominating set
- ▶ Maximum clique
- ▶ Coloring

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Matching problem

Let us now focus on the **matching problem**

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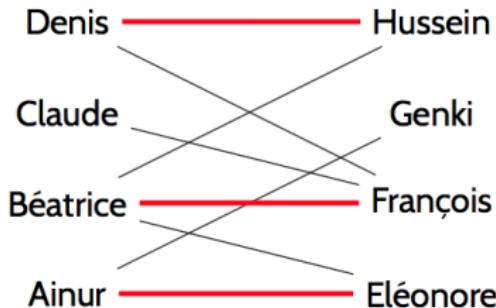
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Back to our problem

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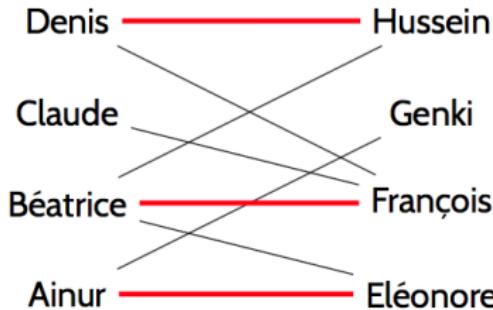
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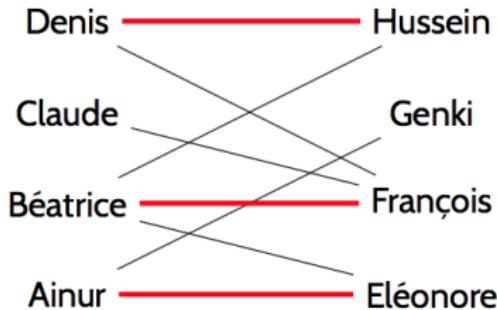
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Maximum matching

- ▶ The **size** of a matching is the number of edges it contains.

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Maximum matching

- ▶ The **size** of a matching is the number of edges it contains.
- ▶ We want to find the matching of maximum size in a given graph.

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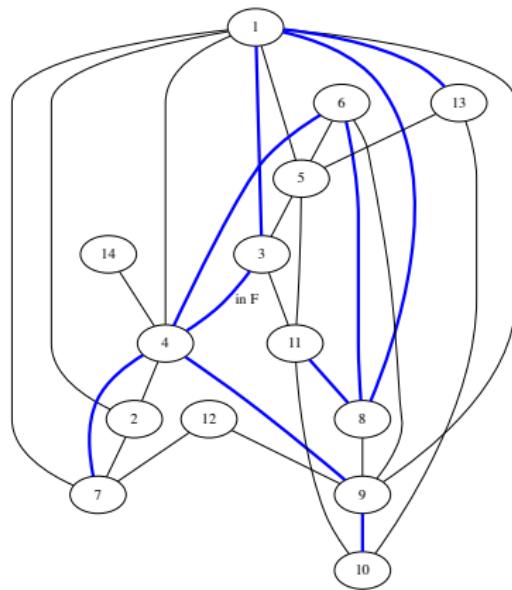


Figure: Is this a matching ?

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Example 2

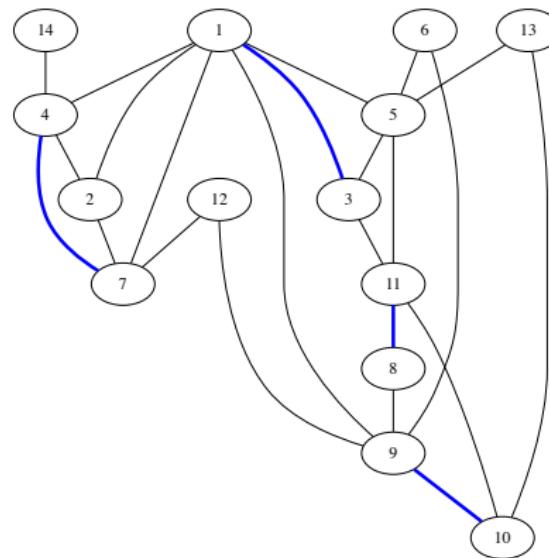


Figure: Is this a matching ?

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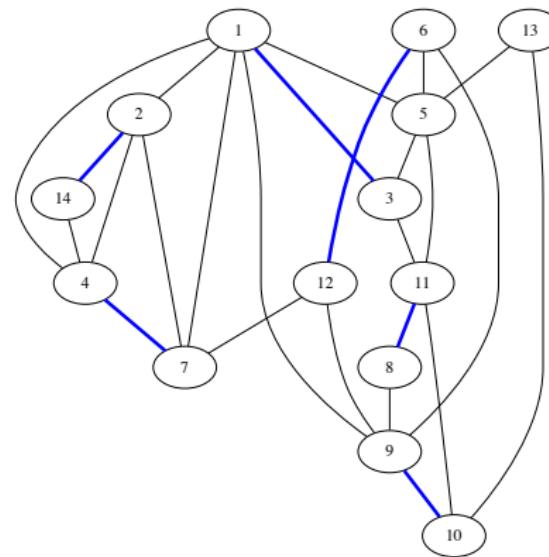


Figure: Is this an optimal matching ?

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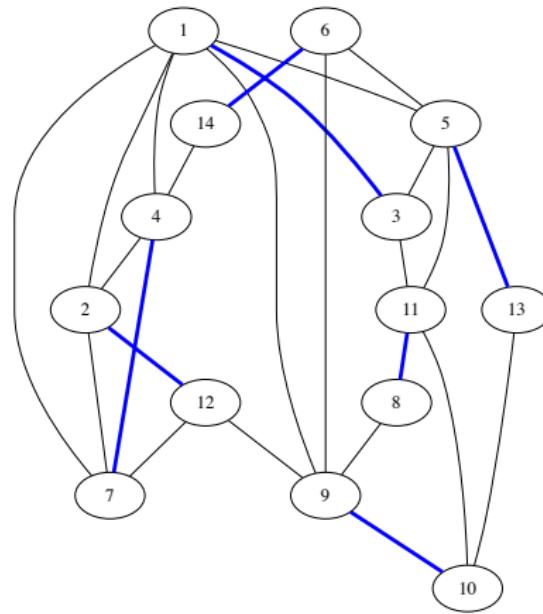


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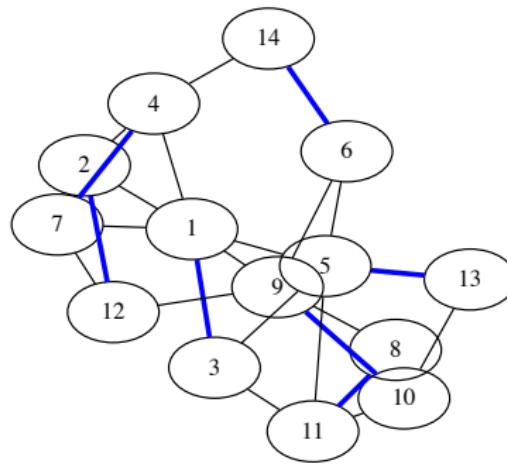


Figure: With neato

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Optimal matching

Exercice 1: Given a graph of size n , what is maximum size possible for a **matching** ?

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Optimal matching

Exercice 1: Given a graph of size n , what is maximum size possible for a **matching** ?

- ▶ If n is even : $\frac{n}{2}$
- ▶ Else n is odd : $\frac{n-1}{2}$

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Optimal matching

Exercice 1: Can you think of a graph that contains a matching of size n ? (assuming n is even)

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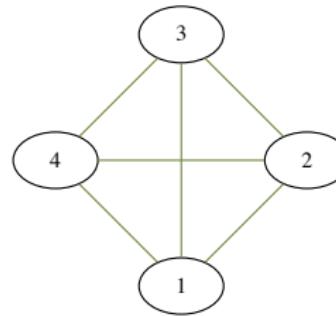


Figure: The complete graph works

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Optimal matching

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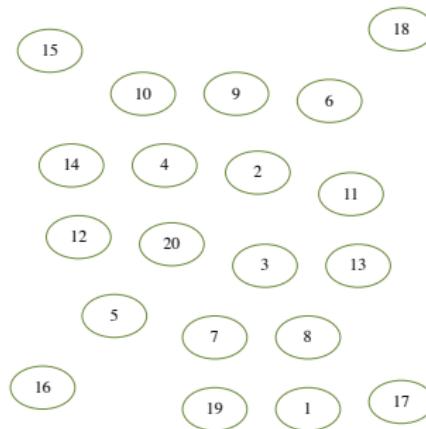
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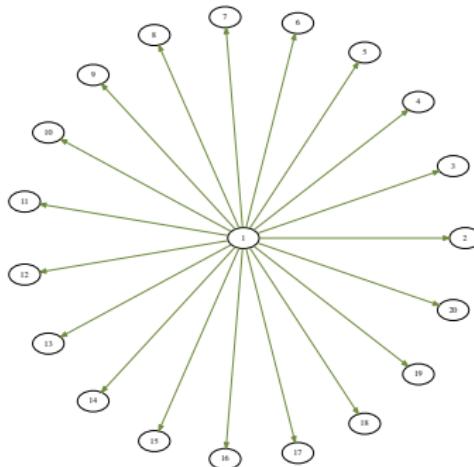


Figure: Star graph

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- └ The matching problem
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Experiments

How would you code a graph ?

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Experiments

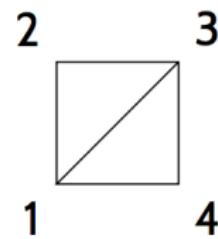
How would you code a graph ?

- ▶ list of sets of size 2 (for an undirected graph)
- ▶ a dictionary of successors (directed or undirected)

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Coding a graph : as a list

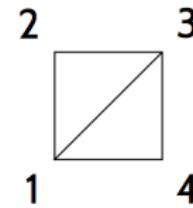


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g1 = [{1,2},{1,3},{2,3},{3,4},{1,4}]
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Coding a graph : as a dictionary



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g1 = { 1:{2,3,4}, 2:{1,3}, 3:{1,2,4}, 4:{1,3} }
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Random graph

Exercice 2: `cd other_graphs/` and please use `random_graph.py` to build a graph with 20 vertices and 50 edges.

- ▶ You will need to install **graphviz**

Graphviz installation help

On windows :

- ▶ download the msi file from graphviz.org
- ▶ open the msi file
- ▶ update the PATH with the location of the graphviz lib that was just installed
- ▶ if not already installed, install **pip**
- ▶ **pip install graphviz**
- ▶ it might be necessary to restart your computer

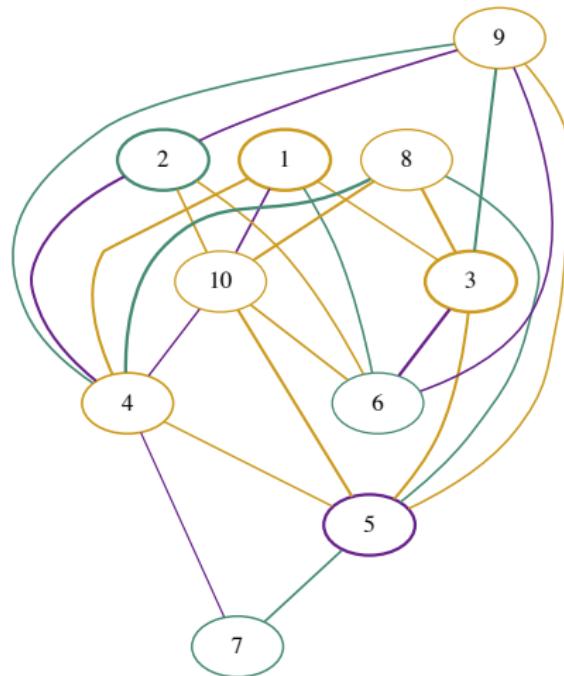
On mac :

- ▶ use **homebrew** (package manager for mac) and / or **pip**

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Example undirected graph obtained



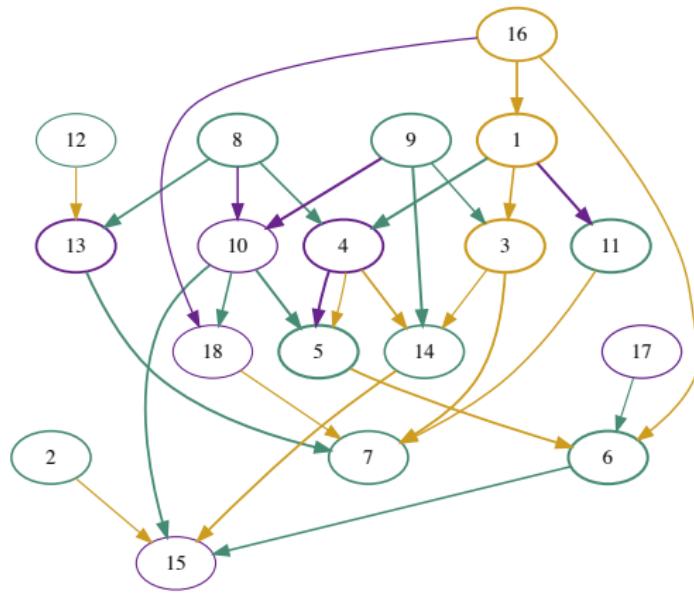
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Exercice 3: and please use **random_graph.py** to build a random directed graph.

- ▶ **cd other_graphs** and please use **directed_random_graph** to build a graph with a chosen number of vertices and **directed edges**.

Directed graph



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Manual matching

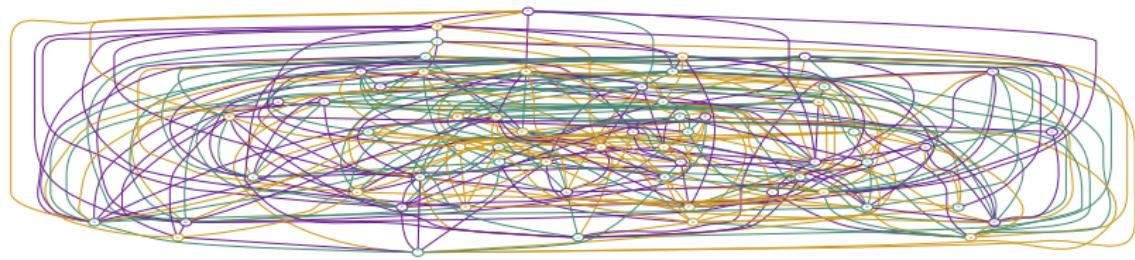
Exercice 4 : Please manually find an **optimal matching** in your **undirected** graph.

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Big graph

We could not manually find an optimal matching in this graph :



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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Brute force algorithm

Summary

- ▶ We have defined the matching problem.
- ▶ When the size of the problem is large, we can not manually find an optimal matching.

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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Brute force algorithm

Brute force approach

Exercice 5 : Enumeration

- ▶ Given a graph, what would a brute force approach on the matching problem be ?

Brute force approach

Exercice 5 : Exhaustive search

- ▶ Given a graph what would a brute force approach on the matching problem be ?
 - ▶ 1) Enumerate all possible subsets in the set of the edges.
 - ▶ 2) Check if each subset is a matching.
 - ▶ 3) Return the biggest one obtained.

Brute force approach

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You can give a rough approximation.

Brute force approach

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It is a **polynomial** number of computations : so it is ok.

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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Brute force algorithm

Notion of complexity

- ▶ The **time complexity** of an algorithm is a measure of the **number of elementary** operations needed for the algorithm to terminate with respect to the input size.

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Brute force search

Exercice 6 : Complexity of brute force

- ▶ 1) Enumerate all possible subsets in the set of the edges.
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- ▶ 3) Return the biggest one obtained.

What is the complexity of step 1 ?

Brute force search

Exercice 6 : Complexity of brute force

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- ▶ 3) Return the biggest one obtained.

What is the complexity of step 1 ?

The number of subsets is $2^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$ (in the worst case), which is exponential.

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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Brute force algorithm

Brute force search

Exercice 6: Complexity of brute force Assume that checking a subset requires 1 microsecond. How long should we wait in order to check all possible matching in a graph with 100 nodes ?

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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Brute force algorithm

Other example of complexities

- ▶ linear search
- ▶ dichotomic search

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└ The matching problem

 └ Greedy algorithm

Summary II

- ▶ For the matching problem on a large graph, we can neither
 - ▶ manually find an optimal matching
 - ▶ perform the exhaustive search (brute force algorithm)

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└ The matching problem

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Algorithms

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Notion of maximal and maximum matching

We will say that a matching M of cardinality $|M|$ is:

- ▶ **Maximum** if it has the maximum possible number of edges (it is thus optimal)
- ▶ **Maximal** if the set of edges obtained by adding any edge to it is **not a matching**. This means that $M \cup \{e\}$ is not a matching for any $e \notin M$.

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└ The matching problem

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Exercice 7: Question Is being a **maximal** matching the same thing as beeing a **maximum** matching ?

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└ The matching problem

 └ Greedy algorithm

Maximum implies maximal

Let us show that a maximum matching is maximal.

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Counter Example

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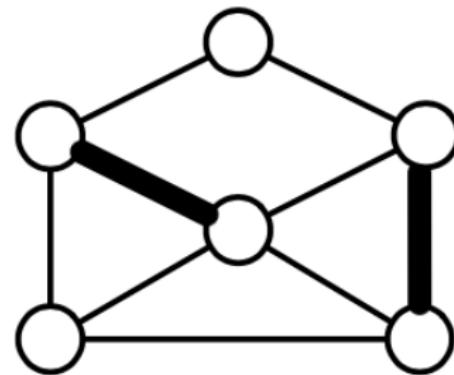
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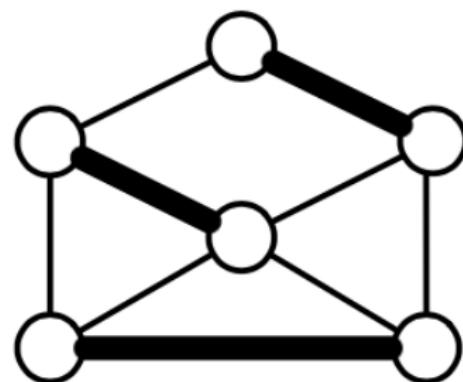
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- └ The matching problem

- └ Greedy algorithm



(a) A maximal matching not maximum



(b) A maximum matching

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└ The matching problem

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Greedy algorithm

Can you propose a greedy algorithm to address the maximum matching problem ?

Greedy algorithm

Result: Matching M

$M \leftarrow \emptyset;$

for $e \in E$ **do**

if $M \cup \{e\}$ is a matching **then**

$M \leftarrow M \cup \{e\}$

end

end

return M

Algorithm 0: Greedy algorithm to find a matching

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- └ The matching problem
 - └ Greedy algorithm

Greedy algorithm

- ▶ What is the type of matching algorithm returned by this algorithm ?
- ▶ What is the complexity of this algorithm ? (as a function of the number of nodes n of the graph)

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- └ The matching problem

- └ Greedy algorithm

Greedy algorithm

- ▶ The greedy algorithm returns a **maximal** matching (proof)
- ▶ Its complexity is **cubic** : $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$

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└ The matching problem

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Greedy algorithm

- ▶ We will implement the greedy algorithm to find a maximal matching.

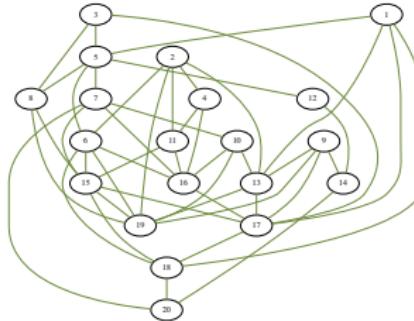
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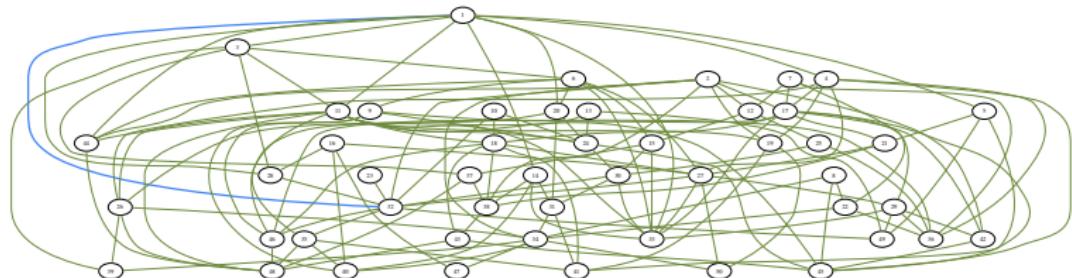
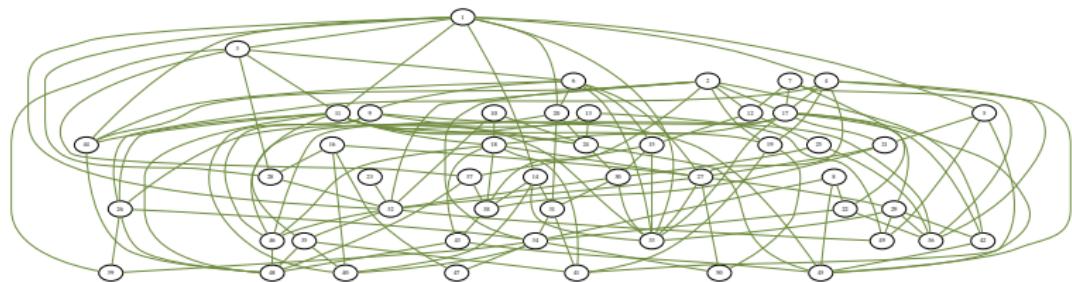
And implement the greedy algorithm on this graph.

- ▶ Use the functions in **matching_functions.py** and call them from **match_graphs**
- ▶ edit the lines below "CHANGE HERE" to perform the greedy algorithm.

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The matching problem

Greedy algorithm

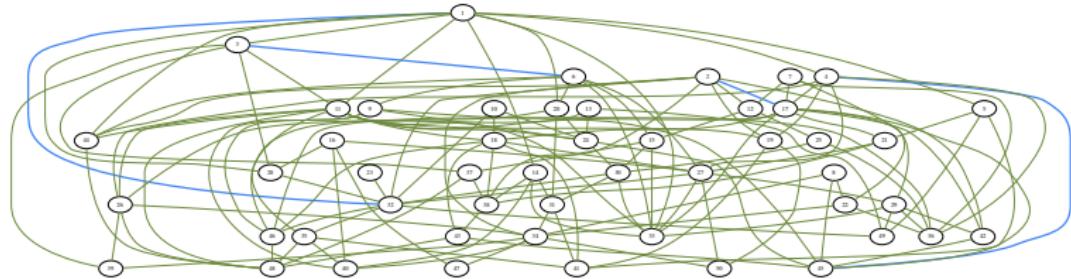
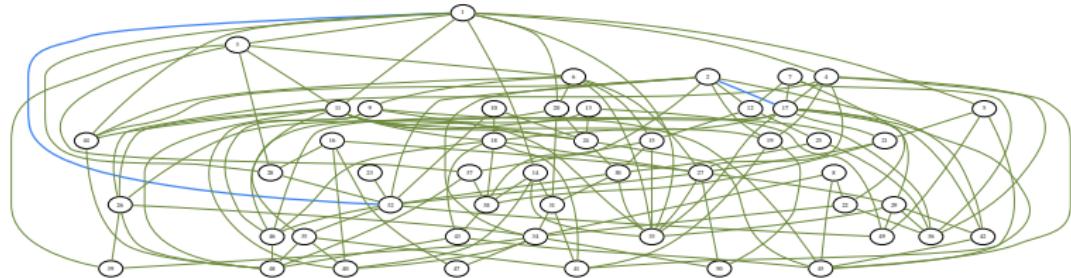


Matching size: 1
Algo step: 1
Nb nodes: 50

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- The matching problem

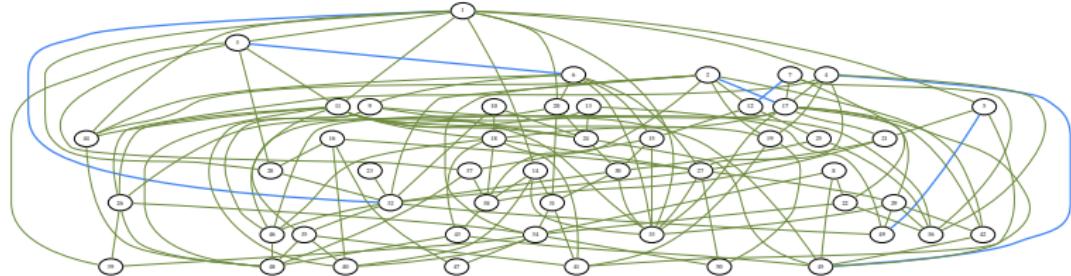
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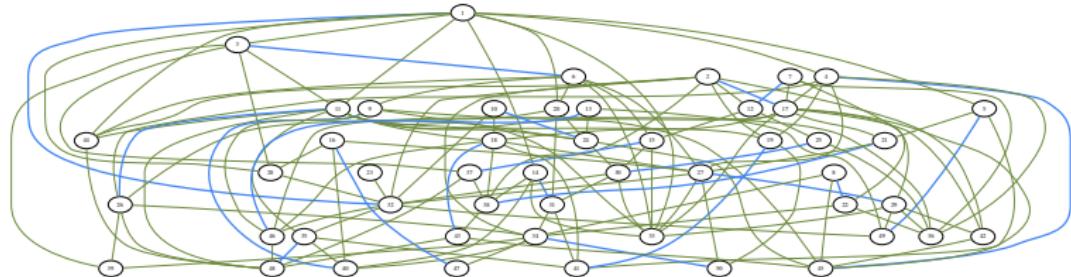
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Matching size: 6

Algo step: 39

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Matching size: 21

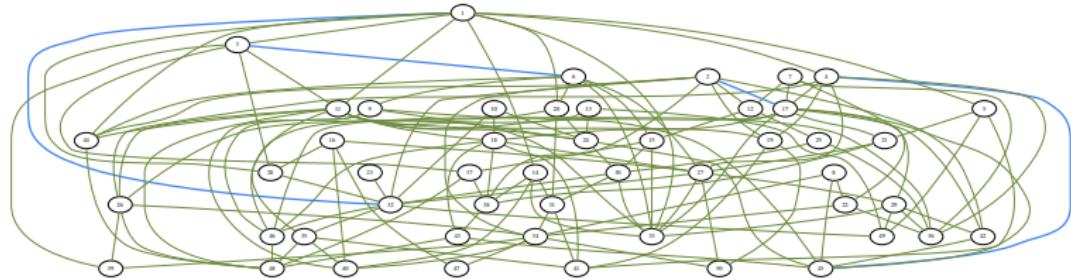
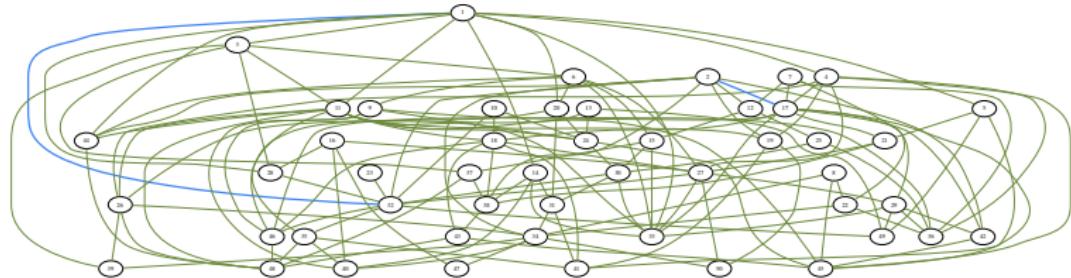
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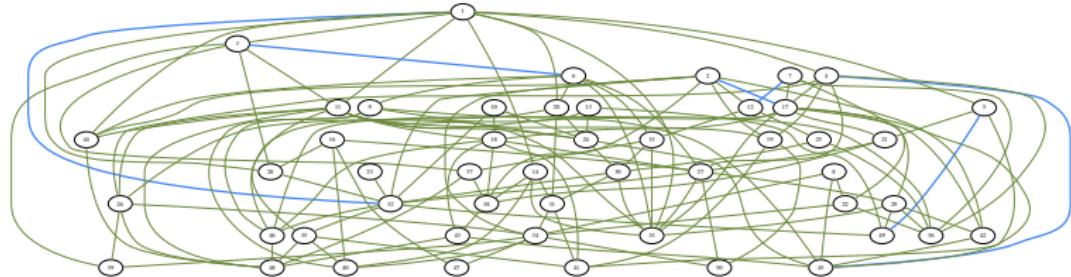
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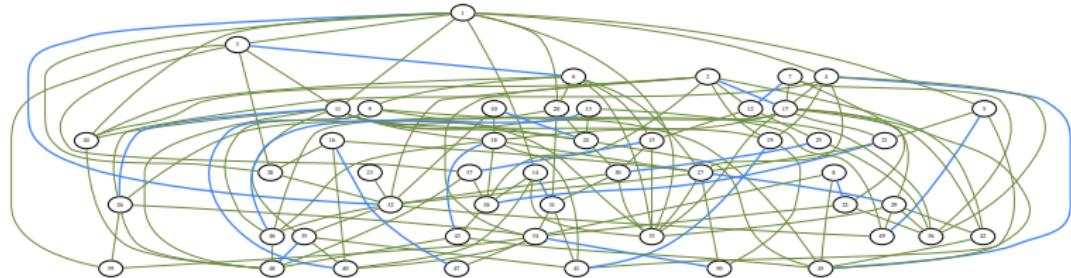
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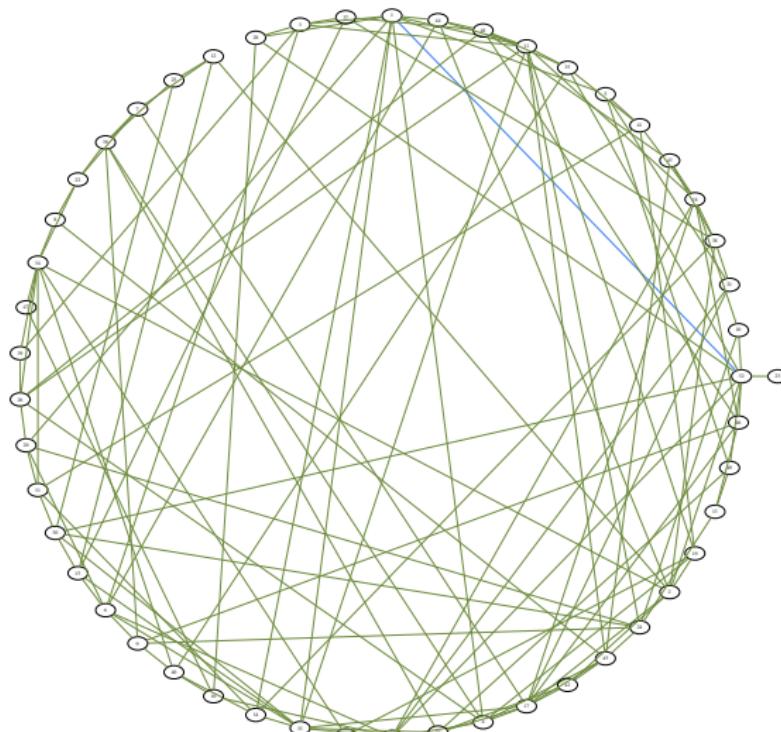
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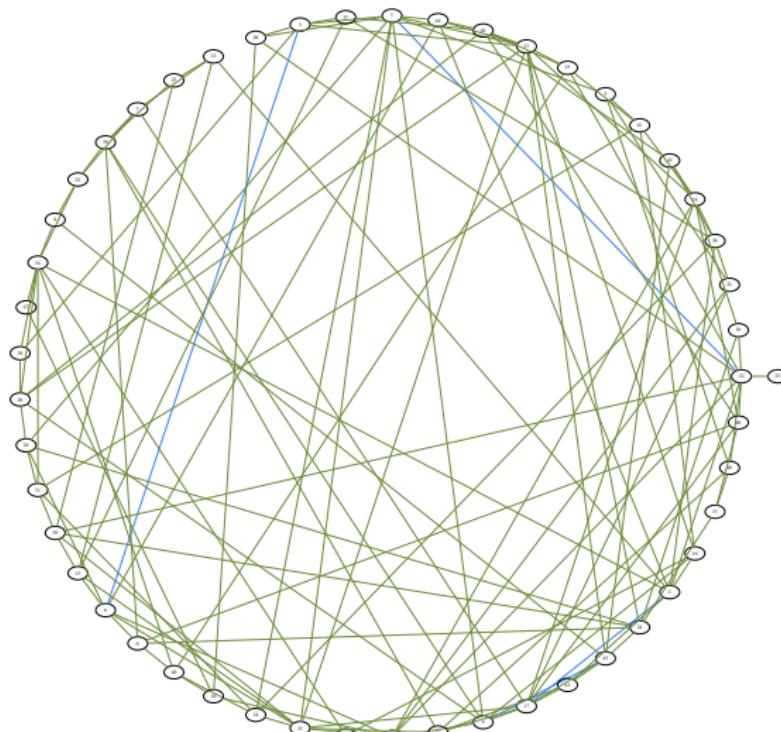


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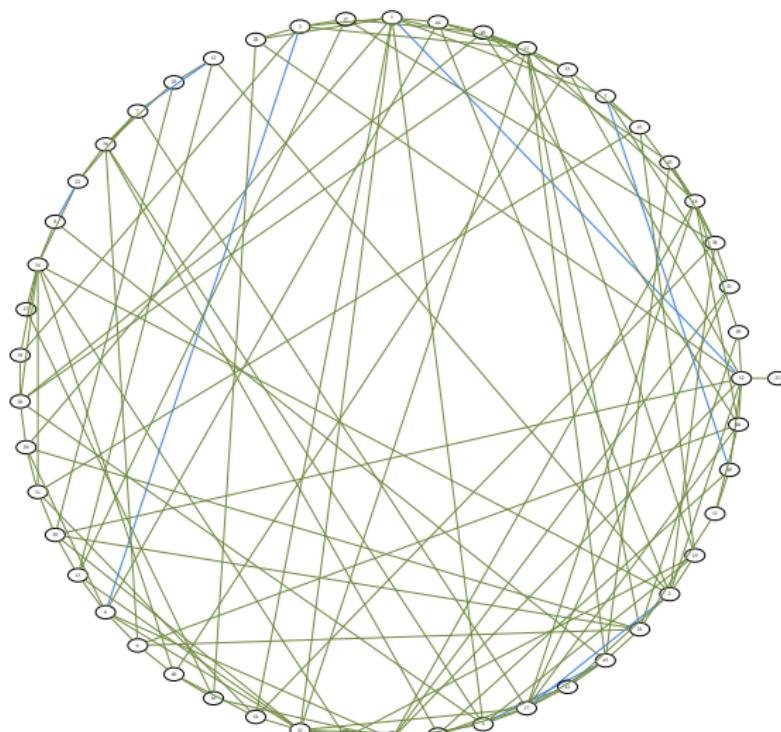


Matching size: 4
Algo step: 24
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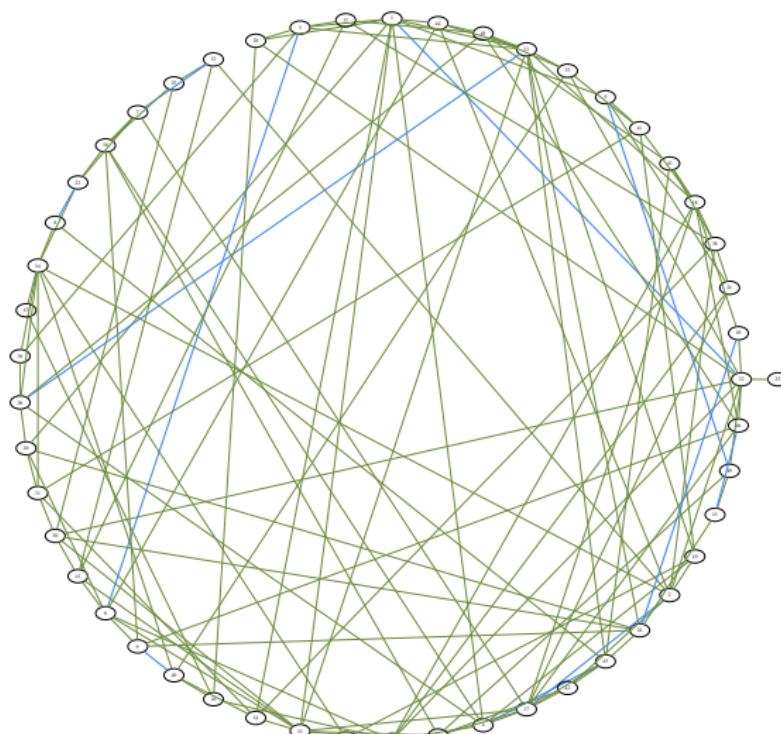


Matching size: 7
Algo step: 43
Nb nodes: 50

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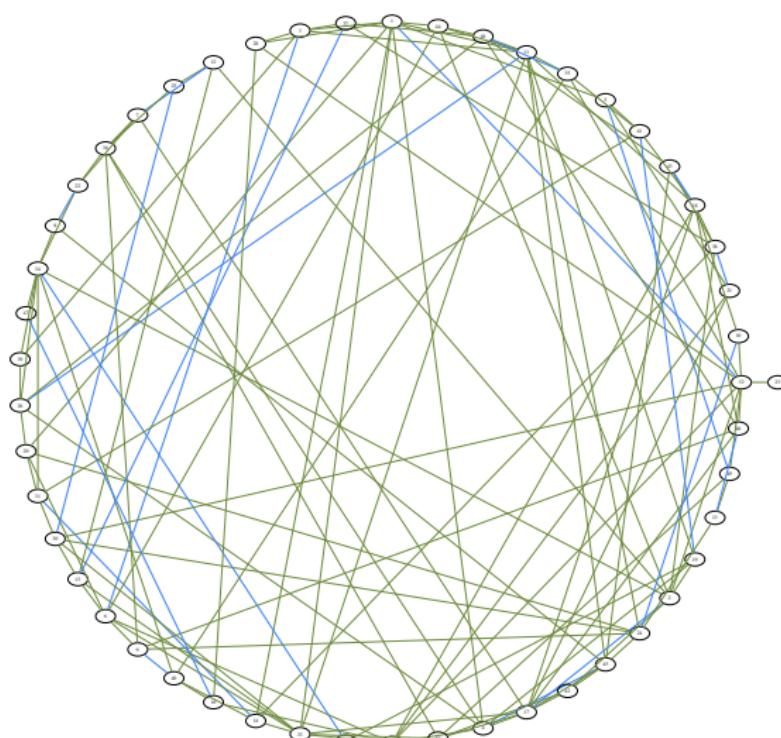


Matching size: 11
Algo step: 66
Nb nodes: 50

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- The matching problem

- Greedy algorithm



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Algo step: 128
Nb nodes: 50

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Greedy matching

However, is $|M|$ is the cardinality of a matching returned by the greedy algorithm, and if $|M^*|$ is the cardinal of the real optimal matching, we have :

$$|M| \geq \frac{|M^*|}{2} \quad (5)$$

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└ The Maximum flow problem

Changing the problem (for now)

We temporarily leave the maximum matching problem to focus on another problem : the **Maximum flow problem**

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- └ Presentation of the problem

Max flow



Figure: Optimizing the quantity of something transported from one place to another, under constraints

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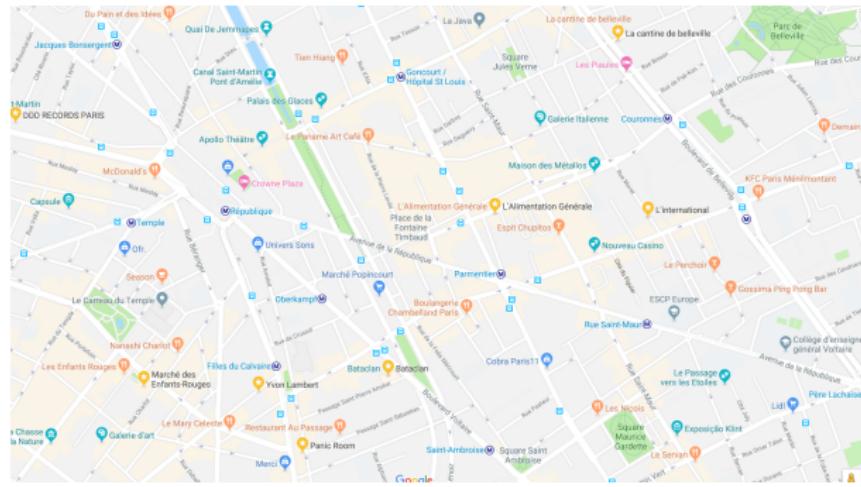


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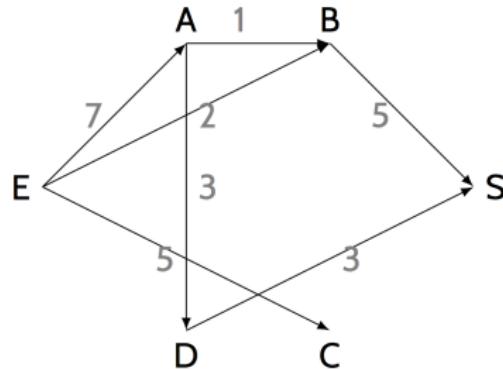


Figure: A **flow network (reseau de flot)** with capacities

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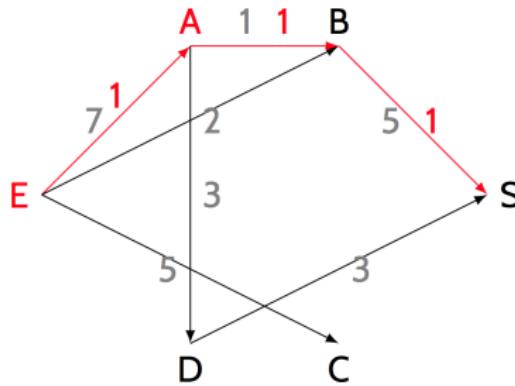
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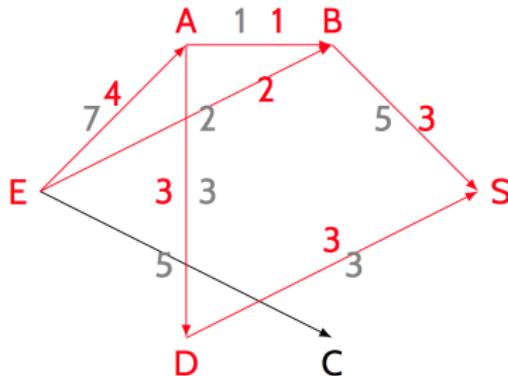
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- ▶ antisymmetry : $f(v, u) = -f(u, v)$
- ▶ flow conservation : $\sum_{w \in v} f(u, w) = 0$ for $u \notin \{e, s\}$

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Other formulation of the flow conservation

Let us show that for a flow f :

$$\sum_{f(u,v)>0} f(u,v) = \sum_{f(v,u)>0} f(v,u) \quad (6)$$

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Maximum flow

- The **value of the flow**, noted $|f|$, is $\sum_{v \in S} f(E, v)$
- The problem is that of finding a flow with **maximum value**

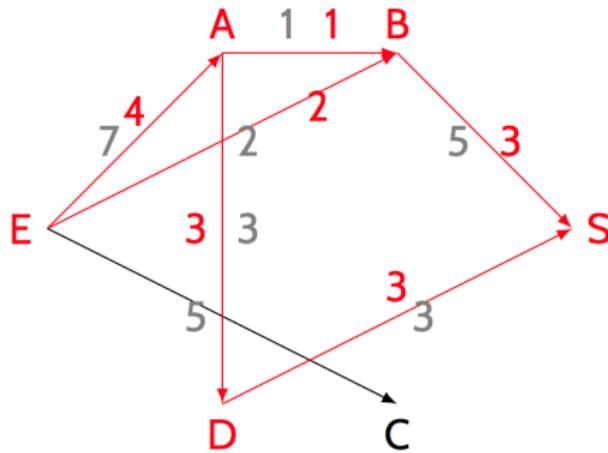


Figure: Max flow

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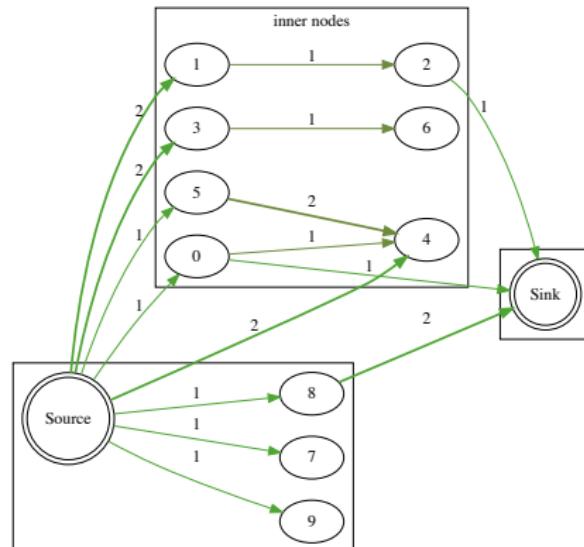
 └ Solution with the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm

Residual graph

- ▶ Given a graph with capacities $c(u, v)$ and a flow $f(u, v)$, we will define its **residual graph** that has a capacity $c_r(u, v)$:

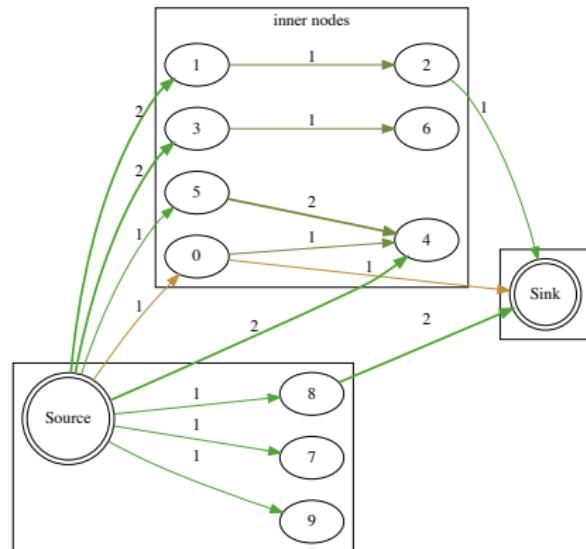
$$c_r(u, v) = c(u, v) - f(u, v) \quad (7)$$

Example of residual graph



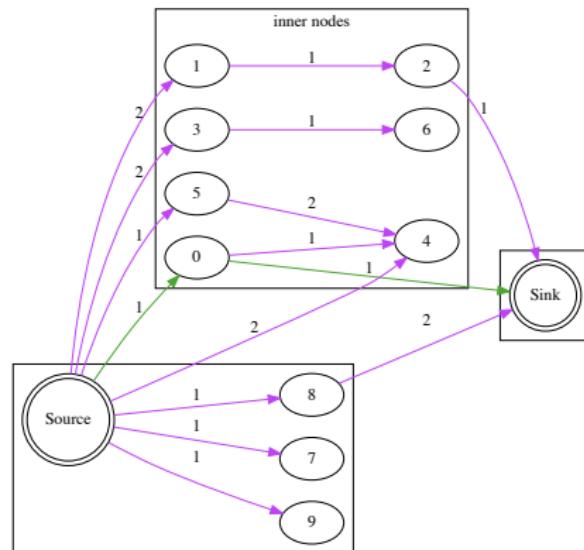
Initial Flow network

Example of residual graph



Flow
Algorithm step: 1
flow value: 1

Example of residual graph



Residual graph
Algorithm step: 2

Residual graph

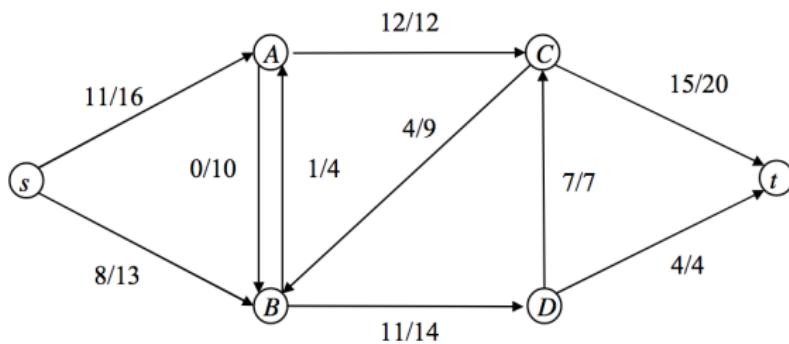


Figure: Another flow network

Residual graph

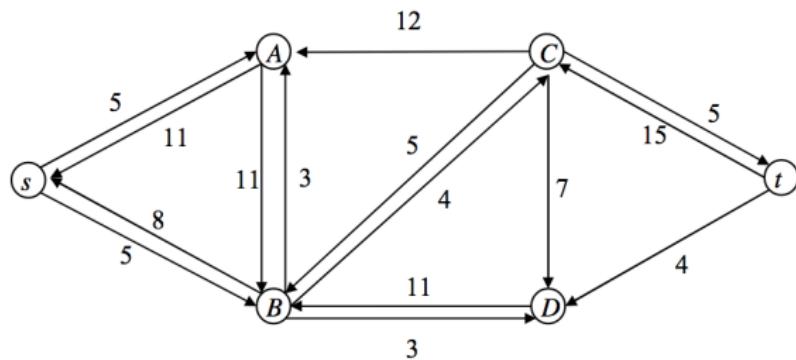


Figure: Residual graph

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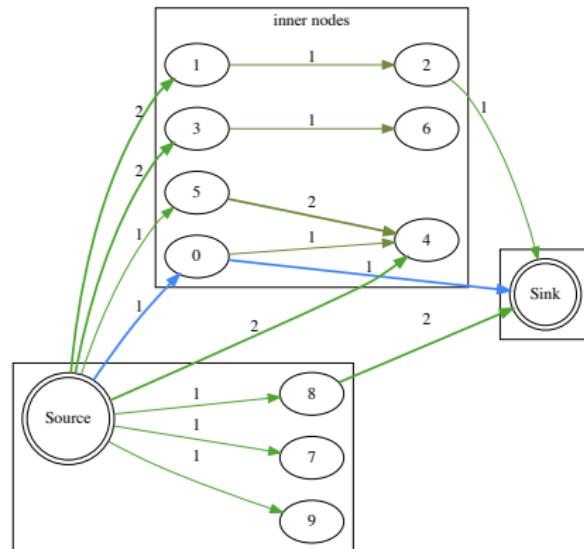
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Augmenting path

An augmenting path is a path in the **residual graph** from the source to the sink with capacities > 0 .

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augmenting path: [0, 1, 11]
Algorithm step: 1
path capacity: 1.0

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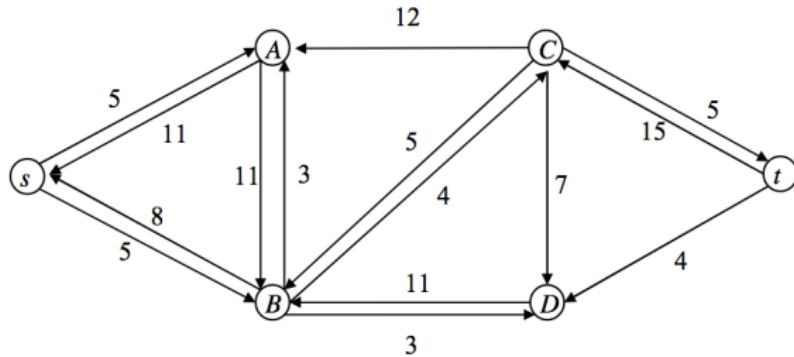


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The Ford-Fulkerson algorithm uses augmenting paths until there are no more augmenting paths.

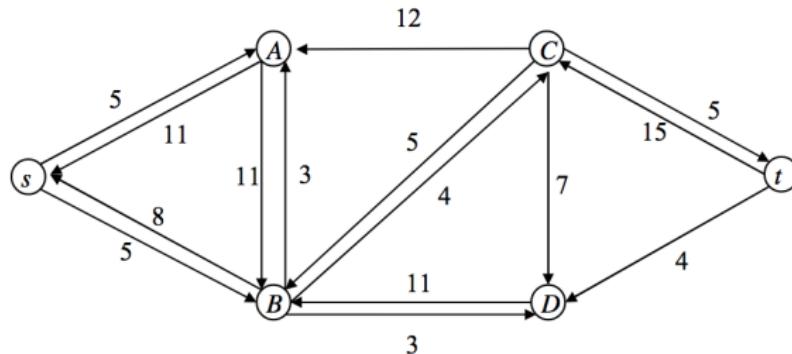


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Ford Fulkerson algorithm

Can you deduce the algorithm from the previous remarks ?

Ford Fulkerson algorithm

Result: Flow f

for $(u, v) \in E$ **do**

 | $f(u, v) = 0$

end

while $\exists \rho$ augmenting path **do**

 | augment f with ρ

end

return f

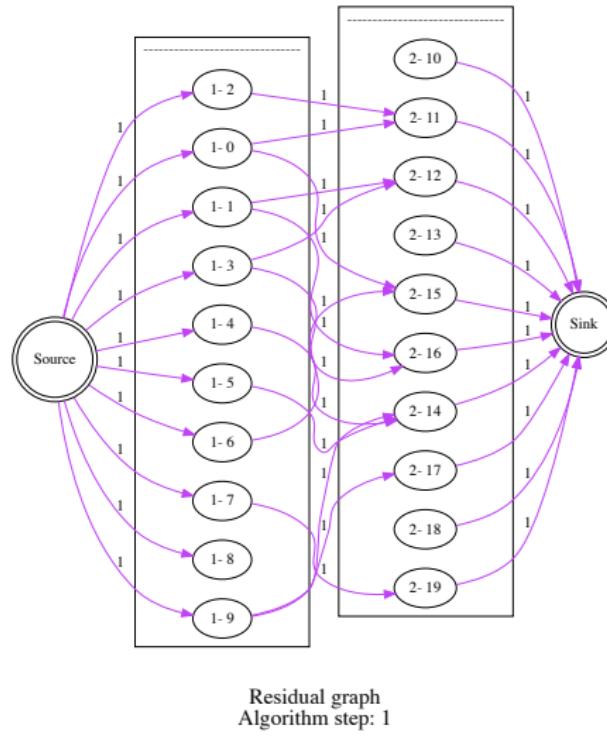
Algorithm 1: Ford Fulkerson algorithm

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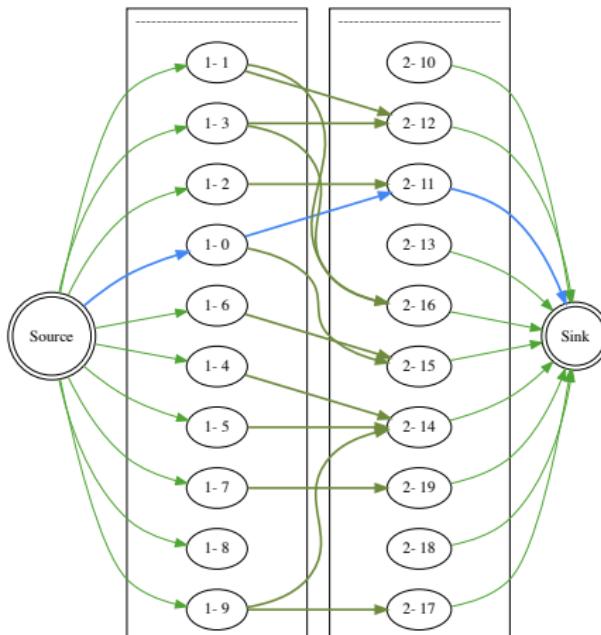
Ford

Let's do a complete instance of the algorithm:

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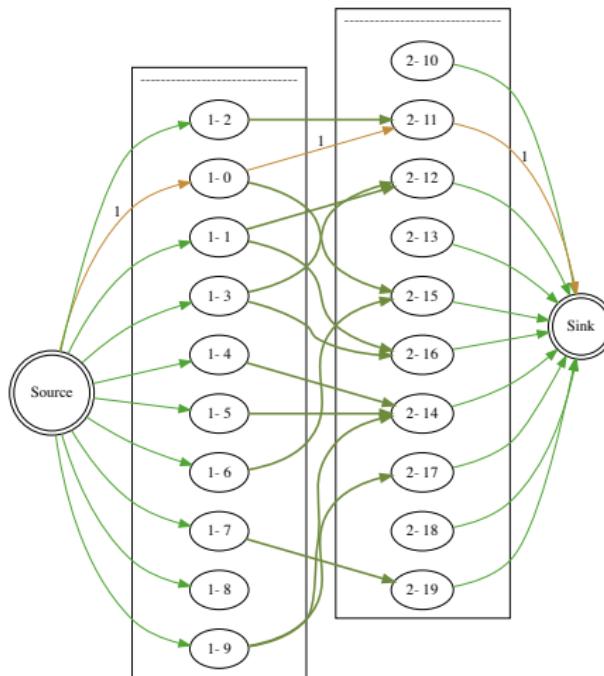


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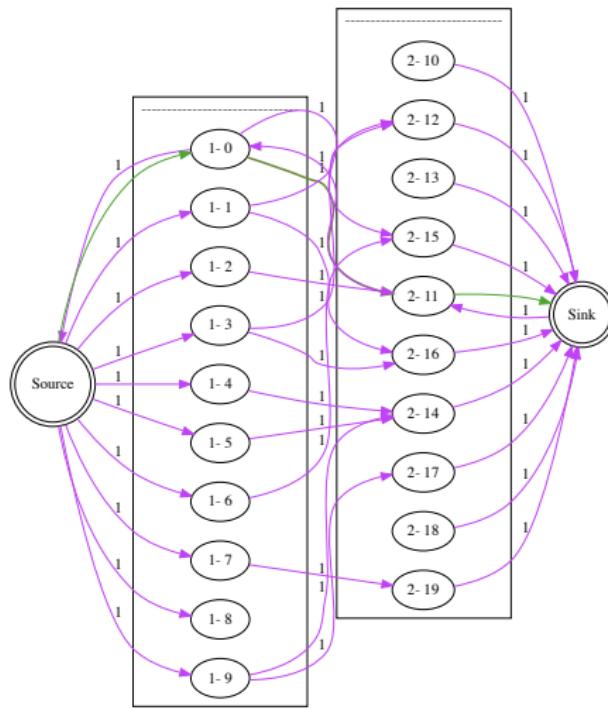
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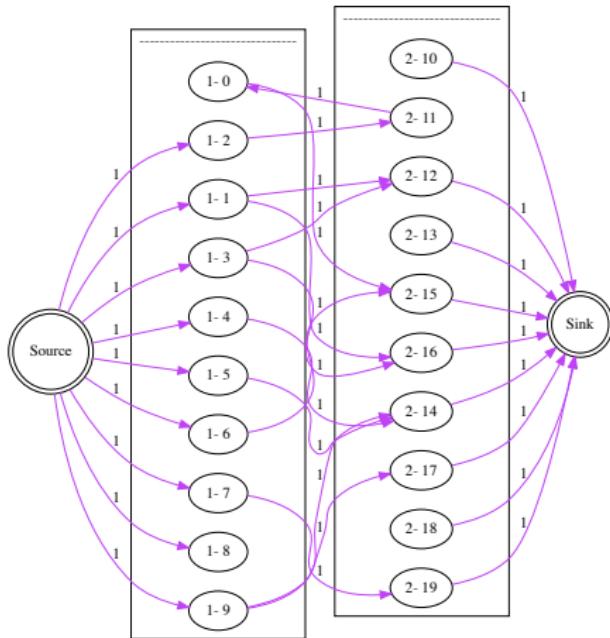
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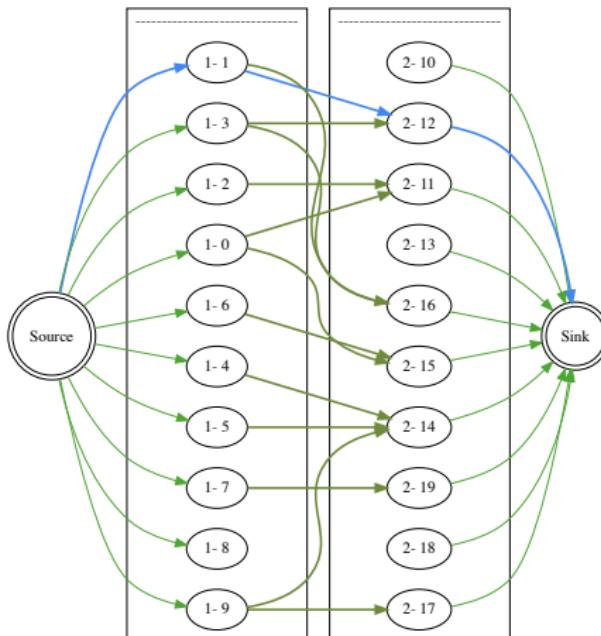
Residual graph
Algorithm step: 2

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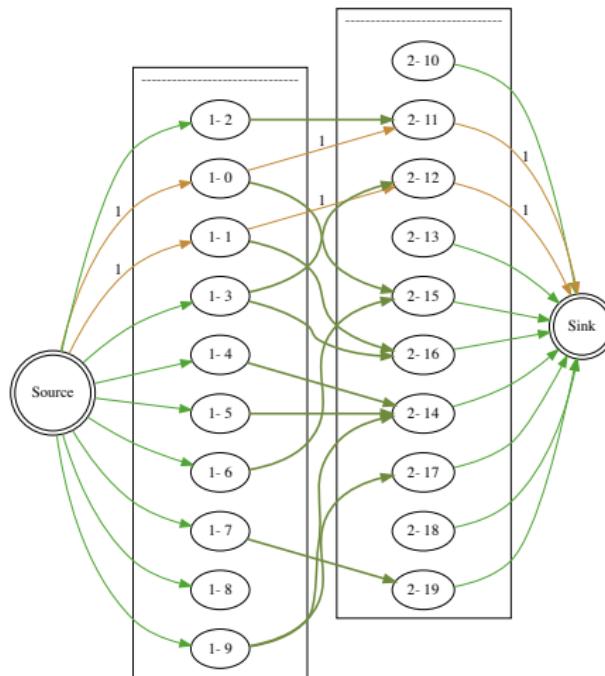
Simple residual graph in purple
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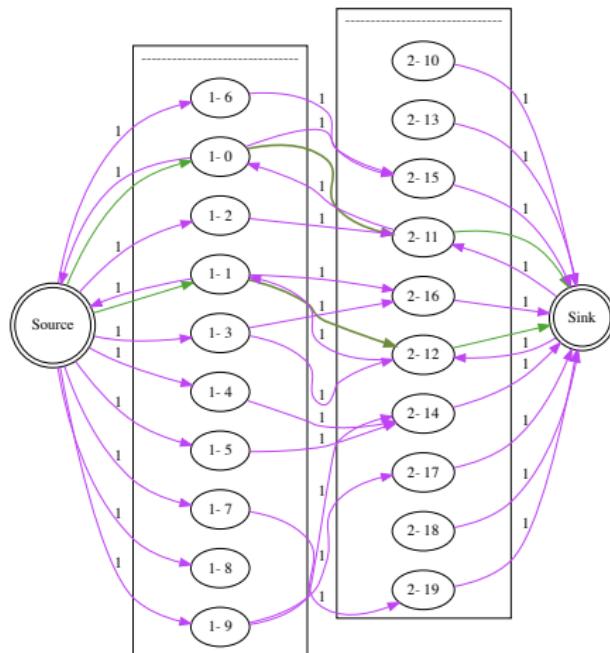
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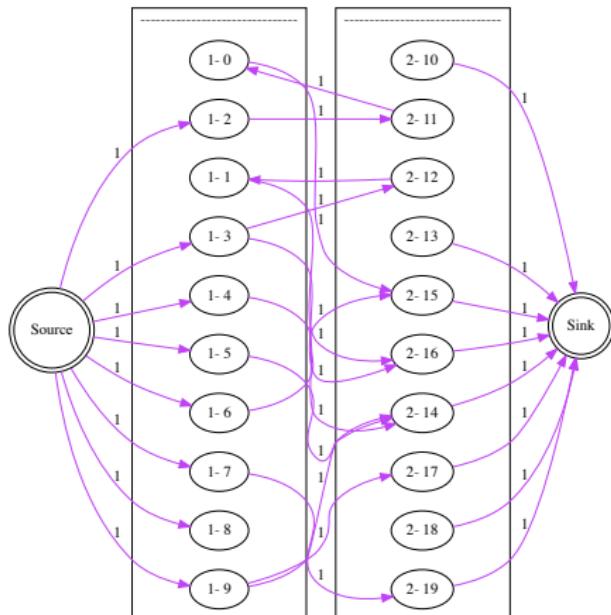
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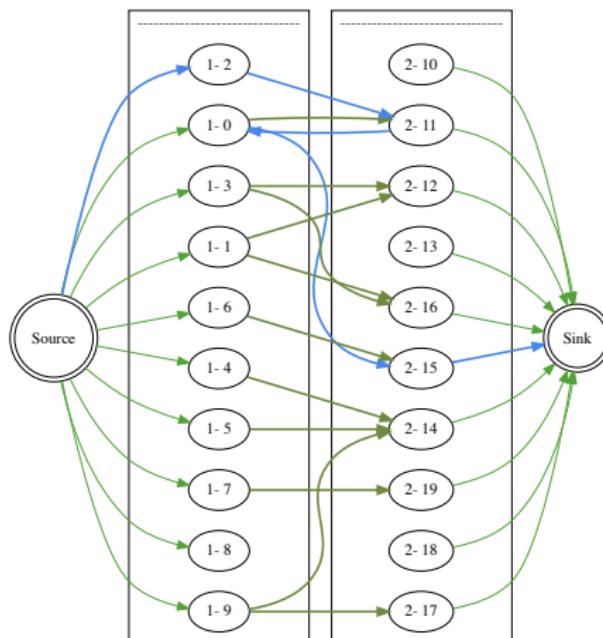


Residual graph
Algorithm step: 3

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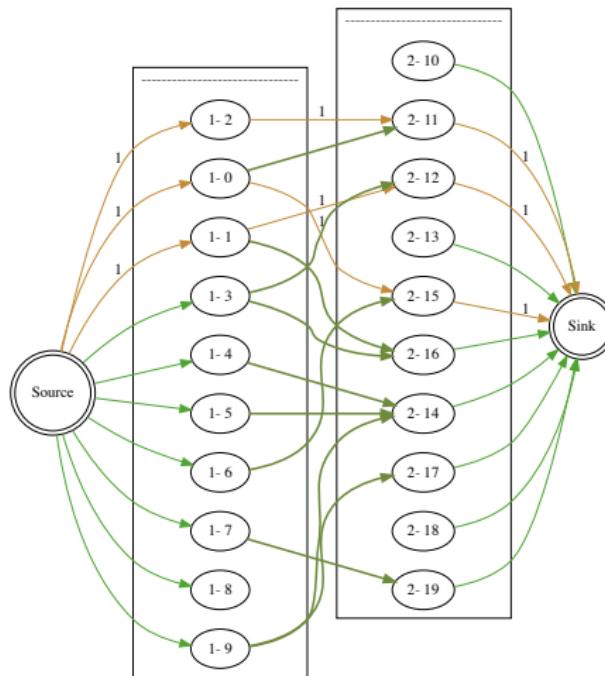


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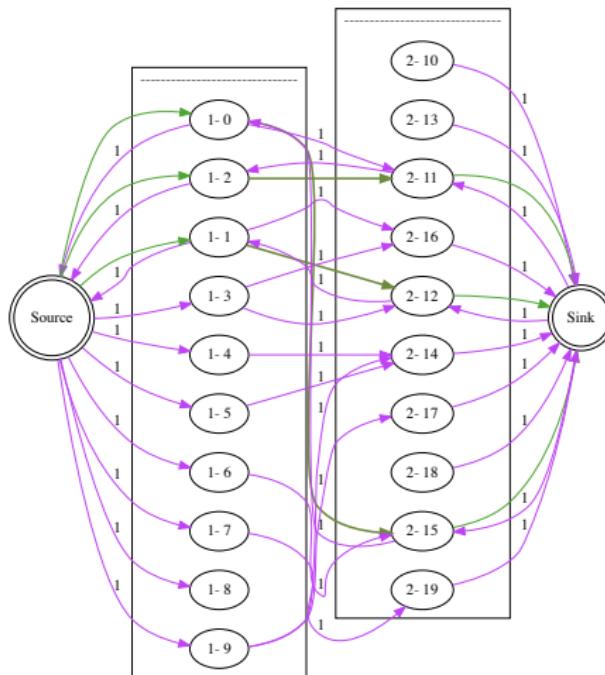


augmenting path: [0, 3, 12, 1, 16, 21]
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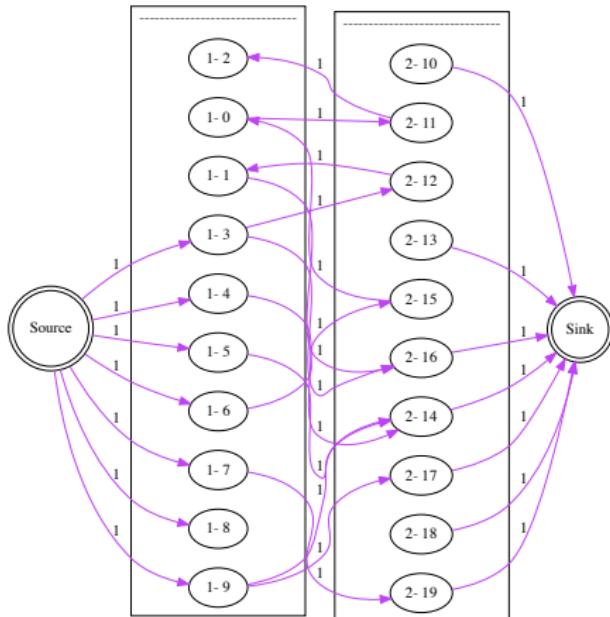


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Residual graph
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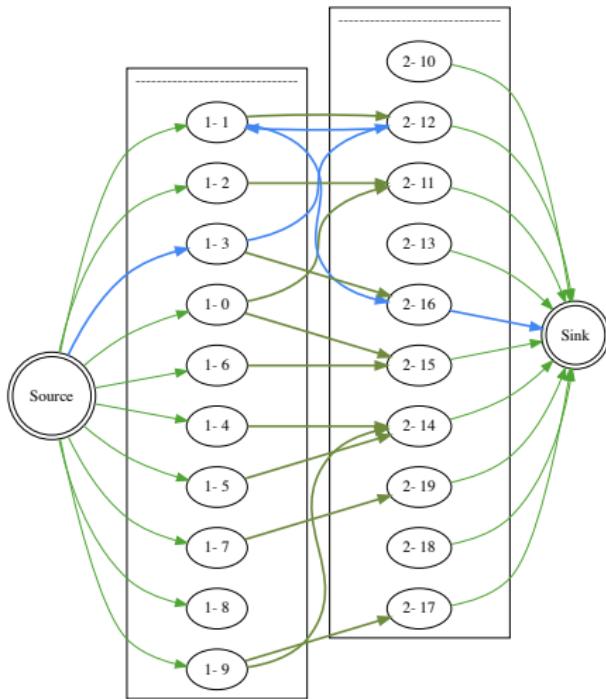
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Algorithm step: 4

The Maximum flow problem

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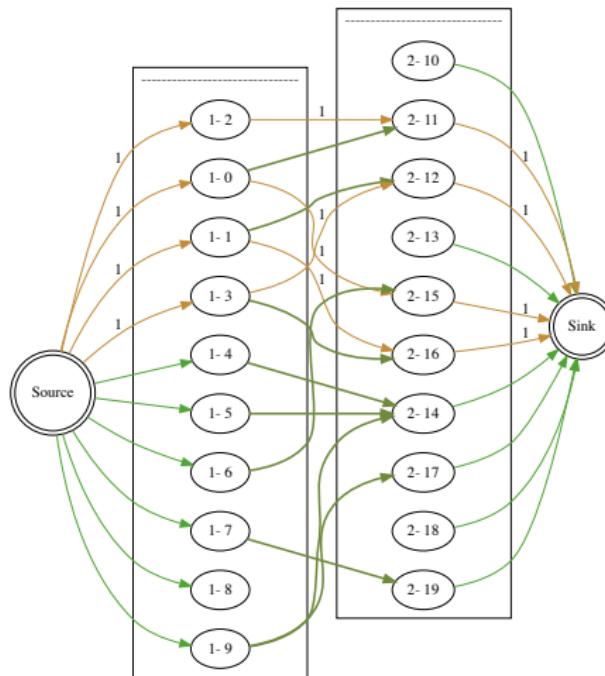


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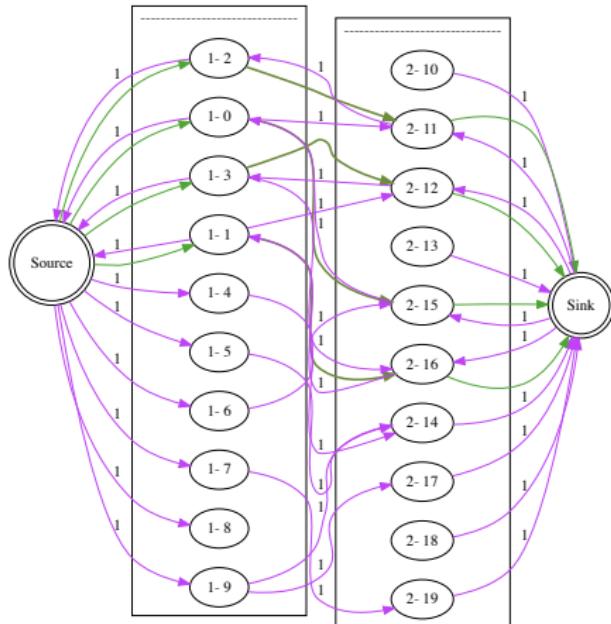
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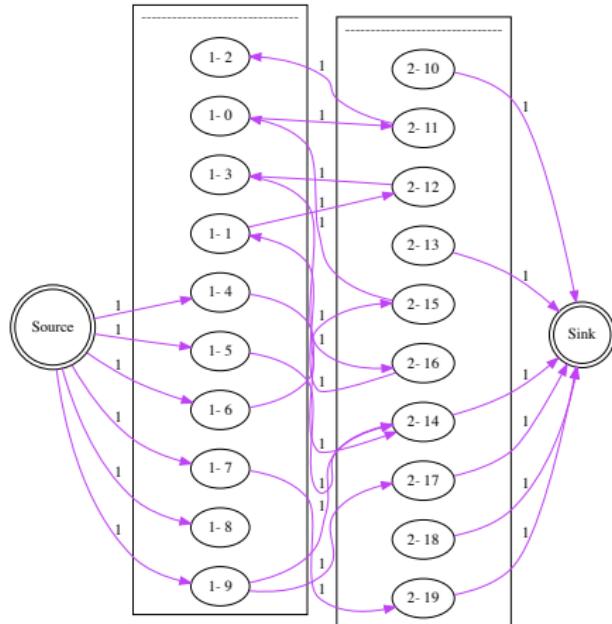
Flow
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flow value: 4

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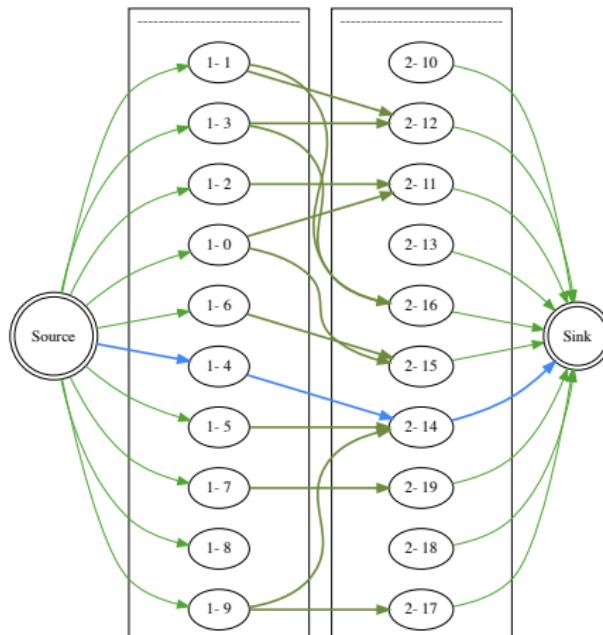
Residual graph
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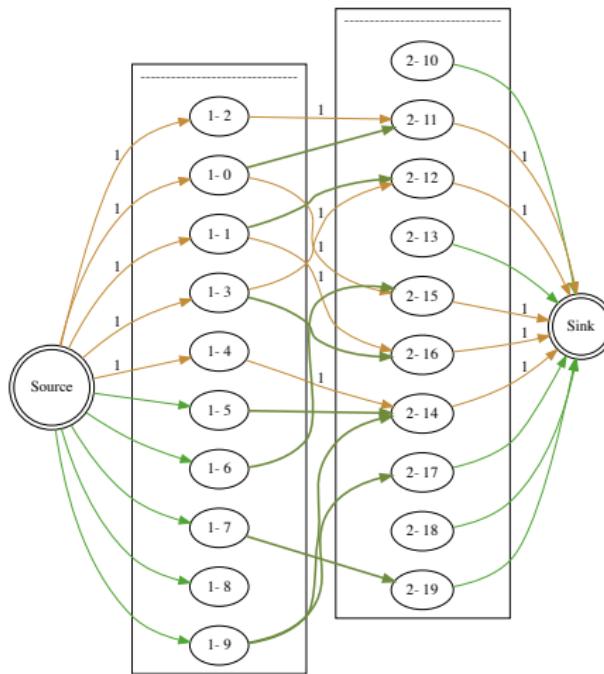
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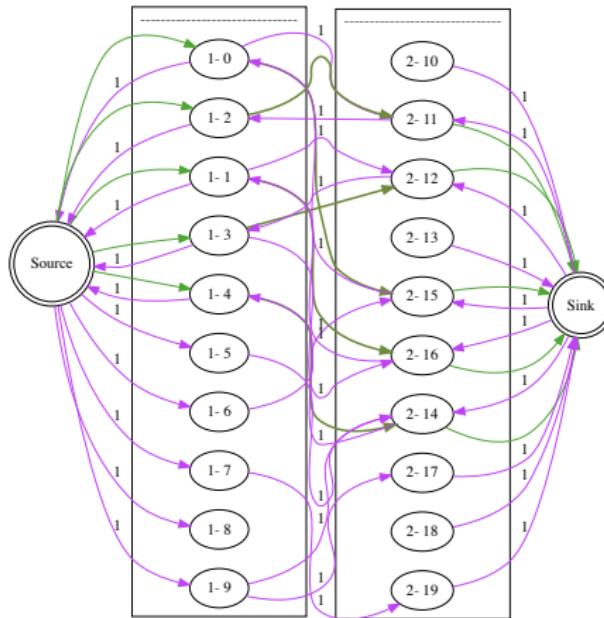


augmenting path: [0, 5, 15, 21]
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path capacity: 1.0

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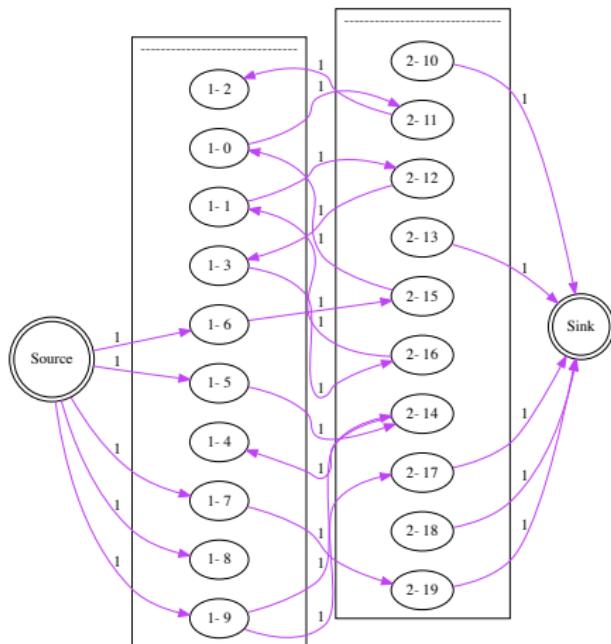


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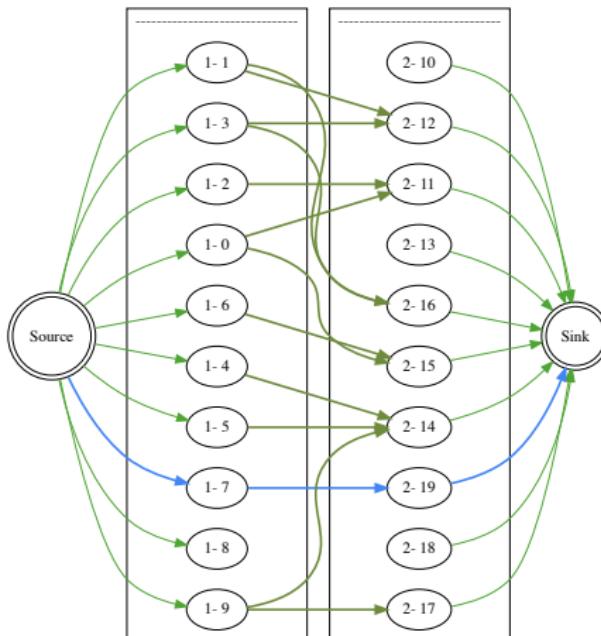
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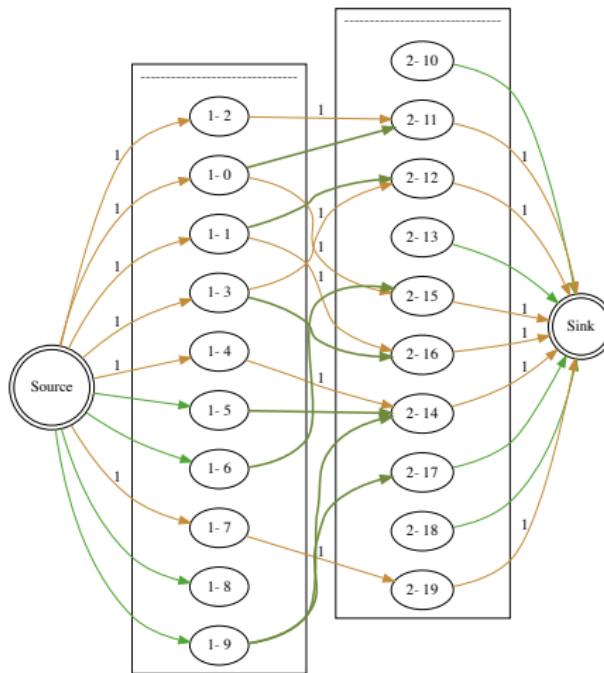
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augmenting path: [0, 8, 20, 21]
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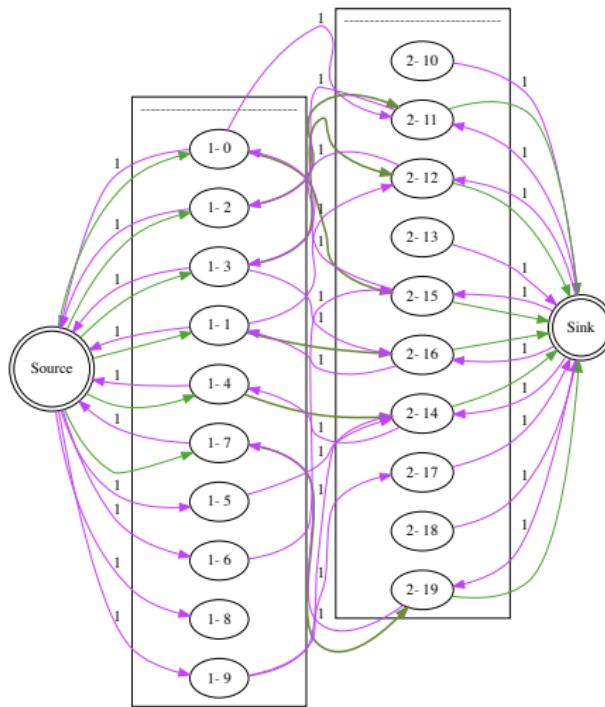


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flow value: 6

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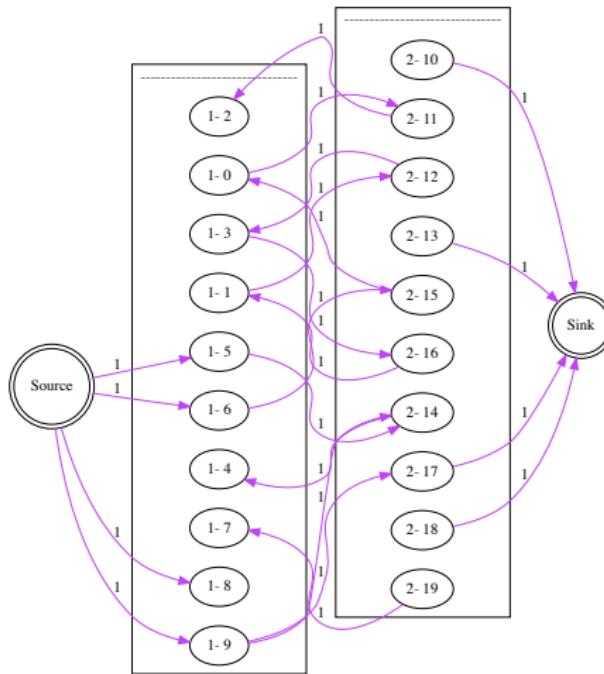
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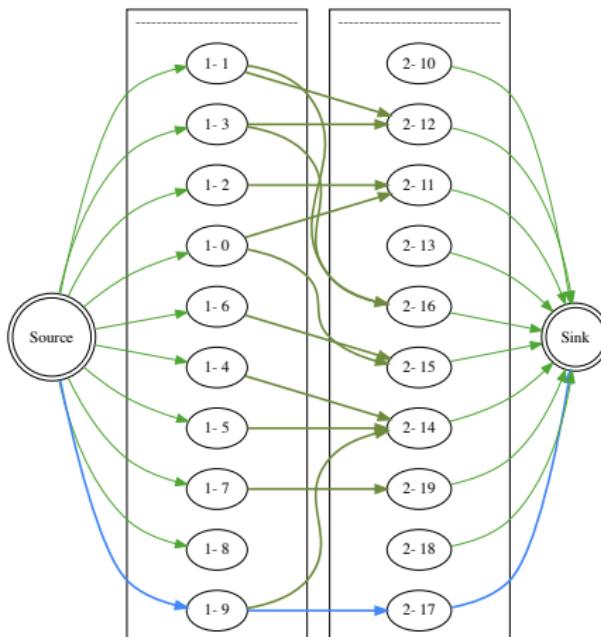


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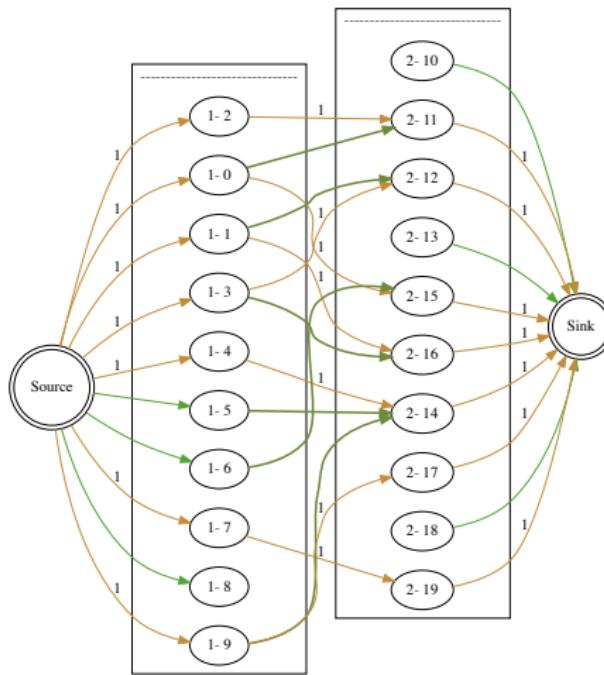
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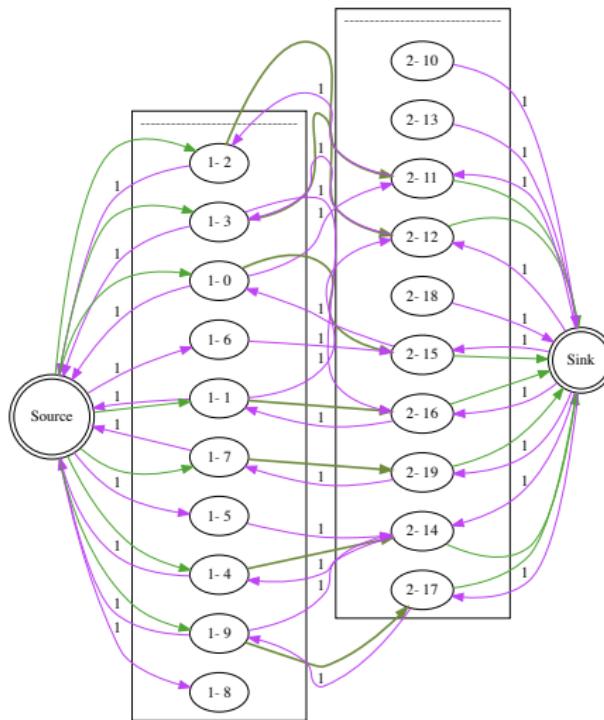
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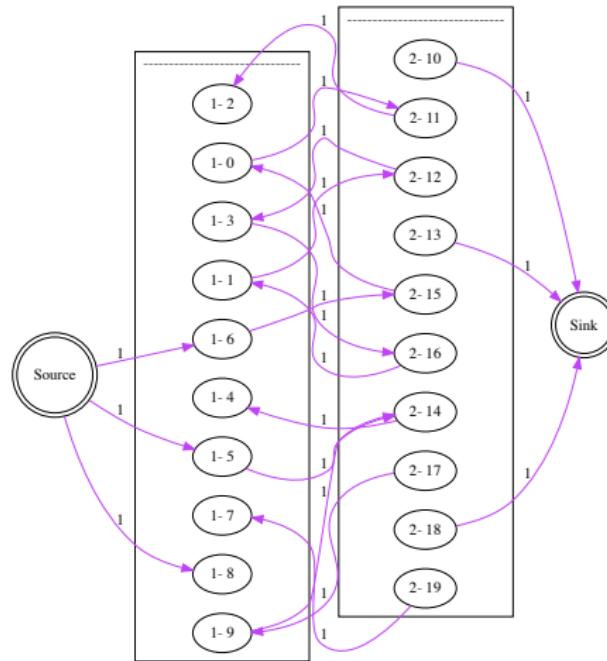
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Residual graph
Algorithm step: 8

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Ford Fulkerson algorithm

- ▶ We will implement the Ford Fulkerson algorithm (1956) on a general graph.

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Ford Fulkerson algorithm

Exercice 10: We will implement the Ford Fulkerson algorithm (1956)

- ▶ **cd ford_fulkerson/** and edit **generate_flow_network** to generate a flow network.

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Algorithm

- ▶ We will now use the functions contained in **ford_functions.py** and call them from **apply_ford_fulkerson.py**

Algorithm

Exercice 11 : step 1

- ▶ Modify **find_augmenting_paths()** in order to find the augmenting paths.

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Algorithm

Exercice 11 : step 2

- ▶ now edit **augment_flow()**

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Algorithm

Exercice 11 : step 3

- ▶ finally, edit the computation of the value of the flow

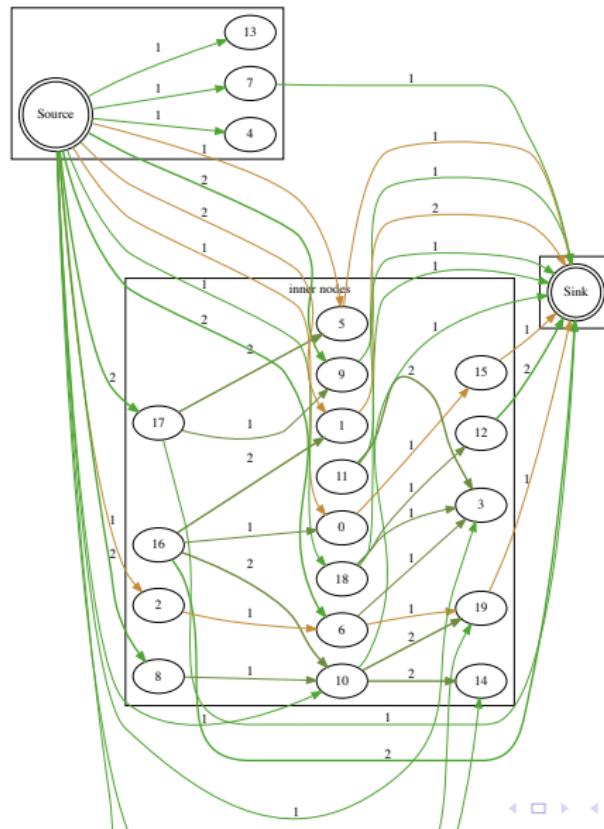
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- ▶ Now the algorithm should be able to run

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What is the complexity of Ford Fulkerson ?

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$$\mathcal{O}(|f^*| \times |E|) \tag{8}$$

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Modification of Ford Fulkerson

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Edmonds Karp

What would we an intuitive and potentially faster modification of the algorithm ?

Use the shortest augmenting path with positive capacity.

Termination

- ▶ When the capacities are **real numbers** or **rational numbers** Ford Fulkerson terminates.

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Termination

- ▶ When the capacities are **integer numbers** or **rational numbers** Ford Fulkerson terminates.
- ▶ However, when the capacities are general **real numbers**, the algorithm might not terminate.

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Link with the matching problem

- ▶ We now go back to the matching problem, in the case of a **bipartite graph**.
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Bipartite graph

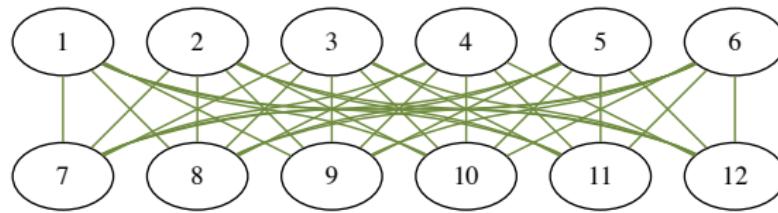


Figure: Complete bipartite graph (not all bipartite graphs are complete)

Matching problem

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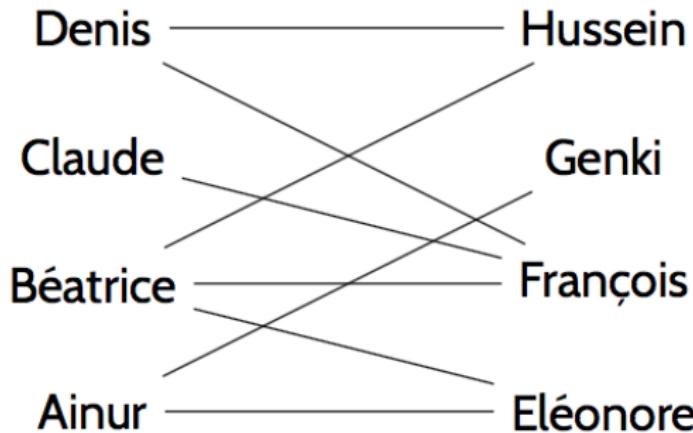


Figure: Bipartite graph

Equivalence between matching and flow

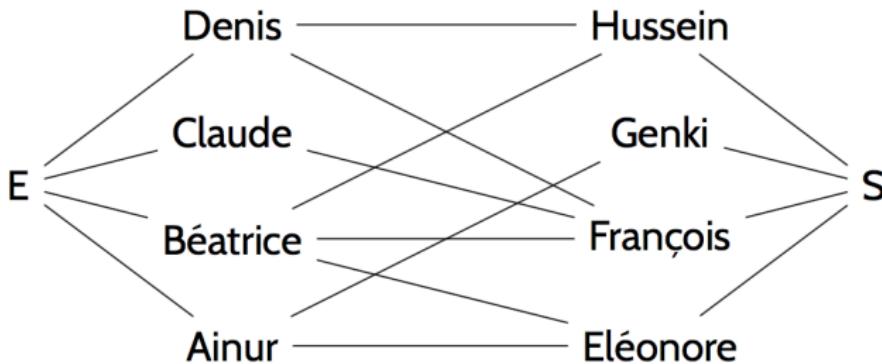


Figure: Introduce two more nodes. All edges have capacity 1. We consider **flows with integer values**

Ford Fulkerson for matching

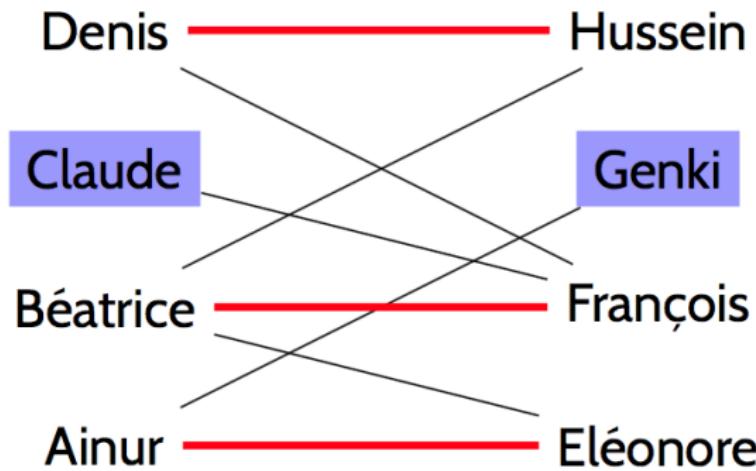


Figure: Non optimal solution

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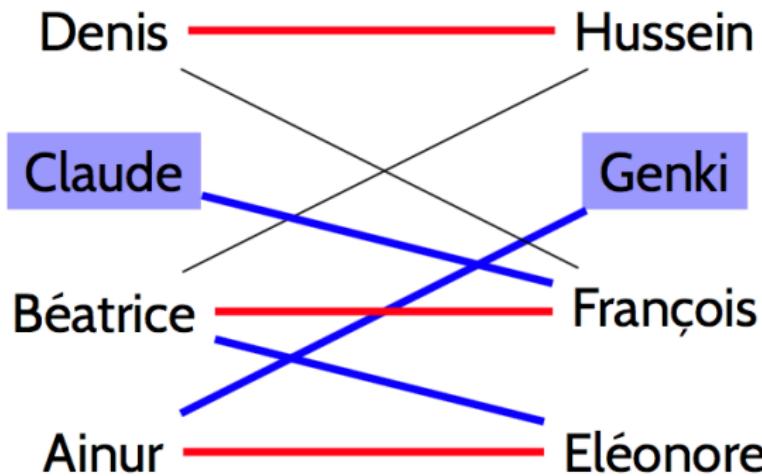


Figure: Optimal solution

Connection

Exercice 11: Find a connection between the two problems

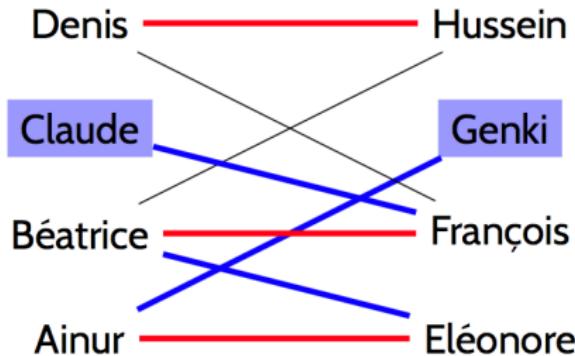


Figure: Optimal solution

Exercice 12 : Ford Fulkerson and matching

- ▶ We will transpose Ford Fulkerson to a bipartite graph in order to find an optimal matching.
- ▶ **cd ford_matching/**
- ▶ edit **generate_matching_problem.py** in order to generate an instance of the problem.

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Exercice 12: Ford Fulkerson and matching

- ▶ Apply the algorithm on an example generated by the previous function.
- ▶ Apply the algorithm to as an instance of your choice.

Famous theorem

The maximum flow theorem is equivalent to another famous problem, the **minimum cut** theorem.

Perfect matching

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In the case of a bipartite graph, what is the best matching possible ?

A matching where **all nodes are allocated**. It is called a **perfect** matching.

We must have that the two parts of the graph are of same cardinality in order to have a perfect matching.

Hall's marriage theorem

This theorem gives a condition that is necessary and sufficient for the existence of a perfect matching in a bipartite graph : the "marriage condition".

If $G = (U, V, E)$ is bipartite, the condition means that :

$$\forall X \subset U, |N_G(X)| \geq |X| \tag{9}$$

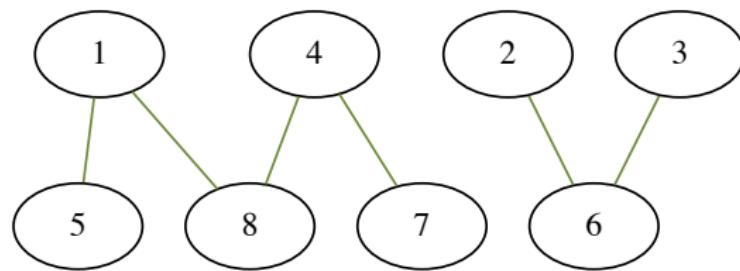
where $N_G(X)$ is the set of neighbors of X in G .

Hall's theorem

Exercice 13: Application of the theorem. Can you think of a graph that does not abide by the marriage condition and thus has **no perfect matching** ?

Illustration of Hall's theorem

Exercice 13 : Application of the theorem



Conclusion

Ford Fulkerson and its variants (Edmonds-Karp) are polynomial.
As a result they can run on datasets that are way bigger than
exhaustive search algorithms.

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See you tomorrow