

OME: Tutorial, Lecture 4

Question 1

- **Commodity 1:** $d_1 = 3$
 - Net flow out of b is 3.
 - Net flow in to d is 3.
 - Net flow out of c is 0.
 - Net flow out of p is 0.
 - Flow conservation constraints have been preserved.
- **Commodity 2:** $d_2 = 7$
 - Net flow out of a is 7.
 - Net flow in to q is 7.
 - Net flow out of b is 0.
 - Net flow out of p is 0.
 - Flow conservation constraints have been preserved.
- **Commodity 3:** $d_3 = 4$
 - Net flow out of b is 4.
 - Net flow in to c is 4.
 - Net flow out of p is 0.
 - Net flow out of q is 0.
 - Flow conservation constraints have been preserved.

The maximum congestion is 166.6% along the edge (b, c) .

Question 2

One unit of flow can be removed from the path $\langle b, c \rangle$ and applied to the path $\langle b, p, q, c \rangle$ (the maximum residual capacity along those edges). The edge (b, c) remains the most congested, but the congestion is reduced to (b, c) to 133.3%.

Question 3

The sum of edge capacities leaving the set of sources $\{a, b\}$ is $4 + 3 + 5 = 12$, and the total demand in the system is $3 + 7 + 4 = 14$. It is therefore impossible to achieve a maximum congestion lower than $14/12 = 7/6 \approx 1.17$.

TODO: more detail may be added to this answer after it is covered in the lecture.