

## Computer Science COMP4600 2014 – Assignment Two

### Part I: Network Flow

**Due:** Sunday 21 September

**Late Penalty:** 10% per day

Part II: Complexity Theory of this assignment should be ready around the third week in August.

**It will also be due Sunday 21 September.**

No programming is needed for this assignment. *Be precise. Avoid long-winded answers. Answer clearly and legibly. Indicate clearly the question and part to which you are providing an answer for.*

Submit a typed or scanned copy of your assignment by email to [paulette.lieby@anu.edu.au](mailto:paulette.lieby@anu.edu.au), or a hard copy to Paulette Lieby, room N222 (under the door is ok), CSIT Building 108 ANU. You may also drop your hard copy into the COMP4600 assignment box on level 1 in the CSIT Building.

The total mark of this assignment is 100 points.

**Don't forget to add your name/student ID.**

Neat handwriting is acceptable. You may use the accompanying worksheets for help in performing the network flow algorithms.

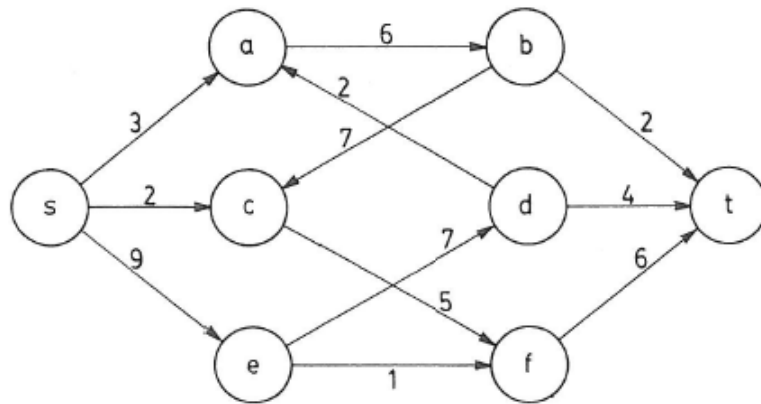


Figure 1: Flow network  $G$  for Question 1.

**Question 1** (30/100).

1. Perform Edmonds-Karp's algorithm on graph  $G$  in Figure 1. For each step, show

- the residual network  $G_f$  and the capacities of its edges
- the chosen augmenting path and its residual capacity
- the augmented flow

Give the value of the maximum flow and show a minimum cut.

2. Perform the generic push-relabel algorithm on graph  $G$  in Figure 1. For each step, show

- the residual network  $G_f$  and the capacities of its edges
- the height and excess for each vertex
- qualify the step (push or relabel)

Give the value of the maximum flow and show a minimum cut.

**Question 2** (20/100).

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a network flow with capacity function  $c$  and flow  $f$ . Assume there exists an augmenting path  $P$  in  $G_f$  resulting in the new flow  $f'$  after augmentation.

1. Show that  $f'$  is indeed a flow.
2. Explain how an edge  $(u, v)$  might be in  $G_{f'}$  even though it is not in  $G_f$ .

**Question 3** (20/100).

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a network flow with preflow  $f$  and height function  $h$ . Assume that in **Initialise Preflow**, the vertex height is initialised as

**for each**  $u \in V$   
     $h(u) = 0$   
 $h(s) = |V| - 2$

Show that Lemma 8 in the slides is still valid, thus ensuring the correctness of the push-relabel algorithm under this new definition of the height function.

**Question 4** (20/100).

1. Show that at each point of the execution of a push-relabel algorithm, there exists at least one integer  $0 < k \leq |V| + 1$  for which no vertex  $u$  has height  $h(u) = k$ .
2. Suppose that we have found a maximum flow in a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  using a push re-label algorithm. Use the fact in 1. to give an simple algorithm to find a minimum cut.

**Question 5** (10/100).

Suppose that a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  violates the assumption that the network contains a path  $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow t$  for all vertices  $v \in V$ . Let  $u$  be a vertex for which there is no path  $s \rightsquigarrow u \rightsquigarrow t$ . Show that there must exist a maximum flow  $f$  in  $G$  such that  $f(u, v) = f(v, u) = 0$  for all vertices  $v \in V$ .

*Hint: think of augmenting paths; your answer should be one sentence long...*

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## Worksheets for Question 1

Use as many sheets as necessary. Number them and indicate which question is answered.

