

# CS345 Theoretical Assignment 4

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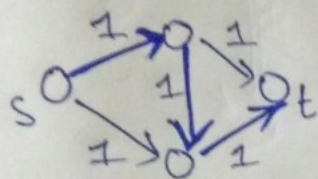
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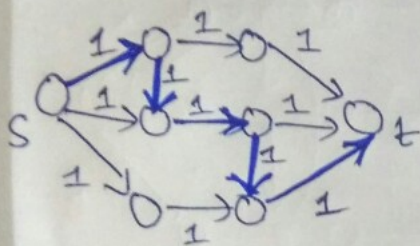
# 1 Any Guarantee of our First-Attempt Algorithm

## 1.1 Counter Example

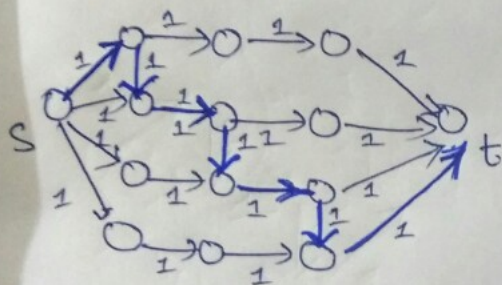
### Counter Example



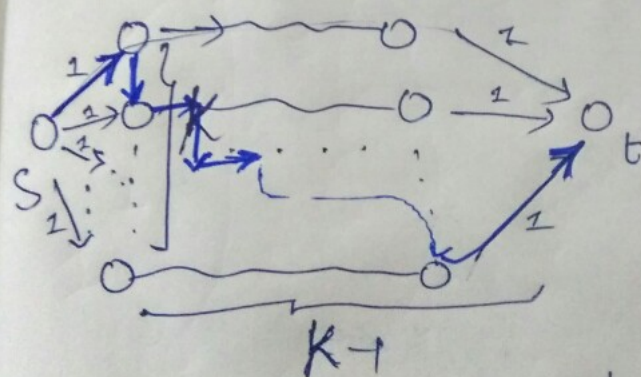
for the shown path chosen  
first  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{flow returned}}{\text{Actual max flow}} = \frac{1}{2}$



" =  $\frac{1}{3}$



" =  $\frac{1}{4}$



" =  $\frac{1}{k}$

That is, we have to construct one path such that it blocks all other  $k-1$  paths possible. This construction possible  $\forall k > 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Approximation Not possible

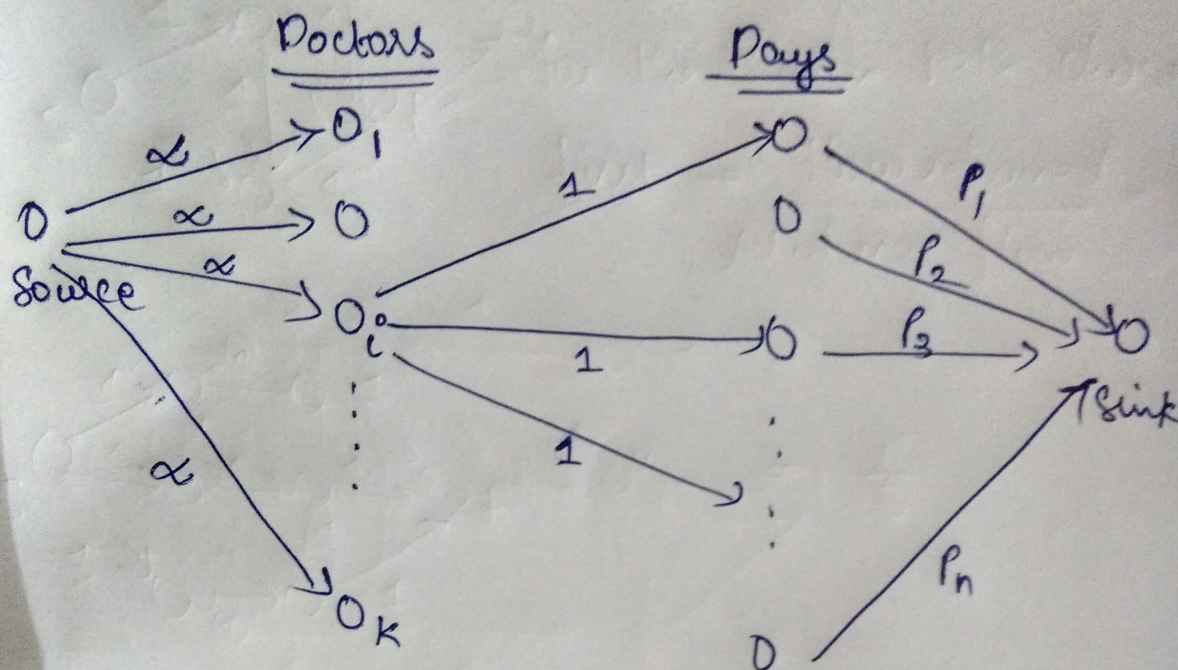


## 2 A max flow application

### 2.1 Without Extra Constraint

#### 2.1.1 Overview

### A max flow Application



Doctors $[i]$  to Days $[j]$  there is an edge  
iff  $j$  lies in the list  $L_i$ .

All these edges inserted between Doctors  
& Days hold capacity 1.

$L'_1, \dots, L'_k$  exists if Max flow of  
above graph is  $\sum_{i=1}^n P_i$ .

### 2.1.2 Notations

$p_i$  denotes the exact number of doctors required on day  $i$

$L_i$  denotes the list of days where doctor  $i$  is available

$L'_i$  denotes the list of days that doctor  $i$  has to work to produce the required match. Note,  $L'_i \subseteq L_i$

$D = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$

$n$  = Number of days in total

$k$  = Number of Doctors in total

### 2.1.3 Claim

Construction of  $L'_i$ s is possible if and only if the max-flow in the source-sink graph constructed (in image) is  $D$ .

### 2.1.4 Proof - Part 1

**Given  $L'_i$ s list for all doctors, show that the max flow of source-sink graph shown above is  $D$**

Construct a flow  $f$  of the source-sink graph as follows.

$f(\text{source}, \text{Doctor}[i])$  is  $|L'_i|$  - satisfies capacity constraint as these edges had infinite capacity

$f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  is 1 if  $j$  lies in  $L'_i$ , otherwise is 0 - satisfies capacity constraint

$f(\text{Day}[j], \text{sink})$  is  $p_j$  - satisfies capacity constraint

Flow Conservation is ensured as it is given to us that  $L'_i$ s of such definitions exist.

Hence, the above is a valid flow.

As the *cut - capacity* between *sink* and the rest of the graph is  $D$ , by *min - cut - max - flow* theorem,  $f$  should be a max flow of the source-sink graph. Hence, proved.

### 2.1.5 Proof - Part 2

**Given the max flow of source-sink graph to be  $D$ , show that  $L'_i$ s list for all doctors exist**

Let  $f$  be the integral max-flow of the source-sink graph. (Note: Integral flow exists was proved in class)

Construct  $L'_i$  as follows.

If  $f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  is 1 then add  $j$  to  $L'_i$  otherwise do nothing.

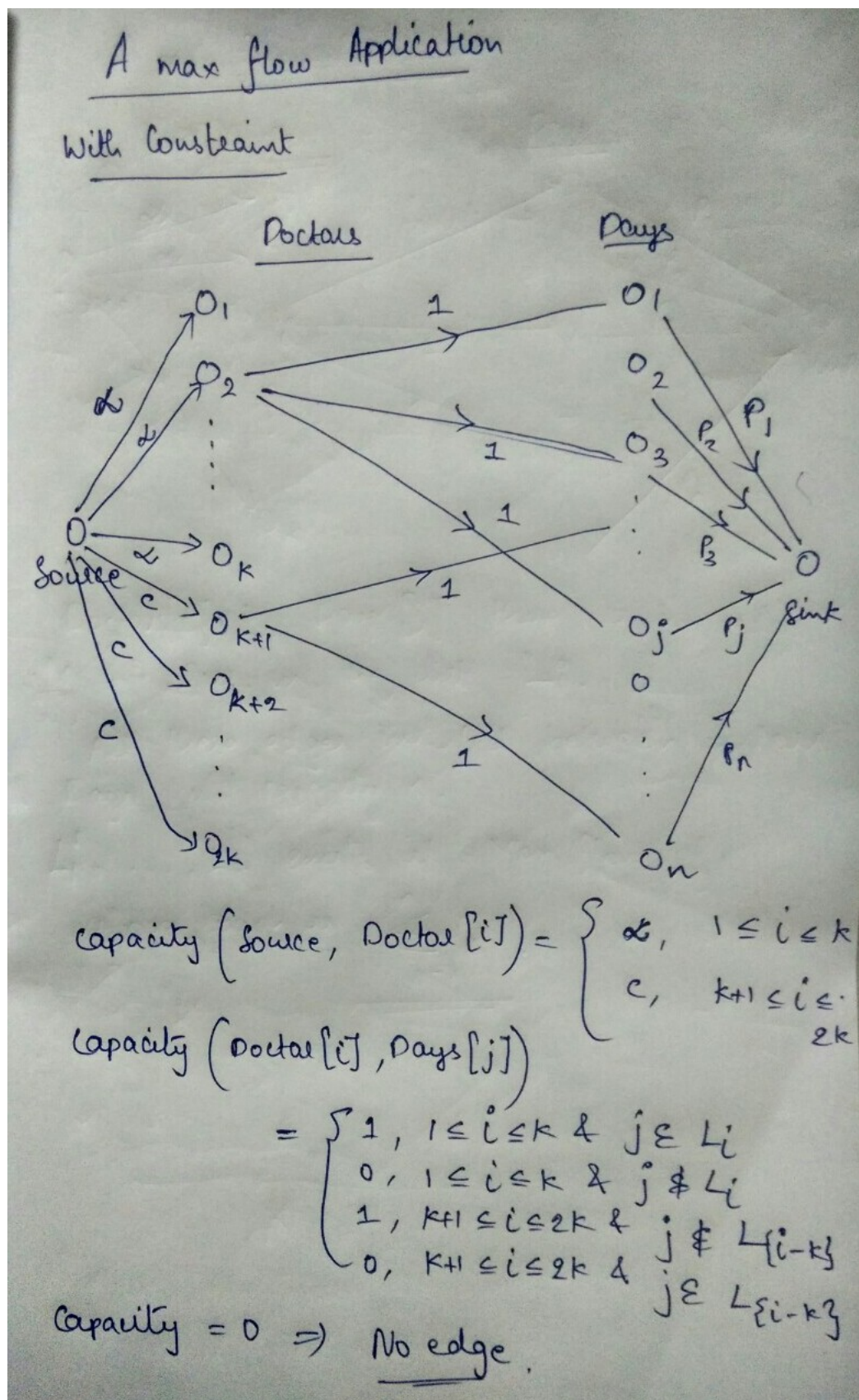
Note:  $f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  can be only 0 or 1 by integral flow property.

The  $L'_i$ s thus constructed are valid as  $\text{value}(f) = D$  implying every day  $j$  has got the exact number of doctors wanted ( $p_j$ ). Moreover,  $L'_i \subseteq L_i$  is ensured from the construction of the source-sink graph itself. Hence, proved.



## 2.2 With Extra Constraint

### 2.2.1 Overview



### 2.2.2 Notations

$p_i$  denotes the exact number of doctors required on day  $i$   
 $L_i$  denotes the list of days where doctor  $i$  is available  
 $L'_i$  denotes the list of days that doctor  $i$  has to work to produce the required match.  
 $K_i = L_i \cap L'_i$   
 $C_i = L'_i - K_i$   
 $D = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$   
 $n$  = Number of days in total  
 $k$  = Number of Doctors in total

### 2.2.3 Claim

Construction of  $L'_i$ s is possible if and only if the max-flow in the source-sink graph constructed (in image) is  $D$ .

### 2.2.4 Proof - Part 1

**Given  $L'_i$ s list for all doctors, show that the max flow of source-sink graph shown above is  $D$**

Construct a flow  $f$  of the source-sink graph as follows.

If  $i \leq k$  then

$f(\text{source}, \text{Doctor}[i])$  is  $|K_i|$  - satisfies capacity constraint as these edges had infinite capacity

$f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  is 1 if  $j$  lies in  $K_i$ , otherwise is 0 - satisfies capacity constraint

If  $i > k$  then

$f(\text{source}, \text{Doctor}[i])$  is  $|C_i|$  - satisfies capacity constraint by definition of  $L'_i$ s existence.

$f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  is 1 if  $j$  lies in  $C_i$ , otherwise is 0 - satisfies capacity constraint

$f(\text{Day}[j], \text{sink})$  is  $p_j$  - satisfies capacity constraint

Flow Conservation is ensured as it is given to us that  $L'_i$ s of such definitions exist.

Hence, the above is a valid flow.

As the *cut – capacity* between *sink* and the rest of the graph is  $D$ , by *min – cut – max – flow* theorem,  $f$  should be a max flow of the source-sink graph. Hence, proved.

### 2.2.5 Proof - Part 2

**Given the max flow of source-sink graph to be  $D$ , show that  $L'_i$ s list for all doctors exist**

Let  $f$  be the integral max-flow of the source-sink graph. (Note: Integral flow exists was proved in class)

Construct  $L'_i$  as follows.

If  $f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  or  $f(\text{Doctor}[i+k], \text{Day}[j])$  is 1 then add  $j$  to  $L'_i$  otherwise do nothing.

Note:  $f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  can be only 0 or 1 by integral flow property.

The  $L'_i$ s thus constructed are valid as  $\text{value}(f) = D$  implying every day  $j$  has got the exact number of doctors wanted ( $p_j$ ). Moreover, both  $f(\text{Doctor}[i], \text{Day}[j])$  and  $f(\text{Doctor}[i+k], \text{Day}[j])$  will not be together 1 from the construction of source-sink graph itself. Hence, proved.