

# GRAPH THEORY

## ASSIGNMENT - III

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Q1) Prove that for a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $e$  edges,

$$\text{vertex connectivity} \leq \text{edge connectivity} \leq \frac{2e}{n}$$

Let  $\lambda$  be the edge connectivity of graph  $G$ .  $\therefore \exists$  a cutset  $S$  in  $G$  with  $\lambda$  edges. Let  $S$  partition the vertices of  $G$  into  $V_1$  &  $V_2$ . Now, by removing at most  $\lambda$  vertices from  $V_1$  or  $V_2$  on which edges in  $S$  are incident we can effect the removal of  $S$  from  $G$ .

$$\therefore \text{Vertex connectivity} \leq \text{Edge connectivity}$$

We know that the graph will have  $2e$  degrees which is divided among the  $n$  vertices, so there must be at least one vertex in  $G$  whose degree  $\leq \frac{2e}{n}$

And since edge connectivity  $\leq$  smallest degree in  $G$

$$\Rightarrow \text{edge connectivity} \leq \frac{2e}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vertex connectivity} \leq \text{edge connectivity} \leq \frac{2e}{n}$$

Hence proved. ■

Q2) Define a separable graph. Prove that in a non-separable graph  $G$  set of edges incident on each vertex of  $G$  is a cut-set.

A connected graph is said to be separable if its vertex connectivity is one.

Let  $G$  be a non-separable graph, let  $v$  be as

some vertex in  $G$ , let edges  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_j\}$  are

incident on  $v$ , now if all the edges are removed  
the graph will be disconnected as there will be  
two components  $G_1 \setminus \{v\}$  &  $G_2 \setminus \{v\}$

let  $\{e_j, e_{j+1}, \dots, e_i\}$  be a subset of  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_j\}$ ,  
now let  $\{e_j, e_{j+1}, \dots, e_i\}$  also be a cut set of  $G_2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  the block having vertex  $v$  has vertex  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}$   
s.t. an edge  $e_j \in E$  from  $v$  to  $u$  exists

$\Rightarrow$  removal of  $v$  from  $G$  should disconnect graph but  
once  $G$  is non separable, hence it's a contradiction

$\Rightarrow \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i\}$  can't have a subset which is a  
cut set of  $G$

$\Rightarrow \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i\}$  is a cut set.

$\Rightarrow$  Set of edges incident on each vertex of  $G$  is a cut-set.



Q3) Define the capacity of a cut-set. Prove that the maximum flow possible between two vertices  $a$  and  $b$  in a network is equal to the minimum of capacities of all cut-sets with respect to  $a$  and  $b$ .

### Separable Graph

A graph  $G$  is said to be separable if it is either disconnected or can be disconnected by ~~one~~ removing one vertex, called the cut vertex. A graph that is not separable is said to be biconnected (or nonseparable).

### Maxflow Mincut Theorem

In any source network with source  $s$  and target  $t$ , the value of the maximum  $(s, t)$ -flow is equal to the capacity of the minimum  $(s, t)$ -cut.

Ford and Fulkerson proved this theorem as follows. Fix a graph  $G$ , vertices  $s$  and  $t$  and a capacity function  $c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ . We assume that the capacity function is reduced. For any vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , either  $c(u \rightarrow v) = 0$  or  $c(v \rightarrow u) = 0$ , or equivalently, if an edge appears in  $G$ , then its reversal does not. This assumption is easy to enforce. Whenever an edge  $u \rightarrow v$  and its reversal  $v \rightarrow u$  are both graphs, replace the edge  $u \rightarrow v$  with a path  $u \rightarrow x \rightarrow v$  of length 2, where  $x$  is new vertex and  $c(u \rightarrow x) = c(x \rightarrow v) = c(u \rightarrow v)$ . The modified graph has the same maximum flow value and minimum cut ~~vertex~~ capacity as the original graph.



Let  $f$  be a feasible flow. We define a new capacity function  $c_f: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called the residual capacity as follows

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

Since  $f \geq 0$  and  $f \leq c$ , the residual capacities are always non-negative. It is possible to have  $c_f(u \rightarrow v) > 0$  even if  $u \rightarrow v$  is not an edge in the original graph  $G$ . Thus, we define the residual graph  $G_f = (V, E_f)$  where  $E_f$  is the set of edges whose residual capacity is positive. ~~Notice~~

Suppose there is no path from the source  $s$  to target  $t$  in the residual graph  $G_f$ . Let  $S$  be the set of vertices that are reachable from  $s$  in  $G_f$  and let  $T = V \setminus S$ . The partition  $(S, T)$  is clearly an  $(s, t)$ -cut. For every vertex  $u \in S$  and  $v \in T$ , we have

$$c_f(u \rightarrow v) = [c(u \rightarrow v) - f(u \rightarrow v)] + f(v \rightarrow u) = 0$$

which implies that  $c(u \rightarrow v) - f(u \rightarrow v) = 0$  and  $f(v \rightarrow u) = 0$ . In other words, our flow  $f$  saturates every edge from  $S$  to  $T$ . It follows that  $f = \|f\|$ . Moreover,  $f$  is maximum flow and  $(S, T)$  is a minimum cut.

Suppose that there is a path  $s = v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r = t$  in  $G_f$ . We refer to  $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  as an augmenting path. Let  $F = \min_i c_f(v_{i-1} \rightarrow v_i)$  denote the maximum amount of flow that we can push through the augmenting path in  $G_f$ . We define a new flow function

$f': E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as follows:

$$f'(u \rightarrow v) = \begin{cases} f(u \rightarrow v) + F & \text{if } u \rightarrow v \text{ is in the augmenting path} \\ f(u \rightarrow v) - F & \text{if } v \rightarrow u \text{ is the augmenting path} \\ f(u \rightarrow v) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To prove that flow  $f'$  is feasible with respect to the original capacities  $c$ , we need to verify that  $f' \geq 0$  and  $f' \leq c$ . Consider an edge  $u \rightarrow v$  in  $G$ . If  $u \rightarrow v$  is in the augmenting path, then  $f'(u \rightarrow v) > f(u \rightarrow v) \geq 0$  and

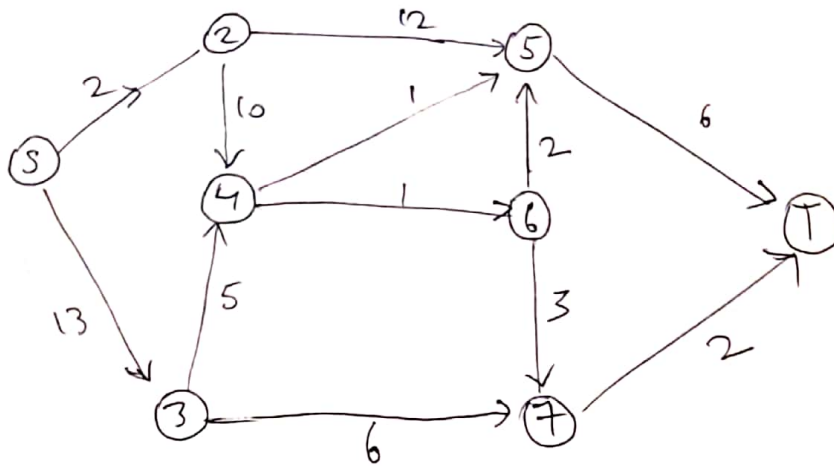
$$\begin{aligned} f'(u \rightarrow v) = f(u \rightarrow v) + F &\leq f(u \rightarrow v) + c(u \rightarrow v) \\ &= f(u \rightarrow v) + c(u \rightarrow v) - f(u \rightarrow v) \\ &= c(u \rightarrow v) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand reversal  $v \rightarrow u$  is in the augmenting path we get  $f'(u \rightarrow v) = 0$

Finally, we observe that WLG only the first edge in the augmenting path leaves  $s$ , so  $|f'| = |f| + F > 0$ . In other words,  $f$  is not a maximum flow.

So, for 2 vertices  $a$  and  $b$ , the maximum flow between them is the minimum of all cut sets between  $a$  and  $b$ .

Q.4) Describe Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm for maximum flow and hence find maximum flow for network given below.



Augmenting path

Bottleneck capacity

$S \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow T$

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$S \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow T$

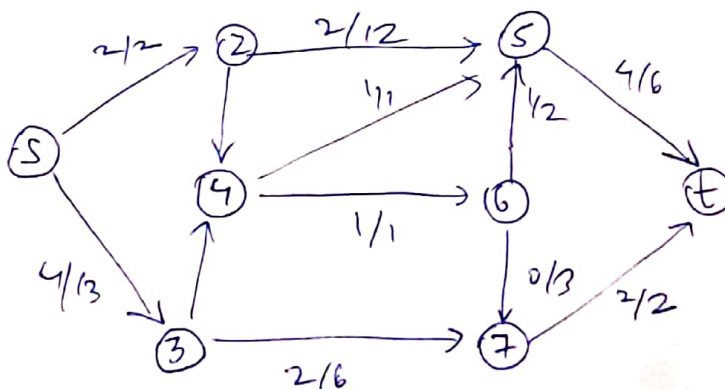
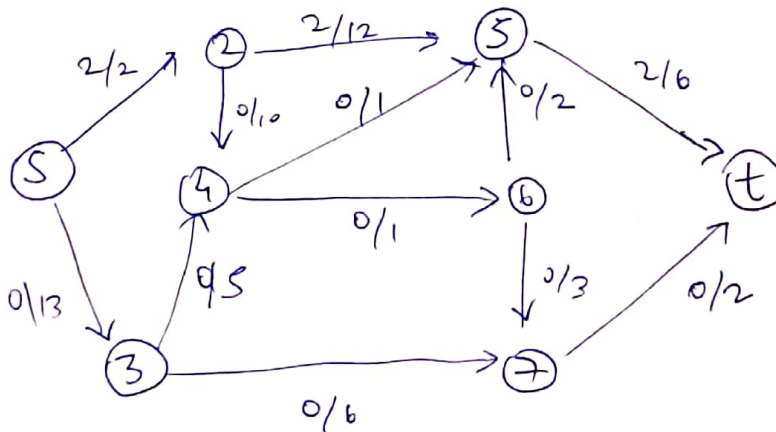
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$S \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow T$

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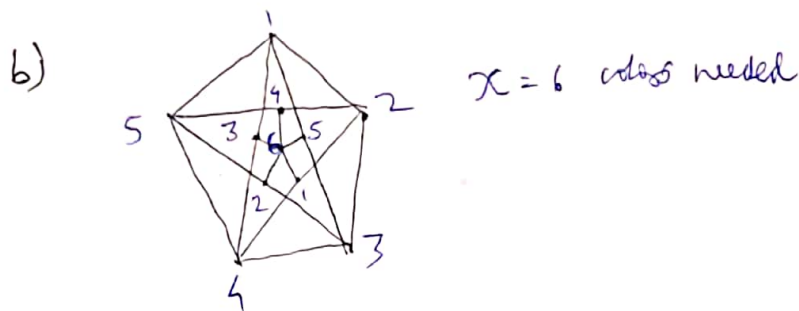
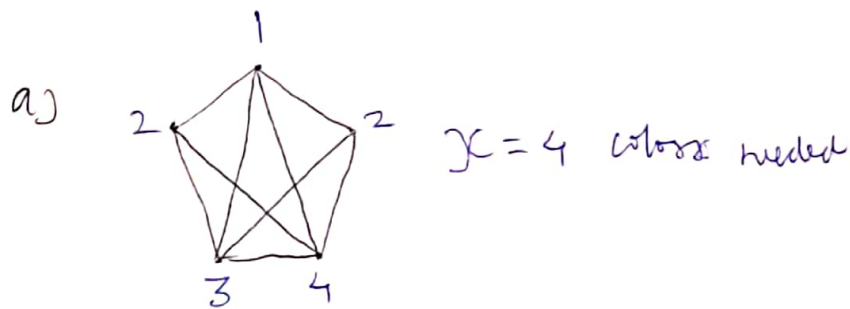
$S \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow T$

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Total Flow = 2 + 4 = 6

Q5) Find the Chromatic Number of each of the graph given below.



Q6) Prove that the non-empty graph  $G$  is bicolorable iff  $G$  is bipartite.

Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph i.e. the vertexset of  $G$  can be partitioned into 2 sets  $V_1$  &  $V_2$  such that  $V_1 \cup V_2 = V(G)$

Since in  $V_1$  for any edge  $u, v$   $u-v$  doesn't exist, we can

~~there are~~

assign color 1 to  $V_1$  and 2 to  $V_2$ .

Conversely let  $G$  be bicolorable. Let  $V_1$  = set of vertices having color 1 and similarly ~~if  $V_2$  have color~~

2. No 2 vertices in the set  $V_1$  are adjacent and this applies for  $V_2$  as well. So, if a non-empty graph  $G$  is bicolorable, it can be divided (partitioned) into 2 sets and is hence bipartite, where  $\&$  the 2 sets individually have no edges. Hence proved.



Q 7) Define complete matching in a graph. Find the number of complete matchings in  $K_{n,n}$ ; a complete bipartite graph with  $n$  vertices in each subset.

### Complete matching in a graph

A matching in a graph  $G$  is said to be perfect if every vertex is connected to exactly one edge.

A complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  with  $n$  vertices in each set.

Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be the 2 subsets.

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  denote the vertices in  $V_1$  and

let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  denote the vertices in  $V_2$

For vertex  $v_1$  we have  $n$  options,

for vertex  $v_2$  we have  $n-1$  options

$\vdots$

for vertex  $v_n$  we have 1 option

Therefore total no. of matchings  $n = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 2 \cdot 1$   
 $= n!$

Q 8) Define Perfect matching in graph. Define the number of perfect matchings in:

a)  $K_{2n}$ , a complete graph with  $2n$  vertices

A matching  $M$  is said to be perfect if vertex of graph is incident to an edge in matching.

For 1<sup>st</sup> vertex we have  $2n-1$  choices

For 2<sup>nd</sup> vertex we have  $2n-3$  choices

For 3<sup>rd</sup> vertex we have  $2n-5$  choices

For last vertex ( $2n^{\text{th}}$ ) we have one choice.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{No. of complete mappings} &= (2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3 \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3 \cdot 1}{(2n-2)(2n-4)(2n-6)\dots 2} \\ &= \frac{(2n-1)(2n-3)(2n-5)\dots 3 \cdot 1}{2^n \cdot n!}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}$$

b)  $C_{2n} \rightarrow$  cycle with  $2n$  vertices

Starting from  $v_1$ , we have 2 options  $\rightarrow$  edge  $a$  &  $b$ ,  
after choosing either of these, we can only choose alternate  
edges e.g.  $\{(v_1, v_2), (v_3, v_4), \dots\}$

$$\text{No. of perfect matching} = 2$$