

(十二) 图论: 匹配与网络流 (Matching and Network Flow)

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3 Theorems + 1 Algorithm

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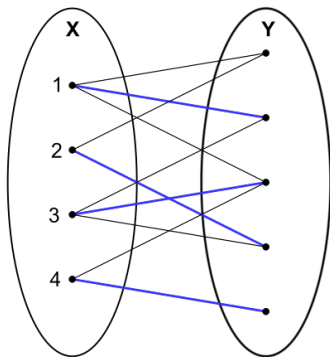
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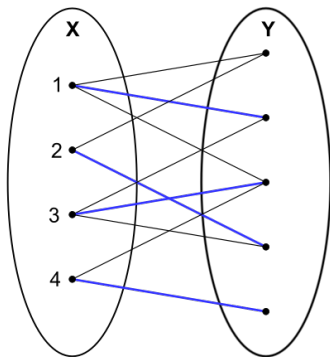
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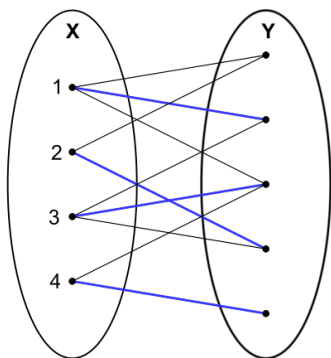
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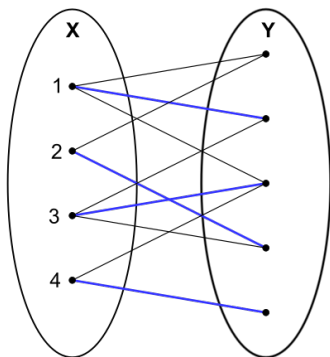


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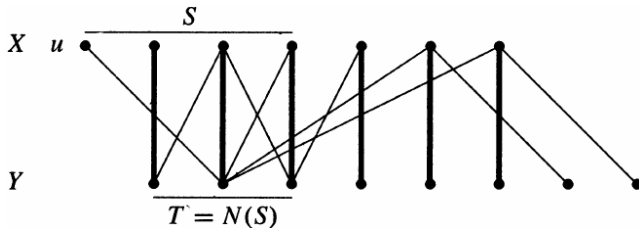
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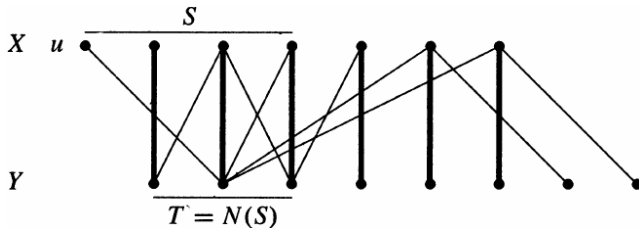
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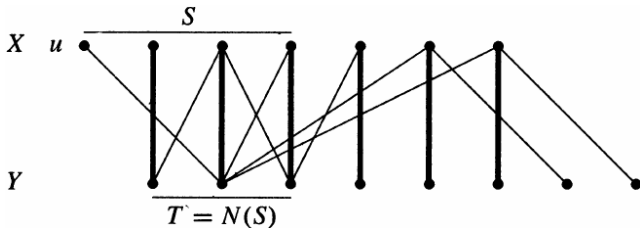


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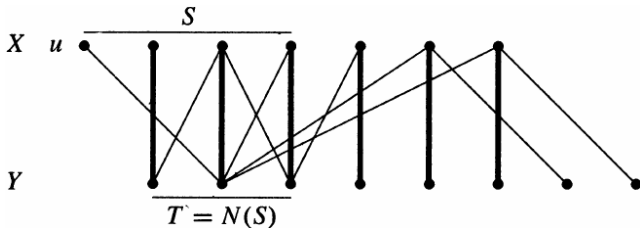
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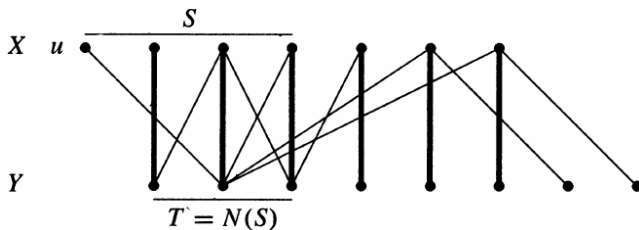
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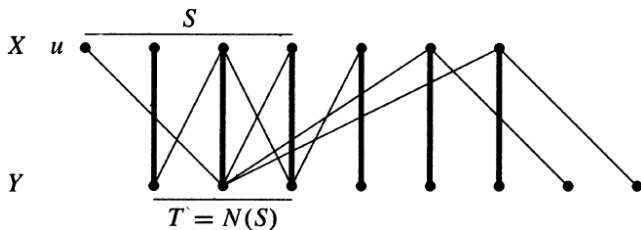
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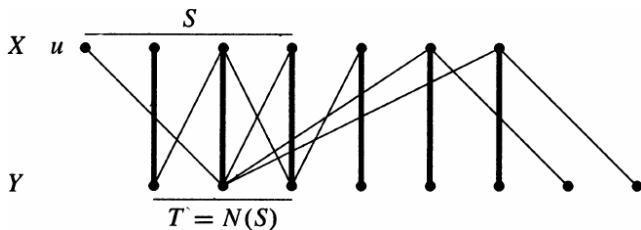


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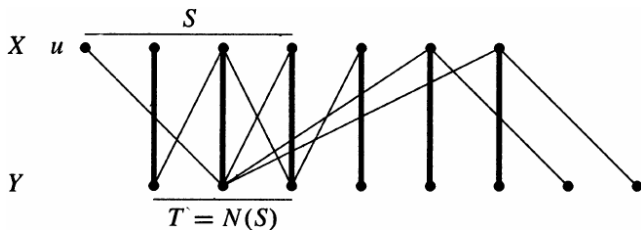


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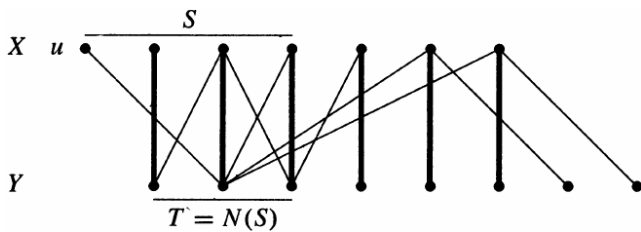
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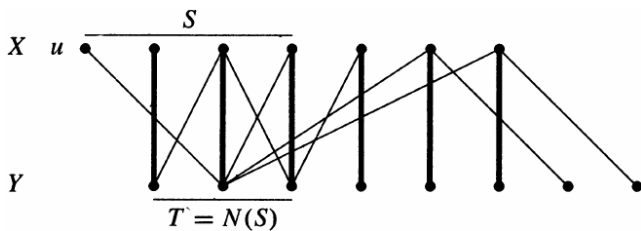
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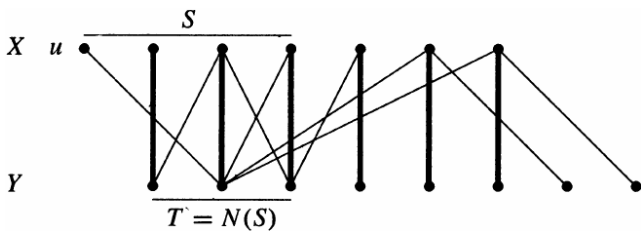


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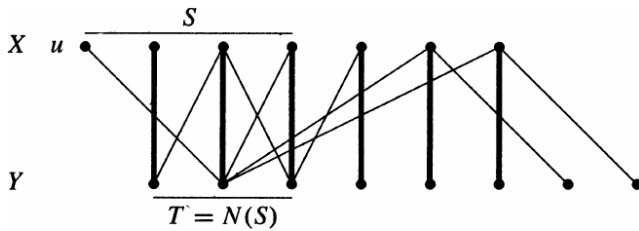
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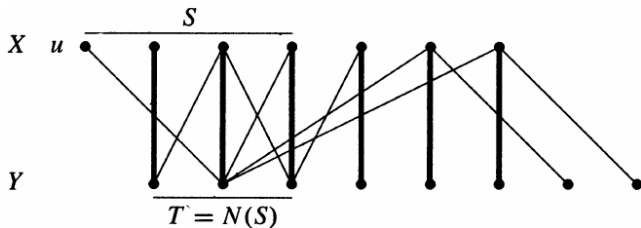


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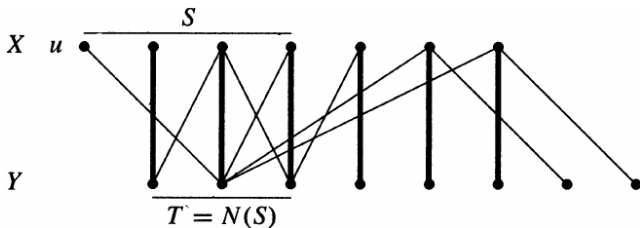


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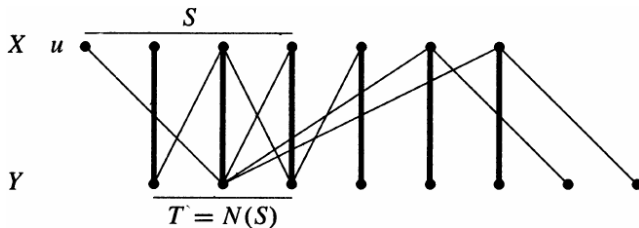
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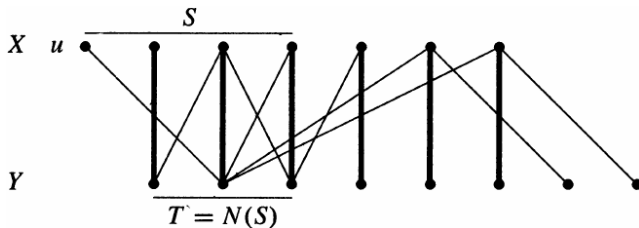


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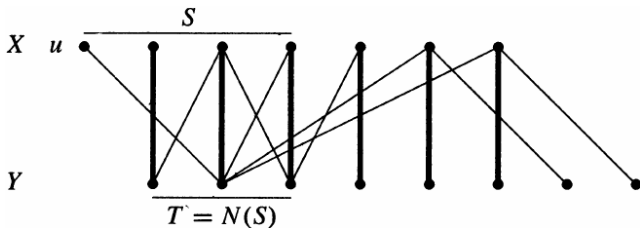
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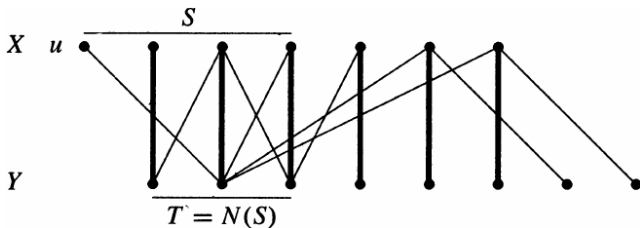
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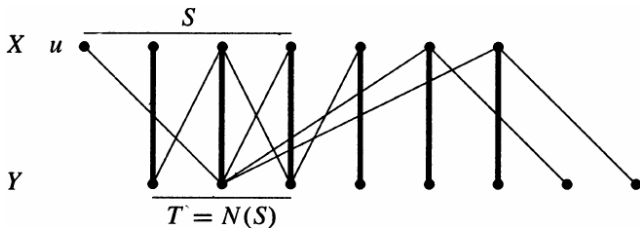
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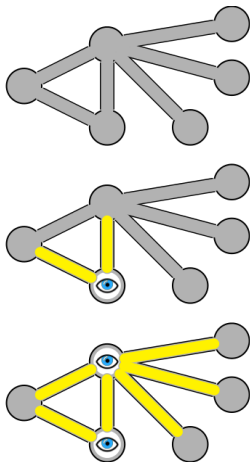
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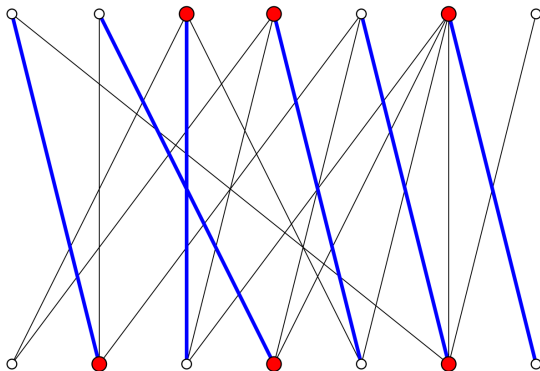
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Definitions (Vertex Cover (点覆盖))

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$$\forall e \in E(G). e \cap Q \neq \emptyset$$

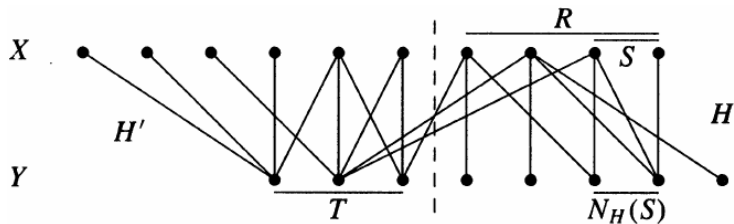


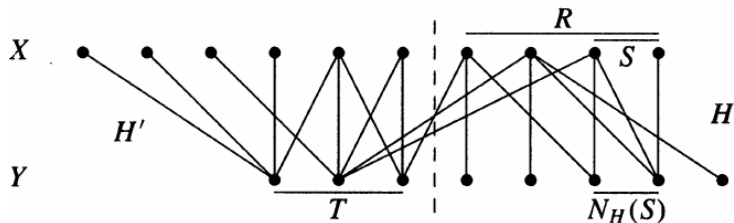


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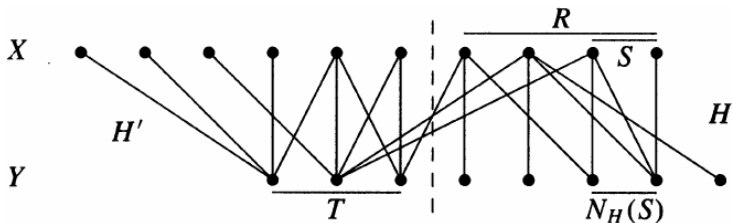
Theorem (König (1931), Egerváry (1931))

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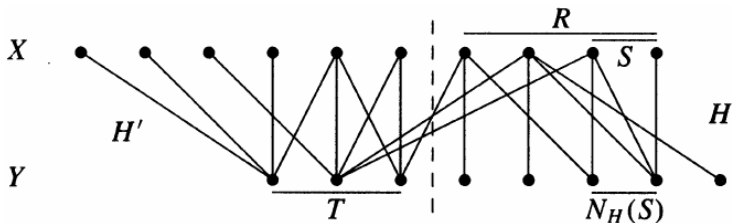
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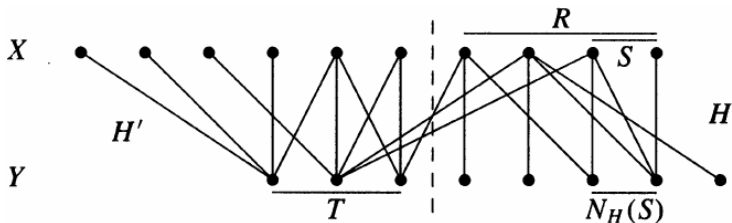


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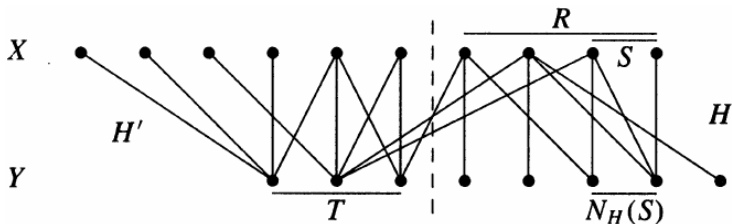
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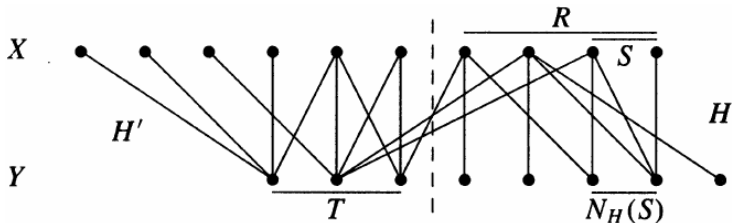
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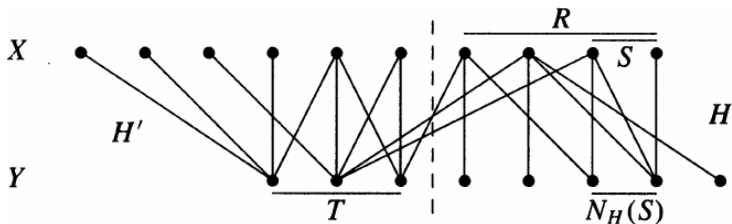


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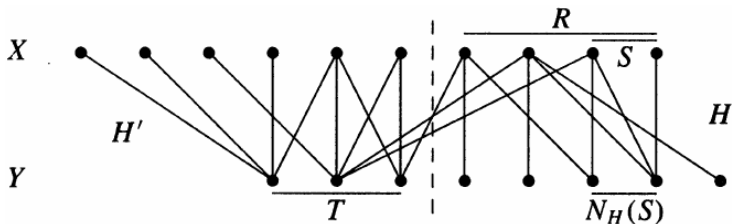
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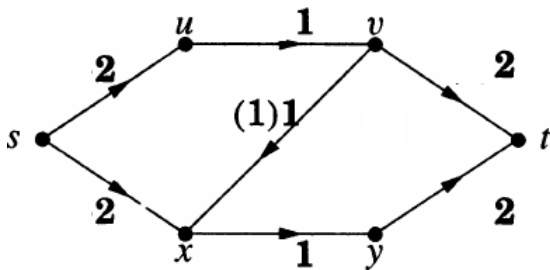
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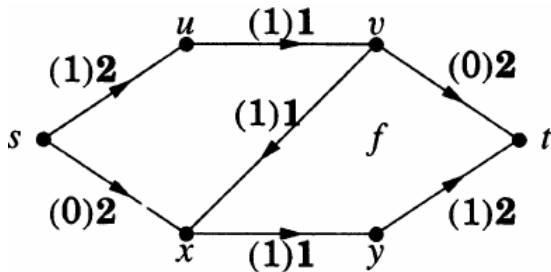
A **network** is a **digraph** with

- ▶ a distinguished **source vertex** s ,
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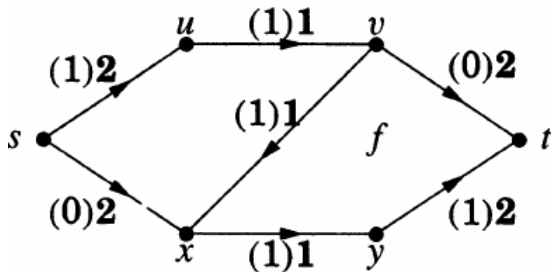
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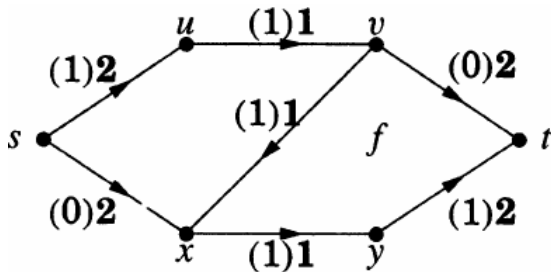
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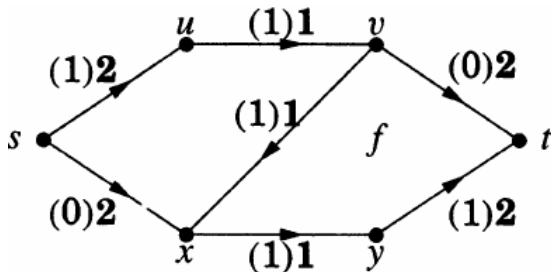
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$$\forall e \in E(G). 0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$$

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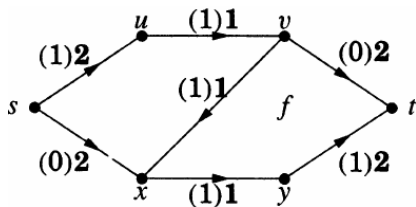
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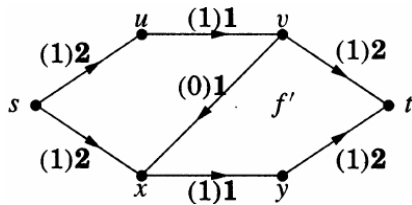
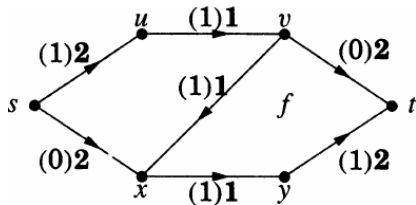
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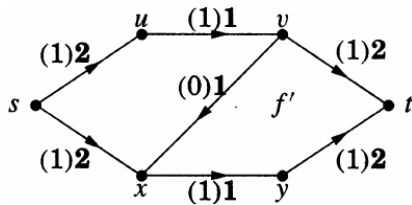
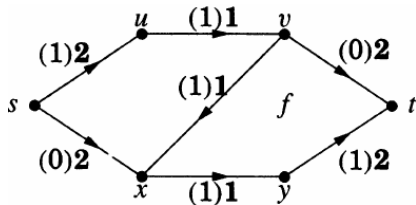
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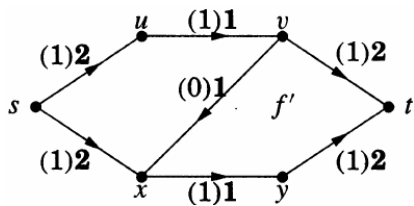
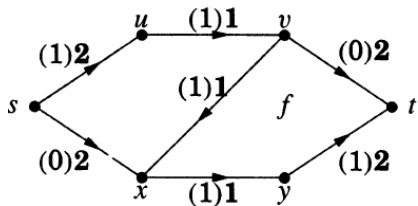
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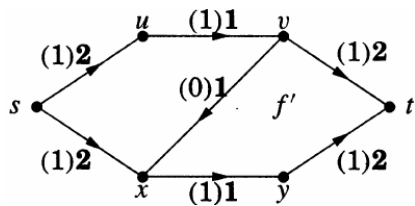
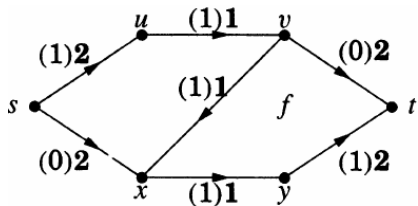
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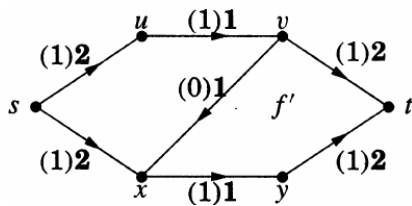
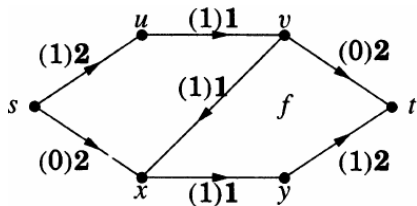
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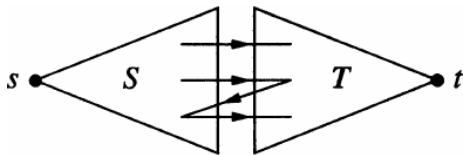
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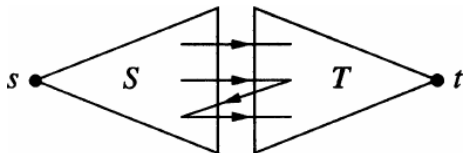
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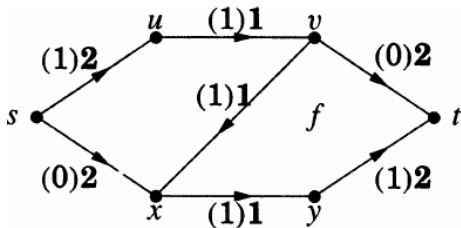
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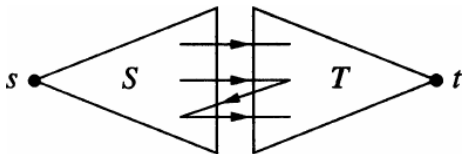
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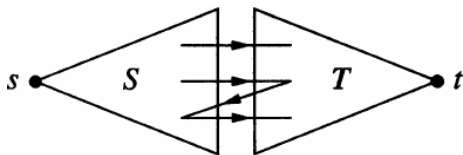
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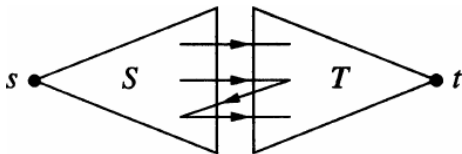


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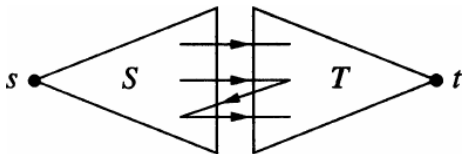


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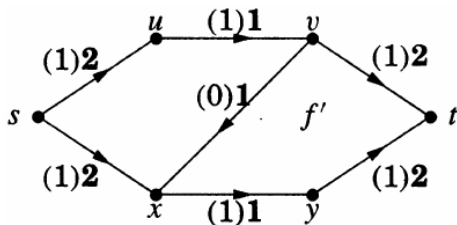
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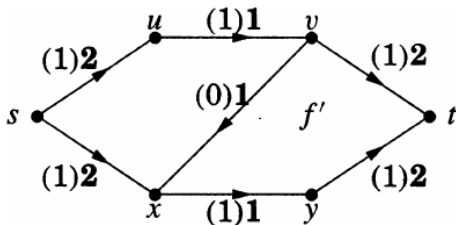
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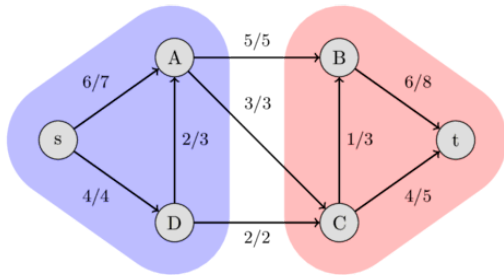
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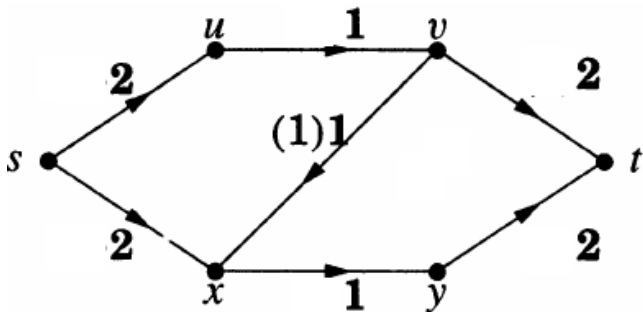
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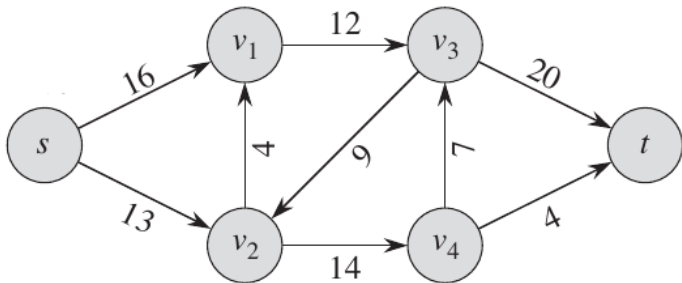
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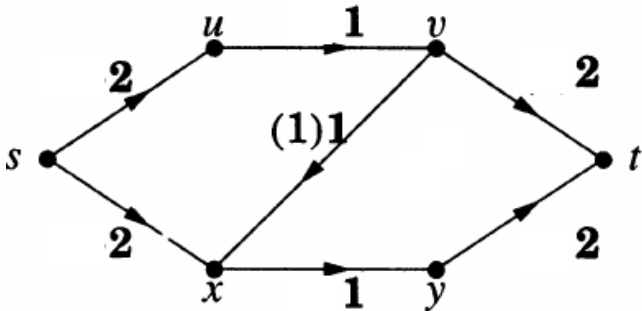


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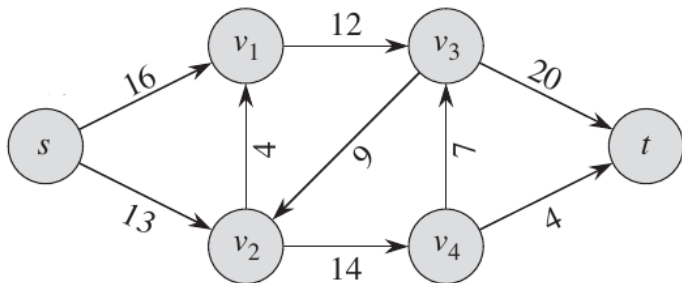
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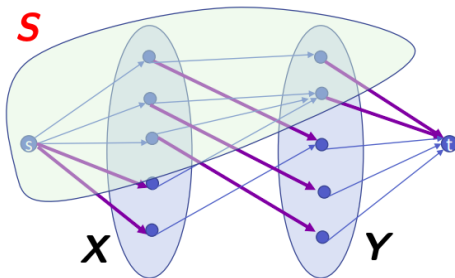
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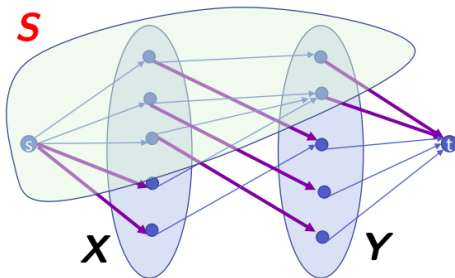


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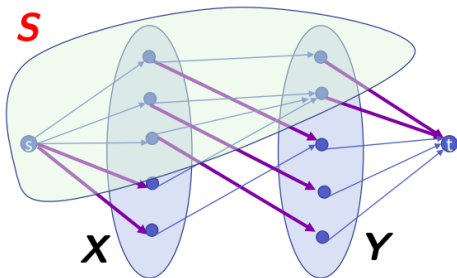
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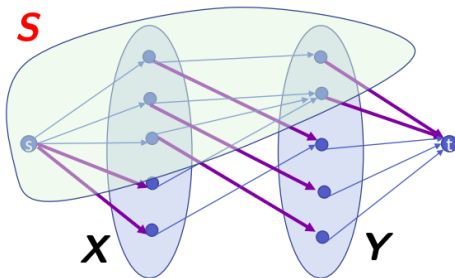
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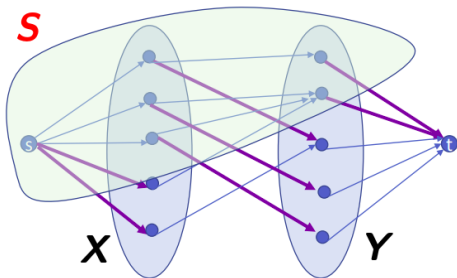


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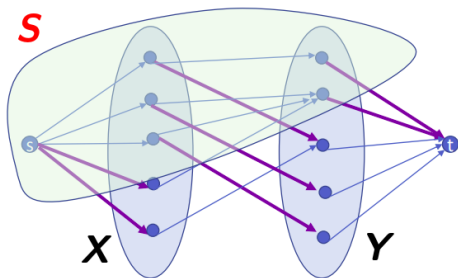
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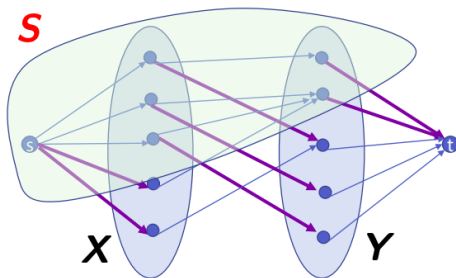
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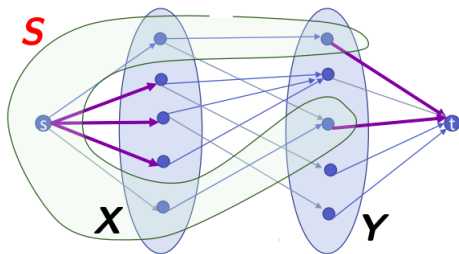


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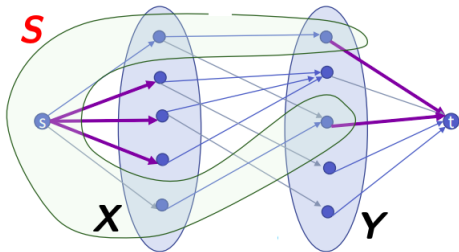


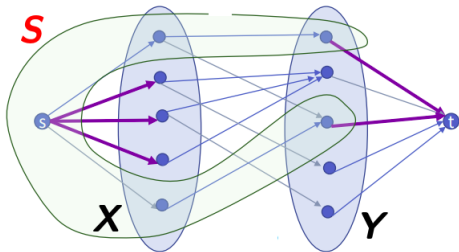
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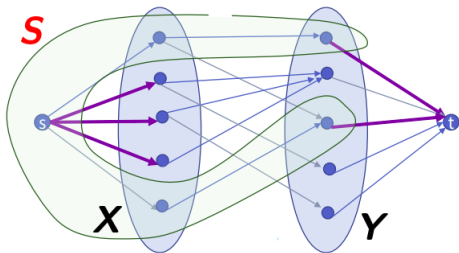


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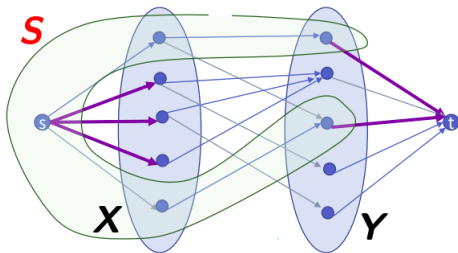




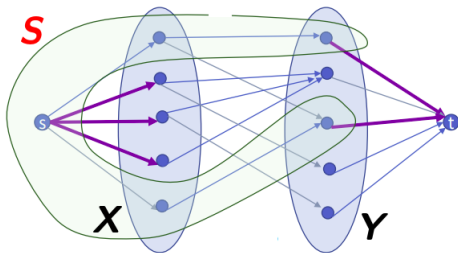
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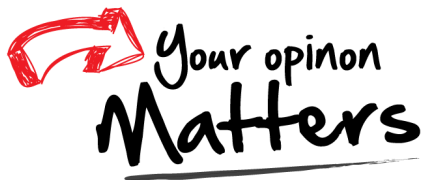
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