

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

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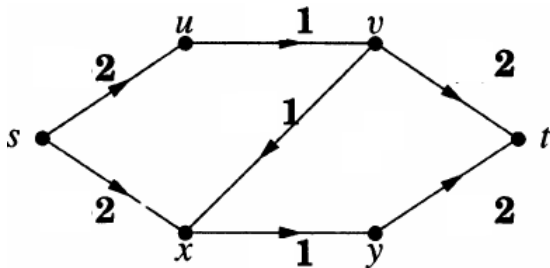
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Definition (Network (网络))

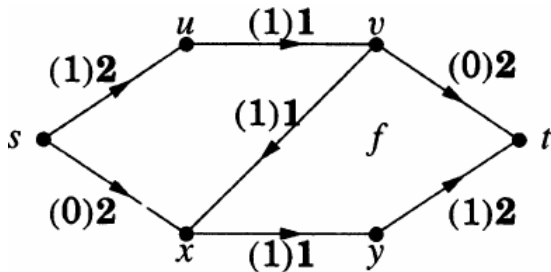
A **network** is a **digraph** with

- ▶ a distinguished **source vertex** s ,
- ▶ a distinguished **sink vertex** t ,
- ▶ a **capacity** $c(e) \geq 0$ on each edge e



Definition (Flow (流))

A **flow** f is a **function** that assigns a value $f(e)$ to each edge e .



Definition (Feasible Flow)

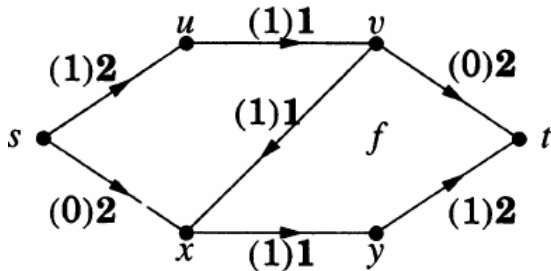
A flow f is **feasible** if it satisfies

Capacity Constraints:

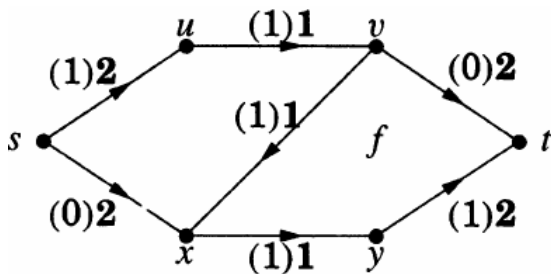
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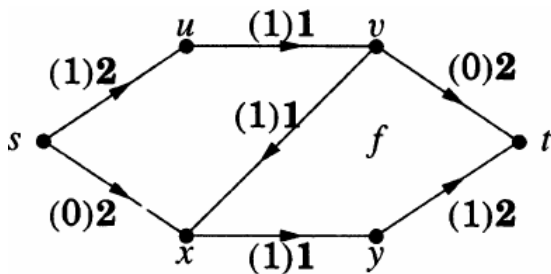
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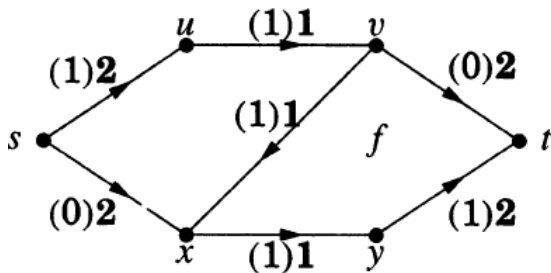


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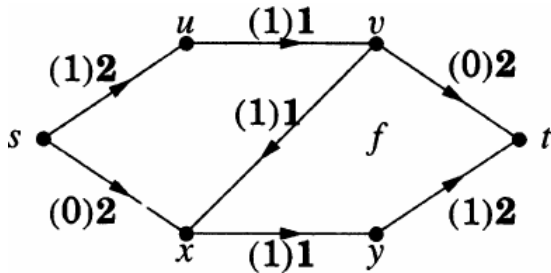


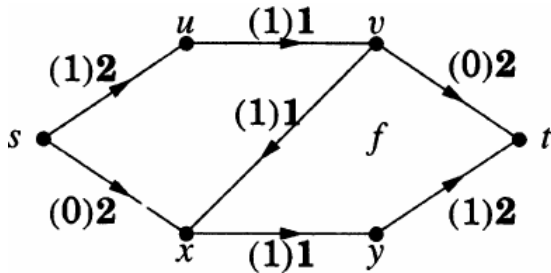
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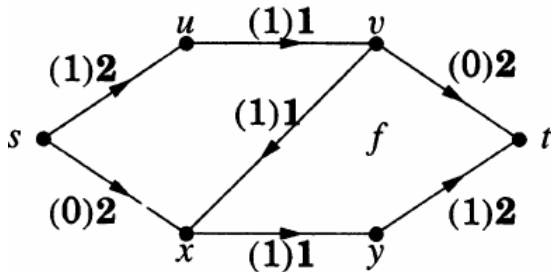


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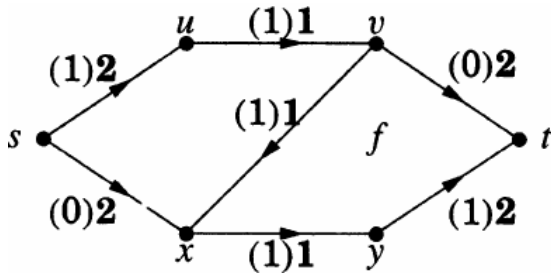


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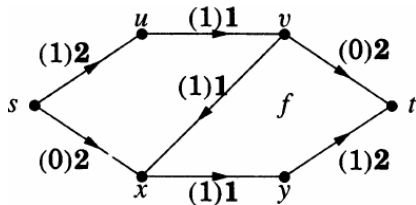
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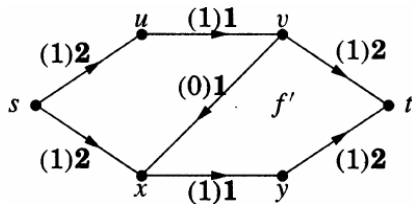
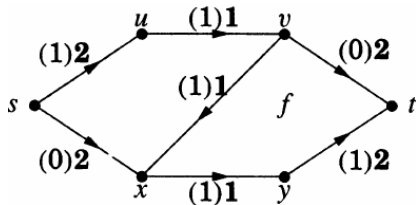
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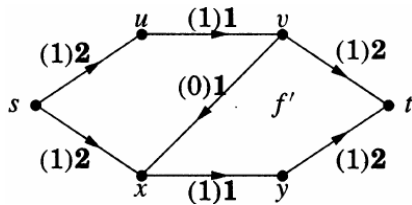
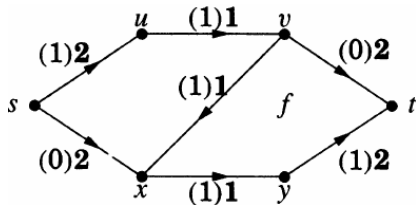
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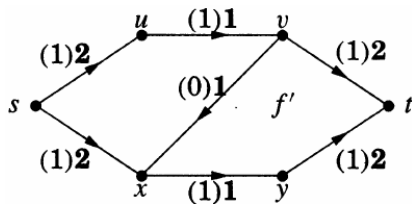
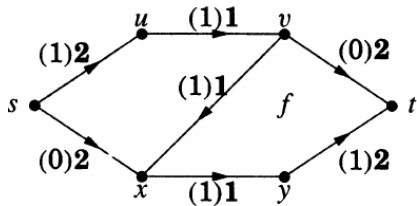
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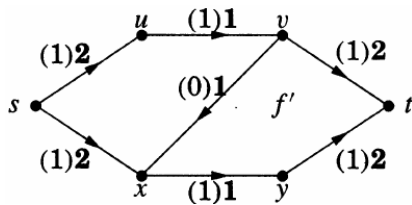
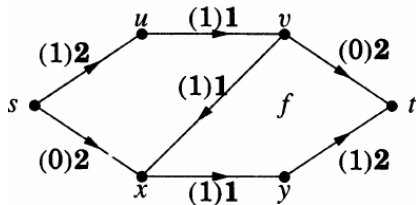
Definition (Maximum Flow (最大流))

A **maximum flow** is a **feasible flow** of maximum **value**.

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Definition (f -augmenting Paths (增广路径))

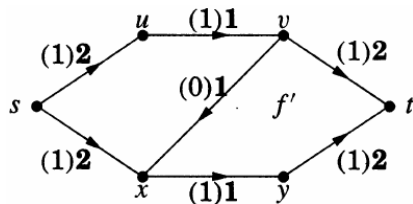
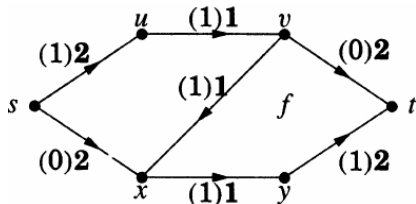
When f is a feasible flow, an **f -augmenting path** is a $s \sim t$ path P in the underlying graph such that for each edge $e \in E(P)$,

- (a) if P follows e in the forward direction, then $f(e) < c(e)$;
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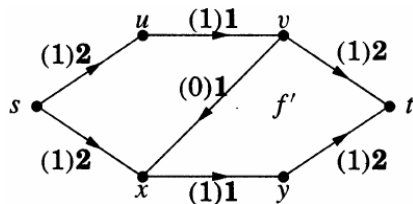
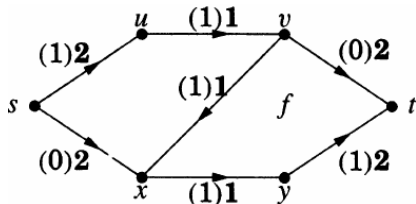
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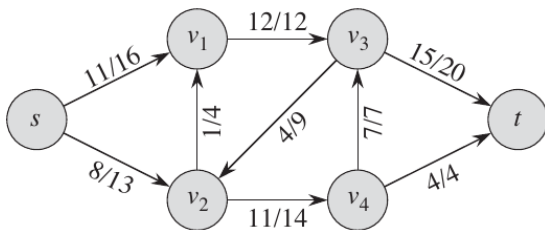
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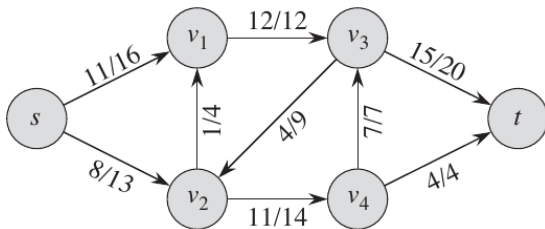
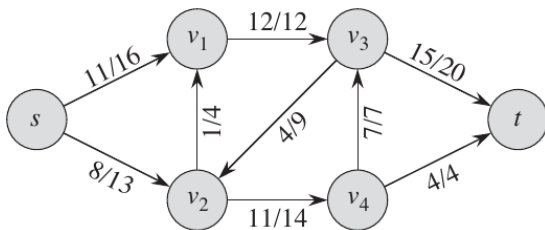
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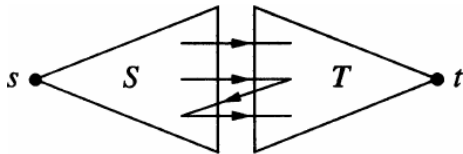


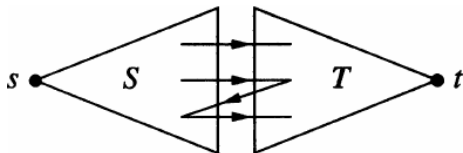


Definition (Source/Sink Cut (割))

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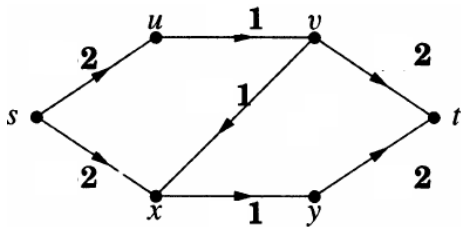
$$(T = V - S) \wedge (s \in S) \wedge (t \in T)$$

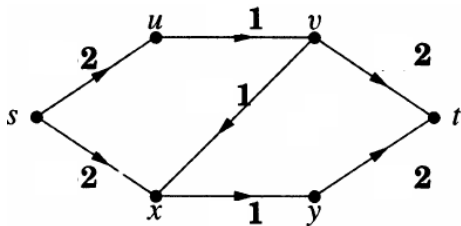




Definition (Capacity of Cut (割的容量))

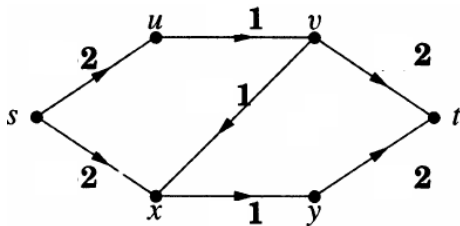
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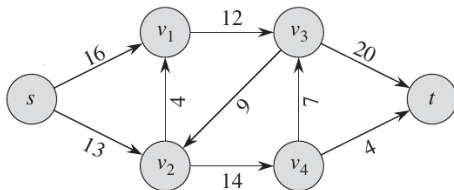
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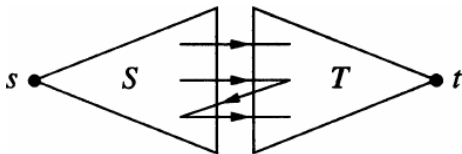
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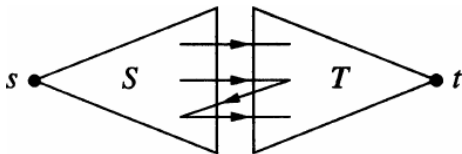
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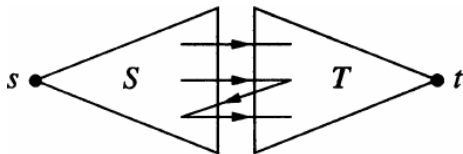


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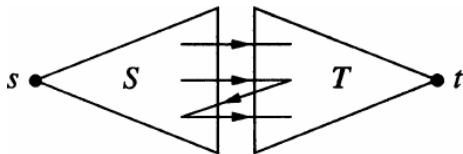


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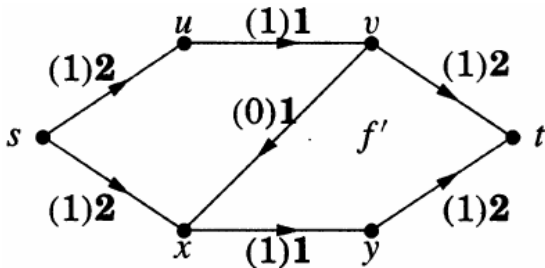
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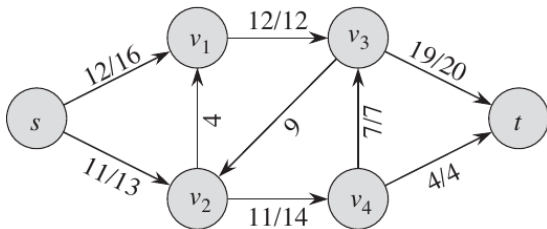
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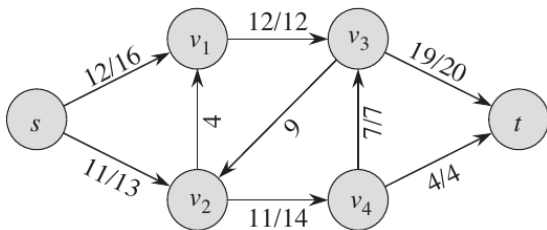
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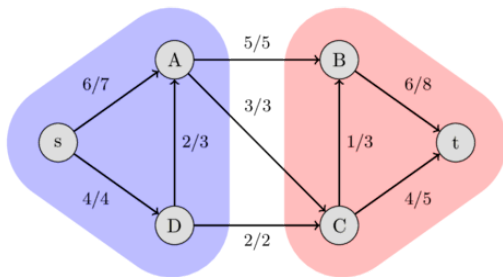
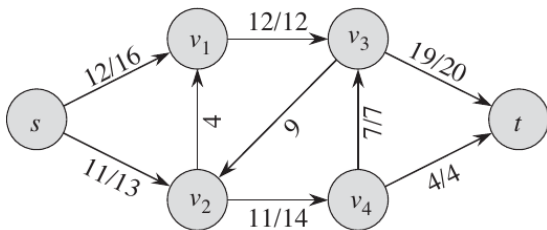


L. R. Ford Jr. (1927 ~ 2017)



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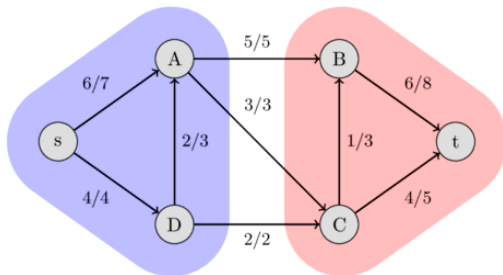
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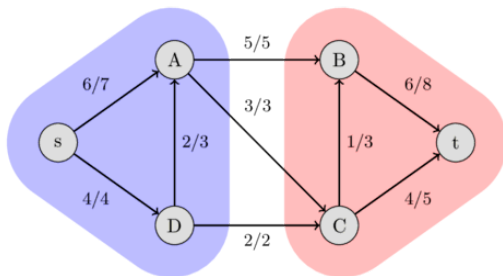
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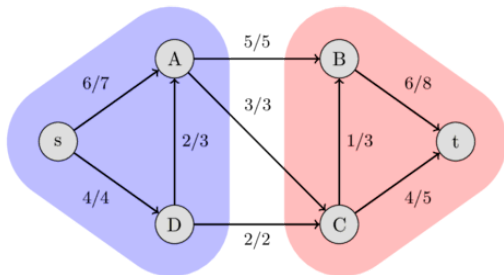
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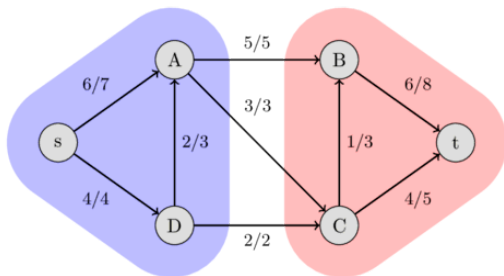
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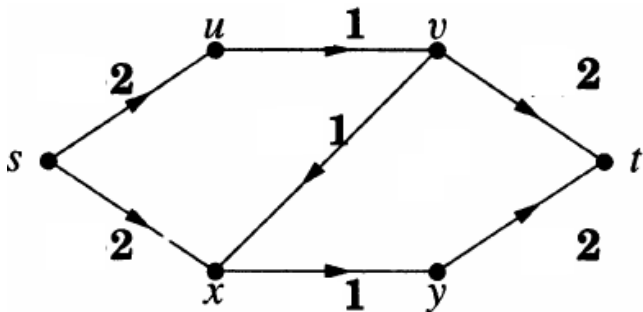
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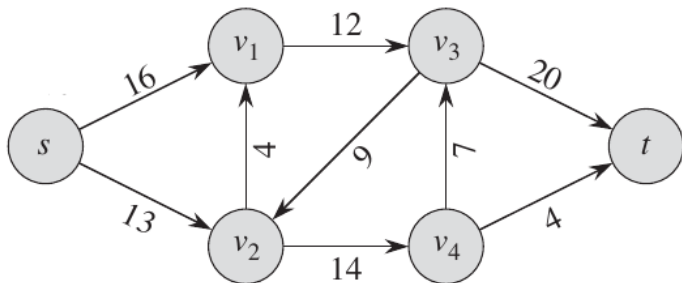
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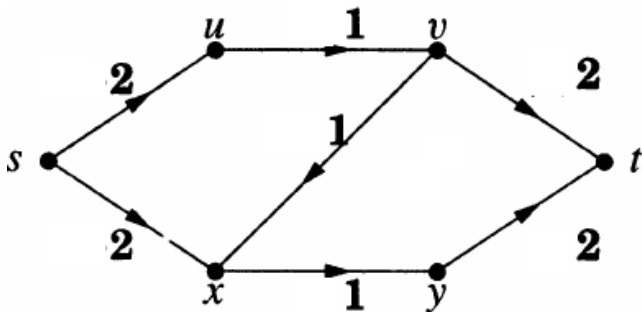


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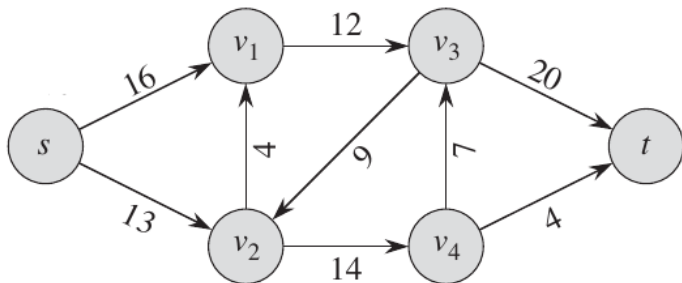
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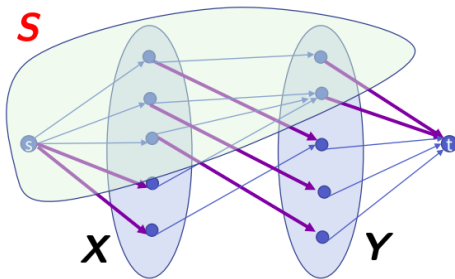
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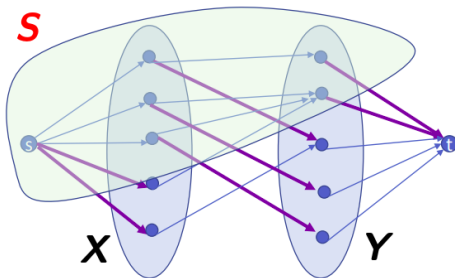


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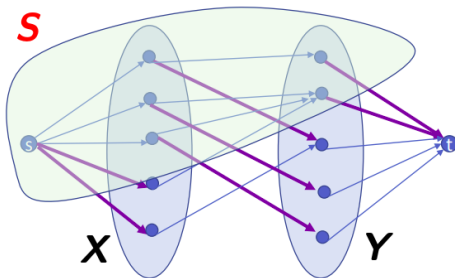
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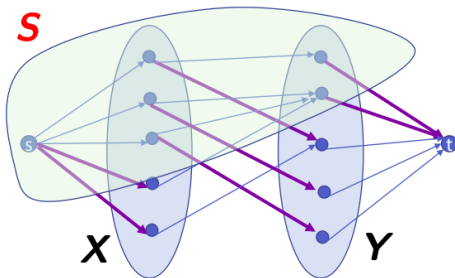
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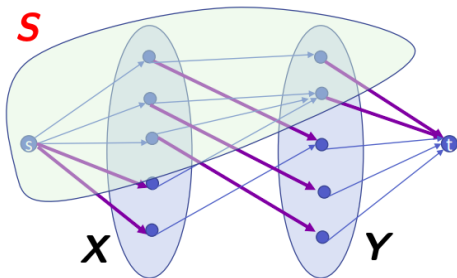


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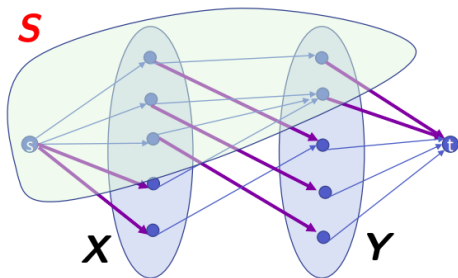
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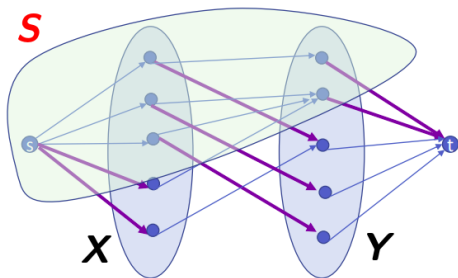
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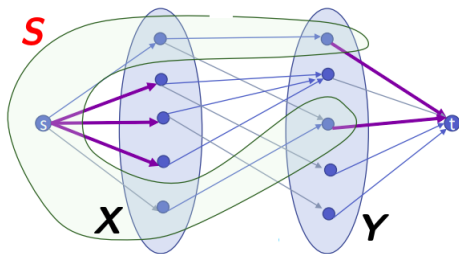


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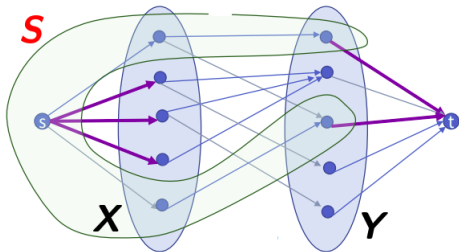


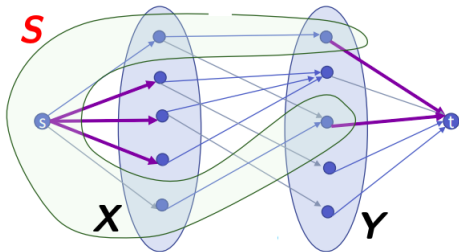
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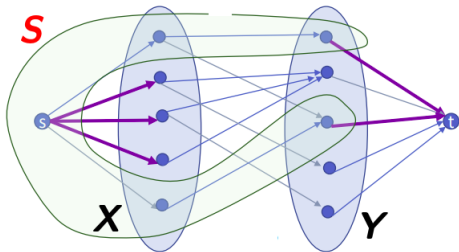


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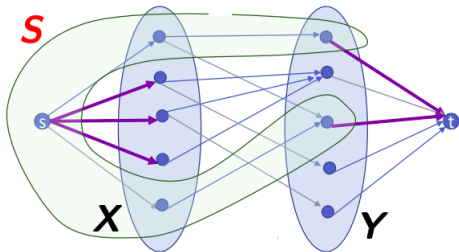




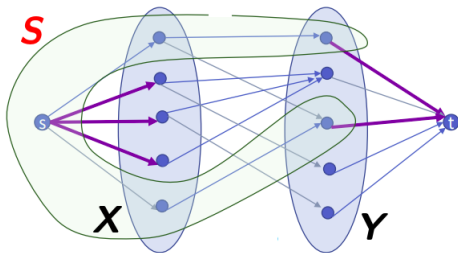
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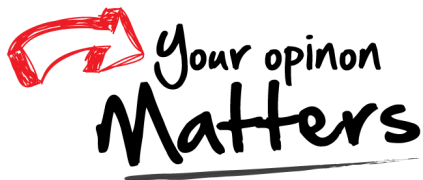
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