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

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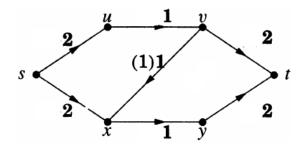
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### Definition (Network (网络))

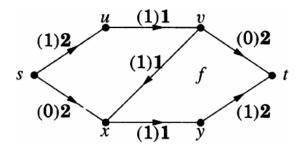
### A network is a digraph with

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



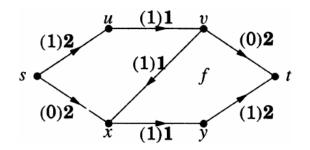
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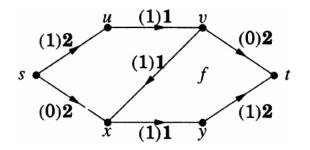
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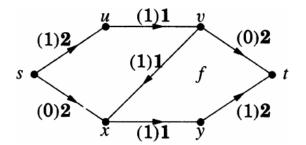
A flow f is feasible if it satisfies

Capacity Constraints:

$$\forall e \in E(G). \ 0 \le f(e) \le c(e)$$

Conservation Constraints:

$$\forall v \in V(G) - \{s, t\}. \ f^+(v) = f^-(v)$$



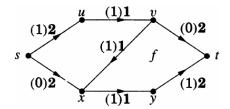


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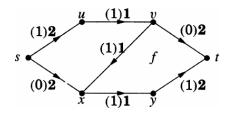
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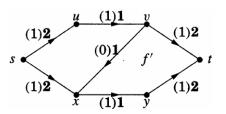


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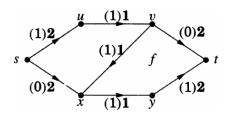


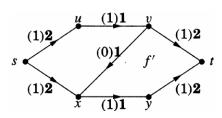


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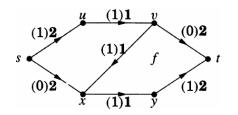


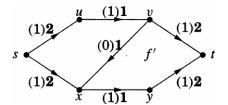


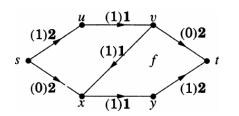
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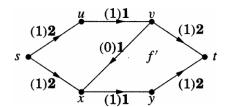
A maximum flow is a feasible flow of maximum value.

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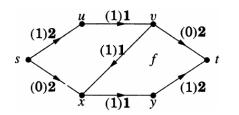


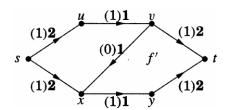






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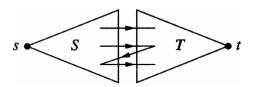
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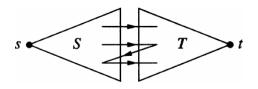
$$\min_{e \in E(P)} \epsilon(e)$$

# Definition (Source/Sink Cut (割))

In a network, a source/sink cut [S, T] consists of the edges from a source set S to a sink set T, where

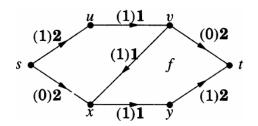
$$V = S \uplus T \land s \in S \land t \in T$$





# Definition (Capacity of Cut (割的容量))

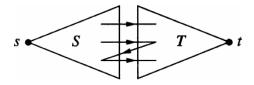
$$\operatorname{cap}(S,T) = \sum_{u \in S, v \in T, uv \in E} c(uv)$$



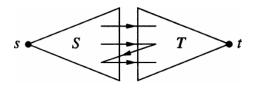
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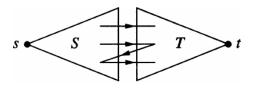


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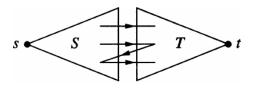
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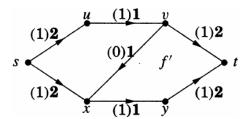
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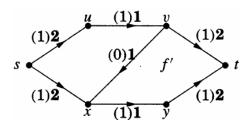
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## Theorem (Max-flow Min-cut Theorem (Ford and Fulkerson; 1956))

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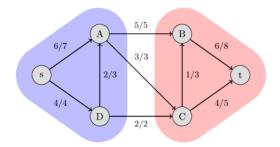


L. R. Ford Jr.  $(1927 \sim 2017)$ 



D. R. Fulkerson (1924  $\sim$  1976)

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A feasible flow f is maximum iff there are no f-augmenting paths.

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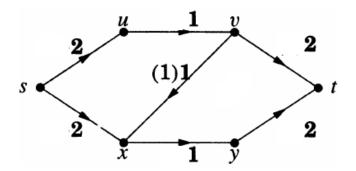


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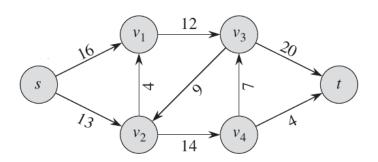
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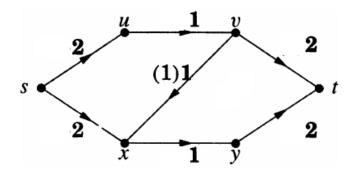


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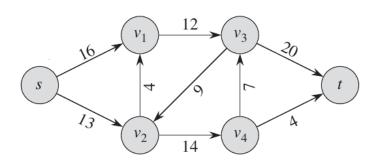
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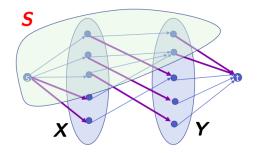
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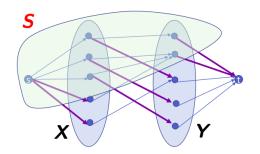


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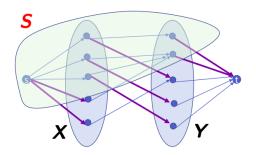
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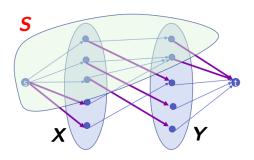
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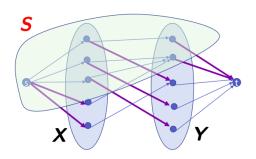


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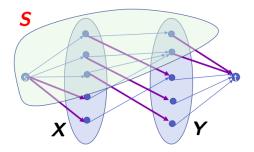


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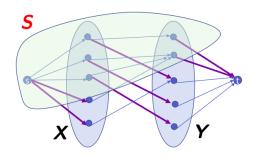
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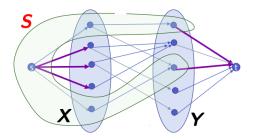
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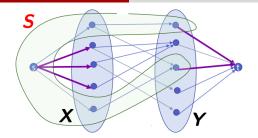
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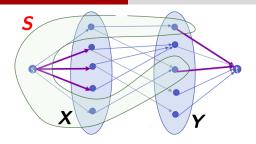
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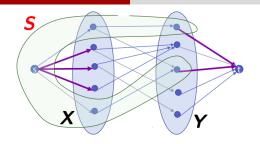
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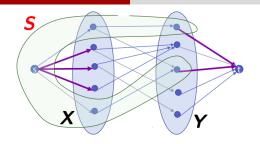




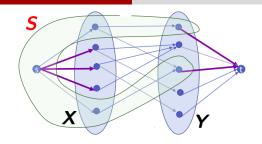
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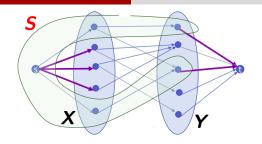
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