

Network Flow

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1 Problem

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2 Definitions

1. Flow Network: A directed graph $G(V, E)$ with 2 special vertices source $s \in V$ and sink $t \in V$, equipped with a capacity function $c: V \times V \rightarrow R_+$ (including 0)

2. Flow: $f: V \times V \rightarrow R_+$, s.t.

- Capacity Constraint: $\forall u, v \in V, 0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$ ($f(u, v) = c(u, v) = 0$ if $(u, v) \notin E$)
- Flow Conservation: $\forall u \in V - \{s, t\}, \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v)$ (i.e. inflow == outflow)

3. The Value of a Flow: $|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)$ (i.e. the net outflow of source s)

4. Residual Capacity:

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

assuming $\forall u, v \in V$, at most one of (u, v) and (v, u) exists.

5. Residual Network: $G_f = (V, E_f)$, where $E_f = \{(u, v) \in V \times V : c_f(u, v) > 0\}$, equipped with residual capacity c_f . (s, t remains the same of course)

6. Augmenting Path: a simple path p in G_f from s to t

7. Residual Capacity of p: $c_f(p) = \min\{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \in p\}$

8. s-t Cut: $C = (S, T)$ where $S \subset V$, $T = V - S$, $s \in S, t \in T$. The number of s-t Cuts is 2^{V-2}

9. Net Flow cross the Cut (S, T): $f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u)$

10. Capacity of Cut (S, T): $c(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v)$

11. **Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem:** Given a flow network $G=(V,E)$, a flow f on it, a source s and a sink t, the following statements are equivalent:

- f is a max flow of G.
- there is no augmenting path in the residual network G_f
- $\exists C = (S, T)$, $|f| = c(S, T)$

Max Flow: a flow f s.t. $\forall \text{flow } f', |f'| \leq |f|$

Min Cut: a cut $C=(S,T)$ s.t. $\forall \text{cut } C' = (S', T'), c(S, T) \leq c(S', T')$
(the cut in c is actually a min cut)

Lemma: $\forall C = (S, T), |f| = f(S, T) \leq c(S, T)$

3 Ford-Fulkerson Method

Ford-Fulkerson Method:

- Initialize flow $f(u, v) = 0$, for all $u, v \in V$, and G_f accordingly ($c_f = c$)
- While there exists augmenting path p, update f along p: for $(u, v) \in p$, if $(u, v) \in E, f(u, v) + = c_f(p)$; if $(u, v) \notin E, f(v, u) - = c_f(p)$
- When the loop in 2 ends, we get a max flow f

Traditional FF algorithm uses DFS to search for augmenting path, with a time complexity of $O(E|f^*|)$, where $|f^*|$ is the value of a max flow f^* , because each DFS costs $O(V + E) = O(E)$ (assume every $u \in V$ can be

reached from s , then $E \geq V - 1, V = O(E)$, and assuming c is a integer-valued function (rational-valued can be scaled to be integer-valued), each loop increases $|f|$ at least by 1, and loop ends when $|f|$ reaches $|f^*|$, $O(|f^*|)$ loops in total.

4 Edmonds-Karp

We use BFS to search for augmenting path.

Time Complexity $O(VE^2)$, because each edge can become a critical edge (the edge with minimum residual capacity in an augmenting path) at most $O(V/2)$ times, so $O(VE)$ critical edges in total, and each loop decreases the number of critical edges by at least 1, $O(VE)$ loops, and each loop $O(E)$ for BFS.

5 Dinic

1. Initialize $f = 0, c_f = c, ans = 0$
2. Use BFS to calculate the distance of any node u from s in G_f , $dis[s] = 0, dis[u] :=$ the length of a shortest path from s to u in G_f . If $dis[t] = +\infty$, the algorithm ends and we return ans as the value of max flow.
3. Use DFS to augment flow f : Starting from $u = s$ (and mark $vis[s] = 1$), we can go to any v s.t. $dis[v] = dis[u] + 1, cf[u][v] > 0, vis[v] = 0$. In the meanwhile, maintain a Min to record the maximal amount of flow we can augment (i.e. the minimal cf in the path from s to u).

The return value of $dfs(u)$ is the sum of the augmented amount of flow on all outedges of u , and the return value of $dfs(t)$ is actually the Min up till t .

Every time we return from $dfs(v)$ (let $sub = dfs(v)$), we update the value of f and cf : if $c[u][v] > 0, f[u][v] + = sub, cf[u][v] - = sub, cf[v][u] + = sub$; if $c[v][u] > 0, f[v][u] - = sub, cf[v][u] - = sub, cf[u][v] + = sub$. And update $Min -= sub$ (this Min is corresponding to the path from s to u).

Update $ans : ans += dfs(s)$

4. Go to 2

Time Complexity $O(V^2E)$. (don't know why)

6 Solutions

6.1 Edmonds-Karp

Listing 1: Edmonds-Karp

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1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3 #include <climits>
4 #include <queue>
5 #define ll long long
6 #define INF LLONG_MAX
7 using namespace std;
8
9 // EdmondsKarp: use bfs to search for augmenting paths
10 inline bool bfs(vector<vector<ll>>& f, vector<vector<ll>>& c, vector<
    vector<ll>>& cf, int s, int t) {
11     int V = cf.size() - 1;
12
13     queue<int> q;
14     q.push(s);
15     vector<int> vis(V + 1);
16     vis[s] = 1;
17     vector<int> pre(V + 1, -1);
18
19     while (!q.empty()) {
20         int u = q.front();
21         q.pop();
22
23         if (u == t) {
24             ll aug = INF;
25
26             while (pre[u] != -1) {
27                 aug = min(aug, cf[pre[u]][u]);
28                 u = pre[u];
29             }
30
31             u = t;
32             while (pre[u] != -1) {
33                 if (c[pre[u]][u] > 0) {

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34         f[pre[u]][u] += aug;
35         cf[pre[u]][u] = c[pre[u]][u] - f[pre[u]][u];
36         cf[u][pre[u]] = f[pre[u]][u];
37     }
38     else if (c[u][pre[u]] > 0) {
39         f[u][pre[u]] -= aug;
40         cf[u][pre[u]] = c[u][pre[u]] - f[u][pre[u]];
41         cf[pre[u]][u] = f[u][pre[u]];
42     }
43
44     u = pre[u];
45 }
46
47 while (!q.empty()) q.pop();
48 return true;
49 }
50
51 for (int v = 1; v <= V; ++v) {
52     if (vis[v] == 0 && cf[u][v] > 0) {
53         q.push(v);
54         vis[v] = 1;
55         pre[v] = u;
56     }
57 }
58 }
59
60 return false;
61 }
62
63 inline ll EdmondsKarp(vector<vector<ll>>& c, int s, int t) {
64     int V = c.size() - 1;
65
66     vector<vector<ll>> f(V + 1, vector<ll>(V + 1)); // flow
67     vector<vector<ll>> cf(V + 1, vector<ll>(V + 1)); // residual network
68     for (int u = 1; u <= V; ++u) {
69         for (int v = 1; v <= V; ++v) {
70             cf[u][v] = c[u][v];
71         }
72     }
73
74     while (bfs(f, c, cf, s, t));
75
76     ll maxFlow = 0;
77     for (int u = 1; u <= V; ++u) maxFlow += (ll)f[s][u] + (ll)f[u][s];
78     return maxFlow;
79 }

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80
81 inline void eliminateAntiparallel(vector<vector<ll>>& c) {
82     int V = c.size() - 1;
83
84     for (int u = 1; u <= V; ++u) {
85         for (int v = u + 1; v <= V; ++v) {
86             if (c[u][v] > 0 && c[v][u] > 0) {
87                 int cur = c.size();
88                 c.push_back(vector<ll>(cur + 1));
89                 for (int i = 1; i < cur; ++i) {
90                     c[i].push_back(0);
91                 }
92
93                 c[u][cur] = c[u][v];
94                 c[cur][v] = c[u][v];
95                 c[u][v] = 0;
96             }
97         }
98     }
99 }
100
101 int main() {
102     int V, E, s, t;
103     cin >> V >> E >> s >> t;
104
105     // flow network
106     vector<vector<ll>> c(V + 1, vector<ll>(V + 1, 0));
107
108     for (int i = 0; i < E; ++i) {
109         ll u, v, w;
110         cin >> u >> v >> w;
111         if (u == v) continue;
112         c[u][v] += w;
113     }
114
115     // eliminateAntiparallel(c);
116     cout << EdmondsKarp(c, s, t) << endl;
117
118     return 0;
119 }

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6.2 Dinic

Listing 2: Dinic

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1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include <climits>
4  #include <queue>
5  #define ll long long
6  #define INF LLONG_MAX
7  using namespace std;
8
9  inline bool bfs(vector<vector<ll>>& cf, vector<ll>& dis, int s, int t) {
10     int V = cf.size() - 1;
11     dis = vector<ll>(V + 1, INF);
12     dis[s] = 0;
13
14     vector<int> vis(V + 1);
15
16     queue<int> q;
17     q.push(s);
18     vis[s] = 1;
19
20     while (!q.empty()) {
21         int u = q.front();
22         q.pop();
23
24         for (int v = 1; v <= V; ++v) {
25             if (cf[u][v] > 0 && vis[v] == 0) {
26                 dis[v] = dis[u] + 1;
27                 q.push(v);
28                 vis[v] = 1;
29             }
30         }
31     }
32
33     return dis[t] != INF;
34 }
35
36 ll dfs(int u, int t, ll Min, vector<vector<ll>>& f, vector<vector<ll>>&
    cf, vector<ll>& dis, vector<vector<ll>>& c, vector<int>& vis) {
37     if (u == t) {
38         return Min;
39     }
40
41     int V = cf.size() - 1;
42     ll ret = 0;
43

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44     for (int v = 1; v <= V; ++v) {
45         if (vis[v] == 0 && dis[v] == dis[u] + 1 && cf[u][v] > 0) {
46             vis[v] = 1;
47             ll sub = dfs(v, t, min(Min, cf[u][v]), f, cf, dis, c, vis);
48             ret += sub;
49             if (c[u][v] > 0) {
50                 f[u][v] += sub;
51                 cf[u][v] -= sub;
52                 cf[v][u] += sub;
53             }
54             else if (c[v][u] > 0) {
55                 f[v][u] -= sub;
56                 cf[v][u] += sub;
57                 cf[u][v] -= sub;
58             }
59
60             Min -= sub;
61         }
62     }
63
64     return ret;
65 }
66
67 inline ll Dinic(vector<vector<ll>>& c, int s, int t) {
68     int V = c.size() - 1;
69     vector<vector<ll>> f(V + 1, vector<ll>(V + 1));
70     vector<vector<ll>> cf(c);
71     vector<ll> dis(V + 1, INF);
72     ll ans = 0;
73
74     while (bfs(cf, dis, s, t)) {
75         vector<int> vis(V + 1);
76         vis[s] = 1;
77         ans += dfs(s, t, INF, f, cf, dis, c, vis);
78     }
79
80     /*
81     ll ans2 = 0;
82     for (int v = 1; v <= V; ++v) {
83         ans2 += f[s][v] + f[v][s];
84     }
85     */
86
87     // cout << ans << endl << ans2 << endl;
88     return ans;
89 }

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90
91 int main() {
92     int V, E, s, t;
93     cin >> V >> E >> s >> t;
94
95     // flow network
96     vector<vector<ll>> c(V + 1, vector<ll>(V + 1, 0));
97
98     for (int i = 0; i < E; ++i) {
99         ll u, v, w;
100         cin >> u >> v >> w;
101         if (u == v) continue;
102         c[u][v] += w;
103     }
104
105     cout << Dinic(c, s, t) << endl;
106
107     return 0;
108 }
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source:

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