

## Pennant Race Problem

$w$  = #A's wins (assuming A wins all remaining games)

$w_i$  =  $T_i$ 's wins

$\{(T_i, T_j)\}$  = games remaining to be played

If  $w_i > w$  then no hope for A. Done.

So assume  $w_i \leq w$  for all  $i$ .

Can draw a flow graph with  $s$  pointing to each game, and each game pointing to the two participating teams, and the teams pointing to  $t$ .

Edges:

$(s, (T_i, T_j))$  with capacity 1

$((T_i, T_j), T_i), ((T_i, T_j), T_j)$  with capacity 1

$(T_i, t)$  with capacity  $w_i - w$ .

If max flow size = # games to play, then A still has hope.

Runtime  $O((\#games * 3 + \#teams) * (\#games + \#teams))$ .