

# CS4102 Algorithms

Spring 2020

## Today's Keywords

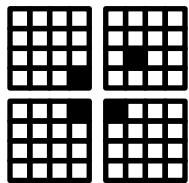
- Reductions
- Bipartite Matching

## CLRS Readings

- Chapter 34

# Divide and Conquer\*

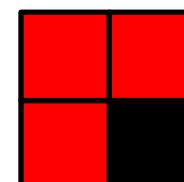
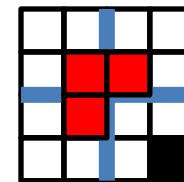
- **Divide:**



- Break the problem into multiple **subproblems**, each smaller instances of the original

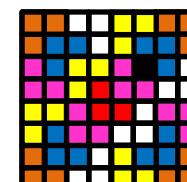
- **Conquer:**

- If the subproblems are “large”:
  - Solve each subproblem **recursively**
- If the subproblems are “small”:
  - Solve them directly (**base case**)



- **Combine:**

- Merge together solutions to subproblems



# Dynamic Programming

- Requires Optimal Substructure
  - Solution to larger problem contains the solutions to smaller ones
- Idea:
  1. Identify recursive structure of the problem
  2. Select a good order for solving subproblems
    - Usually smallest problem first

# Greedy Algorithms

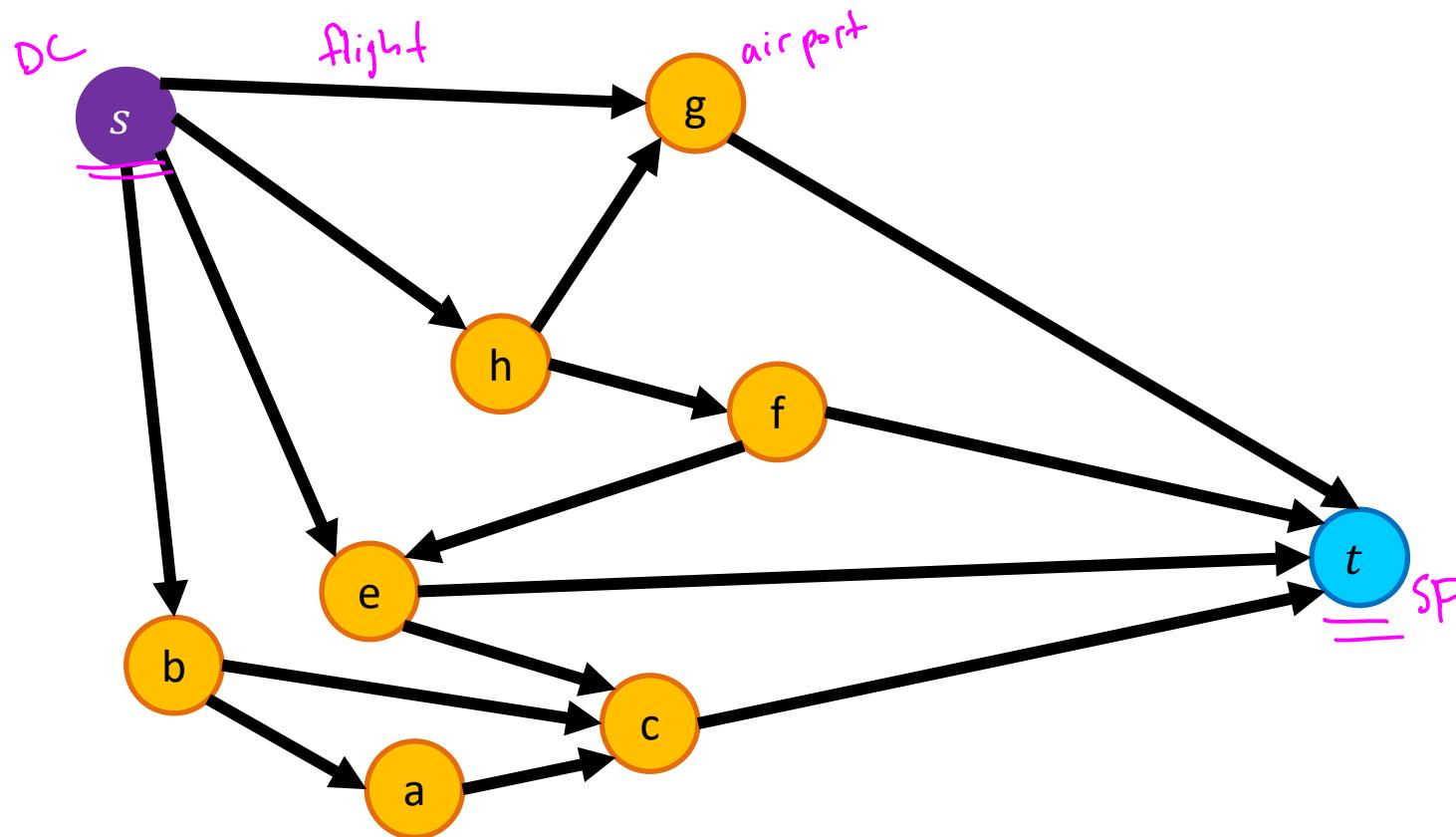
- Require Optimal Substructure
  - Solution to larger problem contains the solution to a smaller one
  - Only one subproblem to consider!
- Idea:
  1. Identify a greedy choice property
    - How to make a choice guaranteed to be included in some optimal solution
  2. Repeatedly apply the choice property until no subproblems remain

# So far

- Divide and Conquer, Dynamic Programming, Greedy
  - Take an instance of Problem A,  
relate it to smaller instances of Problem A
- Next: Reductions
  - Take an instance of Problem A,  
relate it to an instance of Problem B

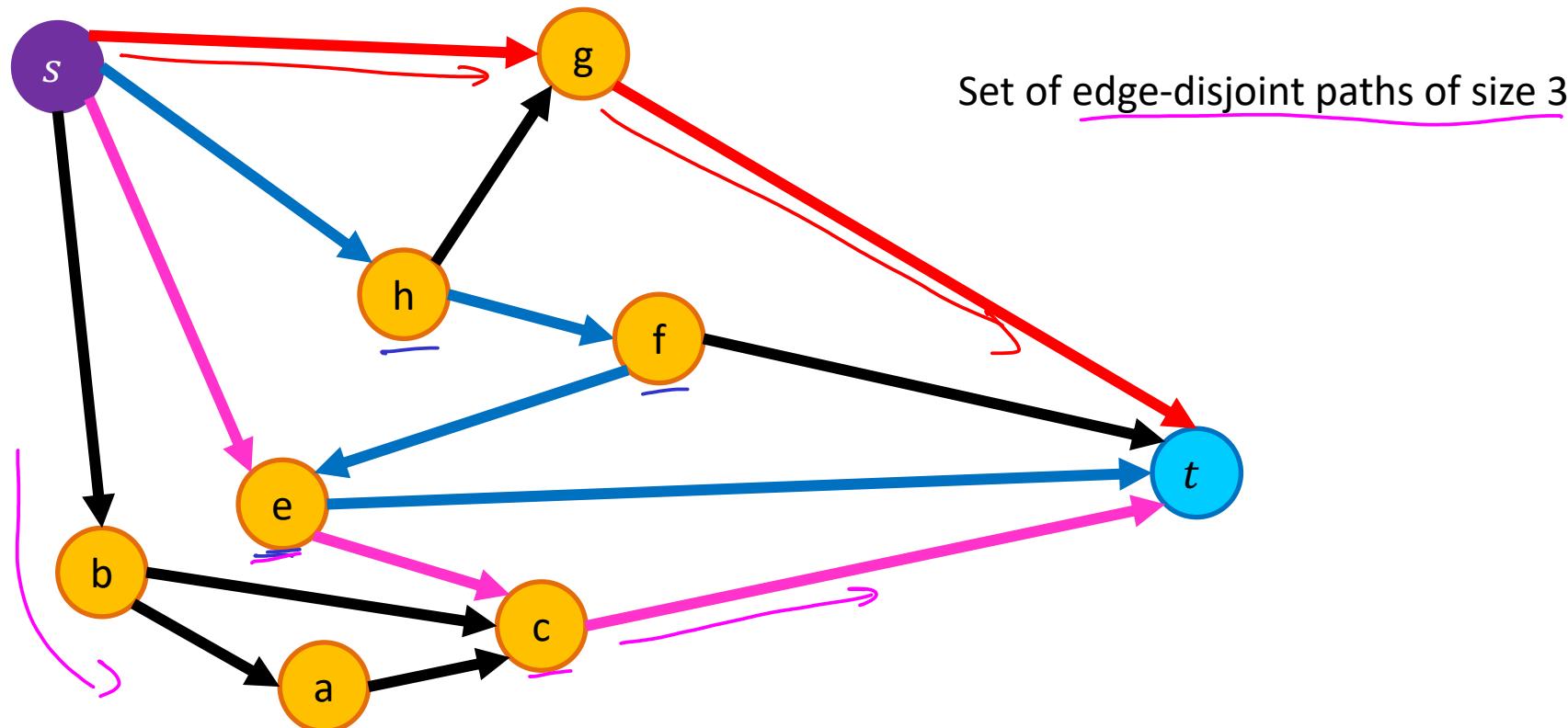
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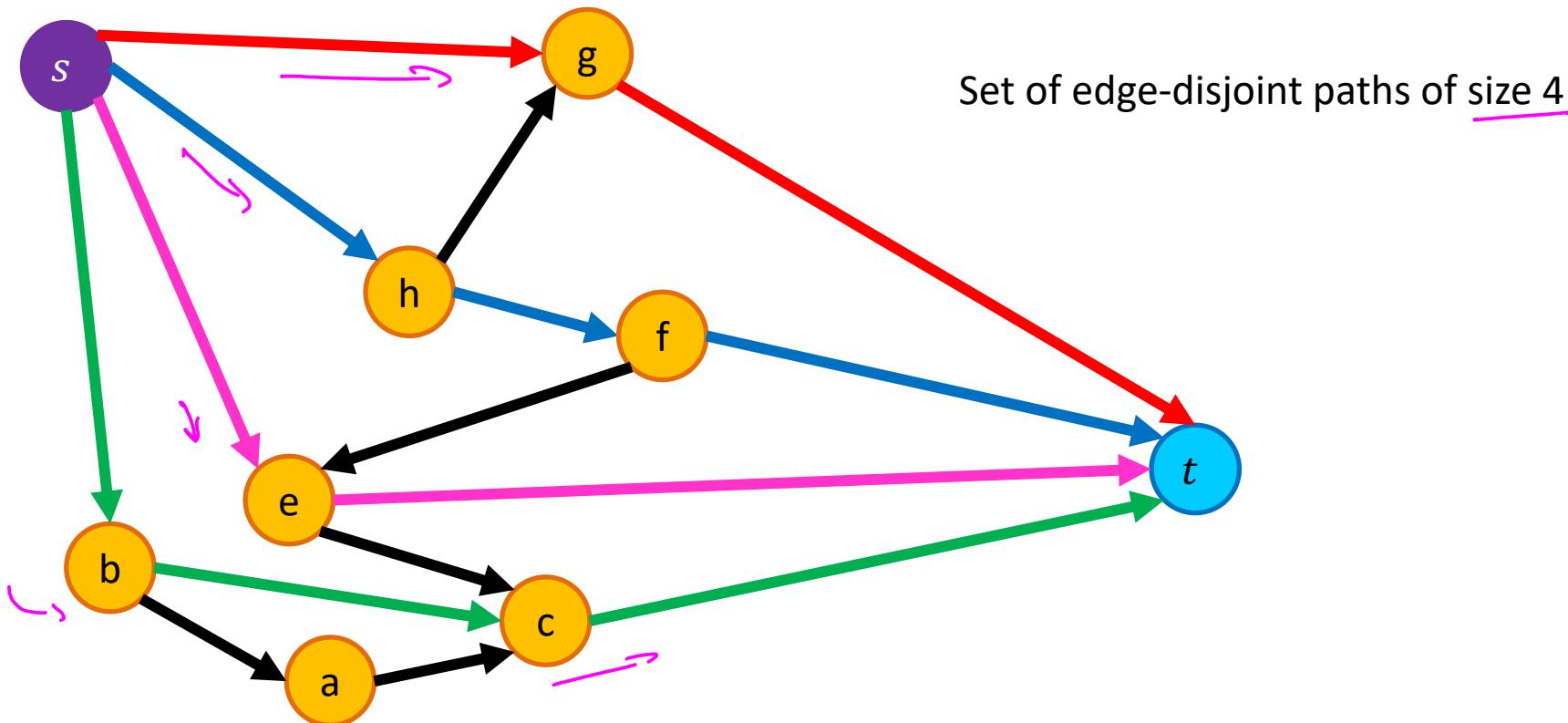
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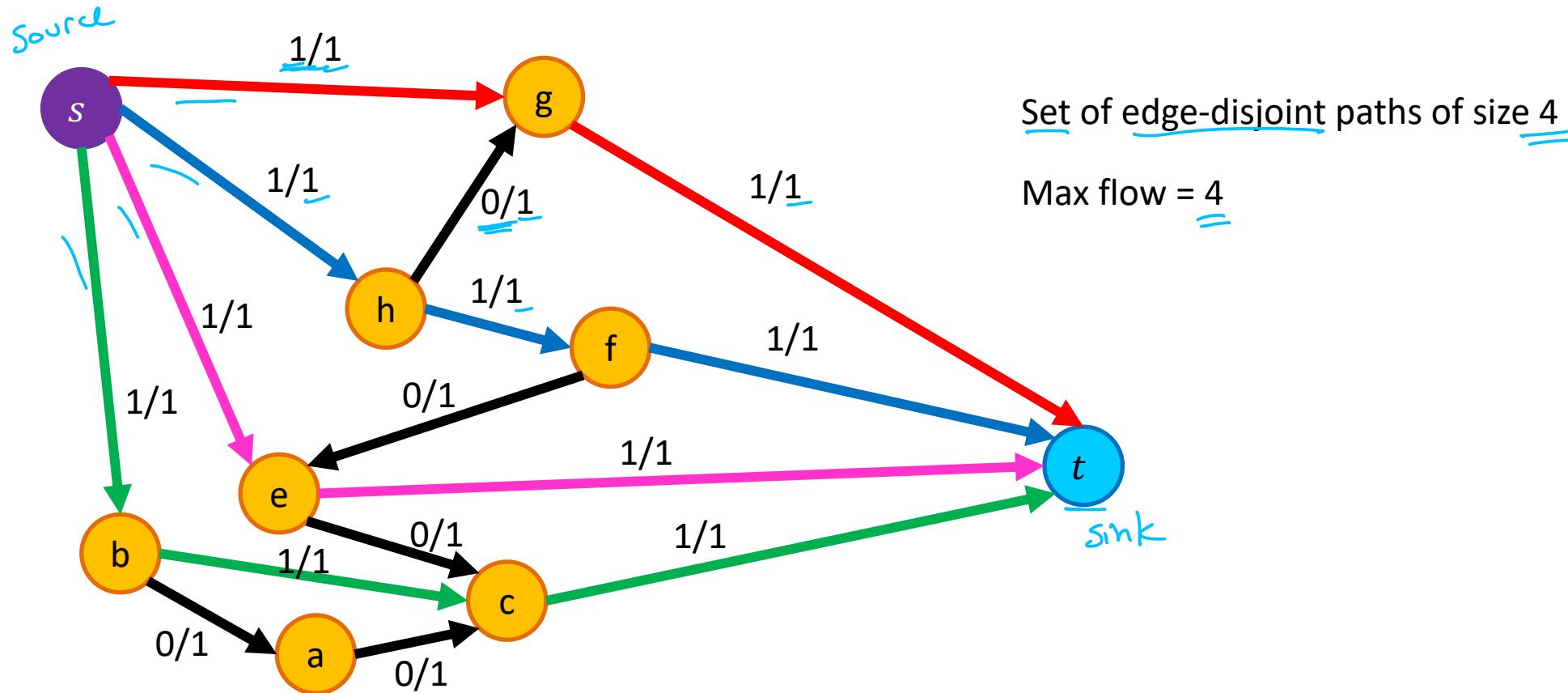
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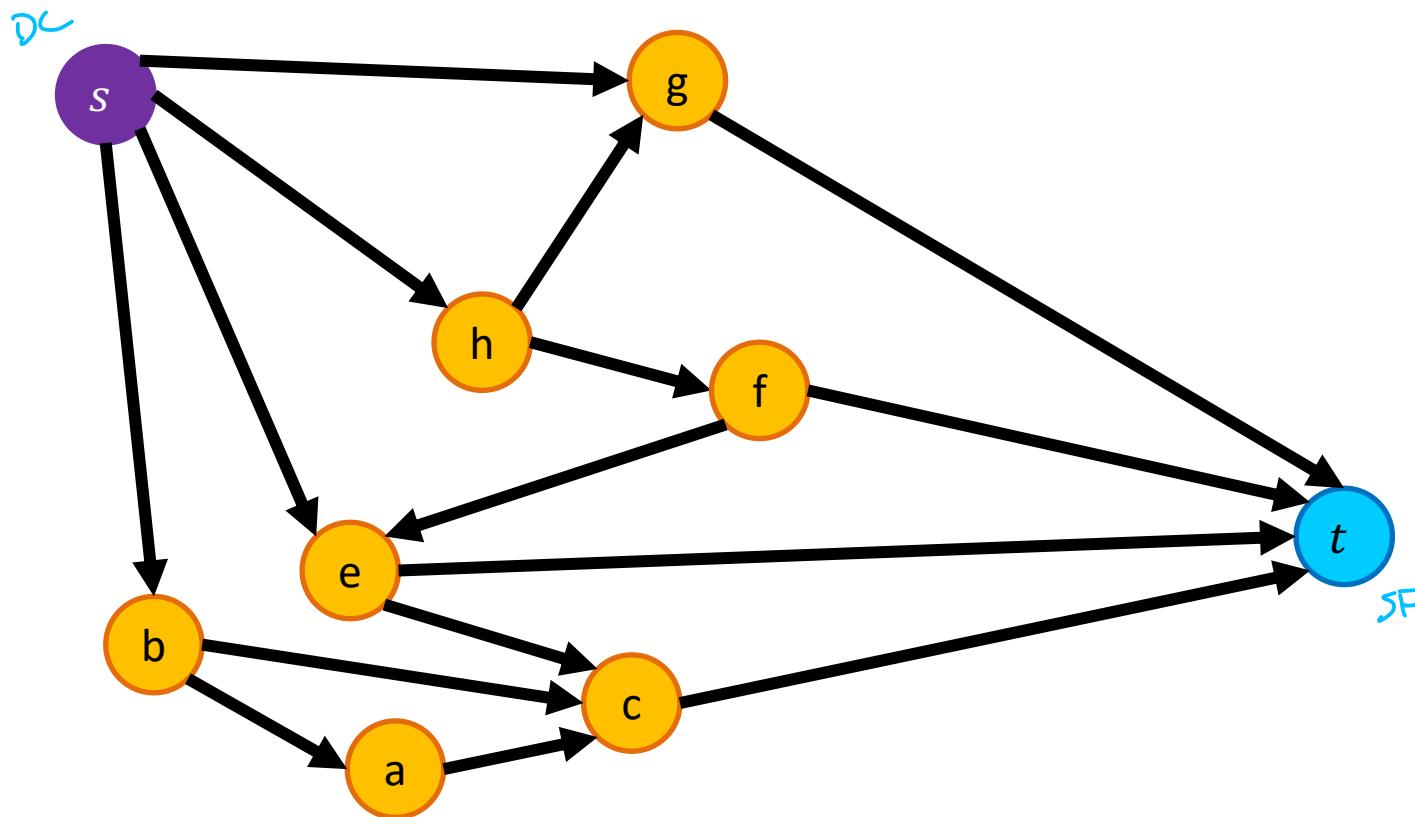
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Make  $s$  and  $t$  the source and sink, give each edge capacity 1, find the max flow.



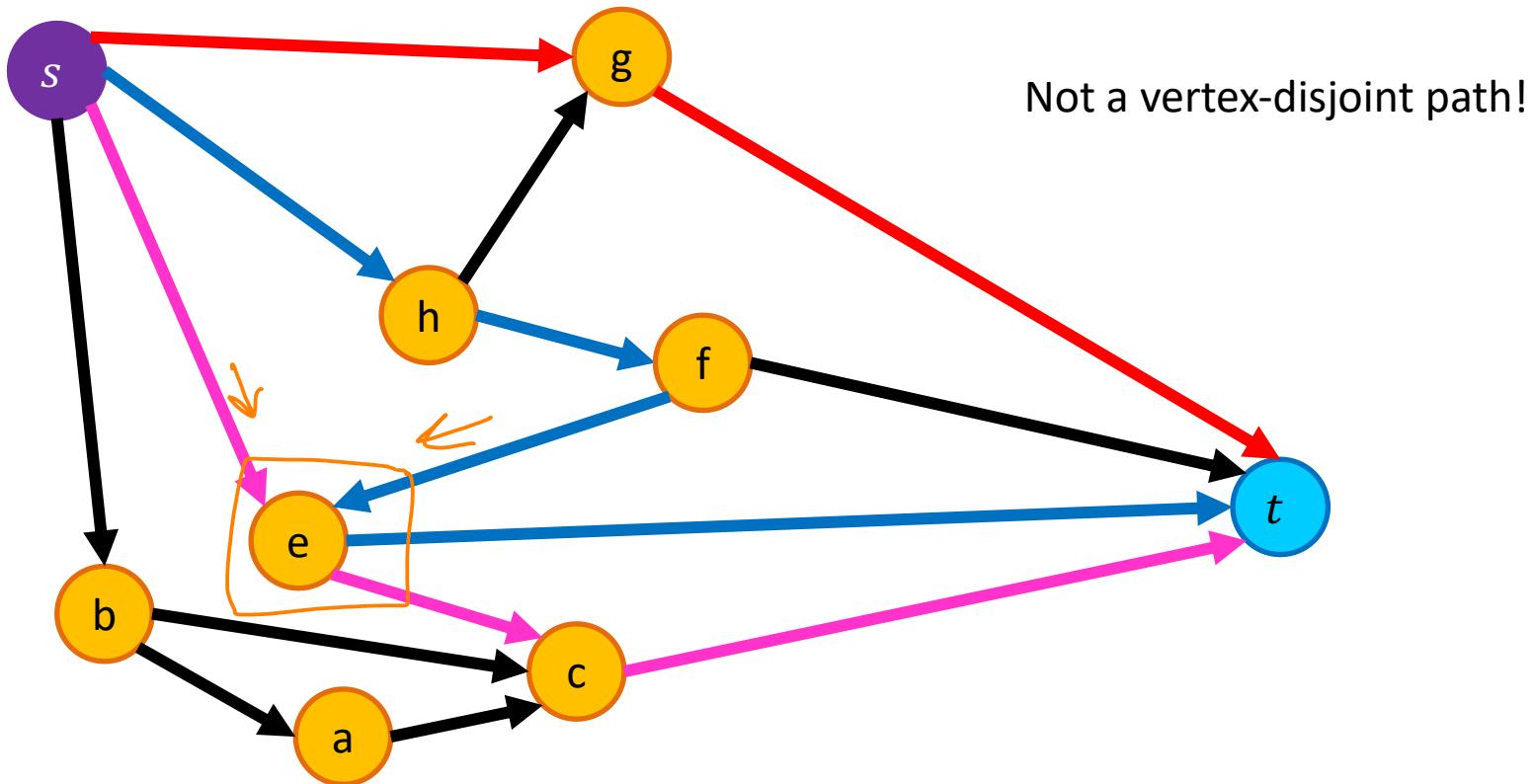
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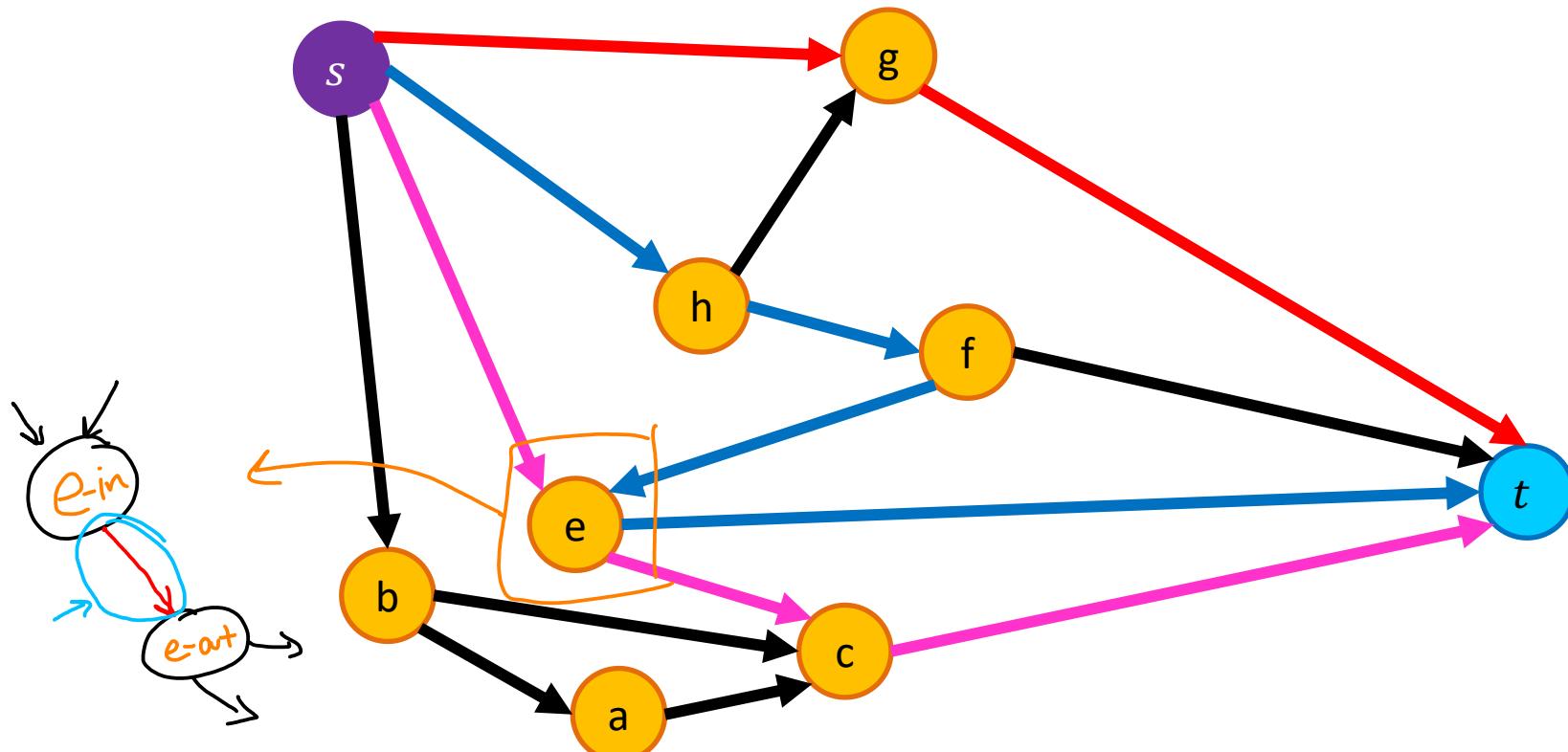
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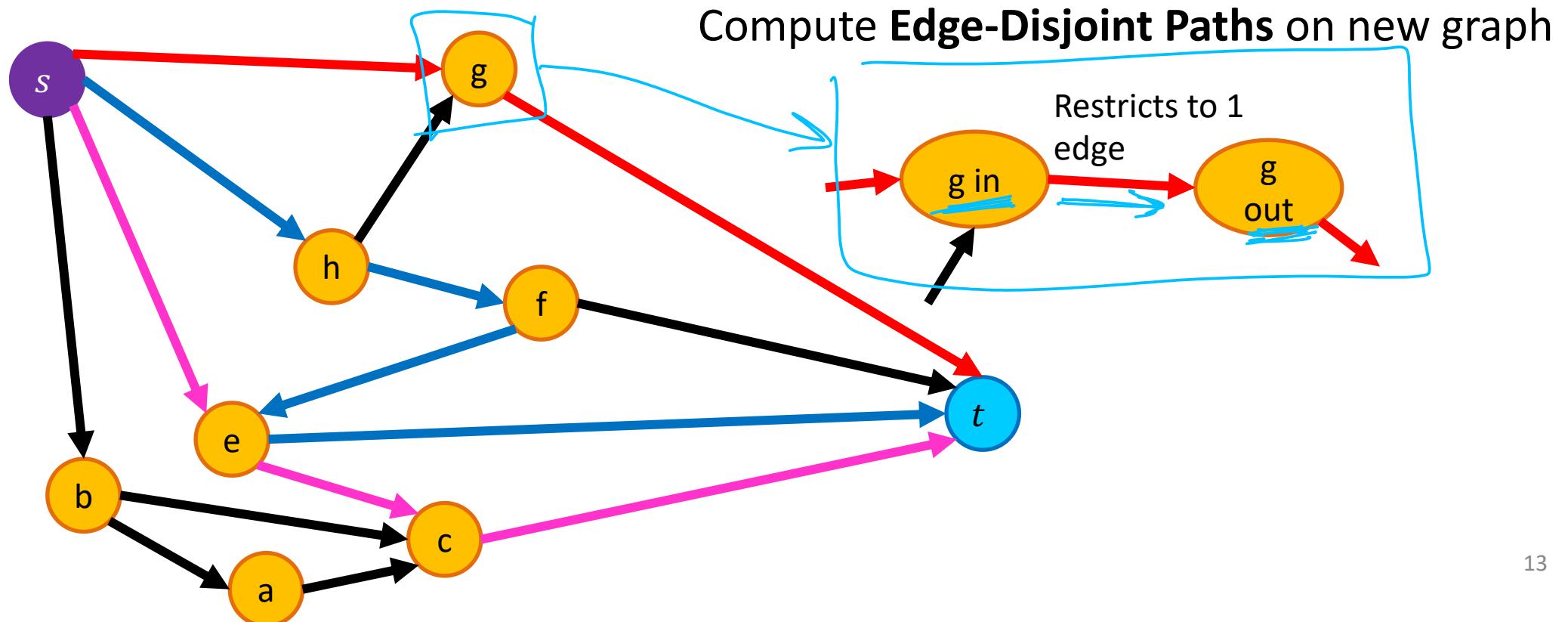
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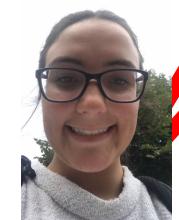
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Make two copies of each node, one connected to incoming edges, the other to outgoing edges

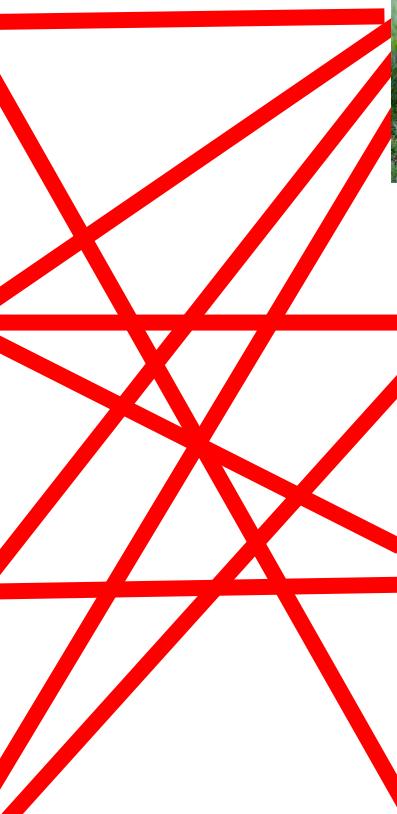


# Maximum Bipartite Matching

Dog Lovers

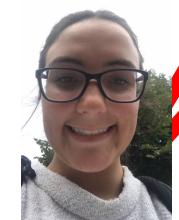


Dogs



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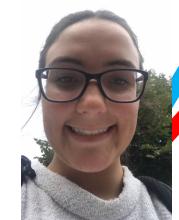


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Given a graph  $\underline{G} = (\underline{L}, \underline{R}, \underline{E})$

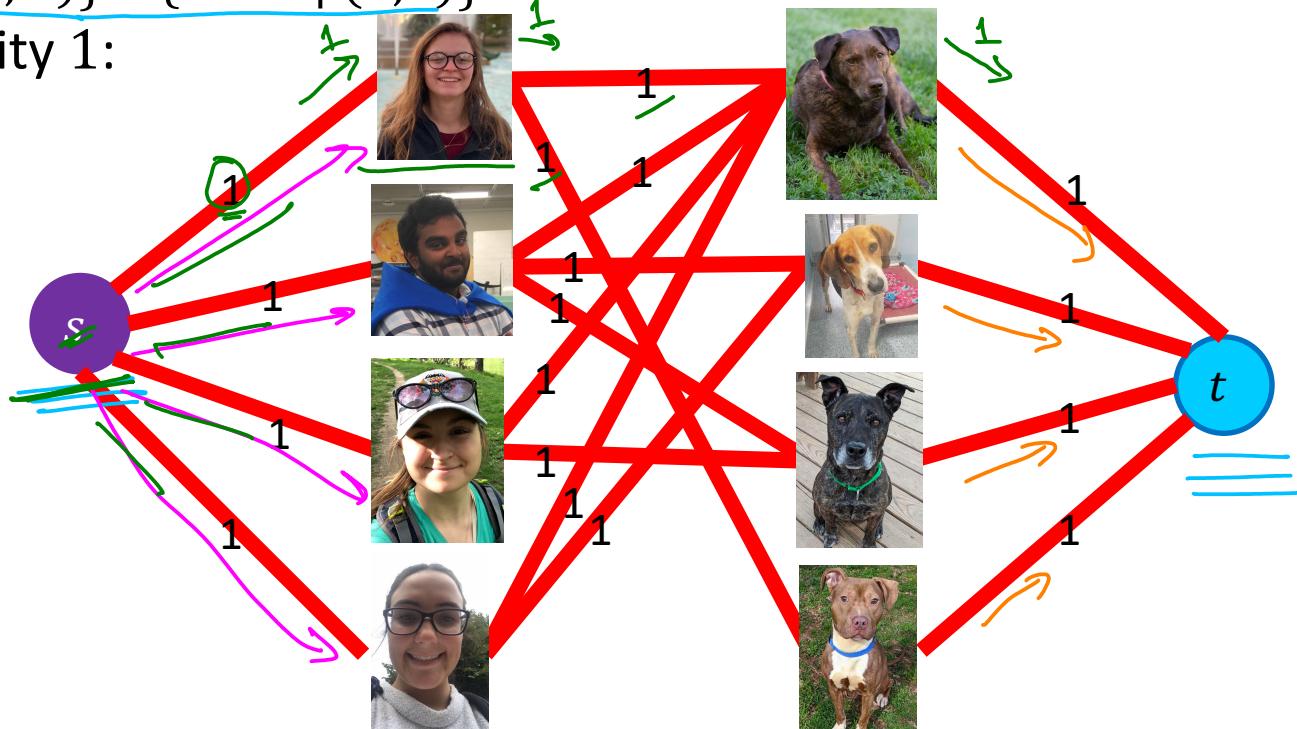
a set of left nodes, right nodes, and edges between left and right

Find the largest set of edges  $\underline{M} \subseteq E$  such that each node  $u \in \underline{L}$  or  $v \in \underline{R}$  is incident to at most one edge.

# Maximum Bipartite Matching Using Max Flow

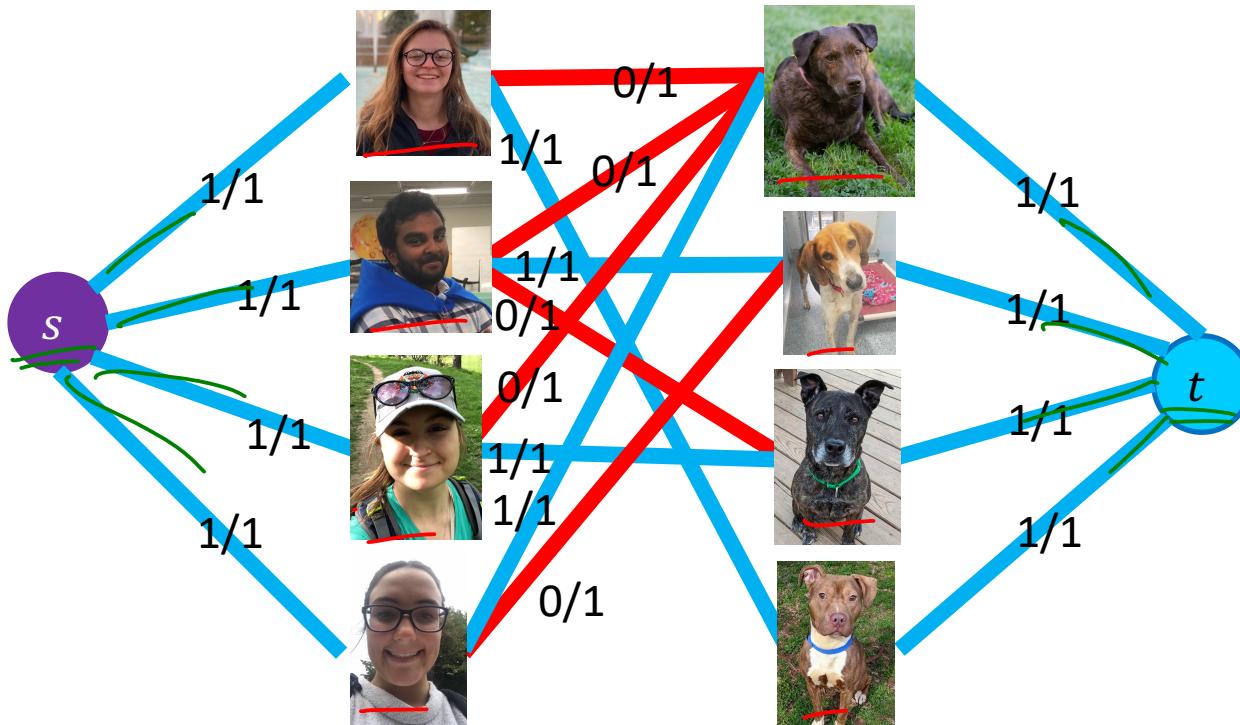
Make  $G = (L, R, E)$  a flow network  $G' = (V', E')$  by:

- Adding in a **source** and **sink** to the set of nodes:
  - $V' = L \cup R \cup \{s, t\}$
- Adding an edge from **source** to  $L$  and from  $R$  to **sink**:
  - $E' = E \cup \{u \in L \mid (s, u)\} \cup \{v \in R \mid (v, t)\}$
- Make each edge capacity 1:
  - $\forall e \in E', c(e) = 1$



# Maximum Bipartite Matching Using Max Flow

1. Make  $\underline{G}$  into  $\underline{G'}$   $\Theta(L + R)$
2. Compute Max Flow on  $\underline{G'}$   $FF = O(E \cdot |f|)$   $\Theta(E \cdot \mathbb{N})$  if  $|f| \leq \min(L, R)$
3. Return  $\underline{M}$  as all “middle” edges with flow  $\underline{1}$   $\Theta(L + R)$



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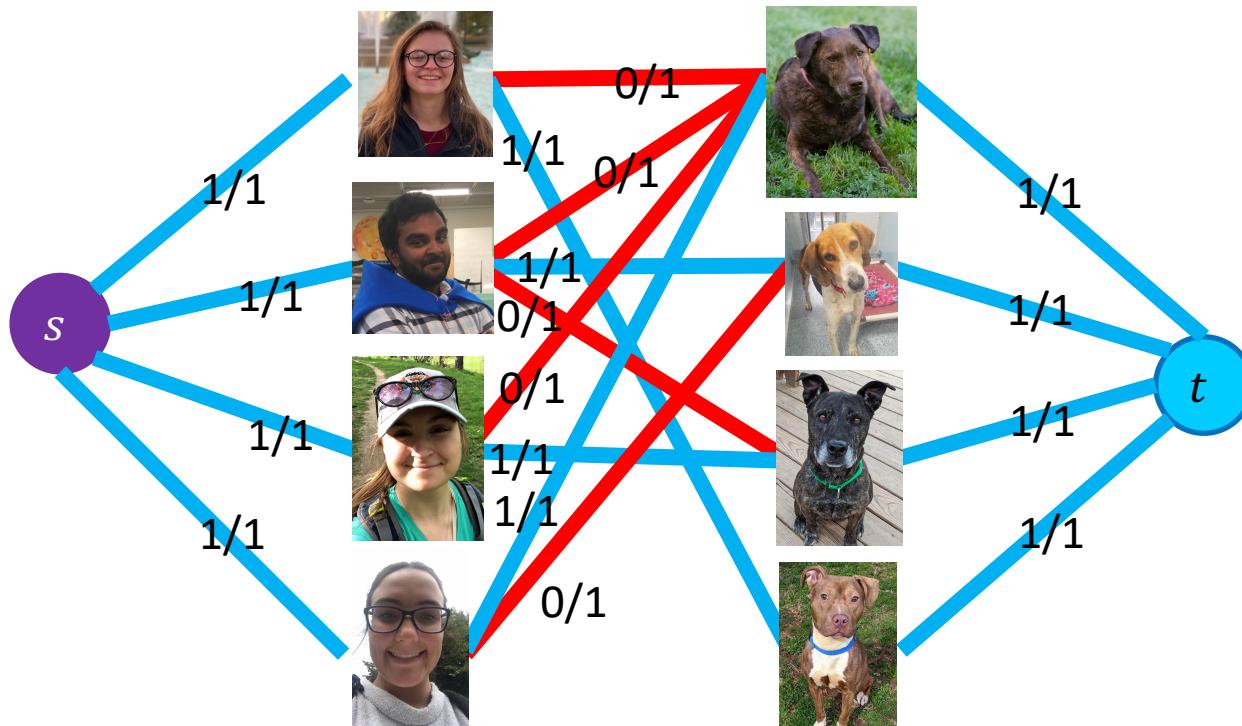
 $\Theta(L + R)$  $\underline{\Theta(E \cdot V)}$ 

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 $\underline{\Theta(E \cdot V)}$ 

$|f| \leq L$

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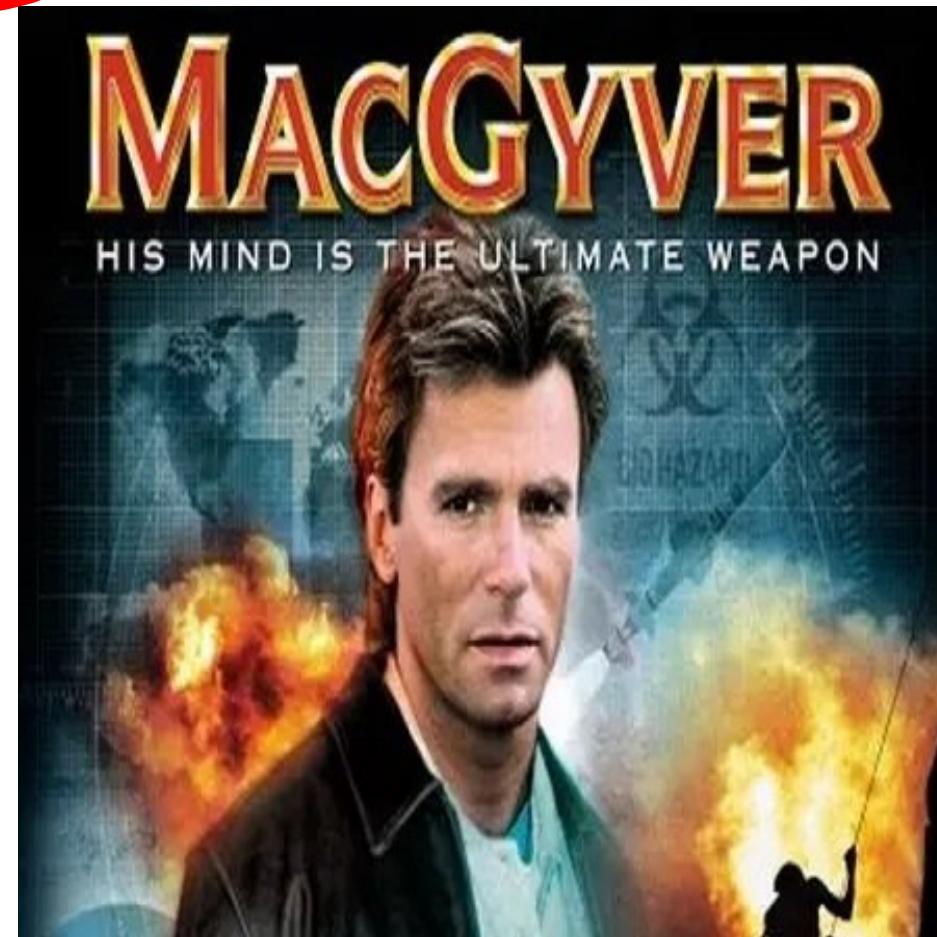
# Reductions

- Algorithm technique of supreme ultimate power
- Convert instance of problem A to an instance of Problem B
- Convert solution of problem B back to a solution of problem A

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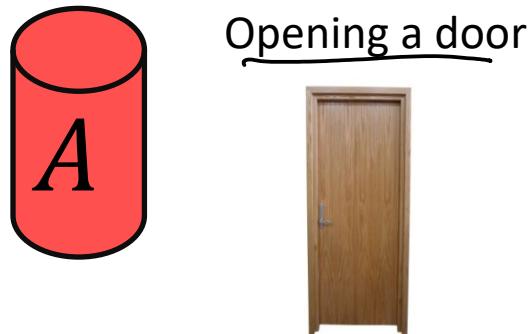
Shows how two different problems relate to each other

MOVIE TIME!



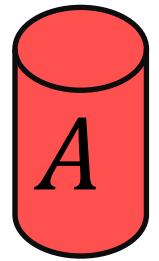
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Problem we don't know how to solve



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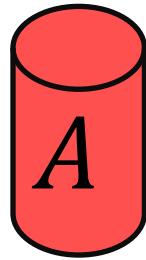


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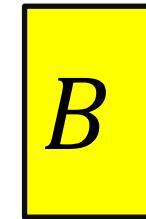


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Aim duct at door,  
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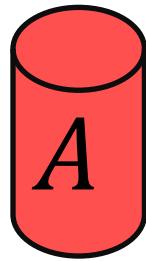
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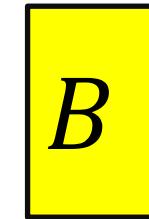


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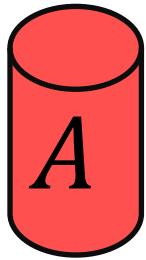
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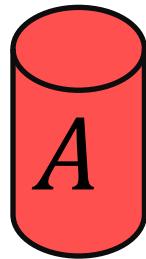
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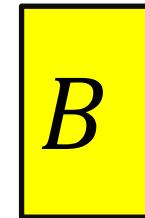


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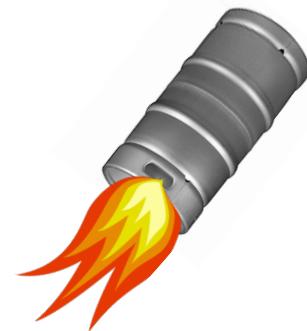
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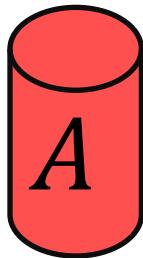
Keg cannon  
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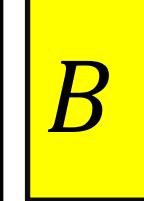


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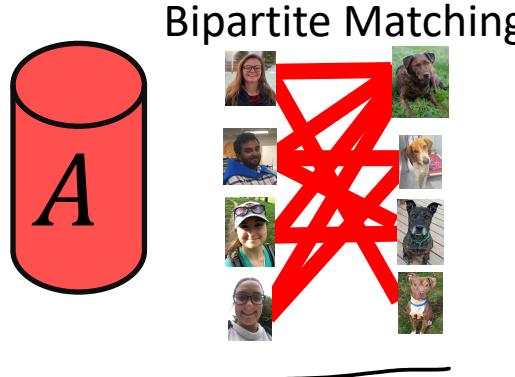
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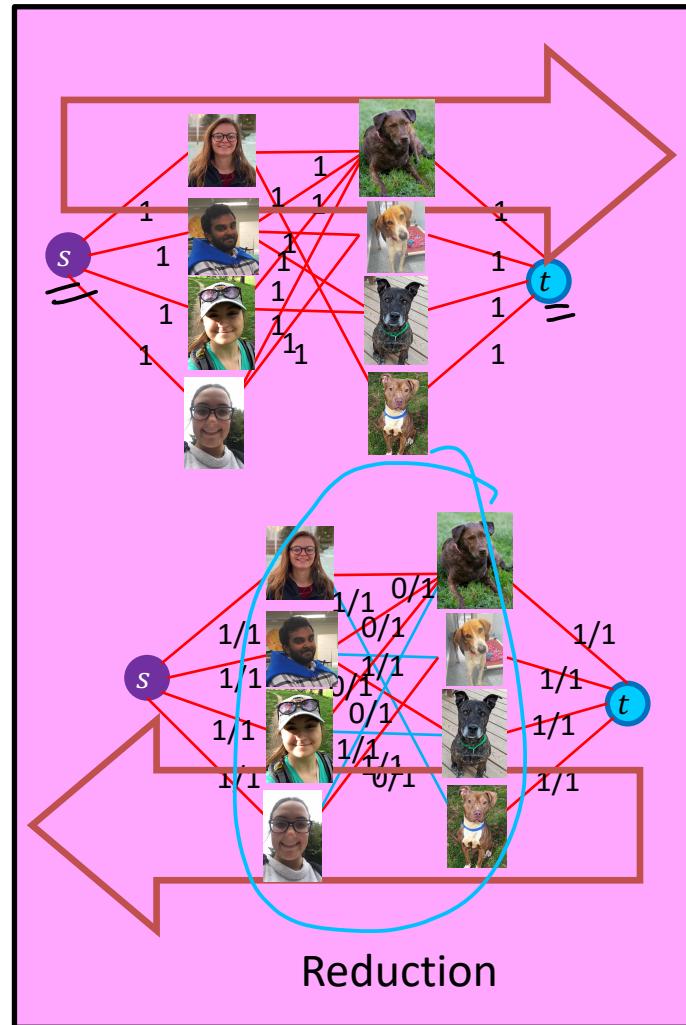
Reduction

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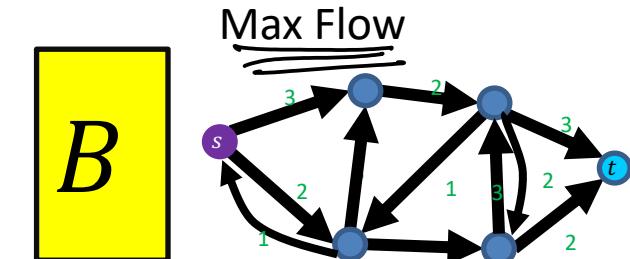
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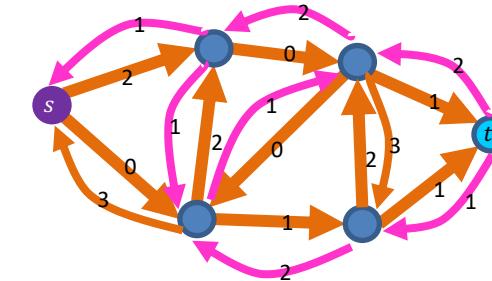


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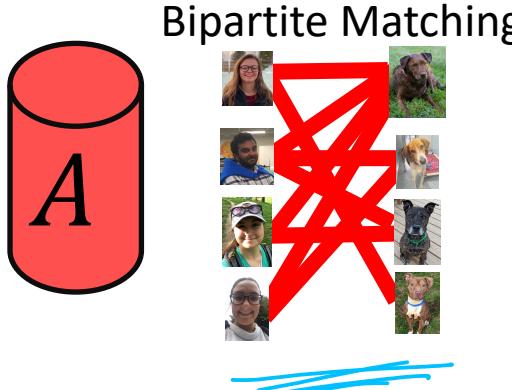
Ford Fulkerson

Solution for B

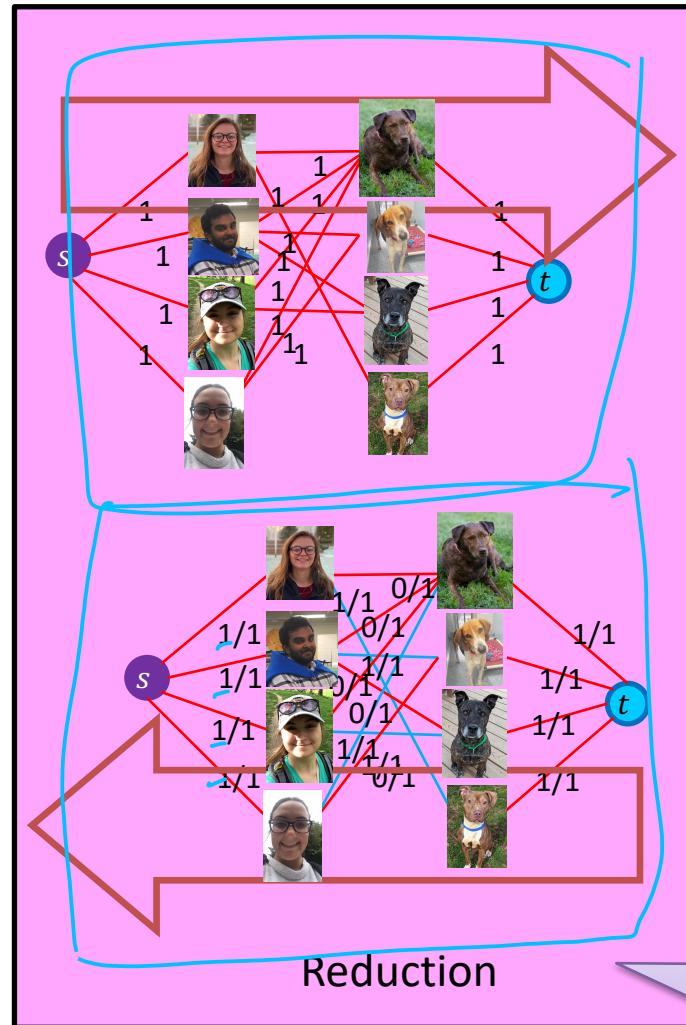


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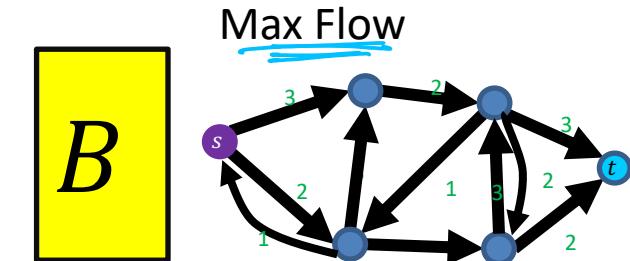
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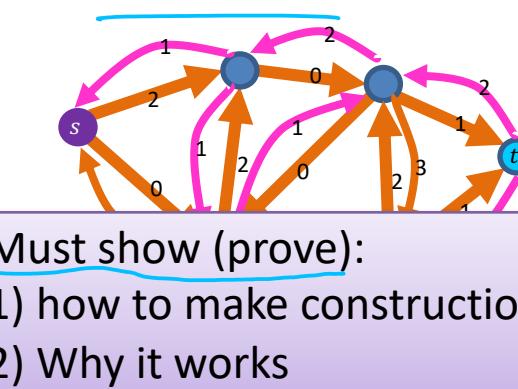
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prove 2 things  
1) how to make constructions  
2) why it works

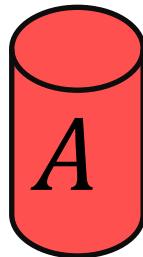
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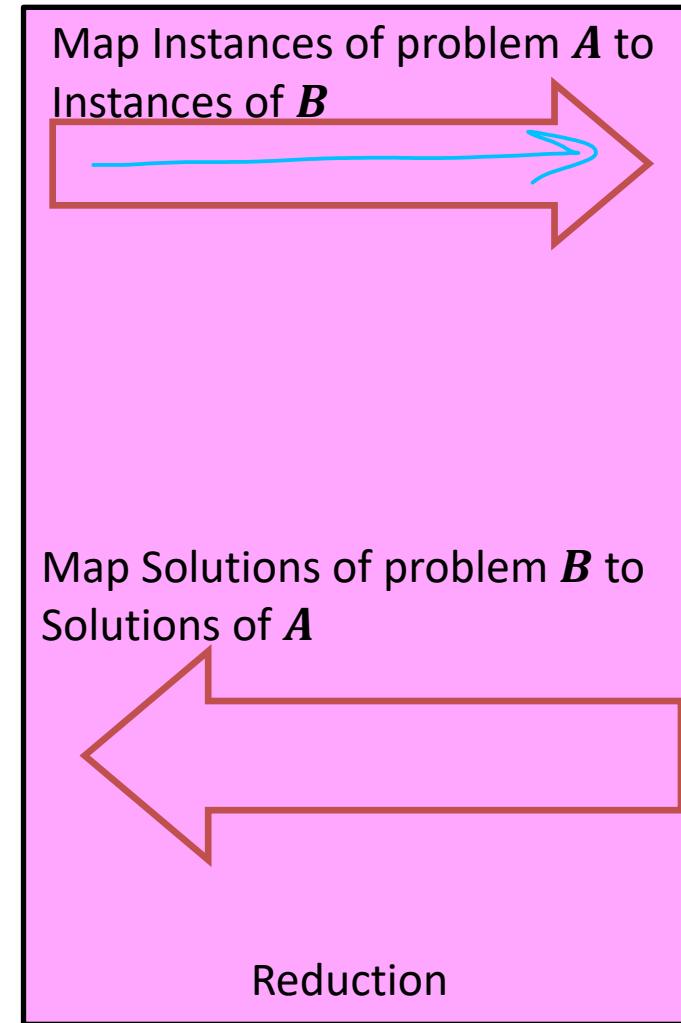
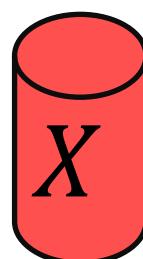
- each person + each dog only participated in one matching  
- max flow = max bipartite matching

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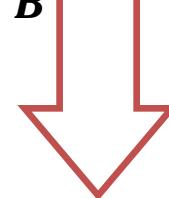
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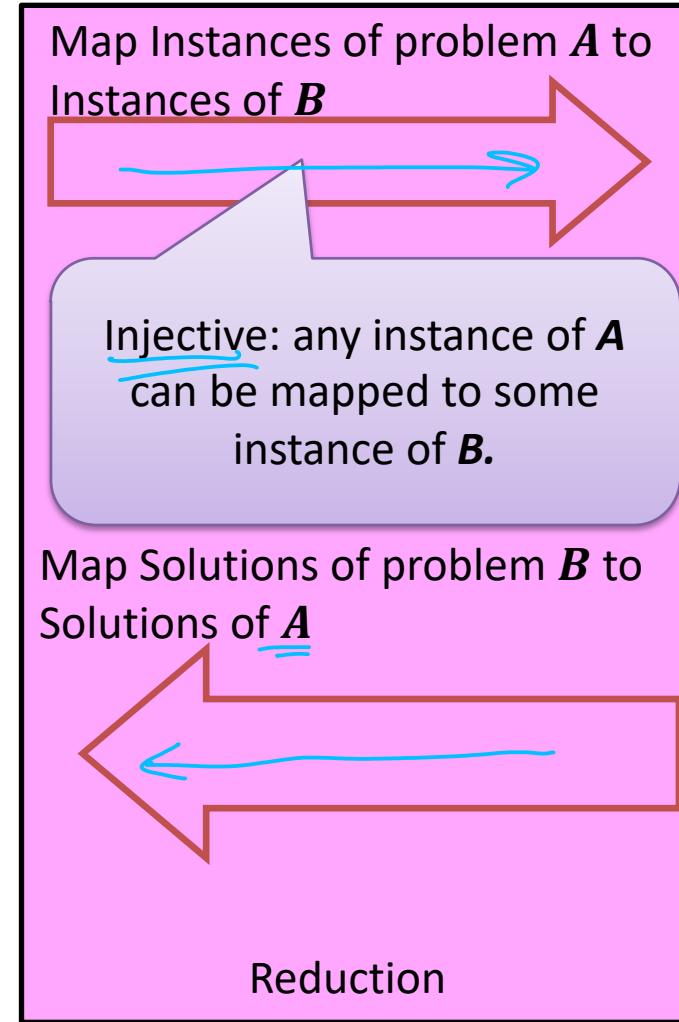
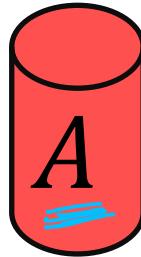


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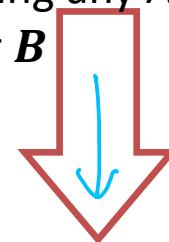
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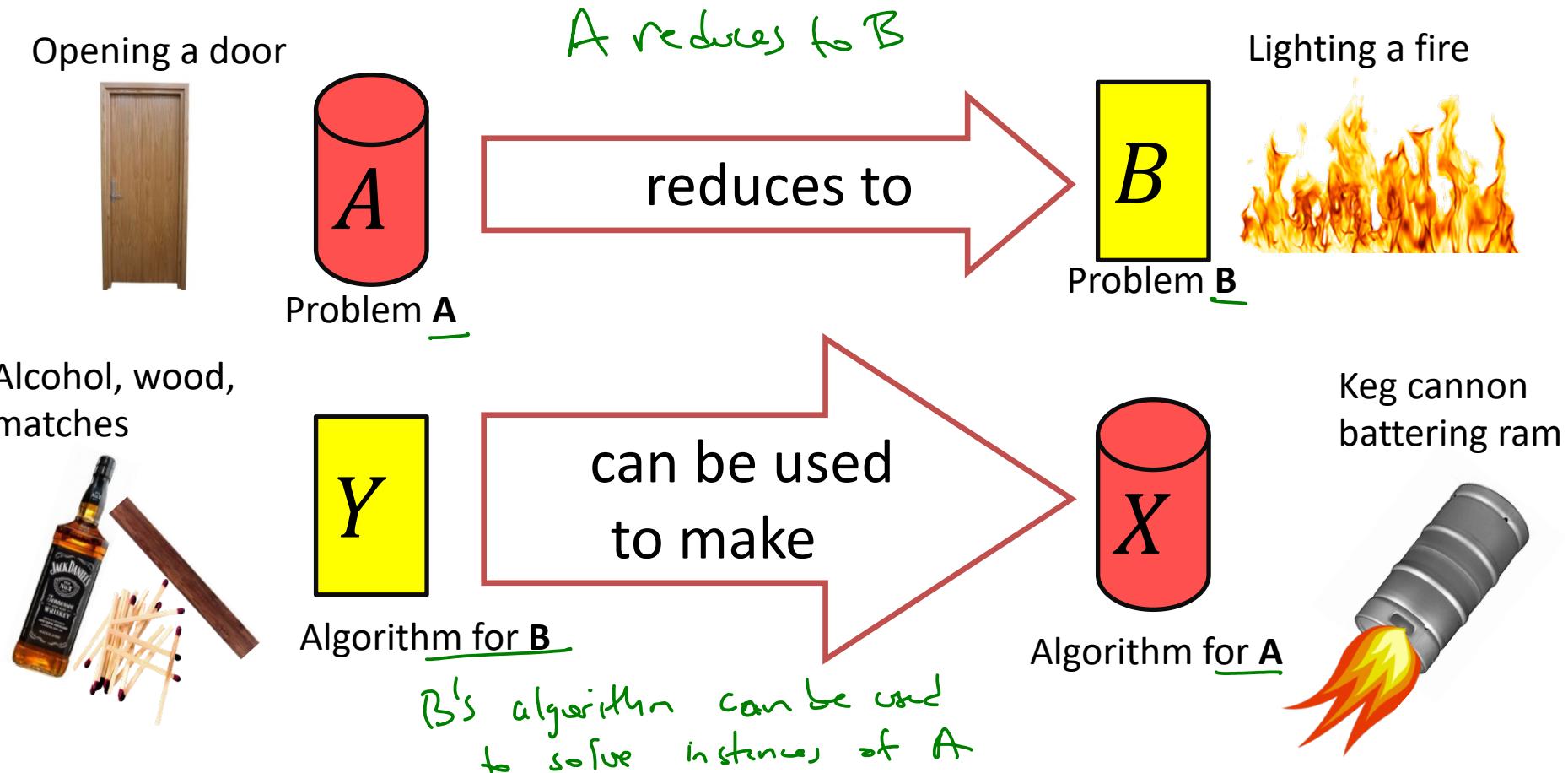
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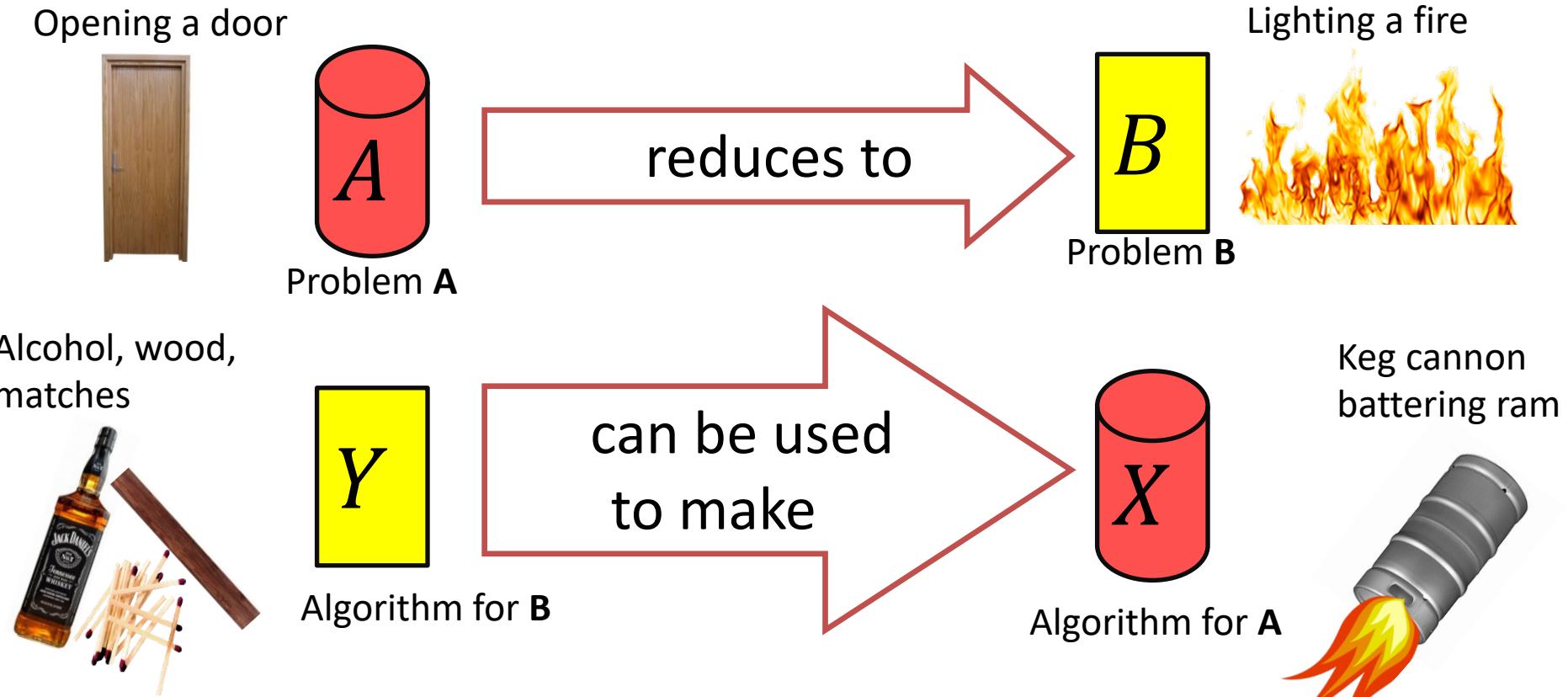
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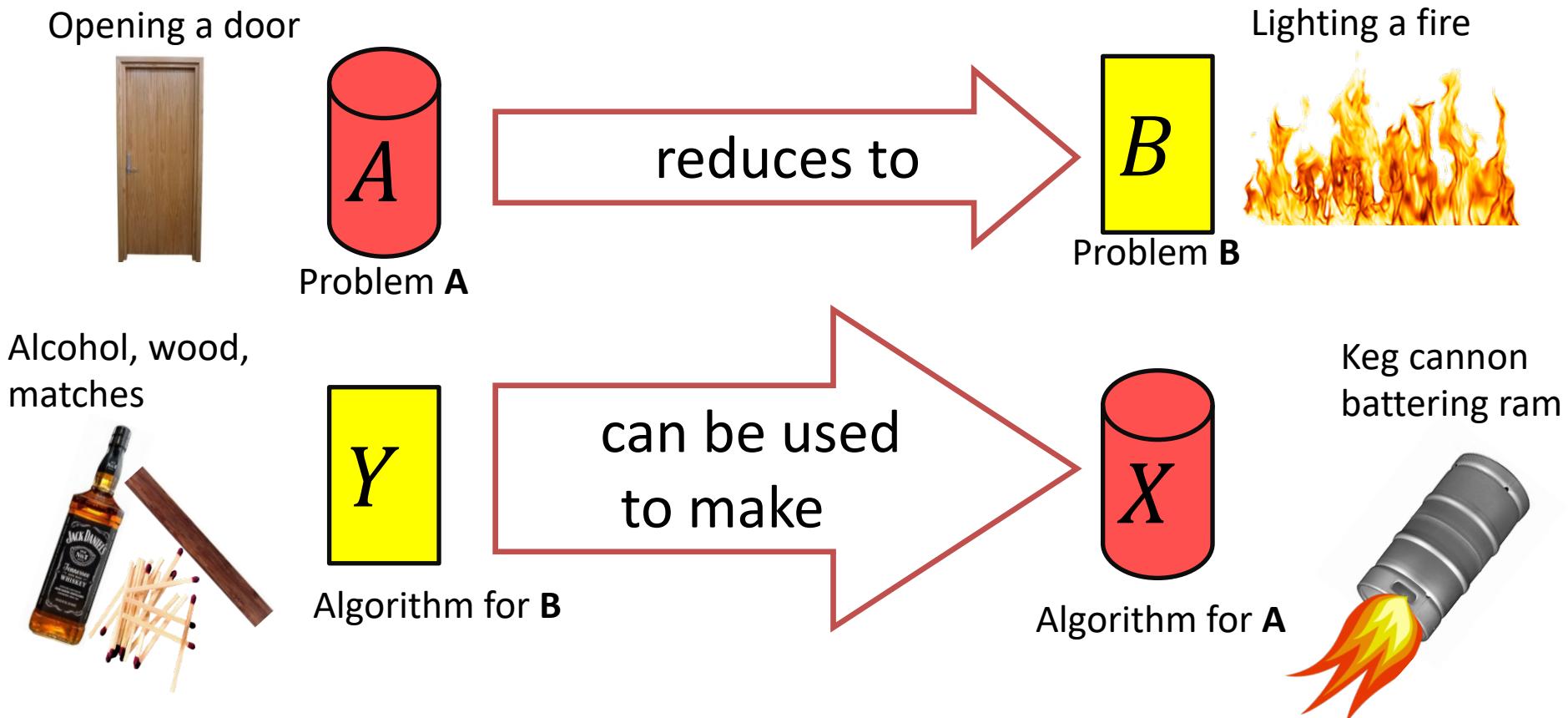
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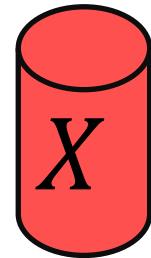
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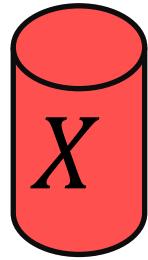
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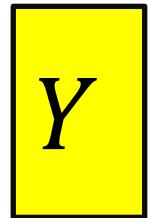
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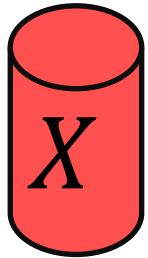
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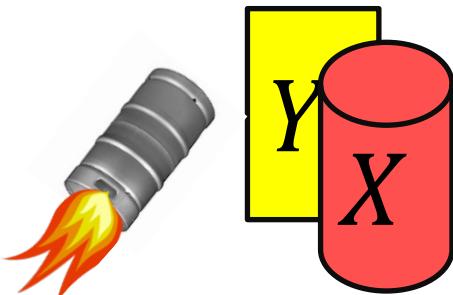
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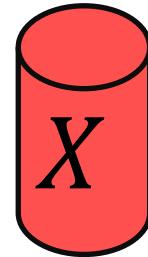


3. Show how to use  $\underline{Y}$  to perform  $\underline{X}$  quickly  
*keg + air duct + fire*

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↓  
A  
↓  
B  
↓  
 $\Theta(n \log n)$  ↗ ?

$$A \leq B$$



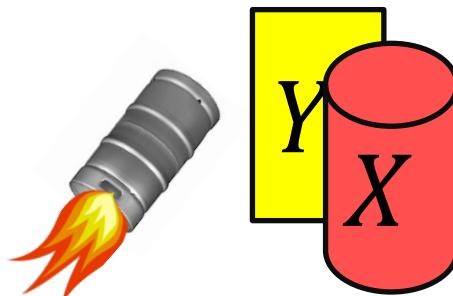
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Sorting (comparison Based)  
 $\Theta(n \log n)$



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3. Show how to use Y to perform X quickly

- use  $Y$  to sort  
faster than  $\Theta(n \log n)$

4. X is slow, but Y could be used to perform X quickly  
conclusion: Y must not actually be quick