

Maximum flow - MPM algorithm

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MPM (Malhotra, Pramodh-Kumar and Maheshwari) algorithm solves the maximum flow problem in $O(V^3)$. This algorithm is similar to [Dinic's algorithm](#).

Algorithm

Like Dinic's algorithm, MPM runs in phases, during each phase we find the blocking flow in the layered network of the residual network of G . The main difference from Dinic's is how we find the blocking flow. Consider the layered network L . For each node we define its' *inner potential* and *outer potential* as:

$$p_{in}(v) = \sum_{(u,v) \in L} (c(u, v) - f(u, v))$$

$$p_{out}(v) = \sum_{(v,u) \in L} (c(v, u) - f(v, u))$$

Also we set $p_{in}(s) = p_{out}(t) = \infty$. Given p_{in} and p_{out} we define the *potential* as $p(v) = \min(p_{in}(v), p_{out}(v))$. We call a node r a *reference node* if $p(r) = \min\{p(v)\}$. Consider a reference node r . We claim that the flow can be increased by $p(r)$ in such a way that $p(r)$ becomes 0. It is true because L is acyclic, so we can push the flow out of r by outgoing edges and it will reach t because each node has enough outer potential to push the flow out when it reaches it. Similarly, we can pull the flow from s . The construction of the blocked flow is based on this fact. On each iteration we find a reference node and push the flow from s to t through r . This process can be simulated by BFS. All completely saturated arcs can be deleted from L as they won't be used later in this phase anyway. Likewise, all the nodes different from s and t without outgoing or incoming arcs can be deleted.

Each phase works in $O(V^2)$ because there are at most V iterations (because at least the chosen reference node is deleted), and on each iteration we delete all the

edges we passed through except at most V . Summing, we get $O(V^2 + E) = O(V^2)$. Since there are less than V phases (see the proof [here](#)), MPM works in $O(V^3)$ total.

Implementation

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struct MPM{
    struct FlowEdge{
        int v, u;
        long long cap, flow;
        FlowEdge(){}
        FlowEdge(int _v, int _u, long long
                  : v(_v), u(_u), cap(_cap), flo
        FlowEdge(int _v, int _u, long long
                  : v(_v), u(_u), cap(_cap), flo
    };
    const long long flow_inf = 1e18;
    vector<FlowEdge> edges;
    vector<char> alive;
    vector<long long> pin, pout;
    vector<list<int> > in, out;
    vector<vector<int> > adj;
    vector<long long> ex;
    int n, m = 0;
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int s, t;
vector<int> level;
vector<int> q;
int qh, qt;
void resize(int _n){
    n = _n;
    ex.resize(n);
    q.resize(n);
    pin.resize(n);
    pout.resize(n);
    adj.resize(n);
    level.resize(n);
    in.resize(n);
    out.resize(n);
}
MPM(){}
MPM(int _n, int _s, int _t){resize(_n)}
void add_edge(int v, int u, long long cap)
    edges.push_back(FlowEdge(v, u, cap));
    edges.push_back(FlowEdge(u, v, 0));
    adj[v].push_back(m);
    adj[u].push_back(m + 1);
    m += 2;
}
bool bfs(){
    while(qh < qt){
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        int v = q[qh++];
        for(int id : adj[v]){
            if(edges[id].cap - edges[id].flow > 0)
                if(level[edges[id].u] != -1)
                    level[edges[id].u] = level[v] + 1;
            q[qt++] = edges[id].u;
        }
    }
    return level[t] != -1;
}

long long pot(int v){
    return min(pin[v], pout[v]);
}

void remove_node(int v){
    for(int i : in[v]){
        int u = edges[i].v;
        auto it = find(out[u].begin(), out[u].end(), edges[i]);
        out[u].erase(it);
        pout[u] -= edges[i].cap - edges[i].flow;
    }
    for(int i : out[v]){
        int u = edges[i].u;
        auto it = find(in[u].begin(), in[u].end(), edges[i]);
        in[u].erase(it);
        pin[u] -= edges[i].cap - edges[i].flow;
    }
}

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}  
void push(int from, int to, long long  
    qh = qt = 0;  
    ex.assign(n, 0);  
    ex[from] = f;  
    q[qt++] = from;  
    while(qh < qt){  
        int v = q[qh++];  
        if(v == to)  
            break;  
        long long must = ex[v];  
        auto it = forw ? out[v].begin(  
        while(true){  
            int u = forw ? edges[*it].  
            long long pushed = min(mus  
            if(pushed == 0)break;  
            if(forw){  
                pout[v] -= pushed;  
                pin[u] -= pushed;  
            }  
            else{  
                pin[v] -= pushed;  
                pout[u] -= pushed;  
            }  
            if(ex[u] == 0)  
                q[qt++] = u;
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        ex[u] += pushed;
        edges[*it].flow += pushed;
        edges[(*it)^1].flow -= pushed;
        must -= pushed;
        if(edges[*it].cap - edges[
            auto jt = it;
            ++jt;
            if(forw){
                in[u].erase(find(i
                out[v].erase(it);
            }
            else{
                out[u].erase(find(
                in[v].erase(it);
            }
            it = jt;
        }
        else break;
        if(!must)break;
    }
}

long long flow(){
    long long ans = 0;
    while(true){
        pin.assign(n, 0);

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pout.assign(n, 0);
level.assign(n, -1);
alive.assign(n, true);
level[s] = 0;
qh = 0; qt = 1;
q[0] = s;
if(!bfs())
    break;
for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    out[i].clear();
    in[i].clear();
}
for(int i = 0; i < m; i++){
    if(edges[i].cap - edges[i]
        continue;
    int v = edges[i].v, u = ed
    if(level[v] + 1 == level[u]
        in[u].push_back(i);
        out[v].push_back(i);
        pin[u] += edges[i].cap
        pout[v] += edges[i].ca
    }
}
pin[s] = pout[t] = flow_inf;
while(true){
    int v = -1;
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        for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
            if(!alive[i])continue;
            if(v == -1 || pot(i) <
                v = i;
        }
        if(v == -1)
            break;
        if(pot(v) == 0){
            alive[v] = false;
            remove_node(v);
            continue;
        }
        long long f = pot(v);
        ans += f;
        push(v, s, f, false);
        push(v, t, f, true);
        alive[v] = false;
        remove_node(v);
    }
}
return ans;
}
};
```

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