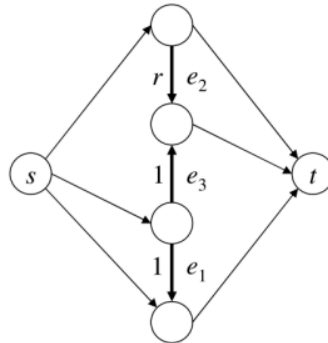
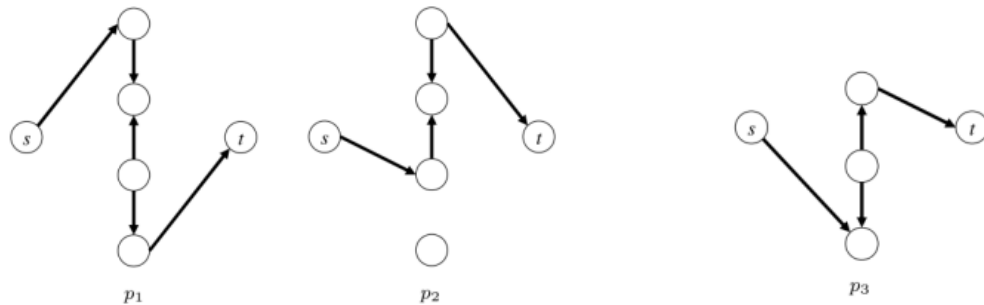


**Solution (1):**

Consider the flow network:



And following paths in the network:



**Scenario:**

Define a sequence defined by  $a_{n+2} = a_n - a_{n+1}$ , with  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = r$ , where  $r = (\sqrt{5}-1)/2$ . Edges  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ , and  $e_3$  have capacities 1,  $r$ , and 1, respectively, while other capacities are 2.

When following procedure is applied to this network, the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm never terminate.

**Procedure:**

- Choose a path from the source  $s$  to the sink  $t$  through  $e_3$ . Flow value = 1;  $e_3$  becomes full. Residual capacities of  $e_1$ ,  $e_2$ , and  $e_3$  are represented as  $(a_0, a_1, 0)$ .
- Now, repeat the following steps, where current residual capacities are  $(a_n, a_{n+1}, 0)$ :
  - Choose path  $p_1$ , updating the residual capacities to  $(a_{n+2}, 0, a_{n+1})$ .
  - Choose path  $p_2$ , updating the residual capacities to  $(a_{n+2}, a_{n+1}, 0)$ .
  - Choose path  $p_1$ : updating the residual capacities to  $(0, a_{n+3}, a_{n+2})$ .
  - Choose path  $p_3$ : updating the residual capacities to  $(a_{n+2}, a_{n+3}, 0)$ .

**Analysis:**

- Each repetition of those 4 steps will lead to increase in flow by amount:
 
$$2a_{n+1} + 2a_{n+2} = 2a_n$$
- Hence, above procedure never terminates. And the flow converges to  $1 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = 3$ . This value does not match the maximum flow  $2*2 + 1 = 5$ .

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**Solution (2):**

**Idea:**

Use an array to store the elements and maintain a '*max*' variable to efficiently track the current maximum element.

**Operations (Implementations):** (Assume  $|S|=n$ )

**1. Insert(*S*, *x*):**

- Append *x* to the array.
- Update the '*max*' variable if  $x > max$ .

The amortized cost of insertion is  $O(1)$  due to the efficient resizing properties of dynamic arrays.

**2. Delete-Larger-Half(*S*):**

- Employ the Quickselect algorithm (taught in ESO207) to identify the median element in  $O(n)$  average-case time.
- Partition the array around the median
- Remove elements greater than or equal to the median in  $O(n)$  time
- Update the '*max*' variable

**3. Report-Max(*S*):**

- Return value stored in '*max*' variable.
4. To output the elements of *S*, it can just iterate over the array and output each element in total of  $O(n)$  time.

**Amortized Analysis:**

Use the following potential function method to analyse the amortized cost of operations:

$$\Phi = 2 \cdot \text{number of elements in the array}$$

Operation	Actual Cost	$\Delta\Phi$	Amortized Cost
Insert	$c$	$2 \cdot c$	$3 \cdot c$
Delete-Larger-Half	$n \cdot c$	$-n \cdot c$	0
Report-Max	$c$	0	$c$

Hence, Amortized cost of each insert operation is  $O(1) \Rightarrow$  Actual cost of **m** operations is  $O(m)$ .