

CSC373 Worksheet 5 Solution

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1. Rough Works:

Assume that a flow network $G = (V, E)$ violates the assumption that the network contains a path $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow t$ for all vertices $v \in V$. Let u be a vertex for which there is no path $s \rightsquigarrow u \rightsquigarrow t$.

I must show such that there exists a maximum flow f in G such that $f(u, v) = f(v, u) = 0$ for all vertices $v \in V$

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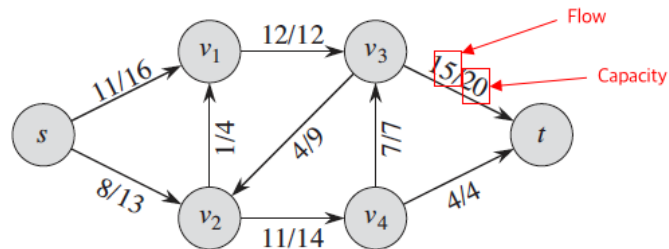
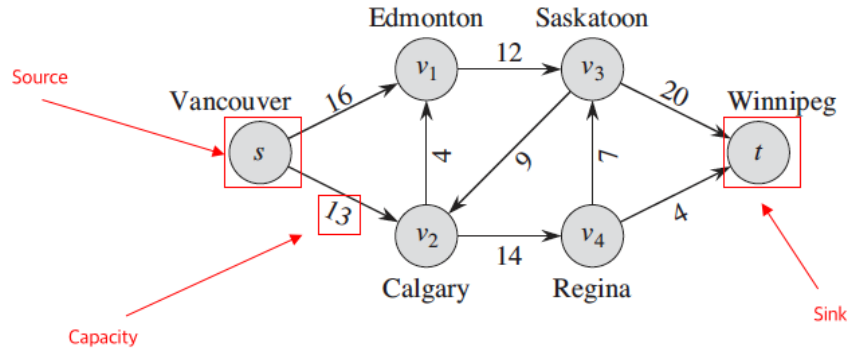
Notes

- **Maximum Flow Problem:**

- Is about computing the greatest rate at which we can ship material from the source to the sink without violating any capacity constraints

- **Flow Network:**

- $G = (V, E)$ is a directed graph in which each edge $(u, v) \in E$ has a nonnegative capacity $c(u, v) \geq 0$.
- Two vertices must exist: **source** s and **sink** t
- **path** from source s to vertex v to sink t is represented by $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow t$



- **Capacity:**

- Is a non-negative function $f : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
- Has **capacity constraint** where for all $u, v \in V$ $0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$
 - * Means flow cannot be above capacity constraint

- **Flow:**

- Is a real valued function $f : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in G
- Satisfies **capacity constraint** (i.e for all $u, v \in V$, $0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$)
- Satisfies **flow conservation**

For all $u \in V - \{s, t\}$, we require

$$\sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) \quad (1)$$

Means total flow forward is the same as total flow backward