**Project:**

**Combinatorial Optimization**

**A. Basic Approaches**

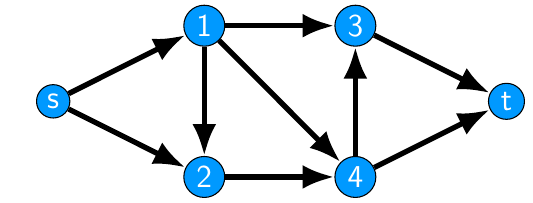
Description: You need to define three basic algorithms based on solving the combinatorial optimization, included maximum network flow, shortest path, and minimum spanning tree

**A.1 Maximum Network Flow**

+ Problem (Maximum Network Flow)

input: a connected digraph , and edge capacity.

Task: find a feasible s-t flow of maximum value

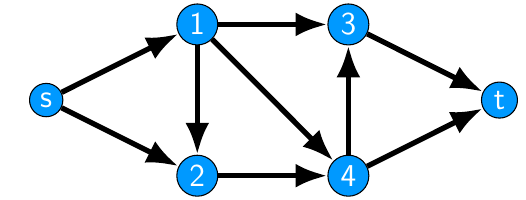


Define the Manimux Cut and Minimum Cut

**A.2 Shortest Path**

Input: a connected (di-)graph an edge valuation , distinct nodes s,t V

Task: find a shortest path connecting s and t in G with respect to

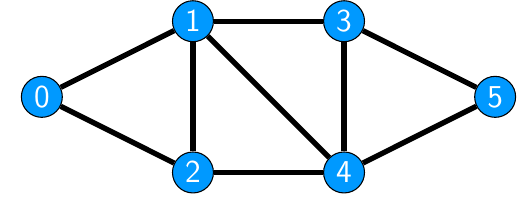


Example: Finding the Shortest-Path

**A.3 Minimum Spanning Tree**

Input: a connected graph and an edge valuation .

Task: find a spanning tree of minimal total weight



Example: Minimum Spanning Tree

**Implementation:**

+ Implement the three basic algorithm that can be adaptive to any input data change.

+ read input data from the nodes and edges, and predict the minimum and maximum cut and also predicting the shortest path

+ design the interface for input from user by representing the feature like: Add, Insert, Delete, Dropout, Change parameters, ...

+ visualize the networks

Requirements:

- Any copy from Internet will be got zero points

- Any images or refered must be reference cited in your reports

**B. Combinatorial Optimization with Neural Networks (Advance Topic for excellent students)**

* Define the forward and backward of network network(e.g., expected 1 input, 2 hidden layer, 1 output) [ 3, 4, 5]

Reference:

[1] Minimum spanning tree: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimum_spanning_tree>

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