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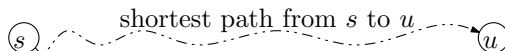
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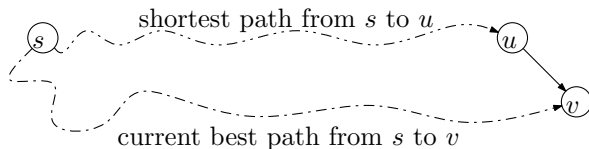
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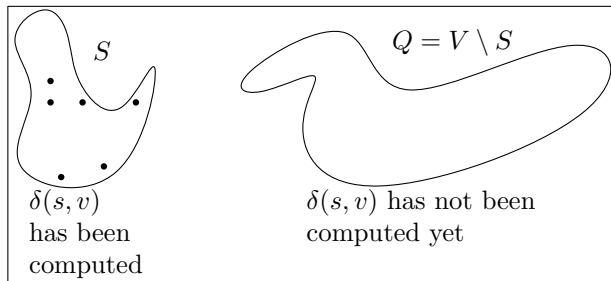
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Maintain $S \subset V$ such that for all $v \in S$:

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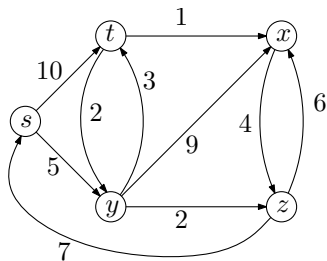
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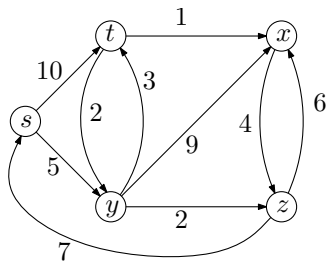
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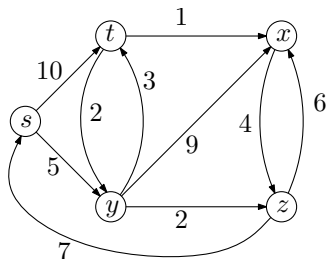
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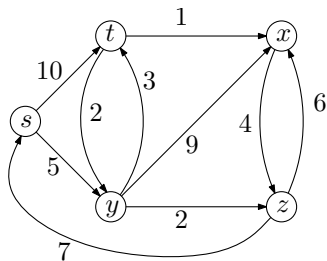


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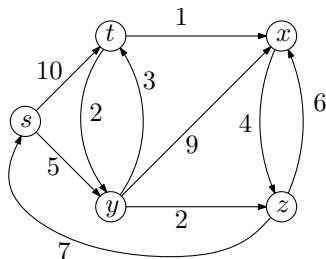


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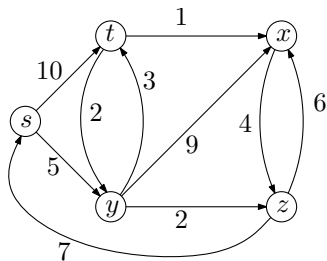


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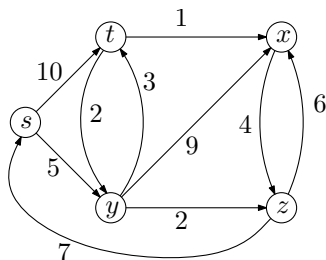


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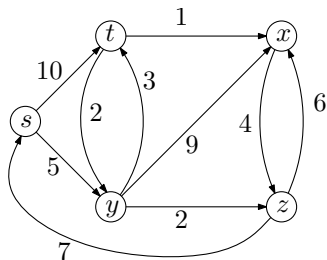


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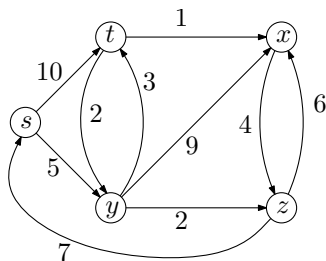


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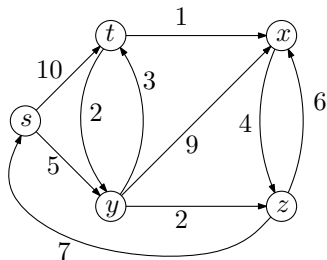


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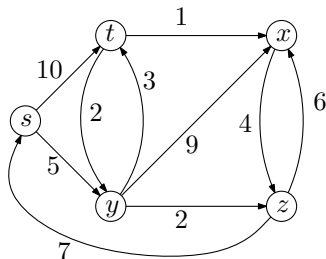


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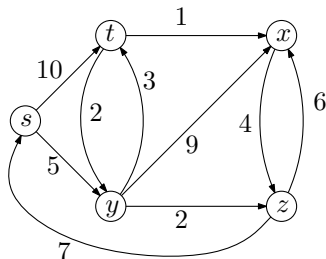


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