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- The solutions **should be typed** and we cannot accept hand-written solutions. Here's a short intro to Latex.
- You should submit your work through **Gradescope** only.
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- You may work with other students. However, all solutions must be written independently and in your own words. Referencing solutions of any sort is strictly prohibited. You must explicitly cite any sources, as well as any collaborators.

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- 1. (1 pt) What do the edge weights of a graph G in a maximum-flow network represent? Solution. Capacity
- 2. (2 pts) What are the two conditions that must be met for network flow? Solution. Capacity -  $\forall$  e  $\in$  E, for some graph  $G = (V, E), 0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$

Conservation -  $\forall v \in V$ , for some graph G = (V, E),

$$\sum_{e \text{ into v}} f(e) = \sum_{e \text{ out of v}} f(e)$$

3. (2 pts) What do the edge weights in the residual graph  $G_f$  represent? Include both forward and backward edges.

Solution. Forward Edges - Forward edges represent the amount of remaining units of flow that can be pushed through that edge.

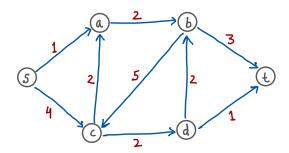
Backward Edges- Represent the amount of flow that can be pushed back to a vertex in a given edge.

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4. (5 pts) Based on the following network and the given edge capacities answer the following.



- (a) (1 pts) Can the max flow be 5 (capacity( $e_{sa}$ ) + capacity( $e_{sc}$ ))? Justify your answer in one sentence.
  - Solution. No, because the max flow capacity that can go into t is 4 and since flow > capacity, it cannot be possible.
- (b) (2 pts) For the graph, identify one simple s-t path and the bottleneck edge value on that path. Also report the maximum allowed flow on this s-t path. Solution. For the path s-a-b-t the bottleneck value is 1 which comes from edge s-a. The max flow on this path is 1 because if it were bigger then flow  $\geq$  capacity for s-a.
- (c) (2 pts) Assuming all f(e) are initially 0 where f represents flow, what are the residual capacities on the forward and backward edges of  $G_f$  after one iteration of the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm. Use the simple path you identified in Part b.

Solution. Residual Values:

$$s - a = 0$$
,  $(s - a)' = 1$ 

$$a - b = 1$$
,  $(a - b)' = 1$ 

$$b-t=1, (b-t)'=2$$

All other edges are still set to 0