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Lemma: Let  $e \in E(T_{p,u})$ . Then:

(i) If  $e \in E(P^o)$ , then  $e \in E(T_{p,u'})$  for every  $U' \subseteq U$  (if  $T_{p,u}$  exists).

(ii)  $P^u \quad U' = U$

Proof.

Let  $e \in E(T_{p,u})$ . If  $e \in E(P^o \cap P^u)$ , then  $e \in E(T_{p,u'})$  for every  $U'$  (if  $T_{p,u'}$  exists). Hence it is sufficient ...

(i). Suppose let  $U' \subseteq U$ . Suppose  $T_{p,u}$  exists and  $e \in E(P^o - P^u)$ . We denote by  $b := b(\text{tail}(e), P)$  the  $P$ -block inducing edge  $e$ . We show that  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |T_{p,u'}|_b$ , which, since  $e \in E(T_{p,u'}|_b)$ , implies  $e \in E(T_{p,u'})$ .

Claim:  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^o - P^u|_b$ .

Proof.

By Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $|T_{p,u}|_b$  is a  $(f(b), \varepsilon(b))$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U, b)|_b$ . By Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^o - P^u|_b$  or  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^u - P^o|_b$ .

Since  $e \in E(T_{p,u}|_b)$  and  $e \in E(P^o - P^u)$ ,  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^o - P^u|_b$ .

Claim:  $|P^o - P^u|_b = |T_{p,u'}|_b$ .

Proof.

We show that  $|P^o - P^u|_b$  is a  $(f(b), \varepsilon(b))$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U', b)|_b$ . It then follows that  $|T_{p,u'}|_b = |P^o - P^u|_b$ :

otherwise, we could substitute  $|T_{p,u'}|_b$  by  $|P^o - P^u|_b$  in  $T_{p,u'}$  to obtain an  $(s, t)$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U', b)$  distinct

from  $|T_{p,u'}|_b$ , which contradicts the uniqueness of  $|T_{p,u'}|_b$ .

Suppose that  $|P^o - P^u|_b$  is not a  $(f(b), \varepsilon(b))$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U', b)|_b$ . By Lemma  $\sim$ (ii), there is an edge  $b' \in E(P^o - P^u)$

such that  $\alpha_p((b', U')|_b) = \text{inactive}$ . Hence,  $(u, P) \in U'$ . Since  $U' \subseteq U$ ,  $(u, P) \in U$ . Hence,  $\alpha_p((u, v), U) = \text{inactive}$ .

Hence  $(u, v) \notin E(T_{p,u'}|_b) = E(P^o - P^u|_b)$ , a contradiction.

(iii) ...

Lemma: Let  $P$  be transversal for  $U$  and  $(u, v) \in E(P^o \cup P^u)$ . Then:

(i) If  $(u, v) \in E(P^u - P^o)$ , then  $(u, v) \in E(T_{p,u})$  iff  $(f(b(u, P)), P) \in U$ .

(ii)  $P^o \cap P^u$

(iii)  $P^o - P^u \quad \text{iff} \quad U$ .

Proof

by assumption,  $|T_{p,u}|_b$  is an  $(s, t)$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U, b)$ . We set  $b := b(u, P)$ . By Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $|T_{p,u}|_b$  is a  $(f(b), \varepsilon(b))$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U, b)|_b$ . By Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^o - P^u|_b$  or  $|T_{p,u}|_b = |P^u - P^o|_b$ .

(i). Let's suppose  $(u, v) \in E(P^u - P^o)$ . We first show the if-part.

Suppose  $(u, v) \in E(\Gamma_{P, u})$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{P, u}|_s = P^u - P^o|_s$ . Hence, for every edge  $e \in E(P^u - P^o|_s)$ ,  $\alpha_p(e, U) = \text{active}$ .

In particular,  $e''(f(b), P) \in E(P^u - P^o|_s)$  and  $\alpha_p(e''(f(b), P), U) = \text{active}$ . Hence  $(f(b), P) \in U$ .

To show the only-if-part, suppose  $(u, v) \notin E(\Gamma_{P, u})$ . Hence  $\Gamma_{P, u}|_s = P^o - P^u|_s$ . Hence, for every edge  $e \in E(P^o - P^u|_s)$ ,  $\alpha_p(e, U) = \text{active}$ . In particular, ...

(ii). Clearly,  $E(\Gamma_{P, u}|_s) \subseteq E(b)$ . Since  $f(b) \neq \emptyset$ , the claim follows with the following lemma.

Lemma: If  $(u, v) \in E(P^o \cap P^u)$ , then  $b(u, P) = \{v\}$  (and  $E(b(u, P)) = \{(u, v)\}$ ).

Lemma: Let  $P$  be transient for  $U$  and  $(v, P)$  be a type-1 update such that  $(f(b(v, P)), P) \notin U$ . Then:

(i)  $P$  is transient for  $U \cup \{v, P\}$  and  $\Gamma_{P, u \cup v, P}|_s = \Gamma_{P, u}|_s$ .

(ii)  $\Gamma_{P, u \cup v, P}|_s = \Gamma_{P, u}|_s$

Proof.

We show that  $\Gamma_{P, u}$  is still an  $(s; t)$ -path in  $\alpha_p(U \cup \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ ,  $\alpha_p(U \setminus \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ , respectively.

Let  $b$  be a  $P$ -block. By Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $\Gamma_{P, u}|_s$  is a  $(f(b) \setminus \{v, P\})$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U, b)|_s$ . We show that  $\Gamma_{P, u}|_s$  is still a

$(f(b) \setminus \{v, P\})$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U \cup \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ ,  $\alpha_p(U \setminus \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ , respectively. Then, by Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $\Gamma_{P, u}$  is an  $(s; t)$ -flow

in  $\alpha_p(U \cup \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ ,  $\alpha_p(U \setminus \{v, P\} \setminus b)$ , respectively.

Let  $e \in E(P^o - P^u|_s)$ . Then

(i). Case  $b = f(v, P)$ . Since  $(f(b), P) \notin U$ , by Lemma  $\sim$  (iii),  $\Gamma_{P, u}|_s = P^o - P^u|_s$ . Hence, for every edge  $e \in E(P^o - P^u|_s)$ , More "(i)." up, We may need Lemma  $\alpha_p(e, U) = \text{active}$ . Hence  $(\text{tail}(e), P) \notin U$ . Hence  $(\text{tail}(e), P) \notin U \cup \{v, P\}$ , as  $v \in V(P^u - P^o)$ . Hence  $\alpha_p(e, U \cup \{v, P\}) \sim$  here.

= active. Hence, by Lemma  $\sim$ ,  $P^o - P^u|_s$  is a  $(f(b) \setminus \{v, P\})$ -flow in  $\alpha_p(U \cup \{v, P\} \setminus b)|_s$ .

Let  $P$  be transient for  $U \cup v$ .

Lemma:  $\alpha_p(u, B) = \text{active} \iff e \in E(\Gamma_{P, u \cup B})$ .

Proof.

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $e \in E(\Gamma_{P, u \cup B})$ . Let  $u, v$  be vertices

such  $(u, v) \in E(P^u - P^o)$ . Then, by Lemma  $\sim$  (i),  $(u, v) \in E(\Gamma_{P, u \cup B}) \iff (f(b(u, P)), P) \in U(B)$ , which holds iff

$b(u, P) \in B$ , which, by assumption, holds iff  $\alpha_p((u, v), B) = \text{active}$ .

$\Leftarrow$ : Suppose  $(u, v) \in E(P^o \cap P^u)$ . By Lemma  $\sim$  (ii),  $(u, v) \in E(\Gamma_{P, u \cup B})$ . Moreover, by definition,  $\alpha_p((u, v), B) = \text{active}$ .

Notation.  
Hm, do we  
need to prove  
 $e''(f(b), P) \in E(P^u - P^o)$

This lemma should be  
a corollary of the  
previous one, but to  
apply the previous one,  
we need that  $P$  is  
transient for  $U \cup v$ .