

Circulation

We are given a directed graph $G=(V,E)$
w/ capacities on the edges
Associated w/ each node $v \in V$ is a
demand d_v .

if $d_v > 0$, node v has a demand
of d_v for flow (Sink)

if $d_v < 0$, node v has a supply of
 $|d_v|$ for flow (Source)

if $d_v = 0$ neither a sink nor a
Source

Def. A circulation with demands $\{d_v\}$
is a function f that assigns
non-negative real numbers to
each edge and satisfies:

1) Cap condition

for each edge $e \in E$, $0 \leq f(e) \leq C_e$

2) Demand Condition

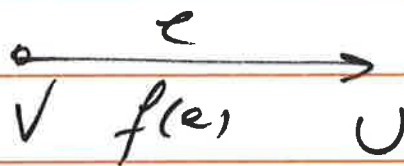
for each $v \in V$, $f^{\text{in}}(v) - f^{\text{out}}(v) = d_v$

FACT: If there is a feasible circulation w/ demands $\{d_v\}$ then

$$\sum_v d_v = 0$$

Proof $f^{\text{in}}(v) - f^{\text{out}}(v) = d_v$

$$\sum_v d_v = \sum_v \cancel{f^{\text{in}}(v)} - \cancel{f^{\text{out}}(v)} = 0$$

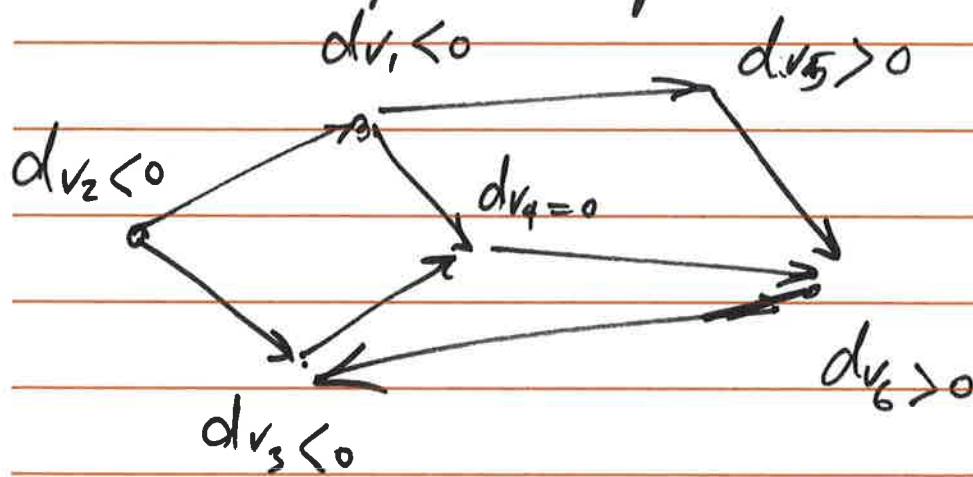


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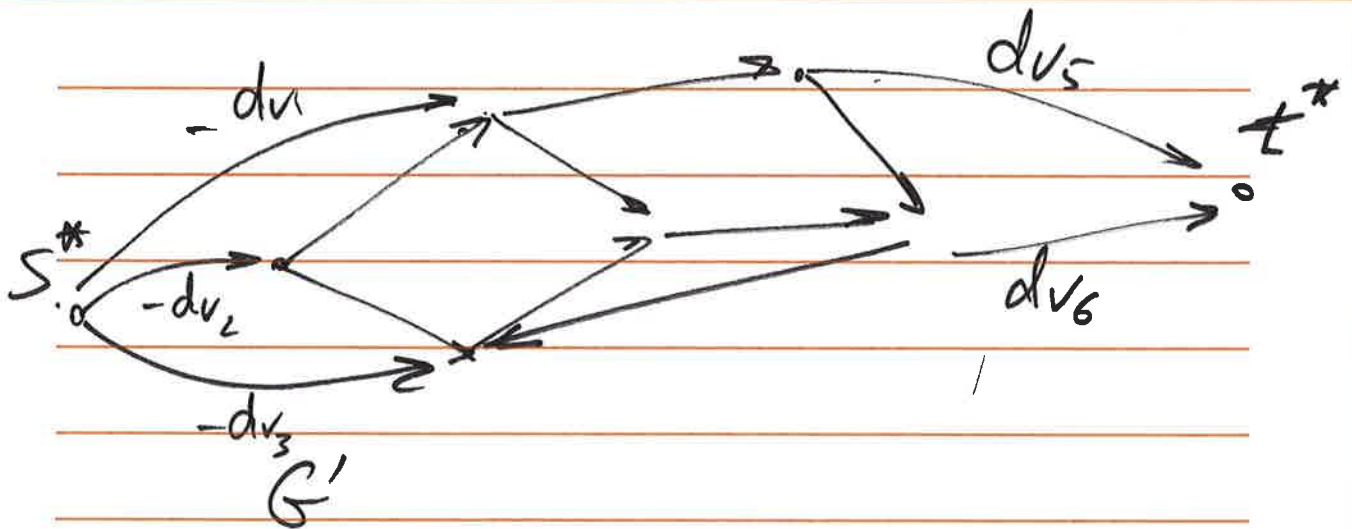
$$\sum_{v: d_v > 0} d_v = \sum_{v: d_v < 0} -d_v = D$$

total demand value.

How to find a feasible Circulation



G



$$v(f) = X$$

$X > D$? not possible

$X < D$? no feasible flows

$X = D$ ✓ feasible flow!

Proof: A - If there is a feasible circulation f w demand values $\{d_v\}$ in G , we can find a Max flow in G' of value D .

B - If there is a Max flow in G' of value D , we can find a circulation in G .
feasible

Circulation w/ demands & lower bounds.

Conditions

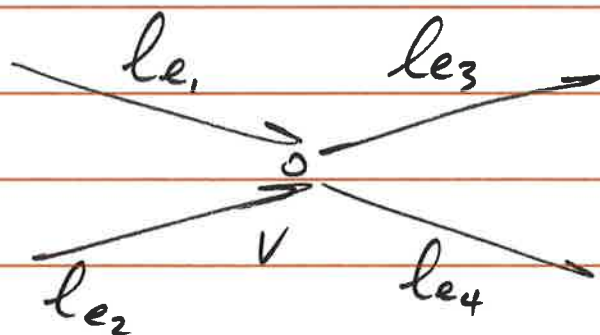
1) Cap. cond.

for each $e \in E$, $\underline{c}_e \leq f(e) \leq c_e$

2) Demand Cond.

for every v , $f^{\text{in}}(v) - f^{\text{out}}(v) = d_v$

f_0 is a flow where $f(e) = l_e$
for all $e \in E$



$L_v = \text{imbalance at node } v \text{ due to } f_0$

$$f_0^{\text{in}}(v) - f_0^{\text{out}}(v) = \sum_{e \text{ into } v} l_e - \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} l_e$$

$$= L_v$$

flow imbalance
at v .

1- push flow f_0 thru G
where $f_0(e) = l_e$

2. Construct G'

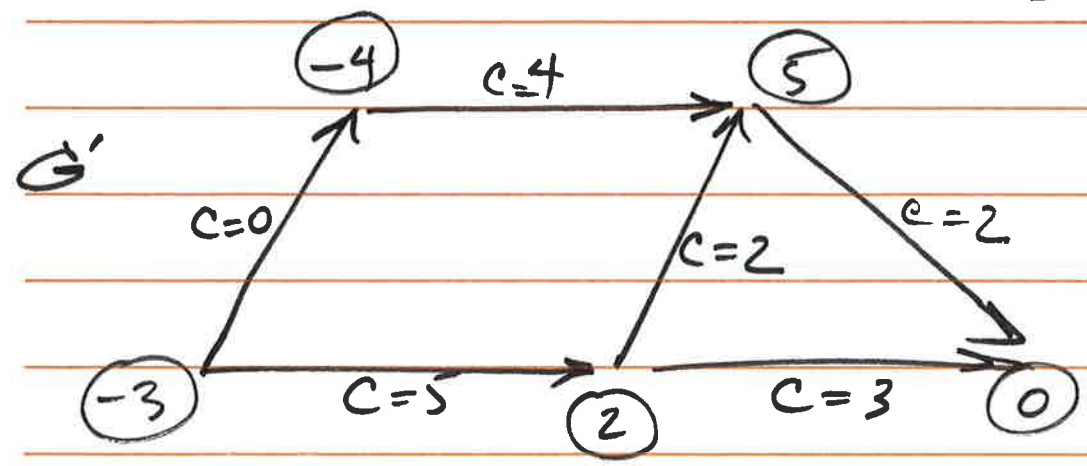
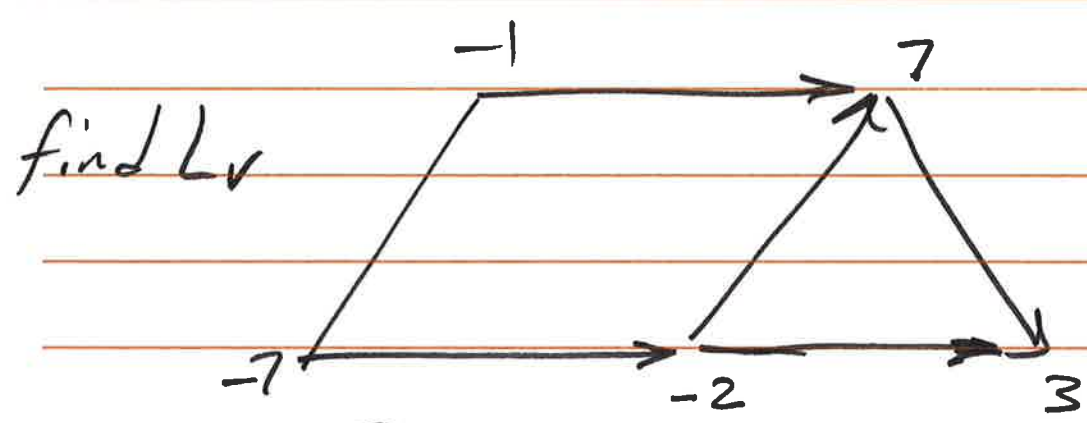
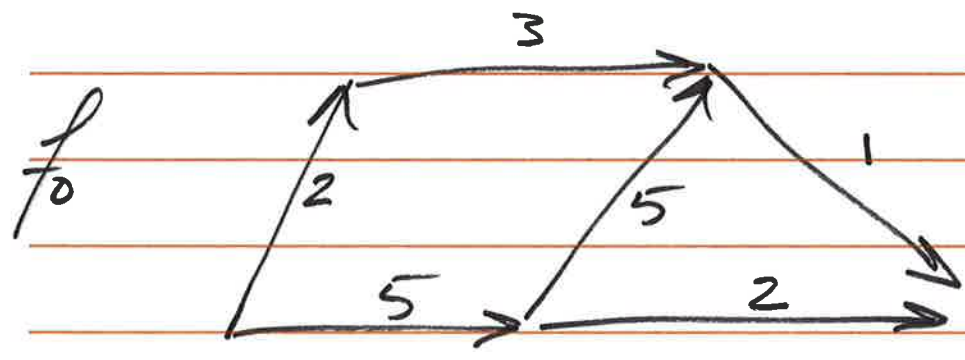
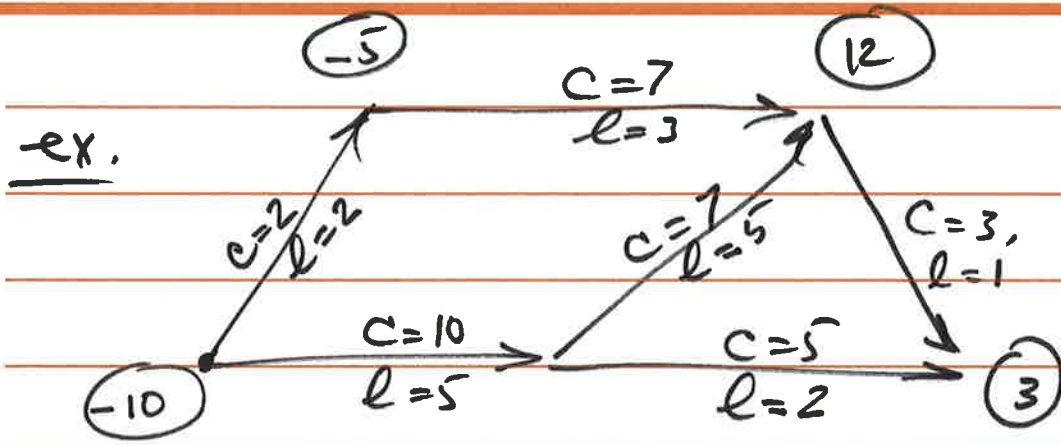
$$\text{where } c'_e = c_e - l_e$$

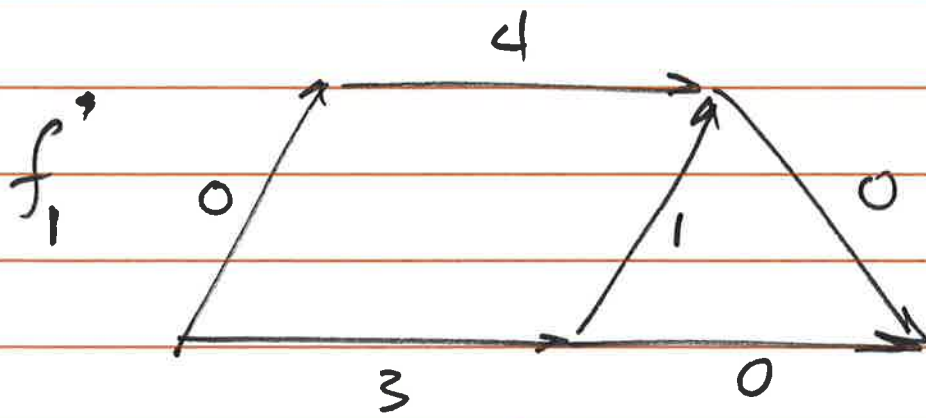
$$\& \quad d'_v = d_v - L_v$$

3. find feasible circulation in G'
call this f_1

4. if there is no feasible circ in G'
 \rightarrow no feasible circ in G

otherwise, feasible circ in $G =$
 $f_0 + f_1$





$$f = f_0 + f_1$$

