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演算法

Graphs (4)

Maximum Flow

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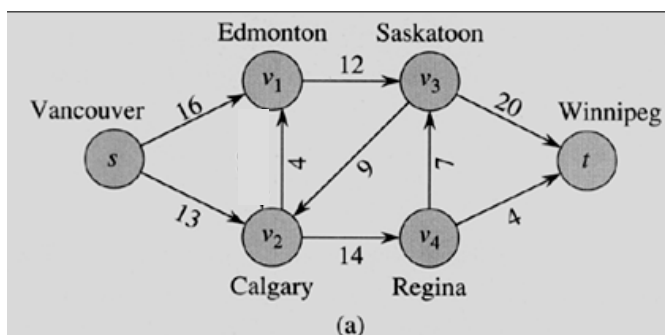
Outline

- Elementary Graph Algorithms, CH22
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 - ♦ Edmond-Karp Algorithm
 - ♦ Maximum Bipartite Matching 26.3

*CH 26 is different from 2nd edition

Flow Networks

- **Flow Network** $G = (V, E)$ is a directed graph
 - ♦ Each edge (u, v) has a **capacity** $c(u, v) \geq 0$
 - ♦ If $(u, v) \notin E$, then $c(u, v) = 0$.
 - ♦ If $(u, v) \in E$, then reverse edge $(v, u) \notin E$
- Two special vertices: **source vertex** s , **sink vertex** t ,
 - ♦ each vertex lies on a path from source to sink
 - ♦ $s \rightsquigarrow v \rightsquigarrow t$ for all $v \in V$
- Imagine: vertices are junctions; edges are conduit of different sizes
 - ♦ capacity is an upper bound on the flow rate = units/time



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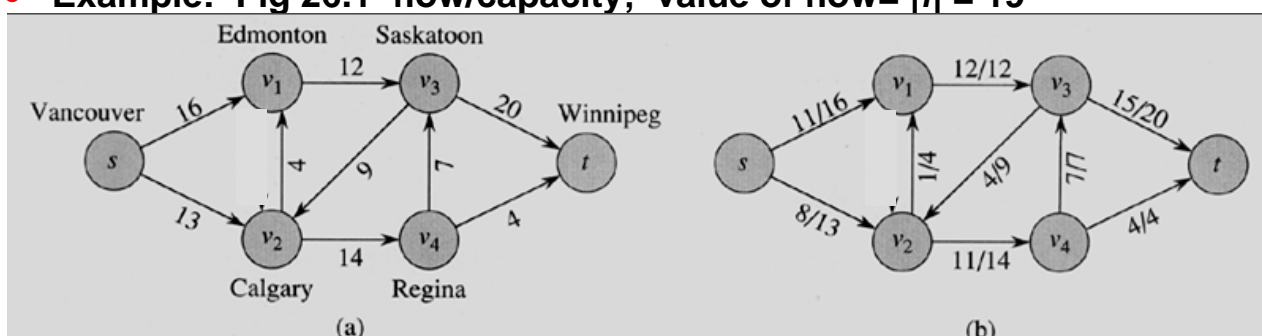
Flow* different from 2nd ed.

- **Flow** $f: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, must satisfy
 - ♦ **Capacity constraint:** For all $u, v \in V$, $0 \leq f(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$
 - ♦ **Flow conservation:** For all $u \in V - \{s, t\}$
 - * total flow into u = total flow out of u
- **Value of flow** $|f|$ = net flow out of source

$$|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)$$

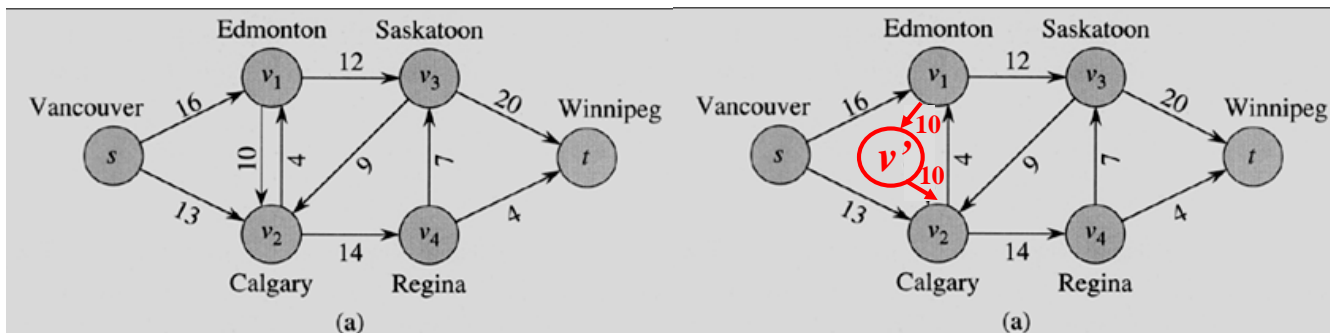
$$\sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v)$$

total flow into u total flow out of u
- **Maximum flow problem**
 - ♦ Given G, s, t , and c , find a flow whose value is maximum
- Example: Fig 26.1 flow/capacity; value of flow = $|f| = 19$



Antiparallel Edges

- (v_1, v_2) (v_2, v_1) are *antiparallel edges*
 - ♦ violate our assumption
- how to model this ?
 - ♦ choose one edge, say (v_1, v_2)
 - ♦ create v'
 - ♦ replace (v_1, v_2) by two new edges (v_1, v') and (v', v_2)
- Example Fig 26.2



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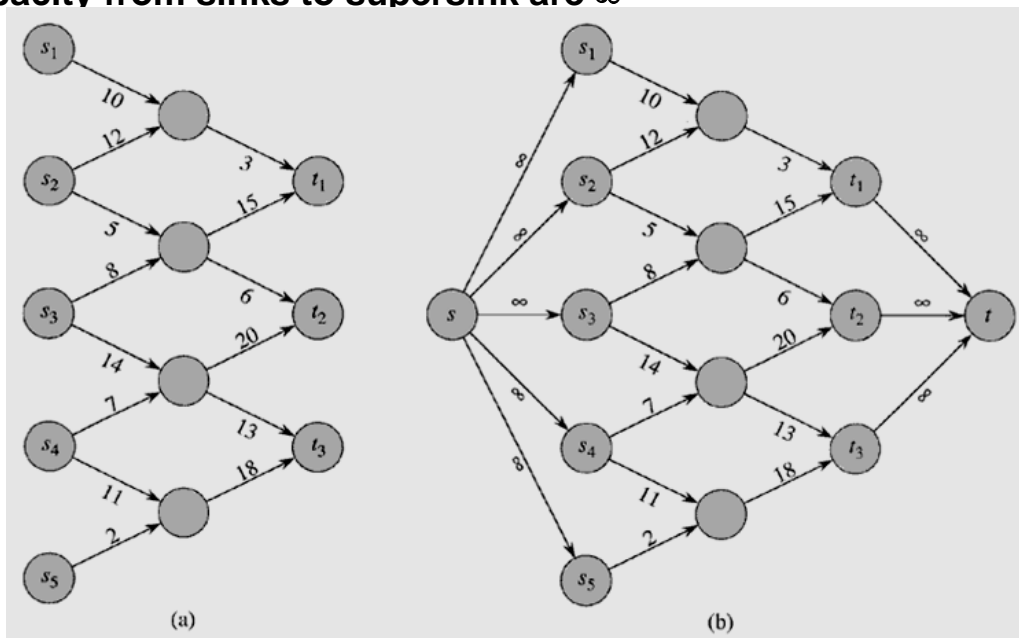
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Multiple Sources and Sinks

- What if more than one sources and sinks?
 - ♦ Add a *supersource* s , add a *supersink* t
 - ♦ Capacity from supersource to source are ∞
 - ♦ Capacity from sinks to supersink are ∞

Fig 26.3



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Ford-Fulkerson Method

- FF method contains three concepts
 - ♦ Residual Network
 - ♦ Augment Path
 - ♦ Cut

FORD-FULKERSON-METHOD(G, s, t)

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1  initialize flow  $f$  to 0
2  while there exists an augmenting path  $p$  in the residual network  $G_f$ 
3      augment flow  $f$  along  $p$ 
4  return  $f$ 
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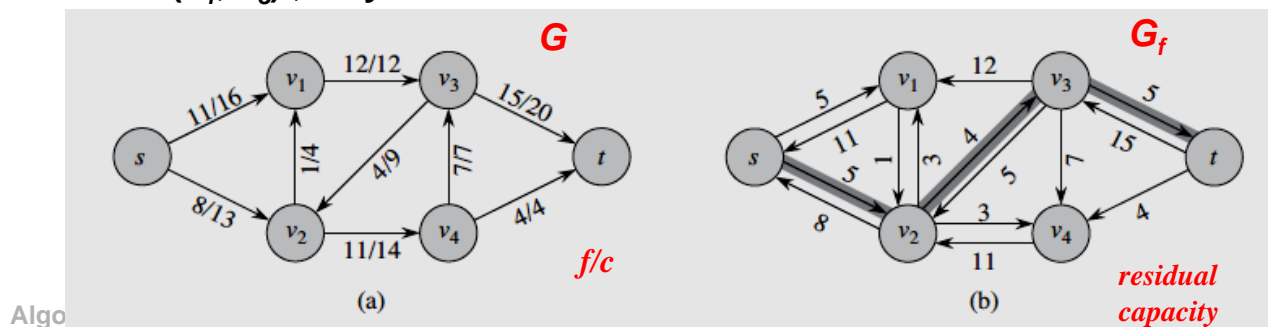
Residual Capacity

- Given a flow f in network $G=(V,E)$. Consider a pair of vertices $u,v \in V$
- Residual capacity** = additional flow we can push directly from u to v
 - sending flow back is equivalent to decreasing the flow

$$c_f(u,v) = \begin{cases} c(u,v) - f(u,v) & \text{if } (u,v) \in E, \\ f(v,u) & \text{if } (v,u) \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Example: Fig 26.4

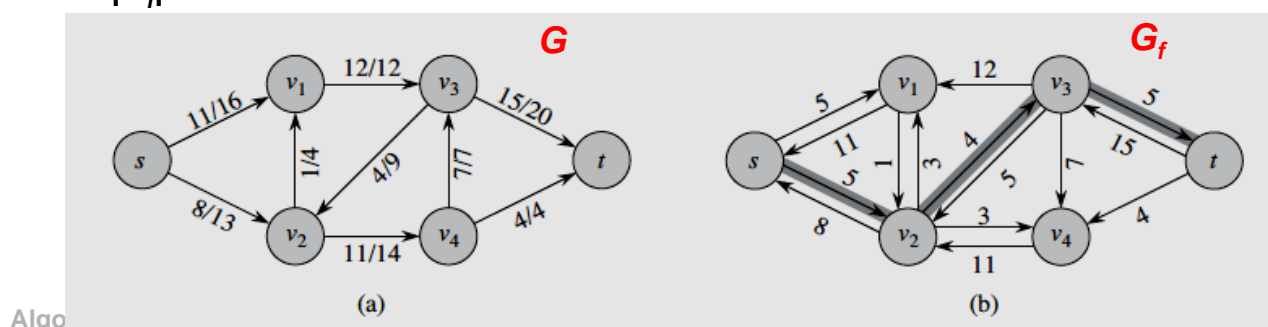
- $c_f(v_3, v_2) = 9-4=5$
- $c_f(v_2, v_3) = 4$, why?
- No (v_1, v_3) , why?



Residual Network

- Residual network** $G_f = (V, E_f)$

$$E_f = \{(u,v) \in V \times V : c_f(u,v) > 0\}$$
- Similar to a flow network,
 - except that it may contain antiparallel edges (u, v) and (v, u)
- Every edge $(u, v) \in E_f$ corresponds to
 - an edge $(u, v) \in E$, or an edge $(v, u) \in E$, or both
 - therefore $|E_f| \leq 2|E|$
- Example: Fig. 26.4
 - $|E| = 9$
 - $|E_f| = 15$



Augmentation of Flow, $f \uparrow f'$

- Given a flow f in G and a flow f' in G_f

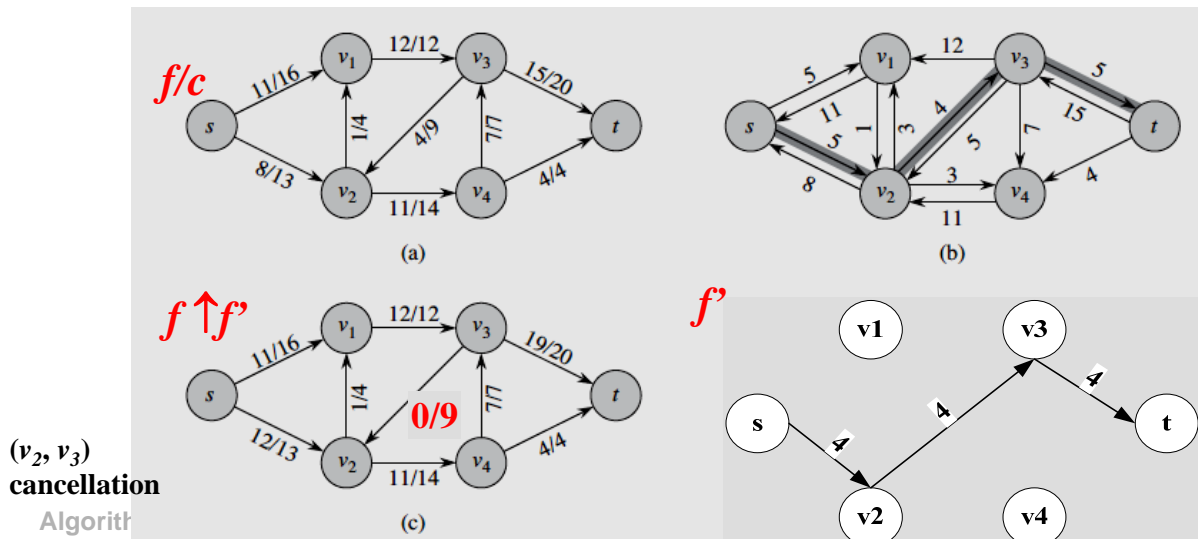
♦ $(f \uparrow f') = \text{augmentation of } f \text{ by } f'$

equation 26.4

$$(f \uparrow f')(u, v) = \begin{cases} f(u, v) + \underbrace{f'(u, v)}_{\text{increase}} - \underbrace{f'(v, u)}_{\text{cancellation}} & , \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Cancellation :**

♦ pushing flow on the reverse edge in G_f decreases the flow in G



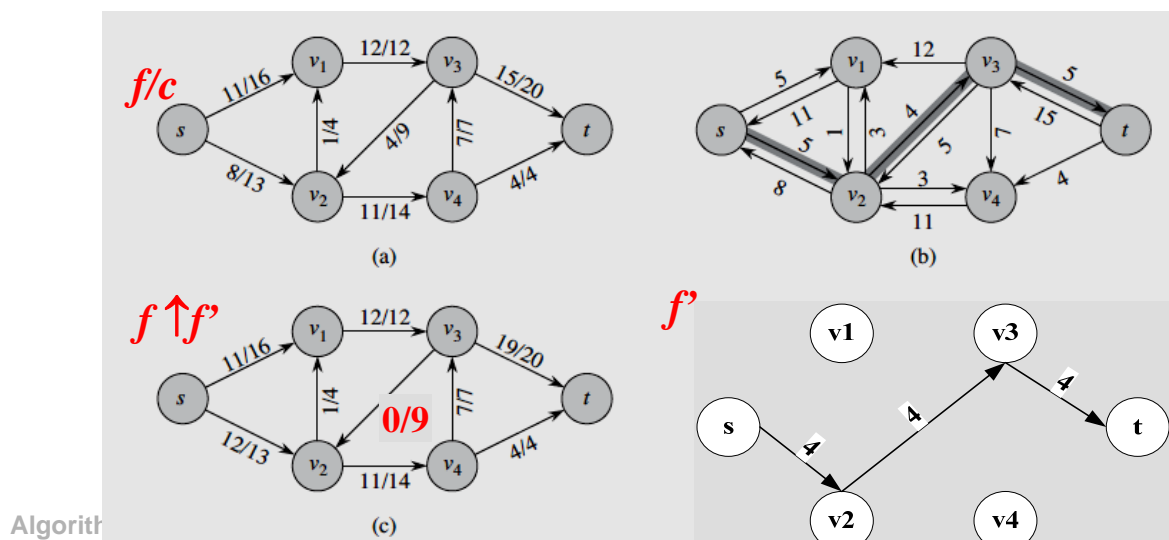
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Value of $|f \uparrow f'|$

- (Lemma 26.1) Given a flow network G and a flow f . Let f' be a flow in G_f . Then $f \uparrow f'$ is a flow in G with value $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$

- Example: Fig 26.4

- ♦ $|f| = 19$
- ♦ f' from $s \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow v_3 \rightarrow t$, $|f'| = 4$
- ♦ $|f \uparrow f'| = 19 + 4 = 23$



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Proof of Lemma 26.1(1)

- prove $f \uparrow f'$ is a flow so it obeys the capacity constraint

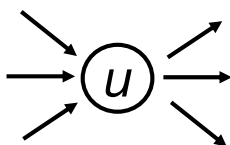
$$\begin{aligned}
 (f \uparrow f')(u, v) &= f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u) \quad (\text{by equation (26.4)}) \\
 &\geq f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f(u, v) \quad (\text{because } f'(v, u) \leq f(u, v), \text{ why?}) \\
 &= f'(u, v) \\
 &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &\leq f(u, v) + f'(u, v) \quad (\text{because flows are nonnegative}) \\
 &\leq f(u, v) + c_f(u, v) \quad (\text{capacity constraint}) \\
 &= f(u, v) + c(u, v) - f(u, v) \quad (\text{definition of } c_f) \\
 &= c(u, v)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Lemma 26.1(2)

- prove $f \uparrow f'$ is a flow so it obeys the flow conservation

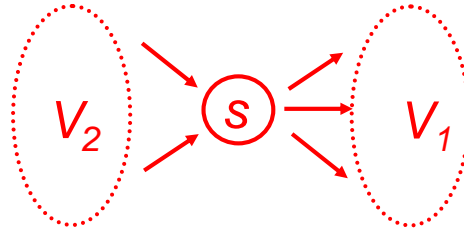
$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{v \in V} (f \uparrow f')(u, v) &= \sum_{v \in V} (f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u)) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) + \sum_{v \in V} f'(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f'(v, u) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) + \sum_{v \in V} f'(v, u) - \sum_{v \in V} f'(u, v) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} (f(v, u) + f'(v, u) - f'(u, v)) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} (f \uparrow f')(v, u)
 \end{aligned}$$



Proof of Lemma 26.1(3)

- prove $|f \uparrow f'| = |f| + |f'|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f \uparrow f'| &= \sum_{v \in V} (f \uparrow f')(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} (f \uparrow f')(v, s) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} (f \uparrow f')(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} (f \uparrow f')(v, s) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} (f(s, v) + f'(s, v) - f'(v, s)) - \sum_{v \in V_2} (f(v, s) + f'(v, s) - f'(s, v)) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) + \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(v, s) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(s, v) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(s, v) + \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1} f'(v, s) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f'(v, s) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(v, s)
 \end{aligned}$$



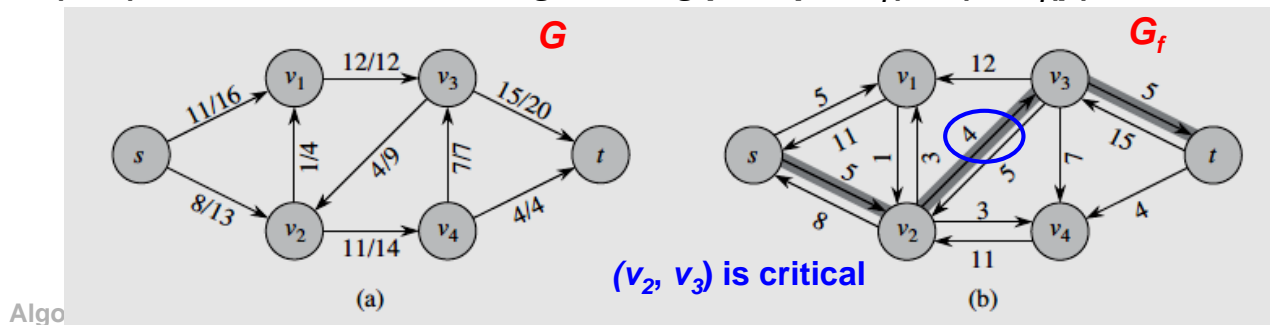
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- exercise 26.2-1

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f \uparrow f'| &= \sum_{v \in V_1} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_2} f(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2} f'(v, s) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s) + \sum_{v \in V} f'(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f'(v, s) \\
 &= |f| + |f'|
 \end{aligned}$$

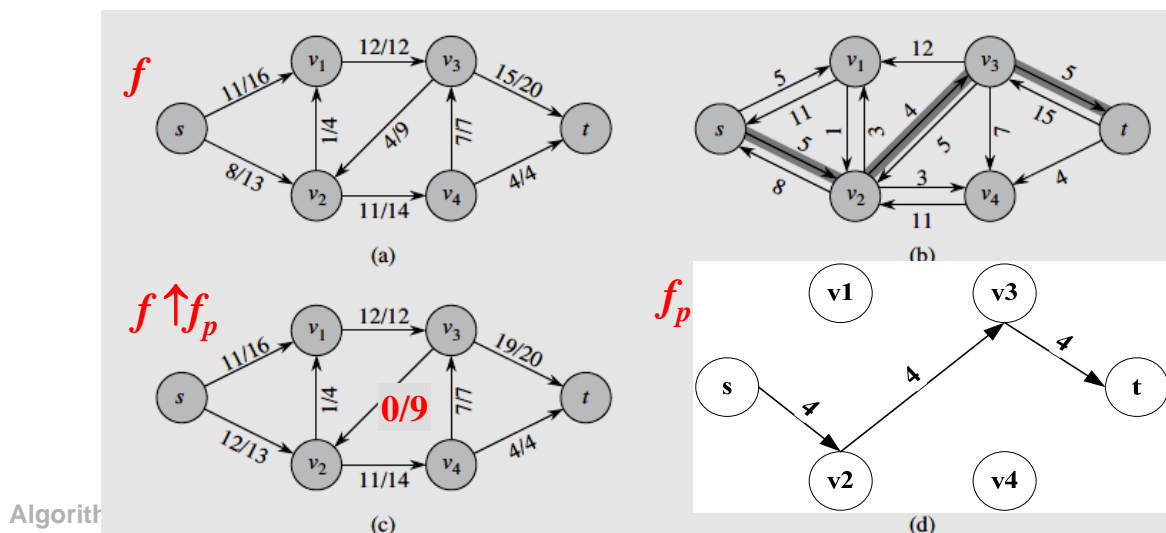
Augmenting Path

- **Augmenting path** p is a simple path from $s \rightsquigarrow t$ in G_f
 - ♦ p admits more flow along each edge
 - * a sequence of pipes through which we can push more flow
 - ♦ How much more flow can we push from s to t along p ?
 - * **residual capacity of p** $c_f(p) = \min\{c_f(u,v) : (u,v) \text{ is on } p\}$
 - * smallest residual capacity of all edges on this path
- Example: Fig 26.4
 - ♦ Augmenting Path $p = \langle s, v_2, v_3, t \rangle$
 - ♦ $c_f(p) = 4$
 - (u, v) is called **critical** on augmenting path p if $c_f(u, v) = c_f(p)$



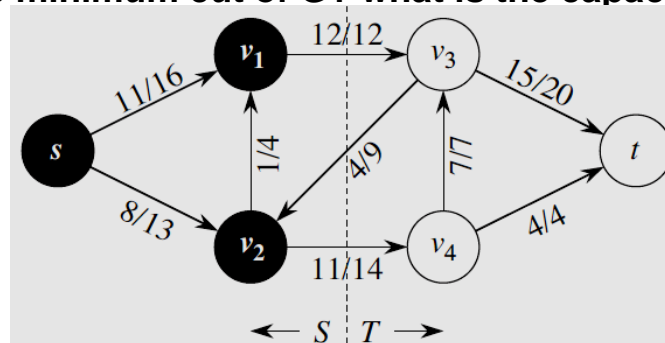
- (Lemma 26.2) Given flow network G and flow f . Let p be an augmenting path in G_f . f_p is a flow in G_f with value $|f_p| = c_f(p) > 0$

$$f_p(u, v) = \begin{cases} c_f(p) & \text{if } (u, v) \text{ is on } p, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{eq. 26.8}$$
- (Corollary 26.3) Given flow network G and flow f , and augmenting path p in G_f . Then $f \uparrow f_p$ is a flow in G with value $|f \uparrow f_p| = |f| + |f_p| > |f|$



CUT

- **Cut** (S, T) of flow network $G=(V,E)$ is a partition of V into S and T
 - ♦ $T = V-S$ such that $s \in S$ and $t \in T$
- **Net flow across cut** (S, T) is $f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u)$
- **Capacity of cut** (S, T) is $c(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v)$
- **Minimum cut of G** is a cut whose capacity is minimum over all cuts
- **Example: Fig 26.5** cut $\{s, v_1, v_2\} \{v_3, v_4, t\}$
 - ♦ capacity of cut = $12+14 = 26$; net flow cross cut = $12+11-4=19$
 - ♦ what is the minimum cut of G ? what is the capacity of the cut?



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Lemma 26.4

- For any cut (S, T) , the net flow across cut $f(S, T) = |f|$
 - ♦ **Proof**

$$\sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) = 0 \quad \text{flow conservation, } u \in V - \{s, t\}$$

$$|f| = \underbrace{\sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s)}_{\text{eq. 26.1}} + \underbrace{\sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \left[\sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) \right]}_{=0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |f| &= \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) - \sum_{v \in V} f(v, s) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \sum_{v \in V} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} \sum_{v \in V} f(v, u) \\ &= \sum_{v \in V} \left(f(s, v) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} f(u, v) \right) - \sum_{v \in V} \left(f(v, s) + \sum_{u \in S - \{s\}} f(v, u) \right) \\ &= \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in V} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 26.4 (2)

- **Proof (cont'd)**
- **because $V = S \cup T$, and $S \cap T = \emptyset$**
 - ♦ **split summation over V into summation over S and T**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f| &= \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) + \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \\
 &= \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in S} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u) \right)}_{=0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f| &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \\
 &= f(S, T)
 \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 26.5

- **The value of any flow \leq capacity of any cut**
 - ♦ **Proof**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f| &= f(S, T) \\
 &= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(v, u) \\
 &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) \\
 &\leq \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) \\
 &= c(S, T)
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Therefore, maximum flow \leq capacity of minimum cut**

Max-flow Min-Cut Theorem (1)

- (Theorem 26.6) The following are equivalent:

1. f is a **maximum flow**
2. G_f has **no augmenting path**
3. $|f| = c(S, T)$ for some cut (S, T)

- ♦ Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$ contrapositive

- * assume G_f has an augmenting path, and f is a maximum flow
- * by corollary 26.3, $f \uparrow f_p$ is a flow in G with value $|f| + |f_p| > |f|$
 - so f is not a maximum flow, conflict!

- ♦ Proof: $3 \Rightarrow 1$

- * (corollary 26.5) $|f| \leq c(S, T)$
- * so $|f| = c(S, T)$ means f is a max flow

Max-flow Min-Cut Theorem (2)

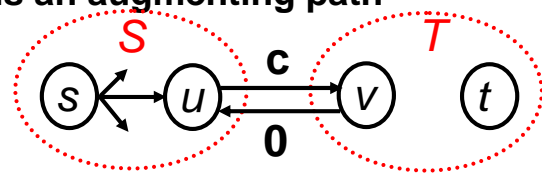
- Proof $2 \Rightarrow 3$

- ♦ Suppose G_f has no augmenting path
- ♦ Let $S = \{v \in V: \text{there exists a path } s \rightsquigarrow v \text{ in } G_f\}$, $T = V - S$
 - * Must have $t \in T$; otherwise there is an augmenting path

- ♦ Therefore, (S, T) is a cut

- ♦ Consider $u \in S$ and $v \in T$

- * If $(v, u) \in E$, then $c_f(u, v) = f(v, u) = 0$
 - otherwise, $c_f(u, v) = f(v, u) > 0 \Rightarrow (u, v) \in E_f \Rightarrow v \in S$
- * If $(u, v) \in E$, then $c_f(u, v) = 0 \Rightarrow f(u, v) = c(u, v)$
 - otherwise, $(u, v) \in E_f \Rightarrow v \in S$
- * If both $(u, v), (v, u) \notin E$, must have $f(u, v) = f(v, u) = 0$



- ♦ therefore $|f| = f(S, T) = \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} f(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} f(v, u)$

$$= \sum_{u \in S} \sum_{v \in T} c(u, v) - \sum_{v \in T} \sum_{u \in S} 0$$

$$= c(S, T)$$

Basic Ford Fulkerson

- Keep augmenting flow along an augmenting path
 - until there is no augmenting path

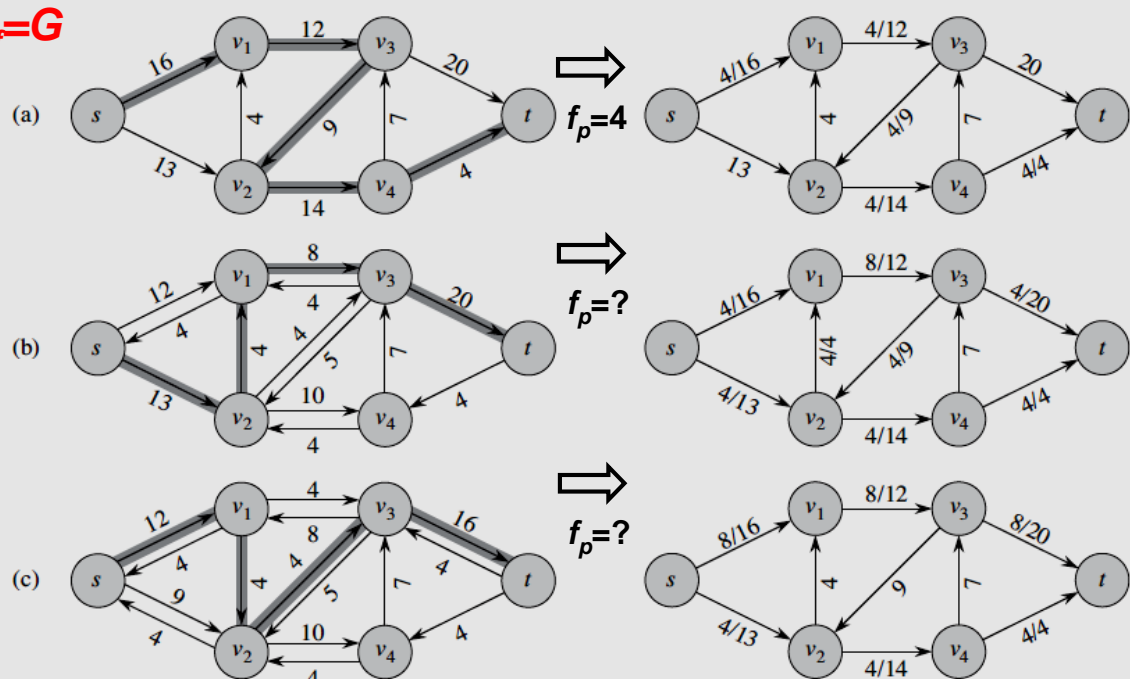
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FORD-FULKERSON( $G, s, t$ )
1  for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$  // initialize
2       $(u, v).f = 0$ 
3  while there exists a path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ 
4       $c_f(p) = \min \{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ is in } p\}$ 
5      for each edge  $(u, v)$  in  $p$ 
6          if  $(u, v) \in E$ 
7               $(u, v).f = (u, v).f + c_f(p)$  // increase
8          else  $(v, u).f = (v, u).f - c_f(p)$  // cancellation
    
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Example

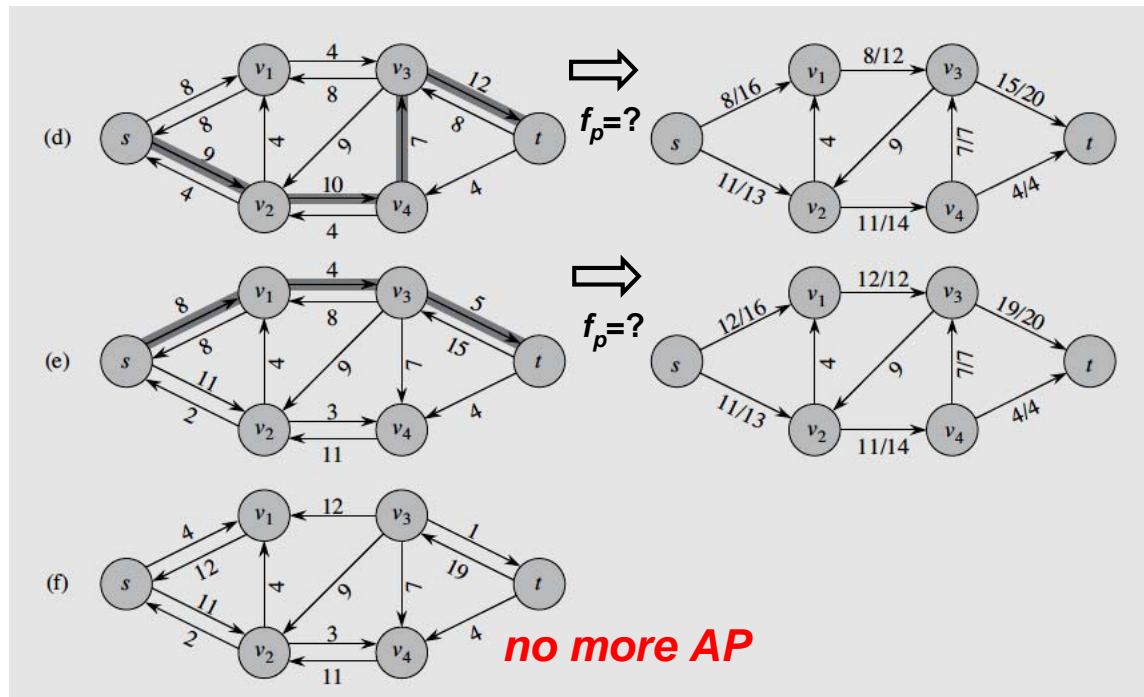
- Fig 26.6

initially, $|f|=0$
 $G_f = G$



Example (cont'd)

- Fig 26.6 (cont'd) Q1: maximum flow = ?
- Q2: can you find the min CUT?



Time Complexity

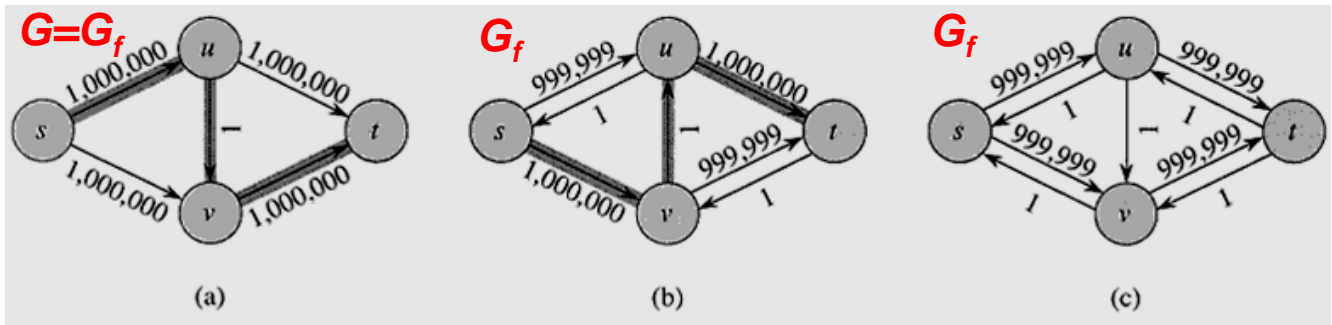
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8          else  $(v, u).f = (v, u).f - c_f(p)$ 
    
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- line 3: finding G_f using BFS or DFS
 - $O(V+E') = O(E)$
 - $E' = \{(u, v) : (u, v) \in E \text{ or } (v, u) \in E\}$
- line 3~8: while loop
 - Assume capacities are integers. Assume max flow is f^*
 - each iteration increase flow by at least 1
 - * needs $|f^*|$ iterations
- Time complexity = $O(E |f^*|)$

Disadvantage

- FF running time is NOT polynomial in input size.
 - ♦ It depends on $|f^*|$, which is not a function of V and E
- worst case example: Fig 26.7
 - ♦ need 2,000,000 times augmentations!



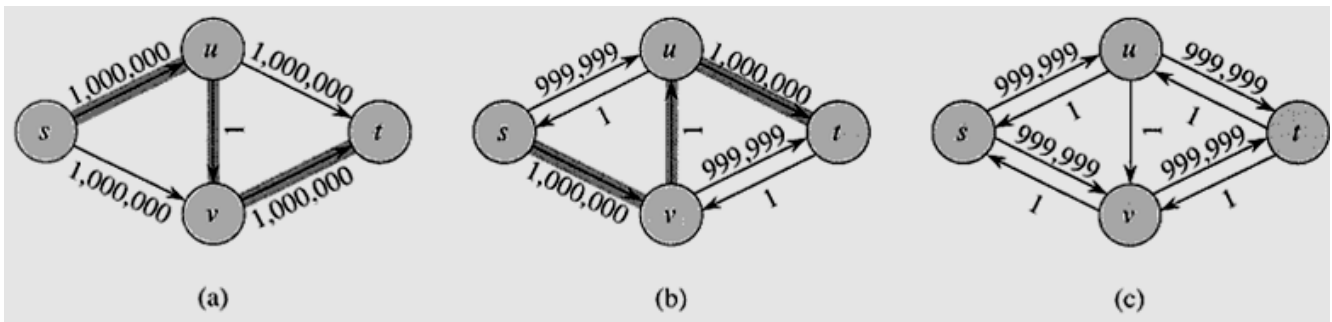
- can we do better?

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Edmonds-Karp Algorithm

- Do FORD-FULKERSON, but compute augmenting paths by **BFS**
 - ♦ AP are shortest paths $s \rightsquigarrow t$ in G_f , with *unit edge weights*
 - ♦ time complexity $O(VE^2)$ (Theorem 26.8)
- push-relabel algorithm is even better $O(V^3)$
 - ♦ 26.4 – 26.5 *not in exam
- Exercise 1
 - ♦ show Edmonds-Karp is better than Ford-Fulkerson



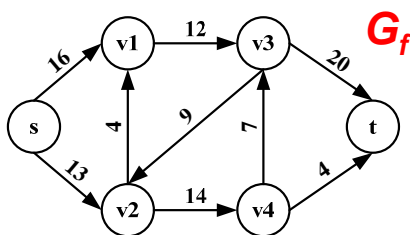
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Exercise 2

- Use Edmonds-Karp to find max flow
 - ♦ Q1: how many iterations do we need? Q2: what is the max flow?



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Lemma 26.7 (1)

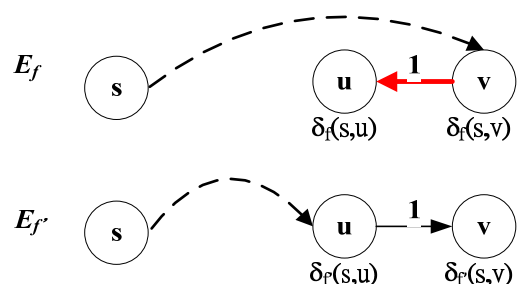
- Let $\delta_f(u, v)$ = shortest path distance from u to v in G_f
 - assume unit edge weights
- For all $v \in V - \{s, t\}$, $\delta_f(u, v)$ **increases monotonically** with each flow augmentation.
 - Proof by contradiction
 - Suppose there exists $v \in V - \{s, t\}$ such that some flow augmentation causes shortest path distance $s \rightsquigarrow v$ to decrease
 - Let f = flow before the *first augmentation* that causes a shortest-path distance to decrease. Let f' = the flow afterward
 - Let v be a vertex with minimum $\delta_{f'}(s, v)$ whose distance was decreased by the augmentation $\delta_{f'}(s, v) < \delta_f(s, v)$
 - Let a shortest path s to v in $G_{f'}$ be $s \rightsquigarrow u \rightarrow v$
 - * so $(u, v) \in E_{f'}$, $\delta_{f'}(s, u) = \delta_{f'}(s, v) - 1$ (26.12)
 - Because of how we chose v , we know the distance from s to u does not decrease $\delta_{f'}(s, u) \geq \delta_f(s, u)$ (26.13)

Lemma 26.7 (2)

- Claim $(u, v) \notin E_f$ why? if $(u, v) \in E_f$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_f(s, v) &\leq \delta_f(s, u) + 1 \quad (\text{by Lemma 24.10, the triangle inequality}) \\ &\leq \delta_{f'}(s, u) + 1 \quad (\text{by inequality (26.13)}) \\ &= \delta_{f'}(s, v) \quad (\text{by equation (26.12)}) \end{aligned}$$
 - contradict assumption
 - * $\delta_{f'}(s, v) < \delta_f(s, v)$
- How can $(u, v) \notin E_f$ but $(u, v) \in E_{f'}$?
 - The augmentation must have increased flow v to u
 - Since Edmonds-Karp augments along shortest paths, the shortest path s to u in G_f has (v, u) as its last edge

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_f(s, v) &= \delta_f(s, u) - 1 \quad (v, u) \text{ is last edge on shortest path in } G_f \\ &\leq \delta_{f'}(s, u) - 1 \quad (\text{by inequality (26.13)}) \\ &= \delta_{f'}(s, v) - 2 \quad (\text{by equation (26.12)}) \end{aligned}$$
 - contradict assumption $\delta_{f'}(s, v) < \delta_f(s, v)$
- Therefore no v exist such that $\delta_f(s, v)$ decreases

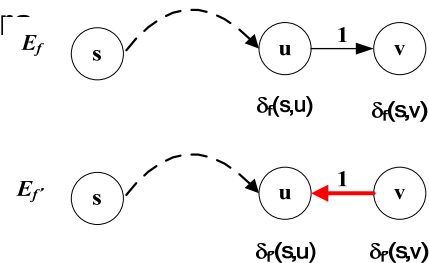


Theorem 26.8 (1)

- Edmonds-Karp performs $O(VE)$ augmentations
 - Proof:
 - Let p be an augmenting path and (u, v) is critical
 - it disappears from residual network after augmenting along p
 - claim: each of the $|E|$ edges can become critical $\leq |V|/2$ times
 - Consider $u, v \in V$ such that either $(u, v) \in E$ or $(v, u) \in E$ or both
 - when (u, v) becomes critical first time

$$\delta_f(s, v) = \delta_f(s, u) + 1$$
 - After augmentation, (u, v) disappears from residual network
 - (u, v) won't reappear in G_f until flow from u to v decreases, which happens only if (v, u) is on an augmenting path in G_f
 - Let f' be the flow when this occurs

$$\delta_{f'}(s, u) = \delta_{f'}(s, v) + 1$$

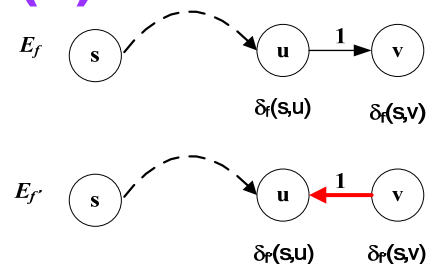


Theorem 26.8 (2)

- by Lemma 26.7 $\delta_{f'}(s, u) = \delta_f(s, v) + 1$

$$\geq \delta_f(s, v) + 1$$

$$= \delta_f(s, u) + 2$$
- Each time, $\delta_f(s, u)$ increases by **at least 2**
- Initially, $\delta_f(s, u) = 0$,
- eventually, $\delta_f(s, u) \leq |V| - 2$
 - augmenting path can't have s , and t as intermediate vertices
 - u can become critical less than $(|V| - 2) / 2 = |V| / 2 - 1$ times
 - totally, u can become critical less than $|V| / 2$ times
- Since $O(E)$ pairs of vertices have an edge between them in G_f
 - Each AP has at least 1 critical edge
 - total $O(VE)$ augmentations
- Use BFS to find each AP in $O(E)$ time
 - Edmonds-Karp is $O(VE^2)$

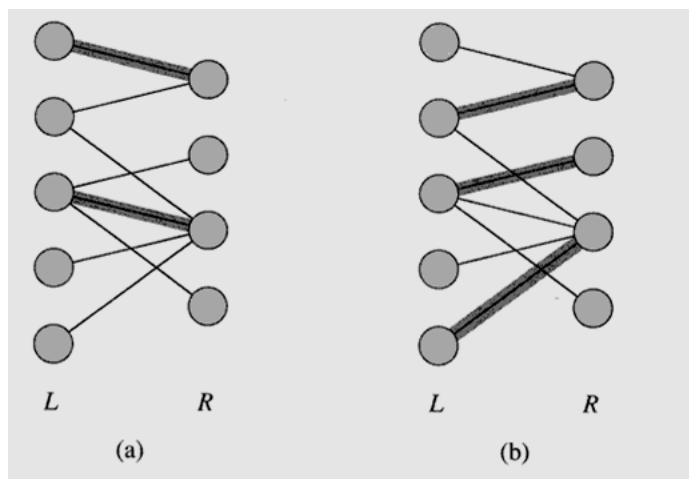


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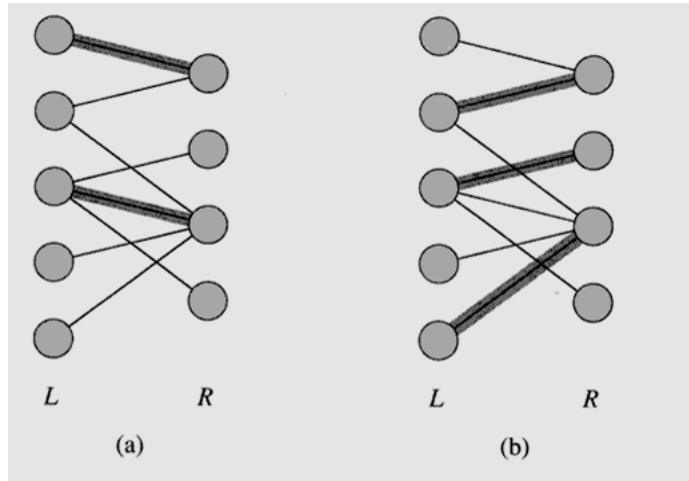
Bipartite Matching

- Undirected $G = (V, E)$ is **bipartite** if we can
 - ♦ partition $V = L \cup R$ such that all edges go between L and R
- A **matching** is a subset of edges $M \subseteq E$ such that
 - ♦ for all $v \in V$, one edge of M is incident on v
 - ♦ **cardinality** = size of $M = |M|$
- Vertex v is **matched** if an edge of M is incident on it
 - ♦ otherwise unmatched
- Example:
 - ♦ Fig 26.8
 - ♦ (a) cardinality = 2
 - ♦ (b) cardinality = 3



Maximum Bipartite Matching

- **Maximum bipartite matching:** a matching of *maximum cardinality*
 - ♦ M is a maximum matching if $|M| \geq |M'|$ for all matching M'
- Applications: machine-task matching
 - ♦ L = machines, R = tasks
 - ♦ edge (u, v) means machine u is capable of performing a task v
 - ♦ MBM find maximum number of tasks
- Example
 - ♦ (b) is MBM

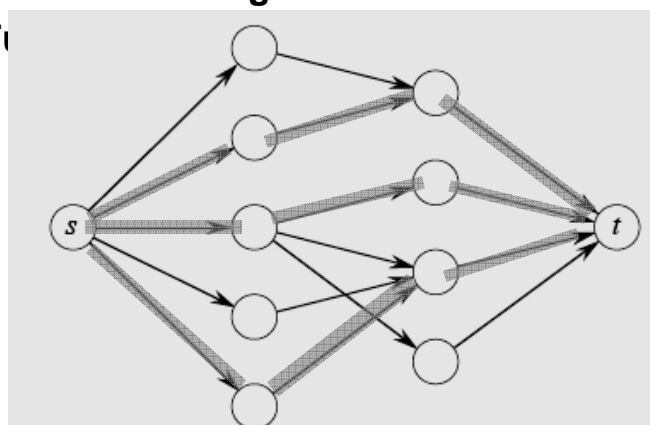


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Corresponding Flow Network

- **Corresponding flow network $G'=(V', E')$**
 - ♦ $V' = V \cup \{s, t\}$ $E' = \underbrace{\{(s, u) : u \in L\}}_{\text{edges from } s} \cup \underbrace{\{(u, v) : (u, v) \in E\}}_{\text{original edges}} \cup \underbrace{\{(v, t) : v \in R\}}_{\text{edges to } t}$
 - ♦ $c(u, v) = 1$ for all $(u, v) \in E'$
 - ♦ $|E'| = |E| + |V|$
- Each vertex in V has at least one incident edge, $|E| \geq |V|/2$
 - ♦ $|E'| = |E| + |V| \leq 3|E|$. therefore, $|E'| = \Theta(|E|)$
- Idea: a flow in G' correspond to a matching in G
 - ♦ solve MBM using Ford-F
- Example Fig 26.8c
 - ♦ max flow = 3
 - ♦ MBM cardinality = 3



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Lemma 26.9

- Assume *integer-valued flow*: $f(u,v)$ is integer for all edges (u, v)
- If M is a matching in G , then there is an f in G' with value $|f| = |M|$
- Conversely, if f is a flow in G' , then there is a matching with $|M| = |f|$
 - ♦ **Proof 1: M corresponds to f**
 - * if $(u,v) \in M$, then $f(s,u) = f(u,v) = f(v,t) = 1$
 - other edges, $f(u,v) = 0$
 - * $(u,v) \in M$ corresponds to one unit of flow in G' $s \rightarrow u \rightarrow v \rightarrow t$
 - * net flow across cut $(L \cup \{S\}, R \cup \{T\}) = |M|$
 - * by Lemma 26.4, the value of the flow is $|f| = |M|$
 - ♦ **Proof 2: f corresponds to M**
 - * Let $M = \{(u,v) : u \in L, v \in R, \text{ and } f(u,v) > 0\}$
 - * for each $u \in L$, one unit flow enters u if and only if one vertex $v \in R$ such that $f(u,v) = 1$
 - * for every matched vertex $u \in L$, we have $f(u,v) = 1$
 - * net flow across cut $(L \cup \{S\}, R \cup \{T\}) = |M|$
 - * by Lemma 26.4, the value of the flow is $|M| = |f|$

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- (Theorem 26.10) If the capacity function c takes on only integral values, then maximum flow f produced by FF method $|f|$ is integer. Moreover, for all vertices u and v , $f(u,v)$ is integer
 - ♦ exercise: 26.3-2
- (corollary 26.11) The cardinality of maximum matching M in a bipartite graph G equals the value of a maximum flow f in its corresponding flow network G'

Conclusion

- How to solve MBM?
 - ♦ create corresponding flow network G'
 - ♦ run FF method, $O(|f^*| |E'|)$ time
 - ♦ obtain the MBM
- MBM Time complexity
 - ♦ $|f^*| = O(V)$
 - ♦ $|E'| = \Theta(E)$
 - ♦ totally, $O(VE)$

Reading

- CH 26.1-26.3