Maximum Cardinality Matching Problem

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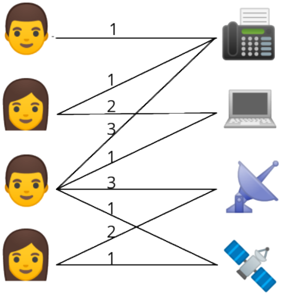
Assignment Problem

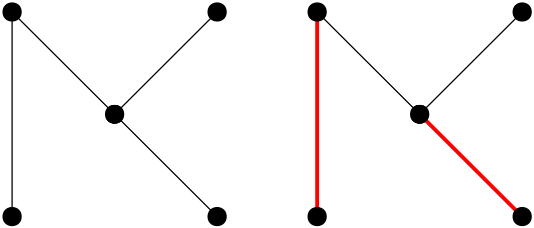


Definitions

Matching

Definition

Set of non overlapping edges.



Bipartite Matching

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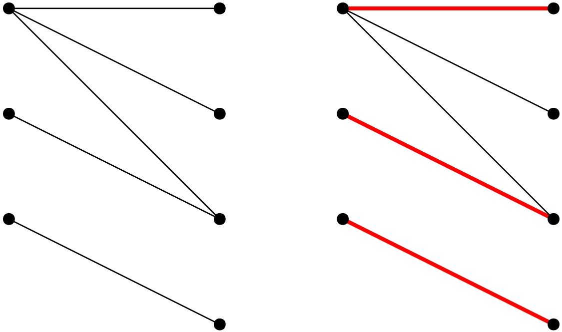
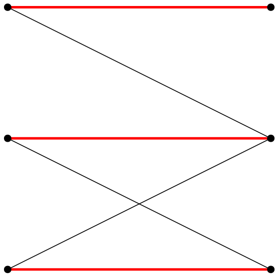
Matching on a bipartite graph.



Perfect Matching

Definition

Matching of size $\frac{|V(G)|}{2}$.



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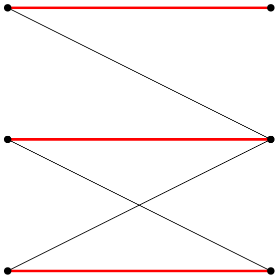
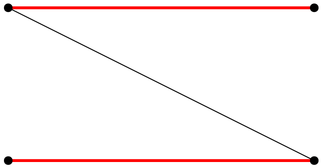
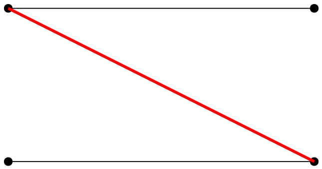


Maximum Matching vs Maximal Matching

Maximum: matching of the maximum size:



Maximal: no more edges can be added:



Bipartite graphs

Hall's Theorem

Definition

A bipartite graph $G(U, W, E)$, has a matching satisfying U if and only if $|N(X)| \geq |X|$ for every nonempty subset $X \subseteq U$.

Hall's Theorem - Examples

- Examples on the board –

König's Theorem

Definition

The maximum matching for a bipartite graph equals its minimum vertex cover

König's Theorem - Example

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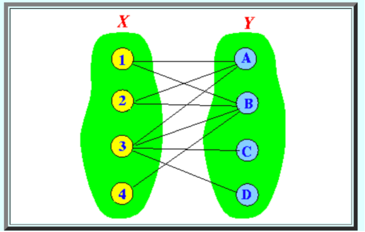
Alternating Path



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Let $G = (X, Y, E)$ be a bipartite graph where the vertices are divided into the sets X and Y and E the edges.

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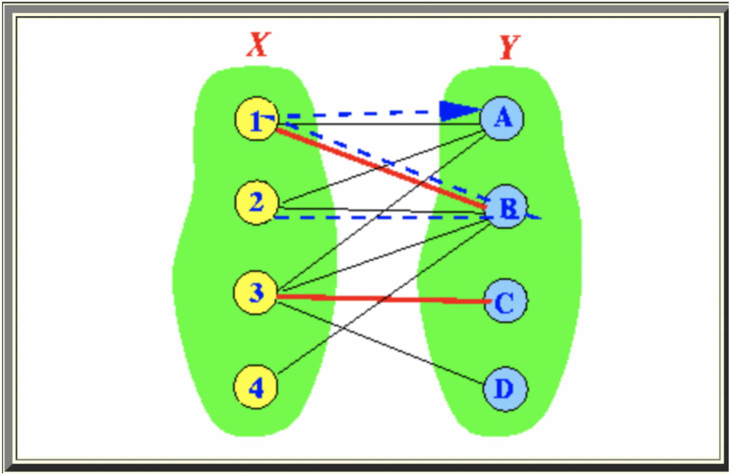

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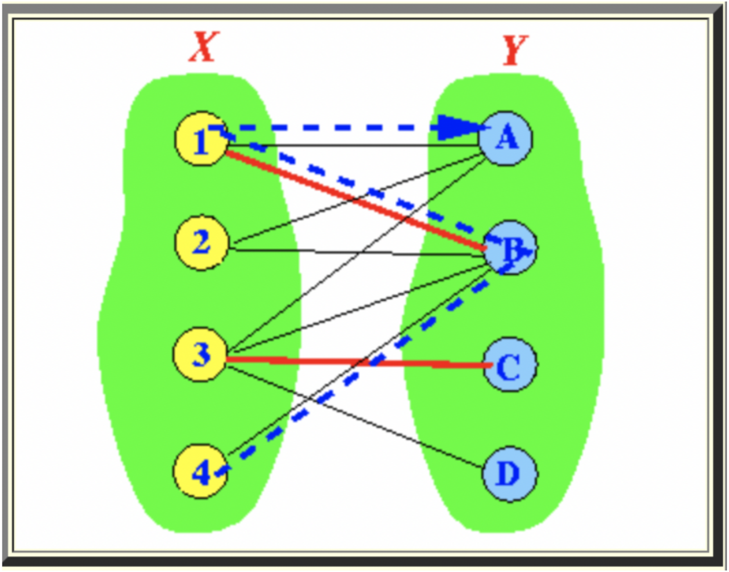

Alternating Path - Summary

- starts in a vertex element of X and ends in vertex element of Y
- must have an odd-number of edges
- will visit nodes in X and Y alternately
- And it starts and ends in free/unmatched vertices

$\rightarrow$ To go forward, use an edge that is not part of the matching
$\rightarrow$ To go backward, use an edge that is part of the matching

Augmenting Path - Definition

Definition

An augmenting path is an alternating path where the first and last vertex are unmatched.

Augmenting Path - example

– Example on the Board –

Breadth First Search - repetition

– Example on the Board –

Berge's Theorem

A matching is a maximum matching if it contains no augmenting path.

Hungarian Method

Search augmenting paths in the graph until no augmenting path can be found

$\rightarrow$ **Time complexity:** $O(|V|^3)$

Precise information can be found here:
https://brilliant.org/wiki/hungarian-matching/

Note: It is not an algorithm, so it does not specify a implementation

Maximum Flow Reduction

– Example on the Board –

Hopcraft-Carp Algorithm

Input: **A bipartite Graph** Initialize Matching

1. Repeat

$\rightarrow$ Build alternating level graph rooted at unmatched vertices using bfs

$\rightarrow$ Augment M via maximal set of vertex disjoint shortest-length paths

$\rightarrow$ until no augmenting paths exists

2. Return M

Time complexity: $O(|E| * \sqrt{|V|})$

Hopcraft-Carp Algorithm - bipartite Graph

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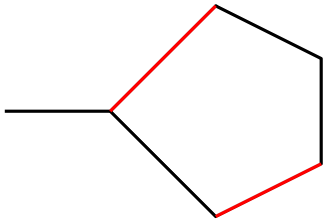
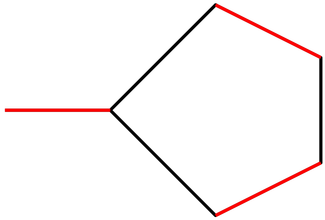


Maximal: matching of size 2



Optimum: matching of size 3

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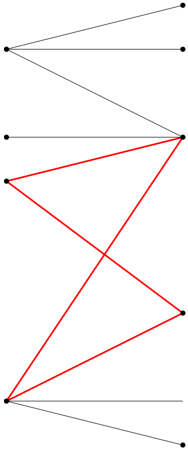
Bipartite graphs can have cycles, but always only of even length:



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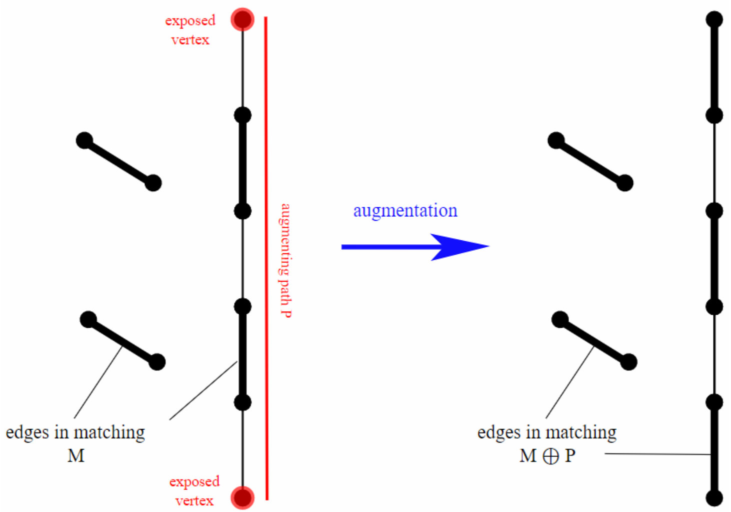

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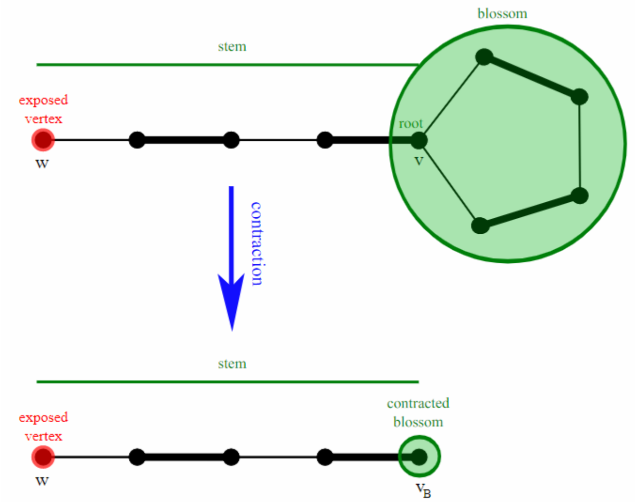
Blossom algorithm examines all exposed vertices v and

- if an augmenting path is found, improve matching
- if a "blossom" (odd cycle*) is found, temporarily remove cycle and execute algorithm on a modified graph
- (delete vertex v from exposed vertices)

Blossom contraction



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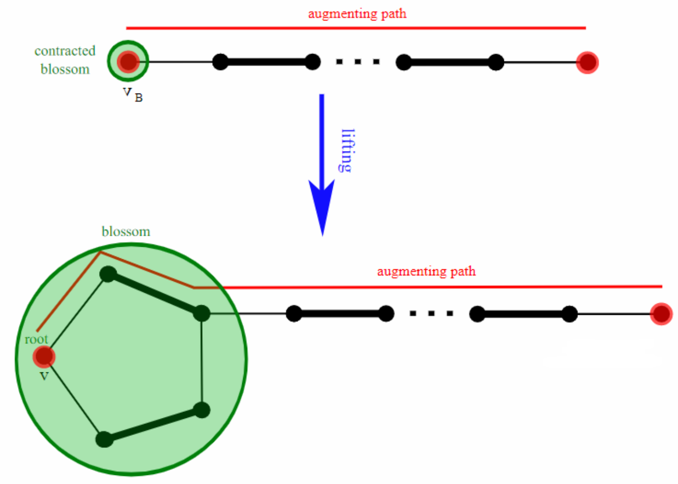
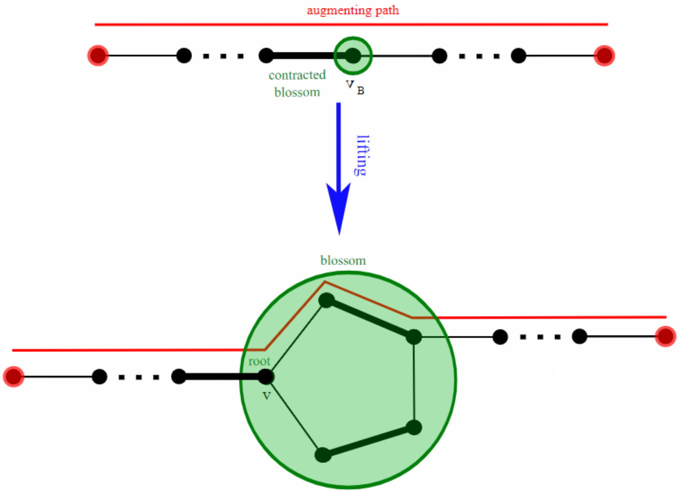


Blossom lift (other variant)



General graphs

Complexity: For general graphs a straightforward implementation of the maximum matching algorithm of Edmonds (1965) runs in $O(n^4)$ time (Papadimitriou and Steiglitz, 1982). More efficient general matching algorithms have been designed with the following running times:

- $O(n^3)$ - Gabow, 1976,
- $O(n * m)$ - Kameda and Munro, 1974,
- $O(n^{2,5)}$ - Even and Kariv, 1975,
- $O(n^{l/2} * m)$ - Micali and Vazirani, 1980

Randomized Algorithms

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NP-Hard problem.
Presumably no polynomial time algorithm to compute.

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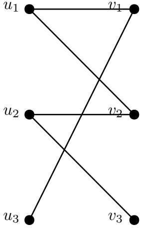

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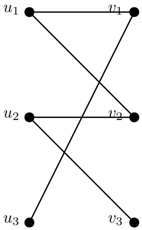

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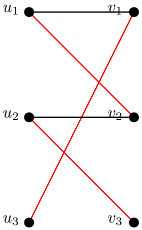

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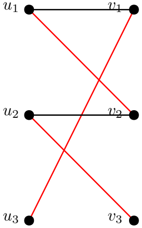

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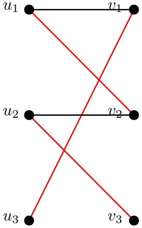

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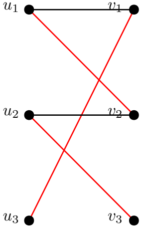

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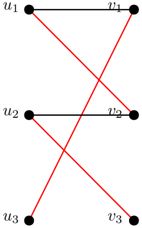

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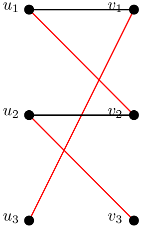

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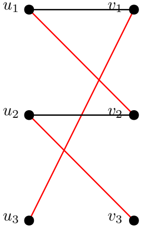

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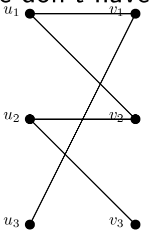

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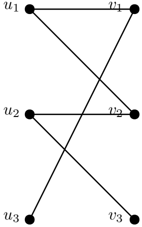

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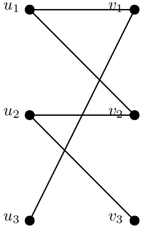

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Since one non-zero answer is enough to know the polynomial is a non-zero, we can repeat the operation a couple of times magnifying the probability.