

# **CMPSC 465**

## **Data Structures and Algorithms**

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# **Linear Programming**

## **(Textbook, Section 7.1)**

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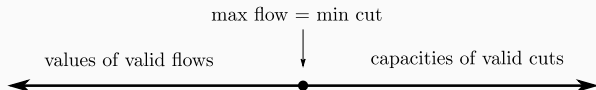
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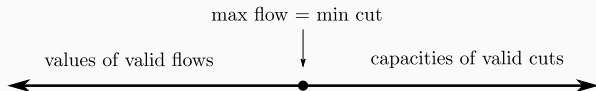
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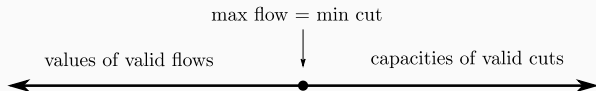
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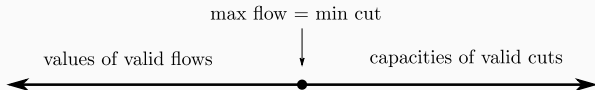
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