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Graph Algorithms

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Learning Outcomes

Unit 9: *Graph Algorithms*

1. Know basic terminology from graph theory, including types of graphs.
2. Know adjacency matrix and adjacency list representations and their performance characteristics.
3. Know graph-traversal based algorithm, including efficient implementations.
4. Be able to proof correctness of graph-traversal-based algorithms.
5. Know algorithms for maximum flows in networks.
6. Be able to model new algorithmic problems as graph problems.

Outline

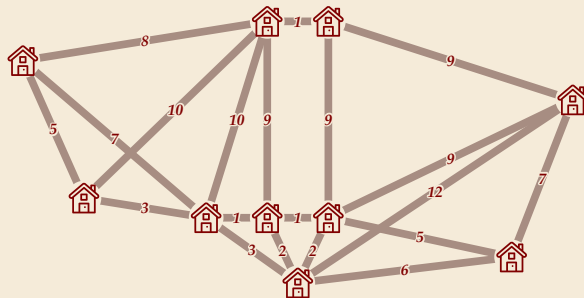
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- 9.8 The Edmonds-Karp Algorithm

9.1 Introduction & Definitions

Graphs in real life

- ▶ a graph is an abstraction of *entities* with their (pairwise) *relationships*
- ▶ abundant examples in real life (often called network there)
 - ▶ social networks: e. g. persons and their friendships, ... *Five/Six? degrees of separation*
 - ▶ physical networks: cities and highways, roads networks, power grids etc., the Internet, ...
 - ▶ content networks: world wide web, ontologies, ...
 - ▶ ...



Many More examples, e. g., in Sedgewick & Wayne's videos:

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/algorithms-part2>

Flavors of Graphs

- ▶ Since graphs are used to model so many different entities and relations, they come in several variants

Property	Yes	No
edges are one-way	<i>directed</i> graph (<i>digraph</i>)	<i>undirected</i> graph
≤ 1 edge between u and v	<u><i>simple</i></u> graph	<i>multigraph</i> / with <i>parallel</i> edges
edges can lead from v to v	with <i>loops</i> (<i>Self-Loops, Self-Loops</i>)	<u>(loop-free)</u>
edges have weights	<i>(edge-) weighted</i> graph	<u><i>unweighted</i></u> graph

☺ any combination of the above can make sense ...

- ▶ Synonyms:
 - ▶ **vertex** („Knoten“) = node = point = „Ecke“
 - ▶ **edge** („Kante“) = arc = line = relation = arrow = „Pfeil“
 - ▶ **graph** = network

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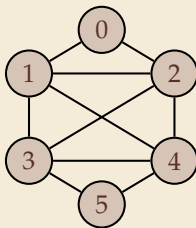
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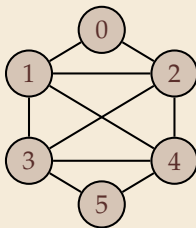
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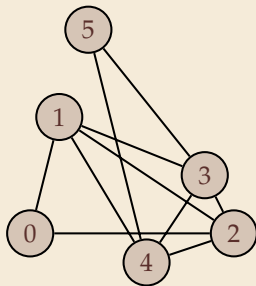
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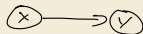


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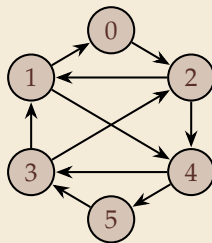
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- ▶ G is *connected*
iff for all $u \neq v \in V$ there is a path from u to v
- ▶ G is *acyclic* iff \nexists cycle (of length $n \geq 1$) in G

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- ▶ *strongly connected* for digraphs
(*weakly connected* = connected ignoring directions)

Typical graph-processing problems

- ▶ **Path:** Is there a path between s and t ?
Shortest path: What is the shortest path (distance) between s and t ?
- ▶ **Cycle:** Is there a cycle in the graph?
Euler tour: Is there a cycle that uses each edge exactly once?
Hamilton(ian) cycle: Is there a cycle that uses each vertex exactly once. |
- ▶ **Connectivity:** Is there a way to connect all of the vertices?
MST: What is the best way to connect all of the vertices?
Biconnectivity: Is there a vertex whose removal disconnects the graph?
- ▶ **Planarity:** Can you draw the graph in the plane with no crossing edges?
- ▶ **Graph isomorphism:** Are two graphs the same up to renaming vertices? |

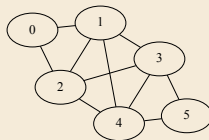
↖ can vary a lot, despite superficial similarity of problems

Challenge: Which of these problems
can be computed in (near) linear time?
in reasonable polynomial time?
are intractable?

Tools to work with graphs

- ▶ Convenient GUI to edit & draw graphs: *yEd live*
yworks.com/yed-live
- ▶ *graphviz* cmdline utility to draw graphs
 - ▶ Simple text format for graphs: DOT

```
graph G {  
    0 -- 2;    2 -- 4;  
    1 -- 0;    2 -- 3;  
    1 -- 4;    3 -- 4;  
    1 -- 3;    3 -- 5;  
    2 -- 1;    4 -- 5;  
}
```



```
dot -Tpdf graph.dot -Kfdp > graph.pdf
```

- ▶ graphs are typically not built into programming languages, but libraries exist
 - ▶ e. g. part of *Google Guava* for Java
 - ▶ they usually allow arbitrary objects as vertices
 - ▶ aimed at ease of use

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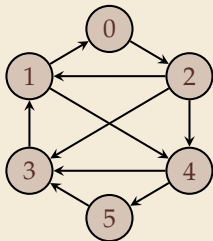
Conventions:

- ▶ (di)graph $G = (V, E)$ (omitted if clear from context)
- ▶ $n = |V|$, $m = |E|$
- ▶ in implementations assume $V = [0..n)$ (if needed, use symbol table to map complex objects to V)

Adjacency Matrix Representation

- ▶ adjacency matrix $A \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$ of G : matrix with $A[u, v] = [uv \in E] = \begin{cases} 1 & uv \in E \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$
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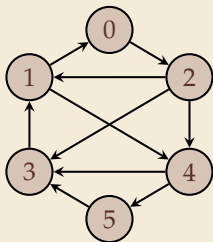


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isAdjacent in $O(1)$ time



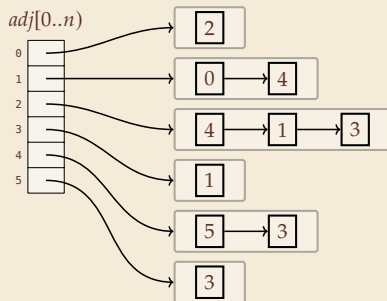
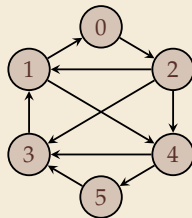
$O(n^2)$ (bits of) space wasteful for sparse graphs



adj(v) iteration takes $O(n)$ (independent of $d(v)$)

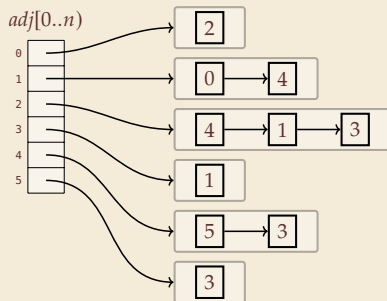
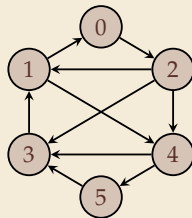
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👎 $isAdjacent(u, v)$ takes $\Theta(d(u))$ time (worst case)

👍 $adj(v)$ iteration $O(1)$ per neighbor

👍 $\Theta(n + m)$ (words of) space for any graph ($\ll \Theta(n^2)$ bits for moderate m)

\rightsquigarrow de-facto standard for graph algorithms

Graph Types and Representations

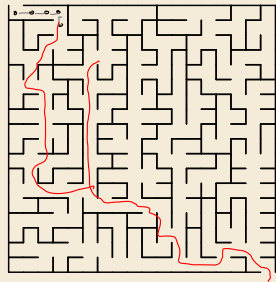
- ▶ Note that adj matrix and lists for undirected graphs effectively are representation of directed graph with directed edges both ways
 - ▶ conceptually still important to distinguish!
- ▶ multigraphs, loops, edge weights all naturally supported in adj lists
 - ▶ good if we allow and use them
 - ▶ but requires explicit checks to enforce simple / loopfree / bidirectional!
- ▶ we focus on **static graphs**
dynamically changing graphs much harder to handle

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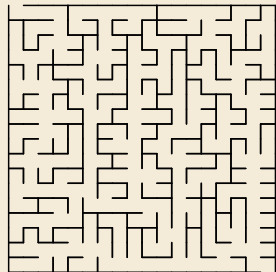
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↪ Formulate generic traversal algorithm

- ▶ first in abstract terms to argue about correctness
- ▶ then again for concrete instance with efficient data structures

Tricolor Graph Traversal

Tricolor Graph Search:

- ▶ maintain vertices in 3 (dynamic) sets

- ▶ **Gray: unseen vertices**

The traversal has not reached these vertices so far.

- ▶ **Green: done vertices** (a.k.a. visited vertices)

These vertices have been visited and all their edges have been explored already.

- ▶ **Red: active vertices** (a.k.a. frontier („Rand“) of traversal)

All others, i. e., vertices that have been reached and some unexplored edges remain; initially some selected start vertices S .

Invariant:

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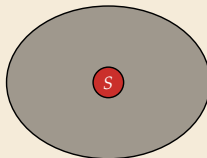
- ▶ (implicitly) maintain status of each edge

- ▶ **not yet used**

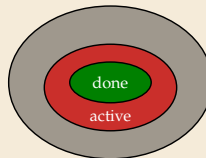
- ▶ **used edge**

- ▶ Vertices “want” to turn **green**.

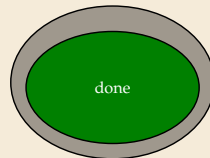
want to color green
→ to do that need neighbors here red



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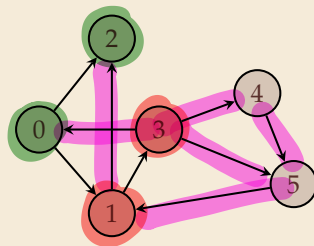
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final state

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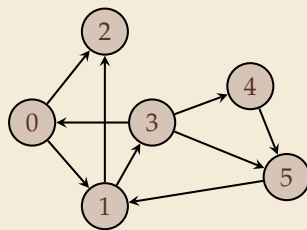


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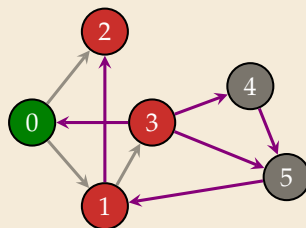
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IB : (1) ✓ (2) ✓

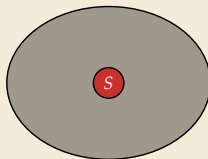
IS : (i) line 9 color v green
no edges to unseen from v

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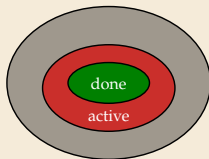
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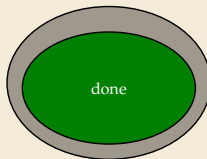
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initial state



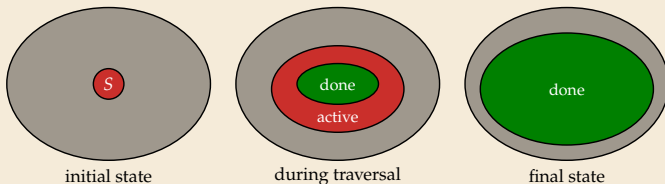
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final state

Generic Reachability

- ▶ Any choices `nextActiveVertex()` and `nextUnusedEdge(v)` suffice to find exactly the vertices reachable from S in *done*
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↪ in final state:

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- ▶ $v \in \text{unseen}$ ↪ not reachable from $\text{done} \supseteq S$ ↪ not reachable from S

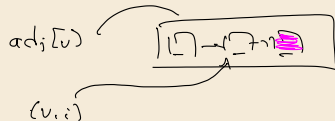
Assume not, then $S \rightsquigarrow v$ first vertex on path that is unseen has done neighbor \nexists (1)

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- \rightsquigarrow all operations apart from `nextActiveVertex()` in $O(1)$ time
- \rightsquigarrow *frontier* requires $O(n)$ extra space

9.4 BFS and DFS

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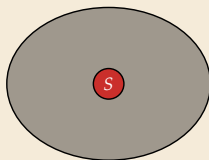
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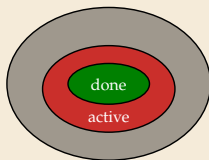
$$\text{distance}_G(v, S)$$

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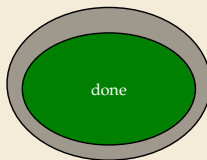
\parallel
#edges
length of shortest
path from s to v



initial state



during traversal



final state

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Proof of BFS Invariant . (corrected version)

(1) follows from the generic proof for tricolor traversal

abbreviate $\delta(v) = \min_{s \in S} \text{distance}_G(s, v)$

IB: (2) only $s \in S$ are active or done.

we reach s via path $[s]$ (length 0) ✓

(3) only $s \in S$ have entered frontier so far, these are minimal wrt. δ

IH: Invariant is fulfilled up to now.

IS: consider next active vertex v .

(i) v has no more unvisited edges. \Rightarrow mark v as done

(2) v only changes color \Rightarrow still holds by IH

(3) by IH, v entered frontier at correct time & queue keeps order \Rightarrow (3) still holds

(ii) v has another edge vw . We further distinguish:

(ii-a) w is active or done \Rightarrow no changes

\Rightarrow invariant still holds

(ii-b) w is unseen \Rightarrow enqueue w and make it active

by IH, we reached v by shortest path of $\delta(v)$ edges

and any node u with $\delta(u) < \delta(v)$ is done (since before v)

$\Rightarrow \delta(w) = \delta(v) + 1$ and we reach w via a shortest path \Rightarrow (2) \checkmark

It remains to show that any x with $\delta(x) = \delta(v)$ is active or done by now;

then adding w to frontier now is according to sorted order by δ .

Suppose the path to x goes via $u: s \rightarrow u \rightarrow x$ then $\delta(u) < \delta(v)$ and u is done

\Rightarrow all edges $u \rightarrow x$ have been used and thus x is active or done

(We cannot have active or done y with $\delta(y) > \delta(w)$ in frontier by IH, their addition before w would have violated the invariant at that time.)

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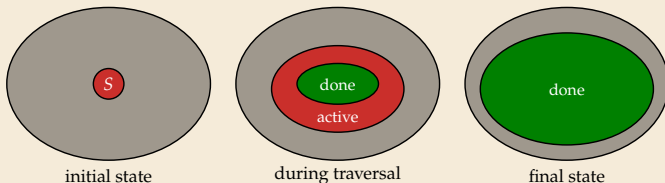
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► To preserve that knowledge, we collect extra information during traversal

- $parent[v]$ stores predecessor on path from S via which v was reached time when v was added red
- $distFromS[v]$ stores the length of this path

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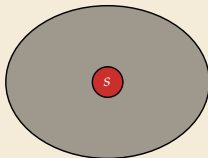
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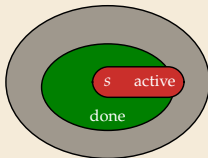
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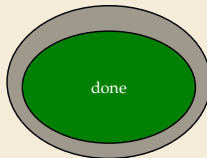
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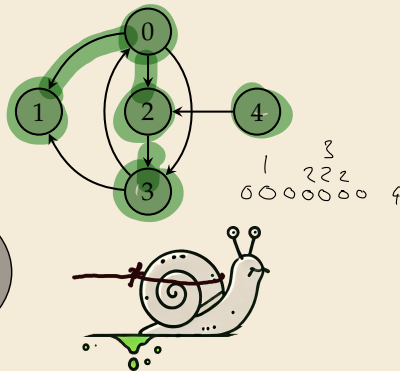
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6
7 procedure dfs(G, s)
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
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3    $C[0..n) := \text{unseen}$ 
4    $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} CC[0..n) := \text{NONE} \\ id := 0 \end{array} \right.$ 
5   for  $v := 0, \dots, n - 1$ 
6     if  $C[v] == \text{unseen}$ 
7       dfs(G, v)
8        $id := id + 1$ 
9   return CC
```

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12 procedure preorderVisit(v):
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```



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Dijkstra's Algorithm & Prim's Algorithm

- ▶ On edge-weighted graphs, we can use tricolor traversal with a *priority queue* as frontier
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 - ▶ priority of vertex v = length of shortest path known so far from s to v
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↪ Detailed discussion in Unit 11

9.5 Advanced Uses of DFS

Properties of DFS

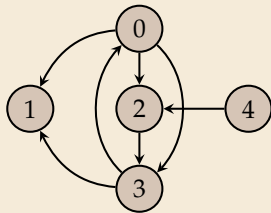
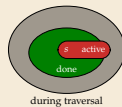
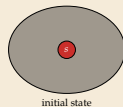
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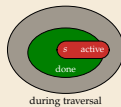
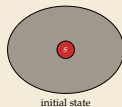
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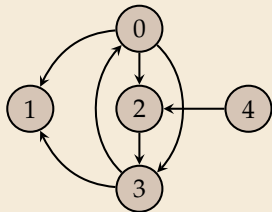
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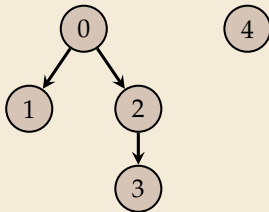
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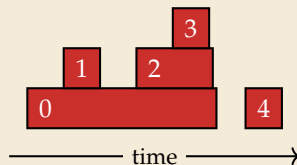
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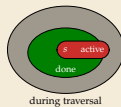
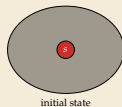
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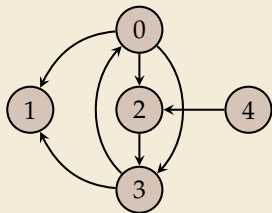
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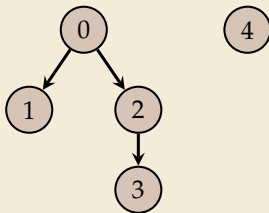
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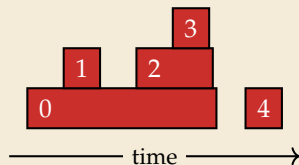
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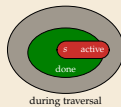
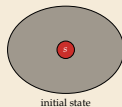


↪ Each vertex v spends *time interval* $T(v)$ as **active** vertex

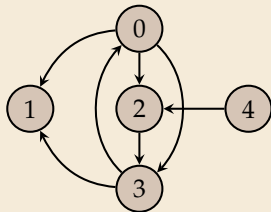
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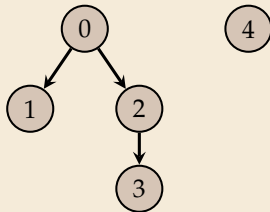
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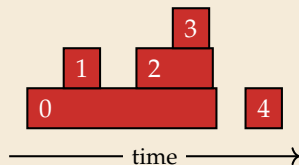
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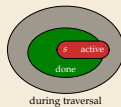
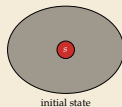
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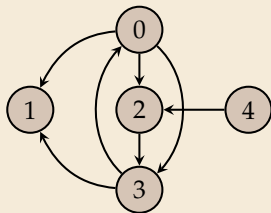
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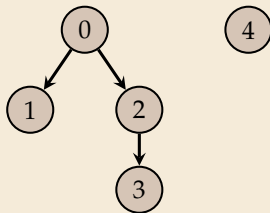
The **active** vertices form a single **path** from s



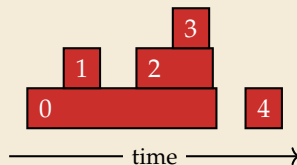
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‘ \Rightarrow ’ during $T(v)$, all discovered vertices become descendants of v

‘ \Leftarrow ’ $T(v)$ covers v ’s entire subtree, which contains w ’s subtree

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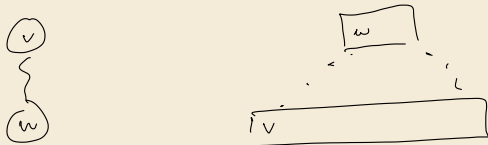


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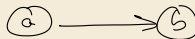
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- Upon processing u , we will discover edge uw , so whether or not w is already *done* at this point, w will be marked *done* before u . Hence $\max T(w) \leq \max T(u)$.
- With (*), we obtain $\min T(v) \leq \min T(u) \leq \max T(w) \leq \max T(u)$, so by laminarity, $T(w) \subset T(u) \subset T(v)$ and w is a descendant of v ⚡.

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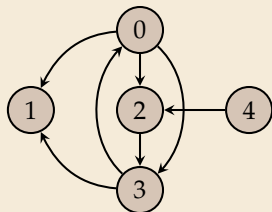
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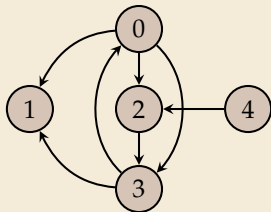
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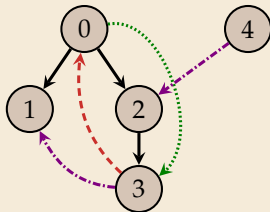


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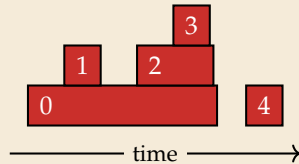
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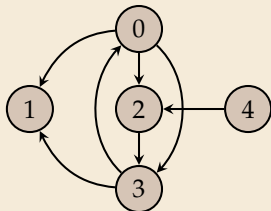


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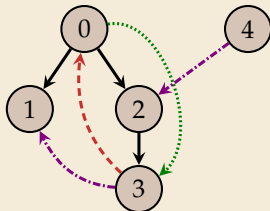


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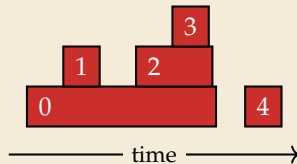
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► During DFS traversal, an edge vw has one of these 4 types:

1. **tree edge:** $\rightarrow w \in \text{unseen} \rightsquigarrow vw$ part of DFS forest.
2. **back edges:** $--\rightarrow w \in \text{active}; \rightsquigarrow w$ points to ancestor of v .
3. **forward edges*:** $\cdots\rightarrow w \in \text{done} \wedge w$ is descendant of v in DFS tree.
4. **cross edges*:** $-\cdots\rightarrow w \in \text{done} \wedge w$ is not descendant of v .

*only possible in directed graphs

example:

$(0, 1), (0, 2), (2, 3)$

$(3, 0)$

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- ▶ conversely any cycle $C[0..k]$ once reached must have some back edge or cross edge (tree and forward edges go from smaller to larger preorder index)
 - ▶ cannot be a cross edge since cycle is strongly connected
all cycle vertices must be descendants of first reached cycle vertex
 - \rightsquigarrow cycle contributes a back edge

DFS Postorder Implementation

```
1 procedure dfsPostorder(G):
2   C[0..n) := unseen
3   P[0..n) := NONE; r := 0
4   parent[0..n) := NONE
5   cycle := NONE
6   for v := 0, ..., n - 1
7     if C[v] == unseen
8       dfs(G, v)
9   return (P, cycle)
```

```
11 procedure postorderVisit(v):
```

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12   P[v] := r; r := r + 1
```

```
14 procedure visitEdge(vw):
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15   if C[w] == active
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16     if cycle ≠ NONE return
```

```
17     while v ≠ w
```

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18       cycle.append(v)
```

```
19       v := parent[v]
```

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20     cycle.append(v)
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```
1 // dfs is as in CC but with parent
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```
2 procedure dfs(G, s)
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3   frontier := new Stack;
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4   parent[s] := NONE;
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5   C[s] := active; frontier.push((s, G.adj[s].iterator()))
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6   while ¬frontier.isEmpty()
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7     (v, i) := frontier.top()
```

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8     if ¬i.hasNext() // v has no unused edge
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9       C[v] := done; frontier.pop()
```

```
10      postorderVisit(v)
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12       w := i.next() // Advance i in adj[v]
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- ▶ **Lemma rev postorder:** directed acyclic graph
Let G be a simple, connected DAG and $R[0..n)$ a *reverse DFS postorder* of G , i. e., $R[v] = n - 1 - P[v]$ for a DFS postorder $P[0..n)$. Then R is a topological ranking of G .
- ▶ **Invariant:** If $v \in$ *done* and $(v, w) \in E$ then $w \in$ *done* and $R[v] < R[w]$.
 - ▶ initially true (*done* = \emptyset)
 - ▶ upon postorderVisit(v), all outgoing edges vw lead to $w \in$ *done* (Parenthesis Theorem)

Topological Sorting & Cycle Detection – Summary

- ▶ Putting everything together we obtain topological sorting
 - ▶ can produce either the *ranking* or the *sequence of vertices* in topological order, whatever is more convenient

```
1 procedure topologicalRanking( $P$ ):  
2   ( $P[0..n], cycle$ ) := dfsPostorder( $G$ )  
3   if  $cycle \neq \text{NULL}$   
4     return NOT_A_DAG  
5    $R[0..n] := \text{NONE}$   
6   for  $v := 0, \dots, n - 1$   
7      $R[v] = n - 1 - P[v]$   
8   return  $R$ 
```

```
1 procedure topologicalSort( $P$ ):  
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- ▶ $\Theta(n + m)$ time
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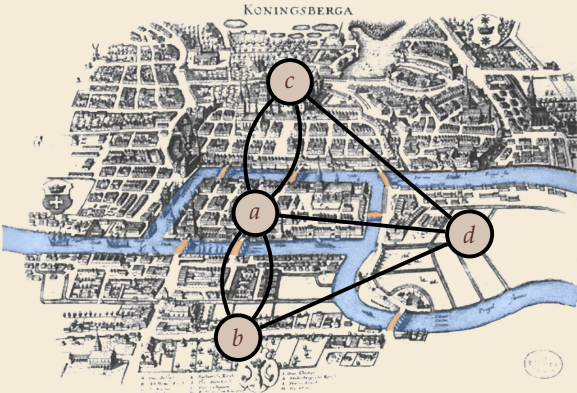
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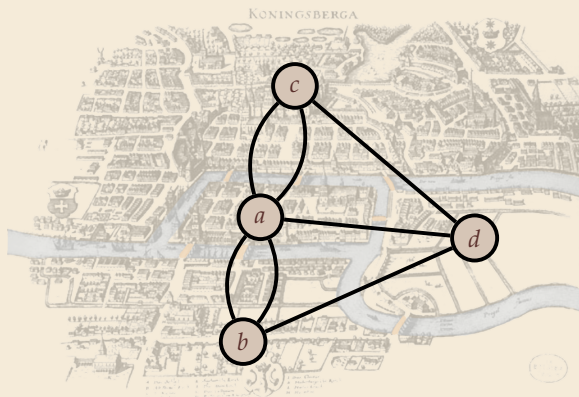
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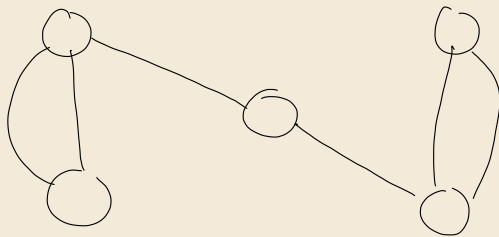
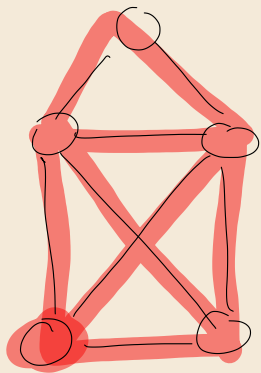
Euler's Theorem:

Euler walk exists iff G connected and 0 or 2 vertices have odd degree.

' \Rightarrow ' trivial (need to enter and exit intermediate vertices equally often)

' \Leftarrow ' Following algorithm *constructs* Euler walk under this assumption





Euler Cycles – Hierholzer's Algorithm

► use an *edge-centric DFS*

- We mark *edges* (not vertices)

↪ stack = **edge-simple walk**

- We remember iterator i globally per v to resume traversal

```
1 procedure eulerWalk(G):
2   // Assume  $G = (V, E)$  is connected (multi)graph
3    $V_{\text{odd}} := \{v \in V : d(v) \text{ odd}\}$ 
4   if  $|V_{\text{odd}}| \notin \{0, 2\}$  return NOT_EULERIAN
5   if  $V_{\text{odd}} = \{x, y\}$  then  $s := x$  else  $s := 0$ 
6    $euler[0..m] := \text{NONE}$ ;  $j := m - 1$ 
7    $visited[0..n, 0..n] := \text{false}$  // mark edges as visited
8   for  $v := 0, \dots, n - 1$ 
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10     $nextEdge[v] := G.adj[v].iterator()$ 
11  edgeDFS(s)
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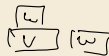
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2   frontier := new Stack;
3   frontier.push(s)
4   while  $\neg \text{frontier.isEmpty}()$ 
5      $v := \text{frontier.top}()$ 
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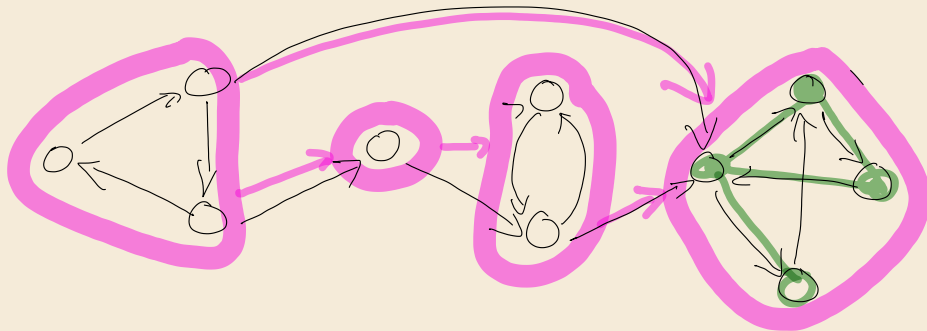
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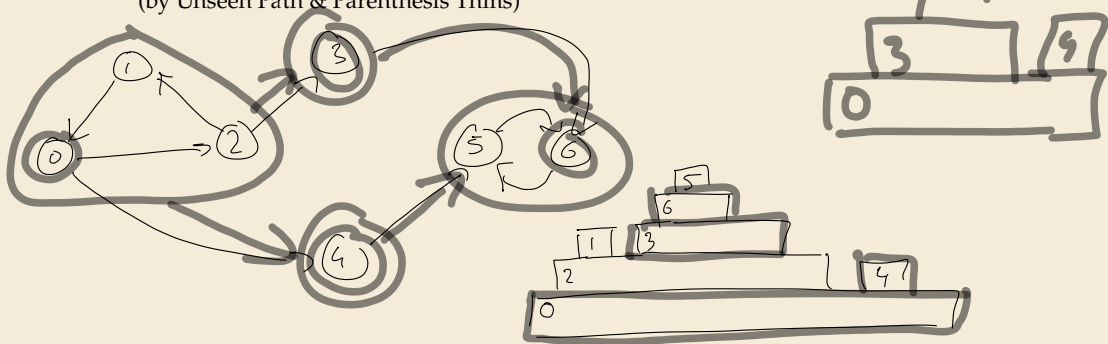
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We need **reverse** topological order on G^{SCC} , e. g., *reversed* reverse DFS postorder

- ▶ If we had the actual reverse DFS postorder on G^{SCC} , could just reverse again!
- ▶ But we only have reverse DFS postorder $S[0..n)$ on G !
- ⚡ Reversing here would change v_i , i. e., which vertices of an SCC we see first


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Clicker Question



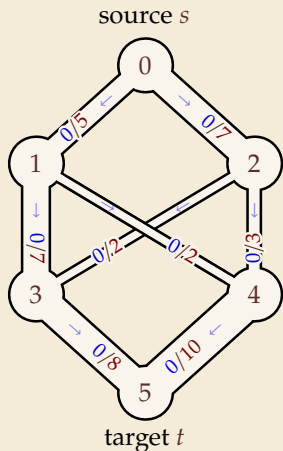
Prior knowledge from linear optimization; check all apply.

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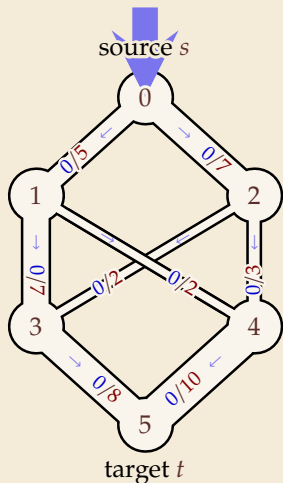


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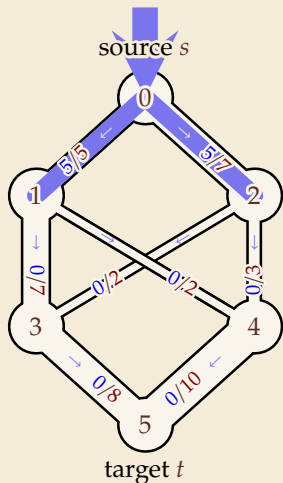


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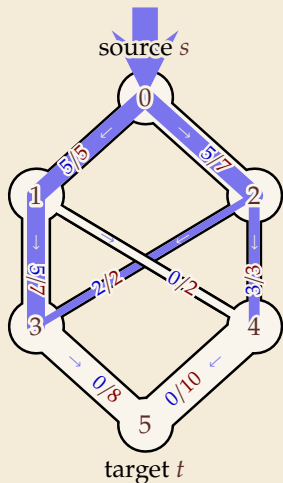


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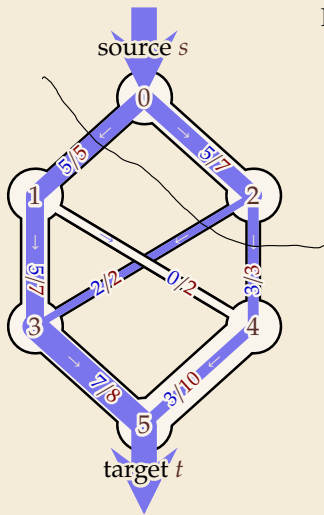


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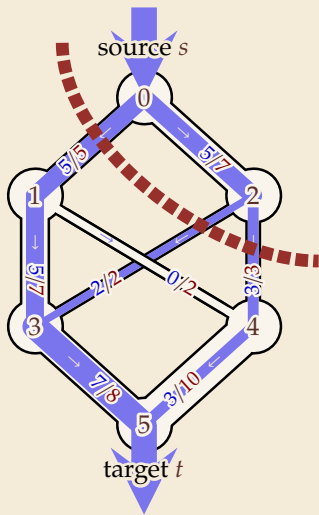


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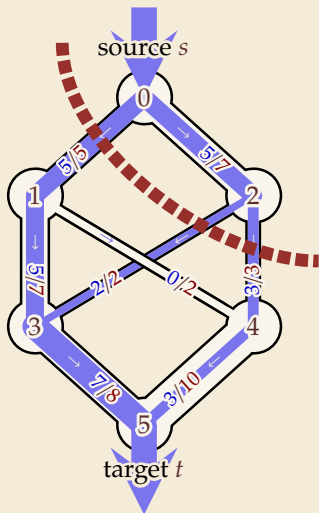
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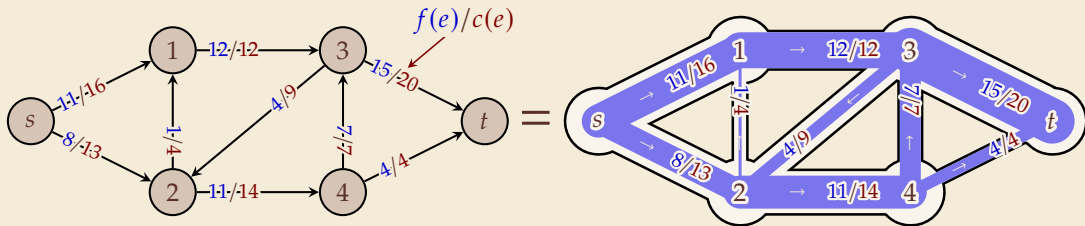
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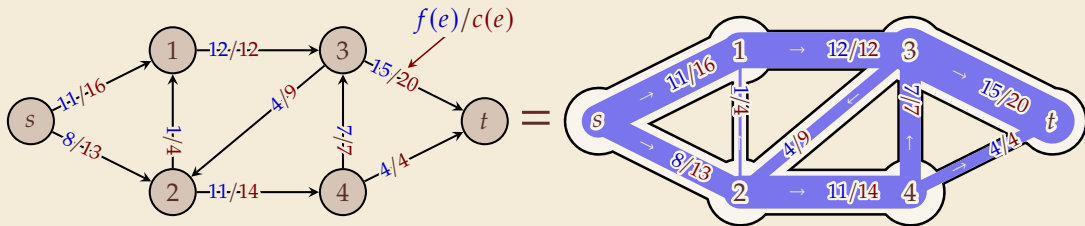
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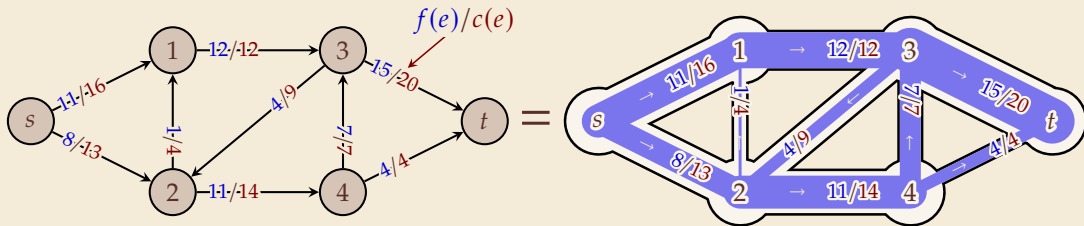
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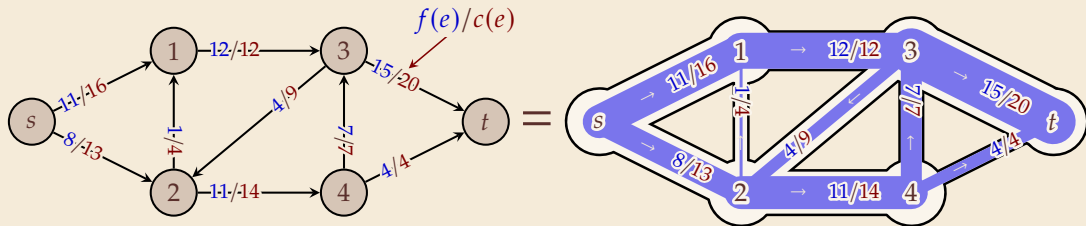


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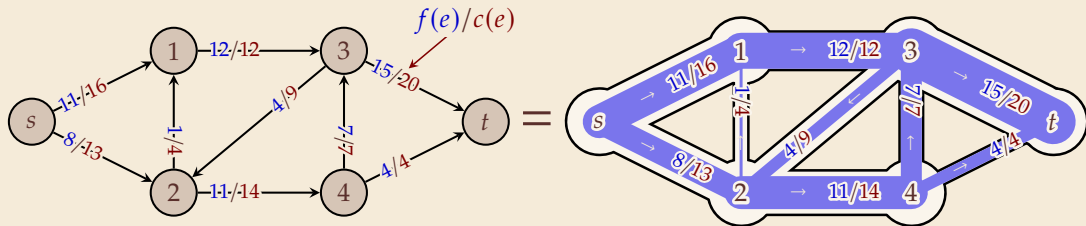
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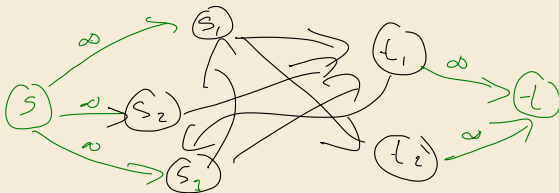
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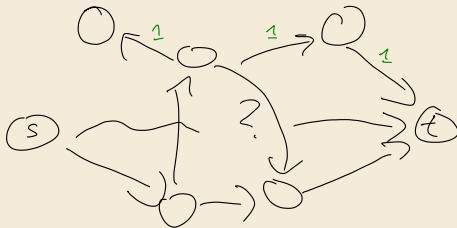
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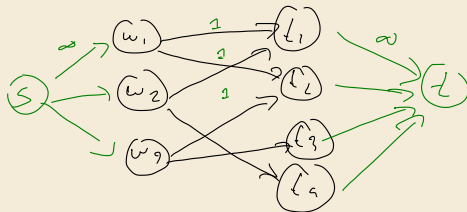
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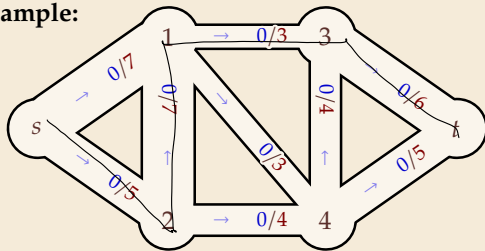
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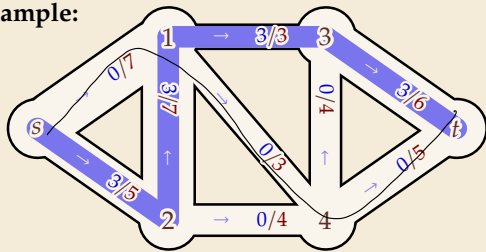
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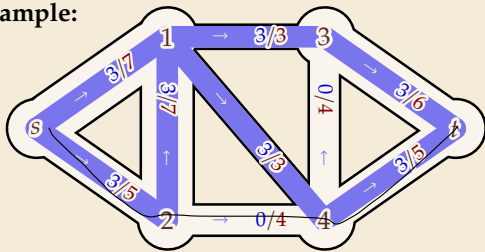
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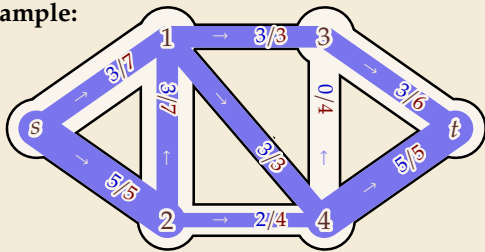
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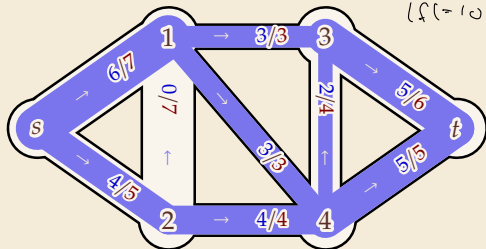
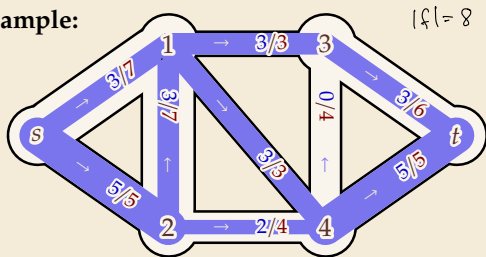
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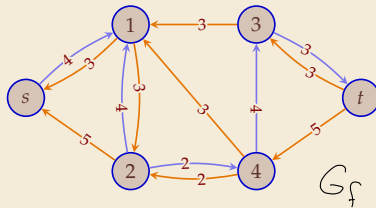
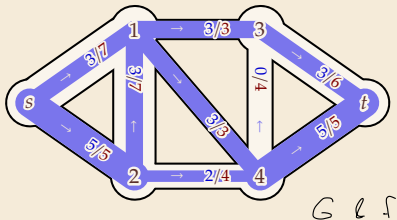
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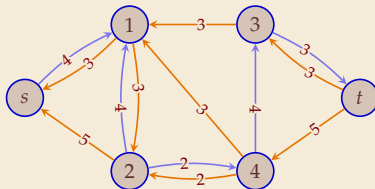
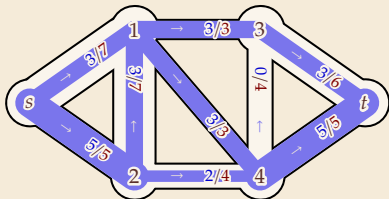
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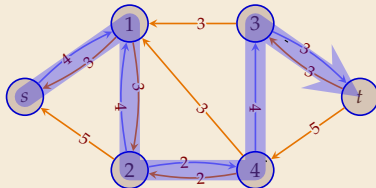
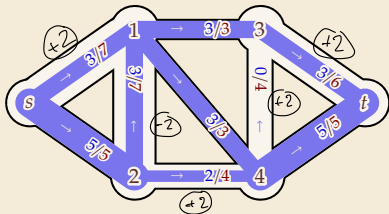
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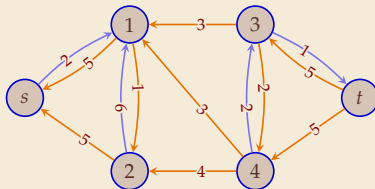
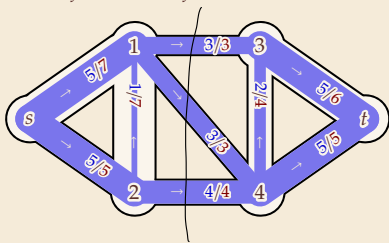
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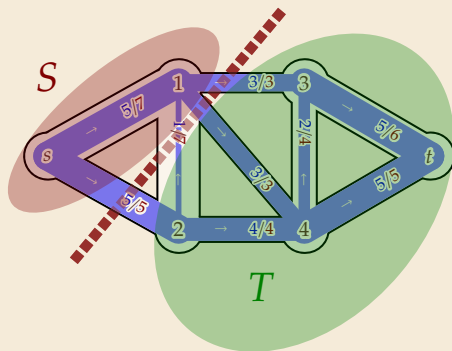
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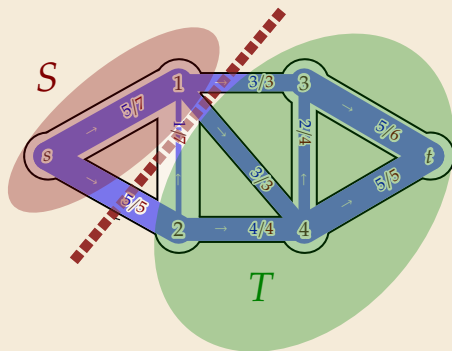
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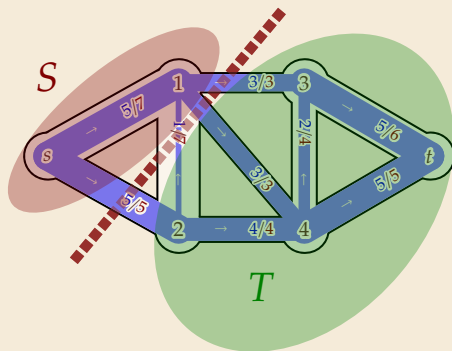
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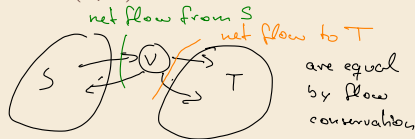
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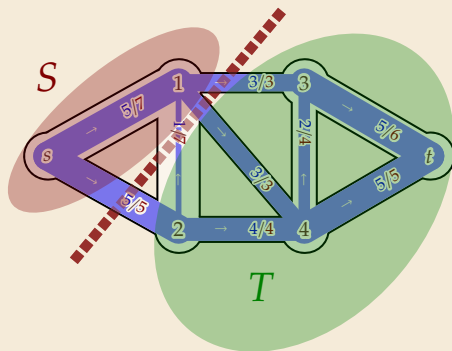
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