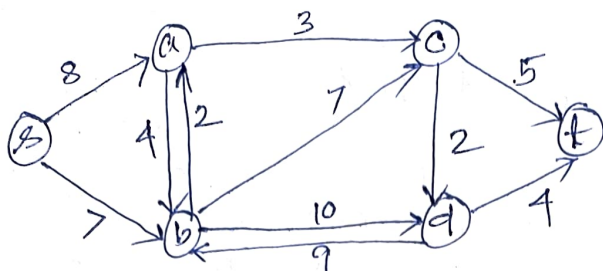


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b possible cut-sets:

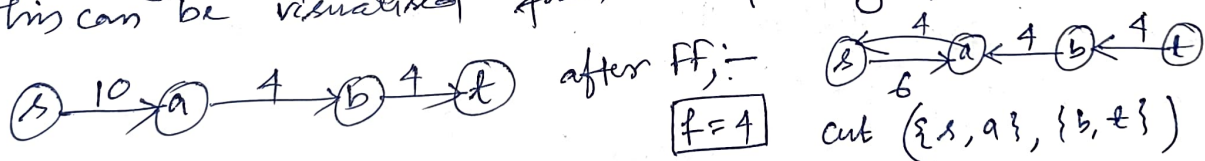
1.  $(\{s\}, V - \{s\}) : C = 15$
2.  $(\{s, a\}, \{b, c, d, t\}) : C = 7 + 4 + 3 = 14$
3.  $(\{s, b\}, \{a, c, d, t\}) : C = 8 + 2 + 10 + 7 = 27$
4.  $(\{s, c\}, \{b, a, d, t\}) : C = 8 + 7 + 5 + 2 = 22$
5.  $(\{s, d\}, \{a, b, c, t\}) : C = 8 + 7 + 4 + 9 = 28$
6.  $(\{s, a, b\}, \{c, d, t\}) : C = 3 + 7 + 10 = 20$

16.  $(\{s, a, b, c, d\}, \{t\}) : C = 5 + 4 = 9$ . (minimum)

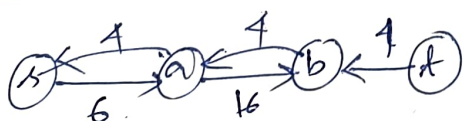
Apart from these  $s-t$  cuts many other cuts are possible in general

c FALSE.

The edges across the cut don't solely decide the possible augmentations. If we increase the capacity of the cross edges of a minimum cut, there might be any other edge which emerges as the with the bottleneck capacity and decides the possibility of augmentation and hence can decide the max-flow. This can be visualised from the following counter example, -



if we increase the capacity of the edge  $(a, b)$  which crosses the min cut, -



2. @ Given  $n$  groups to be assigned to  $m$  sessions such that the load on any group should not exceed  $l_i$  for group  $i$ . The assignment depends on the availability of groups for sessions. We can map this problem as a maximum flow problem. The modelling of the problem as max<sup>m</sup>-flow problem as follows: -

create a flow network  $G = (V, E)$  where, -

$$V = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m\} \cup \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\} \cup \{s, t\}$$

$\downarrow$  source       $\downarrow$  sink

$$E = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3$$

$$E_1 = \{(s, s_i) : \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E_2 = \{(s_i, g_j) : \forall i, j \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ and group } j \text{ is available for session } s_i\}$$

$$E_3 = \{(g_j, t) : \forall j \text{ where } 1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

Assign capacities of the edges as follows:

$$C(e) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e \in E_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } e \in E_2 \\ l_j & \text{if } e \in E_3 \end{cases}$$

The flow can be viewed as the load assigned to the groups in terms of no. of sessions or hours (as each session last for 1 hour).

Now, we can define the instance of the maximum flow problem as  $\langle G, s, t, C \rangle$

objective: - maximize  $\sum_{e \text{ out of } s} f(e)$

subject to:  $0 \leq f(e) \leq C(e) \quad \forall e \in E$

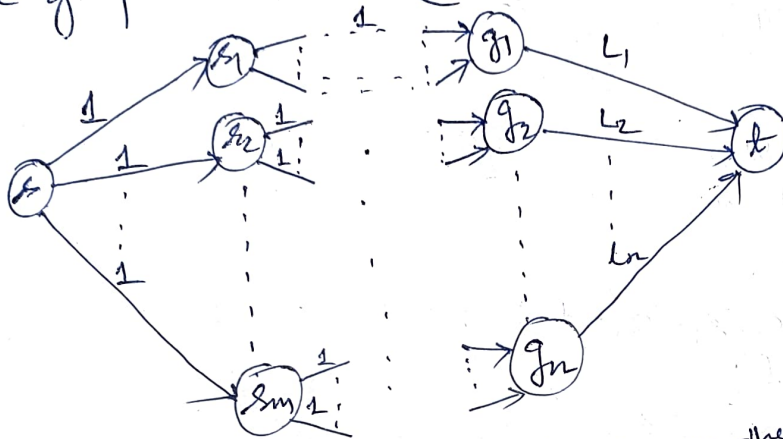
$$\sum_{e \text{ into } v} f(e) = \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) \quad \forall v \in V - \{s, t\}$$



(b) As we have modelled the given problem as an instance of the Maximum Flow problem in the previous question (Q.2.9), we can solve it using the FF algorithm.

Given instance of max-flow problem as  $\langle G, s, t, C \rangle$

The graph will look like the following -



when we apply the FF algorithm, on the above graph, -  
each augmenting path will have a general form as -

$$s \rightarrow s_i \rightarrow g_j \rightarrow t$$

and every augmenting path will have a bottleneck capacity = 1

→ The number of augmentations will depend on the availability of groups for sessions (i.e. no. of outdegrees of  $s_i$  nodes).

→ On each augmentation, one  $(s, s_i)$  edge and one  $(s_i, g_j)$  edge will saturate with the flows and each will incur a reverse edge  $(s_i, s)$  and  $(g_j, s_i)$  with unit capacity.

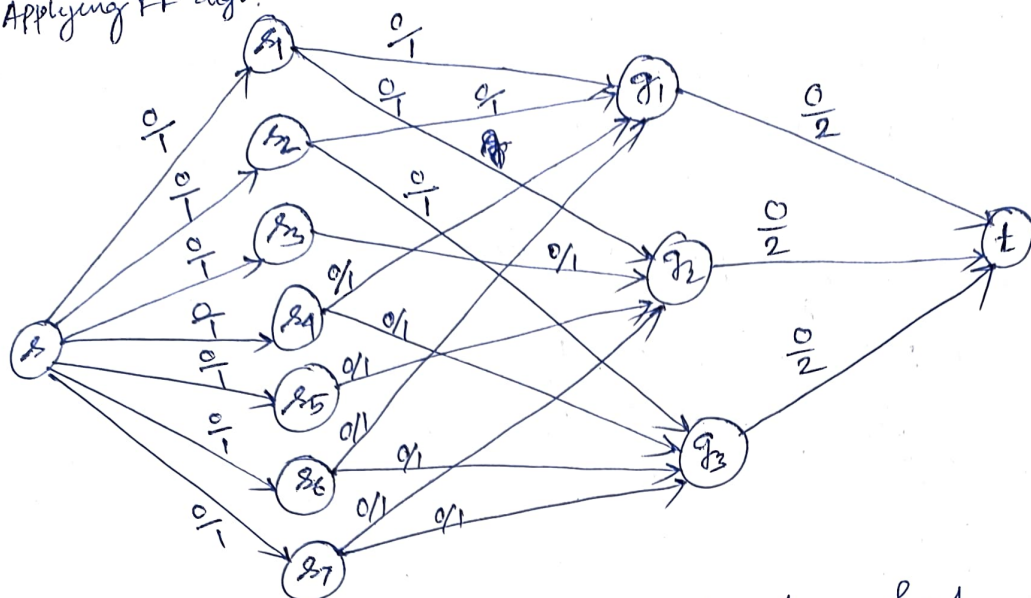
→ The max-flow value = No. of augmentations possible.

→ The FF algo will terminate if no augmentation is possible.

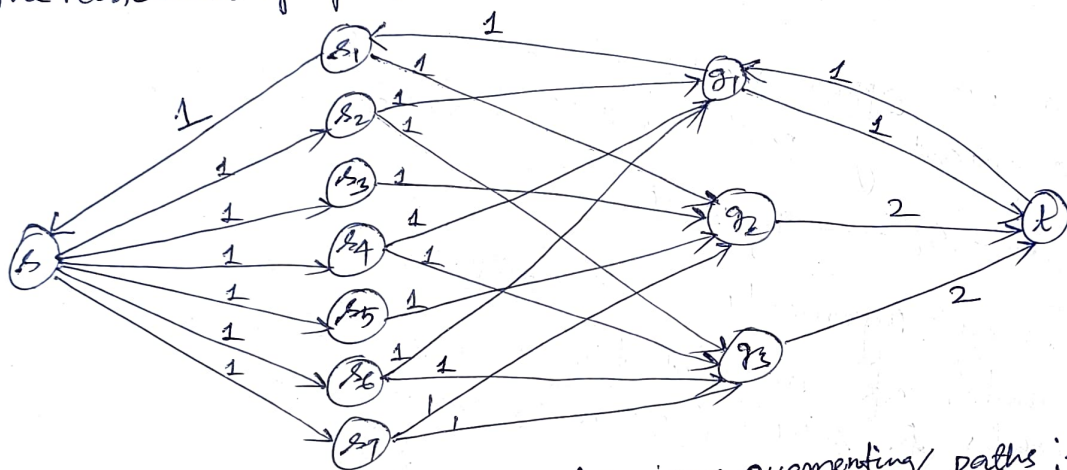
(c) → After the termination of FF algo, we can find the assignments from the final flow network. The assignment  $M$  can be defined as:

$$M = \{ (s_i, g_j) : 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ such that, there is a flow of 1 unit between } s_i \text{ and } g_j \}$$

© Applying FF algo:-



Augmenting path:  $s - s_1 - g_1 - t$ ;  $b=1$   $f=1$ .  
The residual graph:

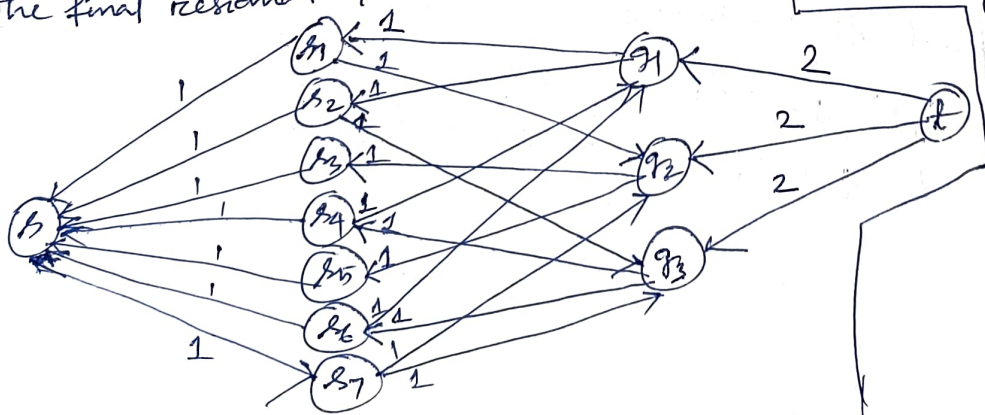


Similarly, we can find the following augmenting paths:-

$s - s_2 - g_1 - t$	$b=1$	$f = 1+1=2$
$s - s_3 - g_2 - t$	$b=1$	$f = 2+1=3$
$s - s_4 - g_3 - t$	$b=1$	$f = 3+1=4$
$s - s_5 - g_2 - t$	$b=1$	$f = 4+1=5$
$s - s_6 - g_3 - t$	$b=1$	$f = 5+1=6$

- one session remains unassigned ( $s_7$ )  
- the assignment consists of order pairs between session  $s_i$  and group  $g_j$  as  $(s_i, g_j)$ .  
The result will contain the assignment as follows:  $\{(s_1, g_1), (s_2, g_1), (s_3, g_2), (s_4, g_3), (s_5, g_2), (s_6, g_3)\}$

The final residual n/w will be as follows:-





3) To find the decision set-cover problem instance  $\langle U, \{S_1, \dots, S_m\}, k \rangle$  we need to define each entity of the instance.

Given VC instance  $\langle G, k \rangle$

SC instance  $\langle U, \{S_1, \dots, S_m\}, k \rangle$

$U = E \cdot G = \text{edges of } G$

$= \{(s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_3), (s_3, s_4), (s_4, s_5), (s_5, s_6), (s_6, s_1), (s_1, s_7), (s_2, s_7), (s_3, s_7), (s_4, s_7), (s_5, s_7), (s_6, s_7)\}$

$S_1 = \{(s_1, s_2), (s_1, s_6), (s_1, s_7)\}$

$S_5 = \{(s_4, s_5), (s_5, s_6), (s_5, s_7)\}$

$S_2 = \{(s_2, s_3), (s_2, s_7)\}$

$S_6 = \{(s_5, s_6), (s_6, s_7), (s_6, s_1)\}$

$S_3 = \{(s_3, s_4), (s_3, s_7)\}$

$S_7 = \{(s_1, s_7), (s_2, s_7), (s_3, s_7), (s_4, s_7), (s_5, s_7), (s_6, s_7)\}$

$S_4 = \{(s_4, s_5), (s_4, s_7)\}$

$k$  is the same i.e.  $k = 4$ .

b) Vertex-cover  $\leq_p$  Set cover.

Vertex-cover  $(G, k)$

construct a universal set  $U = \{(u, v) : \forall (u, v) \in E_G\}$

construct a collection  $S$  of subsets as  $S = \bigcup_{v \in V_G} \{S_v\}$

where  $S_v = \text{set of all edges incident on vertex } v$ .

return Set-cover  $(U, S, k)$

c) In the given problem, the minimum VC =  $\{s_1, s_3, s_5, s_7\}$

Minimum SC =  $\{S_1, S_5, S_3, S_7\}$

Maximum SC =  $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6, S_7\}$

4a) FALSE.

Given  $X \leq_p Y$  where  $Y \in \text{NPH}$ .

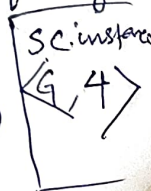
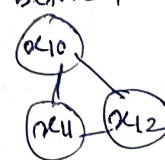
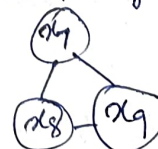
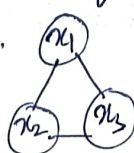
A problem is NPH if every problem in NP can be polynomially reducible to it. This is a property of  $Y$  here. It does not say anything about  $X$ . So,  $X$  can be in any complexity class such as P, NP, NPC, or exclusive NPH as well.

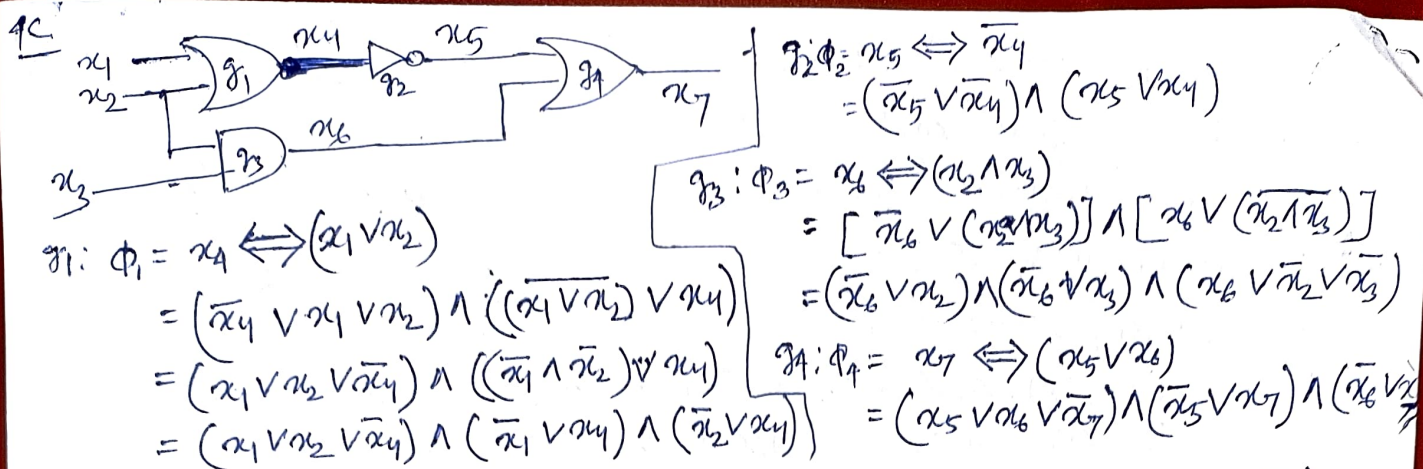
b) Given a 3-SAT formula  $\phi(x) = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_5 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_7 \vee x_8 \vee x_9) \wedge (x_{10} \vee x_{11} \vee x_{12})$

To reduce it into an instance of IS problem,  $\langle G, k \rangle$  we need to define  $G$  and  $k$ .

- we can construct a graph with  $3 \cdot k$  ( $k = \text{no. of clauses}$ ) nodes and an edge between the literals of each clause and edges between conflicting literals (i.e.  $x_i$  and  $\bar{x}_i$ ).

→ In this graph, there is  $S = \{x_1, x_4, x_7, x_{10}\}$

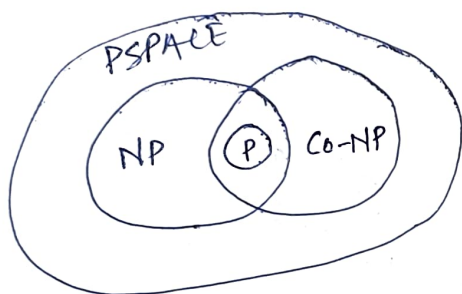




$$\Phi = x_7 \wedge \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \wedge \Phi_3 \wedge \Phi_4$$

$$= (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_4 \vee x_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee x_4) \wedge (\bar{x}_5 \vee \bar{x}_4) \wedge (x_5 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_6) \wedge (x_3 \vee \bar{x}_6) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_6) \wedge (x_5 \vee x_6 \vee \bar{x}_7) \wedge (\bar{x}_5 \vee x_7) \wedge (\bar{x}_6 \vee x_7)$$

5.9



- ⑥ Given a graph  $G(V, E)$  with positive profit/weight values associated with each vertex and a +ve integer  $k$ . Two players A and B select the vertices alternately to acquire the profits associated with them, with a condition that, if a vertex is selected by any player, its adjacent vertices can not be selected by either of the players. If the first player A makes the 1st selection, can the second player B achieve a profit of at least  $k$ ?

- ⑦ We can transform the <sup>given</sup> Q-SAT problem into 3SAT problem by replacing all the 'x' quantifiers with 'F' quantifiers. Then the problem becomes:—
- whether there exist a choice for  $x_1$  so that ~~for~~ there is a choice for  $x_2$  so that there is a choice for  $x_3$  and so on, so that  $\Phi$  is satisfiable?
- i.e.  $\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3 \dots \exists x_{n-2} \exists x_{n-1} \exists x_n \Phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is satisfiable?