

# Lecture 11

Today: start module on combinatorial optimization and integer programming

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & c^T x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \leq b \\ & x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \end{aligned}$$

LP relaxation

assume  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

solve LP

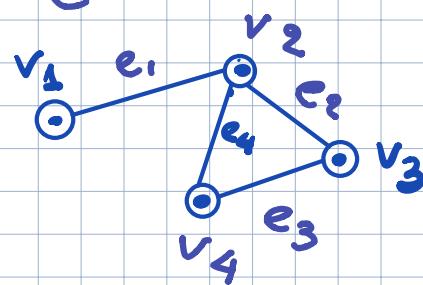
- 1) briefly review graph theory notation + basic facts
- 2) Min-cut max-flow theorem.

## Graph Theory Notation

$$G = (V, E)$$

$$E \subseteq [V^2]$$

2 element subsets

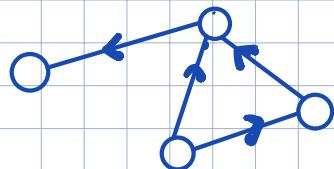
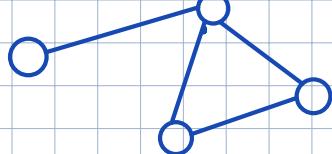


$$e_1 = (v_1, v_2)$$

$$e_2 = (v_2, v_3)$$

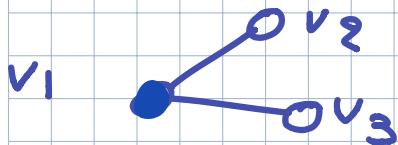
undirected: edges have no orientation

directed: edges have orientation.



## Undirected graphs

degree of a vertex = # of neighbors (adjacent) vertices



$$d(v_2) = 2$$

Simple graph: no self loops and no parallel edges

self loop:



parallel edges:



Consider two graphs

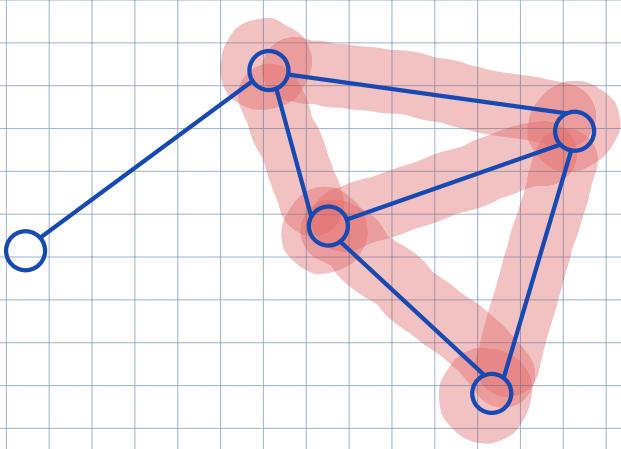
$G = (V, E)$  and  $G' = (V', E')$ , we say

1) if  $V' \subseteq V$ , and  $E' \subseteq E \Leftrightarrow G'$  is a subgraph of  $G$

2) if  $V' = V$ ,  $E' \subseteq E \Leftrightarrow G'$  is a spanning subgraph

3)  $G'$  is a subgraph of  $G$  and

contains all edges  $xy \in E$  for each  $x, y \in V'$   $\Leftrightarrow G'$  is an induced subgraph



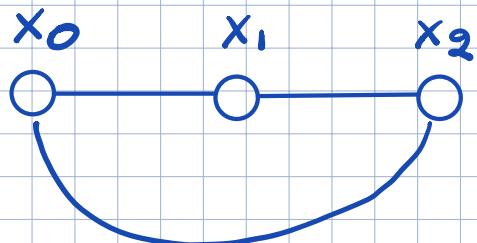
Path: nonempty graph  $P = (V, E)$

$V = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$   $k \geq 1$  with all  $x_i$  distinct.  
 $E = \{x_0x_1, x_1x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}x_k\}$



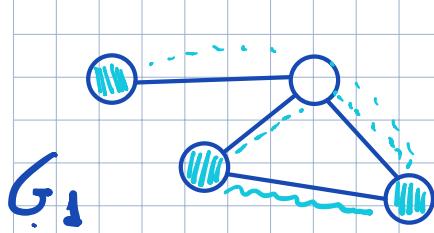
length of a path = # of edges in the path.  
in the example length  $k$ .

Cycle : if a path  $P$  has length at least two,  
the graph  $P + x_k x_0$  is called a cycle.

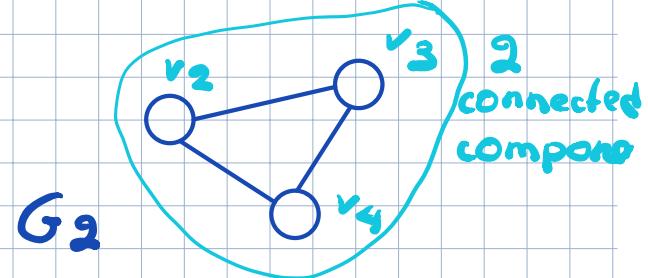


Connected graph: if any two vertices are connected by a path

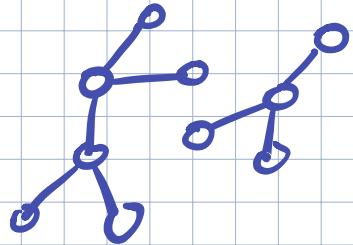
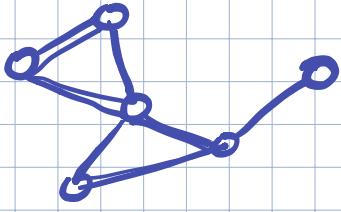
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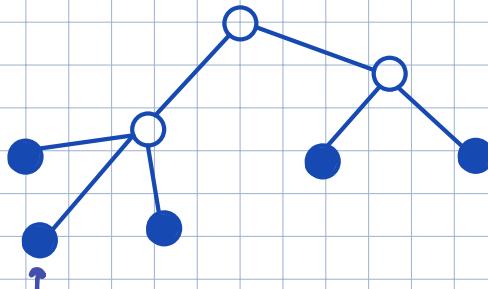
disconnected



Acyclic graph: contains no cycle.



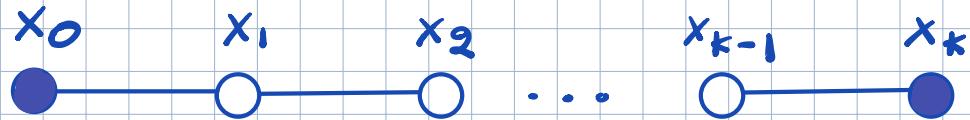
Connected acyclic graph = tree

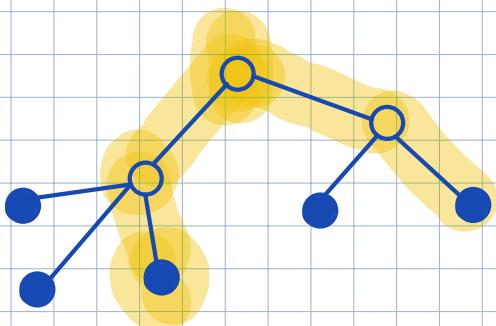


Trees : vertices of degree 1 are called "leaves"

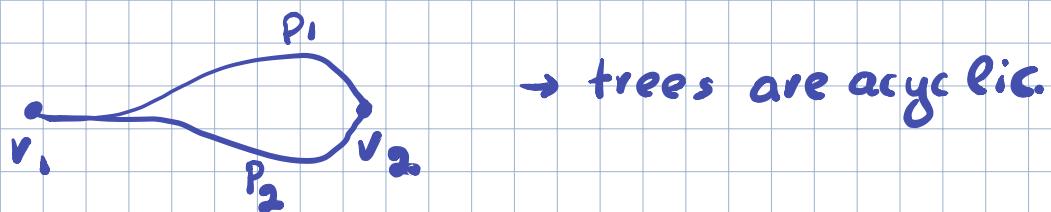
1) Each tree has at least two leaves.

Path:

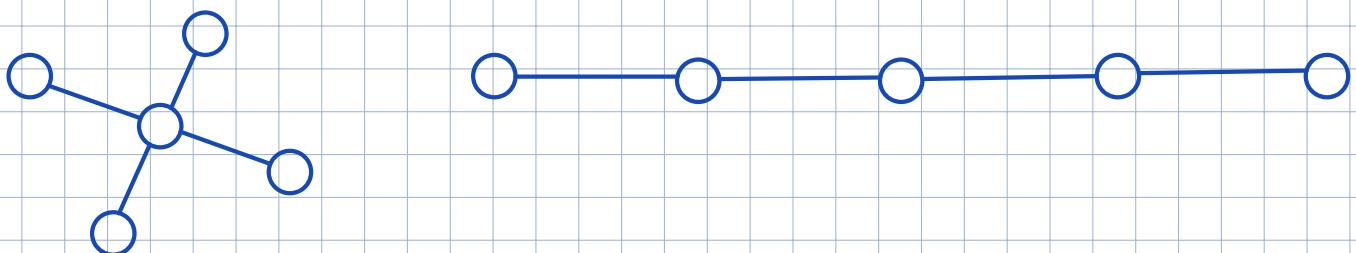




2) If  $T$  is a tree, any two vertices are connected by exactly one path.



3) A tree with  $n$  vertices has always  $n-1$  edges.



Proof induction on the number of vertices  $m$

tree

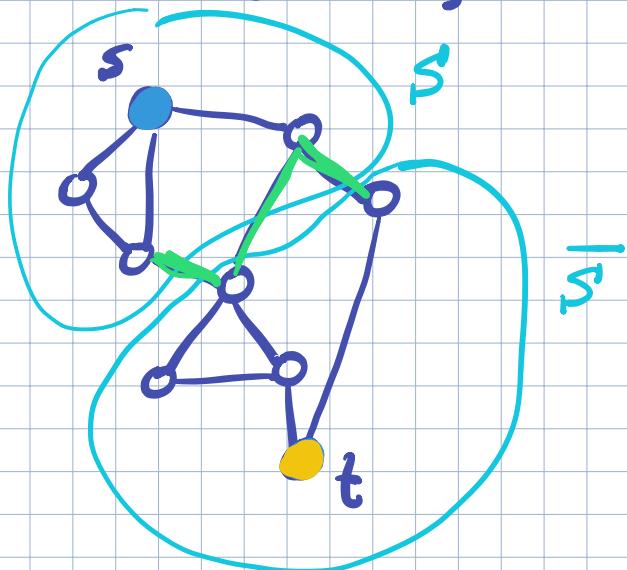
$n=2$ , 1 edge ✓ :



assume that our statement holds  $n=k$  vertices

- consider  $n=k+1$  vertices ( $k-1$  edges)
- remove one leaf, remaining graph is a tree with  $k$  vertices and  $k-1$  edges  $\Rightarrow$  bringing back the leaf  $\frac{k+1}{k}$

Cut Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , and two vertices,  $s$  (source),  $t$  (destination)



A cut is a partition of the vertices into two sets,  $S$  &  $\bar{S}$ , such that  $s \in S$ , and  $t \in \bar{S}$

$$S \cup \bar{S} = V$$

$$S \cap \bar{S} = \emptyset$$

value of a cut: # of edges that connect  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$

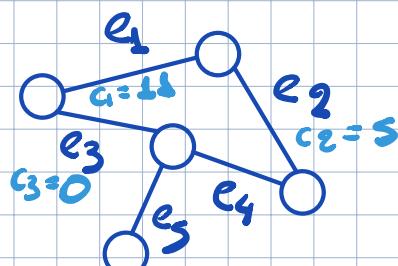
$$2^{n-2}$$

Capacity associated with every edge:

$$c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

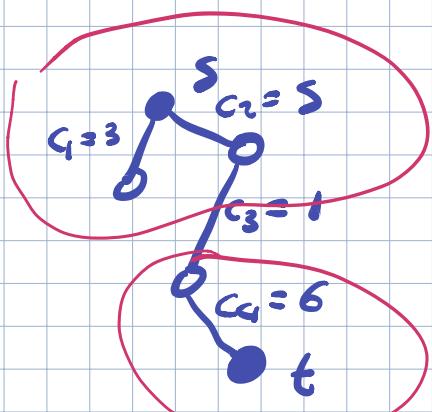
$$c(e_1) = 11 \text{ bits/sec}$$

$$c(e_2) = 5 \text{ bits/sec.}$$



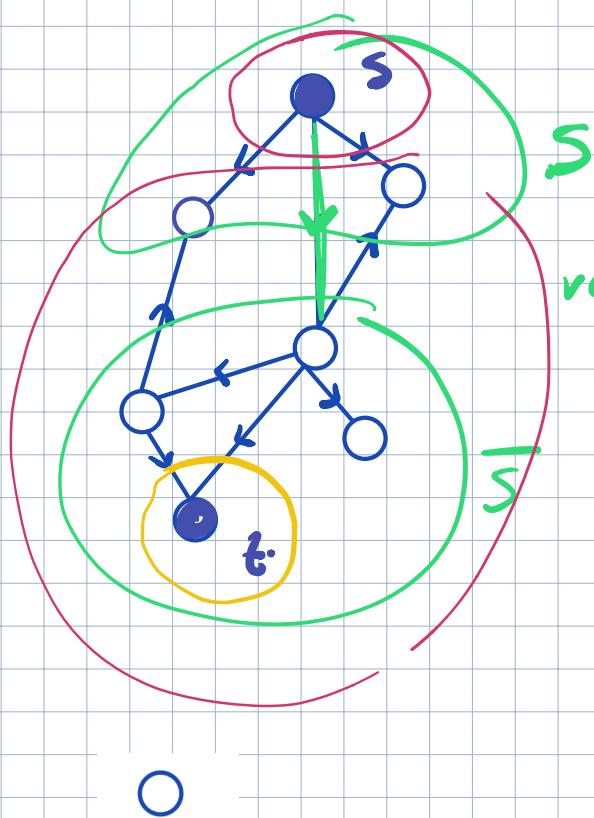
For capacitated graphs  
cut value:

sum of the capacities of the edges that cross the cut.



## Directed graphs:

we only consider edges that go from  $S$  to  $\bar{S}$

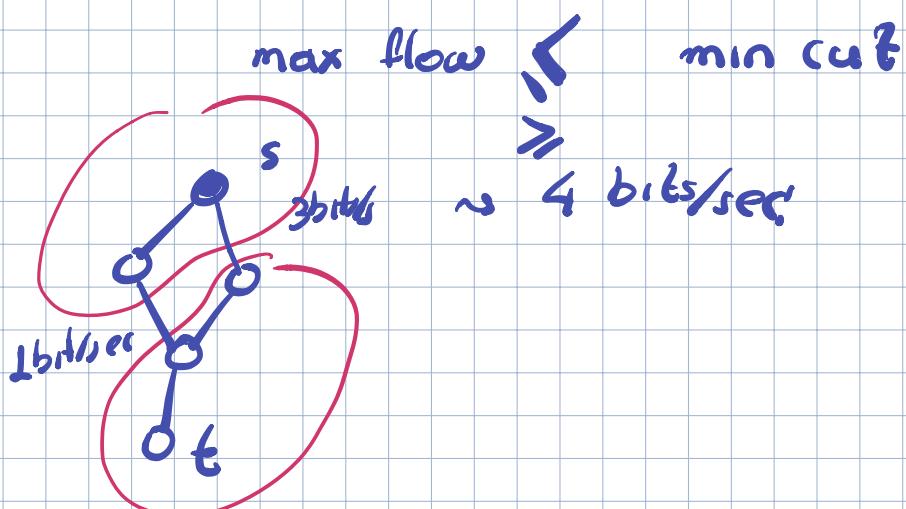


minimum cut = a cut that has the smallest possible value.

## Min-cut max-flow theorem

max amount of information I can send from  $s$  to  $t$

= among all min values of i cuts that separates  $s$  from  $t$ .



# LP formulation for max-flow

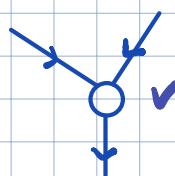
Consider a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with capacitated edges, and two distinct nodes  $s$  and  $t$ .

We want to find the maximum amount of flow that we can send from  $s$  to  $t$  subject to two constraints:

(1) capacity constraints.

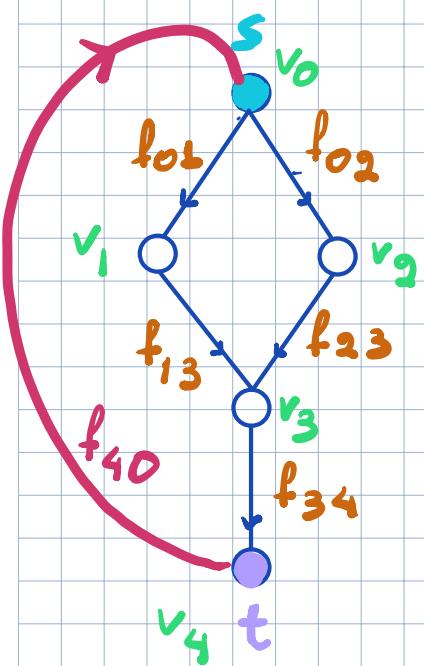
(2) flow conservation.

It sends out as much flow as it receives.



Let  $v$  be any vertex (apart  $s$  &  $t$ )

add one artificial edge of infinite capacity



$$v_0: f_{40} - f_{01} - f_{02} \leq 0$$

$$v_1: f_{01} - f_{12} \leq 0$$

$$v_2: f_{02} - f_{23} \leq 0$$

$$v_3: f_{13} + f_{23} - f_{34} \leq 0$$

$$v_4: f_{34} - f_{40} \leq 0$$

2nd trick:  
make equalities  
inequal.  
assume  
3 feasible  
 $f_{ij}$   
 $f_{01}-f_{02} \leq 0$

$$0 < 0$$

contradiction

variables: amount of flow through every edge  $f_{ij}$

objective function:  $\max f_{ts}$

$$\max_{f_{ij}} f_{ts}$$

s.t.  $f_{ij} \leq c_{ij}$  capacity constraints  
for every edge  $e_{ij}$

$$\sum_j f_{ji} - \sum_k f_{ik} \leq 0$$

for every vertex  $i$   
flow conservation

$$f_{ij} \geq 0$$

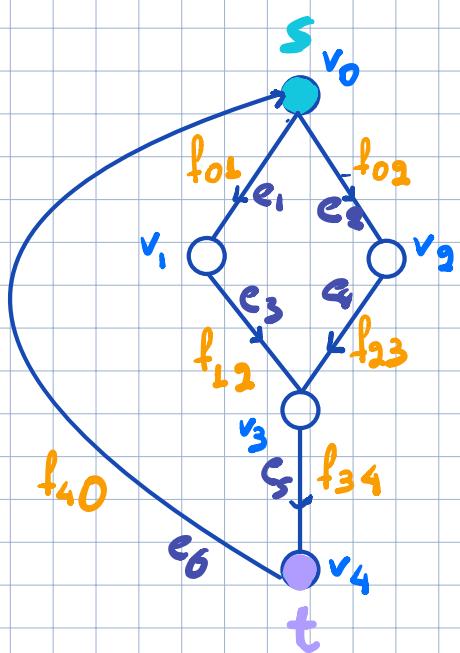
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We will write this LP in matrix form & introduce the edge-vertex adjacency matrix

$$M_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if edge } i \text{ is not adjacent to vertex } j \\ +1 & \text{if edge } i \text{ enters vertex } j \\ -1 & \text{if edge } i \text{ exits vertex } j \end{cases}$$

In our example.

$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$



	$v_0$	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$v_4$
$e_1$	-1	1	0	0	0
$e_2$	-1	0	1	0	0
$e_3$	0	-1	0	1	0
$e_4$	0	0	-1	1	0
$e_5$	0	0	0	-1	1
$e_6$	1	0	0	0	-1

$M^T$

$$\begin{matrix} & e_1 \dots e_6 \\ v_0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ \vdots & & & \\ v_4 & & & \end{matrix}$$



max flow problem in vector notation

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} f_{01} \\ \vdots \\ f_{ts} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{edges } d_{ij} \leftarrow (I \ 0) f \leq \zeta_{(n-1)}$$

$$\min -e_n^T f$$

s.t.

$$\text{vertices } p_i \leftarrow M^T f \leq 0$$

$$v_{ij} \leftarrow -f \leq 0$$

to derive the dual, we associate dual

variables with the constraints of the primal.

Derive the dual:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(f, p, d, v) = & -e_n^T f + d^T [(I \ O) f - c] \\ & + p^T (M^T f) + \\ & + v^T (-f) \end{aligned}$$

Lagrange dual function.

$$g(p, d, v) = \inf_f \mathcal{L}(f, p, d, v) = \begin{cases} -d^T c & \text{if } ( ) = C \\ -\infty \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $g(\ )$  to be a lower bound we  
need  $d, p, v \geq 0$

Dual L.

$$\max -d^T c$$

s.t

$$e_n^T + p^T M^T + d^T (I \ O) + v^T (-I) = C$$

$$p, d, v \geq 0$$

} steps expanding  
removing  $v$  slack  
variable.

LP<sub>2</sub>

$d_{ij} \rightarrow$  "length,"  
associated  
with edge  $ij$

$$\min c^T d$$

$$st \quad p_s - p_t \geq 1$$

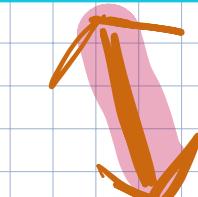
$$d_{ij} \geq p_i - p_j$$

$$d_{ij} \geq 0, p_i \geq 0$$

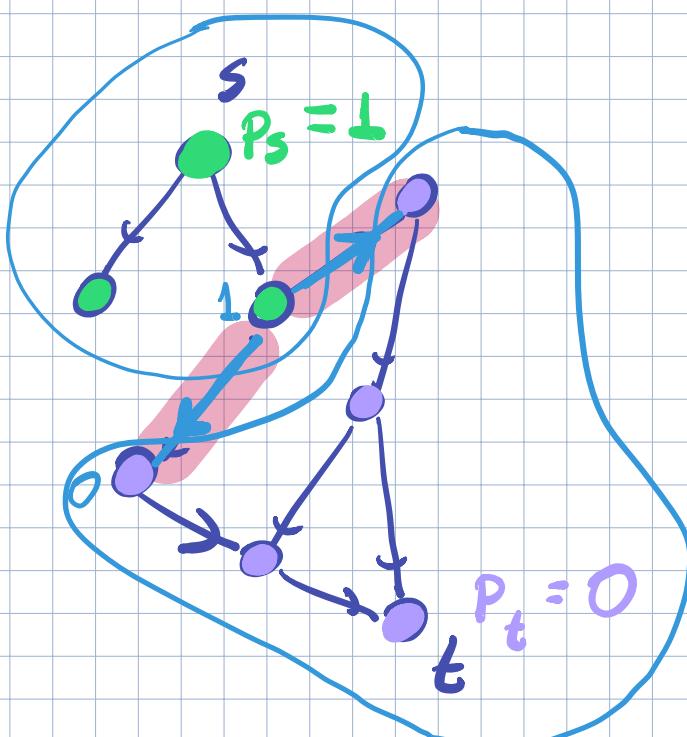
$p_i \rightarrow$  "potential," associated  
with vertex  $i$ .

Assume  $d_{ij}, p_i \in \{0, 1\}$

our program becomes  
an integer LP.



$$\begin{aligned} & \min c^T d \\ & st \quad p_s - p_t \geq 1 \\ & d_{ij} \geq p_i - p_j \\ & d_{ij}, p_i \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$



only feasible choice

$$p_s = 1$$

$$p_t = 0$$

some of the remain  
vertices have  $p_i = 0$   
and some  $p_i = 1$ .

for edges that cross the cut  $d_{ij} \geq 1 \Rightarrow d_{ij} = 1$