

# CS473 Algorithms: Lecture 7 (2024-02-06)

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logistics - pre-2 de F17

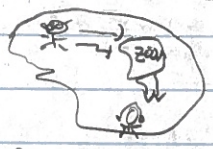
last lecture: dynamic programming  
- shortest paths w/o negative cycles  
Bellman-Ford - negative cycle detection

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today: flow

nodes =  $KT \in \{0, 1\}$

Q:  $\mathbb{R}$  pandemic zoom meetings in high definition?  $\mathbb{I}$  internet bandwidth



$\mathbb{I}$  no glasses  
 $\mathbb{I}$  zoom  
 $\mathbb{I}$  you, headphones

Q: how much flow through network?  $\mathbb{I}$  automobile traffic  $\mathbb{I}$  water networks

def: directed graph  $G=(V,E)$  is simple if  $\mathbb{I}$  no isolated vertex  $\mathbb{I}$  log, for simplicity  $\mathbb{I}$  simple  
- no loops  
- no parallel edges

unk = allow anti-parallel edges  $\vec{e}, \overleftarrow{e}$

def: capacitated graph is simple directed graph  $G=(V,E)$   
w/ edge capacity  $(c_e)_{e \in E}, c_e \in \mathbb{N}$   $\mathbb{I}$  non-neg integers

$\neq 0$   
 $c_e \geq 0$

for  $s, t \in V, (s,t)$ -flow on  $G$  is  $f = (f_e)_{e \in E}, f_e \in \mathbb{R}$   $\mathbb{I}$  non-neg reals  $\mathbb{I}$  models continuous quantities, eg water

st: - capacity constraints:  $0 \leq f_e \leq c_e, \forall e$   $\mathbb{I}$  no overflow

- conservation constraints:  $f^{in}(v) = \sum_{e: \rightarrow v} f_e$   $\mathbb{I}$  in flow

$$f^{out}(v) = \sum_{e: v \rightarrow} f_e \quad \mathbb{I} \text{ out-flow}$$

return

$$f(v) = f^{out}(v) - f^{in}(v) \quad \mathbb{I} \text{ net flow}$$

$$\forall v \in V \setminus \{s, t\} \quad f(v) = 0 \quad \mathbb{I} \text{ conservation}$$

value of  $(s,t)$ -flow is  $|f| = f(s)$   $\mathbb{I}$  net flow at source  $\mathbb{I}$  intuitively = flow  $s \rightarrow t$

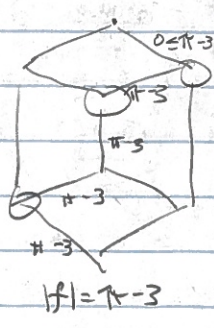
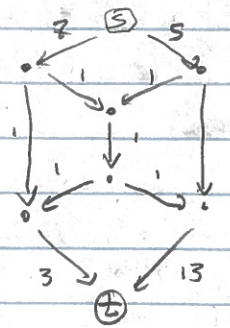
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max  $(s,t)$ -flow problem is to compute  $\max_{arg} |f|$   $\mathbb{I}$  max  $|f|$   $\mathbb{I}$   $f(s,t)$  flow

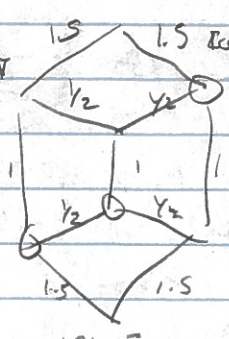
Q: compute max flow?  $\mathbb{I}$  ans  $s, t$  when clear

Q: via brute force?  $\mathbb{I}$  clear: flow values are continuous,  $\mathbb{I}$  formal: uncountable

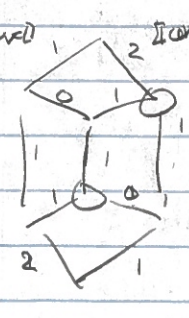
eg:  $\mathbb{I}$  capacitated



$|f| = 7 - 3$   
 $f$  irrational



$|f| = 3$   
 $f$  rational



$|f| = 3$   
 $f$  integral  $\mathbb{I}$



metafact - integrality of optimal solution is significant issue

eg:  $f$   $\in$   $\mathbb{Z}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\max \{f\}$   $\in$   $\mathbb{Z}$   
 [one could think]  $\Rightarrow$   $\mathbb{Z}$  no splitting  $\Rightarrow$  usual  
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thm:  $\mathbb{Z}$  next level  $\Rightarrow$  some max flow is integral

cor: max flow is computable

sketch: finitely many  $(f_e)_{e \in E}$  over  $\mathbb{N}$  satisfying capacity constraint

$\hookrightarrow$  try all - test conservation  
 - maximize  $|f|$

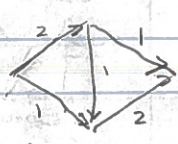
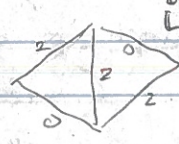
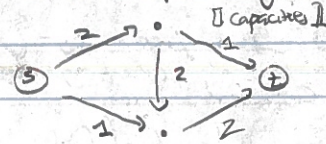
Q: compute max flow efficiently?

idea: dynamic programming?  $\Rightarrow$  no obvious algo?

idea: greedy algo?

$\hookrightarrow$  local opt  $\Rightarrow$  global opt

eg:



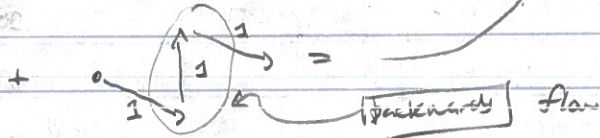
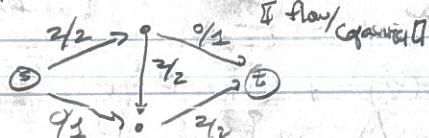
idea: push flow along s-t path

local opt - no s-t path  $\Rightarrow$  conserved capacity

$|f| = 3 > 2 = |f|$

$\Rightarrow$  not global opt  $\Rightarrow$  greedy fails

idea: push flow backwards



def:  $f(s,t)$ -flow over capacitated  $G=(V,E)$ ,  $G^f=(V^f,E^f)$  is capacitated

residual graph

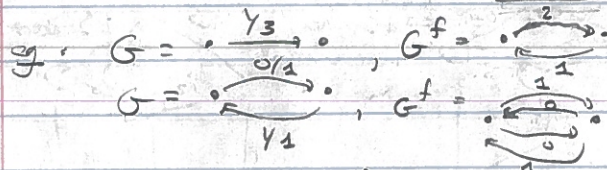
$V^f = V$

$E^f = \{e \in E : f_e < c_e, e \in E\} \cup \{ -e : 0 < f_e, e \in E\}$   $\leftarrow$  forward edges

$\cup \{ -e : 0 < f_e, e \in E\} \leftarrow$  backward edges

$\leftarrow$  reverse orientation

residual capacities:  $c_e^f = \begin{cases} c_e - f_e > 0, & e \text{ forward} \\ f_e > 0, & e \text{ backward} \end{cases}$



def:  $f(s,t)$ -flow over  $G$ ,  $G^f$  residual. An augmenting path  $p$  is simple

s-t path in  $G^f$ . The value is  $|p| = \min_{e \in p} c_e^f$

Augmenting  $f$  by  $p$  yields  $f+p$ ,  $(f+p)_e = \begin{cases} f_e + |p|, & e \in p \text{ forward} \\ f_e - |p|, & e \in p \text{ backward} \\ f_e & \text{else } \end{cases}$

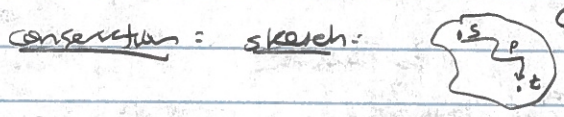


prop -  $f+p$  valid flow, value  $|f|+|p|$

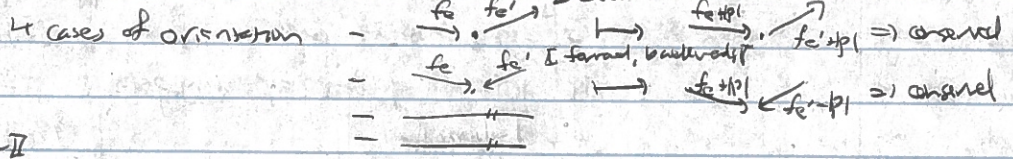
pf: capacity -  $e \in E$  -  $e, e \notin P$   $0 \leq f_e \leq c_e$  if flow arg to prop

if forward  $(f+p)_e = f_e + |p| \leq c_e$   
 $(f+p)_e = f_e + \underbrace{|p|}_{\geq 0} \leq c_e$

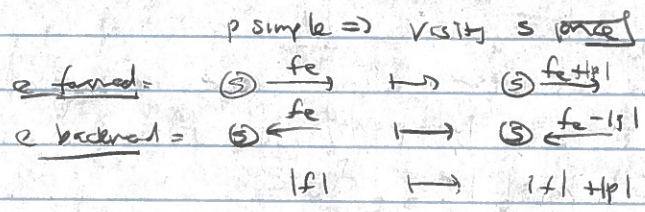
if backward  $(f+p)_e = f_e - |p| \leq c_e$   
 $(f+p)_e = \underbrace{f_e}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{|p|}_{\geq 0} \leq c_e$



$f_v \forall v \neq s, t$ ,  $p$  visiting  $v$



if  $\Rightarrow f+p$  valid flow  
value - sketch:  $p: s \rightarrow t$  path



idea - repeated augment flow

algo (Ford Fulkerson)

- $f_e \leftarrow 0, e \in E$  ← valid flow
- initialize  $G^f$
- while exists augmenting path  $p$  in  $G^f$ 
  - $f \leftarrow f+p$
  - $G^f \leftarrow G^f + p$
- return  $f$

Q - complexity? if termination? constrains? if max flow clear?



no isolated vertices

prop: each iteration takes  $O(m+n) = O(m)$  time

sketch: cls: constructing  $G^f$  from  $f$  takes  $O(m)$  time

sketch: iterate edges via adjacency list  $\rightarrow$  apply edge updates in  $O(1)$  time

cls: finding  $p$  takes  $O(m+n)$  time

ideas: depth first search

cls: augmenting  $f \rightarrow f+p$  takes  $O(m)$  time

sketch: iterate on edges in  $p$

compute  $\min_{e \in p} (c^f)_e = |p|$

$\square$

Q: # iterations?

prop: flow  $f$  in  $G$ , residual  $G^f$

FF capacities  $(c_e)$  integral

flows  $(f_e)$  integral

then  $G^f$  has integral capacities

$|p|$  integral, for  $p$  augmenting path

$f+p$  integral

$\square$  yes, per convention

$\square$  induction

if capacities preserve integrality

$$(c^f)_e = \begin{cases} c_e - f_e & \text{---} \\ f_e & \text{---} \end{cases}$$

$$|p| = \min_{e \in p} c_e$$

$$(f+p)_e = \begin{cases} f_e + |p| & \text{---} \\ f_e - |p| & \text{---} \\ f_e & \text{---} \end{cases}$$

$\square$

sketch:

FF integral capacities, in  $\mathbb{F}$ , flows and residual capacities are integral

prop

any flow  $f$  in  $G$  has  $|f| = \sum_{e \in E} c_e$

pf:

$$|f| = f^{out}(s) - f^{in}(s)$$

$$\leq f^{out}(s) = \sum_{e: s \rightarrow e} f_e \leq \sum_{e: s \rightarrow e} c_e \leq \sum_{e \in E} c_e$$

integrality

Cor: integral capacities,  $\mathbb{F}$  has  $\sum_e c_e = C$  (iteration)

sketch: start w/  $|f|=0$ , increase by  $\geq 1$  each iteration,  $|f| \leq C$  (no)

Cor:  $\mathbb{F}$  runs in  $O(mC)$  time

Q: correctness?

- today: flow
- def
  - residual graph
  - augmenting paths
  - integrality
  - FF
  - algo complexity

reading: KT 7.1, 7.1

next lecture - flow

log notes: pser 2 due FIT