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8.1 Flows & Cuts

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A NETWORK N is a (weakly) conn. simple digraph D with an integer valued CAPACITY f on E .

$$c : A(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$c(a)$ is the capacity of $a \in A(N)$.

we call $s \in V(N)$ a SOURCE if $id(s) = 0$,
AND call $t \in V(N)$ a SINK if $od(t) = 0$.

OTHER VERTICES ARE CALLED INTERMEDIATE.

ASSUME: N CONTAINS ONE SOURCE

s , & ONE SINK t .

For $u \in V(N)$ write

$$\bar{I}(u) = \{ \text{arcs having } u \text{ as terminus} \} \subseteq A(N)$$

$$O(u) = \{ \text{arcs having } u \text{ as origin} \} \subseteq A(N)$$

Defn A flow (or feasible flow) in N is a fun.

$$f: A(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$$

st.

(i) Capacity Constraint: $f(a) \leq c(a)$ for all $a \in A(N)$,

(ii) outflow from $s =$ inflow to t

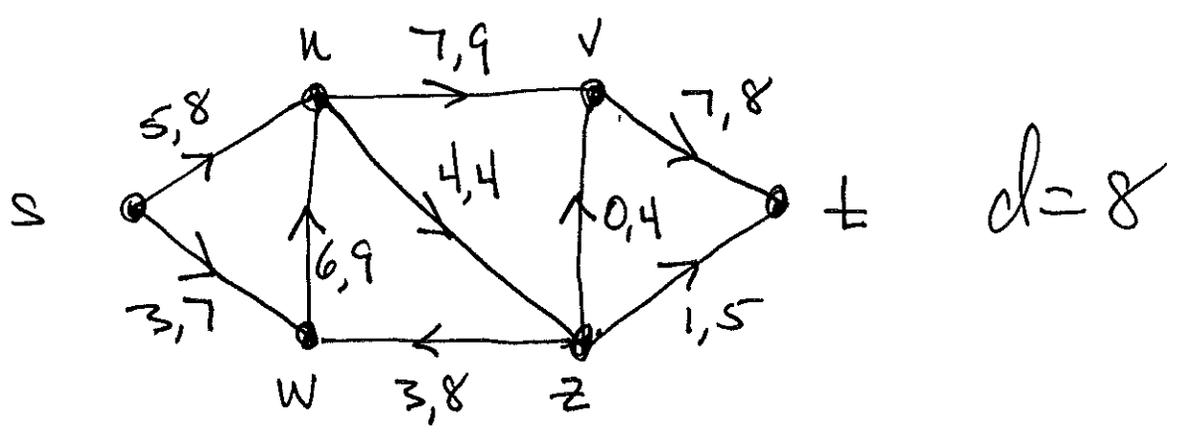
$$\sum_{a \in O(s)} f(a) = \sum_{a \in \bar{I}(t)} f(a)$$

(iii) Flow Conservation

for all intermediate $x \in V(N)$
outflow from x = inflow to x

$$\sum_{a \in O(x)} f(a) = \sum_{a \in I(x)} f(a)$$

Ex. 1



labels (f, c) . Define

$$d = \sum_{a \in O(s)} f(a) = \sum_{a \in I(t)} f(a)$$

we call d the value of the flow f .

Defn A cut in K is a set of arcs of the form $A(X, \bar{X})$ where $s \in X$ and $t \in \bar{X}$.

Ex 1: $X = \{s, u, w\}$, $\bar{X} = \{v, z, t\}$

$A(X, \bar{X}) = \{uv, uz\}$ is a cut.

$e(X, \bar{X}) = 9 + 4 = 13$

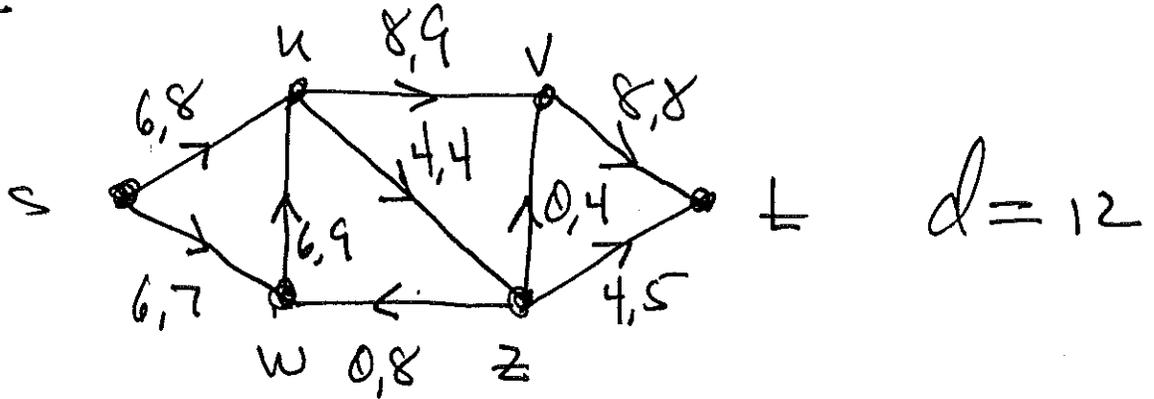
$f(X, \bar{X}) = 7 + 4 = 11$

$A(\bar{X}, X) = \{zw\}$ not a cut.

$e(\bar{X}, X) = 8$

$f(\bar{X}, X) = 3$

Ex 2



$d = 12$

NOTATION: Given $X, Y \subseteq V(N)$ write

$$A(X, Y) = \{ \text{arcs having origin in } X, \text{ terminus in } Y \}$$

Given any $g: A(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$, write

$$g(X, Y) = \sum_{a \in A(X, Y)} g(a)$$

If $X \subseteq V(N)$ write $\bar{X} = V(N) - X$.

Ex. 2 $X = \{s, u, v, w\}$, $\bar{X} = \{z, t\}$

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$$A(X, \bar{X}) = \{uz, vt\} \quad \underline{\text{is a cut.}}$$

$$c(X, \bar{X}) = 4 + 8 = 12$$

$$f(X, \bar{X}) = 4 + 8 = 12$$

Also

$$A(\bar{X}, X) = \{zv, zw\}$$

$$c(\bar{X}, X) = 4 + 8 = 12$$

$$f(\bar{X}, X) = 0$$

Theorem

Suppose f is a flow on N with value d , and $A(X, \bar{X})$ is any cut.

Then

$$d = f(X, \bar{X}) - f(\bar{X}, X) \leq c(X, \bar{X}).$$

i.e. d is the 'net' flow across any cut,
 d is BOUNDED ABOVE BY $c(X, \bar{X})$.

Proof:

Since f is a flow have

$$f(s, v) = d \text{ and } f(v, t) = 0$$

For any intermediate $u \in V(N)$

$$f(u, v) = \sum_{a \in O(u)} f(a) = \sum_{a \in I(u)} f(a) = f(v, u)$$

Thus

$$f(u, v) - f(v, u) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow A(X, \bar{X})$ is a cut, then

$$f(X, v) - f(v, X)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in V(N)} (f(x, v) - f(v, x))$$

$$= f(s, v) - f(v, t)$$

$$= d$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, \nu) &= f(x, x \cup \bar{x}) \\ &= f(x, x) + f(x, \bar{x}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(\nu, x) &= f(x \cup \bar{x}, x) \\ &= f(x, x) + f(\bar{x}, x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, \bar{x}) - f(\bar{x}, x) &= f(x, \nu) - f(\nu, x) \\ &= d \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(a) \leq e(a)$ for all $a \in \mathcal{A}(N)$,
we have

$$f(x, \bar{x}) \leq e(x, \bar{x})$$

So

$$f(x, \bar{x}) - f(\bar{x}, x) \leq f(x, \bar{x}) \leq e(x, \bar{x}).$$

$$d = f(x, \bar{x}) - f(\bar{x}, x) \leq e(x, \bar{x}).$$

Note: Value d of any flow satisfies

$$d \leq \min \{ c(X, \bar{X}) \mid A(X, \bar{X}) \text{ is a cut} \}$$

Defn

A flow f for which equality is called a maximum flow.

Ex 2: We had $d = 12 = c(X, \bar{X})$, so, f is a maximum flow, Also $A(X, \bar{X})$ is a minimum capacity cut.

NOTE: if $|V(N)| = n$ (so $n-2$

intermediate vertices) then

N contains 2^{n-2} cuts, one

for each subset of $\{ \text{interm. vert.} \}$.

Note: $d_f \leq c(X, \bar{X})$

Holds for any flow f , and any cut $A(X, \bar{X})$.

Lemma

If f is a flow with value d and $A(X, \bar{X})$ is a cut, and if

$$d = c(X, \bar{X})$$

then f is maximum and $A(X, \bar{X})$ is a minimum Capacity Cut.

THEOREM (max flow - min cut)

LET N BE A CAPACITATED NETWORK with Capacity c , then there exists a max flow with value

$$d = \min \{ c(X, \bar{X}) \mid A(X, \bar{X}) \text{ is a cut} \}.$$

Let $T: v_0 v_1 \dots v_k$ be a
(NOT necessarily directed) trail
in N .

- we call $v_{i-1} v_i$ a Forward Arc
of T iff $(v_{i-1}, v_i) \in A(N)$.
- we call $v_{i-1} v_i$ a Reverse Arc
of T iff $(v_i, v_{i-1}) \in A(N)$

Let f be a flow in N .

We associate to each $a \in A(N)$
 $i(a)$ called increment of a :

$$i(a) = \begin{cases} c(a) - f(a) & \text{if } a \text{ forward in } T \\ f(a) & \text{if } a \text{ reverse in } T \end{cases}$$

write $i(a) = i_T(a)$ to

emphasize dependence on T .

NOTE $i(a)$ is amount by which f could be increased on a forward arc and still satisfy $f(a) \leq c(a)$, and amount by which f could be DECREASED on a reverse arc and still satisfy $f(a) \geq 0$.

Defn The INCREMENT of f ALONG T is

$$i(T) = \min\{i(a) \mid a \text{ is an arc in } T\}$$

Sometimes write $i(T) = i_f(T)$

Defn
 we say T is f -SATURATED iff $i(T) = 0$, and f -UNSATURATED iff $i(T) > 0$.

Defn
 \overline{T} is an f -increasing (also f -augmenting) trail iff
 \overline{T} goes from s to t and
 is f -unsaturated

$$\overline{T} : s = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k = t$$

Lemma
 $\overline{LRT} \leftarrow \overline{T}$ is an f -augmenting trail, then the fn $f_1 : A(N) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+$

Given by

$$f_1(a) = \begin{cases} f(a) + i_f(\overline{T}) & \text{if } a \text{ forward in } \overline{T} \\ f(a) - i_f(\overline{T}) & \text{if } a \text{ reverse in } \overline{T} \\ f(a) & \text{if } a \text{ not in } \overline{T} \end{cases}$$

is a flow in N , if f has value d , then f_1 has value $d + i_f(\overline{T})$,
 and \overline{T} is f_1 -SATURATED.

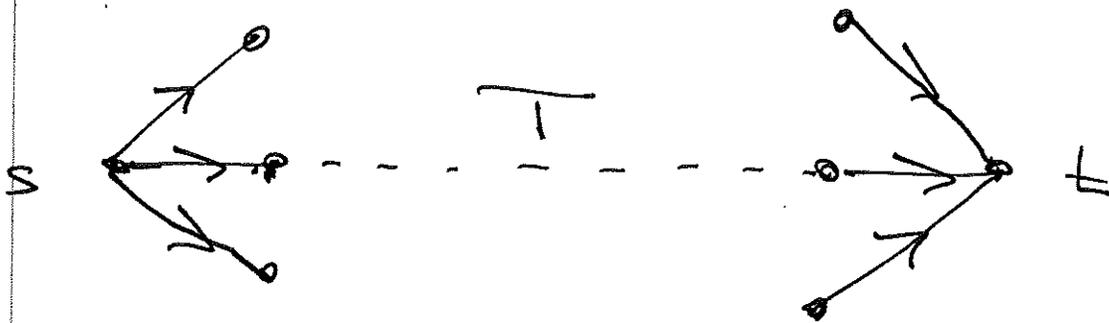
Proof:

observe 1^{st} + 1^{st} $0 \leq f_1(a) \leq c(a)$
 for all $a \in A(N)$. \Rightarrow (i) of
 Defn of flow is satisfied.

If T is incident with s
 just once, then

$$\sum_{a \in O(s)} f_1(a) = \left(\sum_{a \in O(s)} f(a) \right) + i_f(T)$$

$$= d + i_f(T)$$



If T is incident with s
 more than once, then since
 $i_d(s) = 0$, the contributions of $i_f(T)$
 to $\sum_{a \in O(s)} f_1(a)$ along for $\frac{1}{2}$ rev. arcs cancel.

So Again

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a \in O(s)} f_1(a) &= \left(\sum_{a \in O(s)} f(a) \right) + i_f(T) \\ &= d + i_f(T). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a \in I(t)} f_1(a) &= \left(\sum_{a \in I(t)} f(a) \right) + i_f(T) \\ &= d + i_f(T) \end{aligned}$$

Thus (ii) from defn of flow holds:

$$\sum_{a \in O(s)} f_1(a) = \sum_{a \in I(t)} f_1(a)$$

Now let $x \in V(N)$ be INTERMED.
Since f is a flow:

$$(*) \quad \sum_{a \in O(x)} f(a) = \sum_{a \in I(x)} f(a)$$

If x is NOT INCIDENT with T ,
then

$$(**) \sum_{a \in O(x)} f_1(a) = \sum_{a \in I(x)} f_1(a)$$

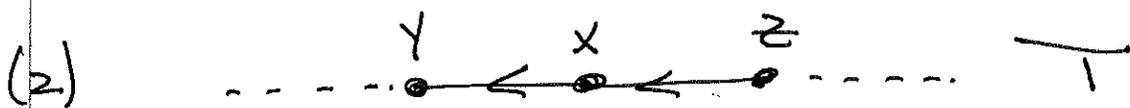
so (iii) holds in this case.

If x is INCIDENT with T

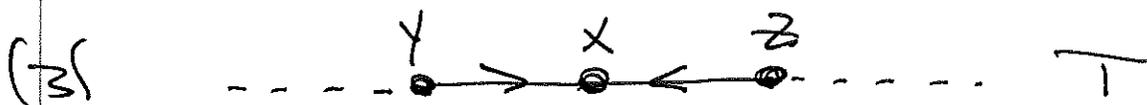
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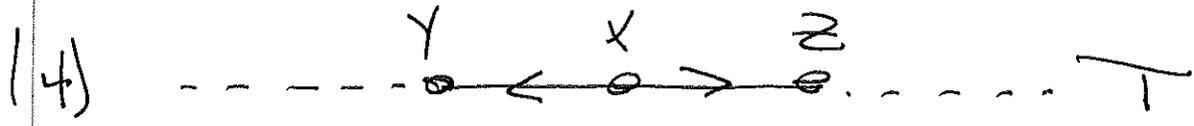
we add $i_f(T)$ to both LHS & RHS of (*) to get (**)



we subtract $i_f(T)$ from both LHS & RHS of (*) to get (**)



we add $i_f(T)$ to one term & subtract $i_f(T)$ from another in RHS of (*) so again ** holds.



Again $i_f(T)$ is both added & subtracted to LHS of (*) to get **.

In all cases we have (iii)

$$\sum_{a \in O(x)} f_1(a) = \sum_{a \in I(x)} f_1(a)$$

Also showed, in (ii) that value of f_1 is

$$d + i_f(T)$$

Check: T is f_1 -SATURATED

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