## Flows




A flow of 1


A flow of 1


## A flow of 2







## Rules of flows

For each edge, flow on edge is less than edge's capacity

For non-source/sink vertices, in-flow and out-flow of node are equal.


Out-flow of source and in-flow of sink are equal.








## Flows in undirected graphs

Which direction is flow?


Directed equivalent:


Three cases of equivalent flows:

if $f_{1}>f_{2}$

if $f_{1}<f_{2}$

if $f_{1}=f_{2}$

## Flow Notation




Maximum Flows


## Maximum flow of 3




## Maximum flow of 3



## Maximum flow of 3




## Maximum flow of 7



## Maximum flow of 7



Minimum Cuts


## Minimum edge cut of 3




## Minimum edge cut of 3




## Minimum edge cut of 7



For any graph with vertices $s$ and $t$


## Max-flow min-cut theorem

For any graph with vertices $s$ and $t$

maximum flow from s to $t$

minimum edge cut separating s from $t$

## Bipartite Perfect Matching









## Residual Graphs

Graph (with flow)


Residual graph


Graph (with flow)


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Graph (with flow)


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Graph (with flow)


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Augmenting path
(path from s to $t$ along >0-weight edges)

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No augmenting path (flow is maximum)

## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=f$ $f(b, a)=-f$


Net flow $f(a, b)=f_{1}-f_{2}$

$$
f(b, a)=f_{2}-f_{1}
$$

## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=0$ $f(b, a)=0$


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$$
1(0, a)=0
$$


$0-0=0$


## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=1$ $f(b, a)=-1$


Net flow $f(a, b)=0$ $f(b, a)=0$

$$
1(0, a)=0
$$


$0-(-1)=1$


## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=2$ $f(b, a)=-2$


Net flow $f(a, b)=0$ $f(b, a)=0$

$0-(-2)=2$

$$
1(0, a)=0
$$

## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=2$

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f(b, a)=-2
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Net flow $f(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})=2$

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f(b, a)=-2
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## Edges (with flow)

Residual edges


Net flow $f(a, b)=2$

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Net flow $f(a, b)=3$

$$
f(b, a)=-3
$$


$0-(-2)=2$

## Edges (with flow)



Net flow $f(a, b)=2$

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f(b, a)=-2
$$



Net flow $f(a, b)=-1$

$$
f(b, a)=1
$$



Residual edges

$0-(-2)=2$

## Ford-Fulkerson Maximum Flow <br> Algorithm



Residual graph:



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# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm (for a graph $G=(V, E)$, source $s$, sink $t)$ 

Create an empty map $F$.
for (every edge ( $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}$ ) in E ):
if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :
Add $\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ to E with capacity 0.
$F\left[\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)\right]=0 ;$
while (true):
Let $\mathrm{p}=$ an augmenting path in residual of G .
If no $p$ exists, break;
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$.

Increase flow via aug. paths

# Ford-Fulkerson Running Time 

# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm (for a graph $G=(V, E)$, source $s$, sink $t$ ) 

Create an empty map F.
for (every edge $\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)$ in E$)$ :

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { if }\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right) \text { is not in } E\right) \text { : } \\
& \qquad \text { Add }\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right) \text { to } E \text { with capacity } 0 . \\
& F\left[\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)\right]=0 ;
\end{aligned}
$$

while (true):
Let $\mathrm{p}=\mathrm{an}$ augmenting path in residual of G .
If no $p$ exists, break;


# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm <br> (for a graph G = (V, E), source s, sink t) 

and max flow $f_{\text {max }}$
Create an empty map F
for (every edge $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ in $\left.E\right)$ :

Add $\left(V_{j}, v_{i}\right)$ to $E$ with capacity 0.

$$
\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{f}_{\max }{ }^{\star}(\mathrm{n}+\mathrm{m})\right) \text { time }
$$

Let $p=$ an augmenting path in residual of $G$.

If no p exists, break;
$f_{\text {aug }}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.

Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{\text {aug }}$


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Now repeat 194 more times...
for a total of $200=$ max-flow iterations.

Modifying Ford-Fulkerson (Edmonds-Karp)

# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm (for a graph $G=(V, E)$, source $s$, sink $t)$ 

Create an empty map $F$.
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if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :
Add $\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ to E with capacity 0.
$F\left[\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)\right]=0 ;$
while (true): Can be any augmenting path.
Let $p=$ an augmenting path in residual of $G$.
If no $p$ exists, break;
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$.

# Edmonds-Karp Algorithm (for a graph $G=(V, E)$, source $s$, sink $t$ ) 

Create an empty map F.
for (every edge ( $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}$ ) in E):
if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :
Add $\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)$ to $E$ with capacity 0.
$\mathrm{F}\left[\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right]=0 ;$
while (true):

## Find via BFS

Let $p=$ an (edge-length-)shortest augmenting path in residual of $G$.

If no p exists, break;
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$.


Residual graph:



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Only 2 iterations.

## Edmonds-Karp Running Time

# Edmonds-Karp Algorithm (for a graph G = (V, E), source s, sink t) 

Create an empty map F.
for (every edge $\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)$ in E ):
if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :
Add $\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)$ to $E$ with capacity 0.
$F\left[\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)\right]=0 ;$
while (true):
Let p = an (edge-length-)shortest augmenting path in residual of G .

If no p exists, break; iterations?
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$.

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So each edge reaches capacity $\leq n$ times.
So in total, edges reach capacity $\leq n m$ times.
So $\leq n m$ iterations.

# Edmonds-Karp Algorithm (for a graph $G=(V, E)$, source $s$, sink $t)$ 

Create an empty map F.

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for (every edge $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ in $\left.E\right)$ : if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :

Add ( $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}$ ) to E with capacity 0 . $\mathrm{F}\left[\left(\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)\right]=0 ;$
while (true):
Let $\mathrm{p}=$ an (edge-length-)shortest augmenting path in residual of G .

If no p exists, break;
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$.

$\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{nm}^{2}+\mathrm{n}^{2} \mathrm{~m}\right)$ total
$\left.L_{\theta(n+m)}\right]_{\theta(n)}$

# Edmonds-Karp Algorithm <br> (for a graph G = (V, E), source s, sink t) 

Create an empty map F.
for (every edge ( $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{j}}$ ) in E ):
if $\left(\left(v_{j}, v_{i}\right)\right.$ is not in $\left.E\right)$ :
Add' ( $V_{j}, V_{i}$ ) to E with capacity 0 .
$\mathrm{O}((\mathrm{n}+\mathrm{m}) \mathrm{nm})$ time

Let $p=a n$ (edge-length-)shortest augmenting path
in residual of $G$.
If no p exists, break;
$f_{m}=$ minimum weight of edge in $p$.
Update flow along edges of $p$ by $f_{m}$

