

# Week III

## Overview

- ▶ Flow Network;
- ▶ Cut;
- ▶ Maximum Flow;
- ▶ Minimal Cut.

## Definitions

- ▶ A **flow network** is a **directed** graph where each edge has a **capacity** and each edge receives a **flow**, where the amount of flow allowed in each edge cannot surpass its capacity;
- ▶ A **cut** in graph theory corresponds to a **partition** of the nodes in a graph splitting them into **disjoint subsets**.

## Problem (Maximum Flow Problem (MaxFlow))

Given a flow network represent as a digraph  $G = (v, E)$  with capacities  $u$  and unique source and unique sink  $s$  and  $t$  respectively, such that  $s, t \in V$ .  
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## Ford-Fulkerson's

### Algorithm 1: FORD-FULKERSON ALGORITHM

**Input:** digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , capacities  
 $u: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+, s, t, \in V$

**Output:** maximal  $s$ - $t$ -flow  $f$

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1 set  $f(e) = 0$  for all  $e \in E$ 
2 while there exists  $f$ -augmenting path in  $G_f$  do
3   choose  $f$ -augmenting path  $P$ 
4   set  $\Delta_f(P) = \min_{a \in E(P)} u_f(a)$ 
5   augment  $f$  along  $P$  by  $\Delta_f(P)$ 
6   update  $G_f$ 
7 return  $f$ 

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## Emonds-Karp's

### Algorithm 2: EDMONDS-KARP ALGORITHM

**Input:** digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , capacities  
 $u: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, s, t, \in V$

**Output:** maximal  $s$ - $t$ -flow  $f$

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1 set  $f(e) = 0$  for all  $e \in E$ 
2 while there exists  $f$ -augmenting path in  $G_f$  do
3   choose  $f$ -augmenting path  $P$  with minimal
   number of edges
4   set  $\Delta_f(P) = \min_{a \in E(P)} u_f(a)$ 
5   augment  $f$  along  $P$  by  $\Delta_f(P)$ 
6   update  $G_f$ 
7 return  $f$ 

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## Maximum Flow ILP

$$\max \sum_{e \in \delta^+(s)} f_e \quad (1a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{e \in \delta^-(v)} f_e - \sum_{e \in \delta^+(v)} f_e = 0 \quad v \in V \setminus \{s, t\} \quad (1b)$$

$$f_e \leq u(e) \quad e \in E \quad (1c)$$

$$f_e \geq 0 \quad e \in E \quad (1d)$$

