Chapter 3 Network Theory

3-1 Network and Flow



Network: A simple, weighted, directed graph satisfies: (a) The source has no incoming edges. (b) The sink has no outgoing edges, (c) The weight C_{ij} of the directed edge (i,j) is a nonnegative number. C_{ij} is called the capacity of (i,j).

Flow: A flow F_{ij} of the directed edge (i,j) is a nonnegative number and satisfies: (a) $F_{ij} \le C_{ij}$. (b) $\sum_{i} F_{ij} = \sum_{i} F_{ji}$ for each vertex *j*, neither the source and the sink..

Eg. A network with edges label by capacity (left) and flow (right).





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Theorem The flow out of the source equals the flow into the sink. That is, $\sum_{i} F_{ai} = \sum_{i} F_{iz} \, .$

Value of the flow: The value of $\sum_{i} F_{ai} = \sum_{i} F_{iz}$.

Supersource and supersink: To be added in the original network without the source and the sink.



Properly oriented path and improperly oriented path:





Theorem Let P be a path from a to z in a network G. Let $\triangle = \min(C_{ij} - F_{ij})$ for properly oriented edges (i,j), F_{ij} for improperly oriented edges (i,j)). Define

 $F_{ij}^{*} = \begin{cases} F_{ij} , & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ is not in } P \\ F_{ij} + \Delta, & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ is properly oriented in } P \text{ , and then } F^{*} > F. \\ F_{ij} - \Delta, & \text{if } (i, j) \text{ is improperly oriented in } P \end{cases}$



Eg. Increase the flow of each edge in the left path. (Sol.) $\triangle = \min(3-1,1,3-2,5-1)=1$ New flows: 1+1=2, 1-1=0, 2+1=3, 1+1=2

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(Sol.) △=min(5-1,5-2,2,6-3)=2

New flows: 1+2=3, 2+2=4, 2-2=0, 3+2=5. We have the new flows in the path:



Maximal flow algorithm

Inp	at: A network with source <i>a</i> , sink <i>z</i> , capacity <i>C</i> , vertices $a = v_0,, v_n = z$, and <i>n</i>		
Outp	ut: A maximal flow F		// find path <i>P</i> from <i>a</i> to <i>z</i> on which to revise flow
1. 2. 3.	$max_flow(a, z, C, v, n) \{$ $//v's label is (predecessor(v), val(v))$ $// start with zero flow for each edge (i, j) F_{ij} = 0 while (true) {$	30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35.	$w_0 = z$ $k = 0$ while $(w_k \neg = a) \{$ $w_{k+1} = predecessor(w_k)$ $k = k + 1$ $w_k = k + 1$
4.	// remove all labels for $i = 0$ to n { wardcoccess(u) = will	37. 38.	
5. 6	$val(u_i) = null$	39.	$e = (w_i, w_{i-1})$
7.	$\frac{1}{2}$	40. 41.	if (e is properly oriented in P) $F_e = F_e + \Delta$
8.	predecessor(a) = -	42.	else
9.	$val(a) = \infty$	43.	$F_e = F_e - \Delta$
10.	// <i>U</i> is the set of unexamined, labeled vertices $U = \{a\}$	44. 45.	} } // end while (true) loop

// continue until z is labeled

11.	while $(val(z) == null)$ {	
12.	if $(U == \emptyset) //$ flow is maximal	
13.	return F	
14.	choose v in U	
15.	$U = U - \{v\}$	
16.	$\Delta = val(v)$	
17.	for each edge (v, w) with $val(w) == null$	
18.	if $(F_{\nu w} < C_{\nu w})$ {	
19.	predecessor(w) = v	
20.	$val(w) = min\{\Delta, C_{vw} - F_{vw}\}$	
21.	$U = U \cup \{w\}$	
22.	3	
23.	for each edge (w, v) with $val(w) == null$	
24.	if $(F_{wv} > 0)$ {	
25.	predecessor(w) = v	
26.	$val(w) = min\{\Delta, F_{wv}\}$	
27.	$U = U \cup \{w\}$	
28.	1	
29.	$} // end while (val(z) == null) loop$	



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Cut (P, \overline{P}) : A cut (P, \overline{P}) in *G* consists of a set *P* of vertices and the complement \overline{P} of *P*, with $a \in P$ and $z \in \overline{P}$.



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Capacity of the cut
$$(P, \overline{P}), C(P, \overline{P}): C(P, \overline{P}) = \sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in \overline{P}} C_{ij}$$



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(Sol.) $C_{bc}+C_{de}=4+4=8$



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(Sol.) $C_{bc}+C_{dc}+C_{de}=2+2+2=6$

Theorem
$$\sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in \overline{P}} C_{ij} \ge \sum_{i} F_{ai}$$
.

Max flow and min cut Theorem If equality holds in $\sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in \overline{P}} C_{ij} \ge \sum_{i} F_{ai}$, then the

flow is maximal and the cut is minimal. Moreover, equality holds in $\sum_{i \in P} \sum_{j \in \overline{P}} C_{ij} \ge \sum_{i} F_{ai}$ if and only if (a) $F_{ij}=C_{ij}$ for $i \in P$ and $j \in \overline{P}$ and (b) $F_{ij}=0$ for $i \notin P$ and $j \notin \overline{P}$.

3-2 Matching

Matching: Let G be a directed, bipartite graph with disjoint vertex set V and W in which the edges are directed from vertices in V to vertices in W. A matching for G is a set of edges E with no vertices in common.

Maximal matching: A matching contains the maximum number of edges.

Complete matching: A matching having the property that if $v \in V$, then $(v,w) \in E$ for some $w \in W$.

Eg. Two examples of matching. The black lines show maximal matching in each graph.



Matching network: Introducing a super source *a* and edges of capacity 1 from *a* to each of $v_i \in V$, a super sink *z* and edges of capacity 1 from each of $w_i \in W$ to *z*.



Eg. Transform the left matching for *G* into a matching network.





Eg. Find the maximal matching for the left graph. (Sol.) Matching network:















- (a) A flow in the matching network gives a matching in G. The vertex $v \in V$ is matched with the vertex $w \in W$ if and only if the flow in edge (v,w)=1.
- (b) A maximal flow corresponds to a maximal matching.
- (c) A flow whose value is |V| corresponds to a complete matching.

Hall's Marriage Theorem Let *G* be a directed, bipartite graph with disadjoint vertex set *V* and *W* in which the edges are directed from vertices in *V* to vertices in *W*. There exists a complete matching in *G* if and only if $|S| \le |R(S)|$ for all $S \subseteq V$, where $R(S) = \{w \in W | v \in S \text{ and } (v, w) \text{ is an edge in } G\}$.



Eg. There are 3 boys: a(周杰倫), b(劉德華), c(蘇友朋) and 4 girls: r(林志玲), s(侯佩岑), t(林嘉綺), u(白歆惠). If a likes r and s, b likes s and u, c likes r, t and u, can each boy marry a compatible girl?

(Sol.)



Choose $S_1 = \{a, b, c\}$, we have $R(S_1) = \{r, s, t, u\}$ and $|S_1| = 3 < 4 = |R(S_1)|$

Choose $S_2 = \{a, b\}$, we have $R(S_2) = \{r, s, u\}$ and $|S_2| = 2 < 3 = |R(S_2)|$

Choose $S_3 = \{a, c\}$, we have $R(S_3) = \{r, s, t, u\}$ and $|S_3| = 2 < 4 = |R(S_3)|$. Choose $S_4 = \{b, c\}$, we have $R(S_4) = \{r, s, t, u\}$ and $|S_4| = 2 < 4 = |R(S_4)|$, \therefore Yes! Each boy

can marry a compatible girl.



Eg. There are 4 members in female F4: A(Amy), B(Fanny), C(Tiffany), and D(Stacy), who choose J_1 - J_5 . Let $S = \{A, B, D\}$, we have $R(S) = \{J_2, J_5\}$ and |S| = 3 > 2 = |R(S)|, there is not a complete matching for the graph.





Eg. There are 3 boys: a(金城武), b(彭政閔), c(張家浩) and 4 girls: r(柯以柔), s(許純美), t(蔡淑臻), u(如花). If a likes r and t, b likes only t, c likes r and t, can each boy marry a compatible girl? If s(許純美) and u(u花) are replaced by 姚采穎 and 吳佩慈, how do you think about it?



(Sol.)

Choose $S = \{a, b, c\}$, we have $R(S) = \{r, t\}$ and |S| = 3 > 2 = |R(S)|, \therefore No! Some boy can not marry a compatible girl. For example, if *a* married *r* and *b* marries *t*, *c* can not marry his compatible girl. Similarly, if *a* married *t* and *c* married *r*, *b* can not marry his compatible girl. In case *c* married *r* and *b*

marries t, a can not marry his compatible girl.