# **CS514: Design and Analysis of Algorithms**

# **Network Flow**



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- Goal is to find maximum f for the given network G

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• For a flow network G = (V, E) with source *s*, target *t* and a flow of *f*, consider a pair of vertices *u*, *v*, residual capacity will be

$$c_f(u, v) = \begin{cases} c(u, v) - f(u, v) & \text{ if } (u, v) \in E \\ f(v, u) & \text{ if } (v, u) \in E \end{cases}$$

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    - if  $(u, v) \in E$  then

$$(u, v).f = (u, v).f + c_f(p)$$

else

$$(v, u).f = (v, u).f - c_f(p)$$

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- If f is a flow in a flow network G = (V, E) with source s and sink t, then the following conditions are equivalent:
  - f is a maximum flow in G
  - The residual network  $G_f$  contains no augmenting paths
  - |f| = c(S, T) for some cut (S, T) of G

# **Edmonds-Karp algorithm**

- Augmenting path with fewest edges needs to be chosen
- Breadth-first search can be used to find augmenting path in the residual network
- Time complexity becomes  $O(VE^2)$

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# **Circulation with demands**

- Given a directed graph V = (G, E) with non-negative edge capacities c(e) and node supply and demands d(v), a circulation is a function that satisfies
  - For each  $e \in E$ :  $0 \le f(e) \le c(e)$  (f(.) flow along edge e)
  - For each  $v \in V$ :  $\sum_{e \text{ in to } v} f(e) \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) = d(v)$

Does a circulation exist?

•  $\mathit{d}(\mathit{v}) > 0$  - demand,  $\mathit{d}(\mathit{v}) < 0$  - supply,  $\mathit{d}(\mathit{v}) = 0$  - transshipment node



# **Circulation with lower bounds**

 The problem is the same as previous one except that each edge has some lower bound on the flow. Hence, capacity along an edge will be specified as [c<sub>lb</sub>(u, v), c<sub>ub</sub>(u, v)]. What modifications are to be made in the graph to apply previous strategy?



# **Survey design**

- Design a survey asking  $n_1$  consumers about  $n_2$  products that meets the following requirements, if possible.
  - Consumer *i* can survey about product *j* if they own it
  - Consumer *i* can be asked between  $c_i$  and  $c'_i$  questions
  - Ask between  $p_j$  and  $p'_j$  consumers about product j

Thank you!