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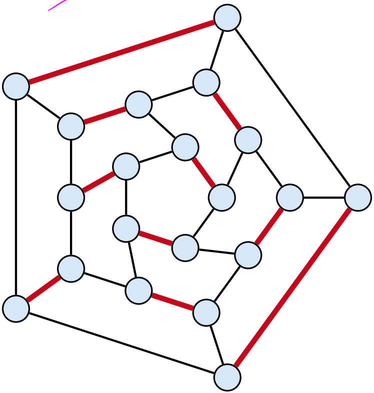

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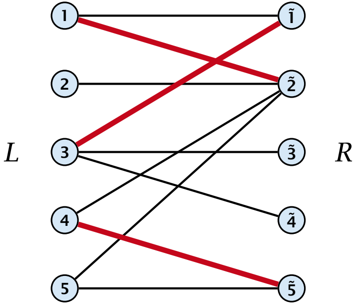

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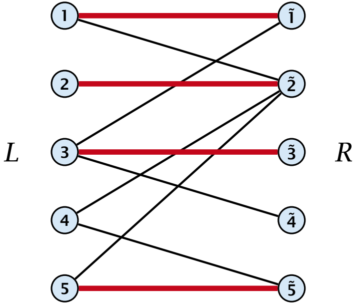

Maxflow Formulation

- Input: undirected, bipartite graph $G = (L \uplus R \uplus \{s,t\}, E')$.
- Direct all edges from L to R.
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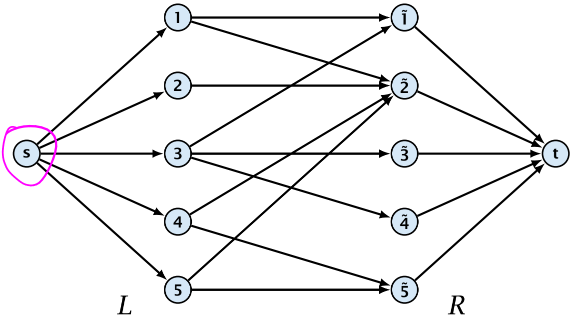
- Add t and connect all nodes on the right to t.
- All edges have unit capacity.



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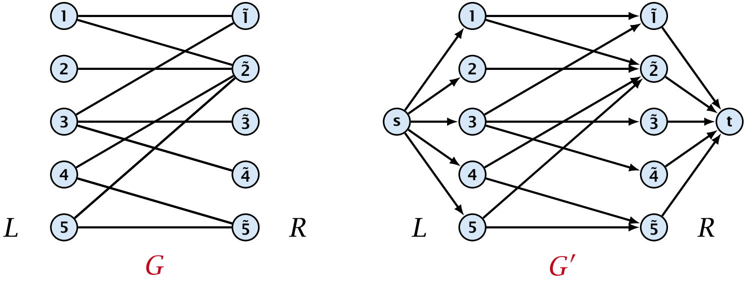

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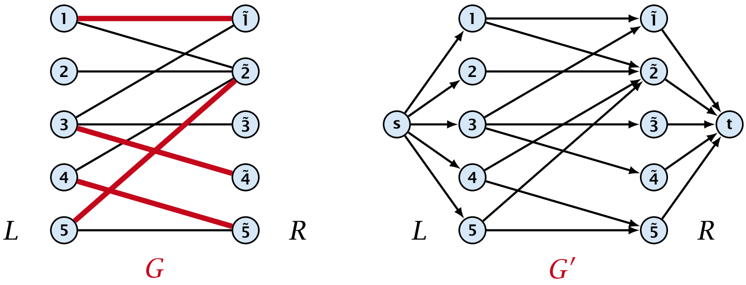

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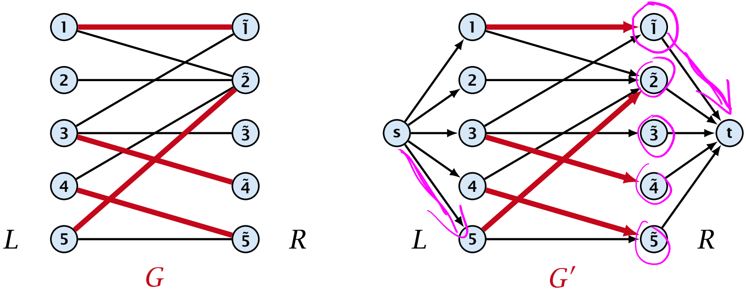

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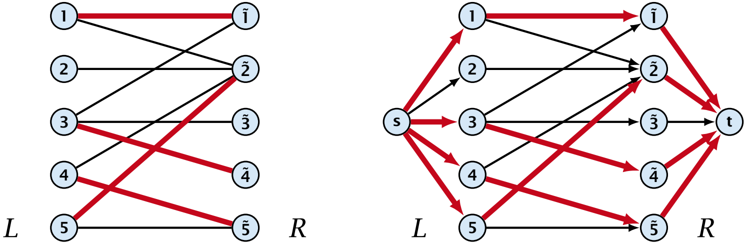

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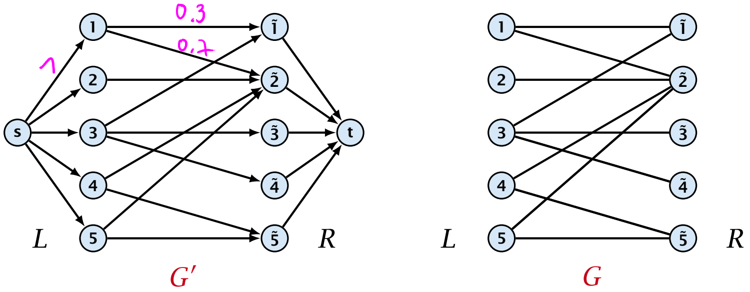

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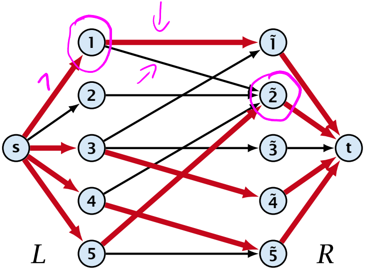

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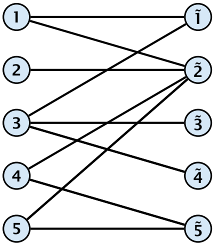

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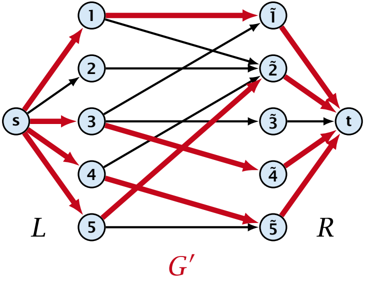

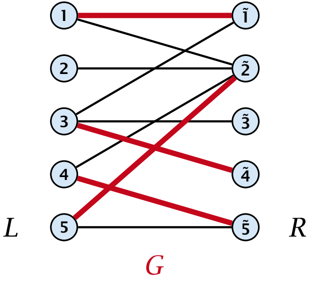

12.1 Matching

Which flow algorithm to use?

- Generic augmenting path: $\mathcal{O}(m\,\mathrm{val}(f^*)) = \mathcal{O}(mn)$.
- Capacity scaling: $\mathcal{O}(m^2 \log(C+1)) = \mathcal{O}(m^2)$.
- Shortest augmenting path: $\mathcal{O}(mn^2)$.

For unit capacity simple graphs shortest augmenting path can be implemented in time $\mathcal{O}(m\sqrt{n})$.

Baseball Elimination

team i	wins w_i	losses ℓ_i	remaining games Atl	Phi	NY	Mon
Atlanta	$\boxed{83}$	71	–	1	6	1
Philadelphia	80	79	1	–	0	2
New York	78	78	6	0	–	0
Montreal	77	82	1	2	0	–

Which team can end the season with most wins?

- Montreal is eliminated, since even after winning all remaining games there are only 80 wins.
- But also Philadelphia is eliminated. Why?

Baseball Elimination

Formal definition of the problem:

- Given a set S of teams, and one specific team $z \in S$.
- Team x has already won w_x games.
- Team x still has to play team y, r_{xy} times.
- Does team z still have a chance to finish with the most number of wins.

Baseball Elimination

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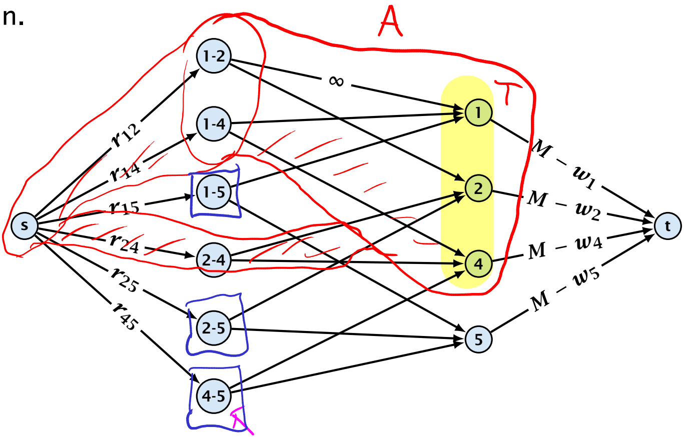
Flow network for $\boxed{z = 3.}$ M is number of wins Team 3 can still obtain.



Idea. Distribute the results of remaining games in such a way that no team gets too many wins.

Certificate of Elimination

Let $T \subseteq S$ be a subset of teams. Define

$$\underbrace{w(T)}_{\text{wins of teams in } T} := \sum_{i \in T} w_i, \qquad \underbrace{r(T)}_{\text{remaining games among teams in } T} := \sum_{i,j \in T, i<j} r_{ij}$$

If $\frac{w(T)+r(T)}{|T|} > M$ then one of the teams in T will have more than M wins in the end. A team that can win at most M games is therefore eliminated.

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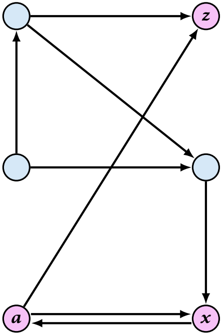

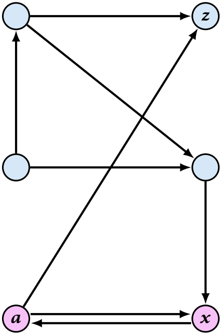

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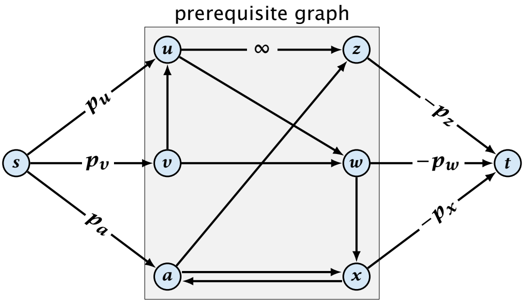

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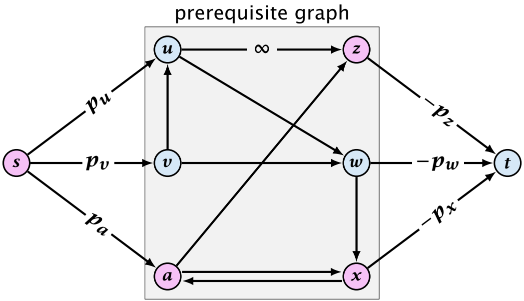

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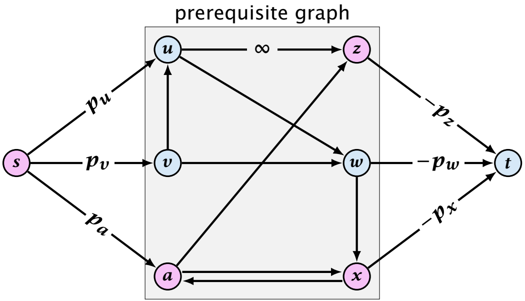

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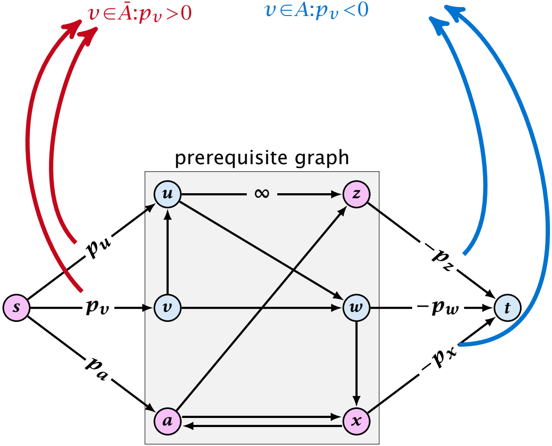

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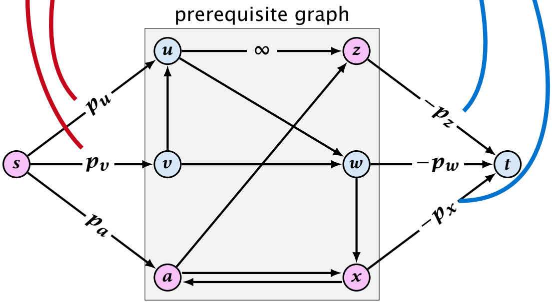

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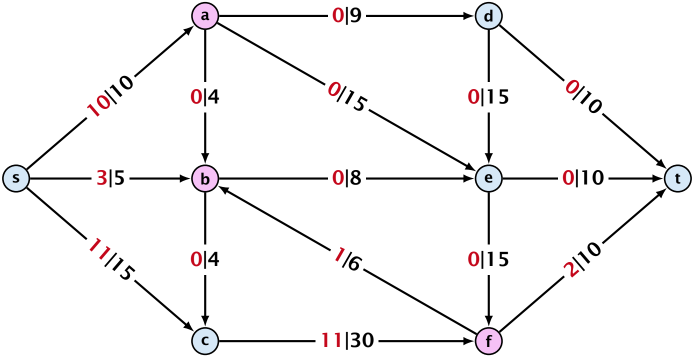

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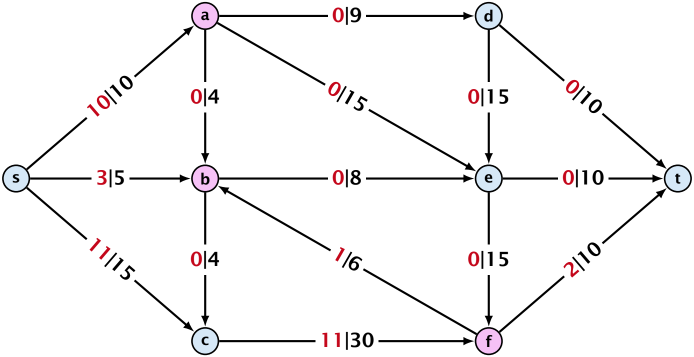

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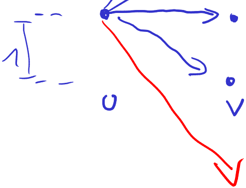

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- $\ell(s) = n$
- $\ell(t) = 0$

Intuition:

The labelling can be viewed as a height function. Whenever the height from node u to node v decreases by more than 1 (i.e., it goes very steep downhill from u to v), the corresponding edge must be saturated.

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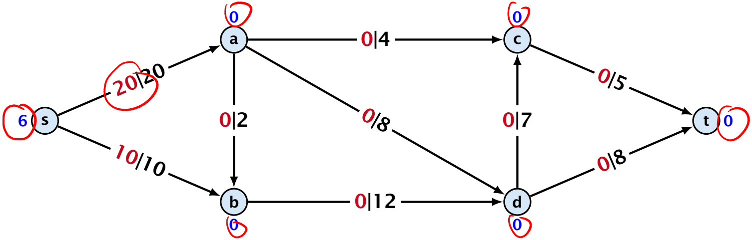

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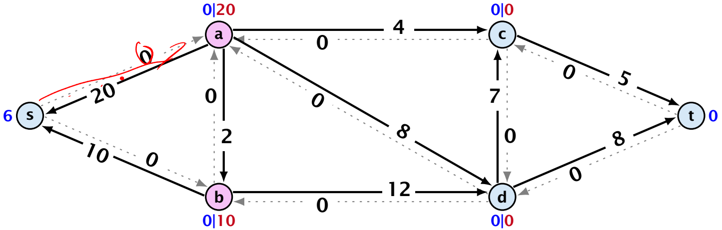

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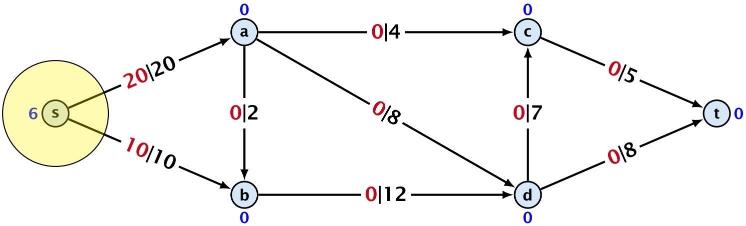

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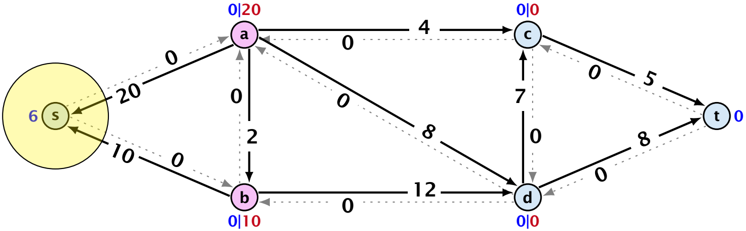

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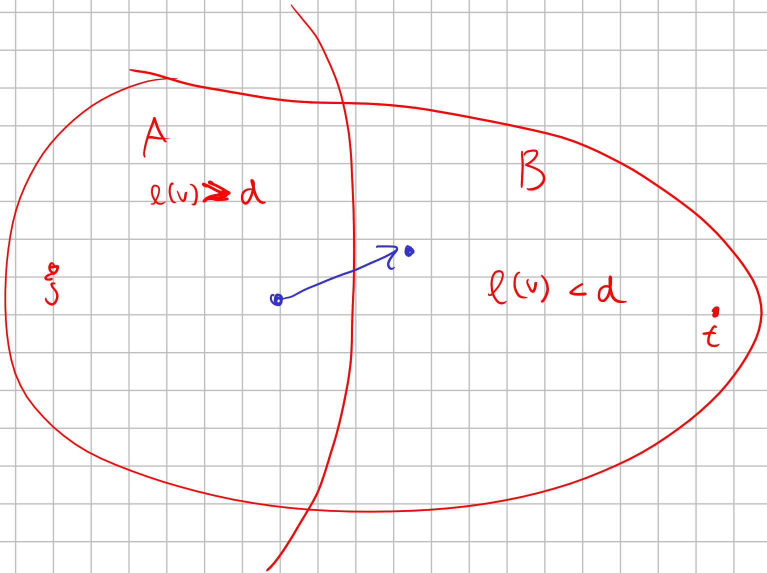
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- Edges (w, u) incoming to u still fulfill their constraint $\ell(w) \leq \ell(u) + 1$.
- An outgoing edge (u, w) had $\ell(u) < \ell(w) + 1$ before since it was not admissible. Now: $\ell(u) \leq \ell(w) + 1$.

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Intuition:

We want to send flow downwards, since the source has a height/label of n and the target a height/label of 0. If we see an active node u with an admissible arc we push the flow at u towards the other end-point that has a lower height/label. If we do not have an admissible arc but excess flow into u it should roughly mean that the level/height/label of u should rise. (If we consider the flow to be water then this would be natural.)

Note that the above intuition is very incorrect as the labels are integral, i.e., they cannot really be seen as the height of a node.

Reminder

- In a preflow nodes may not fulfill conservation constraints; a node may have more incoming flow than outgoing flow.
- Such a node is called active.
- A labelling is valid if for every edge (u,v) in the residual graph $\ell(u) \leq \ell(v) + 1$.
- An arc (u,v) in residual graph is admissible if $\ell(u) = \ell(v) + 1$.
- A saturating push along e pushes an amount of $c(e)$ flow along the edge, thereby saturating the edge (and making it dissappear from the residual graph).
- A deactivating push along $e = (u,v)$ pushes a flow of $f(u)$, where $f(u)$ is the excess flow of u. This makes u inactive.

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Algorithm 19 maxflow(G, s, t, c)

1: find initial preflow f
2: **while** there is active node u **do**
3:     **if** there is admiss. arc e out of u **then**
4:         push(G, e, f, c)
5:     **else**
6:         relabel(u)
7: **return** f