问题与反馈

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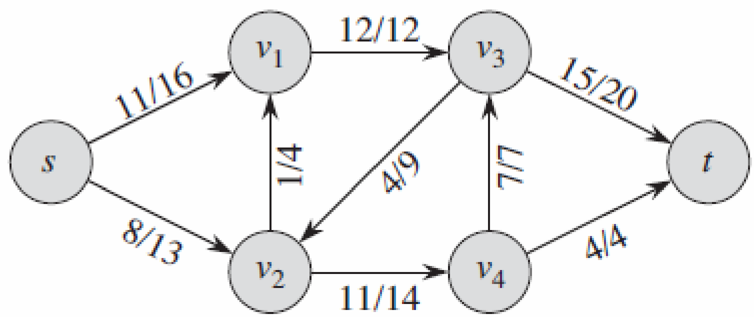
26.1-6

Professor Adam has two children who, unfortunately, dislike each other. The problem is so severe that not only do they refuse to walk to school together, but in fact each one refuses to walk on any block that the other child has stepped on that day. The children have no problem with their paths crossing at a corner. Fortunately both the professor's house and the school are on corners, but beyond that he is not sure if it is going to be possible to send both of his children to the same school. The professor has a map of his town. Show how to formulate the problem of determining whether both his children can go to the same school as a maximum-flow problem.

Create a vertex for each corner, and if there is a street between corners u and v, create directed edges (u, v) and (v, u). Set the capacity of each edge to 1. Let the source be corner on which the professor's house sits, and let the sink be the corner on which the school is located. We wish to find a flow of value 2 that also has the property that $f(u, v)$ is an integer for all vertices u and v. Such a flow represents two edge-disjoint paths from the house to the school.



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26.2-2

In Figure 26.1(b), what is the flow across the cut $(\{s, v_2, v_4\}, \{v_1, v_3, t\})$? What is the capacity of this cut?

26.2-8

Suppose that we redefine the residual network to disallow edges into s. Argue that the procedure FORD-FULKERSON still correctly computes a maximum flow.

26.2-10

Show how to find a maximum flow in a network $G = (V, E)$ by a sequence of at most $|E|$ augmenting paths. (*Hint:* Determine the paths *after* finding the maximum flow.)

26.2-12

Suppose that you are given a flow network G, and G has edges entering the source s. Let f be a flow in G in which one of the edges (v, s) entering the source has $f(v, s) = 1$. Prove that there must exist another flow f' with $f'(v, s) = 0$ such that $|f| = |f'|$. Give an $O(E)$-time algorithm to compute f', given f, and assuming that all edge capacities are integers.

26.2-13

Suppose that you wish to find, among all minimum cuts in a flow network G with integral capacities, one that contains the smallest number of edges. Show how to modify the capacities of G to create a new flow network G' in which any minimum cut in G' is a minimum cut with the smallest number of edges in G.

26.3-3

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a bipartite graph with vertex partition $V = L \cup R$, and let G' be its corresponding flow network. Give a good upper bound on the length of any augmenting path found in G' during the execution of FORD-FULKERSON.

By definition, an augmenting path is a simple path $s \leadsto t$ in the residual network G'_f. Since G has no edges between vertices in L and no edges between vertices in R, neither does the flow network G' and hence neither does G'_f. Also, the only edges involving s or t connect s to L and R to t. Note that although edges in G' can go only from L to R, edges in G'_f can also go from R to L.

Thus any augmenting path must go

$$s \to L \to R \to \cdots \to L \to R \to t ,$$

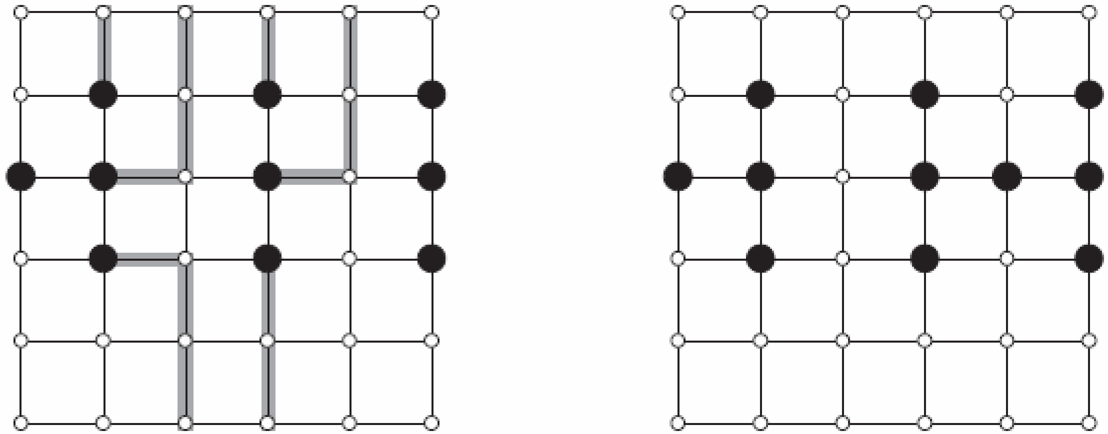
crossing back and forth between L and R at most as many times as it can do so without using a vertex twice. It contains s, t, and equal numbers of distinct vertices from L and R—at most $2 + 2 \cdot \min(|L|, |R|)$ vertices in all. The length of an augmenting path (i.e., its number of edges) is thus bounded above by $2 \cdot \min(|L|, |R|) + 1$.

26-1 *Escape problem*

An $n \times n$ ***grid*** is an undirected graph consisting of n rows and n columns of vertices, as shown in Figure 26.11. We denote the vertex in the ith row and the jth column by (i, j). All vertices in a grid have exactly four neighbors, except for the boundary vertices, which are the points (i, j) for which $i = 1$, $i = n$, $j = 1$, or $j = n$.

Given $m \leq n^2$ starting points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_m, y_m)$ in the grid, the ***escape problem*** is to determine whether or not there are m vertex-disjoint paths from the starting points to any m different points on the boundary. For example, the grid in Figure 26.11(a) has an escape, but the grid in Figure 26.11(b) does not.

a. Consider a flow network in which vertices, as well as edges, have capacities. That is, the total positive flow entering any given vertex is subject to a capacity constraint. Show that determining the maximum flow in a network with edge and vertex capacities can be reduced to an ordinary maximum-flow problem on a flow network of comparable size.



(a)

(b)

Figure 26.11 Grids for the escape problem. Starting points are black, and other grid vertices are white. (**a**) A grid with an escape, shown by shaded paths. (**b**) A grid with no escape.

b. Describe an efficient algorithm to solve the escape problem, and analyze its running time.

26-2 *Minimum path cover*

A ***path cover*** of a directed graph $G = (V, E)$ is a set P of vertex-disjoint paths such that every vertex in V is included in exactly one path in P. Paths may start and end anywhere, and they may be of any length, including 0. A ***minimum path cover*** of G is a path cover containing the fewest possible paths.

a. Give an efficient algorithm to find a minimum path cover of a directed acyclic graph $G = (V, E)$. (*Hint:* Assuming that $V = \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, construct the graph $G' = (V', E')$, where

$$\begin{aligned} V' &= \{x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \cup \{y_0, y_1, \ldots, y_n\} , \\ E' &= \{(x_0, x_i) : i \in V\} \cup \{(y_i, y_0) : i \in V\} \cup \{(x_i, y_j) : (i, j) \in E\} , \end{aligned}$$

and run a maximum-flow algorithm.)

b. Does your algorithm work for directed graphs that contain cycles? Explain.