

# CS 580: Algorithm Design and Analysis

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**Travel:** I will be attending a conference next week.

**Tuesday:** Recorded Lecture + return midterms (hopefully)

**Thursday:** No class (March 2)

**Midterm Regrade?** Must be completed within 2 weeks (Mar 13)  
(syllabus). Please e-mail us before then.

**Midterm Solutions:** Will post on blackboard before Tuesday.

# Max Flow Recap

## Max-Flow Problem, Min Cut Problem

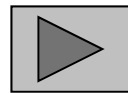
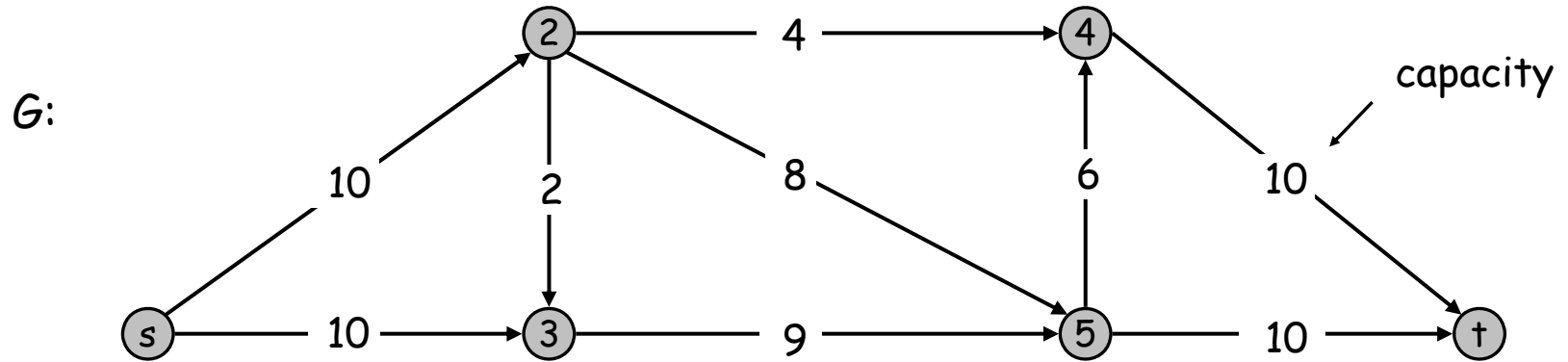
- Definition of a s-t flow  $f(e)$  and a s-t cut  $(A,B)$
- Value of a flow  $f$
- Capacity of a s-t cut  $(A,B)$

**Weak Duality Lemma:** For any flow  $f$  and s-t cut  $A,B$  we have  $v(f) \leq \text{cap}(A,B)$  (i.e., capacity of minimum cut is upper bound on max-flow)

## Finding a Max-Flow:

- Greedy algorithm fails!
- Residual Graph
- Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm
  - Repeatedly find augmenting path in residual graph
  - Proof of Correctness
  - Max-Flow Min-Cut Equivalence

# Ford-Fulkerson Algorithm



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## Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

Augmenting path theorem. Flow  $f$  is a max flow iff there are no augmenting paths.

Max-flow min-cut theorem. [Elias-Feinstein-Shannon 1956, Ford-Fulkerson 1956] The value of the max flow is equal to the value of the min cut.

Pf. We prove both simultaneously by showing TFAE:

- (i) There exists a cut  $(A, B)$  such that  $v(f) = \text{cap}(A, B)$ .
- (ii) Flow  $f$  is a max flow.
- (iii) There is no augmenting path relative to  $f$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) This was the corollary to weak duality lemma. ✓

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) We show contrapositive. *not (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  not (ii)*

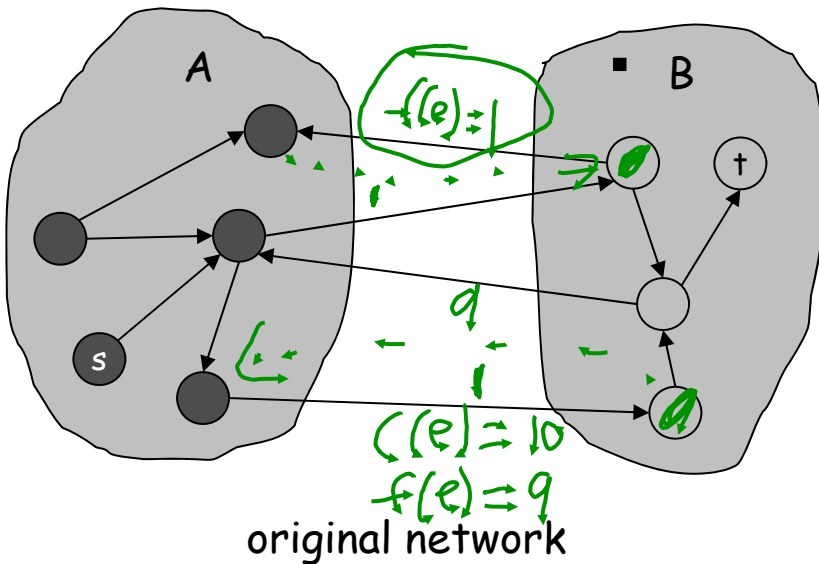
- Let  $f$  be a flow. If there exists an augmenting path, then we can improve  $f$  by sending flow along path.

# Proof of Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

- Let  $f$  be a flow with no augmenting paths.
- Let  $A$  be set of vertices reachable from  $s$  in residual graph.
- By definition of  $A$ ,  $s \in A$ .
- By definition of  $f$ ,  $t \notin A$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(f) &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} f(e) \\
 &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} c(e) \\
 &= \text{cap}(A, B)
 \end{aligned}$$



## Running Time

Assumption. All capacities are integers between 1 and C.

Invariant. Every flow value  $f(e)$  and every residual capacity  $c_f$  (e) remains an integer throughout the algorithm.  $C_f(e)$

Theorem. The algorithm terminates in at most  $v(f^*) \leq nC$  iterations.

Pf. Each augmentation increase value by at least 1. ▀

Corollary.  $m$  - # edges  
If  $C = 1$ , Ford-Fulkerson runs in  $O(mn)$  time.  $n$  - iterations  $\rightarrow O(mn)$  time

Integrality theorem. If all capacities are integers, then there exists a max flow  $f$  for which every flow value  $f(e)$  is an integer.

Pf. Since algorithm terminates, theorem follows from invariant. ▀

## 7.3 Choosing Good Augmenting Paths

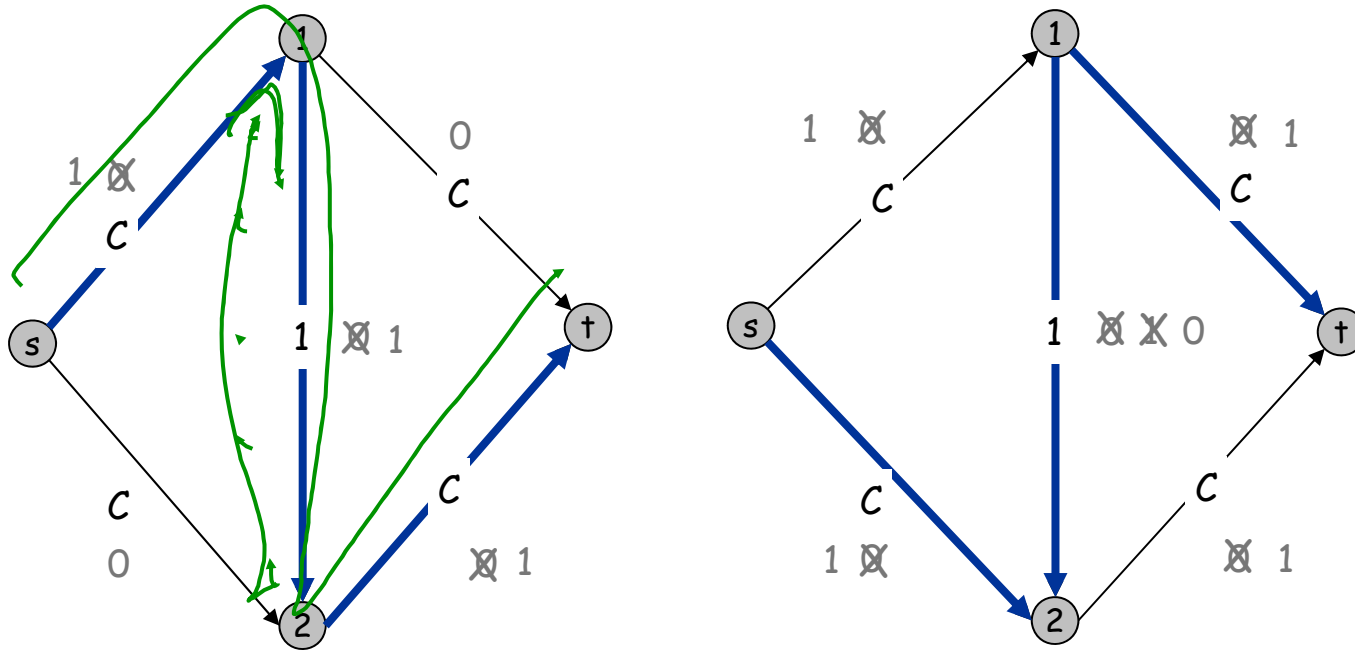
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# Ford-Fulkerson: Exponential Number of Augmentations

Q. Is generic Ford-Fulkerson algorithm polynomial in input size?

$m, n,$  and  $\log C$

A. No. If max capacity is  $C$ , then algorithm can take  $C$  iterations.





## Choosing Good Augmenting Paths

Use care when selecting augmenting paths.

- Some choices lead to exponential algorithms.
- Clever choices lead to polynomial algorithms.
- If capacities are irrational, algorithm not guaranteed to terminate!

Goal: choose augmenting paths so that:

- Can find augmenting paths efficiently.
- Few iterations.

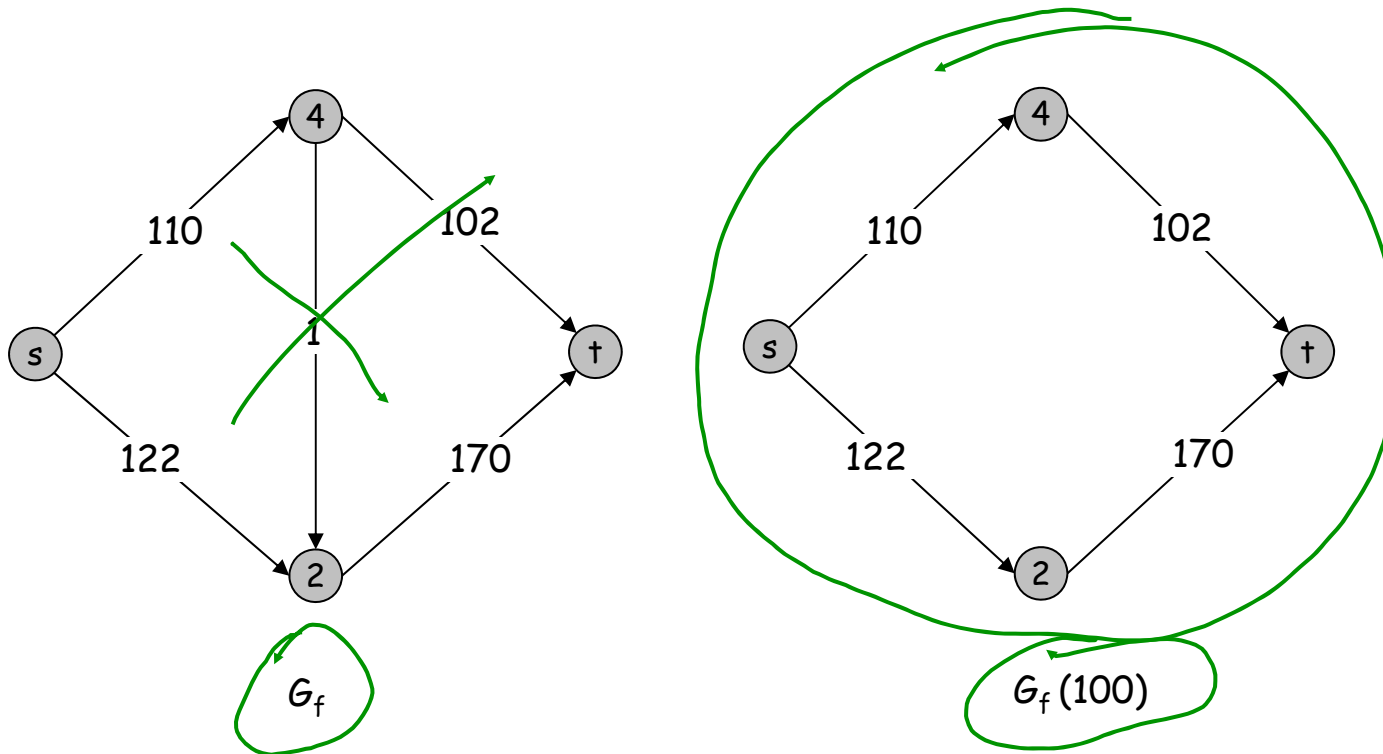
Choose augmenting paths with: [Edmonds-Karp 1972, Dinitz 1970]

- Max bottleneck capacity.
- Sufficiently large bottleneck capacity.
- Fewest number of edges.

# Capacity Scaling

**Intuition.** Choosing path with highest bottleneck capacity increases flow by max possible amount.

- Don't worry about finding exact highest bottleneck path.
- Maintain scaling parameter  $\Delta$ .
- Let  $G_f(\Delta)$  be the subgraph of the residual graph consisting of only arcs with capacity at least  $\Delta$ .



# Capacity Scaling

```
Scaling-Max-Flow(G, s, t, c) {  
  foreach e ∈ E f(e) ← 0  
  Δ ← smallest power of 2 greater than or equal to C  
  Gf ← residual graph  
  while (Δ ≥ 1) {  
    Gf(Δ) ← Δ-residual graph  
    while (there exists augmenting path P in Gf(Δ)) {  
      f ← augment(f, c, P)  
      update Gf(Δ)  
    }  
    Δ ← Δ / 2  
  }  
  return f  
}
```

max capacity  
of any e

$O(\log C)$

Δ ← Δ / 2

→

## Capacity Scaling: Correctness

**Assumption.** All edge capacities are integers between 1 and C.

**Integrality invariant.** All flow and residual capacity values are integral.

**Correctness.** If the algorithm terminates, then  $f$  is a max flow.

**Pf.**

- By integrality invariant, when  $\Delta = 1 \Rightarrow G_f(\Delta) = G_f.$
- Upon termination of  $\Delta = 1$  phase, there are no augmenting paths. ✓

## Capacity Scaling: Running Time

**Lemma 1.** The outer while loop repeats  $1 + \lceil \log_2 C \rceil$  times.

**Pf.** Initially  $C \leq \Delta < 2C$ .  $\Delta$  decreases by a factor of 2 each iteration. ▀

**Lemma 2.** Let  $f$  be the flow at the end of a  $\Delta$ -scaling phase. Then the value of the maximum flow is at most  $v(f) + m \Delta$ . ← proof on next slide

**Lemma 3.** There are at most  $2m$  augmentations per scaling phase.

- Let  $f$  be the flow at the end of the previous scaling phase.
- $L2 \Rightarrow v(f^*) \leq v(f) + m(2\Delta)$ .
- Each augmentation in a  $\Delta$ -phase increases  $v(f)$  by at least  $\Delta$ . ▀

**Theorem.** The scaling max-flow algorithm finds a max flow in  $O(m \log C)$  augmentations. It can be implemented to run in  $O(m^2 \log C)$  time. ▀

poly in  
input size

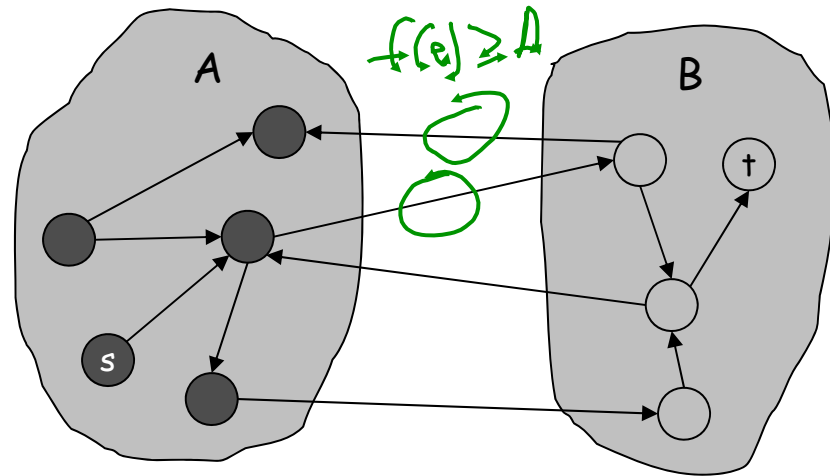
# Capacity Scaling: Running Time

**Lemma 2.** Let  $f$  be the flow at the end of a  $\Delta$ -scaling phase. Then value of the maximum flow is at most  $v(f) + m \Delta$ .

**Pf.** (almost identical to proof of max-flow min-cut theorem)

- We show that at the end of a  $\Delta$ -phase, there exists a cut  $(A, B)$  such that  $\text{cap}(A, B) \leq v(f) + m \Delta$ .
- Choose  $A$  to be the set of nodes reachable from  $s$  in  $G_f(\Delta)$ .
- By definition of  $A$ ,  $s \in A$ .
- By definition of  $f$ ,  $t \notin A$ .

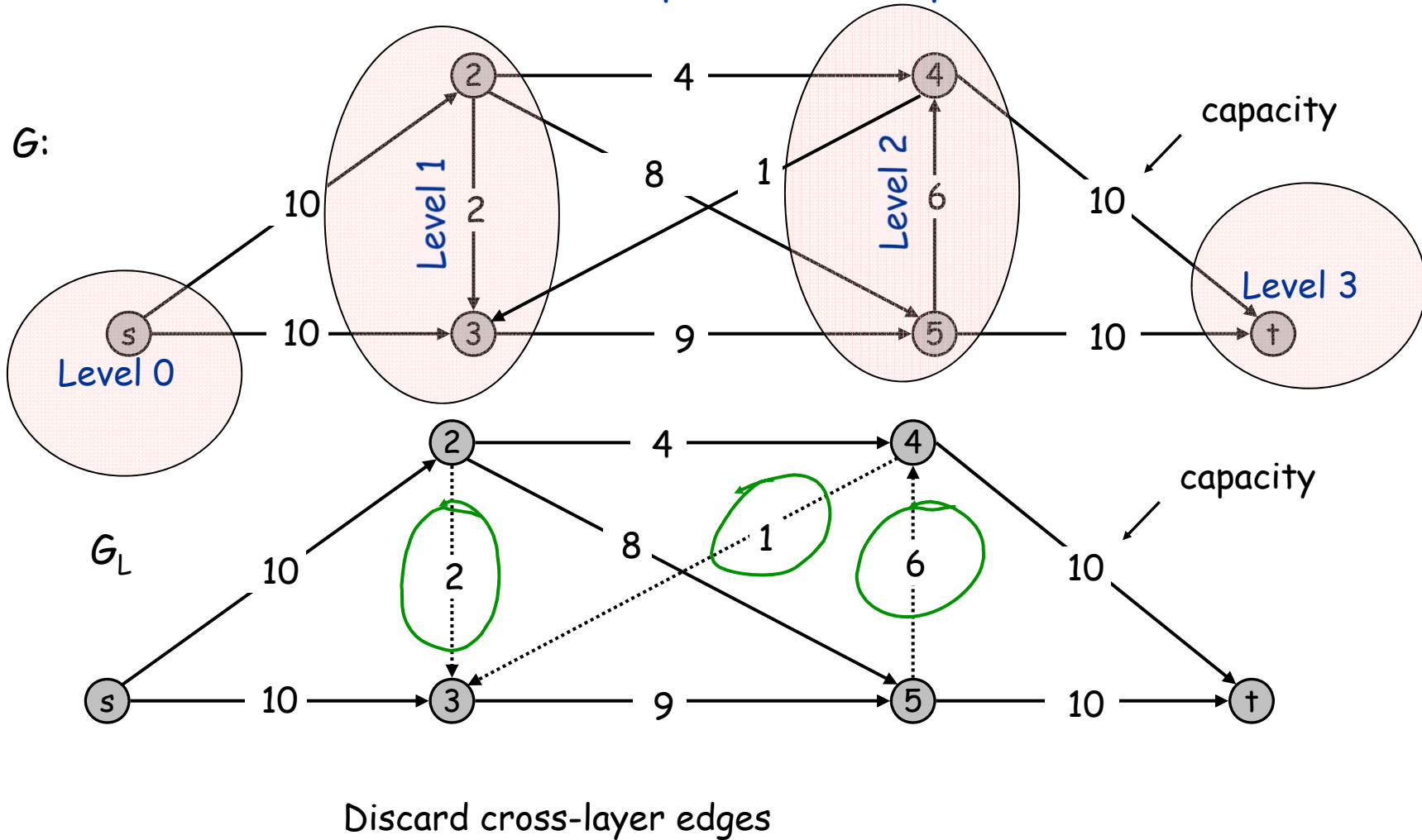
$$\begin{aligned}
 v(f) &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} f(e) \\
 &\geq \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} (c(e) - \Delta) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} \Delta \\
 &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} c(e) - \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} \Delta - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} \Delta \\
 &\geq \text{cap}(A, B) - m\Delta
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original network

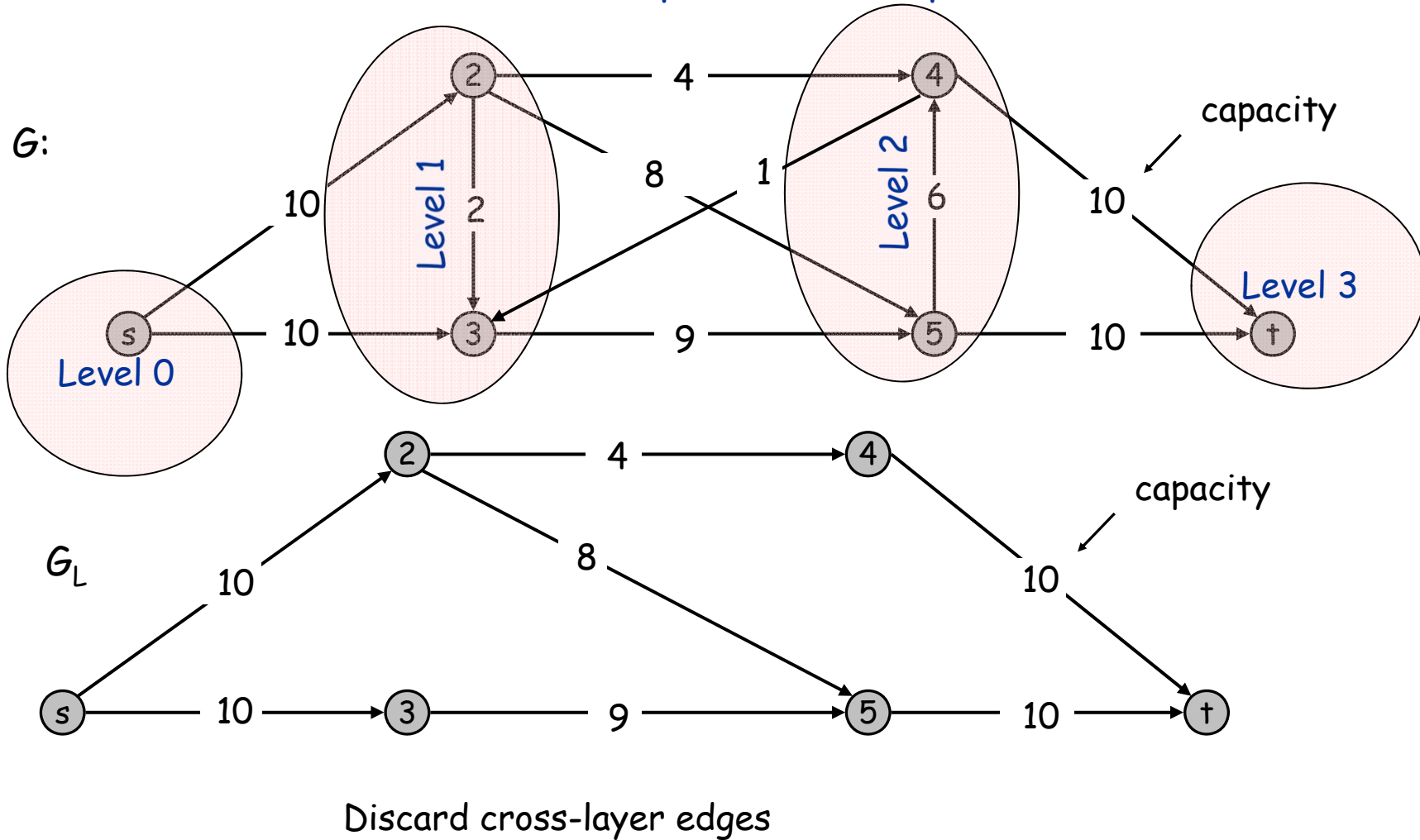
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Use Breadth First Search to Compute Level Graph



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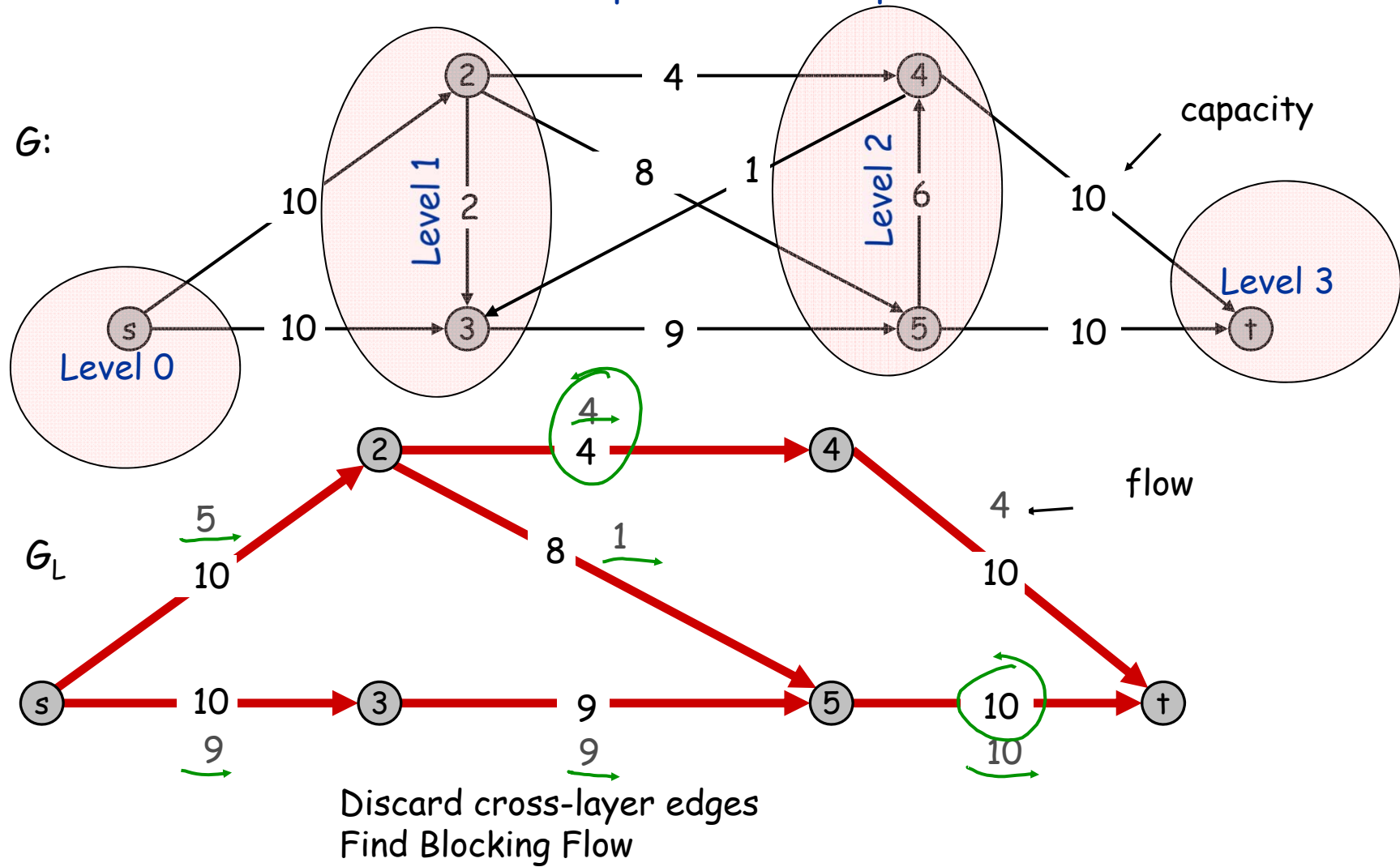
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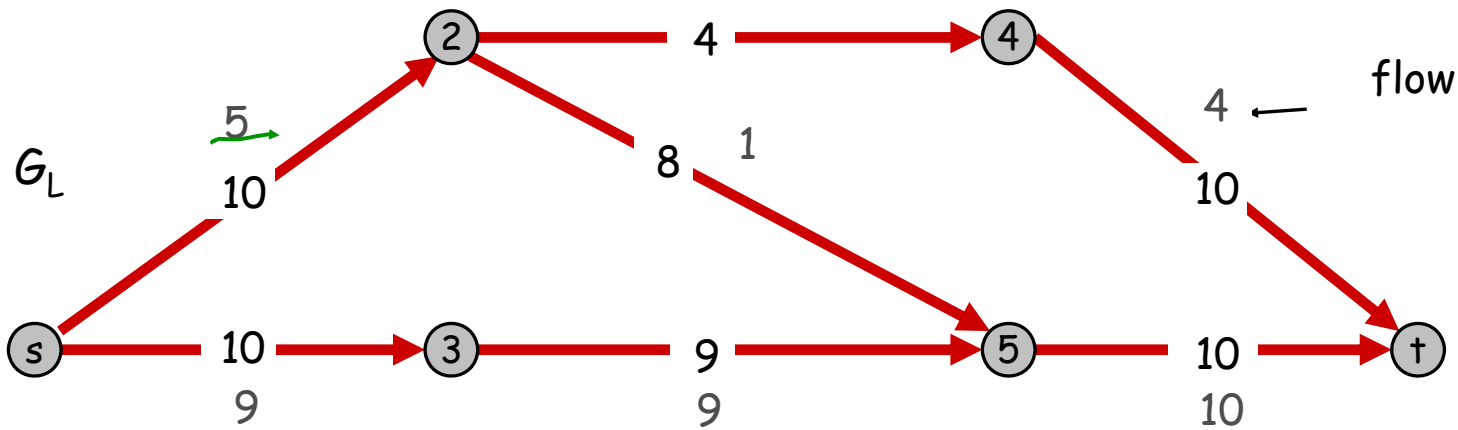
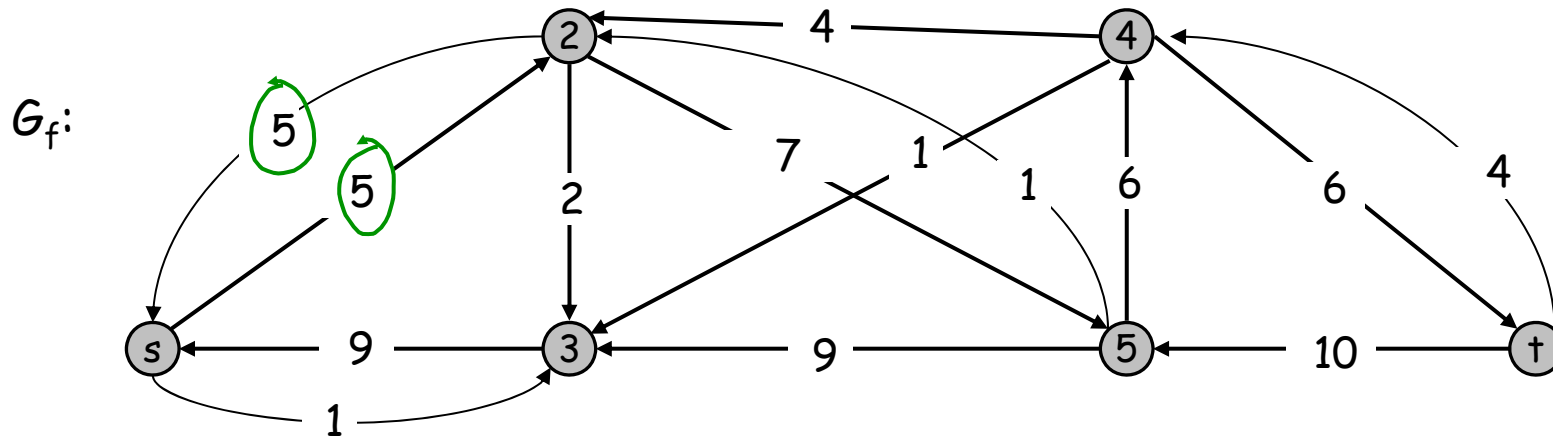
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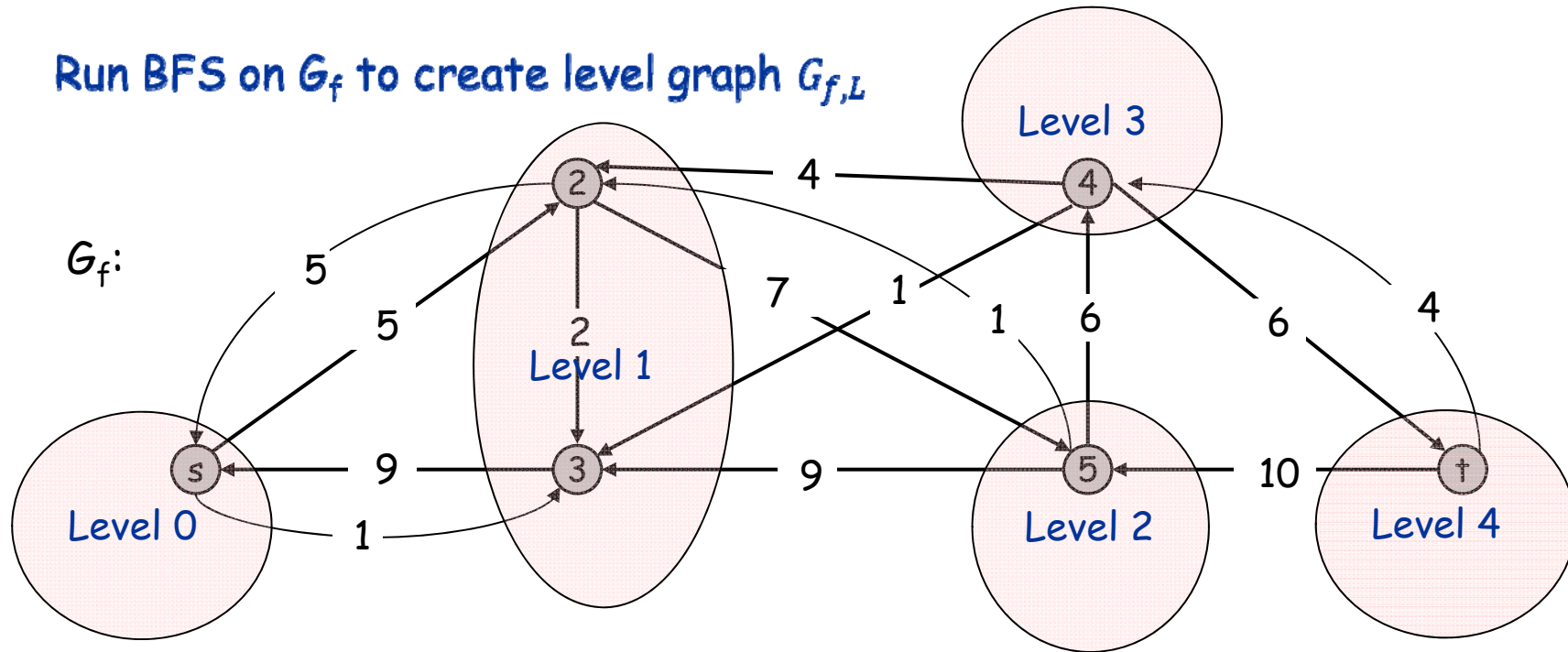
Create Residual Graph  $G_f$



Total Flow: 14

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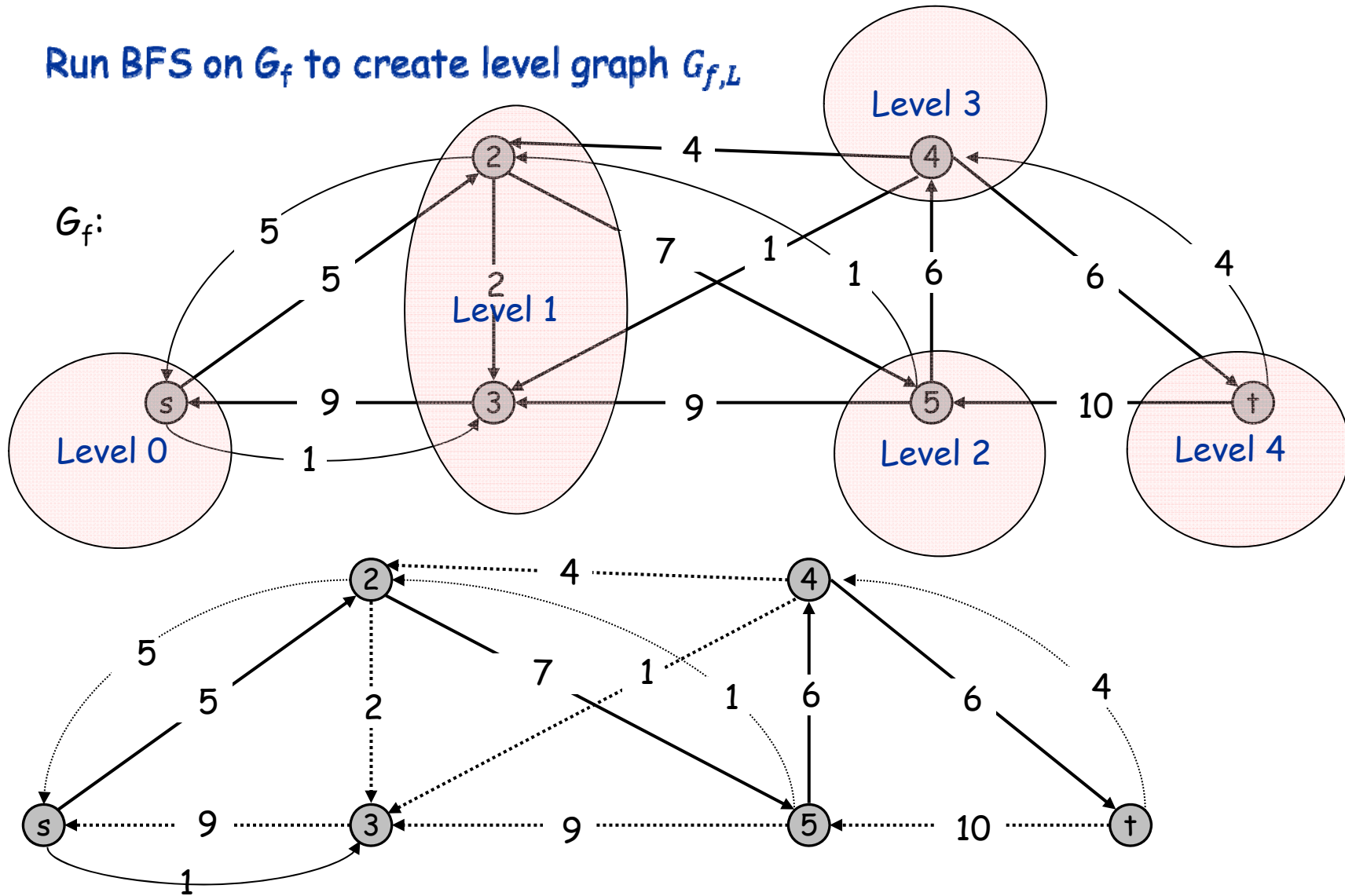
Run BFS on  $G_f$  to create level graph  $G_{f,L}$



**Remark:** Number of levels increased. This is not a coincidence!

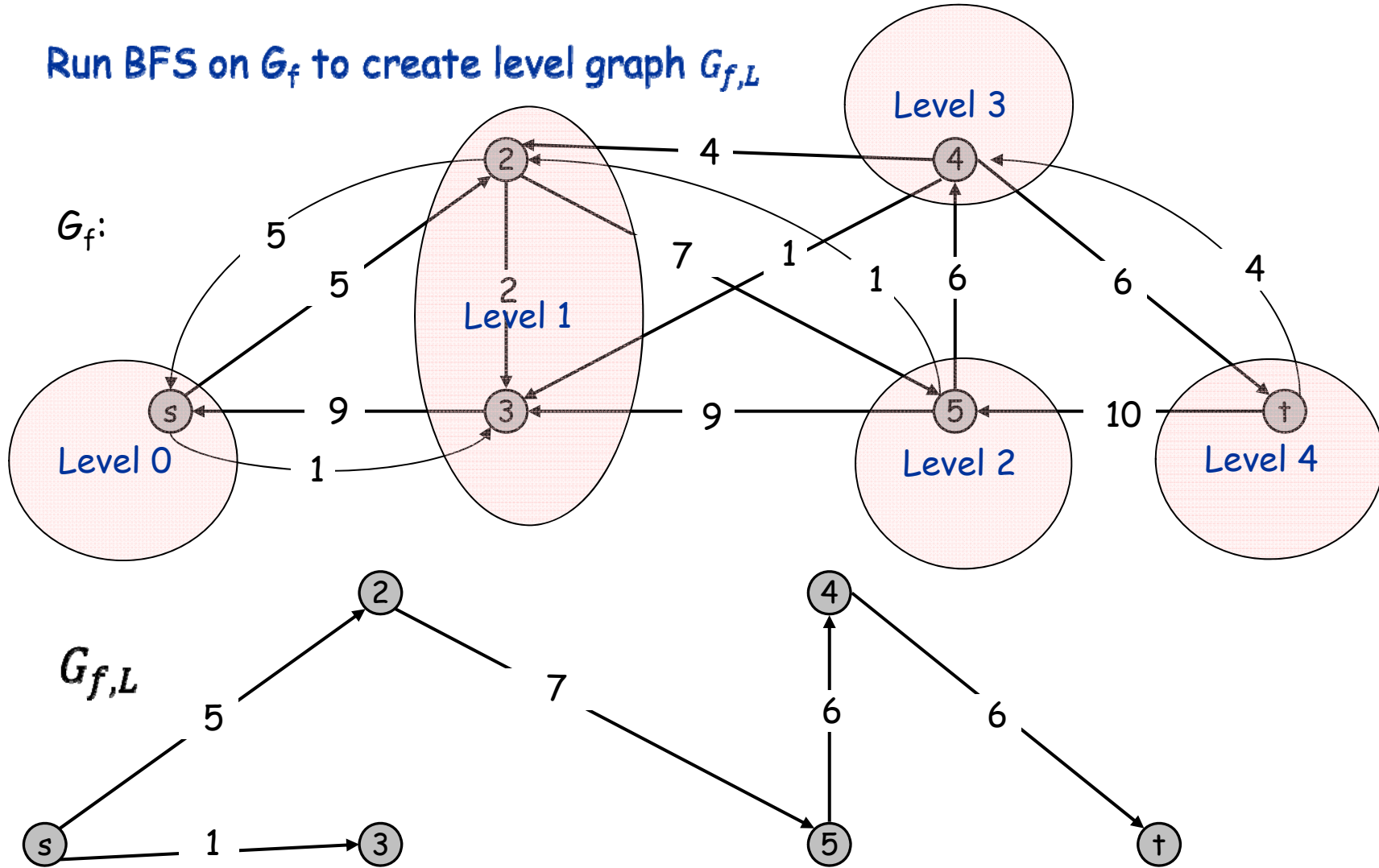
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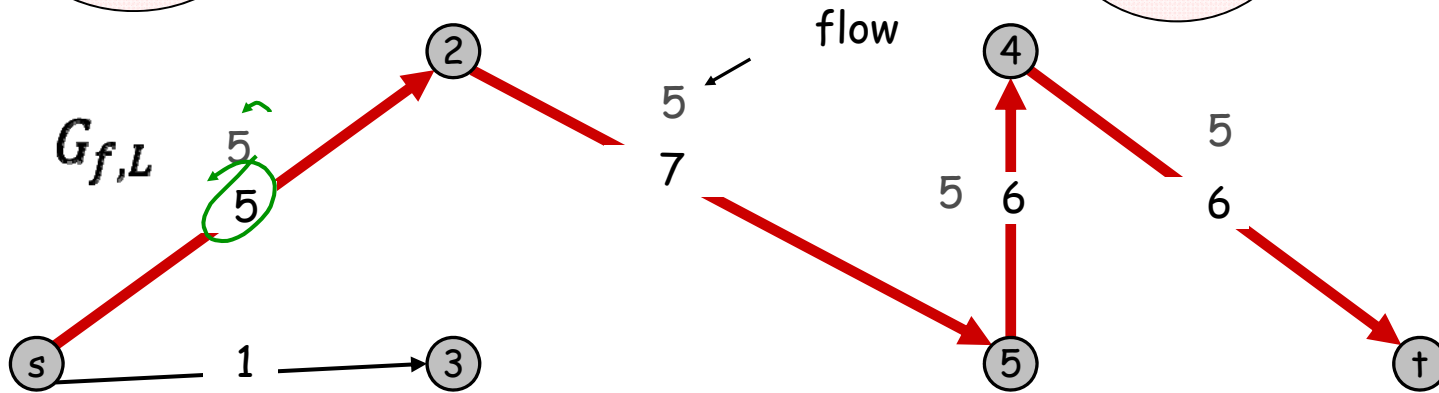
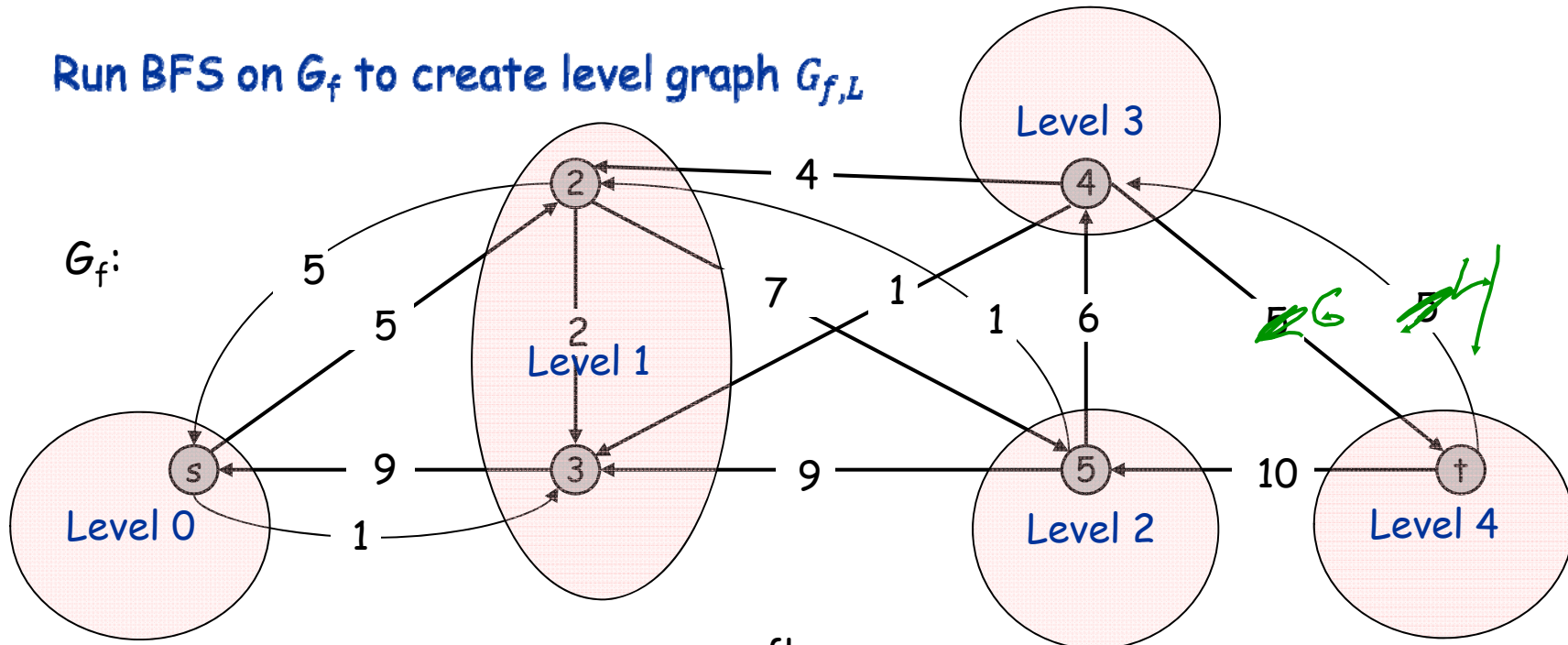
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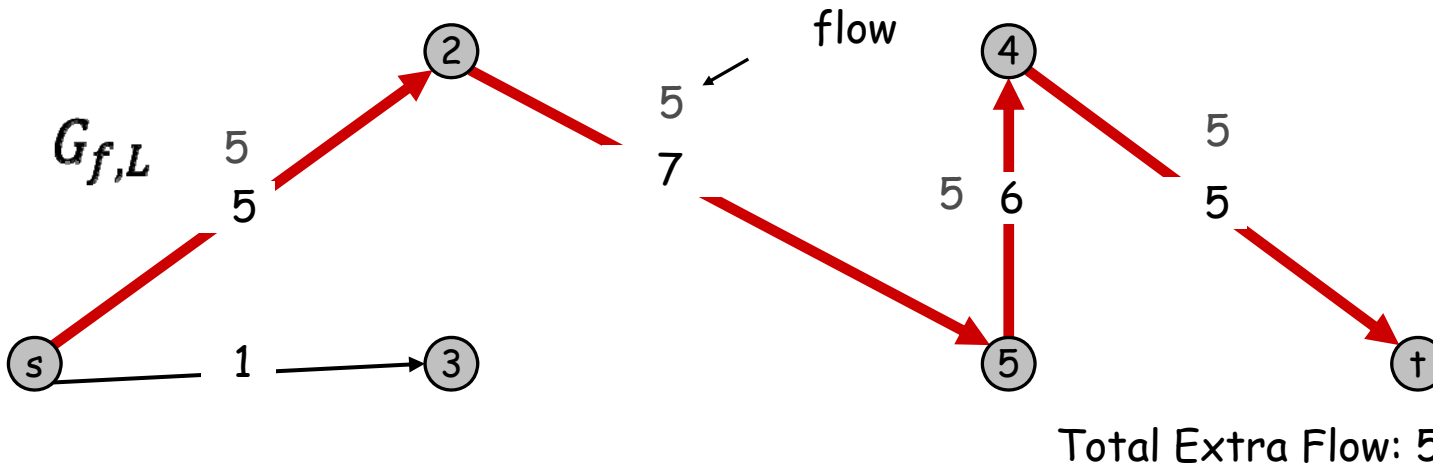
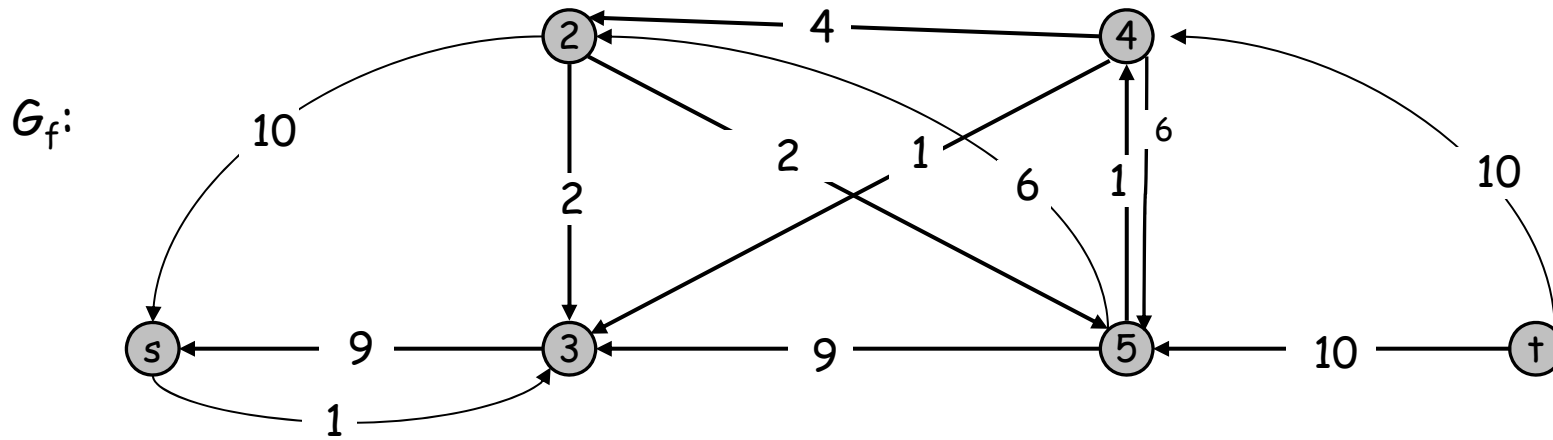


Total Extra Flow: 5

Blocking Flow for level graph  $G_{f,L}$

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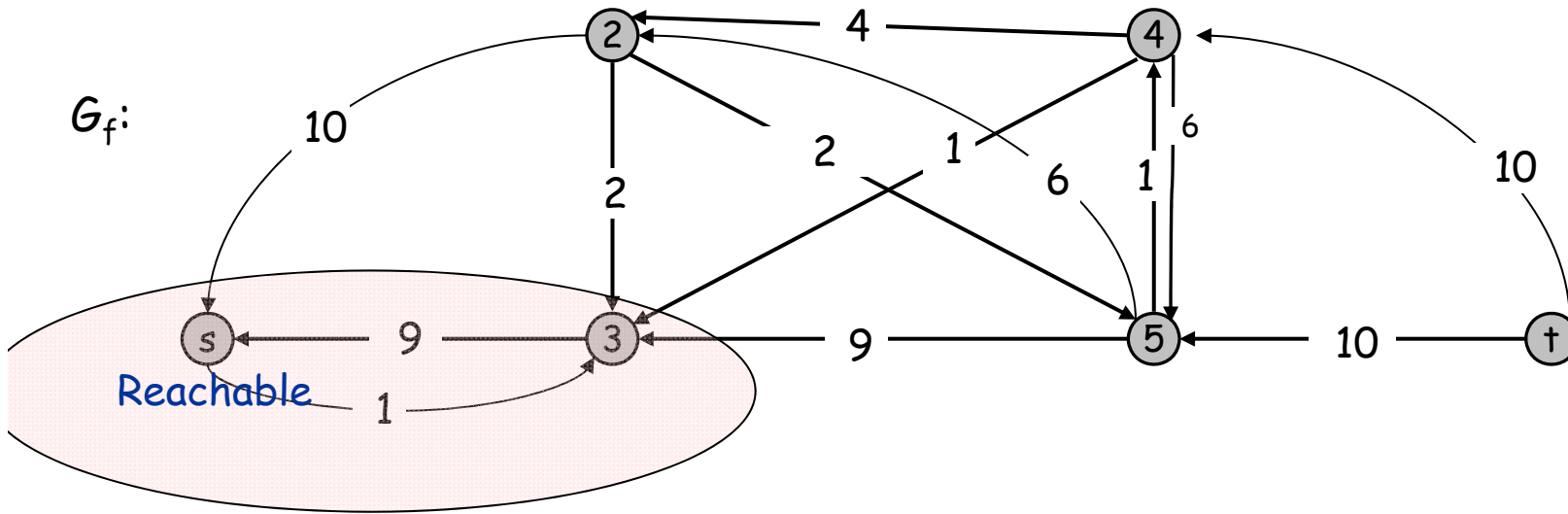
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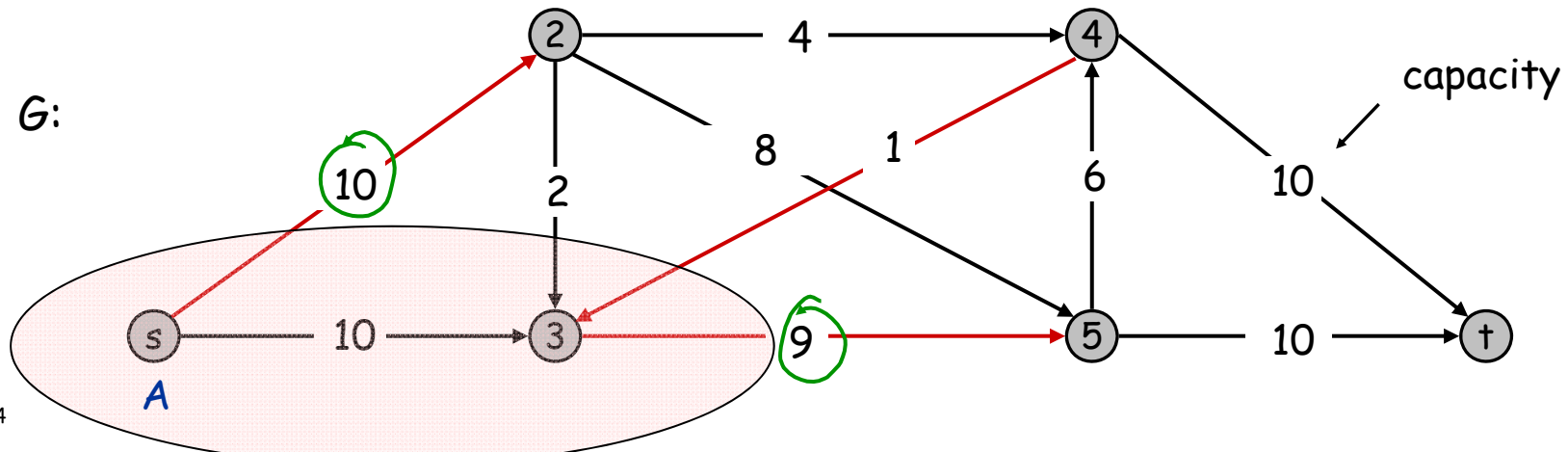
Blocking Flow for level graph  $G_{f,L}$

# Dinic's Max Flow Min-Cut Algorithm

New Residual Graph  $G_f$



Breadth First Search: Yields minimum s-t cut! → We are done!





## Finding a Blocking Flow in $G_{f,L}$

**Definition:** We let  $C_{f,L}(e)$  denote the capacity of an edge  $e$  in  $G_{f,L}$

**Definition:** Given an augmenting flow  $f'$  for  $G_{f,L}$  and a s-t path  $P$  we define  $B(P) = \min_{e \in P} C_{f,L}(e)$

### FindBlockingFlow( $G_{f,L}$ )

- Initialize  $\text{RemCap}(e) = C_{f,L}(e)$
- While there exists a path  $P$  with  $B(P) > 0$ 
  - Set  $f'(e) = f'(e) + B(P)$  for each edge  $e \in P$
  - Set  $\text{RemCap}(e) = \text{RemCap}(e) - B(P)$  for each edge  $e \in P$

**Analysis:** Each iteration of while loop "eliminates" at least one edge.

**Implication:** Terminates after at most  $m$  rounds.

**Naïve Running Time:**  $O((m+n)m)$   $O(m+n)$

**Amortization:** Can enumerate paths in amortized time  $O(n)$  per path  $O(nm)$

## Dinic's Algorithm

1. Start with empty flow  $f$
2. Construct  $G_f$
3. Repeat until  $s$  and  $t$  are disconnected (no augmenting path)
  1. (Level Graph) Run BFS on  $G_f$  to build  $G_{f,L}$
  2. (Blocking Flow) Find blocking flow  $f'$  in  $G_{f,L}$
  3. (Augment) Let  $f=f+f'$  and Construct  $G_f$
4. Output  $f$

Analysis:

**Claim:** Each time we iterate the loop we increase the depth of  $G_f$

**Implication:** Must terminate in at most  $n$  iterations!

**Time Per Iteration:**  $O(nm)$  to find blocking flow  $f'$

**Total Time:**  $O(n^2m)$

## Dinic's Algorithm: Correctness and Running Time

Correctness follows directly from Augmenting Path Theorem.

Augmenting path theorem. Flow  $f$  is a max flow iff there are no augmenting paths. ✓

**Running Time Analysis:** Let  $f_i$  denote ~~residual graph~~ <sup>flow</sup> after iteration  $i$  ( $G_{f_0} = G$ )  
 $G_{f_i}$

**Definition:**  $\text{depth}(G_{f_i})$  = length of the shortest directed path from  $s$  to  $t$ ).

**Key Claim:**  $\text{depth}(G_{f_{i+1}}) > \text{depth}(G_{f_i})$  (depth always increases)

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**Definition:**  $\text{depth}(G_{f_l}) =$  length of the shortest directed path from  $s$  to  $t$ ).

**Key Claim:**  $\text{depth}(G_{f_{l+1}}) > \text{depth}(G_{f_l})$  (depth always increases)

**Proof:** Suppose (for contradiction) that  $\text{depth}(G_{f_{l+1}}) \leq \text{depth}(G_{f_l})$ .

- Then  $G_{f_{l+1}}$  contains an  $s$ - $t$  path of length  $\leq \text{depth}(G_{f_l})$ .
- This path corresponds to an augmenting path for the flow  $f' = f_{l+1} - f_l$  in  $G_{f_l}$ .
- But since the augmenting path has length  $\text{depth}(G_{f_l})$  it is also an augmenting path in the level graph  $G_{f_l, L}$ .
- This contradicts the claim that  $f'$  is a blocking flow in  $G_{f_l, L}$ !

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**Implication:** #iterations is at most  $n$

Time to Compute Blocking Flow in Level Graph:  $O(mn)$

- Using special data-structure called dynamic trees  $O(m \log n)$

Total Time:  $O(mn \log n)$  with dynamic trees or  $O(mn^2)$  without.

## 7.7 Extensions to Max Flow

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# Circulation with Demands

## Circulation with demands.

- Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .
- Edge capacities  $c(e)$ ,  $e \in E$ .
- Node supply and demands  $d(v)$ ,  $v \in V$ .

↑  
demand if  $d(v) > 0$ ; supply if  $d(v) < 0$ ; transshipment if  $d(v) = 0$

**Def.** A **circulation** is a function that satisfies:

- For each  $e \in E$ :  $0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$  (capacity)
- For each  $v \in V$ :  $\sum_{e \text{ in to } v} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) = d(v)$  (conservation)

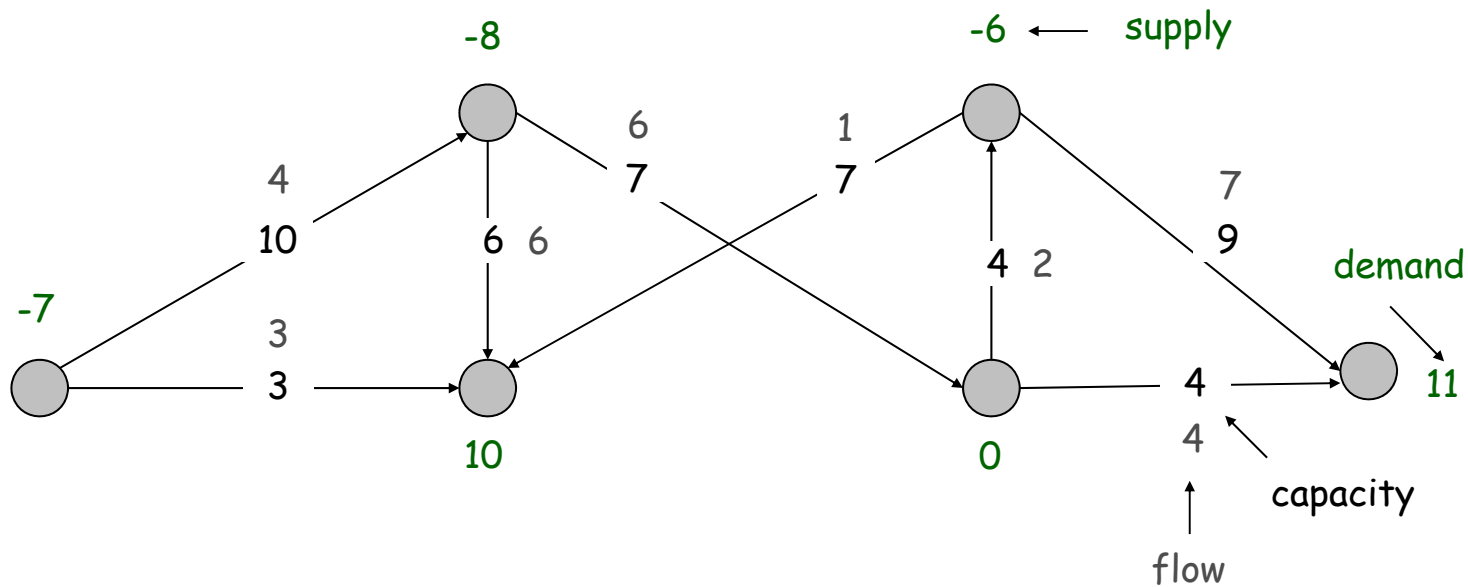
**Circulation problem:** given  $(V, E, c, d)$ , does there exist a circulation?

# Circulation with Demands

Necessary condition: sum of supplies = sum of demands.

$$\sum_{v: d(v) > 0} d(v) = \sum_{v: d(v) < 0} -d(v) =: D$$

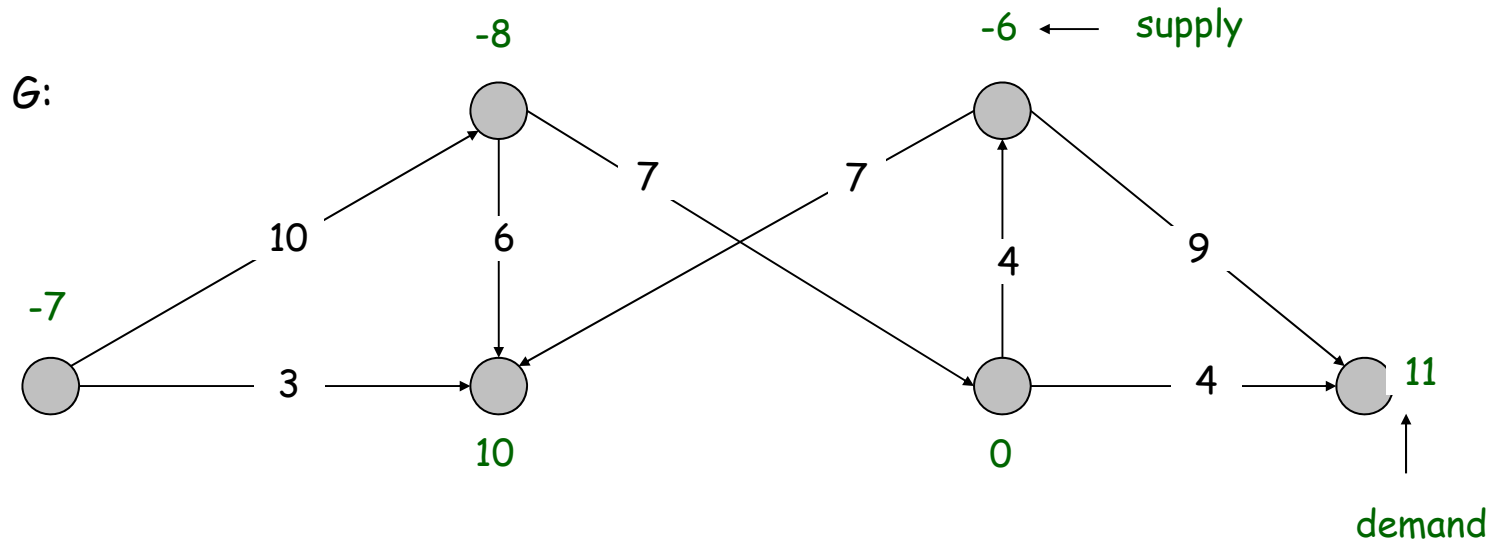
Pf. Sum conservation constraints for every demand node  $v$ .





# Circulation with Demands

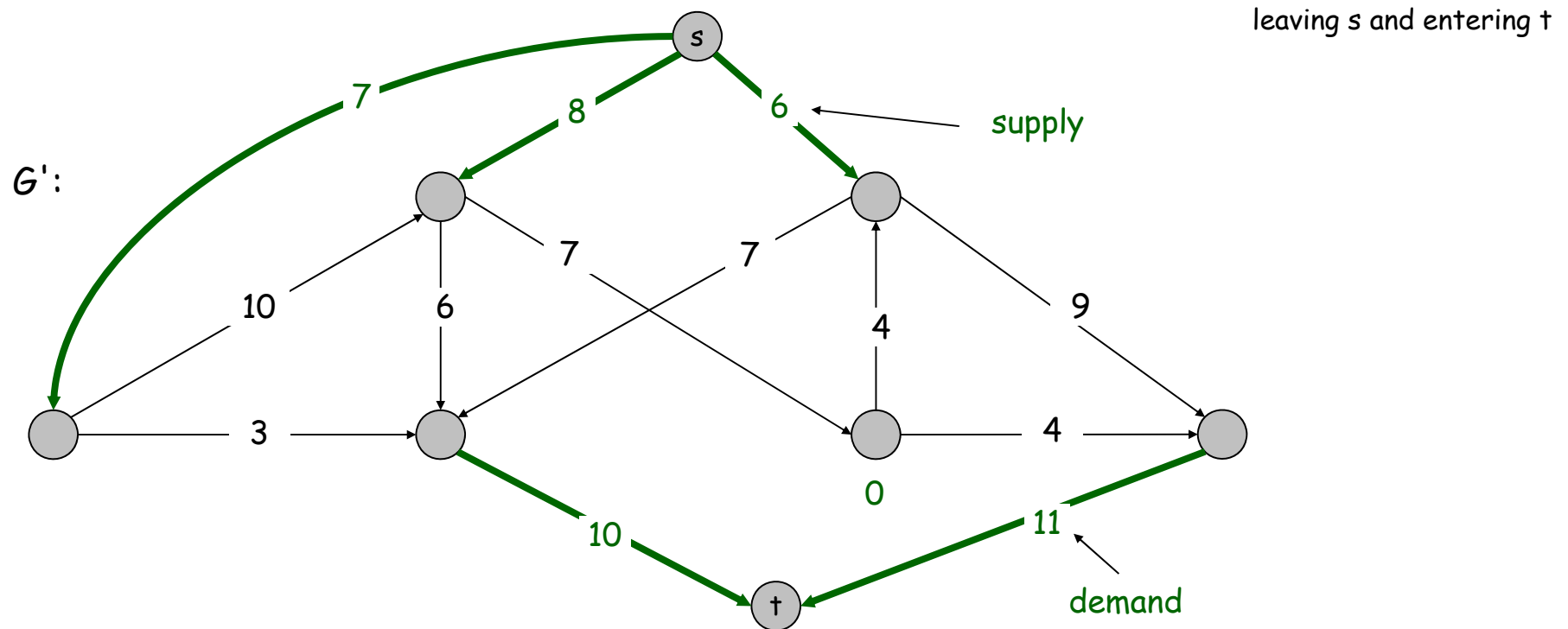
Max flow formulation.



## Circulation with Demands

### Max flow formulation.

- Add new source  $s$  and sink  $t$ .
- For each  $v$  with  $d(v) < 0$ , add edge  $(s, v)$  with capacity  $-d(v)$ .
- For each  $v$  with  $d(v) > 0$ , add edge  $(v, t)$  with capacity  $d(v)$ .
- Claim:  $G$  has circulation iff  $G'$  has max flow of value  $D$ .



## Circulation with Demands

**Integrality theorem.** If all capacities and demands are integers, and there exists a circulation, then there exists one that is integer-valued.

**Pf.** Follows from max flow formulation and integrality theorem for max flow.

**Characterization.** Given  $(V, E, c, d)$ , there does **not** exist a circulation iff there exists a node partition  $(A, B)$  such that

$$\sum_{v \in B} d_v > \text{cap}(A, B)$$

demand by nodes in B exceeds supply of nodes in B plus max capacity of edges going from A to B

**Pf idea.** Look at min cut in  $G'$ .

## Circulation with Demands and Lower Bounds

### Feasible circulation.

- Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$ .
- Edge capacities  $c(e)$  and lower bounds  $\ell(e)$ ,  $e \in E$ .
- Node supply and demands  $d(v)$ ,  $v \in V$ .

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- For each  $e \in E$ :  $\ell(e) \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$  (capacity)
- For each  $v \in V$ :  $\sum_{e \text{ in to } v} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) = d(v)$  (conservation)

**Circulation problem with lower bounds.** Given  $(V, E, \ell, c, d)$ , does there exist a circulation?

## Circulation with Demands and Lower Bounds

**Idea.** Model lower bounds with demands.

- Send  $\ell(e)$  units of flow along edge  $e$ .
- Update demands of both endpoints.



**Theorem.** There exists a circulation in  $G$  iff there exists a circulation in  $G'$ . If all demands, capacities, and lower bounds in  $G$  are integers, then there is a circulation in  $G$  that is integer-valued.

**Pf sketch.**  $f(e)$  is a circulation in  $G$  iff  $f'(e) = f(e) - \ell(e)$  is a circulation in  $G'$ .

## 7.8 Survey Design

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# Survey Design

one survey question per product



## Survey design.

- Design survey asking  $n_1$  consumers about  $n_2$  products.
- Can only survey consumer  $i$  about product  $j$  if they own it.
- Ask consumer  $i$  between  $c_i$  and  $c_i'$  questions.
- Ask between  $p_j$  and  $p_j'$  consumers about product  $j$ .

**Goal.** Design a survey that meets these specs, if possible.

**Bipartite perfect matching.** Special case when  $c_i = c_i' = p_i = p_i' = 1$ .

# Survey Design

**Algorithm.** Formulate as a circulation problem with lower bounds.

- Include an edge  $(i, j)$  if consumer  $j$  owns product  $i$ .
- Integer circulation  $\Leftrightarrow$  feasible survey design.

