

Network Flows

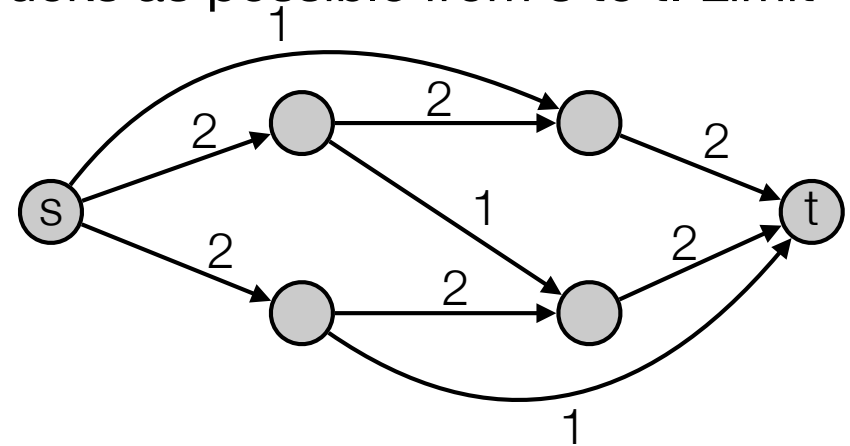
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CLRS Chapter 26.0-26.2

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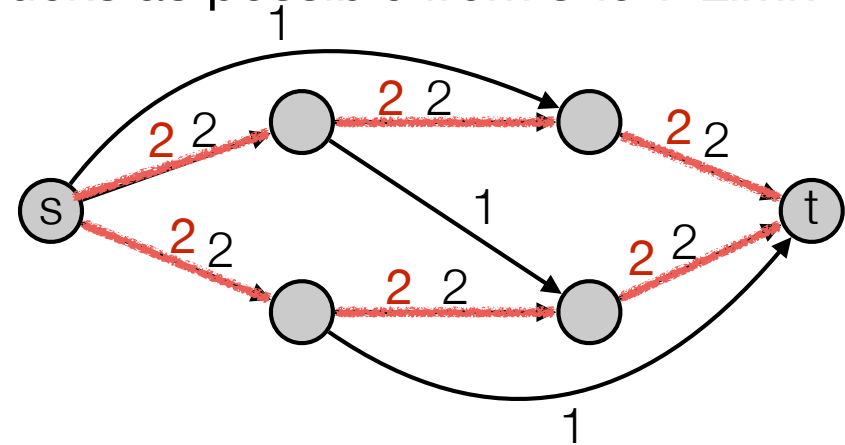
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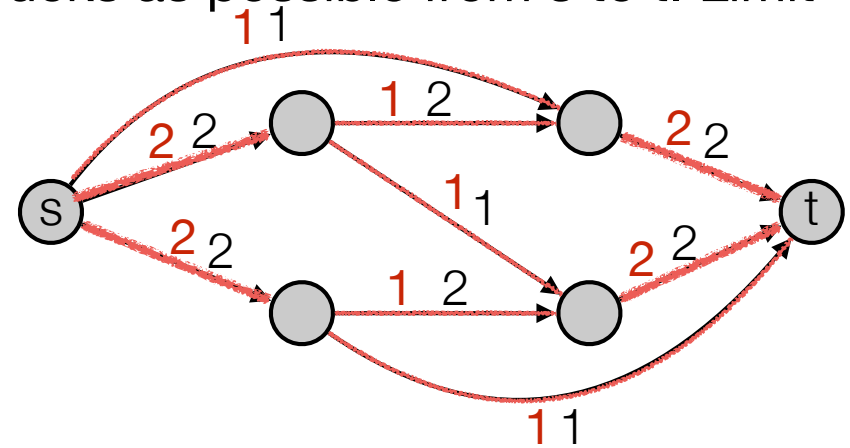
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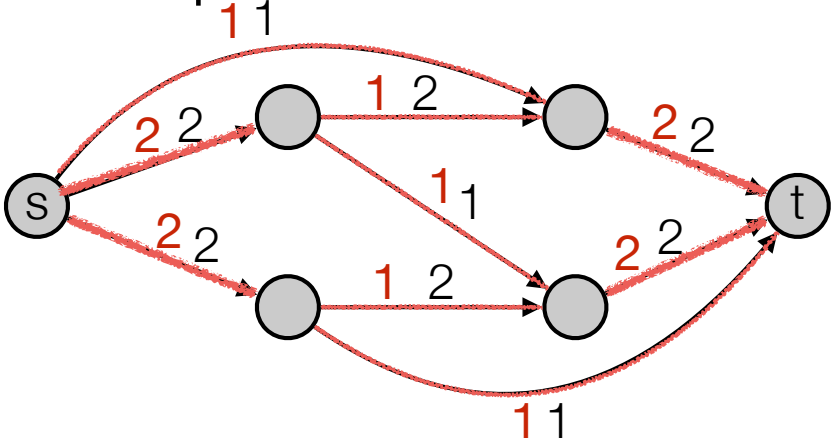


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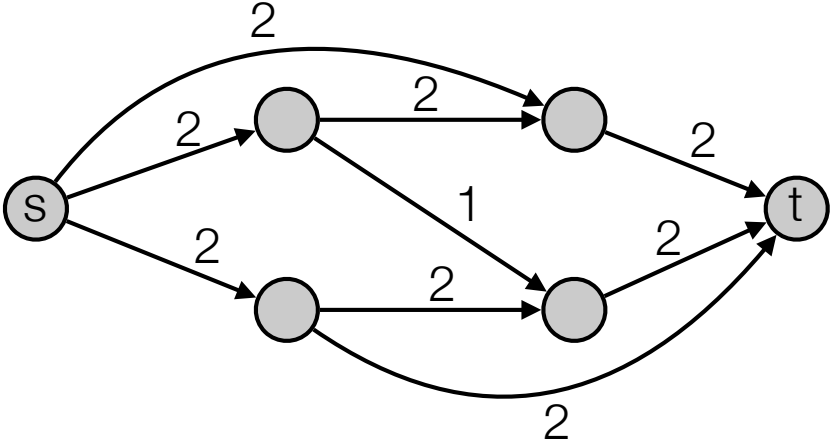
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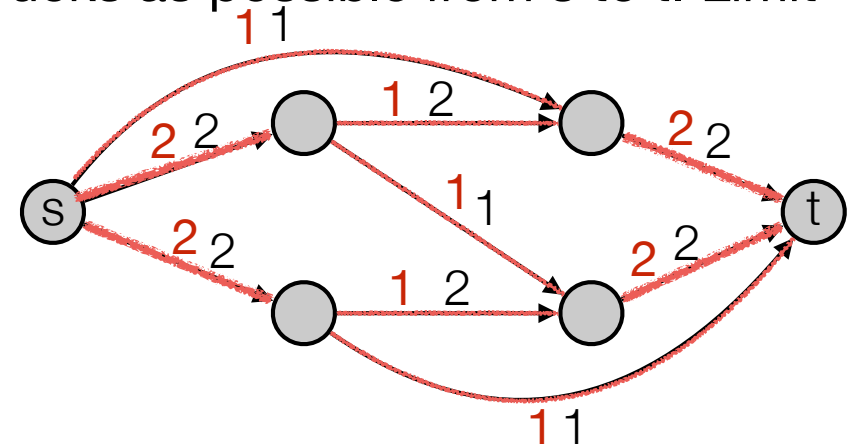


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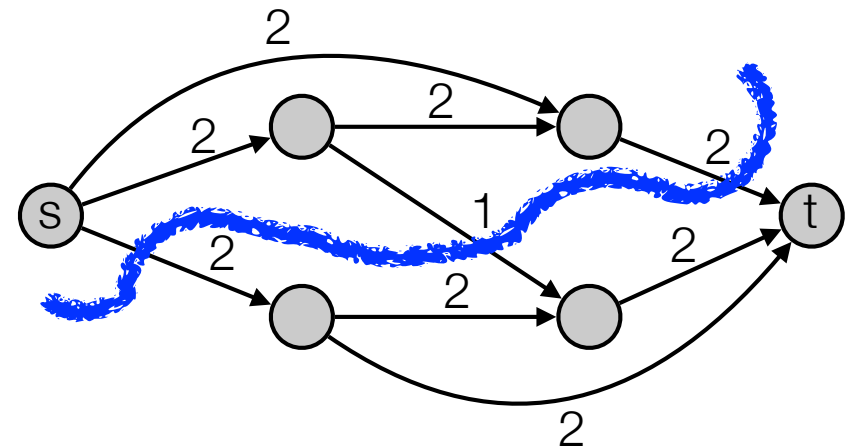
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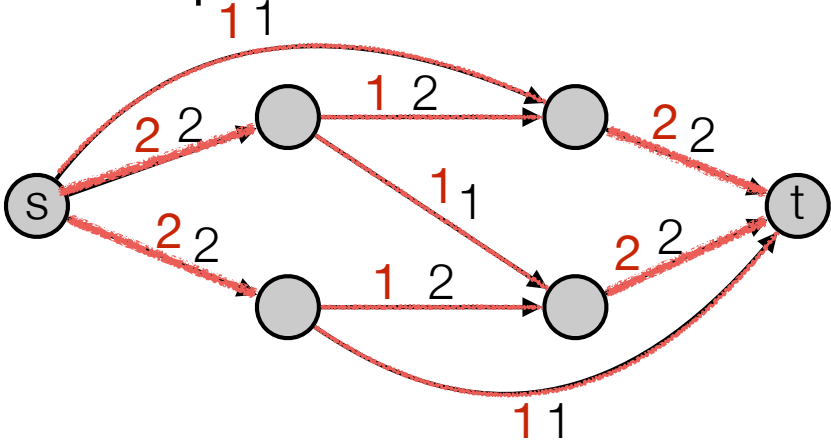


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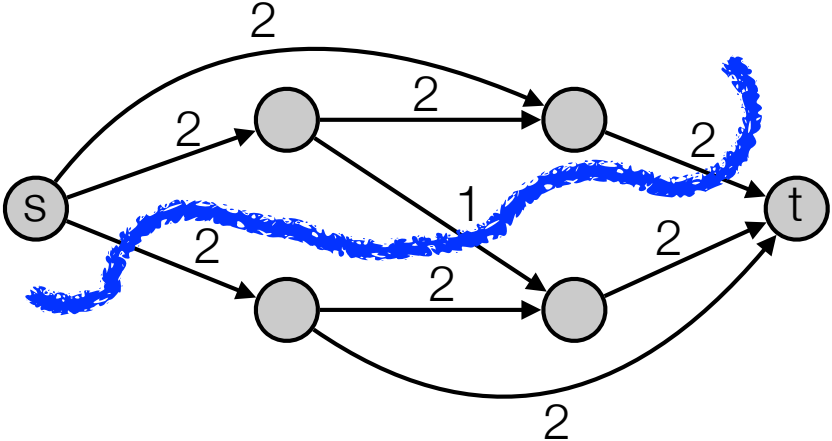
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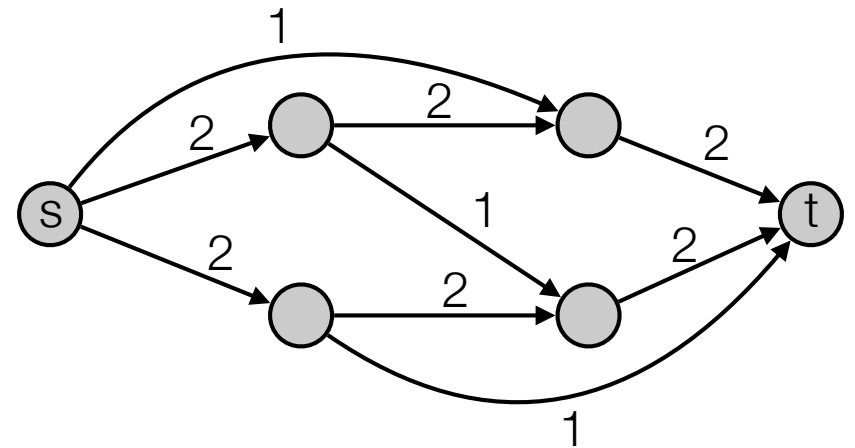
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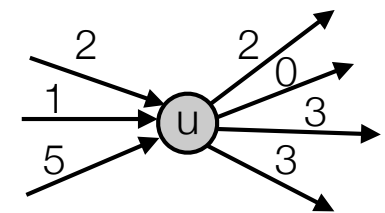
- graph $G=(V,E)$.
- Special vertices s (source) and t (sink).
- Every edge (u,v) has a capacity $c(u,v) \geq 0$.



- Flow:

- **capacity constraint:** every edge e has a flow $0 \leq f(u,v) \leq c(u,v)$.
- **flow conservation:** for all $u \neq s, t$: flow into u equals flow out of u .

$$\sum_{v:(v,u) \in E} f(v,u) = \sum_{v:(u,v) \in E} f(u,v)$$



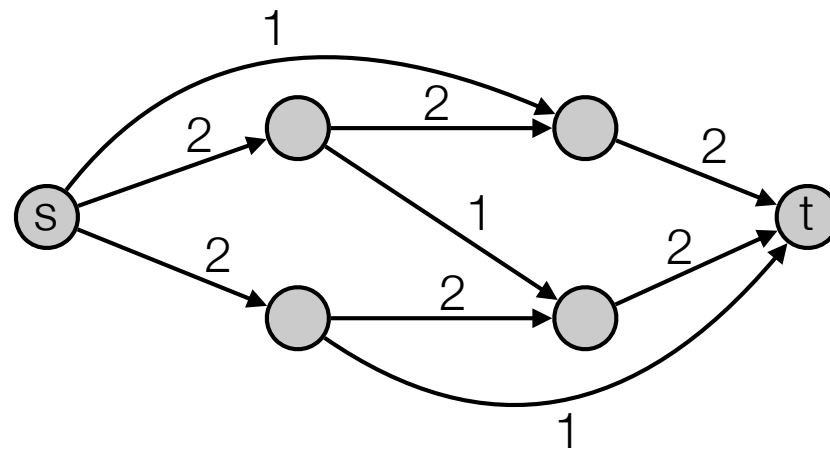
- Value of flow f is the sum of flows out of s minus sum of flows into s :

$$|f| = \sum_{v:(s,v) \in E} f(s,v) - \sum_{v:(v,s) \in E} f(v,s)$$

- **Maximum flow problem:** find s - t flow of maximum value

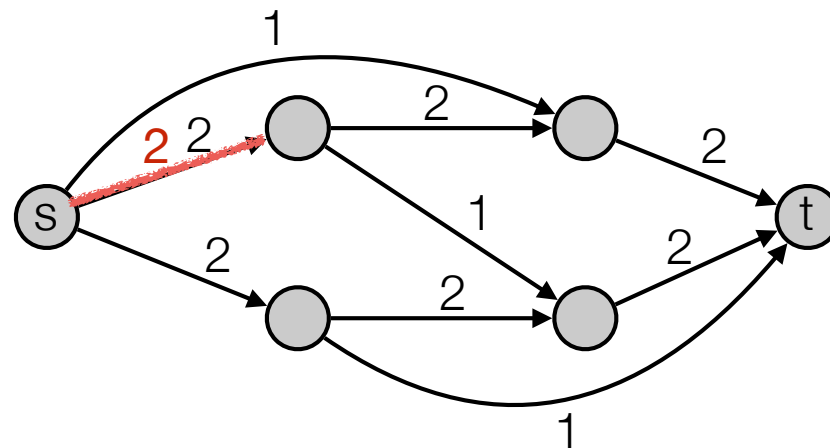
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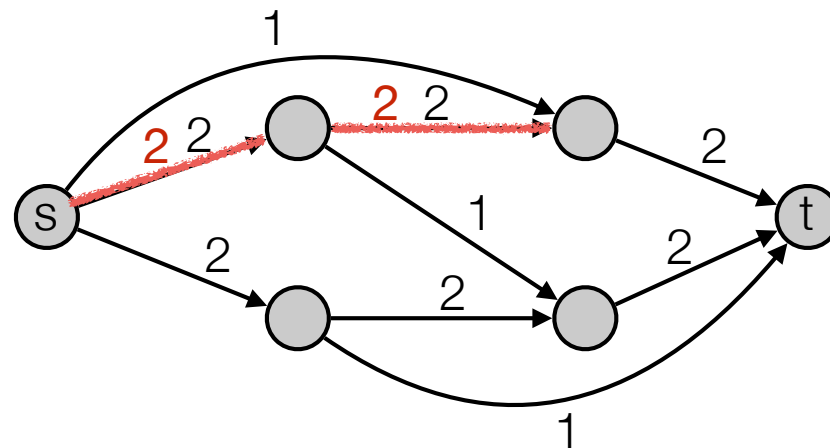
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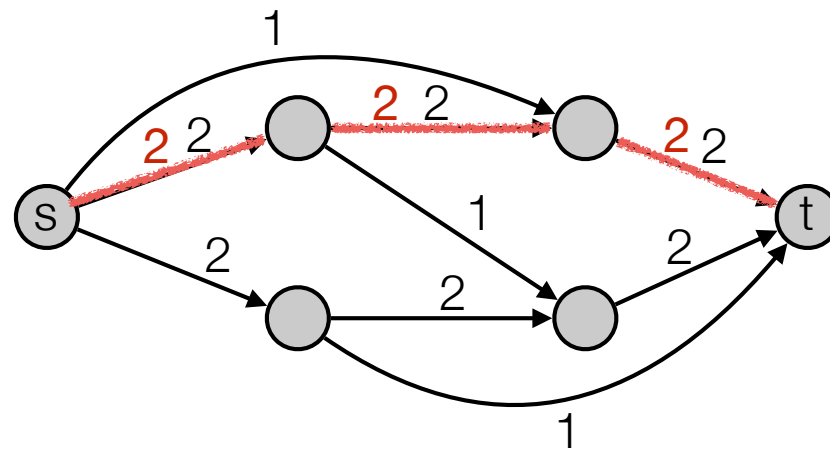
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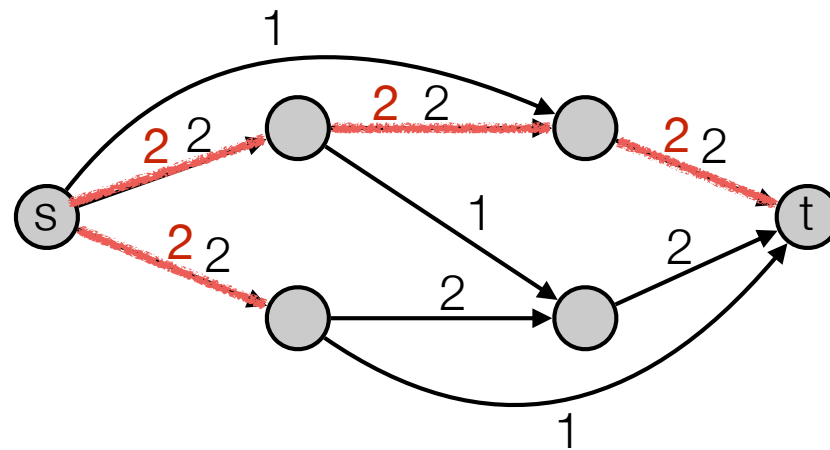
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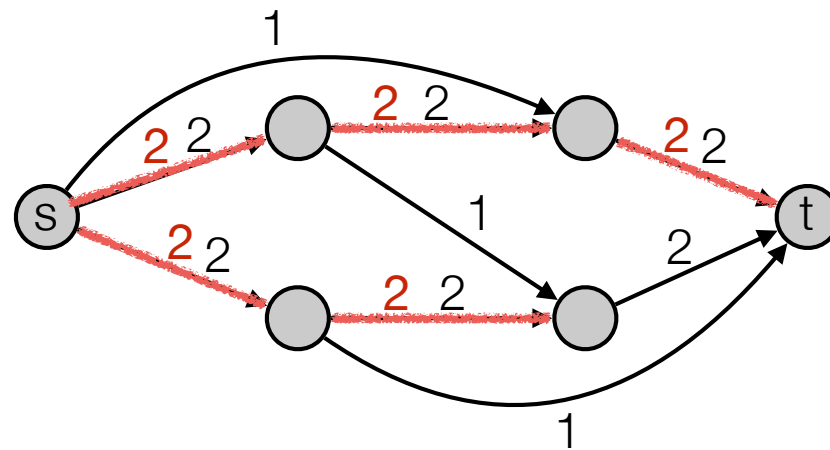
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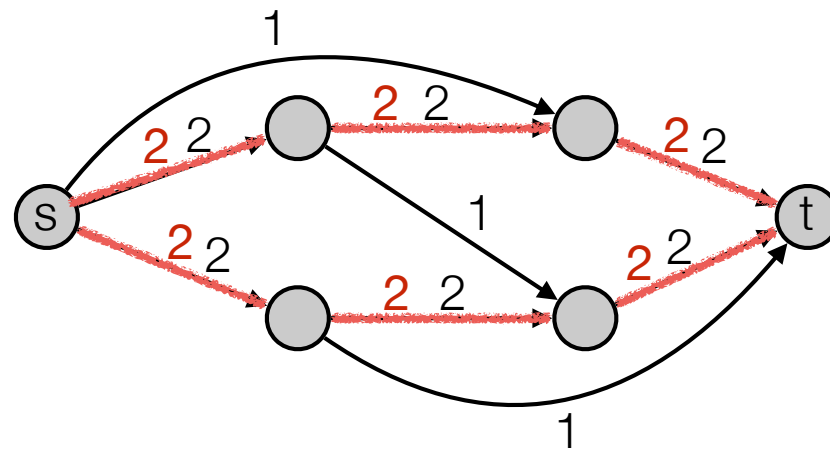
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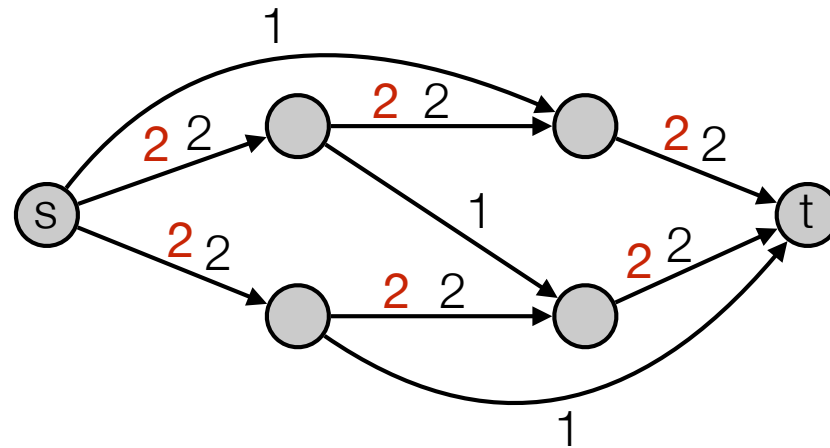
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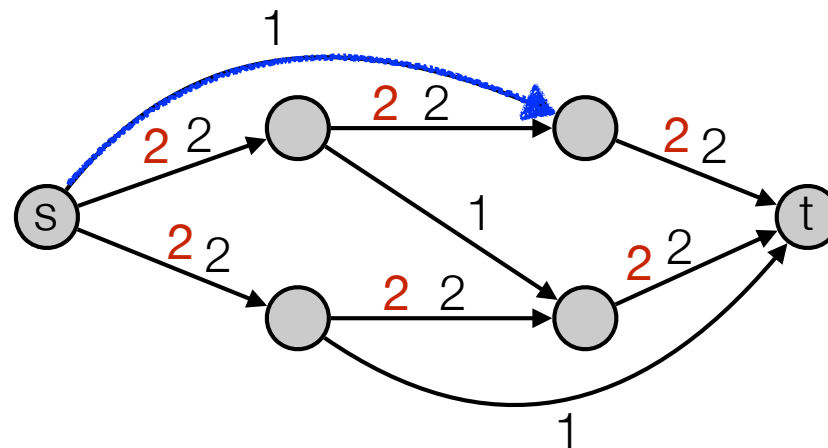
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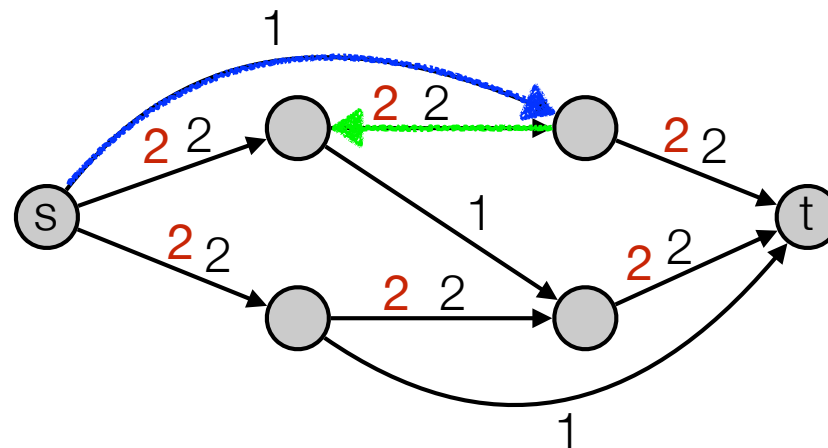
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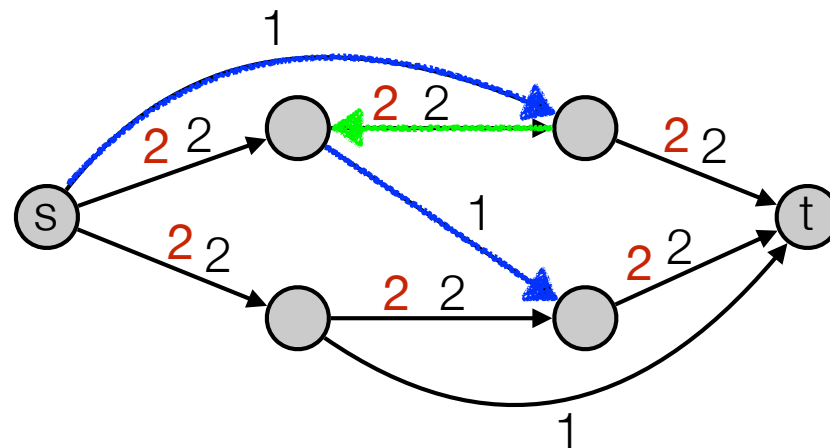
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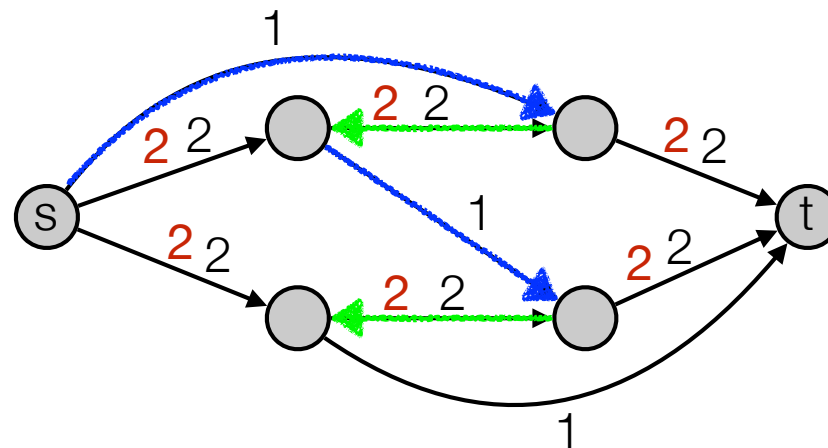
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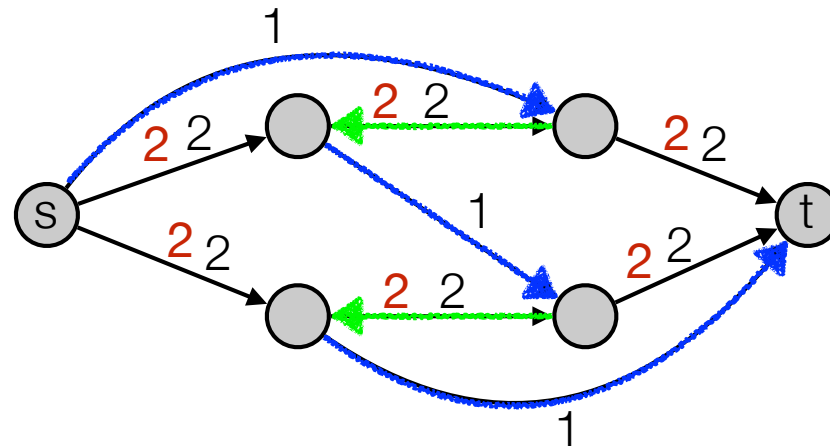
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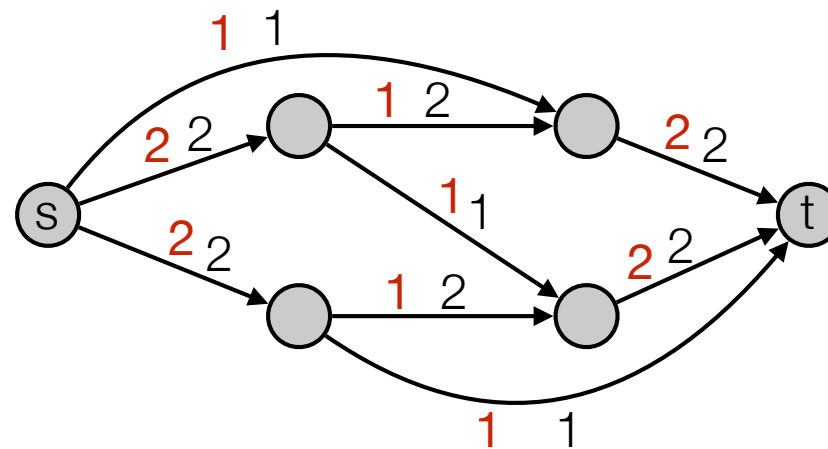
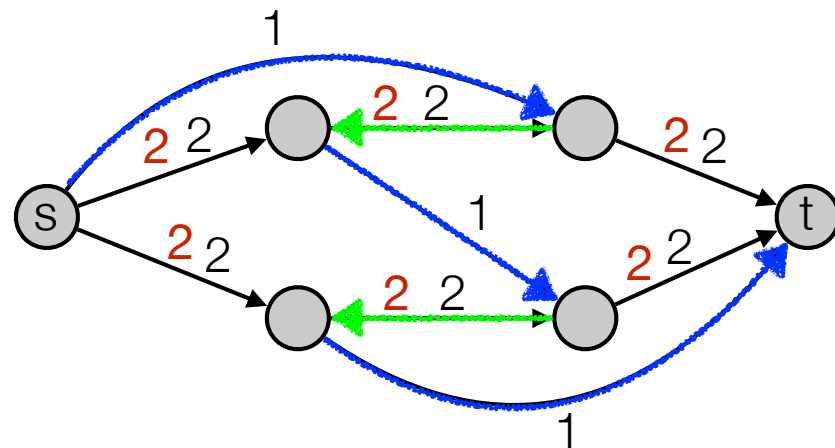
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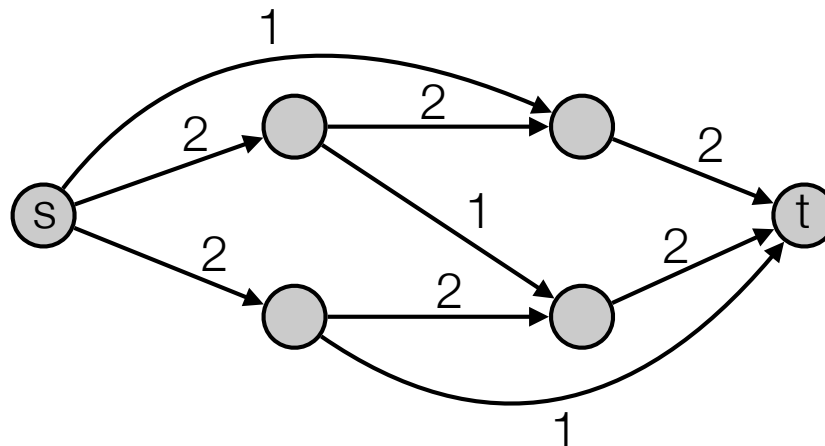
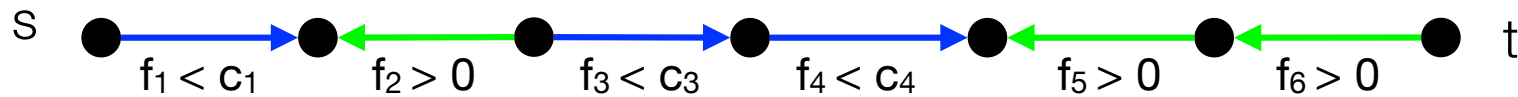
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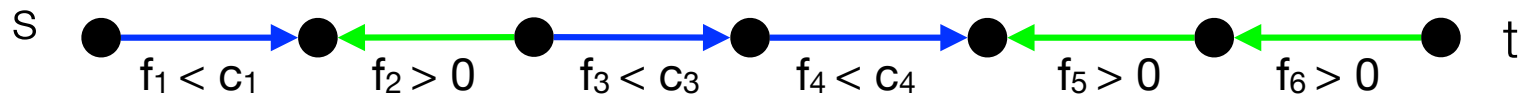
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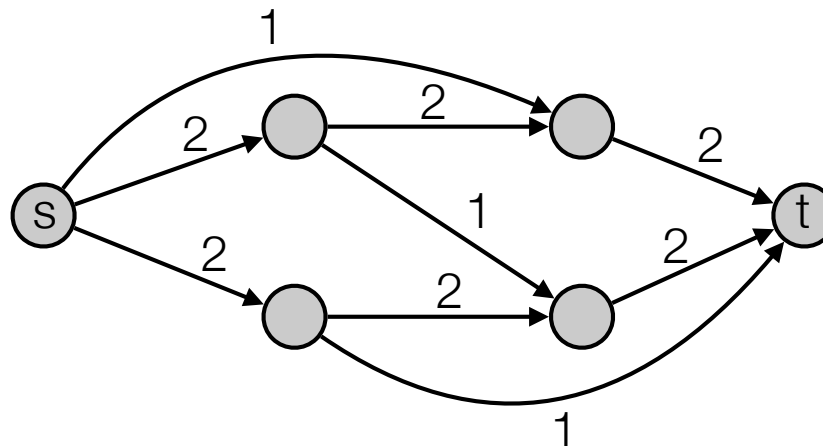


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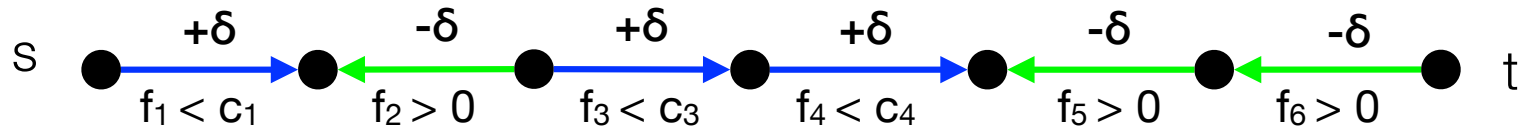


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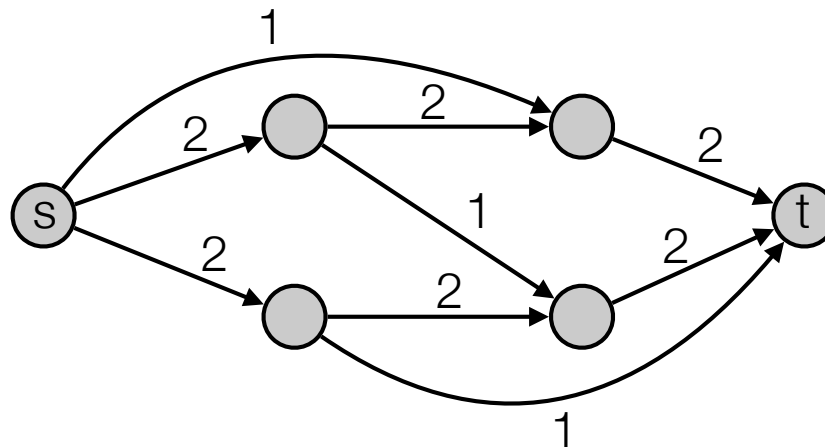


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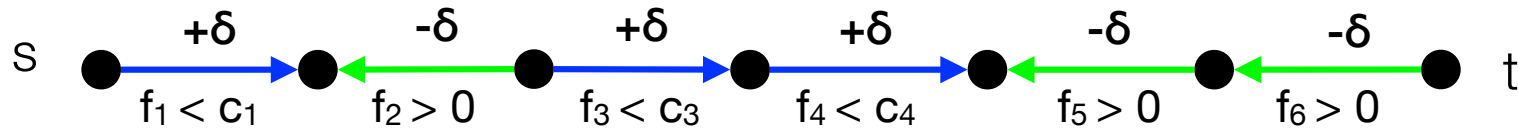


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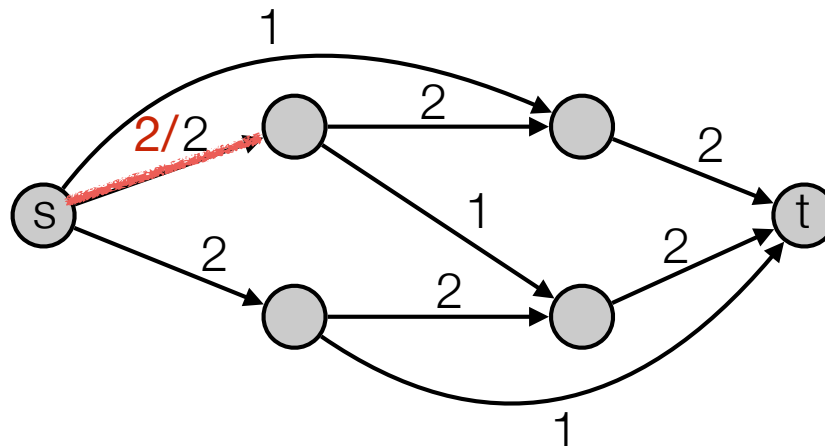


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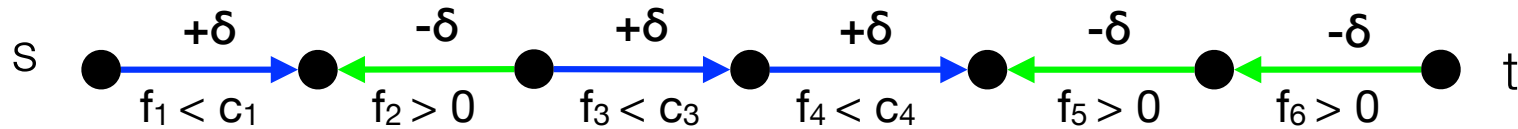


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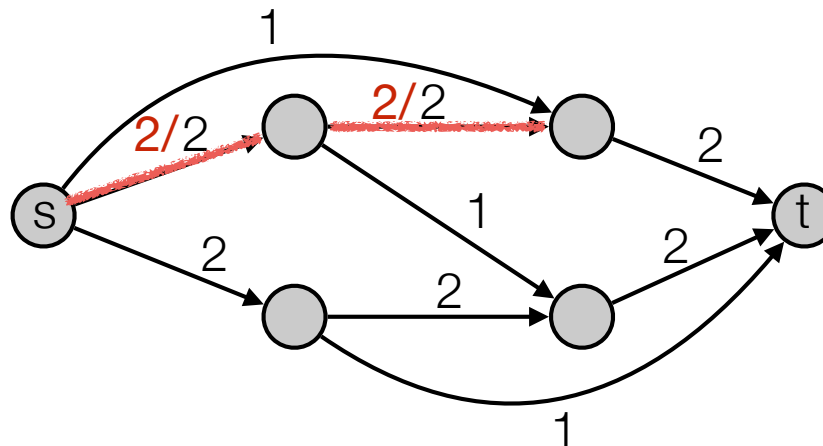


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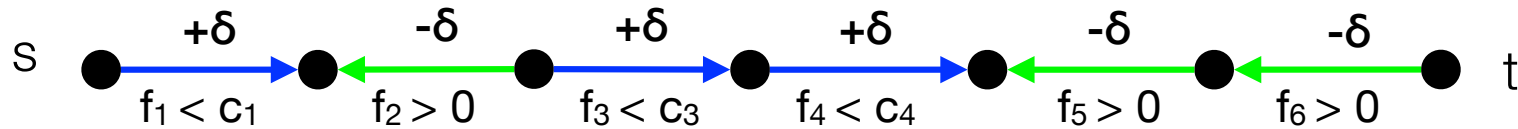


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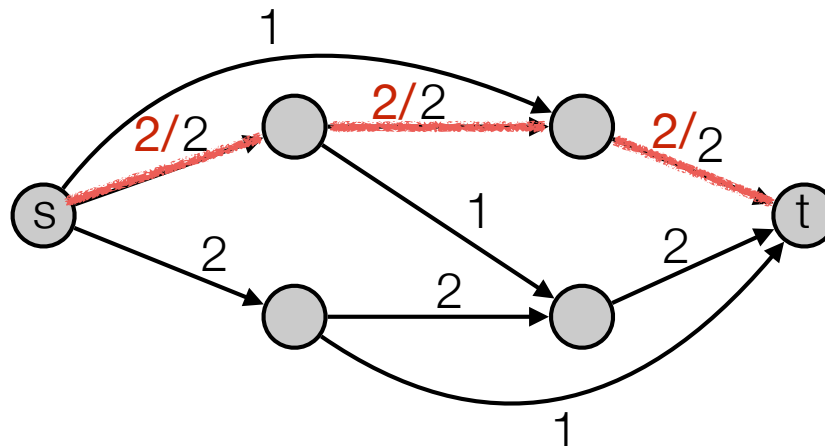


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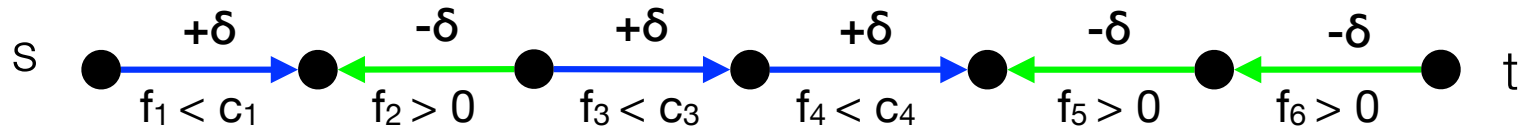


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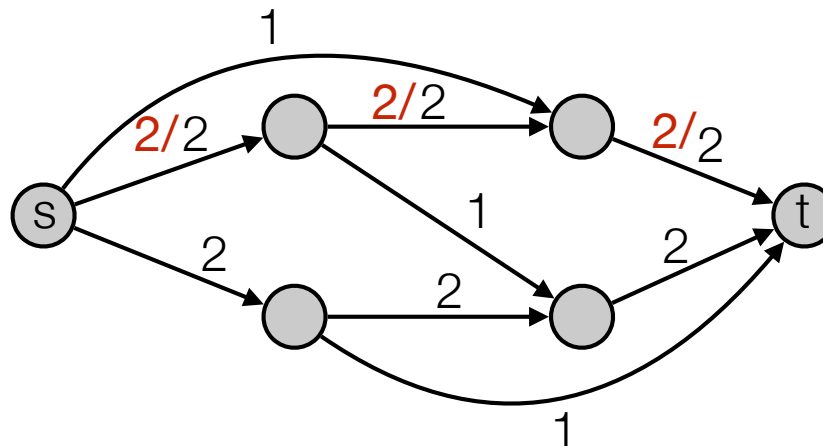


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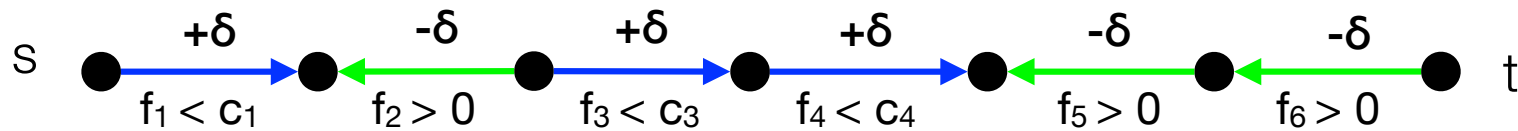


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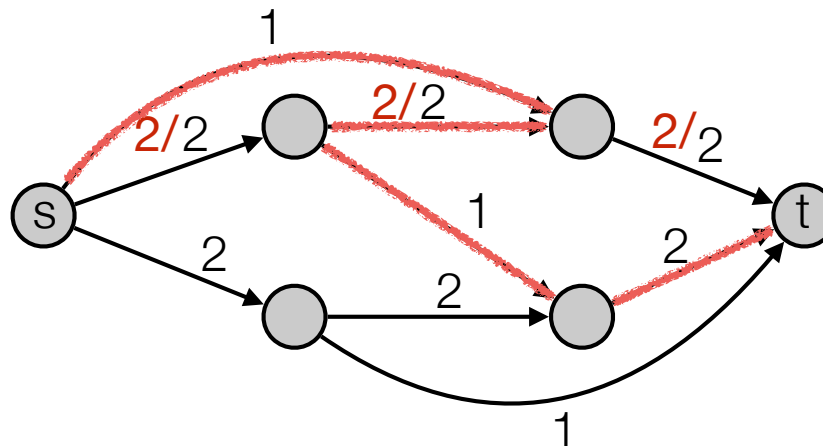


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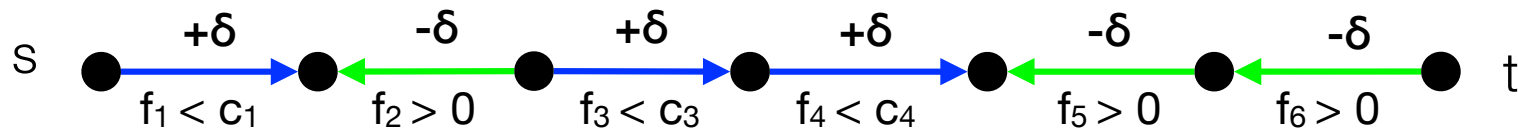


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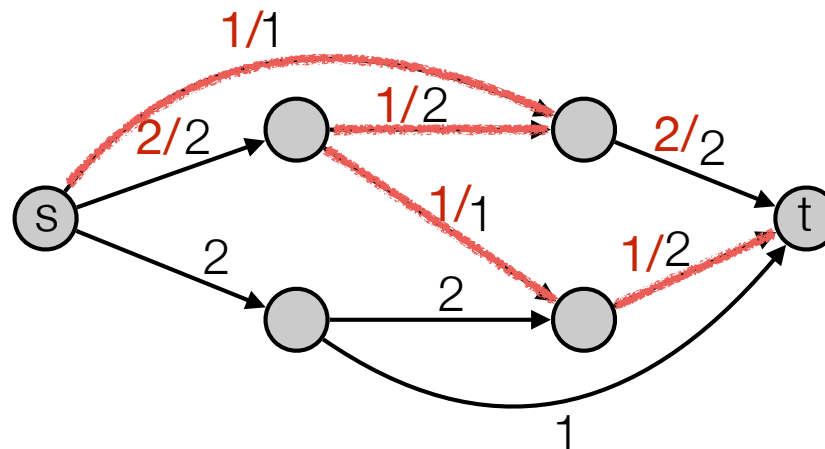


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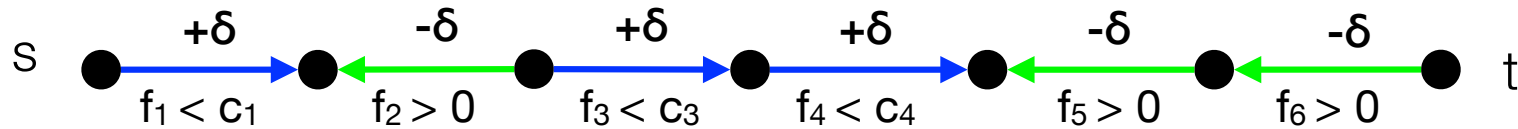


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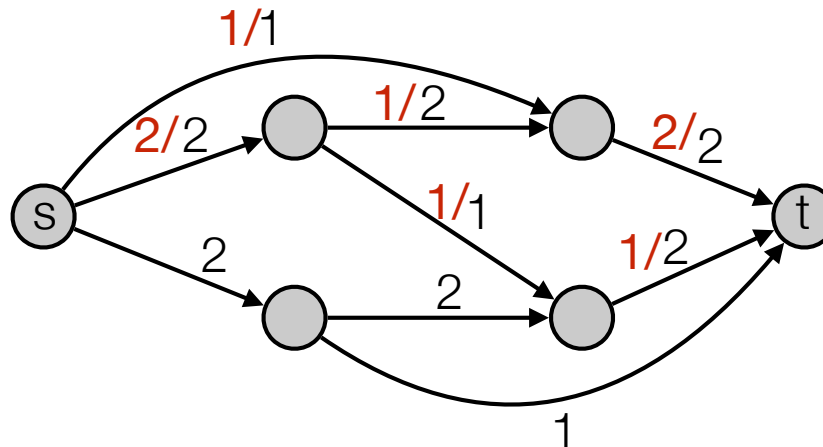


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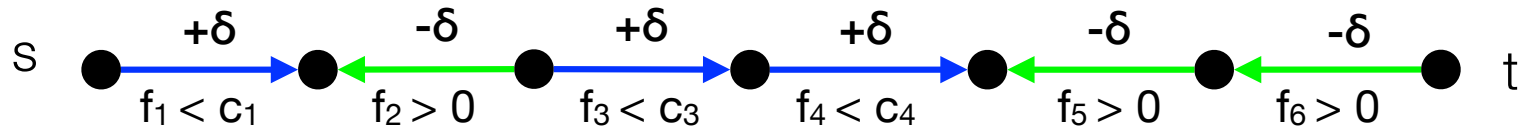


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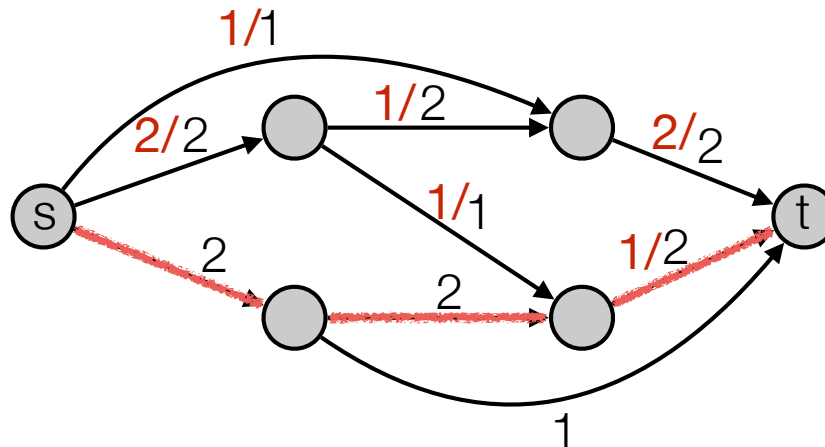


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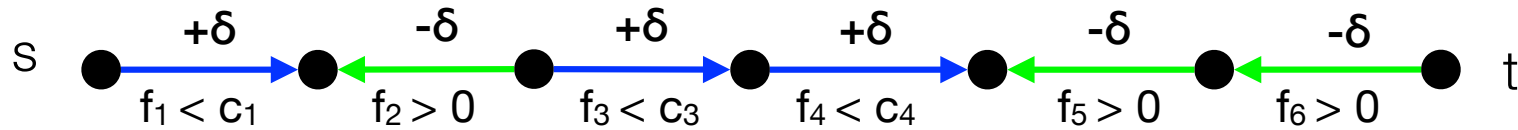


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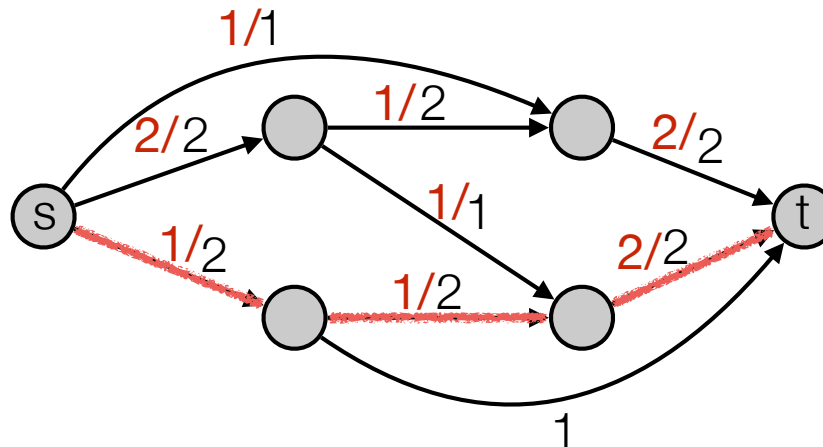


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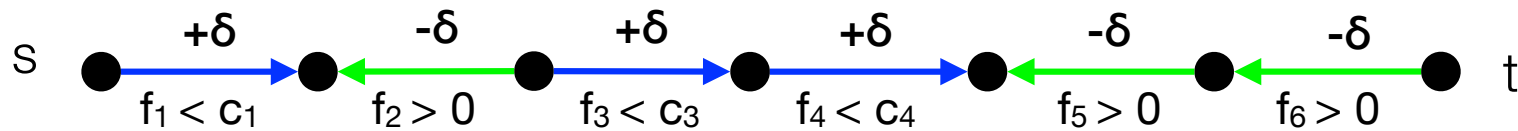


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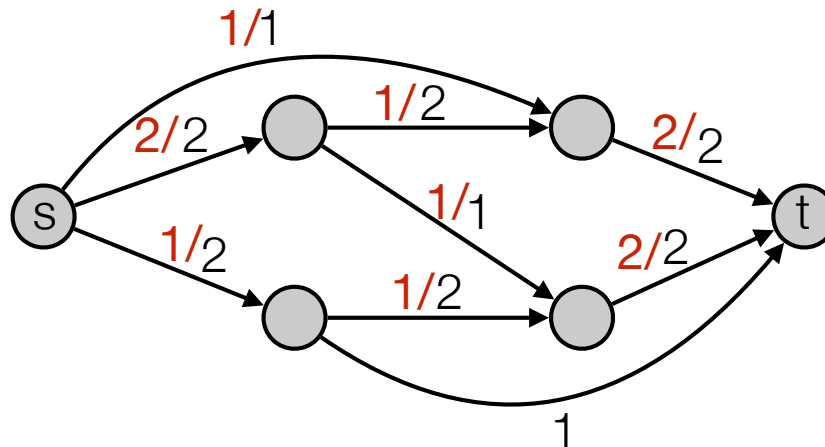


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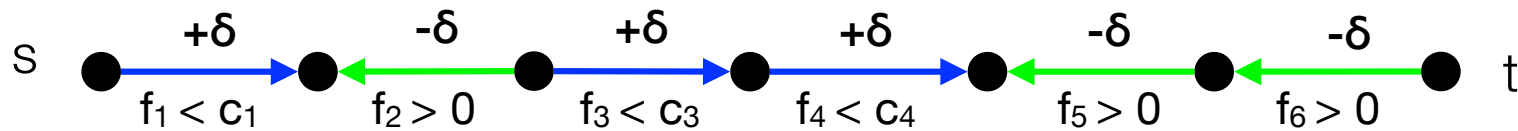


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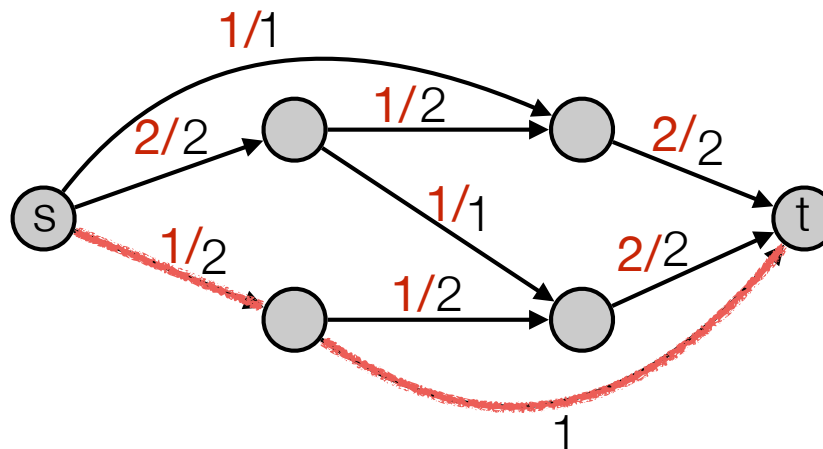


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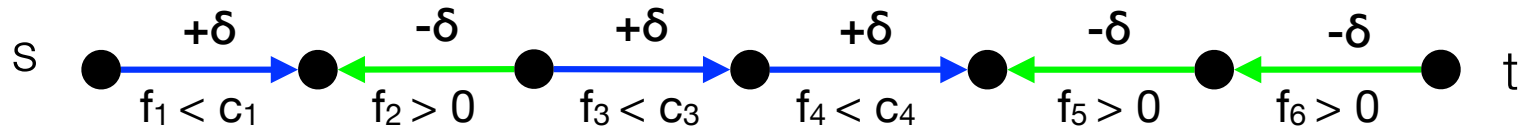


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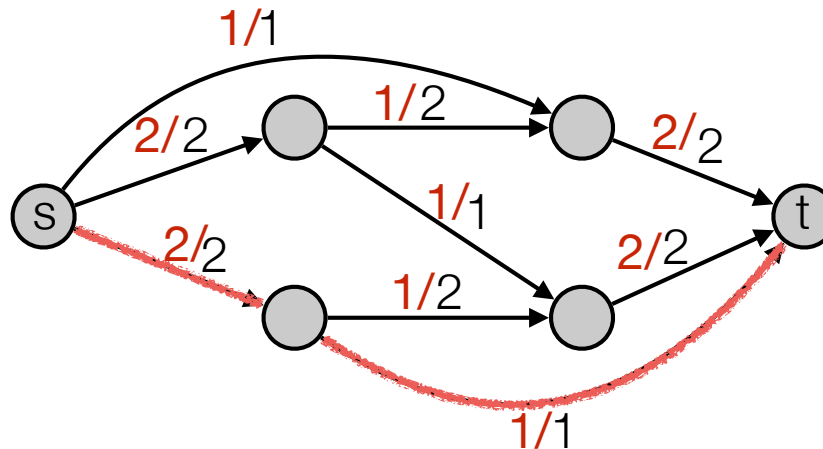


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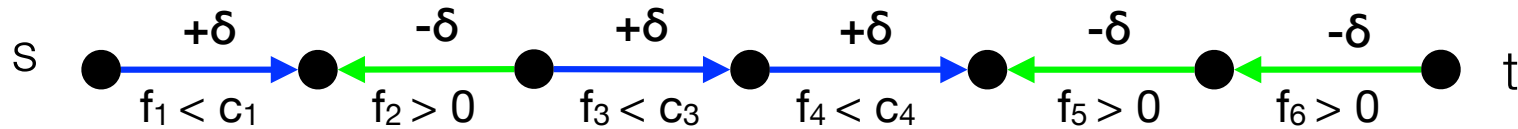


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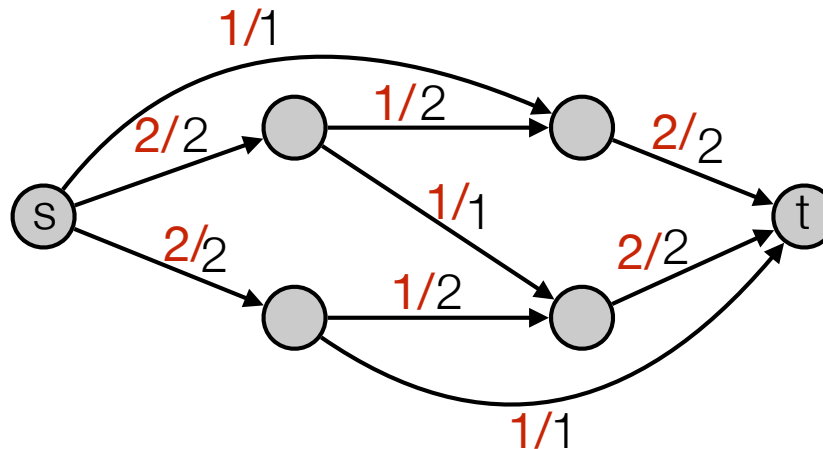


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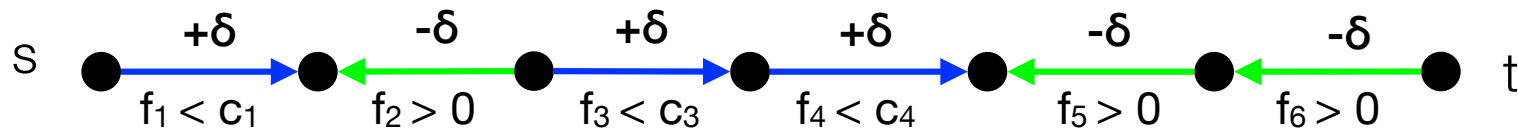


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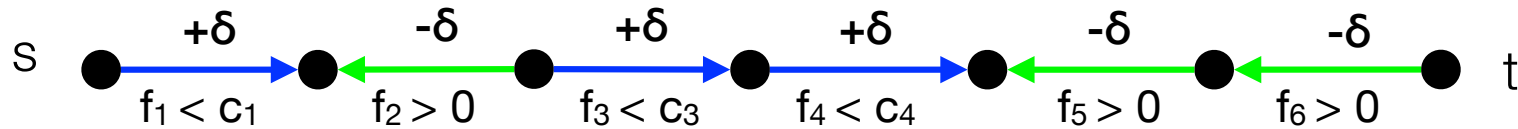
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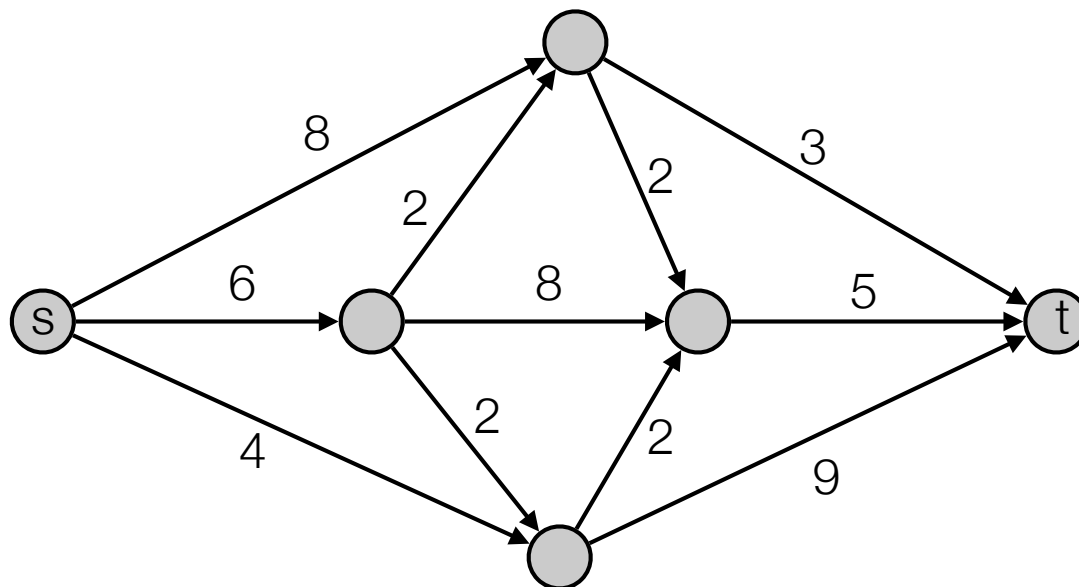
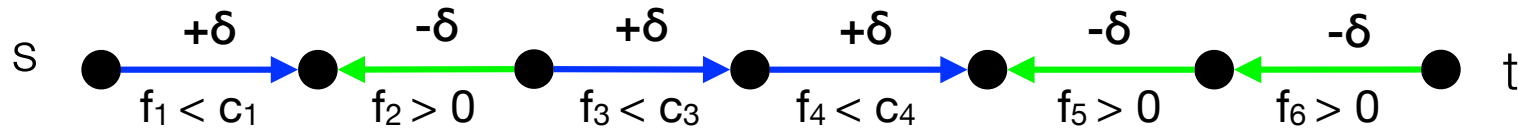
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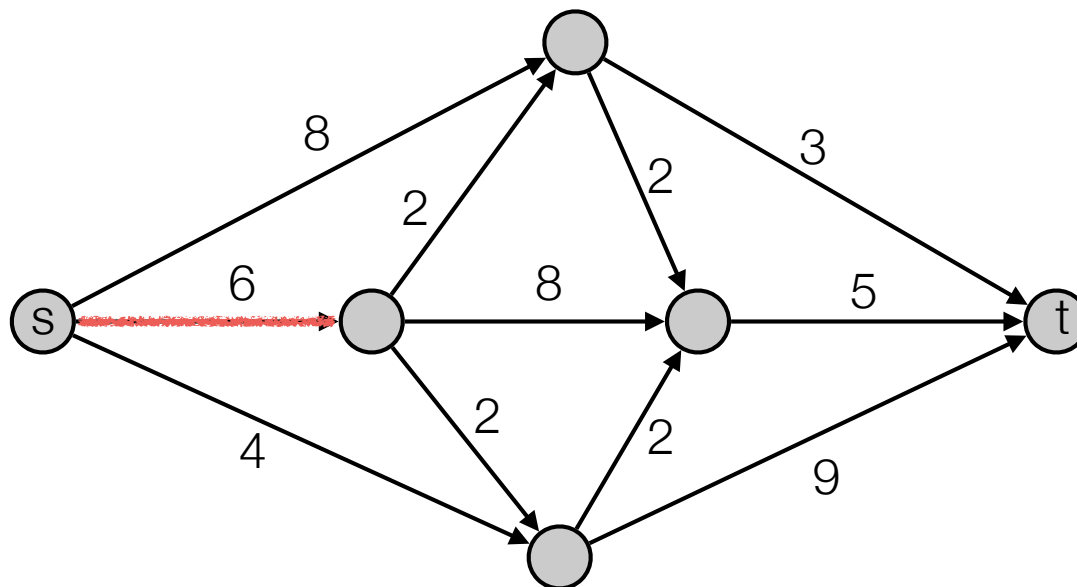
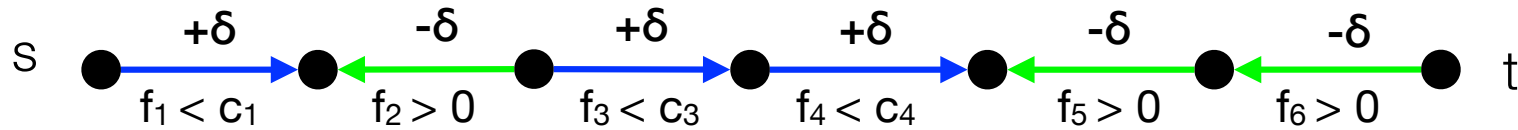
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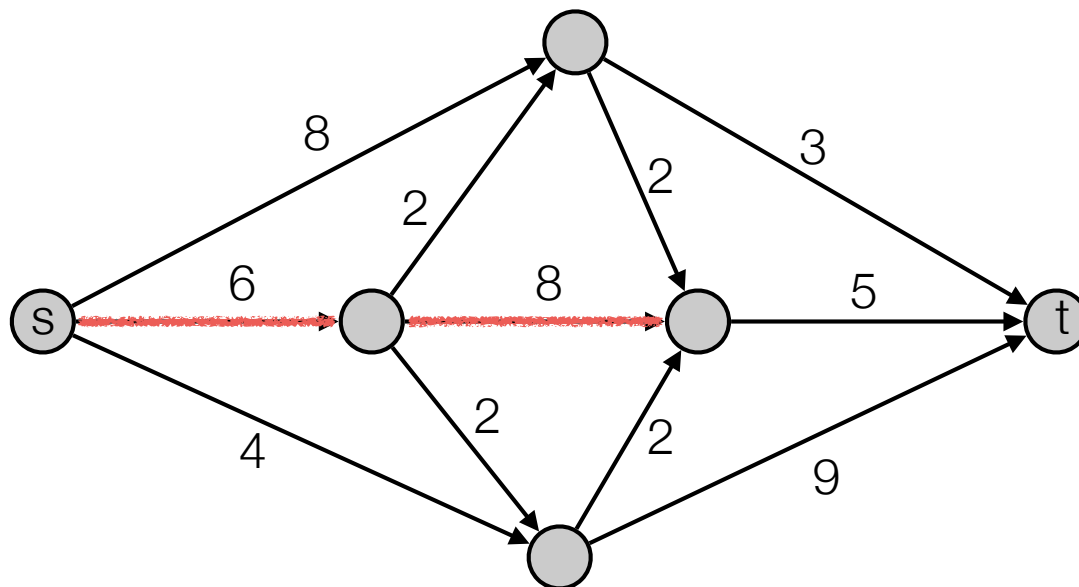
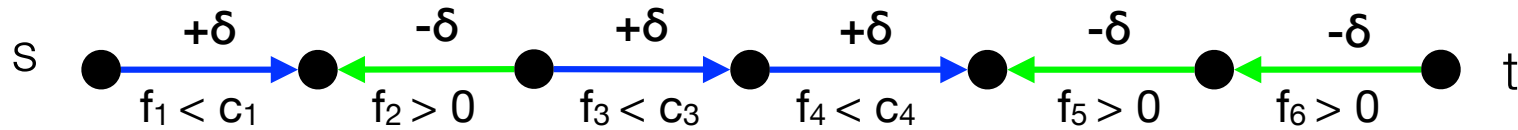
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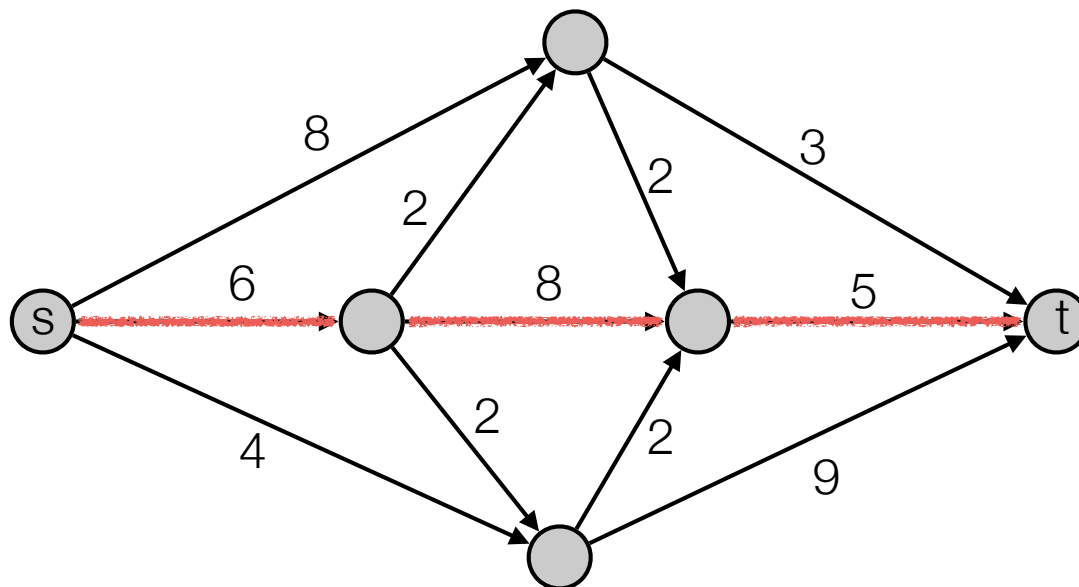
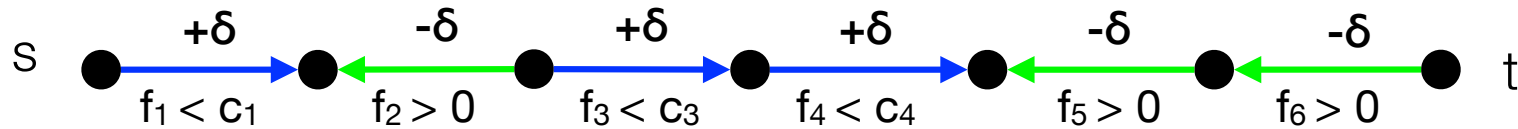
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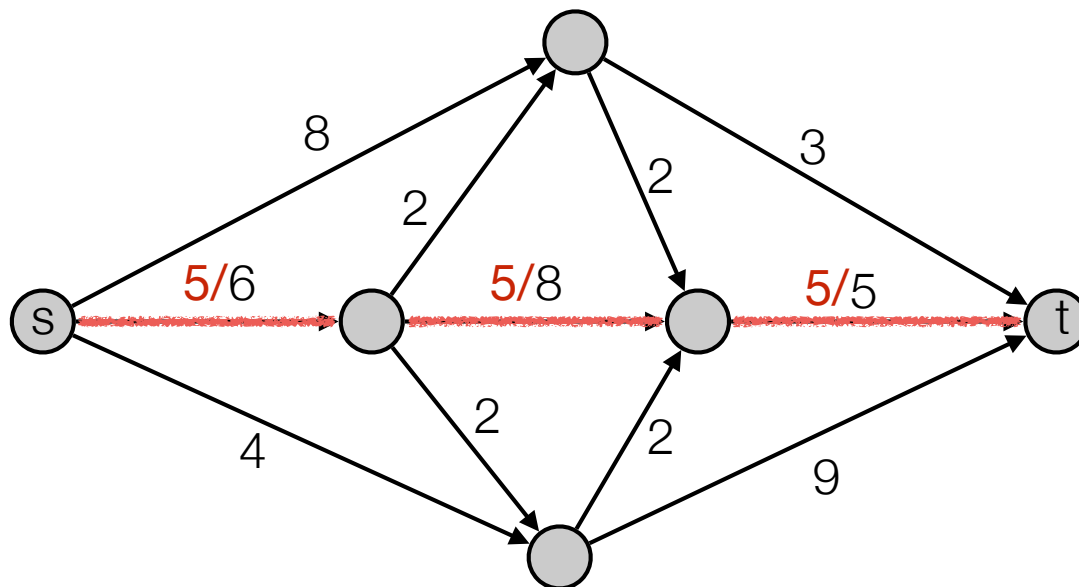
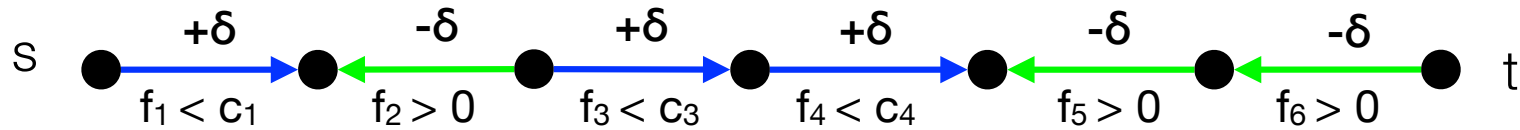
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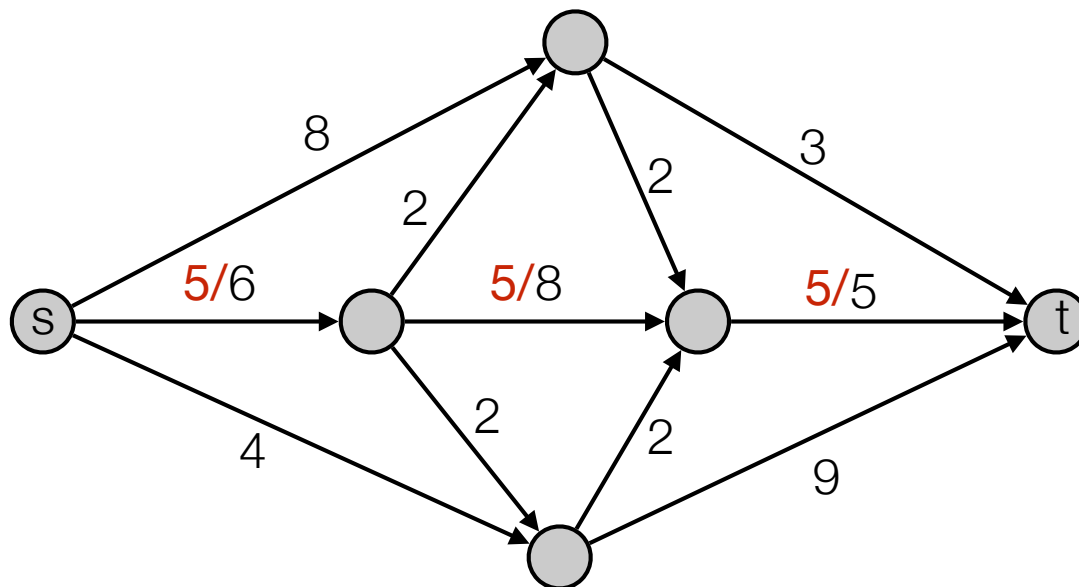
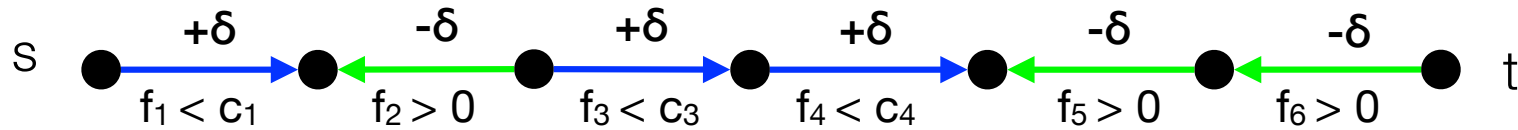
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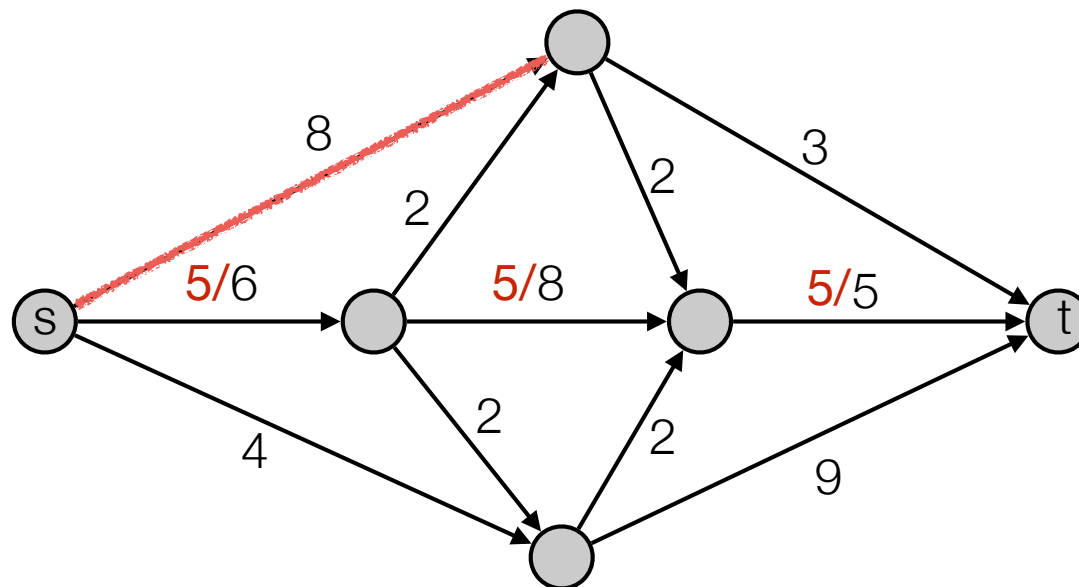
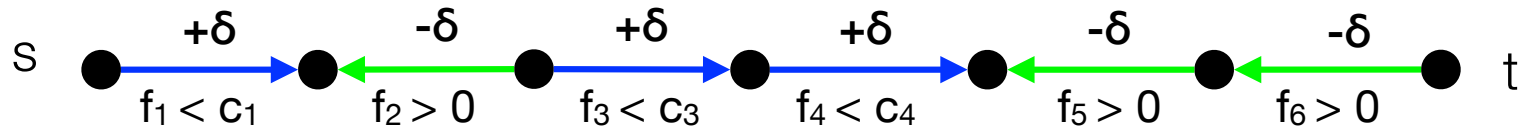
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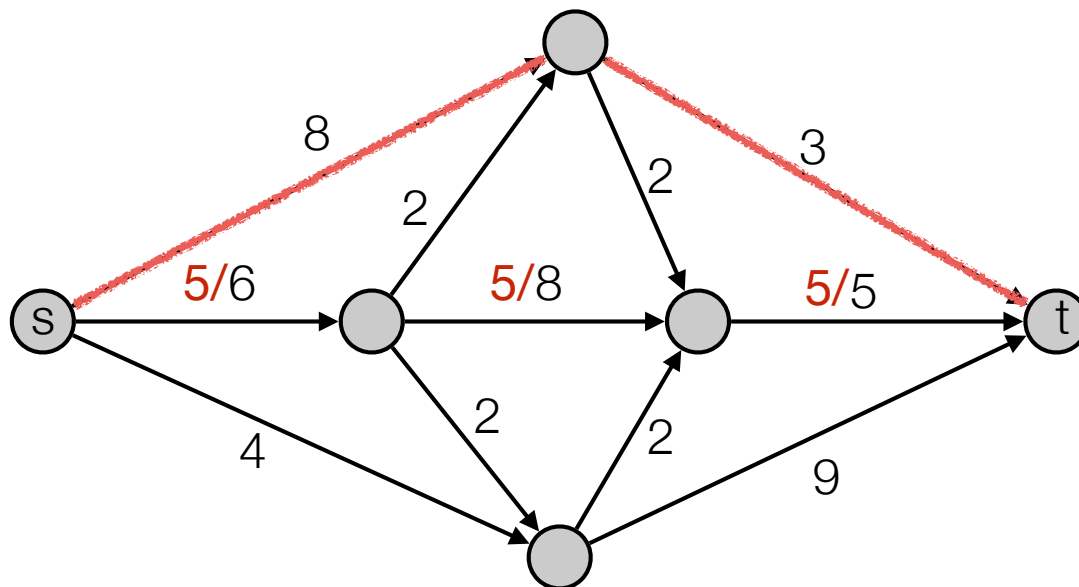
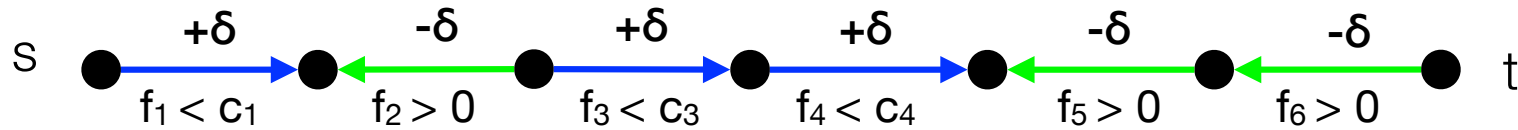
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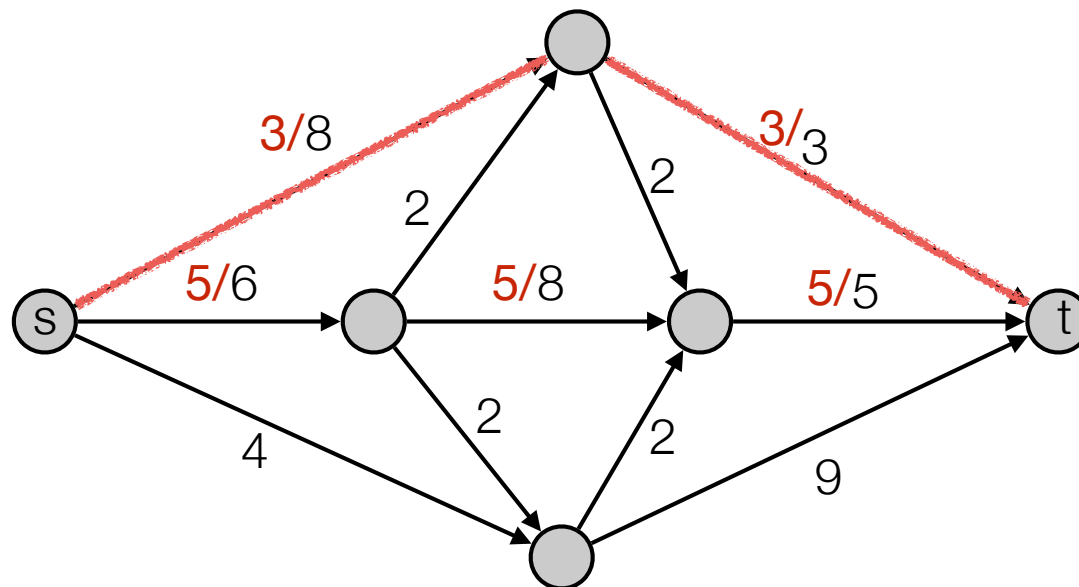
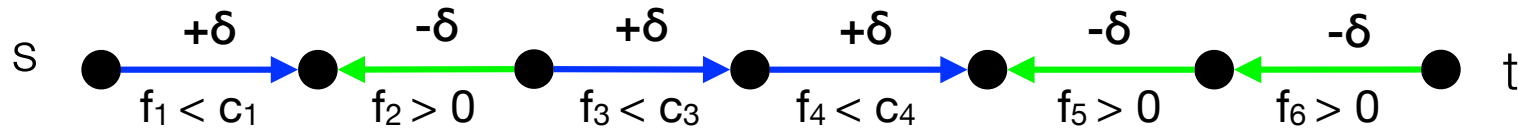
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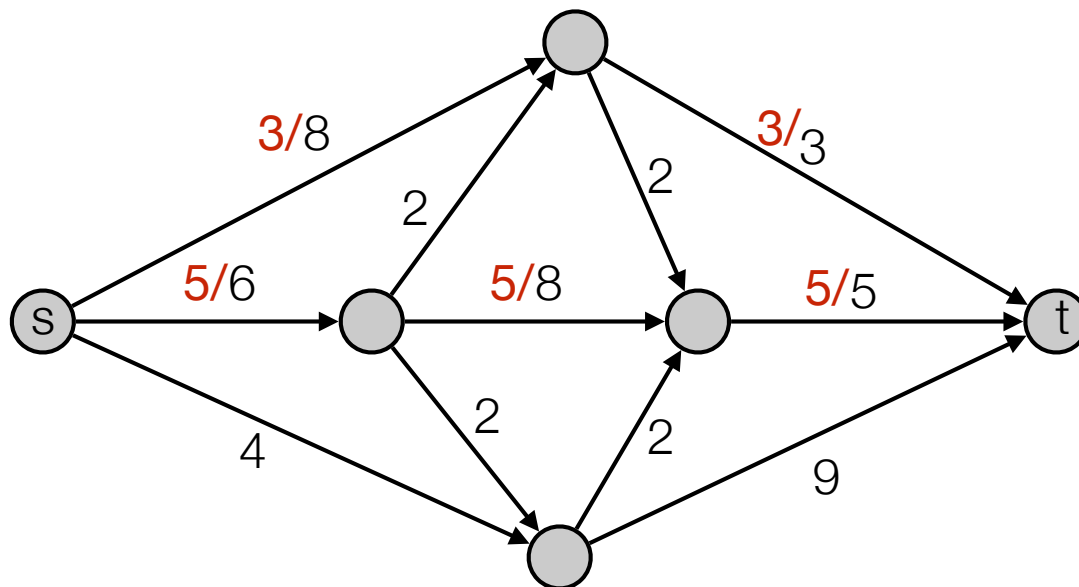
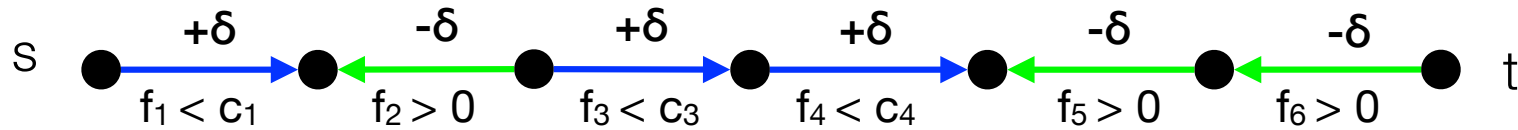
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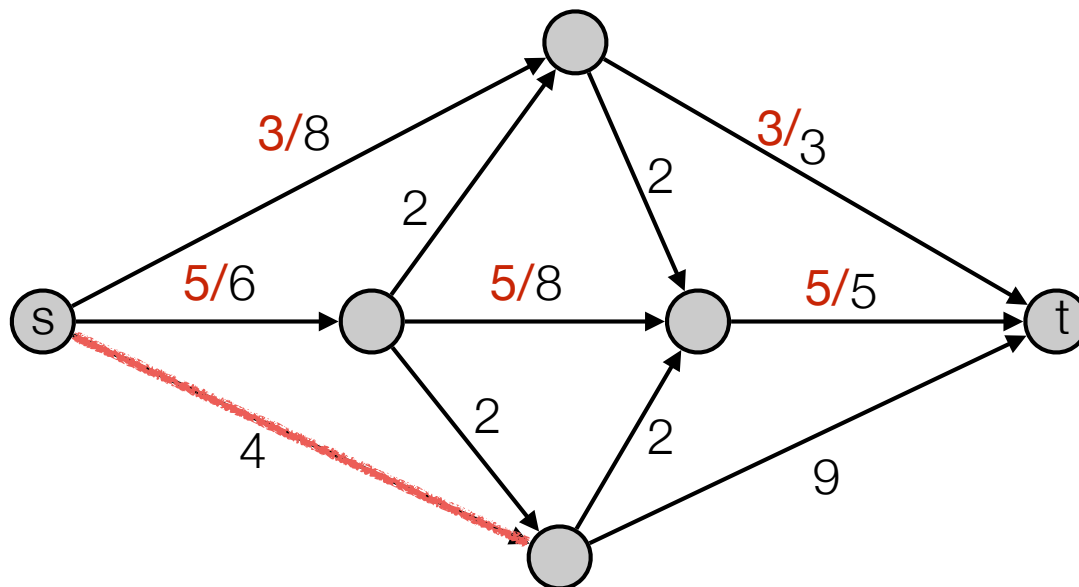
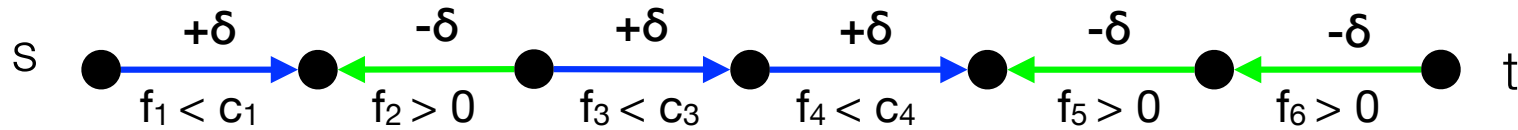
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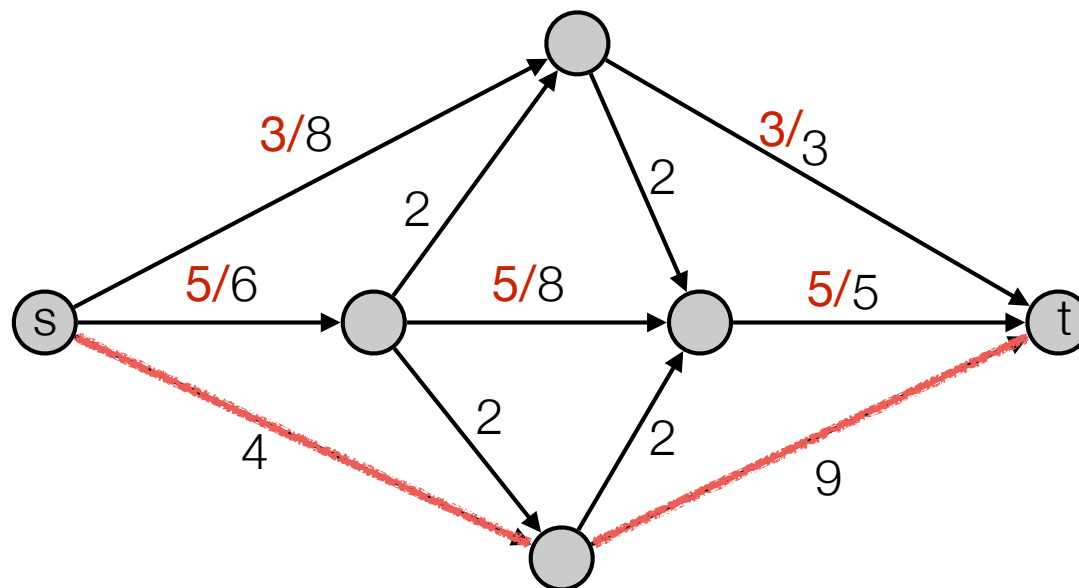
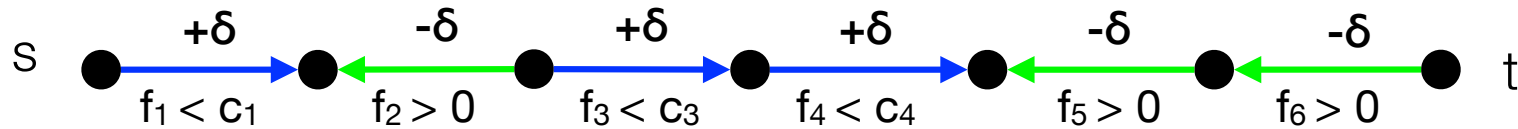
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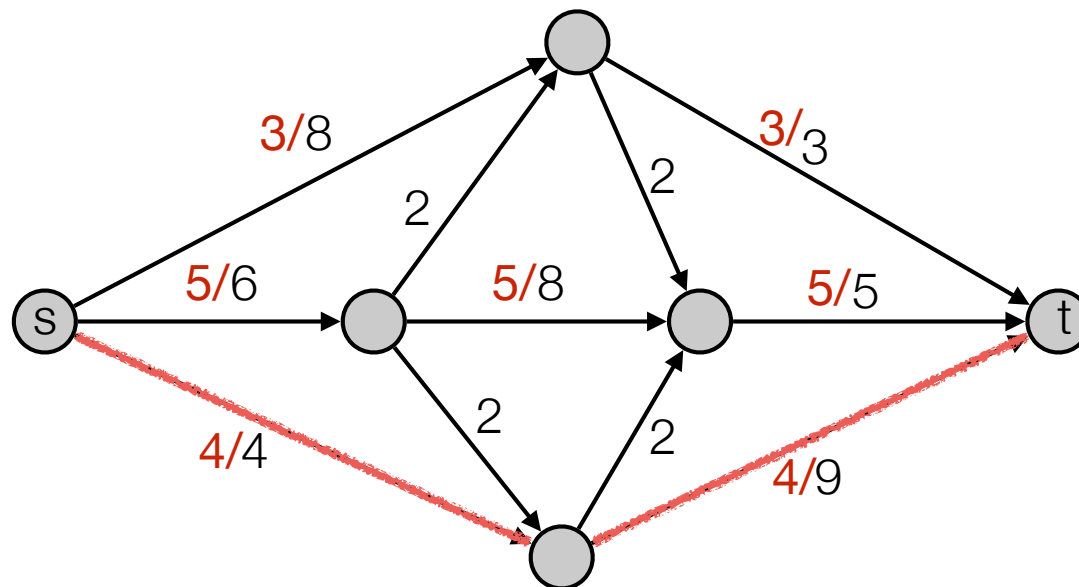
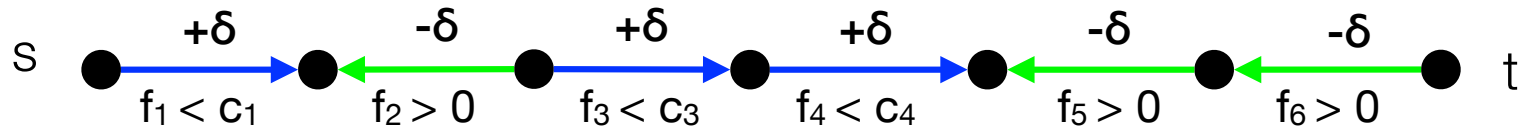
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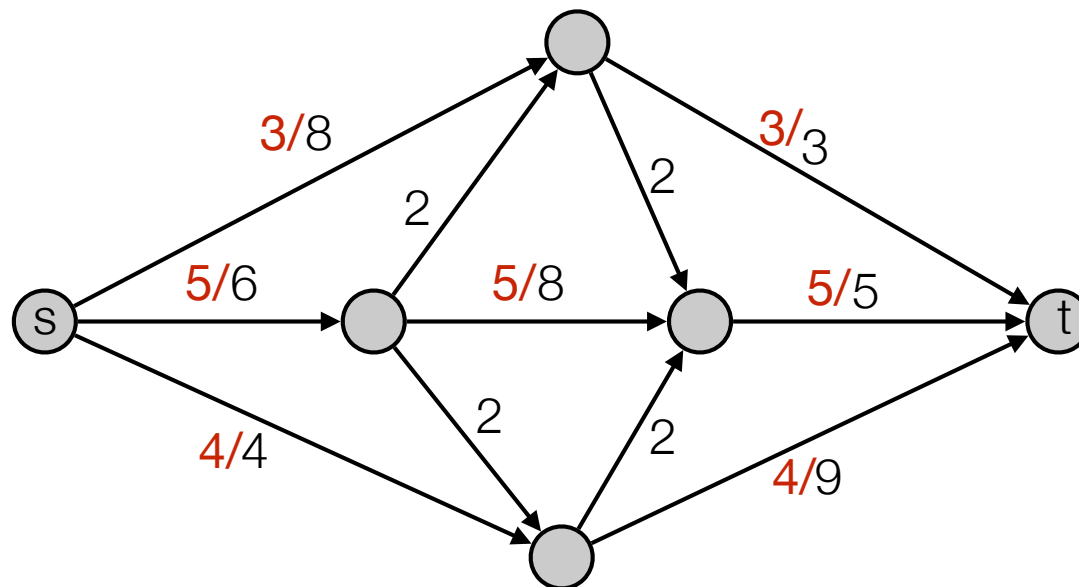
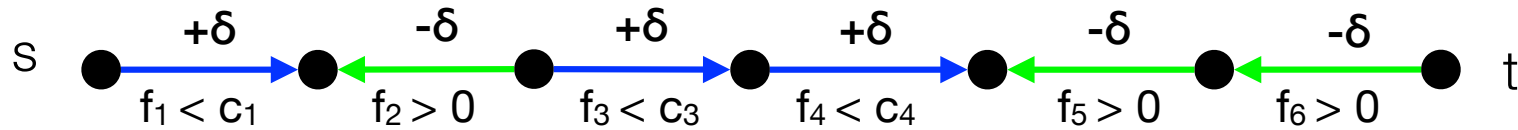
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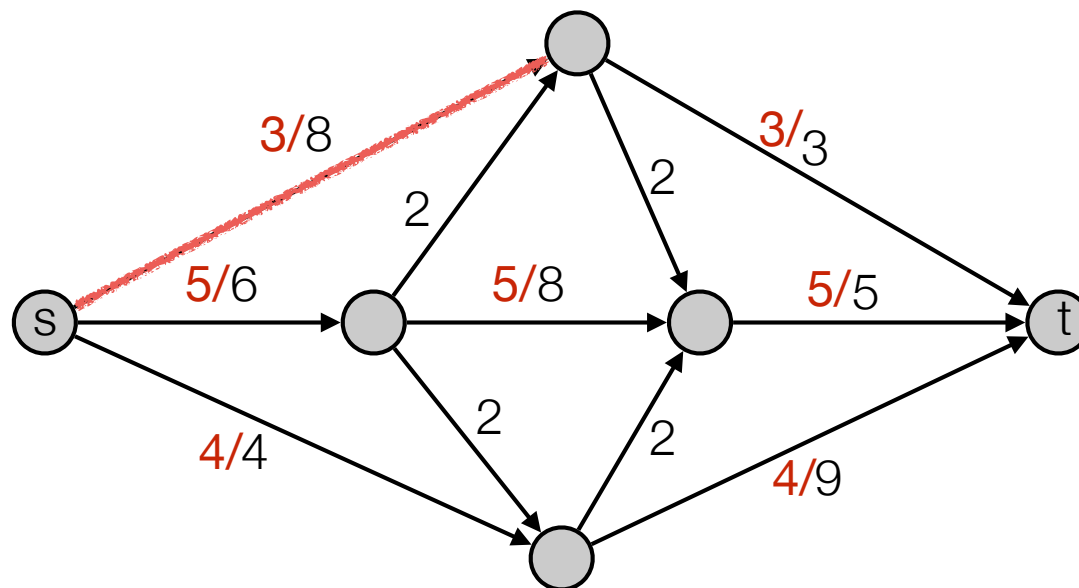
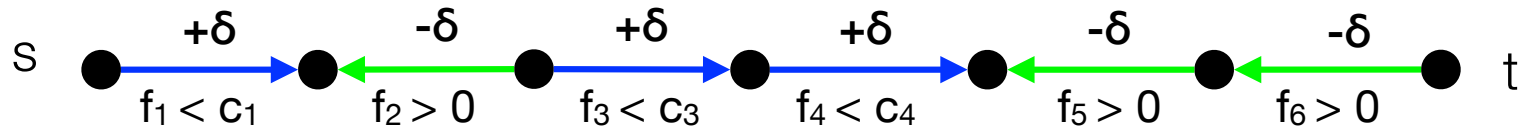
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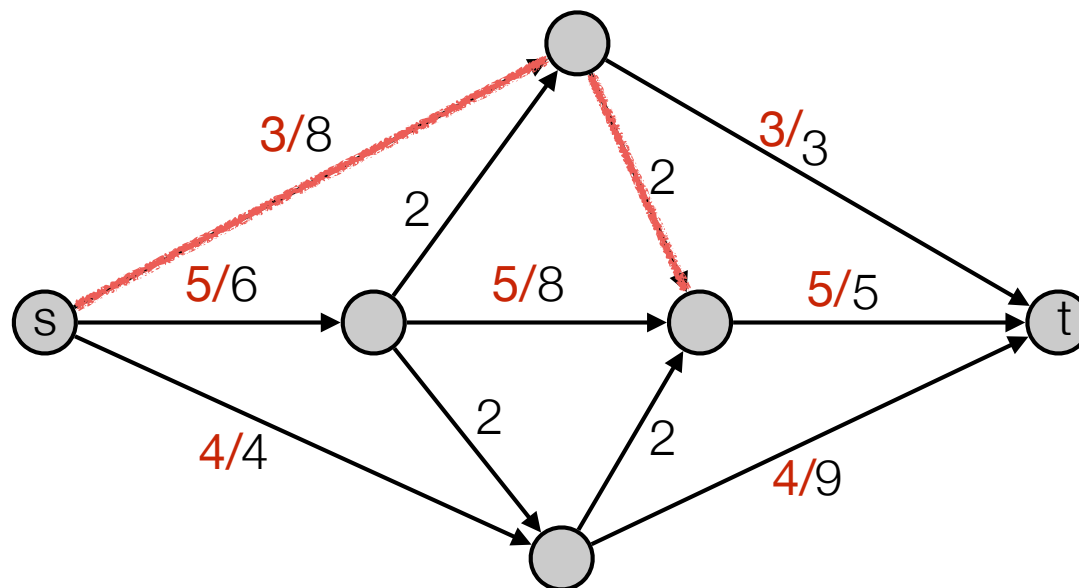
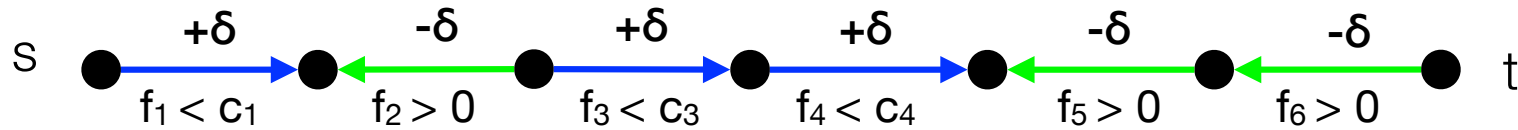
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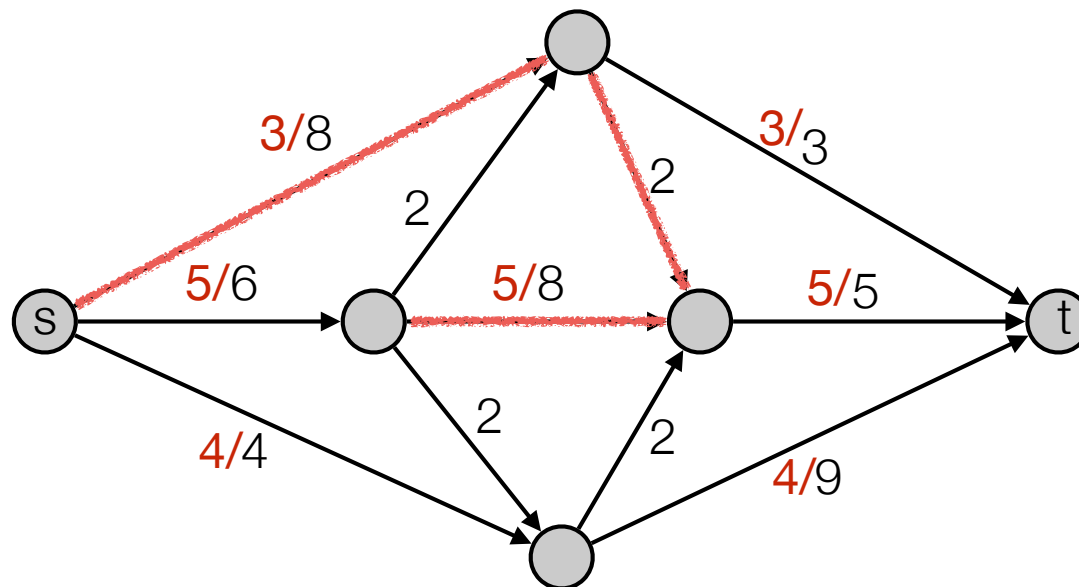
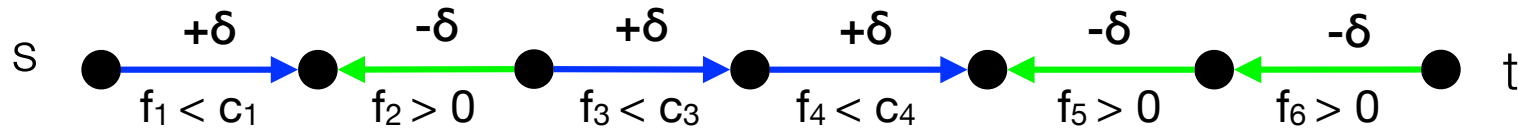
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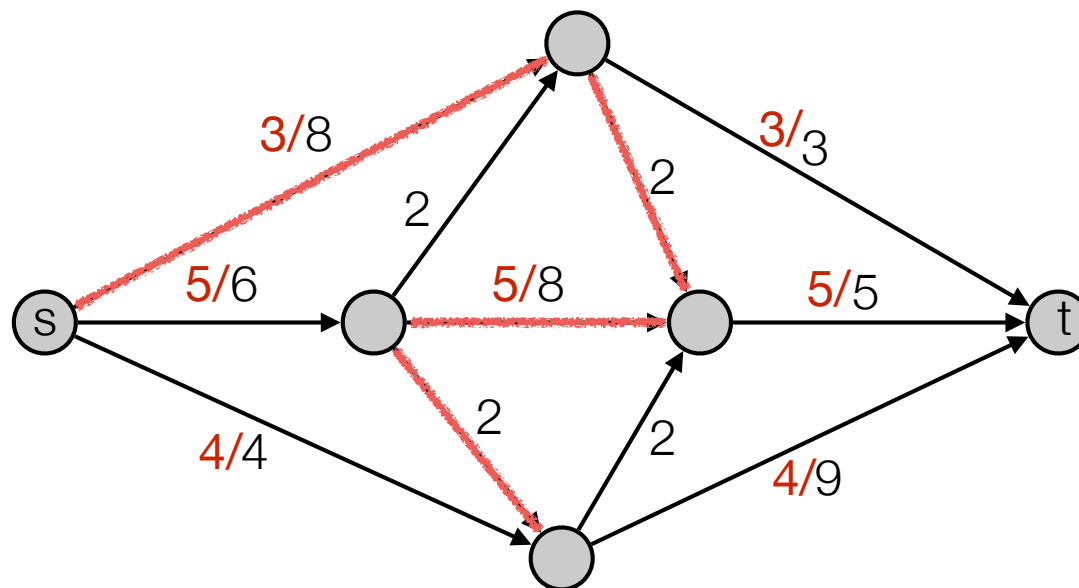
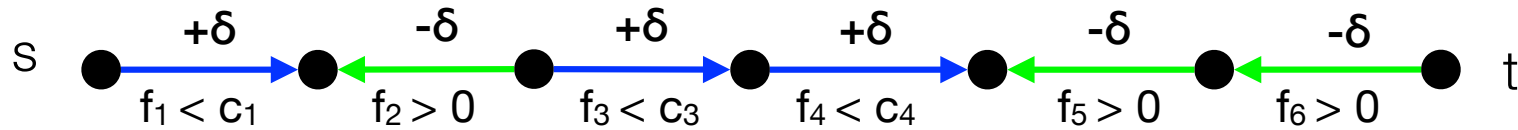
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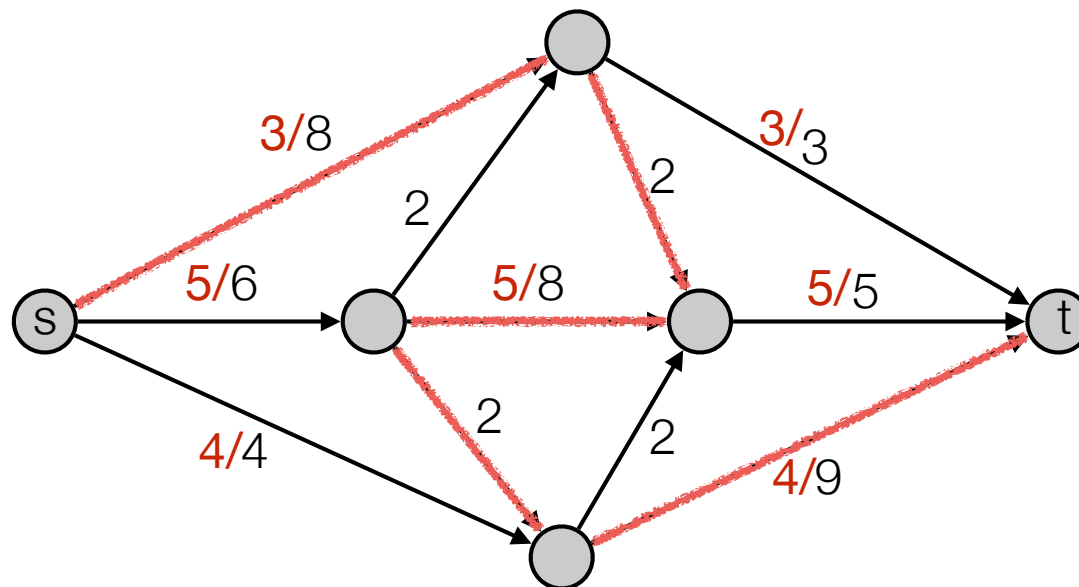
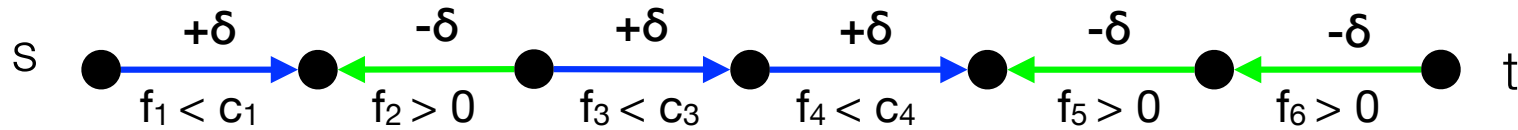
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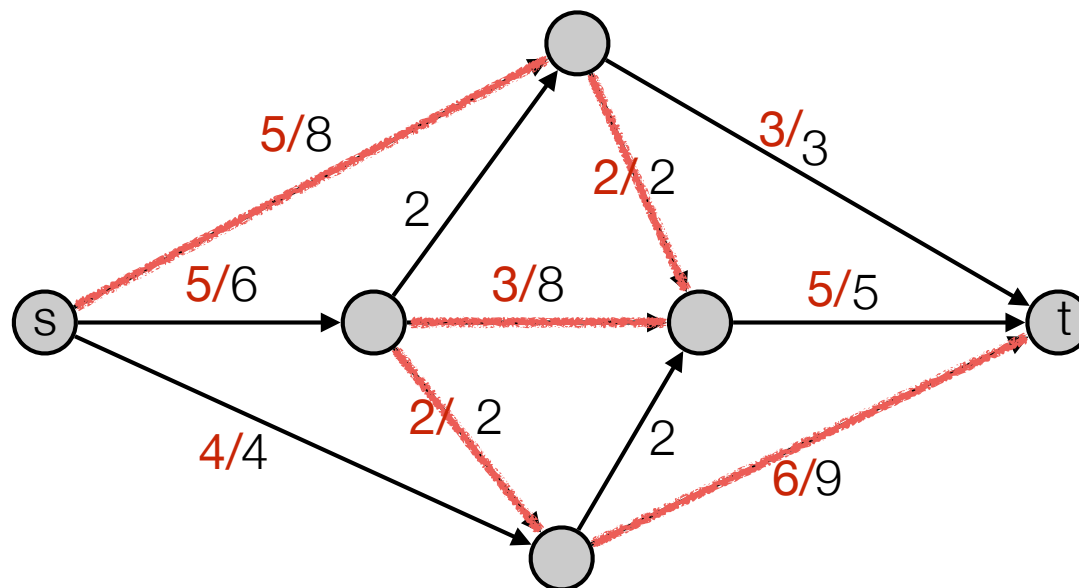
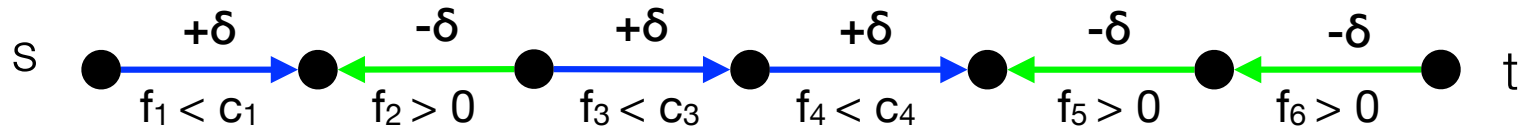
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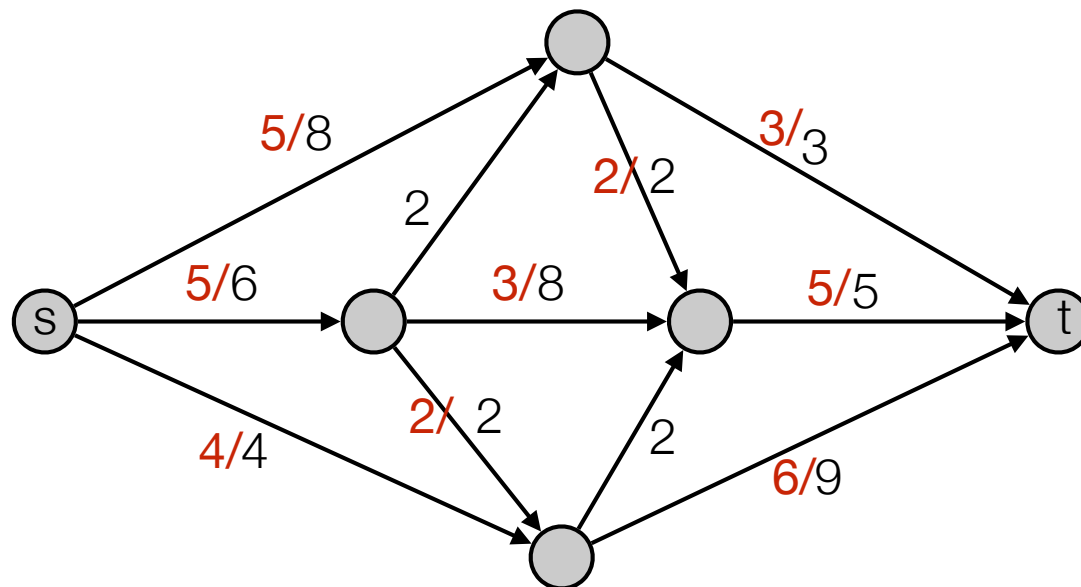
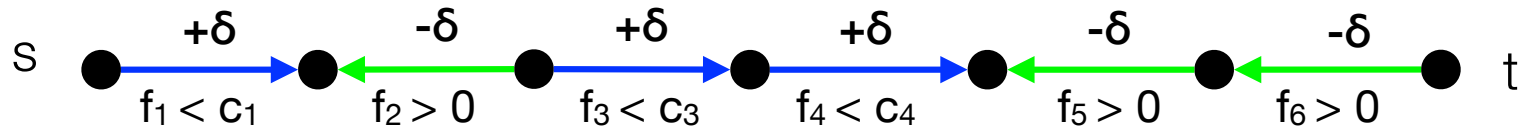
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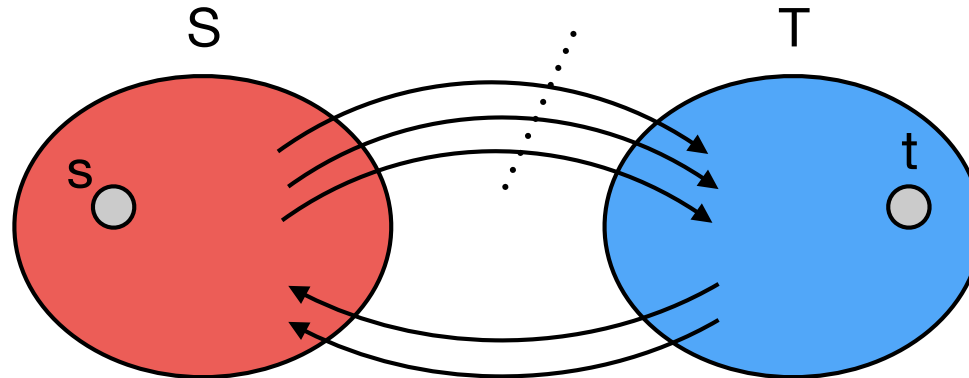
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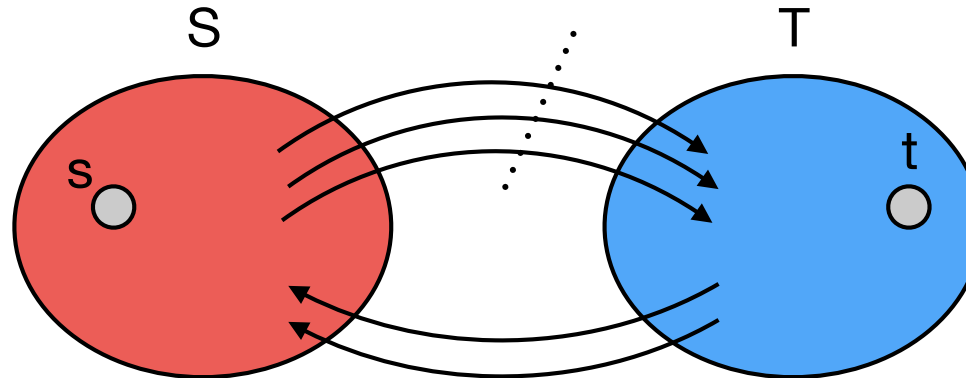
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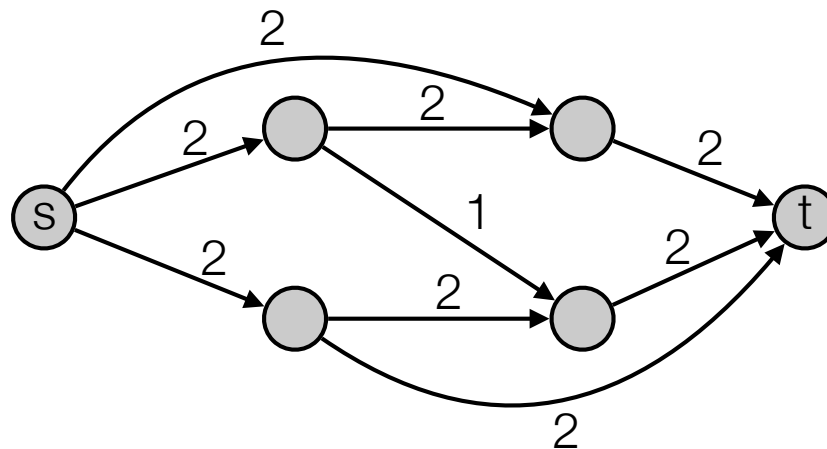
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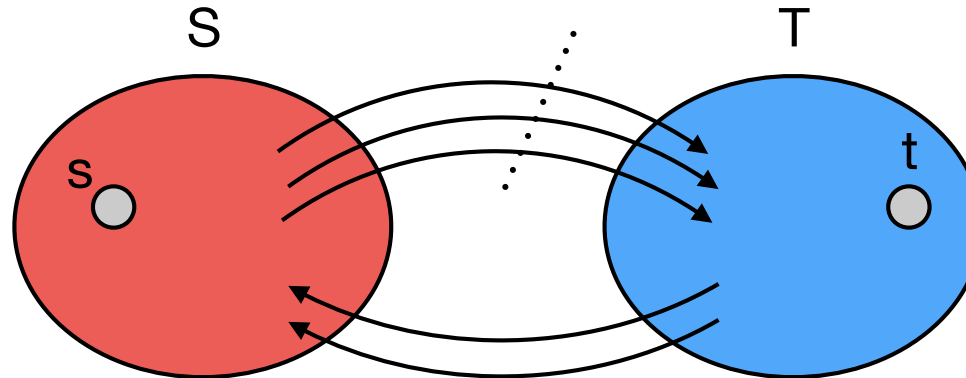


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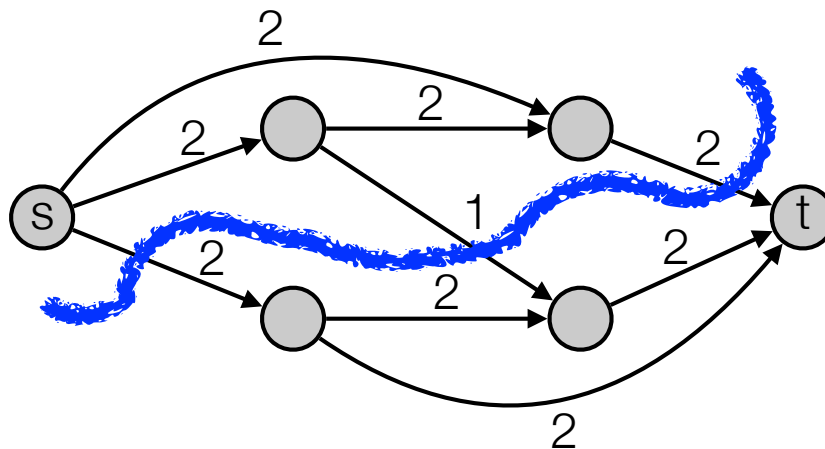


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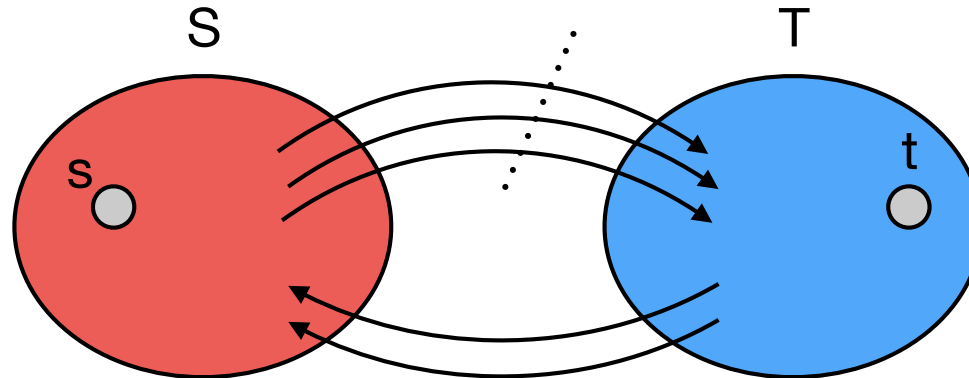


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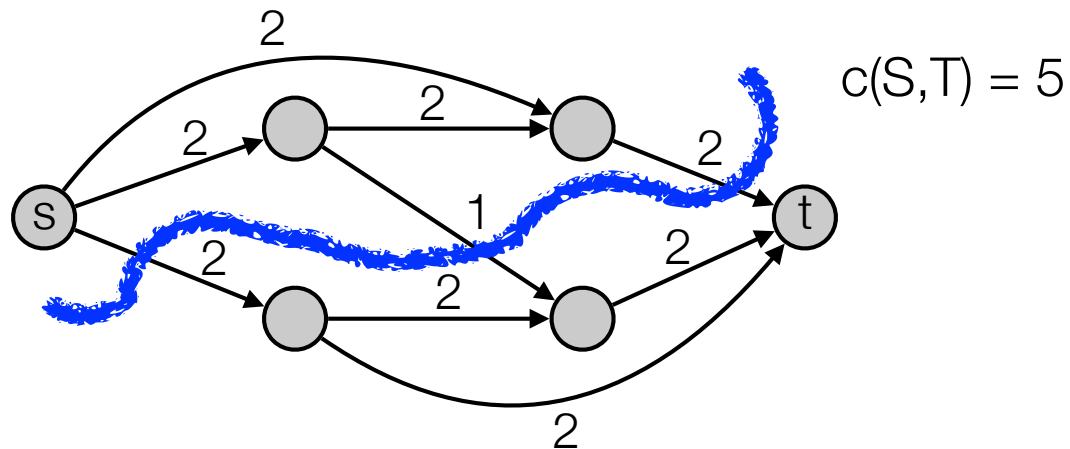


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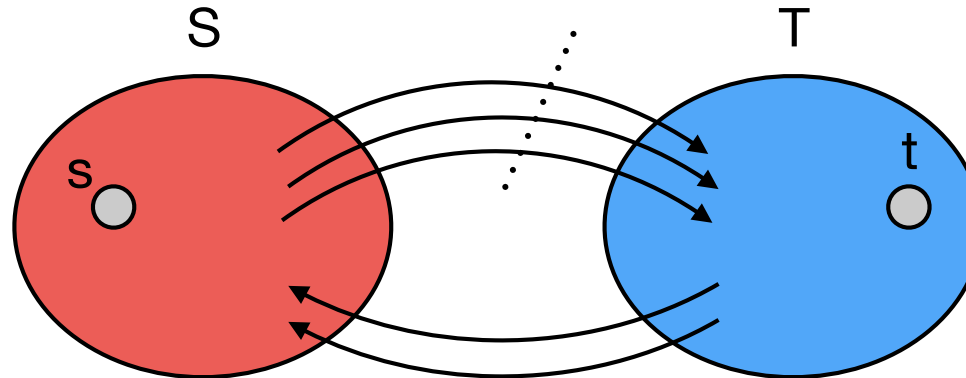


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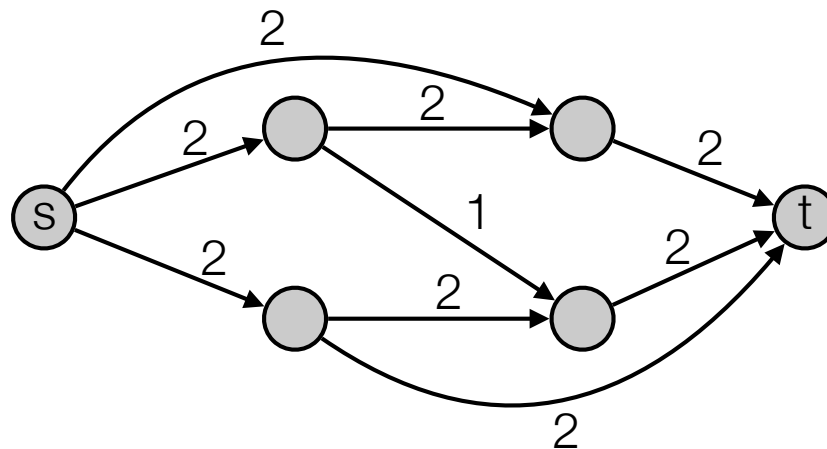


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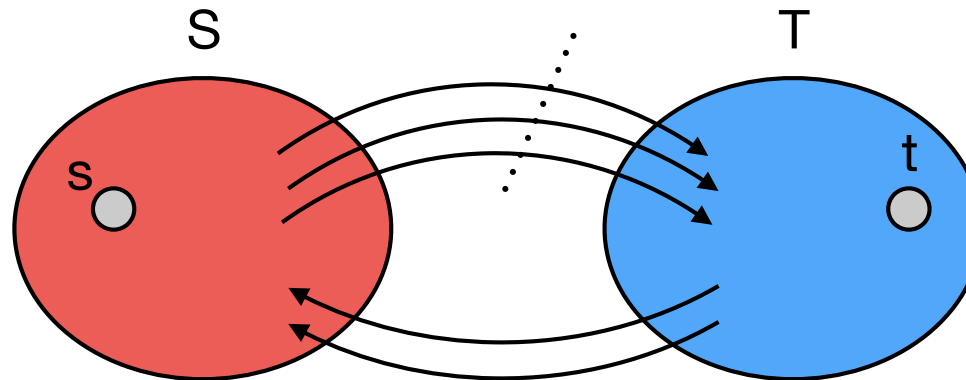


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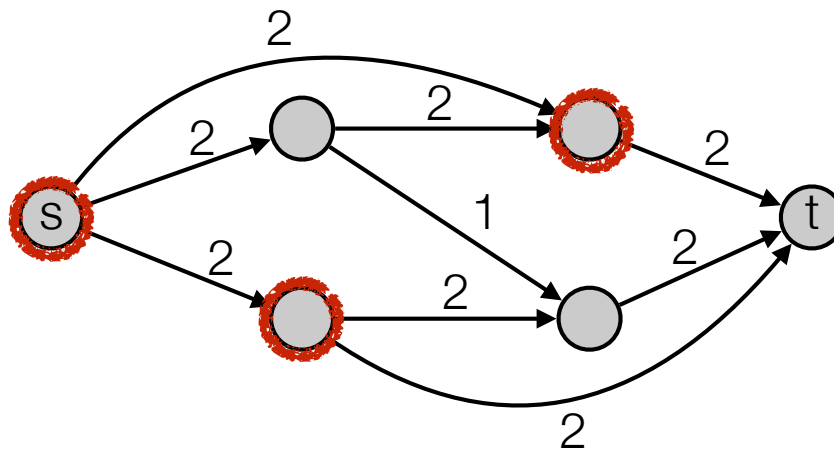


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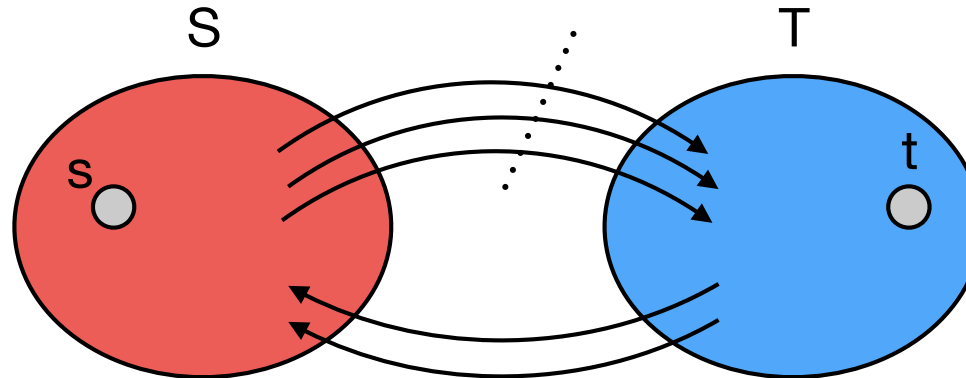


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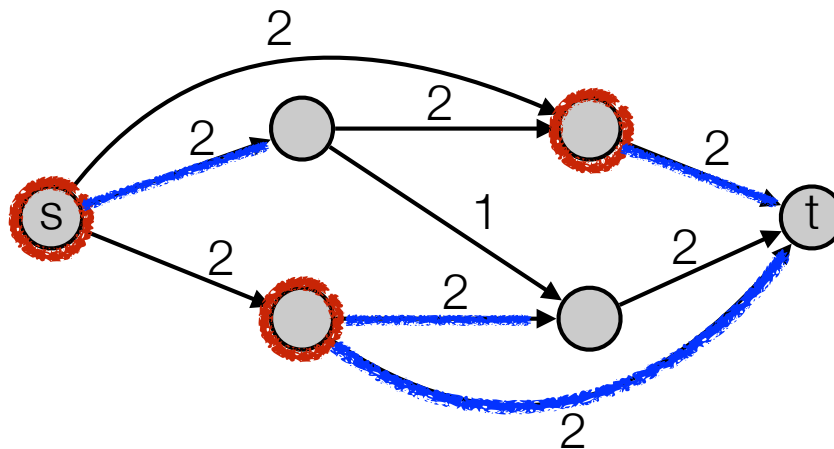


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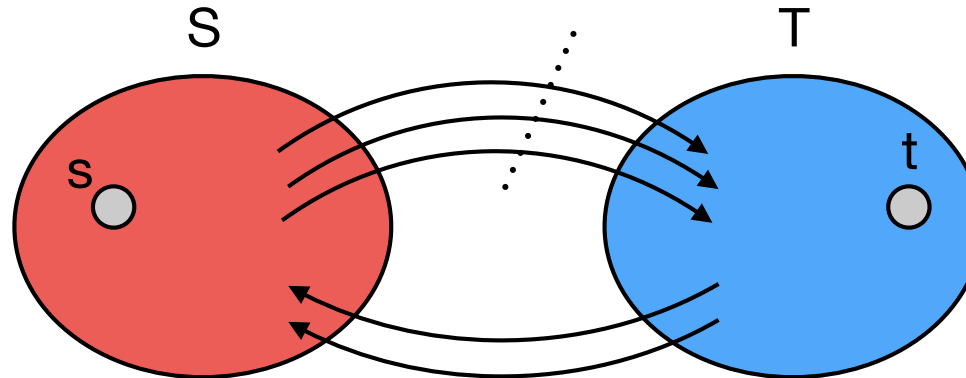


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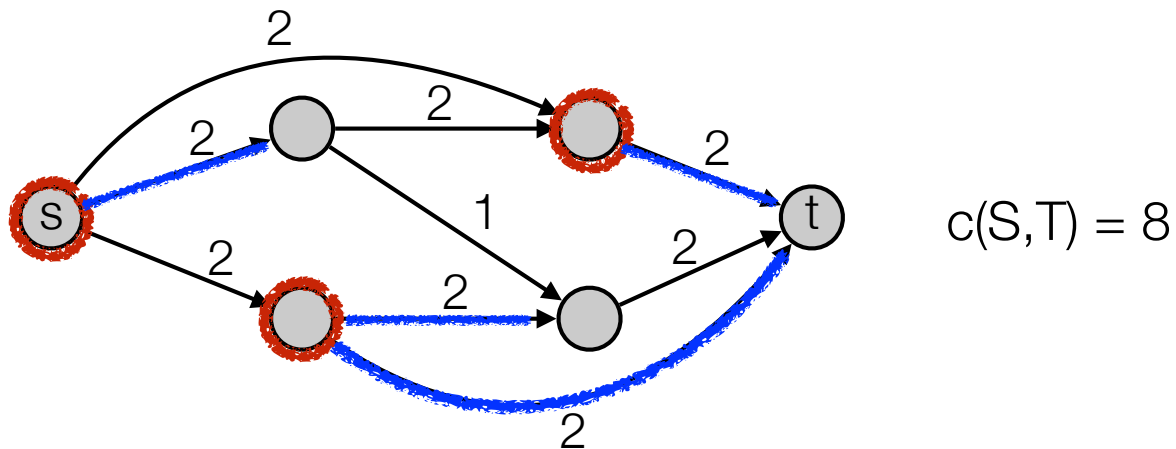


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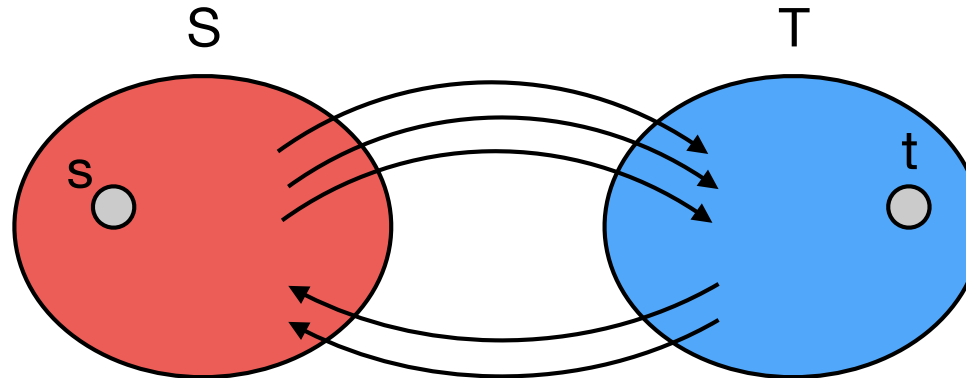


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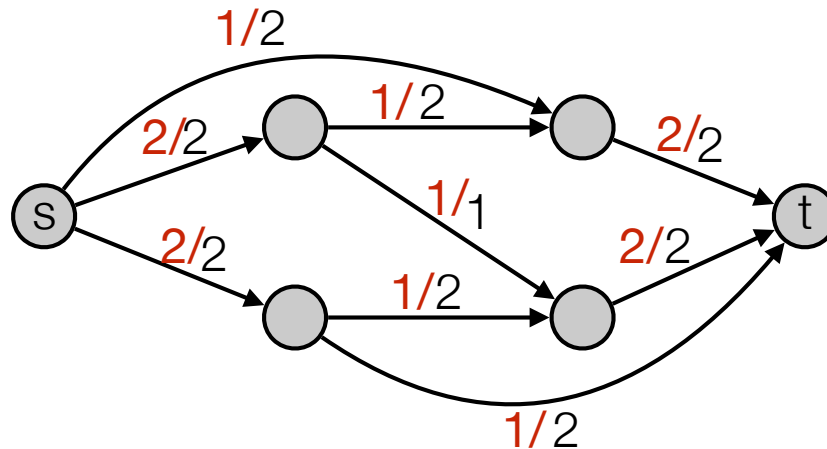


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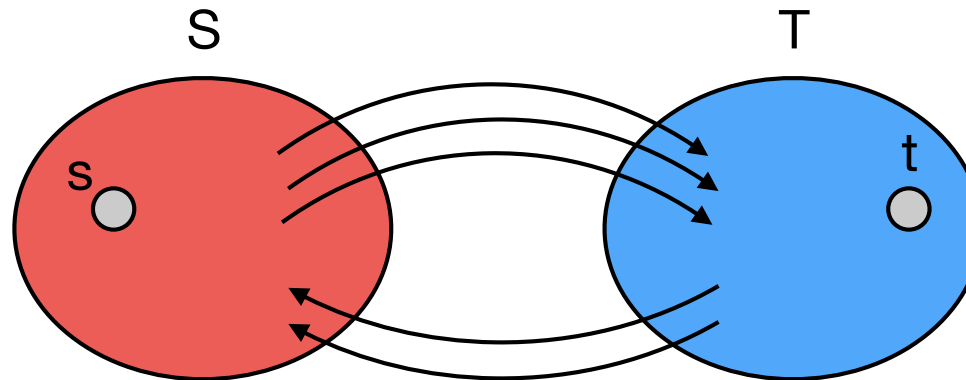


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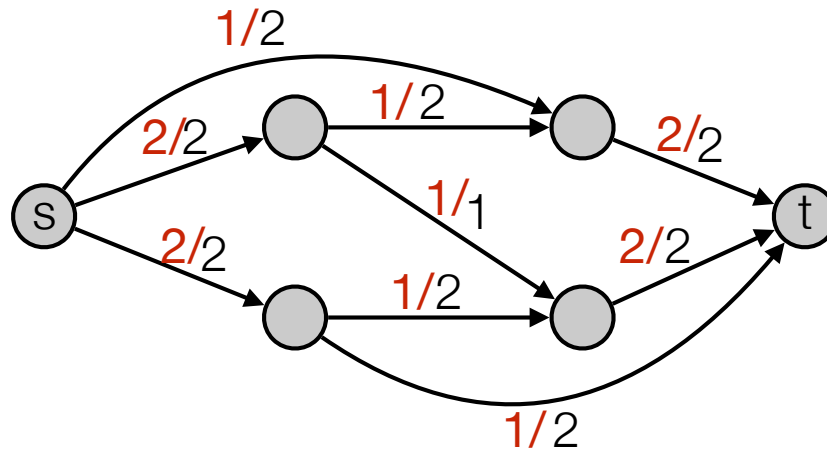


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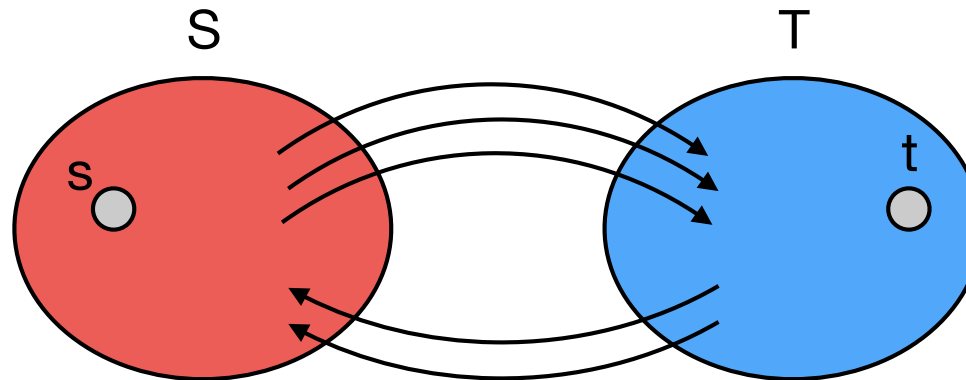


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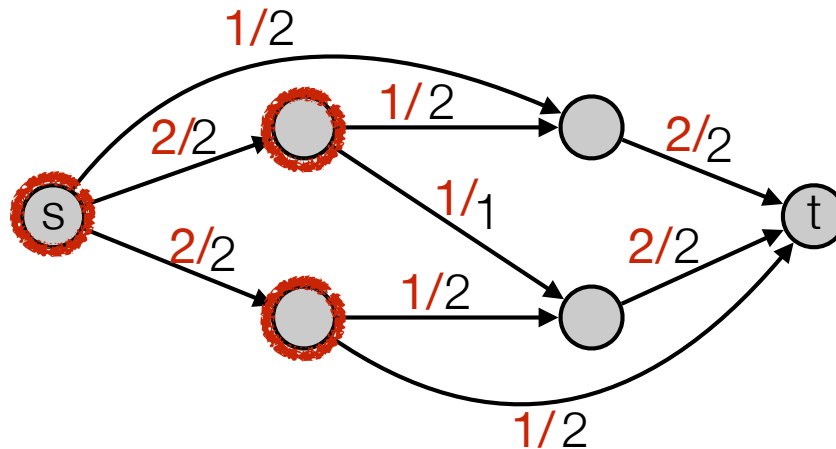


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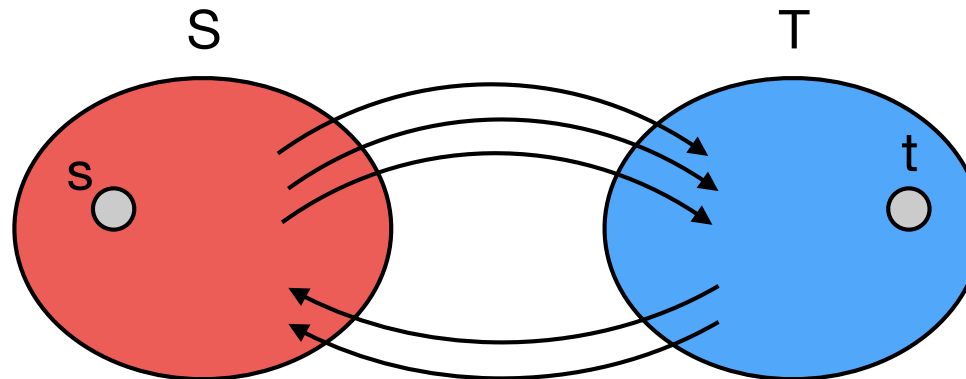


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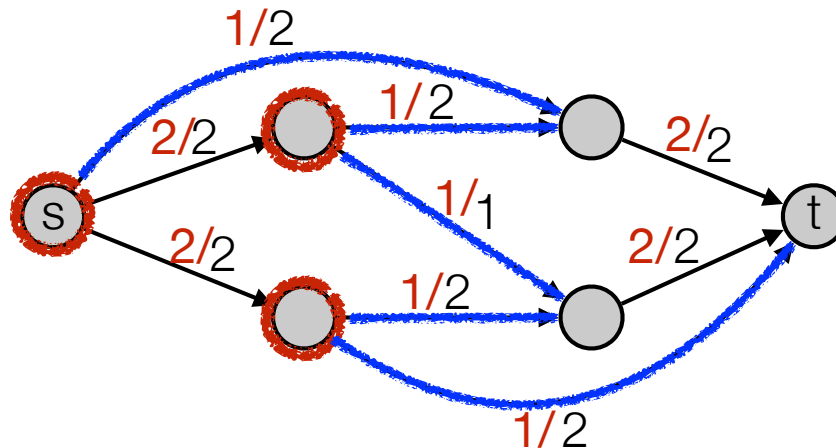


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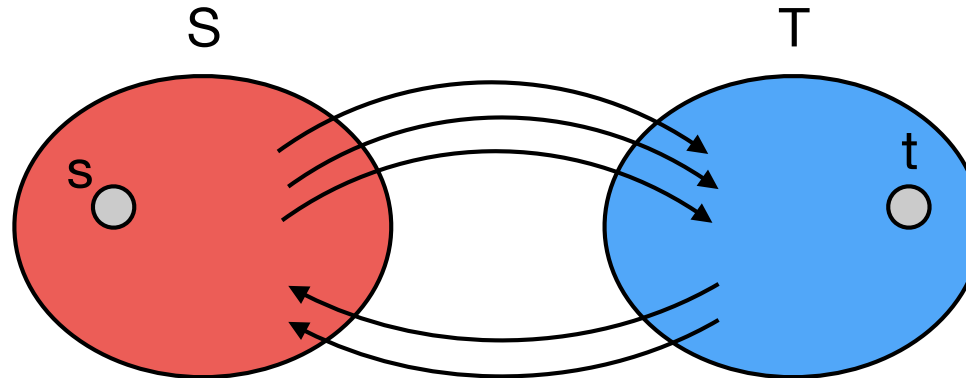


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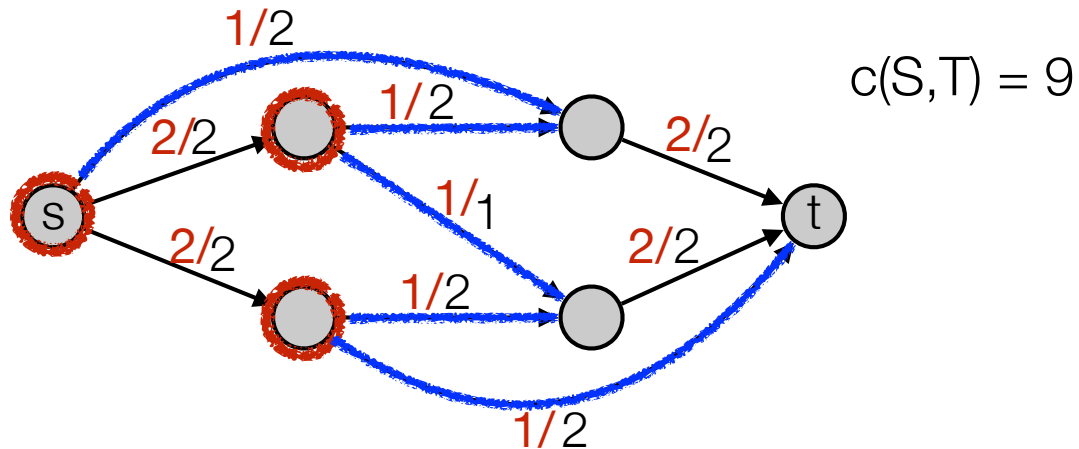


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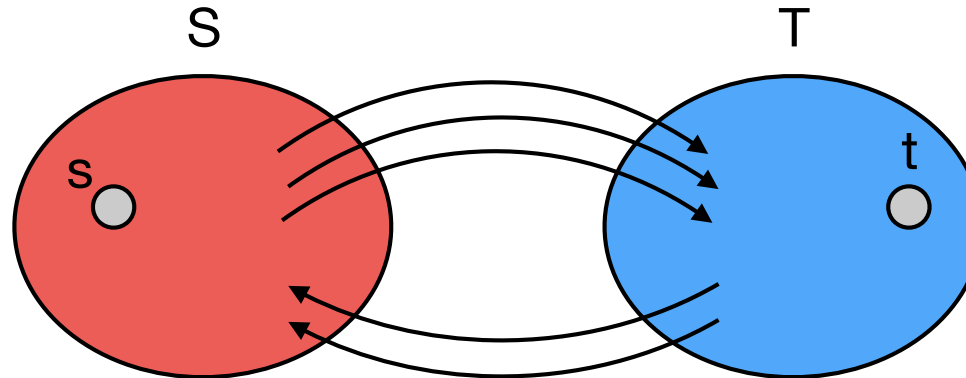


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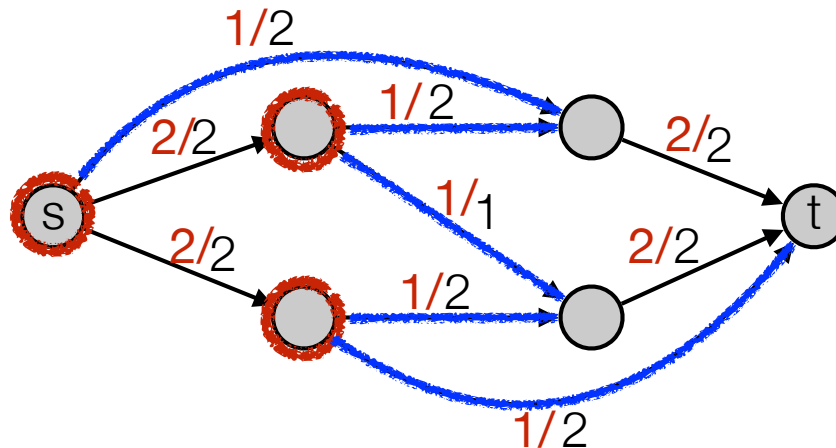


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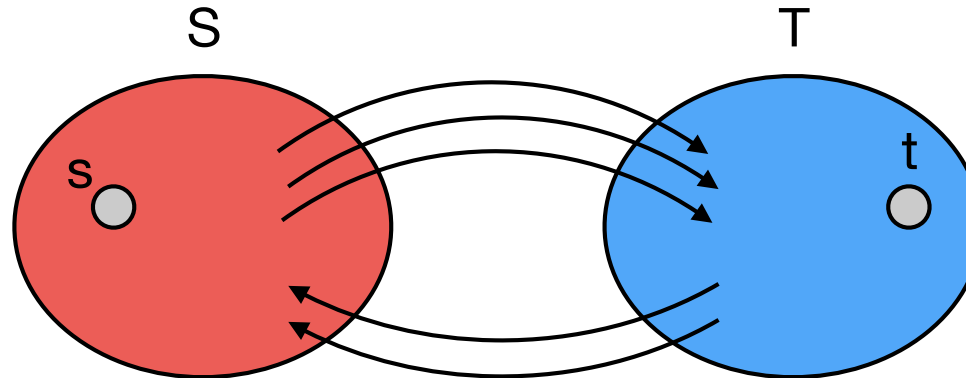
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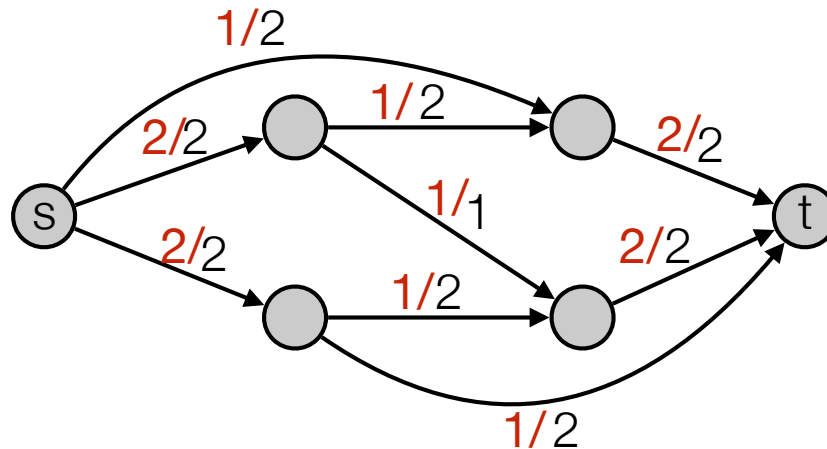
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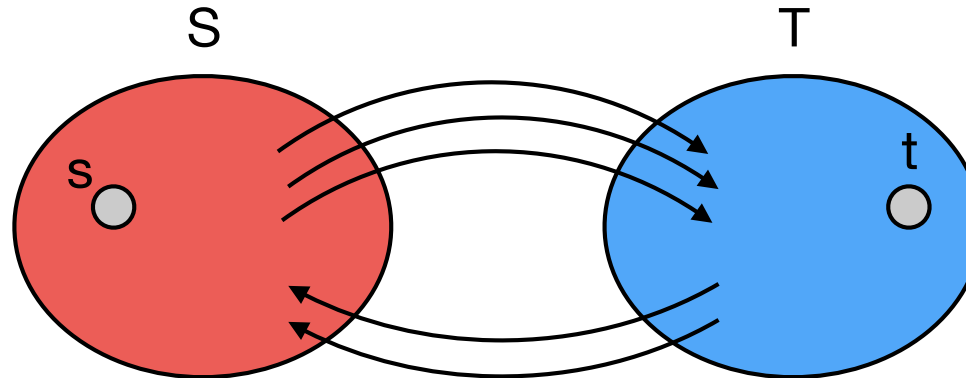


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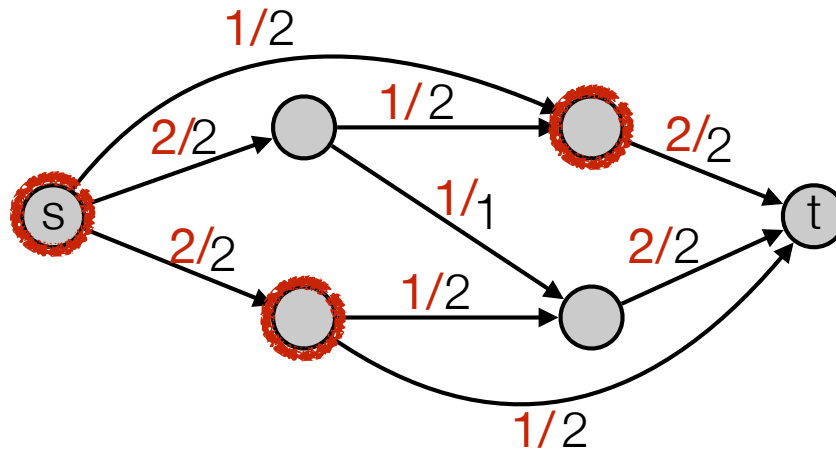


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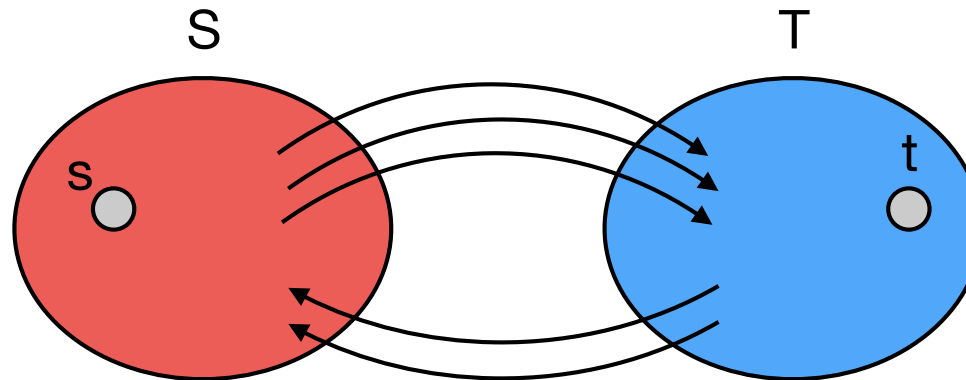


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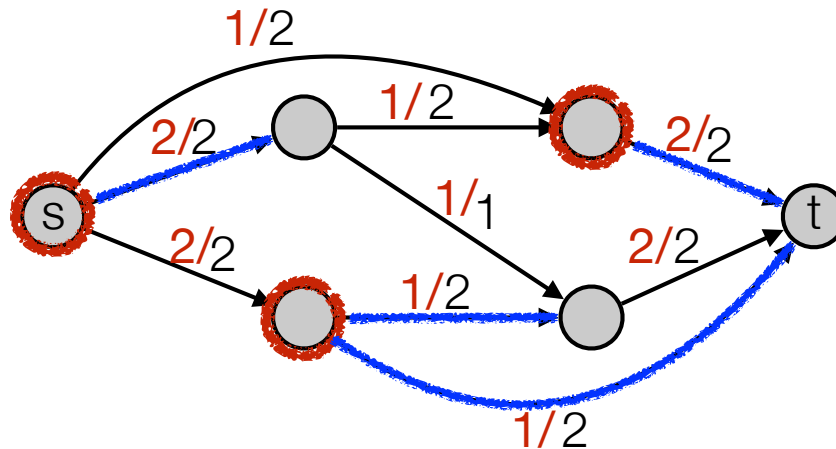


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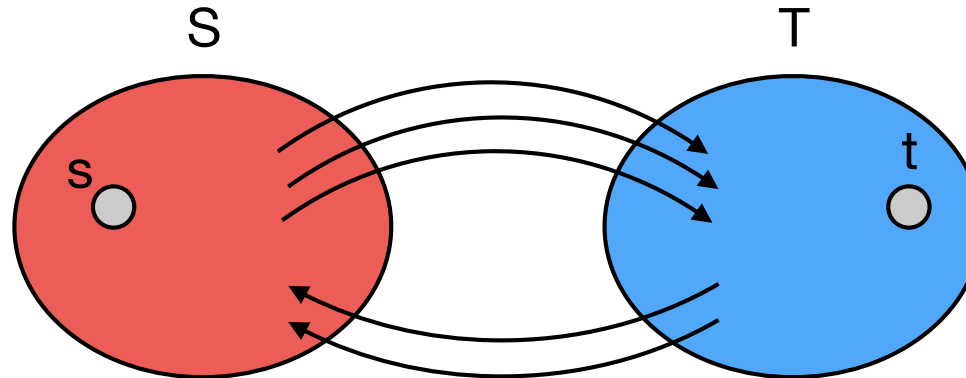


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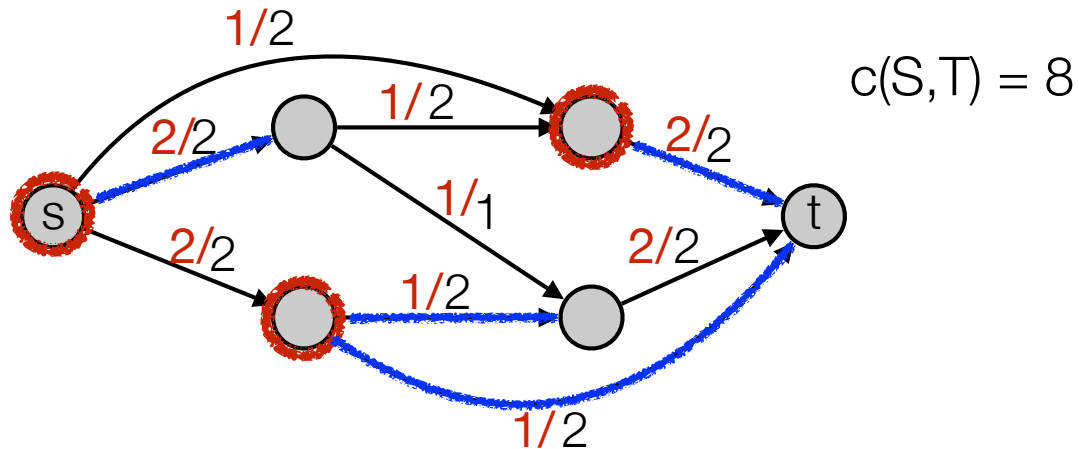


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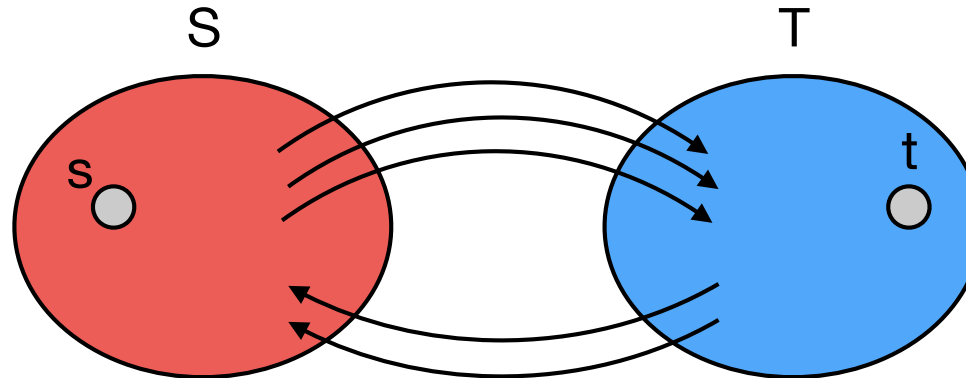


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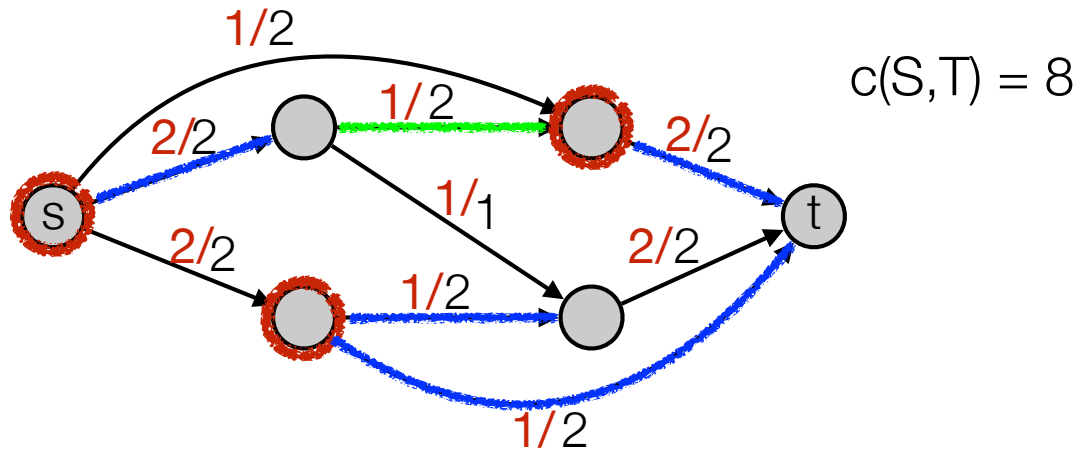


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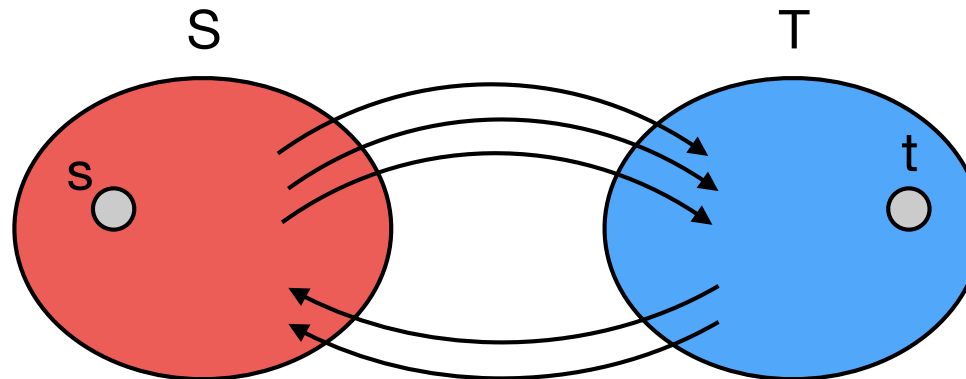


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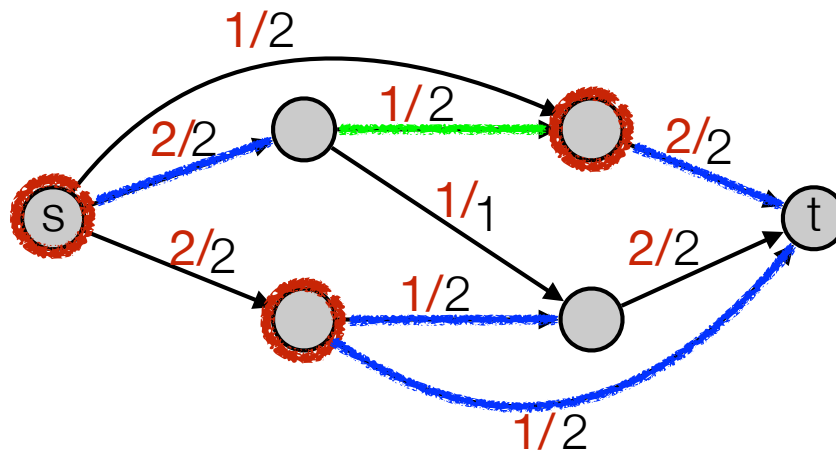


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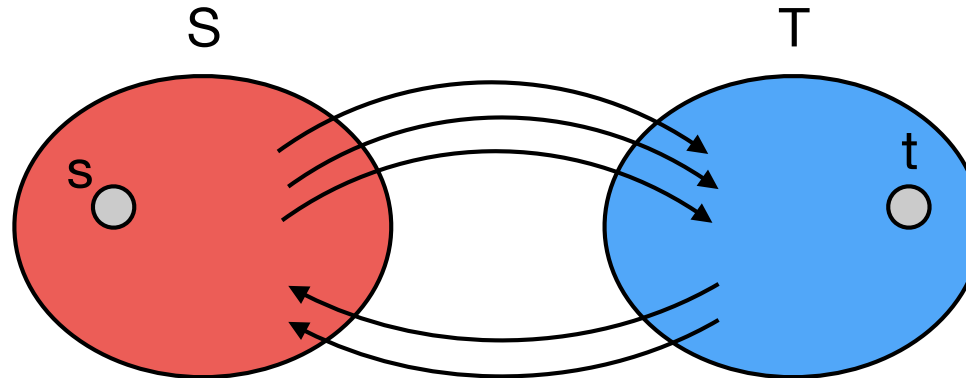


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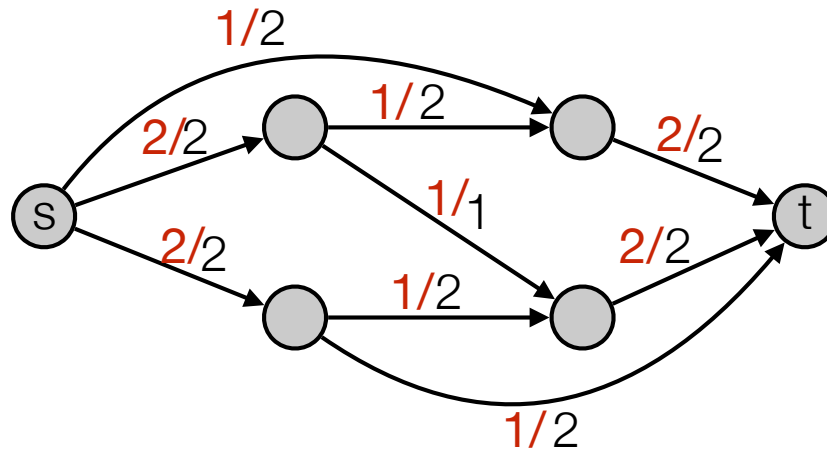
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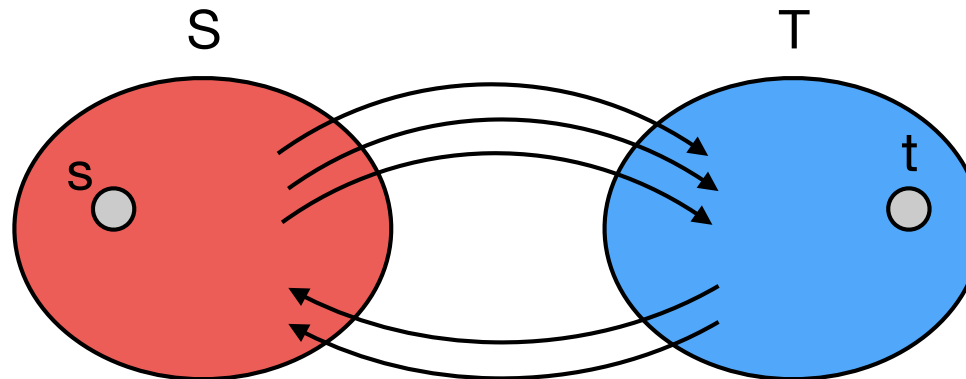


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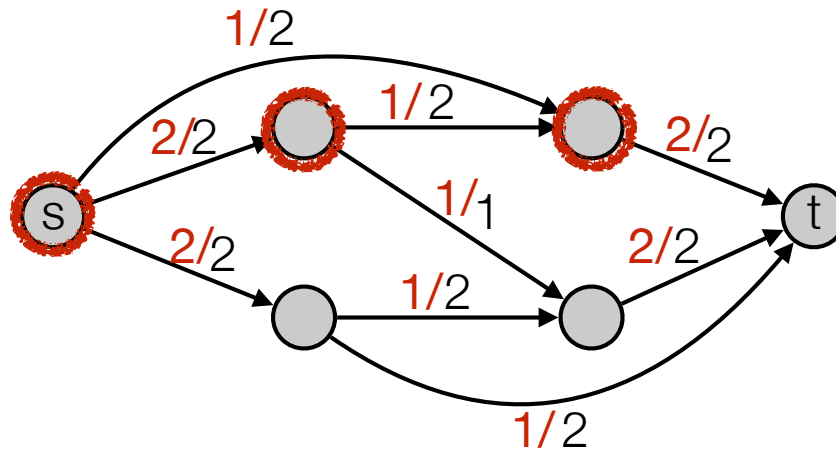


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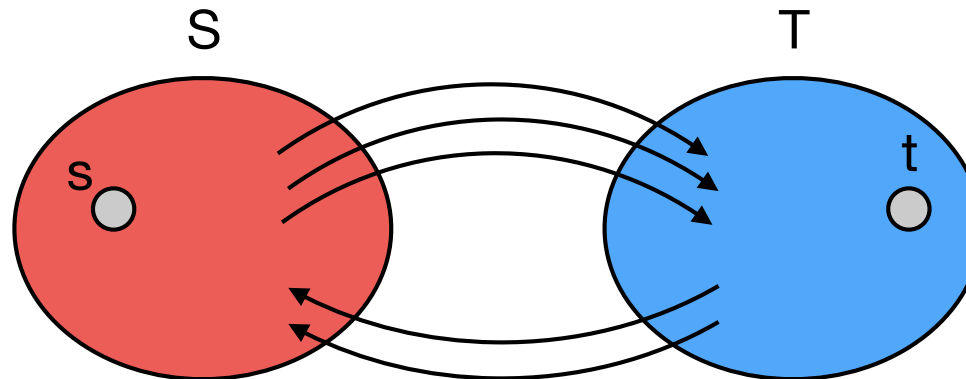


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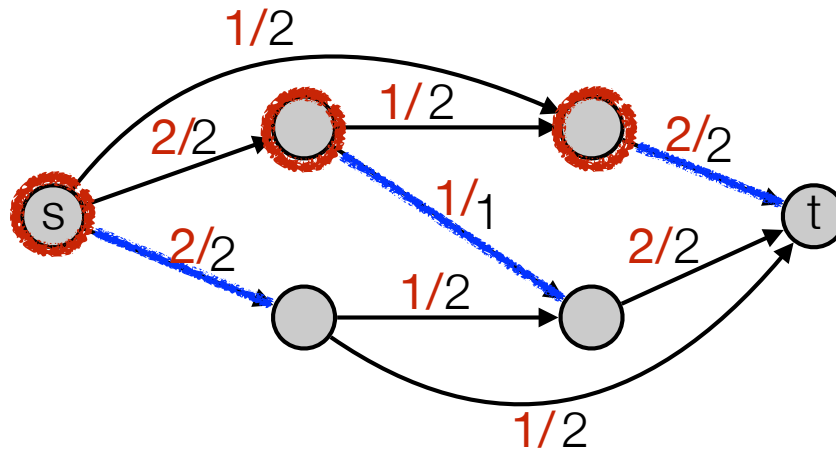


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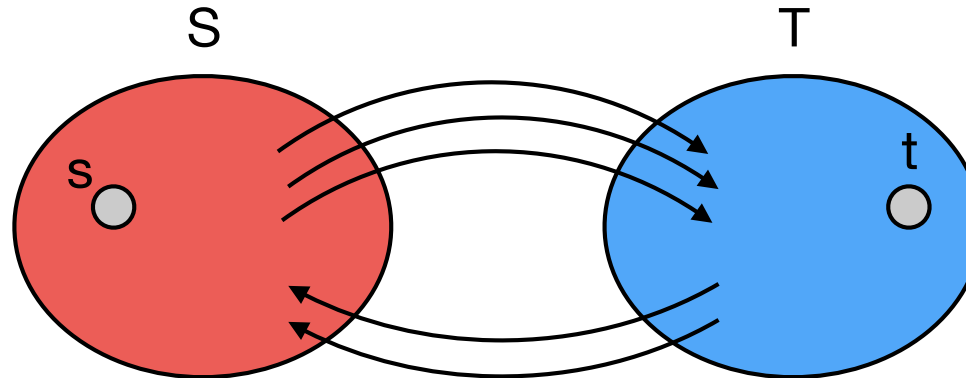


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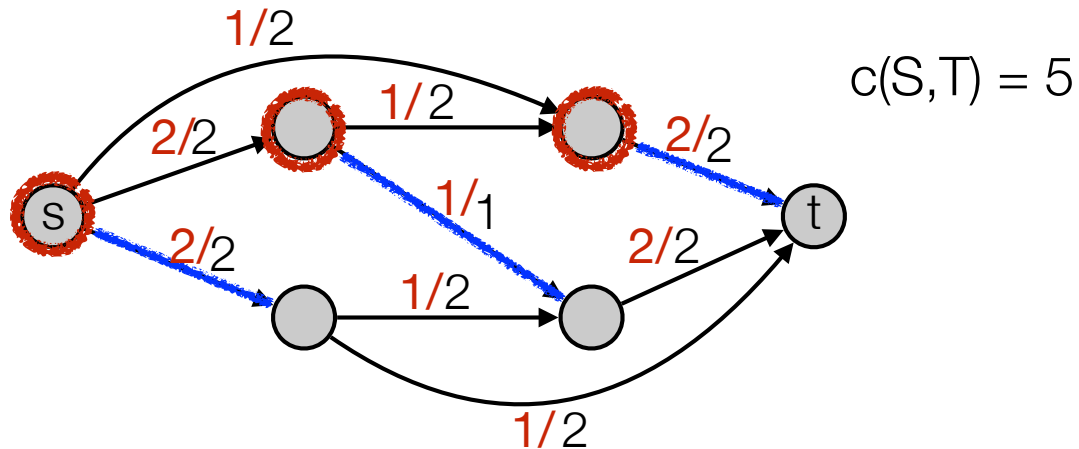


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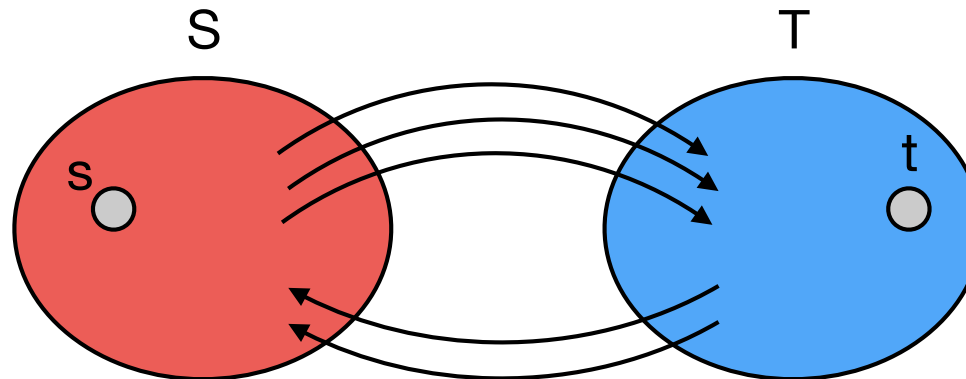


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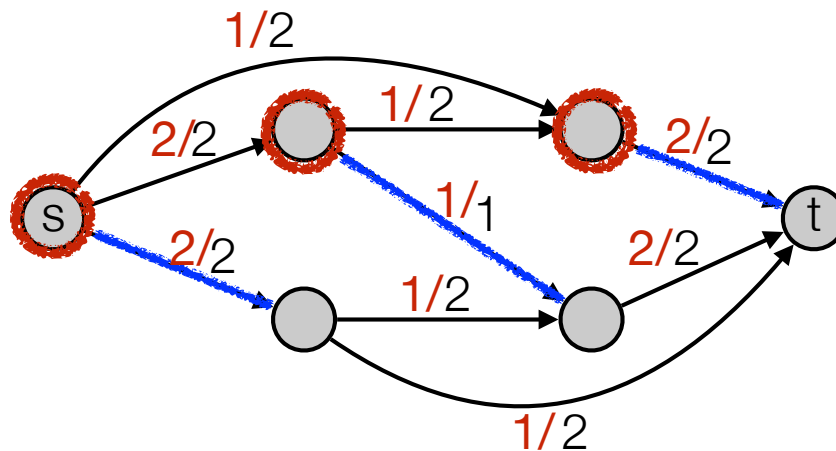


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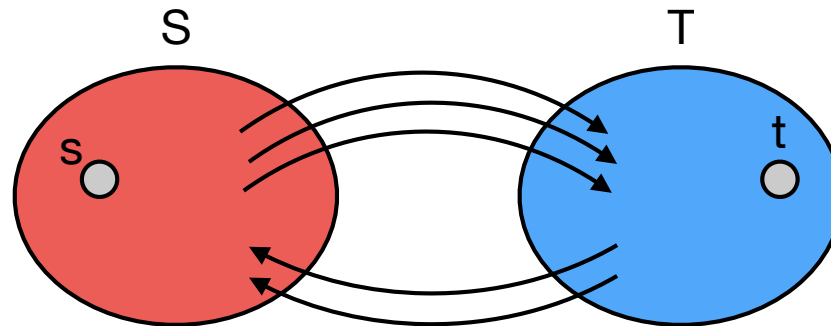
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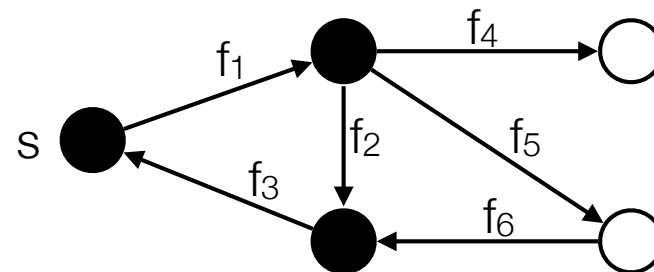
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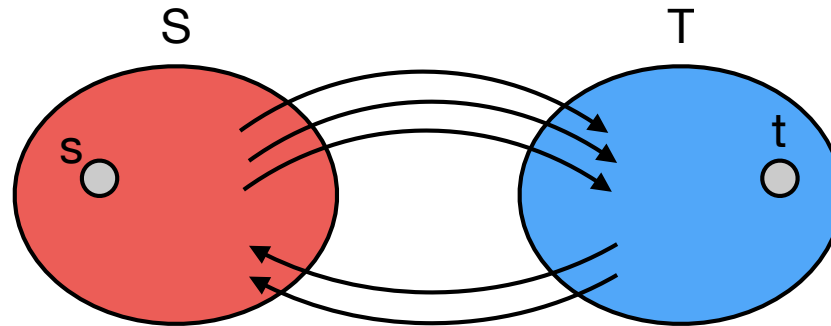


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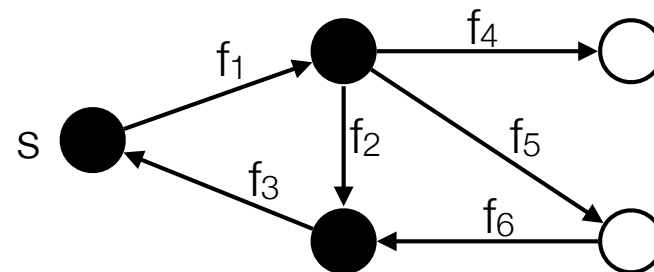


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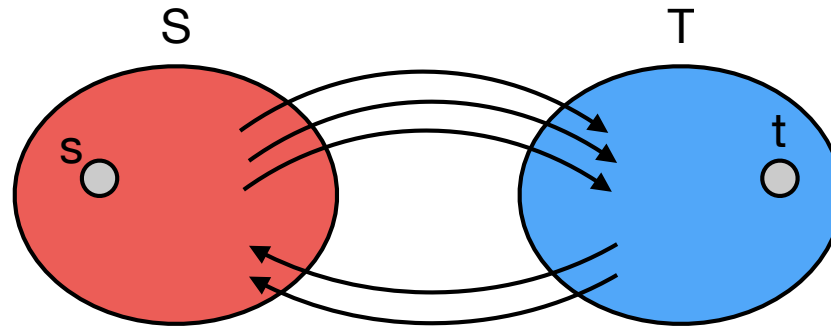


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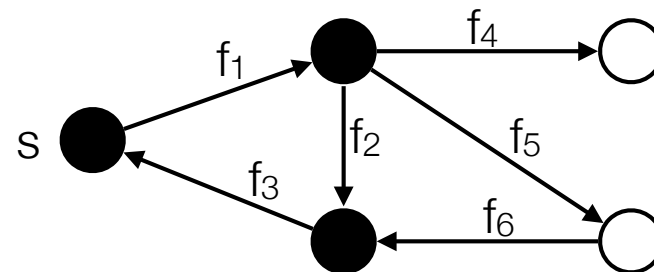


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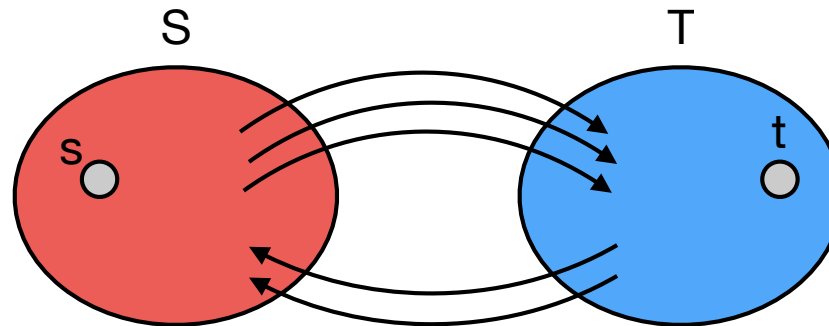


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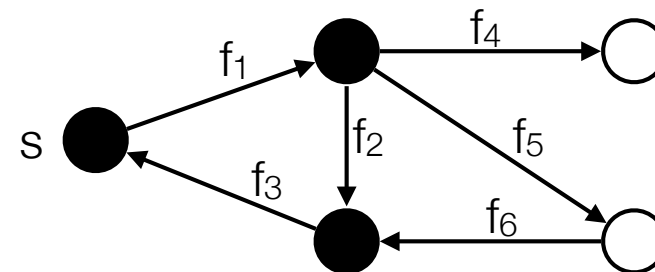


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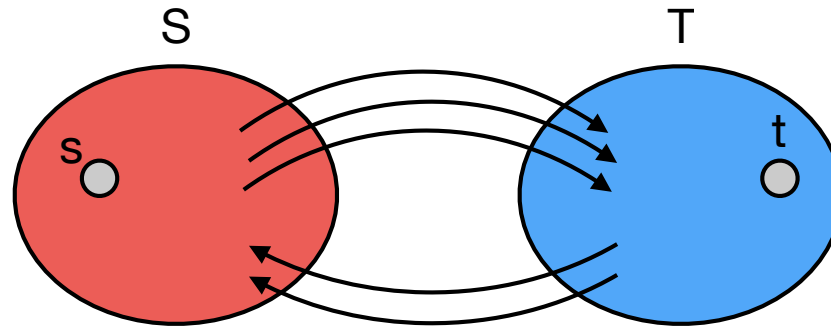


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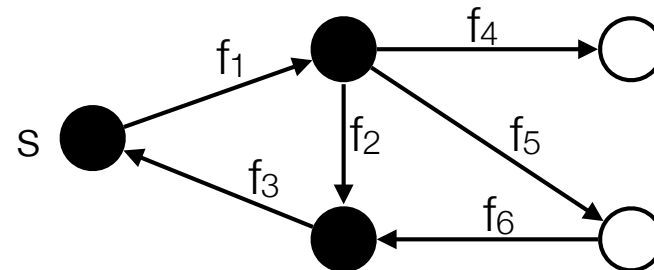
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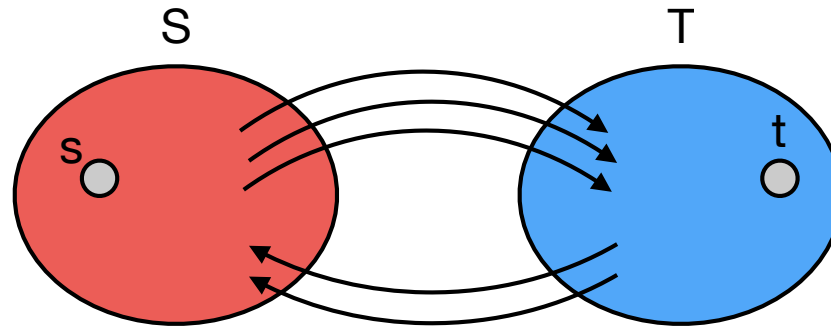
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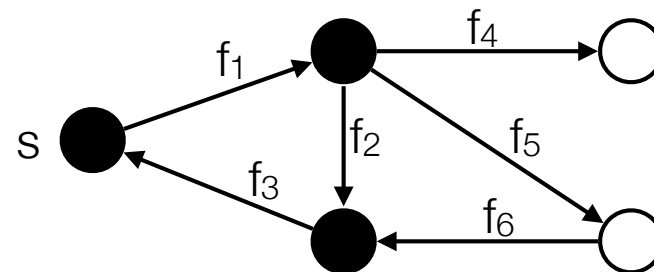
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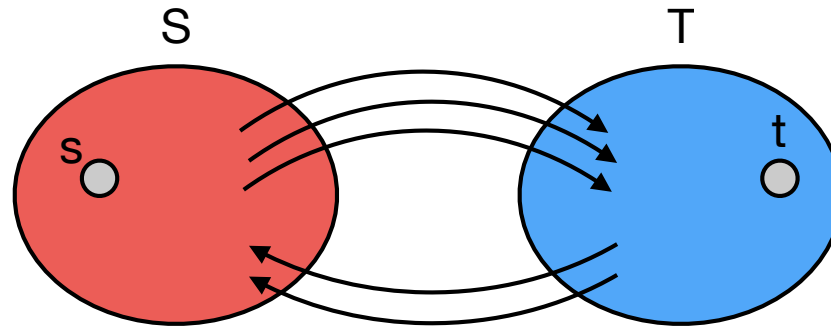
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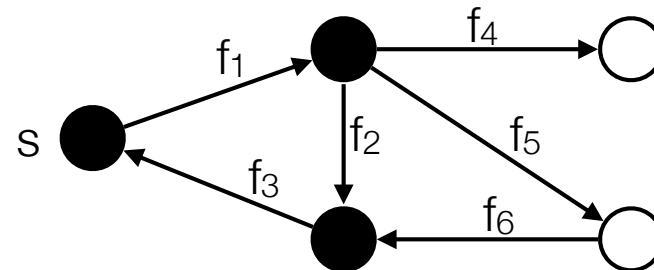
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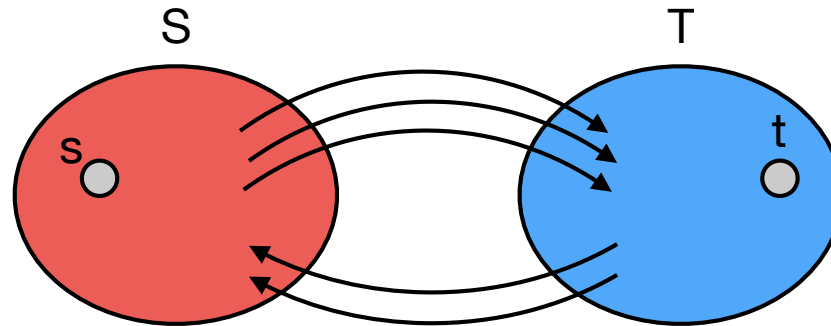
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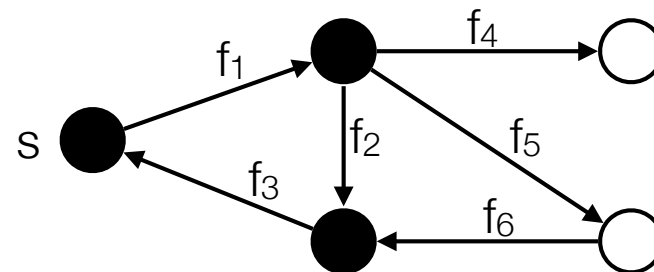
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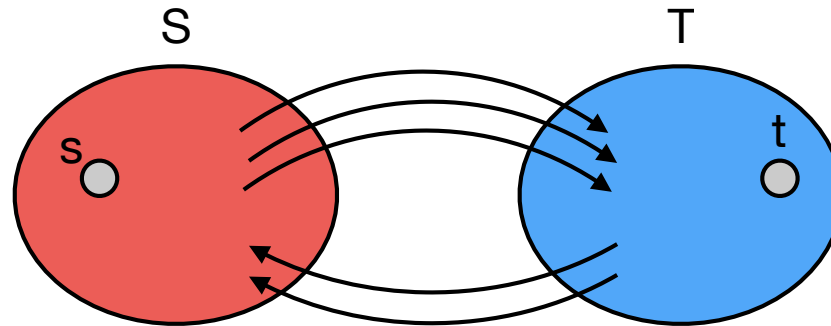
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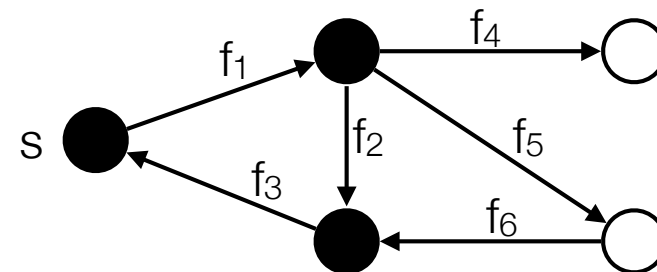
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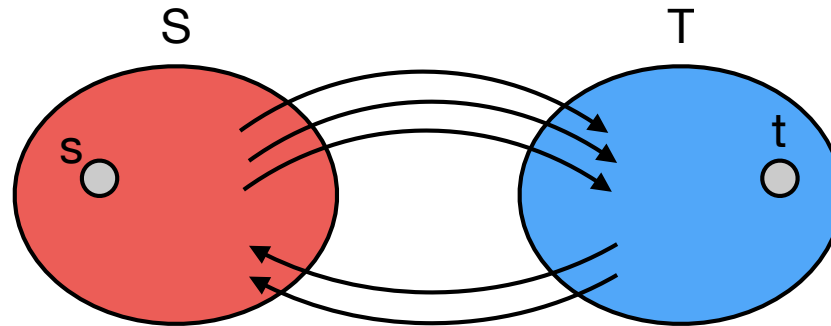
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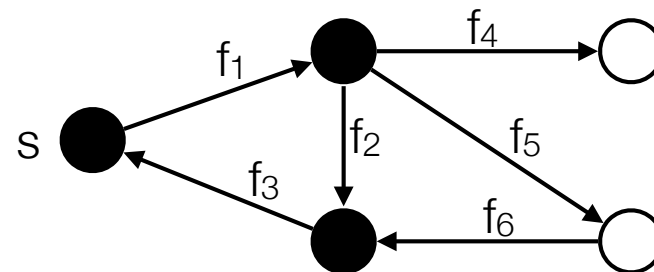
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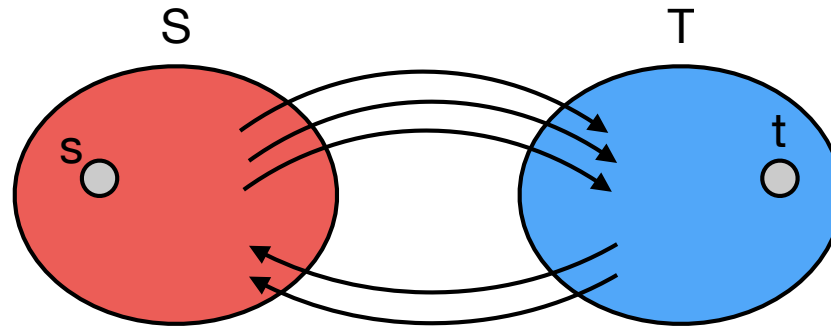
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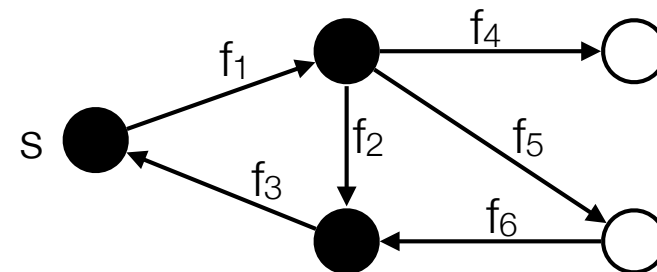


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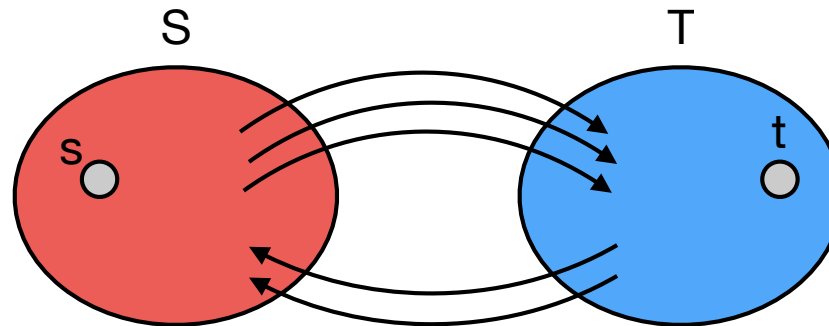
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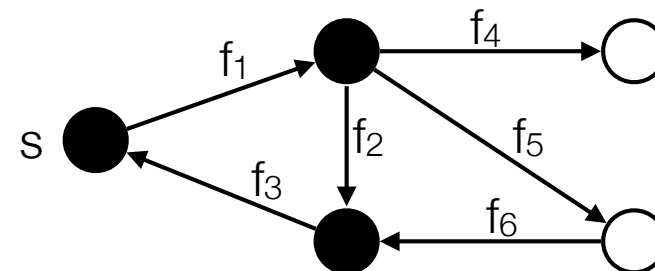
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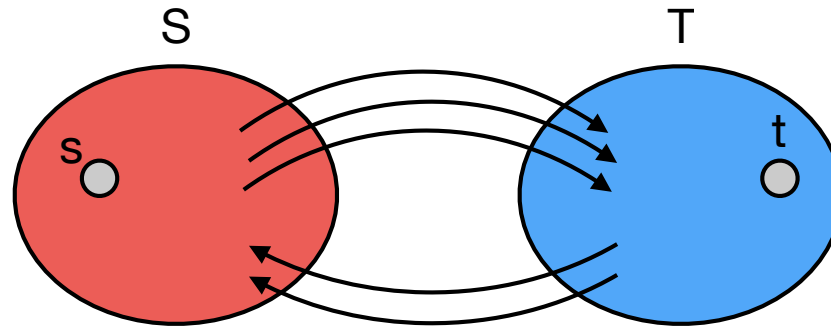
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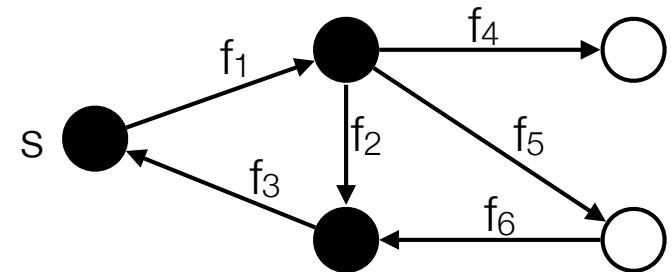
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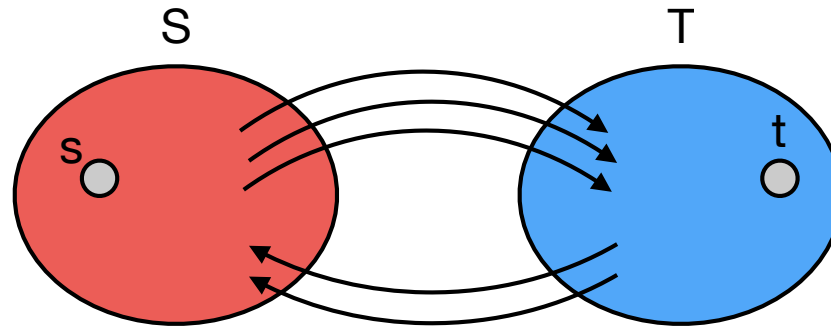


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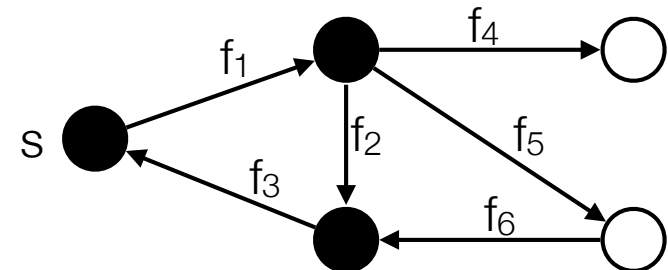


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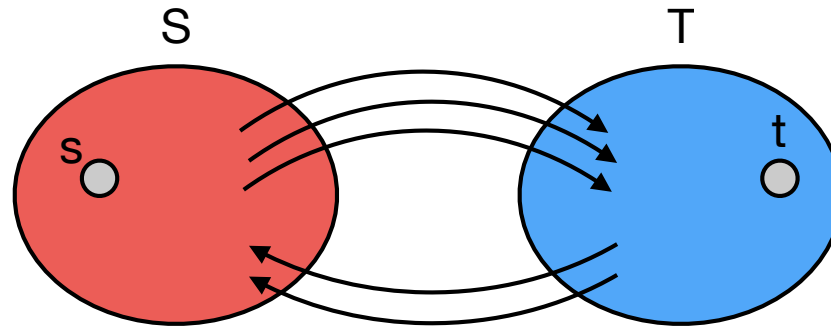


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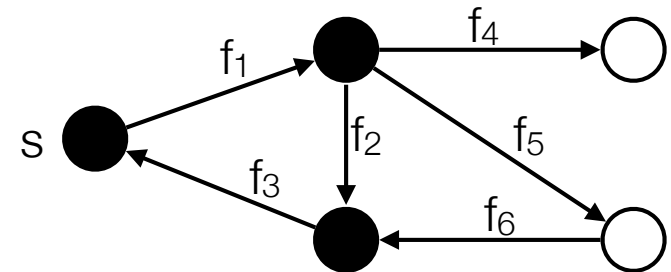


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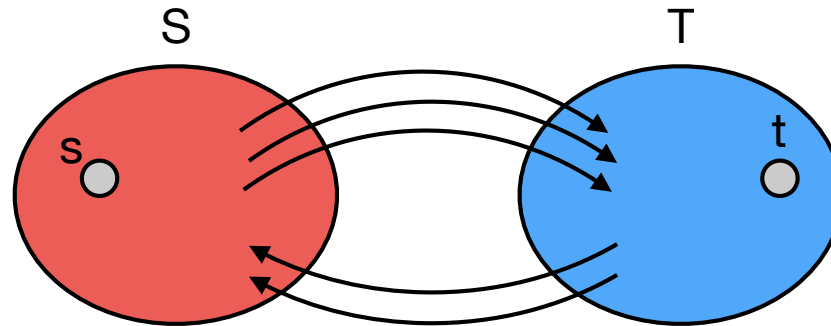


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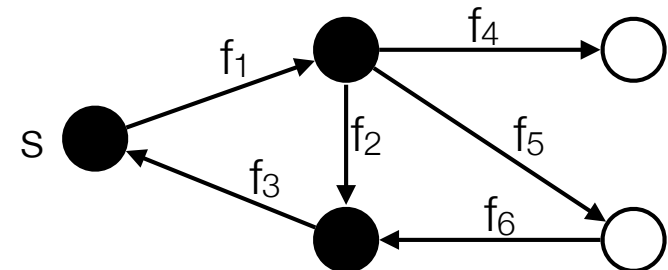
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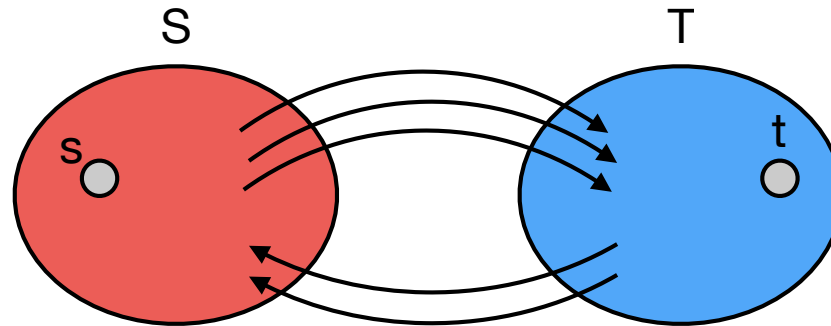
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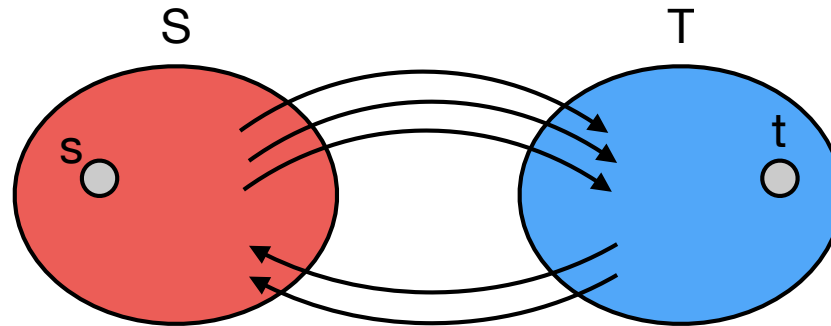
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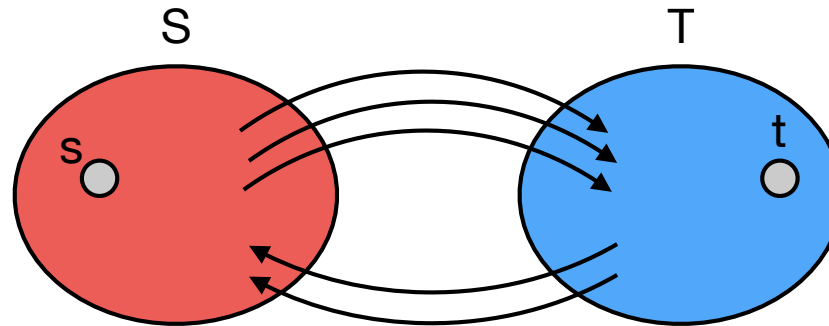
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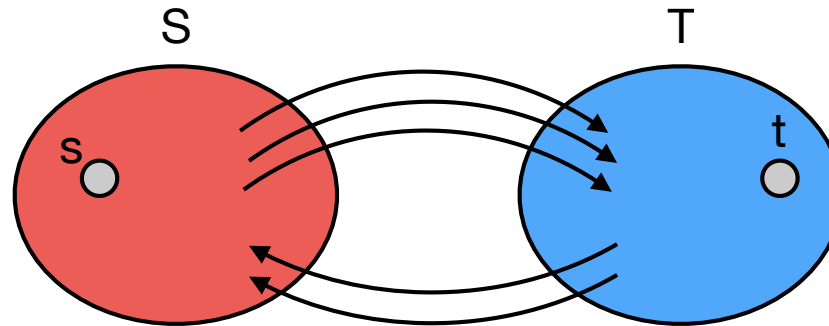
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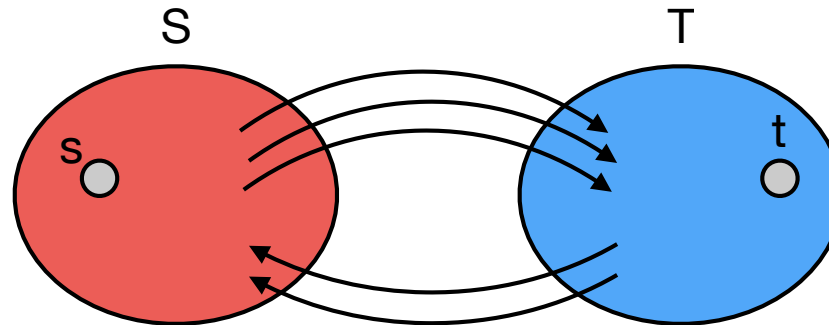
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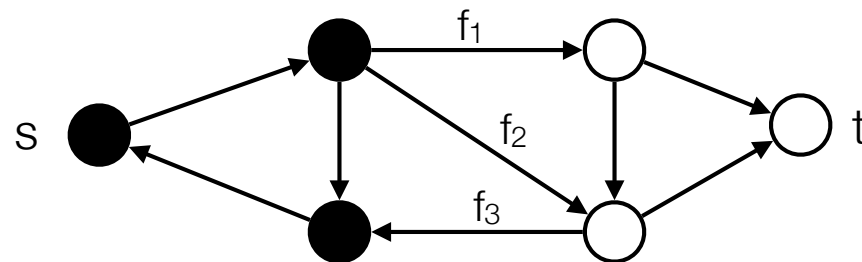
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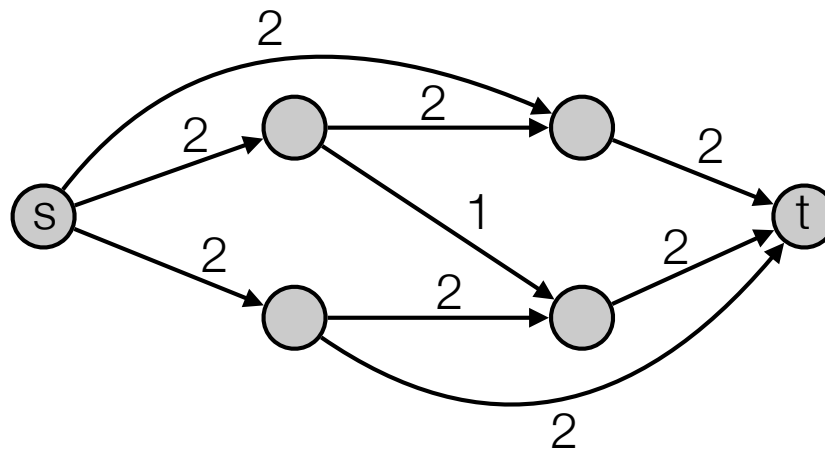
Max-flow min-cut theorem

- There is no augmenting path $\Leftrightarrow f$ is a maximum flow.
 - f maximum flow \Rightarrow no augmenting path:
 - Show that exists augmenting path $\Rightarrow f$ not maximum flow.
 - no augmenting path $\Rightarrow f$ maximum flow
 - no augmenting path \Rightarrow exists cut (S,T) where $|f| = c(S,T)$:
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 - t not in S (since there is no augmenting s - t path).
 - Edges from S to T : $f_1 = c_1$ and $f_2 = c_2$.
 - Edges from T to S : $f_3 = 0$.
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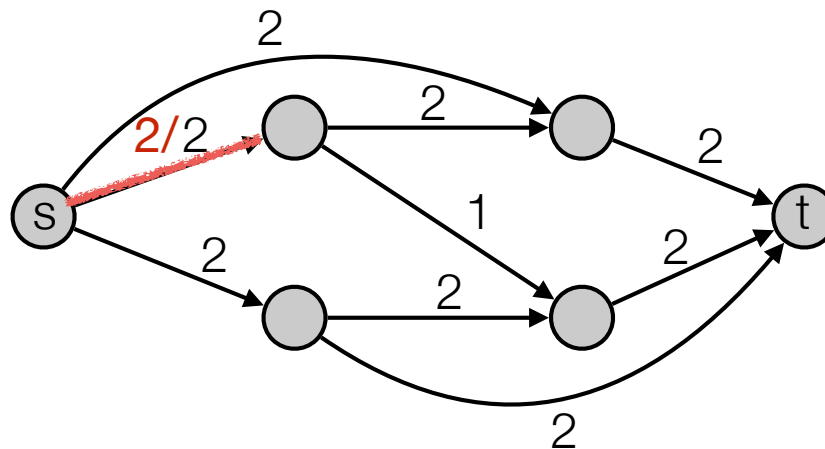
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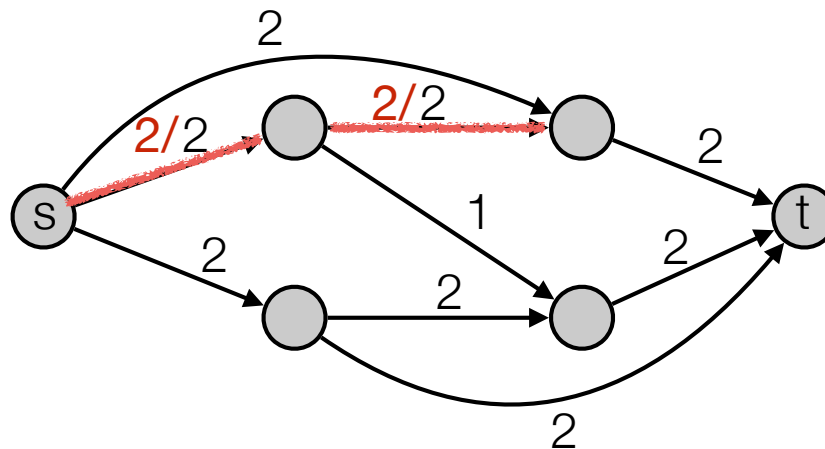
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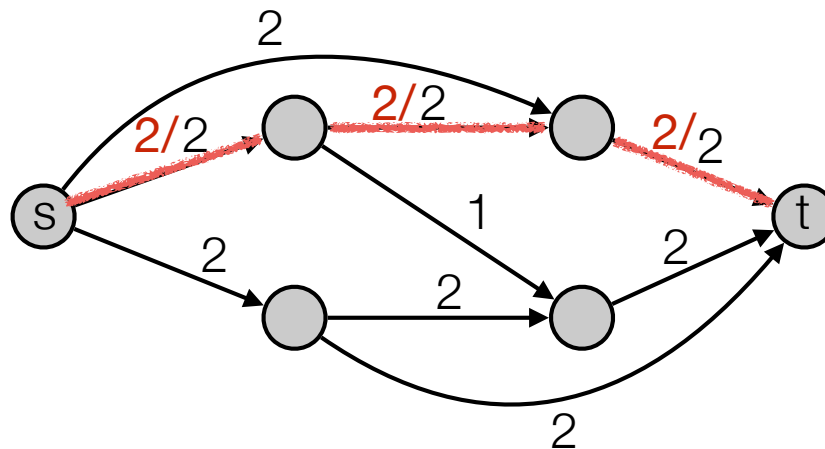
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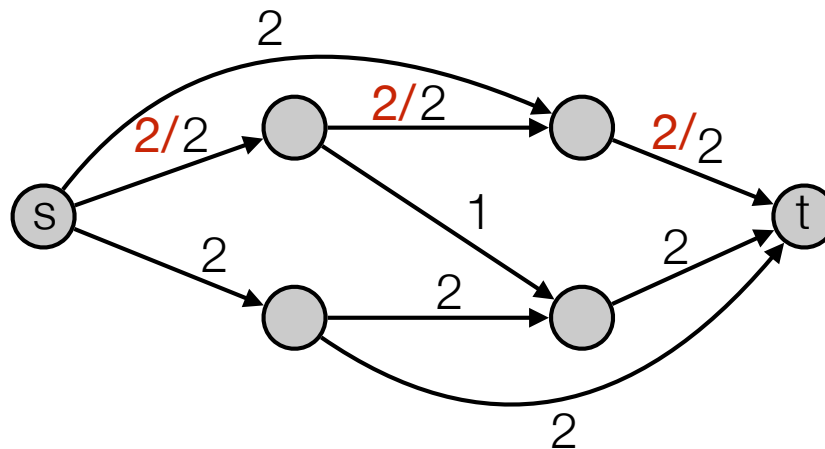
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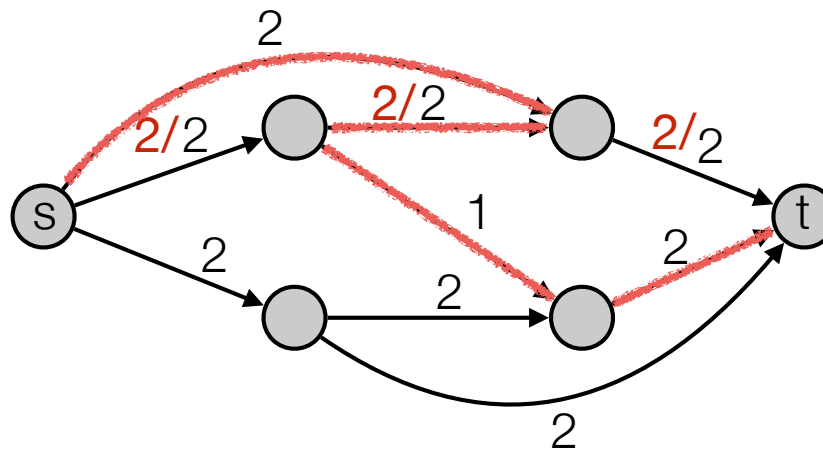
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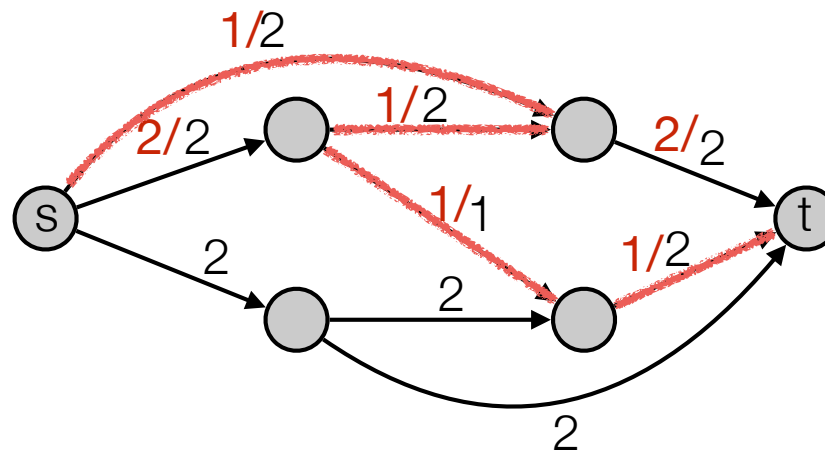
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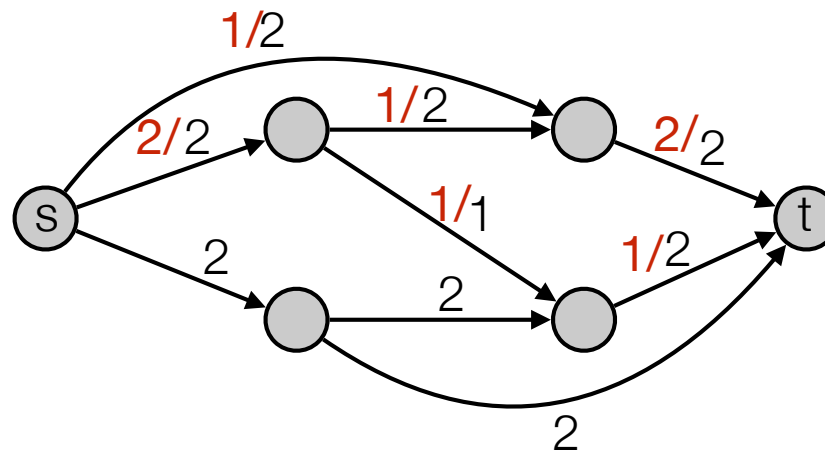
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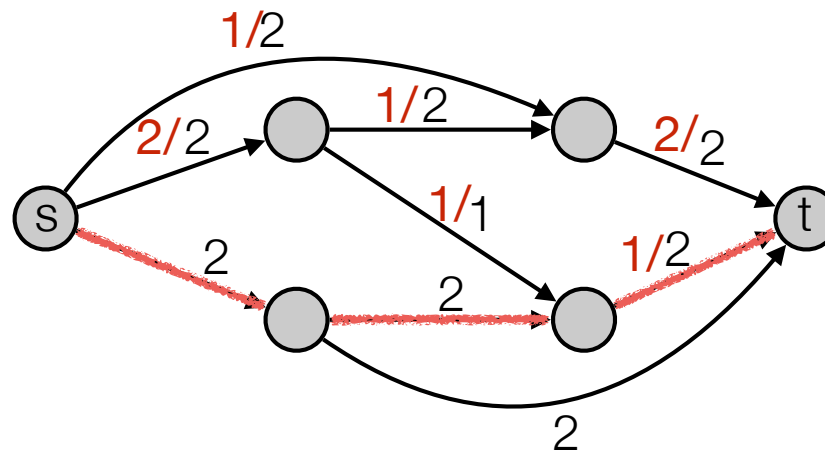
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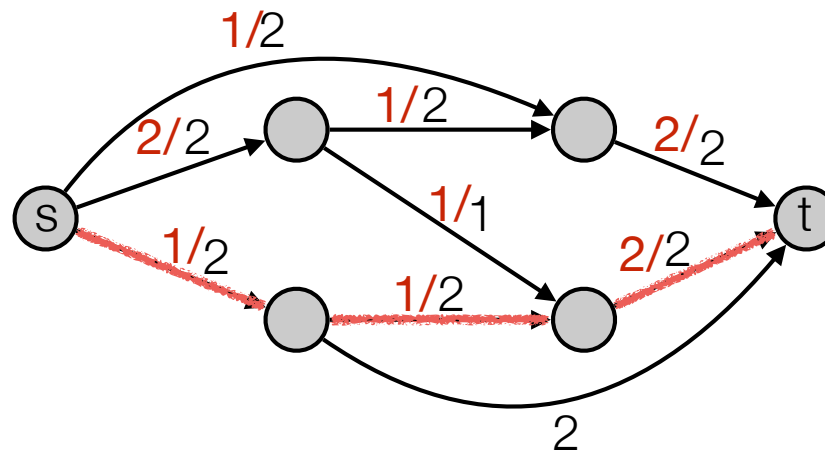
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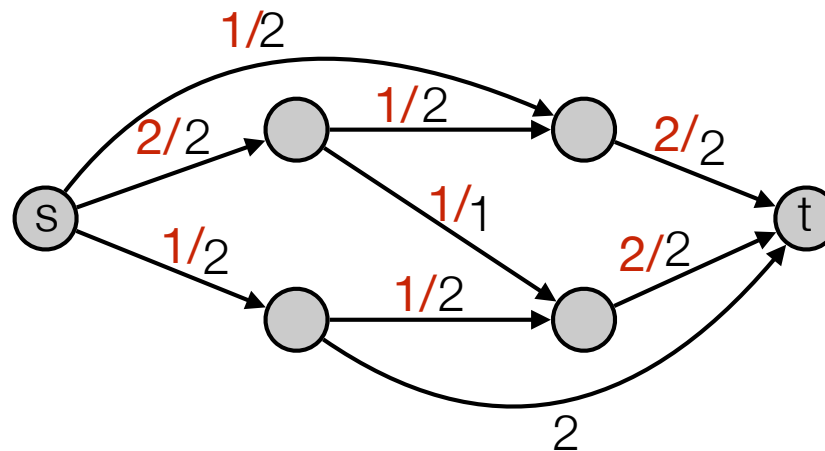
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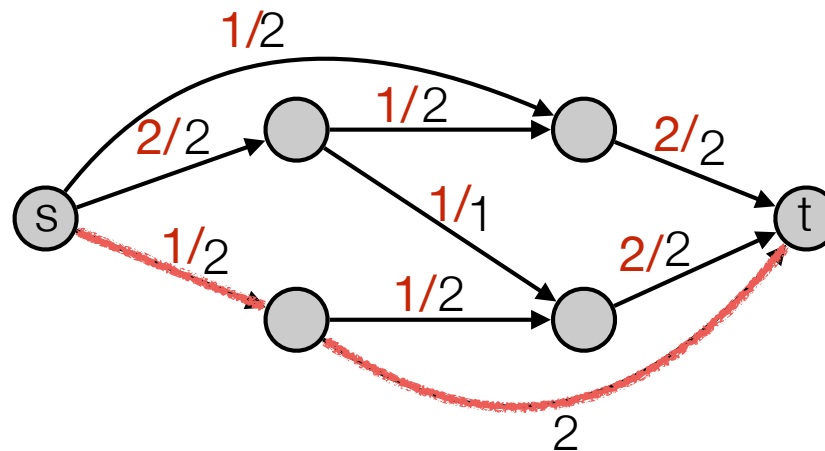
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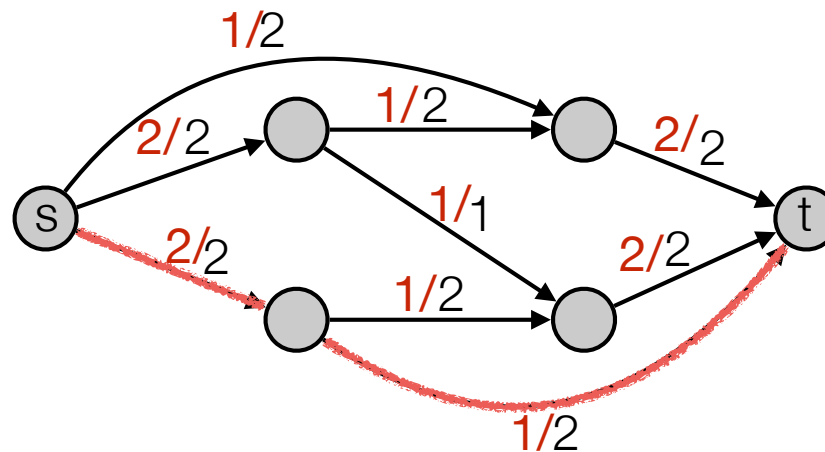
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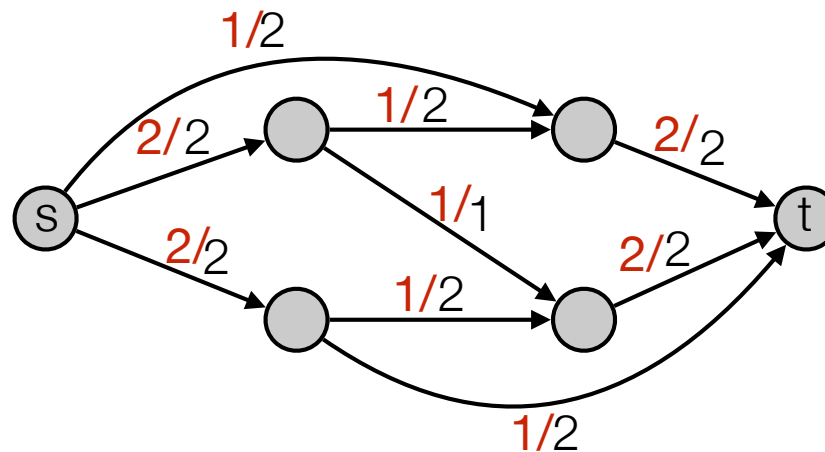
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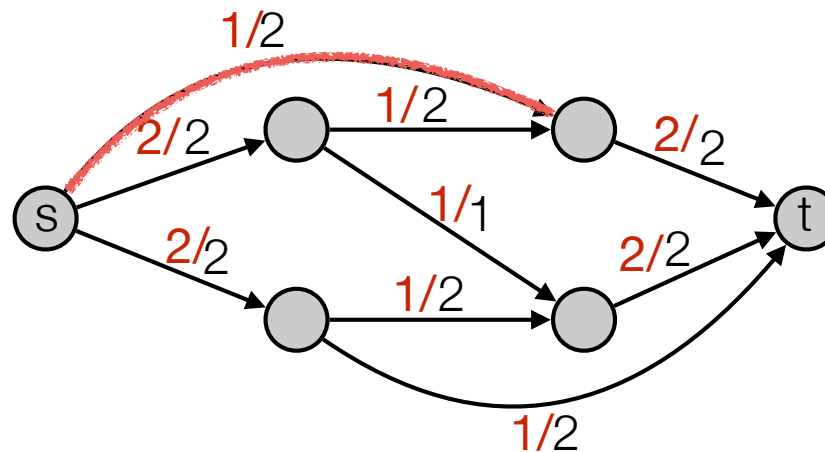
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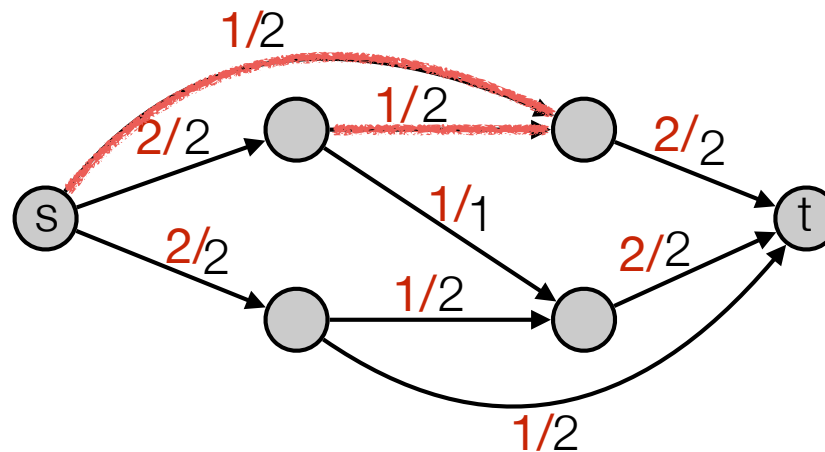
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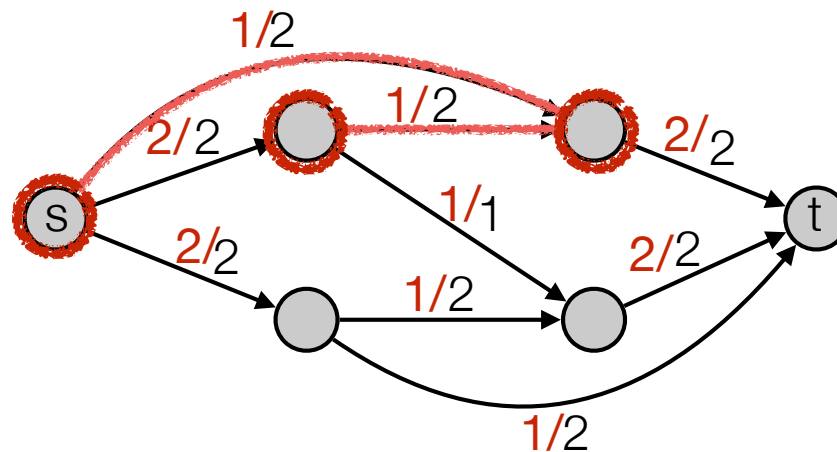
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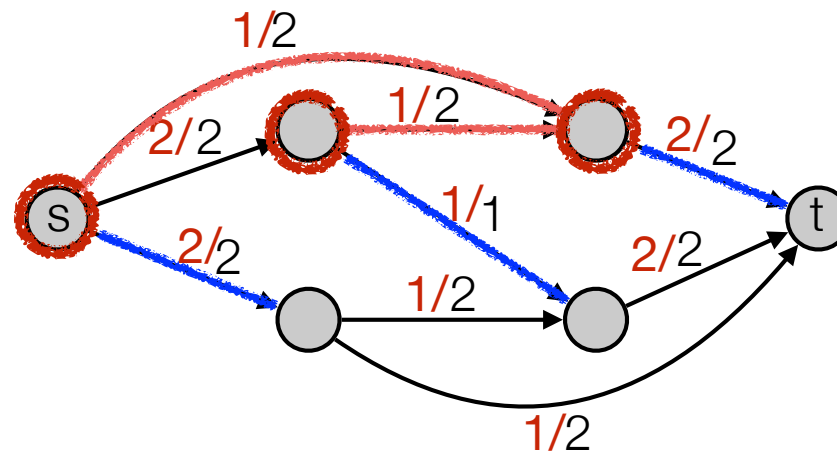
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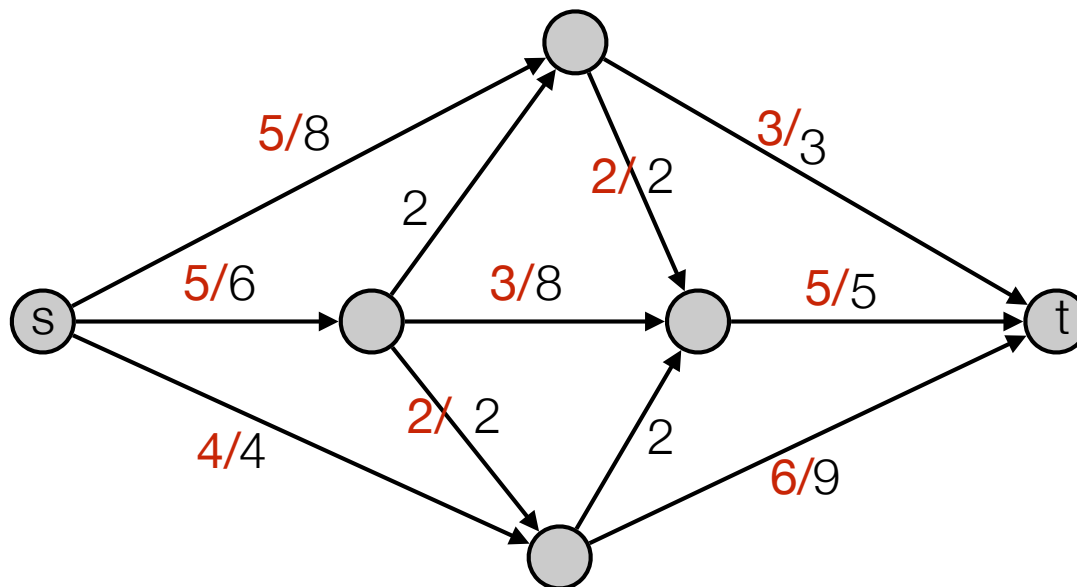
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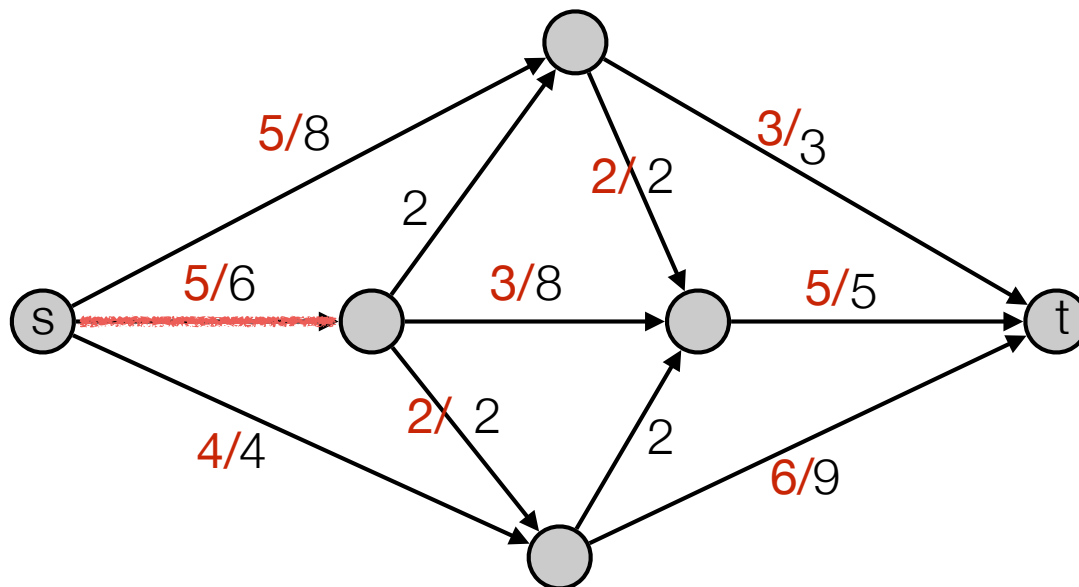
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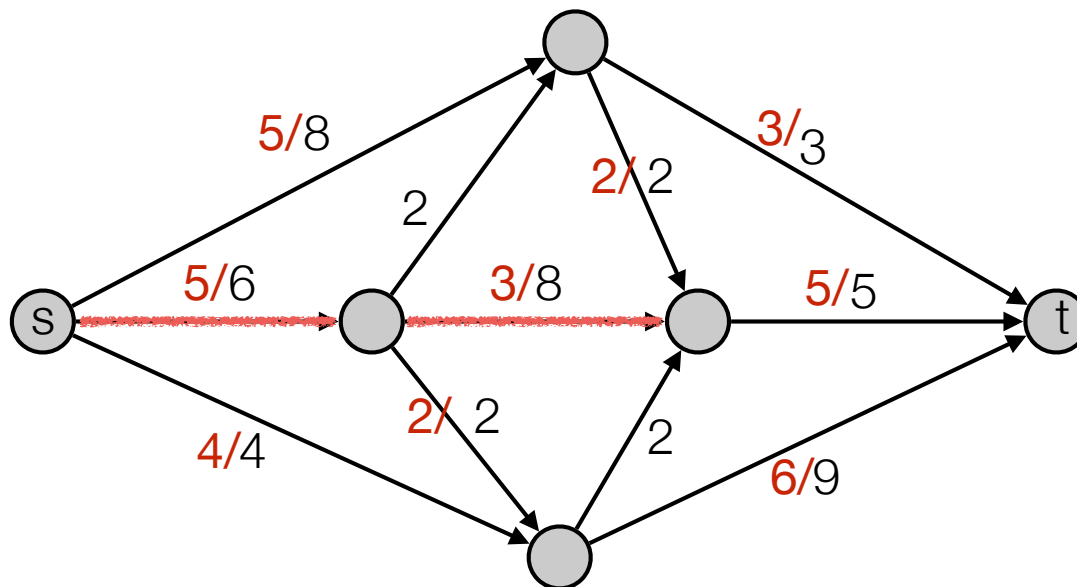
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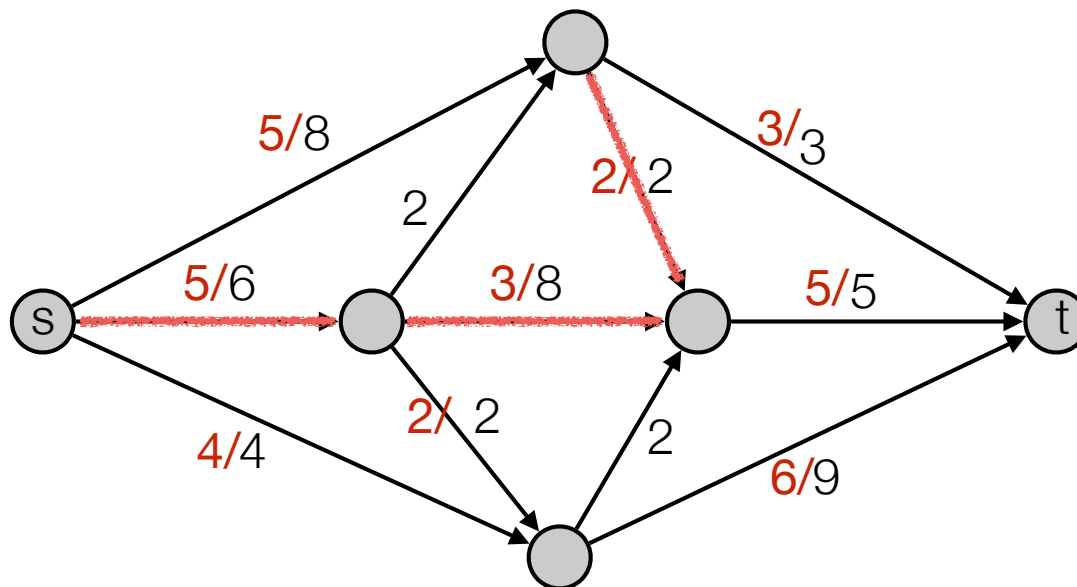
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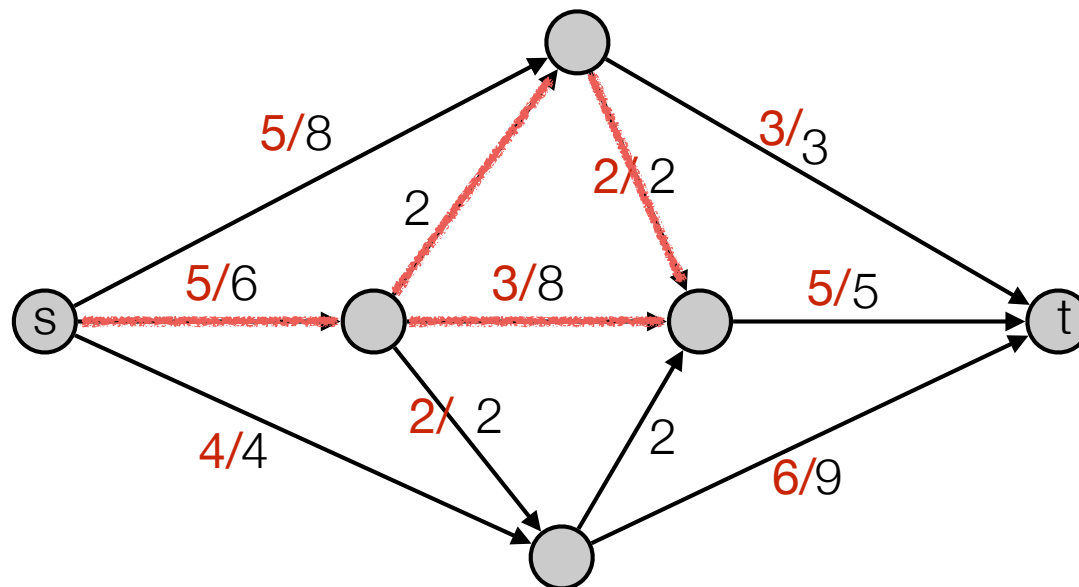
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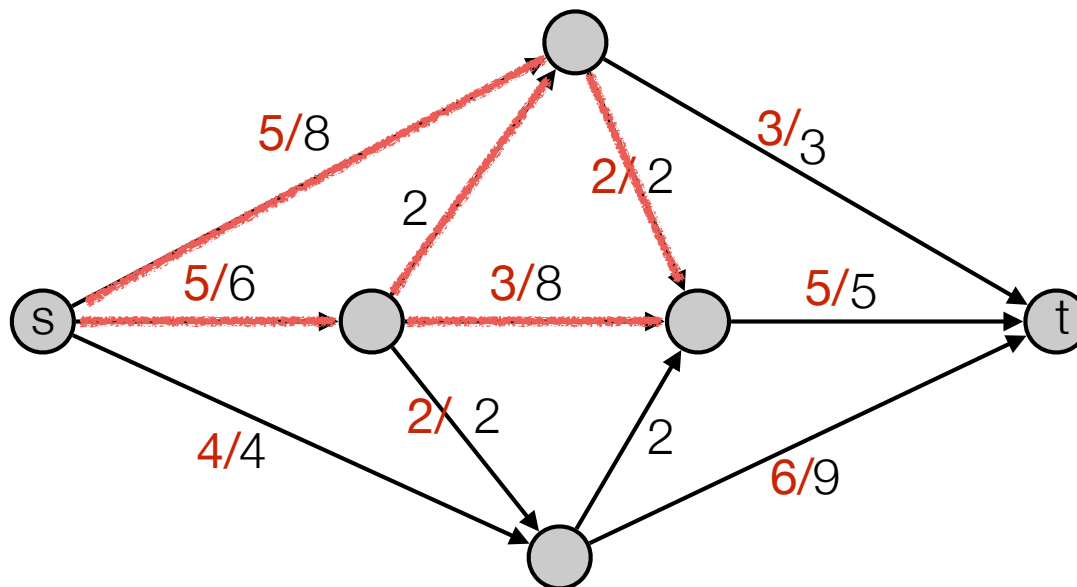
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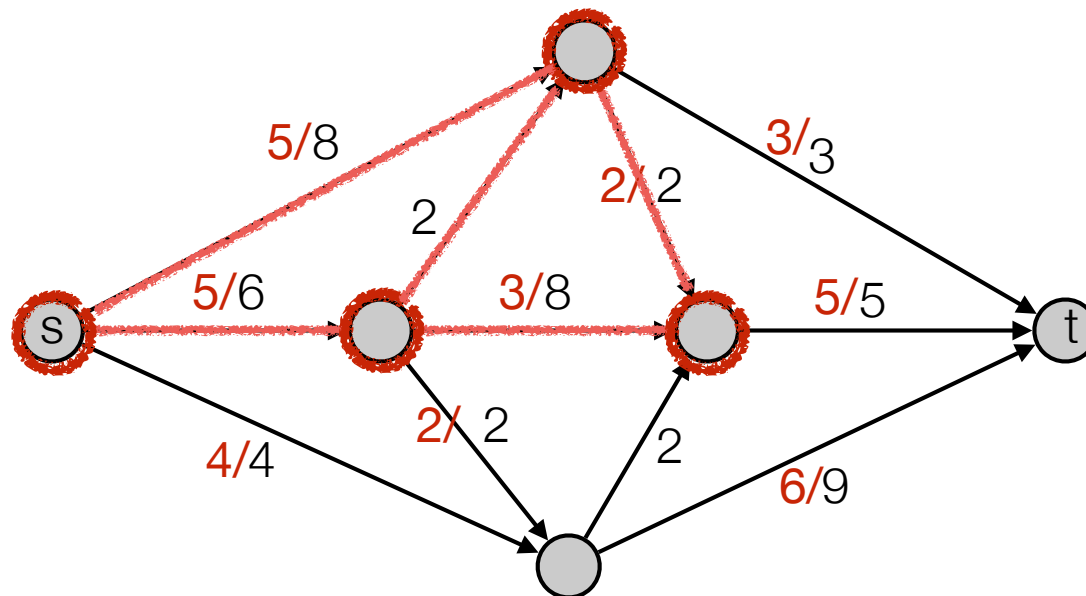
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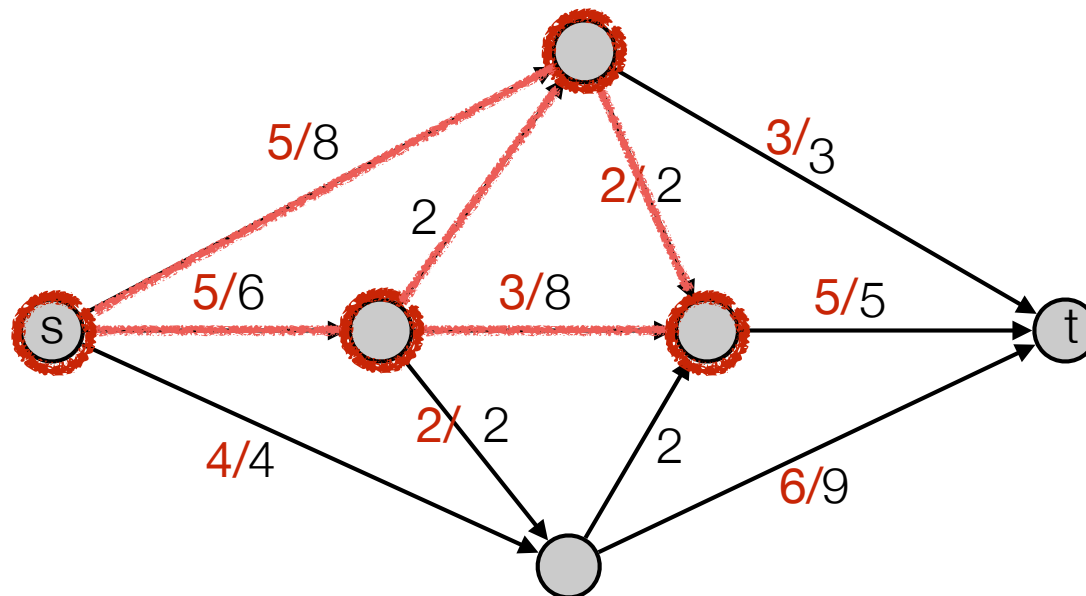
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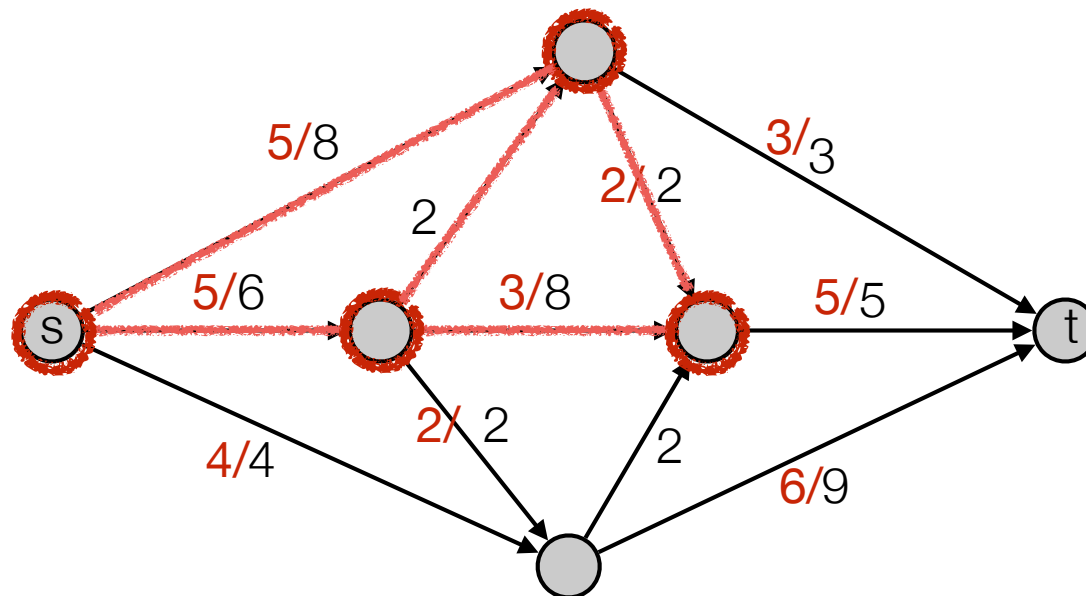
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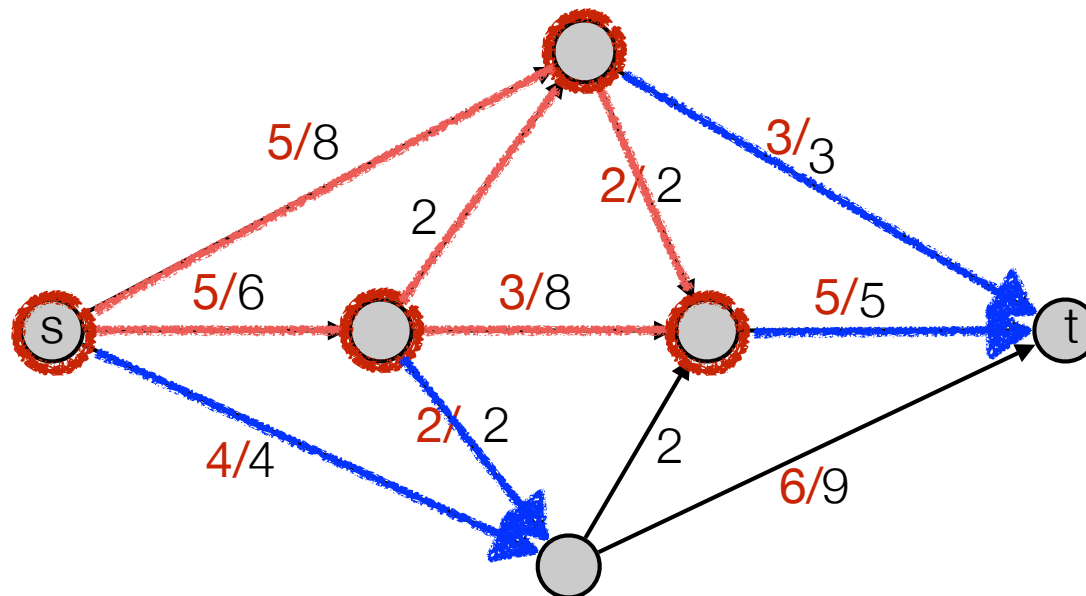
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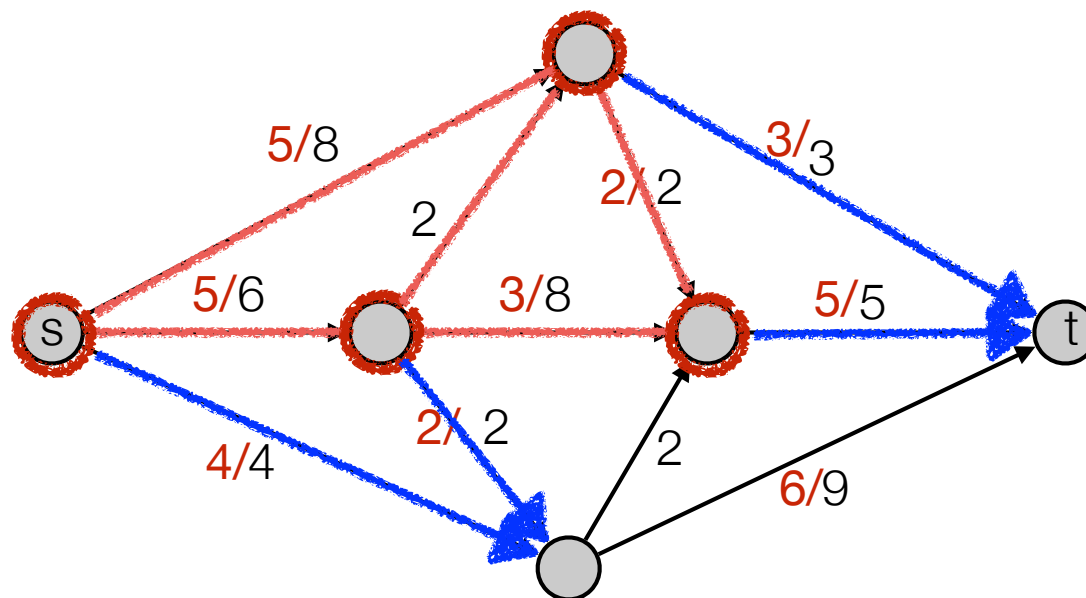
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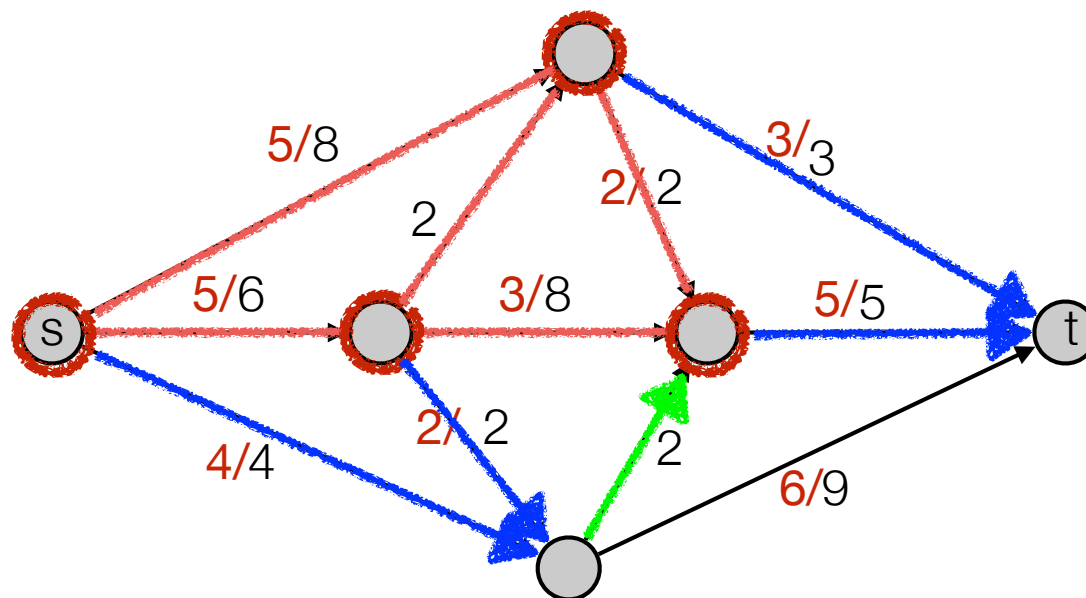
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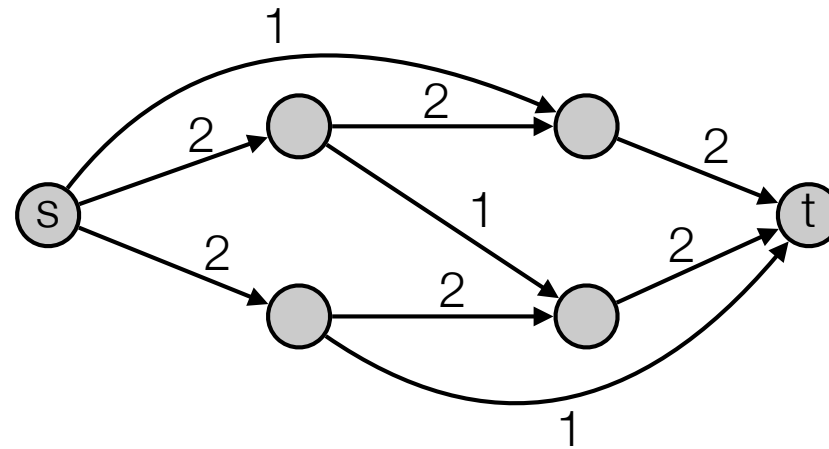


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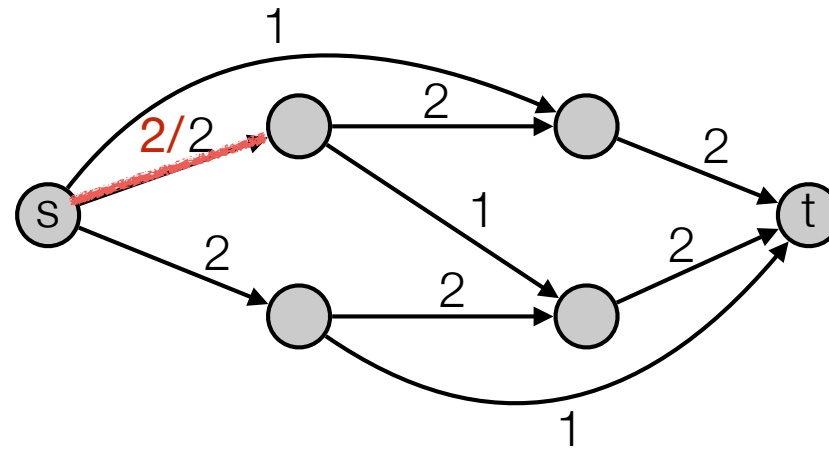
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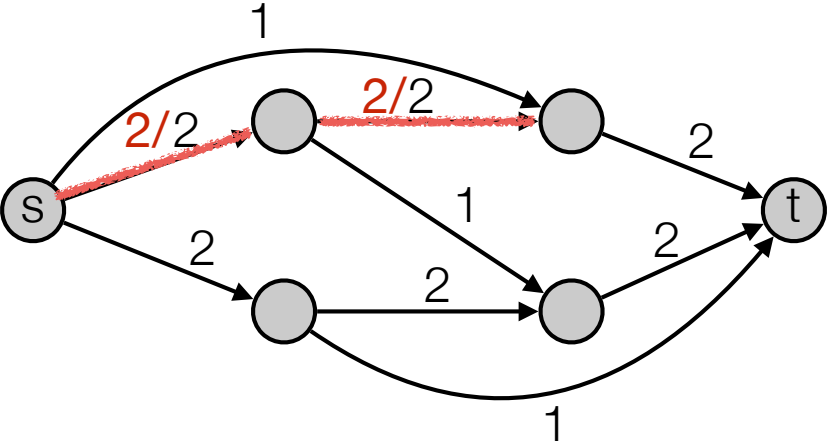
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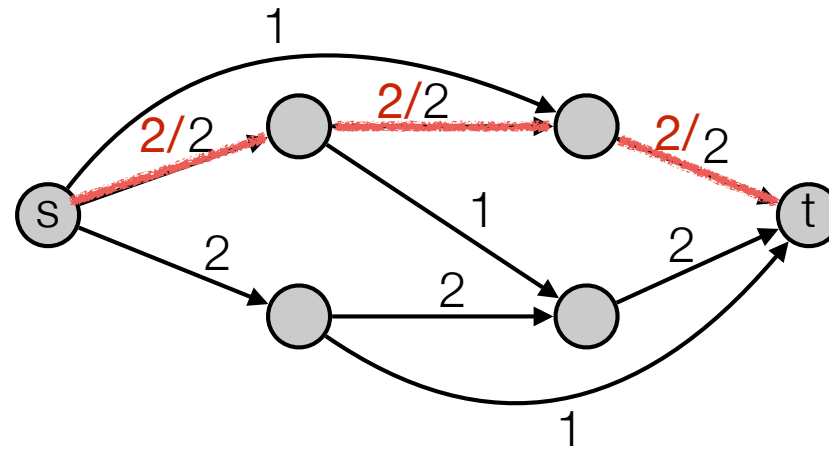
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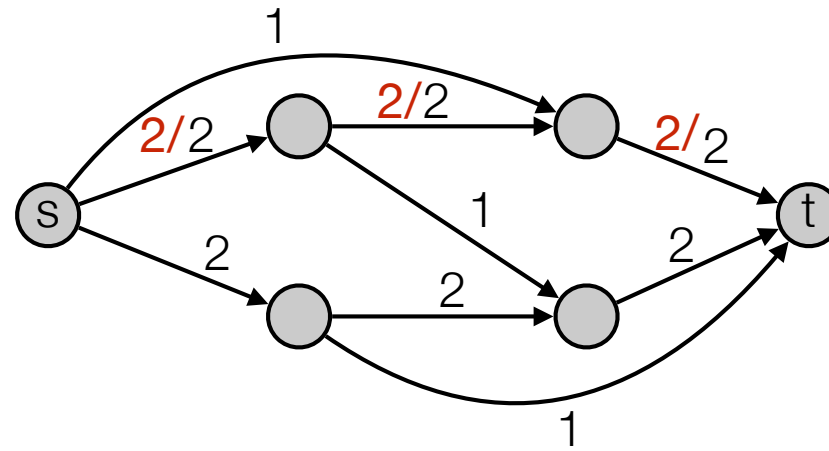
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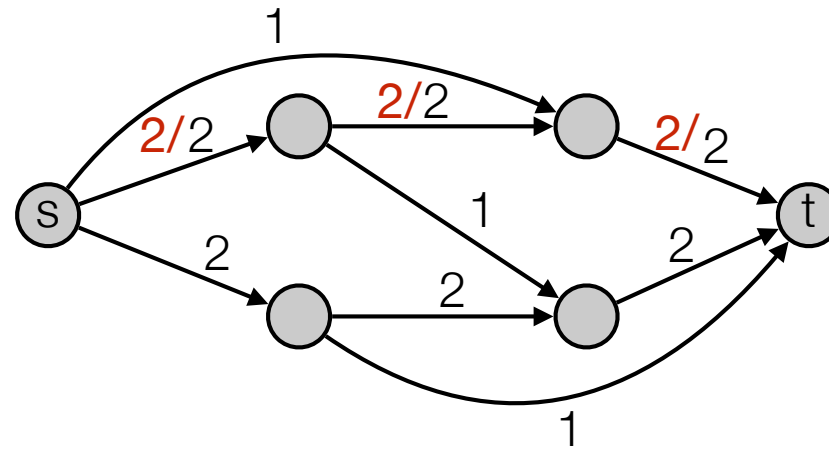
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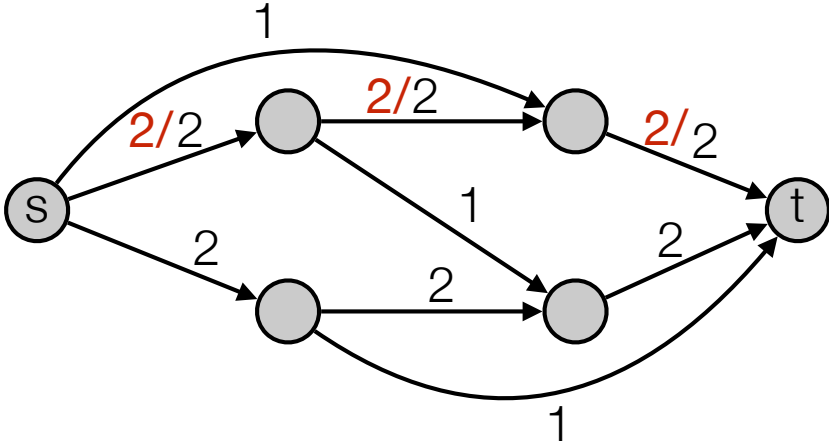


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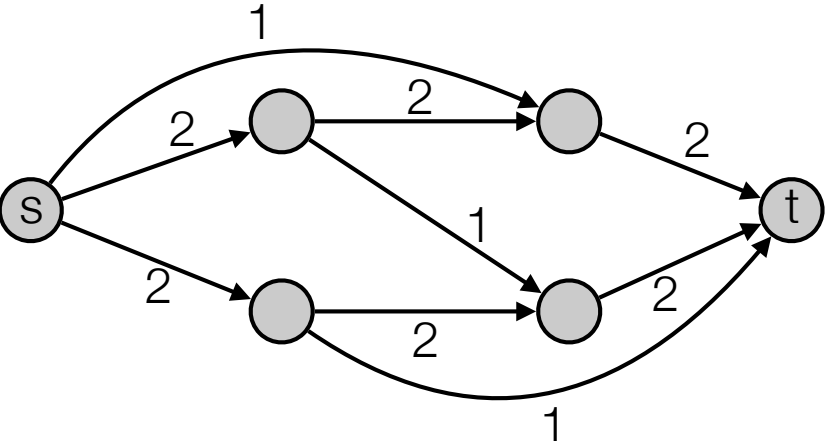


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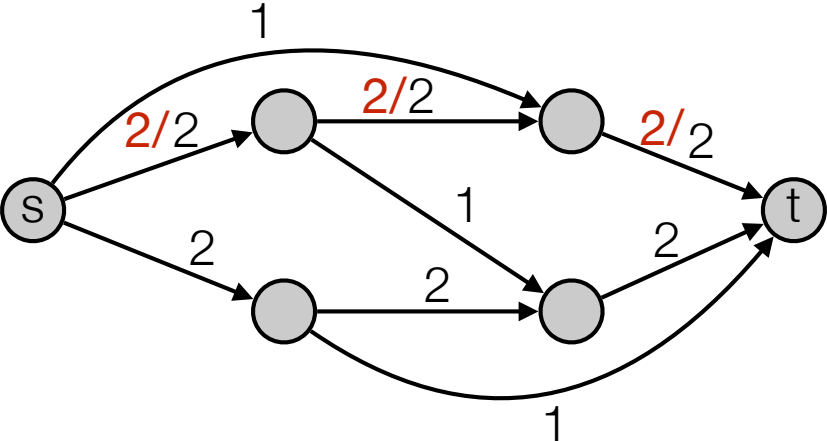
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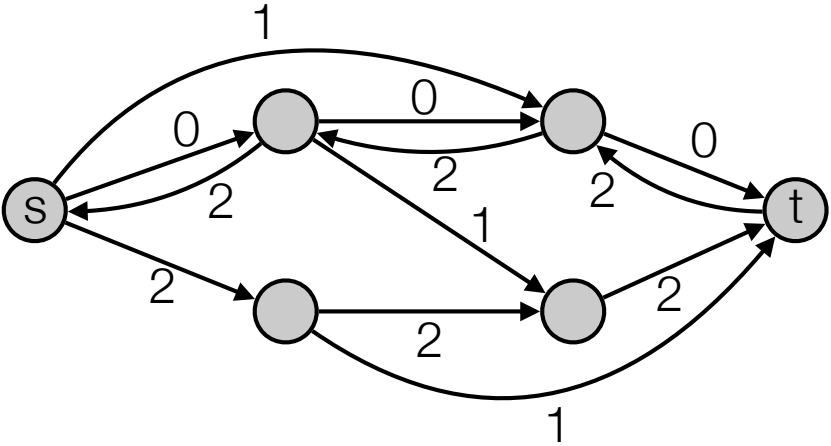
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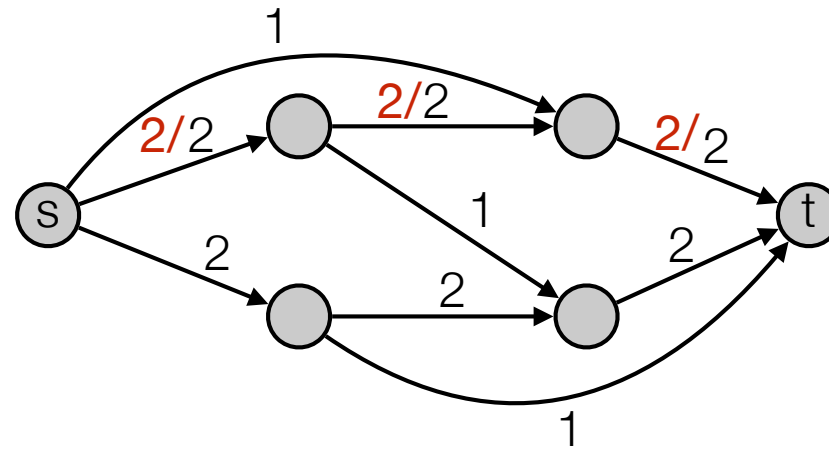
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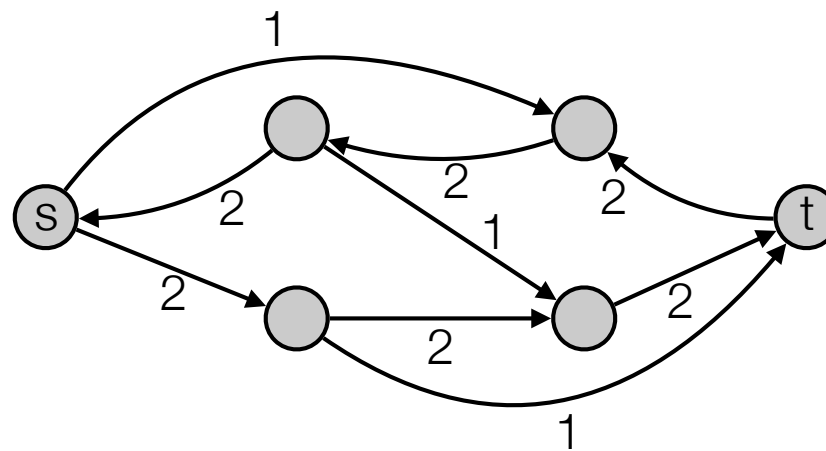
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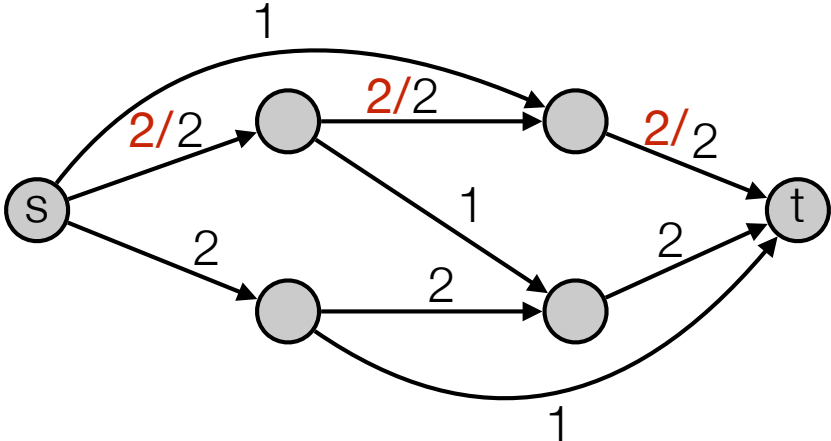
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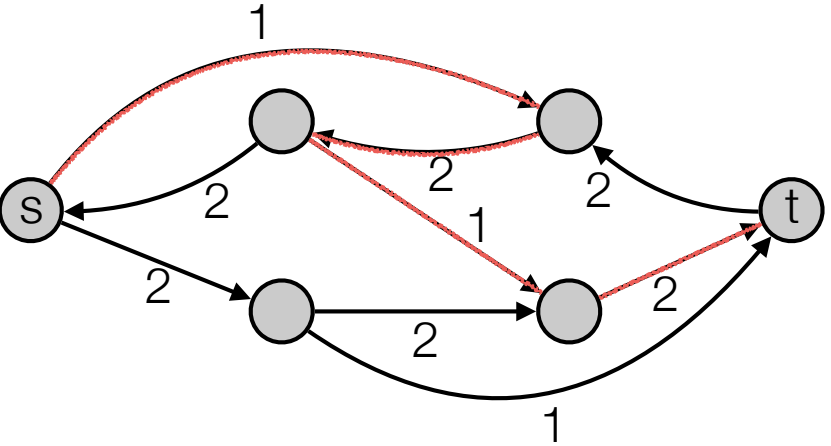
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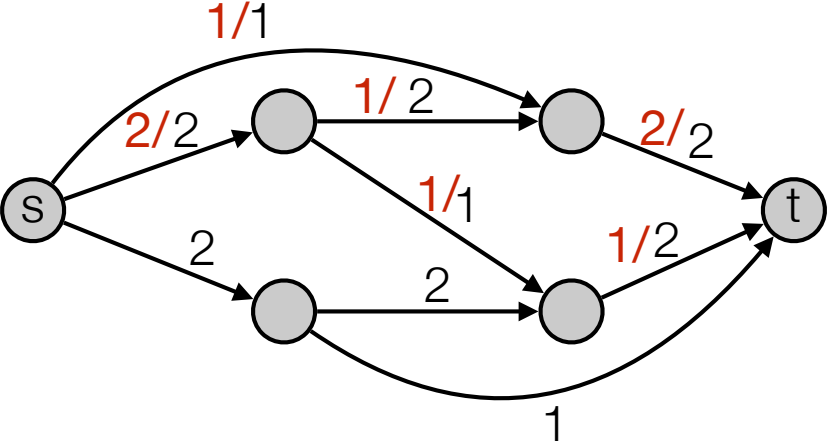
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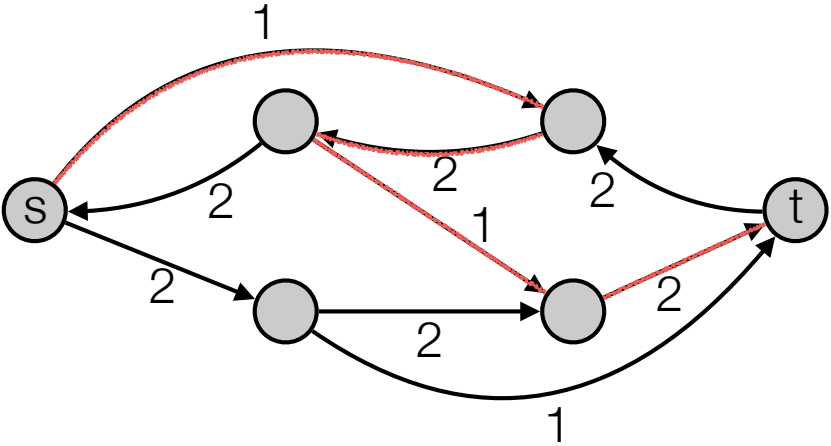
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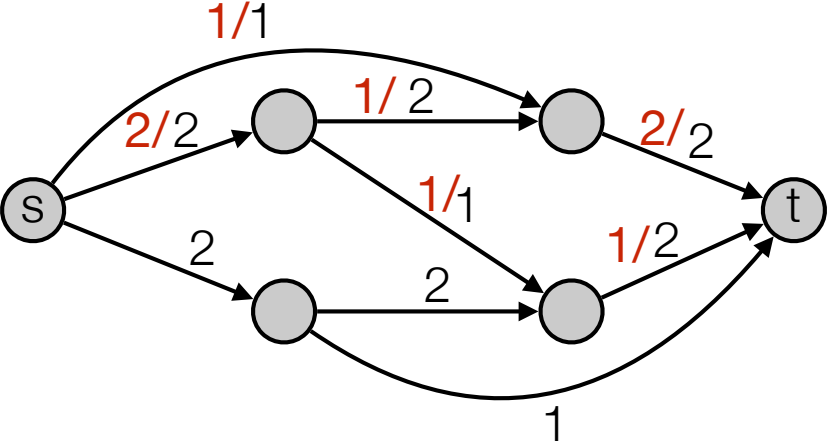
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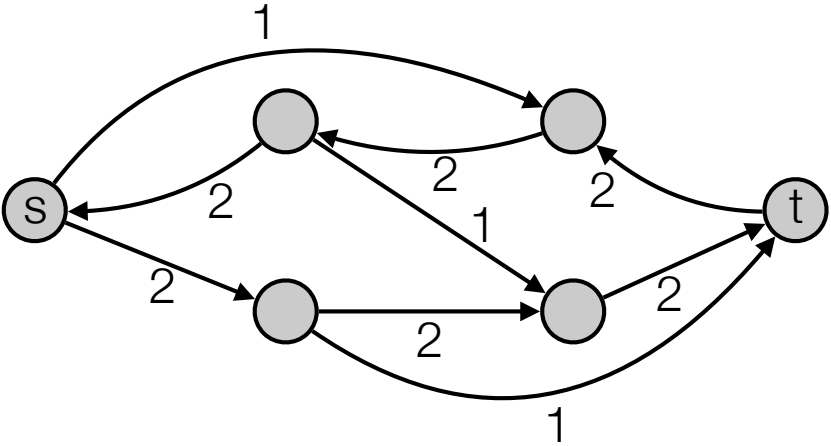
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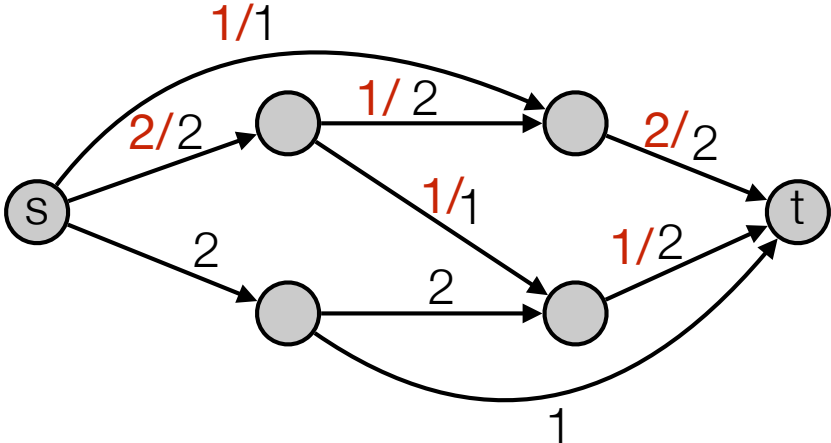
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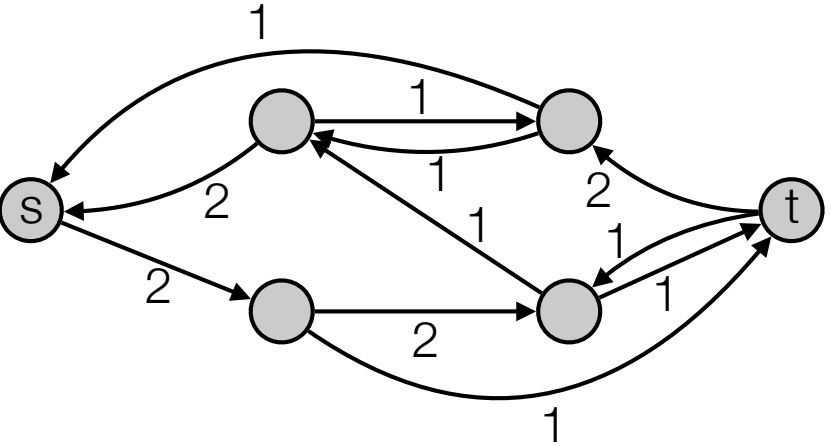
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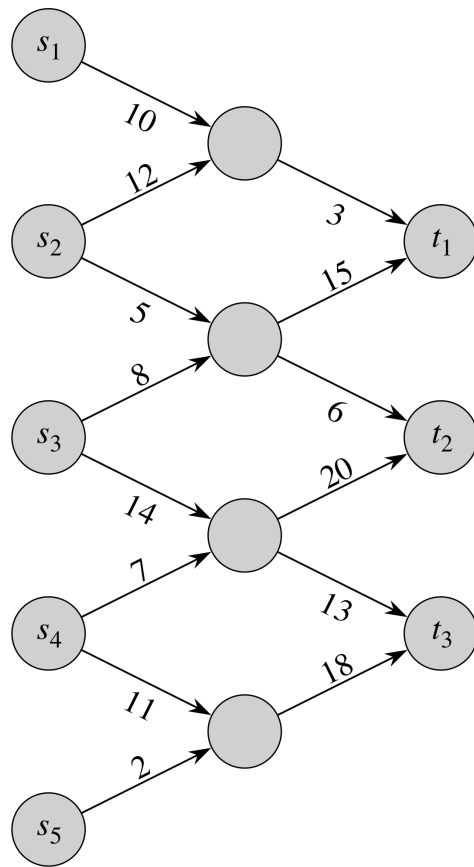


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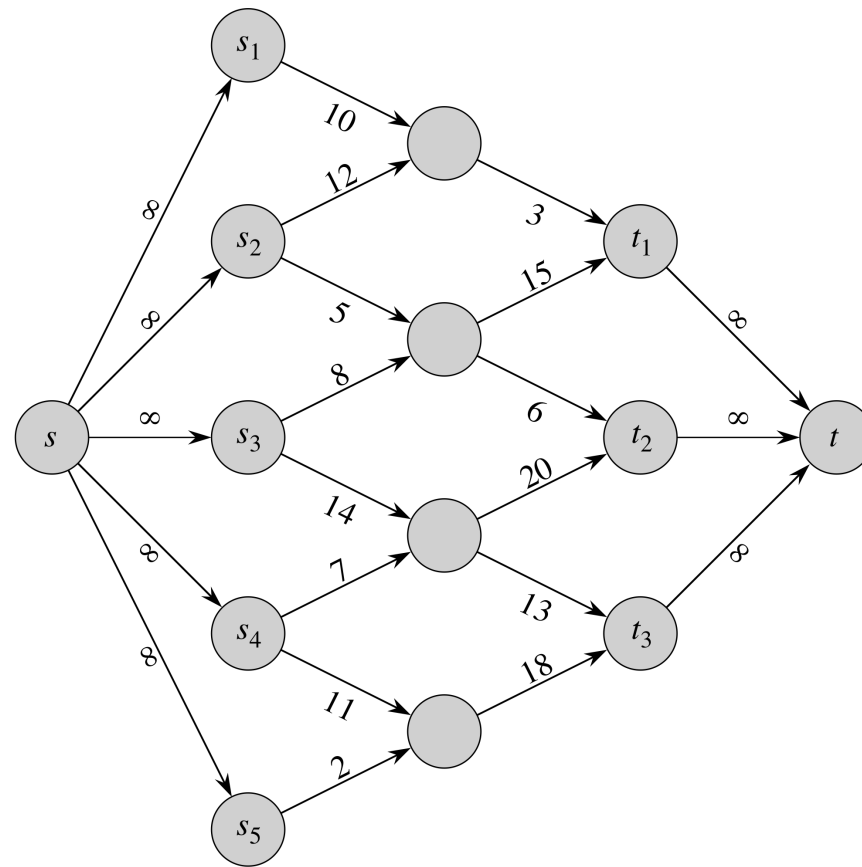


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