

# Randomized Perfect Bipart Matching

LRS: If  $G$  is an st-flow graph (undirected) in  $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{m}{F}} m \log^3 n\right)$  can find flow  $(1-\epsilon)F$  where  $F$  is max flow.

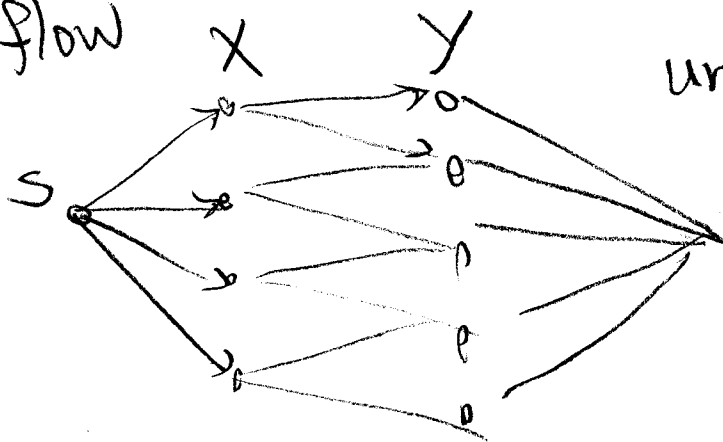
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Prob: The flow  $f$  is not integral even if cap are!

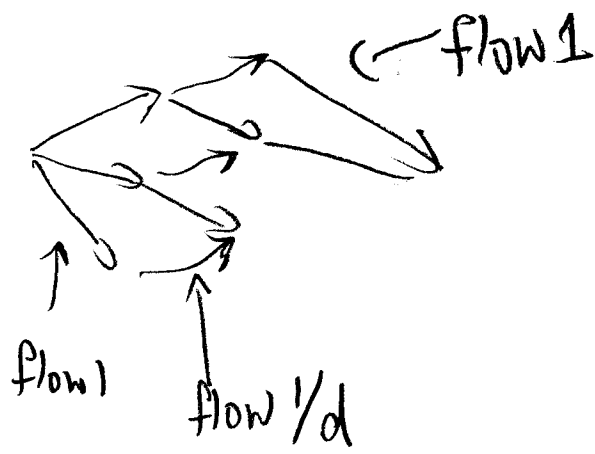
Simple example:  $G$  is regular bipartite graph

Goal: perfect matching.

Set up flow



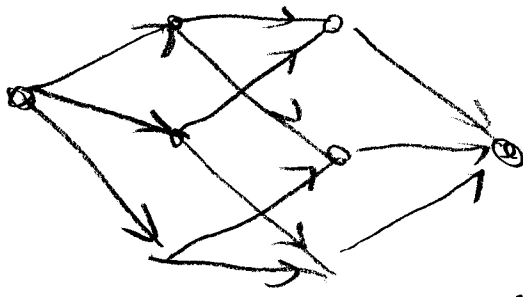
unit cap  
degree =  $d$



∴ G has perfect matching.  
 But the flow did not give us the matching.

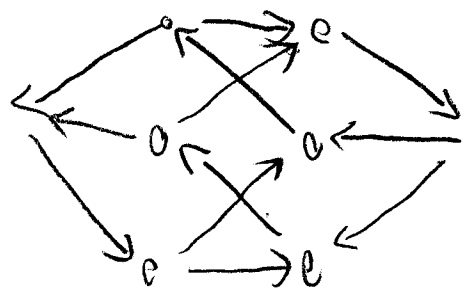
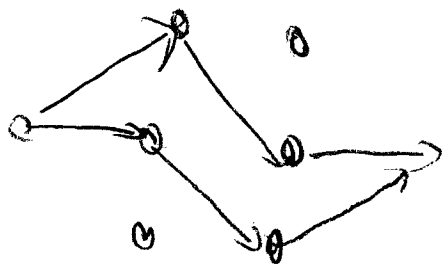
Simplest Alg Ford-Fulkerson

Review



suppose 2 paths

residual



1) Generate augmenting path.

2) update residual!

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Thm 1 If we use random walk to find aug paths  
then  $O(n \log n)$  total expect time to find  
matchings.

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Let  $G = (X \cup Y, E)$  reg bipart graph

$M$  a matching of size  $k$ .

$G_M \equiv$  residual graph.

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Thm 2 Expect # of back edge on random  
walk from  $s$  to  $t$  is  $\frac{n}{n-k} - 1$ .

Thm 2  $\Rightarrow$  Thm 1

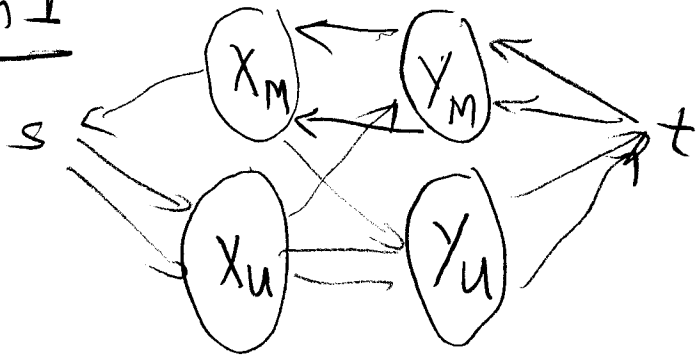
If  $b(s)$  back edges then

$$|path| = 3 + 2(b(s)) = 3 + 2\left(\frac{n}{n-k} - 1\right) = 1 + \frac{2n}{n-k}$$

$$Ex(\text{Total}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 1 + \frac{2n}{n-k} = n + 2n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$$

$$O(n \ln n) \quad \square$$

pf Thm 1



Def  $b(v) \equiv Ex \#$  of back edge on Ran Walk starting at  $v$ .

$v \in Y_U$  then  $b(v) = 0$

$$b(s) = \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{x \in X_u} b(x)$$


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$$b(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \in Y_u \\ 1 + b(M(y)) & y \in Y_M \end{cases}$$


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$$x \in X_u$$

$$b(x) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{(x,y) \in E} b(y) \Rightarrow d b(x) = \sum_{(x,y) \in E} b(y) \quad (*)$$


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$$x \in X_M$$

$$b(x) = \frac{1}{d-1} \sum_{(x,y) \in E \setminus M} b(y)$$

$$(d-1)b(x) = \sum_{(x,y) \in E \setminus M} b(y)$$

For  $(x,y) \in M$      $b(y) = 1 + b(x)$

$$d b(x) = \sum_{(x,y) \in E} b(y) - 1$$

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$$* + ** \quad d \sum_{x \in X} b(x) = -K + \underbrace{\sum_{x \in X} \sum_{(x,y) \in E} b(y)}_{d \sum_{y \in Y} b(y)}$$

$$\text{but} \quad \sum_{y \in Y} b(y) = K + \sum_{x \in X_M} b(x)$$


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$$d \sum_{x \in X} b(x) = -K + dK + d \sum_{x \in X_M} b(x)$$

$$d \sum_{x \in X_U} b(x) = (d-1)K$$

$$d(s) = \frac{1}{n-K} \sum_{x \in X_U} b(x) = \frac{(d-1)K}{d(n-K)} \leq \frac{K}{n-K} = \frac{n}{n-K} - 1$$

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