

Applications:

- 1) Computer-vision
- 2) Management
- 3) Sports

Recall

- 1) Given a flow network  $G$  with integer capacities, then one can determine a maximum-flow between  $s$  &  $t$  in  $O(mn^2)$  time. Furthermore, the max-flow is integral.
- 2) max-flow from  $s$  to  $t$  = min-cut separating  $s$  &  $t$

Image-segmentation

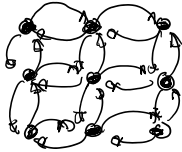
Given:  $\rightarrow$  1) Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$

2) Priors

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$

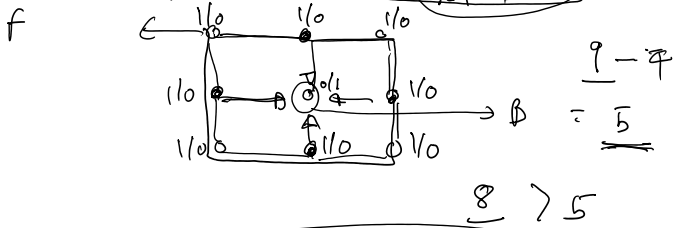
high value  $a_i \rightarrow$  vertex/pixel  $i$  belongs foreground  
 high value  $b_i \rightarrow$  background



2)  $P(x, y) =$  capacities

Goal:  $\rightarrow$  Find partition  $(X, Y)$  into  $X \in Y, s.t.$

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{v \in X} a_v + \sum_{v \in Y} b_v - \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} P(u, v) \right\}$$



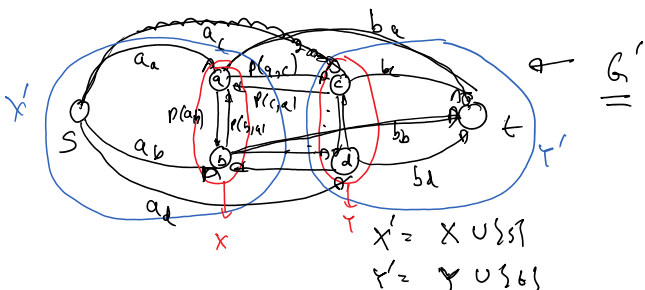
OBJECTIVE

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{v \in X} a_v + \sum_{v \in Y} b_v - \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} P(u, v) \right\}$$

$$= \min \left\{ \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} P(u, v) - \sum_{v \in X} a_v - \sum_{v \in Y} b_v \right\}$$

Add  $\left( \sum_{v \in X} a_v + \sum_{v \in Y} b_v \right) \rightarrow$

$$= \min \left\{ \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} P(u, v) + \sum_{v \in Y} a_v + \sum_{v \in X} b_v \right\}$$

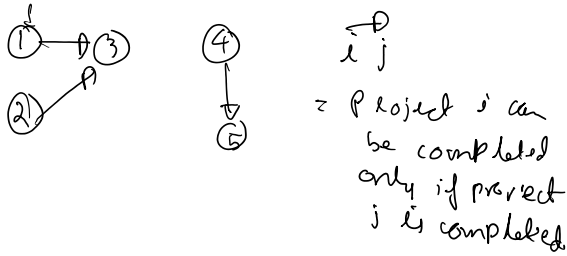


$$c(x, y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{v \in T} a_v & \text{from } s \text{ to vertices in } T \\ \sum_{v \in X} b_v & \text{from } X' \text{ to } t \\ \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} p(u, v) & \text{from } X \text{ to } Y \end{cases}$$

$$\min c(x, y) = \min \left( \sum_{v \in T} a_v + \sum_{v \in X} b_v + \sum_{\substack{u \in X \\ v \in Y}} p(u, v) \right)$$

## Project selection

Given: a set of projects  $\{n\}$   
 Profits for the projects  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ .  
 dependency Graph  $G = (\{n\}, E)$



Find: a feasible set of projects  $X$ , that maximizes  $\sum_{i \in X} p_i$

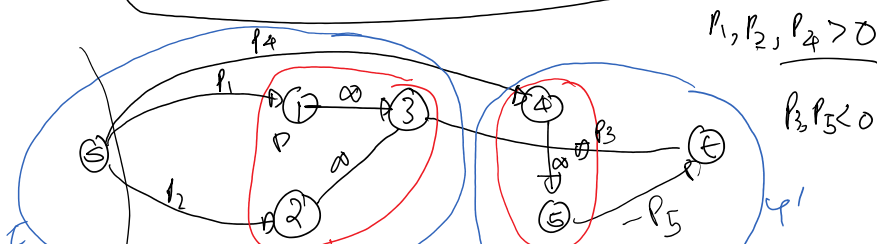
$$\max \sum_{i \in X} p_i$$

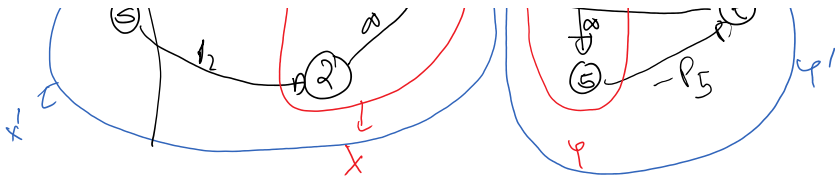
$$\max_X \sum_{\substack{i \in X \\ p_i > 0}} p_i - \left( \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j < 0}} -p_j \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j < 0}} (-p_j) - \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j > 0}} p_j$$

$$\text{Add } \sum_{p_i > 0} p_i$$

$$\min \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j < 0}} (-p_j) + \sum_{\substack{j \notin X \\ p_j > 0}} p_j$$





$$x' = x \cup s$$

$$t' = t \cup t$$

$$c(x', t') = \begin{cases} \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j > 0}} p_j & \text{for all edges from } s \text{ to } j \\ \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j < 0}} (-p_j) & \text{for edges from } x \text{ to } t \\ \infty & \text{for edges from } x \text{ to } x \end{cases}$$

$$\min c(x', t') = \min_x \left\{ \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j > 0}} p_j + \sum_{\substack{j \in X \\ p_j < 0}} (-p_j) \right\}$$

## Base-ball elimination

NY 92    Baltimore 91    Toronto 91    Boston 90

5 more games to be played b/w every pair except NY & Boston.

Given: - a set of games  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m$

- a set of teams  $(n)$

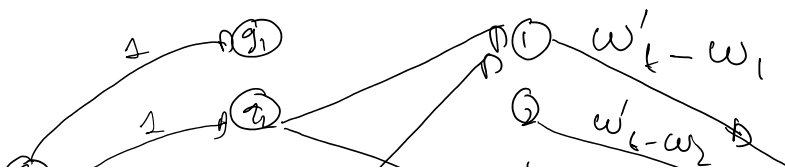
- winning points for every team

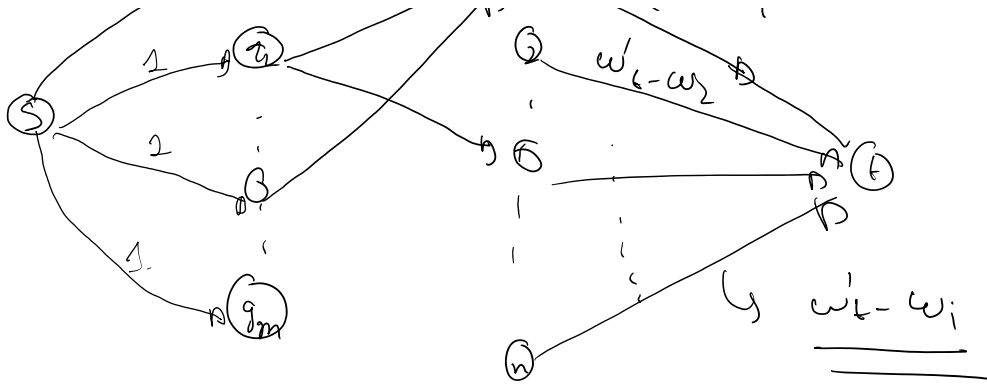
$w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$

$w_i =$  points gathered by team  $i$  up to this point

- team  $t$ .

Find: Can team  $t$  earn <sup>at least</sup> as many points as any other team.





$w'_k = w_k +$  | total number of games in which team  $k$  is involved |

Question :- Is it possible to push a flow of  $m$  units from  $s$  to  $t$  ?

"Soccer"  
 $3 \rightarrow 3 \ 0$   
 $3 \rightarrow 1 \ 1$   
NP-hard