

## STRINGS

**1. Most Frequent Occurrence of Length  $k$ .** Find which substring of length  $k$  appears the most times as a substring of  $\sigma$ .

## FLOWS

Refresher: The *reserve* of an edge  $uv$  is  $r(uv) = (c(uv) - f(uv)) + f(vu)$ . An edge  $e$  is *unsaturated* if  $r(e) > 0$ . A path  $P$  is *unsaturated* or *augmenting* if  $\forall e \in P : r(e) > 0$ .

The Ford-Fulkerson algorithm starts with  $f \equiv 0$  (the flow over each edge is 0), and then, while an augmenting  $s - t$  path  $P$  exists, it augments the current flow  $f$  as follows. Let  $\epsilon = \min_{e \in P} r(e)$ . For each edge  $uv \in P$ , let  $\delta = \min\{\epsilon, f(vu)\}$ , and set  $f(vu) = f(vu) - \delta$  and  $f(uv) = f(uv) + \epsilon - \delta$ . This preserves the Kirchhoff's law, and increases  $|f|$  by  $\epsilon$ .

In all the tasks below, assume that if Ford-Fulkerson terminates, it returns the maximum flow (we will prove this in the next lecture).

**2. Multiple Sources and Terminals.** How could you use it to find the maximum flow when there are multiple sources and terminals?

**3. Bad Net.** Give an example of a small network in which the F-F algorithm may perform more than a million iterations. ("May perform" means there is a sequence of choices of unsaturated paths; you may adversarially choose these.)

**4. Ford-Fulkerson with Unit Capacities.** How many iterations does Ford-Fulkerson make if all capacities are 1?

**5. Edge Disjoint Paths.** Find an algorithm which finds the maximum number of edge disjoint paths between given two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ .

**6. Vertex Disjoint Paths.** Find an algorithm which computes the maximum number of vertex disjoint paths between given two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ .

**7. Maximum Bipartite Matching.** Design an algorithm which computes the maximum size matching in a bipartite graph  $G = (V, E)$ . A matching is a subset of edges  $M \subseteq E$  such that no two edges overlap, i.e.  $\forall e_1, e_2 \in M : e_1 \cap e_2 = \emptyset$ .