

# Flow Networks and the Min-Cut-Max-Flow Theorem

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## **Abstract**

We present a formalization of flow networks and the Min-Cut-Max-Flow theorem. Our formal proof closely follows a standard textbook proof, and is accessible even without being an expert in Isabelle/HOL—the interactive theorem prover used for the formalization.

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# 1 Introduction

Computing the maximum flow of a network is an important problem in graph theory. Many other problems, like maximum-bipartite-matching, edge-disjoint-paths, circulation-demand, as well as various scheduling and resource allocating problems can be reduced to it. The Ford-Fulkerson method [3] describes a class of algorithms to solve the maximum flow problem. It is based on a corollary of the Min-Cut-Max-Flow theorem [3, 2], which states that a flow is maximal iff there exists no augmenting path.

In this chapter, we present a formalization of flow networks and prove the Min-Cut-Max-Flow theorem, closely following the textbook presentation of Cormen et al. [1]. We have used the Isar [4] proof language to develop human-readable proofs that are accessible even to non-Isabelle experts.

## 2 Flows, Cuts, and Networks

```
theory Network
imports Graph
begin
```

In this theory, we define the basic concepts of flows, cuts, and (flow) networks.

### 2.1 Definitions

#### 2.1.1 Flows

```
type-synonym 'capacity flow = edge  $\Rightarrow$  'capacity
```

```
locale Preflow = Graph c for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph +
  fixes s t :: node
  fixes f :: 'capacity flow
```

```
  assumes capacity-const:  $\forall e. 0 \leq f e \wedge f e \leq c e$ 
```

```
  assumes no-deficient-nodes:  $\forall v \in V - \{s, t\}.$ 
```

```
     $(\sum_{e \in \text{outgoing } v. f e) \leq (\sum_{e \in \text{incoming } v. f e)$ 
```

```
begin
end
```

An  $s$ - $t$  flow on a graph is a labeling of the edges with real values, such that:

**capacity constraint** the flow on each edge is non-negative and does not exceed the edge's capacity;

**conservation constraint** for all nodes except  $s$  and  $t$ , the incoming flows equal the outgoing flows.

```

locale Flow = Preflow c s t f
  for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph
  and s t :: node
  and f +
  assumes no-active-nodes:
     $\forall v \in V - \{s,t\}. (\sum e \in \text{outgoing } v. f e) \geq (\sum e \in \text{incoming } v. f e)$ 
begin
  lemma conservation-const:  $\forall v \in V - \{s, t\}.$ 
     $(\sum e \in \text{incoming } v. f e) = (\sum e \in \text{outgoing } v. f e)$ 
  using no-deficient-nodes no-active-nodes
  by force

```

The value of a flow is the flow that leaves  $s$  and does not return.

```

definition val :: 'capacity
  where val  $\equiv (\sum e \in \text{outgoing } s. f e) - (\sum e \in \text{incoming } s. f e)$ 
end

```

```

locale Finite-Preflow = Preflow c s t f + Finite-Graph c
  for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph and s t f

```

```

locale Finite-Flow = Flow c s t f + Finite-Preflow c s t f
  for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph and s t f

```

### 2.1.2 Cuts

A cut is a partitioning of the nodes into two sets. We define it by just specifying one of the partitions.

```

type-synonym cut = node set

```

```

locale Cut = Graph +
  fixes k :: cut
  assumes cut-ss-V:  $k \subseteq V$ 

```

### 2.1.3 Networks

A network is a finite graph with two distinct nodes, source and sink, such that all edges are labeled with positive capacities. Moreover, we assume that

- the source has no incoming edges, and the sink has no outgoing edges
- we allow no parallel edges, i.e., for any edge, the reverse edge must not be in the network
- Every node must lay on a path from the source to the sink

```

locale Network = Graph c for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph +
  fixes s t :: node
  assumes s-node[simp, intro!]:  $s \in V$ 

```

```

assumes t-node[simp, intro!]:  $t \in V$ 
assumes s-not-t[simp, intro!]:  $s \neq t$ 
assumes cap-non-negative:  $\forall u v. c(u, v) \geq 0$ 
assumes no-incoming-s:  $\forall u. (u, s) \notin E$ 
assumes no-outgoing-t:  $\forall u. (t, u) \notin E$ 
assumes no-parallel-edge:  $\forall u v. (u, v) \in E \longrightarrow (v, u) \notin E$ 
assumes nodes-on-st-path:  $\forall v \in V. \text{connected } s v \wedge \text{connected } v t$ 
assumes finite-reachable: finite (reachableNodes s)
begin

```

Our assumptions imply that there are no self loops

```

lemma no-self-loop:  $\forall u. (u, u) \notin E$ 
using no-parallel-edge by auto

```

```

lemma adjacent-not-self[simp, intro!]:  $v \notin \text{adjacent-nodes } v$ 
unfolding adjacent-nodes-def using no-self-loop
by auto

```

A flow is maximal, if it has a maximal value

```

definition isMaxFlow :: - flow  $\Rightarrow$  bool
where isMaxFlow f  $\equiv$  Flow c s t f  $\wedge$ 
  ( $\forall f'. \text{Flow } c s t f' \longrightarrow \text{Flow.val } c s f' \leq \text{Flow.val } c s f$ )

```

```

definition is-max-flow-val fv  $\equiv$   $\exists f. \text{isMaxFlow } f \wedge fv = \text{Flow.val } c s f$ 

```

```

lemma t-not-s[simp]:  $t \neq s$  using s-not-t by blast

```

**end**

## 2.1.4 Networks with Flows and Cuts

For convenience, we define locales for a network with a fixed flow, and a network with a fixed cut

```

context Network begin

```

```

definition excess :: 'capacity flow  $\Rightarrow$  node  $\Rightarrow$  'capacity where
  excess f v  $\equiv$   $(\sum e \in \text{incoming } v. f e) - (\sum e \in \text{outgoing } v. f e)$ 
end

```

```

locale NPreflow = Network c s t + Preflow c s t f
for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph and s t f
begin

```

**end**

```

locale NFlow = NPreflow c s t f + Flow c s t f

```

**for**  $c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom\ graph$  **and**  $s\ t\ f$

**lemma** (in *Network*) *isMaxFlow-alt*:

$isMaxFlow\ f \longleftrightarrow NFlow\ c\ s\ t\ f \wedge$   
 $(\forall f'. NFlow\ c\ s\ t\ f' \longrightarrow Flow.val\ c\ s\ f' \leq Flow.val\ c\ s\ f)$

**unfolding** *isMaxFlow-def*

**by** (*auto simp: NFlow-def Flow-def NPreFlow-def*) *intro-locales*

A cut in a network separates the source from the sink

**locale** *NCut* = *Network*  $c\ s\ t$  + *Cut*  $c\ k$

**for**  $c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom\ graph$  **and**  $s\ t\ k$  +

**assumes** *s-in-cut*:  $s \in k$

**assumes** *t-ni-cut*:  $t \notin k$

**begin**

The capacity of the cut is the capacity of all edges going from the source's side to the sink's side.

**definition** *cap* :: *'capacity*

**where**  $cap \equiv (\sum e \in outgoing'\ k. c\ e)$

**end**

A minimum cut is a cut with minimum capacity.

**definition** *isMinCut* ::  $-\ graph \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow cut \Rightarrow bool$

**where**  $isMinCut\ c\ s\ t\ k \equiv NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k \wedge$

$(\forall k'. NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k' \longrightarrow NCut.cap\ c\ k \leq NCut.cap\ c\ k')$

## 2.2 Properties

### 2.2.1 Flows

**context** *PreFlow*

**begin**

Only edges are labeled with non-zero flows

**lemma** *zero-flow-simp*[*simp*]:

$(u,v) \notin E \implies f(u,v) = 0$

**by** (*metis capacity-const eq-iff zero-cap-simp*)

**lemma** *f-non-negative*:  $0 \leq f\ e$

**using** *capacity-const* **by** (*cases e*) *auto*

**lemma** *sum-f-non-negative*:  $sum\ f\ X \geq 0$  **using** *capacity-const*

**by** (*auto simp: sum-nonneg f-non-negative*)

**end** — *PreFlow*

**context** *Flow*

**begin**

We provide a useful equivalent formulation of the conservation constraint.

**lemma** *conservation-const-pointwise*:

**assumes**  $u \in V - \{s, t\}$

**shows**  $(\sum_{v \in E^{\leftarrow}\{u\}} f(u, v)) = (\sum_{v \in E^{-1}\{u\}} f(v, u))$

**using** *conservation-const assms*

**by** (*auto simp: sum-incoming-pointwise sum-outgoing-pointwise*)

The value of the flow is bounded by the capacity of the outgoing edges of the source node

**lemma** *val-bounded*:

$-(\sum_{e \in \text{incoming } s} c\ e) \leq \text{val}$

$\text{val} \leq (\sum_{e \in \text{outgoing } s} c\ e)$

**proof** –

**have**

$\text{sum } f\ (\text{outgoing } s) \leq \text{sum } c\ (\text{outgoing } s)$

$\text{sum } f\ (\text{incoming } s) \leq \text{sum } c\ (\text{incoming } s)$

**using** *capacity-const* **by** (*auto intro!: sum-mono*)

**thus**  $-(\sum_{e \in \text{incoming } s} c\ e) \leq \text{val} \quad \text{val} \leq (\sum_{e \in \text{outgoing } s} c\ e)$

**using** *sum-f-non-negative[of incoming s]*

**using** *sum-f-non-negative[of outgoing s]*

**unfolding** *val-def* **by** *auto*

**qed**

**end** — Flow

Introduce a flow via the conservation constraint

**lemma** (*in Graph*) *intro-Flow*:

**assumes** *cap*:  $\forall e. 0 \leq f\ e \wedge f\ e \leq c\ e$

**assumes** *cons*:  $\forall v \in V - \{s, t\}.$

$(\sum_{e \in \text{incoming } v} f\ e) = (\sum_{e \in \text{outgoing } v} f\ e)$

**shows** *Flow c s t f*

**using** *assms* **by** *unfold-locales auto*

**context** *Finite-Preflow*

**begin**

The summation of flows over incoming/outgoing edges can be extended to a summation over all possible predecessor/successor nodes, as the additional flows are all zero.

**lemma** *sum-outgoing-alt-flow*:

**fixes**  $g :: \text{edge} \Rightarrow \text{'capacity}$

**assumes**  $u \in V$

**shows**  $(\sum_{e \in \text{outgoing } u} f\ e) = (\sum_{v \in V} f(u, v))$

**apply** (*subst sum-outgoing-alt*)

**using** *assms capacity-const*

**by** *auto*

```

lemma sum-incoming-alt-flow:
  fixes  $g :: \text{edge} \Rightarrow \text{'capacity}$ 
  assumes  $u \in V$ 
  shows  $(\sum_{e \in \text{incoming } u} f e) = (\sum_{v \in V} f (v, u))$ 
  apply (subst sum-incoming-alt)
  using assms capacity-const
  by auto
end — Finite Preflow

```

## 2.2.2 Networks

```

context Network
begin

```

```

lemmas [simp] = no-incoming-s no-outgoing-t

```

```

lemma incoming-s-empty[simp]: incoming s = {}
  unfolding incoming-def using no-incoming-s by auto

```

```

lemma outgoing-t-empty[simp]: outgoing t = {}
  unfolding outgoing-def using no-outgoing-t by auto

```

The network constraints implies that all nodes are reachable from the source node

```

lemma reachable-is-V[simp]: reachableNodes s = V
proof
  show  $V \subseteq \text{reachableNodes } s$ 
  unfolding reachableNodes-def using s-node nodes-on-st-path
  by auto
qed (simp add: reachable-ss-V)

```

```

sublocale Finite-Graph
  apply unfold-locales
  using reachable-is-V finite-reachable by auto

```

```

lemma cap-positive:  $e \in E \implies c e > 0$ 
  unfolding E-def using cap-non-negative le-neq-trans by fastforce

```

```

lemma V-not-empty:  $V \neq \{\}$  using s-node by auto
lemma E-not-empty:  $E \neq \{\}$  using V-not-empty by (auto simp: V-def)

```

```

lemma card-V-ge2:  $\text{card } V \geq 2$ 
proof –
  have  $2 = \text{card } \{s, t\}$  by auto
  also have  $\{s, t\} \subseteq V$  by auto
  hence  $\text{card } \{s, t\} \leq \text{card } V$  by (rule-tac card-mono) auto
  finally show ?thesis .
qed

```



**lemma** *zero-is-flow*: *Flow c s t* ( $\lambda\cdot 0$ )  
**using** *cap-non-negative* **by** *unfold-locales auto*

**lemma** *max-flow-val-unique*:  
 $\llbracket is-max-flow-val\ fv1; is-max-flow-val\ fv2 \rrbracket \implies fv1=fv2$   
**unfolding** *is-max-flow-val-def isMaxFlow-def*  
**by** (*auto simp: antisym*)

**end** — Network

### 2.2.3 Networks with Flow

**context** *NPreflow*  
**begin**

**sublocale** *Finite-Preflow* **by** *unfold-locales*

As there are no edges entering the source/leaving the sink, also the corresponding flow values are zero:

**lemma** *no-inflow-s*:  $\forall e \in incoming\ s. f\ e = 0$  (**is** *?thesis*)  
**proof** (*rule ccontr*)  
**assume**  $\neg(\forall e \in incoming\ s. f\ e = 0)$   
**then obtain** *e* **where** *obt1*:  $e \in incoming\ s \wedge f\ e \neq 0$  **by** *blast*  
**then have**  $e \in E$  **using** *incoming-def* **by** *auto*  
**thus** *False* **using** *obt1 no-incoming-s incoming-def* **by** *auto*  
**qed**

**lemma** *no-outflow-t*:  $\forall e \in outgoing\ t. f\ e = 0$   
**proof** (*rule ccontr*)  
**assume**  $\neg(\forall e \in outgoing\ t. f\ e = 0)$   
**then obtain** *e* **where** *obt1*:  $e \in outgoing\ t \wedge f\ e \neq 0$  **by** *blast*  
**then have**  $e \in E$  **using** *outgoing-def* **by** *auto*  
**thus** *False* **using** *obt1 no-outgoing-t outgoing-def* **by** *auto*  
**qed**

For an edge, there is no reverse edge, and thus, no flow in the reverse direction:

**lemma** *zero-rev-flow-simp*[*simp*]:  $(u,v) \in E \implies f(v,u) = 0$   
**using** *no-parallel-edge* **by** *auto*

**lemma** *excess-non-negative*:  $\forall v \in V - \{s,t\}. excess\ f\ v \geq 0$   
**unfolding** *excess-def* **using** *no-deficient-nodes* **by** *auto*

**lemma** *excess-nodes-only*:  $excess\ f\ v > 0 \implies v \in V$   
**unfolding** *excess-def incoming-def outgoing-def V-def*  
**using** *sum.not-neutral-contains-not-neutral* **by** *fastforce*

**lemma** *excess-non-negative'*:  $\forall v \in V - \{s\}. excess\ f\ v \geq 0$

**proof** –  
**have**  $\text{excess } f \ t \geq 0$  **unfolding** *excess-def outgoing-def*  
**by** (*auto simp add: no-outgoing-t capacity-const sum-nonneg*)  
**thus** *?thesis* **using** *excess-non-negative* **by** *blast*  
**qed**

**lemma** *excess-s-non-pos: excess f s ≤ 0*  
**unfolding** *excess-def*  
**by** (*simp add: capacity-const sum-nonneg*)

**end** — Network with preflow

**context** *NFlow* **begin**  
**sublocale** *Finite-Preflow* **by** *unfold-locales*

There is no outflow from the sink in a network. Thus, we can simplify the definition of the value:

**corollary** *val-alt: val = (∑ e ∈ outgoing s. f e)*  
**unfolding** *val-def* **by** (*auto simp: no-inflow-s*)

**end**

**end** — Theory

### 3 Residual Graph

**theory** *Residual-Graph*  
**imports** *Network*  
**begin**

In this theory, we define the residual graph.

#### 3.1 Definition

The *residual graph* of a network and a flow indicates how much flow can be effectively pushed along or reverse to a network edge, by increasing or decreasing the flow on that edge:

**definition** *residualGraph :: - graph ⇒ - flow ⇒ - graph*  
**where** *residualGraph c f ≡ λ(u, v).*  
*if (u, v) ∈ Graph.E c then*  
*c (u, v) - f (u, v)*  
*else if (v, u) ∈ Graph.E c then*  
*f (v, u)*  
*else*  
*0*

**context** *Network* **begin**

**abbreviation**  $cf\text{-of} \equiv \text{residualGraph } c$   
**abbreviation**  $cfE\text{-of } f \equiv \text{Graph}.E \text{ (cf-of } f)$

The edges of the residual graph are either parallel or reverse to the edges of the network.

**lemma**  $cfE\text{-of-ss-inv}E: cfE\text{-of } cf \subseteq E \cup E^{-1}$   
**unfolding**  $\text{residualGraph-def Graph}.E\text{-def}$   
**by**  $\text{auto}$

**lemma**  $cfE\text{-of-ss-VxV}: cfE\text{-of } f \subseteq V \times V$   
**unfolding**  $V\text{-def}$   
**unfolding**  $\text{residualGraph-def Graph}.E\text{-def}$   
**by**  $\text{auto}$

**lemma**  $cfE\text{-of-finite}[simp, intro!]: \text{finite } (cfE\text{-of } f)$   
**using**  $\text{finite-subset}[OF cfE\text{-of-ss-VxV}]$  **by**  $\text{auto}$

**lemma**  $cf\text{-no-self-loop}: (u, u) \notin cfE\text{-of } f$   
**proof**  
**assume**  $a1: (u, u) \in cfE\text{-of } f$   
**have**  $(u, u) \notin E$   
**using**  $\text{no-parallel-edge}$  **by**  $\text{blast}$   
**then show**  $\text{False}$   
**using**  $a1$  **unfolding**  $\text{Graph}.E\text{-def residualGraph-def}$  **by**  $\text{fastforce}$   
**qed**

**end**

Let's fix a network with a preflow  $f$  on it

**context**  $N\text{Preflow}$   
**begin**

We abbreviate the residual graph by  $cf$ .

**abbreviation**  $cf \equiv \text{residualGraph } c f$   
**sublocale**  $cf: \text{Graph } cf$  .  
**lemmas**  $cf\text{-def} = \text{residualGraph-def}[of c f]$

### 3.2 Properties

**lemmas**  $cfE\text{-ss-inv}E = cfE\text{-of-ss-inv}E[of f]$

The nodes of the residual graph are exactly the nodes of the network.

**lemma**  $\text{resV-netV}[simp]: cf.V = V$   
**proof**  
**show**  $V \subseteq \text{Graph}.V cf$   
**proof**  
**fix**  $u$

```

assume  $u \in V$ 
then obtain  $v$  where  $(u, v) \in E \vee (v, u) \in E$  unfolding  $V$ -def by auto

moreover {
  assume  $(u, v) \in E$ 
  then have  $(u, v) \in \text{Graph}.E \text{ cf} \vee (v, u) \in \text{Graph}.E \text{ cf}$ 
  proof (cases)
    assume  $f(u, v) = 0$ 
    then have  $\text{cf}(u, v) = c(u, v)$ 
    unfolding  $\text{residualGraph-def}$  using  $\langle (u, v) \in E \rangle$  by (auto simp;)
    then have  $\text{cf}(u, v) \neq 0$  using  $\langle (u, v) \in E \rangle$  unfolding  $E$ -def by auto
    thus ?thesis unfolding  $\text{Graph}.E$ -def by auto
  next
    assume  $f(u, v) \neq 0$ 
    then have  $\text{cf}(v, u) = f(u, v)$  unfolding  $\text{residualGraph-def}$ 
      using  $\langle (u, v) \in E \rangle$  no-parallel-edge by auto
    then have  $\text{cf}(v, u) \neq 0$  using  $\langle f(u, v) \neq 0 \rangle$  by auto
    thus ?thesis unfolding  $\text{Graph}.E$ -def by auto
  qed
} moreover {
  assume  $(v, u) \in E$ 
  then have  $(v, u) \in \text{Graph}.E \text{ cf} \vee (u, v) \in \text{Graph}.E \text{ cf}$ 
  proof (cases)
    assume  $f(v, u) = 0$ 
    then have  $\text{cf}(v, u) = c(v, u)$ 
    unfolding  $\text{residualGraph-def}$  using  $\langle (v, u) \in E \rangle$  by (auto)
    then have  $\text{cf}(v, u) \neq 0$  using  $\langle (v, u) \in E \rangle$  unfolding  $E$ -def by auto
    thus ?thesis unfolding  $\text{Graph}.E$ -def by auto
  next
    assume  $f(v, u) \neq 0$ 
    then have  $\text{cf}(u, v) = f(v, u)$  unfolding  $\text{residualGraph-def}$ 
      using  $\langle (v, u) \in E \rangle$  no-parallel-edge by auto
    then have  $\text{cf}(u, v) \neq 0$  using  $\langle f(v, u) \neq 0 \rangle$  by auto
    thus ?thesis unfolding  $\text{Graph}.E$ -def by auto
  qed
} ultimately show  $u \in \text{cf}.V$  unfolding  $\text{cf}.V$ -def by auto
qed
next
  show  $\text{Graph}.V \text{ cf} \subseteq V$  using  $\text{cfE-ss-invE}$  unfolding  $\text{Graph}.V$ -def by auto
qed

```

Note, that Isabelle is powerful enough to prove the above case distinctions completely automatically, although it takes some time:

```

lemma  $\text{cf}.V = V$ 
  unfolding  $\text{residualGraph-def}$   $\text{Graph}.E$ -def  $\text{Graph}.V$ -def
  using no-parallel-edge[unfolded E-def]
  by auto

```

As the residual graph has the same nodes as the network, it is also finite:

**sublocale** *cf: Finite-Graph cf*  
**by** *unfold-locales auto*

The capacities on the edges of the residual graph are non-negative

**lemma** *resE-nonNegative: cf e ≥ 0*

**proof** (*cases e; simp*)

```

fix u v
{
  assume  $(u, v) \in E$ 
  then have  $cf (u, v) = c (u, v) - f (u, v)$  unfolding cf-def by auto
  hence  $cf (u,v) \geq 0$ 
    using capacity-const cap-non-negative by auto
} moreover {
  assume  $(v, u) \in E$ 
  then have  $cf (u,v) = f (v, u)$ 
    using no-parallel-edge unfolding cf-def by auto
  hence  $cf (u,v) \geq 0$ 
    using capacity-const by auto
} moreover {
  assume  $(u, v) \notin E \quad (v, u) \notin E$ 
  hence  $cf (u,v) \geq 0$  unfolding residualGraph-def by simp
} ultimately show  $cf (u,v) \geq 0$  by blast
qed

```

Again, there is an automatic proof

**lemma** *cf e ≥ 0*

**apply** (*cases e*)

**unfolding** *residualGraph-def*

**using** *no-parallel-edge capacity-const cap-positive*

**by** *auto*

All edges of the residual graph are labeled with positive capacities:

**corollary** *resE-positive: e ∈ cf.E ⇒ cf e > 0*

**proof** –

**assume**  $e \in cf.E$

**hence**  $cf e \neq 0$  **unfolding** *cf.E-def* **by** *auto*

**thus** *?thesis* **using** *resE-nonNegative* **by** (*meson eq-iff not-le*)

**qed**

**lemma** *reverse-flow: Preflow cf s t f' ⇒ ∀ (u, v) ∈ E. f' (v, u) ≤ f (u, v)*

**proof** –

**assume** *asm: Preflow cf s t f'*

**then interpret** *f': Preflow cf s t f' .*

```

{
  fix u v
  assume  $(u, v) \in E$ 

```

**then have**  $cf(v, u) = f(u, v)$   
**unfolding** *residualGraph-def* **using** *no-parallel-edge* **by** *auto*  
**moreover have**  $f'(v, u) \leq cf(v, u)$  **using** *f'.capacity-const* **by** *auto*  
**ultimately have**  $f'(v, u) \leq f(u, v)$  **by** *metis*  
**}**  
**thus** *?thesis* **by** *auto*  
**qed**

**definition** (in *Network*) *flow-of-cf*  $cf\ e \equiv (if\ (e \in E)\ then\ c\ e - cf\ e\ else\ 0)$

**lemma** (in *NPreflow*) *E-ss-cfinvE*:  $E \subseteq Graph.E\ cf \cup (Graph.E\ cf)^{-1}$   
**unfolding** *residualGraph-def* *Graph.E-def*  
**apply** (*clarsimp*)  
**using** *no-parallel-edge*  
**unfolding** *E-def*  
**apply** (*simp add:*)  
**done**

Nodes with positive excess must have an outgoing edge in the residual graph.  
Intuitively: The excess flow must come from somewhere.

**lemma** *active-has-cf-outgoing*:  $excess\ f\ u > 0 \implies cf.outgoing\ u \neq \{\}$   
**unfolding** *excess-def*

**proof** –

**assume**  $0 < sum\ f\ (incoming\ u) - sum\ f\ (outgoing\ u)$

**hence**  $0 < sum\ f\ (incoming\ u)$

**by** (*metis diff-gt-0-iff-gt linorder-neqE-linordered-idom linorder-not-le sum-f-non-negative*)

**with** *f-non-negative* **obtain**  $e$  **where**  $e \in incoming\ u$   $f\ e > 0$

**by** (*meson not-le sum-nonpos*)

**then obtain**  $v$  **where**  $(v, u) \in E$   $f(v, u) > 0$  **unfolding** *incoming-def* **by** *auto*

**hence**  $cf(u, v) > 0$  **unfolding** *residualGraph-def* **by** *auto*

**thus** *?thesis* **unfolding** *cf.outgoing-def* *cf.E-def* **by** *fastforce*

**qed**

**end** — Network with preflow

**locale** *RPreGraph* — Locale that characterizes a residual graph of a network  
 $= Network +$   
**fixes**  $cf$   
**assumes** *EX-RPG*:  $\exists f. NPreflow\ c\ s\ t\ f \wedge cf = residualGraph\ c\ f$   
**begin**

**lemma** *this-loc-rpg*: *RPreGraph c s t cf*  
**by** *unfold-locales*

**definition**  $f \equiv \text{flow-of-cf } cf$

**lemma**  $f\text{-unique}$ :

**assumes**  $\text{NPreflow } c \ s \ t \ f'$

**assumes**  $A: cf = \text{residualGraph } c \ f'$

**shows**  $f' = f$

**proof** –

**interpret**  $f': \text{NPreflow } c \ s \ t \ f'$  **by**  $\text{fact}$

**show**  $?thesis$

**unfolding**  $f\text{-def}[abs\text{-def}] \ \text{flow-of-cf-def}[abs\text{-def}]$

**unfolding**  $A \ \text{residualGraph-def}$

**apply**  $(\text{rule } ext)$

**using**  $f'.capacity\text{-const}$  **unfolding**  $E\text{-def}$

**apply**  $(\text{auto } split: \text{prod.split})$

**by**  $(metis \ \text{antisym})$

**qed**

**lemma**  $is\text{-NPreflow}$ :  $\text{NPreflow } c \ s \ t \ (\text{flow-of-cf } cf)$

**apply**  $(\text{fold } f\text{-def})$

**using**  $EX\text{-RPG } f\text{-unique}$  **by**  $metis$

**sublocale**  $f: \text{NPreflow } c \ s \ t \ f$  **unfolding**  $f\text{-def}$  **by**  $(\text{rule } is\text{-NPreflow})$

**lemma**  $rg\text{-is-cf}[simp]$ :  $\text{residualGraph } c \ f = cf$

**using**  $EX\text{-RPG } f\text{-unique}$  **by**  $auto$

**lemma**  $rg\text{-fo-inv}[simp]$ :  $\text{residualGraph } c \ (\text{flow-of-cf } cf) = cf$

**using**  $rg\text{-is-cf}$

**unfolding**  $f\text{-def}$

.

**sublocale**  $cf: \text{Graph } cf$  .

**lemma**  $resV\text{-netV}[simp]$ :  $cf.V = V$

**using**  $f.resV\text{-netV}$  **by**  $simp$

**sublocale**  $cf: \text{Finite-Graph } cf$

**apply**  $\text{unfold-locales}$

**apply**  $simp$

**done**

**lemma**  $E\text{-ss-cfinvE}$ :  $E \subseteq cf.E \cup cf.E^{-1}$

**using**  $f.E\text{-ss-cfinvE}$  **by**  $simp$

```

lemma cfE-ss-invE:  $cf.E \subseteq E \cup E^{-1}$ 
  using f.cfE-ss-invE by simp

lemma resE-nonNegative:  $cf\ e \geq 0$ 
  using f.resE-nonNegative by auto

end

context NPreflow begin
  lemma is-RPreGraph: RPreGraph c s t cf
    apply unfold-locales
    apply (rule exI[where  $x=f$ ])
    apply (safe; unfold-locales)
    done

  lemma fo-rg-inv:  $flow-of-cf\ cf = f$ 
    unfolding flow-of-cf-def[abs-def]
    unfolding residualGraph-def
    apply (rule ext)
    using capacity-const unfolding E-def
    apply (clarsimp split: prod.split)
    by (metis antisym)

end

lemma (in NPreflow)
   $flow-of-cf\ (residualGraph\ c\ f) = f$ 
  by (rule fo-rg-inv)

locale RGraph — Locale that characterizes a residual graph of a network
= Network +
  fixes cf
  assumes EX-RG:  $\exists f. NFlow\ c\ s\ t\ f \wedge cf = residualGraph\ c\ f$ 
begin
  sublocale RPreGraph
  proof
    from EX-RG obtain f where  $NFlow\ c\ s\ t\ f$  and [simp]:  $cf = residualGraph\ c\ f$ 
  c f by auto
    then interpret  $NFlow\ c\ s\ t\ f$  by simp

    show  $\exists f. NPreflow\ c\ s\ t\ f \wedge cf = residualGraph\ c\ f$ 
      apply (rule exI[where  $x=f$ ])
      apply simp
      by unfold-locales
  qed

lemma this-loc: RGraph c s t cf

```



```

    by unfold-locale
lemma this-loc-rpg: RPreGraph c s t cf
  by unfold-locale

lemma is-NFlow: NFlow c s t (flow-of-cf cf)
  using EX-RG f-unique is-NPreflow NFlow.axioms(1)
  apply (fold f-def) by force

  sublocale f: NFlow c s t f unfolding f-def by (rule is-NFlow)
end

context NFlow begin

lemma is-RGraph: RGraph c s t cf
  apply unfold-locale
  apply (rule exI[where x=f])
  apply (safe; unfold-locale)
  done

The value of the flow can be computed from the residual graph only
lemma val-by-cf:  $val = (\sum_{(u,v) \in outgoing} s. cf (v,u))$ 
proof –
  have  $f (s,v) = cf (v,s)$  for  $v$ 
    unfolding cf-def by auto
  thus ?thesis
    unfolding val-alt outgoing-def
    by (auto intro!: sum.cong)
qed

end — Network with Flow

lemma (in RPreGraph) maxflow-imp-rgraph:
  assumes isMaxFlow (flow-of-cf cf)
  shows RGraph c s t cf
proof –
  from assms interpret Flow c s t f
    unfolding isMaxFlow-def by (simp add: f-def)

  interpret NFlow c s t f by unfold-locale

  show ?thesis
    apply unfold-locale
    apply (rule exI[of - f])
    apply (simp add: NFlow-axioms)
    done
qed

end — Theory

```

## 4 Augmenting Flows

```
theory Augmenting-Flow
imports Residual-Graph
begin
```

In this theory, we define the concept of an augmenting flow, augmentation with a flow, and show that augmentation of a flow with an augmenting flow yields a valid flow again.

We assume that there is a network with a flow  $f$  on it

```
context NFlow
begin
```

### 4.1 Augmentation of a Flow

The flow can be augmented by another flow, by adding the flows of edges parallel to edges in the network, and subtracting the edges reverse to edges in the network.

```
definition augment :: 'capacity flow  $\Rightarrow$  'capacity flow
where augment  $f' \equiv \lambda(u, v).$ 
  if  $(u, v) \in E$  then
     $f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u)$ 
  else
    0
```

We define a syntax similar to Cormen et al.:

```
abbreviation (input) augment-syntax (infix  $\uparrow$  55)
  where  $\bigwedge f f'. f \uparrow f' \equiv NFlow.augment\ c\ f\ f'$ 
```

such that we can write  $f \uparrow f'$  for the flow  $f$  augmented by  $f'$ .

### 4.2 Augmentation yields Valid Flow

We show that, if we augment the flow with a valid flow of the residual graph, the augmented flow is a valid flow again, i.e. it satisfies the capacity and conservation constraints:

```
context
  — Let the residual flow  $f'$  be a flow in the residual graph
  fixes  $f' :: '$ capacity flow
  assumes  $f'$ -flow: Flow  $c\ f\ s\ t\ f'$ 
begin
```

```
interpretation  $f'$ : Flow  $c\ f\ s\ t\ f'$  by (rule  $f'$ -flow)
```

### 4.2.1 Capacity Constraint

First, we have to show that the new flow satisfies the capacity constraint:

**lemma** *augment-flow-presv-cap*:

**shows**  $0 \leq (f \uparrow f')(u, v) \wedge (f \uparrow f')(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$

**proof** (*cases*  $(u, v) \in E$ ; *rule* *conjI*)

**assume** [*simp*]:  $(u, v) \in E$

**hence**  $f(u, v) = cf(v, u)$

**using** *no-parallel-edge* **by** (*auto simp: residualGraph-def*)

**also have**  $cf(v, u) \geq f'(v, u)$  **using** *f'.capacity-const* **by** *auto*

**finally have**  $f'(v, u) \leq f(u, v)$  .

**have**  $(f \uparrow f')(u, v) = f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u)$

**by** (*auto simp: augment-def*)

**also have**  $\dots \geq f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f(u, v)$

**using**  $\langle f'(v, u) \leq f(u, v) \rangle$  **by** *auto*

**also have**  $\dots = f'(u, v)$  **by** *auto*

**also have**  $\dots \geq 0$  **using** *f'.capacity-const* **by** *auto*

**finally show**  $(f \uparrow f')(u, v) \geq 0$  .

**have**  $(f \uparrow f')(u, v) = f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u)$

**by** (*auto simp: augment-def*)

**also have**  $\dots \leq f(u, v) + f'(u, v)$  **using** *f'.capacity-const* **by** *auto*

**also have**  $\dots \leq f(u, v) + cf(u, v)$  **using** *f'.capacity-const* **by** *auto*

**also have**  $\dots = f(u, v) + c(u, v) - f(u, v)$

**by** (*auto simp: residualGraph-def*)

**also have**  $\dots = c(u, v)$  **by** *auto*

**finally show**  $(f \uparrow f')(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$  .

**qed** (*auto simp: augment-def cap-positive*)

### 4.2.2 Conservation Constraint

In order to show the conservation constraint, we need some auxiliary lemmas first.

As there are no parallel edges in the network, and all edges in the residual graph are either parallel or reverse to a network edge, we can split summations of the residual flow over outgoing/incoming edges in the residual graph to summations over outgoing/incoming edges in the network.

**private lemma** *split-rflow-outgoing*:

$(\sum_{v \in cf.E''\{u\}} f'(u, v)) = (\sum_{v \in E''\{u\}} f'(u, v)) + (\sum_{v \in E^{-1}''\{u\}} f'(u, v))$

(*is ?LHS = ?RHS*)

**proof** –

**from** *no-parallel-edge* **have** *DJ*:  $E''\{u\} \cap E^{-1}''\{u\} = \{\}$  **by** *auto*

**have** *?LHS* =  $(\sum_{v \in E''\{u\} \cup E^{-1}''\{u\}} f'(u, v))$

**apply** (*rule sum.mono-neutral-left*)

**using** *cfE-ss-invE*

by (auto intro: finite-Image)  
 also have ... = ?RHS  
 apply (subst sum.union-disjoint[OF - - DJ])  
 by (auto intro: finite-Image)  
 finally show ?LHS = ?RHS .  
 qed

**private lemma** *split-rflow-incoming*:

$$(\sum v \in cf.E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u)) = (\sum v \in E\{u\}. f'(v,u)) + (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u))$$

(is ?LHS = ?RHS)

**proof** –

from *no-parallel-edge* have *DJ*:  $E\{u\} \cap E^{-1}\{u\} = \{\}$  by *auto*

have ?LHS =  $(\sum v \in E\{u\} \cup E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u))$

apply (rule sum.mono-neutral-left)

using *cfE-ss-invE*

by (auto intro: finite-Image)

also have ... = ?RHS

apply (subst sum.union-disjoint[OF - - DJ])

by (auto intro: finite-Image)

finally show ?LHS = ?RHS .

qed

For proving the conservation constraint, let's fix a node  $u$ , which is neither the source nor the sink:

**context**

fixes  $u :: node$

assumes *U-ASM*:  $u \in V - \{s, t\}$

**begin**

We first show an auxiliary lemma to compare the effective residual flow on incoming network edges to the effective residual flow on outgoing network edges.

Intuitively, this lemma shows that the effective residual flow added to the network edges satisfies the conservation constraint.

**private lemma** *flow-summation-aux*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{shows } (\sum v \in E\{u\}. f'(u,v)) - (\sum v \in E\{u\}. f'(v,u)) \\
 & \quad = (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u)) - (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(u,v)) \\
 & \text{(is ?LHS = ?RHS is ?A - ?B = ?RHS)}
 \end{aligned}$$

**proof** –

The proof is by splitting the flows, and careful cancellation of the summands.

have ?A =  $(\sum v \in cf.E\{u\}. f'(u,v)) - (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(u,v))$

by (*simp add: split-rflow-outgoing*)

also have  $(\sum v \in cf.E\{u\}. f'(u,v)) = (\sum v \in cf.E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u))$

using *U-ASM*

by (*simp add: f'.conservation-const-pointwise*)

finally have ?A =  $(\sum v \in cf.E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v,u)) - (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(u,v))$

by *simp*  
 moreover  
 have  $?B = (\sum v \in cf.E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v, u)) - (\sum v \in E^{-1}\{u\}. f'(v, u))$   
 by (*simp add: split-rflow-incoming*)  
 ultimately show  $?A - ?B = ?RHS$  by *simp*  
 qed

Finally, we are ready to prove that the augmented flow satisfies the conservation constraint:

**lemma** *augment-flow-presv-con*:

shows  $(\sum e \in outgoing\ u. augment\ f'\ e) = (\sum e \in incoming\ u. augment\ f'\ e)$   
 (is  $?LHS = ?RHS$ )

**proof** –

We define shortcuts for the successor and predecessor nodes of  $u$  in the network:

let  $?Vo = E\{u}$  let  $?Vi = E^{-1}\{u\}$

Using the auxiliary lemma for the effective residual flow, the proof is straightforward:

have  $?LHS = (\sum v \in ?Vo. augment\ f'\ (u, v))$   
 by (*auto simp: sum-outgoing-pointwise*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $(\sum v \in ?Vo. f(u, v) + f'(u, v) - f'(v, u))$   
 by (*auto simp: augment-def*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $(\sum v \in ?Vo. f(u, v)) + (\sum v \in ?Vo. f'(u, v)) - (\sum v \in ?Vo. f'(v, u))$   
 by (*auto simp: sum-subtractf sum.distrib*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $(\sum v \in ?Vi. f(v, u) + (\sum v \in ?Vi. f'(v, u)) - (\sum v \in ?Vi. f'(u, v))$   
 by (*auto simp: conservation-const-pointwise[OF U-ASM] flow-summation-aux*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $(\sum v \in ?Vi. f(v, u) + f'(v, u) - f'(u, v))$   
 by (*auto simp: sum-subtractf sum.distrib*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $(\sum v \in ?Vi. augment\ f'\ (v, u))$   
 by (*auto simp: augment-def*)  
 also have ...  
 =  $?RHS$   
 by (*auto simp: sum-incoming-pointwise*)  
 finally show  $?LHS = ?RHS$  .  
 qed

Note that we tried to follow the proof presented by Cormen et al. [1] as closely as possible. Unfortunately, this proof generalizes the summation to all nodes immediately, rendering the first equation invalid. Trying to fix this error, we encountered that the step that uses the conservation constraints

on the augmenting flow is more subtle as indicated in the original proof. Thus, we moved this argument to an auxiliary lemma.

**end** —  $u$  is node

As main result, we get that the augmented flow is again a valid flow.

**corollary** *augment-flow-presv*:  $Flow\ c\ s\ t\ (f\uparrow f')$   
**using** *augment-flow-presv-cap* *augment-flow-presv-con*  
**by** (*rule-tac intro-Flow*) *auto*

### 4.3 Value of the Augmented Flow

Next, we show that the value of the augmented flow is the sum of the values of the original flow and the augmenting flow.

**lemma** *augment-flow-value*:  $Flow.val\ c\ s\ (f\uparrow f') = val + Flow.val\ cf\ s\ f'$

**proof** —

**interpret**  $f''$ :  $Flow\ c\ s\ t\ f\uparrow f'$  **using** *augment-flow-presv* .

For this proof, we set up Isabelle's rewriting engine for rewriting of sums. In particular, we add lemmas to convert sums over incoming or outgoing edges to sums over all vertices. This allows us to write the summations from Cormen et al. a bit more concise, leaving some of the tedious calculation work to the computer.

**note** *sum-simp-setup*[*simp*] =  
*sum-outgoing-alt*[*OF capacity-const*] *s-node*  
*sum-incoming-alt*[*OF capacity-const*]  
*cf.sum-outgoing-alt*[*OF f'.capacity-const*]  
*cf.sum-incoming-alt*[*OF f'.capacity-const*]  
*sum-outgoing-alt*[*OF f''.capacity-const*]  
*sum-incoming-alt*[*OF f''.capacity-const*]  
*sum-subtractf sum.distrib*

Note that, if neither an edge nor its reverse is in the graph, there is also no edge in the residual graph, and thus the flow value is zero.

**have** *aux1*:  $f'(u,v) = 0$  **if**  $(u,v) \notin E$   $(v,u) \notin E$  **for**  $u\ v$

**proof** —

**from** *that cfE-ss-invE* **have**  $(u,v) \notin cf.E$  **by** *auto*

**thus**  $f'(u,v) = 0$  **by** *auto*

**qed**

Now, the proposition follows by straightforward rewriting of the summations:

**have**  $f''.val = (\sum_{u \in V}. \text{augment } f'(s, u) - \text{augment } f'(u, s))$

**unfolding**  $f''.val-def$  **by** *simp*

**also have**  $\dots = (\sum_{u \in V}. f(s, u) - f(u, s) + (f'(s, u) - f'(u, s)))$

— Note that this is the crucial step of the proof, which Cormen et al. leave as an exercise.

**by** (*rule sum.cong*) (*auto simp: augment-def no-parallel-edge aux1*)

**also have**  $\dots = val + Flow.val\ cf\ s\ f'$

**unfolding**  $val-def\ f'.val-def$  **by** *simp*

**finally show**  $f''.val = val + f'.val$  .  
**qed**

Note, there is also an automatic proof. When creating the above explicit proof, this automatic one has been used to extract meaningful subgoals, abusing Isabelle as a term rewriter.

**lemma**  $Flow.val\ c\ s\ (f\uparrow f') = val + Flow.val\ cf\ s\ f'$   
**proof** –  
**interpret**  $f''$ :  $Flow\ c\ s\ t\ f\uparrow f'$  **using** *augment-flow-presv* .

**have**  $aux1$ :  $f'(u,v) = 0$  **if**  $A$ :  $(u,v)\notin E$     $(v,u)\notin E$  **for**  $u\ v$   
**proof** –  
**from**  $A\ cfE\text{-}ss\text{-}invE$  **have**  $(u,v)\notin cf.E$  **by** *auto*  
**thus**  $f'(u,v) = 0$  **by** *auto*  
**qed**

**show** *?thesis*  
**unfolding**  $val\text{-}def\ f'.val\text{-}def\ f''.val\text{-}def$   
**apply** (*simp del*:  
  *add*:  
   $sum\text{-}outgoing\text{-}alt[OF\ capacity\text{-}const]\ s\text{-}node$   
   $sum\text{-}incoming\text{-}alt[OF\ capacity\text{-}const]$   
   $sum\text{-}outgoing\text{-}alt[OF\ f''.capacity\text{-}const]$   
   $sum\text{-}incoming\text{-}alt[OF\ f''.capacity\text{-}const]$   
   $cf.sum\text{-}outgoing\text{-}alt[OF\ f'.capacity\text{-}const]$   
   $cf.sum\text{-}incoming\text{-}alt[OF\ f'.capacity\text{-}const]$   
   $sum\text{-}subtractf[symmetric]\ sum.distrib[symmetric]$   
  )  
**apply** (*rule sum.cong*)  
**apply** (*auto simp: augment-def no-parallel-edge aux1*)  
**done**  
**qed**

**end** — Augmenting flow  
**end** — Network flow

**end** — Theory

## 5 Augmenting Paths

**theory** *Augmenting-Path*  
**imports** *Residual-Graph*  
**begin**

We define the concept of an augmenting path in the residual graph, and the residual flow induced by an augmenting path.

We fix a network with a preflow  $f$  on it.

**context** *NPreflow*  
**begin**

## 5.1 Definitions

An *augmenting path* is a simple path from the source to the sink in the residual graph:

**definition** *isAugmentingPath* :: *path*  $\Rightarrow$  *bool*  
**where** *isAugmentingPath* *p*  $\equiv$  *cf.isSimplePath* *s p t*

The *residual capacity* of an augmenting path is the smallest capacity annotated to its edges:

**definition** *resCap* :: *path*  $\Rightarrow$  '*capacity*  
**where** *resCap* *p*  $\equiv$  *Min* {*cf e* | *e. e*  $\in$  *set p*}

**lemma** *resCap-alt*: *resCap* *p* = *Min* (*cf.set* *p*)  
— Useful characterization for finiteness arguments  
**unfolding** *resCap-def* **apply** (*rule arg-cong*[**where** *f=Min*]) **by** *auto*

An augmenting path induces an *augmenting flow*, which pushes as much flow as possible along the path:

**definition** *augmentingFlow* :: *path*  $\Rightarrow$  '*capacity flow*  
**where** *augmentingFlow* *p*  $\equiv$   $\lambda(u, v).$   
  *if* (*u, v*)  $\in$  (*set p*) *then*  
    *resCap* *p*  
  *else*  
    0

## 5.2 Augmenting Flow is Valid Flow

In this section, we show that the augmenting flow induced by an augmenting path is a valid flow in the residual graph.

We start with some auxiliary lemmas.

The residual capacity of an augmenting path is always positive.

**lemma** *resCap-gzero-aux*: *cf.isPath* *s p t*  $\implies$   $0 < \text{resCap } p$   
**proof** –  
  **assume** *PATH*: *cf.isPath* *s p t*  
  **hence** *set p*  $\neq \{\}$  **using** *s-not-t* **by** (*auto*)  
  **moreover** **have**  $\forall e \in \text{set } p. \text{cf } e > 0$   
    **using** *cf.isPath-edgeset*[*OF PATH*] *resE-positive* **by** (*auto*)  
  **ultimately show** *?thesis* **unfolding** *resCap-alt* **by** (*auto*)  
**qed**

**lemma** *resCap-gzero*: *isAugmentingPath* *p*  $\implies$   $0 < \text{resCap } p$   
  **using** *resCap-gzero-aux*[*of p*]  
  **by** (*auto simp: isAugmentingPath-def cf.isSimplePath-def*)



As all edges of the augmenting flow have the same value, we can factor this out from a summation:

**lemma** *sum-augmenting-alt*:

**assumes** *finite A*

**shows**  $(\sum e \in A. (\text{augmentingFlow } p) e)$   
 $= \text{resCap } p * \text{of-nat } (\text{card } (A \cap \text{set } p))$

**proof** –

**have**  $(\sum e \in A. (\text{augmentingFlow } p) e) = \text{sum } (\lambda-. \text{resCap } p) (A \cap \text{set } p)$

**apply** (*subst sum.inter-restrict*)

**apply** (*auto simp: augmentingFlow-def assms*)

**done**

**thus** *?thesis* **by** *auto*

**qed**

**lemma** *augFlow-resFlow*:  $\text{isAugmentingPath } p \implies \text{Flow } cf \ s \ t \ (\text{augmentingFlow } p)$

**proof** (*rule cf.intro-Flow; intro allI ballI*)

**assume** *AUG: isAugmentingPath p*

**hence** *SPATH*:  $cf.\text{isSimplePath } s \ p \ t$  **by** (*simp add: isAugmentingPath-def*)

**hence** *PATH*:  $cf.\text{isPath } s \ p \ t$  **by** (*simp add: cf.isSimplePath-def*)

{

We first show the capacity constraint

**fix** *e*

**show**  $0 \leq (\text{augmentingFlow } p) e \wedge (\text{augmentingFlow } p) e \leq cf \ e$

**proof** *cases*

**assume**  $e \in \text{set } p$

**hence**  $\text{resCap } p \leq cf \ e$  **unfolding** *resCap-alt* **by** *auto*

**moreover** **have**  $(\text{augmentingFlow } p) e = \text{resCap } p$

**unfolding** *augmentingFlow-def* **using**  $\langle e \in \text{set } p \rangle$  **by** *auto*

**moreover** **have**  $0 < \text{resCap } p$  **using** *resCap-gzero[OF AUG]* **by** *simp*

**ultimately show** *?thesis* **by** *auto*

**next**

**assume**  $e \notin \text{set } p$

**hence**  $(\text{augmentingFlow } p) e = 0$  **unfolding** *augmentingFlow-def* **by** *auto*

**thus** *?thesis* **using** *resE-nonNegative* **by** *auto*

**qed**

}

{

Next, we show the conservation constraint

**fix** *v*

**assume** *asm-s*:  $v \in \text{Graph}.V \ cf - \{s, t\}$

**have**  $\text{card } (\text{Graph}.incoming \ cf \ v \cap \text{set } p) = \text{card } (\text{Graph}.outgoing \ cf \ v \cap \text{set } p)$

**proof** (*cases*)

```

assume  $v \in \text{set } (cf.\text{pathVertices-fwd } s \ p)$ 
from  $cf.\text{split-path-at-vertex}[OF \ \text{this } PATH]$  obtain  $p1 \ p2$  where
   $P\text{-FMT}: p = p1 @ p2$ 
  and  $1: cf.\text{isPath } s \ p1 \ v$ 
  and  $2: cf.\text{isPath } v \ p2 \ t$ 
  .
from  $1$  obtain  $p1' \ u1$  where  $[simp]: p1 = p1' @ [(u1, v)]$ 
  using  $asm\text{-}s$  by  $(cases \ p1 \ \text{rule: rev-cases})$   $(auto \ simp: split\text{-}path\text{-}simps)$ 
from  $2$  obtain  $p2' \ u2$  where  $[simp]: p2 = (v, u2) \# p2'$ 
  using  $asm\text{-}s$  by  $(cases \ p2)$   $(auto)$ 
from
   $cf.\text{isSPath-sg-outgoing}[OF \ SPATH, \ \text{of } v \ u2]$ 
   $cf.\text{isSPath-sg-incoming}[OF \ SPATH, \ \text{of } u1 \ v]$ 
   $cf.\text{isPath-edgeset}[OF \ PATH]$ 
have  $cf.\text{outgoing } v \cap \text{set } p = \{(v, u2)\}$   $cf.\text{incoming } v \cap \text{set } p = \{(u1, v)\}$ 
  by  $(fastforce \ simp: P\text{-FMT } cf.\text{outgoing-def } cf.\text{incoming-def})$ 
thus  $?thesis$  by  $auto$ 
next
assume  $v \notin \text{set } (cf.\text{pathVertices-fwd } s \ p)$ 
then have  $\forall u. (u, v) \notin \text{set } p \wedge (v, u) \notin \text{set } p$ 
  by  $(auto \ dest: cf.\text{pathVertices-edge}[OF \ PATH])$ 
hence  $cf.\text{incoming } v \cap \text{set } p = \{\}$   $cf.\text{outgoing } v \cap \text{set } p = \{\}$ 
  by  $(auto \ simp: cf.\text{incoming-def } cf.\text{outgoing-def})$ 
thus  $?thesis$  by  $auto$ 
qed
thus  $(\sum e \in Graph.\text{incoming } cf \ v. (augmentingFlow \ p) \ e) =$ 
   $(\sum e \in Graph.\text{outgoing } cf \ v. (augmentingFlow \ p) \ e)$ 
by  $(auto \ simp: sum\text{-}augmenting\text{-}alt)$ 
}
qed

```

### 5.3 Value of Augmenting Flow is Residual Capacity

Finally, we show that the value of the augmenting flow is the residual capacity of the augmenting path

**lemma**  $augFlow\text{-}val$ :

$isAugmentingPath \ p \implies Flow.\text{val } cf \ s \ (augmentingFlow \ p) = resCap \ p$

**proof** –

**assume**  $AUG: isAugmentingPath \ p$

**with**  $augFlow\text{-}resFlow$  **interpret**  $f: Flow \ cf \ s \ t \ augmentingFlow \ p$  .

**note**  $AUG$

**hence**  $SPATH: cf.\text{isSimplePath } s \ p \ t$  **by**  $(simp \ add: isAugmentingPath\text{-}def)$

**hence**  $PATH: cf.\text{isPath } s \ p \ t$  **by**  $(simp \ add: cf.\text{isSimplePath-def})$

**then** **obtain**  $v \ p'$  **where**  $p = (s, v) \# p' \quad (s, v) \in cf.E$

**using**  $s\text{-not-}t$  **by**  $(cases \ p) \ auto$

**hence**  $cf.\text{outgoing } s \cap \text{set } p = \{(s, v)\}$

**using**  $cf.\text{isSPath-sg-outgoing}[OF \ SPATH, \ \text{of } s \ v]$

**using**  $cf.\text{isPath-edgeset}[OF \ PATH]$

```

    by (fastforce simp: cf.outgoing-def)
  moreover have  $cf.incoming\ s \cap set\ p = \{\}$  using SPATH no-incoming-s
  by (auto
    simp: cf.incoming-def  $\langle p=(s,v)\#p'\rangle in-set-conv-decomp[\mathbf{where}\ xs=p']$ 
    simp: cf.isSimplePath-append cf.isSimplePath-cons)
  ultimately show ?thesis
    unfolding f.val-def
    by (auto simp: sum-augmenting-alt)
qed

end — Network with flow
end — Theory

```

## 6 The Ford-Fulkerson Theorem

```

theory Ford-Fulkerson
imports Augmenting-Flow Augmenting-Path
begin

```

In this theory, we prove the Ford-Fulkerson theorem, and its well-known corollary, the min-cut max-flow theorem.

We fix a network with a flow and a cut

```

locale NFlowCut = NFlow c s t f + NCut c s t k
  for c :: 'capacity::linordered-idom graph and s t f k
begin

```

```

lemma finite-k[simp, intro!]: finite k
  using cut-ss-V finite-V finite-subset[of k V] by blast

```

### 6.1 Net Flow

We define the *net flow* to be the amount of flow effectively passed over the cut from the source to the sink:

```

definition netFlow :: 'capacity
  where  $netFlow \equiv (\sum e \in outgoing' k. f e) - (\sum e \in incoming' k. f e)$ 

```

We can show that the net flow equals the value of the flow. Note: Cormen et al. [1] present a whole page full of summation calculations for this proof, and our formal proof also looks quite complicated.

```

lemma flow-value: netFlow = val
proof —
  let ?LCL =  $\{(u, v). u \in k \wedge v \in k \wedge (u, v) \in E\}$ 
  let ?AOG =  $\{(u, v). u \in k \wedge (u, v) \in E\}$ 
  let ?AIN =  $\{(v, u) \mid u v. u \in k \wedge (v, u) \in E\}$ 
  let ?SOG =  $\lambda u. (\sum e \in outgoing\ u. f e)$ 
  let ?SIN =  $\lambda u. (\sum e \in incoming\ u. f e)$ 

```

**let**  $?SOG' = (\sum e \in outgoing' k. f e)$   
**let**  $?SIN' = (\sum e \in incoming' k. f e)$

Some setup to make finiteness reasoning implicit

**note**  $[[simproc\ finite-Collect]]$

**have**

$netFlow = ?SOG' + (\sum e \in ?LCL. f e) - (?SIN' + (\sum e \in ?LCL. f e))$   
**(is - =**  $?SAOG$  **-**  $?SAIN)$

**using**  $netFlow-def$  **by**  $auto$

**also have**  $?SAOG = (\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SOG y) + ?SOG s$

**proof** -

**have**  $?SAOG = (\sum e \in (outgoing' k \cup ?LCL). f e)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.union-disjoint[symmetric]) (auto\ simp: outgoing'-def)$

**also have**  $outgoing' k \cup ?LCL = (\bigcup y \in k - \{s\}. outgoing y) \cup outgoing s$

**by**  $(auto\ simp: outgoing-def outgoing'-def s-in-cut)$

**also have**  $(\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) outgoing \cup outgoing s). f e)$

$= (\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) outgoing). f e) + (\sum e \in outgoing s. f e)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.union-disjoint)$

$(auto\ simp: outgoing-def intro: finite-Image)$

**also have**  $(\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) outgoing). f e)$

$= (\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SOG y)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.UNION-disjoint)$

$(auto\ simp: outgoing-def intro: finite-Image)$

**finally show**  $?thesis$  .

**qed**

**also have**  $?SAIN = (\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SIN y) + ?SIN s$

**proof** -

**have**  $?SAIN = (\sum e \in (incoming' k \cup ?LCL). f e)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.union-disjoint[symmetric]) (auto\ simp: incoming'-def)$

**also have**  $incoming' k \cup ?LCL = (\bigcup y \in k - \{s\}. incoming y) \cup incoming s$

**by**  $(auto\ simp: incoming-def incoming'-def s-in-cut)$

**also have**  $(\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) incoming \cup incoming s). f e)$

$= (\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) incoming). f e) + (\sum e \in incoming s. f e)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.union-disjoint)$

$(auto\ simp: incoming-def intro: finite-Image)$

**also have**  $(\sum e \in (UNION (k - \{s\}) incoming). f e)$

$= (\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SIN y)$

**by**  $(rule\ sum.UNION-disjoint)$

$(auto\ simp: incoming-def intro: finite-Image)$

**finally show**  $?thesis$  .

**qed**

**finally have**  $netFlow =$

$((\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SOG y) + ?SOG s)$

$- ((\sum y \in k - \{s\}. ?SIN y) + ?SIN s)$

**(is**  $netFlow = ?R)$  .

**also have**  $?R = ?SOG s - ?SIN s$

**proof** -

**have**  $(\bigwedge u. u \in k - \{s\} \implies ?SOG u = ?SIN u)$

```

    using conservation-const cut-ss-V t-ni-cut by force
    thus ?thesis by auto
  qed
  finally show ?thesis unfolding val-def by simp
  qed

```

The value of any flow is bounded by the capacity of any cut. This is intuitively clear, as all flow from the source to the sink has to go over the cut.

**corollary** *weak-duality*:  $val \leq cap$

**proof** –

```

  have  $(\sum e \in outgoing' k. f e) \leq (\sum e \in outgoing' k. c e)$  (is ?L ≤ ?R)
    using capacity-const by (metis sum-mono)
  then have  $(\sum e \in outgoing' k. f e) \leq cap$  unfolding cap-def by simp
  moreover have  $val \leq (\sum e \in outgoing' k. f e)$  using netFlow-def
    by (simp add: capacity-const flow-value sum-nonneg)
  ultimately show ?thesis by simp
  qed

```

end — Cut

## 6.2 Ford-Fulkerson Theorem

**context** *NFlow* **begin**

We prove three auxiliary lemmas first, and then state the theorem as a corollary

**lemma** *fofu-I-II*:  $isMaxFlow f \implies \neg (\exists p. isAugmentingPath p)$

**unfolding** *isMaxFlow-alt*

**proof** (*rule ccontr*)

```

  assume asm: NFlow c s t f
   $\wedge (\forall f'. NFlow c s t f' \implies Flow.val c s f' \leq Flow.val c s f)$ 
  assume asm-c:  $\neg (\exists p. isAugmentingPath p)$ 
  then obtain p where obt: isAugmentingPath p by blast
  have fct1: Flow cf s t (augmentingFlow p) using obt augFlow-resFlow by auto
  have fct2: Flow.val cf s (augmentingFlow p) > 0 using obt augFlow-val
    resCap-gzero isAugmentingPath-def cf.isSimplePath-def by auto
  have NFlow c s t (augment (augmentingFlow p))
    using fct1 augment-flow-presv Network-axioms unfolding Flow-def NFlow-def
  NPreFlow-def by auto
  moreover have Flow.val c s (augment (augmentingFlow p)) > val
    using fct1 fct2 augment-flow-value by auto
  ultimately show False using asm by auto
  qed

```

**lemma** *fofu-II-III*:

$\neg (\exists p. isAugmentingPath p) \implies \exists k'. NCut c s t k' \wedge val = NCut.cap c k'$

**proof** (*intro exI conjI*)

let ?S = cf.reachableNodes s

**assume**  $asm: \neg (\exists p. isAugmentingPath\ p)$   
**hence**  $t \notin ?S$   
**unfolding**  $isAugmentingPath-def\ cf.reachableNodes-def\ cf.connected-def$   
**by**  $(auto\ dest: cf.isSPath-pathLE)$   
**then show**  $CUT: NCut\ c\ s\ t\ ?S$   
**proof**  $unfold-locales$   
**show**  $Graph.reachableNodes\ cf\ s \subseteq V$   
**using**  $cf.reachable-ss-V\ s-node\ resV-netV$  **by**  $auto$   
**show**  $s \in Graph.reachableNodes\ cf\ s$   
**unfolding**  $Graph.reachableNodes-def\ Graph.connected-def$   
**by**  $(metis\ Graph.isPath.simps(1)\ mem-Collect-eq)$   
**qed**  
**then interpret**  $NCut\ c\ s\ t\ ?S$  .  
**interpret**  $NFlowCut\ c\ s\ t\ f\ ?S$  **by**  $intro-locales$

**have**  $\forall (u,v) \in outgoing'\ ?S. f(u,v) = c(u,v)$   
**proof**  $(rule\ ballI,\ rule\ ccontr,\ clarify)$  — Proof by contradiction  
**fix**  $u\ v$   
**assume**  $(u,v) \in outgoing'\ ?S$   
**hence**  $(u,v) \in E\ u \in ?S\ v \notin ?S$   
**by**  $(auto\ simp: outgoing'-def)$   
**assume**  $f(u,v) \neq c(u,v)$   
**hence**  $f(u,v) < c(u,v)$   
**using**  $capacity-const$  **by**  $(metis\ (no-types)\ eq-iff\ not-le)$   
**hence**  $cf(u,v) \neq 0$   
**unfolding**  $residualGraph-def$  **using**  $\langle (u,v) \in E \rangle$  **by**  $auto$   
**hence**  $(u,v) \in cf.E$  **unfolding**  $cf.E-def$  **by**  $simp$   
**hence**  $v \in ?S$  **using**  $\langle u \in ?S \rangle$  **by**  $(auto\ intro: cf.reachableNodes-append-edge)$   
**thus**  $False$  **using**  $\langle v \notin ?S \rangle$  **by**  $auto$   
**qed**  
**hence**  $(\sum e \in outgoing'\ ?S. f\ e) = cap$   
**unfolding**  $cap-def$  **by**  $auto$   
**moreover**  
**have**  $\forall (u,v) \in incoming'\ ?S. f(u,v) = 0$   
**proof**  $(rule\ ballI,\ rule\ ccontr,\ clarify)$  — Proof by contradiction  
**fix**  $u\ v$   
**assume**  $(u,v) \in incoming'\ ?S$   
**hence**  $(u,v) \in E\ u \notin ?S\ v \in ?S$  **by**  $(auto\ simp: incoming'-def)$   
**hence**  $(v,u) \notin E$  **using**  $no-parallel-edge$  **by**  $auto$

**assume**  $f(u,v) \neq 0$   
**hence**  $cf(v,u) \neq 0$   
**unfolding**  $residualGraph-def$  **using**  $\langle (u,v) \in E \rangle\ \langle (v,u) \notin E \rangle$  **by**  $auto$   
**hence**  $(v,u) \in cf.E$  **unfolding**  $cf.E-def$  **by**  $simp$   
**hence**  $u \in ?S$  **using**  $\langle v \in ?S \rangle$   $cf.reachableNodes-append-edge$  **by**  $auto$   
**thus**  $False$  **using**  $\langle u \notin ?S \rangle$  **by**  $auto$   
**qed**  
**hence**  $(\sum e \in incoming'\ ?S. f\ e) = 0$   
**unfolding**  $cap-def$  **by**  $auto$

**ultimately show**  $val = cap$   
**unfolding**  $flow\text{-}value[symmetric]$   $netFlow\text{-}def$  **by**  $simp$   
**qed**

**lemma**  $fofu\text{-}III\text{-}I$ :  
 $\exists k. NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k \wedge val = NCut.cap\ c\ k \implies isMaxFlow\ f$   
**proof**  $clarify$

**fix**  $k$   
**assume**  $NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k$   
**then interpret**  $NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k$  .  
**interpret**  $NFlowCut\ c\ s\ t\ f\ k$  **by**  $intro\text{-}locales$

**assume**  $val = cap$   
{  
**fix**  $f'$   
**assume**  $Flow\ c\ s\ t\ f'$   
**then interpret**  $fc': Flow\ c\ s\ t\ f'$  .  
**interpret**  $fc': NFlowCut\ c\ s\ t\ f'\ k$  **by**  $intro\text{-}locales$

**have**  $fc'.val \leq cap$  **using**  $fc'.weak\text{-}duality$  .  
**also note**  $\langle val = cap \rangle[symmetric]$   
**finally have**  $fc'.val \leq val$  .

}  
**thus**  $isMaxFlow\ f$  **unfolding**  $isMaxFlow\text{-}def$   
**by**  $simp\ unfold\text{-}locales$

**qed**

Finally we can state the Ford-Fulkerson theorem:

**theorem**  $ford\text{-}fulkerson$ : **shows**  
 $isMaxFlow\ f \longleftrightarrow$   
 $\neg Ex\ isAugmentingPath$  **and**  $\neg Ex\ isAugmentingPath \longleftrightarrow$   
 $(\exists k. NCut\ c\ s\ t\ k \wedge val = NCut.cap\ c\ k)$   
**using**  $fofu\text{-}I\text{-}II$   $fofu\text{-}II\text{-}III$   $fofu\text{-}III\text{-}I$  **by**  $auto$

### 6.3 Corollaries

In this subsection we present a few corollaries of the flow-cut relation and the Ford-Fulkerson theorem.

The outgoing flow of the source is the same as the incoming flow of the sink. Intuitively, this means that no flow is generated or lost in the network, except at the source and sink.

**lemma**  $inflow\text{-}t\text{-}outflow\text{-}s$ :  $(\sum e \in incoming\ t. f\ e) = (\sum e \in outgoing\ s. f\ e)$

**proof** –

We choose a cut between the sink and all other nodes

**let**  $?K = V - \{t\}$   
**interpret**  $NFlowCut\ c\ s\ t\ f\ ?K$

**using** *s-node s-not-t* **by** *unfold-locales auto*

The cut is chosen such that its outgoing edges are the incoming edges to the sink, and its incoming edges are the outgoing edges from the sink. Note that the sink has no outgoing edges.

```

have outgoing' ?K = incoming t
and incoming' ?K = {}
using no-self-loop no-outgoing-t
unfolding outgoing'-def incoming-def incoming'-def outgoing-def V-def
by auto
hence  $(\sum e \in \text{incoming } t. f e) = \text{netFlow}$  unfolding netFlow-def by auto
also have netFlow = val by (rule flow-value)
also have  $val = (\sum e \in \text{outgoing } s. f e)$  by (auto simp: val-alt)
finally show ?thesis .
qed

```

As an immediate consequence of the Ford-Fulkerson theorem, we get that there is no augmenting path if and only if the flow is maximal.

**lemma** *noAugPath-iff-maxFlow*:  $\neg (\exists p. \text{isAugmentingPath } p) \longleftrightarrow \text{isMaxFlow } f$   
**using** *ford-fulkerson* **by** *blast*

**end** — Network with flow

The value of the maximum flow equals the capacity of the minimum cut

**lemma** (**in** *Network*) *maxFlow-minCut*:  $[[\text{isMaxFlow } f; \text{isMinCut } c \ s \ t \ k]]$   
 $\implies \text{Flow.val } c \ s \ f = \text{NCut.cap } c \ k$

**proof** —

```

assume isMaxFlow f isMinCut c s t k
then interpret Flow c s t f + NCut c s t k
unfolding isMaxFlow-def isMinCut-def by simp-all
interpret NFlowCut c s t f k by intro-locales

```

```

from ford-fulkerson (isMaxFlow f)
obtain k' where K': NCut c s t k' val = NCut.cap c k'
by blast
show  $val = \text{cap}$ 
using (isMinCut c s t k) K' weak-duality
unfolding isMinCut-def by auto

```

**qed**

**end** — Theory

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