

Shortest path

Max Flow

Min Cost Flow

integral data

We wanted integral optimal solns.

IPs, polynomial time

- Integer programming is NP-hard, but
for these problems, we can find an integral
opt. soln in poly time.

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$$\max\{f(s)\}$$

$$f(e) \leq u(e)$$

flow_{in} = flow_{out}

~~$f(e)$ integer~~

$$f(e) \geq 0$$

solved the LP



you'd get an integral
sol'n

(basic feasible solns
are integer valued)

Unimodular

Def A matrix A is unimodular if every basis matrix B of A has $\det(B) = \pm 1$

(Basis matrix is a $p \times p$ submatrix w/ linearly ind. columns)

Thm Let A be an integer matrix w/ linearly independent rows. Then the following 3 conditions are equivalent (2)

- 1) A is unimodular
- 2) Every basic feasible solution $Ax = b$,
 $x \geq 0$ is integral for any integer vector b
- 3) Every basis matrix B has an integer inverse B^{-1}

$$Ax = b$$

↗ graph matrix ↗ capacities
 (supplies, demands)

Totally unimodular (TU) A is TU if each square submatrix has determinant $= -1, 0, \text{ or } 1$.

$\text{TU} \Rightarrow \text{unimodular}$

Thm The node-arc incidence matrix of a directed network is TU.

$$\frac{\text{PF}}{\text{A = }} \begin{matrix} \text{nodes} \\ \text{v} \\ w \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{(v,v)} \\ \text{arcs} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & +1 & -1 & \dots \\ -1 & \ddots & & \\ +1 & -1 & +1 & \\ \ddots & & \ddots & \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} A \cdot f = 0 \\ A \cdot f = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{supply} \\ \text{dem} \\ \text{vector} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

By induction of k , the size of submatrix

$k=1 \checkmark$

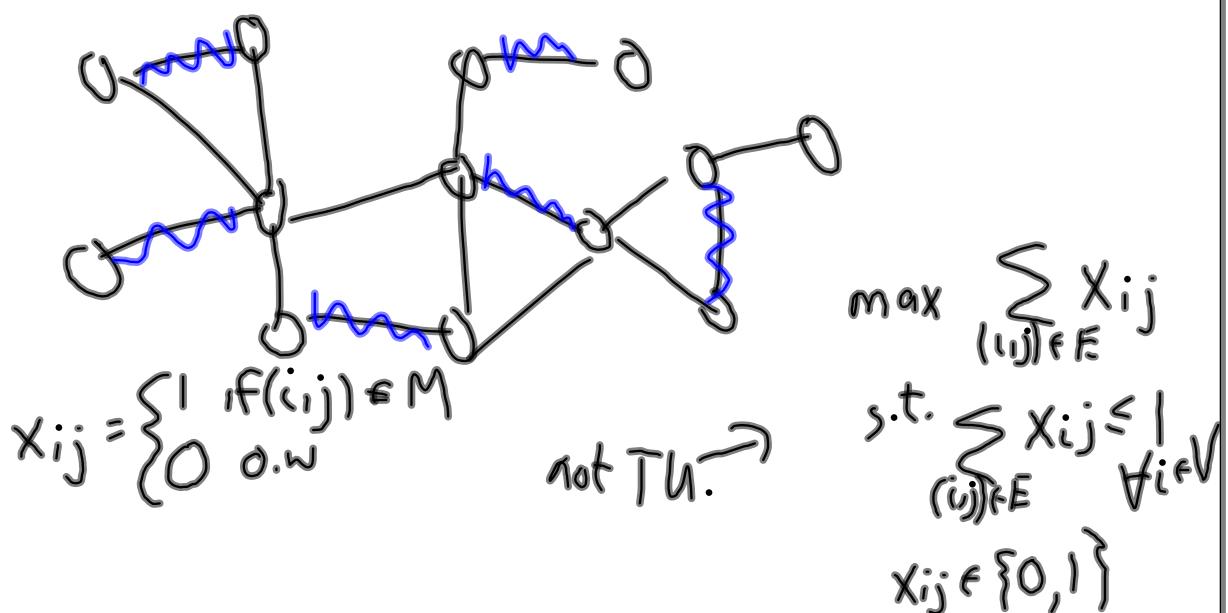
Inductive step, assume for $k \times k$ submatrices

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{QIC} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc} | & & & \\ | & \ddots & & \\ | & & \ddots & \\ | & & & \ddots & | \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c} f \\ \vdots \\ u \end{array} \right] \leq \left[\begin{array}{c} u \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

↑

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{aic} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc} | & & & \\ | & \ddots & & \\ | & & \ddots & \\ | & & & \ddots & | \end{array} \right] \\
 \text{node}
 \end{array}$$

Non-bipartite matching



Consider F by $(k+1) \times (k+1)$ submatrix
3 cases

- 1) F has a column of all 0's
- 2) Each column of F has exactly 2 non-zeros
- 3) Some column has exactly one non-zero

1) $\det(F) = 0$

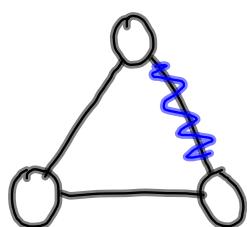
2) each column has $+1 \quad -1$
sum all the rows, you get $0, 0, \dots, 0$
 \Rightarrow rows are not lin. ind.
 $\Rightarrow \det(F) = 0$

3) $\begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & & \\ 1 & -1 & \cdot \\ -1 & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$ remove the col + row w/ the single ± 1
from F to obtain F' , a $k \times k$ submatrix
 $\det(F') = 0, -1, +1$
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Find a graph for which opt. integer sol'n
≠ opt. non-integer sol'n.

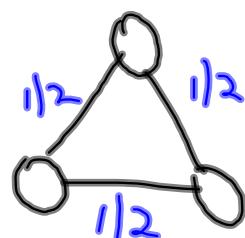
$$\max \sum x_{ij}$$

$$\sum x_{ij} \leq 1$$



$$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ IP \end{matrix}$$

not a flow problem



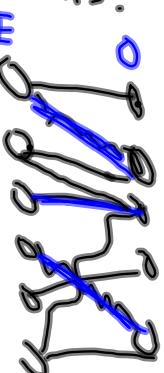
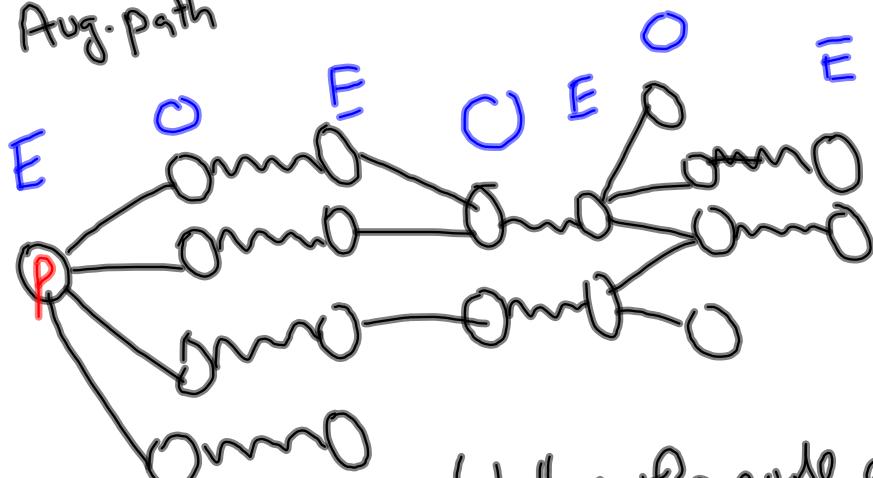
$$\begin{matrix} 3/2 \\ LP \end{matrix}$$

Develop a polytime alg. for matching.

Follow non-bipartite alg but fix it where it breaks.

Bipartite case:

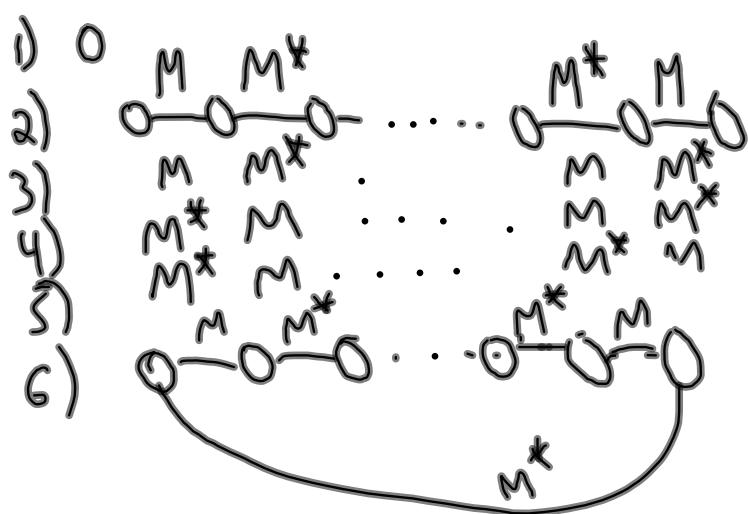
Aug.-Path



unique label property : labelling of a node as even/odd
is independent of the particular search / paths

an aug.-path is an alt path starting at a free vertex, ending at a free vertex, and is labelled odd.

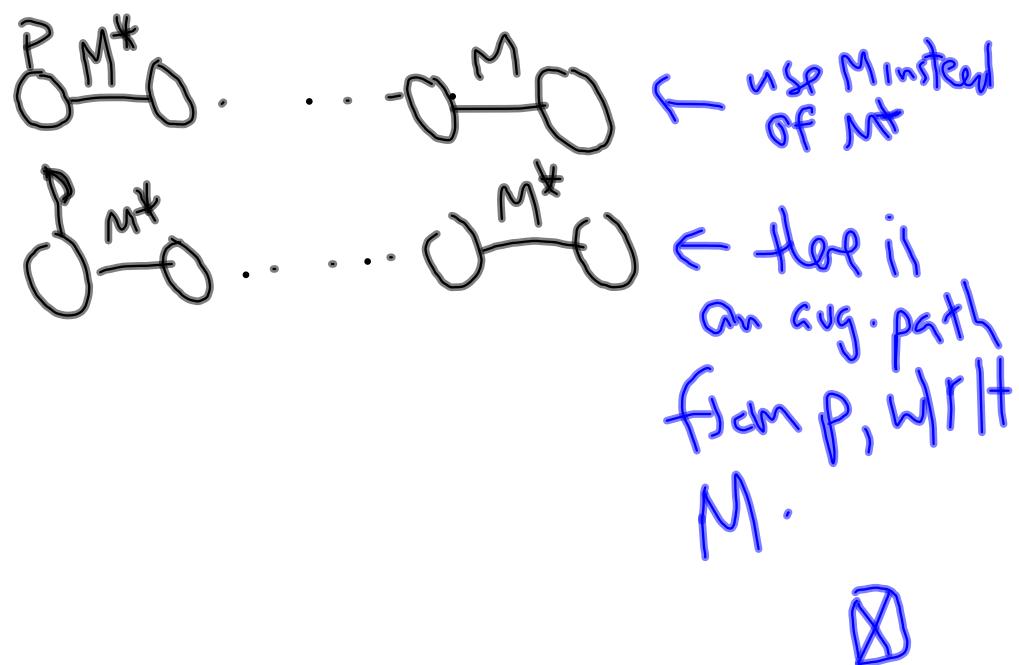
Lemma Consider two matchings M, M^* ,
let $A = M \cup M^*$. Connected components
of A can be of one of six types



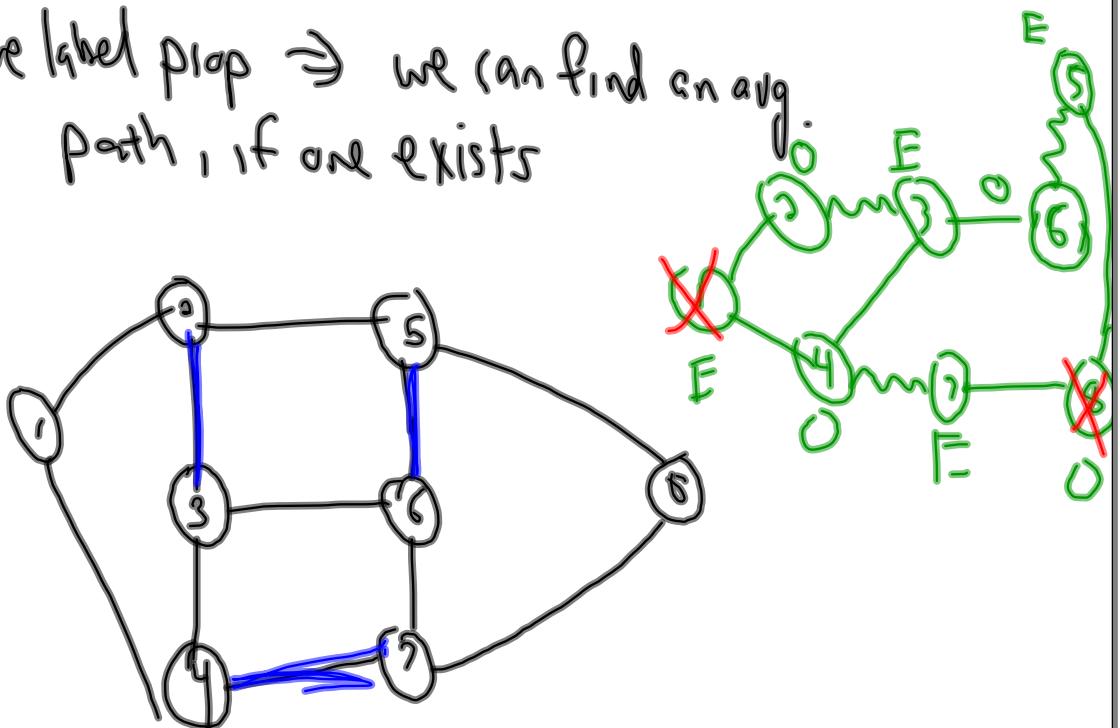
Lemma (Aug. path) If p is unmatched in a match M , and there is no aug. path starting at p , then p is unmatched in some maximum matching.

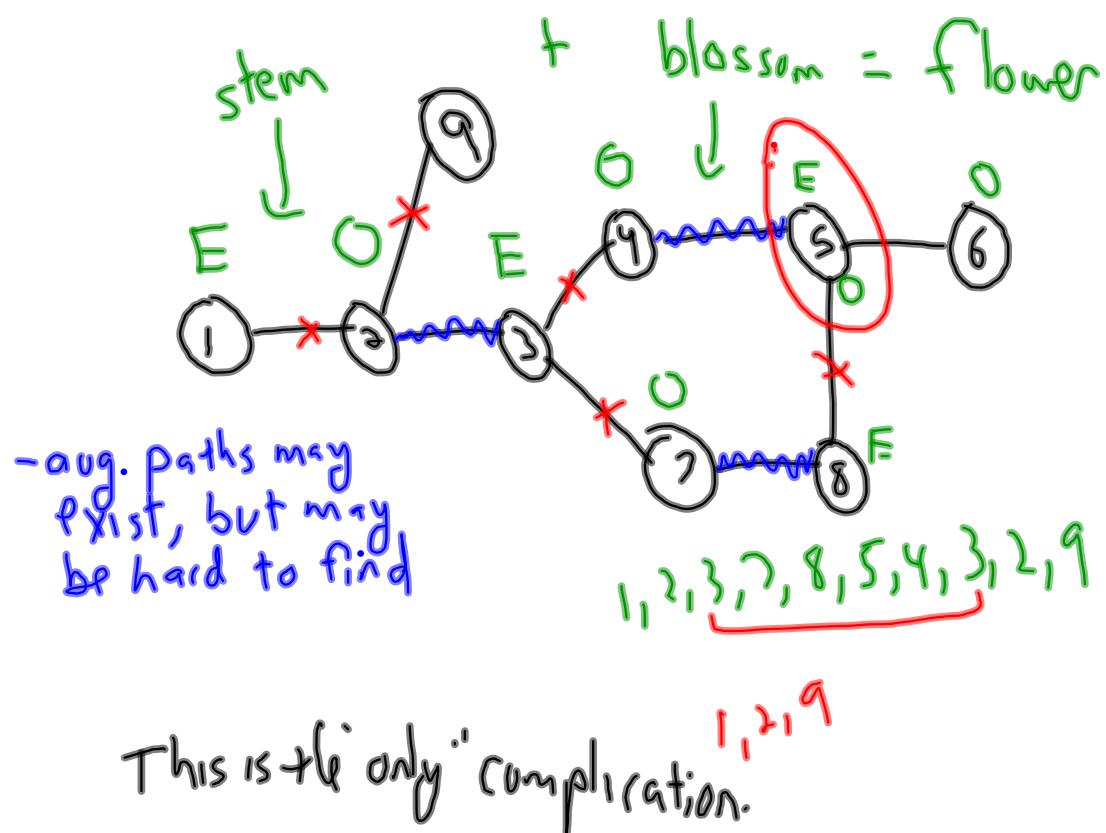
Pf M , consider maximum matching M^* .
If p is unmatched in M^* , we're done.
If not, consider $M \oplus M^*$

P is unmatched in M , matched in M^*



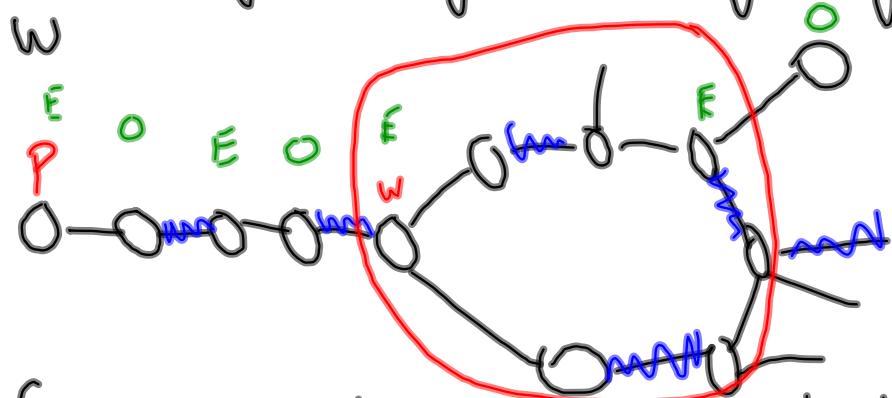
unique label prop \Rightarrow we can find an avg path, if one exists





Stem = even length alt. path starting at root p ,
ending at w ($p=w$ is possible)

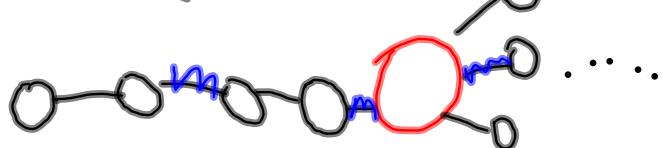
blossom odd length alt. cycle starting & ending at



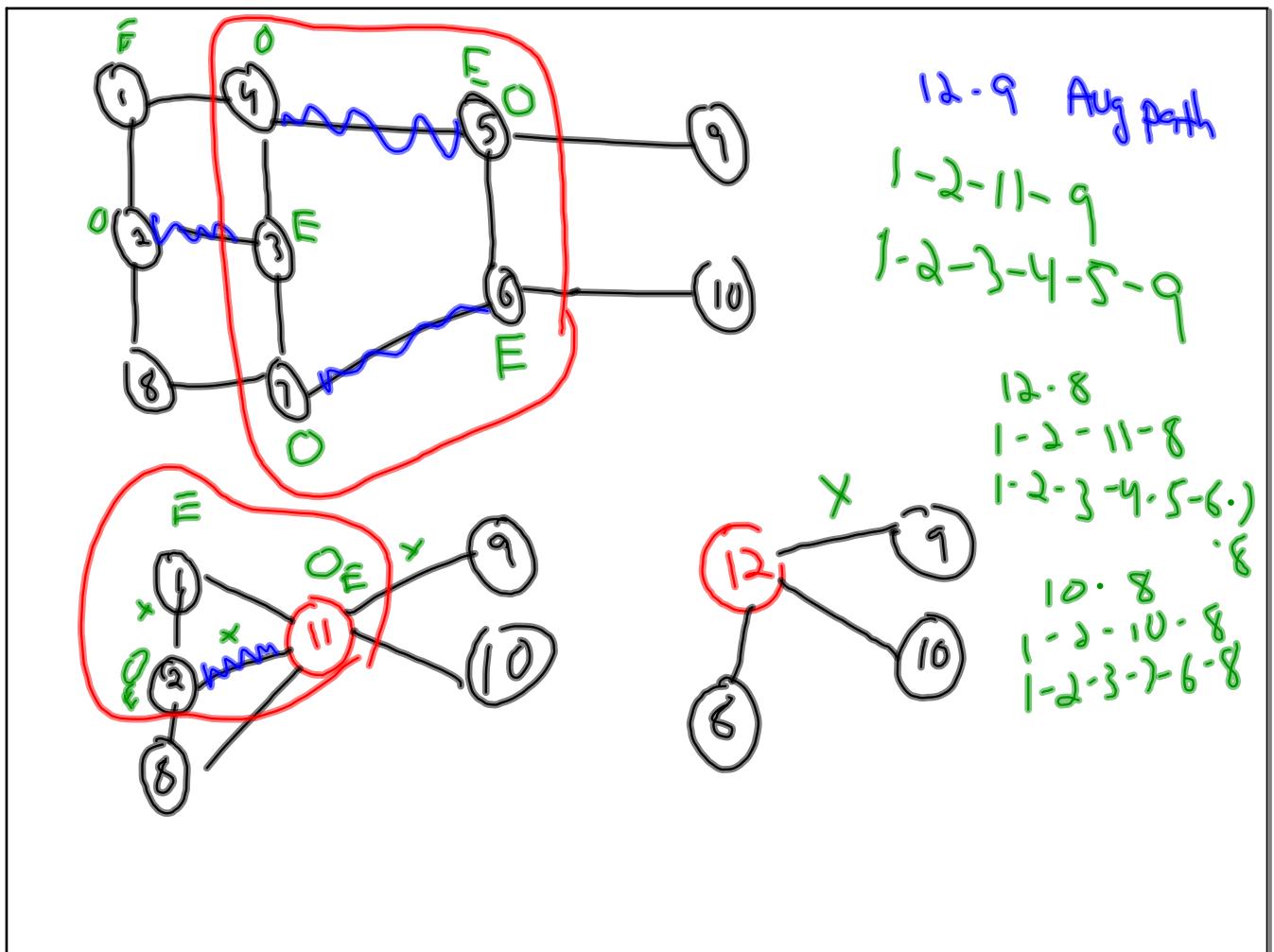
Claim Every node in a blossom is reachable by both
an odd & an even length alt. path

Idea: Label the whole blossom as "even"

Impl. of idea: Contract the blossom



Contract $(v_1, v_2) \equiv$ replace $v_1 \text{ and } v_2$ by a supernode
 v' where v' where v' has an edge to any neighbor
of v_1 or v_2



Correctness of alg.

G^c (contracted graph)
after one blossom

- 1) Aug path in $G^c \Rightarrow$ Aug. path in G
- 2) Aug path in $G \Rightarrow$ Aug path in G^c

1) to get an aug path in G , take aug.
path in G^c & go around the cycle
in appropriate direction

To show
2) If G has an aug. path P from $p \rightarrow q$
then G' has an aug path from $p \rightarrow q$

Assume $p \downarrow q$ are the only unmatched nodes in G
let B be the blossom

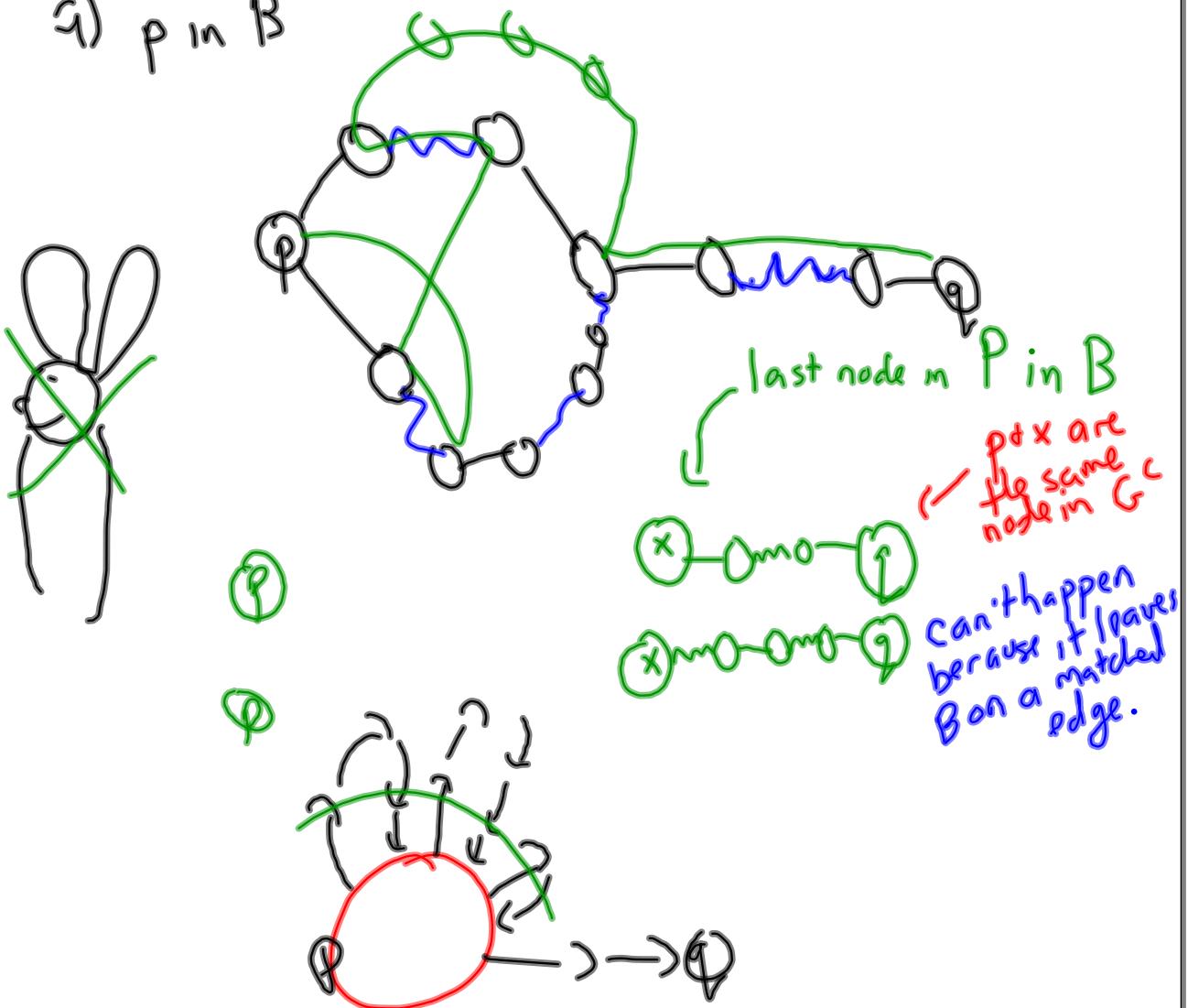
if $P \cap B = \emptyset$ then easy

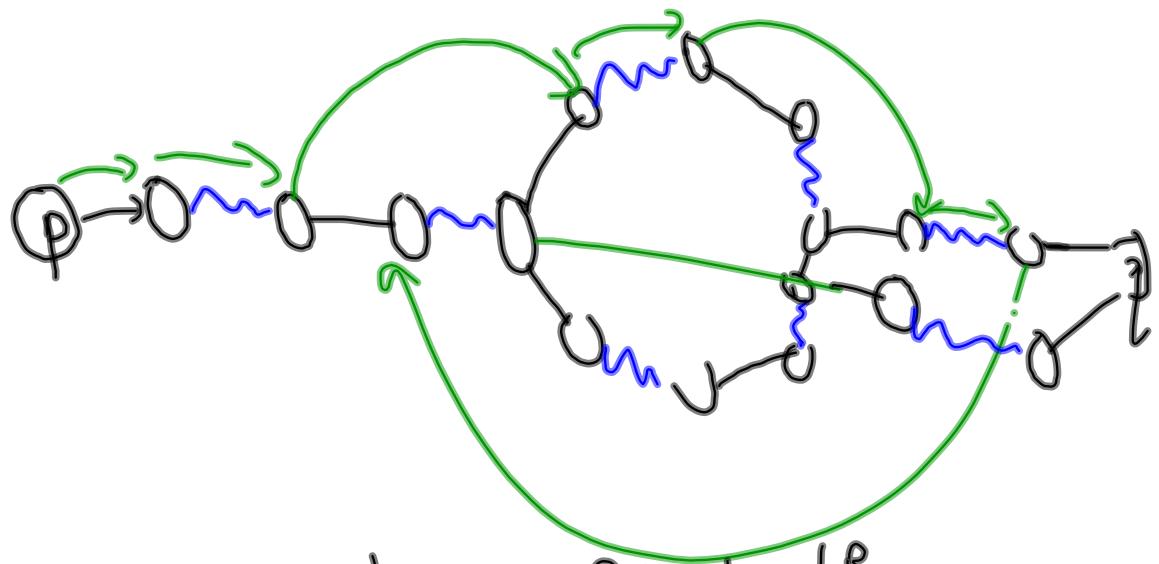


we consider $P \cap B \neq \emptyset$
2 subcases
a) node p is in B
b) node p is not in B



g) $p \in B$





form a path
 $P \rightarrow$ first int. w/ β
 \rightarrow last int. w/ β
 \Rightarrow top.

Polynomial time

n iterations (find. aug. path)

Search for an aug. path
if find blossom contact

n
times

$O(n)$ time to search

$O(n^2m)$ alg.

$O(\sqrt{nm})$ is possible.