

### Lemma #2

Total # of flow augmentation  
by EK algo is  $O(mn^{\sqrt{\# \text{ nodes}}})$   
 $\uparrow$  # edges

(proof idea)  
① at least one edge becomes saturated

② the distance from saturated edge to source  $s$  along the aug path must be longer than the last time it was saturated, and that length is at most  $n$ .

### Theorem

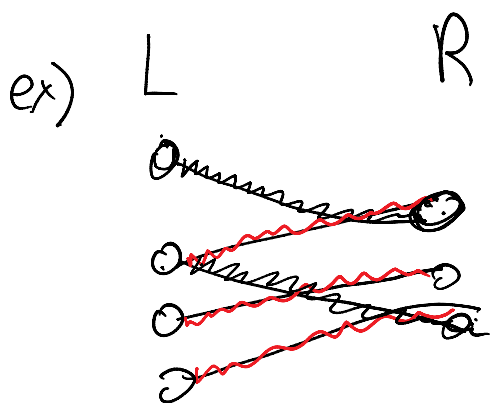
The total time for EK algo is

$$O(m^2 n) \quad \neq \quad O(mn) \times \underbrace{O(n)}_{\uparrow \text{ augmentation path}}$$

## \* Application of Max Flow

Maximum Bipartite Matching problem.

Given a undirected graph  $G(V, E)$   
a match is a subset of  $M \subseteq E$  edges  
s.t. for any vertex  $v \in V$ , there is  
at most one edge of  $M$  incident to it.



+ Bipartite graph

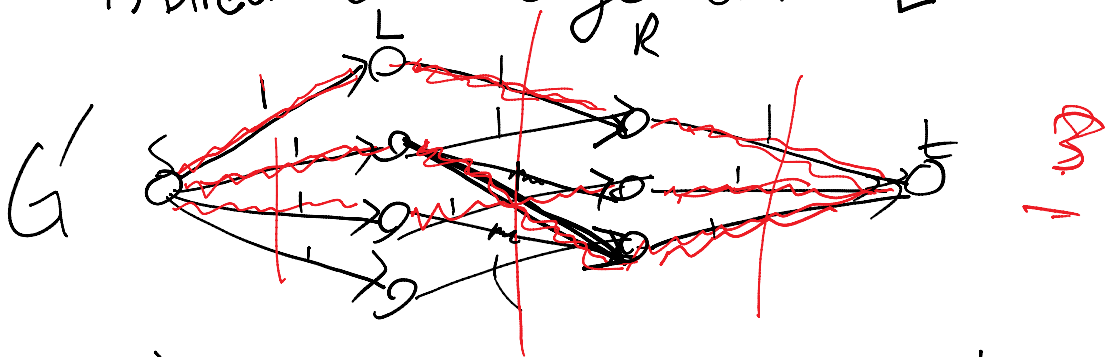
max match : no other matching for that  
graph has more edges.

## Problem Reduction

Reduce bipartite matching to integer-value max flow

Given undirected graph  $G$ , generate  $G'$

1) Direct each edge from  $L$  to  $R$



2) introduce two nodes  $s, t$

③ Put directed edge from  $s$  to each vertex in  $L$

④ Put " from node in  $R$  to  $t$

⑤ put capacity 1 to all edge

solve for max flow

Theorem

If capacity are integers,

the FF finds an integer value flow

Corollary

The cardinality of max match in  $G$   
equals the value of max flow in  $G'$   
as found in FF method

$$\text{time} * \underline{O(m |F^*|)}$$

$$|F^*| \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\therefore O(mn)$$