

Lecture #24

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So far...

❖ Networks showing:

- ❑ Time
- ❑ Distance
- ❑ Cost

❖ Today – Flow Networks

Flows in Networks

Network	Nodes	Arcs	Flow
communication	telephone exchanges, computers, satellites	cables, fiber optics, microwave relays	voice, video, packets
circuits	gates, registers, processors	wires	current
mechanical	joints	rods, beams, springs	heat, energy
hydraulic	reservoirs, pumping stations, lakes	pipelines	fluid, oil
financial	stocks, currency	transactions	money
transportation	airports, rail yards, street intersections	highways, railbeds, airway routes	freight, vehicles, passengers
chemical	sites	bonds	energy

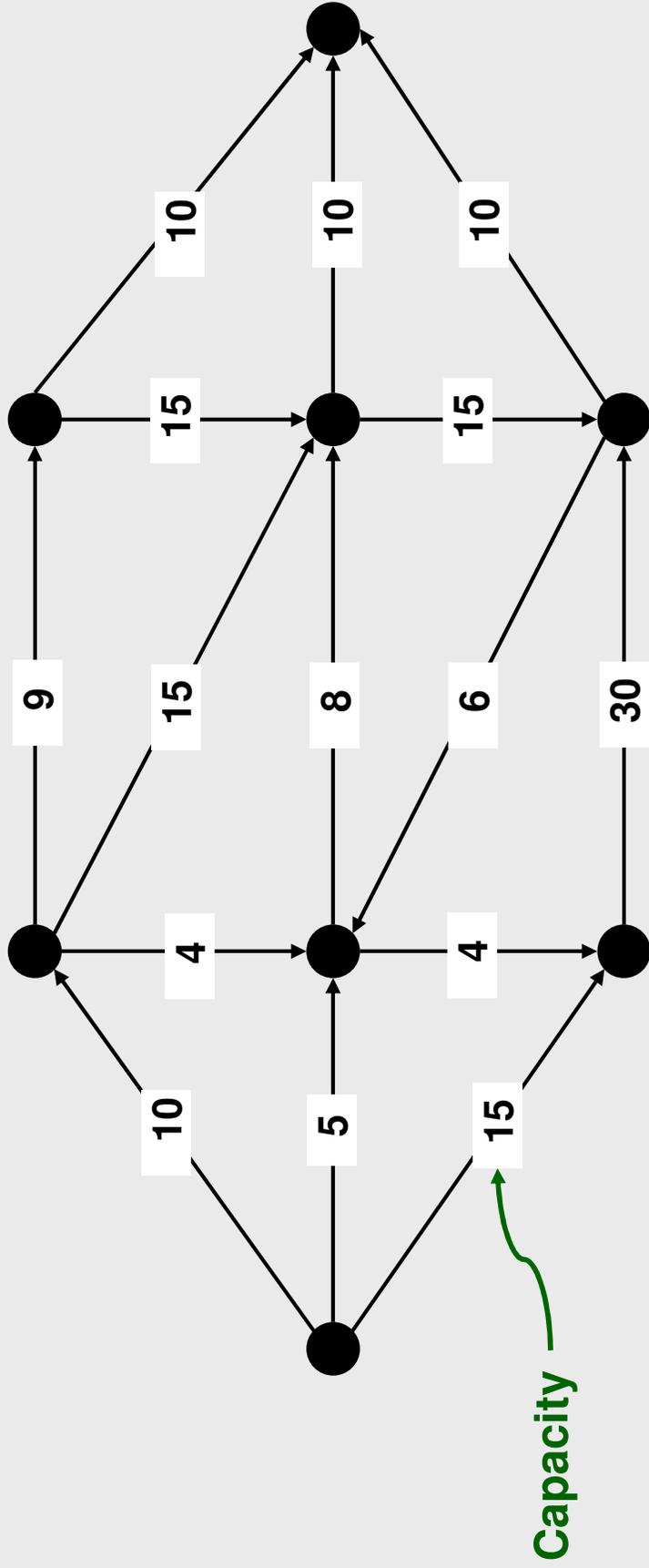
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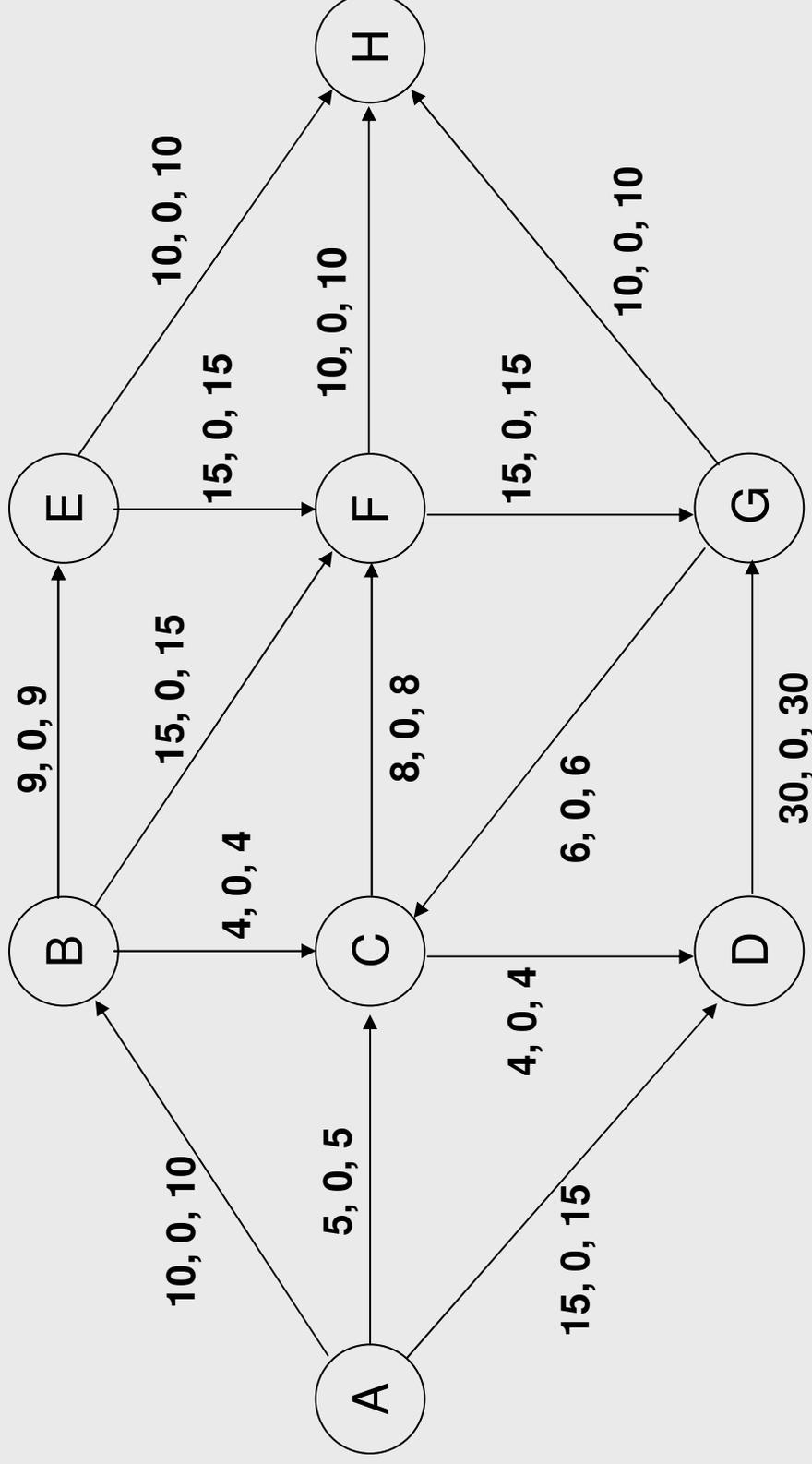
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Flow Network

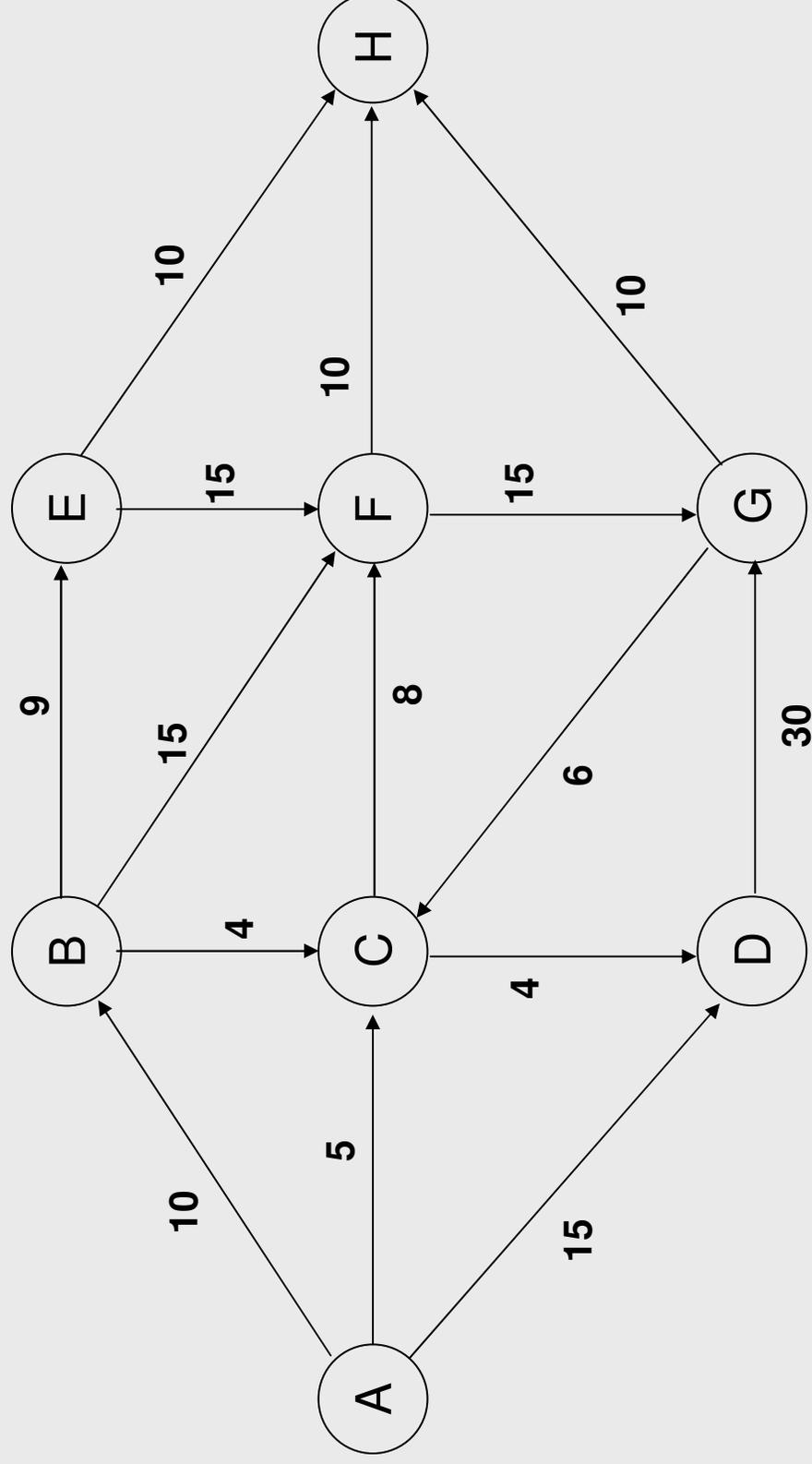


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Max Flow



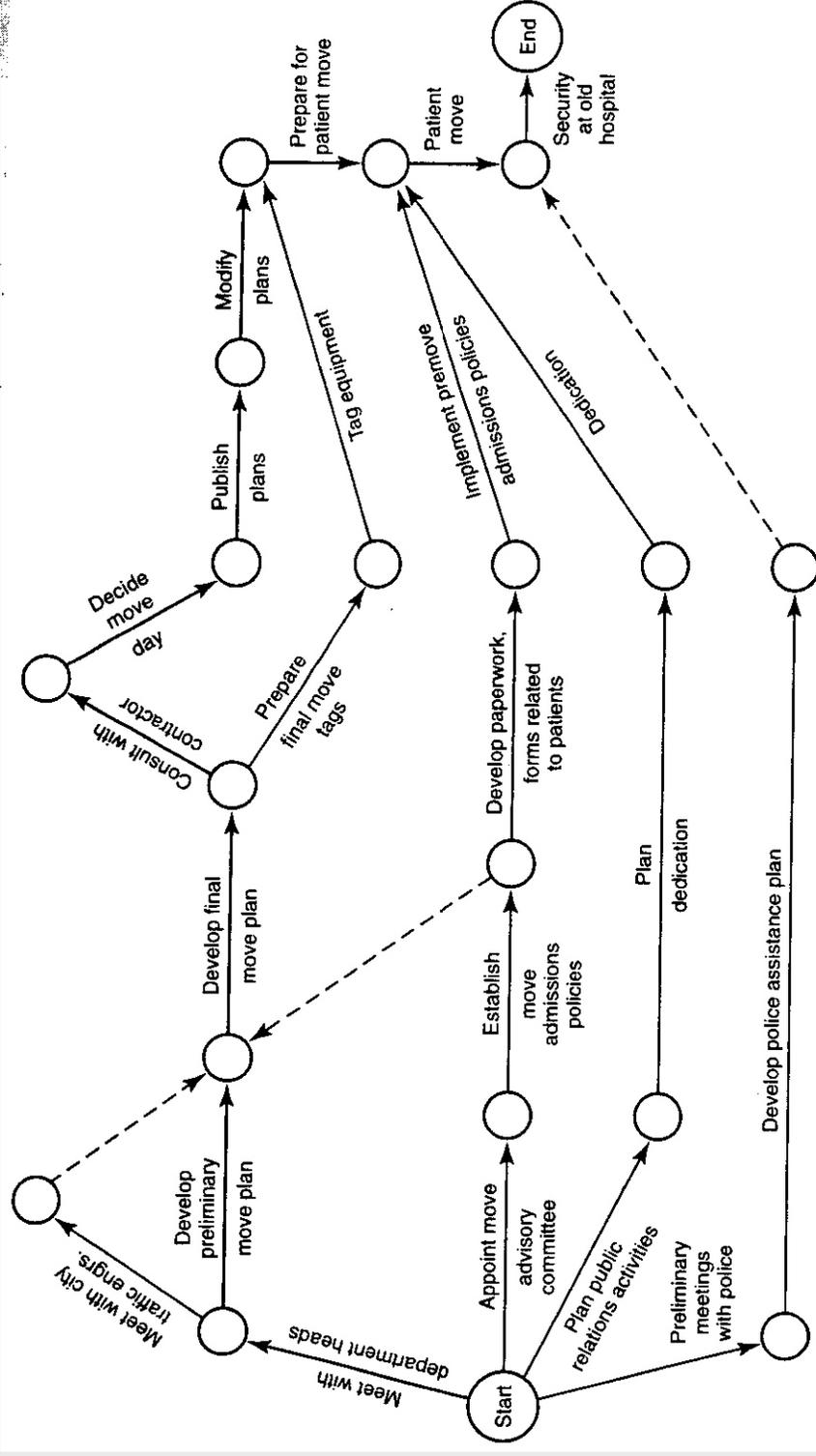
Cuts – Min & Max Flow



A Final Activity Example

- ❖ When St. Vincent's Hospital moved from a 373-bed facility in Portland, Oregon, to a new 403-bed building in the suburbs five miles away, a large variety of planning considerations had to be taken into account.
- ❖ To coordinate all the activities, a project network was developed and used as a basic planning tool eight months before the move.
- ❖ Simplified version

Relocating a Hospital with Project Networks



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