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# Integer Multiplication

Big Integers: stored as array of digits, not bits

↳ useful in cryptography

Addition: input:  $a[1-n], b[1-n]$  array of digits

output -  $c[1-(n+1)]$  where  $c = a+b$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{ex) } a = \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1' & 6 \end{array} \\
 + b = \begin{array}{cccccc} 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \\
 \hline
 c = \begin{array}{cccccc} 3 & 3 & 6 & 8 & 7 & 2 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

(n digits)

Simple Arithmetic:  $O(1)$  per digit  $\rightarrow O(n)$  time

Multiplication: input:  $a[1-n], b[1-n]$  array of digits

output -  $c[1-2n]$  where  $c = a \times b$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{ex) } a = 1231, b = 212 \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{n times} \\
 | \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 1
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

(n digits)

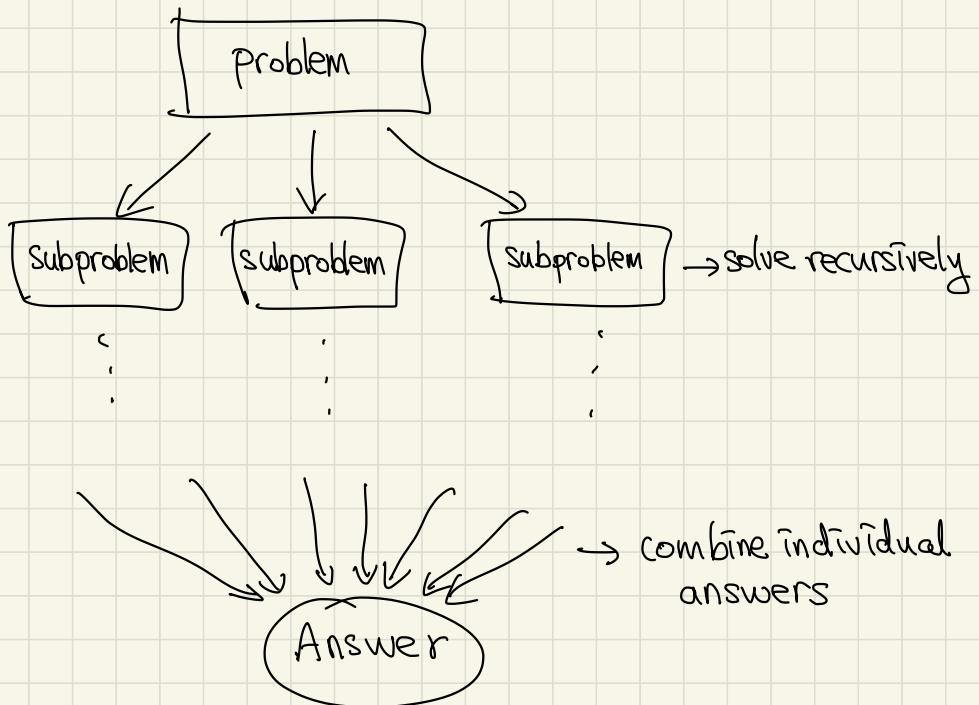
Runtime: adding n digits

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad - \quad \text{n times at least} \\
 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 1 \quad --- \\
 \hline
 2 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 2 \quad \hline \\
 \hline
 c = 2 \quad 6 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 9 \quad 5 \quad 1
 \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow \sum O(n^2)$

↳ Can we do better?

# Divide & Conquer Paradigm: split, solve, combine



→ how to apply this to multiplication?

$$a = \boxed{a_L \mid a_R} \times b = \boxed{b_L \mid b_R}$$

$[1-n]$                                      $[1-n]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex)} \quad a &= (123)456 & b &= (654)321 \\ &= 123 \times 10^3 + 456 & &= 654 \times 10^3 + 321 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{generally, } X = X_L \cdot 10^{n/2} + X_R.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow a \times b &= (a_L 10^{n/2} + a_R)(b_L 10^{n/2} + b_R) \\ &= a_L b_L 10^n + (a_R b_L + a_L b_R) 10^{n/2} + a_R b_R \end{aligned}$$

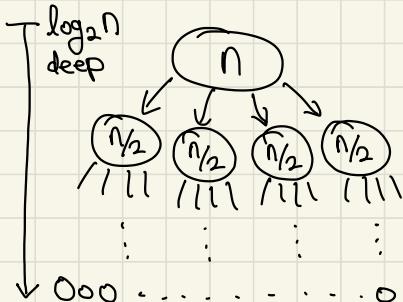
We need to calculate 4 products:  $a_L b_L$ ,  $a_L b_R$ ,  $a_R b_L$ ,  $a_R b_R$   
 each number is  $n/2$  digits  $\rightarrow$  recursive definition!

MULT( $a[1-n]$ ,  $b[1-n]$ ):

- If  $n < 2$ , return  $a \times b$ .
  - Split  $a \rightarrow a_L, a_R, b \rightarrow b_L, b_R$
  - $P_1 \leftarrow \text{MULT}(a_L, b_L)$
  - $P_2 \leftarrow \text{MULT}(a_L, b_R)$
  - $P_3 \leftarrow \text{MULT}(a_R, b_L)$
  - $P_4 \leftarrow \text{MULT}(a_R, b_R)$
  - Return  $P_1 \cdot 10^n + (P_2 + P_3) \cdot 10^{n/2} + P_4$
- appending zeros,  
not recursive call

Runtime:  $T[n] :=$  time taken for  $n$  digit input

$$T[n] = 4 \cdot T[n/2] + \underbrace{O(n)}_{\text{(addition, some } C \cdot n)}$$



# of nodes: 1, 4, 16, ..  $4^k$ , ..  $4^{\log_2 n}$

work per node:  $C \cdot n$ ,  $C(\frac{n}{2})$ ,  $C(\frac{n}{4})$ , ..  $C(\frac{n}{2^k})$ , ..  $C(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{total work: } & 1 \cdot Cn + 4 \cdot C \cdot \frac{n}{2} + \dots + 4^{\log_2 n} \cdot C \cdot \frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}} \\ & = \dots + Cn \left( \frac{4^k}{2^k} \right) + \dots = \underline{O(Cn \cdot 2^{\log_2 n})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow O(Cn \cdot 2^{\log_2 n}) = O(C \cdot n \cdot n^{\log_2 2}) = O(Cn^2) = \underline{O(n^2)}$$

Idea: Somehow, reduce 4 recursive calls to 3.

$$\hookrightarrow \text{If possible, equation becomes } O(C \cdot n \cdot (\frac{3}{2})^{\log_2 n}) = O(n \cdot n^{\log_2^{\frac{3}{2}}}) \\ = O(n^{\log_2^2} \cdot n^{\log_2^{\frac{3}{2}}}) = O(n^{\log_2(2 \cdot \frac{3}{2})}) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx \underline{\underline{O(n^{\log_2 3})}}$$

Observation:  $a = a_L 10^{N_2} + a_R$ ,  $b = b_L 10^{N_2} + b_R$

$$\rightarrow a \times b = (a_L b_L) 10^n + (a_L b_R + a_R b_L) 10^{N_2} + a_R b_R \\ = \underbrace{(a_L b_L)}_{\substack{10^n \\ \text{Term}}} + \underbrace{[(a_L + a_R)(b_L + b_R) - a_L b_L - a_R b_R]}_{\substack{\text{Term} \\ \text{Term}}} \underbrace{(10^{N_2} + a_R b_R)}_{\substack{\text{Term} \\ \text{Term}}}$$

KMULT( $a[1-n], b[1-n]$ ):

- If  $n < 2$ , return  $a \times b$ .
- Split  $a \rightarrow a_L, a_R, b \rightarrow b_L, b_R$
- $P_1 \leftarrow \text{KMULT}(a_L, b_L)$
- $P_2 \leftarrow \text{KMULT}(a_R, b_R)$
- $P_3 \leftarrow \text{KMULT}((a_L + a_R), (b_L + b_R))$
- Return  $P_1 \cdot 10^n + (P_3 - P_1 - P_2) \cdot 10^{N_2} + P_2$

Geometric Progression Fact

- 1) Sum of a  $n$ -term geometric progression  $\propto O(\text{last term})$   
when ratio  $> 1$ .

# Recurrence Relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ex1)} \quad T[n] &= \underbrace{T[n-1]}_{\substack{\rightarrow^1 \\ =}} + \sqrt{n} \\
 &= \underbrace{T[n-2]}_{\substack{\rightarrow^1 \\ =}} + \sqrt{n-1} + \sqrt{n} \\
 &= T[n-3] + \sqrt{n-2} + \sqrt{n-1} + \sqrt{n} \\
 &= \underbrace{T[1]}_{\substack{\rightarrow^1 \\ =}} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n-1} + \sqrt{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{n} \leq n \cdot \sqrt{n} \quad (n \cdot (\text{last term})) = n^{1.5}$$

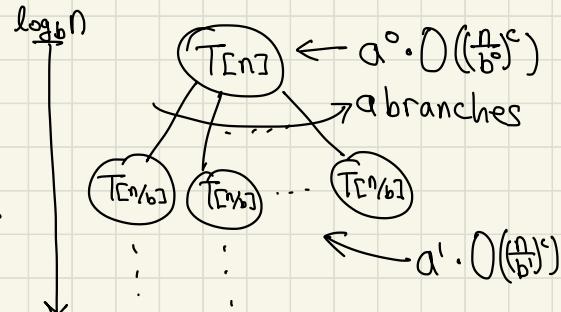
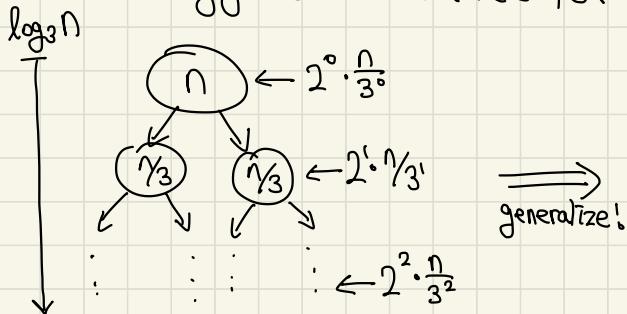
$$\sqrt{1} + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \underbrace{\sqrt{n}}_{\text{second half}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}} + \dots + \sqrt{n} \geq \frac{n}{2} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}} = \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{1.5} = n^{1.5} / 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\rightarrow T[n] = \Theta(n^{1.5}) \quad (\text{bounded by } \frac{n^{1.5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \leq T[n] \leq n^{1.5})$$

$$\text{ex2)} \quad T[n] = 2T[n/3] + n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2[2T[n/9] + n/3] + n \\
 &= 2[2[2T[n/27] + n/9] + n/3] + n
 \end{aligned}$$

Strategy: draw a tree for visualization



# Master Theorem

Suppose function  $T: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfies relation

$$T[n] = aT[\frac{n}{b}] + O(n^c).$$

case 1:  $c < \log_b a \rightarrow T[n] = O(n^{\log_b a})$ .

↳ # of tree nodes dominates the runtime.

case 2:  $c = \log_b a \rightarrow T[n] = O(n^c \log n)$ .

↳ branching and work each layer are balanced.

case 3:  $c > \log_b a \rightarrow T[n] = O(n^c)$ .

↳ work inside the node dominates the runtime.

## Matrix Multiplication

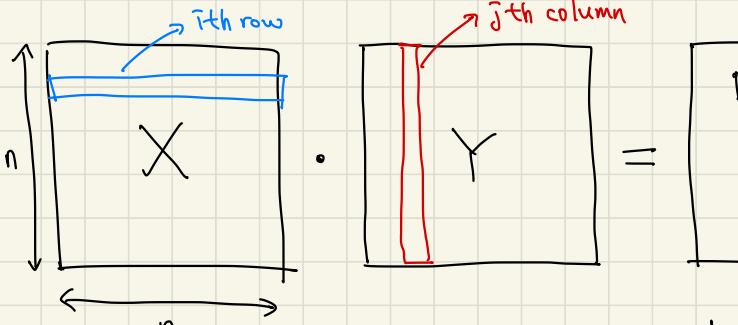
Input:  $X, Y$   $n \times n$  matrices

Output:  $Z = X \cdot Y$

(Inner product of  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$ )

$$= x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_ny_n$$

↳  $O(n)$  operations



$$Z_{ij} = \text{innerproduct}(X_{i,*}, Y_{*,j})$$

Naïve MatMul: Calculate each entry  $Z_{ij}$  separately.

↳ Each entry takes  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ , and total  $n^2$  entries exists.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n) \cdot n^2 = \underline{\mathcal{O}(n^3)}$$
 time

Use Divide & Conquer: split  $X$  and  $Y$  into smaller matrices

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline A & B \\ \hline C & D \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline E & F \\ \hline G & H \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline AE + BG & AF + BH \\ \hline CE + DH & CF + OH \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \text{can treat small matrices like values}$$

$X \quad Y \quad Z$

$A \cdots H$  are  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  matrices.

Now, computing  $\underline{AE, BG, \dots, CF, DH}$ , gives  $Z$ .  
↳ 8 total

MATMUL( $X, Y$ )

$$- X \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}, Y \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- P_1 \leftarrow \text{MATMUL}(A, E) \cdots P_8 \leftarrow \cdots$$

$$- \text{Return } \begin{bmatrix} (P_1+P_2) & (P_3+P_4) \\ (P_5+P_6) & (P_7+P_8) \end{bmatrix}$$

cost for matrix addition

$$\Rightarrow T[n] = 8T[n/2] + \mathcal{O}(n^2)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{by Master Theorem, } T[n] = \underline{\mathcal{O}(n^3)}.$$

no improvement...

Strassen's algorithm actually gives 7 recursive calls!  
 $\hookrightarrow T[n] = 7T[n/2] + O(n^2) \rightarrow T[n] = \underline{O(n^{\log_2 7} \approx 2.81)}$

## Finding Triangles

Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  on  $n$ -nodes.

$$A[i, j] = 1 \{ (i, j) \text{ is connected} \}.$$

Goal: Find a triangular connection in the graph.

$$(u, v, w) \text{ such that } A[u, v] \cap A[u, w] \cap A[v, w]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Naively, checking all triplets takes  $O(n^3)$  time.

exercise 1) use Strassen's to solve in  $O(n^{\log 7})$  time.

exercise 2) try without Strassen's.

## Finding Median

Input: list of  $n$  numbers, Output:  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ -th smallest number

Naive Algo: sort the list, then output the  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ th index.

$\hookrightarrow$  Sorting takes  $\Theta(n \log n)$  time

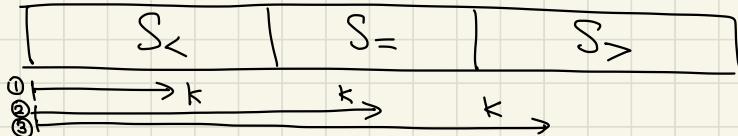
New Idea: Randomized  $\Theta(n)$  time algorithm.

First, generalize the question to SELECTing  $k$ -th smallest.

$\text{SELECT}(A[1-n], k)$ : outputs  $k$ -th smallest element in  $A$ .

$$\hookrightarrow \text{MEDIAN}(A) = \text{SELECT}(A, \frac{|A|}{2}).$$

- Pick a random element  $v \in A$  as a pivot.
- Split  $A$  into  $S_< = \{a_i \mid a_i < v\}$ ,  $S_> = \{a_i \mid a_i = v\}$ ,  
and  $S_> = \{a_i \mid a_i > v\}$  ( $O(n)$  time)

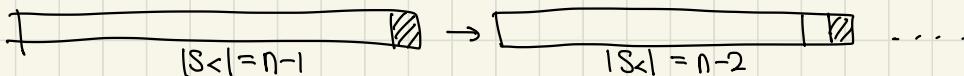


- Case 1:  $k \leq |S_<|$ .  $\rightarrow$  Return  $\text{SELECT}(S_<, k)$ .
- Case 2:  $|S_<| < k \leq |S_<| + |S_>|$   $\rightarrow$  Return  $v$ . ( $v \in S_>$ ,  $v = v$ ).
- Case 3:  $|S_<| + |S_>| < k \rightarrow$  Return  $\text{SELECT}(S_>, k - |S_<| - |S_>|)$ .

Runtime Analysis: how to analyze a randomized algorithm?

$\hookrightarrow$  Best Case: first pivot is the  $k$ th element  $\rightarrow \Theta(n)$  (only splitting)

$\hookrightarrow$  Worst Case: pivot is the (largest element every time)  $\rightarrow \Theta(n^2)$



$\rightarrow$  Define  $T[n] :=$  Expected runtime of  $\text{SELECT}$

(the runtime is a random variable  $\rightarrow E[x] = \sum_{a \in X} \Pr(x=a) \cdot a$ )

Intuition: there is a reasonable chance that the random pivot is "good enough" to break into two significantly small lists.

define "good pivot": a pivot between  $\lceil \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{4} \rceil$ th smallest for a sorted list:

Observation 1) Every good pivot splits both lists into lists smaller than  $\frac{3n}{4}$  in size. (boundary  $\rightarrow \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{4}$ )

2) The probability that a random pivot is good is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\Rightarrow E[T[n]] = E[T[n] \text{ before first good pivot}] + E[T[n] \text{ after first good pivot}]$$

let  $v$  be the first time we hit a good pivot.

↳ linearity  
of expectation  
 $E = E_1 + E_2$

$$① (E[\# of pivots before good pivot] \times \underbrace{n}_{\substack{\text{upper bound}}}) \leq 2n (E[\# of coin tosses before first heads] = 2)$$

$$② \leq E[T[\frac{3n}{4}]] \quad (\text{list size significantly dropped})$$

$$\Rightarrow E[T[n]] = E[T[\frac{3n}{4}]] + \Theta(n) \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Master's} \\ \text{Theorem}}} E[T[n]] = \Theta(n)$$

## Examples in D&Q

1) Exponentiation: number  $n \Rightarrow a^n$  in decimal (array of digits)

$$\text{ex)} 2^{50} = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2}_{50} = (2^{25})^2 \cdot 2^{25} = (2^{12})^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{12} = (2^6)^2 \cdot \dots$$

$$\text{EXP}(a, n : \text{integer}) \Rightarrow a^n$$

- Base case: if  $n=1$ , return  $a$ .
- $B \leftarrow \text{EXP}(a, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ .

- If  $n$  is even, return  $B \times B$ .
- Else, return  $B \times B \times a$ .

Runtime:  $T[n] = T[\lceil n/2 \rceil] + \Theta(\text{time to multiply numbers})$

If  $a=2$ ,  $2^n \rightarrow n$  bits long  $\Rightarrow T[n] = T[\lceil n/2 \rceil] + \Theta(M(n))$  where

$M(n) :=$  time to multiply 2  $n$ -digit numbers.

If  $M(n) \gg n^{0.00001}$ ,  $T[n] = \Theta(M(n))$  (by Masters Theorem)

2) Binary to Decimal:  $B[1-n]$  bits  $\Rightarrow D[1-m]$  decimal array

Naive ex)  $(1011011)_2 = 1 \times 2^6 + 0 \times 2^5 + \dots + 1 \times 2^0 = 91$ .

$\hookrightarrow \Theta(n)$  additions of  $\Omega(n)$ -digit numbers  $\rightarrow \Omega(n^2)$

D&Q approach ex)  $(\underline{\overset{BL}{1011}}, \overset{BR}{1100})_2 = (1011)_2 \times 2^4 + (1100)_2 = 11 \times 16 + 12 = 188$ .

$B2D(a[1-n]) \Rightarrow$  decimal digit array

- Base case:  $\text{len}(a) == 1 \rightarrow \text{return } a[0]$
- $a_L \leftarrow a[1-\lceil n/2 \rceil], a_R \leftarrow a[\lceil n/2 + 1 \rceil - n]$
- $d_L \leftarrow B2D(a_L), d_R \leftarrow B2D(a_R)$
- $c \leftarrow \text{EXP}(2, \lceil n/2 \rceil)$
- Return  $d_L \underbrace{\times c + d_R}_{\text{of } n\text{-digit numbers!}}$

$$\text{Runtime: } T[n] = 2T[\frac{n}{2}] + \Theta(\text{EXP}(2, \frac{n}{2})) + \Theta(n\text{-digit mult}) + \Theta(n\text{-digit addition}) \Rightarrow T[\frac{n}{2}] = \Theta(M(n))$$

3) Closest Pair:  $n (x_i, y_i)$  points in plane  $\Rightarrow$  closest pair  $\{(x_i, y_i), (x_j, y_j)\}$

Naïve: check all  $(P_i, P_j)$  pairs' distance, and find the smallest.

$\hookrightarrow \Theta(n^2)$  runtime due to pairing

D&Q:  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\} \xrightarrow{\substack{A := \\ \{P_1, \dots, P_{\frac{n}{2}}\}, \{P_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)}, \dots, P_n\}}} ?$

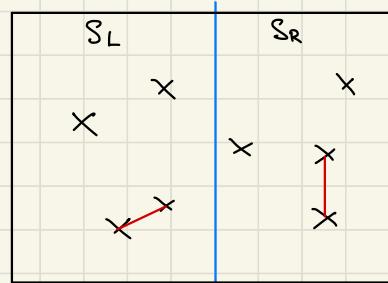
a better splitting: split the plane (the geometry)

$\hookrightarrow$  sort the points in increasing x-coordinate, then split.

Recurse to find closest pair in  $S_L$  &  $S_R$ .

$$d \leftarrow \min(\text{Closest}(S_L), \text{Closest}(S_R)).$$

What if the actual closest pair is split?

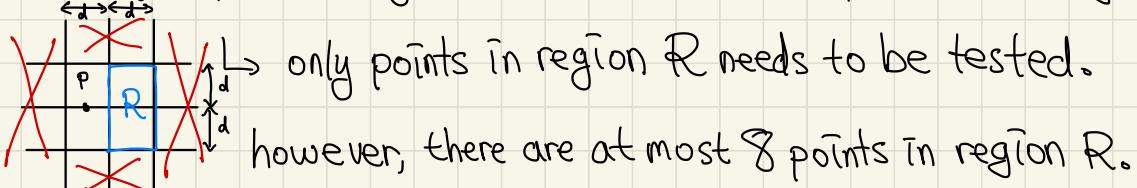


$\hookrightarrow$  Naïve:  $\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2}$  pairs  $\rightarrow \Theta(n^2)$  runtime ...  $\rightarrow$  how to prune?

Idea 1) take strip of width  $d$  on each side of the line.

$\hookrightarrow$  not very helpful for worst-case analysis ...

Idea 2) a point  $P$  only needs to be tested with points  $\geq d$  away.



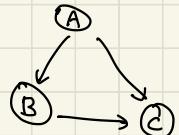
→ For every point P, # of comparisons  $\leq 8$

↪  $\Theta(n)$  pairs need comparison!

$$\Rightarrow T[n] = 2T[\frac{n}{2}] + \Theta(n) \Rightarrow T[n] = \Theta(n \log n)$$

## Graphs

Graphs:  $G = (V, E)$ .  $(u, v) \in E$  if  $u \rightarrow v$ .



Directed - edges have directions.

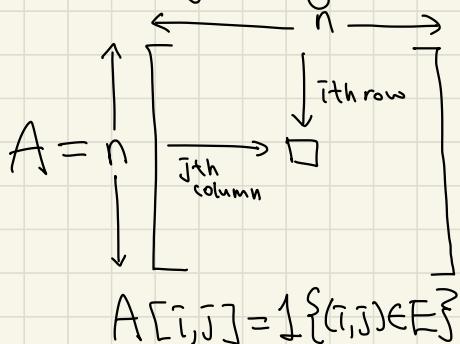
Parameters:  $n = |V| = \# \text{ of vertices}$

$m = |E| = \# \text{ of edges}$

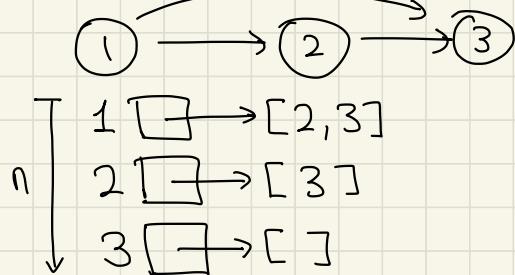
⇒ for all non-multi-edge graphs,  $m < n^2$

Representation on computers:  $V = \{1 \dots n\}$ ,  $E = ?$

1) Adjacency Matrix



2) Adjacency List (of out-edges)



what are trade-offs of each representation?

	Matrix	List
size(memory)	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n+m)$
query time ( $u, v \in E?$ )	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\deg(u))$
neighbor enumeration of $u$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(\deg(u))$

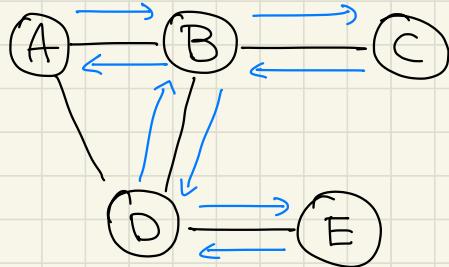
Connectivity: Is there a path from  $u$  to  $v$ ?

↳ Is  $G$  connected? What are connected components?

### DFS in Undirected Graphs

explore (vertex  $v$ ):

- $\text{visited}[v] = \text{true}$
- for each edge  $v \rightarrow w$ :
  - if not  $\text{visited}[w]$ :  $\text{explore}[w]$



ex)  $\text{explore}(A) \rightarrow A, B, C, D, E$

DFS(Graph  $G$ ): ← generalized to disconnected graphs

- $\text{visited}[u] = \text{false} \quad \forall u \in V$
- for each vertex  $v \in V$ :
  - if not  $\text{visited}[v]$ :  $\text{explore}(v)$

Property:  $\text{explore}(u)$  visits exactly the vertices  $V$  such that  
Graph  $G_i$  has a path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

Proof: 1) Vertex  $v$  is reached  $\Rightarrow \exists$  path from  $u$  to  $v$  (trivial)  
2)  $\exists$  path from  $u$  to  $v \Rightarrow$  Vertex  $v$  is reached by  $\text{explore}(u)$



Suppose  $\text{explore}(u)$  does not reach  $v$ , for the sake of contradiction.

Let  $w_k$  be the first vertex on the path that is not reached.  
 $\Rightarrow w_{k-1}$  is reached.  $\Rightarrow \text{explore}(w_{k-1})$  is called.

In  $\text{explore}(w_{k-1})$ , all edges incident to  $w_{k-1}$  will be explored,  
including  $w_k$ .  $\rightarrow$  Contradiction,  $\text{explore}(u)$  reaches  $v$ . //

Finding Connected Components: Modify  $\text{explore}$  and  $\text{DFS}$ !

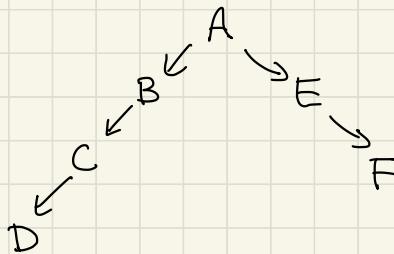
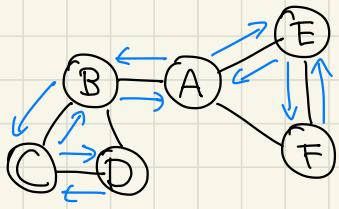
$\text{DFS}(\text{Graph } G_i)$ :  $\text{explore}(\text{Vertex } v)$ :

- count = 0
- visited[v] = true
- ccnum  $\leftarrow \text{int}[n]$
- ccnum[v] = count
- visited[u] = false  $\forall u \in V$
- for each -
- for each vertex  $v \in V$ :
  - if not visited[v]:  $\text{explore}(v)$ , count += 1

ensures that only  
connected components  
will have same # in ccnum.

## DFS Search Tree:

ex) explore(A) calls

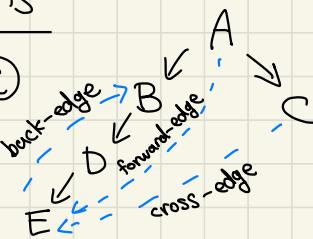
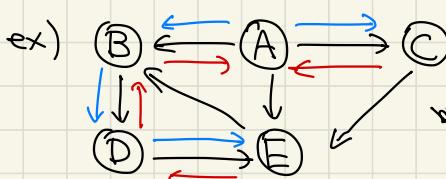


Runtime of DFS: 1)  $\text{explore}(v)$  is called once per DFS.

2) Inside  $\text{explore}(v)$ , set  $\text{visited}[v] = \text{true} \leftarrow \Theta(1)$  time,  
then enumerate all edges  $v \rightarrow w \leftarrow \Theta(\deg(v))$  time

$$\text{Total time} = \sum_{v \in V} (1 + \deg(v)) = \underline{\Theta(n+m)} \quad \left( \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = \Theta(E) = \Theta(m) \right)$$

## DFS In Directed Graphs



Recording times: increment a clock everytime we reach or leave a vertex, and set  $\text{pre}[n]$  and  $\text{post}[n]$

In  $\text{explore}(v)$ : In  $\text{DFS}(G)$ : in above example:

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pre[v] = clock
clock += 1
for each ...
post[v] = clock
clock += 1
  
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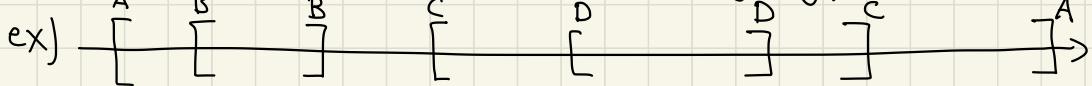
$\text{clock} = 0$

$\text{pre}, \text{post} \leftarrow \text{int}[n]$   
for all  $v \in V$ :

$A = [1, 10]$	$B = [2, 7]$	$C = [8, 9]$
$D = [3, 6]$	$E = [4, 5]$	

$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{pre}[v], \\ \text{post}[v] \end{array} \right]$   
for all  $v \in V$

Pre&Post numbers can inform the edge types between nodes.



for an edge  $u \rightarrow v$ : if  $[u [v]]$ , tree or forward edge.

if  $[v [u]]$ , back edge. if  $[v] [u]$ , cross edge.

$[u [v] u]$  is impossible (can't close  $u$  before  $v$  closes)

$\Rightarrow$  For all edges  $u \rightarrow v$ ,  $\text{post}[u] < \text{post}[v]$  iff  $u \rightarrow v$  is a back edge.

$\hookrightarrow$  no back edges  $\Leftrightarrow$  no directed cycles  $\Leftrightarrow$  is DAG

## Directed Acyclic Graphs

DAG: Directed graph with no directed cycles.

Applications: 1) Modeling dependencies / prerequisites

$\hookrightarrow u \rightarrow v$  if  $u$  is a prerequisite for  $v$ .

Source code compilation  $\rightarrow$  checking dependency cycles

2) Partially ordered sets (comparisons, but not transitive)

$\hookrightarrow$  ex) box sizes: box A fits in box B.

source: node with no incoming edges

sink: node with no outgoing edges

$\hookrightarrow$  every DAG has at least one source & one sink.

## Topological Sort (Linearization)

$\text{TOPSORT}(\text{DAG } G) \Rightarrow$  ordering of all vertices  $[v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$

(all edges of the linearized vertices head from left to right)

Algorithm 1°:  $(\Theta(m+n))$

- Run DFS to compute pre & post values
- Output vertices in decreasing post values

Algorithm 2°:  $(\Theta(?), \text{depends on implementation details})$

- Pop a source node, output it
- Repeat with the remaining smaller DAG.

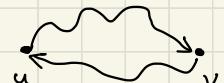
Proof of Correctness of Algo 1°: (the concept)

↪ edge  $u \rightarrow v$ , prove  $\text{post}[u] > \text{post}[v]$

Connectivity in Directed Graphs

$u$  is strongly connected to  $v$  iff  $\exists$  path  $u \rightsquigarrow v \& \exists$  path  $v \rightsquigarrow u$

↪ every directed graph can be decomposed into a dag of strongly connected components (DAG of SCCs) \*



↑ can have other nodes in between

How to decompose a directed graph into SCCs?

↪ goal: label all vertices with their "component number".

Intuition: Run explore( $v$ ) for some vertex  $v$  in a "sink SCC".

This will recover exactly that sink SCC.

↪ sink in the DAG of SCCs

Repeatedly recovering sink SCCs will complete the task.

⇒ But how to locate a vertex in a sink SCC?

FACT: In a DFS traversal, a vertex with the highest post value will be in a source SCC. (exits very last in DFS)

↪ how to get sink SCC? ⇒ reverse edges in  $G_r$ !

KOSARAJU's algorithm (DAG  $G$ ):

- Construct a reverse graph of  $G_r$ ,  $G_r^R$ .
- Run DFS on  $G_r^R$  to compute  $\text{post}_R$  values.
- Run DFS on  $G$  by exploring vertices in decreasing order of  $\text{post}_R$ .

↪ every iteration of last step recovers exactly an SCC.

## Breath-First Search

- Maintain a queue for edges to explore next

↳ Naturally solves the shortest path question

Dijkstra's Algorithm ( $G = (V, E)$ ,  $\stackrel{\text{start node}}{S} \in V$ )  $\Rightarrow \text{dist}[v \in V]$

Intuition: Imagine a liquid spill at node  $S$ . The liquid moves unit distance in 1 time step. Simulate this liquid's motion.

↳ Simulating every timestep can be inefficient...

$\Rightarrow$  only simulate the "interesting" times when a node is reached!

↳ make a note on ETA of  $S$ 's neighbors, and fast-forward to closest  
once a node is reached, update ETA of its neighbors

Data structure needed  $\rightarrow$  Priority Queue of  $(\text{time}, \text{vertex})$  pairs

Operations required  $\rightarrow$   $\text{deleteMin}()$ : pop & return the smallest time

$\text{decreaseTime}(\text{time}', \text{vertex})$ : if  $(t, \text{vertex})$  is a part of the PQ,  $t \leftarrow \min(t, \text{time}')$

DIJKSTRA'S ( $G, w_e, S$ ):

$\text{dist}[v] \leftarrow \infty$ ,  $\text{dist}[S] \leftarrow 0$ .

$Q \leftarrow$  make queue,  $Q.\text{insert}(\text{dist}[v], v) \forall v \in V$ .

While  $Q$  is not empty:

$(t, v) \leftarrow Q.\text{deleteMin}()$

    for  $v \rightarrow u \in E$ :

$Q.\text{decreaseTime}(\text{dist}[v] + w_{v \rightarrow u}, u)$

Return  $\text{dist}$

Binary Heap: supports  $\text{deleteMin}$  &  $\text{insert}$  (also  $\text{delete}$ )

↳ both operations take  $\Theta(\log(|V|))$ ,  $\text{deleteMin}$  called  $M$  times,

$\text{insert}$  called  $|E|$  times  $\Rightarrow \underline{T(\text{Dijkstras})} = \Theta(\log(m)(m+n))$

(Generally,  $\Theta(m \cdot T(\text{deleteMin}) + n \cdot T(\text{decreaseKey}) + m \cdot T(\text{insert}))$ )

Bellman-Ford Algorithm: an alternative shortest-path

Intuition: All edges are rubber bands of lengths equal to weight.

Initially, all bands are stretched upto "infinity".

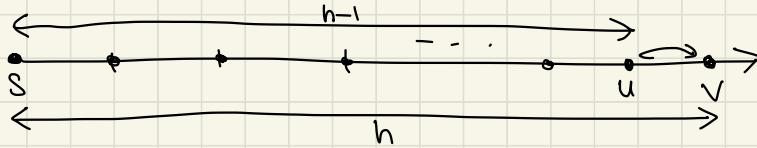
Every edge is updated by "unstretching" a node to the left.

↳ the order of updates does not matter

Mathematical Analysis:  $D[\text{vertex}, \text{hop}] :=$  length of shortest path  $s \rightsquigarrow v$

that only uses at most  $h$  hops (# of edges the path goes through in the path)

$$\hookrightarrow D[v, h] = D[u, h-1] + w_{u \rightarrow v}$$



BELLMAN-FORD( $G, W, S$ ):

$$\forall v \in V, D[v, 0] \leftarrow \infty, D[S, 0] \leftarrow 0$$

for all hops  $h$  from 1 to  $|V|-1$ :

[ for each edge  $u \rightarrow v$ :  $\rightarrow$  a dynamic programming example! ]

$$D[v, h] = \min(D[u, h-1] + w_{u \rightarrow v}, D[v, h])$$

$$\forall v \in V, \text{dist}[v] \leftarrow D[v, |V|-1]$$

$\hookrightarrow$  for space efficiency, we can replace  $D$  with  $\text{dist}$  and

$$\text{update in-place } (\text{dist}[v] = \min(\text{dist}[v] + w_{u \rightarrow v}, \text{dist}[v]))$$

Connection to intuition: inner loop is unstretching once, outer loop is repeating the inner loop in case some rubber band is unsatisfied

# Greedy Algorithm

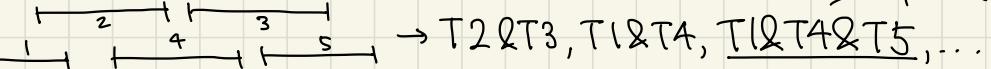
Goal: Optimize a multi-step decision process

Being "Greedy": Optimize for next step only, works sometimes

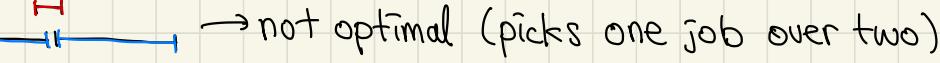
↪ If the local optimum can be connected to a global optimal point.

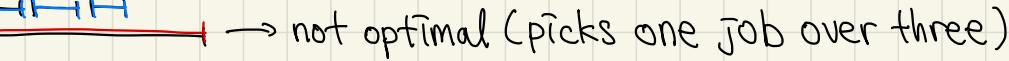
Task Scheduling Problem:  $n$  jobs with start and end times

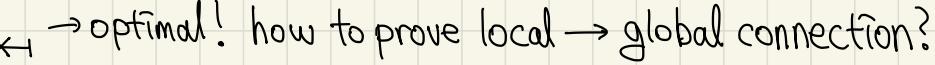
↪ schedule as many number of jobs without overlaps

ex)  →  $T_2 \& T_3, T_1 \& T_4, \underline{T_1 \& T_4 \& T_5}, \dots$

Possible strategies: ① shortest first ② begin at first ③ finish first

①  → not optimal (picks one job over two)

②  → not optimal (picks one job over three)

③  → optimal! how to prove local → global connection?

Claim: Greedily picking the first job that finishes without overlapping is the optimal solution

Proof: Greedy Solution  $[S_1, e_1] - \dots - [S_R, e_R]$

Optimal Solution  $[S_1, e_1] - \dots - [S_L, e_L]$

Observation:  $R \leq L$  since  $L$  is optimal.

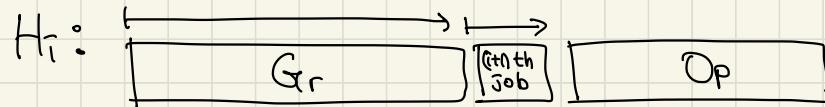
$\forall i \in [0, R], H_i = \underbrace{[S_1, e_1] - \dots - [S_{iR}, e_{iR}]}_{\text{first } i \text{ jobs from Greedy}} \underbrace{[S_{i+1L}, S_{i+1L}] - \dots - [S_L, e_L]}_{\text{rest from optimal}}$

$H_o$  is the optimal solution, and  $H_R$  is full greedy + leftover optimal

Now, we argue that all  $H_i \in [H_o, H_R]$  are optimal.

Base Case :  $H_o$  is trivially optimal (by definition)

Induction : Given that  $H_i$  is optimal, prove that  $H_{i+1}$  is optimal



When the greedy algorithm picks the  $(i+1)$ th job, it picks

the job with the earliest finish time  $\leq e_{i+1L}$  (by greediness)

$$\rightarrow e_i < s_{i+1} < \underbrace{e_{i+1R} \leq e_{i+1L}}_{\substack{\text{greediness} \\ \text{by construction of } Op}} < s_{i+2L} \substack{\text{non-overlapping}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Greedy preserves number of jobs and does not overlap with the start of the next optimal job,  $s_{i+2L}$ . Also, since the procedure will continue until  $e_L$ ,  $R = L$  in all case.

SCHEDULE( $n$  jobs with  $[s_n, e_n]$ ):

$$A \leftarrow \emptyset, t^* \leftarrow -\infty \quad \text{end time of last scheduled job}$$

for each  $j$  in  $[1 \dots n]$ :

if  $t^* \leq s_j$ :  $A.add([s_j, e_j])$ ,  $t^* \leftarrow e_j$

return  $A$

Runtime:  $O(n)$  if sorted,  $O(n \log n)$  if not  
by  $e_n$

Compression (Huffman Encoding): Encoding with least number of bits

In text  $T$  with alphabet  $\Pi$  and frequency  $f_{\pi}$ ,

minimize  $\text{Cost}(T) : \sum_{\pi} f_{\pi} \cdot (\# \text{of bits } \pi \text{ is encoded to})$

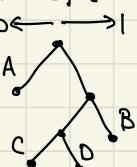
ex)

$\pi$	$f_{\pi}$	2 bits	unequal?
A	80	00	0
B	10	01	1
C	5	10	10
D	5	11	11
cost( $T$ )		200	< 200

$\rightarrow$  unequal bits reduce  $\text{Cost}(T)$ , but it introduces ambiguity such as  $10 \rightarrow BA$ , or  $C$ ?

$\rightarrow$  Prefix Freeness Property needed!

Prefix Freeness: no encoding is a prefix of another



$\hookrightarrow$  can be represented by leaves in a full binary tree

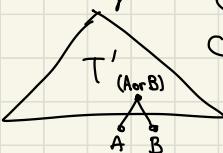
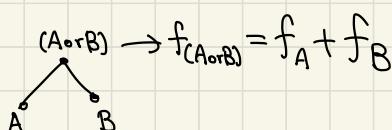
(all nodes have either 0 or 2 children)

Strategies: ① schedule the most frequent first ② least frequent first

① not optimal, may not be worth adding 1 bit to all others

② build the tree bottom-up  $\rightarrow$  optimal!

Given  $\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ , pick lowest frequencies  $f_A \& f_B$ , remove them and add a new frequency  $f_{(A \text{ or } B)} = f_A + f_B$ . Iterate.



$$\text{cost}(T) = \text{cost}(T') + f_A + f_B,$$

both A and B contribute 1 bit if selected

HUFFMAN( $T, \pi, f$ ):

$Q \leftarrow$  priority queue of min  $f$  value ,

insert all  $f$  into  $Q$

while  $Q.size() > 1$  :

$f_A, f_B \leftarrow Q.pop(), Q.pop()$

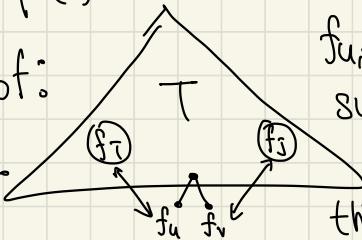
$f_{(A \text{ or } B)} \leftarrow f_A + f_B$ , construct edge  $f_{(A \text{ or } B)} \rightarrow f_A, f_B$

$Q.insert(f_{(A \text{ or } B)})$

return  $Q.pop()$

Optimality Proof:

$T$  is the optimal.



fun are deepest leaf nodes.  
switch  $f_u \& f_v$  with  $f_i \& f_j$  with  
the lowest frequencies.  
this can only reduce cost( $T$ ).

However,  $T$  is already optimal.  $\Rightarrow f_i \& f_j$  are already in place of  $f_u \& f_v$ .

$\Rightarrow$  constructing  $T$  with lowest frequencies at bottom is  
consistent with the optimal  $T$ .

$\rightarrow$  HUFFMAN enforces this at every step

Base Case:  $n=2 \rightarrow$   (only possible configuration)

Induction:  $f_i, f_j \rightarrow$   for  $(n+1)$  frequencies, we can  
reduce it to  $n$  frequencies consistent with the optimal  $T$ .

$n$  frequencies is solved by IH  $\Rightarrow (n+1)$  frequencies also solved! //

Runtime:  $n$  inserts, deletes for max depth  $\log n \rightarrow O(n \log n)$

## Minimum Spanning Trees

Tree: An undirected graph that is (i) connected and (ii) acyclic.

Property 1: removing a cycle edge does not disconnect a graph.

Proof:



case 1)  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  path does not use edge  $e$ .

↳ trivial, done.

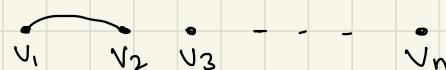
case 2)  $u \rightsquigarrow v$  involves  $e$  ( $u \rightsquigarrow e \rightsquigarrow v$ )

In case 2, we can always construct another path without  $e$ .

↳ take the "other direction" of the cycle. //

Property 2: A tree with  $n$  vertices has  $(n-1)$  edges.

Proof:



$t=0 \rightarrow n$  components

$t=1 \rightarrow (n-1)$  component

Adding an edge will always reduce # of components by 1

↳ if the new edge connects two vertices in the same component, it will introduce a cycle

$\Rightarrow$  at time  $(n-1)$ , there will be 1 component left, the tree. //

Property 3: A connected graph with  $n$  vertices &  $(n-1)$  edges is a tree.

Proof: Assume the graph has a cycle. Remove the cycle edge. By property 1, it is still connected.

Repeat until all cycles are gone. It should have  $(n-1)$  edges by property 2. However, since we started with  $(n-1)$  edges, it means that there were no cycles to remove to begin with  $\rightarrow$  original graph is a tree. //

$\text{MST}(G = (V, E), w_e) \Rightarrow T = (V, E') \text{ s.t. } E' \subseteq E \text{ s.t.}$

$$\underline{\text{cost}(T) = \sum_{e \in E'} w_e \text{ is minimized}}$$

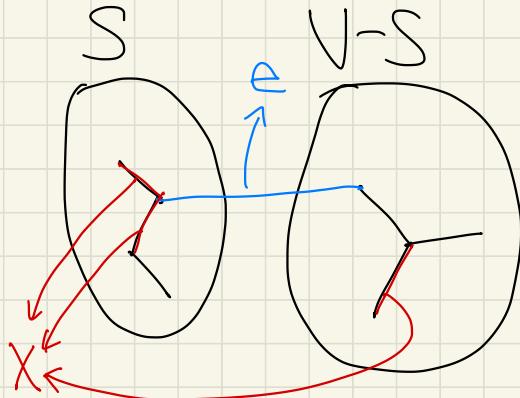
Take a greedy approach: Add the least weighted edge that does not introduce a cycle; and iterate.

Main Theorem: (i) Let  $X \subseteq E$  be part of some MST  $T$  of  $G$ .

(ii)  $S \subseteq V$  be a set s.t. there are no edges in  $X$  from  $S$  to  $V-S$ .

(iii) Let  $e \in E$  be the lightest edge from  $S$  to  $V-S$ .

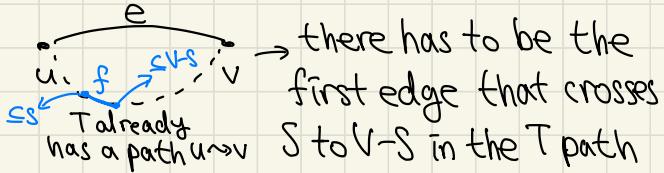
$\Rightarrow X + e$  is a part of some MST of  $G$ , not necessarily the MST defined above.



Consider  $T+e$ :

case 1)  $e \in T \Rightarrow x+e \subseteq T+e$

case 2)  $e \notin T \Rightarrow T+e$  has a cycle



there has to be the first edge that crosses  $S$  to  $V-S$  in the  $T$  path

Claim:  $w_f \geq w_e$ , since  $e$  is the lightest edge from  $S$  to  $V-S$ .

Now, consider  $T' := T + e - f$ . ① By property 1,  $T'$  is connected.

②  $T'$  still has  $(n-1)$  edges  $\rightarrow$  By property 3,  $T'$  is a tree.

③  $\text{cost}(T') = \text{cost}(T) + w_e - w_f$ . By the claim above,

$\text{cost}(T') \leq \text{cost}(T)$ . However, since  $T$  is an MST,

$\text{cost}(T') = \text{cost}(T) \Rightarrow T'$  is an MST, different from  $T$ .

$\xrightarrow{\text{by (i)}} X \subseteq T$ ,  $f \notin X$ ,  $e \in T' \Rightarrow X+e \subseteq T'$ , which is an MST.

$\Rightarrow X+e$  is still a part of some MST, albeit not  $T$  but  $T'$ . //

Kruskal's Algorithm: go over all edges in increasing weights.

Add it if it doesn't introduce a cycle; skip otherwise.

Claim: Kruskal's finds an MST.

Base Case:  $X = \emptyset \rightarrow$  part of every MST

Induction:  $X \rightarrow X + e$  still is a part of an MST by the Main Theorem proved above.

Implementation: ① track connected components ② cycle detection

UnionFind:  $\text{makeSet}(x)$ : makes singleton set  $\{x\}$ .

$\text{find}(x)$ : find the set  $x$  belongs to.  $\text{union}(x,y)$ : make a union of the set containing  $x$  and the set containing  $y$ .

KRUSKAL( $G, w$ ):

for all  $v \in V$ ,  $\text{makeSet}(v)$ .

$X \leftarrow \emptyset$ . sort edges  $E$  by  $w$ .

$\forall (u,v) \in E$  in sorted order,

if  $\text{find}(u) \neq \text{find}(v)$ :

$X \leftarrow X \cup \{(u,v)\}$

$\text{union}(u,v)$

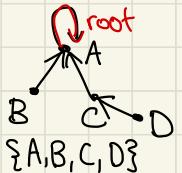
Runtime:  $O(|E| \log(|V|))$

$\hookrightarrow |E| \log(|V|)$  sorting,

$2|E| \underbrace{\text{find calls}, |V| \text{ union calls}}_{\text{both } O(\log(|V|))}$

return  $X$

# The Union Find Data Structure

  $\pi(x)$ : Parent of  $x$ .  $\text{rank}(x)$ : height of tree under  $x$   
 $\text{makeset}(x)$ : set  $\pi(x)=x$ ,  $\text{rank}(x)=0$ .

$\text{find}(x)$ : if  $\pi(x) \neq x$ ,  $\text{find}(\pi(x))$ . else, return  $x$ .

for union, connect the root of  $x$  to root of  $y$ , or vice versa.

How to choose between  $x \rightarrow y$  or  $x \leftarrow y$ ?

Observation: minimizing rank optimizes find operations.

$\text{Union}(x, y)$ :  leads to shallower tree, less ancestors to call

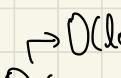
$r_x, r_y \leftarrow \text{find}(x), \text{find}(y)$

if  $\text{rank}(r_x) \leq \text{rank}(r_y)$ :

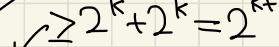
$\pi(r_x) \leftarrow r_y$  #  $r_x$  goes "under"  $r_y$

if  $\text{rank}(r_x) == \text{rank}(r_y)$ ,  $\text{rank}(r_y) += 1$ .

else,  $\pi(r_y) \leftarrow r_x$  #  $r_y$  goes "under"  $r_x$ .

Runtimes:  $\text{makeset} \rightarrow O(1)$ ,  $\text{find} \& \text{union} \rightarrow O(\text{rank of root}(s))$     $\rightarrow O(\log n), O(\log^k n)$  if path compressed

Claim: If  $\text{rank}(x)=r$ , then  $x$  has  $\geq 2^r$  nodes in tree rooted in  $r$ .

Base Case:  $r=0 \rightarrow \# \text{ of nodes} = 1 \geq 2^0$  ✓   $\geq 2^k + 2^k = 2^{k+1}$

Induction:  $r \rightarrow r+1$  # of nodes in the first tree + second tree

Prim's Algorithm: exploit the Main theorem like Dijkstra's

$X \leftarrow \emptyset$ , Repeat until  $|X| = (n-1)$ :

Pick  $S \subseteq V$  s.t. there are no edges in  $X$  crossing  $S \& V-S$ .

Let  $e$  be the minimum weighted edge from  $S$  to  $V-S$ .

$X \leftarrow X \cup \{e\}$ .  $\rightarrow X$  spans exactly 1 more vertex now.

$S$  is just all vertices that  $X$  currently spans.

$$\hookrightarrow |S| = |X| + 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Implement using priority queue like Dijkstra's.

Runtime:  $O(|V|(|V|+|E|))$

Horn's Formula: given boolean variables  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and clauses  $C_1, \dots, C_m$  s.t.  $\forall C_i$ , either  $(\overline{x}_1 \cup \overline{x}_2 \cup \dots)$  or  $(\overline{x}_1 \cup \dots \cup x_\alpha)$ , is there an assignment that satisfies  $F = C_1 \cap C_2 \cap \dots \cap C_m$ ?

$(\overline{x}_1 \cup \overline{x}_2 \cup \dots \cup x) \equiv (x_1 \wedge x_2 \dots) \Rightarrow x$ , ( $\Rightarrow x$ ) is a special case.

ex)  $(w \wedge y \wedge z) \Rightarrow x$

$$(\overline{w} \cup \overline{x} \cup \overline{y})$$

$(x \wedge z) \Rightarrow w$

$$(\overline{z})$$

$\hookrightarrow$  not satisfiable

$$x \Rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\text{true}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \xrightarrow{\text{true}}$$

$$(x \wedge y) \Rightarrow w \xrightarrow{\text{true}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  this system is unsatisfiable

Greedy Approach: set all variables to False. set a variable to True only if absolutely necessary.

HORN( $F$ ):

set all variable  $x \in X$  to False

while  $\exists$  an unsatisfied implication clause  $C$ :

    set the right hand variable to True

    if any negation clause is unsatisfied, return "unsatisfiable".

    else, return the assignment  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

Runtime:  $O(|F| \times n)$ , where  $|F| \propto$  # of clauses & variables

Correctness: If HORN( $F$ ) sets a variable to TRUE, then it is TRUE in any satisfying assignment to  $F$ .

Base Case:  $k=1 \rightarrow (\neg x) \text{ will be trivially } x \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$ .

IH:  $k \rightarrow (k+1) \rightarrow x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}$  are all set to TRUE.  $x_{i_{k+1}}$  is the new variable about to be set to TRUE.

$(x_{i_1} \wedge x_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_k}) \Rightarrow x_{i_{k+1}}$  is the only way, which

↳ all or subset of previous TRUE assignment

ensures that  $x_{i_{k+1}}$  is always set to TRUE. //

Claim: HORN( $F$ ) is correct.

case1) HORN( $F$ ) outputs an assignment (true by definition)

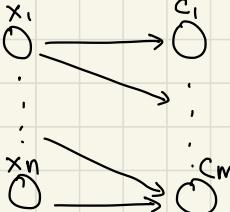
case2) HORN( $F$ ) outputs "unsatisfiable".

↪ only sets those variables to be TRUE that are TRUE in every satisfying assignment, if  $F$  were satisfiable.

↑ then, some pure negative clause is always unsatisfied!

⇒  $F$  is indeed unsatisfiable. //

Can we improve the runtime from  $\mathcal{O}(|F| \times n)$ ?

Idea:  add edge  $(x_i, c_j)$  if  $x_i$  appears on the LHS of  $C_j$ .

Observation: 1) if  $C_i$  has no incoming edges, RHS is TRUE.

2) Once  $x_i$  is set to TRUE, we can remove the vertex since it does not affect the implications anymore.

↪ implement using a queue that contains all TRUE variables.

⇒ only recompute clauses that are affected by assignments!

Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(|F| + n)$ , where  $|F| \propto$  # of edges in graph

\* no clauses with no incoming edges ⇒ all variables set to FALSE is valid

# Dynamic Programming

"A versatile and powerful algorithm design tool"

Longest Path in DAG: DAG  $G(V, E) \Rightarrow l$ , the longest path length

Subproblem:  $L(v) :=$  length of the longest path ending in  $v$ ,  $\underline{l = \max_{v \in V} L(v)}$

↪ make subproblems such that bigger problems depend on smaller ones!

Connecting Subproblems: Recurrence Relation

$$L(v) = 1 + \max_{(w, v) \in E} (L(w)), 0 \text{ if } \nexists w \in V, (w, v) \notin E.$$

↪ naïve recursive implementation recomputes same  $L(w)$  many times, leading to exponential time. → start with smallest problem!

Avoid Recomputation: memoization of  $L(w)$  values

- topologically sort  $G$  s.t. all  $i$ -th vertex has edges  $(i, j)$  where  $j > i$ .
- set  $L(i) = 0$  for all  $i$ .
- For all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , set  $L(i) \leftarrow 1 + \max_{(j, i) \in E} (L(j))$ , 0 if no incoming edges

Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(V + E)$

Longest Increasing Subsequence:  $a[1 \dots n] \rightarrow l$ , length of LIS

↪ Reduces to finding longest path in DAG!

Consider  $G(V, E)$  s.t.  $V := \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $E := \{(i, j) \mid i < j \text{ and } a_i \neq a_j\}$

DP Approach: 1) define an appropriate subproblem X

2) write a recurrence relation to connect subproblems

3) determine the order of computation (DAG-structure!)

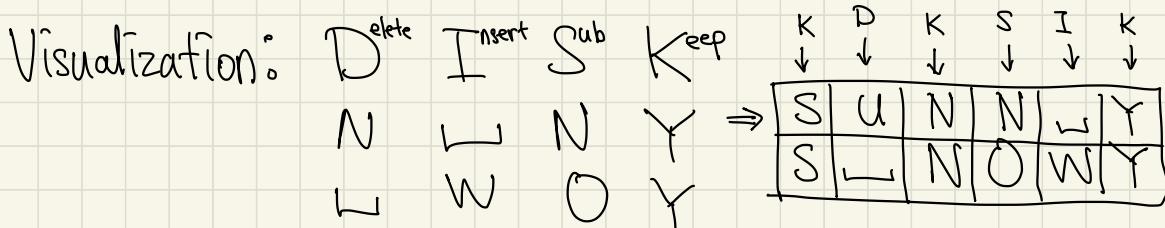
Edit Distance:  $x[1, \dots, n] \& y[1, \dots, m] \Rightarrow$  minimum edit keystrokes  $\xrightarrow{s.t.} x=y$

1 keystroke needed to add, remove, or substitute a character.

ex) CAP  $\rightarrow$  CUP (1 keystroke, replace A  $\rightarrow$  U)

AAPPL  $\rightarrow$  APPLE (2, remove A, add E)

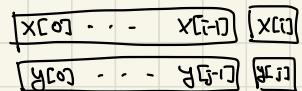
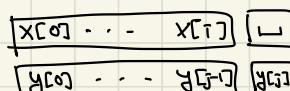
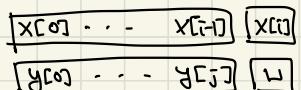
SUNNY  $\rightarrow$  S $\underline{N}$ Y  $\rightarrow$  SNO $\underline{Y}$   $\rightarrow$  SNOWY (3)



1) Subproblem:  $E(i, j) := \text{EDIT}(x[1:i], y[1:j])$

ex)  $E(\emptyset, S)$ ,  $E(SUN, SNO)$ ,  $E(SUNNY, SNOWY)$

2) Recurrence Relation: edit  $x[1 \dots i] \rightarrow y[1 \dots j]$ , the last step has to be one of the three keystrokes, del, sub, or add.



del

add

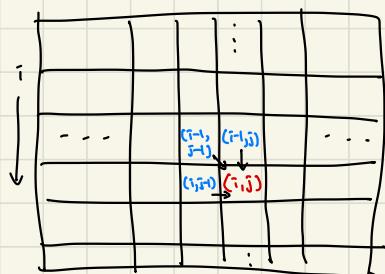
sub/keep

$$\Rightarrow E(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} 1+E(i-1,j) \\ 1+E(i,j-1) \\ \text{diff}(x[i], y[j]) + E(i-1, j-1) \end{cases}$$

→  $\text{diff}(a,b) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a == b, \\ 0 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$

Base Case:  $E(0,0) = 0$ ,  $\forall j, E(0,j) = E(j,0) = j$

3) Order of Computation:  $E(i,j)$  depends on  $E(i-1,j)$ ,  $E(i,j-1)$ , and  $E(i-1,j-1)$

 $j \rightarrow$ 

computing row-by-row or column-by-column satisfies the dependency requirements.

	$\emptyset$	S	N	O	W	Y
$\emptyset$	0	1	2	3	4	5
S	1	0	1	2	3	4
U	2	1	.	.	.	.
N	3	2	.	.	.	.
N	4	3	.	.	.	.
Y	5	4	.	.	.	.

$\forall i \in [1 \dots n], E(i,0) \leftarrow i$

$\forall j \in [1 \dots m], E(0,j) \leftarrow j$

for all  $i \in [1 \dots n]$ ,

for all  $j \in [i \dots m]$ ,

$$E(i,j) = \min \begin{cases} 1+E(i,j-1) \\ 1+E(i-1,j) \\ \text{diff}(x[i], y[j]) + E(i-1, j-1) \end{cases}$$

return  $E(i,j)$  Runtime:  $O(nm)$

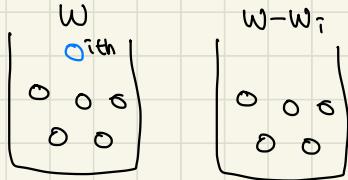
To retrieve the edit path, keep a back pointer to keep track of which last step leads to the solution.

Knapsack: total weight capacity  $W$ , weight-value pairs  $(w_i, v_i)$ ,  
 $i \in [1 \dots n]$

$\Rightarrow$  maximum total value while total weight  $\leq W$

Two variations: with replacement, or without repetition?

With replacement: there should be a "last item" that was added



claim: without the  $i$ -th item, the remaining items is an optimal solution to knapsack  $(w - w_i)$ .

1)  $K(C) = \max$  value when capacity  $C=0 \dots W$

2)  $K(C) = \max_{i: c \geq w_i} \{v_i + K(C - w_i)\}$ , Base case:  $K(0) = 0$ .

3) 
 (nice linear ordering!)

KNAPSACK( $W, V[1 \dots n], w[1 \dots n]$ ):

$$K(0) \leftarrow 0$$

for  $C = 1 \dots W$ :

Runtime:  $O(NW)$   $\rightarrow$  exponential w.r.t  
 $\log(W)$   
 $\simeq$  length of input

$$K(C) = \max_{i: w_i \leq C} \{v_i + K(C - w_i)\}$$

return  $K(W)$

No replacement: recurrence needs to "carry" which were picked!

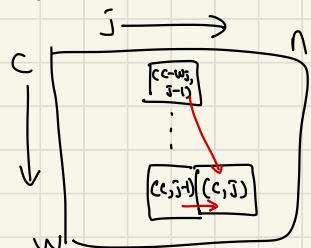
1)  $K(C, j)$ : max value when capacity  $C=0 \dots W$  using only items  $1 \dots j$ .

2)  $K(C, j) \rightarrow K(C, j-1)$  if  $C < w_j$ . what about  $C \geq w_j$ ?

$$\rightarrow \max \left\{ \underbrace{K(CC, j-1)}_{\text{not used any way}}, \underbrace{w_j + K(CC-w_j, j-1)}_{\text{jth item is used! no more of it}} \right\} \text{ if } c \geq w_j.$$

Base Case:  $H_j, K(0, j) = 0$ .

3) a 2-D matrix with dimension  $C, j$ .



row-by-row or column-by-column both work

Runtime:  $O(nW)$  (each entry takes  $O(1)$ )

$\rightarrow m_0m_1m_2$  multiplications

Chain Matrix Multiplication:  $A[m_0 \times m_1], B[m_1 \times m_2] \Rightarrow C[m_0 \times m_2]$

If we have a series of matmuls,  $A \times B \times C \times D \times \dots$ , what is the best parenthezation for calculation?

$$\text{ex) } \underset{50 \times 20}{A} \times \underset{20 \times 1}{B} \times \underset{1 \times 10}{C} \times \underset{10 \times 100}{D}$$

$(A \times (B \times C)) \times D \rightarrow 60,200$  multiplications

$A \times ((B \times C) \times D) \rightarrow 120,200$  muls

$(A \times B) \times (C \times D) \rightarrow 7000$  muls

Input:  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow$  minimum # of multiplications needed

$$1) \quad \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \searrow \\ (A_1, \dots, A_t) \quad (A_{t+1}, \dots, A_n) \end{array} \quad M(1, \dots, n) = M(1, \dots, t) + M(t+1, \dots, n) + m_0 m_t m_n$$

$M(i, j) :=$  minimum # of multiplications needed for matrices  $A_i, \dots, A_j$ .

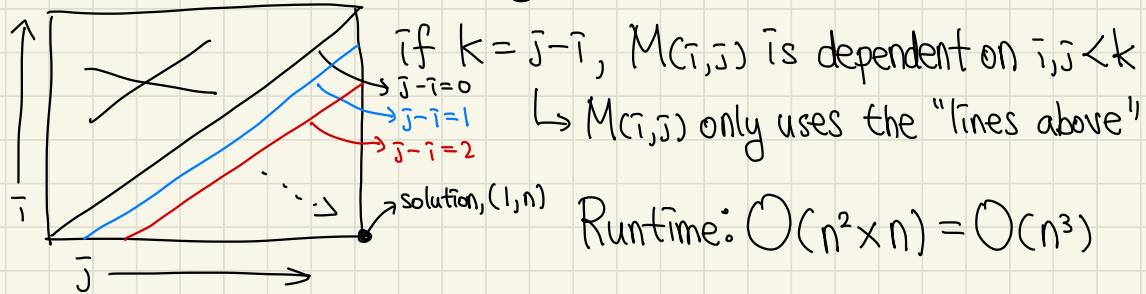
$\hookrightarrow$  not prefixes any more, can be any consecutive orders!

$M(i, n) \rightarrow$  the final answer we want

2)  $M(i, j) = \min_{i \leq k \leq j} \{ M(i, k) + M(k+1, j) + M_{i-1} M_k M_j \}$   
 $\hookrightarrow (A_i \times \dots \times A_k) \times (A_{k+1} \times \dots \times A_j)$  configuration

Base Case:  $i \leq n, M(i, i) = 0$  (no need to multiply anything)

3) Observation:  $M(i, j)$  is only valid when  $j \geq i$



## Common Subproblem Structures $\star$

- 1) input  $x_1 \dots x_n$  and subproblem is first  $i, x_1 \dots x_i$
- 2) input  $x_1 \dots x_n \& y_1 \dots y_m \rightarrow x_1 \dots x_i \& y_1 \dots y_i$
- 3) input  $x_1 \dots x_n \rightarrow x_i \dots x_j$  (in the middle)

Shortest Path in Graphs: edges with negative weights?

$\hookrightarrow$  DAG, or without negative cycles  $\xrightarrow{\text{not negative edges}}$  leads to infinitely negative paths

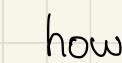
Dijkstra's  $\rightarrow O((n+m)\log n)$ , Bellman-Ford  $\rightarrow O(nm)$ ,

DAG-SSSP  $\rightarrow O(n+m)$  (DP problem)

Single Source Shortest Path (SSSP):  $G(V, E)$ ,  $W_e$ ,  $S \rightarrow \text{dist}(v)$

1)  $\text{dist}(v) :=$  shortest path from  $S$  to  $v$  for  $v \in V$

2)  $\text{dist}(v) := \min_{(u,v) \in E} \{\text{dist}(u) + W_{uv}\}$

3) ? ? how to resolve dependencies?

⇒ Need to redefine the subproblems

1)  $\text{dist}(v, k) :=$  shortest path  $s \rightsquigarrow v$  with at most  $k$  edges

↪ Base Case:  $\text{dist}(S, 0) = 0$ ,  $\text{dist}(v, 0) = \infty$  for  $v \in V / \{S\}$

2) Case I: Optimal path takes less than  $k$  edges

Case II: Optimal path needs exactly  $k$  edges similar to previous trial!

↪  $\text{dist}(v, k-1)$  vs  $\text{dist}(u, k-1) + W_{uv}$

⇒  $\text{dist}(v, k) := \min \{ \text{dist}(v, k-1), \min_{(u,v) \in E} \{ \text{dist}(u, k-1) + W_{uv} \} \}$

3) Nice ordering to compute  $k=1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$  → max number of edges without cycles

Runtime:  $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot \overbrace{(n+m)}^{\text{setting first min}}) \xrightarrow{\text{setting second min}} \mathcal{O}(nm) (B-F)$

→ Very similar to B-F, but B-F can terminate faster if ordering is good

(B-F can update multiple vertices correctly in the same loop)

⇒ Instead, SSSP gives all shortest path with at most  $k$  edges!

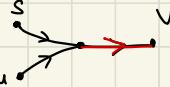
SS Reliable Shortest Path:  $G(V, E)$ ,  $w_e$ ,  $S$ , bound  $\underline{B} \Rightarrow \min \{s \sim v\}$  with at most  $B$  edges

→ Just refer to  $\text{dist}(v, \underline{B})$  from SSSP!

All Pairs Shortest Paths:  $G(V, E), w \rightarrow \forall u, v \in V$ , minimum  $\text{dist}(u, v)$

↪ Running B-F  $n$  times to get all paths?  $\rightarrow O(n^2 m)$  time

There are overlapping computation in B-F:



$\text{dist}(u, v, k) :=$  shortest path  $u \leadsto v$  with at most  $k$  edges ...?

↪ still gives  $O(n^2 m)$  solution because no information about overlap

1)  $\text{dist}(u, v, k) :=$  shortest path  $u \leadsto v$  that takes vertices in  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  only

Base Case:  $\text{dist}(u, v, 0) = w_{uv}$  (no additional vertices visited)

Claim: on the shortest path  $u \leadsto v$ , no vertex occurs twice.

Proof:  cycle  $w \leadsto w$  will only increase the path

2) Case I: doesn't need the  $k$ -th vertex for  $\text{dist}(u, v, k)$

Case II: including the  $k$ -th vertex is the optimal

↪  $\text{dist}(u, v, k) := \min \{ \text{dist}(u, v, k-1), \text{dist}(u, k, k-1) + \text{dist}(k, v, k-1) \}$

3)  $d(u, v, k)$  depend on  $d(\cdot, \cdot, k-1) \Rightarrow O(n^3)$  time

↪  $\forall i, j \in V, d(i, j, n)$  is the shortest path  $i \leadsto j$

$\xrightarrow{k \text{ can be excluded!}}$

Traveling Salesman Problem:  $n$  cities,  $d_{ij}$  ( $i \neq j$ )  $\rightarrow$  minimum spanning cycle  $1 \rightsquigarrow 1$

Brute Force: Enumerate all possible paths  $\rightarrow n! \approx n^n$  paths

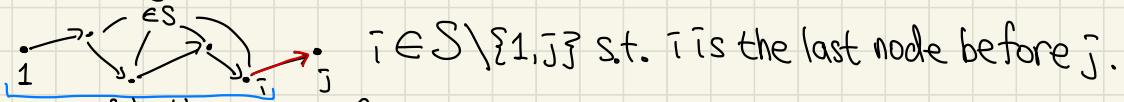
If  $C(j) :=$  cost of minimum path  $1 \rightsquigarrow j \rightarrow$  no information about path!

Simplification: TS can end in any of the  $n$  cities

$\rightarrow C(S, j) := S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  s.t.  $j \in S$ , least cost path that ...

① starts at node 1, ② visits all nodes in  $S$ , ③ ends in node  $j$ .  
 sets  $j$  (exactly once)

$\hookrightarrow$  roughly  $2^n \times n$  subproblems (better than  $n!$ )



$i \in S \setminus \{1, j\}$  s.t.  $i$  is the last node before  $j$ .

$$\Rightarrow C(S, j) = \min_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \{C(S \setminus \{j\}, i) + d_{ij}\}$$

Base Case:  $C(\{1\}, 1) = 0$ ,  $C(S, 1) = \infty$  for all  $|S| \geq 2$ ,

$\forall j \neq 1$ ,  $C(\{1, j\}, j) = d_{1j}$  (most simple path  $1 \rightsquigarrow j$ , just  $1 \rightarrow j$ )

$$\Rightarrow C(S, j) = \min_{i \in S \setminus \{j\}} \{C(S \setminus \{j\}, i) + d_{ij}\}, \text{ when } |S| > 2.$$

$$C(S, j) = C(\{1\}, 1) + d_{1j} = d_{1j}, \text{ when } |S| = 2. \quad (\text{equivalent definition})$$

Solving the actual TSP:  $\min_{j \in S \setminus \{1\}} \{C(\{1, \dots, n\}, j) + d_{j1}\}$  gives closure  $1 \rightsquigarrow 1$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  need to test  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$  separately  $\rightarrow (n!) \cdot O(2^n \cdot n) = \underline{\mathcal{O}(2^n n^2)}$  time

When coding, useful to pull out the  $|S|=S$  loop to the outermost loop.

Independent Sets: for  $G(V, E)$ ,  $I \subseteq V$  s.t.  $\forall u, v \in I, (u, v) \notin E$

goal is to find the largest independent set  $I := \text{Ind}(G)$ .

↪ NP-hard, but tree problem is easier.

Tree Max Independent Set: Tree  $G(V, E) \rightarrow \text{Ind}(G)$ .

1)  $I(v) := \text{size of maximal independent set of subtree rooted at } v$ .

2)  $I(v) = \max \left\{ \sum_{u \in C(v)} I(u), 1 + \sum_{u \in G(v)} I(u) \right\}$ , where  $\begin{cases} C(v) := \text{children of } v \\ G(v) := \text{grandchildren of } v \end{cases}$

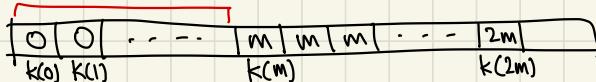
Base Case:  $I(v) = 1$  if  $v$  is a leaf node ( $\equiv v$  has no children)

3) Compute leaves to root. (need to dynamically build  $C(v), G(v)$ )

↪ Implementation as union-find like parent structure, then top sort.  
↳ enforces DAG!

Runtime: linear w.r.t. vertices for all steps  $\rightarrow \underline{\mathcal{O}(n)}$  time

Knapsack Revisited: what if  $w_i \leq$  are multiples of  $m$ ?

 → inefficient, bloated by  $m$

↪ there are subproblems that don't need to be considered at all!

⇒ make a hash table for memoization of only relevant values

Coin Denomination Problem:  $x_1, \dots, x_n; V \rightarrow \min \# \text{ of coins if possible}$

e.g.  $x = \{5, 10\}, V = 15 \rightarrow (5, 10), x = \{5, 10\}, V = 12 \rightarrow \text{impossible}$

↪ similar to knapsack, but enforces exact matching of value

1)  $K(v)$  := minimum # of coins needed to give change  $v$  ( $\infty$  if impossible)

2)  $K(v) := \min_{i: x_i \leq v} \{K(v - x_i) + 1\}$  → naturally set to  $\infty$  if no solution exists.

Base Case:  $K(0) = 0$  (no coins needed to match change of 0)

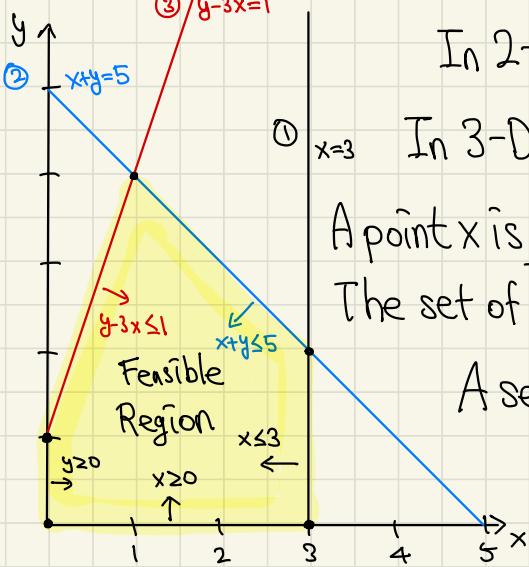
3) Iterate 1 to  $V$ . → Implementation can set  $\infty$  if no subset exists.

Runtime: still  $O(Vn)$  time.

## Linear Programming

Real number variables, Linear constraints (degree 1 polynomial), Linear objective

ex)  $\max(x+2y)$ ,  $\overset{\textcircled{1}}{x \leq 3}$ ,  $\overset{\textcircled{2}}{x+y \leq 5}$ ,  $\overset{\textcircled{3}}{y-3x \leq 1}$ ,  $x, y \geq 0$



$$(x+y \leq 200, \dots)$$

$$\max(x+3y)$$

In 2-D, every constraint is a line.

$\overset{\textcircled{1}}{x=3}$  In 3-D, every constraint is a plane, and so on.

A point  $x$  is feasible if it satisfies all constraints  
The set of all feasible points is a convex set.

A set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is convex if  $\forall p, p' \in S$ ,

the line connecting  $p$  and  $p' \subseteq S$ .

(vertex)

The optimum of a linear program can be achieved at a corner.

↳ Intuition: move the objective function until it touches only a tip

# Simplex Algorithm: A Straightforward way to solve LP

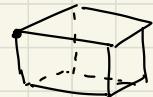
- Start at some vertex
- Keep moving to neighboring vertices to increase the objective

⇒ Why is this even an effective strategy?

In 2-D, a corner is an intersection of two lines.



In 3-D, a corner is an intersection of three planes.



In n-D, a corner is an intersection of n hyperplanes!

↪ Finding a corner from n constraints is just solving system of linear eqs.

→ m constraints in n dimensions →  $\binom{m}{n}$  total corners ( $\simeq \exp(n)$ )

↪ not a good idea to perform linear search of all corners

→ Iterative improvement with Simplex is expected to be better

(Simplex could take exponential time, but is efficient in practice.)

"Ellipsoid Algorithm" & "Interior Point Methods" are provably linear.

Now, how do we find the "neighboring corners"?

↪ Swap one of the constraints (equation) to another one!

→ Also, we can prove the optimality of a corner by linearly manipulating constraints

Edge Cases: No feasible region (infeasible), Unbounded Optimum  
 Writing LP with matrices:  $x_1 \dots x_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m \end{cases} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{A} \overrightarrow{x} \leq \overrightarrow{b}$$

maximize  $c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{c}^T \overrightarrow{x}$

## LP: Duality

Primal LP (max)

$$[A][\vec{x}] \leq [\vec{b}] \iff \text{MAX}([\vec{c}^T] [\vec{x}])$$

$$[\vec{x}] \geq \emptyset$$

Dual (min)

$$[A^T][\vec{y}] \geq [\vec{c}] \iff \text{MIN}([\vec{b}^T] [\vec{y}])$$

$$[\vec{y}] \geq \emptyset$$

→ Trivially, a dual of the dual is the primal.

Primal LP



Dual LP

Weak Duality:  $(\text{Any solution to Primal LP}) \leq (\text{Any solution to Dual LP})$  (by definition)

Strong Duality: If Primal LP is bounded,  $\text{OPT}(\text{Primal}) = \text{OPT}(\text{Dual})$

↪ If Primal LP is unbounded, Dual LP is infeasible, & vice versa.

Zero-Sum Games: One player wins, then the other loses.

ex)  $A = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} & R & P & S \\ \hline R & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ P & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ \hline S & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$

The row player gets  $A[r][c]$  &  
column player loses  $A[r][c]$   
after each choosing r and c.

Value of the game := Payoff of row player assuming optimal strategy.

There are actually two versions of the game: who goes first?

→ row player goes first:  $\max_c(\min_r(A[r][c]))$  considers the opponent's behaviour

→ column player goes first:  $\min_c(\max_r(A[r][c]))$

→ The second player is always at an advantage ( $\max_r \min_c A[r][c] \leq \min_c \max_r A[r][c]$ )

Pure Strategy: Player deterministically picks a row or column

Mixed Strategy: Player picks a probability distribution over their choices

ex)  $\begin{array}{c|c|c} & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 20 & -30 \\ \hline 2 & 10 & 40 \end{array}$

Row:  $\Pr[r=1] = 1/4, \Pr[r=2] = 3/4 \rightarrow (p_1, p_2)$

Column:  $\Pr[c=1] = 2/3, \Pr[c=2] = 1/3 \rightarrow (q_1, q_2)$

(expected)  
Payoff =  $E[p, q] := \sum_{r \in R} \sum_{c \in C} p_r q_c A[r][c]$  where  $p_i := \Pr[r=r_i]$   
 $q_j := \Pr[c=c_j]$

Value of game:  $\max_P (\min_q (E[p, q]))$  or  $\min_q (\max_P (E[p, q]))$

$L_P A$  (row goes first)

(column goes first)  $L_P B$

- ↪ We can write LP for each game,  $LP_A$  &  $LP_B$ .
- ↪  $LP_A$  and  $LP_B$  will be duals of each other  $\Rightarrow$  Same optimum
- Order of the game doesn't matter any more!

$$(LP_A) \underset{\{p_1, p_2\}}{\text{Max}} \left[ \underset{\{q_1, q_2\}}{\text{Min}} [20p_1q_1 - 30p_1q_2 + 10p_2q_1 + 40p_2q_2] \right]$$

where  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$  and  $q_1 + q_2 = 1$ .

Observation: The second player actually doesn't need to use a mixed strategy! ( $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are binary complements)

$$\text{ex)} p_1 = 0.5, p_2 = 0.5 \rightarrow E[p, q] = \alpha q_1 + \beta q_2 \text{ where } \begin{cases} \alpha = 15 \\ \beta = -5 \end{cases}$$

↪  $E[q]$  becomes a linear combination of  $q \rightarrow$  just maximize one!

↪ In other words, there will always be one best strategy given  $p$

$$\rightarrow \underset{\{p_1, p_2\}}{\text{Max}} \left[ \underset{\{q_1, q_2\}}{\text{Min}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (q_1=0, q_2=1) \rightarrow -30p_1 + 40p_2 \\ (q_1=1, q_2=0) \rightarrow 20p_1 + 10p_2 \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

⇒ Formulate into an  $LP_A := \max(Z)$  where

$$\begin{cases} Z \leq -30p_1 + 40p_2, & p_1 + p_2 = 1 \\ Z \leq 20p_1 + 10p_2, & p_1, p_2 \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

↪  $\text{optimal}(p_1, p_2)$  will give the optimal strategy.

$$(LP_B) \underset{\{q_1, q_2\}}{\text{Min}} \left[ \underset{\{p_1, p_2\}}{\text{Max}} [20p_1q_1 - 30p_1q_2 + 10p_2q_1 + 40p_2q_2] \right]$$

where  $p_1 + p_2 = 1$  and  $q_1 + q_2 = 1$ .

$$\rightarrow \min_{\{q_1, q_2\}} \left[ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (p_1=0, p_2=1) \rightarrow 10q_1 + 40q_2 \\ (p_1=1, p_2=0) \rightarrow 20q_1 - 30q_2 \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow LP_B := \min(z)$  where

$$\begin{cases} z \geq 10q_1 + 40q_2 & q_1 + q_2 = 1 \\ z \geq 20q_1 - 30q_2 & q_1, q_2 \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  optimal  $(q_1, q_2)$  will give the optimal strategy.

Observation:  $LP_A$  and  $LP_B$  are duals of each other!

$\Rightarrow$  By strong duality,  $\text{OPT}(LP_A) = \text{OPT}(LP_B)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For zero-sum games, the order of play is interchangeable.

## Maximum Flow

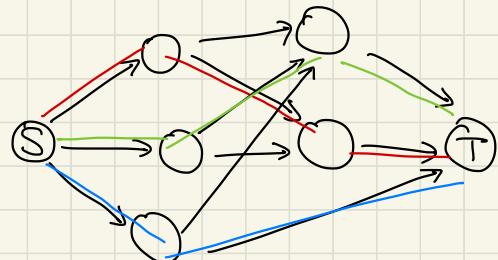
Setup: 1) Directed Graph  $G(V, E)$

2) Capacities  $C_e \forall e \in E$

3) Source  $S$  & Sink  $T$

$\Rightarrow$  What is the maximum rate

of flow from  $S$  to  $T$ ?

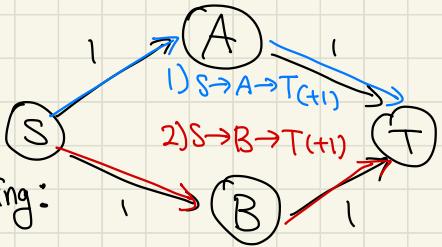


$S-T$ -flow: = assignment  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that:

1) For each edge  $e$ , flow on  $f_e \leq C_e$ . (capacity constraint)

2) For all vertices  $v$ ,  $\sum_{u \rightarrow v} f_{u \rightarrow v} = \sum_{v \rightarrow w} f_{v \rightarrow w}$  (conservation constraint)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Max s-t flow} := \text{Max} \left( \sum_{s \rightarrow u} f_{s \rightarrow u} \right)$$

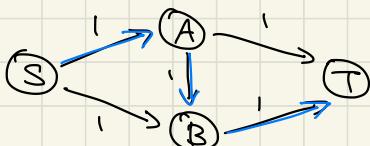


Algorithm Formulation. Repeat the following:

1) Find an s-t path  $P$  that has leftover capacity

2) Add the flow along  $P$  to the current flow

→ This algorithm fails. Consider the following graph:



1)  $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow T (+1)$

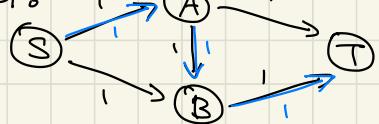
2)  $S \rightarrow B \rightarrow T$  doesn't work because  $B \rightarrow T$  is already saturated by the first step.  
→ Terminate, flow = 1.

↪ We could have chosen 1)  $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow T (+1)$  and 2)  $S \rightarrow B \rightarrow T (+1)$ !

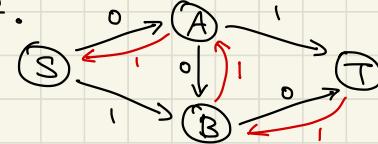
⇒ We need a way to "backtrack" our mistakes flow = 2

Residual Graph  $G_f$ : measures what capacities are left in graph

$G$ :



$G_f$ :



The new edge  $B \rightarrow A$  is "reversing" the flow of  $A \rightarrow B$

(We have unlocked "the ability" to send one unit back from B to A)

⇒ If  $C_{EF}$ ,  $\xrightarrow{C_e} \xrightarrow{f_e} \xrightarrow{C_{uv}} \xrightarrow{f_u} \xrightarrow{C_{vu}} \xrightarrow{f_v} \xrightarrow{C_{fe}} \xrightarrow{f_e}$ ,  $G_f$  will have  $\xrightarrow{C_e - f_e} \xrightarrow{f_v} \xrightarrow{C_{vu} + C_{fv} = C_e}$ . ( $C_{uv} + C_{vu} = C_e$ )

Execution: Find  $P$  on  $G_f$ , compute  $G_{fp}$ .  $G \leftarrow G_{fp}$ . Repeat.

Optimality Argument:  $\exists \text{cut } (L, R) \text{ s.t. } S \subseteq L, T \subseteq R$ , where  
the flow  $L \rightarrow R$  is at most the optimal flow!  $\xrightarrow{\text{an s-t cut}}$

The capacity of cut:  $\text{Capacity}(L, R) = \sum_{u \in L, v \in R} \{C_{uv} \mid u \in L, v \in R\}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{"weak duality"}}$

Claim: In any graph, every s-t flow  $\leq$  capacity of every s-t cut

$\xrightarrow{\text{"strong duality"}}$

Theorem: In any graph, maximum s-t flow = capacity of s-t min-cut

Proof: 1) Execute the algorithm. At termination, there is no more s-t path in the residual graph  $G_f$ .

2) Consider  $L = \{\text{set of vertices reachable by a path from } s \text{ in } G_f\}$ .

Then,  $R = V \setminus L$ . This  $(L, R)$  is a cut.

3)  $\nexists$  no edge from  $L$  to  $R$  in  $G_f$  (if reachable, it would be in  $L$ .)

$\iff$  Every edge from  $L$  to  $R$  in  $G_f$  is saturated ( $C_{uv} = c_e$ ).

$\iff$   $\forall$  edge  $e$  from  $L$  to  $R$ ,  $f_e = c_e \Rightarrow \text{Total Flow} = \sum_e c_e$ .

Conclusions: 1) At termination,  $\exists$  cut with value = flow assigned

since all flows  $\leq$  all cut capacity.  $\xrightarrow{\text{they are only equal when min-maxed!}}$

$\Rightarrow$  At termination, current flow = max flow.

2) (Corollary) In a network  $G(V, E)$ , if all capacities are integers,  $\exists$  a max flow assignment which is also integral!

\* In general, LP solutions need not be integral!

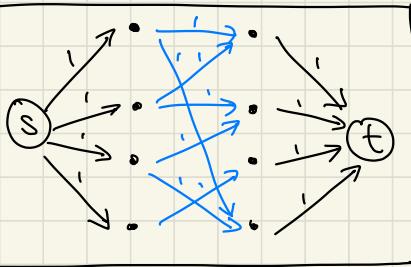
Perfect Matching:  $G(U \cup V, E)$  where  $|U| = |V| = n$ .

Is there a perfect matching between  $U$  and  $V$  (1-to-1 matching)?

Matching := A set of disjoint pairs, perfect matching: all vertices are matched.

\* Perfect Matching reduces to finding max flow!

↪ add source & sink to only flow to  $U$  and  $V$ , respectively.



Now, compute the max s-t flow where all edge capacities are 1. Then,  
 $\text{Max Flow} = n$  iff  $\exists$  a perfect matching!

Assignment Problems: 1)  $n$  schools with capacity  $c_1, \dots, c_n$ .

2)  $m$  children with set of schools they can be assigned to

↪  $G(U \cup V, E) := (i, j) \in E$  if child  $i$  can go to school  $j$  ( $i \in U, j \in V$ )

⇒ Turn it into a max-flow s.t.  $\{ \text{kids} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{schools} \} \rightarrow \{ t \}$  and each school has capacity  $c_i$  for the edge to  $t$ .

## (Out of Scope) Solving LP via Gradient Descent

Optimization vs Feasibility

↳ Maximize  $C^T X$   
subject to  $Ax \leq b$

↳ Find  $x$  satisfying  
 $Px \leq q$  (no objective function)

Theorem: An algorithm for Feasibility of LPs

→ An algorithm for Optimization of LPs

Proof: Given an optimization problem  $(A, b, c)$ , convert the objective function to an additional constraint  $c^T x \geq n$ .

The value of  $n$  can be bounded tightly via binary search,  
given an algorithm to solve for its feasibility!

→ We can focus on solving feasibility of LPs.

$\epsilon$ -separating line: any line  $l$  s.t.  $p^*$  is on one side and  $p$  is on the other side and is at least  $\epsilon$ -away from  $l$ .

Point Pursuit Game: Alice is at point  $p^*$ , Bob is at point  $p^{(0)}$ .

Alice is giving directions to Bob to reach her.

At round  $t$ : Bob is at point  $p^{(t)}$ . Alice tells Bob her separating line between  $p^*$  and  $p^{(t)}$ .

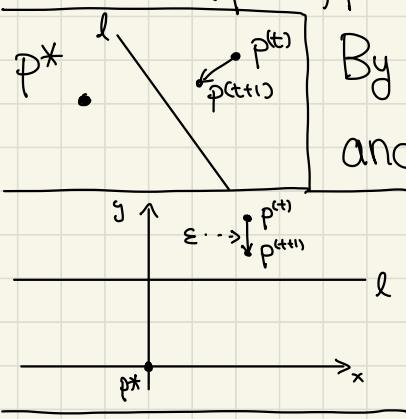
Bob updates his location  $p^{(t)} \rightarrow p^{(t+1)}$ .

Bob's strategy: Move  $\epsilon$ -distance directly towards the separating line. Repeat with the new line.

↳ Formally, if line given is  $ax + by = c$ , Bob moves  $\epsilon$  along the direction  $\perp$  to the line  $\Rightarrow p^{(t+1)} = p^{(t)} + \epsilon \cdot \vec{v}$  where  $\vec{v} = (-b, a)$ .

Claim: In each iteration, the square distance between Alice and Bob decreases by at least  $\epsilon^2$ .

↳  $\text{dist}(p^{(t+1)}, p^*) \leq \text{dist}(p^{(t)}, p^*) - \epsilon^2$ .



By rotation and translation, move  $p^*$  to origin and make  $l$  perpendicular to the x-axis.

Let  $p^{(t)} = (x, y)$ . Then,  $p^{(t+1)} = (x, y - \epsilon)$ .

$$\text{dist}(p^{(t)}, p^*) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \text{dist}(p^{(t+1)}, p^*) = \sqrt{x^2 + (y - \epsilon)^2}$$

difference =  $2y\epsilon - \epsilon^2$ . Observe that  $y > \epsilon$ .

Then, difference  $\geq 2\epsilon^2 - \epsilon^2 = \epsilon^2$ . Thus,  $p^{(t+1)}$  will be at least  $\epsilon^2$  closer to  $p^*$  in squared distance.

Outcome: If distance  $\text{dist}(p^*, p^{(0)}) \leq D$ , then the game terminates in  $O(D^2/\epsilon^2)$  steps. This is irrespective of Alice's strategy in choosing lines.

LP Feasibility: Set of linear constraints  $Ax \leq b \Rightarrow$  Find  $x$  satisfying all conditions OR report failure.

A weaker goal: Find  $x$  that is  $\epsilon$ -close to satisfying all constraints

Main Point: Violated constraint  $\Leftrightarrow$  separating line!

$\hookrightarrow$  point  $p$  violates some constraint  $l \Leftrightarrow l$  is a separating line between  $p$  and some feasible point  $p^*$ .

Algorithm for LP feasibility:

- set  $p^{(0)} \leftarrow (0,0)$ .

- for  $t = 0 \dots T$ :

  - check if  $p^t$  satisfies all constraints. If yes, return  $p^{(t)}$ .

  - Let  $l$  be a violated constraint. Move  $p^{(t)}$  directly towards  $l$  to produce  $P^{(t+1)}$ .

  - after  $T$  iterations, return "no feasible solution within distance  $\epsilon T$ ".

$\nearrow$  implied from result  
of Alice-Bob game

$\epsilon$ -separation oracle: a subroutine for LP that returns one violated  $\epsilon$ -constraint for any point, if it exists. If not, returns "satisfied".

↪ The first step of the feasibility algorithm can be replaced with this.

Fair Work Allocation:  $n$  workers,  $t$  worker  $i$ ,  $\begin{cases} l_i := \text{minimum work} \\ U_i := \text{maximum work} \end{cases}$ , total work  $W$ , then assign work to workers satisfying constraints.

LP:  $x_i :=$  work assigned to  $i$ th worker,  $\sum x_i \geq W$ ,  $l_i \leq x_i \leq U_i$ .

Fairness: No set of  $\lceil n/4 \rceil$  workers do more than  $W/2$  work.

↪  $\forall S \subseteq [n] \mid |S| = \lceil n/4 \rceil, \sum_{i \in S} x_i \leq W/2 \rightarrow \binom{\lceil n/4 \rceil}{\lceil n/4 \rceil} \propto \exp(n)$  constraints!

Separation oracle: sort  $x_1 \dots x_n$ . pick  $S \leftarrow \{ \text{largest } \lceil n/4 \rceil \text{ values of } [n] \}$ .

check if  $\sum_{i \in S} x_i > W/2 \Rightarrow \epsilon\text{-LP solver is implementable!}$

$\epsilon$ -separation is powerful enough to solve infinitely many constraints given an efficient  $\epsilon$ -separation oracle!

ex) find a point on an overlapping region of circles  $C_1 \dots C_n$ .

↪ if  $p \notin C_i$ , a tangent to  $C_i$  gives a separating line.

Sets defined by (in)finitely many linear constraints  $\Leftrightarrow$  convex sets!

# Search Problems, P & NP

"Can we always find efficient algorithm for any optimization task?"

SAT: formula  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow$  satisfying assignment or report None.

↪ Brute force (trying all assignments) takes  $\mathcal{O}(2^n)$  time

↪ still has an efficient VERIFICATION algorithm for a solution!

$\Rightarrow \text{Verify}(\phi, (x_1, \dots, x_n)) \rightarrow$  output  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Search Problem: A problem that has an algorithm VERIFY such that a proposed solution  $S$  can be checked in poly. time w.r.t. the instance  $I$ .  $\rightarrow \text{VERIFY}(I, S) := \text{True/False}$

Class P: search problems we can find a solution in poly. time.

Class NP: all search problems (we can verify a solution in poly. time.)

↪  $P \subseteq NP$ !

Lemma) Graph 3-Coloring  $\in NP$ .

Proof:  $\text{VERIFY}(G(V, E), c: V \rightarrow \{R, G, B\}) :=$  output 1 if  $c(u, v) \in E$ ,  $c(u) \neq c(v)$  and  $c(v) \in \{R, G, B\}$ . Else, output 0.

Vertex Cover:  $G(V, E)$ , bound  $b \rightarrow A \subseteq V$  s.t.  $|A| \leq b$  s.t.  $\forall (u, v) \in E, u \in A \text{ OR } v \in A$ , or report None.

Lemma)  $VC \in NP$ .

Proof:  $VERIFY((G(V, E), b), A) :=$  output  $0$  if  $|A| > b$  or  $\exists (u, v) \in E$  s.t.  $u \notin A \text{ AND } v \notin A$ . Else, output  $1$ .

Factoring:  $N = pq$  ( $p, q$  are large primes)  $\Rightarrow p, q$

Lemma) Factoring  $\in NP$ .

Proof)  $VERIFY(N, (p, q)) :=$  output  $1$  if  $N = p \cdot q$ ,  $0$  otherwise.

Lemma) TSP with bound  $b \in NP$ .

Proof:  $VERIFY((n, d_{ij}, b), \tau : \{1 \dots n\} \rightarrow \{1 \dots n\}) :=$  output  $1$  if  $d_{\tau(i_1)\tau(i_2)} + \dots + d_{\tau(i_n)\tau(i_1)} \leq b$  AND  $\forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \tau(i) \neq \tau(j) \mid i \neq j$ .

Rudrata/Hamiltonian Cycle:  $G(V, E) \Rightarrow \tau : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $(\tau(i_1), \tau(i_2)), \dots, (\tau(i_n), \tau(i_1)) \in E$ .

Lemma) RC/HC  $\in NP$ .

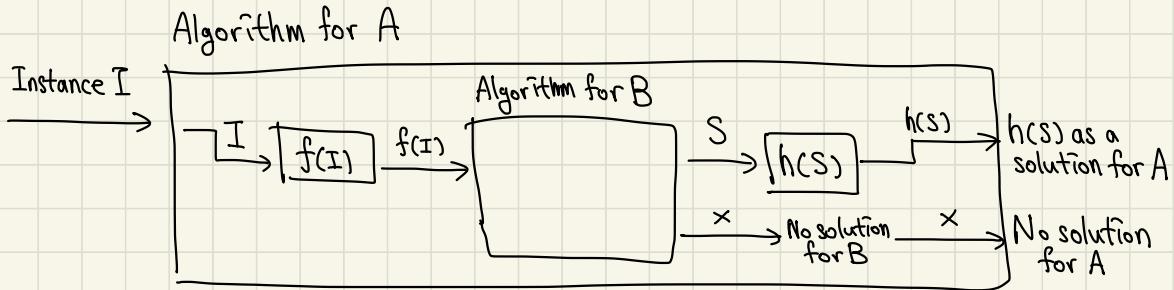
Proof:  $VERIFY(G(V, E), \tau : \{1 \dots n\} \rightarrow V) :=$  output  $1$  if  $\forall i, j, \tau(i) \neq \tau(j)$  AND  $(\tau(i_1), \tau(i_2)), \dots, (\tau(i_n), \tau(i_1)) \in E$ . output  $0$  otherwise.

# Reductions

$(\rightarrow)$   
A "reduces to" B, if A can be implemented in B in poly. time.

↪ an algorithm for B yields an algorithm for A!

$\Rightarrow$  B is at least as hard as A! ( $A \leq B$ ).



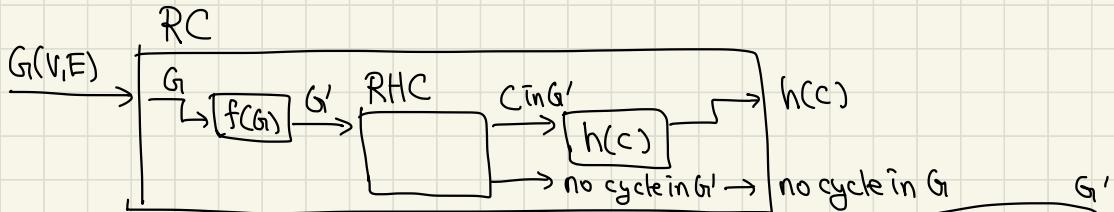
Reduction needs to specify functions ( $f, h$ ) where  $f, h \in P$ , and if

B outputs S as a solution to  $f(I)$ , then  $h(S)$  is a solution to I.

Also, if B outputs None, then no solution exists for I as well.

↪ if I has a solution, then  $f(I)$  also has a solution. (easier to prove!)

ex) Radrata Cycle  $\rightarrow$  Radrata Half Cycle (need to visit  $\frac{N}{2}$  vertices)



$$f: G \rightarrow G' := E' = E, V' = V \cup (n+1, \dots, 2n) \quad (n=|V|)$$

↪ adds n extra vertices not connected to any other vertices.

Lemma1)  $f \& h \in P$ . Proof: Trivial. //

Lemma2) If  $C$  is a RHC in  $G'$ , then  $h(C) = C$  is also RC in  $G$ .

Proof:  $C$  does not contain vertices  $(n+1), \dots, 2n$ . Also,  $|C| = n$  since  $|V'| = 2n$ .  $\Rightarrow C$  contains all vertices  $1, \dots, n$  and is a RC. //

Lemma3) If  $G$  has a RC, then  $G'$  has a RHC.

Proof: Let  $C$  be the RC in  $G$ . Then,  $C$  is also the RHC in  $G'$ . //

$\Rightarrow \text{RC} \rightarrow \text{RHC}$ . //

ex) SAT  $\rightarrow$  3-SAT (each clause has at most 3 variables).

Reduction argument: If a clause in SAT has more than 3 variables,

$(a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_k)$ , introduce variables  $y_1, \dots, y_{k-3}$ . Then, split up the clause to  $(a_1 \vee a_2 \vee y_1) \wedge (\overbrace{\overbrace{\overbrace{y_1 \vee a_3 \vee y_2}} \wedge \dots \wedge \overbrace{\overbrace{\overbrace{y_{k-3} \vee a_{k-1} \vee a_k}}})$

Call this procedure for any  $\emptyset, f$ . We also need  $h(S)$  to recover a solution to  $\emptyset$  from  $S$ .  $h(S)$  just drops all  $y$  variables.

Lemma1)  $f, h \in P$ . Proof: Trivial.

Lemma2) If  $w := f(\emptyset)$  has a satisfying assignment, then  $h(w)$  satisfies  $\emptyset$ .

Proof:  $\exists i$  s.t.  $a_i = T$ . then,  $(a_1 \vee \dots \vee a_n) = \text{True}$ .

Lemma3) If  $\emptyset$  has a satisfying assignment,  $w$  also has one.

Proof: Let some  $a_7 = T$ . construct  $y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}$  to be True and the rest of  $y$  variables to False..

Composition of Reduction: If  $A \rightarrow B \ \& \ B \rightarrow C$ , then  $A \rightarrow C$ .

Proof:  $f_{AC}(I) = f_{BC}(f_{AB}(I))$ ,  $h_{CA}(S) = h_{BA}(h_{CB}(S))$ .

ex)  $(S, t)$ -Rudrata Path  $\rightarrow$  Rudrata Cycle



$f(G, S, t) \rightarrow G'(V', E')$ .  $V' := V \cup \{x\}$ ,  $E' = E \cup \{(x, S), (x, t)\}$ .

$h(C) = C \setminus \{(x, S), (x, t)\}$ .

1) Runtime of  $f$  and  $h$  are polynomial. Trivial.,

2) If  $S$  is a RC in  $G'$ , then  $h(S)$  is an  $(S, t)$ -RP in  $G$ .]

3) If  $G$  has an  $(S, t)$ -RP in  $G$ , then  $G'$  has a RC.

by construction

Circuit SAT : A Boolean Circuit  $C$  (DAG with 5 kinds of gates)

1) AND & OR gates w/ indegree 2 2) NOT gate w/ indegree 1

3) known input gates 4) unknown input gates

$\rightarrow$  assignment to unknown input gates s.t. output gate evaluates to TRUE

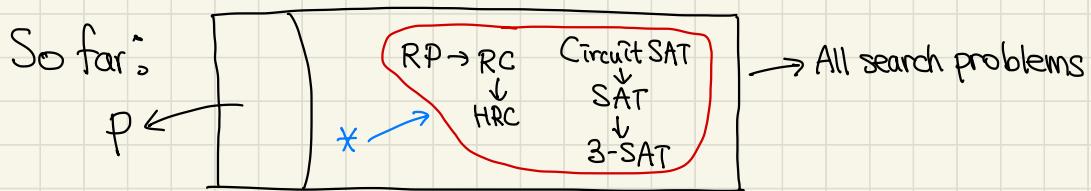
Core Argument: Circuit SAT  $\rightarrow$  SAT

$f(C) \rightarrow$   $\#$  gate in circuit  $C$ , we will introduce a variable  $g$ . true gate  $\rightarrow (g)$ . false gate  $\rightarrow (\bar{g})$ . or gate  $\rightarrow \begin{cases} h_1 \Rightarrow g_1 \\ h_2 \Rightarrow g_1 \\ g_1 \Rightarrow h_1 \vee h_2 \end{cases}$  and gate  $\rightarrow \begin{cases} g \Rightarrow h_1 \\ g \Rightarrow h_2 \\ h_1 \wedge h_2 \Rightarrow g \end{cases} = \left( \begin{array}{c} h_1 \vee \bar{g} \\ h_2 \vee \bar{g} \end{array} \right) \vee \left( \begin{array}{c} \bar{h}_1 \vee \bar{h}_2 \vee g \end{array} \right)$ . Output gate  $\rightarrow (g)$ .

1) poly time (trivial)

2)  $h(S) = S|_{\text{unknown input gates}}$

3) given a solution for  $C$ , we can satisfy the SAT clauses.



NP-Completeness: All other search problem reduces to it.

Lemma:  $\forall A \in NP, A \rightarrow \text{Circuit SAT}$

Proof:  $\text{VERIFY}_A(I_A, S_A) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . (poly time in  $|I_A|$ ).

$$\hookrightarrow C_{\text{VERIFY}_A, I_A}(w) = \text{VERIFY}_A(I_A, w). \Rightarrow f(I_A) = C_{\text{VERIFY}_A, I_A}.$$

1)  $f \& h \in P$  (unrolling  $\text{VERIFY}_A$  &  $I_A$  is poly time,  $h$  is identity)

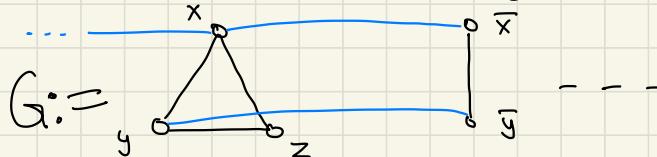
2)  $S$  is a solution to Circuit SAT, then  $S$  is a solution to  $A$

3) If  $S$  has a solution, then so does  $C_{\text{VERIFY}_A, I_A}$ .

ex) 3-SAT  $\rightarrow$  Independent Set ( $G(V, E), g \Rightarrow S \subseteq V$  s.t.  $|S| = g, \forall u, v \in S, (u, v) \notin E$ )

WLOG, each clause in  $\emptyset$  has more than one variable. ( $x$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{True}}$  ( $\bar{x}$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{False}}$

$\emptyset := (x \vee y \vee z) \wedge (\bar{x} \vee \bar{y}) \dots$  For each variable, introduce a node.



connect all variables

with its negation.

Let  $g = \#$  of clauses in  $\emptyset$ ,  $G(V, E)$  = the graph induced by  $\emptyset$ .

- 1) Transformation is bounded by # of clauses & variables.,,
- 2) IS in  $G$  of size  $g$ , then we can construct a satisfying assignment for  $\emptyset$ .  
↳ Picks exactly one literal in each clause to be TRUE.
- 3) If  $\emptyset$  has a satisfying assignment  $\Rightarrow$  an IS in  $G$  of size  $g$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Independent Set is also NP-Complete!

ex) Independent Set  $\rightarrow$  Vertex Cover ( $G(V, E), b \Rightarrow S \subseteq V, |S|=b$  s.t.  $\forall u, v \in S, (u, v) \in E$ )

$f(G, g) = G, |V|-g$  (the complementary vertices of IS is a vertex cover!)

$\hookrightarrow S$  is an IS, then  $\forall u, v \in S, (u, v) \notin E$ . Then,  $\forall e \in E, u \in V \setminus S$  or  $v \in V \setminus S$ .

$h(S) = V \setminus S$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Vertex Cover is also NP-Complete!

$\hookrightarrow$  finding a complete graph of size  $g$

ex) Independent Set  $\rightarrow$  Clique ( $G(V, E), g \Rightarrow S \subseteq V, |S|=g$  s.t.  $\forall u, v \in S, u \neq v, (u, v) \in E$ )

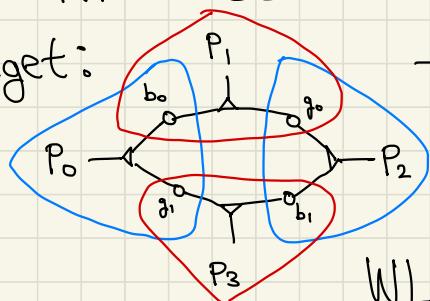
$f(G(V, E), g) = (G'(V, E'), g)$  s.t.  $E' = (V \times V) \setminus E$  (the "not friends" edges)  
 complement set of edges

3D Matching:  $n$  boys, girls, and pets, preference triplets  $\{(b, g, p)\}$

→  $n$ -disjoint triplets (NP-Complete)

ex) 3SAT → 3D Matching (need to introduce a gadget)

Gadget:



→  $P_0 \& P_2$  free, or  $P_1 \& P_3$  free  
 $(b_0, g_0, p_1), (b_1, g_1, p_3)$        $(b_0, g_1, p_0), (b_1, g_0, p_2)$

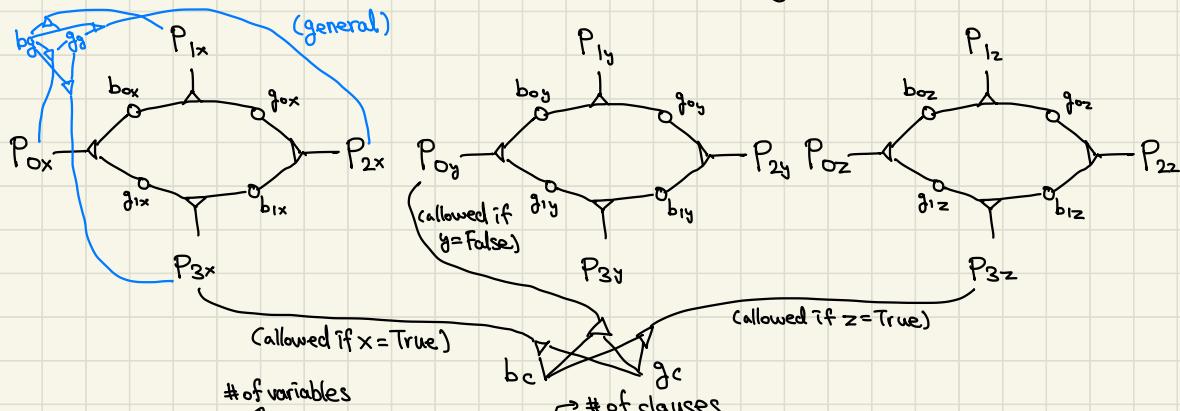
↳ this can act like an on/off switch!

WLOG,  $\phi = (x \dots)(\dots x \dots)(\dots \bar{x} \dots) \dots$

→ we want to restrict each  $x$  and  $\bar{x}$  to appear at most 2 times.

↳ change all  $x$  to  $x_i$ , and add clause  $(\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2)(\bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \dots (\bar{x}_k \vee x_1)$

to ensure all  $x_i$  are of the same assignment. If  $c = (x \vee \bar{y} \vee z)$ ,



→ currently  $4n$  pets and  $(2n+m)$  girls & boys → introduce  $(2n-m)$  "general" boys & girls that can be paired with any pet in a gadget.

Zero-One Equations (ZOE):  $A \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n} \rightarrow \vec{x} \in \{0,1\}^n$  s.t.  $A\vec{x} = 1$ .

ex) 3D Matching  $\rightarrow$  ZOE  
 $n$  preferences  $\rightarrow t$  triplets

$T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  assigned to  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  where  $X_i = 0$  if  $T_i$  is not a part of the solution, and  $X_i = 1$  if it is.

$$t \left[ \begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \hline t & & & & & & & & & \\ t & & & & & & & & & \\ t & & & & & & & & & \end{array} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

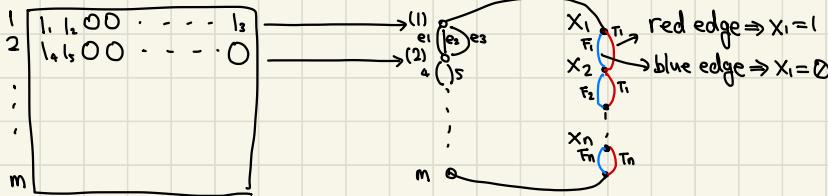
in the first row, set it to 1 only for the column for  $T_i$  including  $b_1$ .  
 → continue for all boys, then girls & pets.

→ This enforces that all boys, girls, and pets must be selected once!

ex) ZOE  $\rightarrow$  RC (1) ZOE  $\rightarrow$  RC w/ paired edges (2) RC w/ paired edges  $\rightarrow$  RC)

RC w/ paired edges:  $G(V, E), C \subseteq (E \times E) \rightarrow RC$  s.t.  $\forall (u, v) \in C, \underset{s \in E}{XOR}(v \in S)$

(1) ZOE  $\rightarrow$  RC w/ paired edges

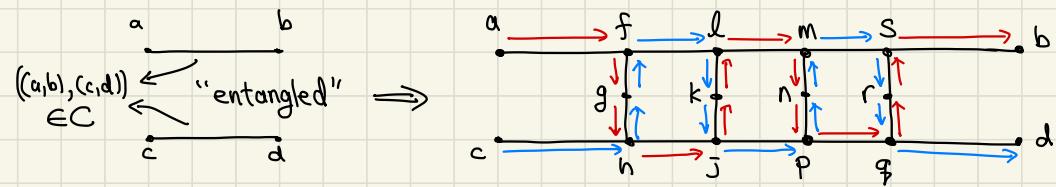


$$| \cdot x_1 + | \cdot x_2 + | \cdot x_n = 1 \rightarrow (e_1, f_1), (e_2, f_2), (e_3, f_n) \in C, \text{ and so forth.}$$

$\rightarrow$  RC also constrains to choose between  $(t_i, f_i)$  and  $(e_i, e_2, e_3)$ ...

$\Rightarrow$  each row multiplied by  $\vec{x}$  will have to add up to 1 iff ZRC!

(2) RC w/ paired edges  $\rightarrow$  RC (idea: reduce size of C by 1)



$\Rightarrow$  this gadget implies the entanglement without an explicit constraint!

(trying to exit to the wrong side ( $a \rightarrow c$ ), ( $b \rightarrow d$ ) will not work)

$\rightarrow$  do this for all constraints in  $C \Rightarrow$  RC without paired edges constraints!

ex) RC  $\rightarrow$  TSP ( $d_{ij} \& B \rightarrow T: \{1 \dots n\} \rightarrow \{1 \dots n\}$  s.t.  $d_{T_{i+1}, T_i} \dots \leq B$ )

$G_i \rightarrow d_{ij} = 1$  if  $(i, j) \in E$ , 2 if  $(i, j) \notin E$ .  $B = |V|$ .

$\Rightarrow$  the TSP will find exactly a RC of  $G_i$ !

ex) ZOE  $\rightarrow$  Subset Sum ( $[a_1 \dots a_n], w \rightarrow S \subseteq [n]$  s.t.  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i = w$ )

$$A \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & \cdots & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

$a_1 \quad \quad \quad a_n$

$$a_i := \sum_j A_{ij} (n+1)^j, \quad w = \sum (n+1)^i$$

(base is  $(n+1)$  because of carry-over)

## Coping with NP

- 1) "Intelligent" Exponential Search  $\rightarrow$  usually efficient
- 2) Approximation Algorithm  $\rightarrow$  poly time, suboptimal but bounded w.r.t. optimal
- 3) Heuristics  $\rightarrow$  no guarantees on runtime nor optimality

## Intelligent Exponential Search

Backtracking: consider SAT with instance  $\emptyset = (w \vee x \vee y \vee z) \wedge (w \vee \bar{z}) \dots$

By setting  $w=0$  or  $1$ , we can reduce the formula to a smaller one or realize that it is unsatisfiable. Whenever some subtree is unsatisfiable, it will keep being unsatisfiable, so stop searching there.

Branch & Bound: Generalization of backtracking to optimization

Consider TSP with instance  $d_{ij}$ ,  $\min \{ d_{T_{(1)} T_{(2)}} + \dots + d_{T_{(n)} T_{(1)}} \}$ .

A naïve tree expansion has  $O(n!)$  nodes. Now, whenever we try to expand a partial solution (node), compare to the best solution so far. If every results from the partial solution is worse than the best solution so far, prune that subtree.

Claim:  $W_{\text{TSP}} \geq W_{\text{MST}}$ .

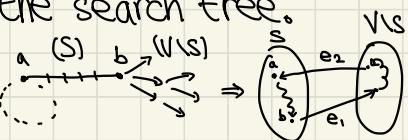
Proof: If  $W_{TSP}$  is an optimal solution, removing one edge  $T$  results in a spanning tree  $W_T$ . Also,  $W_{TSP} \geq W_T$  and  $W_T \geq W_{MST}$ , so  $W_{TSP} \geq W_{MST}$ . //  $\Rightarrow$  generalize to all possible states!

start path end

$[a, \overline{S}, b]$  can represent any state of the search tree.

$\rightarrow$  The starting state is  $[a, \{a\}, a]$ .

$\rightarrow W_{b \rightarrow a} \geq W_{e_1} + W_{e_2} + W_{MST}^{(v \setminus s)}$ . If this bound is worse than  $W_{best}$ , discard.



## Approximation Algorithms

For an instance  $I$  of a minimization problem, an algorithm  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -factor approximate algorithm if  $\alpha = \max_I \frac{\text{OPT}(I)}{\text{AC}(I)}$ . For maximization problems,  $\alpha = \max_I \frac{\text{AC}(I)}{\text{OPT}(I)}$ .

Set Cover: Set of elements  $B$ , subsets  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n \subseteq B$

$\rightarrow$  smallest subset of  $S_i$  st. their union is  $B$ .

A greedy algorithm that picks the set  $S_i$  with the most uncovered elements at any iteration.

Claim: Let  $|B| = n$ ,  $\text{OPT}(I) = k$ . Then, the greedy algorithm uses at most  $k \ln(n)$  sets.

Proof: Let  $n_t$  be the # of uncovered elements left after  $t$  iterations.

$\overset{(n)}{n_0} \rightarrow n_1 \rightarrow n_2 \dots \rightarrow n_t$ . The optimal solution will have exactly  $k$  iteration. We claim that at least one of the sets not selected by the optimal solution has  $\frac{n_t}{k}$  uncovered elements.

If that is not the case,  $\frac{n_t}{k} \times k = n_t$ , a contradiction. Then, the greedy algorithm will have to pick a set of at least  $\frac{n_t}{k}$  uncovered elements.  $\Rightarrow n_{t+1} \leq n_t - \frac{n_t}{k} = n_t(1 - \frac{1}{k})$   
 $\Rightarrow n_t \leq n(1 - \frac{1}{k})^t < n e^{-\frac{t}{k}}$ . If  $n e^{-\frac{t}{k}} < 1, t < k \ln(n)$ .

Vertex Cover:  $G(V, E) \rightarrow S \subseteq V$  s.t.  $|S|$  is minimized &  $S$  touches all edges.

$\rightarrow B = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}, S_u = \{e \mid \text{one of vertices in } e \text{ is } u \& e \in E\}$ .

Proposed Solution: Find a maximal matching  $M \subseteq E$ , then return all end points of edges in  $M$ .

(i) Size of any VC  $\geq |M|$  (at least one vertex per edge)

(ii)  $|S| = 2|M|$  (two vertices per edge)

(iii)  $S$  is a VC (if not,  $\exists$  edge  $e_{uv}$  s.t.  $(u \notin S) \wedge (v \notin S)$ , which means that  $M$  is not fully constructed yet.)

$\Rightarrow |S| = 2|M| \leq 2(\text{VC}) \Rightarrow 2(\text{OPT VC}) \geq |S|$ , and  $S$  is a VC.

Clustering: Points  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $\text{dist}(\cdot, \cdot)$ , integer  $k$

Assumptions about dist function: ①  $\text{dist}(x, y) \geq 0$ , ②  $\text{dist}(x, y) = 0$  iff  $x = y$

③  $\text{dist}(x, y) = \text{dist}(y, x)$ , ④  $\text{dist}(x, z) + \text{dist}(z, y) \geq \text{dist}(x, y)$  (Triangle inequality)

$\rightarrow k$  clusters  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  s.t.  $\max_j \left\{ \max_{x, y \in C_j} \{\text{dist}(x, y)\} \right\}$  is minimized.

The Algorithm: pick  $\mu_1 \in X$  as the first cluster center.

for  $i = 2 \dots k$ : Let  $\mu_i \in X$  be the point farthest from  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{i-1}$ .  
minimum is largest

create  $k$  clusters:  $C_i = \{ \text{all } x \in X \text{ closest to } \mu_i \}$

$\hookrightarrow$  Let  $\mu_{k+1}$  be the next point about to be picked if we were to continue,  
and let  $r$  be the distance from  $\{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\}$  to  $\mu_{k+1}$ , i.e.  $\min_j \{\text{dist}(\mu_i, \mu_{k+1})\}$ .

1)  $\forall x \in C_i, \text{dist}(x, \mu_i) \leq r$ , since  $\mu_{k+1}$  is the farthest point from all  $\mu_i$ .

2)  $\forall i, j \in [k+1], \text{dist}(\mu_i, \mu_j) \geq r$ , since  $\mu_i$  is always greedily selected.

$\hookrightarrow$  in fact, each iteration will pick a point closer to the cluster than prev.

Lemma:  $\forall i, \forall x, y \in C_i, \text{dist}(x, y) \leq 2r$ . ----- (ii)

Proof:  $\text{dist}(x, y) \leq \text{dist}(x, \mu_i) + \text{dist}(\mu_i, y)$  (by Triangle Inequality)

since  $\text{dist}(x, \mu_i) \leq r$  and  $\text{dist}(\mu_i, y) \leq r$ ,  $\text{dist}(x, y) \leq r + r = 2r$ .

OPT:



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$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$\hookrightarrow \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{k+1}\}$  where?

Claim:  $\exists t \in [k], i, j \in [k+1], \mu_i \in C_t$  and  $\mu_j \in C'_t$  (by Pigeonhole Principle).

$\rightarrow$  the diameter of  $G'_t \geq \overline{d(\mu_i, \mu_j)} \stackrel{\text{(by obs. 2)}}{\geq} r \Rightarrow d_{\text{opt}} \geq r \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Putting (i) and (ii) together,  $d_A \leq 2d_{\text{opt}}.$  //

Recall the reduction  $RC \rightarrow TSP$ , where  $d_{ij} = 1$  if  $(i, j) \in E$ , else  $1+C$ .

$\rightarrow$  If  $G$  has a  $RC \Rightarrow G'$  has a  $TSP$  solution of cost  $n=|V|$ .

If  $G$  doesn't have a  $RC \Rightarrow G'$  has no  $TSP$  solution of cost  $\leq n+C$ .

There is also a reduction  $RC \rightarrow \alpha\text{-TSP}$ , where  $\alpha\text{-TSP}$  gives

the solution  $T$  s.t.  $d_{T_1, T_2} + \dots + d_{T_n, T_1} \leq \alpha d_{\text{TSP}}^{\text{OPT}}$ .

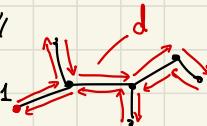
$\Rightarrow TSP$  has no efficient approximation algorithm!

Proof: set  $C=\alpha n$ . Then, if  $G$  has a  $RC$ ,  $G'$  has a  $TSP$  solution of cost  $n$ , and otherwise,  $G'$  has no  $TSP$  solution of cost  $n+\alpha n = (n+1)\alpha$ .  $\rightarrow$  Are we doomed?  $\Rightarrow$  make some assumptions!

2-TSP with Triangle Inequality:  $d_{ij}$  s.t.  $\forall i, j, k, d_{ij} + d_{jk} \geq d_{ik}$ .

Lemma:  $d_{\text{MST}} \leq d_{\text{TSP}}^{\text{OPT}}$ . (proved last time). //

④ MST can be a good starting point.

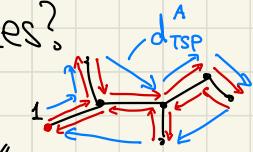


⑤  $d$ , a naïve traversal of MST, will be less than  $2 \cdot d_{\text{MST}}$ .

↳ This is already a result,  $d \leq 2d_{\text{MST}} \leq 2d_{\text{TSP}}^{\text{OPT}}$ !

⑤ what if we just "skip" the already visited vertices?

↳  $d_{\text{TSP}}^A \leq d$  (by Triangle Inequality)  $\Rightarrow \underline{d_{\text{TSP}}^A \leq 2d_{\text{TSP}}^{\text{OPT}}}$ ,



Knapsack w/o repetition:  $(w_1, \dots, w_n), (v_1, \dots, v_n) \Rightarrow \max(\sum v_i)$  where  $\sum w_i \leq W$ .

↳ for  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ , we will give an approximation algorithm s.t.  $K \geq (1-\epsilon)K^*$

↳ runtime will be polynomial w.r.t.  $n$  and  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  (precision) little worse guarantee than  $K^*$

Main Idea: The reason why we had  $O(nW)$  or  $O(nV)$  of exp. time

is due to large numbers  $\rightarrow$  what if we sacrificed precision?

Algorithm: Discard any items  $w_i > W$ . Let  $V_{\max} = \max_i V_i$ . Then, rescale  $\hat{V}_i = \lfloor V_i \cdot \frac{n}{\epsilon \cdot V_{\max}} \rfloor$ . Run DP knapsack with  $\epsilon V_i$ . Output solution.

Runtime:  $n \times \frac{D}{\epsilon} \times n = O(n^3/\epsilon)$ .

Precision:  $(V_1, \dots, V_n) = S \rightarrow (\hat{V}_1, \dots, \hat{V}_n) = \hat{S}$ . Let  $\hat{K}$  be lossy sum of  $S$ .

$$1) \sum_{i \in S} \hat{V}_i = \sum_{i \in S} \lfloor V_i \cdot \frac{n}{\epsilon \cdot V_{\max}} \rfloor \geq \sum_{i \in S} \left( \frac{V_i n}{\epsilon V_{\max}} - 1 \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i \in S} \hat{V}_i \right) n - |S| \geq \left( \frac{K^*}{\epsilon V_{\max}} - 1 \right) n.$$

$$\hookrightarrow \hat{K} \geq \left( \frac{K^*}{\epsilon V_{\max}} - 1 \right) n.$$

$$2) \sum_{i \in S} V_i \geq \sum_{i \in S} V_i \frac{\epsilon V_{\max}}{n} \geq \left( \sum_{i \in S} \hat{V}_i \right) \frac{\epsilon V_{\max}}{n} = \left( \frac{K^*}{\epsilon V_{\max}} - 1 \right) n \cdot \frac{\epsilon V_{\max}}{n} = K^* - \epsilon V_{\max}$$

$\geq K^*(1-\epsilon) \Rightarrow$  can approximate to arbitrary precision!

## Heuristics

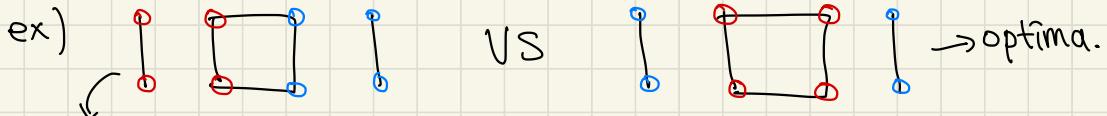
Local Search Heuristics: Let  $s$  be any candidate solution. While there is some solution  $s'$  in the neighborhood of  $s$  for which  $\text{cost}(s') < \text{cost}(s)$ , replace  $s \leftarrow s'$ . Return  $s$ .

ex) For TSP, perturb two edges to find best neighbor in  $O(n^2)$  time.

↳ If we find three edges to permute,  $O(n^3)$  time.

A problem - the algorithm might encounter a "local optima", but this can be overcome by empirical hyperparameter tuning.

Graph Partition:  $G(V, E)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^+$  edge weights  $\rightarrow A, B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $|A| = |B|$  and the capacity of the cut  $(A, B)$  is minimized.



this state is now "stuck" if our neighborhood is swapping pairs.

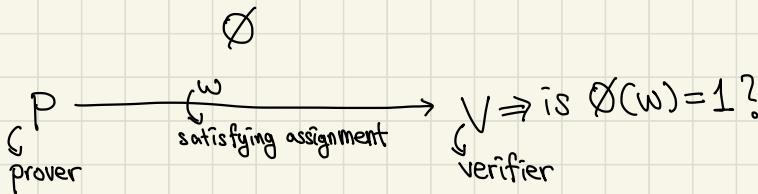
1) Randomization & Restarts: hope multiple trials give better solutions

2) Simulated Annealing: Sometimes act suboptimally, with temperature  $T$

Annealing Formula: if  $\text{cost}(s') > \text{cost}(s)$ , accept with  $\Pr = e^{-\frac{(\text{cost}(s') - \text{cost}(s))}{T}}$

## (Out of Scope) Interactive Proofs

"Thinking of NP as a proof"



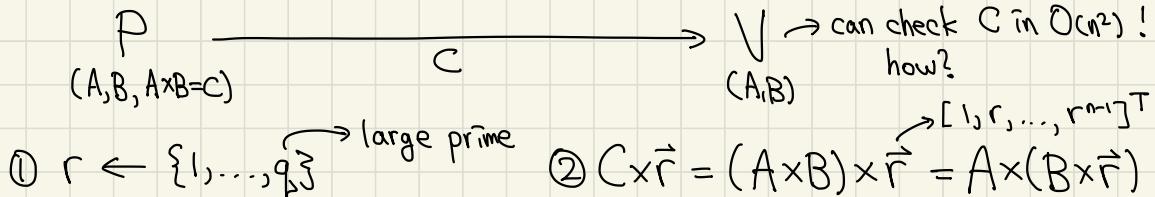
Two properties are needed:

- 1) Completeness: If " $\emptyset$  is true", in  $P(\emptyset, w) \leftrightarrow V(\emptyset)$ , V outputs 1.
- 2) Soundness: If " $\emptyset$  is false", in  $P(\emptyset, w) \leftrightarrow V(\emptyset)$  outputs 1 with a very small probability (e.g.  $2^{-n}$  where n is a parameter)

Some changes: P and V can interact, i.e. can give messages back&forth.

Also, we allow V to give a false negative answer with an arbitrarily small probability.

ex) MatMul:  $A \times B = C$  is  $> O(n^2)$ . However,



$$\textcircled{1} \quad r \leftarrow \{1, \dots, q\}^{\text{large prime}} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad C \times \vec{r} = (A \times B) \times \vec{r} = A \times (B \times \vec{r})$$

If P gives  $D \neq C$ ,  $\exists i$  s.t.  $C_i \neq D_i$  &  $C_i \cdot \vec{r} = D_i \cdot \vec{r}$  ( $(C_i - D_i) \cdot \vec{r} = 0$ )

with a small enough probability so that V is sound.

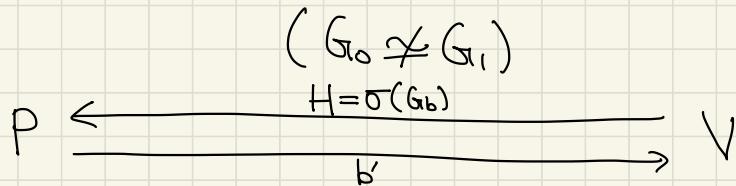
Of course, there are nontrivial vectors  $(c_1-d_1) \dots (c_n-d_n)$  s.t.  $(c_i-d_i) \cdot \vec{r} = 0$ ,  
 specifically  $P_0 + P_1 r_1 + \dots + P_{n-1} r_{n-1} = 0$ , but that probability is  $O\left(\frac{n-1}{q}\right)$ .  
 (degree of the polynomial is  $(n-1)$ , so there are  $(n-1)$  roots, and we  
 can choose over the space of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , which is much larger than it)

Graph Isomorphism:  $(G_0(V, E_0), G_1(V, E_1)) \rightarrow \pi: V \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $\forall e=(u,v) \in E_0$  iff  $(\pi(u), \pi(v)) \in E_1$ .

↳ basically, is there a permutation s.t. edges are conserved.

$G_0 \cong G_1$ , if  $\exists \pi$  as a valid isomorphism,  $G_0 \not\cong G_1$ , if not (non-isomorphism).

↳ interestingly, there is no efficient proof for non-isomorphism.



- ① picks random  $\sigma: V \rightarrow V$ .
- ② picks random bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- ③ sends  $H = \sigma(G_0)$  to  $P$ .
- ④  $P$  runs, and sends  $b'$ , the match, to  $V$ .
- ⑤  $V$  outputs 1 if  $b = b'$ , 0 otherwise.

Completeness: If  $G_0 \cong G_1$ ,  $P(H)$  will deterministically return  $b' = b$ .

Soundness: If  $G_0 \not\cong G_1$ ,  $P(H)$  will return  $b=0$  or  $b=1$  with  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance!

↳ generate  $\sigma(\cdot)$   $n$  times, run the protocol, then accepts false negative  
 with  $\Pr = \frac{1}{2^n} \Rightarrow$  arbitrarily small error bound

What if P wants to share V that  $G_0 \simeq G_1$ , but not the solution  $\pi$ ?

↳ This is zero-knowledge property. If  $G_0 \simeq G_1$ , then V learns nothing more than the fact that  $G_0 \simeq G_1$ .

P  
 $(G_0, G_1, \pi)$

V  
 $(G_0, G_1)$

① P picks a random permutation  $\sigma: V \rightarrow V$ . ② P sends  $H = \sigma(G_1)$ .

③ V sends  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ . ④ if  $b=1$ ,  $\emptyset = \sigma$ . else,  $\emptyset = \sigma \cdot \pi$ .

⑤ P sends  $\emptyset(G_b)$ . ⑥ If  $\emptyset(G_b) = H$ , V outputs 1, else 0.

Completeness:  $G_0 \simeq G_1 \simeq H$

Soundness:  $G_0 \not\simeq G_1$ , then P has no way to consistently give  $\emptyset(G_b) = H$ .

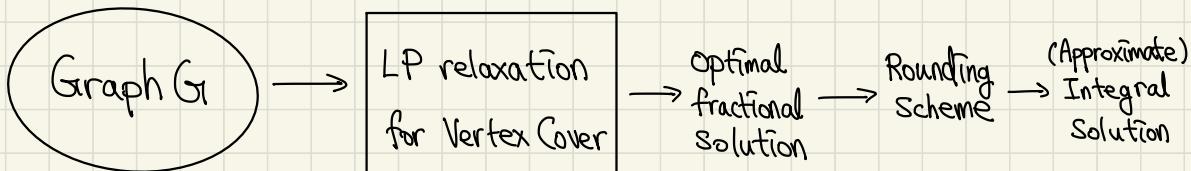
Zero Knowledge:  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\sigma: V \rightarrow V$ ,  $H = \sigma(G_b) = \sigma'(G_b)$  (WLOG)

# (More) Approximation Algorithms

- 1) LP based Approx. Algo.: (a) Vertex cover (b) 3-way cut
- 2) SDP based Approx. Algo

Minimum Vertex Cover:  $G(V, E) \rightarrow S \subseteq V$  s.t.  $\forall (u, v) \in E, u \in S \vee v \in S$ .

↳ find vertex cover  $S$  of minimum size. (NP-Hard, factor 2 approx.)



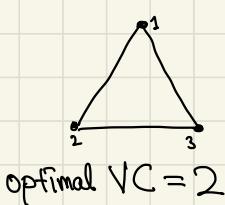
Variables:  $\forall i \in V, x_i$ .  $x_i = 1$  if  $i \in S$ , 0 if not (ideal intention)

Objective: minimize  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$ , which is the total size of  $S$ .

Constraints:  $\forall i \in V, 0 \leq x_i \leq 1$ . (vertex constraint)

$\forall (i, j) \in E, x_i + x_j \geq 1$ . (edge covering constraint)

ex) Fractional LP solution:



$$\min(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \Rightarrow \text{LP-OPT} = 1.5 \quad (x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 \geq 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 \geq 1 \\ x_3 + x_1 \geq 1 \\ 0 \leq x_1, x_2, x_3 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

however, OPT is actually 2,

which is strictly larger than  
the fractional solution.

Observation:  $\forall G$ ,  $LP\text{-OPT}(G) \leq OPT(G)$ .

$\therefore OPT(G)$  is the best solution among all integer solutions, while LP-OPT is the best among ALL integer and fractional solutions.

Rounding Scheme: Let  $X^*$  be the LP-OPT.  $x_i^* \in [0,1] \forall i$ .

$S \leftarrow \{i \mid x_i^* \geq 0.5\}$ . (set all  $i$  at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1, others to 0.)

Lemma 1:  $S$  is a valid VC.

Proof:  $\forall (i,j) \in E, x_i^* + x_j^* \geq 1 \Rightarrow x_i^* \geq \frac{1}{2} \vee x_j^* \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow i \in S \vee j \in S$ .

Claim:  $|S| \leq 2 \cdot LP\text{-OPT}$ . ( $|S| \leq 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^*$ )

Proof: Consider any vertex  $i \in S$ . For LHS, it contributes 1 size.

For RHS,  $2x_i^* \geq 1$  because  $x_i^* \geq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $i \in S$ . More formally,

$|S| = \sum_{i \in X^*} 1\{|i \in S\}$ . For each  $i$ ,  $1\{|i \in S\} \leq 2 \cdot x_i^*$  because  $i \in S \Leftrightarrow x_i^* \geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

Minimum 3-Way Cut:  $G(V,E), a,b,c \in V \rightarrow$  Partition  $a,b,c$  by cutting the fewest number of edges.

Remark: Minimum 2-Way Cut is Max-Cut problem, which is in P.  
However, Minimum 3-Way Cut is NP-Hard.

Variables:  $\forall v \in V$ , decide whether  $v$  resides in component 1, 2, or 3.

$\hookrightarrow \forall v \in V, v \rightarrow (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  is a one-hot encoding of inclusion.

$(V \rightarrow 1 \Leftrightarrow (v_1, v_2, v_3) = (1, 0, 0))$ , and so on.)

$\Rightarrow \forall v \in V, v_1, v_2, v_3$  where  $v_i = 1$  if  $v \in$  Component  $i$ , 0 otherwise.

Constraints:  $\forall v \in V, 0 \leq v_1, v_2, v_3 \leq 1, v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 1$ . (vector constraints)

$a = (1, 0, 0), b = (0, 1, 0), c = (0, 0, 1)$  (partition constraint)

Objective: # of edges cut =  $\sum_{(u, v) \in E} \mathbb{1}\{(u, v)\text{ is a cut}\}$ . Basically,

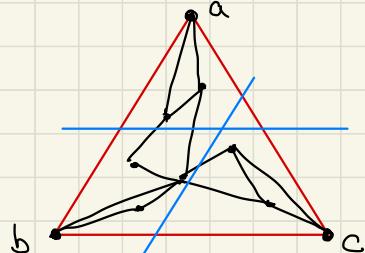
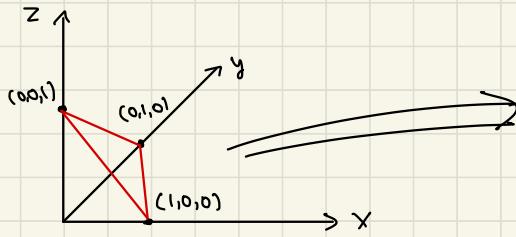
we want to check if  $u$  and  $v$  are not in the same component.

$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{1}\{(u, v)\text{ is a cut}\} = (|u_1 - v_1| + |u_2 - v_2| + |u_3 - v_3|) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \min\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{(u, v) \in E} \{|u_1 - v_1| + |u_2 - v_2| + |u_3 - v_3|\}\right)$ .  $\leftarrow$  can be made into an LP with slack variables

Observation: with the constraint  $\forall u, u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 1 \wedge 0 \leq u_1, u_2, u_3 \leq 1$ ,

$u$  lives on the equilateral triangle of  $((1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1))$ .

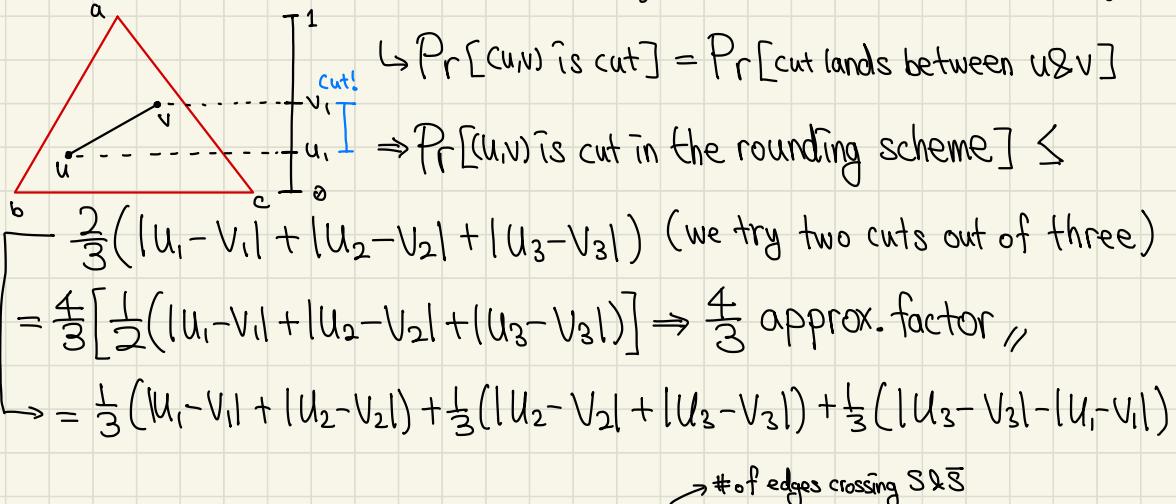


Rounding Scheme: 1) Pick 2 out of 3 sides. 2) make two cuts parallel to the picked sides, with random heights.

Claim:  $\Pr[\text{edge } (u,v) \text{ is cut}] \leq \frac{2}{3} \| \vec{u} - \vec{v} \| = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (|U_1 - V_1| + |U_2 - V_2| + |U_3 - V_3|)$ .

$$\hookrightarrow E[\#\text{ of edges cut}] = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \Pr[(u,v) \text{ is cut}] = \frac{4}{3} \text{LP-OPT}.$$

Subclaim: For random cut  $\| (b, C) \rangle$ ,  $\Pr[(u,v) \text{ is cut}] = |U_i - V_i|$ .



Maximum Cut:  $G(V, E) \rightarrow S \subseteq V$  st.  $\text{cut}(S, \bar{S})$  is maximized (NP-Hard)

Naive Randomized Algo: randomly assign all vertices into  $S$  or  $\bar{S}$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  every edge is cut with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  $\Rightarrow E[\text{cut}(S, \bar{S})] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot |E|$ .

Strategy: Use semidefinite programming instead of LP.

Variables:  $\forall i \in V, x_i = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } i \in S \\ -1 & \text{if } i \in \bar{S} \end{cases}$   $\hookrightarrow$  quadratic program, in this case

Constraints:  $x_i^2 = 1 \quad (\Leftrightarrow x_i = \pm 1)$ .

Objective:  $\sum_{(i,j) \in E} 1\{\text{edge } (i,j) \text{ is cut}\} = \sum_{i,j \in E} \frac{(x_i - x_j)^2}{4} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } x_i \neq x_j \text{ (cut)} \\ 0 & \text{if } x_i = x_j \text{ (no cut)} \end{cases}$ .

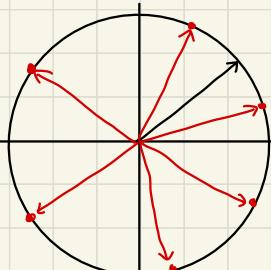
$\Rightarrow$  QP exactly captures Max Cut, but solving QP is NP-Hard.

Instead, look at a relaxation of the program.

1D:



2D:



each  $x_i$  is a unit vector

$QP_2: \max \left\{ \sum_{(i,j)} \|x_i - x_j\|^2 \right\}$  subject to  $\|x_i\|^2 = 1$ .  
↳ also NP-Hard, unfortunately.

⇒ However,  $QP_n$  can be solved in polytime! (Semidefinite Program)

$QP_n: \forall i \in [n], \|v_i\|^2 = 1$  where  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow v_i = (v_i^{(1)}, v_i^{(2)}, \dots, v_i^{(n)})$ .

↳  $\|v_i\|^2 = \sum_{j \in [n]} (v_i^{(j)})^2$ .  $\max \left\{ \sum_{(i,j)} \|v_i - v_j\|^2 \right\} \Rightarrow \text{SDP for Max Cut}$

What is an SDP?

Variables:  $n$  vectors in  $n$ -dimensions ( $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

Constraints: linear constraints on dot products ( $v_i \cdot v_j = \sum_a v_i^{(a)} \cdot v_j^{(a)}$ )

Objective: min / max a linear function of dot products

⇒  $QP_n$  is an SDP since  $\|v_i\|^2 = 1 = v_i \cdot v_i$ , and all equations can be expressed as a linear combination of dot products

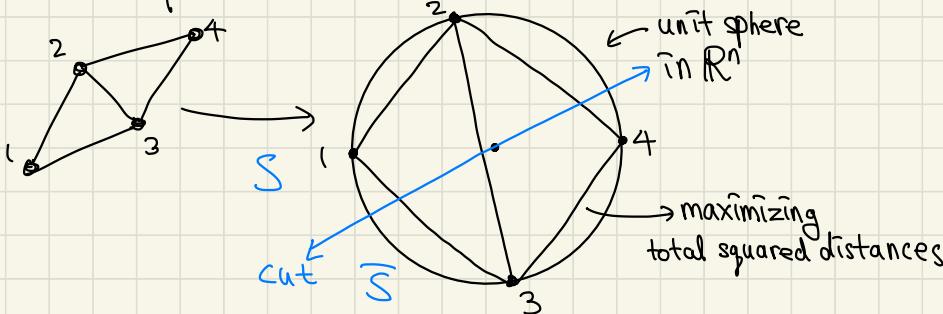
Why is SDP efficient? (can be black boxed)

$K = \left\{ \text{Set of matrices } M \text{ where all eigenvalues}(M) \geq 0 \right\}^{(n \times n)}$

↳ positive semidefinite matrices ⇒ this is a convex set

$M$  is a positive semidefinite matrices  $\Leftrightarrow M_{ij} = V_i \cdot V_j$  (all entries are dot products)

$\Rightarrow$  The optimal solution of SDP is  $n$  vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



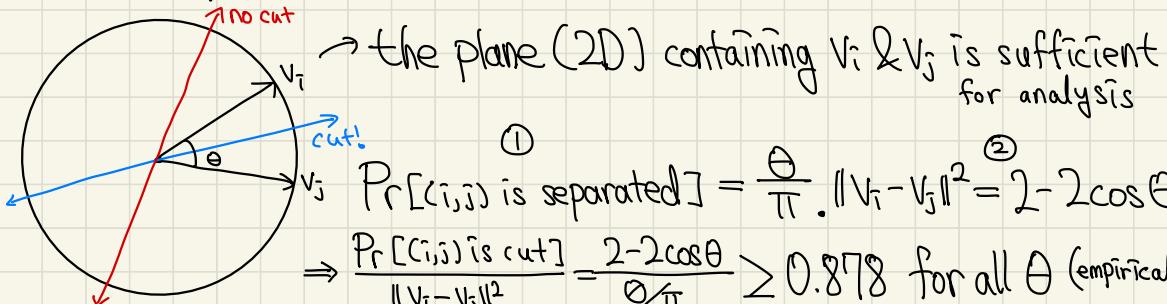
Randomized Rounding: 1) Pick a random hyperplane passing origin.

2) Put vertices on one side to  $S$ , others to  $\bar{S}$ .

Analysis:  $SDP - OPT = \sum_{i,j} \|V_i - V_j\|^2 \geq \text{Integer Max Cut.}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{SDP is less constrained}}$

Claim:  $\Pr[C_{ij}] \text{ is cut} \geq (0.878) \cdot \|V_i - V_j\|^2. \geq 0.878 \cdot OPT.$

$\hookrightarrow$  This implies that  $\mathbb{E}[\text{size of cut}] \geq 0.878 \cdot SDP - OPT.$



$\Rightarrow \Pr[C_{ij} \text{ is cut}] \geq 0.878 \|V_i - V_j\|^2. //$  (In fact, this is the best known ratio.)