

Lecture 25: Linear Programming

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$$\text{Maximize } 4x + 3y + 2z \quad \rightarrow \quad [4 \quad 3 \quad 2] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

such that (i) $x+y+z \leq 5$
 (ii) $2x+3y \leq 6$
 (iii) $x, y, z \geq 0$

This is called Linear Programming as the expression as well as the constraints both are linear.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 Standard Formulation of Linear Programming

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Max } c \cdot x \\ &\text{such that } Ax \leq b \\ &\quad x \geq 0 \\ &\quad x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

Some Algorithms to solve linear programming quickly

1. Simplex
2. Ellipsoid
3. Karmarkar

Given graph $G=(V,E)$ $c: E \in \mathbb{R}$

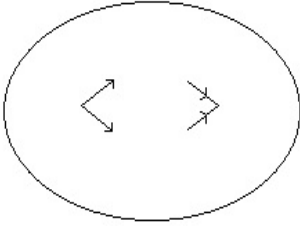
Find the max flow

$$f_e \geq 0$$

$$f_e \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\forall e \in E$$

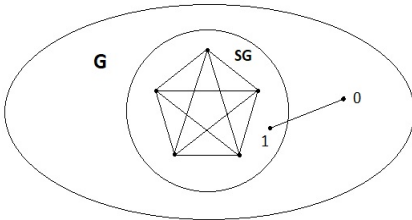
f_e is the variable that determines the amount of flow through the edge.



$$\forall v \neq s, t \quad \sum_{u:(u,v) \in E} f_{(u,v)} = \sum_{u:(v,u) \in E} f_{(v,u)}$$

$$Max \sum_{u:(s,u) \in E} f_{(s,u)}$$

3 Finding maximum clique



$$\forall u \in V \quad X_u \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\text{edges } \forall u, v \quad y_{(u,v)} \in \{0, 1\}$$

Max $\sum x_u$ defines maximum the vertex goes into the clique.

$$\text{If } X_u = 1 \ \& \ X_v = 1 \implies (u,v) \in E$$

But this is not linear(LP), this is called Integer Linear Programming (ILP).

We can conclude again like,

$$X_u + X_v - 1 \leq y_{u,v} \quad \forall u, v \in V$$

$$y_{u,v} = 0 \quad \forall (u,v) \notin E$$

Now this is LP for clique.

When variables are integers like $x, y, z \in \{0, 1\}$ then it is called Integer Linear Programming(ILP) and it does not possess quick solution.

4 LP Duality

(1) Maximize $(3x+4y)$

$$x+y \leq 3 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2x+3y \leq 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$x, y > 0$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{Can } 3x+4y \text{ be } 8$$

Ans: On addition of equation (i) & (ii) we have $3x+4y \leq 7$

Hence $3x+4y$ can never be equal to 8.

(2) Maximize $(3x+3y)$

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$$2x+3y \leq 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$x, y > 0$$

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{Can } 3x+3y \text{ be } 8$$

From question (1) we can conclude $3x+3y < 3x+4y \leq 7 < 8$

But we will like to have a tighter bound

Let us consider

$$\alpha(\text{i}) + \beta(\text{ii}) \quad \alpha, \beta \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \alpha x + 2\beta x + \alpha y + 3\beta y \leq 3\alpha + 4\beta$$

such that

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$$\text{for} \quad 3x+3y \leq (\alpha + 2\beta)x + (\alpha + 3\beta)y \leq 3\alpha + 4\beta$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{we have to find } \min(3\alpha + 4\beta) \\ \text{such that} \quad \begin{array}{l} (\alpha + 2\beta) \geq 3 \\ (\alpha + 3\beta) \geq 3 \\ \alpha, \beta \geq 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right\} \text{Dual}$$

\therefore Maximum value of a LP is upper-bounded by minimum value of another LP.

And interestingly here

$$\max (3x+3y) = \min(3\alpha + 4\beta) \quad [\text{By LP Duality Theorem}]$$

N.B.: ILP does not possess Duality.