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7.7 Extensions to Max Flow



Reference: On the history of the transportation and maximum flow problems. Alexander Schrijver in Math Programming, 91: 3, 2002.

Circulation with demands.

- Directed graph G = (V, E).
- Edge capacities c(e), $e \in E$.
- Node supply and demands $d(v), v \in V$.

demand if d(v) > 0; supply if d(v) < 0; transshipment if d(v) = 0

Def. A circulation is a function that satisfies:

• For each $e \in E$: • For each $v \in V$: • For each $v \in V$: • $\sum_{e \text{ in to } v} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) = d(v)$ (conservation)

Circulation problem: given (V, E, c, d), does there exist a circulation?

Necessary condition: sum of supplies = sum of demands.

$$\sum_{v:d(v)>0} d(v) = \sum_{v:d(v)<0} -d(v) =: D$$

Pf. Sum conservation constraints for every demand node v.



Max flow formulation.



demand

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Integrality theorem. If all capacities and demands are integers, and there exists a circulation, then there exists one that is integer-valued.

Pf. Follows from max flow formulation and integrality theorem for max flow.

Characterization. Given (V, E, c, d), there does not exists a circulation iff there exists a node partition (A, B) such that $\Sigma_{v \in B} d_v > cap(A, B)$

Pf idea. Look at min cut (A', B') in G'. Set $A = A' \setminus \{s\}$ Set $B = B' \setminus \{t\}$

demand by nodes in B exceeds supply of nodes in B plus max capacity of edges going from A to B

How do we know that $A' \neq \{s\}$ and $B' \neq \{t\}$?

"See that thing in the paper last week about Einstein? ... Some reporter asked him to figure out the mathematics of the pennant race. You know, one team wins so many of their remaining games, the other teams win this number or that number. What are the myriad possibilities? Who's got the edge?"

"The hell does he know?" "Apparently not much. He picked the Dodgers to eliminate the Giants last Friday."



- Don DeLillo, Underworld

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New York	78	78	6	6	0	-	0
Montreal	77	82	3	1	2	0	-

Which teams have a chance of finishing the season with most wins?

- Montreal eliminated since it can finish with at most 80 wins, but Atlanta already has 83.
- $w_i + r_i < w_j \implies \text{team i eliminated.}$
- Only reason sports writers appear to be aware of.
- Sufficient, but not necessary!

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 - \rightarrow NY Wins 6 more games vs Atlanta (Total: 78+6=84 wins).

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- Set of teams S.
- Distinguished team $s \in S$.
- Team x has won w_x games already.
- . Teams x and y play each other \mathbf{r}_{xy} additional times.
- Is there any outcome of the remaining games in which team s finishes with the most (or tied for the most) wins?

Baseball Elimination: Max Flow Formulation

Can team 3 finish with most wins?

- Assume team 3 wins all remaining games \Rightarrow w₃ + r₃ wins.
- Divvy remaining games so that all teams have $\leq w_3 + r_3$ wins.



Baseball Elimination: Max Flow Formulation

Theorem. Team 3 is not eliminated iff max flow saturates all edges leaving source.

- Integrality theorem \Rightarrow each remaining game between x and y added to number of wins for team x or team y.
- Capacity on (x, t) edges ensure no team wins too many games.



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Which of the following claims about the flow network for the baseball elimination problem are true?

- A. The flow network has O(|S|) nodes. $O(|S|^2)$ pairs of teams
- B. The maximum flow is at most |S| Teams can play multiple games
- c. The flow network does not include a node for the distinguished team s.
- D. The capacity of the edge (z,t) for team z is $r_s + w_s w_z$ to ensure that team z does not win more games than s. (Missing r_s)
- E. All of the claims are true

Certificate of Elimination

Minimum Cut: (A,B)

Theorem: Suppose that the max-flow does not saturate edges exiting source (team s is eliminated). If $T \subseteq S$ denotes teams on A side of the cut then



7.11 Project Selection

Project Selection

Projects with prerequisites.

can be positive or negative

- Set P of possible projects. Project v has associated revenue p_v .
 - some projects generate money: create interactive e-commerce interface, redesign web page
 - others cost money: upgrade computers, get site license
- Set of prerequisites E. If (v, w) ∈ E, can't do project v and unless also do project w.
- A subset of projects $A \subseteq P$ is feasible if the prerequisite of every project in A also belongs to A.

Project selection. Choose a feasible subset of projects to maximize revenue.

Project Selection: Prerequisite Graph

Prerequisite graph.

- Include an edge from v to w if can't do v without also doing w.
- {v, w, x} is feasible subset of projects.
- {v, x} is infeasible subset of projects.



Project Selection: Min Cut Formulation

Min cut formulation.

- Assign capacity ∞ to all prerequisite edge.
- Add edge (s, v) with capacity p_v if $p_v > 0$.
- Add edge (v, t) with capacity $-p_v$ if $p_v < 0$.
- For notational convenience, define $p_s = p_t = 0$.



Project Selection: Min Cut Formulation

Claim. (A, B) is min cut iff $A - \{s\}$ is optimal set of projects.

- Infinite capacity edges ensure $A \{s\}$ is feasible.
- Max revenue because: $cap(A, B) = \sum_{v \in B: p_v > 0} p_v + \sum_{v \in A: p_v < 0} (-p_v)$ $= \sum_{v: p_v > 0} p_v - \sum_{v \in A} p_v$





Algorithm Design Patterns and Anti-Patterns

Algorithm design patterns.

- Greedy.
- Divide-and-conquer.
- Dynamic programming.
- Duality.
- Reductions.
- Local search.
- Randomization.

Algorithm design anti-patterns.

- NP-completeness.
- PSPACE-completeness.
- Undecidability.

Ex.

O(n log n) interval scheduling.
O(n log n) Closest Pair of Points.
O(n²) edit distance.
O(n³) bipartite matching.
Circulation via Network Flow
Bipartite Matching via Network Flow
Baseball elimination

O(n^k) algorithm unlikely.

O(n^k) certification algorithm unlikely. No algorithm possible.