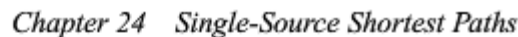


Chapter 24: Difference Constraints & Shortest Paths

24.4 Difference constraints and shortest paths

Chapter 24 Single-Source Shortest Paths



Shortest-Paths Problem

- Given:
 - Weighted, Directed Graph $G=(V, E)$
 - Weight Function $w: E \rightarrow$
 - Edges \rightarrow Real-Valued Weights \mathbb{R}
- Weight of path $P=\langle v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k \rangle$
 - $w(p) = \sum w(v_{i-1}, v_i)$
- Shortest-Path Weight $\delta(u,v)$ is the minimum weight path $w(p)$ that goes from u to v , otherwise ∞
- The shortest path from u to v is any path p with a weight of $\delta(u,v)$

Bellman-Ford

- Solves Single-Source Shortest-Paths Problem in General Case.
 - Weights may be negative.
- Given Graph $G=(V,E)$ with source s and weight function w returns:
 - False: if negative-weight cycle exist
 - True: Otherwise

BELLMAN-FORD(G, w, s)

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2  for  $i = 1$  to  $|G.V| - 1$ 
3      for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
4          RELAX( $u, v, w$ )
5  for each edge  $(u, v) \in G.E$ 
6      if  $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$ 
7          return FALSE
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Relaxation

Step 1: Initialize-Single-Source

INITIALIZE-SINGLE-SOURCE(G, s)

1 **for** each vertex $v \in G.V$

2 $v.d = \infty$

3 $v.\pi = \text{NIL}$

4 $s.d = 0$

Relax (Pseudocode)

RELAX(u, v, w)

1 **if** $v.d > u.d + w(u, v)$

2 $v.d = u.d + w(u, v)$

3 $v.\pi = u$

Bellman-Ford Complexity

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- Lines 2-4: $|V|-1$ passes over Edges in E
- $O(VE)$

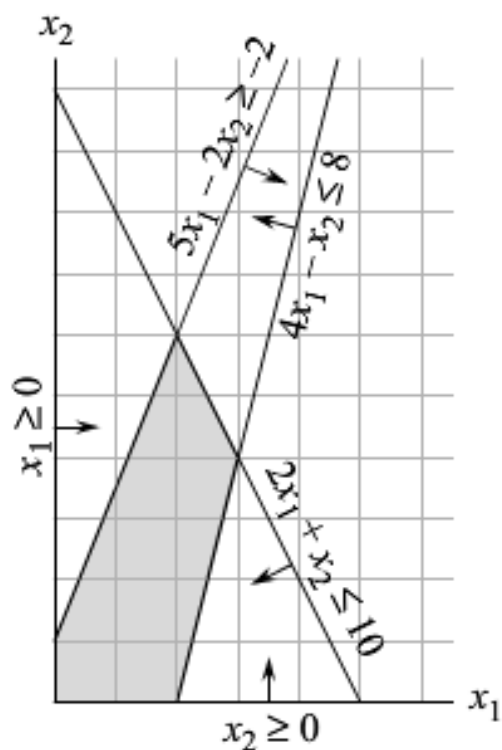
Linear Programming

- Problem-solving model for optimal allocation of scarce resources, among a number of competing activities.

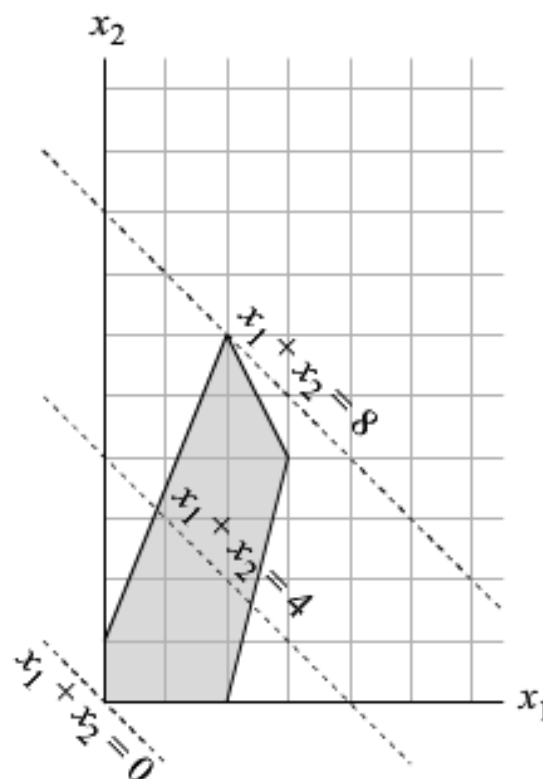
maximize	13A	+	23B		
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to the	4A	+	4B	\leq	160
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	A	,	B	\geq	0

SEE LP PDF

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(a)



(b)

Simplified Problem:

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- Sometimes we don't really care about the objective function, we just wish to find any FEASIBLE SOLUTION.
 - Any vector x that satisfies $Ax \leq b$
 - OR determine no solution exists.
- Lets look at Feasibility Problem.

Representation

- System of Difference Constraints:
 - Each row of linear-programming matrix A contains one 1 and one -1.
 - All other entries of A are 0
- Constraints $Ax \leq b$ are a set of m different constraints involving n unknowns.
- Each constraints is a simple linear inequality of the form:
 - $x_j - x_i \leq b_k$
 - where $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, $i \neq j$, and $1 \leq k \leq m$

Example

$$x_1 - x_2 \leq 0 ,$$

(24.3)

$$x_1 - x_5 \leq -1 ,$$

(24.4)

$$x_2 - x_5 \leq 1 ,$$

(24.5)

$$x_3 - x_1 \leq 5 ,$$

(24.6)

$$x_4 - x_1 \leq 4 ,$$

(24.7)

$$x_4 - x_3 \leq -1 ,$$

(24.8)

$$x_5 - x_3 \leq -3 ,$$

(24.9)

$$x_5 - x_4 \leq -3 .$$

(24.10)

Example

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} \preceq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example Solution

- Solution 1
 - $X = (-5, -3, 0, -1, -4)$
- Solution 2
 - $X' = (0, 2, 5, 4, 1)$
- Solution are related!

Lemma 24.8

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- For each x_i and x_j , we have:
 - $(x_j + d) - (x_i + d) = x_j - x_i$
- Thus if x satisfies, then $x + d$ satisfies.

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 - $E = \{(v_i, v_j): x_j - x_i \leq b_k \text{ is a constraint}\} \text{ UNION}$
 - $\{(v_0, v_1), (v_0, v_2), \dots (v_0, v_n)\}$

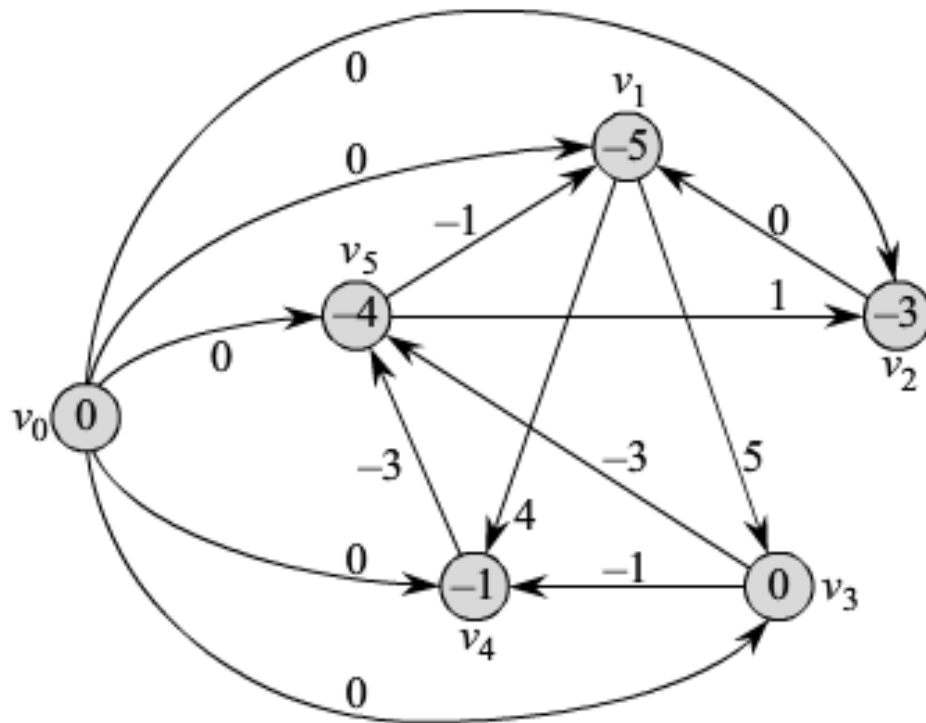
$$V_0$$

- V_0 is included with an edge to each vertex to insure all vertices are reachable.
- $\{(v_0, v_1), (v_0, v_2), \dots (v_0, v_n)\}$

Example Constraint Graph

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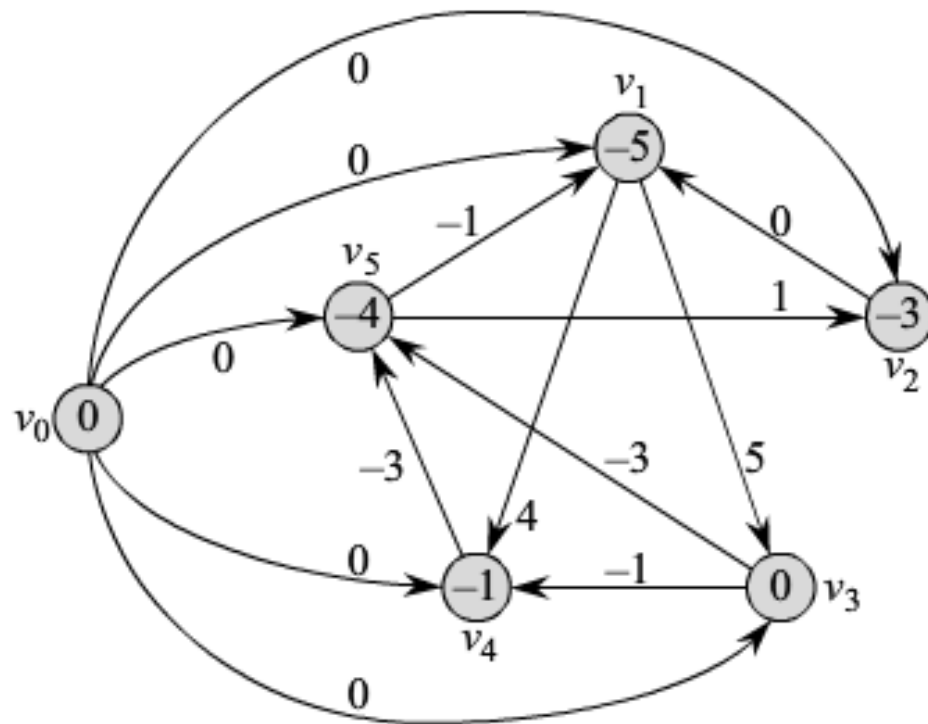
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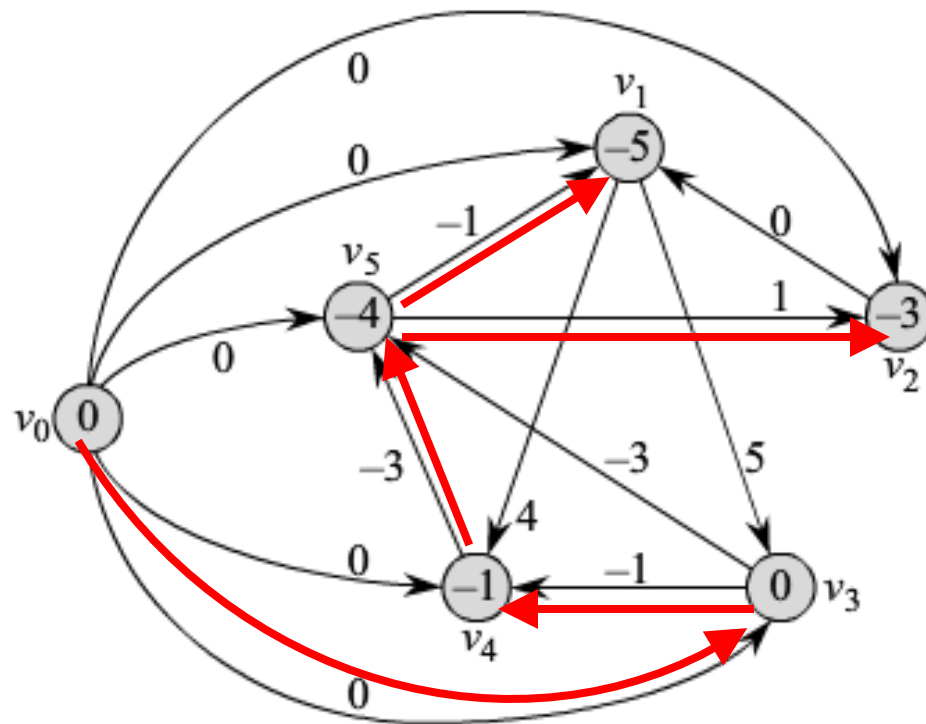
- Given a system $Ax \leq b$ of difference constraints, let $G=(V,E)$ be the corresponding constraint graph. If G contains no negative-weight cycles, a feasible solutions is:

$$\square x = (\delta(v_0, v_1), \delta(v_0, v_2), \delta(v_0, v_3), \dots, \delta(v_0, v_n))$$

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Theorem 24.9 w/Proof

- Consider any edge (v_i, v_j) in E
- By Triangle Inequality:
 - $\delta(v_o, v_j) \leq \delta(v_o, v_i) + w(v_i, v_j)$
- OR: $\delta(v_o, v_j) - \delta(v_o, v_i) \leq w(v_i, v_j)$
- Let $x_i = \delta(v_o, v_i)$ and $x_j = \delta(v_o, v_j)$
- THEN: x_i and x_j satisfies $x_j - x_i \leq w(v_i, v_j)$

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- Let negative weight cycle be:
 - $c = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$
 - It cannot contain v_0 since it has no entering edge.

Theorem 24.9 w/Proof (b)

- Let negative weight cycle be:
 - $c = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$
- Cycle corresponds to difference equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_2 - x_1 & \leq & w(v_1, v_2) , \\ x_3 - x_2 & \leq & w(v_2, v_3) , \\ & \vdots & \\ x_{k-1} - x_{k-2} & \leq & w(v_{k-2}, v_{k-1}) , \\ x_k - x_{k-1} & \leq & w(v_{k-1}, v_k) . \end{array}$$

- Summing the left and right hand side must also be true.
- Given $x_1 = x_k$ Left side sums to 0 yielding:
 - $0 \leq w(c)$
 - $w(c) < 0$: CONTRADICTION

Bellman-Ford

- Bellman-Ford to find $\delta(v_0, v_i)$
- Shortest Paths from v_0 with negative weights and no negative-weight cycles.