

In the uncapacitated facility location problem,

- (a) w_{ij} corresponds to the dual constraint $v_j + w_{ij} \leq c_{ij}$, and x_{ij} corresponds to the primal constraint $x_{ij} \geq y_i$.
- (b) w_{ij} corresponds to the primal constraint $x_{ij} \geq y_j$, and x_{ij} corresponds to the dual constraint $v_i - w_{ij} \leq c_{ij}$.
- (c) w_{ij} corresponds to the primal constraint $x_{ij} \leq y_i$, and x_{ij} corresponds to the dual constraint $v_j - w_{ij} \leq c_{ij}$.
- (d) w_{ij} corresponds to the dual constraint $v_j + w_{ij} \geq c_{ij}$, and x_{ij} corresponds to the primal constraint $x_{ij} \leq y_i$.

c.

Three coins are tossed simultaneously. What is the probability that the third coin would show a head given that the first and second coin have shown a head and a tail respectively?

- (a) $\frac{1}{4}$
- (b) $\frac{3}{4}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{8}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{2}$

d.

In the weighted MAXSAT problem, the input consists of:

- ▷ n Boolean variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n ,
- ▷ m clauses C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m (each of which consists of a disjunction (that is, an “or”) of some number of the variables and their negations and
- ▷ a non-negative weight w_j for each clause C_j .

The objective of the problem is to find an assignment of true/false to the x_i that maximizes the weight of the satisfied clauses.

Which of the following is true?

- (a) Setting each x_i to true independently with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ gives a randomized $\frac{1}{2}$ -approximation algorithm.
- (b) $\Pr[\text{clause } C_j \text{ satisfied}] = \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{l_j}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}$, where l_j is the number of literals in clause j
- (c) $\sum_{j=1}^m w_j \Pr[\text{clause } C_j \text{ satisfied}] \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m w_j \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{OPT}$
- (d) If there is an $(\frac{7}{8} - \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for MAX E3SAT for any constant $\epsilon > 0$, then $P = NP$.

a.

Which of the following captures the Linear programming relaxation for MAXSAT? Assume standard notations discussed in the lecture.

- (a) maximize $\sum_{j=1}^m w_j z_j$
 subject to $\sum_{i \in P_j} y_i + \sum_{i \in N_j} (1 - y_i) \geq z_j, \quad \forall C_j = V_{i \in P_j} x_i \vee V_{i \in N_j} \bar{x}_i,$
 $y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$
 $0 \leq z_j \leq 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$
- (b) maximize $\sum_{j=1}^m w_j z_j$
 subject to $\sum_{i \in P_j} y_i + \sum_{i \in N_j} (1 - y_i) \geq z_j, \quad \forall C_j = V_{i \in P_j} x_i \vee V_{i \in N_j} \bar{x}_i,$
 $0 \leq y_i \leq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$
 $0 \leq z_j \leq 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$
- (c) maximize $\sum_{j=1}^m w_j z_j$
 subject to $\sum_{i \in P_j} (1 - y_i) + \sum_{i \in N_j} y_i \geq z_j, \quad \forall C_j = V_{i \in P_j} x_i \vee V_{i \in N_j} \bar{x}_i,$
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 $y_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$
 $0 \leq z_j \leq 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$

b.

If a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are positive real numbers, which of the following statements is true according to the Arithmetic-Geometric Mean inequality?

- (a) $\left(\prod_{i=1}^k a_i\right)$ is always less than or equal to $\left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i\right)^{1/k}$.
- (b) $\left(\prod_{i=1}^k a_i\right)$ is always less than or equal to $\left(\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i\right)^k$.
- (c) $\left(\prod_{i=1}^k a_i\right)^{1/k}$ is always equal to $\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i$.
- (d) $\left(\prod_{i=1}^k a_i\right)^{1/k}$ is always greater than or equal to $\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k a_i$.

b.

Consider the statements given below:

- i A convex combination of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is $a_1.x_1 + a_2.x_2 + \dots + a_n.x_n$ where each $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$
 $\forall i \in [n]$, and $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$.
- ii $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i.x_i \leq \max(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
- iii $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i.x_i \geq \min(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

Which of the following is INCORRECT here?

- (a) Statement (i)
- (b) Statement (ii)
- (c) Statement (iii)
- (d) Statements (ii) and (iii)

a.

Let Φ be a CNF formula consisting of m clauses and n variables such that length of each clause is at most 3. Consider the algorithm given below.

Algorithm 1 Approx-Max3SAT(Φ)

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1: for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
2:   Flip a fair coin
3:   if Heads then
4:      $x_i \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
5:   else
6:      $x_i \leftarrow \text{false}$ 
7:   end if
8: end for
9: return  $x$ 

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Which of the following is INCORRECT about Algorithm 1?

- (a) The running time of Approx-Max3SAT is $\mathcal{O}(n)$.
- (b) The expected number of clauses satisfied is exactly $\frac{m}{2}$ for any instance of 3-SAT.
- (c) For any instance of 3-SAT, there exists a truth assignment that satisfies at least $\frac{7}{8}$ of the clauses.
- (d) Any instance of 3-SAT with at most 7 clauses is satisfiable.

b.

Consider the Linear Programming relaxation of weighted MAXSAT problem (see Question 4). Let (y^*, z^*) be an optimal solution to the LP relaxation. Independently setting each variable x_i to 1 with probability y_i^* provides a approximation guarantee of at least

- (a) 1
- (b) $\frac{7}{8}$
- (c) 0.63
- (d) $\frac{15}{16}$

c.

Consider the following statements given below.

- i The process of taking a randomized algorithm and turning it into a deterministic algorithm is called Pruning.
- ii The process of taking a randomized algorithm and turning it into a deterministic algorithm is called Derandomization.
- iii The process of taking a randomized algorithm and turning it into a deterministic algorithm can be done with the help of a separation oracle.
- iv The process of taking a randomized algorithm and turning it into a deterministic algorithm can be done by method of conditional expectation.

- (a) Only i and iii is true
- (b) Only i and iv are true
- (c) Only ii and iii are true
- (d) Only ii and iv are true

d.

Consider the Maximum Cut (MAXCUT) problem on an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ with non-negative edge weights $w_{ij} \geq 0$ for each edge $(i, j) \in E$. A randomized approximation algorithm is applied, where each vertex $v \in V$ is placed into one of two sets U and $W = V - U$ independently. Let Z be the random variable representing the total weight of edges in the cut, and let OPT denote the optimal value of the MAXCUT instance. Which of the following statements is NOT true regarding this algorithm?

- (a) The probability that any specific edge (i, j) is in the cut is $\frac{1}{4}$, since the endpoints are placed in different sets independently with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ each.
- (b) The probability that any specific edge (i, j) is in the cut is $\frac{1}{2}$, since the endpoints are placed in different sets independently with probability $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (c) $\mathbb{E}[Z] = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \mathbb{E}[X_{ij}]$
- (d) $\mathbb{E}[Z] \geq \frac{1}{2}OPT$

a.