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Linear Programming

Ex.

Given graph $G = (V, E)$ w/ reg. $r: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

wants: a label $\ell: V \rightarrow [-10^6, 10^6]$ s.t.
 $\forall (u, v) \in E \quad \ell(v) + \ell(u) \geq r(u, v)$

optimize: minimize each $\ell(v)$.

LP formulation:

Variables: $\forall v \in V, x_v$ represents $\ell(v)$

Constraints: $\forall v \in V, x_v \leq 10^6$
 $x_v \geq -10^6 \quad -x_v \leq 10^6$
 $\forall (u, v) \in E, x_u + x_v \geq r(u, v)$
 $-x_u - x_v \leq -r(u, v)$

Objective:
minimize $\sum_{v \in V} x_v$
maximize $\sum_{v \in V} -x_v$

To change to non-neg. standard form,
we can replace each x_v w/ $(x_v^+ - x_v^-)$ and
add $x_v^+, x_v^- \geq 0$

Every feasible solⁿ $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to the original LP
yields a feasible solⁿ $x^+, x^- \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to the
new standard LP w/ $x_v = x_v^+ - x_v^-$
(vice versa)

Vertex Cover: given $G = (V, E)$
 $\theta-1$ ILP: variables: $\forall u \in V \quad x_u$,
constraints: $\forall v \in V, \sum_{u \in N(v)} x_u \leq 1$
 $\forall u \in V, x_u \in \mathbb{Z}$ (NP-complete)

NP-hard,
 too complex
 to solve VC

$x_u = 0 \Rightarrow$ not in cover
 $x_u = 1 \Rightarrow$ in cover

objective: $\min \sum_{(u,v) \in E} x_u + x_v \geq 1$

LP (relaxed): minimize $\sum_{v \in V} x_v$
 subject to $\forall (u,v) \in E, x_u + x_v \geq 1$
 $\forall v \in V, 0 \leq x_v \leq 1$

Note: feasible in original \Rightarrow feasible in relaxed
 (ILP)

\therefore (min) value of original \geq value of relaxed

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