

博弈论第十次作业

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[Title]:

Consider the following selfish routing problem with 1 unit of flow. Compute its Price of Anarchy.

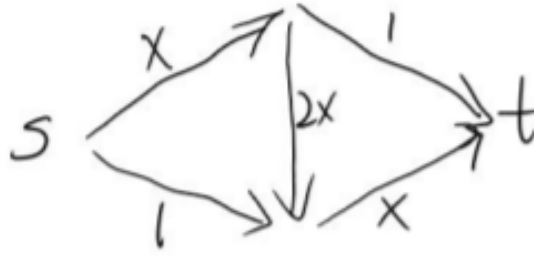


图 1: selfish routing

[证明]: 记上下两个节点为 v_1, v_2 , 则各边的延迟函数为:

$$d_{s \rightarrow v_1}(x) = x, d_{v_1 \rightarrow v_2}(x) = 2x, d_{v_1 \rightarrow t}(x) = x, d_{s \rightarrow v_2}(x) = 1, d_{v_2 \rightarrow t}(x) = x$$

不妨设边 $s \rightarrow v_1$ 的流量为 a , 边 $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$ 的流量为 b , 边 $v_2 \rightarrow t$ 的流量为 c , 则代价函数为:

$$C = (a - b)(a + 1) + b(a + 2b + c) + (c - b)(1 + c)$$

同时满足, $a - b + b + c - b = a + c - b = 1, a \geq b, c \geq b, a \in [0, 1], b \in [0, 1], c \in [0, 1]$

代入代价函数可得 $C = (1 - c)(a + 1) + b(1 + 3b) + (1 - a)(1 + c)$, 其中关于 b 的部分是单调递增的, 又因为 $b \in [0, 1]$ 所以, 可取 $b = 0$, 则 $a + c = 1$, 所以原函数可化为 $C = a(a + 1) + (1 - a)(2 - a) = 2a^2 - 2a + 2$. 因此 $a = c = \frac{1}{2}$ 时, C 取最小值为 $\frac{3}{2}$.

下面求纳什均衡策略:

根据纳什均衡的条件, 可列出如下等式:

$$a + c - b = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$a + 1 = a + 2b + c = 1 + c \quad (2)$$

解得: $a = \frac{3}{5}, b = \frac{1}{5}, c = \frac{3}{5}$.

因此, 只有一种纳什均衡, 则最差纳什均衡的代价为:

$$\frac{2}{5} \times \left(\frac{3}{5} + 1\right) + \frac{1}{5} \times \left(\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5}\right) + \frac{2}{5} \times \left(1 + \frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{8}{5}$$

综上, 此博弈的 POA 为 $\frac{8/5}{3/2} = \frac{16}{15}$