# Introduction to Optimization Method

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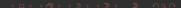
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Dynamic Programming



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The most common problem being solved is the 0-1 knapsack problem, which restricts the number  $x_i$  of copies of each kind of item to zero or one. Given a set of n items numbered from 1 up to n, each with a weight  $w_i$  and a value  $v_i$ , along with a maximum weight capacity W,

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^n v_i x_i$$
 s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \leq W$  and  $x_i \in \{0,1\}$ .

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Assume  $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n, W$  are strictly positive integers. Define m[i, w] to be the maximum value that can be attained with weight less than or equal to w using items up to i. We can define m[i, w] recursively as follows:

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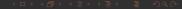
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The solution can then be found by calculating m[n,W]. To do this efficiently, we can use a table to store previous computations. This solution will therefore run in O(nW) time and O(nW) space.

Weight Limit (i):	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$w_1 = 1 \ v_1 = 1$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$W_2 = 2 V_2 = 6$	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
$W_3 = 5 V_3 = 18$	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
$W_4 = 6 V_4 = 22$	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
$W_5 = 7 V_5 = 28$	0											

## Optimal substructure

Fibonacci sequence

$$fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)$$

Dijkstra's algorithm for the shortest path problem

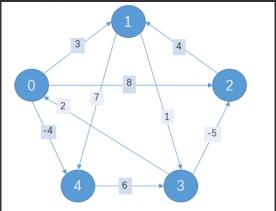
$$d[y] = \min_{x} \{d[y], d[x] + w(x, y)\}$$

How to define the status and stage of problems is essential.

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Given a directed graph (V,A) with source node s, target node t, and cost  $w_{ij}$  for each edge (i,j) in A, consider the program with variables  $x_{ij}$ .



Integer programming formulation:

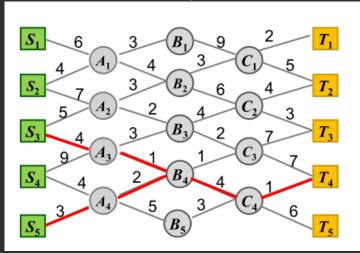
$$\min \sum_{(i,j)\in A} w_{ij} x_{ij}$$

s.t. 
$$\sum_{j} x_{ij} - \sum_{j} x_{ji} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = s; \\ -1, & \text{if } i = t; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

 $x \in \{0,1\}$  and for all i.

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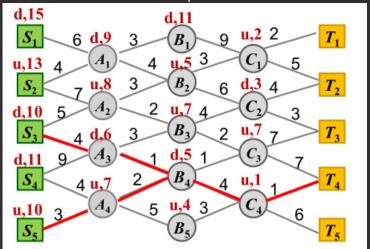
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Stage1 
$$F(C_l) = \min_m \{C_l T_m\}$$
  
Stage2  $F(B_k) = \min_l \{B_k C_l + F(C_l)\}$   
Stage3  $F(A_j) = \min_k \{A_j B_k + F(B_k)\}$   
Stage4  $F(S_i) = \min_j \{S_i A_j + F(A_j)\}$ 

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Find the shortest path from s to t.



Integer & Linear Programming



## Integer Programming

■ Shortest path problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\min \sum_{(i,j) \in A} w_{ij} x_{ij} \\ &\text{s.t.} \sum_{j} x_{ij} - \sum_{j} x_{ji} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = s; \\ -1, & \text{if } i = t; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \\ &x \in \{0,1\} \text{ and for all } i. \end{aligned}$$

- Maximum flow problem
- Assignment problem

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## Totally Unimodular Matrix

- Every entry in A is 0, +1, or -1;
- Every column of A contains at most two non-zero (i.e., +1 or -1) entries;
- If two non-zero entries in a column of A have the same sign, then the row of one is in B, and the other in C;
- If two non-zero entries in a column of A have opposite signs, then the rows of both are in B, or both in C.

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#### TU Matrix

- Totally unimodular matrices are extremely important in polyhedral combinatorics and combinatorial optimization since they give a quick way to verify that a linear program is integral (has an integral optimum, when any optimum exists).
- Specifically, if A is TU and b is integral, then linear programs of forms like  $\{\min cx \mid Ax \geq b, x \geq 0\}$  or  $\{\max cx \mid Ax \leq b\}$  have integral optima, for any c. Hence if A is totally unimodular and b is integral, every extreme point of the feasible region (e.g.  $\{x \mid Ax \geq b\}$ ) is integral and thus the feasible region is an integral polyhedron.

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## Another Perspective

Recall the simplex method for linear programming.

$$Bx = b$$
$$x^* = (B^{-1}b, 0)$$

How to obtain the inverse of B?

Cramer's rule:

$$B^{-1} = B^*/\mathsf{det}(B)$$

## Simplex Method

- Feasible region(Convex polytope)
- Basic feasible solution(Extreme point)
- Basic variables(Identity matrix)
- Entering variable selection
- Leaving variable selection
- Pivot operation
- Reduced costs

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The simplex method is an iteration process.

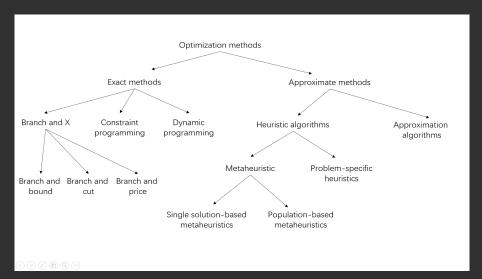
$$x' = x$$

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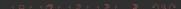
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## General Optimization Methods



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- Branch and X
  - Branch and cut

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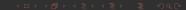


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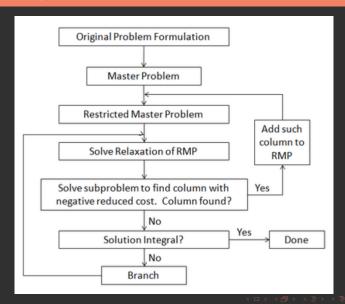


## **Cutting Plane**

facets



## Branch and price



# General Optimization Methods

- Heuristic algorithms
  - Metaheuristic
    - \* Single solution-based metaheuristics
    - \* Population-based metaheuristics
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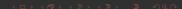
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## **Uncertainty Relation**

$$\sigma_x \sigma_p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

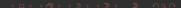
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## Combination Optimization



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- item1
- item2



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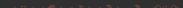
- item3
- item4



Convex Optimization



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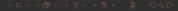
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