Problem Set 4

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Problem1

Greedy

Algorithm

When an online vertex v arrives, match v to an unmatched vertex $u \in N(v)$ (if such u exists), which maximizes w_u

Proof

If the Greedy algorithm is not the optimal, we can always find a vertex u that is matched in the optimal offline matching but not in the greedy algorithm. Consider vertex v^* that is matched to u in the optimal matching.

According to the Greedy algorithm, v^* must have been matched to a vertex u' such that $w_u \leq w_{u'}$, so that when v^* arrives, it matched to u' and u remains unmatched. Therefore, we can charge the loss of w_u in the optimal algorithm to u'.

Note that each u' is charged for the loss only once by its optimal partner in the matching, so that the loss in optimal matching is no more than the value of matching output by Greedy algorithm, indicating $\frac{w_{u'}}{w_u+w_{u'}}\geq \frac{1}{2}$. Hence Greedy algorithm achieves a competitive ratio of 0.5

Water-Filling

Background

Consider the online vertices as buyers and the offline vertices as goods to better explain the algorithm. Consider the **Primal**:

- ullet maximize $\sum_{(u,v)\in E} w_v x_{u,v}$
- ullet for each buyer u, $\sum_{v \in N(u)} x_{u,v} \leq 1$
- ullet for each good v, $\; \sum_{u \in N(v)} x_{u,v} \leq 1$
- $x_{u,v} \geq 0$

为了与课上笔记对应,令 u 代表online vertex (buyer), v 代表 offline vertex (good)

Dual:

- ullet minimize $\sum lpha_u + \sum lpha_v$
- $\forall u, v : \alpha_u + \alpha_v \geq w_v$
- $\alpha_u, \alpha_v \geq 0$

Let x be the choice of waterfilling, which is feasible. If we can construct α :

- $obj(\alpha) = obj(x)$
- ullet lpha is approximately feasible, i.e. $orall u,v:lpha_u+lpha_v\geq (1-rac{1}{e})w_v$

Then we will have:

$$ALG = obj(x) = obj(\alpha) \ge (1 - \frac{1}{e})obj(x^*) = (1 - \frac{1}{e})OPT$$

So that algorithm achieves a competitive ratio of $1-\frac{1}{e}$

Now we need to prove that by waterfilling algorithm, we have

$$orall (u,v) \in E, lpha_u + lpha_v \geq (1-rac{1}{e})w_v$$

Set g(l) introduced in our last class as $g(l) := e^{l-1}$ (increasing func), where l denotes the water level.

Algorithm

When u arrives, let $l_v := \sum_{u' \in N(v)} x_{u',v}$ be the total amount of good v that has been sold so far.

To maximize the total utility, the arriving buyer u solves the following program:

- $ullet \max_{(x_{u,v})v \in N(u)} \sum_{v \in N(u)} \int_{l_v}^{l_v + x_{u,v}} w_v (1 e^{l-1}) dl$
- ullet subject to $\sum_{v \in N(u)} x_{u,v} \leq 1$
- $x_{u,v} \geq 0, \forall v \in N(u)$

Where u pays $\int_{l_v}^{l_v+x_{u,v}} w_v e^{l-1} dl$ for each good v. The waterfilling algorithm is that each arriving u computes the optimal solution $x_{u,v}(v \in N(u))$ to the program.

Proof

- Let l^* be the water level of good v at the end of the waterfilling algorithm, then we have $\alpha_v=\int_0^{l^*}w_ve^{l-1}dl$
- Let l_v be the initial water level before u arrives, then α_u is the obj function value of the convex program and $\alpha_u \geq w_v w_v e^{l_v + x_{u,v} 1}$, otherwise the solution could be improved by increasing $x_{u,v}$ with some small $\epsilon > 0$, and decreasing $x_{u,v'}$ for some $v' \in N(u)$ to meet the request that $\sum_{j \in N(u)} x_{u,j} \leq 1$

Combining the results above, we have:

$$lpha_u + lpha_v \geq w_v(\int_0^{l^*} e^{l-1} dl + 1 - e^{l_v + x_{u,v} - 1}) \geq w_v(e^{l^* - 1} - rac{1}{e} + 1 - e^{l^* - 1}) = (1 - rac{1}{e})w_v$$

Thus the competitive ratio is $1-\frac{1}{e}$, better than 0.5

Problem 2

From the target function, we can tell the matching is unweighted.

Greedy

Algorithm

Wait until the ddl of each arriving vertex x to make the decision: arbitrarily match x to y, $y \in N(x)$ and y is unmatched (if such y exists).

Proof

If the Greedy algorithm is not the optimal, we can find a vertex u that is matched in the OPT matching but not in the greedy algorithm. Consider vertex v^* that is matched to u in the optimal matching.

According to the Greedy algorithm, v^* must have been matched to a vertex u'. Therefore, we can charge the loss of u in the optimal algorithm to u'. (OPT also obeys the ddl rule, so we do not need to worry that u has not arrived when v^* arrives)

Note that each u' is charged for the loss only once, and when u(matched in OPT) remains unmatched in the Greedy algorithm, the partner of u in $\mathsf{OPT}(v^*)$ must be matched in the Greedy algorithm. So that the loss in optimal matching is no more than the value of matching output by Greedy algorithm. Hence Greedy algorithm achieves a competitive ratio of 0.5

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We need to prove that by waterfilling algorithm, we have $\forall (u,v) \in E, \alpha_u+\alpha_v \geq 2-\sqrt{2}$, so that we can prove the algorithm achieves a competitive ratio of $2-\sqrt{2}$

Set g(l) introduced in our last class as $g(l):=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (increasing func), where l denotes how much of the vertex has been matched so far.

Algorithm

Each vertex u acts as a good until its deadline at which point it acts as a buyer. Accordingly, each buyer computes the optimal solution ($\triangle x_{u,v}(\forall v \in N(u))$) to the following program:

- $ullet \max_{(riangle x_{u,v})v\in N(u)}\sum_{v\in N(u)}(riangle x_{u,v}-\int_{l_v}^{l_v+ riangle x_{u,v}}(frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1- frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl)$
- ullet subject to $\sum_{v \in N(u)} riangle x_{u,v} \leq 1 l_u$
- $\triangle x_{u,v} \geq 0, \forall v \in N(u)$

update $x \leftarrow x + \triangle x$

The idea of the algorithm is to maximize the utility when the vertex u acts as buyer and pays $\int_{l_v}^{l_v+\triangle x_{u,v}}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl$ to all the neighbor $v\in N(u)$

Proof

When the ddl of vertex u arrives, we need to prove that at the end of our waterfilling algorithm, we have $\alpha_u+\alpha_v\geq 2-\sqrt{2}$, where α_u denotes the gain of the vertex u, which is the sum of profit as a good and utility as a buyer.

After the ddl of u, $\forall (u,v) \in E$, we can tell that either $l_u=1$ or $l_v=1$, otherwise u could buy more from v.

• When
$$l_v=1$$
, then we have $lpha_v=\int_0^1(rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1-rac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl=1-rac{\sqrt{2}}{4}>2-\sqrt{2}$

• When $l_u=1$, then we have $l_v<1$. Let l_u' denote how much of u was bought when acting as a good before its ddl. So we have that vertex u gains $\int_0^{l_u'}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl$ from previous matchings. Also u gains at least $1-g(l_v)$ per unit as it could always buy from v. So we have: $\alpha_u \geq \int_0^{l_u'}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l+1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl+(1-l_u')(1-(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l_v+1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}))$

Since
$$\alpha_v = \int_0^{l_v} (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l + 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})dl$$
, we have:

$$egin{aligned} lpha_u + lpha_v & \geq \int_0^{l_u'} (rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l + 1 - rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) dl + (1 - l_u') (1 - (rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l_v + 1 - rac{1}{\sqrt{2}})) + \int_0^{l_v} (rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}l + 1 - rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) dl \ & \geq rac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} (l_u' + l_v - 2 + \sqrt{2})^2 + 2 - \sqrt{2} \geq 2 - \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the competitive ratio is $2-\sqrt{2}$ (not tight) , better than 0.5

Gurobi Solver

Use the Gurobi Solver to solve the LP, I can get the following result:

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a.py
  > Users > 86188 > Desktop > 🤣 a.py > .
         Lp.Params.LogToConsole=True
         Lp.optimize()
Barrier statistics:
  Factor NZ : 7.998e+06 (roughly 1.7 GB of memory)
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         4.01957109e+00 3.35667432e-02 1.28e-01 4.12e-04 6.91e-06
         3.05986320e+00 4.96072641e-02 9.72e-02 3.41e-04 5.27e-06
        2.03463223e+00 9.87595085e-02 6.42e-02 2.46e-04 3.49e-06
1.43434662e+00 1.44243794e-01 4.45e-02 2.16e-04 2.38e-06
1.26107516e+00 1.61416752e-01 3.83e-02 2.07e-04 2.06e-06
   13 1.09661206e+00 1.69789217e-01 3.17e-02 2.04e-04 1.80e-06
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      2.97528631e-01
      1.97e-02
      1.41e-04
      1.23e-06

      16
      7.40911686e-01
      4.12705017e-01
      1.43e-02
      1.06e-04
      9.14e-07

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      6.67658572e-01
      5.02252825e-01
      9.17e-03
      7.96e-05
      6.54e-07

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   20 5.95847691e-01 5.83714127e-01 6.17e-04 3.52e-06 5.80e-08
        5.89632174e-01 5.85130993e-01 1.91e-04 1.14e-06 2.06e-08 5.88062959e-01 5.85376487e-01 1.14e-04 4.92e-07 1.22e-08 5.87854287e-01 5.85387571e-01 1.04e-04 4.41e-07 1.12e-08
   24 5.86264994e-01 5.85430573e-01 3.32e-05 1.32e-07 3.76e-09
   25 5.85707257e-01 5.85470106e-01 9.01e-06 3.27e-08 1.06e-09
        5.85555425e-01 5.85472172e-01 3.01e-06 1.56e-08 3.73e-10 5.85533569e-01 5.85472465e-01 2.16e-06 1.58e-08 2.74e-10
Barrier solve interrupted - model solved by another algorithm
Solved with primal simplex
Iteration Objective
                                                             Dual Inf.
PS C:\Users\86188>
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The competitive ratio reaches 0.585476, smaller than $2-\sqrt{2}$ but larger than 0.5, we are supposed to find some competitive ratio better than $2-\sqrt{2}$, but the solver can not run more iterations due to memory restriction.

```
import gurobipy as gp
       from gurobipy import GRB
Lp = gp.Model('OBM')
       n = 5000
       ratio = Lp.addVar(lb=0)
       Lp.setObjective(ratio, GRB.MAXIMIZE)
PS C:\Users\86188> & C:\Users/86188/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps/python3.11.exe c:\Users/86188/Desktop/a.py
Set parameter Username
Academic license - for non-commercial use only - expires 2025-01-14
Gurobi Optimizer version 11.0.0 build v11.0.0rc2 (win64 - Windows 11.0 (22621.2))
Thread count: 14 physical cores, 20 logical processors, using up to 20 threads
Model fingerprint: 0x39709771
Coefficient statistics:
 Matrix range [2e-04, 2e+00]
Objective range [1e+00, 1e+00]
  Bounds range
Presolved: 9999 rows, 25004998 columns, 99989996 nonzeros
Showing barrier log only...
gurobipy.GurobiError: Out of memory PS C:\Users\86188>
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