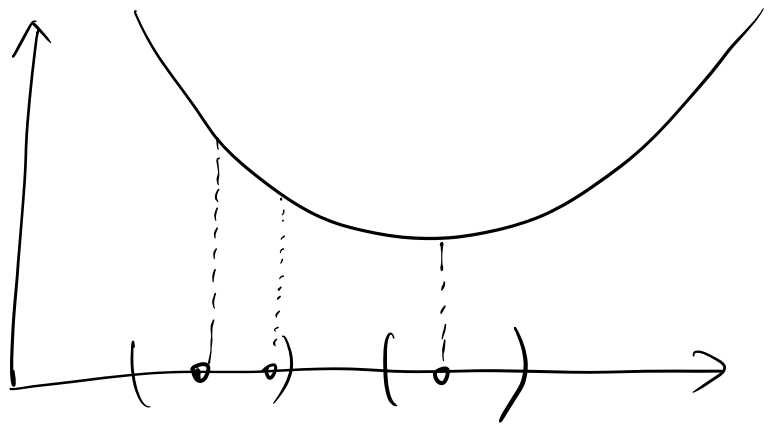


$$f(n) = (n-10)^2$$

find  $\operatorname{argmin}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(n)$



Optimization Problem (minimization)

$\mathcal{C} = \{ \text{feasible solution } S \}$

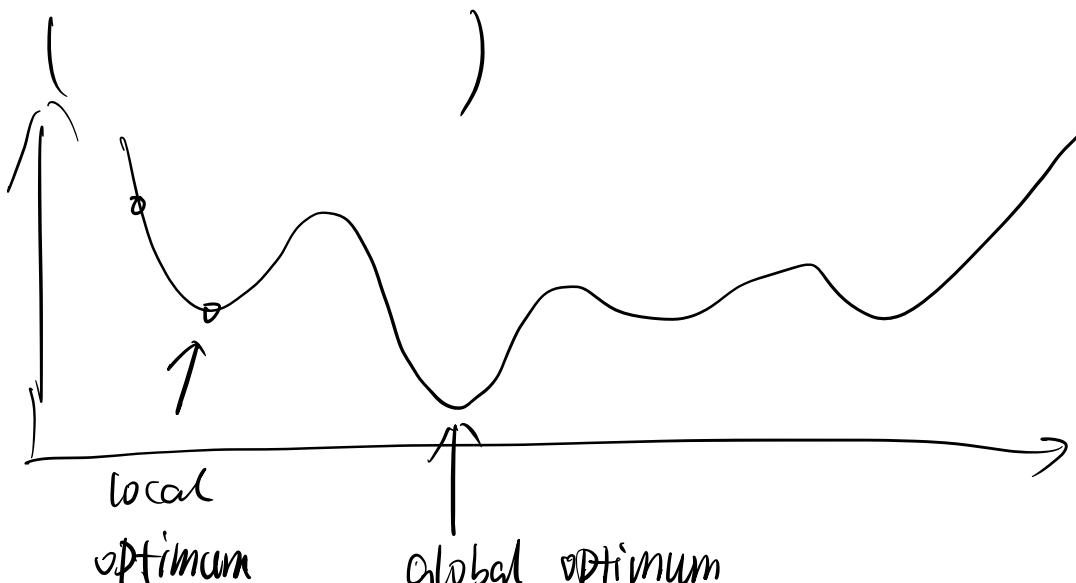
$c: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

find  $\operatorname{argmin}_{S \in \mathcal{C}} c(S)$

Neighborhood  $N(S) = \{ S' \mid S' \text{ is a neighbor of } S \}$

Local Search ( $\mathcal{C}, c$ )

1. pick a solution  $S$  from  $\mathcal{C}$
2. while  $N(S)$  has a better solution  $S'$  ( $c(S') < c(S)$ )
3.  $S = S'$



## Vertex Cover Problem

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,

find a minimum vertex cover.



$S \subseteq V$  s.t every edge is incident on a vertex in  $S$ .

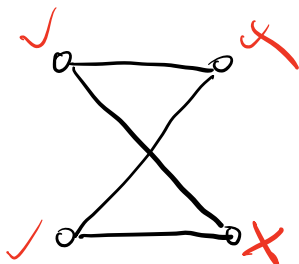
$\mathcal{C} = \{ \text{vertex cover } S \}$

$c(S) = |S|$

$N(S) = \{ \text{vertex cover } S' \mid S' \text{ can be obtained from } S \text{ by adding or deleting a single vertex} \}$

Local search  $VC(V, E)$

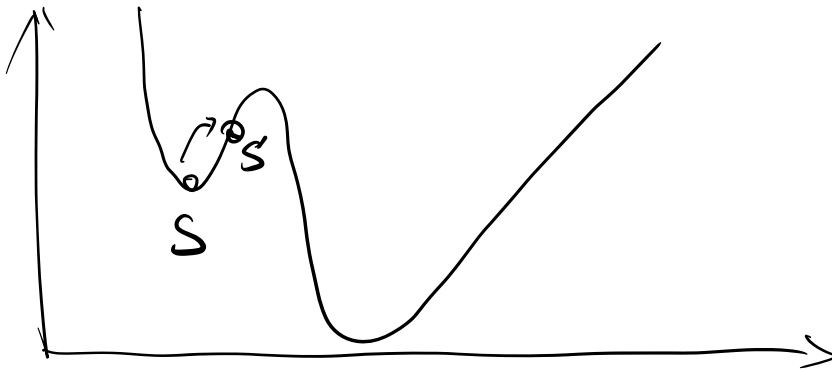
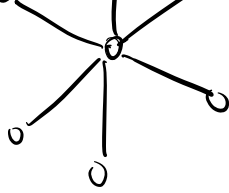
1.  $S = V$
2. if  $S - \{u\}$  is a vertex cover for some  $u \in S$
3.  $S = S - \{u\}$



optimal



arbitrarily bad.



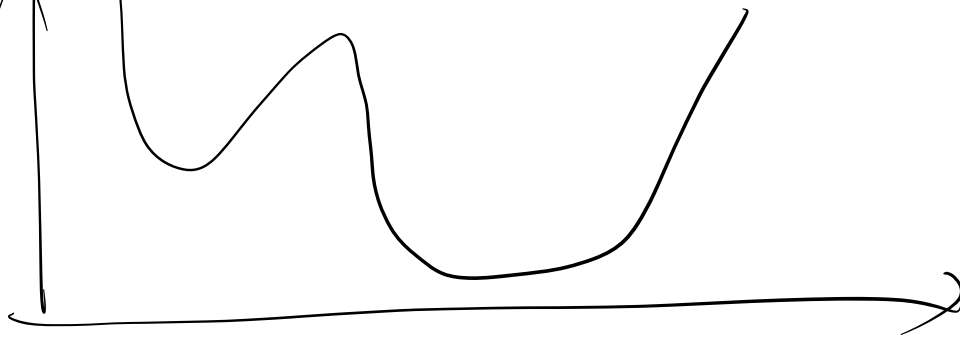
## Metropolis Algorithm

Metropolis( $\mathcal{C}, c$ )

1. pick a solution  $S$  from  $\mathcal{C}$
2. while true:
3.     randomly pick a solution  $S'$  from  $N(S)$
4.     If  $c(S') < c(S)$ :
5.          $S = S'$       $\Delta C = c(S') - c(S)$
6.     else
7.         set  $S = S'$  with probability  $e^{-\Delta C / K T}$
8.     break when certain condition holds.

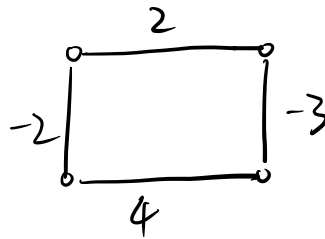
Simulated Annealing

gradually decrease  $T$



## Hopfield Neural Network Problem

Input:  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$



State of  $u$ :  $s_u \in \{-1, +1\}$

A configuration  $S$  is an assignment of  $+1$  or  $-1$  to each node.

Given a configuration  $S$ , an edge  $e = (u, v)$  is good if

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1) w_e > 0 \text{ and } s_u \neq s_v \\ (2) w_e < 0 \text{ and } s_u = s_v \end{array} \right\} w_e s_u s_v < 0$$

, and bad otherwise

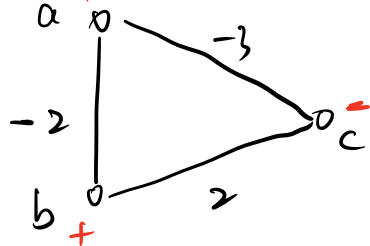
Objective 1. maximize  $\sum_{e \text{ is good}} |w_e|$

Objective 2. every node is happy

+

and = {a, b, b, c}

good = {a, b, a, c}



good = {ac}

$c \rightarrow +1$   
bad = {bc}

Given a configuration  $S$ . a node  $u$  is satisfied if

$$\sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ e \text{ is good}}} |w_e| \geq \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ e \text{ is bad}}} |w_e|$$



$$\sum_{e=(u,v) \in E} w_e s_u s_v \leq 0$$

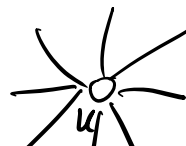
A configuration  $S$  is stable if all the nodes are satisfied.

State-flipping:

1. pick an arbitrary configuration  $S$
2. while  $S$  is not stable
3.     choose an unsatisfied node  $u$
4.     flip the state of  $u$
5. return  $S$

$$\Phi(S) = \sum_{e \text{ is good}} |w_e|$$

$S \xrightarrow{\text{flip } u} S'$



$$\Phi(S') = \Phi(S) - \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ e \text{ is good} \\ \text{in } S}} |w_e| + \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ e \text{ is bad in } S}} |w_e|$$

$$> \Phi(S)$$

$$\Phi(S') \geq \Phi(S) + 1$$

$$0 \leq \Phi(S) \leq \sum_{e \in E} |w_e| = W$$

pseudo-polynomial  
 $\Rightarrow$  at most  $O(W)$  flips  
 input:  $\log W$  bits

$N(S) = \{ S' \mid S' \text{ can be obtained from } S \text{ by flipping the state of exactly one node} \}$

$$c(S) = \sum_{\substack{e \text{ is good} \\ \text{in } S}} |w_e|$$

State flip:

1. pick a configuration  $S$
2. While  $N(S)$  has a config  $S'$  with  $c(S') > c(S)$
3.  $S = S'$

every local maximum is a stable configuration

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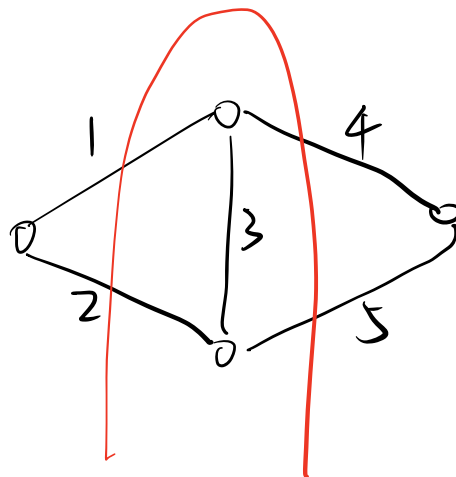
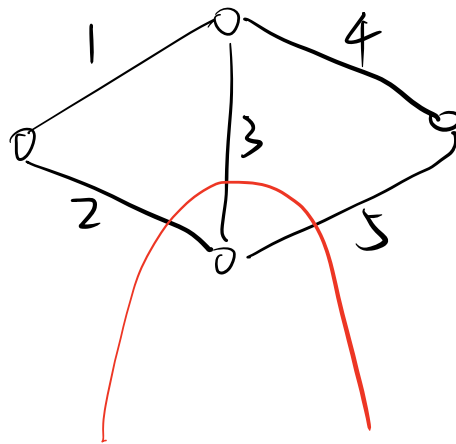
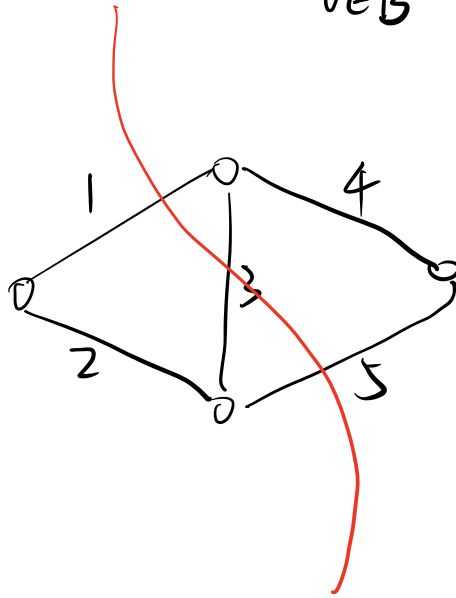
Maximum Cut

Given a weighted undirected graph  $G=(V, E)$ ,

a cut  $(A, B)$  is a partition of  $V$  into two

non-empty subsets A and B.  
The weight of a cut (A, B) is

$$w(A, B) = \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \\ u \in A \\ v \in B}} w_e$$



**Input:** a weighted undirected graph  $G=(V, E)$

Output = a maximum cut.



A special case of Hopfield with  $w_e > 0$  for all  $e$



( $e$  cross the cut iff  $e$  is good)

### State-flip-Max-Cut

1. pick an arbitrary cut  $(A, B)$
2. while some node  $u$  is unsatisfied
3. flip the membership of  $u$

$\sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \\ e \text{ is good}}} w_e$	$<$	$\sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \\ e \text{ is bad}}} w_e$
$e \text{ cross the cut}$		$e \text{ not cross the cut}$

in  $O(W)$  iterations, reach local maximum

↓  
2-approximation

$(A, B)$  is stable

for any  $u \in A$ ,

$$\sum_{e=(u,v) \in E} w_e \leq \sum_{e=(u,v) \in E} w_e$$



~~$e = (u, v) \in E$~~   
 ~~$e$  not cross~~  
~~the cut~~  
 $V \in A$

~~$e$  cross  $(A, B)$~~   
 $V \in B$

$$2 \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in A \\ v \in A}} w_e = \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in A}} w_e \leq \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in B}} w_e = w(A, B)$$

similarly,

$$2 \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in B \\ v \in B}} w_e \leq w(A, B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w(A^*, B^*) &\leq \sum_{e \in E} w_e = \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u, v \in A}} w_e + \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in A, v \in B}} w_e + \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in B, v \in B}} w_e \\ &\leq \frac{w(A, B)}{2} + \frac{w(A, B)}{2} + w(A, B) \\ &= 2w(A, B) \end{aligned}$$

# iteration =  $O(W)$

Idea: require big improvement in each iteration

flip a node  $u$  only when it increases  $w(A, B)$  by a fraction of at least

$$\frac{\epsilon}{|V|} \quad (\epsilon \text{ is a small constant } > 0)$$

$$w(A', B') \geq \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{|V|}\right) w(A, B) \geq \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{n}\right) w(A, B)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{\epsilon}} \geq 2$$

$$O\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon} \log W\right) \text{ iterations}$$

$(A, B)$  is stable

for any  $u \in A$ ,

$$\sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ \text{e not cross} \\ \text{the cut} \\ u \in A}} w_e \leq \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ \text{e cross } (A,B) \\ v \in B}} w_e + \frac{\epsilon}{|V|} w(A, B)$$

$$2 \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in A \\ v \in A}} w_e = \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in A}} w_e \leq \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in B}} w_e = w(A, B) + \frac{|A|}{|V|} \epsilon w(A, B) + \sum_{u \in A} \frac{\epsilon}{|V|} w(A, B)$$

$$2 \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ u \in A \\ v \in A}} w_e \leq w(A, B) + \frac{|B|}{|V|} \epsilon w(A, B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w(A', B') &\leq 2w(A, B) + \frac{|B|}{2|V|} \epsilon w(A, B) + \frac{|A|}{2|V|} \epsilon w(A, B) \\ &\leq \underbrace{(2 + \epsilon)}_{2} w(A, B) \quad (\because |A| + |B| = |V|) \end{aligned}$$

big  $N(S) \rightarrow$  avoids some local optimum

small  $N(S) \rightarrow$  fast search  $N(S)$

$N(A, B) = \{ (A', B') \mid (A', B') \text{ can be obtained from } (A, B) \text{ by flipping exactly one node} \}$

$O(n)$

$\downarrow$

$O(n^k)$

$\downarrow$   
 $k$

Kernighan and Lin (1970)

K-L heuristic  $(A, B)$

1.  $(A_0, B_0) = (A, B)$
2. mark all nodes as unflipped.
3. for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
4. let  $(A_i, B_i)$  be the best cut that can be obtained from  $(A_{i-1}, B_{i-1})$  by flipping exactly one unflipped node.
5. mark the node as flipped
6. return  $\{ (A_0, B_0), \dots, (A_n, B_n) \}$  as  $N(A, B)$

