Homework 2

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1 Question 1

■ **Notation 1.1** For $F \subseteq E$ and $b \in B$, we will denote $F(b) = \{a \in A \mid (a,b) \in F\}$ and by $F(X) = \{a \in X \mid \exists b \in B, (a,b) \in F\}$.

We then define the matroids $\mathbb{A} = (E, \mathcal{A})$, $\mathbb{B} = (E, \mathcal{B})$ where :

$$\mathcal{A} = \{I \subseteq E \mid |I(a)| \leq 1 \forall a \in A\}$$
$$\mathcal{B} = \{I \subseteq E \mid I(h) \in \mathcal{M}_b \forall b \in B\}$$

We then see that $M \subseteq E$ is a A-perfect matching if and only if $|M| = |A|$ and M is an independent set of $\mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{B}$. Thus, we will call sets in $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}$ independent matchings.

Then, since $|A| \geq \max_{I \in \mathcal{A}} |I|$, from Edmonds' mini-max formula on matroid intersection, we just need to have $\min_{I \subseteq E} r_{\mathcal{A}}(I) + r_{\mathcal{B}}(E \setminus I) \geq |A|$ to have the existence of a A-perfect matching.

We define $s : 2^E \to \mathbb{N}$ as :

$$s(I) \sum_{b \in B} rank_{M_b}(I(b) \cap N(b)) \tag{1}$$

We see that the rank set in $\mathcal{B}$ can be seen as the ranks on each component (by separating edges on the $b \in \mathcal{B}$ they are connected to). Indeed, since $\mathcal{B}$ can be seen as a union of matroids (the M_b seen as matroids on the edges connected to b) we have, for $I \subseteq E$:

$$r_{\mathcal{B}}(I) = \min_{T \subseteq I} |I \setminus T| + s(T) = \min_{T \subseteq I} |I| - |T| + s(T)$$

Then plugging this into our main equation :

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\mathcal{A}}(E \setminus I) + r_{\mathcal{B}}(I) =& r_{\mathcal{A}}(E \setminus I) + \min_{T} |I| - |T| + s(T) \\ \geq& \min_{T} |I| - |T| + s(T) \\ =& \min_{T} |A| - |T(A)| + s(T) \end{aligned}$$

But since this should be greater than $|A|$ for all T and all I, it is equivalent to being true for all possible $A' = T(A)$ (and modifying the *type* of s accordingly, which doesn't change anything) and thus :

$$\boxed{\max_{I \in \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}} |I| = |A| \Longleftrightarrow \forall A' \subseteq A, s(A') - |A'| \geq 0}$$

which is the wanted result.

2 Question 2

Let $F = 2^I$ and let us denote by $g : 2^{\mathcal{F}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$ the function that to a family of sets gives their combined profit. Clearly, g is submodular. Furthermore we denote by X_0 the emptyset, and by X_i the set of items taken after i knapsacks were filled by our algorithm. Since we apply the FPTAS k times, and since g is submodular, we have :

$$g(X_i) - g(X_{i-1}) \geq \frac{OPT - g(X_{i-1})}{k} \tag{2}$$

for each i, where OPT is the weight of an optimal solution. Then, we have :

$$g(X_1) - g(X_0) = g(X_1) \geq \frac{OPT}{k} = OPT(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)) \tag{3}$$

and then :

$$g(X_2) \geq OPT(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^2)$$

By induction :

$$g(X_i i) \geq OPT(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^i)$$

And thus :

$$g(X_k) \geq OPT(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^k) \geq OPT(1 - \frac{1}{e})$$

3 Question 3