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Topic

- *Dissertation*: Solving bimodular integer programs in strongly polynomial time

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- *Paper*: A strongly polynomial algorithm for bimodular integer linear programming (2017)

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Structure

- Introduction to integer programming
- Complexity of integer programming and other associated problems
- Bimodular integer programming
- Outline of an algorithm to solve bimodular integer programming

Integer linear programming

- An integer linear program (IP) is an optimization problem of the form,

$$\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$$

where $c \in \mathbb{Z}^n, b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ and $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}, \text{rank}(A) = n$.

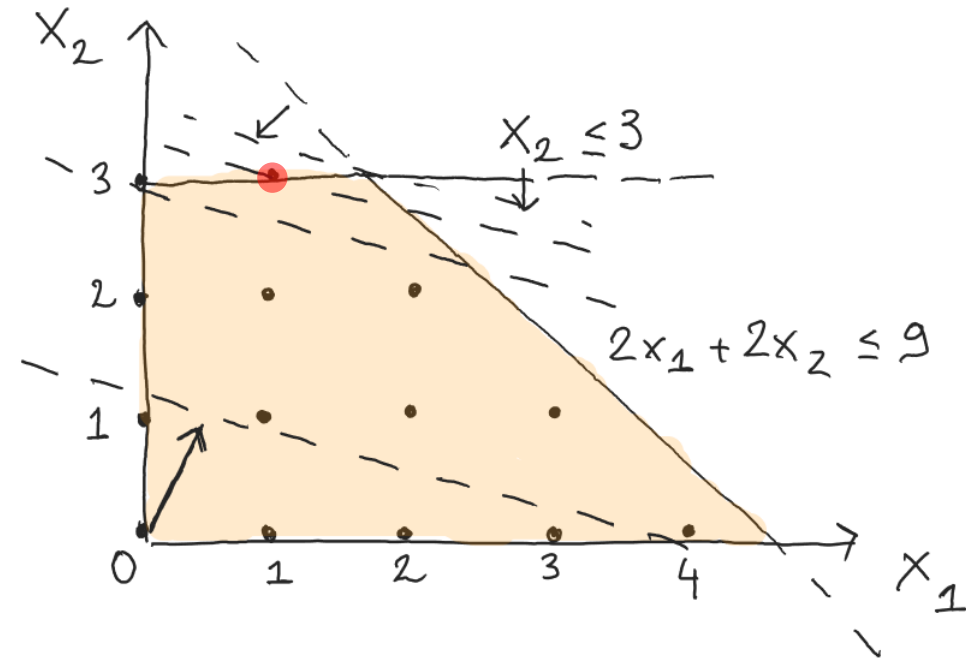
- | Fruit | Cost | Weight | Vitamin C | Potassium |
|----------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Banana | 0.30€ | 120g | 10mg | 420mg |
| 1 Orange | 0.50€ | 130g | 70mg | 240mg |

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 \min & 0.3x_B & + 0.5x_O & & & \text{Cost} \\
 & 10x_B & + 70x_O & \geq & 65 & \text{Vitamin C} \\
 & 420x_B & + 240x_O & \geq & 3000 & \text{Potassium} \\
 & 120x_B & + 130x_O & \leq & 2000 & \text{Weight} \\
 & & & & x_O & \geq 0 \\
 & & & & x_B & \geq 0
 \end{array}$$

- $$A = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & -70 \\ -420 & -240 \\ 120 & 130 \\ 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} -65 \\ -300 \\ 2000 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, x = \begin{pmatrix} x_B \\ x_O \end{pmatrix}, c = \begin{pmatrix} -0.3 \\ -0.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad x_B, x_O \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Graphical representation of an IP

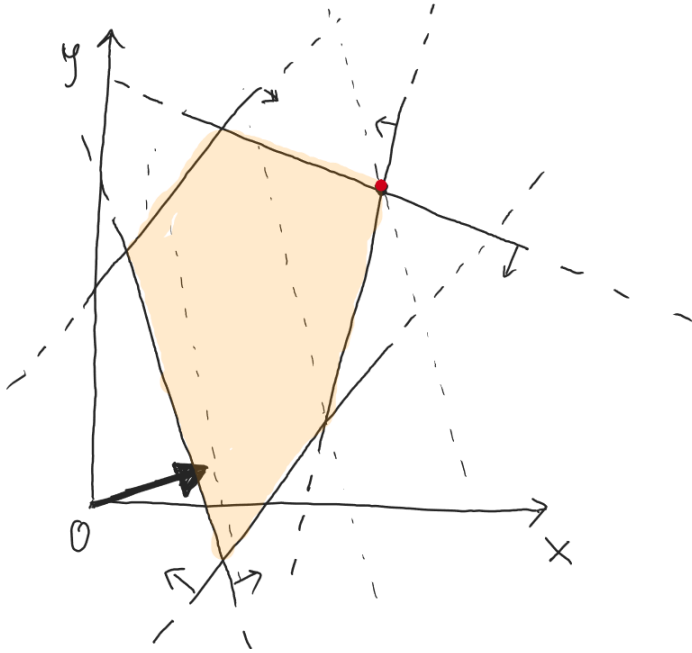
- $$\begin{array}{rcll} \max & x_1 & +3x_2 & \\ & 2x_1 & +2x_2 & \leq 9 \\ & & x_2 & \leq 3 \\ & & -x_2 & \leq 0 \\ & -x_1 & & \leq 0 \\ & x_1, x_2 & \in \mathbb{Z} & \end{array}$$



Complexity of

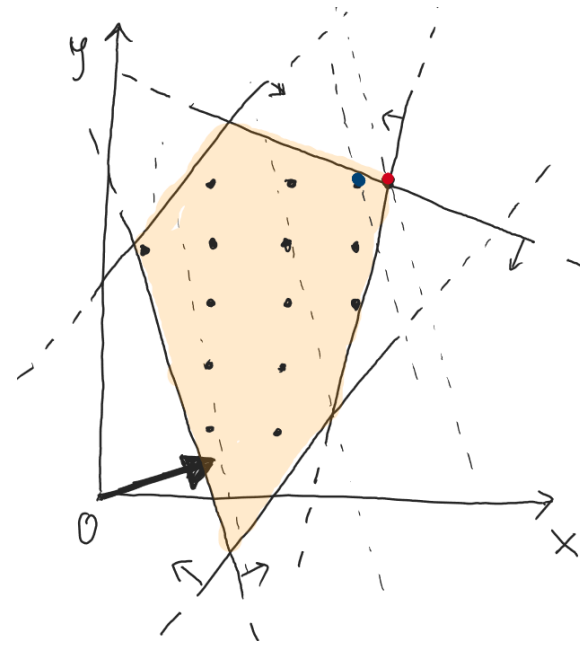
Linear programming

- $\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$



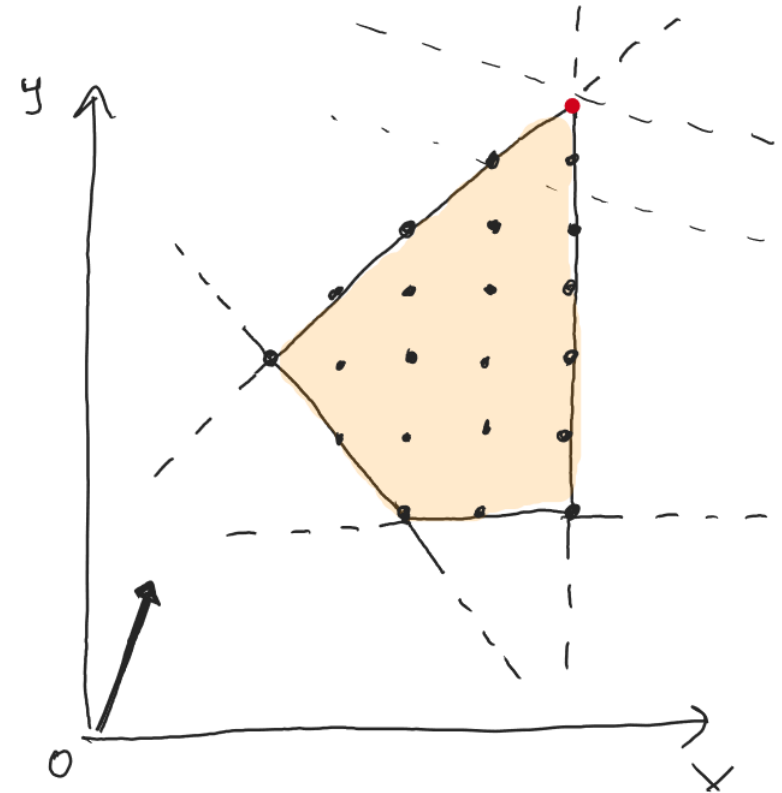
Integer programming

- $\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$



Totally unimodular integer programs

- Totally unimodular (TU) matrix: all sub-determinants have values 0, ± 1
- Unimodular matrix: the $n \times n$ sub-determinants have values 0, ± 1



Can we extend the result further?

- Yes!
- $n \times n$ sub-determinants have values $0, \pm 1, \pm 2$.
- A bimodular integer program (BIP) is an optimization problem of the form,
$$\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$$
where $c \in \mathbb{Z}^n, b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ and $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$, $\text{rank}(A) = n$ and the $n \times n$ sub-determinants of A are at most 2 in absolute value.

Outline of the algorithm

1. Transform BIP to a TU problem with an additional parity constraint

$$\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq 0, x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n, \sum_{i \in S} x_i \text{ odd}\} \quad (\text{CPTU})$$

2. Iteratively decompose CPTU into smaller CPTU problems
 - The number of subproblems doesn't grow exponentially
3. Solving the base problems

Thank you!

- Slides and dissertation: <https://github.com/LisaLentati/bip>

Appendix: from unimodular to TU

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^n \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} Q \end{array} \right] \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_m \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = n$$

$$\det(Q) = \pm 1$$

$$\bar{A} = A Q^{-1} = \left[\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^m \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad \quad \quad \\ \quad 1 \quad \quad \\ \quad \quad 1 \quad \quad \\ \quad \quad \quad \ddots \quad \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad 1 \end{array} \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_n \end{array} \right] \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_m \end{array} \right]$$

(Note: The diagram shows a red shaded block for the identity matrix and an orange box labeled 'B' in the bottom right corner.)

- $\max\{c^T x : Ax \leq b, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$, with A unimodular
- $x = Q^{-1}y$
- $\max\{c^T Q^{-1}y : \bar{A}y \leq bQ^{-1}, y \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$, with \bar{A} totally unimodular