

## Integer linear programs

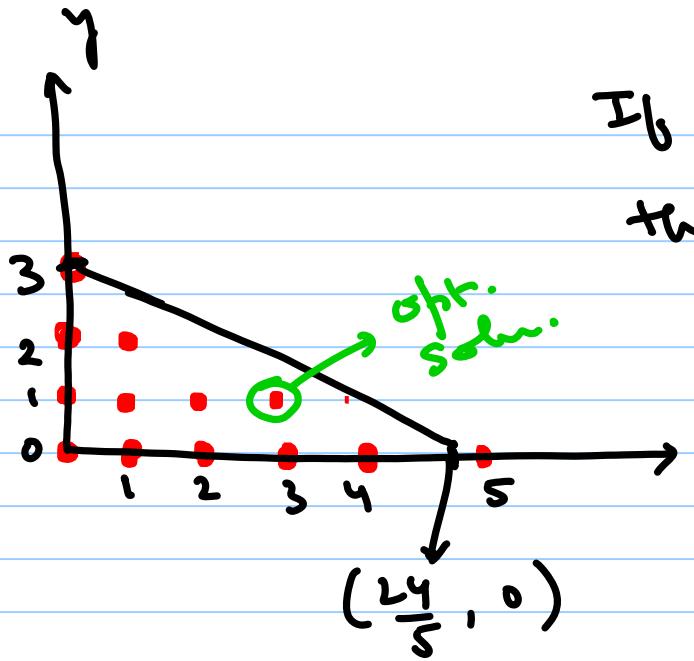
An LP in which some or all variables are restricted to take integer values only.

e.g.  $\max 3x + 4y$   
subject to  $5x + 8y \leq 24$   
 $x, y \geq 0$ ,  $x, y$  integers.

### Pure integer programs.

### Mixed integer programs

- what is the optimal soln? what are the challenges?



If we ignore the integer restriction then  
the optimal soln of the relaxed LPP

$$\text{is } x^* = \frac{24}{5}, y^* = 0; z^* = \frac{72}{5}$$

If we round it off to upper side  
 $\hat{x} = 5, \hat{y} = 0$ , then  $(5, 0)$  is  
not feasible for problem.

$\therefore$  round off to lower side to get  $(4, 0)$  with  $z = 12$

But  $z = 12$  at  $(0, 3)$  also. However, optimal soln of  
integer program is  $(3, 1)$  with optimal value = 13.

e1:  $\max z = 21x + 11y$

s.t.  $7x + 4y \leq 13$

$x, y \geq 0$  & integers

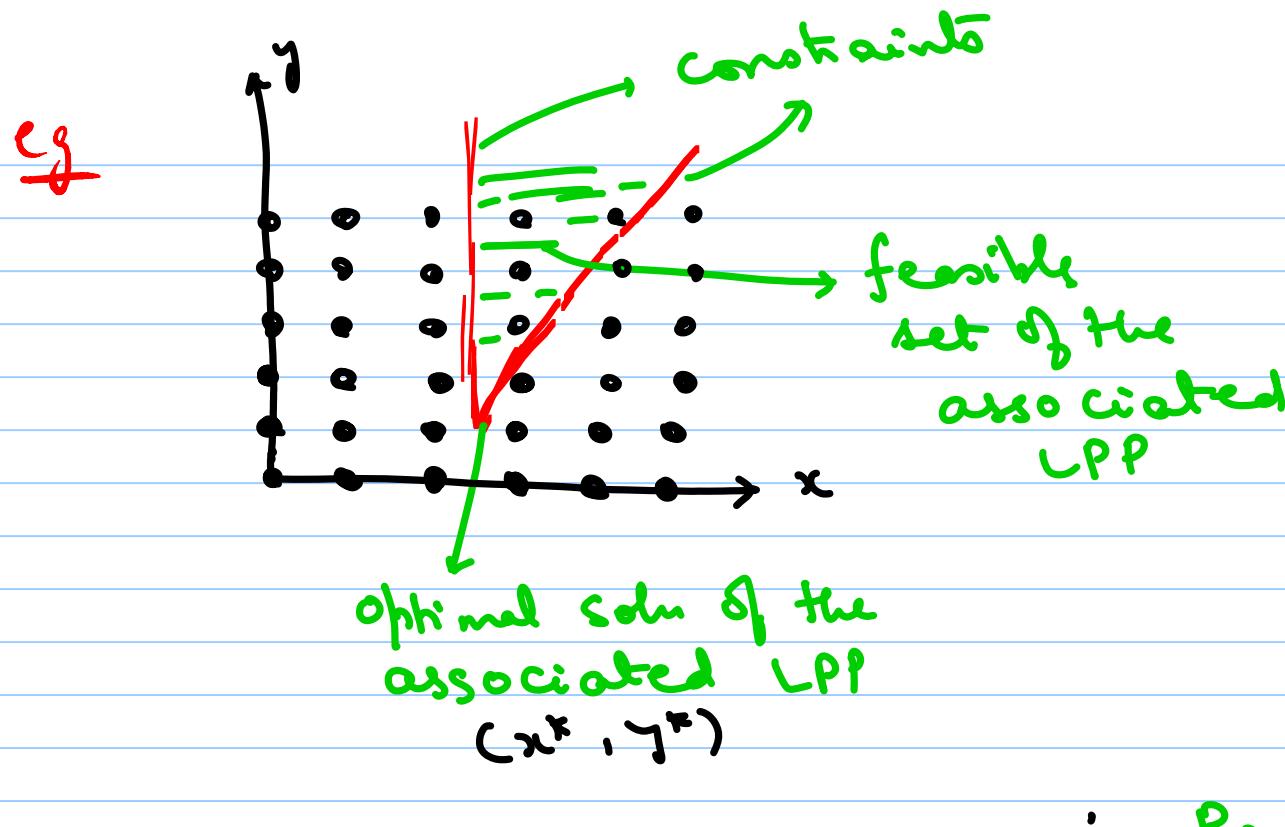
The relaxed associated LPP has optimal soln  $(\frac{13}{7}, 0)$

Round off gives  $(2, 0) \rightarrow$  not feasible

Round off to lower side  $(1, 0)$  feasible with  $z = 21$

While the optimal soln of the problem is  $(0, 3)$  with  
 $z^* = 33$  too far away from 21.

**Note:** The feasible set of ILP is discrete so non-convex, nor connected in the sense of paths.



Note that rounding off of  $(x^*, y^*)$  to their nearest 4 neighbours always result in pts which are not even feasible for the given ILP

$\therefore$  Rounding off the optimal soln of the associated (relaxed) LPP do not work.

LP with binary variables

$$\text{max } z = c^T x$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax \leq b$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\downarrow}$$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq 1, x_i \text{ integer}$$

∴ Binary variables LPP is equivalent to ILP.

e.g. Investment Optimization Problem

| Assets          | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Expected return | 12  | 11  | 13  | 8   | 15  |
| Cash            | 500 | 400 | 700 | 300 | 600 |

Either one invest in an asset or do not invest

Problem:  $\max 12x_1 + 11x_2 + 13x_3 + 8x_4 + 15x_5$

subject to

$$5x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3 + 3x_4 + 6x_5 \leq 14$$

$$x_i \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall i.$$

where the investment budget is 1400/-

### Logical constraints:

- Only one of the five investments are acceptable  
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 \leq 1$
- We can make investment in at most 2 assets

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 \leq 2$$

- If investment in asset 1 is made then investment in asset 3 can not be made

$$x_1 + x_3 \leq 1$$

- If investment in 1 is made then investment in 4 must also be made

$$x_4 \geq x_1 \quad \text{or} \quad x_1 - x_4 \leq 0$$

- Either investment in 2 or 5 are made by not both
- $x_2 + x_5 = 1$
- One can make investment in exactly 3 out of 5

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 3.$$

### eg. Knapsack Problem

You have  $n$  objects to put in a shoulder bag

Each item  $j$  has weight  $w_j$  and value  $c_j$

The maximum capacity of bag to hold is say  $b$ .

$$(P) \max \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$

$$\text{Subject to } \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j \leq b \\ x_j \in \{0, 1\}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

## eg warehouse location problem

The aim is to find that out of  $n$  warehouses handling the demand of  $m$  customers, which warehouse to operate and how much is to ship from a warehouse to any customer. Define:

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if warehouse } i \text{ operates} \\ 0 & \text{if warehouse } i \text{ do not operate} \end{cases}$$

$x_{ij}$ : Amount to be delivered from  $i^{\text{th}}$  warehouse to the  $j^{\text{th}}$  customer.

Let  $L_i$  be the fixed cost of opening the  $i^{\text{th}}$  warehouse

and  $c_{ij}$  is the cost of transporting one unit of item from  $i^{\text{th}}$  warehouse to  $j^{\text{th}}$  customer

The demand  $d_j$  of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  customer must be fulfilled

$$\therefore (P) \min \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n L_i y_i$$

s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = d_j$ ,  $x_{ij} \geq 0$ , and

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{If } y_j = 1 \text{ then } x_{ij} \leq d_j \\ \text{If } y_j = 0 \text{ then } x_{ij} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{If } y_j = 1 \text{ then } x_{ij} \leq d_j \\ \text{If } y_j = 0 \text{ then } x_{ij} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

No transportation from  
non-operational  
warehouses

∴ we get-

$$\min z = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n L_i y_i$$

subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = d_j , j=1, 2, \dots, m$

$$0 \leq y_i \leq 1 , i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$x_{ij} \leq d_j y_i , \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n \\ j=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$y_i$  are integers  $\forall i$

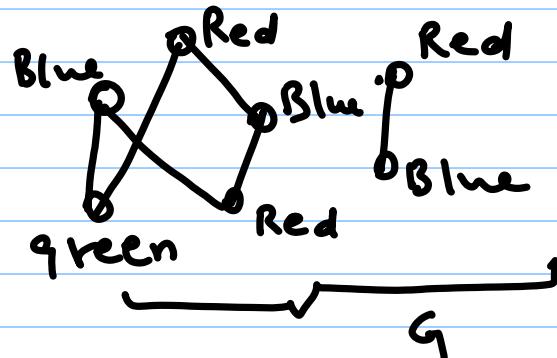
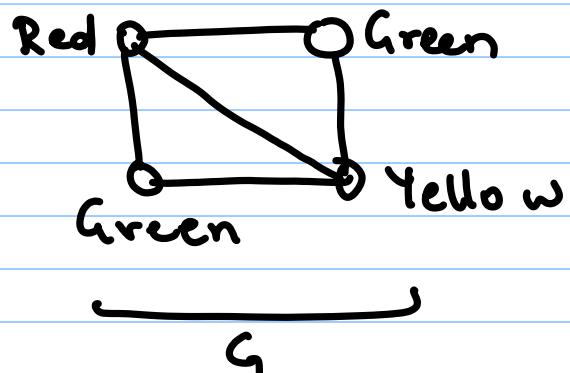
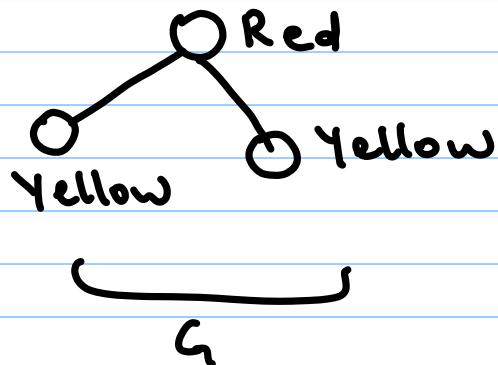
$$x_{ij} \geq 0, \forall i, \forall j$$

## Graph Coloring

vertices

Graph  $G = (V, E) \rightarrow$  edges

Assign colors to the nodes so that every node must be colored, no two adjacent nodes get the same color and accomplish this task using as few different colors as possible.



Define

$x_{ij}$  : variable is true if  $i^{\text{th}}$  node gets  $j^{\text{th}}$  color

$w_j$  : variable is true if atleast one node gets  $j^{\text{th}}$  color

$x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $w_j \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $\forall i \in V, j \in C$   
↳ color set-

minimize  $\sum_{j \in C} w_j \rightarrow$  as few colors as possible

Subject to  $\sum_{j \in C} x_{ij} = 1, \forall i \in V \rightarrow$  each node get exactly one color.

no two adjacent vertices get same color  
if any node get color  $j$  then  $w_j = 1$

$x_{uj} + x_{vj} \leq 1, \forall (u,v) \in E, \forall j \in C$

$x_{ij} \leq w_j, \forall i \in V, j \in C$

There are many problems in graphs, networks, combinatorics, AI & ML that can be formulated as linear integer programs or binary problems.

### Either-or constraints

$$2x + 3y \geq 14 \quad \text{or} \quad 5x - 7y \leq 3$$

We introduce a binary variable  $\delta$  such that-

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \delta = 1 \text{ then } 2x + 3y \geq 14 \\ \text{if } \delta = 0 \text{ then } 5x - 7y \leq 3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2x + 3y \geq 14 - M(1-\delta) \\ 5x - 7y \leq 3 + M\delta \\ \delta \in \{0, 1\} \end{array}$$

where  $M \gg 0$  is prefixed.

## If - then constraints

If  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) > b_1$ , then  $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq b_2$

equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{c} (\text{If } p \text{ then } q \\ \equiv \\ p \rightarrow q) \end{array}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq b_1 \text{ or } g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq b_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq b_1 + M\delta$$

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq b_2 + M(1-\delta)$$

where  $M >> 0$  is predefined.  
 $\delta \in \{0, 1\}$

e.g. Atleast one of the 3 constraints to hold:

$$x + 4y + 2z \geq 9 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x - 5y \leq 15 \quad \text{or} \quad 2y + 3 \geq 8$$

Define binary variables  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$  s.t.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \delta_1 = 1 \text{ then } x + 4y + 2z \geq 9 \\ \text{if } \delta_2 = 1 \text{ then } 3x - 5y \leq 15 \\ \text{if } \delta_3 = 1 \text{ then } 2y + 3 \geq 8 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} x + 4y + 2z \geq 9 - M(1-\delta_1) \\ 3x - 5y \leq 15 + M(1-\delta_2) \\ 2y + 3 \geq 8 - M(1-\delta_3) \end{array}$$

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 \geq 1$$

$$\delta_i \in \{0, 1\}, i=1, 2, 3$$

where  $M >> 0$  is predefined.

## Piecewise linear function representation

$$y = \begin{cases} 5x & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ x + 16 & 4 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 3x - 4 & 10 \leq x \leq 15 \\ 3x_3 + 26, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

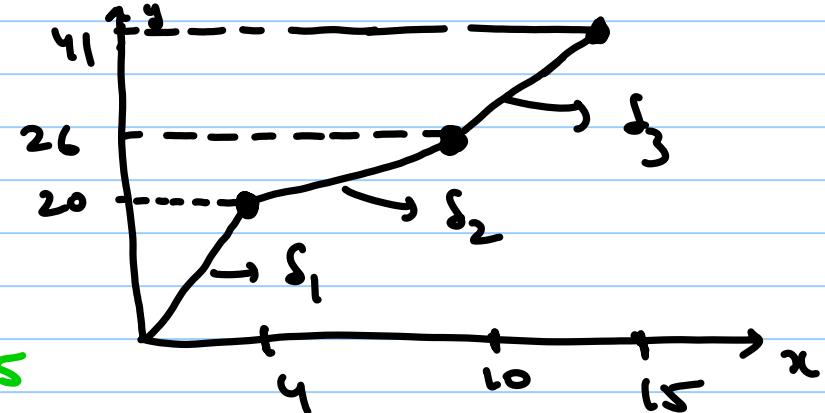
$x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$

$$\text{Take } x = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 4, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 6, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 5$$

If  $x_2 > 0$  then  $x_1 = 4$

If  $x_3 > 0$  then  $x_2 = 6$



Define  $\delta_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_1 \text{ is at its upper bound} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\delta_2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_2 \text{ is at its upper bound} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

i. If constraints are

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 4\delta_1 \leq x_1 \leq 4 \\ 6\delta_2 \leq x_2 \leq 6\delta_1 \\ 0 \leq x_3 \leq 5\delta_2 \\ \therefore \delta_2 = 1, \delta_1 = 0 \\ \text{not possible} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \delta_1 = \delta_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ \delta_1 = 1, \delta_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 4 \leq x \leq 10 \\ \delta_1 = 1, \delta_2 = 1 \Rightarrow 10 \leq x \leq 15 \end{array}$$
$$y = 5x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 5x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 \\
 0 \leq x_1 &\leq 4 \\
 0 \leq x_2 &\leq 6 \\
 0 \leq x_3 &\leq 5 \\
 4\delta_1 \leq x_1 &\leq 4 \\
 6\delta_2 \leq x_2 &\leq 6\delta_1 \\
 0 \leq x_3 &\leq \delta_2 \\
 \delta_1, \delta_2 &\in \{0, 1\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

final formulation.

Such formulations are useful to model problems in supply chain, pricing / discounting, inventory management, using binary var.

e.g. Suppose we have  $x$  is one of the element in the set  $\{4, 8, 12\}$ . To formulate this constraint, we write

$$x = 4\delta_1 + 8\delta_2 + 12\delta_3$$

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 = 1$$

$$\delta_i \in \{0, 1\}, i=1, 2, 3.$$

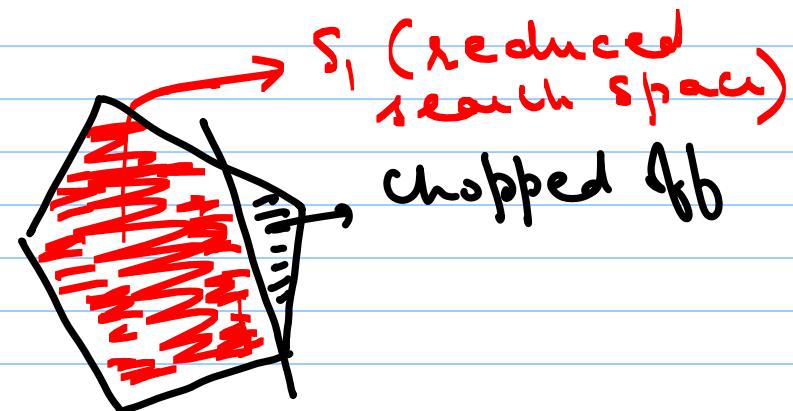
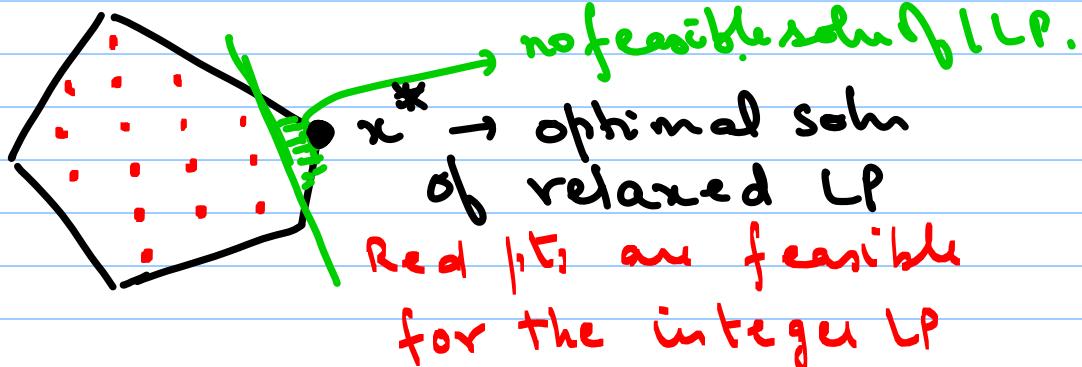
→ Let  $x \in \{0, 4, 8, 12\}$ , then write it as

$$x = 4\delta_1 + 8\delta_2 + 12\delta_3$$

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 \leq 1, \quad \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \in \{0, 1\}.$$

## Cutting Plane Technique

Consider the associated relaxed LPP, and let its feasible set be  $S$ . The idea in cutting plane is to find a hyperplane which chop off that region of  $S$  which contains no feasible solution of the integer LP.



## Gomory cutting Plane technique

Step 1 : Solve the relaxed LPP to get optimal soln  $x^*$

Step 2 : If  $x^*$  is integral, stop

Step 3 : Find a valid linear inequality (or cut) using  $x^*$  such that the cut removes  $x^*$  and does not remove any feasible pt of the original ILP. Insert this cut as a constraint in the relaxed LPP to get a new LPP, and go to step 1 to resolve it to get fresh  $x^*$ .

Dual simplex method can be used to resolve the new LPP.

Let us consider a pure integer LP,

$$\max z = c^T x$$

subject to  $Ax \leq b$   
 $x$  integers

In system, A and b are inserted as rationals (even if some of the entries are irrational), and all rationals can be converted into integers by taking LCM multipliers.

∴ without loss of generality, we take all entries in A and b as integers, and hence all slack, surplus, artificial

variables inserted in the given problem will be integers.

Let  $x^*$  be the soln of the associated relaxed LPP (with no integer restriction). let its  $r^{th}$  component  $x_r^*$  be non integer. In the optimal table, let  $J$  be index set of optimal basic variables ( $\rightarrow I$  matrix in final table). Let  $S_I$  be the feasible region of the original ILP.

For any  $x \in S_I$ , from the  $r^{th}$  constraint we will have

$$x_r + \sum_{i \notin J} y_{ri} x_i = x_r^* \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{i}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 v_B & x_B & y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n & \cdots & y_p \\
 & \vdots & & & & & & \\
 x_{B2} & x_n^* & y_{x1} & y_{x2} & \cdots & 1 & \cdots & y_{xp} \rightarrow x^{\text{th}} \text{ row} \\
 & & & & & & & \\
 \text{and } y_{ix} = 0 & & & & & & & \\
 & & & & & & & \\
 y_{xx} = 1 & & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

①  $\Rightarrow$

$$x_n + \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i + \sum_{i \notin J} f_{xi} x_i = \lfloor x_n^* \rfloor + f_n - ②$$

$$0 \leq f_{xi} \leq 1, \quad 0 < f_n < 1$$

Since,  $x > 0$ , ②  $\Rightarrow$

$$x_n + \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i \leq \lfloor x_n^* \rfloor + f_n - ③$$

Now, for  $i \in S_I$ , LHS of ③ is integer, and  $\lfloor x_i^* \rfloor$  is

also integer, and  $f_x \in (0,1)$ , so

$$x_s + \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i \leq \lfloor x_s^* \rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow -x_s - \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i \geq -\lfloor x_s^* \rfloor - ④$$

① + ④

$$\sum_{i \notin J} (y_{xi} - \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor) x_i \geq x_s^* - \lfloor x_s^* \rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i \notin J} f_{xi} x_i \geq f_s, \quad \forall x \in S_I$$

*Cut equation*  
⑤

$$\Rightarrow - \sum_{i \notin J} f_{xi} x_i + s = -f_s, \quad s \geq 0 \quad (\text{slack})$$

⑥

Note: i)  $x^*$  does not satisfy ⑤, as  $x_i^* = 0 \forall i \notin J$

ii)  $s$  is integer &  $x \in S_I$  because from ②, we have

$$x_s = \left( f_s - \sum_{i \notin J} f_{xi} x_i \right) + \left( \lfloor x_s^* \rfloor - \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x_s} = -s + \left( \lfloor x_s^* \rfloor - \sum_{i \notin J} \lfloor y_{xi} \rfloor x_i \right) \Rightarrow s \text{ must be integer.}$$

integer as  
 $x \in S_I$

integer as  $x \in S_I$

Insert the cut constraint ⑥ in the relaxed LPP with cost coefficient zero with slack  $s$  in the objective fn. & solve

the problem. You can use dual simplex method rather than solving the new LPP afresh from scratch.

eg.  $\text{max } z = 2x_1 + x_2$

s.t.  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 5$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + x_4 = 0$$

$$6x_1 + 2x_2 + x_5 = 21$$

$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  integers and  $\geq 0$ .

Solve the relaxed LPP (drop integer condition) and the optimal table is as follows

| $c_B$ | $v_B$ | $x_B$                  | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$  | $y_4$ | $y_5$  |
|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2     | $x_1$ | $11/4$                 | 1     | 0     | $-1/2$ | 0     | $1/4$  |
| 1     | $x_2$ | $9/4$                  | 0     | 1     | $3/2$  | 0     | $-1/4$ |
| 0     | $x_4$ | $1/2$                  | 0     | 0     | $-2$   | 1     | $1/2$  |
|       |       | $2j - y_j \rightarrow$ | 0     | 0     | $1/2$  | 0     | $1/4$  |

Each variable can act as source of cut

$J = \{1, 2, 4\}$ ,  $i \notin J$  means  $i \in \{3, 5\}$ . Use  $\sum_{i \notin J} f_{x_i} x_i \geq f_x$

$$x_1 \text{ row } \rightarrow \frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{x_5}{4} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x_2 \text{ row } \rightarrow \frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{3x_5}{4} \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x_4 \text{ row } \rightarrow \frac{x_5}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Suppose, we take  $\lambda = 4$  and  $x_4$  for introducing a cut.

$$-\frac{x_5}{2} + s = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad s \geq 0$$

| $C_B$ | $v_B$  | $x_B$ | $y_1$ | $y_2$  | $y_3$ | $y_4$  | $y_5$ | $y_s$ |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| $x_1$ | $11/4$ | 1     | 0     | $-y_2$ | 0     | $1/4$  | 0     |       |
| $x_2$ | $9/4$  | 0     | 1     | $3/2$  | 0     | $-1/4$ | 0     |       |
| $x_4$ | $1/2$  | 0     | 0     | $-2$   | 1     | $1/2$  | 0     |       |
| $s$   | $-1/2$ | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0     | $-1/2$ | 1     |       |

|                         |   |   |       |   |       |   |               |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|---------------|
| $z_j - y_j \rightarrow$ | 0 | 0 | $y_2$ | 0 | $y_4$ | 0 | $\rightarrow$ |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|---------------|

Note:  $z_j - y_j \geq 0$  by  $s < 0 \therefore$  invoke the dual simplex.

| $v_B$                   | $x_B$ | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$ | $y_4$ | $y_5$ | $y_6$ |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $x_1$                   | 10/4  | 1     | 0     | -1/2  | 0     | 0     | 1/2   |
| $x_2$                   | 10/4  | 0     | 1     | 3/2   | 0     | 0     | -1/2  |
| $x_4$                   | 0     | 0     | 0     | -2    | 1     | 0     | 1     |
| $x_5$                   | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1     | -2    |
| $z_j - g_j \rightarrow$ | 0     | 0     | 1/2   | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1/2   |

We can choose row of  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  for next cut. Let  $\lambda = 1$ .

Cut is  $\frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{s_1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$

or  $-x_3/2 - s_1/2 + s_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, s_1 \geq 0, s_2$  slack

| $y_B$ | $x_3$  | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$  | $y_4$ | $y_5$ | $y_s$  | $y_{s_1}$       |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| $x_1$ | 10/4   | 1     | 0     | -1/2   | 0     | 0     | 1/2    | 0               |
| $x_2$ | 10/4   | 0     | 1     | 3/2    | 0     | 0     | -1/2   | 0               |
| $x_4$ | 0      | 0     | 0     | -2     | 1     | 0     | 1      | 0               |
| $x_5$ | 1      | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1     | -2     | 0               |
| $s_1$ | $-1/2$ | 0     | 0     | $-1/2$ | 0     | 0     | $-1/2$ | 1 $\rightarrow$ |

$$z_j - y_j \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 0$$



Invoke the dual simplex

Next table gives optimal soln ( $x_1 = 3, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 2, x_5 = 1$ ) — all integers. So stop. Optimal value = 7.

Graphically :

$$\max z = 2x_1 + x_2$$

$$s.t. \quad x_1 + x_2 \leq 5$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 \leq 0$$

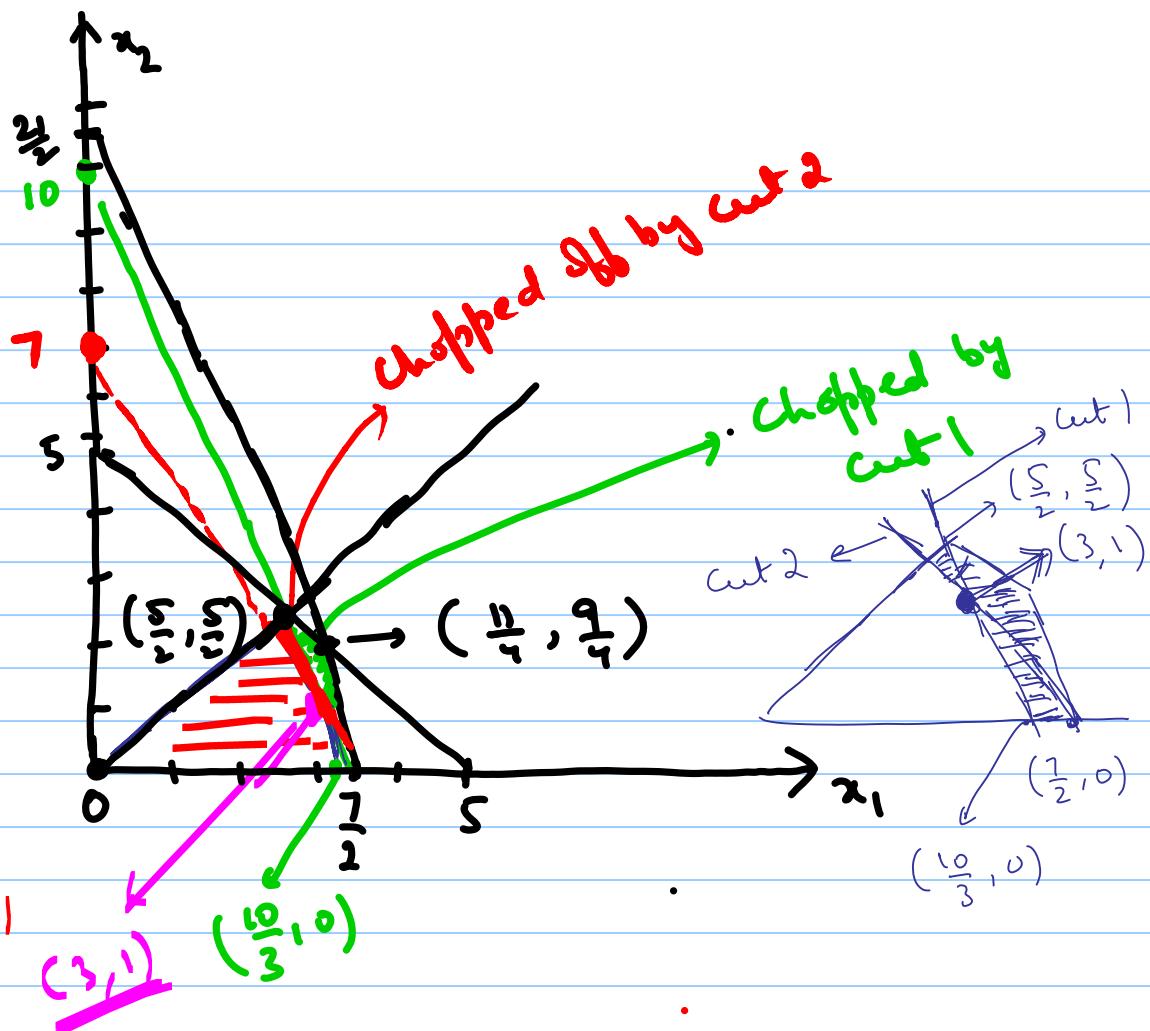
$$6x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 21$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

Cut 1 :  $\frac{x_1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 \geq 1 \Rightarrow 21 - 6x_1 - 2x_2 \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 10$$



Cut 2

$$\frac{x_3}{2} + \frac{s}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 + s \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (s - x_1 - x_2) + \left( \frac{21 - 6x_1 - 2x_2 - 1}{2} \right) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 7$$

Gomory cut for mixed ILP:

Let  $x_2$  be an integer restricted variable in MILP

From the optimal table of the relaxed associated LPP,

let  $x_2^*$  be optimal value & not integer right now. From

the row in the optimal table, we have

$$x_r + \sum_{i \in K} y_{ri} x_i = x_r^* \quad (\text{pivot row})$$

$$\text{or } x_r + \sum_{i \in K} y_{ri} x_i = \lfloor x_r^* \rfloor + f_r, \quad 0 < f_r < 1. \quad -①$$

For  $x_r$  to be integer, either  $x_r \leq \lfloor x_r^* \rfloor$  or  $x_r \geq \lfloor x_r^* \rfloor + 1$

$$\therefore ① \Rightarrow \sum_{i \in K} y_{ri} x_i \geq f_r \quad -②$$

$$\sum_{i \in K} y_{ri} x_i \leq f_r - 1 \quad -③$$

$K$  is the index set of all non-basic variables. Define

$K^+ : \text{set of indices in } K \text{ for which } y_{ri} \geq 0$

$K^-$ : set of indices in  $K$  for which  $y_{xi} < 0$

$\therefore ② + ③ \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{i \in K^+} y_{xi} x_i + \sum_{i \in K^-} y_{xi} x_i \geq f_x$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i \in K^+} y_{xi} x_i \geq f_x - ④$$

or

$$\sum_{i \in K^+} y_{xi} x_i + \sum_{i \in K^-} y_{xi} x_i \leq f_x - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_x}{f_x - 1} \sum_{i \in K^-} y_{xi} x_i \geq f_x - ⑤$$

One of these inequalities must hold, and both LHS expressions are non-negative, so we combine them

$$\sum_{i \in K^+} y_{xi} x_i + \frac{f_x}{f_x - 1} \sum_{i \in K^-} y_{xi} x_i \geq f_x$$

$\forall x$  feasible for ILP

Add a slack

$$s - \left( \sum_{i \in K^+} y_{xi} x_i + \frac{f_x}{f_x - 1} \sum_{i \in K^-} y_{xi} x_i \right) = -f_x, \quad s \geq 0$$

is the cut equation for mixed ILP.

We can invoke dual simplex to solve the problem.

eg

$$\max Z = x_1 + x_2$$

$$\text{subject to } 2x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 16 \rightarrow 2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 16$$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 30 \rightarrow 6x_1 + 5x_2 + x_4 = 30$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0, x_i: \text{integer} \quad x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$$

$x_1: \text{integer}$

| $c_B$ | $v_B$ | $x_B$ | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$                    | $y_4$                   |             |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1     | $x_2$ | 9/5   | 0     | 1     | $3/10$                   | $-1/10$                 |             |
| 1     | $x_1$ | 7/2   | 1     | 0     | <u><math>-1/4</math></u> | <u><math>1/4</math></u> | — pivot row |

$$z_j - c_j \rightarrow 0 \quad 0 \quad 1/20 \quad 3/20$$

$x_1$  is required to be integer. Pivot row is that of  $x_1$ ,

$x_1 = 1$ . Also,  $K = \{3, 4\} \quad K^+ = \{4\}, K^- = \{3\}, f_1 = 1/2$

The cut inequality is

$$\frac{1}{4}x_4 + \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{4}x_3) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}x_4 + \frac{1}{4}x_3 \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S - \frac{1}{4}x_3 - \frac{1}{4}x_4 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad S \geq 0$$

| $c_B$ | $v_B$ | $x_B$                     | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$    | $y_4$  | $y_5$ |
|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| 1     | $x_2$ | 9/5                       | 0     | 1     | 3/10     | -1/10  | 0     |
| 1     | $x_1$ | 7/2                       | 1     | 0     | -1/4     | 1/4    | 0     |
| 0     | $s$   | $-y_2$                    | 0     | 0     | $-y_4$   | $-y_4$ | 1     |
|       |       | $z_j - c_j \rightarrow 0$ | 0     | 0     | $y_{20}$ | $3/20$ | 0     |

Apply the dual simplex method.

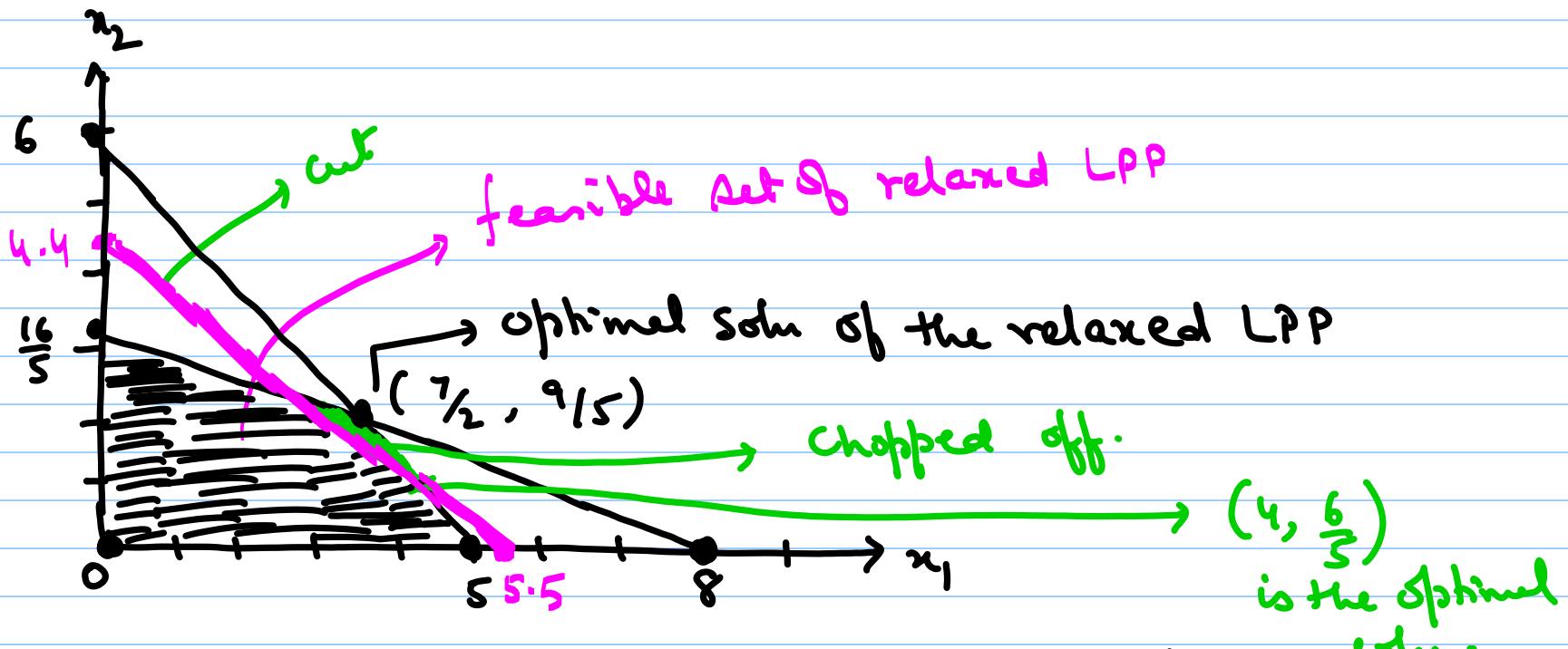
$$\max \left\{ \frac{z_j - y_j}{y_{ij}} \mid y_{ij} < 0 \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{20} \right) / \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right), \left( \frac{3}{20} \right) / \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right) \right\} = -\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow x_3 \text{ enters.}$$

| $c_B$ | $v_B$ | $x_B$         | $y_1$ | $y_2$ | $y_3$ | $y_4$          | $y_5$         |
|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| 1     | $x_2$ | $\frac{6}{5}$ | 0     | 1     | 0     | $-\frac{2}{5}$ | $\frac{6}{5}$ |
| 1     | $x_1$ | $\frac{4}{9}$ | 1     | 0     | 0     | $\frac{1}{2}$  | -1            |
| 0     | $x_3$ | 2             | 0     | 0     | 1     | 1              | -4            |
|       |       | $z_j - y_j$   | 0     | 0     | 0     | $\frac{1}{10}$ | $\frac{4}{5}$ |

∴ optimal soln is  $x_1^* = 4, x_2^* = \frac{6}{5}$  &  $Z = 26/5$

Graphical :



$$\text{Cut } \frac{1}{4}x_3 + \frac{1}{4}x_4 \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x_3 + x_4 \geq 2 \Rightarrow (16 - 2x_1 - 5x_2) + (30 - 6x_1 - 5x_2) \geq 2$$
$$\Rightarrow 4x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 22$$

One of the major disadvantage is that if the calculations are stopped prematurely during the implementation of this method in a large scale problem due to time limitation or cost effectiveness, then we will have "no good" integer solution (even to some approximation) in hand. Another problem is while working on computing devices, the round-off or truncation errors can cause issue in correctly distinguishing b/w integer and non-integer valued variables.

## Branch and Bound Method

Consider a linear binary variable program

$$(P) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max c^T x \\ & \text{s.t. } Ax \leq b \\ & x \in \{0, 1\}^n \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 1, x \text{ integer} \end{aligned}$$

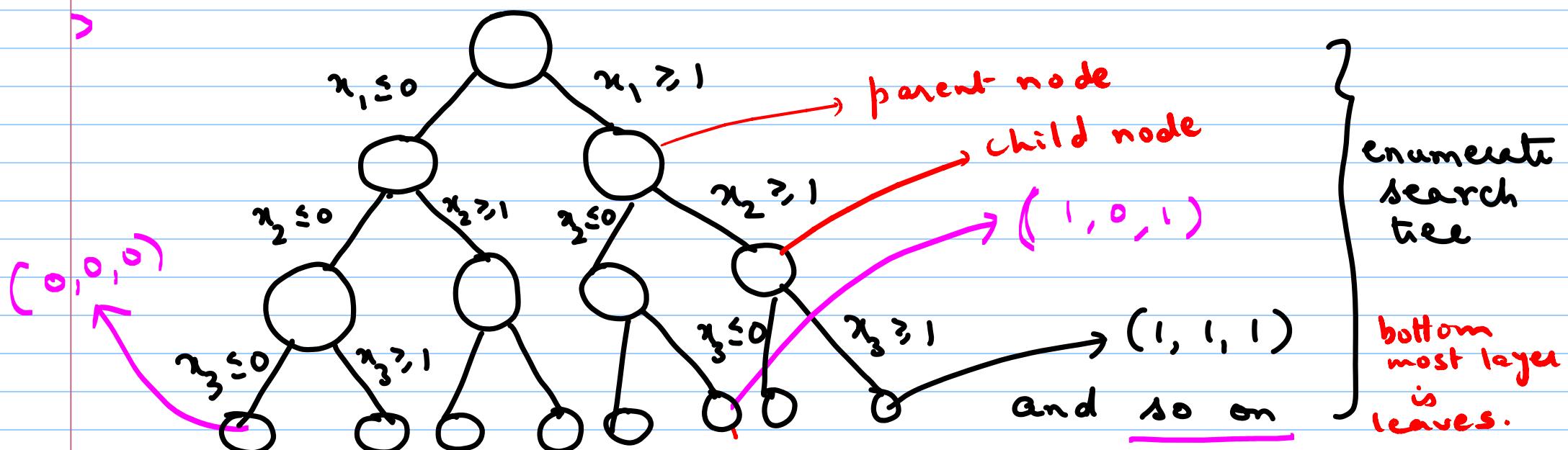
One way is to look for complete enumeration of  $2^n$  tuples of 0, 1 entries (brute force), and then obtain the one which is feasible and optimal among them.

A recursive way of enumerating all solutions is create search tree using one variable at a time.

For instance, let the variables for enumeration be ordered as

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

First solve LPP max  $c^T x$  s.t.  $Ax \leq b$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .



But for large  $n$ , we can not afford to enumerate all  $2^n$  0,1 tuples. We have to build some logic to reduce the branching search. This is done by eliminating a subtree from further enumeration. We eliminate a subtree or prune the branch of the tree when we realize that the ILP soln at the root of the subtree can not be optimal.

First solve the relaxed LP problem,  $LP(1)$ , and let  $x(1)$  be its optimal soln.

Incumbent: It is a feasible solution of ILP. It is also the

best solution for ILP so far (with the best objective value)  
we denote it by  $z_I$ .

Typically, when we start the B&B algo, we may not have an incumbent in hand (though in certain special cases, we have subroutines that find out a feasible integer solutions with a large objective values. The best of these is the initial incumbent); we may have to wait till we get initial incumbent. We till then take  $z_I = -\infty$ .

Once we have an optimal soln  $x^{(1)}$  of LP(1) at node 1,

(say  $x_i$  in  $x^{(1)}$ )

we identify the variable (taking fractional value to branch the node into two child nodes  $LP(2)$  and  $LP(3)$  by inserting the constraints  $x_i \leq 0$  and  $x_i \geq 1$ , respectively, in  $LP$

Let  $LP(j)$  be the relaxed  $LP$  at  $j^{\text{th}}$  node

$z_{LP}(j)$  be optimal value of  $LP(j)$

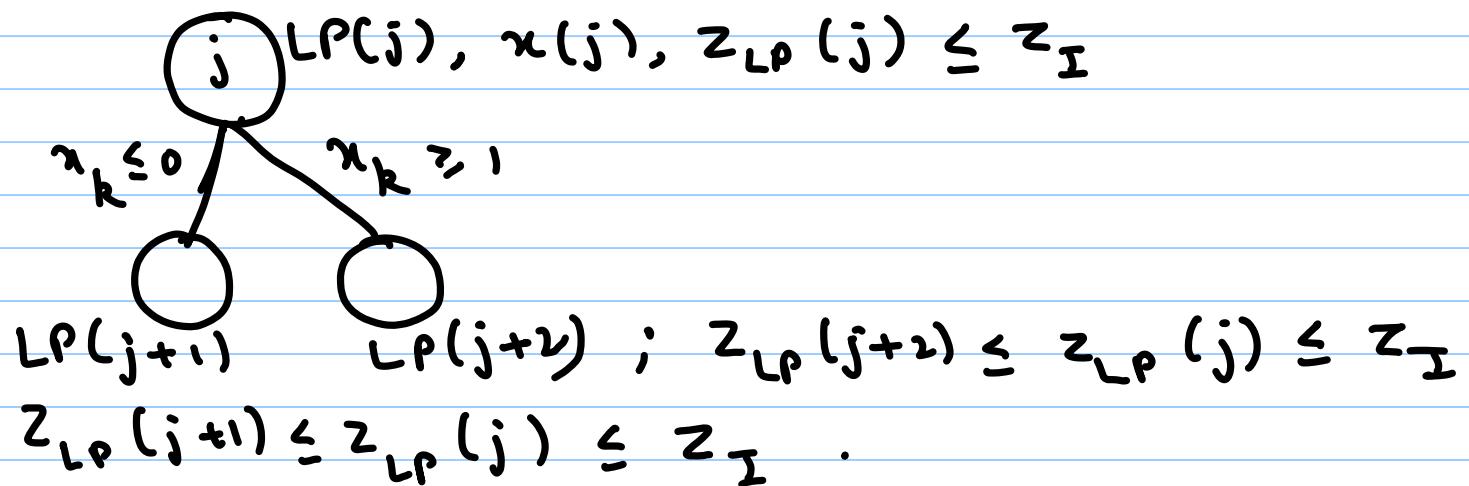
$IP(j)$  be the integer problem with  $LP(j)$

$z_{IP}(j)$  be the optimal value of  $IP(j)$

Note :  $z_{IP}(j) \leq z_{LP}(j)$ ,  $\forall j$

If any  $LP(j)$  is infeasible then prune that branch and

subsequent subtree. If at any node  $j$ ,  $z_{LP}(j) \leq z_I$  then at subsequent nodes with root node  $j$ , the objective value will decrease; means



no improvement will happen in the objective fn of ILP, so prune such a node.

The nodes which are not explored in the tree are called **active nodes**. Each active node must be enumerated.

If at any node  $j$ ,  $LP(j)$  is infeasible then  $ILP(j)$  is also infeasible so prune the node and stop enumerating the subtree from this pruned node.

In case  $LP(j)$  is feasible, possesses optimal solution  $\bar{x}(j)$  with optimal objective value  $z_{LP}(j) > z_I$  (say), then enumerate node  $j$ . Identify the variable for branching and create two subnodes with new LPP's listed on them.

- Select an active node  $j$
  - Solve  $LP(j)$ . Let optimal soln be  $x(j)$ , optimal value  $z_{LP}(j)$
  - If  $z_{LP}(j) \leq z_I$  then prune node  $j$ .
  - If  $z_{LP}(j) > z_I$  and  $x(j)$  is feasible for  $ILP(j)$ , then set incumbent soln by  $x(j)$  and  $z_I := z_{LP}(j)$
- Fathom node  $j$
- If  $z_{LP}(j) > z_I$  and  $x(j)$  is not feasible for  $ILP(j)$  then identify the variable to branch at node  $j$ .

and mark the two children nodes of  $j$  as "active".  
→ Mark node  $j$  inactive.

For eg: max  $24x_1 + 2x_2 + 20x_3 + 4x_4$   
s.t.  $8x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 9$   
 $x_i \in \{0, 1\}, \forall i$

Suppose incumbent is  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 0$ . Then,  $Z_I = 26$   
Now, suppose active node  $j = 2$  and we are solving  
the following LP(2) problem

$LP(2)$ 

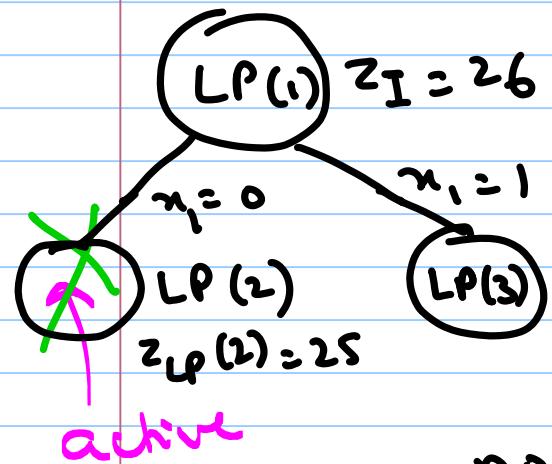
$$\max 24x_1 + 2x_2 + 20x_3 + 4x_4$$

 $\text{s.t}$ 

$$8x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 9$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$0 \leq x_2 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_3 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_4 \leq 1$$



Optimal soln is  $(0, 1, 1, 3/4)$  &  $Z_{LP(2)} = 25$

Since  $Z_{LP(2)} < Z_I = 26$ , if we further branch

node 2, then the objective value comes down

but we do not want it. So prune the node 2.

We then go to the next active node LP(3). And so on.

when choosing the next node (among the list of active nodes),  
we want

- do not jump too much to preserve and handle the data structure flow and keep in mind the limitation on memory required.
- to converge to the optimal soln quickly.

Depth first search (DFS): - found to be very efficient and fast; though can stuck up in suboptimal search tree.

Best first search(BFS): - look at the node with best relaxed value next. But found to be ill-worked.

Eg.  $\max 9x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 + 3x_4$

s.t.  $5x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 10$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}, \forall i$$

Initially, let  $z_I = -\infty$

LP(1)  $\max 9x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 + 3x_4$

s.t.  $5x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 10$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq 1, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

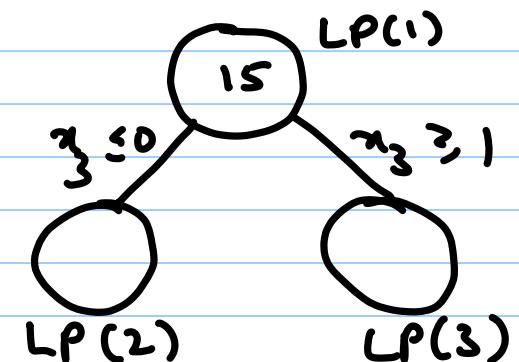
$$x(1) = (1, 1, 0, 0) \quad \& \quad z_{LP}(1) = 15$$

LP(2)

LP(1) and  $x_3 = 0$

LP(3)

LP(1) and  $x_3 = 1$



Mark node 1 as inactive. There are two active nodes now.

Let us enumerate node 2 for  $LP(2)$

$LP(2)$  : Optimal soln  $x(2) = (1, 1, 0, 0.75)$  and

$$Z_{LP}(2) = 14.25 > Z_I$$

Branch via variable  $x_4$  at  $LP(2)$

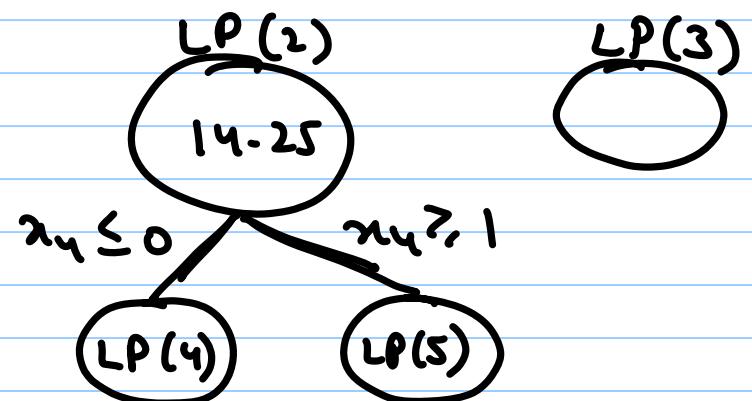
and make node 2 inactive.

We have 3 active nodes

- node 3, node 4, node 5.

Let us enumerate node 4

or  $LP(4) := LP(2)$  with  $x_4 \leq 0$ .



$LP(4)$ : optimal soln  $x(4) = (1, 1, 0, 0)$  and optimal value  
 $Z_{LP}(4) = 12$ .

Note this solution is feasible for  $ILP(4)$ ; so change  
incumbent  $Z_I = 12$ , and fathom node 4. (mark it  
inactive).

Now, the inactive nodes are node 5 and node 3.  
let us backtrack. Choose node 5 or  $LP(5)$

$\therefore LP(5)$  is  $LP(2)$  with  $x_4 \geq 1$

Optimal soln is  $x(5) = (1, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 1)$ , and optimal  
value  $Z_{LP}(5) = 13.5 > Z_I = 12$ .

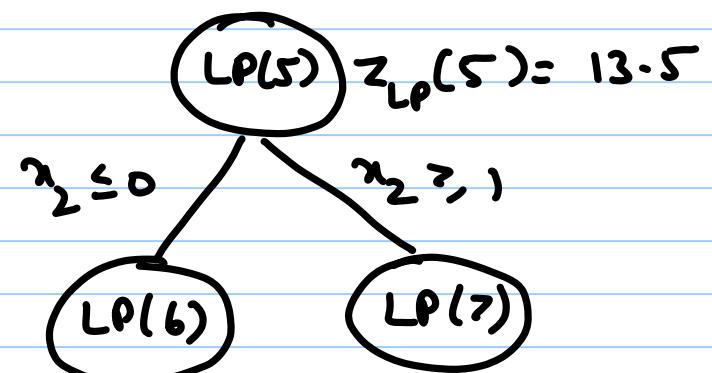
So, branch node 5 by variable  $x_2$  and then mark node 5 inactive. Enumerate LP(6)

LP(6) is

$$\max 9x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 + 3x_4$$

$$\text{s.t. } 5x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 + 4x_4 \leq 10$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 1 \\ x_1 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x_i \leq 1, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ x_3 \leq 0 \\ x_4 \geq 1 \\ x_2 \leq 0 \end{array}$$



Optimal soln  $x(6) = (1, 0, 0, 1)$  and  $Z_{LP}(6) = 12$

This being integer feasible soln so we can fathom the node and

$$z_I = 12 \text{ (still)}.$$

Inactive nodes are now node 7 and node 3.

let us enumerate  $LP(7)$

e.g. same as  $LP(6)$  but with  $x_2 \leq 0$  replaced by  $x_2 \geq 1$

Optimal soln  $x(7) = (0.8, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $z_{LP}(7) = 13.2 > z_I = 12$

∴ Branch out from node 7 into two branches via variable

$x_1$  and mark node 7 inactive.

∴ Next, we have 3 nodes active: node 8, node 9, and node 3.

Consider

$LP(8) : LP(7)$  with  $x_1 \leq 0$

$\therefore x(8) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $Z_{LP}(8) = 6$

Integer feasible soln, so fathom

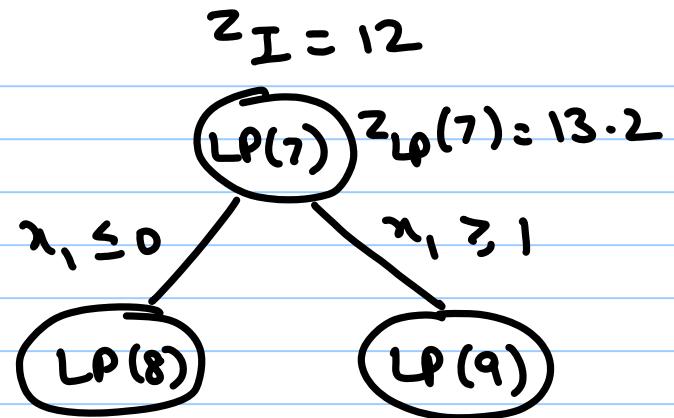
the node 8, but  $Z_{LP}(8) < Z_I$

so do not change the incumbent value or bound  $Z_I$ .

Consider

$LP(9) : LP(7)$  with  $x_1 \geq 1$

This model is infeasible, so prune the node and mark node 9 inactive.



The only active node is 3.

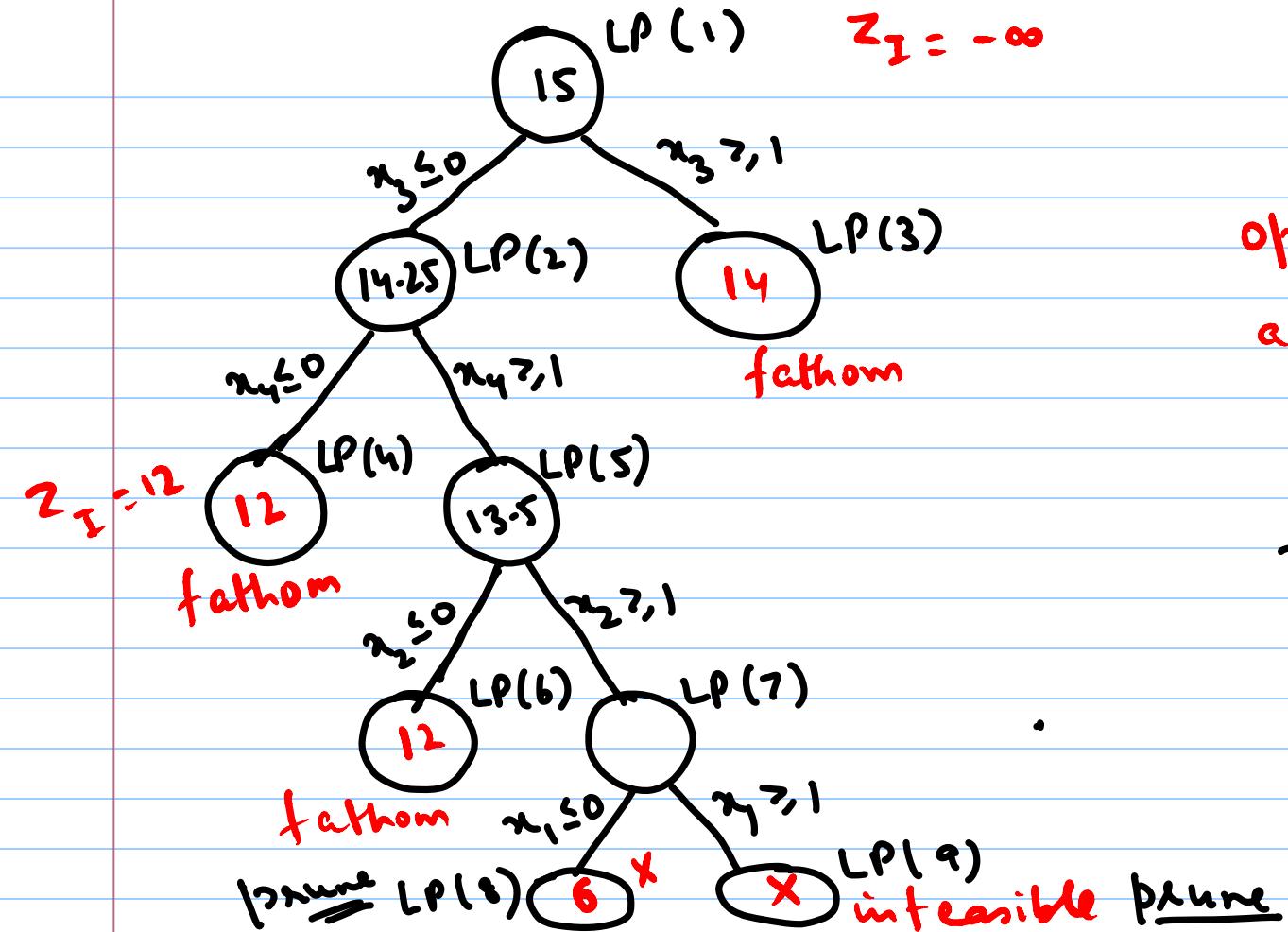
∴ Consider LP(3) = LP(1) with  $x_3 \geq 1$ .

Optimal soln  $x(3) = (1, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $Z_{LP}(3) = 14$

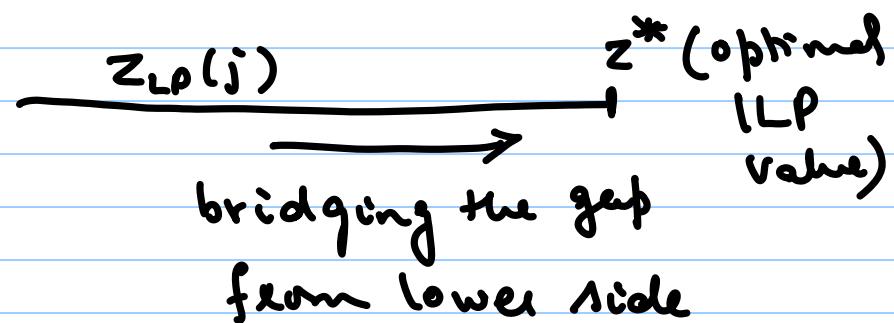
This is feasible soln of ILP and  $Z_{LP}(3) > Z_I$ .

∴ change  $Z_I = 14$  and mark node 3 as inactive.

Now the active node set is  $\emptyset$ ; so stop and the final  
optimal soln of ILP is  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$  with optimal value = 14.



optimal value = 14 =  $z_I$   
 and optimal soln (1, 0, 1, 0)



Eg:

$$\text{max } z = 7x_1 + 9x_2$$

$$\text{subject to } -x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 6$$

$$7x_1 + x_2 \leq 35$$

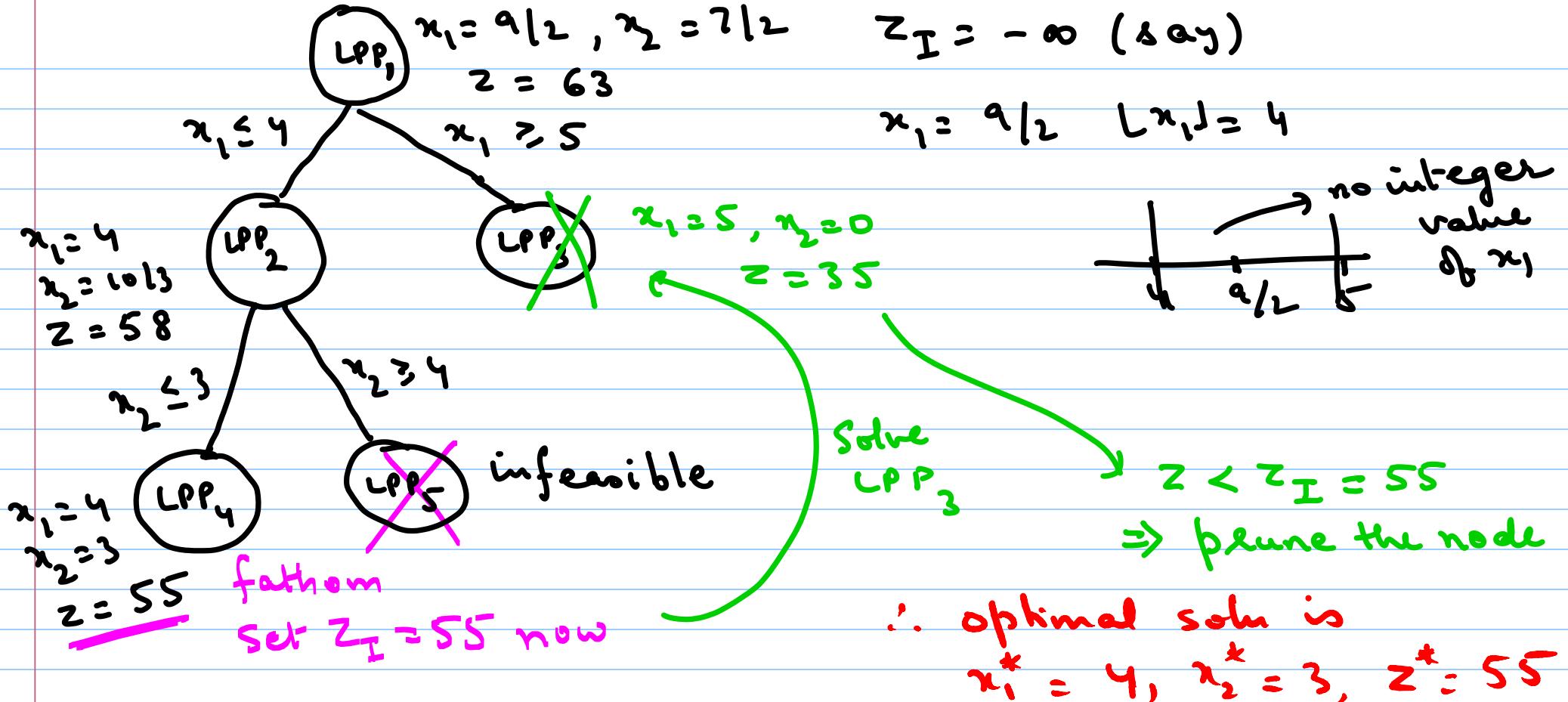
$$x_1 \leq 7$$

$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$  & both integers.

Solve the associated relaxed LPP.

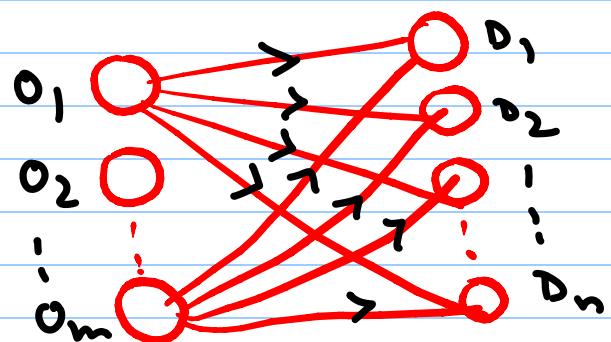
Optimal soln is  $x = (x_1 = 9/2, x_2 = 7/2)$  and  $z = 63$

If we can identify incumbent say  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1$ , integer feasible, then set  $z_I = 16$ , else simply set  $z_I = -\infty$ .



## Transportation Problems

It is a special case of network problems. Here, there are finite number of nodes called origins and a finite number of nodes called receivers/ destinations. A single homogenous commodity is to be transported from the origins to the destinations.



Each origin can transport to any destination and any destination can receive product from any origin.

There is no transport b/w origins and b/w destinations for this commodity.

One can see it as a graph problem where the graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a complete bipartite graph.

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called a bipartite graph if we can express  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , and any edge  $(u, v) \in E$ , the vertex  $u \in V_1$  and vertex  $v \in V_2$ .

Also, it is complete for each node in  $V_1$  and node in  $V_2$  are connected by an edge in  $E$ .

We can associate some weight with each edge in the framework. This weight can be treated as a cost of transportation of 1 unit of product. So, we have a cost matrix  $[C_{ij}]$ ,  $C_{ij}$ : cost of transporting one unit of product from  $O_i$  to  $D_j$ . Let each origin  $O_i$  has  $a_i$  units available and each destination  $D_j$  has a minimum demand of  $b_j$  units.

The aim is to find  $x_{ij} \geq 0$ , units to be transported from  $O_i$  to  $D_j$ , so as to minimize the overall cost of

transportation in the network.

$$(P) \quad \text{Min} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

s.t.  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \leq a_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} \geq b_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0, \quad \forall i, j.$$

Balanced TP: If all constraints hold as equality in (P)

|                | D <sub>1</sub> D <sub>2</sub> ... D <sub>n</sub>    | a <sub>i</sub> |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| 0 <sub>1</sub> | c <sub>11</sub> c <sub>12</sub> ... c <sub>1n</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> |
| 0 <sub>2</sub> | c <sub>21</sub> c <sub>22</sub> ... c <sub>2n</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> |
| ⋮              | ⋮   | ⋮              |
| 0 <sub>m</sub> | c <sub>m1</sub> c <sub>m2</sub> ... c <sub>mn</sub> | a <sub>m</sub> |
| b <sub>j</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> b <sub>2</sub> ... b <sub>n</sub>    | b              |

means

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = a_i, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = b_j \quad \forall i=1, \dots, m \\ j=1, \dots, n$$

→ The BTP is feasible iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$$

Proof :- Let  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j = M > 0$

Take  $x_{ij} = \frac{a_i b_j}{M} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i, j)$

Then,  $[x_{ij}]$  is feasible for BTP as

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = \frac{a_i}{M} \sum_{j=1}^n b_j = a_i + i$$

$$\& \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = \frac{b_j}{M} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i = b_j + j$$

$\therefore$  BTP is feasible.

Converse follows from the constraints of BTP naturally.

Also, a feasible BTP is always bounded because

$$0 \leq x_{ij} \leq \min\{a_i, b_j\}, \forall i, j.$$

$\Rightarrow \sum \sum c_{ij} x_{ij}$  is finite in the feasible set of BTP.

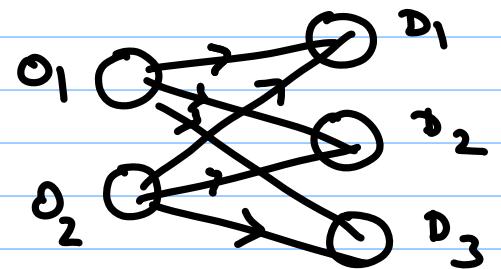
Without loss of generality we can assume each  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  is a non-negative integers with at least one  $a_i > 0, b_j > 0$ .

Let us see the structure of the coefficient matrix A from the constraints of BTP.

Suppose we have 2 origins and 3 destinations.

$$\begin{cases} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} = a_1 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} = a_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_{11} + x_{21} = b_1 \\ x_{12} + x_{22} = b_2 \\ x_{13} + x_{23} = b_3 \end{cases}$$



$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} E_1 & E_2 \\ I_3 & I_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$5 \times 6$

In general, with  $m$  origins and  $n$  destinations

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc|c|ccccc} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} & x_{21} & \dots & x_{2n} & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & & & & & & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & & & & & & & & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & & & & & & & & & \end{array} \right] \quad (m+n) \times mn$$

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} E_1 & E_2 & \cdots & E_m \\ I_n & I_n & & I_n \end{array} \right]_{(m+n) \times (mn)}$$

Result: Rank of A is  $m+n-1$ .

Proof:- let  $R_k$  denote the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row of A. Then, note

$$\sum_{k=1}^m R_k - \sum_{k=m+1}^n R_k = 0 \Rightarrow \text{one of the row is a linear combination of the other } m+n-1 \text{ rows.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) \leq m+n \quad (\text{note, typically } m+n \leq mn, \text{ for } m \neq 1, n \neq 1)$$

Next we produce a submatrix B of A such that-  
 $B \in (m+n-1) \times (m+n-1)$  and  $|B| \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = m+n-1$

Define a submatrix

$$\hat{B} = [a_{1n} \ a_{2n} \ \dots \ a_{mn} \ a_{11} \ a_{12} \ \dots \ a_{1n-1}] \quad (m+n) \times (m+n-1)$$

and delete the last row from  $\hat{B}$  to get

$$B = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & - & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} I_m & E_1 \\ 0 & I_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|B| = 1 \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$$B \text{ is } (m+n-1) \times (m+n-1)$$

∴ In a BTP, the no. of variables are  $mn$  and basic variables are  $m+n-1$ . So,  $mn - m-n+1 = (m-1)(n-1)$

variables are non-basic and this number could be very large.

Result: A is a unimodular matrix.

Before proving it, let us define a unimodular matrix.

Let M be any matrix with entries from the set  $\{0, 1, -1\}$  only.

M is called a unimodular matrix if every square sub-matrix of M has determinant -1, 1, or 0.

e.g.  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|M| = -1(-1+1) = 0$  } Not a unimodular matrix.

But  $\det. = 2$

e.g.  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is unimodular.

Proof : Let  $A_k$  be any  $k \times k$  submatrix of  $A$ . Three cases arise:

(i)  $\exists$  a column in  $A_k$  with all entries zero  $\Rightarrow |A_k| = 0$

(ii) every column of  $A_k$  has exactly 2 ones  $\Rightarrow |A_k| = 0$

(iii)  $\exists$  a column in  $A_k$  with exactly 1 one. (rank result argument)

Open the determinant of  $A_k$  with this column

$$\Rightarrow |A_k| = \pm |A_{k-1}|$$

Apply now the same argument of 3 cases to  $A_{k-1}$  to get

$$|A_{k-1}| = 0 \text{ or } |A_{k-1}| = \pm |A_{k-2}| \text{ & so on.}$$

Finally, we get a  $1 \times 1$  submatrix  $A_1$ , which is 1 or 0.

$$\therefore |A_{kl}| = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad |A_{kl}| = \pm 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Each square submatrix of A has determinant 0 or  $\pm 1$ , giving A is a unimodular matrix.

Note as rank of A is  $m+n-1$ ; every basis matrix of BTP will have  $m+n-1$  basic columns. By unimodularity,  $|B| = \pm 1$ .

Let  $a_{ij}$  by  $((i-1)n+j)^{\text{th}}$  column of A

$a_{11}$  : 1<sup>st</sup> column of A - -  $a_{21}$  :  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  column of A

$a_{12}$  : 2<sup>nd</sup> column of A

$a_{2n}$  :  $2n^{\text{th}}$  column of A

$a_{mn}$  :  $mn^{\text{th}}$  column of A .

Each  $a_{ij} = e_i + e_{m+j}$

where  $e_k$  is the  $(m+n) \times 1$  column with  $k^{\text{th}}$  entry 1 and all other entries 0.

Let  $B = [a_{\alpha\beta}]$  be a basis matrix. If  $a_{ij}$  is a column in  $A$  which is not in  $B$ , then we can write

$$a_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} y_{\alpha\beta} a_{\alpha\beta}$$

Note : each  $y_{\alpha\beta} \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ . So, the pivot element (if we apply the simplex to solve BTP) have value +1 always. In that case, when we move from  $B$  to next  $\hat{B}$

the basic variables formula becomes

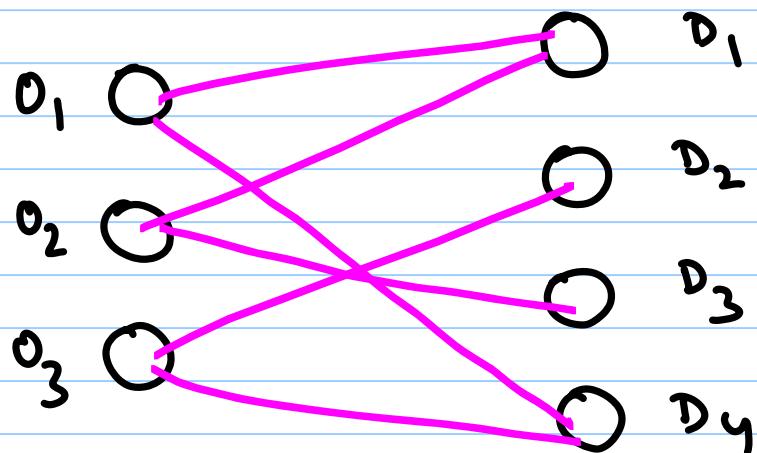
$$\hat{x}_{B_i}^j = \begin{cases} x_{B_i} + x_{B_L} & \text{if } y_{ij} = -1 \\ x_{B_i} - x_{B_L} & \text{if } y_{ij} = +1 \\ x_{B_i} & \text{if } y_{ij} = 0 \end{cases}$$

&  $\hat{x}_{B_L}^j = x_{B_L}$ .

Note in this formula one do not require any multiplication or division ; and thus pivoting step and computing new BFS is much more easier by addition / subtraction only.

Let us see what is happening from graph point of view

let  $m = 3, n = 4$



No. of basic variables

$$= m + n - 1 = 6$$

and these are independent.

In graph the 6 edges of basic variable forms a tree.

A tree in graph theory is a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , which is connected and acyclic.

We have just randomly took 6 edges (violet) to depict

BFS in hand; basic variables are  $x_{11}, x_{14}, x_{21}, x_{23}, x_{32}, x_{34}$

If we write a symbolic matrix of A as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

The diagram shows a 3x4 matrix with circled entries. The first column has entries  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{21}$ , and  $a_{31}$ . The second column has entries  $a_{12}$ ,  $a_{22}$ , and  $a_{32}$ . The third column has entries  $a_{13}$  (boxed),  $a_{23}$ , and  $a_{33}$ . The fourth column has entries  $a_{14}$ ,  $a_{24}$ , and  $a_{34}$ . Blue lines connect the circled entries in each row:  $a_{11}$  to  $a_{12}$ ,  $a_{21}$  to  $a_{22}$ , and  $a_{31}$  to  $a_{32}$ . There are also blue lines connecting the circled entries in each column:  $a_{11}$  to  $a_{21}$ ,  $a_{11}$  to  $a_{31}$ ,  $a_{12}$  to  $a_{22}$ ,  $a_{12}$  to  $a_{32}$ ,  $a_{13}$  to  $a_{23}$ ,  $a_{13}$  to  $a_{33}$ ,  $a_{14}$  to  $a_{24}$ , and  $a_{14}$  to  $a_{34}$ .

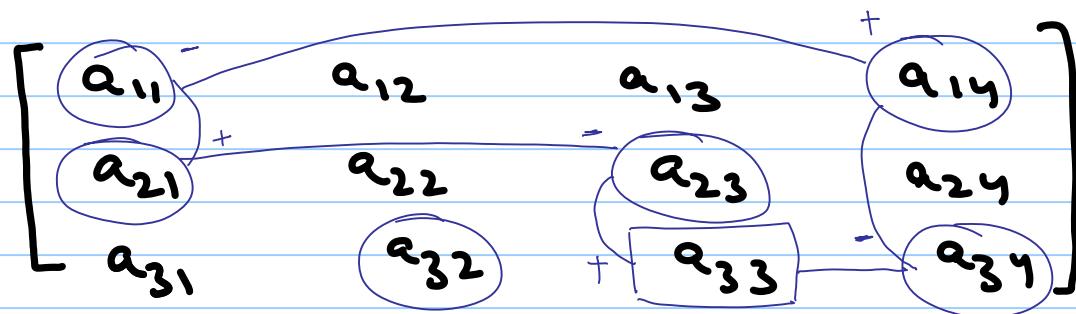
The columns forming current B are circled. We can find atleast one circle in each row and atleast one circle cell in each column ?? A is a unimodular matrix.

Now if the current BFS is not optimal we have to identify a variable (or column) to enter in B. Suppose that variable is  $x_{13}$  or column  $a_{13}$  depicted in red in the matrix (back pg). This will lead to a formation of unique loop. we can see

$$a_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} - a_{21} + a_{23}$$

or  $a_{13} - a_{11} + a_{21} - a_{23} = 0$ . (The +, - sign in loop)

Instead of  $x_{13}$  or  $a_{13}$  suppose  $a_{33}$  (or  $x_{33}$ ) enters into the basis



$$\begin{aligned} a_{33} - a_{34} + a_{14} - a_{11} + a_{21} - a_{23} &= 0 \\ \text{Loop in graph is } &\Rightarrow a_{33} = a_{34} - a_{14} + a_{11} - a_{21} + a_{23} \\ D_3 \rightarrow O_3 \rightarrow D_4 \rightarrow O_1 \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow O_2 \rightarrow D_3. &\quad \therefore y_{34} = 1 \\ &\quad y_{11} = 1 \\ &\quad y_{23} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

There after, we have to find the outgoing variable by taking

min. ratio  $\left\{ \frac{x_{Bij}}{y_{ij}} \mid y_{ij} > 0 \right\}$ .  $\therefore$  Here, we would be

taking the min value of  $x_{B_{st}}$  &  $(s, t) : y_{st} = +1$   
in the branches of the cycle created.

Also recall to find entering variable we need to compute  
 $z_{ij} - c_{ij}$  and for minimization, the optimality criterion is  
that  $z_{ij} - c_{ij} \leq 0$ . These opportunity costs are computed  
using the dual problem. So, we have to write the dual of  
BTP.

We write the dual of BTP

$$(P) \quad \min \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = a_i, i=1, \dots, m \quad \leftarrow u_i \right\}$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = b_j, j=1, \dots, n \quad \leftarrow v_j \right\}$  var.  
 $x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i, j)$

Dual (D)  $\max \sum_{i=1}^m a_i u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j v_j$

subject to  $u_i + v_j \leq c_{ij} \quad \forall (i, j)$   
 $u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall (i, j)$

At optimality

$$\sum_{i=1}^m u_i w_i + \sum_{j=1}^n v_j v_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n (u_i + v_j - c_{ij}) x_{ij} = 0 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

For  $x_{ij} > 0$ , we must have  $u_i + v_j - c_{ij} = 0$  —  $\textcircled{2}$

Otherwise  $u_i + v_j - c_{ij} \leq 0$  by dual feasibility.

In  $\textcircled{2}$ , we have  $m+n-1$  eqns and  $m+n$  variables. To determine them

we pick one of them say  $u_i = 0$  and compute all other  $u_i$  &  $v_j$ . So, the dual soln is fully known.

For non-basic cells compute  $z_{ij} - c_{ij} = u_i + v_j - c_{ij}$   
If all are  $\leq 0$ , then current BFS is optimal soln. else  
we find the cell  $(s, t)$  such that  $u_s + v_t - c_{st} > 0$  and most  
tve. Choose the cell  $(s, t)$  to enter in the basis. In case  
of multiple choices for  $(s, t)$ , pick the one arbitrarily.

$\therefore$  In the next iteration  $x_{st}$  is a basic variable.  
Thereafter, starting from cell  $(s, t)$  construct

a unique loop & this will be used to identify the outgoing pair  $(i, j)$ .

To find the first BFS: There are quite a few methods for finding initial BFS. We discuss Vogel's approximation method (VAM).

In the cost matrix  $[c_{ij}]$  of BTP, in each row  $i$ , find the minimum cost and the second minimum cost. Take the absolute difference of the two & note it down for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row. Repeat this exercise with each column also.

Among all differences say  $\alpha_i$  for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row and  $\beta_j$  for each column, choose the  $\max\{\alpha_i, \beta_j\} > 0$ . Suppose this maximum happens at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row. So, go in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row and in the cell with least cost. Fill this cell  $x_{kr}$  by  $\min\{\alpha_k, b_r\}$  exhausting either row availability or column requirement. Cancel that row / column. Repeat these steps with the reduced cost matrix. Till all rows & columns availability & requirement fulfilled.

\* At the end of each assignment of value, the  $a_i/b_r$  must be adjusted.

|       | $D_1$ | $D_2$ | $D_3$ | $D_4$ | $a_i$     |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| $O_1$ | 10    | 3     | 9     | 2     | 12        |
| $O_2$ | 6     | 5     | 10    | 5     | 18        |
| $O_3$ | 2     | 9     | 11    | 6     | 11        |
| $b_j$ | 10    | 8     | 15    | 8     | <u>41</u> |

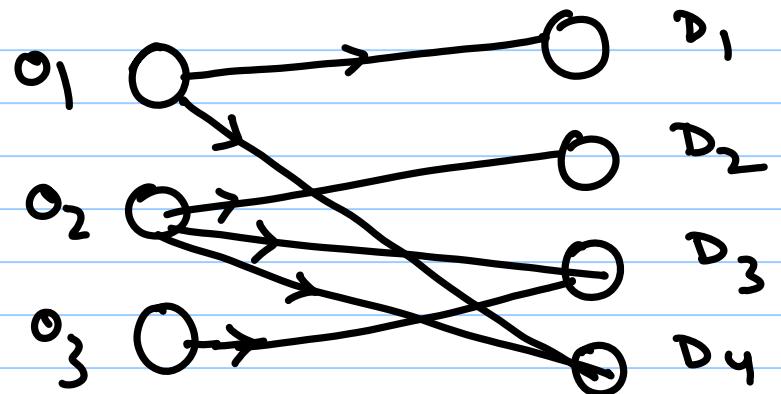
BFS :  $x_{11} = 10, x_{14} = 2$

$x_{22} = 8, x_{23} = 4, x_{24} = 6$

$x_{33} = 11$

and  $Z = 155.$

Once BFS is with us we have to check its optimality.



Solve

$$u_i + v_j = c_{ij}$$

& cells  $(i, j)$  which  
are basic.

$$\therefore u_1 + v_1 = 1, \quad u_1 + v_4 = 1$$

$$u_2 + v_2 = 5, \quad u_2 + v_3 = 10$$

$$u_2 + v_4 = 5, \quad u_3 + v_3 = 3$$

$$\text{Set } u_1 = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = 1, \quad v_4 = 1, \quad u_2 = 4, \quad v_2 = 1, \quad v_3 = 6, \quad u_3 = -3$$

|       | $D_1$   | $D_2$       | $D_3$     | $D_4$    | $a_i$ | $u_i$ |
|-------|---------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
| $b_j$ | 10      | 8           | 15        | 8        | 11    | -3    |
| $r_j$ | 1       | 1           | 6         | 1        |       |       |
|       | .       | .           | .         | .        |       |       |
|       | 2 (-4)  | 4 (-6) 11 3 | 6 (-8)    |          |       |       |
| $0_1$ | 10 (-1) | 8 (-5) 5    | 6 (-3) 10 | 6 (-5) 5 | 12    | 0     |
| $0_2$ |         |             |           |          | 18    | 4     |
| $0_3$ |         |             |           |          |       |       |

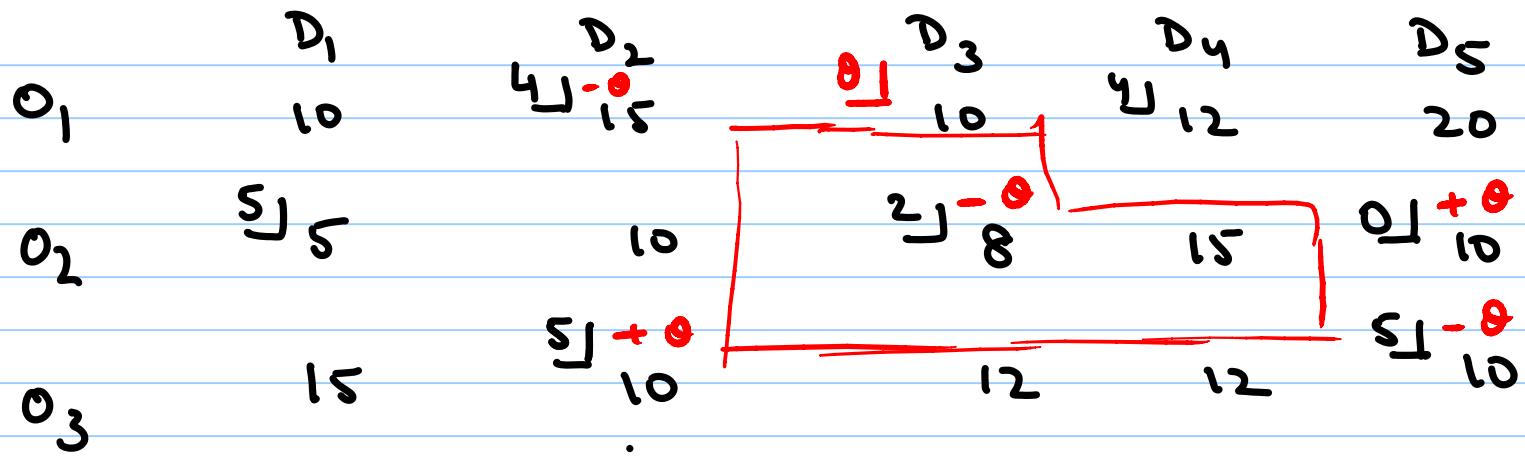
$$z_{ij} - c_{ij} = u_i + v_j - c_{ij} \leq 0, \text{ for non basic cells } (i, j)$$

$\therefore$  current BFS is optimal. for BTP.

|       | $D_1$ | $D_2$ | $D_3$ | $D_4$ | $D_5$ | $a_i$ | $u_i$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $0_1$ | 10    | 15    | 10    | 12    | 20    | 8     | 0     |
| $0_2$ | 5     | 10    | 8     | 15    | 10    | 7     | -5    |
| $0_3$ | 15    | 10    | 12    | 12    | 10    | 10    | -5    |
| $b_j$ | 5     | 9     | 2     | 4     | 5     |       |       |
| $v_j$ | 10    | 15    | 13    | 12    | 15    |       |       |

$$Z = 249$$

$Z_{13} - C_{13} = u_1 + v_3 - c_{13} = 3 > 0 \Rightarrow x_{13}$  enters in basis.



assign  $x_{13} = \theta$  and then alternatively adjust  
this  $\theta$ . Choose

$$\theta = \min\{4, 2, 5\} = 2 \quad (\text{corresponding to } y_{ij} = +1 \text{ in loop})$$

|          |           |           |           |           |    |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|
|          |           |           |           |           |    | $u_i$     |
| 10       | $\geq 15$ | $\leq 10$ | $\leq 12$ | 20        | 0  |           |
| $\leq 5$ | 10        | 8         | 15        | $\geq 10$ | -5 | $z = 243$ |
| 15       | $\geq 10$ | 12        | 12        | $\leq 10$ | -5 |           |
| $v_j$    | 10        | 15        | 10        | 12        | 15 |           |

Compute  $u_i + v_j - c_{ij}$ . Here,  $u_i + v_j - c_{ij} \leq 0$  & non-basic

cells  $(i, j)$ .  $\therefore$  Current BFS is optimal and optimal cost is 243.

Unbalanced TP: (P) is called unbalanced TP if

$$(1) \sum_{i=1}^m a_i > \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \quad \text{or}$$

$$(2) \sum_{i=1}^m a_i < \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$$

In case (1): Supply is more than demand. We create a dummy destination  $D_{n+1}$  with requirement  $b_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i - \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$  and associate cost

$$c_{in+1} = \min \{0, c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{in}\}, i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

In Case (2) when supply is less than the demand, we create a dummy origin  $O_{m+1}$  with availability  $a_{m+1} = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j - \sum_{i=1}^m a_i > 0$

The costs in this  $O_{m+1}$  row are

$$c_{m+1,j} = \min \{ 0, c_{1,j}, c_{2,j}, \dots, c_{m,j} \}, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then solve the resultant BTP.

|      | $D_1$          | $D_2$ | $D_3$ | $D_4$ | $a_i$ |    |                 |
|------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----------------|
| e.g. | 0 <sub>1</sub> | 1     | 3     | 0     | 1     | 20 | $\sum b_j = 41$ |
|      | 0 <sub>2</sub> | -6    | 5     | 10    | -5    | 34 | $\sum a_i = 65$ |
|      | 0 <sub>3</sub> | 2     | -4    | 3     | 0     | 11 |                 |
|      | $b_j$          | 10    | 8     | 15    | 8     |    |                 |

|       | $D_1$ | $D_2$ | $D_3$ | $D_4$ | $D_5$ | $c_i$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $b_j$ | 10    | 8     | 15    | 8     | 24    | 65    |
| $O_1$ | 1     | 3     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 20    |
| $O_2$ | -6    | 5     | 10    | -5    | -6    | 34    |
| $O_3$ | 2     | -4    | 3     | 0     | -4    | 11    |

Optimal soln of BTP is

$$x_{13} = 20, \quad x_{21} = 26, \quad x_{24} = 8, \quad x_{32} = 11$$

& optimal  $Z = -240$

## Assignment Problem

# of jobs = n

# of men = n

→ Each job is to be assigned to one person & one person can be assigned one job only. Jobs can not be partitioned and each person is capable of doing any job assigned to him/her.

We are looking at a bijection in Complete bipartite graph with a total of n-nodes in each partition of V.

There are  $n!$  such bijection maps b/w  $O_i$  and  $D_j$   
 $i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, n$ , out of which we have to choose the one with the least cost of getting all jobs done. Mathematically, we want to find  $x_{ij}$  (which job is assigned to which machine)

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ job is assign to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ machine} \\ 0 & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ job is not assign to } j^{\text{th}} \text{ machine} \end{cases}$$

(AP)  $\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$  subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1, \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 1$   
 $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ .

We can see the problem (AP) as a special case of BTP  
with all  $a_i^j$ 's = 1 and all  $b_j^i$ 's = 1.

$$\# \text{ of basic variables} = n + n - 1 = 2n - 1$$

$$\# \text{ of nonbasic variables} = (n-1)^2 = n^2 - (2n-1)$$

Out of  $n^2$  variables  $x_{ij}$  only  $2n-1$  are basic variables  
And out of  $2n-1$  such variables only  $n$  variables can  
take value 1 in basic feasible solns and remaining  
 $n-1$  other variables taking value 0. This  $n-1$  could be a

large number  $\therefore$  there is a large no. of degenerate basic variables (or any BFS see a large degeneracy). For this we did not apply the tool of solving BTP to solve AP problem.

Before we move on, the (AP) problem involves binary variables as all  $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ . So, one can think of applying the B&B method. But truly we would not be requiring it because of the special structure inherited by the matrix A in (AP).

Doubly stochastic matrix: An  $n \times n$  matrix  $M = [m_{ij}]$  is called a doubly stochastic matrix if all its entries are non-negative

and  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_{ij} = 1, \forall j$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n m_{ij} = 1, \forall i$

eg  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2/3 & 2/3 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1/5 & 2/5 & 2/5 \\ 1/5 & 3/5 & 1/5 \\ 3/5 & 0 & 2/5 \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $D$  be the set of all doubly stochastic matrices.  
→  $D$  is a convex set and its extreme points are the

matrices  $x = [x_{ij}] \in D$ , with each  $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ .

like

$$D = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & 1-m_{11} \\ 1-m_{11} & m_{11} \end{bmatrix} : m_{11} \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

Extreme points of  $D$  are

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & 1-m_{11} \\ 1-m_{11} & m_{11} \end{bmatrix} : m_{11} \in \{0, 1\} \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$D = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & 1-m_{11}-m_{12} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & 1-m_{21}-m_{22} \\ 1-m_{11}-m_{21} & 1-m_{12}-m_{22} & -1+m_{11}+m_{12}+m_{21}+m_{22} \end{bmatrix} : \begin{matrix} m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{21}, m_{22} \\ \in [0, 1] \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Extreme points of  $D$  are

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 - 6 in number

In (AP), we ignore the binary condition on  $x_{ij}$  & solve it like LPP. An optimal soln of (AP) will always exist and naturally at an extreme point of  $D$ , where  $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\forall (i, j)$  holds.

Let  $(AP)$  be an assignment problem with cost matrix  $C = [c_{ij}]$ . Let transformation happens in rows | columns  $\delta_b C$  to get  $\hat{C} = [\hat{c}_{ij}]$ , where  $\hat{c}_{ij} = c_{ij} + \alpha_i + \beta_j$ ,  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let we form an AP with matrix  $\hat{C}$  and call it as  $(\hat{AP})$ .

Result: The two assignment problems  $(AP)$  and  $(\hat{AP})$  have the same optimal solns (or assignment).

Proof: - Note the feasible sets of both  $(AP)$  and  $(\hat{AP})$  are the same.

Let  $[x_{ij}]$  be any feasible soln of (AP) or  $(\hat{A}\hat{P})$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{z} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{c}_{ij} x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (c_{ij} + \alpha_i + \beta_j) x_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \right) \\ &= z + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \quad (\text{using feasibility of } [x_{ij}]) \\ &= z + \text{constant.}\end{aligned}$$

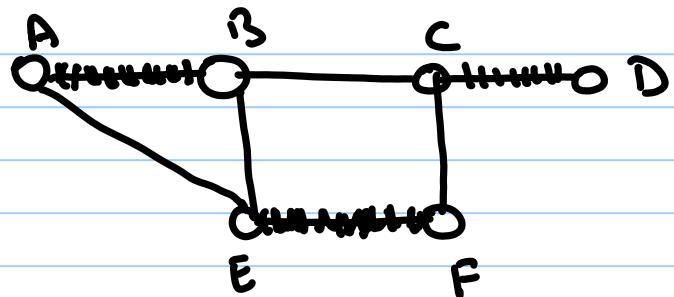
$\therefore$  optimal soln of (AP) and  $(\hat{A}\hat{P})$  would be the same though

the optimal values of  $(AP)$  and  $(\hat{AP})$  would differ by some constant.

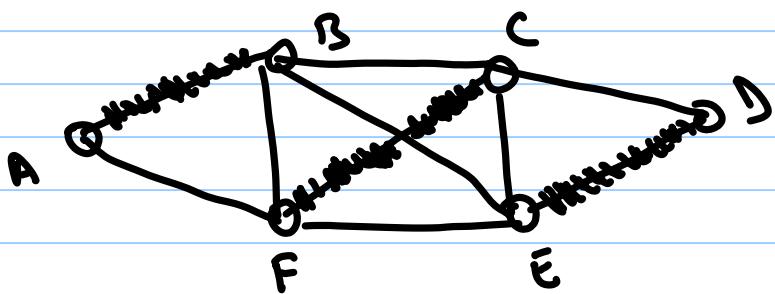
**Hungarian Method:** It is a combinatorial algo which solves the assignment problem in a polynomial time. It was developed by Harold Kuhn. The name Hungarian was given by Kuhn to acknowledge the works of two Hungarian researchers Dénes König and Jenő Egerváry, who contributed immensely to the theory of AP from graph theory perspective.

**König Egerváry Theorem:** In a matrix of 0's and 1's, the maximum number of zeros such that no two of them are in same line is the minimum number of lines which collectively contains all 0's. Here, by lines means row or column.

- In any bipartite graph, the maximum size of a matching equals the minimum size of cover
- Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a matching  $M$  in  $G$  is a set of pairwise non-adjacent edges.



matching in  $G$ .



matching in  $G$

In (AP), we are trying to find maximum matching of least cost.

### Algorithm :

- 1) choose the minimum cost in each row and subtract it from each element of each cost of this row.
- 2) Repeat 1) for each column.

After these two steps each row and each column will have at least one zero. Let this transformed cost matrix be  $\hat{C}$ .

- 3) Find maximum no. of independent zeros in  $\hat{C}$ . Let these be  $r$ . Naturally,  $r \leq n$  and this  $r$  is called index of  $\hat{C}$ .  
( Any two zeros of  $\hat{C}$  are independent if they are not in the

same row or in the same column; and more than two zeros in  
 $\hat{C}$  are called independent if every two of them are independent)

- 4) If  $r = n$  then stop and we have optimised assignment by assigning  $x_{ij} = 1$  at cells  $(i, j)$  corresponding to independent zeros. Else go to next step
- 5) Find the minimum number of lines to cover all zeros of  $\hat{C}$ . By König Egervary theorem this line no. is equal to maximum no. of independent zeros in  $\hat{C}$ .  
choose the smallest elt among the uncovered zeros, say  $y$ .

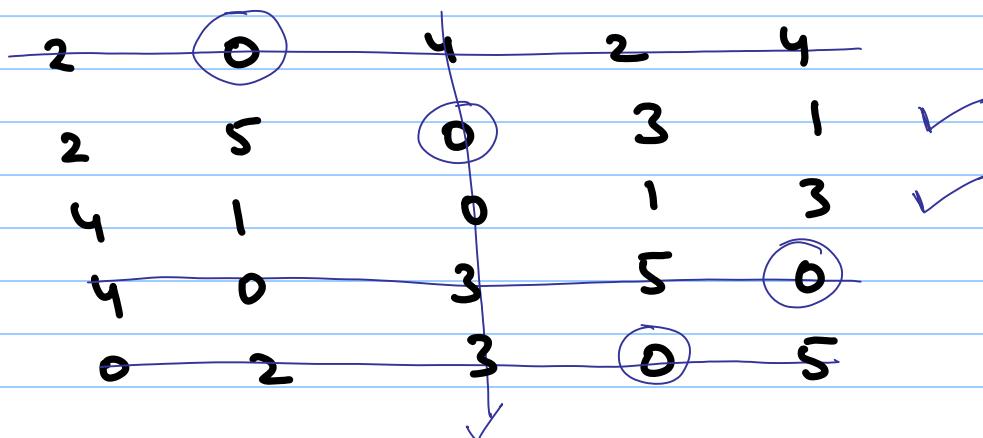
Subtract this  $r$  from all uncovered elements, add  $r$  to all elements which are at the intersection of lines drawn, and leave all other elements unchanged to get a new  $\hat{C}$ .  
Repeat the steps with  $\hat{C}$ .

Note: we have develop algo with  $c_{ij} \geq 0 \forall (i, j)$  in  $C$   
In case entries in  $C$  are -ve then we can choose some  $\xi > 0$  and add it to all elements of  $C$  to get  $C_\xi$  with all entries  $\geq 0$ . This will not alter the optimal soln by lemma though the optimal value with  $C$  and  $C_\xi$  will differ by a constant  $\xi$

Eg:

|      | Machines |    |   |    |    |
|------|----------|----|---|----|----|
|      | 7        | 5  | 9 | 8  | 11 |
| Jobs | 9        | 12 | 7 | 11 | 10 |
|      | 8        | 5  | 4 | 6  | 9  |
|      | 7        | 3  | 6 | 9  | 5  |
|      | 4        | 6  | 7 | 5  | 11 |

C :



$$n = 4$$

$$n = 5$$

min elt = 1 (uncovered)

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 |

$$\underline{r = n = 5}$$

Optimal assignment

$J_1 \rightarrow M_2$  ;  $J_2 \rightarrow M_3$  ;  $J_3 \rightarrow M_4$  ,  $J_4 \rightarrow M_5$

$J_5 \rightarrow M_1$ , and optimal cost = 27.

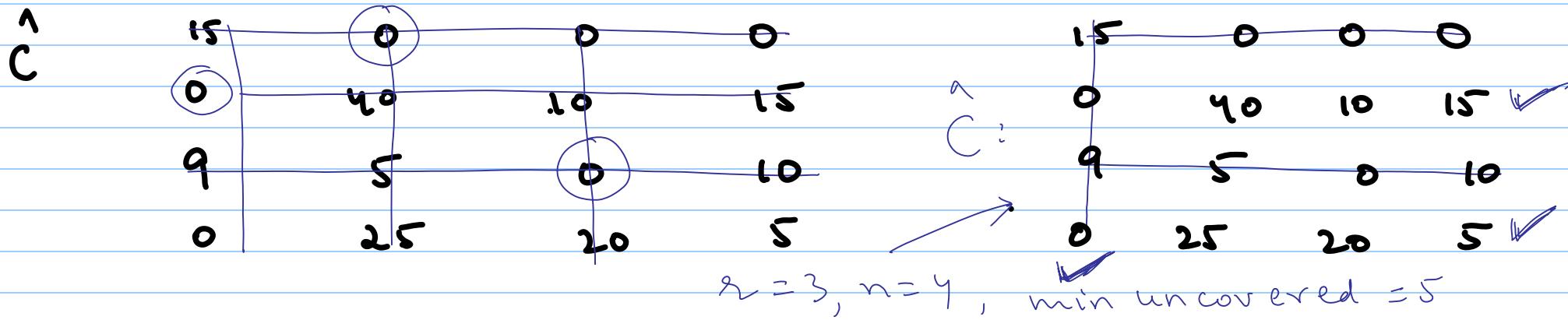
"To find the minimum no. of lines to cover zeros"

- (1) Mark all rows for which the assignment is not made
- (2) Mark all columns not already marked with assigned zeros in the marked rows.
- (3) Mark all rows not already marked which have assigned zeros in the marked columns

Draw cover grid through unmarked rows and marked columns to get  $r$ .

Machines

|    | 3  | 40 | 75  | 75 | 80  |
|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| C: | 0  | 45 | 85  | 55 | 65  |
| B  | 99 |    | 95  | 90 | 105 |
| S  | 15 |    | 100 | 95 | 85  |



|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 20 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0  | 35 | 5  | 10 |
| 14 | 5  | 0  | 10 |
| 0  | 20 | 15 | 0  |

Transformed cost-

|    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|
| 20 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| 0  | 35 | 5  | 10 |
| 14 | 5  | 0  | 10 |
| 0  | 20 | 15 | 0  |

$$l = n = 4$$

Optimality holds.

optimal assignment

$$J_1 \rightarrow M_2$$

$$J_2 \rightarrow M_1$$

$$J_3 \rightarrow M_3$$

$$J_4 \rightarrow M_4$$

$$Z = 75 + 45 + 90 + 85 = 295$$

### Dual of (AP)

$$(AP) \min \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

s.t.  $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = 1, i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = 1, j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i, j)$$

$$(\text{Dual}) \max \sum_{i=1}^n u_i + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j$$

s.t.  $u_i + v_j \leq c_{ij}$

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, n \\ j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$u_i, v_j \in \mathbb{R}, \forall (i, j)$$

$u_i$  and  $v_j$  are dual variables.

At optimality  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m c_{ij} x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i + \sum_{j=1}^m v_j$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{ij} - u_i - v_j) x_{ij} = 0.$$

Now,  $c_{ij} - u_i - v_j \geq 0$ ,  $x_{ij} \geq 0$  & sum = 0 means

$$(c_{ij} - u_i - v_j)x_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall (i, j) \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

complimentarity condition.

Now in step 1 of the method we find the least elt rowwise  
that is precisely

Let  $u_i = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} c_{ij}$

And we get  $C_1 = [c_{ij}^{(1)}]$ ,  $c_{ij}^{(1)} = c_{ij} - u_i$

Similarly, in step 2, take

$$v_j = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} c_{ij}^{(1)}$$

to get  $\hat{C} = [\hat{c}_{ij}]$ ,  $\hat{c}_{ij} = c_{ij}^{(1)} - v_j = c_{ij} - u_i - v_j \geq 0$

$\therefore$  By end of step 2, we have the dual feasible soln  $(u_i, v_j)$  in hand. When we have  $k < n$ , the steps update

the dual feasible soln to say  $(u_i^{(1)}, v_j^{(1)})$ . we continue this updation to get  $(u_i^{(k)}, v_j^{(k)})$  dual feasible at which the CS condition ① holds. Once C-S holds, we get the optimal soln of (AP), and its dual.

### Updating dual variables :

let  $\gamma$  be the least cost among all uncovered elements (when  $r < n$ ).

$$u_i^{(1)} = \begin{cases} \gamma & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ row is uncovered (or marked row)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$v_j^{(1)} = \begin{cases} -r & \text{if } j^{\text{th}} \text{ column is covered (marked column)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Remember the cover drawn is of marked columns and unmarked rows, and  $\hat{C}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{ij} - u_i^{(1)} - v_j^{(1)}$

→ look at cell  $(i, j)$  which is uncovered in  $\hat{C}$

$\Rightarrow$  it is in marked row and unmarked column so  $u_i^{(1)} = r$ ,  $v_j^{(1)} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{C}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{ij} - u_i^{(1)} - v_j^{(1)} = \hat{c}_{ij} - r$

→ look at cell  $(i, j)$  which is at the intersection of row

and column in cover.

$\Rightarrow (i, j)$  is in the unmarked row & marked column

$$\Rightarrow u_i^{(1)} = 0, v_j^{(1)} = -V$$

$$\therefore \hat{c}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{ij} - u_i^{(1)} - v_j^{(1)} = \hat{c}_{ij} + V.$$

$\rightarrow$  Let  $(i, j)$  be the cell on cover but not at intersection.

$\Rightarrow (i, j)$  is in unmarked row & unmarked column

$$\Rightarrow u_i^{(1)} = 0 = v_j^{(1)}$$

$$\therefore \hat{c}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{ij} \quad (\text{no change})$$

### Convergence of the method :-

$$C = [c_{ij}]$$

$$\hat{C} = [\hat{c}_{ij}], \hat{c}_{ij} = c_{ij} - u_i - v_j \geq 0$$

After  $k < n$  step, we get  $u_i^{(1)}, v_j^{(1)}$  and  $\hat{\hat{C}} = [\hat{\hat{c}}_{ij}]$ .

$$\hat{\hat{c}}_{ij} = \hat{c}_{ij} - u_i^{(1)} - v_j^{(1)} \geq 0$$

Now,  $\hat{C} - C^{(1)}$  is a matrix entries  $u_i^{(1)} + v_j^{(1)}$

$$= \begin{cases} v & \text{row } i \text{ marked & col. } j \text{ is unmarked} \\ -v & \text{row } i \text{ unmarked & col. } j \text{ is marked} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{c}_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i + \sum_{j=1}^n v_j$$

$$= p(n-q) \vee - q(n-p) \vee$$

$$= n(p-q) \vee$$

$p :=$  # of marked rows

$q :=$  # of unmarked columns

$$\text{Now, } r = (n-p) + q \Rightarrow p - q = n - r.$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{c}_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij}^{(1)} = n(n-r) \vee \geq 0 \text{ A integer}$$

we can take  $\lambda$  to be integer simply  $\therefore$  we can assume all cost entries  $c_{ij}$  are integers & non-negative. (we can use LCM of fractional quantities and multiply all entries by this LCM to get integer entries in C).

$\therefore$  when we move from one iteration to the next in the method the difference of sum of all costs is non-negative integers (countable), and as  $\lambda \rightarrow n$ , the difference  $\rightarrow 0$ . (or convergence)

AP in maximization form : Let  $c_{ij} \geq 0 \forall (i, j)$

We can find the  $\min_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}} \{c_{ij}\} = \theta$  (say). Transform

the C matrix to  $\Theta - C$ , where  $\Theta = [\theta]_{n \times n}$ .

Now, with the new matrix  $\Theta - C$ , the AP is in the minimization form to find the optimal assignment.

AP with negative cost :

If any of the  $c_{ij} < 0$  then choose a sufficiently large

+ve number say  $\gamma > 0$  and add this  $\gamma$  to every element or  $C + \gamma I$ , where  $I = [\gamma]_{n \times n}$ ; and solve the new cost matrix  $A_P$  to get its optimised assignment.

This assignment is optimised for the original problem also.

$A_P$  with some additional conditions:

There is no unique way; but one has to logically see the information and make appropriate modifications in  $C$ .

For eg: If we say job  $J_i$  has to be done by machine  $M_k$  then allocate  $x_{ik} = 1$  and cross off

the  $i^{\text{th}}$  job row and the  $k^{\text{th}}$  machine column, and solve the reduced cost matrix AP for other jobs & Machines optimal assignment.

Similarly, if we say that machine  $M_i$  can not do job  $J_j$  then set  $c_{ik} = M \gg 0$  (almost  $+\infty$  for minimization AP), to ensure  $x_{ik} = 0$  in the final assignment.

### Unbalanced AP

When no. of jobs  $\neq$  no. of machines, then the AP is called the unbalanced AP. We can have two cases -

- (i) no. of jobs > no. of machines
- (ii) no. of jobs < no. of machines.

In case (i), if no additional information is available, then some of the jobs will be left undone. In case (ii), in the absence of any information, some machines will be idle.

To solve (i) or (ii) we convert the UAP to BAP by adding fictitious machines or fictitious jobs respectively with corresponding costs zero.

Any allocation in the dummy row | column indicates the undone job | idle machine

|       | $P_1$ | $P_2$ | $P_3$ | $P_4$ | $P_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $J_1$ | 8     | 12    | 18    | 16    | 18    |
| $J_2$ | 26    | 18    | 19    | 24    | 12    |
| $J_3$ | 17    | 14    | 18    | 10    | 8     |
| $J_4$ | 11    | 26    | 15    | 13    | 20    |

UAP

|       | $P_1$ | $P_2$ | $P_3$ | $P_4$ | $P_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $J_1$ | 8     | 12    | 18    | 16    | 18    |
| $J_2$ | 26    | 18    | 19    | 24    | 12    |
| $J_3$ | 17    | 14    | 18    | 10    | 8     |
| $J_4$ | "     | 26    | 15    | 13    | 20    |
| $J_5$ | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |

BAP

|       | $P_1$ | $P_2$ | $P_3$ | $P_4$ | $P_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $J_1$ | 0     | 4     | 10    | 8     | 10    |
| $J_2$ | 14    | 6     | 7     | 12    | 0     |
| $J_3$ | 9     | 6     | 10    | 2     | 0     |
| $J_4$ | 0     | 15    | 4     | 2     | 9     |
| $J_5$ | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |

$$\ell = 3 < n = 5$$

$$\min \text{ unmarked} = 2$$

|       | 0  | 2  | 8 | 6  | 10 |
|-------|----|----|---|----|----|
| $J_1$ | 0  | 2  | 8 | 6  | 10 |
| $J_2$ | 14 | 4  | 5 | 10 | 0  |
| $J_3$ | 9  | 4  | 8 | 0  | 0  |
| $J_4$ | 0  | 13 | 2 | 0  | 9  |
| $J_5$ | 2  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 2  |

$$\ell = 4 < n = 5$$

$$\min \text{ unmarked} = 2$$

|       | $P_1$ | $P_2$ | $P_3$ | $P_4$ | $P_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $J_1$ | 0     | 0     | 6     | 6     | 10    |
| $J_2$ | 14    | 2     | 3     | 10    | 0     |
| $J_3$ | 9     | 2     | 6     | 0     | 0     |
| $J_4$ | 0     | 11    | 0     | 0     | 9     |
| $J_5$ | 4     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 4     |

Tie case

$J_1 \rightarrow P_1$

$J_2 \rightarrow P_5$

Optimal cost = 45

$J_3 \rightarrow P_3$

$J_4 \rightarrow P_3$

and  $P_2$  remains idle.

In an VAP, some additional information could be provided. For instance,  $P_1$  must do at least two jobs or  $P_3$  must do two jobs or all jobs must be done, or  $P_2$  must do a job or  $P_2, P_3, P_4$  must be doing 4 jobs at totals. One has to suitably create the BAP with cost entries and then solve and interpret the optimal assignment for the original problem.

We are here presenting only one such case.

|       | $J_1$ | $J_2$ | $J_3$ | $J_4$ | $J_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $P_1$ | 4     | 5     | 2     | 3     | 3     |
| $P_2$ | 5     | 4     | 1     | 6     | 2     |
| $P_3$ | 3     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 5     |

→  $P_1$  must do exactly 2 jobs.

→ All jobs must be done.

|                     | $J_1$ | $J_2$ | $J_3$ | $J_4$ | $J_5$ |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $P_1$               | 4     | 5     | 2     | 3     | 3     |
| $P_1$               | 4     | 5     | 2     | 3     | 3     |
| $\min \{P_2, P_3\}$ | 3     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 2     |
| $\min \{P_2, P_3\}$ | 3     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 2     |
| $\min \{P_2, P_2\}$ | 3     | 2     | 1     | 4     | 2     |

| $J_1$ | $J_2$ | $J_3$ | $J_4$ | $J_5$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0     | 2     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 0     | 2     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 0     |
| 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 0     |
| 0     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 0     |

There are  
several alternative  
Sols to break  
tie

$P_1$  will do  $J_1$  and  $J_4$

$P_3$  will do  $J_2$

$P_3 | P_2$  any one can do job  $J_3$   
 $P_2$  will do  $J_5$

This is not the  
unique soln.

Optimal cost = 12.

