

Homework 8 Vertex Cover Problem

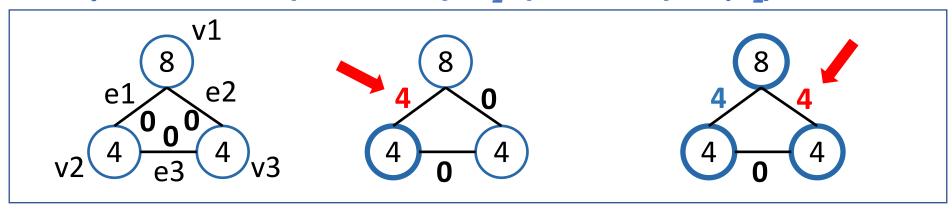
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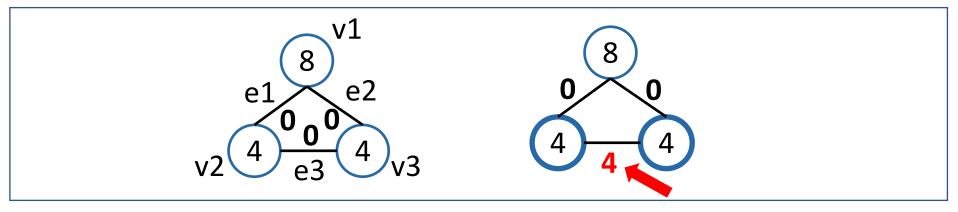


An example where different results are obtained depending on the order of edges Simple example:

Example 1, order= $\{e1, e2, e3\}$, $S_1=\{v1, v2, v3\}$, $w(S_1)=16$



Example 2, order= $\{e3, e2, e1\}$, $S_2=\{v2, v3\}$, $w(S_2)=8$



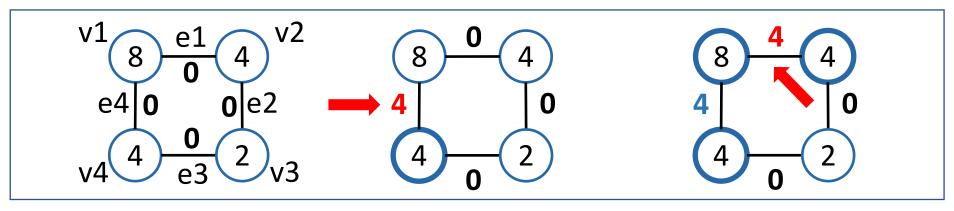




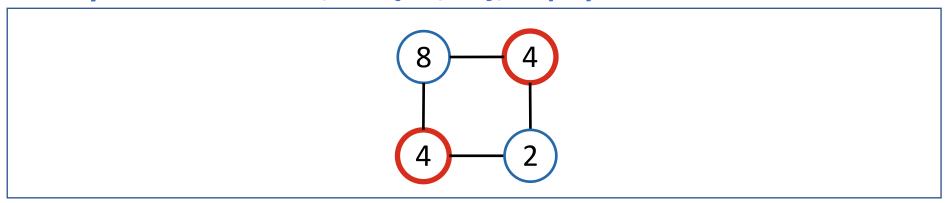
An example where a good solution is not obtained by the pricing method

Simple example: w=2w*

The pricing method, order={e4,e1,e2,e3}, S={v1,v2,v4}, w(S)=16



The optimal solution, $S^* = \{v2, v4\}, w(S^*) = 8$



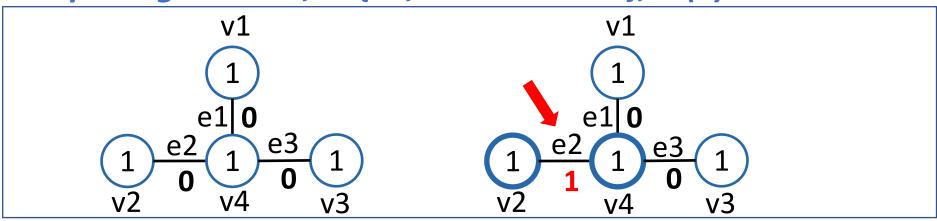




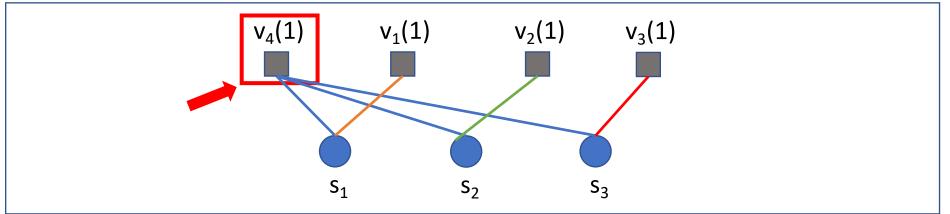
An example where a better result is always obtained by the greedy set cover algorithm

Simple example:

The pricing method, $S=\{v4,v2 \text{ or } v1 \text{ or } v3\}$, w(S)=2



The greedy set covet algorithm, $S^* = \{v4\}$, $w(S^*) = 1 < 2$



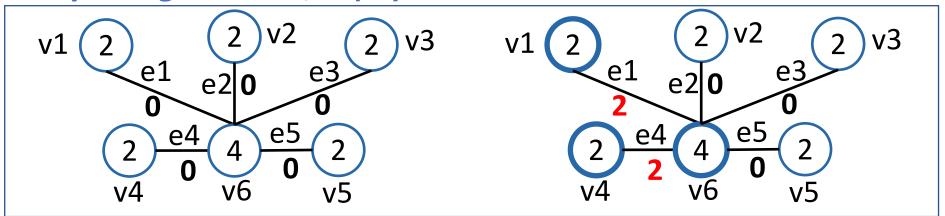




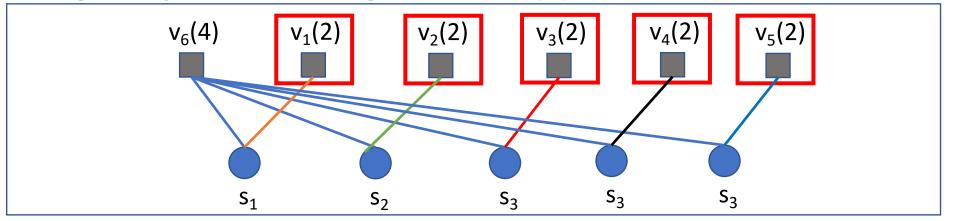
An example where a better result is always obtained by the pricing method

Simple example:

The pricing method, $w(S^*)=8$



The greedy set covet algorithm, w(S)=10>8







Thanks!

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