

**Exercise 1** (value 12)

In the **Set Covering Problem (SCP)** we are given a set  $I$  of  $n$  elements and a set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  of subsets of  $I$ . The basic problem asks to find the minimum number of subsets from  $S$  such that each element of  $I$  belongs to at least one of the selected subsets. We extend the SCP by considering, for each  $s_j \in S$ , a *weight*  $w_{s_j}$  and a *class*  $c_{s_j}$  (let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the set of all classes). We want to select some subset from  $S$  so that : a) the sum of the weights of the subsets selected is at least  $W$ ; b) the number selected subsets is minimized; c) each element  $i \in I$  belongs to at least one selected subset; d) no more than two subset from the same class are selected; e) if subset  $s_2$  is selected, then subsets  $s_3$  and  $s_6$  are not selected.

Write a linear mathematical model to solve the above problem.

**Answer:**

$x_{s_j} = 1$  if subset  $s_j \in S$  is selected, 0 otherwise

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^m x_{s_j} \\
 & \sum_{j=1}^m w_{s_j} x_{s_j} \geq W \\
 & \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ i \in s_j}}^m x_{s_j} \geq 1 & i \in I \\
 & \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ c_{s_j} = c}}^m x_{s_j} \leq 2 & c \in \mathcal{C} \\
 & x_{s_3} + x_{s_6} \leq 2(1 - x_{s_2}) \\
 & x_{s_j} \in \{0, 1\} & j = 1, \dots, m
 \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 2** (value 9)

Consider the following ILP problem.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & -x_2 + x_3 \\
 & x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 2 \\
 & 2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \leq 5 \\
 & x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0 \text{ integer}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Solve with the standard Branch and Bound method for Integer Programming.
  - Solve the relaxed problems with the simplex method and show all the tableaus.
  - Apply Bland's rule.
- Show the search tree.
- Report the final solution and its value.

**Answer:**

Node  $P_0$ :

| $x_1$ | $x_2$    | $x_3$ | $s_1$ | $s_2$ | $-z$ |       |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 0     | -1       | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0    |       |
| 1     | <b>3</b> | 3     | 1     | 0     | 2    | $s_1$ |
| 2     | 1        | -1    | 0     | 1     | 5    | $s_2$ |

| $x_1$         | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $s_1$          | $s_2$ | $-z$           |
|---------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0     | 2     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | $\frac{2}{3}$  |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | 1     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | $\frac{2}{3}$  |
| $\frac{5}{3}$ | 0     | -2    | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | $\frac{13}{3}$ |

The optimal fractional solution is  $x = (0, \frac{2}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{13}{3})$  with value  $-\frac{2}{3}$ . Since the coefficients of the objective function of ILP are integers we have  $LB = \lceil -\frac{2}{3} \rceil = 0$ .

We branch on  $x_2$  imposing  $x_2 \leq 0$  in Node  $P_1$  and  $x_2 \geq 1$  in Node  $P_2$ .

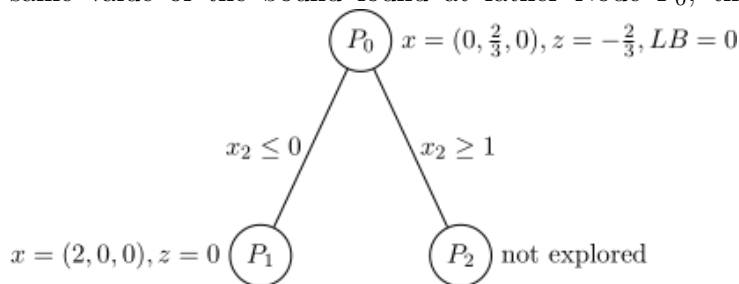
Node  $P_1$  ( $x_2 \leq 0$ ):

| $x_1$         | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $s_1$          | $s_2$ | $s_3$ | $-z$           |
|---------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | 0     | 2     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | 0     | $\frac{2}{3}$  |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | 1     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | 0     | $\frac{2}{3}$  |
| $\frac{5}{3}$ | 0     | -2    | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | 0     | $\frac{13}{3}$ |
| 0             | 1     | 0     | 0              | 0     | 1     | 0              |

| $x_1$          | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $s_1$          | $s_2$ | $s_3$ | $-z$           |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | 2     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | 0     | $-\frac{2}{3}$ |
| $\frac{1}{3}$  | 1     | 1     | $\frac{1}{3}$  | 0     | 0     | $\frac{2}{3}$  |
| $\frac{5}{3}$  | 0     | -2    | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 1     | 0     | $\frac{13}{3}$ |
| $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 0     | -1    | $-\frac{1}{3}$ | 0     | 1     | $-\frac{2}{3}$ |

| $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $s_1$ | $s_2$ | $-z$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 0     | 0     | 3     | 0     | 0     | 0    |
| 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1    |
| 0     | 0     | -7    | -2    | 1     | 5    |
| 1     | 0     | 3     | 1     | 0     | -3   |

The integer solution  $x = (2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)$  with value 0 has been retrieved. Since it has the same value of the bound found at father Node  $P_0$ , there is no need to evaluate node  $P_2$ .



### Exercise 3 (value 6)

Consider the graph  $G = (V, A)$  described by the following adjacency matrix with costs:

|   | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|
| 1 | — | 3 | 8  | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 2 | 3 | — | —  | 2 | 2 | — |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | —  | — | — | — |
| 4 | 5 | — | —  | — | — | 1 |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 4  | — | — | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 12 | — | 1 | — |

Find the shortest path from node 1 to node 5 by using Dijkstra's method. Show the tables of labels and predecessors, and write the optimal path with the associated cost.

**Answer:**

| $S$           | $L_j$ |   |   |   |   | $pred_j$ |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|-------|---|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|
|               | 2     | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2        | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| $\{1\}$       | 3     | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1        | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{1, 2\}$    | 3     | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\{1, 2, 6\}$ | 3     | 8 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

The shortest path is  $\{1, 2, 5\}$  with cost 5.