

Question 1

a.

This defines an independence system $(E, \mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^E$

First, prove that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$.

Obviously, we have $\emptyset \subseteq E = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, and $a(\emptyset) = \sum_{j \in \emptyset} a_j = 0 \leq b \in \mathbb{R}_+$
So, $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$.

Second, prove that $X \subseteq Y \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{F}$

$$Y \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow a(Y) = \sum_{j \in Y} a_j \leq b$$

$$X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow a(X) = \sum_{j \in X} a_j = \sum_{i \in Y} a_i - \sum_{j \in Y \setminus X} a_j \leq \sum_{j \in Y} a_j \leq b$$

So, this defines an independence system $(E, \mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^E$

b.

According to the definition, we have

$$n = 6 \Rightarrow S \subseteq E = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$a = (1, 1, 1, 4, 4, 5), b = 8 \Rightarrow a(S) = \sum_{j \in S} a_j \leq 8$$

According to the definition of *rank*, we have

$$r(X) = \max_{F \in \mathcal{F}} |F \cap X| = \max_{B \in \mathcal{B}_X} |B|, \text{ and } \rho(X) = \min_{B \in \mathcal{B}_X} |B|$$

We can find that

$$\mathcal{B}_X = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 5\}, \{1, 2, 3, 6\}, \{4, 5\}\}$$

So that we have $r(X) = 4, \rho(X) = 2$

c.

$$O(r(X)) = O(n \log n)$$

As the greedy algorithm, order the a from small to large, use the *Best-in Greedy* to select numbers from the smallest. So the complexity is $O(n \log n)$

d.

$$O(\rho(X)) = O(n^2)$$

Need to find all the subset of S So the complexity is $O(n^2)$

e.

As b . mentioned, $B_3 = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$, $B_4 = \{4, 5\}$. If we use *Best-in Greedy*, we may lose the B_4 , because there is a solution when the first choice is 6.

Question 2

a.

We have the job set E like following

Job	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Due	3	2	4	1	4	4	6
Profit	2	3	4	3	3	6	7

The purpose is to find a independent subset $S \subseteq E$

The initialization of *Best-in Greedy* is sorting the jobs, as following

Job	7	6	3	5	4	2	1
Due	6	4	4	4	1	2	3
Profit	7	6	4	3	3	3	2

Then, as *Best-in Greedy*, the process would be

Date	1	2	3	4
Job	7	6	3	5
Due	6	4	4	4
Profit	7	6	4	3

The total profit would be: $7 + 6 + 4 + 3 = 20$

b.

Suppose A and B are two independent subsets of E , so we have $A, B \subseteq E$, and $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$. Construct A and B as:

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}, B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}, a_i \text{ and } b_j \text{ means the job in } A, B$$

Suppose that $k < m$, so $|A| < |B|$.

If all the due of a_i is less or equal than k , it's easy to find a b_j whose due is larger than k , because of $k < m$. So, we can add b_j to A as a_{k+1} and all the jobs can be processed,

$$b_j \in B \setminus A, A \cup \{b_j\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

If $\exists a_i, d_{a_i} > k$, we can find a $b_j \in B \setminus A$ whose due is larger than i , because of $k - i < m - i$. So, we can put a_i as $(k + 1)$ th process and set b_j as i th process, all the jobs can be processed,

$$b_j \in B \setminus A, A \cup \{b_j\} \in \mathcal{F}$$

So, (E, \mathcal{F}) is a matroid.

Question 3

a.

$(V(G), \mathcal{F})$ is a matroid.

First, prove that $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$.

Obviously, we have $\emptyset \subseteq V(G)$, and there is no edge because of no vertex.

So, $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$.

Second, prove that $X \subseteq Y \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{F}$

If Y is independent, which means no edge inside the Y , obviously all the subsets of Y contain no edge inside.

So, this defines an independence system $(V(G), \mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^{V(G)}$

Third, to prove that the independence system $(V(G), \mathcal{F})$ is a matroid, according to the *lemma 2*, only need to prove **for each $X \subseteq E$, all bases of X are of the same size.**

Supposed $|V(G)| = n$.

Apparently, no matter which vertices are chosen, for n is *odd*, the size of all the bases of X is equal to $\frac{n-1}{2}$, and for n is *even*, the size of all the bases of X is equal to $\frac{n}{2}$.

So, $(V(G), \mathcal{F})$ is a matroid.

b.

While $n = 5$, according to a., so that the size of bases $r(S) = \frac{n-1}{2} = 2$.

Therefore, the defining inequalities for $P_{V(G), \mathcal{F}}$:

$$S_1 = \{x_1, x_3\} \quad x(S_1) = x_1 + x_3 \leq r(S) = 2$$

$$S_2 = \{x_2, x_4\} \quad x(S_2) = x_2 + x_4 \leq r(S) = 2$$

$$S_3 = \{x_3, x_5\} \quad x(S_3) = x_3 + x_5 \leq r(S) = 2$$

$$S_4 = \{x_4, x_1\} \quad x(S_4) = x_4 + x_1 \leq r(S) = 2$$

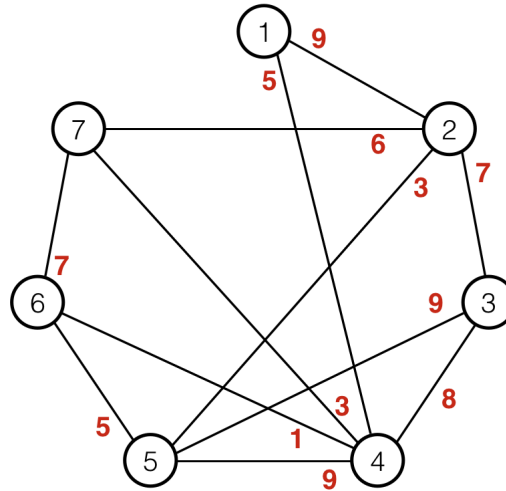
$$S_5 = \{x_5, x_2\} \quad x(S_5) = x_5 + x_2 \leq r(S) = 2$$

c.

Yes. According to the *Edmonds(1970)* The output is the linear, especially binary in this case, combination of the characteristic vectors, which are integral. So the polytope $P_{V(G), \mathcal{F}}$ is integral.

Question 4

As the definition, the graph is following.



Use *Kruskal's Algorithm* to find the maximum-weight spanning tree.

Initialize Sort E by weight from largest to smallest.

$$E = \{(1,2), (3,5), (4,5), (3,4), (2,3), (6,7), (2,7), (1,4), (5,6), (2,5), (4,7), (4,6)\}$$

Set $T = \emptyset$

1. $T \cup \{(1,2)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(1,2)\}$
2. $T \cup \{(3,5)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(3,5)\}$
3. $T \cup \{(4,5)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(4,5)\}$
4. $T \cup \{(3,4)\}$, cycle!

5. $T \cup \{(2, 3)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(2, 3)\}$
6. $T \cup \{(6, 7)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(6, 7)\}$
7. $T \cup \{(2, 7)\}$, cycle free, $T = T \cup \{(2, 7)\}$
8. $T \cup \{(1, 4)\}$, cycle! No alone vertex, means rest edges make cycle, algorithm end.

So that the $T = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 5), (2, 3), (6, 7), (2, 7)\}$

The weight of the maximum-weight spanning tree is

$$w_{1,2} + w_{3,5} + w_{4,5} + w_{2,3} + w_{6,7} + w_{2,7} = 47$$

Question 5

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$$\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{F}$$