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Given a list of locations, a graph is a structured representation of the locations and the relationships between them.

Network Flow

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Network flow

Network flow is the sending of a certain amount of assets from one location to another on the graph.

Mathematical Programming

Definition

Mathematical programming

Mathematical programming is the optimization of problems formulated as minimization (or maximization) of an objective function subject to a set of constraints.

Combinatorial Optimization

Definition

Combinatorial optimization

Combinatorial optimization is a class of mathematical programming, where optimization is performed over a discrete set of feasible solutions.

Network Flow Problem

Definition

Network flow problem

Network flow problems are mathematical programming problems that can be converted into combinatorial optimization problems dealing with network flows.

- Linear programming
  - Simplex algorithm
  - Duality
- Decomposition methods
  - Dantzig-Wolfe (complicating constraints, column(extreme point) generation, duality gap between upper and lower bounds)
  - Benders (complicating variables, cut generation, duality gap between upper and lower bounds)
- Mixed-integer programming
  - Branch-and-bound (BaB)
  - BaB + Cutting planes = Branch-and-cut
  - BaB + Column(variable for pricing, extreme point for decomposition) generation = Branch-and-price
  - BaB + Cutting planes + Column generation = Branch-price-and-cut

Mathematical Optimization

- Constraint programming
  - Constraint propagation
  - Domain reduction
- Combinatorial optimization
  - Some problems are easy to solve
    - Special fast algorithms
  - Some problems are hard to solve
    - Mixed-integer programming
    - Heuristics

Motivations
Network Flow Problems

- Network flow problems
  - Combinatorial optimization
  - Wide application area in Operations Research
  - Special fast algorithms suitable for large problem instances
  - Network flow problem as an embedded subproblem

Graph

Definition

Graph [1]

A graph $G(V, E)$ consists of a set of vertices V and edges E. Edges are used to model the relationship between vertices.

Graph
Definition

Graph [2]

A graph $G(N, A)$ consists of a set of nodes N and arcs A. Arcs are used to model the relationship between nodes.

Subgraph

A graph $G'(V', E')$ is a subgraph of $G(V, E)$ if $V' \subset V$ and $E' \subset E$.

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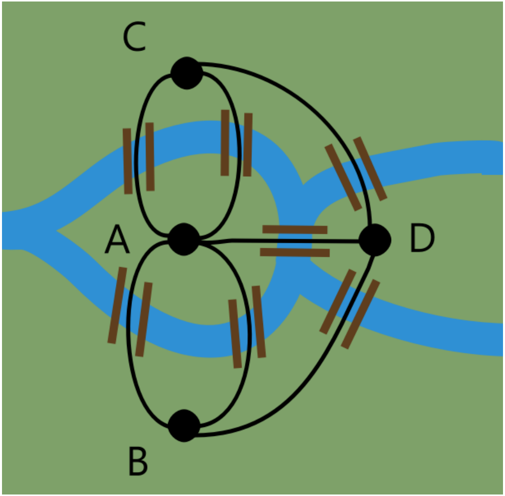
Example



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The Euler's problem

- Is it possible to start from a vertex, move along all edges, traversing every edge only once, and finally return to the starting vertex?

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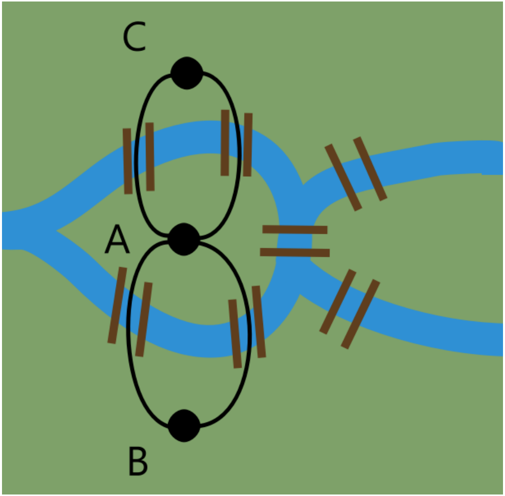
Example



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The Hamilton's problem

- Is it possible to start from a vertex, visit each of all vertices exactly once, and finally return to the starting vertex?

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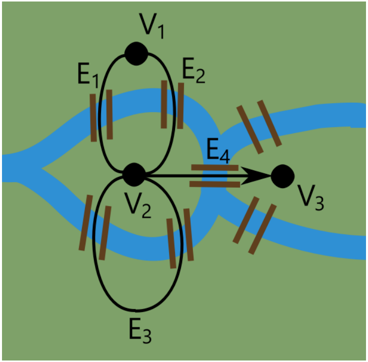
Directed edges, multiple edges and loops



- E_1 and E_2 are multiple edges
- E_3 is a loop
- E_4 is a directed edge
- V_2(tail) and V_3(head) are the endpoints of the edge(arc) E_4.

Graph

Graph types [1]

Type	Edges	Multiple edges	Loops
Simple graph	Undirected	✘	✘
Multigraph	Undirected	✔	✘
Pseudograph	Undirected	✔	✔
Simple directed graph	Directed	✘	✘
Directed multigraph	Directed	✔	✔
Mixed graph	Directed and undirected	✔	✔

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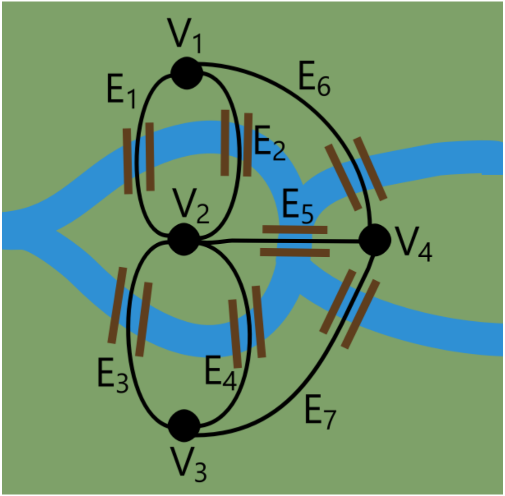
A multigraph



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Complete graph [1]

Complete graph is a simple graph where each pairs of distinct vertices are connected.

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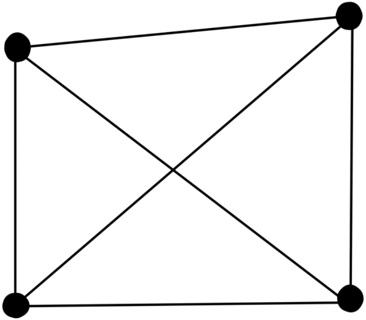
A complete graph



Bipartite simple graph [1]

A simple graph $G(V, E)$ is bipartite if $\exists V_1, V_2 : V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ and $V_1 \cup V_2 = V$ such that every edge in E connects a vertex in V_1 to a vertex in V_2.

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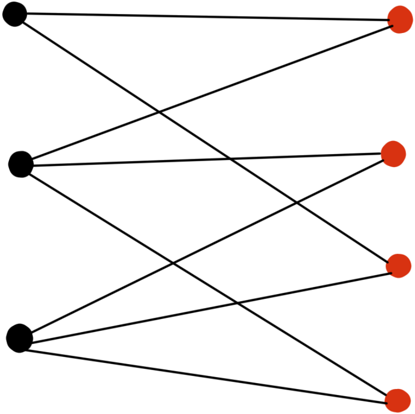
A bipartite simple graph



Matching [1]

A matching M in a simple graph $G(V, E)$ is a subset of E, i.e. $M \subseteq E$ such that $\forall m, m' \in M$, all the endpoints of m and m' are distinct vertices.

Maximal matching

The maximal matching of G is the matching with the largest $|M|$.

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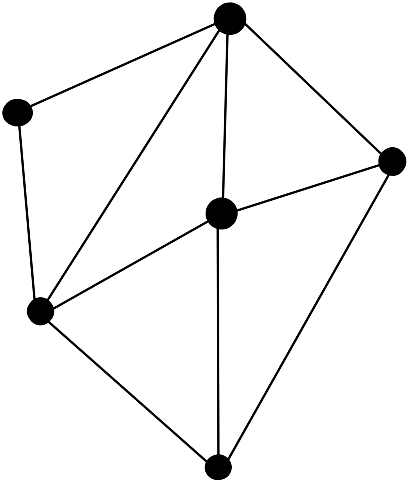
A simple graph



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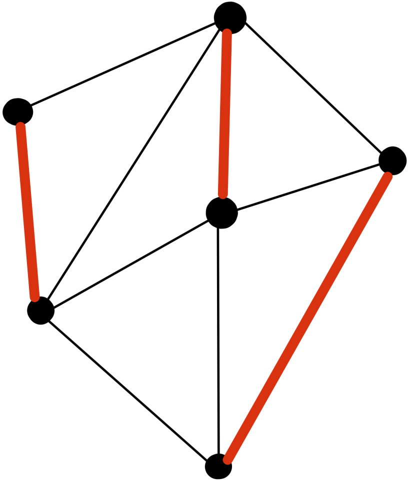
A maximal matching



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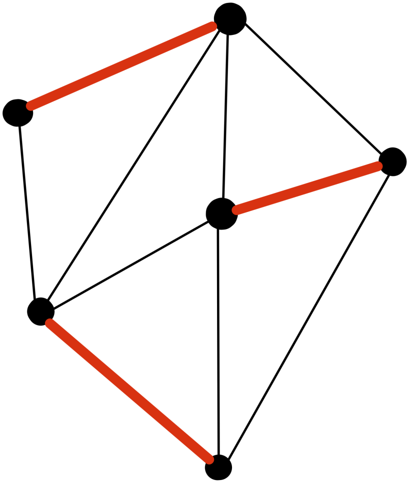
Another maximal matching



Adjacent vertices in an undirected graph

Two vertices are adjacent in an undirected graph G if they are endpoints of an edge in G.

Adjacent vertices in a directed graph

In a directed graph G, the vertex v_1 is adjacent to the vertex v_2 if they are endpoints of a directed edge $E(v_1, v_2)$ in G.

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An edge of an undirected graph G is incident with the vertices that are endpoints of this edge.

Degree of a vertex in an undirected graph [1]

The degree of a vertex v in an undirected graph G, $deg(v)$ is equal to the number of edges incident with the vertex v, where a loop is equivalent to two edges.

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Given an undirected graph $G(V, E)$

$\sum_{v \in V} deg(v) = 2|E|$

Graph

Definitions

Degree of a vertex in a directed graph [1]

The indegree(outdegree) of a vertex v in a directed graph G, $deg^{-}(v)(deg^{+}(v))$ is equal to the number of edges with v as their terminal(initial) vertex.

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Definitions

Given a directed graph $G(V, E)$

$$\sum_{v \in V} deg^{-}(v) = \sum_{v \in V} deg^{+}(v) = |E|$$

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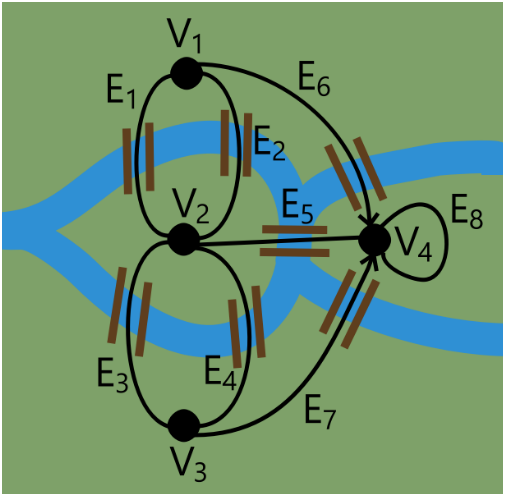
A mixed graph



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Adjacency matrix

	V_1	V_2	V_3	V_4
V_1	0	2	0	1
V_2	2	0	2	1
V_3	0	2	0	1
V_4	0	1	0	1

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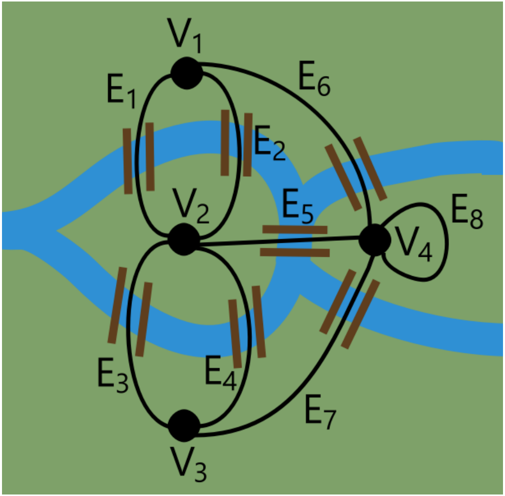
A pseudograph



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Incidence matrix

	E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4	E_5	E_6	E_7	E_8
V_1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
V_2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
V_3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
V_4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1

Isomorphism of graphs [1]

Two simple graphs $G(V, E)$ and $G'(V', E')$ are isomorphic if and only if there exists a permutation of V', denoted as V'^p, leading to $G'^p(V'^p, E')$, where G and G'^p have the same adjacency matrix.

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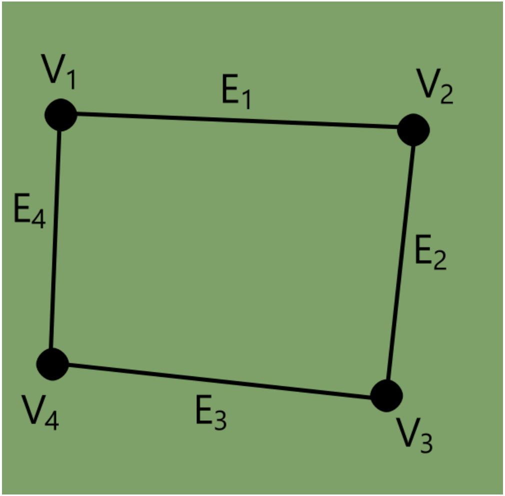
$G(V, E)$



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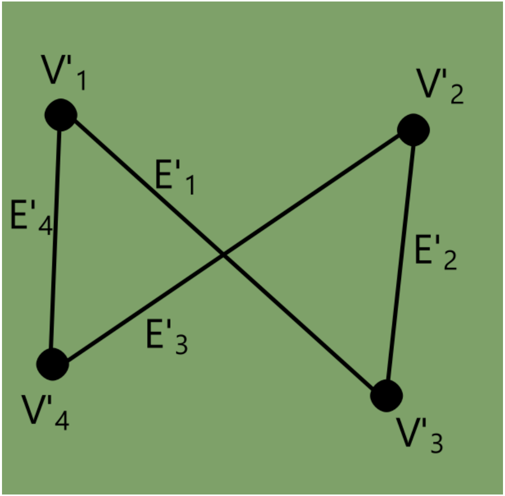
$G'(V', E')$



Walk [2]

A walk is a series of vertices that are connected to each other by means of edges.

Simple walk (trail) [1]

A simple walk (trail) is a walk that does not contain the same edge more than once.

Directed walk [2]

A directed walk is a series of vertices that are connected to each other by means of edges in a way that respects the edge directions.

Path [2], [1]

A path is a walk that visits each vertex in the walk only once. A path is also a trail.

Directed path [2]

A directed path is a directed walk that visits each vertex in the directed walk only once.

Graph

Definitions

Circuit [2], [1]

A circuit(closed walk) is a walk of length strictly positive that starts and ends at the same vertex. A simple circuit does not contain the same edge more than once.

Cycle [2]

A cycle is a closed path.

Directed circuit

A directed circuit(closed directed walk) is a directed walk of length strictly positive that starts and ends at the same vertex. A simple directed circuit does not contain the same edge more than once.

Directed cycle [2]

A directed cycle is a directed closed path.

Connected [1]

An undirected graph $G(V, E)$ is connected when a walk exists between each pair of vertices $v, v' \in V^2$ and $v \neq v'$.

Connected [1]

An directed graph $G(V, E)$ is strongly connected when a directed walk exists between each pair of vertices $v, v' \in V^2$ and $v \neq v'$. Let $G'(V', E')$ be the underlying undirected graph. G is weakly connected if G' is connected.

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Network [2]

A network is a graph where vertices and edges have associated properties in the form of numerical values.

The length of a walk [1]

The length of a walk is equal to the sum of the weights of its edges.

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The number of walks [1]

Let A be the adjacency matrix of a graph $G(V, E)$, then the cell with index (i, j) of the matrix A^d is equal to the number of walks of length $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ from v_i to v_j, where $v_i, v_j \in V^2$.

Euler walk and circuit [1]

A simple circuit traversing all edges of a graph G is an Euler circuit.
Similarly, a simple walk traversing all edges of a graph G is an Euler walk.

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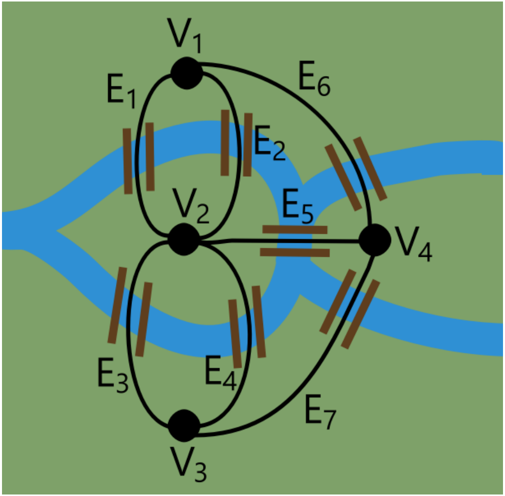
Can you find an Euler circuit in this multigraph?



An Euler circuit exists..[1]

An Euler circuit exists in a connected multigraph $G(V, E)$ with $|V| \geq 2$ if and only if $\forall v \in V,\ deg(v) \equiv 0 \, (mod\, 2)$.

An Euler walk exists..[1]

An Euler walk but not an Euler circuit exists in a connected multigraph $G(V, E)$ if and only if $\exists\, v', v'' \in V^2$, $v' \neq v''$, $deg(v') \equiv 1 \,(mod\, 2)$, $deg(v'') \equiv 1 \,(mod\, 2)$, and $\forall v \in V \setminus \{v', v''\}$, $deg(v) \equiv 0 \,(mod\, 2)$.

Chinese postman (route inspection) problem

Chinese postman problem looks for the shortest circuit traversing every edge of a connected multigraph at least once.

Chinese postman problem

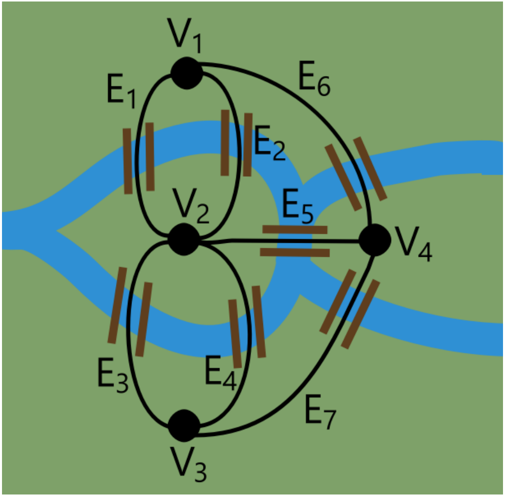
What if an Euler circuit exists in a connected multigraph?

Hamilton path and cycle [1]

A simple circuit visiting every vertex of a graph G exactly once is an Hamilton cycle. Similarly, a simple walk visiting every vertex of a graph G exactly once is an Hamilton path.

Graph

Can you find an Hamilton cycle in this multigraph?



Graph

Definitions (Dirac's theorem)

An Hamilton cycle exists..[1]

An Hamilton cycle exists in a graph $G(V, E)$ if G is a simple graph with $|V| \geq 3$ and $\forall v \in V$, $deg(v) \geq \frac{|V|}{2}$.

Traveling salesman problem

Traveling salesman problem looks for the shortest circuit visiting every vertex of a connected graph exactly once.

Traveling salesman problem

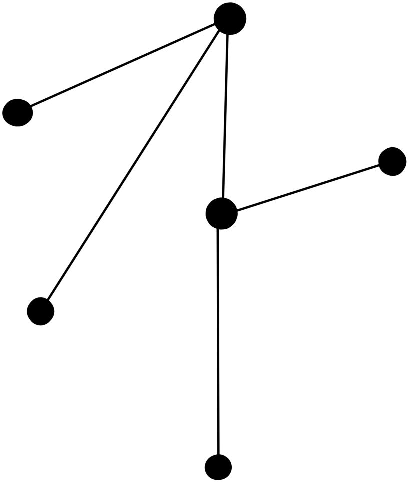
What about the feasible solutions of a traveling salesman problem if it is defined on a complete simple graph with more than 3 vertices? Is this problem feasible?

Tree [2]

A connected graph that contains no cycle is called tree.

Graph

A tree

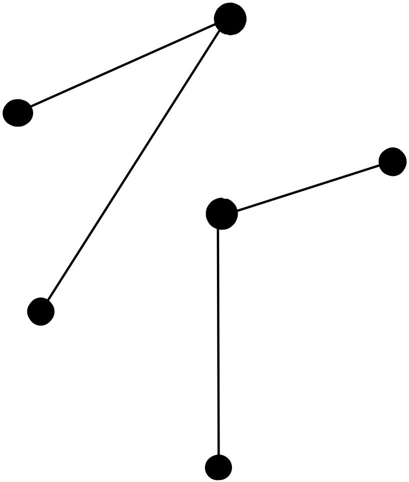


Forest [2]

A collection of trees is called forest.

Graph

A forest



The number of edges in a tree

If the graph $G(V, E)$ is a tree than $|E| = |V| - 1$

Planar graph [1]

A planar graph can be drawn in two dimensions without any edges intersecting each other.

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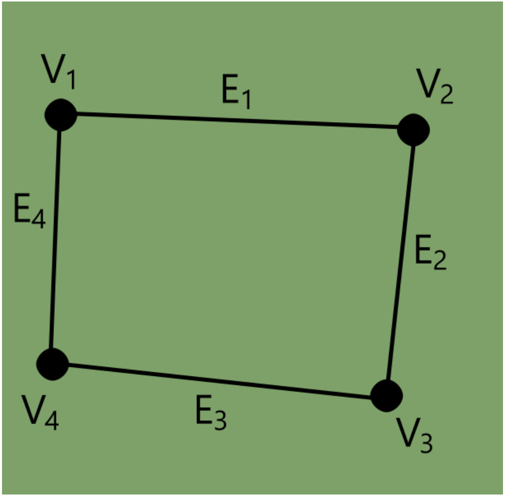
Planar representation of a planar graph



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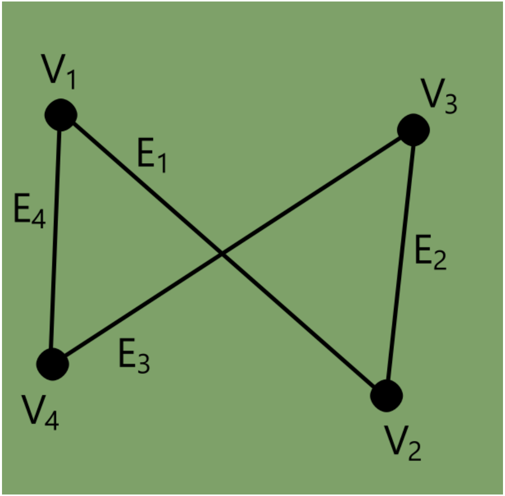
Non-planar representation of a planar graph



Euler's formula [1]

A connected planar simple graph $G(V, E)$ has $|E| - |V| + 2$ regions.

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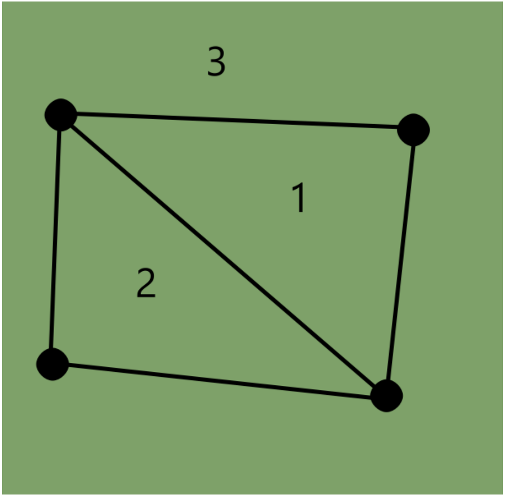
$3 (= 5 - 4 + 2)$ regions of a planar graph



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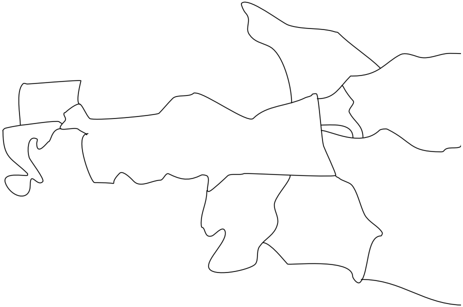
Map coloring example



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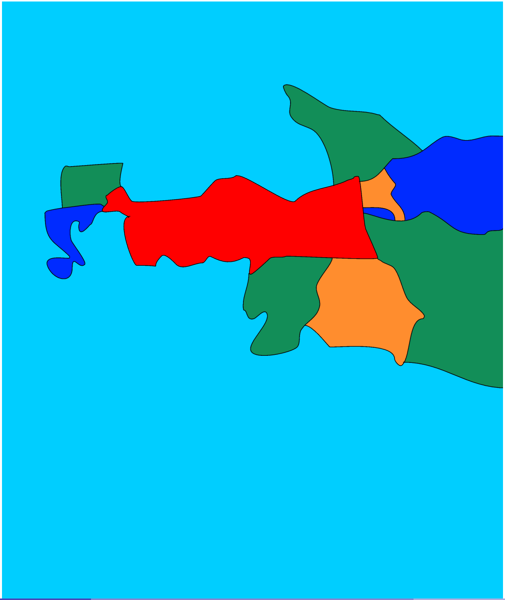
Map coloring example I (5 colors)



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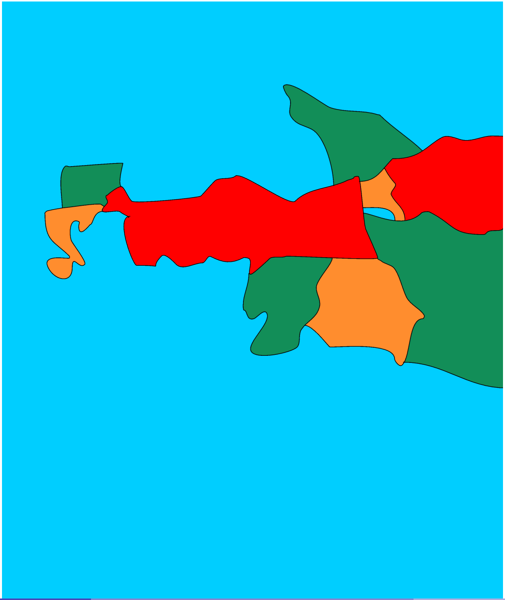
Map coloring example II (4 colors)



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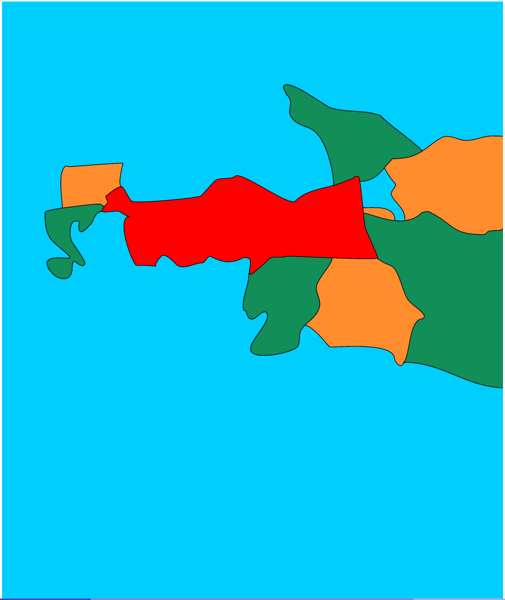
Map coloring example III (4 colors)



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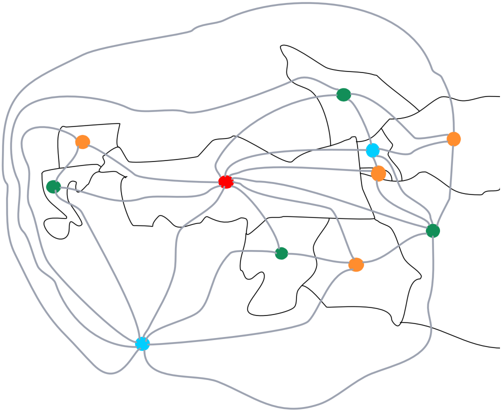
Dual graph (III) (4 colors)



The four color theorem [1]

The chromatic number (minimum number of colors) of a planar simple graph ≤ 4.

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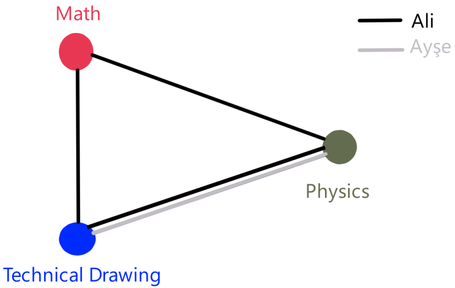
Graph coloring example



Minimum cost flow problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be a directed graph with costs $c_{vv'}$ and capacities $u_{vv'}$ defined on edges $vv' = e \in E$, where $v \neq v'$, v and $v' \in V$. Let $b_v > 0$ be the supply and $b_v < 0$ be the demand associated with each vertex $v \in V$. Moreover, $x_{vv'}$ denotes the amount of flow from a vertex v to another vertex v'. Then, minimum cost flow problem minimizes the total cost incurred from all flows in G satisfying both flow conservation constraints and flow limits.

Minimum cost flow problem

$$
\begin{aligned}
min \sum_{vv' \in E} & c_{vv'} x_{vv'} \\
s.t. \sum_{v' : vv' \in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v' : v'v \in E} & x_{v'v} = b_v && \forall v \in V \\
0 \leq x_{vv'} \leq & u_{vv'} && \forall vv' \in E
\end{aligned}
$$

Network Problems

Minimum cost flow problem

Assumptions [2]

- $\forall e \in E,\ c_e \in \mathcal{Z}_0^+$
- $\forall v \in V,\ b_v \in \mathcal{Z}$ and $\sum_v b_v = 0$
- $\forall e \in E,\ u_e \in \mathcal{Z}_0^+$
- $\forall v, v' \in V^2$, $\exists$ an uncapaciated directed path from v to v'

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Definitions

Polynomial time algorithm

A polynomial time algorithm has a running time polynomial in the length (number of bits) of the input.

Pseudo-polynomial time algorithm

A pseudo-polynomial time algorithm has a running time polynomial in the numeric value (largest value) of the input.

Pseudo-polynomial time algorithms [2]

- Cycle-canceling with $\mathcal{O}(|E|CU)$ iterations
- Successive shortest path with $\mathcal{O}(|V|U)$ iterations
- Primal-dual algorithm with $\mathcal{O}(min(|V|U, |V|C))$ iterations
- Out-of-kilter with $\mathcal{O}(|V|U)$ iterations
- Relaxation

where, $c_e \leq C$, $\forall e \in E$ and $u_e \leq U$, $\forall e \in E$

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Minimum cost flow problem

Complexity of some minimum cost flow algorithms [3]

- Ford and Fulkerson, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^4 CU)$
- Out-of-kilter, $\mathcal{O}(|E|^3 U)$
- Successive shortest path, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2|E|U)$
- Cycle-cancelling, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|^2 CU)$
- Cost-scaling (generic), $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2|E|log(|V|C))$
- Cancel-and-tighten (dynamic trees), $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log(|V|)min(log(|V|C, |E|log(|V|))))$
- Primal network simplex (dynamic trees), $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log(|V|)min(log(|V|C, |E|log(|V|))))$
- Dual network simplex (Orlin), $\mathcal{O}(|E|(|E| + |V|log|V|)min(log(|E|U), |E|log(|V|)))$
- Dual network simplex (Armstrong and Jin), $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log|V|(|E| + |V|log|V|))$

Study of minimum cost flow algorithms [3]

Cost-scaling and primal network simplex were both efficient and robust.

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Minimum cost flow problem

Study of seven state-of-the-art algorithms [4]

- Simple cycle canceling
- Minimum mean cycle canceling
- Cancel and tighten
- Successive shortest path
- Capacity scaling
- Network simplex
- Cost scaling

where, network simplex was the fastest algorithm in $\approx 75\%$ of the studied cases

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Maximum flow problem

Maximum flow problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be a directed graph with capacities $u_{vv'} \geq 0$ defined on edges $vv' = e \in E$, where $v \neq v'$, v and $v' \in V$. Let $b_v > 0$ be the supply and $b_v < 0$ be the demand associated with each vertex $v \in V$. Moreover, $x_{vv'}$ denotes the amount of flow from a vertex v to another vertex v'. Then, maximum flow problem maximizes the amount of flow from the source vertex $s \in V$ to the sink vertex $t \in V$, $s \neq t$, and all flows in G satisfy both flow conservation constraints and flow limits.

Maximum flow problem

$$
\begin{aligned}
& max \quad \alpha \\
& s.t. \quad \sum_{v':vv'\in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v':v'v\in E} x_{v'v} = \begin{cases} \alpha & for \quad v = s \\ 0 & \forall v \in V \setminus \{s,t\} \\ -\alpha & for \quad v = t \end{cases} \\
& \qquad 0 \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E
\end{aligned}
$$

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Maximum flow problem

Special case of minimum cost flow problem

- Maximum flow problem from s to t on $G(V, E)$
- Add $b_v = 0, \forall v \in V$
- Add $c_e = 0, \forall e \in E$
- Add a new edge ts with $c_{ts} = -1$ and $u_{ts} = \infty$
- $E' = E \cup \{ts\}$
- Minimum cost flow problem on $G'(V, E') \equiv$ Maximum flow problem on $G(V, E)$

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Maximum flow problem

Assumptions [2]

- $\forall e \in E$, $u_e \in \mathcal{Z}_0^+$
- $\nexists$ an uncapaciated directed path from s to t
- If $vv' \in E$ than $v'v \in E$
- No multiple edges

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Maximum flow problem

Running times of maximum flow algorithms [2]

- Labeling, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|U)$
- Capacity scaling, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log(U))$
- Successive shortest path, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2|E|)$
- Generic preflow-push, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2|E|)$
- FIFO preflow-push, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$
- Highest-label preflow-push, $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2\sqrt{|E|})$
- Excess scaling, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E| + |V|^2 log(U))$

Network Problems

Minimum cost flow and maximum flow problems

Running time of an almost linear time algorithm [5] for minimum cost flows and maximum flows

- Demands, costs and capacities are bounded polynomially
- Demands, costs and capacities are integral
- Runs in $m^{1+\mathcal{O}(1)}$ time

Feasible flow problem

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{v':vv'\in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v':v'v\in E} x_{v'v} = b_v && \forall v \\
&0 \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} && \forall vv' \in E
\end{aligned}$$

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Maximum flow problem

Procedure to create a transformed network $G'(V', E')$ [2]

- Add the vertex s
- $\forall v \in V$ with $b_v > 0$, add the edges sv with $u_{sv} = b_v$
- Add the vertex t
- $\forall v \in V$ with $b_v < 0$, add the edges vt with $u_{vt} = -b_v$
- $V' = V \cup \{s, t\}$
- $E' = E \cup \{sv : v \in V,\ b_v > 0\} \cup \{vt : v \in V,\ b_v < 0\}$

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Maximum flow problem

Maximum flow problem on the transformed network $G'(V', E')$

$$\max \quad \alpha$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{v':vv' \in E'} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v':v'v \in E'} x_{v'v} = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{for} \quad v = s \\ 0 & \forall v \in V' \setminus \{s, t\} \\ -\alpha & \text{for} \quad v = t \end{cases}$$

$$0 \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E'$$

Feasible flow problem

If α^* of the maximum flow problem on the transformed network $G'(V', E')$ is equal to $\sum_{v \in V,\, b_v > 0} b_v$ than the flow problem is feasible.

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Maximum flow problem with lower bounds on $G(V, E)$

$$\max \quad \alpha$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{v':vv' \in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v':v'v \in E} x_{v'v} = \begin{cases} \alpha & \text{for} \quad v = s \\ 0 & \forall v \in V \setminus \{s, t\} \\ -\alpha & \text{for} \quad v = t \end{cases}$$

$$l_{vv'} \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E$$

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Procedure to create a circulation network $G^c(V, E^c)$ [2]

- Add the edge ts with $u_{ts} = \infty$
- $E^c = E \cup \{ts\}$

so that it is possible to send the flow from s to t back to s from t by using the edge ts with $u_{ts} = \infty$.

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Circulation problem (a feasible flow of the maximum flow problem with lower bounds) [2]

$$\sum_{v': vv' \in E^c} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v': v'v \in E^c} x_{v'v} = 0 \qquad \forall v \in V$$

$$l_{vv'} \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E^c$$

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Transformed ($x_{vv'} = x'_{vv'} + l_{vv'}$) circulation problem [2]

$$\sum_{v': vv' \in E^c} x'_{vv'} - \sum_{v': v'v \in E^c} x'_{v'v} = b_v \qquad \forall v \in V$$

$$0 \leq x'_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} - l_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E^c$$

where $b_v = \sum_{v': v'v \in E^c} l_{v'v} - \sum_{v': vv' \in E^c} l_{vv'} \qquad \forall v \in V$

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Feasible flow problem

A feasible flow can be found by solving a maximum flow problem on the transformed network $G^{c\prime}(V', E^{c\prime})$.

Network Problems

Maximum flow problem

Residual capacities on $G(V, E)$ [2]

A residual capacity of an edge vv' is denoted as $r_{vv'} = (u_{vv'} - x_{vv'}) + (x_{v'v} - l_{v'v})$, where $x_{vv'}$'s and $x_{v'v}$'s are the feasible flows found in the previous step.

Maximum flow problem with residual capacities on $G(V, E)$

Solve the maximum flow problem with residual capacities on $G(V, E)$. Note that the residual capacity $r_{vv'}$ denotes the maximum possible increase in flow for the edge vv'.

Find the solution of the maximum flow problem with lower bounds

Find the solution of the maximum flow problem with lower bounds on $G(V, E)$ by increasing feasible flows found in the feasible flow problem by values from the maximum flow problem with residual capacities.

Minimum value problem [2] with lower bounds on $G(V, E)$

$$\begin{aligned} &min \quad \alpha \\ &s.t. \quad \sum_{v':vv' \in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v':v'v \in E} x_{v'v} = \begin{cases} \alpha & for \quad v = s \\ 0 & \forall v \in V \setminus \{s, t\} \\ -\alpha & for \quad v = t \end{cases} \\ &\qquad l_{vv'} \leq x_{vv'} \leq u_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E \end{aligned}$$

Solution method for minimum value problem

First find a feasible flow. Than solve the maximum flow problem, where capacities $r^{inv}_{vv'}$ are equal to $(x_{vv'} - l_{vv'}) + (u_{v'v} - x_{v'v})$. Note that the capacity $r^{inv}_{vv'}$ denotes the maximum possible decrease in flow for the edge vv'. Finally, the solution of the minimum value problem with lower bounds on $G(V, E)$ can be found by decreasing feasible flows by values from the maximum flow problem with capacities $r^{inv}_{vv'}$.

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Shortest path problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be a directed graph with costs $c_{vv'}$ defined on edges $vv' = e \in E$, where $v \neq v'$, v and $v' \in V$. Let $b_v > 0$ be the supply and $b_v < 0$ be the demand associated with each vertex $v \in V$. Moreover, $x_{vv'}$ denotes the amount of flow from a vertex v to another vertex v'. Then, shortest path problem minimizes the lengths of directed paths from a vertex s to all other vertices $t \in V$, $t \neq s$. Equivalently, shortest path problem minimizes the cost of sending an amount of unit flows from vertex s to all other vertices $t \in V$, $t \neq s$, where all flows in G are positive and satisfy the flow conservation constraints.

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Shortest path problem

Shortest path problem

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\begin{aligned}
min \quad & \sum_{vv' \in E} c_{vv'} x_{vv'} \\
s.t. \quad & \sum_{v' : vv' \in E} x_{vv'} - \sum_{v' : v'v \in E} x_{v'v} = \begin{cases} |V-1| & for \quad v = s \\ -1 & \forall v \in V \setminus \{s\} \end{cases} \\
& 0 \leq x_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E
\end{aligned}
$$

Special case of minimum cost flow problem

- Shortest path problem from vertex s to other vertices on $G(V, E)$
- Add $u_e = \infty$, $\forall e \in E$
- Minimum cost flow problem (with u_e) on $G(V, E) \equiv$ Shortest path problem from vertex s to other vertices on $G(V, E)$

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Assumptions [2]

- $\forall e \in E,\ c_e \in \mathcal{Z}$
- $\exists$ a directed path from vertex s to any vertex t, $t \in V$, $t \neq s$
- $\nexists$ a negative cycle

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Label-setting algorithms

- Once labels are set they are not allowed to be changed

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Some graph features for label-setting algorithms [2]

- $G(V, E)$ is a directed acyclic (does not contain any directed cycle) network with possibly negative c_e's, $e \in E$
- or $G(V, E)$ is a network with $c_e \geq 0$, $e \in E$

Label-correcting algorithms

- Less restrictive problem formulations
- Less efficient than label-setting algorithms

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Breadth-First Search

- It is a label-setting algorithm
- $\forall e \in E,\ c_e = 1$
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V| + |E|)$ time [6]

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Directed-acyclic graph algorithm

- It is a label-setting algorithm
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V| + |E|)$ time [6]

Dijkstra's algorithm

- It is a label-setting algorithm
- $\forall e \in E,\ c_e \geq 0$
- Original implementation runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2)$ time [2]

Running times of variants [2] of Dijkstra's algorithm

- Dial, $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V|C)$
- d-Heap, $\mathcal{O}(|E| log_d(|V|))$, $d = \frac{|E|}{|V|}$
- Fibonacci heap implementation, $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V| log(|V|))$
- Radix heap implementation, $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V| log(|V|C))$

Bellman-Ford-Moore algorithm

- It is a label-correcting algorithm
- $\exists e \in E$, $c_e < 0$
- FIFO implementation runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$ time [7]

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

Running times of label-correcting algorithms [2]

- Generic, $\mathcal{O}(min(|V|^2|E|C, |E|2^{|V|}))$
- Modified, $\mathcal{O}(min(|V||E|C, |E|2^{|V|}))$
- Modified FIFO, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$
- Modified Dequeue, $\mathcal{O}(min(|V||E|C, |E|2^{|V|}))$

Network Problems

Shortest path problem

A shortest path simplex algorithm [8]

- Pseudo permanent labels
- Multiple pivot rule
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$ time

Floyd-Warshall algorithm

- It is an all-pairs (not only from one vertex s) label-correcting algorithm [2]
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$ time [2]

Johnson's algorithm

- It is an all-pairs (not only from one vertex s) label-correcting algorithm [6]
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^2 log(|V|) + |V||E|)$ time [6]

Network Problems

Longest path problem

Longest path problem

- NP-hard (non-deterministic polynomial-time)

Longest path problem

- $G(V, E)$ is a directed acyclic graph
- Let $E' = E$
- $\forall e' \in E'$, $c_{e'} = -c_e$
- Shortest path problem on $G'(V, E') \equiv$ longest path problem on $G(V, E)$

Network Problems

Matching problem

Matching

Let $G(V, E)$ be an undirected graph. A matching $G'(V', E')$ is a subgraph of G and furthermore G' satisfies the following condition: $\forall v \in G'$, $deg(v) \leq 1$.

Bipartite (cardinality) matching problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be a bipartite undirected graph. Bipartite matching problem in G looks for a matching that has the maximum cardinality.

Network Problems

Matching problem

Bipartite matching as maximum flow problem [2]

- $G(V, E)$ is a bipartite undirected graph
- V_1 and V_2 are a partition of V
- $V' = V \cup \{s, t\}$
- $E' = \{vv' : v \in V_1, v' \in V_2\} \cup \{sv : v \in V_1\} \cup \{vt : v \in V_2\}$
- $\forall e \in E'$, $u_e = 1$
- $G'(V', E')$ is a directed graph
- Bipartite matching problem on $G \equiv$ maximum flow problem on G'
- Solvable with the unit capacity flow algorithm in $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|V|}|E|)$ time

HopcroftKarp algorithm [9]

- Solves the bipartite matching problem
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^{\frac{5}{2}})$ time

Network Problems

Matching problem

Bipartite weighted matching problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be a bipartite directed graph with weights c_e, $e \in E$. Moreover $\forall vv' \in E$, $v \in V_1$ and $v' \in V_2$. Bipartite weighted matching problem in G looks for a matching that has minimum weight.

Network Problems

Matching problem

Bipartite weighted matching (assignment) problem

$$\begin{aligned}
min \quad & \sum_{vv' \in E} c_{vv'} x_{vv'} \\
s.t. \quad & \sum_{v' : vv' \in E} x_{vv'} = 1 \qquad \forall v \in V_1 \\
& \sum_{v' : v'v \in E} x_{v'v} = 1 \qquad \forall v \in V_2 \\
& 0 \leq x_{vv'} \qquad \forall vv' \in E
\end{aligned}$$

Running times of algorithms for bipartite weighted matching problem [2]

- Successive shortest path, $\mathcal{O}(|V_1|S(|V|, |E|, C))$
- Hungarian (primal-dual), $\mathcal{O}(|V_1|S(|V|, |E|, C))$
- Relaxation, $\mathcal{O}(|V_1|S(|V|, |E|, C))$
- Cost scaling, $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log(|V|C))$
- Modified cost scaling, $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|V_1|}|E|log(|V|C))$

where $S(|V|, |E|, C)$ is the running time of the shortest path problem with $c_e \geq 0$, $\forall e \in E$.

Karp algorithm [10]

- Solves the bipartite weighted matching problem
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|log(|V|))$ time

Network Problems

Matching problem

Stable marriage problem [2]

Stable marriage problem is defined on a directed bipartite graph $G(V, E)$, where $|V_1| = |V_2|$, $\forall v \in V_1$ and $\forall v' \in V_2$, $c_{vv'} \in \{1, ..., |V_1|\}$ and $c_{v'v} \in \{1, ..., |V_1|\}$. In addition, $\forall v \in V_1$, if $v' \neq v''$ than $c_{vv'} \neq c_{vv''}$. Furthermore, $\forall v \in V_2$, if $v' \neq v''$ than $c_{vv'} \neq c_{vv''}$. In other words, both $|V_1|$ men and $|V_2|$ women give distinct ranks to their potential mates. An unstable situation arises when an unmarried couple chooses each other over their current spouse.

Network Problems

Matching problem

The propose-and-reject algorithm [2]

- Solves stable marriage problem in $\mathcal{O}(|V_1|^2)$ time
- $\exists$ a stable matching for any set of rankings
- Man-optimal solution if man proposes first

Network Problems

Matching problem

Nonbipartite (cardinality) matching problem

Let $G(V, E)$ be an undirected graph. Nonbipartite matching problem in G looks for a matching that has the maximum cardinality.

Network Problems

Matching problem

Nonbipartite matching algorithm [2]

- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$ time

However,

Bipartite matching algorithm [2]

- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V||E|)$ time
- Slower than the unit capacity flow algorithm which runs in $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|V|}|E|)$ time

Edmonds(Gabow) algorithm [11]

- Solves the maximum weight nonbipartite matching problem
- Runs in $\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$ time

Network Problems

Cut

Cut

A cut is a partition ($V_1 \cup V_2 = V$ and $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$) of the vertices of a directed graph $G(V, E)$. In particular, a cut is called an $s-t$ cut if $s \in V_1$ and $t \in V_2$.

Capacity of an $s - t$ cut [2]

The capacity of an $s - t$ cut is equal to the maximum possible amount of net flow from V_1 to V_2, where $s \in V_1$ and $t \in V_2$:

$$\sum_{vv':v \in V_1,\, v' \in V_2} u_{vv'} - \sum_{v'v:v \in V_1,\, v' \in V_2} l_{v'v}$$

Minimum $s - t$ cut [2]

A minimum $s - t$ cut has the minimum capacity among all possible partitions of the vertices of a directed graph $G(V, E)$ such that $s \in V_1$ and $t \in V_2$.

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Generalized max-flow min-cut theorem

Generalized max-flow min-cut theorem [2]

The maximum amount of flow from s to t is equal to the capacity of the minimum $s - t$ cut.

Spanning forest

A spanning forest of an undirected graph $G(V, E)$ is an acyclic subgraph of G, denoted as $G'(V, E')$, where $|E'| < |V| - 1$.

Spanning tree

A spanning tree of an undirected graph $G(V, E)$ is a connected acyclic subgraph of G, denoted as $G'(V, E')$, where $|E'| = |V| - 1$.

Minimum spanning tree problem

Minimum spanning tree problem in an undirected graph G looks for a spanning tree that has the minimum total weight.

Network Problems

Minimum spanning tree problem

Minimum spanning tree problem [2]

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\begin{aligned}
min \quad & \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e \\
s.t. \quad & \sum_{e \in E} x_e = |V| - 1 \\
& \sum_{e \in E' = \{e = vv' : v \in V' \text{ and } v' \in V'\}} x_e \leq |V'| - 1 \qquad \forall V' \subseteq V \\
& x_e \in \{0, 1\} \qquad \forall e \in E
\end{aligned}
$$

Cut optimality conditions [2]

A spanning tree in $G(V,E)$ is a minimum spanning tree denoted as $G'(V,E') \Leftrightarrow \forall e \in E'$, $\exists$ a unique cut that can be obtained by removing only edge e from $G'(V,E')$ such that
$\forall (v-v') : v \in V_1,\ v' \in V_2,\ (v-v') \in E;\ c_e \leq c_{(v-v')}$.

Network Problems

Path optimality conditions

Path optimality conditions [2]

A spanning tree in $G(V, E)$ is a minimum spanning tree denoted as $G'(V, E') \Leftrightarrow \forall e = (i - j) \in E \setminus E'$, $\exists$ a unique path connecting vertices i and j, denoted as $p(e) = (i - v_0 - v_1 - v_2 ... j)$ whose elements(edges) are in E'; than $\forall e' \in p(e)$, $c_{e'} \leq c_e$.

Running times of algorithms for minimum spanning tree problem [2]

- Kruskal (based on path optimality conditions), $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V| log(|V|)) + Sort(|E|)$
- Prim (based on cut optimality conditions), $\mathcal{O}(|E| + |V| log(|V|))$
- Sollin (based on cut optimality conditions), $\mathcal{O}(|E| log(|V|))$

All-pairs minimax path problem [2]

The all-pairs minimax path problem wants to determine a path for each pair of vertices such that the maximum edge weights on these paths are minimized. The solution of this problem corresponds to a minimum spanning tree.

Network Problems

Minimum spanning branching problem

Branching

In a directed graph $G(V, E)$, a branching is a directed forest, denoted as $G'(V', E')$ where the indegree (the number of edges with v as their terminal vertex) of a vertex v, $deg^-(v) \leq 1$ for all $v \in V'$.

Network Problems

Minimum spanning arborescence problem

(Rooted) Arborescence

In a directed graph $G(V, E)$, an (rooted) arborescence is a directed tree, denoted as $G'(V', E')$ where all edges are directed away from the root vertex. For an arborescence, the indegree (the number of edges with v as their terminal vertex) of a vertex v, $deg^{-}(v) \leq 1$ for all $v \in V'$.

Minimum(maximum) spanning branching problem

The minimum(maximum) spanning branching problem in a directed graph $G(V, E)$ looks for a branching with minimum(maximum) total weight on the edges, denoted as $G'(V, E')$, where $|E'| \leq |V| - 1$.

Minimum(maximum) spanning arborescence problem

Given a root vertex, the minimum(maximum) spanning arborescence problem in a directed graph $G(V, E)$ looks for an arborescence with minimum(maximum) total weight on the edges, denoted as $G'(V, E')$, where $|E'| = |V| - 1$.

Network Problems

A few libraries

LEMON Graph Library (C++)

Library for Efficient Modeling and Optimization in Networks

NetworkX

A Python library for graphs and networks

Compressed sparse graph routines (scipy.sparse.csgraph)

Fast graph algorithms

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