

# Algorithmics Exercise 1

## Example 1 Covering the 1's

The problem is solvable in polynomial time because it could be reduced to the smallest vertex cover of a bipartite graph.

König-Egerváry Theorem

We can transform the problem to a minimum vertex cover problem for a bipartite graph.

Notation: Columns as  $C = \{C_1, \dots, C_m\}$  and the rows as  $R = \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$  and the edges  $E = \{(R_i, C_j) \text{ where } a_{ij} = 1\}$

Because there are no edges between vertices in  $C$  and no edges between vertices in  $R$ . So it is possible to cover all 1's with a lines. A small example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

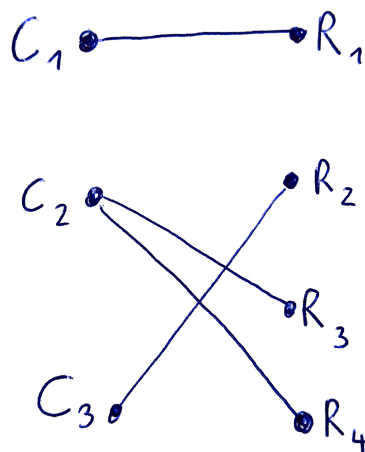


Figure 1: Graph

## Example 2 Matrix rounding

This problem is similar to a Feasible matrix rounding (circulation problem with lower bounds).  
Given a  $n \times m$  Matrix  $M$  where  $n$  is a even.

3, 7	3, 1	2, 7	1, 0 5	8, 12
1, 1	4, 7	0, 3	4, 4 5	10, 55
0, 3	2, 3	2, 9	1, 7	7, 12
5, 1	10, 1	5, 9	7, 2	
15, 2				

Figure 2: Feaseble Matrix

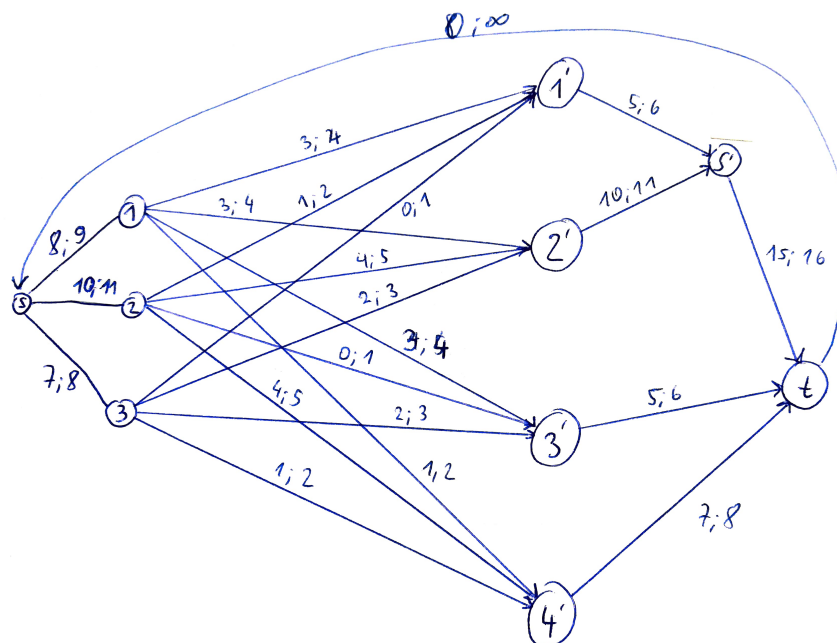


Figure 3: Graph

### Example 3 Acyclic flows

a) acyclic flow:

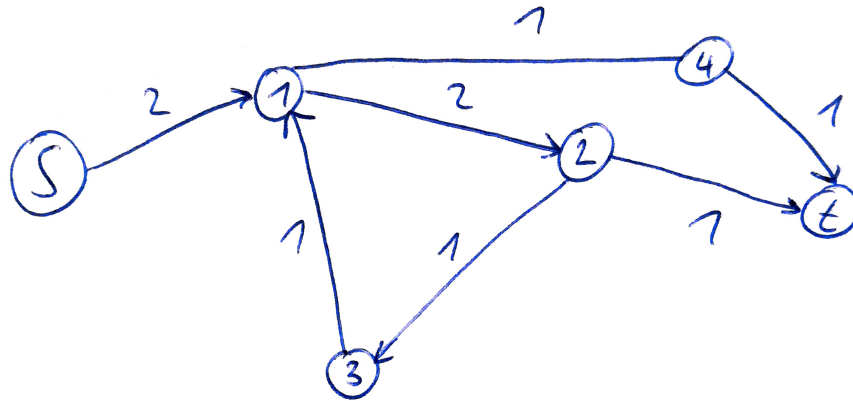


Figure 4: Graph

b)

Consider a maximum flow  $f$ , that is not acyclic.

Define  $E'$  the set of edges and  $V'$  the set of vertices in that cycle. So each vertices appears once and has one outgoing edge and one incoming edge in  $E'$ .

Denote  $c' = \min\{f(e') \text{ where } e' \in E'\}$

$$f'(e) = f(e) - c' \quad \forall e \in E'$$

$$f'(e) = f(e) \quad \forall e \in E \setminus E'$$

After that  $f'$  is still a flow because  $\forall$  vertices in  $V'$ :

$$\sum_{inv} f'(e) = \sum_{inv} f(e) - c' = \sum_{outv} f(e) - c' = \sum_{outv} f'(e)$$

Repeat this proced mutliblbe times to get an acycle flow.

## Exercise 4 All-Different Assignments

We can transform this problem also in a Bipartite Matching problem. First we define  $L$  as a set of vertices, where each element represents a variable in  $X$ .

On the other hand we define  $R$  as a set of vertices, where each vertex represents an element in  $D$ .

$$(x_i, d_j) \in E \implies d_j \in D(x_i) \quad (2)$$

The maximum number of matchings are  $n$ . If there exists an all-different assignment  $\rightarrow$  exists the following equivalence:

$$(x_i, d_j) \in M \implies f(x_i) = d_j \quad (3)$$

After that it is a Bipartite Matching Problem with the following Polynomial Time algorithm: To

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- 1: Create a graph  $G = (L \cup R, E)$
  - 2: Write  $L$  with  $x_i$
  - 3: Write  $R$  with  $d_i$
  - 4: Write  $E(x_i, d_j)$   $x_i$  and  $d_j = D(x_i)$
  - 5: Create graph  $G' = (L \cup R \cup \{s, t\}, E')$
  - 6: Apply Ford-Fulkerson to  $G'$
  - 7: If max-flow is  $n \rightarrow$  all-different assignment
  - 8: Else no all-different
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line 4 is a runtime of  $O(mn)$

Create the graph also in  $O(mn)$  line 5

Ford-Fulkerson runs in total with  $O(m^2n^2)$

$m+n+2$  vertices and max  $m \times n + 2$ . Finally we get  $O(m^2n + n^2m + 2mn + 2m + 2n + 4) \rightarrow O(m^2n^2)$

## Exercise 5 Significant Edges

A edge  $e' = (u, v)$  of  $N = \{V, E, c, s, t\}$  is a significant edge if the minimum cut of  $N' = \{V, E, c', s, t\}$  where  $c'(e') = c(e') - 1$  and  $c'(e) = c(e)$  for all other edges than the minimum cut of  $N$ .

Explenarsion:

If the minimum cut of  $N'$  is less than 1 the minimum cut of  $N$  must contain  $e' = (u, v)$  as on of the edges such that  $u \in A$  and  $v \in B$ , as otherwise the minimum cut of  $N'$  would also be a minimum cut of  $N$ . Then the same cut with the capacity  $c$  instead of  $c'$  would be bigger by one, therefore the minimum cut of  $N'$  would also be a minimum cut of  $N$  thereby proving the implication.

With this assamtion we could design a algorithym who determine all significant edges (the maximum flow and the minimum cut have the same value)

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- 1: Ford-Falkerson  $(V, E, \omega, s, t)$  to determine maximal flow-value  $c$
  - 2: For  $e \in E$  do:
  - 3:  $\omega(e) = \omega(e) - 1$
  - 4: Ford-Fulkerson  $(V, E, \omega, s, t)$  to determine new flow value  $c_n$
  - 5: If  $(c_n < c)$  then  $G = G \cup e$
  - 6:  $\omega(e) = \omega(e) + 1$
  - 7: end for
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Since this algorithym runs Ford-Fulkerson  $m + 1$  times where  $m$  is the number of edges and Ford-Fulkerson is running in Plynominal time  $O((m + 1)mnC)$

## Exercise 6 Cute Subsets

This problem can be solved again by reducing it to a maximum flow problem.

- 1) Adding a source and a sink to the vertex-set
- 2) Add a vertex for each element in  $s_i \in S$ . 3) Add an edge from the source to each for these vertices with capacity 1.
- 4) Add a vertex for each set  $A_1, \dots, A_m$ .
- 5) Add edges in a way such that following equivalence holds:

$$\forall s_i \in S \quad \forall A_i (s_i \in A_j \implies (s_i, A_j) \in E) \quad (4)$$

Assign capacity 1 to each for these edges.

- 6) Add an edge between each  $A_i$  and the sink with capacity 1.

If the maximum flow equals  $m$  then the edges in the flow give us a cut subset.

Ford-Fulkerson solves this maxflow-problem in  $O((m+n)(mn) \times 1)$

$m+n$  vertices and  $m \times n$  edges and the maximal capacity is 1.

This is obviously also  $O((m+n)^3)$  so it runs polynomially on  $m+n$ .

For the validation assume there is a maximum flow for  $m$ . We can get a cut subset from the flow in the following way:

$$\forall i = 1, \dots, m \quad a_i = s_j \implies f(s_j, A_i) = 1 \quad (5)$$

Since the flow to each  $s_i$  is exactly one such edge for each  $s_i$ . Because the flow from each  $A_i$  to the sink is limited by one, there must be one for  $s_j$  for each  $A_i$ , because else the maximum flow could not be  $m$ .

This equivalence holds in both directions and if we have a cut subset we can make a maximum flow of  $m$  using the above equivalence.

## Exercise 7 Unique Flows

When we proof the following lemma then the problem is also solved: There is a unique maximum flow if changing the capacity of any of the edges, with  $f(e) > 0$  in the maximum flow to  $c(e) = f(e) - 1$  reduces the maximum flow. (Only for acyclic graphs where capacities are positive integers).

Proof by contraposition:

If there is more than one maximum flow then changing the capacity of one of the edges  $f(e) > 0$  to  $c(e) = f(e) - 1$  does not reduce the maximum flow.

Let  $f' \neq f$

Then we can take any  $e$  such that  $f(e) > f'(e)$  and reduce its capacity and still have the maximum flow  $f'$  with the same value.

Obviously either an edge with  $f(e) > f'(e)$  or an edge with  $f'(e) > f(e)$  must exist because else the two flows would be the same. For all vertices:

$$\sum_{e \text{ into } v} f(e) = \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e)$$

Assume that no edge with  $f(e) > f'(e)$  exists. Since the flows are bigger going into the vertex for  $f'$  than for  $f$  the flows going out must also be bigger. Since there are no cycles and  $f'(e) \geq f(e)$  this would carry on until the sink, meaning that the flow  $f'$  has a bigger value than  $f$  contradiction our assumption that both are maximum flows. Therefore an  $e$  with  $f(e) > f'(e)$  must exist.

Using the above lemma we can decide whether any given acyclic flow network has a unique maximum flow in the following way:

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### Algorithm 1 PPO

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- 1: Ford-Fulkerson(N)
  - 2: Let  $E'$  be the edges  $e$  such that  $f(e) > 0$  in the computed maximum flow and  $c$  be the value of the flow
  - 3: For  $e' \in E'$  do
  - 4:  $c'(e') = f(e') - 1$  and  $c'(e) = c(e)$  for all other
  - 5: Compute Ford-Fulkerson( $N' = (V, E, c', s, t)$ )
  - 6: if the maximum flow value is  $c$  output ("There are multiple maximum flows")
  - 7: Elseif  $c'(e) = c(e) \ \forall e \in E$
  - 8: End for
  - 9: "There is a unique maximum flow"
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Since we call Ford-Fulkerson at most  $m + 1$  times where  $m$  is the number of edges, the algorithm runs in polynomial time.

## Exercise 8k-Edge Partitions

To prove this we will use the "Theorem of König": every  $k$ -regular bipartite graph has a perfect matching.

Proof: Induction Basis: Case  $k = 1$  is trivial.

Induction step:

Consider a  $k + 1$ -regular bipartite graph  $G$ . From the theorem of König we know that there exists a perfect matching  $M$  for this graph.

Consider the graph  $G' = (V, E \setminus M)$ . Since we removed a perfect matching this is a  $k$ -regular bipartite graph and there exists a partition of the edges  $E \setminus M$  into  $E_1, \dots, E_k$  such that each vertex is only incident to at most one edge of each partition. Simply let  $E_{k+1} := M$  to get a  $k + 1$ -partition as obviously no vertex can be incident to two edges in  $E_{k+1}$  as it is a perfect matching.