Lecture 5: Matchings

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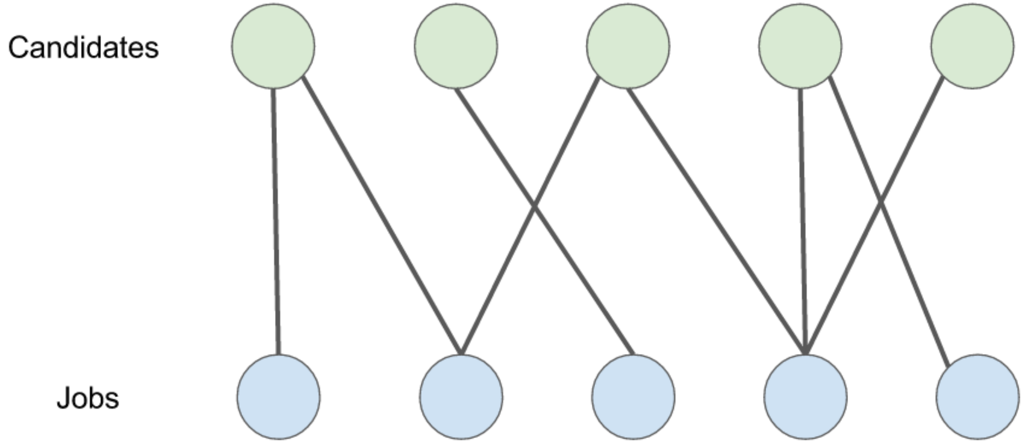
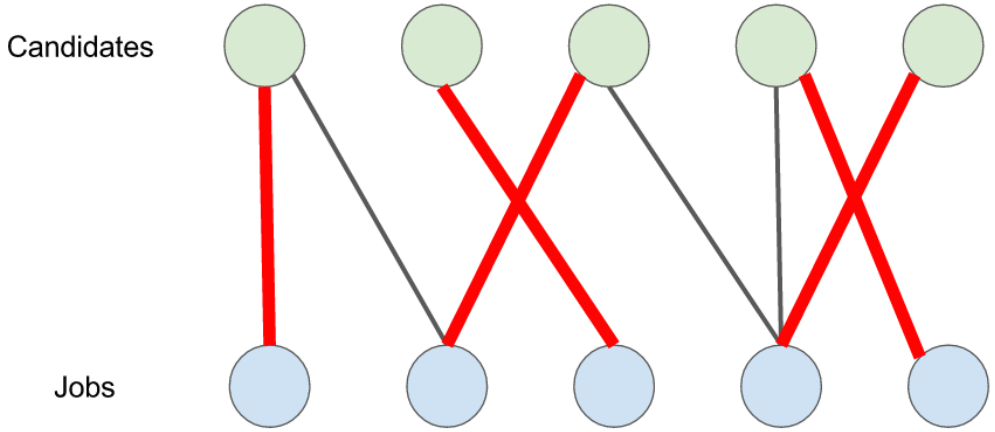
Motivating example





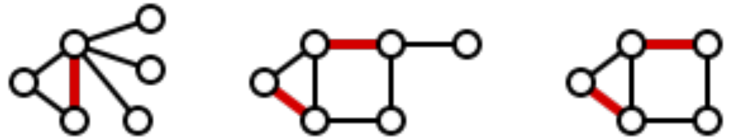
Definitions

- A matching is a set of independent edges, in which no pair of edges shares a vertex
- The vertices incident to the edges of a matching M are M-saturated (饱和的); the others are M-unsaturated
- A perfect matching in a graph is a matching that saturates every vertex
- Example (3.1.2, W) The number of perfect matchings in $K_{n,n}$ is $n!$
- Example (3.1.3, W) The number of perfect matchings in K_{2n} is

$$f_n = (2n-1)(2n-3)\cdots 1 = (2n-1)!!$$

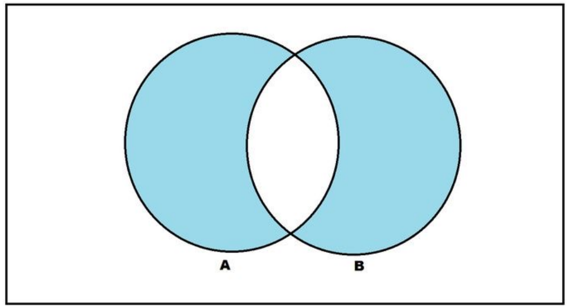
Maximal/maximum matchings 极大/最大

- A maximal matching in a graph is a matching that cannot be enlarged by adding an edge
- A maximum matching is a matching of maximum size among all matchings in the graph
- Example: P_3, P_5

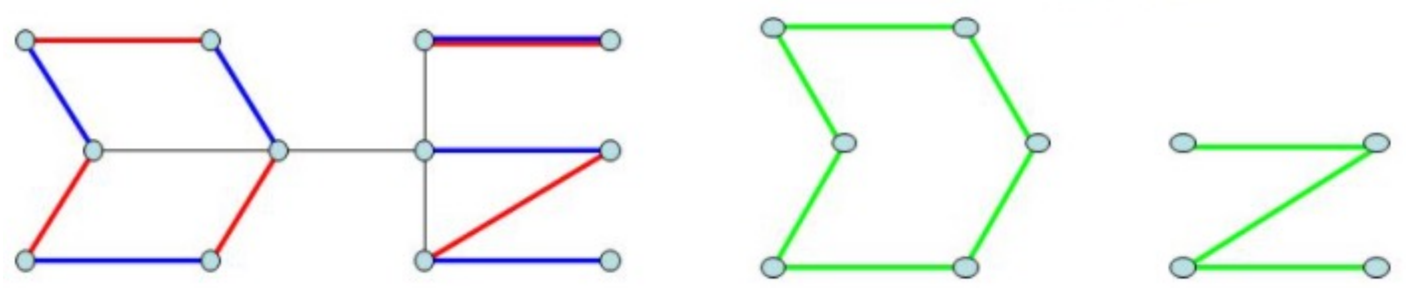


- Every maximum matching is maximal, but not every maximal matching is a maximum matching

Symmetric difference of matchings



- The symmetric difference of M, M' is $M \Delta M' = (M - M') \cup (M' - M)$
- Lemma (3.1.9, W) Every component of the symmetric difference of two matchings is a path or an even cycle



Maximum matching and augmenting path

- Given a matching M, an M-alternating path is a path that alternates between edges in M and edges not in M
- An M-alternating path whose endpoints are M-unsaturated is an M-augmenting path
- Theorem (3.1.10, W; 1.50, H; Berge 1957) A matching M in a graph G is a maximum matching in $G \Leftrightarrow G$ has no M-augmenting path

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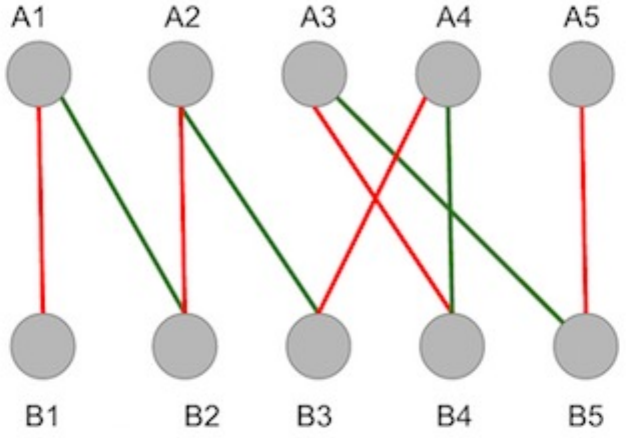

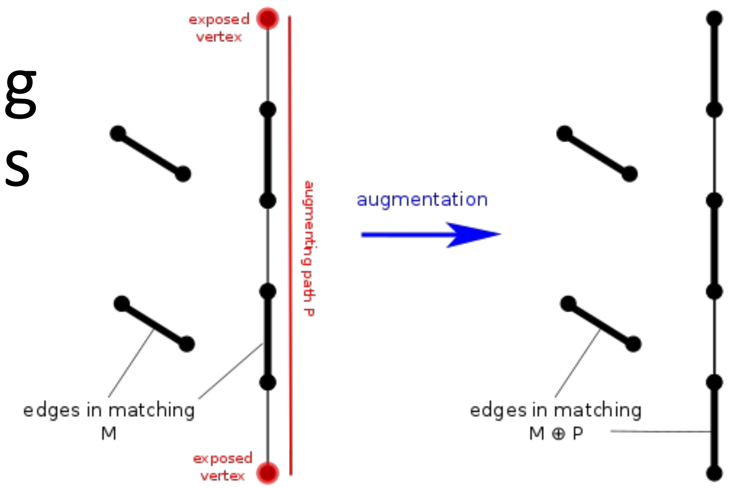

Hall's theorem (TONCAS)

- Theorem (3.1.11, W; 1.51, H; 2.1.2, D; Hall 1935) Let G be a bipartite graph with partition X, Y.
  G contains a matching of $X \Leftrightarrow |N(S)| \geq |S|$ for all $S \subseteq X$

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- Exercise. Read the other two proofs in Diestel.
- Corollary (3.1.13, W; 2.1.3, D) Every k-regular ($k > 0$) bipartite graph has a perfect matching

General regular graph

- Corollary (2.1.5, D) Every regular graph of positive even degree has a 2-factor
  - A k-regular spanning subgraph is called a k-factor
  - A perfect matching is a 1-factor

Theorem (1.2.26, W) A graph G is Eulerian $\Leftrightarrow$ it has at most one nontrivial component and its vertices all have even degree

Corollary (3.1.13, W; 2.1.3, D) Every k-regular $(k > 0)$ bipartite graph has a perfect matching

Application to SDR

- Given some family of sets X, a system of distinct representatives for the sets in X is a 'representative' collection of distinct elements from the sets of X

$$S_1 = \{2, 8\},$$
$$S_2 = \{8\},$$
$$S_3 = \{5, 7\},$$
$$S_4 = \{2, 4, 8\},$$
$$S_5 = \{2, 4\}.$$

The family $X_1 = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\}$ does have an SDR, namely $\{2, 8, 7, 4\}$. The family $X_2 = \{S_1, S_2, S_4, S_5\}$ does not have an SDR.

- Theorem(1.52, H) Let $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k$ be a collection of finite, nonempty sets. This collection has SDR $\Leftrightarrow$ for every $t \in [k]$, the union of any t of these sets contains at least t elements

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König Theorem
Augmenting Path Algorithm

Vertex cover

- A set $U \subseteq V$ is a (vertex) cover of E if every edge in G is incident with a vertex in U
- Example:
    - Art museum is a graph with hallways are edges and corners are nodes
    - A security camera at the corner will guard the paintings on the hallways
    - The minimum set to place the cameras?

König-Egeváry Theorem (Min-max theorem)

- Theorem (3.1.16, W; 1.53, H; 2.1.1, D; König 1931; Egeváry 1931) Let G be a bipartite graph. The maximum size of a matching in G is equal to the minimum size of a vertex cover of its edges

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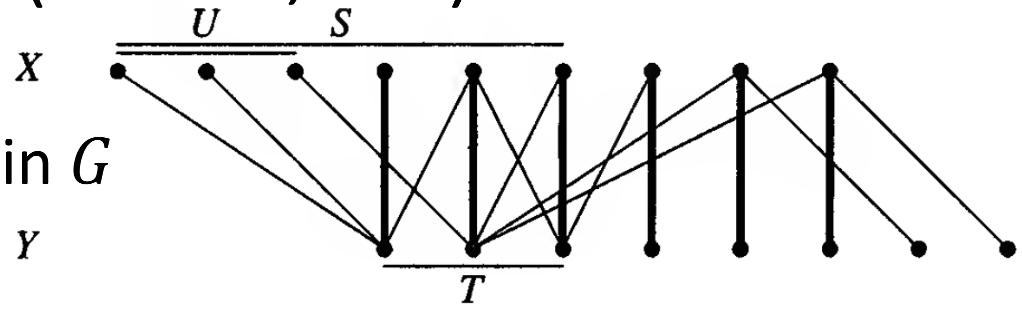
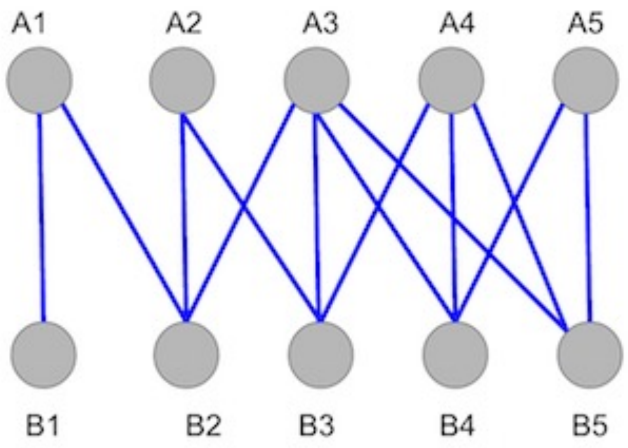
Augmenting path algorithm (3.2.1, W)

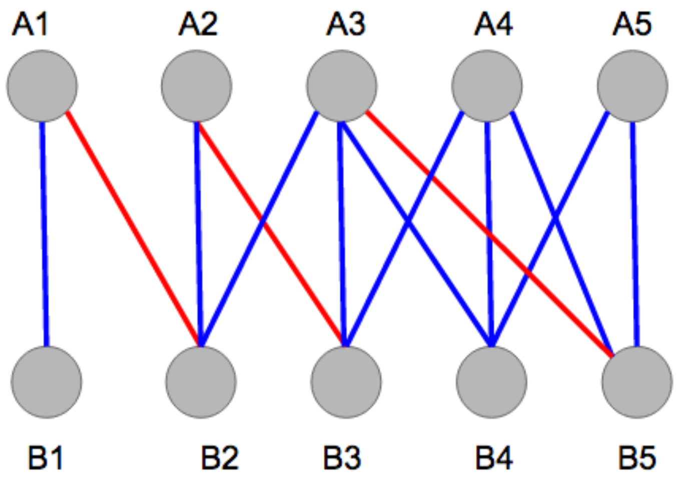


- **Input**: G is Bipartite with X, Y, a matching M in G
  $U = \{M\text{–unsaturated vertices in } X\}$
- **Idea**: Explore M-alternating paths from U
  letting $S \subseteq X$ and $T \subseteq Y$ be the sets of vertices reached
- **Initialization**: $S = U, T = \emptyset$ and all vertices in S are unmarked
- **Iteration**:
  - If S has no unmarked vertex, stop and report $T \cup (X - S)$ as a minimum cover and M as a maximum matching
  - Otherwise, select an unmarked $x \in S$ to explore
    - Consider each $y \in N(x)$ such that $xy \notin M$
      - If y is unsaturated, terminate and report an M-augmenting path from U to y
      - Otherwise, $yw \in M$ for some w
        - include y in T (reached from x) and include w in S (reached from y)
    - After exploring all such edges incident to x, mark x and iterate.

Example



Red: A random matching



Theoretical guarantee for Augmenting path algorithm

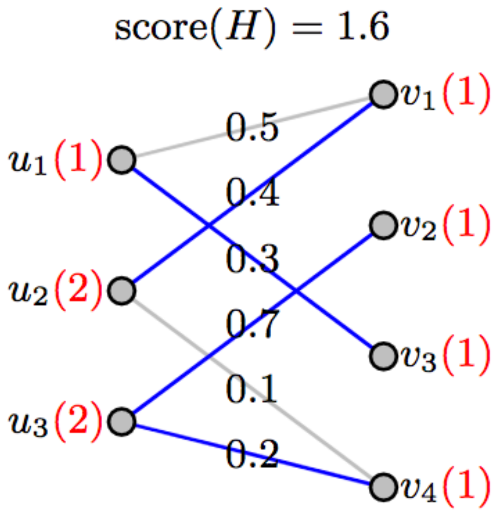
- Theorem (3.2.2, W) Repeatedly applying the Augmenting Path Algorithm to a bipartite graph produces a matching and a vertex cover of equal size

Weighted Bipartite Matching
Hungarian Algorithm

Weighted bipartite matching

- The maximum weighted matching problem is to seek a perfect matching M to maximize the total weight $w(M)$
- Bipartite graph
  - W.l.o.g. Assume the graph is $K_{n,n}$ with $w_{i,j} \geq 0$ for all $i, j \in [n]$
  - Optimization:

$$\max w(M_a) = \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j}$$
$$s.t.\ a_{i,1} + \cdots + a_{i,n} \leq 1 \text{ for any } i$$
$$a_{1,j} + \cdots + a_{n,j} \leq 1 \text{ for any } j$$
$$a_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}$$



  - Integer programming
  - General IP problems are NP-Complete

(Weighted) cover

- A (weighted) cover is a choice of labels $u_1, \ldots, u_n$ and $v_1, \ldots, v_n$ such that $u_i + v_j \geq w_{i,j}$ for all i, j
  - The cost $c(u, v)$ of a cover (u, v) is $\sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$
  - The minimum weighted cover problem is that of finding a cover of minimum cost
- Optimization problem

$$\min c(u,v) = \sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$$
$$s.t.\, u_i + v_j \geq w_{i,j} \text{ for any } i, j$$
$$u_i, v_j \geq 0 \text{ for any } i, j$$

Duality

(IP)

$$\max \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j}$$
$$s.t.\, a_{i,1} + \cdots + a_{i,n} \le 1 \text{ for any } i$$
$$a_{1,j} + \cdots + a_{n,j} \le 1 \text{ for any } j$$
$$a_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}$$

$\Rightarrow$

(Linear programming)

$$\max \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j}$$
$$s.t.\, a_{i,1} + \cdots + a_{i,n} \le 1 \text{ for any } i$$
$$a_{1,j} + \cdots + a_{n,j} \le 1 \text{ for any } j$$
$$a_{i,j} \ge 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

(Dual)

$$\min \sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$$
$$s.t.\, u_i + v_j \ge w_{i,j} \text{ for any } i, j$$
$$u_i, v_j \ge 0$$

- Weak duality theorem
  - For each feasible solution a and (u, v)

$$\sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j} \le \sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$$

thus $\max \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j} \le \min \sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$

Duality (cont.)

- Strong duality theorem
  - If one of the two problems has an optimal solution, so does the other one and that the bounds given by the weak duality theorem are tight

$$\max \sum_{i,j} a_{i,j} w_{i,j} = \min \sum_{i} u_i + \sum_{j} v_j$$

- Lemma (3.2.7, W) For a perfect matching M and cover (u, v) in a weighted bipartite graph G, $c(u, v) \geq w(M)$.
  $c(u, v) = w(M) \Leftrightarrow$ M consists of edges $x_i y_j$ such that $u_i + v_j = w_{i,j}$
  In this case, M and (u, v) are optimal.

Equality subgraph

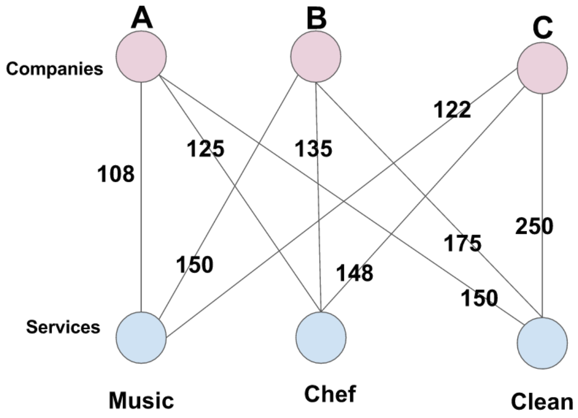
- The equality subgraph $G_{u,v}$ for a cover (u, v) is the spanning subgraph of $K_{n,n}$ having the edges $x_i y_j$ such that $u_i + v_j = w_{i,j}$
  - So if $c(u, v) = w(M)$ for some perfect matching M, then M is composed of edges in $G_{u,v}$
  - And if $G_{u,v}$ contains a perfect matching M, then (u, v) and M (whose weights are $u_i + v_j$) are both optimal

Hungarian algorithm

- **Input**: Weighted $K_{n,n} = B(X,Y)$
- **Idea**: Iteratively adjusting the cover (u,v) until the equality subgraph $G_{u,v}$ has a perfect matching
- **Initialization**: Let (u,v) be a cover, such as $u_i = \max_j w_{i,j}$, $v_j = 0$

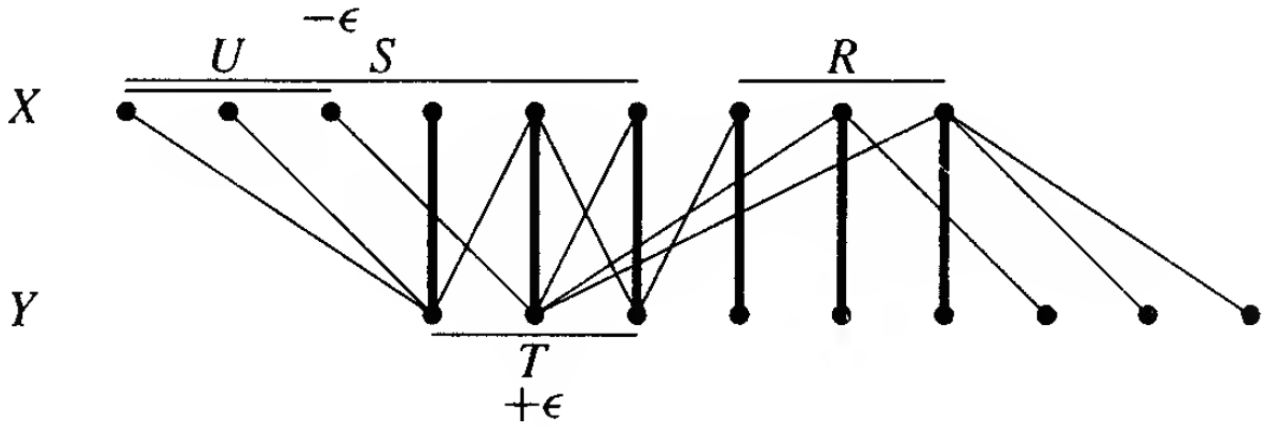
(Dual)

$$\min \sum_i u_i + \sum_j v_j$$
$$s.t. \, u_i + v_j \geq w_{i,j} \text{ for any } i,j$$
$$u_i, v_j \geq 0$$

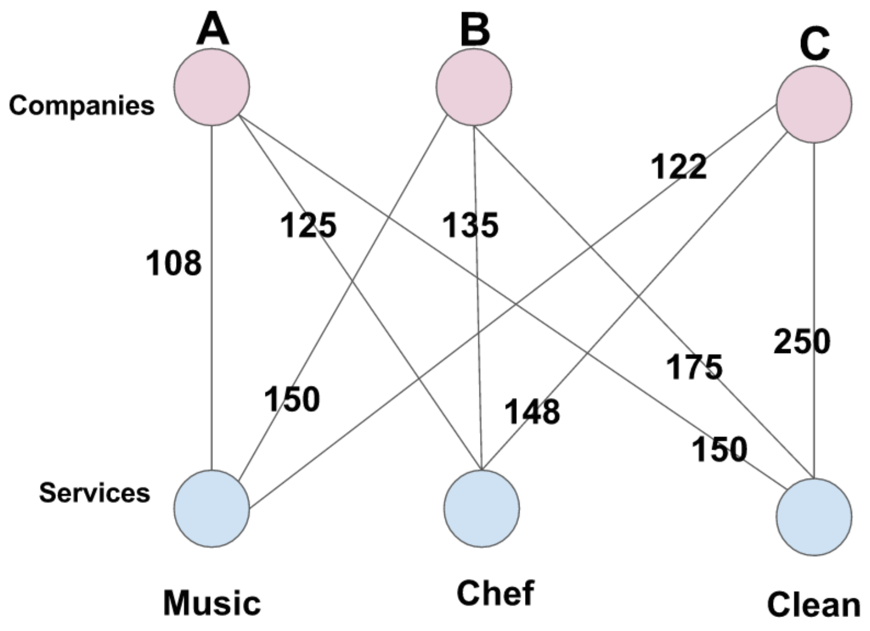


Hungarian algorithm (cont.)

- **Iteration**: Find a maximum matching M in $G_{u,v}$
  - If M is a perfect matching, stop and report M as a maximum weight matching
  - Otherwise, let Q be a vertex cover of size $|M|$ in $G_{u,v}$
    - Let $R = X \cap Q, T = Y \cap Q$
      $$\epsilon = \min\{u_i + v_j - w_{i,j} : x_i \in X - R, y_j \in Y - T\}$$
    - Decrease u_i by ϵ for $x_i \in X - R$ and increase v_j by ϵ for $y_j \in T$
  - Form the new equality subgraph and repeat



Example



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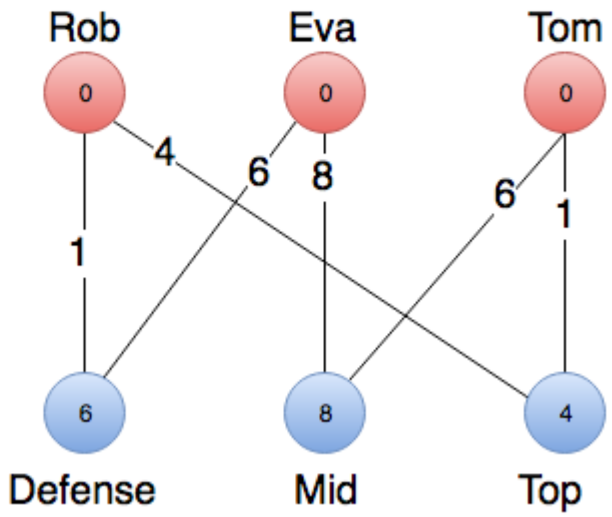

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Example 2: Excess matrix

$$
\begin{pmatrix}4&1&6&2&3\\5&0&3&7&6\\2&3&4&5&8\\3&4&6&3&4\\4&6&5&8&6\end{pmatrix}
\rightarrow
\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \begin{matrix}0&0&0&0&0\end{matrix} & \\
\begin{matrix}6\\7\\8\\6\\8\end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix}2&5&\underline{0}&4&3\\2&7&4&\underline{0}&1\\6&5&4&3&\underline{0}\\3&2&0&3&2\\4&2&3&0&2\end{pmatrix} & \begin{matrix}\\ \\ R\\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} \\
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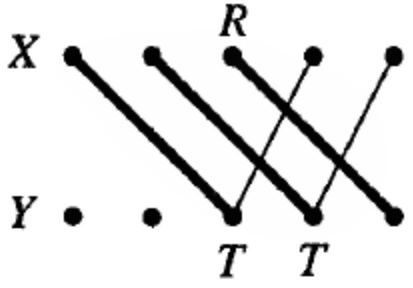

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 & \begin{matrix}&&T&T&T\end{matrix}
\end{array}
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\rightarrow
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 & \begin{matrix}0&0&2&2&1\end{matrix} \\
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\end{array}
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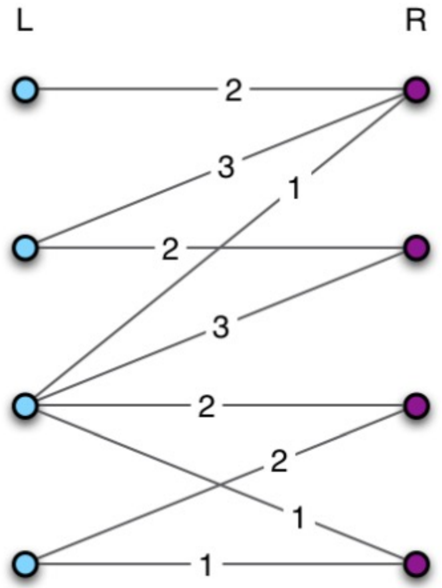
Optimal value is the same
But the solution is not unique

Theoretical guarantee for Hungarian algorithm

- Theorem (3.2.11, W) The Hungarian Algorithm finds a maximum weight matching and a minimum cost cover

Example 3



Back to (unweighted) bipartite graph

- The weights are binary $0,1$
- Hungarian algorithm always maintain integer labels in the weighted cover, thus the solution will always be $0,1$
- The vertices receiving label 1 must cover the weight on the edges, thus cover all edges
- So the solution is a minimum vertex cover

Summary

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Questions?

- Matching in bipartite graphs
  - Hall's Theorem (TONCAS)
  - König Theorem: For bipartite graph, the maximum size of a matching is equal to the minimum size of a vertex cover of its edges
  - Augmenting Path Algorithm
- Matchings in weighted bipartite graphs
  - Weighted cover, Hungarian algorithm, equality subgraph, excess matrix