

LP is phrased as following:

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{path goes from } i \text{ to } j \text{ at some point} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\#1 \wedge \#2 \Rightarrow |f(v)| = 2 \quad \forall v$$

$$\min \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} C(i,j) x_{ij} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{Constraint \#1} \quad \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n x_{ij} \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Dummy Variable

$$u_i \quad \forall 2 \leq i \leq n$$

$$u_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Constraint \#2} \quad \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n x_{ij} \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$\text{Constraint \#3} \quad u_i - u_j + n x_{ij} \leq n - 1 \quad \forall 2 \leq i \neq j \leq n$$

$$\text{Constraint \#4} \quad 0 \leq u_i \leq n - 1$$

$u_i = t$
means vertex i has been
visited at step i of the algorithm

v_1 : the vertex that starts and
end the tour with.

Proof (or at least I tried)

prove that a valid solution, a tour satisfies the constraint.

Consider the solution G , which is a cycle, and any path $P \subseteq G$ and P contains u_1 .

Consider : $\forall e=(i,j) \in P : u_i - u_j + n\chi_{i,j} \leq n-1$

* Then summing up
all of them, $\sum_{i \neq 1} (e=(i,j) \in P : u_i - u_j) + n(\sum_{e \in P} \chi_e) \leq k(n-1)$

assuming P has
 k edges then it's equal to:

$$u_2 - u_k + n(k) \leq k(n-1)$$

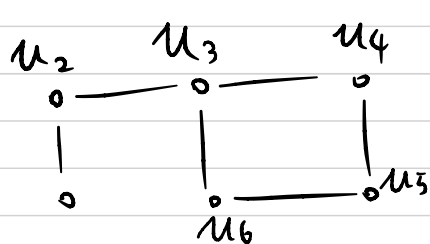
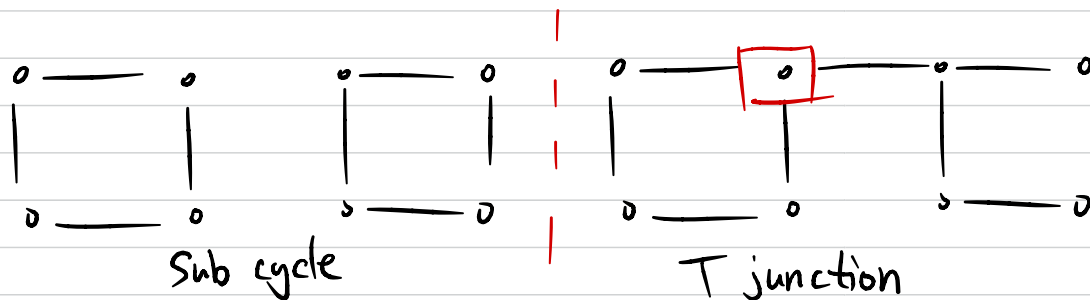
which is true for all k ,

inductively, $u_i - u_{i+1} = -1$, hence the solution
for dummy variable will be: $u_2 - u_k = (k-1)$

then $k(n-1) \leq k(n-1)$ \square

If a solution is not valid (Not a tour) then the constraint is not satisfied.

Assume constraint #1, #2 are satisfied, here is some non-trivial examples that are not a tour and satisfies the constraints:

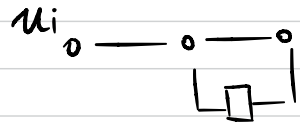


$u_3 - u_2 = 1$
but edges involve is 5

then $-1 + 6 \times 5 \leq (5) \times 5$

$$29 \leq 25$$

Constraints #3 prevents Tea spoon configuration (Results will always be a path)



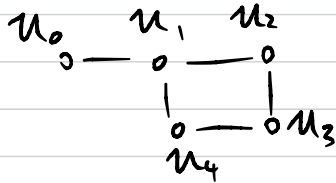
this config is prevented.

Say path length is k

$P_i, P_{i+1} \dots P_{i+k}$

but one of the vertex repeated.

let's see a non-trivial example, which can be generalized easily.



$$(u_0 - u_1) + (u_1 - u_2) + (u_2 - u_3) + (u_3 - u_4) + (u_4 - u_1)$$

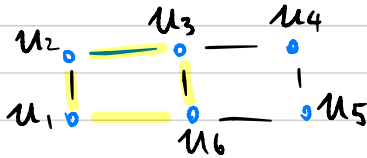
$$\Rightarrow u_0 - u_1 = -1$$

but then $k(X_{i,j})$ will be 5×5

and $k(n-1)$ is $5 \times (5-1) = 20$

$24 \leq 20$ is FALSE

Double cycle configuration



$$u_2 - u_2 = 0$$



oh No...
kinda hard.

if any sub cycle exists, say this one:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u_i & \text{---} & u_{i+1} \\ | & & | \\ u_{i+3} & \text{---} & u_{i+2} \end{array}$$

$$u_i - u_i = 0 \text{ cycle sum}$$

$$n \sum_{e \in P} \chi_e = 4 \times 4 = 16$$

$$n(n-1) = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$16 \leq 12 \text{ is false}$$