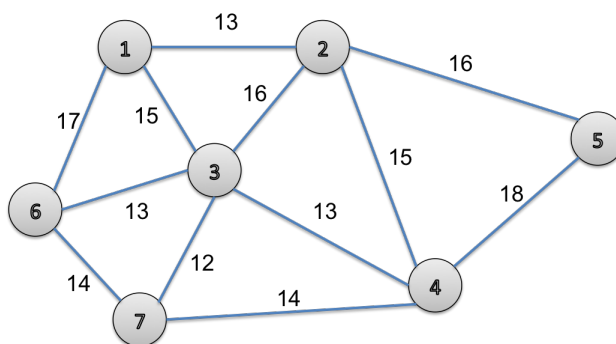


## SA405 – Exam 2 Practice

1. US NorthWest plans to install fiber in a metro area network that is expected to experience increased demand due to the opening of a large manufacturing facility. The Central Offices (COs) in the network are represented by vertices in the graph below. The edges in the graph represent the possible fiber paths linking the COs. The number on edge  $(i, j)$  represents the cost  $c_{ij}$  (in \$1000) of installing fiber between COs  $i$  and  $j$ .



- (a) Write an integer program in parameterized form that provides the collection of edges that will minimize the cost of connecting all the central offices in the network via a fiber spanning tree. Be sure to define any notation used, and to describe the purpose of each type of constraint.
- (b) In concrete form, write all of the constraints required to ensure that no cycle of any length is present among the nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- (c) If this were a slightly larger problem, one of the sets of constraints in your parameterized model from part (a) would need to be added iteratively.
  - i. Which set of constraints is this?
  - ii. Explain why it does not work to add all of those constraints at once.
  - iii. Sketch a non-spanning-tree solution that is possible if these constraints are not included, and write out the constraint of this type that you would need to add to prevent this subgraph from occurring in the next iteration.
- (d) The modeling team learns that city ordinances require that if link  $(3, 7)$  is built, then neither  $(1, 2)$  nor  $(3, 4)$  may be built. Write a constraint to model this new requirement.
- (e) The Central Office represented by vertex 3 is centrally located, but the equipment there is outdated. If vertex 3 is used as a hub, meaning three or more fiber paths meet at vertex 3, the Central Office there will require a \$25,000 upgrade. The modeling team adds a new binary variable  $y$  that indicates whether or not vertex 3 is used as a hub in the network design. They modify the objective function by adding the term  $25y$ . Write a concrete constraint that forces  $y$  to be 1 if three or more selected edges connect to vertex 3.

2. The Brothers that ran the NEHI Bottling Company have retired and sold their business. In the decades since the bottling industry has changed and customers no longer return bottles to the store for deposit. Instead customers recycle at home. Local townships provide recycling pick ups and transport the recycling to temporary storage. Trucks operated by a regional recycling center must pick up the recycling from each town's storage and bring it to the center. Assume that the regional recycling center has 3 trucks that can carry 8 tons of recycling each. The NEHI brothers have taken over the operation of the recycling center and want to find routes for the trucks to minimize the total distance traveled in collecting all of the recycling. The drivers always start and end their deliveries at the center, designated as node 0. The center serves 10 towns and the recycling load  $h_i$  for each township  $i$  is given below.

Township, $i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tons of recycling, $h_i$	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	2

The distances between the center and the towns are represented by  $d_{ij}$ , for all  $(i, j) \in E$ .

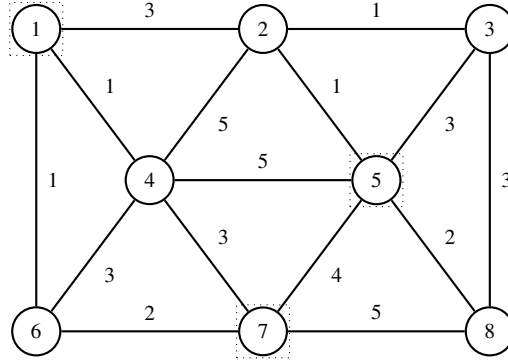
- Write a (*partial*) model in parameterized form that includes the objective function and constraints that correctly specify the degree of each node in a feasible solution. (The degree of a node is the number of edges touching it.) Let  $X_{i,j}$  represent the binary indicator variable for including edge  $(i, j)$ . Let  $m = 3$ .
- You use an integer programming solver to find a solution to the formulation as described. The solver provides the following solution:  $X_{0,1} = X_{0,2} = X_{0,3} = X_{0,4} = X_{0,5} = X_{0,6} = X_{1,2} = X_{3,4} = X_{5,6} = X_{7,8} = X_{8,9} = X_{9,10} = X_{7,10} = 1$ . All other  $X_{ij} = 0$ . Draw the vehicle routes that this solution describes.
- Is the solution provided by the solver in part (b) a valid solution to the problem faced by the recycling center? Why or why not?
- Suppose the solver returns the routes 0-1-5-3-0, 0-4-2-8-9-0, and 0-6-10-7-0. Find the weight of the load that the truck visiting towns 2, 4, 8 and 9 must carry.
- One of the NEHI brothers claims that adding the cycle elimination constraint  $X_{04} + X_{24} + X_{28} + X_{89} + X_{09} \leq 4$  will get rid of the solution mentioned in part (d). His brother agrees but thinks that a constraint of the form

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E: i,j \in S} X_{ij} \leq |S| - C(S)$$

would be better. He argues that here  $S = \{2, 4, 8, 9\}$  and  $|S| = 4$ . **Find  $C(S)$  and write down the associated constraint explicitly (i.e. it starts out  $X_{2,4} + \dots$ ).**

- Find a path involving the center and towns 2, 4, 8 and 9 that would not be allowed by your answer to (e) but would be allowed by the cycle elimination constraint.
- How would the constraints you wrote in part (a) change if there was only one truck? What kind of model would this be?

3. The city council for Opstown, OR wants to determine how many fire stations they need to open in order to best serve their citizens. They want to use the graph below to help them make their decision, where the nodes  $J = \{1, 5, 7\}$  in dashed boxes are possible fire station locations, the nodes  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$  are customer locations, and the edge weights correspond to direct distances between nodes  $i$  and  $j$  (in miles). The total distance  $d_{ij}$  corresponds to the length of the shortest path between nodes  $i$  and  $j$  (in miles).



You are consulting for Opstown. The city council has decided that in order for a fire station to adequately service a citizen location, it must be no more than 3 miles from the customer location (i.e.  $D = 3$ ). The city council has also gathered data on the number of citizens at each customer location  $i$ , defined as  $h_i$ , and is providing you with that information in the table below (in hundreds of citizens). We assume that all “demand” can be met by any fire station location.

Citizen Location	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$h_i$	45	90	110	35	60	105	80	100

The city council thinks the following decision variables may be useful:

#### Decision Variables [units]

- $X_j$       1 if node  $j$  is the location of a fire station, 0 otherwise [binary]  
 $Y_i$       1 if node  $i$  has its “demand” satisfied by some fire station, 0 otherwise [binary]

- The city council would like to know the minimum number of fire stations they need to open. Using the information above, write an objective function that minimizes the total number of fire stations that need to be opened.
- If we define  $N_i = \{j \in J : d_{ij} \leq D\}$  as the neighborhood of  $i$ , or the set of all fire stations  $j$  that can serve customer location  $i$ . What is the neighborhood of node 2?
- Write a constraint that ensures that the demand of node 2 is met.
- Write a set of constraints in parameterized form that ensures that the demand of each customer is met.

- (e) You were able to successfully solve the set covering facility location model, and told the city council they needed to open 2 fire stations. Based on budget limitations, the city council said they could actually only afford to open a single fire station. Write a constraint that ensures the total number of open fire stations is equal to one.
- (f) Because they can only open a single fire station, some citizens will not live close enough to a fire station to be adequately served. The city council would like to maximize the number of citizens who are adequately covered by the single open fire station. Using the information above, write an objective function that maximizes the number of citizens covered by the open fire station.
- (g) Write a concrete constraint that ensures that the population of location 4 is not included in the count of covered citizens in the objective function if location 4 is not covered by a fire station.
- (h) Write a set of constraints in parameterized form that ensure that only covered locations are included in the count of covered citizens in the objective function.

4. Three oil companies (A, B, and C) have submitted bids for satisfying the stated aviation fuel requirements of four Air Force bases (1, 2, 3, and 4). The table below displays the fuel requirement of each base, the maximum amount each oil company can supply to all bases, and the bid each company has made for supplying each base.<sup>1</sup>

	Bids (\$ per 1000 gallons)				Maximum Supply (1000 gallons)
	Base 1	Base 2	Base 3	Base 4	
Company A	500	600	650	450	50
Company B	450	300	500	150	40
Company C	550	450	700	250	60
Fuel Requirements (1000 gallons)	45	20	30	30	

- (a) Formulate an integer program whose solution will allow the bases to satisfy their needs at minimum cost.
- (b) Each of the contracts have several complicating factors. We will explore a few of them here.
- Company A has specified that, for base 1, they must supply either at least 15 thousand gallons to base 1, or it must supply zero gallons to base 1. Add any necessary decision variables and constraints to your model which will satisfy this complicating factor.
  - Company B has specified that at least two out of the following three conditions must be satisfied:
    - Supply at most 10 thousand gallons to base 1.
    - Supply at least 5 thousand gallons to base 2.
    - Supply exactly 7 thousand gallons to base 3.
Add any necessary decision variables and constraints to your model which will satisfy this complicating factor. *Hint: Define a decision variable  $y_k$  which = 1 if condition  $k$  is satisfied.*
  - Company C has specified that if it supplies more than 15 thousand gallons to base 1, then it must supply at least 20 thousand gallons to base 2. Add any necessary decision variables and constraints to your model which will satisfy this complicating factor.

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<sup>1</sup>This problem is a simplification of an actual decision problem that arose at the United States Department of Defense. The actual problem involved approximately 300 bases, 100 oil companies, three types of fuels, and many complicating factors in the bids. Finding the optimal solution to such a large-scale contract-awards problem required the use of a special-purpose method. For further details, refer to L.M. Austin and W. W. Hogan, "Optimizing the Procurement of Aviation Fuel", Management Science, Vol. 22, No.5 (January 1976), 515- 527.

5. The final exam period at USNA runs through 7 days starting on Tuesday Dec 13. Suppose you're trying to help the math department schedule their final exams. The table below lists 8 courses you'd want to schedule. A 1 in the table indicates that these two courses are usually taken at the same time (for example SA405 and SA402 are usually taken by the same group of students so a 1 is placed in their corresponding rows/columns).

	SA405	SA402	SA430	SM261	SM233	SM239	SA421	SM342
SA405		1	1					1
SA402	1		1					1
SA430	1	1						1
SM261					1	1		
SM233				1		1		
SM239				1	1			
SA421								1
SM342	1	1	1				1	

Suppose that the math department wants to schedule the exams for these classes during the first 3 days of exam week. Each exam can be scheduled to begin at either 800, 1200, or 1600. Note that at any time period in any day, a maximum of two exams can occur.

Suppose we define the following three sets:

$C$  is the set of classes  $C = \{SA405, SA402, \dots\}$

$D$  is the set of days  $D = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$S$  is the set of starting times for the exams  $S = \{8, 12, 16\}$

Lastly, we define the variables:

Let  $x_{c,d,s} = 1$  if class  $c$  is scheduled to take its exam on day  $d$  during time period  $s$  for all  $c \in C$ ,  $d \in D$ , and  $s \in S$ .

Formulate a parameterized integer program which maximizes the number of exams beginning at time 8. Make sure you include constraints that prevent any exams with overlapping students from two classes from occurring at the same time.