

Exercise 1. Let

$$S := \{x \in \{0,1\}^4 : 90x_1 + 35x_2 + 26x_3 + 25x_4 \leq 138\}$$

- (i) Show that

$$S = \{x \in \{0,1\}^4 : 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \leq 3\},$$

and

$$S = \{x \in \{0,1\}^4 : 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \leq 3, x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 2, x_1 + x_2 + x_4 \leq 2, x_1 + x_3 + x_4 \leq 2\}$$

- (ii) Can you rank these three formulations in terms of the tightness of their linear relaxations, when $x \in \{0,1\}^4$ is replaced by $x \in [0,1]^4$? Show any strict inclusion.

Exercise 2 (Combinatorial auctions). A company sets an auction for N objects. Bidders place their bids for some subsets of the N objects that they like. The auction house has received n bids, namely bids b_j for subset S_j , for $j = 1, \dots, n$. The auction house is faced with the problem of choosing the winning bids so that profit is maximized and each of the N objects is given to at most one bidder. Formulate the optimization problem faced by the auction house as a set packing problem.

Exercise 3. For the following subsets of edges of an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, find an integer linear formulation and prove its correctness:

- The family of Hamiltonian paths of G with end nodes u, v . (A Hamiltonian path is a path that goes exactly once through each node of the graph.)
- The family of all Hamiltonian paths of G .
- The family of edge sets that induce a triangle of G .
- Assuming that G has $3n$ nodes, the family of n node-disjoint triangles.
- The family of odd cycles of G .

Exercise 4. Consider a connected undirected graph $G = (V, E)$. For $S \subseteq V$, denote by $E(S)$ the set of edges with both ends in S . For $i \in V$, denote by $\delta(i)$ the set of edges incident with i . Prove or disprove that the following formulation produces a spanning tree with maximum number of leaves.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max \sum_{i \in V} z_i \\
 & \sum_{e \in E} x_e = |V| - 1 \\
 & \sum_{e \in E(S)} x_e \leq |S| - 1 \quad \forall S \subset V, |S| \geq 2 \\
 & \sum_{e \in \delta(i)} x_e + (|\delta(i)| - 1)z_i \leq |\delta(i)| \quad \forall i \in V \\
 & x_e \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall e \in E \\
 & z_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in V.
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5. Let $P = \{A_1x \leq b_1\}$ be a polytope and $S = \{A_2x < b_2\}$. Formulate the problem of maximizing a linear function over $P \setminus S$ as a mixed 0-1 program.