

[Dual Matroid]

Co-graphic Matroid \Rightarrow \textcircled{I} ... acyclic. \Rightarrow Base of M : spanning tree (maximal)

Def) Given a matroid, $M = (S, \mathcal{I})$ its dual is defined as $M^* = (S, \mathcal{I}^*)$

Where $\mathcal{I}^* := \{I \subseteq S \mid S \setminus I \text{ contains a base of } M\}$

Thm) M^* is a matroid.

$S \setminus I \Rightarrow$ contains spanning tree $\Rightarrow S \setminus I \Rightarrow$ Connected

proof) It is trivial to see that

① If $I \in \mathcal{I}^*$ and $J \subseteq I$ then $J \in \mathcal{I}^*$ ($(S \setminus I) \subseteq (S \setminus J) \dots (S \setminus J)$ always contains B)

② Suppose that $I, J \in \mathcal{I}^*$ and $|I| < |J|$ // ~~if $I \not\subseteq J$~~ $\exists z \in J \setminus I$ s.t. $I + z \in \mathcal{I}^*$

• by definition, \exists some base $B \subseteq S \setminus J$

• Since $S \setminus I$ also contains some base,

\exists some base B' s.t. $B \setminus I \subseteq B' \subseteq S \setminus I$

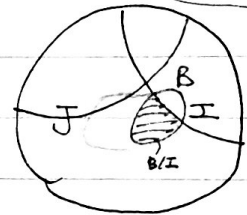
• We have $J \setminus I \not\subseteq B'$

Since $O \setminus W$ $|B| = |B \cap I| + |B \setminus I|$

$\leq |J \setminus I| + |B \setminus I|$ (since $(B \cap I) \subseteq (J \cap I)$)

$< |J \setminus I| + |B \setminus I|$ (since $|J| > |I|$)

$\textcircled{0} \leq |B'|$



• Then $\exists z \in J \setminus I$, $z \notin B'$ therefore $(S \setminus (I + z))$ contains a base

$\Rightarrow I + z \in \mathcal{I}^*$

Thm) For $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq S$, we have $r_{M^*}(U) = |U| - r_M(S) + r_M(S \setminus U)$

proof) $r_{M^*}(U) = \max \{ |U \setminus B| \mid B \text{ is a base of } M \}$

$= |U| - \min \{ |B \cap U| \mid B \text{ is a base of } M \}$

$= |U| - \min \{ |B| - |B \setminus U| \mid B \text{ is a base of } M \}$

$= |U| - r_M(S)^{|U|} + \max \{ |B \setminus U| \mid B \text{ is a base of } M \}$

$= |U| - r_M(S) + r_M(S \setminus U)$

• Matroid Union.

Let $M_1 = (S_1, \mathcal{I}_1)$ and $M_2 = (S_2, \mathcal{I}_2)$ be matroids. (No restriction on S_1 and S_2)

The union of M_1 and M_2 , denoted by $M_1 \vee M_2$, is $(S_1 \cup S_2, \mathcal{I})$

where $\mathcal{I} := \{I_1 \cup I_2 \mid I_1 \in \mathcal{I}_1 \text{ and } I_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2\}$

(thm) • $M_1 \vee M_2$ is a matroid.

• whose rank function is given by $r_{M_1 \vee M_2}(U) = \min_{T \subseteq U} \{|U \setminus T| + r_{M_1}(T) + r_{M_2}(T)\}$

$$= \min_{T \subseteq U} \{|U \setminus T| + r_{M_1}(T \cap S_1) + r_{M_2}(T \cap S_2)\}$$

part 1 proof) We first show that $M_1 \vee M_2$ is a matroid.

① Suppose we have $I \in \mathcal{I}$ and $J \subseteq I$. By definition, $I = I_1 \cup I_2$ for some $I_1 \in \mathcal{I}_1$ and $I_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2$. And we have $J = J_1 \cup J_2$ where $J_1 \in \mathcal{I}_1$ and $J_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2$, implying $J \in \mathcal{I}$.

② Suppose that we have $I, J \in \mathcal{I}$ and $|I| < |J|$.

By definition, $\exists I_1, I_2, J_1, J_2$ such that $I = I_1 \cup I_2$ and $J = J_1 \cup J_2$ and $I_1, J_1 \in \mathcal{I}_1$, $I_2, J_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2$. (WLOG) We can assume that $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ and $J_1 \cap J_2 = \emptyset$.

• Among all such choice of I_1, I_2, J_1 and J_2 , choose the one that

- Maximizes $|I_1 \cap J_1| + |I_2 \cap J_2|$

• Since $|J| > |I|$, for some $i \in \{1, 2\}$ we have $|J_i| > |I_i|$. thus there exists $t \in J_i \setminus I_i$ such that $I_i + t \in \mathcal{I}_i$, we have $t \in I_{3-i}$

• Since otherwise we could have chosen $I_i' := I_i + t$, $J_i' := J_i$

$$I_{3-i}' := I_{3-i} - t, J_{3-i}' := J_{3-i}$$

which yields $|I_1' \cap J_1'| + |I_2' \cap J_2'| > |I_1 \cap J_1| + |I_2 \cap J_2|$

• This shows that $t \notin I$ and $I + t \in \mathcal{I}$.

$\therefore M_1 \vee M_2$ is a matroid.

part 2 proof) It is easy to see that $r_{M_1 \vee M_2}(U) \leq \min_{T \subseteq U} \{|U \setminus T| + r_{M_1}(T \cap S_1) + r_{M_2}(T \cap S_2)\}$

• Suppose that $I \subseteq U$ be a set satisfying $|I| = r_{M_1 \vee M_2}(U)$ and $I = I_1 \cup I_2$

where $I_1 \in \mathcal{I}_1$ and $I_2 \in \mathcal{I}_2$

For any $T \subseteq U$, we have $|I| = |I \setminus T| + |I \cap T| \leq |U \setminus T| + |I_1 \cap T| + |I_2 \cap T|$

$$\leq |U \setminus T| + r_{M_1}(T \cap S_1) + r_{M_2}(T \cap S_2)$$

• (WLOG), we can assume that $S = S_2$.

(Since O/W we can consider $M_1' = (S', \mathcal{I}_1)$ and $M_2' = (S', \mathcal{I}_2)$
for $S' := S_1 \cup S_2$ and we have $M_1' \vee M_2' = M_1 \vee M_2$.)

Let $S := S_1 = S_2$.

Moreover, it suffices to prove $\Gamma_{M_1 \vee M_2}(U) \geq \min_{T \subseteq U} \{ |U| + \Gamma_{M_1}(T \cap S_1) + \Gamma_{M_2}(T \cap S_2) \}$
only for $U = S$.

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{M_1 \vee M_2}(S) \geq \min_{T \subseteq S} \{ |S| + \Gamma_{M_1}(T) + \Gamma_{M_2}(T) \}$$

(Since O/W we can consider the restriction of M_1 and M_2 to U .)

\Rightarrow Proof)

Consider the dual $M_2^* = (S, \mathcal{I}_2^*)$ of M_2 .

⊕ $X \in \mathcal{I}_1 \cap \mathcal{I}_2^*$, we have a base B_2 of M_2 contained in $S \setminus X$,
and thus, for $I := X \cup B_2$, we have $\Gamma_{M_1 \vee M_2}(S) \geq |I| = |X| + |B_2|$

$$\Rightarrow \text{yielding } \Gamma_{M_1 \vee M_2}(S) \geq \max_{X \in \mathcal{I}_1 \cap \mathcal{I}_2^*} |X| + \Gamma_{M_2}(X) ?$$

$$= \min_{T \subseteq S} (\Gamma_{M_1}(T) + \Gamma_{M_2^*}(S \setminus T) + \Gamma_{M_2}(X)) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{⊕ Matroid Intersection Theorem} \\ \text{constant} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \min_{T \subseteq S} (\Gamma_{M_1}(T) + |S| - \Gamma_{M_2^*}(S) + \Gamma_{M_2}(T) + \Gamma_{M_2}(S))$$

⊕ $\Gamma_{M_2^*}(U) = |U| - \Gamma_{M_2}(S) + \Gamma_{M_2}(S \cap U)$
⊕ Dual Matroid.

$$= \min_{T \subseteq S} (|S| + \Gamma_{M_1}(T) + \Gamma_{M_2}(T)) \quad \square$$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore \Gamma_{M_1 \vee M_2}(U) = \min_{T \subseteq U} (|U| + \Gamma_{M_1}(T \cap S_1) + \Gamma_{M_2}(T \cap S_2))$$

Q.E.D? poly time?

Given a matroid (S, \mathcal{I}) , $X \in \mathcal{I}$ and $y \in S \setminus X$ such that $X + y \notin \mathcal{I}$,

Let $c(X, y)$ denote the unique circuit of $(X + y)$ \rightarrow 7.11 is notation

For $C: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $X \in S$, let $c(X) := \sum_{i \in X} c(i)$

Thm Let (S, \mathcal{I}) be a matroid with weight function $C: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$.
for $X \in \mathcal{I}$ and $|X| = k$, we have $c(X) = \max \{c(Y) \mid Y \in \mathcal{I}, |Y| = k\}$

(i) $\textcircled{1}$ for $\forall j \in S \setminus X$ with $X + j \notin \mathcal{I}$ (dependent), "Maximum independent set with card k "

we have $c(i) \geq c(j)$ for $\forall i \in c(X, j)$

(\Rightarrow circuit $c(X, j)$ operation $X' = X \setminus c(X, j)$ weight \downarrow)

$\textcircled{2}$ for $\forall j \in S \setminus X$ with $X + j \in \mathcal{I}$ (independent with card $k+1$)

we have $c(i) \geq c(j)$ for $\forall i \in X$

(\Rightarrow delete X and $k \dots (j-i)$ operation $X' = X \setminus c(X, j)$ weight \downarrow)

proof) \Rightarrow Trivially holds.

\Leftarrow Let $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{|S|}$ denote the elements in S

(WLOG) we assume that

$$c(e_1) \geq c(e_2) \geq \dots \geq c(e_{|S|})$$

and for $\forall i < j$ with $c(e_i) = c(e_j)$

$\Rightarrow (j \in X \text{ implies } i \in X)$

Now, consider a new matroid, $\mathcal{I}_k := \{I \mid I \in \mathcal{I}, |I| \leq k\}$

Run the greedy algorithm to find a max weight base, considering $e_1, \dots, e_{|S|}$ in that order.

We claim that the algorithm returns X .

In order to prove this claim, use induction on # of iterations.

At the beginning of the i th iteration,

we have that the elements chosen so far is exactly $X_i = \{e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}\}$

Case $\textcircled{1}$ if $e_i \in X$, the algorithm would choose e_i as well.

Case $\textcircled{2}$ Let $e_i \notin X$. Suppose to the contradiction that the algorithm chooses to include e_i in the solution.

This implies that $|X_i \cup \{e_i, \dots, e_{i-1}\}| < k$

\textcircled{a} Suppose $X + e_i \in \mathcal{I}$. Let $m := \max \{j \mid e_j \in X\}$

\Rightarrow we have $c(e_i) > c(e_m)$ contradicting \textcircled{ii}

\textcircled{b} Suppose $X + e_i \notin \mathcal{I}$

\Rightarrow we have that $c(X + e_i) \leq \{e_1, \dots, e_i\}$, since the algorithm would not have chosen e_i . Let $e_m \in \{e_{i+1}, \dots, e_{|S|}\}$ arbitrarily. \Rightarrow Cont \textcircled{ii}