

Approximation Alg C Clarke Mathieu)

- P (PTIME) Deterministic Turing Machine \Leftrightarrow Polynomial Time \Leftrightarrow Decision Problem \Rightarrow Answer ∈ {Yes, No}
- NP (NP TIME) Nondeterministic Turing Machine \Leftrightarrow Polynomial Time \Leftrightarrow Decision Problem

$\Rightarrow P = NP$

NP-Hard : $NP \rightarrow NP\text{-hard}$ "Polynomial Time Reduction" of \Leftrightarrow NP-hard

NP-Complete := $(NP) \cap (NP\text{-Hard})$

④ NP-hard & Not NP-Complete
 \Rightarrow Hamiltonian Problem

⑤ NP-hard & NP-Complete
 \Rightarrow Subset Sum Problem

- ⑥ problem $H \in NP\text{-hard} \Rightarrow$
- ① Any problem $L \in P (\subseteq NP)$
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ polytime reduction $[L \rightarrow H]$ [Subset sum problem \Rightarrow select]
 $\exists S \subseteq A$ s.t. $\text{sum}(S) = 0$??]
 - ② if \exists polyAlg for H (NP-hard)
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ polyAlg for Hamiltonian Path Problem (NP-Complete) \Rightarrow NP-hard
 - ③ For every problem $L \in NP$
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ polytime reduction $[L \rightarrow H]$ (\because by definition)

- ⑦ problem $H \in NP\text{-Complete} \Rightarrow$ ① An output of $H \in \{\text{T}, \text{F}\}$: NP-Complete $\subseteq NP \subseteq$ Decision Problem

② $H \not\in P$ \Rightarrow \exists polyAlg for H \Rightarrow NP-hard $\not\subseteq$ Decision Problem.

- ③ $\Rightarrow \exists$ polyAlg for Hamiltonian Path Problem
- if \exists polyAlg for Hamiltonian Path Problem
- $\Rightarrow \exists$ polyAlg for H .

⑧ $H \subseteq NP$ (\because NP-Complete $\subseteq NP$)

- ⑨ Any problem $L \in P \Rightarrow \exists$ polytime reduction $[L \rightarrow H]$
" $L \in NP \Rightarrow \exists$ polytime reduction $[L \rightarrow H]$ \square

⑩ Linear Program \Leftrightarrow Worst Case Poly Time all \exists \exists Algorithm : ⑪ Ellipsoid Method.

• Projective Algorithm

⑫ Simplex Algorithm \Leftrightarrow Worst Case Poly X.

⑬ Unique Game Conjecture (UGC) (2002)

- Unique Game [NP-hard] \Leftrightarrow There is \exists polytime alg for "good" approximation.

Approx Algo 1 Exercise #1

① Maximum Matchings for Vertex Cover

[Alg.]

$$VC \leftarrow \emptyset, \text{ Given } G = (V, E)$$

Compute a maximal matching of G , $M \subseteq E$ ("Maximal" ... Select Greedily)

For each edge $e = (x, y) \in M$.

$VC.add(x)$ and $VC.add(y)$

Return VC .

<Correctness> : (Claim) VC is a vertex cover (for $\forall e = \{x, y\} \in E$, $x \in VC$ or $y \in VC$)

proof) Suppose toward a contradiction that VC is not a vertex cover.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ an edge e such that $e = (x, y)$ and $x \notin VC$ and $y \notin VC$.

Then M is not maximal, since $M \cup \{e\}$ is also a matching with cardinality $|M| + 1$

<Approximation Guarantee> (Worst Case)

• Suppose that VC^* is the minimum vertex cover.

By König's Thm, $VC^* = M^*$ where M^* is maximum matching.

Our algorithm, given M , our algorithm returns VC where $|VC| = 2|M| = 2|VC^*$

since any $M \subseteq E \Rightarrow |M| \leq |M^*|$... returns $|VC| = 2|M| \leq 2|M^*| = 2|VC^*$

... output $|VC| \leq 2|VC^*$

<Running Time> given computing a maximal matching takes $O(|E|n)$

\Rightarrow bounded by $O(|E|n)$.

$$\frac{|V|}{|E|}$$

② Triangles of a Graph

[Problem] Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, we say that a triple of vertices A, B, C forms a triangle if the edges $(AB), (BC), (CA) \in E$. Minimum $S \subseteq V$ that

- if \exists a triangle $\Delta ABC \subseteq S$, $x_a + x_b + x_c = 3$
- LP Formulation

G/S does not contain any Δ .

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } \sum_{u \in V} x_u \\ \text{st } 0 \leq x_u \leq 1 \text{ for } u \in V \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_a + x_b + x_c \geq 1 \text{ for } \Delta abc \in G_1$$

Minimum value of $\max(x_a, x_b, x_c)$ for $\Delta abc \in G_1$ and X returned solution.

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max(x_a, x_b, x_c) \geq \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{if } x_i \geq \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x'_i = 1$$

$$Q/W \rightarrow x'_i = 0$$

[Alg]

Given $G = (V, E)$.

$x \leftarrow$ Solve: $\min \sum_{v \in V} \|x\|_1$ s.t. $0 \leq x_v \leq 1$ for $v \in V$, $\sum_{v \in V} x_v \geq 1$ for $\forall \Delta abc \in G$

$x' \leftarrow \begin{cases} x'_i = 1 & \text{if } x_i \geq \frac{1}{3} \\ x'_i = 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ LP

If $x'_i = 1$ then $i \in S$

Return S

<Correctness> Claim $\nexists \Delta abc \in G \setminus S$

Proof) suppose toward a contradiction that \exists a triangle $\Delta abc \in G \setminus S$.

i.e. Δabc is not removed by S . $\Rightarrow x'_a = 0, x'_b = 0, x'_c = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow x_a < \frac{1}{3}, x_b < \frac{1}{3}, x_c < \frac{1}{3}$$

$\Rightarrow \sum x_v < 1$ for $\forall \Delta abc \in G$. (not a proper solution of LP)

<Approximation Guarantee>

• Suppose that $\delta^*, |S^*| = \text{opt}$... solution of our LP

Our solution $|S| = \sum_v x'_v \leq 3 \sum_v x^*_v = 3(\text{opt})$

$$\Rightarrow |S| \leq 3 \text{ opt}$$

③ 4-colorable graph.

• We propose to derive a $3/2$ -approx algorithm for a more restricted class of graphs given $G = (V, E)$, it is 4-colorable i.e. for every $e = (x, y) \in E$,

we can assign numbers $n(x) \neq n(y)$ and $n(v) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ for $\forall v \in V$.

Vortex Cover

• from LP $\Rightarrow V_k^{1/2} = \{v \mid x_v = 1/2 \text{ and } C(v) = k\}$

$V_k^1 = \{v \mid x_v = 1 \text{ and } C(v) = k\}$

$V_k^0 = \{v \mid x_v = 0 \text{ and } C(v) = k\}$

Assume that $|V_0^{1/2}| \leq |V_1^{1/2}| \leq |V_2^{1/2}| \leq |V_3^{1/2}|$

<Approximation Ratio>

(Q1) Give a relation between the value $\text{val}(\mathbf{x})$ and the cardinality of the sets $V^{1/2}$ and V^1 .

Answer) $\text{Val}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{v \in V} x_v = \sum_{v \in V^{1/2}} (\frac{1}{2}) + \sum_{v \in V^1} (1)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times |V^{1/2}| + |V^1|$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Val}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} |V^{1/2}| + |V^1|$$

(Q2) Give a tight lower bound on the cardinality of $V_3^{1/2}$ based on the cardinality of $V^{1/2}$.

Answer) $|V^{1/2}| = |V_0^{1/2}| + |V_1^{1/2}| + |V_2^{1/2}| + |V_3^{1/2}|$ (since they are disjoint sets)

since $|V_3^{1/2}|$ is minimized when $|V_0^{1/2}| = |V_1^{1/2}| = |V_2^{1/2}| = |V_3^{1/2}| = \frac{1}{4} |V^{1/2}|$

$$\Rightarrow |V_3^{1/2}| \geq \frac{1}{4} |V^{1/2}|$$

(Q3) Deduce from Q2 an upperbound on the cardinality of $|V_0^{1/2}| + |V_1^{1/2}| + |V_2^{1/2}|$ based on the cardinality of $V^{1/2}$.

Answer) $|V_0^{1/2}| + |V_1^{1/2}| + |V_2^{1/2}| = |V^{1/2}| - |V_3^{1/2}| \leq |V^{1/2}| - \frac{1}{4} |V^{1/2}|$ (by Q2)

$$= \frac{3}{4} |V^{1/2}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |V_0^{1/2}| + |V_1^{1/2}| + |V_2^{1/2}| \leq \frac{3}{4} |V^{1/2}|$$

(Q4) Combine Q1 and 3 to give an upperbound on the number of vertices in S based on $\text{val}(\mathbf{x})$.

Answer) $|S| = |V^1| + |V_0^{1/2}| + |V_1^{1/2}| + |V_2^{1/2}| \leq |V^1| + \frac{3}{4} |V^{1/2}|$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} |V^1| + (|V^1| + \frac{3}{4} |V^{1/2}|)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \text{Val}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Rightarrow |S| \leq \frac{5}{2} \text{Val}(\mathbf{x})$$

(Q5) Combine Q4 and the property of $\text{val}(\mathbf{x})$ to conclude on the approximation ratio of the rounding procedure. Recall that $\text{val}(\mathbf{x})$ is the value of the optimal fractional solution to the LP.

Answer) by Q4, $|S| \leq \frac{5}{2} \text{OPT}$. (since $\text{val}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{OPT}$).

<Correctness>

We now show that S is a correct vertex cover. Namely, we want to show that for each edge (u, v) , u or v (or both of them) are in S . We will proceed by contradiction and assume that neither u or v are in S .

(Q6) Suppose, in addition, that $u \in V^0$, to which set does v belong? Recall that X is the solution to the LP.

Answer) Since S is a correct vertex cover, and $u \notin S$ (since $u \notin V^0 \cup V_0^{1/2} \cup V_1^{1/2} \cup V_2^{1/2}$)

Then there exists a constraint in the LP: $x_u + x_v \geq 1$ and $x_u = 0$

Therefore $x_v = 1$ and $v \in V^1$

(Q7) Reduce from the previous question to which set of $V^1, V^0, V^{1/2}$ do u and v belong.

Answer) If $u \in V^0$, then $v \in V^1$ (by Q6)

- If $u \in V_3^{1/2}$, then $v \in (V^1 \cup V_0^{1/2} \cup V_1^{1/2} \cup V_2^{1/2})$ \Rightarrow if $u \in V_3^{1/2}$ then $v \in (V^1 \cup V^{1/2})$

If $u \in (V_0^{1/2} \cup V_1^{1/2} \cup V_2^{1/2})$, then $v \in (V^1 \cup V^{1/2})$ \Rightarrow $v \in (V^1 \cup V^{1/2})$

- If $u \in V^1$, then $v \in V_0 \cup V_1 \cup V_2$

(Q8) If u and v belong to $V^{1/2}$, to which subset of V do they belong, if they don't belong to S .

Answer) Then $u \in V_3^{1/2}$ and $v \in V_3^{1/2}$ (otherwise, $u \in S$ or $v \in S$)

(Q9) Recall that C is a 4-colouring. Explain the contradiction.

Answer) Since C is a 4-colouring of G , $c(u) \neq c(v)$ for all $e = (u, v) \in E$.

Therefore $(u \in V_3^{1/2} \text{ and } v \in V_3^{1/2})$ is a contradiction, because $c(u) = c(v) = 3$

(Q10) Give an example of a well-known class of graphs that is 4-colourable.

Answer) Bipartite Graphs are two-colourable, therefore 4-colourable

• Knapsack Problem] (Input roundoff technique)

Given B : capacity, n items (size s_i & value v_i) \Rightarrow Maximize value (NP-hard)

$$① \Rightarrow \text{Slope} = \frac{s_i}{v_i} \dots \text{Greedy Approach.} \Rightarrow \text{Not really good}$$

② • $s_i = s$ for $\forall i \Rightarrow$ greedy is good.

• $v_i = v$ for $\forall i \Rightarrow$ "

• $s_i = v_i$ for $\forall i \Rightarrow$ slope = 1 for $\forall i \dots$ decreasing order

1] 2-approximation approach. (Greedy)

• $OPT \leq B$

• Output $I_{\text{item}}^{(k)}$ $> B \dots$ output has at least 1 item.

$\dots I_0 > I_1$ (selected item I_0 or not).

$\dots I_0 > I_{k+1}$

Further want case $\Rightarrow I = \{I_0\}, s(I_0) < B, s(I_1) + s(I_0) > B$

$, s(I_0) > s(I_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} s(I) &> \frac{B}{2} \\ \therefore \text{Output} &> \frac{B}{2} \geq \frac{OPT}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Output} &> \frac{1}{2} OPT \Rightarrow 2\text{-approximation,} \end{aligned}$$

polynomial in n .

• $s_i = v_i$ for $\forall i$ & $s_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, B\}$ and B is a small integer

< Dynamic Programming approach >

$A[i, v] =$ Whether v achievable with subset of first i items, : S

\Rightarrow if $i \in S$... $v - v_i$ should be reached by first $(i-1)$ items.

\Rightarrow if $i \notin S$... v should be "

$$\Rightarrow A[i, v] = A[i-1, v]$$

$\cup \{A[i-1, v - v_i] \text{ and } (v \geq v_i)\}$

$A[1, v] \text{ for } v = 0, \dots, B : A[1, v] \leftarrow \text{false.}$

$A[1, v] \leftarrow \text{True}, A[1, 0] \leftarrow \text{True.}$

For $i = 2, \dots, n$

For $v = 0, \dots, v_{i-1} : A[i, v] \leftarrow A[i-1, v]$

For $v = v_i \dots B$

$$A[i, v] \leftarrow A[i-1, v] \cup A[i-1, v - v_i]$$

Output $\max \{v : A[n, v] \text{ is True}\} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Opt}}$

$\boxed{\mathcal{O}(n \cdot B)}$