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Solution (1):

Problem is a variation of bipartite matching problem, with added constraints on distance and station capacity.

Idea: Model problem as a graph with nodes as buses and stations, with edges based on distances between them.

Algorithm:

- Construction of Graph:
 - Construct a bipartite graph with buses on one side and stations on the other.
 - Add two additional vertices: a source and a sink
 - Connect the source to each bus with an edge of capacity 1 (since each bus can only be connected to one station).
 - Connect each station to the sink, setting the capacity of these edges to the capacity-parameter **L** (assuming $L \leq \text{no. of buses}$, otherwise take $L = \text{no. of buses}$), (the maximum number of buses a station can handle).
 - Connect each bus to each station for which the distance between them is less than or equal to range-parameter **r** with edges of capacity 1 (connecting a bus).
- Compute the maximum flow in this network from the source to the sink.
- If the maximum flow equals the total number of buses, it means every bus can be connected to a station within the given constraints, and the answer is YES. Otherwise, the answer is NO.

Pseudo-Code:

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72 ConnectBus( buses, stations, r, L):
73     • Initialize graph G with source node S and sink node T.
74     • For each bus i in buses:
75         For each station j in stations:
76             If distance(i, j) ≤ r:
77                 Add edge from bus[i] to station[j] in G with capacity 1
78     • For each bus i in buses:
79         Add edge from source S to bus[i] in G with capacity 1
80     • For each station j in stations:
81         Add edge from station[j] to sink T in G with capacity L.
82     • Apply Ford-Fulkerson algorithm to calculate the max flow
83         maxFlow = FordFulkerson(G, S, T)
84     • If maxFlow == number of buses, return "YES".
85     • Else, return "NO"
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Time-Complexity:

- $O(n+k+2)$, to construct vertices for n buses, k stations, source and sink
- $O(n*k + n+k)$ to connect edges between n buses and k stations (max $n*k$ edges), n source-bus edges, k station-sink edges
- To find max flow, in graph with max. $E = n*k + n + k$ edges and $V = n + k + 2$, time complexity is $O(E*n)$, since Ford Fulkerson algorithm has time complexity $O(E*\text{maxCapacity})$, and $L \leq n$. (L is max capacity which is atmost n). So, total time complexity for max-flow is $O((n*k + n + k)*n)$
- So overall **$O((n*k + n + k)*n)$, polynomial time algorithm.**

Solution (2):

Idea: Using hint, the idea is to transform the graph such that vertex-disjoint paths can be treated as edge-disjoint paths.

Algorithm:

- Construction of modified graph $G'=(V',E')$ from $G=(V,E)$:
 - For each vertex $v \in V$, (except s and t),
 - Add two vertices v_{in} and v_{out} in G'
 - Add directed edge (v_{in}, v_{out}) with capacity 1 in G' , so that at most 1 path can pass through this vertex.
 - Add vertex s and t in G'
 - For every directed edge $(u, v) \in E$, add directed edge (u_{out}, v_{in}) with capacity 1 in G'
 - (Note: each v_{in} has only incoming edges except outgoing to v_{out} , similarly each v_{out} has only outgoing edges except incoming from v_{in})
- Find the maximum number of edge-disjoint paths from s to t in G'
 - This maximum number of edge-disjoint paths in G' will be the maximum number of vertex-disjoint paths from s to t in G

Pseudo-Code:

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88  maxVertexDisjointPaths(G, s, t):
89      • Initialize  $G' =$  empty graph
90      • For each vertex  $v \in G$  (except  $s$  and  $t$ ):
91          Add two vertices  $v_{in}$  and  $v_{out}$  to  $G'$ 
92          Add a directed edge  $(v_{in}, v_{out})$  with capacity 1 to  $G'$ 
93      • Add vertex  $s$  and  $t$  to  $G'$ 
94      • For each edge  $(u, v) \in G$ :
95          Add a directed edge  $(u_{out}, v_{in})$  with capacity 1 to  $G'$ 
96      • Apply Ford-Fulkerson algorithm to calculate the max flow
97          maxFlow = FordFulkerson( $G', s, t$ )
98      • Return maxFlow

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Proof of Correctness:

- Suppose two edge-disjoint paths(in G') path1 and path2 has common vertex v
- If v is in-vertex corresponding to a vertex in G :
 - both path has to go from $v_{in} \rightarrow v_{out}$ edge as it is only outgoing edge of v_{in}
- If v is out-vertex corresponding to a vertex in G :
 - both path has to go from $v_{in} \rightarrow v_{out}$ edge as it is only incoming edge of v_{out}
- But this contradicts the assumption that these paths are edge-disjoint
- Hence contradiction, v comes in only one of path
- Hence corresponding path in G is vertex-disjoint
- Hence max. number of edge-disjoint paths in G' will be the max. number of vertex-disjoint paths in G

Time-Complexity:

- $O(n+m)$, to construct graph G' , as $n-2$ vertices of G (every except s and t) split into two vertices in G' , so total $2*(n-2) + 2$ vertices and #edges increases by $n-2$, so $m+n-2$ edges, so $O(n+m)$ time complexity
- $O(n+m)$, for calculating maxFlow in G' using Ford-Fulkerson, since Ford-Fulkerson algorithm has time complexity $O((\#edges)*maxCapacity)$, since capacity for every edge is 1, and #edges= $m+n-2$
- So overall **$O(n+m)$, polynomial time algorithm.**