

The key to achieve minimum propagation

$$\text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^n x_{e,i} \leq w, \forall e \in E$$

$$w_i x_{e,i} = b_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$x_{e,i} = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

↓

Linear programming (LP)  
 $c_e \rightarrow$  timing delay associated with edge  $e$   
 $x_{e,i} \rightarrow$  binary variable to indicate whether  
 mounting channel  $e$  is utilized by  
 net  $i$  on node  $w_i$

$w \rightarrow$  no. of track in mounting channel.

The inequality constraint is the channel width  
 constraints where the number of nets utilizing  
 a mounting channel  $e$  is less than or  
 equal to  $w$ .

$w_i \rightarrow$  is the vector for all  $x_{e,i}$  for net  $i$   
 and represents the route free of net  $i$

$b_i \rightarrow$  node-order incidence matrix

$n_i \rightarrow$  node-demand/supply vector  
 $N_i$  and  $b_i$  in the equality constraints ensures that  
 a valid route free is formed for each net.

Apply Lagrangian relaxation, decompose

into sub-problem

Solve, using minm. Steiner tree Alg.  
 and satisfy  $n_i x_i = b_i$



The channel width constraints introduce dependencies among the routing of the nets. Thus transforming the channel width constraints is the key to improve parallelization, only

$$\min_{\substack{\text{net } i \in \text{to } n \\ \text{from } 1}} \sum_{e=1}^N \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_{e,i} + \sum_{e \in E} \lambda_e (\sum_{i=1}^n n_{e,i} - w) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Sub to } \min_i = b_i, i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$n_{e,i} = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

$\lambda_e > 0$ , Lagrange multipliers for every channel width constraint

↓ modified LP

Significantly easier to solve because each net can now be routed independently. with

$$\text{we } \sum_e c_e + \lambda_e n_{e,i}$$

$$\min_{\substack{\text{net } i \in \text{to } n \\ \text{from } 1}} \sum_{e=1}^N \sum_{e \in E} (c_e + \lambda_e) n_{e,i} - \sum_{e \in E} \lambda_e \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Sub to } \min_i = b_i \text{ and } n_{e,i} = 0 \text{ or } 1, n_{e,i} \geq 0$$

$n \sum_{e \in E} \lambda_e \rightarrow \text{constant}$  with an iteration

Weak duality theorem  $\rightarrow [1]$

$\Rightarrow$   $n_{e,i} \rightarrow$  discrete to the objective fun  
is non-differentiable so gradient descent and newton's method cannot be applied.

Subgradient method is used

non-differentiable convex  $\rightarrow$  used for max/min

updating Lagrange multipliers - it is updated using subgradient method as

$$\boldsymbol{x}_e^{k+1} = \max^0, \boldsymbol{x}_e^k + \lambda_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^N x_{e,i} - w \right)$$

$\lambda_k \rightarrow$  step size at iteration  $k$

$\sum_{i=1}^N x_{e,i} - w \rightarrow$  is the subgradient at iteration  $k$ ,

which is just partial differential  
of objective fun<sup>n</sup> in (3)  $\xrightarrow{?}$

To ensure convergence  $\uparrow ?$  (with respect to  $x_e$ )  
the step size  $\lambda_k$  is determined empirically  
to be  $0.01/k \rightarrow ?$  convergence  
issue ?

Subgradient by S. Boyd Stanford 07/10/2016

We say a vector  $g \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subgradient  
of  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  at  $x \in \text{dom } f$  if for all  $z \in \text{dom } f$

$$f(z) \geq f(x) + g^T(z-x)$$

If  $f$  is convex and differentiable, then  
its gradient at  $x$  is a subgradient. But a  
subgradient can exist even when  $f$  is not  
differentiable at  $x$ .

→ A vector  $g$  is a subgradient of  $f$  at  $x$  if the  
affine function (of  $z$ )  $f(x) + g^T(z-x)$  is a global  
underapproximation of  $f$

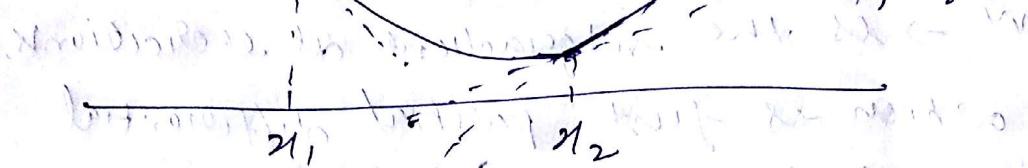
$\rightarrow g$  is a subgradient of  $f$  at  $(g, -1)$

suggests ep<sup>o</sup> of  $f$  at  $(x_1, f(x_1))$

$$f(x_1) + g_1^T(z - x_1)$$

$$f(x_2) + g_2^T(z - x_2)$$

$$f(x_2) + g_3^T(z - x_2)$$



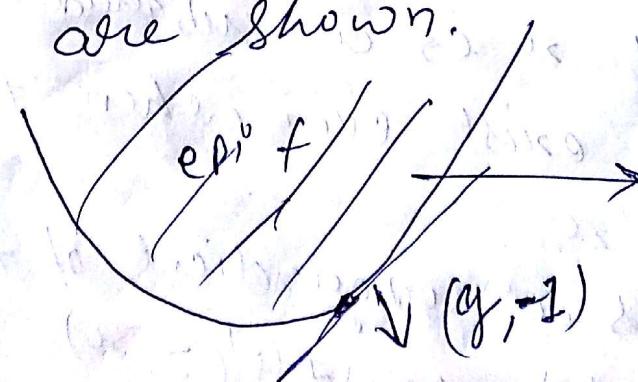
At  $x_1$ , the convex func. is differentiable and  $g_1$  (which is derivative of  $f$  at  $x_1$ ) is the unique subgradient at  $x_1$ .

$$(x_1, f(x_1)) \quad (z, f(z))$$

$$\text{so } g_1^T = \frac{f(z) - f(x_1)}{z - x_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = f(x_1) + g_1^T(z - x_1)$$

At  $x_2$ ,  $f$  is not differentiable. At this p.  $f$  has many subgradients, ~~two~~ two subgradients  $g_2$  and  $g_3$  are shown.



A vector

$g_1$  defines a supporting hyperplane of

ep<sup>o</sup> of  $f$  at

$$f(z) = |z|$$

$$\text{at } z < 0 \quad \partial f(x) = \{-1\}$$

$$\text{at } z > 0 \quad \partial f(x) = \{1\}$$

At  $z=0$ , the subdifferential is defined by the inequality  $f(z) \geq f(0) + g^T(z-0)$

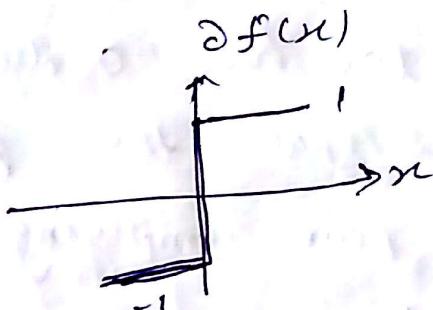
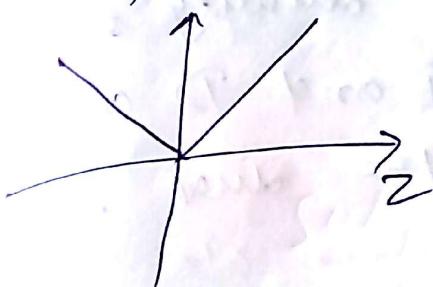
$$\boxed{|z| \geq g_z} \text{ for all } z$$

which is satisfy if and only if

$$g \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow g \leq \frac{|z|}{z}$$

$$\text{so } \partial f(0) = [-1, 1]$$

$$f(z) = |z|$$



Basic properties  $\Rightarrow$

The subdifferential  $\partial f(x)$  is always a closed convex set, even if  $f$  is not convex. This follows from the fact that it is the intersection of an infinite set of halfspaces.

$$\partial f(x) = \bigcap_{z \in \text{dom } f} \{g \mid f(z) \geq f(x) + g^T(z-x)\}$$

→ Weak duality theorem  $P \leq D$

### The Duality theorem

Primal ( $P$ ) maximize  $C^T x$

subject to  $Ax \leq b$ ,  $0 \leq x$

is is the LP (Linear programming)

Dual ( $D$ ) minimize  $b^T y$

subject to  $A^T y \geq c$ ,  $0 \leq y$

Since the problem  $D$  is a linear program  
it too has a dual. The duality terminology  
suggests that the problems  $P$  and  $D$  come  
as a pair implying that the dual to  $D$   
should be  $P$ .

minimize  $b^T y$

- maximize  $(-b)^T y$

subject to  $A^T y \geq c$

subject to  $(-A^T) y \leq (-c)$

$0 \leq y$

$0 \leq y$

- minimize  $(-c)^T x$

minimize  $c^T x$

subject to  $(-A^T)x \geq (-b)$

subject to  $Ax \leq b$

$0 \leq x$

$0 \leq x$

The primal-dual pair of L.P. P-D are  
related via the weak duality theorem.

Weak Duality theorem :- If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is feasible for P and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is feasible for D then

$$c^T x \leq y^T A x \leq b^T y$$

thus, if P is unbounded then D is necessarily infeasible, and if D is unbounded, then P is necessarily infeasible, moreover, if  $c^T \bar{x} = b^T \bar{y}$  with  $\bar{x}$  feasible for P and  $\bar{y}$  feasible for D, then  $\bar{x}$  must solve P and  $\bar{y}$  must solve D.

Strong Duality theorem :- if either P or D has a finite optimal value, then so does, the optimal values coincide, and optimal solutions to both P and D exist.

### Subgradient method

Given convex  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , not necessarily differentiable.

just like descent, but replacing gradients with subgradients i.e., initialize  $x^{(0)}$ , then repeat

$$x^{(k)} = x^{(k-1)} - \gamma_k \cdot g^{(k-1)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where  $g^{(k-1)}$  is any subgradient of  $f$  at  $x^{k-1}$ . Subgradient method is not necessarily a descent method, so we keep track of best iterate  $x^{(k)_{\text{best}}}$ .

among  $x^1, \dots, x^{(k)}$  so find  $x^{(k)}$

$$f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) = \min_{i=1, \dots, k} f(x^{(i)})$$

### Step size choices

→ fixed step size,  $t_k = t$  all  $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

→ diminishing step size - choose step size  $t_k$  to satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k < \infty, \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k = \infty$$

i.e. important that step sizes go to zero, but not ~~too~~ too fast.

→ All step sizes options are pre-specified, not adaptively computed

### Convergence Analysis

Assume that  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex, also:

- $f$  is Lipschitz continuous with constant  $G > 0$ ,

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq G \|x - y\| \quad \text{for all } x, y$$

equivalently:  $\|g\| \leq G$  for any subgradient of  $f$  at any  $x$

- $\|x^{(k)} - x^*\| \leq R$  (equivalently,  $\|x^{(k)} - x^*\|$  is bounded)

Theorem - for a fixed step size  $t$ , subgradient method satisfies

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) \leq f(x^*) + G^2 t / 2$$

theorem for a diminishing step size,  
subgradient method satisfies,

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) = f(x^*)$$

### Convergence Rate

After  $K$  iterations, what is complexity

of error  $f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) - f(x^*)$ ?

Consider taking  $t_i^* = R/(C\sqrt{k})$

, all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, K$  then the basic bound is,

$$\frac{R^2 + C^2 \sum_{i=1}^K t_i^{*2}}{2 \sum_{i=1}^K t_i^*} \leq R^2 / \sqrt{K}$$

$$f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) - f(x^*) \leq \frac{R^2 + C^2 \sum_{i=1}^K t_i^{*2}}{2 \sum_{i=1}^K t_i^*}$$

i.e. subgradient method has convergence  
rate  $\mathcal{O}(1/\sqrt{K})$  i.e. to get  $f(x_{\text{best}}^{(k)}) - f(x^*) \leq \epsilon$

need  $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon^2)$  iterations.

Subgradient optimization

Subgradient technique for Lagrange  
relaxations  $\rightarrow$

$$\min \quad \text{(not unique)} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\text{sub to } Ax = b \quad \text{and}$$

Lagrange fun

$$\mathcal{L}(u) = \min \{ (u + u^T (Ax - b)) : u \in X \}$$

has a unique solution  $\bar{x}$

$$\text{since } L(\lambda) = c\lambda + \ell(\lambda n - b)$$

and the sum is minimum optimal for small changes in the value of  $\lambda$ , the gradient at this point is

$$An - b$$

so a gradient method could change the value of  $\lambda$  as follows

$$\lambda \leftarrow \lambda + \alpha (An - b)$$

$\alpha \rightarrow$  step size (or scalar) that specifies how far we move in the gradient direction.

$\lambda^0 \leftarrow$  initial choice of Lagrange multipliers

$$\lambda^{K+1} = \lambda^K + \alpha_K (An^K - b)$$

care must be taken to choose  $\alpha$

$\alpha \rightarrow ?$  how to choose

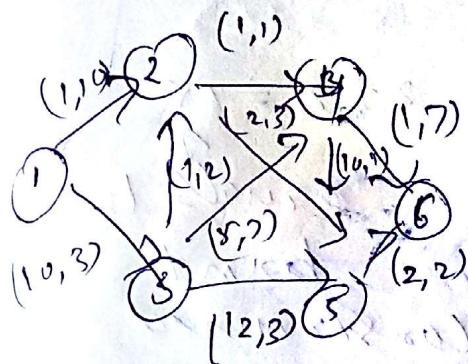
case 1

if  $\alpha \rightarrow$  too small, the algorithm would stuck at the current point and not converge.

case 2

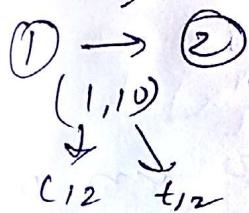
if  $\alpha \rightarrow$  too large, the iterates  $\lambda^K$  might overshoot the optimal sum perhaps oscillate between two non-optimal sum  $\sum_{j=1}^K \alpha_j \rightarrow \infty$

choose  $\alpha_k = \frac{1}{k}$  satisfies these conditions

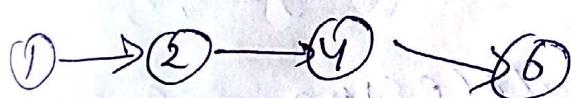


$c_{ij} \rightarrow$  cost node  $i$  to  $j$

$t_{ij} \rightarrow$  traversal time



Shortest path  
for  $\epsilon_1 = 0$



$$C_{PT} = \sum_{(i,j) \in P} c_{ij}$$

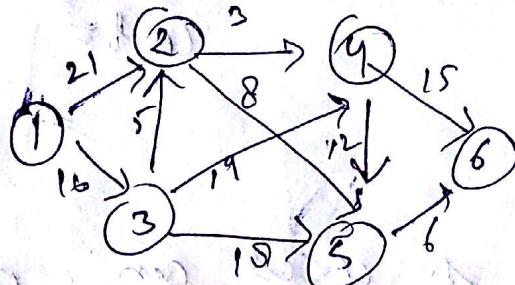
$$\rightarrow \text{traversal time } t_P = \sum_{(i,j) \in P} t_{ij}$$

Since the path  $P$  is feasible for the constrained shortest path problems,  $t_P$  is at most  $T=10$

$$C_{PT} + \epsilon_1 t_P \rightarrow \text{path is true cost plus } \epsilon_1 t_P \leq M T$$

units with respect to modified cost  $(c_{ij} + \epsilon_1 t_{ij})$

$$C_{PT} + M t_P - M T = (C_{PT} + M(T - T)) \leq C_{PT} \rightarrow \text{lower bound}$$



$$C_{PT} + \epsilon_1 t_P$$

longer length multiplied

$$\text{Let } \epsilon_1 = 2$$

$$1 + 10 \times 2 = 21$$

shortest path

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6$$

require 10 unit traversal time

$$1 \rightarrow 3 \quad t_{31} = 3$$

$$5 \rightarrow 2 \quad t_{25} = 2$$

$$T = 10$$

$$+ M t = 35$$

$35 - 2(7) = 35 - 2 \times 10 = 15$  is a lower bound for given graph.

Path  $1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 6$

$$\text{Cost} = 10 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 15$$

$C_{13} C_{32}$  equals to lower bound.

so it is an optimal constrained shortest path.

⇒ Consider the integer programming model

Minimize  $c^T x$

s.t.  $x \in F$

$F \rightarrow$  the set of feasible soln to an integer program that is

$$Ax = b$$

$$x_j^0 \geq 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, J$$

for  $J = 100$  (less decision variables)

$2^{100}$  solutions

$10^9$  second / solution

$10^9 \times 2^{100}$  second is very large.

$$\text{def } F = F^1 \cup F^2$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

In general Branch and Bound procedure

$F \rightarrow$  Subregions  $F^1, F^2, \dots, F^K$

Set  $\bar{x}^* \rightarrow$  best feasible sol

SUPPOSE for  $K = 1, 2, \dots, K$  either  $F^K$  is empty or

$x^K$  is a soln of  $\text{ll } F^K$  and  $c\bar{x} \leq c x^K$

then no point in any of regions  $F^1, F^2, \dots, F^K$

$- F^K$  could have a better objective fun value than  $\bar{x}$

If  $c\bar{x} > c x^K$ , subdivide the region by branching on some of the variable

i.e. by setting  $x_{ij} = 0$  or  $x_{ij} = 1$  into

2 subregions

In practice, in implementing the branch and bound procedure, we need to make many design decision concerning the order for choosing the subregions.

Solving the Lagrangian multipliers problem

SUPPOSE we have time limitations of  $T=14$

instead of  $T=16$ .

$$L(x_1) = \min \{ C_p + \rho L(t_p - T) : \rho \in P \}$$

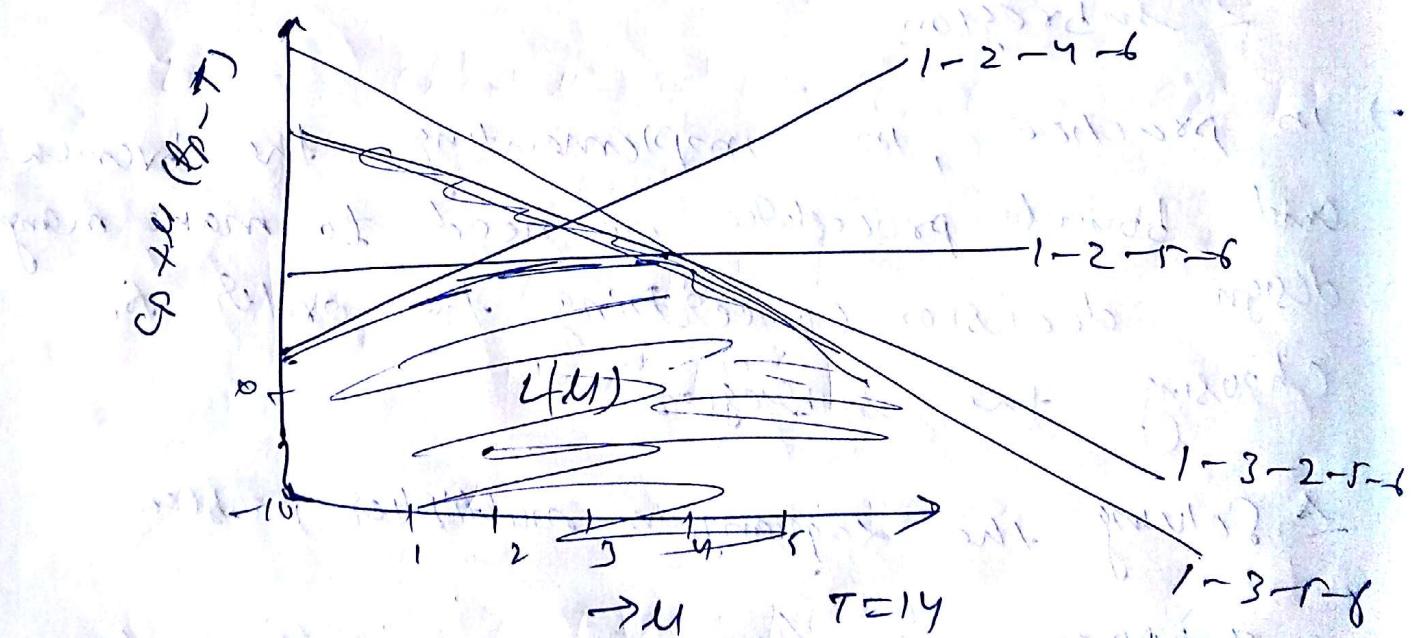
$P \rightarrow$  collection of all shortest path from the source node 1 to sink node n.

$$\text{solution} = \max_{\rho \in P} L(\rho)$$

Path P	path cost $C_P$	path time $t_P$	composite cost $C_{P+E}(t_P + T)$
1-2-4-6	3	18	3+4+1
1-2-5-6	5	15	5+4
1-3-5-6	24	8	24-6-4

this process require exponential complexity.

### Geometric Approach



problem becomes

subject to      minimize  $w$   
 $b \leq C_K x^k + d_k(A_K x^K - b)$  ; for all  
 $k=1, 2, \dots, K$   
 $d_k \rightarrow \text{unrestricted}$

Theorem — The Lagrangian multiplier problem  
 $L^* = \max_u L(u)$  with  $L(u) = \min_{x \in X} c^T x +$   
 $\mu(Ax - b)$  is equivalent to the linear  
 programming problem  $L^* = \max_w w : w \leq c_k^T x$   
 $\mu(Ax^k - b)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K\}$

↓  
 linear programming

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→ Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition, position  
 or generalized linear programming  
 Algorithms.

→ ↗ Other approach  
 gradient method to Lagrangian

func "  $L(u)$ " (for non  
 differentiable func)

at  $u=0$  differentiable

↗ Subgradient optimization technique

→ variant of subgradient optimization procedure  
 could be an adaption of "Newton's method"  
 for solving nonlinear equations

but we make a linear  
 approximation  $r(u) = c^T x + \mu(Ax - b)$  to  $L(u)$   
 suppose we know the optimal value  $L^*$   
 of Lagrange multipliers (when we do not)  
 then we might move in the subgradient  
 direction until the value of linear approxi-  
 mations exactly equals  $L^*$

the path  $\rho = 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6$

$$c_p = 3, t_p = 1.8, T = 14$$

$Ax^K - b$  error  $t_p - T = 4$ ,  $L^* = 7$

since  $L^* = 7$

then approximate  $z(u)$  by  $\vartheta(u) = \frac{c_p u (A x^K - b)}{3 + 4 u}$

$$\gamma = 3 + 4u \Rightarrow$$

$$u \text{ as } u^{K+1} = (\gamma - 3)/4 = 1$$

in general

$$\vartheta(u^{K+1}) = c_p u^K + u^{K+1} (A x^K - b) \leq L^*$$

$$u^{K+1} = \underbrace{u^K}_{\text{to}} + \underbrace{\alpha_K (A x^K - b)}_{\text{error}}$$

$$\vartheta(u^{K+1}) = c_p u^K + (u^K + \alpha_K (A x^K - b)) (A x^K - b) \leq L^*$$

$$L^* = \underbrace{(c_p u^K + u^K (A x^K - b))}_{L(u^K)} + \underbrace{\alpha_K (A x^K - b) (A x^K - b)}_{\|A x^K - b\|^2}$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_K = \frac{L^* - L(u^K)}{\|A x^K - b\|^2}}$$

since  $L^*$  is unknown

$$\text{so } \alpha_K = \frac{\gamma_K (v_B - L(u^*))}{\|A x^K - b\|^2}$$

$v_B \rightarrow$  upper bound on the optimal objective "fun" value  $z^*$  of

$\lambda_K \rightarrow$  scalar chosen (strictly) b/w 0 and 2?

Usually choose  $\lambda_k = 2$  (initially) and then reducing  $\lambda_k$  by a factor of 2 whenever the best ~~decrease~~ objective function value found so far has failed to increase in a specific number of iterations.

→ To avoid negativity of  $\mu^{k+1}$

$$\mu^{k+1} = \left[ \mu^k + \alpha_k (A\mu^k - b) \right]^+$$

$[y]^+$  → denotes +ve part of vector  $y$ ; that is, the  $i$ th component of  $[y]^+$  equals maximum of  $0$  and  $y_i$ , i.e.

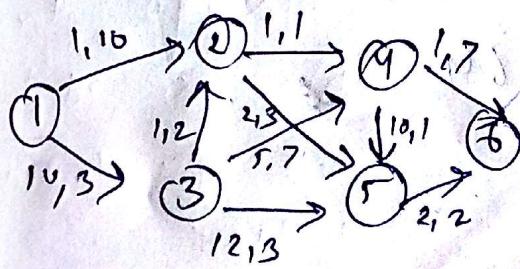
If the update formula

$$\mu^{k+1} = \mu^k + \alpha_k (A\mu^k - b)$$

cause 5th component  $\mu_5^0 \rightarrow -ve$

then  $\mu_5^0 \rightarrow 0$

Eg



$$\mu^0 = 0$$

$$\lambda^0 = 0.8$$

Reduced  $\lambda$  by factor 2 whenever 3 consecutive

iteration at a given value of  $\lambda_k$  have not improved the best ~~decrease~~

$$P = 1 - 2 - 4 - 6 \quad L_P = 5 \quad T = 14$$

$$U \cdot B = 24$$

$$L(0) = 3$$

$$A\mu^k - b \text{ at } \mu = U \quad P - T = 4$$

$$\alpha_0 = 0.8 (2U - 3) / U^2 = 1.05$$

$$M' = \left( C_p + \theta^o \left( \frac{A+B}{L} - b \right) \right)^+$$

Path P = 1-3-2-5-6 for ship value of draught  $(M' = 4.2)$   
since subproblem now  $2y = C_p + \theta^o(4)$

$$\begin{aligned} L(4.2) &= C_p + M' (t_p - T) \\ &= 15 + 4.2 (10 - 14) \\ &= -1.8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \cancel{A+B} - b = t_p - T = -4.$$

since  $\underline{L(4.2)}_{1-3-2-5-6}$  feasible

and

$$C_p < U.B.$$

therefore  $L(4.2) < 15$  now  $U.B. = 15$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta' &= 0.8(15 - (-4)) / (-4)^2 \\ &= 0.84 \end{aligned}$$

$$M^2 = \left( 4.2 + 0.84(-4) \right)^+ = 0.84$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(M^2) &= C_p + M^2 (t_p - T) \\ &= 15 + 0.84(-4) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 11.64$$