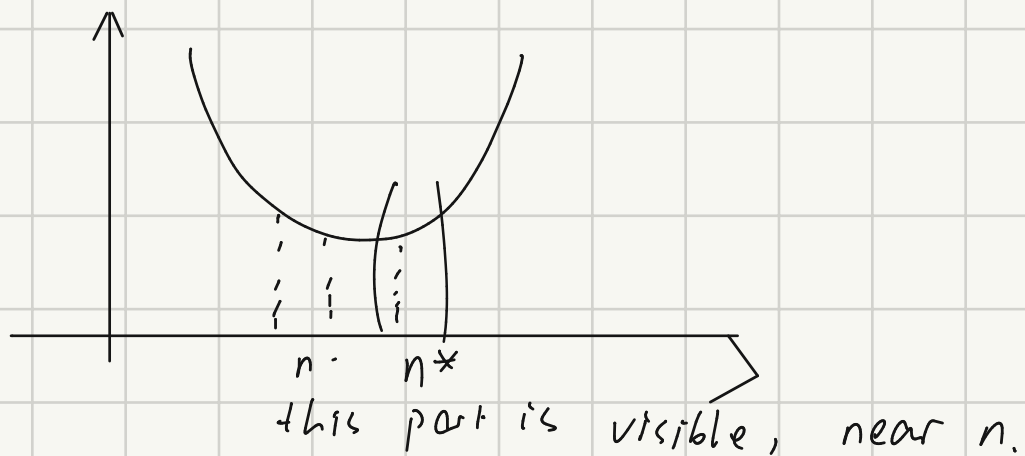


Local search

$$f(n) = (an - b)^2$$



find  $\operatorname{argmin}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(n)$

Optimization problem. (minimization)

$$\mathcal{E} = \{s \mid s \text{ is a feasible set}\}$$

$$\text{cost: } c = \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

find  $\operatorname{argmin}_{s \in \mathcal{E}} c(s)$

Local search:

1. pick a solution  $s$  from  $\mathcal{E}$ .
2. while  $s$  has a better neighbor  $s'$  ( $c(s') < c(s)$ )
3.  $s := s'$

Vertex Cover Problem

Given a  $G = (V, E)$

find a minimum vertex cover  $S$ .

$S \subseteq V$ , s.t. every  $e \in E$  has

at least one endpoint in  $S$ .

$$\mathcal{C} = \{S \mid S \text{ is a vertex cover}\}$$

$$C(S) = |S|$$

neighborhood of  $S$ .

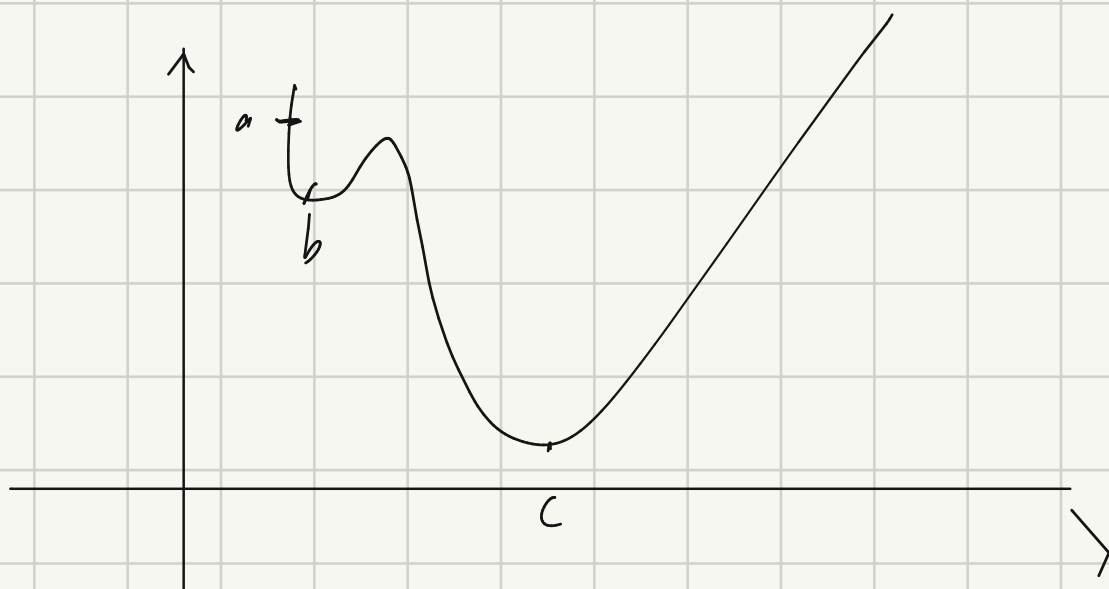
$$N(S) = \{S' \mid S' \text{ is a vertex cover and } S' \text{ can be obtained from } S \text{ by adding or deleting a single node}\}$$

$$LSVC(V, E)$$

$$1. S = V.$$

$$2. \text{ if } S - \{u\} \text{ is a vertex cover for some } u \in S$$

$$3. S := S - \{u\}$$



a: start of local search  
b: end at this  
but b is local optimum  
c is global optimum

Metropolis's algorithm

1. let  $K, T$  be two constant.

2. pick a solution  $S$  from  $\mathcal{C}$

3. while true:

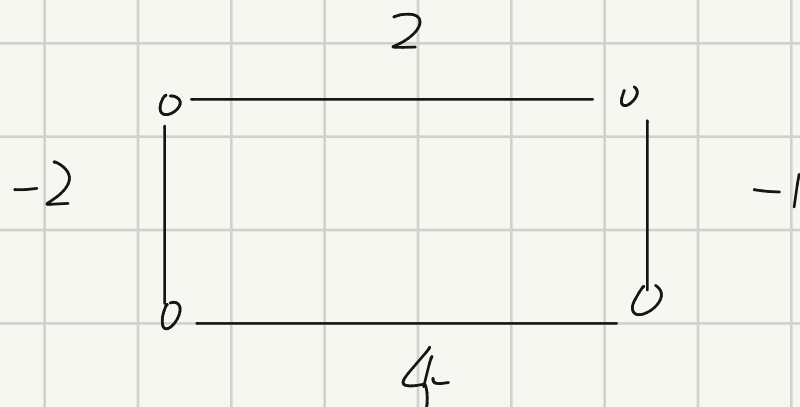
4. randomly pick a solution  $S'$  from  $N(S)$

5. if  $c(s') < c(s)$   
 6.  $s := s'$   
 7. else //  $c(s') \geq c(s)$   
 8. set  $s := s'$  with probability  $e^{-\frac{\Delta c}{KT}}$   
 (  $\Delta c = c(s') - c(s)$  )  
 9. break when certain condition holds

Simulated Annealing  
 gradually decreasing  $T$

Hopfield Network Problem

Input:  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weight  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$



$S: V \xrightarrow[\text{value}]{\text{set}} \{-1, +1\}$   
 $\rightarrow$  configuration

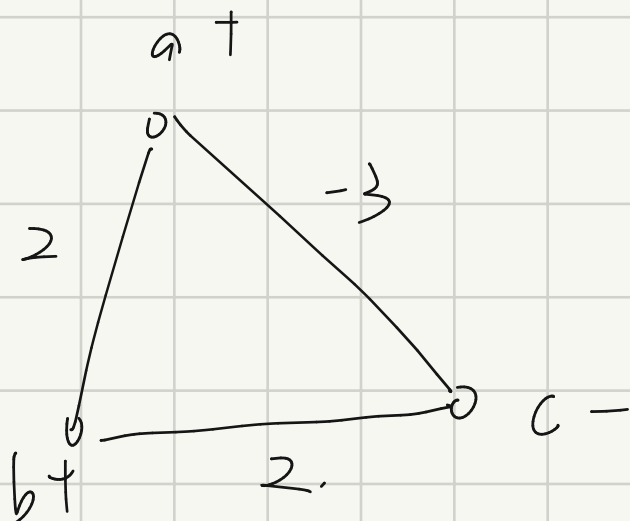
Given a configurations,  $e = (u, v)$  is good edge if  
 target:  $\langle 1 \rangle W_e > 0, s(u) \neq s(v)$   
 $\langle 2 \rangle W_e < 0, s(u) = s(v)$  (same signal)

bad otherwise.

objective. 1.  $\max \sum_{e \text{ is good edge}} |W_e|$

objective 2.  $u$  maximize  $\sum_{\substack{e \text{ incident} \\ \text{to } u}} |W_e| = \text{maximize } U(u)$

eg:



good:  $\{bc\}$   
bad:  $\{ab, ac\}$

$$U(c) = 2$$

$\rightarrow c \rightarrow +$  good  $\{ac\}$   
bad  $\{ab, bc\}$

$$U(c) = 3$$

Given a configuration  $s$ , a node  $u$  is satisfied if

$$\sum_{\substack{e \text{ incident} \\ \text{to } u}} |W_e| \geq \sum_{\substack{e \text{ incident} \\ \text{to } u}} |W_e|$$

good edge                      bad edge

A configuration  $s$  is stable if every node  $u$  is satisfied

State-flipping:

1. pick an arbitrary configuration  $s$
2. while some node  $u$  is not satisfied
3. flip the state of  $u$ .
4. return  $s$

local search to

To prove the algorithm above works, maximize objective 1  
that is to say the iterations isn't infinite, i.e.  $\Phi(s)$

We define  $\Phi(s) = \sum_{\substack{e \text{ is} \\ \text{good}}} |W_e| \rightarrow \text{objective 1}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} s & \xrightarrow{\text{flip } u} & s' \\ \Phi(s) & & \Phi(s') \end{array}$$

$$\Phi(s') = \Phi(s) - \sum_{\substack{\text{good edge} \\ \text{incident to } u}} |W_e| + \sum_{\substack{\text{bad edge} \\ \text{incident to } u}} |W_e|$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(s') > \Phi(s) \quad (\text{it's the goal why we flip})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(s') \geq \Phi(s) + 1$$

$$\Phi(s) \leq \sum_e |W_e| = W$$

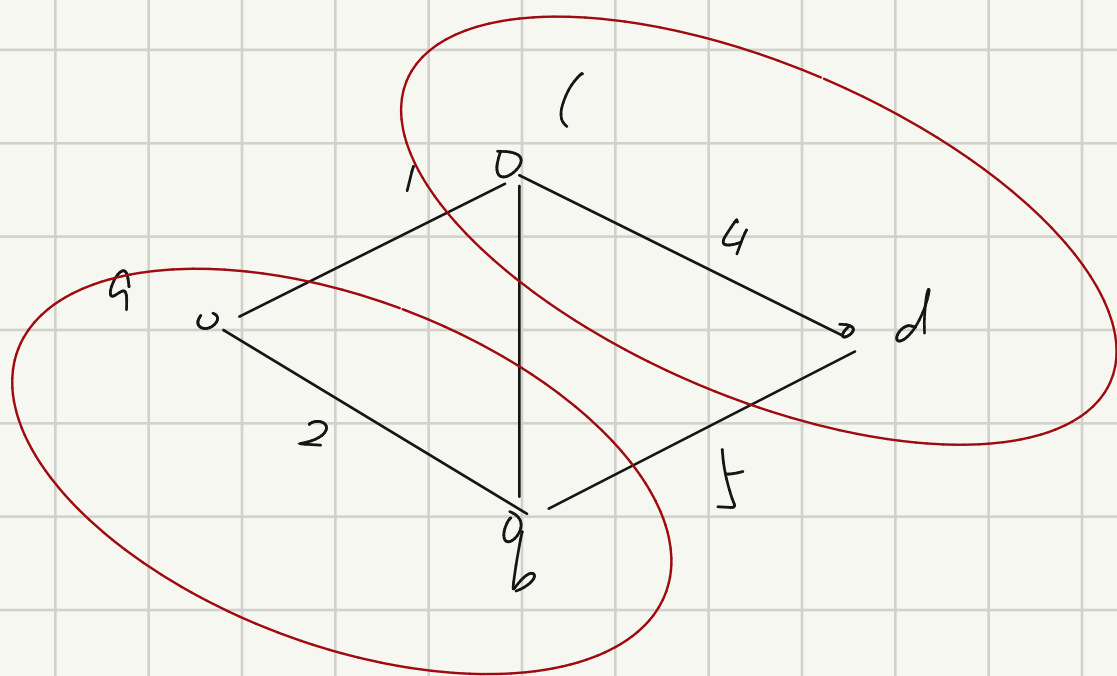
Each flip add one to  $\Phi(s)$ , and  $\Phi(s)$  has an upper bound, so its a finite iterations. so it works

## Maximum Cut (NP - hard)

Given a undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  A cut  $(A, B)$  is a partition of  $V$  into two non-empty subsets

$$S(A, B) = \{ (u, v) \in E \mid u \in A, v \in B \}$$

$$W(A, B) = \sum_{e \in S(A, B)} w_e$$



Input: an edge weighted graph  $G = (V, E)$

Output: a maximum cut

$\Rightarrow$  A special case of Hopfield with  $w_e > 0$  for all  $e$   
( $e$  is a cut edge  $\Leftrightarrow e$  is a good edge)

State - flip - Max - Cut:

1. pick an arbitrary cut  $(A, B)$

2. while some node  $u$  is not satisfied.

$$\left( \sum_{\text{cut edge}} w_e < \sum_{\text{non-cut edge}} w_e \right)$$

incident to  $u$       incident to  $u$

3 flip the membership of  $u$

→ input  $\log W$

(local optimum in  $O(W)$  iterations) → pseudo-poly  
2-approximation.

$(A, B)$  is stable

for  $u \in A$ ,

$$\sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in A}} W_e \leq \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in B}} W_e$$

$$\sum_{\substack{(u,v) \in E \\ u \in A \\ v \in A}} W_e = \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in A}} W_e \leq \sum_{u \in A} \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \in E \\ v \in B}} W_e = W(A, B)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{(u,v) \in E \\ u \in B \\ v \in B}} W_e \leq W(A, B)$$

$$\sum_{e \in E} W_e = \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \\ u \in A \\ v \in A}} W_e + \sum_{\substack{e=(u,v) \\ u \in B \\ v \in B}} W_e + \sum_{e \in \delta(A, B)} W_e$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} W(A, B) + \frac{1}{2} W(A, B) + W(A, B)$$

$$\therefore W(A, B) \geq \left( \sum_{e \in E} W_e \right) / 2 \geq \frac{OPT}{2}$$

Accelerate.

Idea: update only when there is a big improvement.

flip a node  $u$  only when it increases  $w(A, B)$  by a fraction of at least  $\frac{\epsilon}{|V|}$   $|V| \geq n$

$$w(A', B') \geq \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{n}\right) w(A, B)$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{\epsilon}} \geq 2. \quad (\text{v. determined omitted})$$

$$O\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon} \log w\right) \text{ iterations}$$



