

PROBLEM-5:

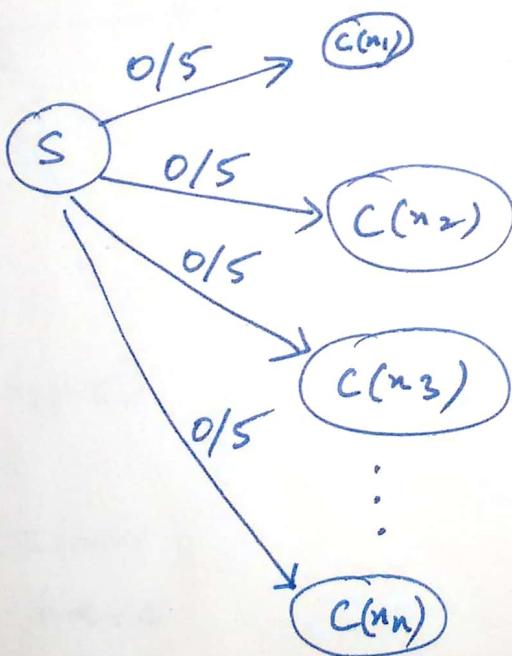
(a). S : set of students .

For $x \in S$, $C(x)$ = wishlist of student x .

C : set of classes.

We have to model this problem as a max-flow problem.

- 1) Let $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be the set of students.
 Then $C(x_1), C(x_2), \dots, C(x_n)$ refers to the
 wishlist of the individual students.
 We create a node in the graph for S (set of
 students) and nodes for each of $C(x_1), C(x_2)$
 $\dots, C(x_n)$.

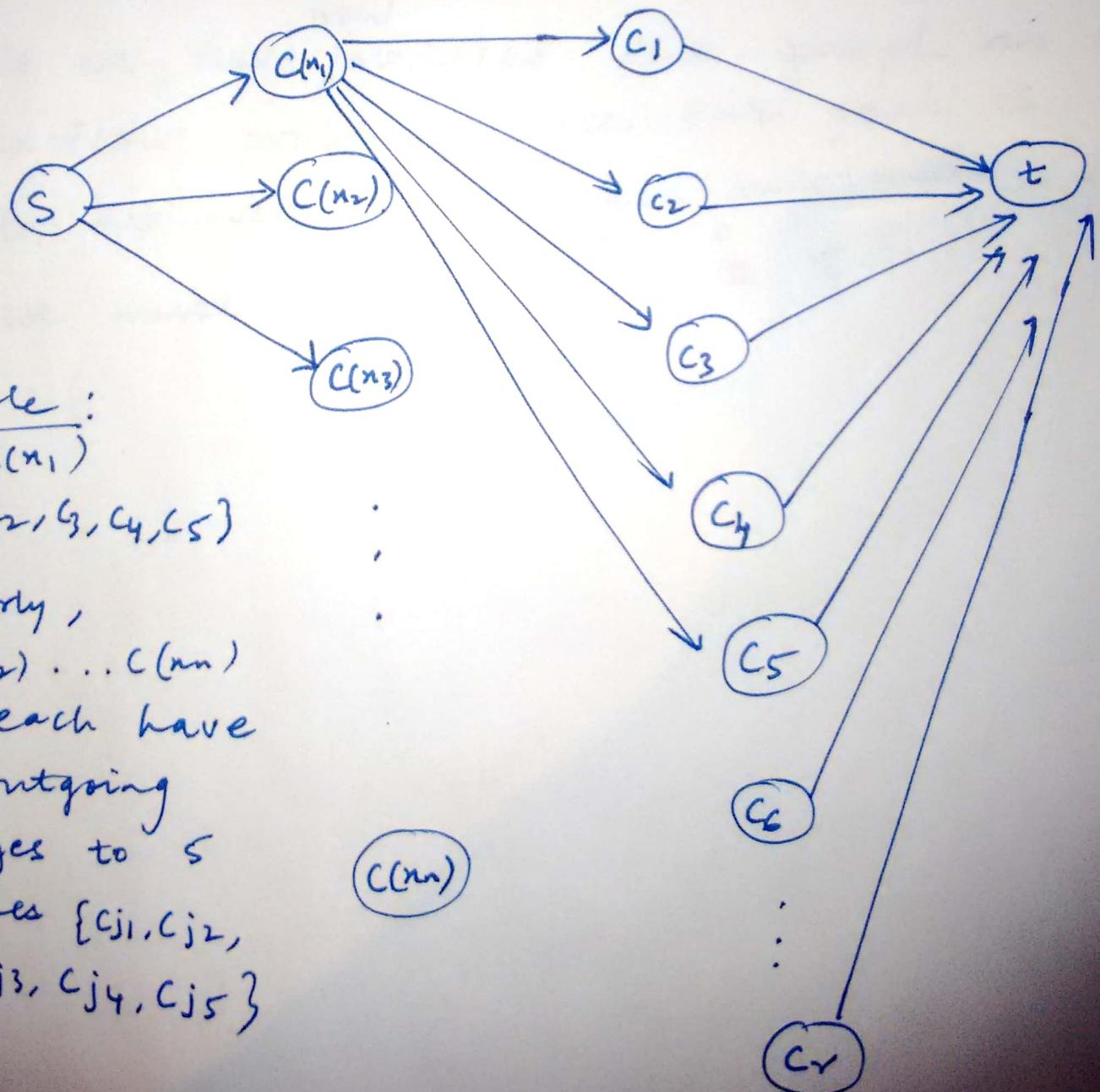


We add an edge (directed) from S to each $C(x_i)$ where $i=1,2,\dots,n$ with a capacity of 5,
 since a student can take atmost 5
 classes (hence, wishlist can have atmost 5
 classes)

Let C be the set of classes.

$$C = \{C_1, \dots, C_r\}$$

We make a node for each C_i , $i=1, \dots, r$.
We add a directed edge from $c(x_i)$ to
each class $C_k \in C(x_i)$ with capacity 1 (since
each student can register for a given class
at most once).



Example :

Here $C(x_1) = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5\}$

Similarly,

$$C(x_2), \dots, C(x_n)$$

will each have

5 outgoing
edges to 5
nodes

$$\{c_{j1}, c_{j2}, c_{j3}, c_{j4}, c_{j5}\}$$

- 3) Finally, we add ^{node} t , which denotes the maximum total enrolment in all classes. We add directed edges from each $c_i, i=1, \dots, r$ to t with a capacity of 20. (Since each class can have at most 20 students and hence, can contribute at most 20 to the total enrolment).
- 4) Since we ^{now} have modeled the graph as a max-flow problem. Since our goal is to maximize total class enrolment, we must maximize flow ^{from s} $\rightarrow t$.

Algorithm UniqueCut(G, s, t, f^*)

{
Compute G_r = residual graph of G_n for
max flow f^*
Compute X = set of vertices reachable from
 s in G_r

Reverse graph G_r (call it G'_r)

Compute Y = set of vertices reachable
from t in G'_r

if ($X \cup Y = V$)

return YES

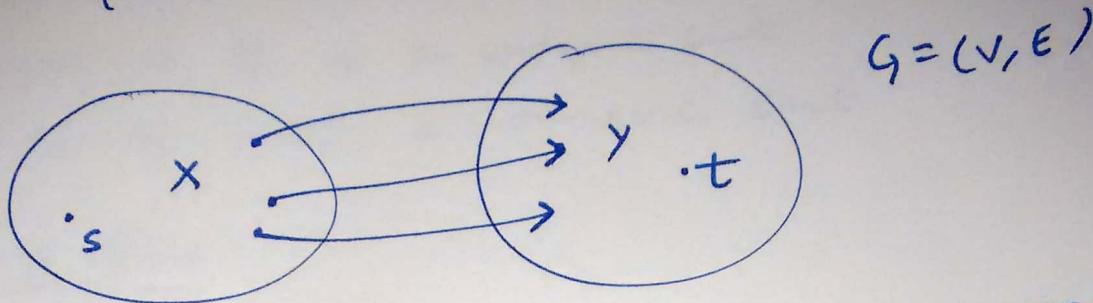
else

return NO

}

Explanation:

1) Suppose there is a min-cut in G . Let us call it $\{X, Y\}$.



- 2) Let f^* be the max flow. Since we know that the max-flow saturates every min-cut, every edge from x to y has flow = capacity.
- 3) In the residual graph G_r of G , we will not have any edges from x to y . However, there will be edges from y to x .
- 4) We first compute the residual graph and then compute:
 $X = \text{set of vertices reachable from } s \text{ in } G_r$
- 5) Note that $\{X, V \setminus X\}$ defines a min-cut.
- 6) We then compute G_r' , the reversed graph of G_r . There would be no edges from y to x in G_r' (follows from step 3)
- 7) We compute Y , the set of vertices reachable from t . The partition $\{Y, V \setminus Y\}$ also defines a mincut

6) Since we now have 2 min cuts, we must check if they are the same.

Hence, we check if $X \cup Y = V$

if yes \Rightarrow it is a unique cut

if no \Rightarrow not a unique cut.

Running time:

1) Computing Residual graph takes $O(\cancel{V|E|})$ time.

2) Finding set X takes $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.

3) Reversing G_r takes $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.

4) Find set Y takes $O(|V| + |E|)$ time.

5) The remaining operations take $O(1)$ time.

$$\therefore T(n) = O(|V| + |E|)$$

Algorithm DoubleTargetFlow(G, s, t_1, t_2)

{ Add vertex t' to G (lets call this graph G')

$$c_s(t_1 \rightarrow t') = \infty$$

$$c(t_2 \rightarrow t') = \infty$$

result = BlackBox(G, s, t')

return result

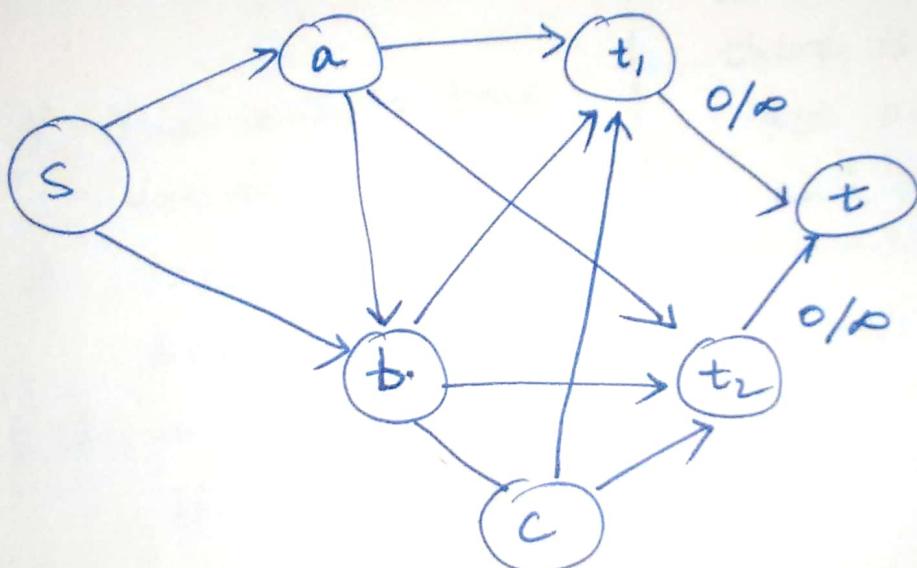
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Here, $\text{BlackBox}(G, s, t')$ computes the maximum flow from s to t' in G . i.e. it solves the max-flow problem in a standard ~~max~~-flow graph.

Explanation:

- c.) 1) In the double target flow network, we must maximize the flow from s to both t_1 and t_2 .
- 2) We can add a new node t' in our problem graph. We also add directed edges from t_1 and t_2 to t' .
- 3) We set the capacities of these edges ($t_1 \rightarrow t'$ and $t_2 \rightarrow t'$) equal to ∞ .

Example:



- 4) Clearly maximising the flow from s to t_1 and t_2 is the same as maximising the flow from s to t' .
- 5) Maximising flow from s to t' is the same as computing the maxflow in a standard black flow problem, which is done by the black-box.

PROBLEM-6:

a). Algorithm Max Ind Set (G)

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{
    n = |V|
    return Helper(G, 0, n)
}
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Algorithm Helper (G, i, j)

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{
    if Ind-Set( $i, j$ ) = true
        return  $j$ 
    if  $i = j$ 
        return  $i$ 
    if  $i = j - 1$ 
        if Ind-Set( $G, j$ ) = true
            return  $j$ 
        else
            return  $i$ 
     $k = (i+j)/2$ 
    if Ind-Set( $G, k$ ) = true
        return Helper( $G, k, j$ )
    else
        return Helper( $G, i, k-1$ )
}
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Input: Graph G

Output: No. of vertices
in the maximum
independent set of G .

Assumption:

Blackbox Ind-Set(G, K)
which returns true if
there is an independent
set of size $\geq K$
and false otherwise.

Explanation:

1) We assume that we have a blackbox which computes the answer to the Independence Set (G, K) decision problem at any step.

- 2) We use a binary search approach.
- 3) We call ~~Max Ind~~ $\text{Max Ind Set}(G, 0, |V|)$ in the beginning.
- 4) At each call of $\text{Helper}(G, i, j)$, we first check if $\text{Ind-Set}(j) = \text{true}$. If yes, our work is done.
- 5) Otherwise, we call $\text{Ind-Set}((i+j)/2)$ if this evaluates to true, we call $\text{Helper}(G, (i+j)/2, j)$.
If it evaluates to false, we call $\text{Helper}(G, i, (i+j)/2 - 1)$.

This follows from the definition of the Ind-Set problem.

- 6). When we reach our base cases,
- 1) $i=j$
 - 2) $i=j-1$
- We return the appropriate value.

running time:

- 1> The base cases take $O(1)$ time -
- 2> Maximum no. of recursive calls
 $= \log(|V|)$

$$\therefore T(n) = O(\log |V|)$$

- 1) We have to prove that 4-SAT is NP-hard.
- 2) To prove this, we reduce 3-SAT, a known NP-hard problem, to 4-SAT.
- 3) We can change each clause in a 3-CNF formula:
- $$a \vee b \vee c \rightarrow (a \vee b \vee c \vee \bar{n}) \wedge (a \vee b \vee c \vee n)$$
- where \bar{n} is a new variable (arbitrarily set).
- 4) This reduction can be done in polynomial time.
 \therefore 3SAT has been reduced to a 4SAT problem plus a polynomial time procedure
- 5) The reduction implies that if we had a polynomial time procedure for 4SAT, then we'd have a polynomial time procedure for 3SAT, an NP-hard problem which would imply $\Rightarrow P=NP$
 \therefore 4SAT is an NP-hard problem.

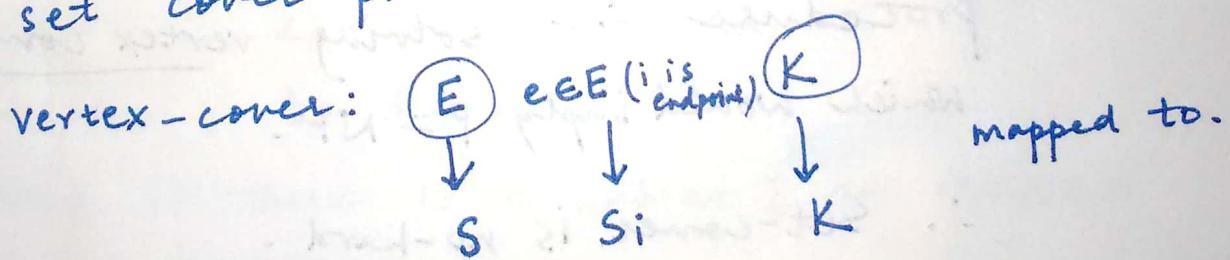
To Prove: Set-cover is NP-hard.

1) We use a reduction from vertex cover to set cover.

2) The vertex cover problem asks if there is a subset $\{v_i\}_{i \in V}$ of vertices which are adjacent (cover) all edges in the graph.

3) The set cover problem asks if there are K subsets $S_1, \dots, S_K \subseteq C$ such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^K S_i = S$, where C is a collection of subsets of S .

4) We model the ^(reduce) set cover problem as a set cover problem.



5) Our set $S = \text{set of edges } E \text{ in } G$.

6) We label all nodes in G from 1 to n . Each subset S_i is the set of edges with node i as an endpoint.

7) All the nodes in the graph represent subsets S_1, \dots, S_n . Thus, the set of vertices V is mapped to C .

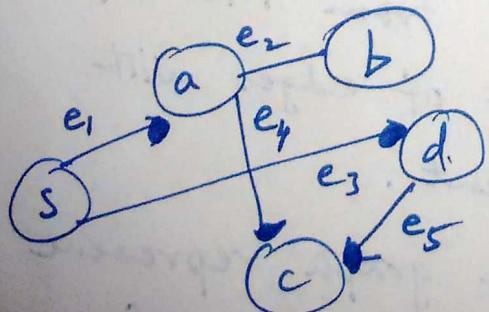
- 8) The value K is mapped to K .
 i.e. Finding a vertex cover with atmost K vertices
 \hookrightarrow Finding a vertex set which covers all
edges with size atmost K .
 \hookrightarrow Finding $\bullet K$ subsets which cover the
 set of all edges (set S).

This reduction can be done in $O(|V| + |E|)$
 time.

Thus, this reduction means that if
 there is a polynomial time procedure
 for solving set cover, then there
 would be a polynomial time
 procedure for solving vertex cover
 which would imply $P = NP$.

\therefore Set-cover is np-hard.

Example:



$s=1, a=2, b=3, c=4, d=5.$

Mapping \rightarrow

$$S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$$

$$S_1 = \{e_1, e_3\} \quad S_2 = \{e_1, e_2, e_4\}$$

$$S_3 = \{e_2, e_5\} \quad S_4 = \{e_3, e_5\}$$

$$S_5 = \{e_3, e_5\}$$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^5 S_i = S$$

$K \rightarrow k$

To Prove: Knapsack problem is np-hard.

The Knapsack problem asks given $v[1 \dots n]$, $s[1 \dots n]$, B, K , is there a subset of indices I such that $\sum_{i \in I} v[i] \geq K$ and $\sum_{i \in I} s[i] \leq B$.

2) The subset problem asks if given non-negative integers a_1, \dots, a_n , is there a subset of these numbers with a total sum t ?

3) We reduce the subset problem to an instance of the Knapsack problem:

Suppose $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$

4) We map:

$$a_i = v_i, i=1, \dots, n$$

$$a_i = s_i, i=1, \dots, n$$

$$t = B = K$$

5) Now, if there is a subset I of indices such that:

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i \leq B \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I} s_i \leq t \quad (1)$$

6) Also, $\sum_{i \in I} a_i \geq K \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I} v_i \geq t \quad (2)$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i \in I} a_i \leq B \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I} s_i \leq t \\ \sum_{i \in I} a_i \geq t \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I} v_i \geq K \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i \in I} s_i = t$$

\therefore There is a subset of indices I with total sumⁱⁿ

\Leftrightarrow There is a subset of indices such that

$$\sum_{i \in I} v_i \geq k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i \in I} s_i \leq B$$

7) Hence, we have ^{NP-hard} reduced the sub-set problem to the knapsack problem.
Clearly, this reduction can be done in polynomial time ($O(n)$)

8) If there was a polynomial time algorithm to solve knapsack problem, then it implies there would be a polynomial time algorithm to solve the subset problem, which would imply $P = NP$.

\therefore The knapsack problem is np-hard.