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More Network Flow

1. Kleinberg, Jon. *Algorithm Design* (p.416 q.6). Suppose you're a consultant for the Ergonomic Architecture Commission, and they come to you with the following problem.

They're really concerned about designing houses that are "user-friendly", and they've been having a lot of trouble with the setup of light fixtures and switches in newly designed houses. Consider, for example, a one-floor house with n light fixtures and n locations for light switches mounted in the wall. You'd like to be able to wire up one switch to control each light fixture, in such a way that a person at the switch can see the light fixture being controlled.

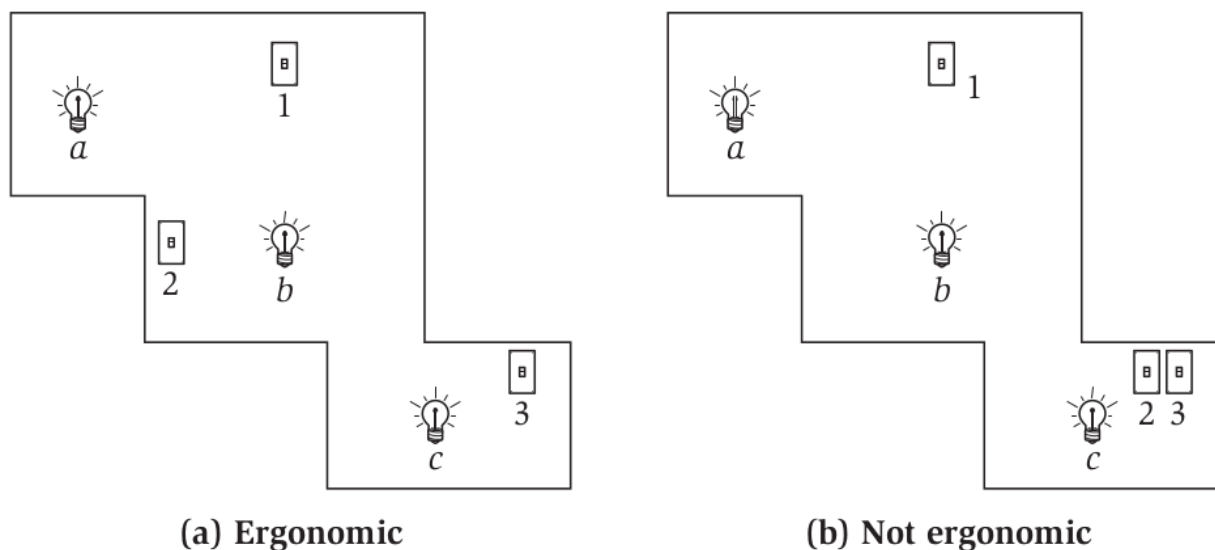


Figure 1: The floor plan in (a) is ergonomic, because we can wire switches to fixtures in such a way that each fixture is visible from the switch that controls it. (This can be done by wiring switch 1 to a, switch 2 to b, and switch 3 to c.) The floor plan in (b) is not ergonomic, because no such wiring is possible.

Sometimes this is possible and sometimes it isn't. Consider the two simple floor plans for houses in Figure 1. There are three light fixture locations (labelled a, b, c) and three switch locations (labelled 1, 2, 3). It is possible to wire switches to fixtures in Figure 1(a) so that every switch has a line of sight to the fixture, but this is not possible in Figure 1(b).

Let's call a floor plan, together with n light fixture locations and n switch locations, ergonomic if it's possible to wire one switch to each fixture so that every fixture is visible from the switch that controls it. A floor plan will be represented by a set of m horizontal or vertical line segments in the plane (the walls), where the i -th wall has endpoints $(x_i, y_i), (x'_i, y'_i)$. Each of the n switches and each of the n fixtures is given by its coordinates in the plane. A fixture is visible from a switch if the line segment joining them does not cross any of the walls.

Give an algorithm to decide if a given floor plan is ergonomic. The running time should be polynomial in m and n . You may assume that you have a subroutine with $O(1)$ running time that takes two line segments as input and decides whether or not they cross in the plane.

Solution:

We built bipartite graph $G=(V,E)$. Nodes V are partitioned in the set $X=\{x_i, 1=1..n\}$ representing switches and set $Y=\{y_i, 1=1..n\}$ representing fixtures.

Edge (x_i,y_j) is an edge in E iff line segment between these two point do not intersect any of m walls represented by line.

Each edge (x_i,y_j) has capacity $(0,1)$.

Add node s with edges to all nodes in X with capacity $(0,1)$

Add node t with edges from all nodes in Y to t with capacity $(0,1)$.

With this constrains we limited that switch can be connected to maximum 1 fixtures.

Maximal flow (s,t) will determine the maximal number of switch that can be connected to fixtures having line of sight.

G can be built in $O(m n^2)$ time. $O(n^2)$ needed to define line segments and $O(m)$ to check each such a line with m walls.

2. Kleinberg, Jon. *Algorithm Design* (p.426 q.20).

Your friends are involved in a large-scale atmospheric science experiment. They need to get good measurements on a set S of n different conditions in the atmosphere (such as the ozone level at various places), and they have a set of m balloons that they plan to send up to make these measurements. Each balloon can make at most two measurements. Unfortunately, not all balloons are capable of measuring all conditions, so for each balloon $i = 1, \dots, m$, they have a set S_i of conditions that balloon i can measure. Finally, to make the results more reliable, they plan to take each measurement from at least k different balloons. (Note that a single balloon should not measure the same condition twice.) They are having trouble figuring out which conditions to measure on which balloon.

Example. Suppose that $k = 2$, there are $n = 4$ conditions labelled c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 , and there are $m = 4$ balloons that can measure conditions, subject to the limitation that $S_1 = S_2 = c_1, c_2, c_3$, and $S_3 = S_4 = c_1, c_3, c_4$. Then one possible way to make sure that each condition is measured at least $k = 2$ times is to have

- balloon 1 measure conditions c_1, c_2 ,
 - balloon 2 measure conditions c_2, c_3 ,
 - balloon 3 measure conditions c_3, c_4 , and
 - balloon 4 measure conditions c_1, c_4 .
- (a) Give a polynomial-time algorithm that takes the input to an instance of this problem (the n conditions, the sets S_i for each of the m balloons, and the parameter k) and decides whether there is a way to measure each condition by k different balloons, while each balloon only measures at most two conditions.

Solution:

a)

Problem can be modelled as a network flow problem similar to survey design. Network is a bipartite graph $G = (V, E)$ where $V = \{B, S, s, t\}$ nodes B balloons, nodes S conditions and E consists of two types of edges:

Edge (s, i) with capacity 0, 2 for each balloon $i = 1, \dots, m$.

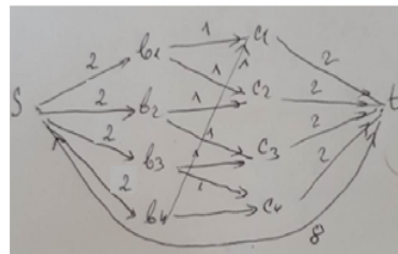
Edge (i, j) with capacity 0, 1 for each condition $c_j \in S_i$ that balloon i can measure.

Edge (j, t) with capacity k , for each condition $c_j \in S$.

The interpretation of this graph is that the source s represents the set of balloons, the sink t represents the set of conditions, and each balloon is connected to the conditions it can measure. The capacity of the edge (s, i) is 2 because each balloon can make at most two measurements. The capacity of the edge (i, j) is 1 because each balloon can make at most one measurement of a condition, and the capacity of the edge (j, t) is at least k because we need to take each measurement from at least k different balloons.

To find a solution to the problem, we need to find a max flow from s to t in the graph G .

Each unit of flow from s to i corresponds to a measurement made by balloon i , and each unit of flow from j to t corresponds to a measurement of condition j . A feasible flow corresponds to a set of measurements that satisfy the constraints of the problem.

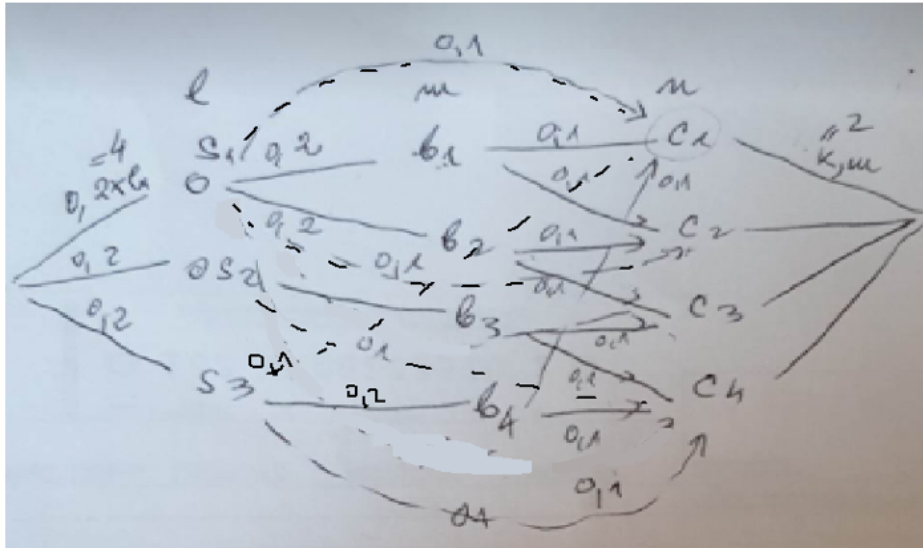


- (b) You show your friends a solution computed by your algorithm from (a), and to your surprise they reply, “This won’t do at all—one of the conditions is only being measured by balloons from a single subcontractor.” You hadn’t heard anything about subcontractors before; it turns out there’s an extra wrinkle they forgot to mention...

Each of the balloons is produced by one of three different subcontractors involved in the experiment. A requirement of the experiment is that there be no condition for which all k measurements come from balloons produced by a single subcontractor.

Explain how to modify your polynomial-time algorithm for part (a) into a new algorithm that decides whether there exists a solution satisfying all the conditions from (a), plus the new requirement about subcontractors.

Solution:



To incorporate the new requirement, we will modify previous graph by introducing a new node for each subcontractor and modifying the edges as follows:

- Balloon i is connected to subcontractor j with an edge of capacity 2, for each condition in S_i .
- Subcontractor j is connected to condition c_i with an edge of capacity $k-1$, for each condition c_i that can be measured by balloons from subcontractor j .
- Subcontractor is connected to source node s with capacity $2l$ where l is number of measurements that each balloon can make

The resulting graph will have additional nodes for the subcontractors and additional edges connecting the balloons to the subcontractors and the subcontractors to the conditions and subcontractors to s .

To check whether there exists a solution that satisfies all the conditions and the new requirement, we will implement the max flow algorithm on the new graph.

3. Kleinberg, Jon. *Algorithm Design* (p.442, q.41).

Suppose you're managing a collection of k processors and must schedule a sequence of m jobs over n time steps.

The jobs have the following characteristics. Each job j has an arrival time a_j when it is first available for processing, a length ℓ_j which indicates how much processing time it needs, and a deadline d_j by which it must be finished. (We'll assume $0 < \ell_j \leq d_j - a_j$.) Each job can be run on any of the processors, but only on one at a time; it can also be preempted and resumed from where it left off (possibly after a delay) on another processor.

Moreover, the collection of processors is not entirely static either: You have an overall pool of k possible processors; but for each processor i , there is an interval of time $[t_i, t'_i]$ during which it is available; it is unavailable at all other times.

Given all this data about job requirements and processor availability, you'd like to decide whether the jobs can all be completed or not. Give a polynomial-time (in k , m , and n) algorithm that either produces a schedule completing all jobs by their deadlines or reports (correctly) that no such schedule exists. You may assume that all the parameters associated with the problem are integers.

Example. Suppose we have two jobs J_1 and J_2 . J_1 arrives at time 0, is due at time 4, and has length 3. J_2 arrives at time 1, is due at time 3, and has length 2. We also have two processors P_1 and P_2 . P_1 is available between times 0 and 4; P_2 is available between times 2 and 3. In this case, there is a schedule that gets both jobs done.

- At time 0, we start job J_1 on processor P_1 .
- At time 1, we preempt J_1 to start J_2 on P_1 .
- At time 2, we resume J_1 on P_2 . (J_2 continues processing on P_1 .)
- At time 3, J_2 completes by its deadline. P_2 ceases to be available, so we move J_1 back to P_1 to finish its remaining one unit of processing there.
- At time 4, J_1 completes its processing on P_1 . Notice that there is no solution that does not involve preemption and moving of jobs.

Problem is formulate as a multi-assignment problem. Jobs are assigned to timesteps, under conditions:

Job j can be assigned to timestep if time lies in interval $[a_j, d_j]$.

The number of timesteps to which job is assigned is ℓ_j (length of the job)

Number of jobs assigned to timestep is not more than number of available processors.

Let $J = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m\}$ be the jobs, can work in interval a_j, d_j and length ℓ_j , $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ processors working in the interval $[t_i, t'_i]$

Let $T = \bigcup_{j \in J} [a_j, d_j]$ (subset of integers) be the time when jobs can be scheduled.

Graph $G = (V, E)$ has

$$V = \{s, t\} \cup J \cup T$$

$$E = \{s\} \times J \cup \{(j_i, j) \mid j \in [a_i, d_i]\} \cup T \times \{t\}$$

And edge capacities

$$c(s, j_i) = \ell_i, \quad c(j_i, j) = 1, \quad c(j, t) = |P_k \mid j \in [t_k, t'_k]|$$

The capacity of edge (s, j_i) is the number of quanta of processing j_i needs. The capacity of the edge (j, t) is the number of processors available at time j . There is an edge with capacity 1 from P_i to time j iff P_i is available for scheduling at time j .

$$|E| = O(P \sum_i (d_i - a_i)) \text{ and a max flow has value } \leq P \sum_i \ell_i, \text{ so a max flow can be found with the in time complexity } O(\sum_i \ell_i (d_i - a_i)).$$

There is a valid job schedule iff there is a flow with value $\sum_i \ell_i$. It is also maximal flow since the cut $\{s\}$ has the same value. Hence if there is such a flow there is also an integer flow achieving it (since all capacities are integer).

The assignment of job quanta to times is given by the flow on the (j_i, j) edges, and this assignment is valid since we assign every job to exactly least ℓ_i timesteps. The number of jobs assigned to any timestep is bounded by the number of available machines. Likewise, if we have a valid assignment, the flow that sends a flow of 1 through all edges where we assigned the job to a timestep is a maxflow that matches the cut $\{s\}$. Note that if a time j receives k jobs, the assignment of jobs to its $\geq k$ available processors can be arbitrary.

Solution:

4. Kleinberg, Jon. *Algorithm Design* (p.444, q.45).

Consider the following definition. We are given a set of n countries that are engaged in trade with one another. For each country i , we have the value s_i of its budget surplus; this number may be positive or negative, with a negative number indicating a deficit. For each pair of countries i, j , we have the total value e_{ij} of all exports from i to j ; this number is always nonnegative. We say that a subset S of the countries is *free-standing* if the sum of the budget surpluses of the countries in S , minus the total value of all exports from countries in S to countries not in S , is nonnegative. Give a polynomial-time algorithm that takes this data for a set of n countries and decides whether it contains a nonempty free-standing subset that is not equal to the full set.

Problem is with node demands. We construct a flow network with a super source node s^* , a super sink node t^* , and a node for each country i . The capacities of the edges in the network will be determined by the exports between countries. Specifically, we will have an edge from country i to country j with capacity e_{ij} for every pair of countries i, j where e_{ij} is export. For all nodes we have value $d(i)$ which is budget surplus.

Reduction is made by adding node s^* with edge to every node i with budget surplus $d(i) < 0$, capacity $c(s, i) = -d(i)$, and adding node t^* with edge from every node i with budget surplus $d(i) > 0$, capacity $s(i, t) = d(i)$. Maximal flow of $D = \sum_{(i \in V, d(i) > 0)} d(i) = \sum_{(i \in V, d(i) < 0)} -d(i)$

Solution:

5. Implement an algorithm to determine the maximum matching in a bipartite graph and if that matching is perfect (all nodes are matched) in either C, C++, C#, Java, Python, or Rust. Be efficient and use your max-flow implementation from the previous week.

The input will start with a positive integer, giving the number of instances that follow. For each instance, there will be 3 positive integers m , n , and q . Numbers m and n are the number of nodes in node set A and node set B . Number q is the number of edges in the bipartite graph. For each edge, there will be 2 more positive integers i , and j representing an edge between node $1 \leq i \leq m$ in A and node $1 \leq j \leq n$ in B .

A sample input is the following:

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2 2 4
1 1
1 2
2 1
2 2
2 3 4
2 3
2 1
1 2
2 2
5 5 10
1 1
1 3
2 1
2 2
2 3
2 4
3 4
4 4
5 4
5 5
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The sample input has 3 instances.

For each instance, your program should output the size of the maximum matching, followed by a space, followed by an N if the matching is not perfect and a Y if the matching is perfect. Each output line should be terminated by a newline. The correct output to the sample input would be:

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2 Y
2 N
4 N
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