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#### 1.1 Proof

Suppose we have such a linear programming problem *P*:

minimize 
$$c \cdot x$$
  
subject to  $Ax \ge 0$   
 $x \ge 0$  (P)  
 $x_1 = 0$   
where  $c = [-1, 0, 0, ..., 0]^T$ 

P's dual LP D is thus:

maximize 
$$0 \cdot y$$
  
subject to  $A^T y \leq c^T$   
 $y \geq 0$   $(D)$   
where  $c = [-1, 0, 0, ..., 0]^T$ 

We assume P is feasible. The objective function  $c \cdot x$  of P is bounded to 0 since  $c = [-1, 0, ..., 0]^T$  and  $x_1 = 0$ . By strong duality theorem, we know that D is feasible and bounded as well. Therefore, there must exist  $y^*$  satisfying constraints of D. Mathematically,

$$\exists y^* : A^T y^* \le c^T, y^* \ge 0, c = [-1, 0, ..., 0]^T$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \exists y^* : A^T y^* \le c^T \le 0, A_1 y^* = y^* \cdot A_1 \le -1 < 0, y^* \ge 0$$

In other words, there exists  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $A^T y \leq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$  and  $y \cdot A_1 < 0$ .

#### 1.2 Proof

The dual *D*:

maximize 
$$b \cdot y$$
  
subject to  $A^T y \leq c^T$  (D)  
 $y$  free

 $x^*$  is an optimal basic feasible solution thus the primal is feasible and bounded. Thus we could apply strong duality here, i.e. the dual D is feasible and bounded. Particularly,  $c \cdot x^* = b \cdot y^*$ .  $y^*$  is feasible and optimal. Now we apply one of the complementary slack properties. That is,

$$\forall j: x_j^* = 0 \lor y^{*T} A_j = c_j$$

At least one of the conditions above must be satisfied. Furthermore, we know that every  $x^* = A_B^{-1}b > 0$  since B is non-degenerate. Therefore, the second condition must be satisfied

$$\forall j: y^{*T} A_j = c_j \tag{1}$$

must be satisfied. Finally, assume that  $y^*$  is not unique, there must be at least two  $y_1^* \neq y_2^* \Rightarrow \exists j : c_j = y_1^{*T} A_j \neq y_2^{*T} A_j = c_j$  which leads to a contradiction. Therefore, the optimal solution of D,  $y^*$ , must be unique.

#### 1.3 Proof

$$P \cap Q = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall p \in P : p \notin Q$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i \in [n], \forall p \in P : \hat{a}_i^T p > \hat{b}_i \text{ where } \hat{a}_i^T \text{ is } i \text{th row of } \hat{A}$$
We also know that  $\exists i \in [n], \forall q \in Q : \hat{a}_i^T q \leq \hat{b}_i$ 
Therefore,  $\exists i \in [n], \forall p \in P, \forall q \in Q : \hat{a}_i^T p > \hat{a}_i^T q$ 

$$\Rightarrow \hat{a}_i^T (p - q) = (p - q) \cdot \hat{a}_i > 0$$

Therefore, I have proven there exists  $c := \hat{a}_i$  such that  $(p - q) \cdot c > 0$  for every  $p \in P$  and  $q \in Q$ .

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#### 2.1 Proof

- Assume that there are two pure equilibria. Then there are two different optimal elements ( $P_{ij}$  and  $P_{i'j'}$  where  $i' \neq i \lor j' \neq j$ ) in the payoff matrix. Since they are optimal,  $P_{ij} = P_{i'j'}$ . Otherwise either one of them is not optimal. However  $P_{ij} = P_{i'j'}$  contradicts that no two outcomes in the payoff matrix have the same value.
- For multiple number of equilibria (# > 2), we can choose 2 of them and the problem is reduced to the 2 equilibria problem.
- o equilibrium: an instance(paper scissor rock) was given in the lecture.
- 1 equilibrium: an instance of such a payoff matrix [0]

In summary, there could be either o or 1 equilibria.

# 2.2 Mixed Equilibria and probability

Suppose we have such a labeled  $2 \times 3$  grid.

Then we have such a payoff matrix P where 1 stands for I win the game while -1 stands for you win the game.

					You			
		12	23	45	56	14	25	36
	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1
	2	1	1	-1	-1	-1	1	-1
I	3	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
	4	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
	5	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1
	6	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1

Now let's notate my mixed strategy as  $\sum_{i=1}^{6} x_i = 1$  and yours as  $\sum_{j=1}^{7} y_j = 1$  The value of the mixed equilibria must satisfy

$$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} \hat{x}_{i} y_{j} p_{ij} | \forall \hat{x} \leq \sum_{i} \sum_{j} x_{i}^{*} y_{j}^{*} p_{ij} \leq \sum_{i} \sum_{j} x_{i} \hat{y}_{j} p_{ij} | \forall \hat{y}$$

It is not hard to see that both the set of column vectors of the payoff matrix is linearly independent. Thus,  $x^*$  must be uniformly distributed since  $x_i^* \geq 0$ . Otherwise,  $\exists \hat{x} : \sum_i \sum_j \hat{x}_i y_j p_{ij} > \sum_i \sum_j x_i^* y_j^* p_{ij} \Rightarrow x^*$  is not optimal. Similarly,  $y^*$  must be uniformly distributed as well. The value of mixed equilibria is  $\frac{1}{67} \sum_i \sum_j p_{ij} = \frac{1}{42}(-14) = -\frac{1}{3}$ . 2p-1=-1/3 where p is the probability that I win. So p=1/3

#### 2.3 Proof

Let's say the modified payoff matrix is P'. The game value for P is V and game value for P' is V'.

For the original game,

$$\max_{i} \sum_{j} y_{j}^{*} p_{ij} \leq V = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} x_{i}^{*} y_{j}^{*} p_{ij} \leq \min_{j} \sum_{i} x_{i}^{*} p_{ij}$$

Since k column is the min column, the modification does not affect LHS. Player x doesn't change the mixed strategy. For the RHS, the min for P' can only be larger or equal

$$\sum_{i} \sum_{j} x_{i}^{*} y_{j}^{*} p_{ij} \leq \min_{j} \sum_{i} x_{i}^{*} p_{ij} \leq \min_{j} \sum_{i} x_{i}^{'*} p_{ij}^{'}$$

Thus the player y still cannot profit from deviating. As a consequence  $\sum_i \sum_j x_i'^* y_j'^* p_{ij}'$  remains the same. In other words, the value of the new game is the same.

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### 3.1 ILP

Define variables

- $x_{ij}$ : the student  $s_i$  is assigned to the project  $p_j$
- $y_{il}$ : the student  $s_i$  is assigned to lth ranked project out of k picked projects.

Objective: minimize average unhappiness

minimize 
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{k} l y_{il}$$

Constraints:

• either assigned or not:

$$\forall i \in [n], j \in [m], l \in [k] : x_{ij}, y_{il} \in \{0, 1\}$$

• Every student must be assigned to exactly one project.

$$\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_{ij} = 1$$

$$\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{l=1}^{k} y_{il} = 1$$

• We may assign multiple students to the same project, but no project may have more than 3 students assigned to it.

$$\forall j \in [m] : \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{ij} \le 3$$

• students may not be assigned to projects that are not in their k preferred projects.

$$\forall i \in [n], j \in [m], l \in [k] : x_{ij} \leq y_{il}$$

### 3.2 Relaxation

minimize 
$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{k} l y_{il}$$
  
subject to  $\forall i \in [n], j \in [m], l \in [k] : x_{ij}, y_{il} \in [0, 1] \subset \mathbb{R}$   
 $\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{j=1}^{m} x_{ij} = 1$   
 $\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{l=1}^{k} y_{il} = 1$   
 $\forall j \in [m] : \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{ij} \leq 3$   
 $\forall i \in [n], j \in [m], l \in [k] : x_{ij} \leq y_{il}$  (LP)

## 3.3 Proof

The strategy is to show that if a solution is feasible w.r.t. the constraints and not integral, then the solution is not a basic solution as it is not an extreme point. Let's firstly prove that  $x_{ij}$  is integral.

**Assumption**: Suppose that  $\exists i \in [n], \exists j \in [m] : x_{ij} \in (0,1)$  for a feasible solution. For such  $i, \exists j' \neq j \in [m] : x_{ij'} \in (0,1)$ . Otherwise,  $x_{ij'} = 0 \lor 1$  where  $j' \neq j$ , which is infeasible for the constraint  $\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} = 1$  contradicting to the assumption. In addition,  $x_{ij} \neq 1$ . Therefore, there are at least 2  $x_{ij} \in (0,1)$ . We denote these two as  $x_{il}$  and  $x_{il'}$ .

Let's choose an  $\epsilon$  satisfying

$$0 < \epsilon < \min_{x_{ii} > 0} x_{ij}$$

Now we construct  $x'_{ij}$  in such a way

$$x'_{ij} = x_{ij} - \epsilon \text{ if } j = l$$
  
 $x'_{ij} = x_{ij} + \epsilon \text{ if } j = l'$   
 $x'_{ij} = x_{ij} \text{ otherwise}$ 

. and  $x_{ij}^{"}$ 

$$x_{ij}'' = x_{ij} + \epsilon \text{ if } j = l$$
  
 $x_{ij}'' = x_{ij} - \epsilon \text{ if } j = l'$   
 $x_{ij}'' = x_{ij} \text{ otherwise}$ 

Now we know that  $x \neq x'$ ,  $x \neq x''$  and x = x' + x''. Therefore, x is not an extreme point.

Similarly, the proof above applies to y as well since  $\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{l=1}^{k} y_{il} = 1$ . Therefore, we have proved that non-integral feasible solutions are not basic feasible solutions. In other words, the linear relaxation will always have an integral optimal solution.

## 3.4 Poly time solution

 $OPTILP \leq OPTLP$  and we have shown that OPTLP is always integral  $\Rightarrow OPTILP = OPTLP$ . Now we only need to solve LP to get the optimal value for ILP. Simply use an ellipsoid algorithm to solve LP which has been shown to be in poly-time.(Or we can reduce[Cook reduction] this LP to calling an "oracle", which is a well known P algorithm to solve max bipartite perfect matching by polynomial times)Therefore, we can solve the original ILP by solving the relaxed version in poly-time.

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#### 4.1 ILP

#### **Traveling Salesman Problem:**

Given a set of cities  $S = \{1, 2, ..., n\}, n > 2$ 

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} d_{ij} x_{ij}$$
subject to  $\forall i \in [n] : \sum_{j=1: j \neq i}^{n} x_{ij} = 2$ 

$$\forall \emptyset \subset S \subset E : \sum_{(i,j) \in \delta(S)} x_{ij} \ge 2$$

$$\forall (i,j) \in E : x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$$
(TSP)

#### Square Traveling Salesman Problem:

Given a set of coordinate-pairs  $X_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  of size n > 2

minimize 
$$\sum_{p \in X_n} \sum_{q \in X_n: q \neq p} \frac{1}{2} ||p - q||_2^2 x_{pq}$$
subject to  $\forall p \in X_n: \sum_{q \in X_n: q \neq p} x_{pq} = 2$ 

$$\forall \emptyset \subset S \subset E: \sum_{(p,q) \in \delta(S)} x_{pq} \geq 2$$

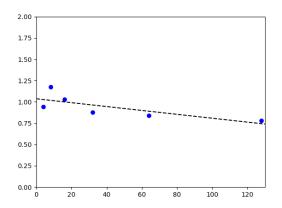
$$\forall (p,q) \in E: x_{pq} \in \{0,1\}$$
(STSP)

It doesn't matter that  $||p?q||_2^2$  is not a linear function as p and q are not variables.

## 4.2 average objective for sampling 10 times

size	4	8	16	32	64	128
optimal objective	0.94	1.17	1.03	0.88	0.84	0.77

## 4.3 plot



# 4.4 asymptotic hypothesis

$$h(n) = 1$$
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# 5 Appendix

import sys
import math
import random
from itertools import combinations
import gurobipy as gp
from gurobipy import GRB
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import math

```
from scipy.stats import linregress
#the main frame is from the official tsp.py example from gurobi website
##some parts are modified to adapt the requirements for question 4
#prepare n_size
n_values = []
for i in range (2,8):
    n_values.append(int(2**i))
n_averages = []
# Create n random points
for n in n_values:
    # sample 10 times
    total = 0
    count = 0
    #calculate 10 rep average
    for j in range(10):
        count += 1
        points = [(random.random(), random.random()) for i in range(n)]
        dist = \{(i, j):
                (sum((points[i][k]-points[j][k])**2 for k in range(2)))
                for i in range(n) for j in range(i)}
        m = gp.Model()
        # Create variables
        vars = m.addVars(dist.keys(), obj=dist, vtype=GRB.BINARY, name='e')
        for i, j in vars.keys():
            vars[j, i] = vars[i, j]
        m.addConstrs(vars.sum(i, '*') == 2 for i in range(n))
        m._vars = vars
        m.Params.LazyConstraints = 1
        m.optimize(subtourelim)
        vals = m.getAttr('X', vars)
        tour = subtour(vals)
        assert len(tour) == n
        total += m.ObjVal
    average = total / count
    n_averages.append(average)
x = n_values
y = n_averages
```

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reg = linregress(x, y)
plt.plot(x, y,'bo')
plt.axis([0, 130, 0, 2])
plt.axline(xy1=(0, reg.intercept), slope=reg.slope, linestyle="--", color="k")
plt.show()
# Callback - use lazy constraints to eliminate sub-tours
def subtourelim(model, where):
    if where == GRB.Callback.MIPSOL:
        vals = model.cbGetSolution(model._vars)
        # find the shortest cycle in the selected edge list
        tour = subtour(vals)
        if len(tour) < n:
            # add subtour elimination constr. for every pair of cities in tour
            model.cbLazy(gp.quicksum(model._vars[i, j]
                                     for i, j in combinations(tour, 2))
                         <= len(tour)-1)
def subtour(vals):
    # make a list of edges selected in the solution
    edges = gp.tuplelist((i, j) for i, j in vals.keys()
                         if vals[i, j] > 0.5)
    unvisited = list(range(n))
    cycle = range(n+1) # initial length has 1 more city
    while unvisited: # true if list is non-empty
        thiscycle = []
        neighbors = unvisited
        while neighbors:
            current = neighbors[0]
            thiscycle.append(current)
            unvisited.remove(current)
            neighbors = [j for i, j in edges.select(current, '*')
                         if j in unvisited]
        if len(cycle) > len(thiscycle):
            cycle = thiscycle
    return cycle
```