

1. Let $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a polytope defined by $Ax \leq b$. Let a_1, \dots, a_m be the rows of A , and $b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$.
 Let $x \in P$, $I(x) = \{i \in [m] : \langle a_i, x \rangle < b_i\}$, let's denote $\Delta_{min} = \min \left\{ \frac{b_i - \langle a_i, x \rangle}{\|a_i\|} \mid i \in I(x) \right\}$.
 Take $\epsilon = \Delta_{min}$. Let $y \in B_\epsilon(x)$ in some norm of \mathbb{R}^d .

$$\|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|y - x\| \leq \Delta_{min} \leq$$

For all $i \in [m] : \|a_i\| \Delta_{min} \geq \|a_i\| \|y - x\| \geq \langle a_i, y - x \rangle = \langle a_i, y \rangle - \langle a_i, x \rangle \geq \langle a_i, y \rangle - \Delta_{min}$

$$\langle a_i, y \rangle = \langle a_i, x + y - x \rangle \leq \langle a_i, x \rangle + \langle a_i, y - x \rangle \leq \langle a_i, x \rangle + \|a_i\| \|y - x\| \leq \langle a_i, x \rangle + \|a_i\| \frac{b_i - \langle a_i, x \rangle}{\|a_i\|} = \langle a_i, x \rangle$$

2. Let $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be a polytope, suppose that P is defined by $Ax \leq b$.

- (a) Assume that (a) holds - $x \in P$ is a vertex of P and let's show that (b) holds. Since x is a vertex of P there exists some linear functional that x is its unique maximizer :

$$f(y) = \langle c, y \rangle, \argmax_{y \in P} f(y) = x, f(x) = f_{max}$$

Suppose, by contradiction, that $\exists 0 \neq v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $x + v \in P$ and $x - v \in P$.
 $\langle c, x + v \rangle = \langle c, x \rangle + \langle c, v \rangle$ If $\langle c, v \rangle \geq 0 \Rightarrow \langle c, x \rangle + \langle c, v \rangle \geq \langle c, x \rangle$ and so either x is not the maximizer or it's not a unique maximizer of $f(y)$.

If $\langle c, v \rangle < 0 \Rightarrow -\langle c, v \rangle > 0$ and so $\langle c, x - v \rangle = \langle c, x \rangle + \langle c, -v \rangle = \langle c, x \rangle - \langle c, v \rangle > \langle c, x \rangle$ and again x is not the maximizer of $f(y)$ on P , in contradiction.

- (b) Assume that (b) holds : For every $0 \neq v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ either $x + v \notin P$ or $x - v \notin P$ or both. Let's show that (a) holds:

Consider the linear functional $f(x) = \left\langle \sum_{i \in [m] \setminus I(x)} a_i, x \right\rangle$. Suppose, by contradiction, that x is not its unique maximizer on P , then there exists some $v' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $x + v' \in P$ and such that $f(x) \leq f(x + v')$

$$f(x + v') = \left\langle \sum_{i \in [m] \setminus I(x)} a_i, x + v' \right\rangle \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i \in [m] \setminus I(x)} \langle a_i, x \rangle \leq \sum_{i \in [m] \setminus I(x)} (\langle a_i, x \rangle + \langle a_i, v' \rangle) \Rightarrow \sum \langle a_i, v' \rangle \geq 0$$

$$x + v' \in P \Rightarrow A(x + v') \leq b \Rightarrow \forall 1 \leq i \leq d \quad a_i x + a_i v' \leq b_i$$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq d \quad x \in P \Rightarrow a_i x \leq b_i$ and since $\sum \langle a_i, v' \rangle \geq 0$ we can zero

every coordinate of v' such that $a_i v' < 0$ and we will get a vector with only non-negative coordinates, let's denote it v . $x + v \in P$ since for all coordinates we have zeroed out the condition that is required for $x + v$ to be in P is $a_i x \leq b_i$ which holds since $x \in P$. For coordinates we haven't zeroed the condition $a_i x + a_i v' \leq b_i$ still holds. The vector $x - v$ is also in P since $\forall 1 \leq i \leq d \quad a_i x - a_i v \leq a_i x + a_i v \leq b_i$. In contradiction to the assumption.

3. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph.

(a) Let's denote the vertices of G as $v_i \ 1 \leq i \leq |V|$.

Define the vector x of size $|V|$ $x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & v_i \in C \\ 0 & v_i \notin C \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \vec{1} \cdot x \\ m = \text{s.t.} \quad & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \\ & \text{for each } v_i v_j \in E, x_i + x_j \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The functions $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ such that for each $v_i v_j \in E, f(v_i) + f(v_j) \geq 1$ are a subset of the fractional vertex cover.

Therefore The minimum weight of the functions $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}, \text{ s.t. } v_i v_j \in E, f(v_i) + f(v_j) \geq 1$, let's call it: r , is smaller or equal to the minimum weight of the fractional vertex cover m^* .

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum f(v_i) \\ r = \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{for each } v_i v_j \in E, f(v_i) + f(v_j) \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

If we denote the vector x to be f over all vertices of $G : x = f(V)$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum f(v_i) \\ \text{then : s.t.} \quad & \text{for each } v_i v_j \in E, f(v_i) + f(v_j) \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} \min \quad & \vec{1} \cdot x \\ = \text{s.t.} \quad & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \\ & \text{for each } v_i v_j \in E, x_i + x_j \geq 1 \end{aligned} =$$

m
and so we get that $m^* \leq m$.

(c) $m^* = \min \begin{aligned} & \vec{1} \cdot x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_i \geq 0 \\ & \text{for each } v_i v_j \in E, x_i + x_j \geq 1 \end{aligned}$

(d) Algorithm for finding a $2m$ vertex cover:

i. Solve the LP that gives us m^* and denote it's argmin as x^* .

ii. $x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i^* \geq 0.5 \\ 0 & x_i^* < 0.5 \end{cases}$,

claim: x is a vertex cover of size at most $2m$.

It is a vertex cover since for each edge $v_i v_j \in E \ x_i^* + x_j^* \geq 1$, therefore at least one of x_i^* and x_j^* are at least 0.5 and so at least one of x_i and x_j are 1.

$$m \geq m^* = \sum_{i=1}^{|V|} x_i^*.$$

Since for each coordinate of x^* at the very most we have multiplied it by 2 then the size of the provided vertex cover by the algorithm is : $\sum_{i=1}^{|V|} x_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{|V|} 2x_i^* = 2m^* \leq 2m$.

4. Let $x \in \text{conv}(S)$ therefore $x = \alpha_1 s_1 + \dots + \alpha_k s_k$ such that $\alpha_i \geq 0$, $\sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i = 1$
 If $k \leq d+1$ then we are done. Suppose $k > d+1$ then s_1, \dots, s_k are linearly dependant and so :
 Therefore $s_2 - s_1, \dots, s_k - s_1$ are also linearly dependant

5. Denote $v \underset{x}{\overset{\mathbf{1}}{\text{s.t.}}} \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 0 \leq a_i \leq 1$
 $a^T v = x$