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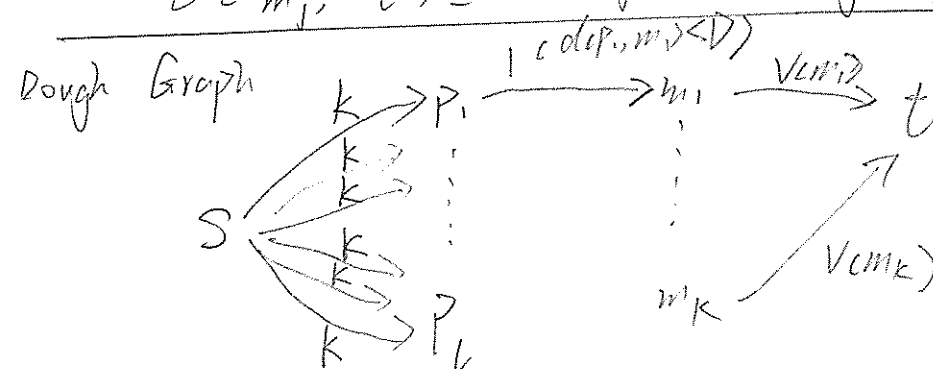
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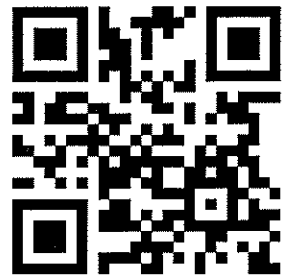
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a) Construct a network  $N$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ ,  $s$  connects all the injured persons  $(p_1, \dots, p_\ell)$ , injured person  $p_i$  connects to medical facilities  $(m_1, \dots, m_k)$ , finally, medical facilities connect to sink  $t$ .

$$\text{capacity: } \begin{cases} C(s, p_i) = k & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell\} \\ C(p_i, m_j) = 1 & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, k\}, d(p_i, m_j) \leq D \\ C(p_i, m_j) = 0 & \text{if } d(p_i, m_j) > D \\ C(m_j, t) = v(m_j) & \forall j \in \{1, \dots, k\} \end{cases}$$





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b) The question asks for the assignment of persons to facilities while satisfied the constraints. By the network in part a)

$C(s, p_i) = k$  so the extreme condition is that all the medical facilities  $\{m_1, \dots, m_k\}$  is in distance  $D$  of injured person  $p_i$ , so  $p_i$  can connect to all facilities with edge capacity 1.

Since the constraint is that injured person can only be sent to facilities in the distance  $D$  of person, so in network  $N$ , person  $C(p_i, m_j) = 1$  iff  $d(p_i, m_j) \leq D$ ,  $C(p_i, m_j) = 0$  if  $d(p_i, m_j) > D$ , in such a case, the person  $p_i$  will only be considered sent to facility that in distance  $D$ .

By get the maxflow of the network  $N$ , since  $C(m_i, t) = V(m_i)$  the "vacancy" number of each facility, so maxflow number  $|f|$  represents the largest number of treated persons which is the same as question wants.



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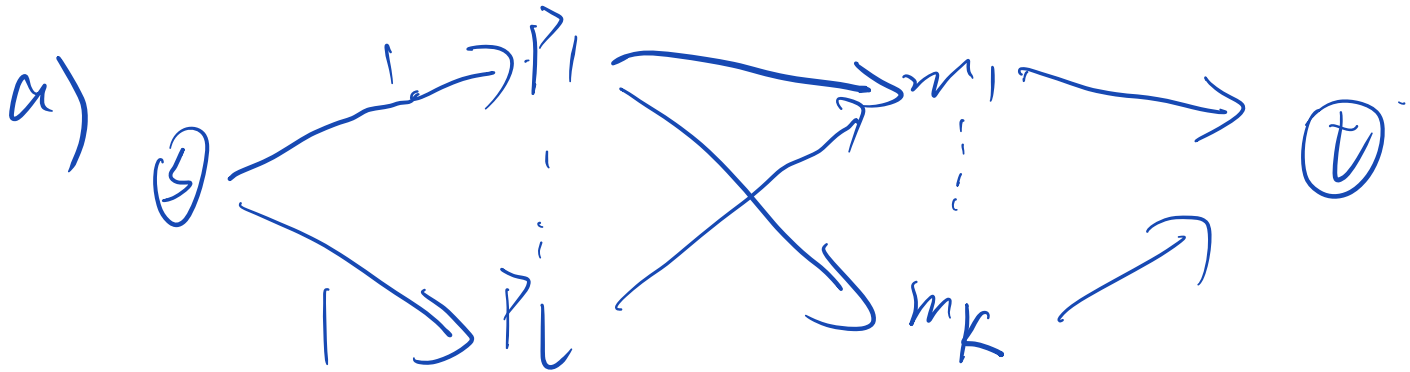
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$$x_{ij} = c_{ij} > 0$$

$x_{ij}$  - represents the if truck on highway  $c_{ij}$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum S_i \\ \text{constraints} \quad & \sum f_i = \sum S_i \\ & -f_i \leq p_i \\ & S_i \leq b_i \end{aligned}$$

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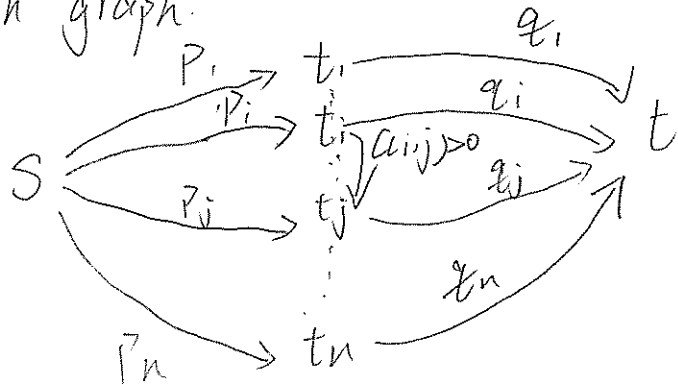
a) Construct network  $N$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ ,  $s$  connects to each city, and each city connects to  $t$ , between cities, there are edges connected if  $c_{i,j} > 0$  for city  $i$  and  $j$ . (let  $t_i$  represents city  $i$ )

Capacity:  $C(s, t_i) = p_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
 $C(t_i, t) = q_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
 $C(t_i, t_j) = c_{i,j} \quad \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, i \neq j$   
 (in this condition,  $C(t_j, t_i) = 0$ )



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Rough graph.



- b) Define in city  $i$ , the produce number each day is  $f_i$ , the sale number in shop is  $s_i$ , let  $x_{ij}$  be the integer variable represents if truck used on the one-way highway road from city  $i$  to city  $j$ .  $x_{ij} = 1$  if truck used,  $x_{ij} = 0$  if it is not used.

$$x_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\} \quad s_i, f_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\text{maximize } \sum_{i=1}^n s_i$$

$$(b) c_{ij} \cdot x_{i,j} > 0$$

$$\text{subject to } (1) \quad s_i \leq q_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

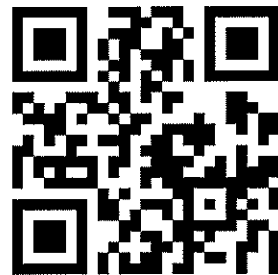
$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n s_i = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i$$

$$(3) \quad f_j \leq p_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{i,j} \leq 2m$$

$$(5) \quad s_j \leq f_j + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,j} \cdot x_{i,j}$$

$$[x_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}, s_i, f_i \geq 0]$$



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For objective function, it is to maximize the total sum of sales at each city  $i$ .

variable:  $s_i$  — sale number at shop in city  $i$

$f_i$  — produce number at factory in city  $i$

$x_{i,j}$  — represents if truck used on one way highway from city  $i$  to  $j$ . if used,  $x_{i,j} = 1$ , otherwise,  $x_{i,j} = 0$

constraint:

$$\textcircled{1} s_i \leq q_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

the sale number at city  $i$  must be no more than  $q_i$  maximum number can sell?

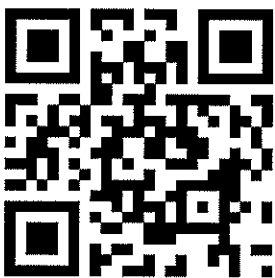
$$\textcircled{2} \sum_{i=1}^n s_i = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \quad \text{— number of sales of each day must equal to number of produced, so no waste.}$$

$$\textcircled{3} f_j \leq p_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \text{— similar to } \textcircled{1}, \text{ the production number at each city } j \text{ must be no more than } p_j \text{ — the maximum number?}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{i,j} \leq 2m \quad \text{— since } x_{i,j} \text{ is at most } 1, \text{ and trucks can be used in at most } m \text{ highways. so the maximum value of all } x_{i,j} \text{ is } 2m$$

$$\textcircled{5} s_j \leq f_j + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,j} x_{i,j} \quad \text{— the maximum number sells at city } j \text{ cannot be more than the sum of produced number at city } j \text{ and the transport number from other city to } j.$$

$$\textcircled{6} q_i \cdot x_{i,j} \geq 0 \quad \text{— so truck can only be used in the highway}$$

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a). Minimum  $\sum_{e \in E} p(e) \cdot f(e)$

subject to  $f(e) \cdot p(e) \leq c(e) \quad \forall e \in E$

$\sum_{(s,u) \in E} f(s,u) \geq d$

$f^{\text{in}}(u) = \sum_{w \in V} f(w,u) = \sum_{\substack{w \in V \\ (w,u) \in E}} f(w,u) \cdot p(e_{wu}) \leq \sum_{\substack{w \in V \\ (w,u) \in E}} f(w,u) \cdot p(e_{wu})$

$p(e), f(e) \geq 0$

b). Since we want to minimize the total cost of the flow, for each edge, the sum of flow and cost should be smaller than capacity value, and the total flow out of  $s$  is greater than  $d$  by constraint. Also, because of cost, so the total flow out of  $u$  is equal to total flow into  $v$ . plus the cost times flow out of

g.  $f(u) \rightarrow u \rightarrow v$

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$p_i \sim$  max produce #

$q_i$  : max sell number

$n$  cities

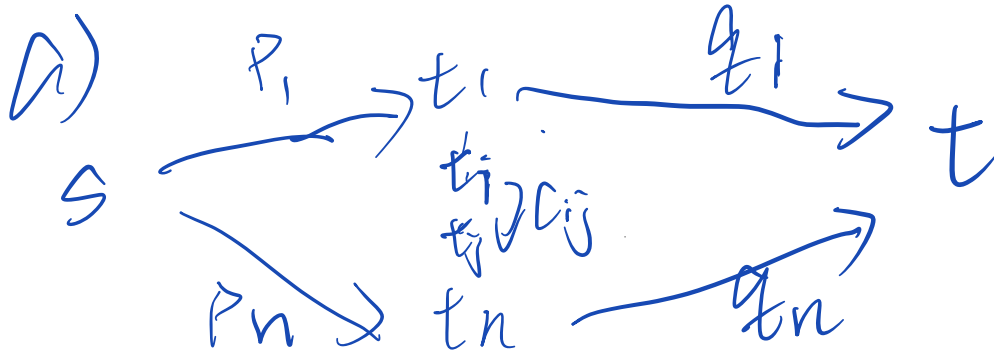
1 shop/city

$c_{ij} = 0 \in$  no highway  
from  $i$  to  $j$   
 $c_{ij} > 0$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  max products





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max flow

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algorithm

b)  $t_{ij} = 1$  when company uses truck on h-w  
 $t_{ij} = 0$  when doesn't use

$$\sum t_{ij} \leq m$$

max  $\sum f_{it}$

$t_{ij} = 0$  when  $c_{ij} = 0$

$$t_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$f_{si} \leq p_i$$

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$$\sum a_i = \sum b_i$$

$$f_{ij} \in (t_{ij} + 1) \cdot c_{ij}$$

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$$f(e_{u,v}) \leq c(e_{u,v})$$

$$\sum f(e_{a,u}) = \sum f(e_{u,b}) \quad \text{except } s, t$$