

0.1 Max Cut

- (A) $|F|/2$. For each edge in $|F \cap (V_1 \times V_2)|$, it's two vertices need to be in different partition. Because every vertex is independent, so the probability of that is $1/2 * 1/2 * 2 = 1/2$. Thus expected number of edges cut is $|F|/2$.
- (B) As mentioned in (A), every edge has $1/2$ probability to be cut, and has $1/2$ probability not to be cut. It's just like the "flipping n coins" problem.

Let the cut edges set be $|C|$.

Chebyshev's Inequality provides an upper bound:

$$Pr(|C| < |F|/4) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2} = \frac{(|F|/4)}{(|F|/4)^2} = \frac{4}{|F|}$$

Chernoff-Hoeffding Bounds, here $u = |F|/2$ and $\delta = 1/2$:

$$Pr(|C| < |F|/4) \leq e^{-|F|/16}$$

If $e^{-\delta^2 \frac{|F|}{4}} = \frac{4}{|F|}$, $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{4(\ln|F| - \ln 4)}{|F|}}$, the probability of $|F|$ be fewer than $\frac{|F|}{2} - \frac{|F|}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4(\ln|F| - \ln 4)}{|F|}}$ will be very small.

0.2 Chernoff Bound

- (A) We apply log operation since log do not change the comparison result of the left hand side to the right hand side. Then, applying Arithmetic-Geometric Mean Inequality should complete the proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} &= \ln \frac{e^{ta} + e^{tb}}{2} \geq \ln(e^{ta} e^{tb})^{0.5} = \frac{\ln e^{ta} + \ln e^{tb}}{2} = \frac{ta + tb}{2} = \ln e^{t(\frac{a+b}{2})} \\ &= \ln f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \geq f(\frac{a+b}{2})$

- (B) Let us denote $f_C(x)$ be the probability distribution function of C, and $E[C] = E[B] = \mu$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
E[f(C)] &= \int_0^1 c * f_C(c) dc \\
&\leq \int_0^1 f_C(c)[(1-c) * f(0) + c * f(1)] dc \quad (\text{Since } f(x) \text{ is convex in } [0,1]) \\
&= f(0) \int_0^1 f_C(c) dc + (f(1) - f(0)) \int_0^1 c * f_C(c) dc \\
&= f(0) + \mu(f(1) - f(0)) \\
&= (1 - \mu)f(0) + \mu f(1) \\
&= E[f(B)]
\end{aligned}$$

(C) Let us denote:

x_i be a continuous random variable in $[0,1]$, and $X = \sum_i x_i$

y_i be a discrete random variable in $\{0,1\}$, and $Y = \sum_i y_i$

$P_i = \Pr(y_i=1)$, and $\mu = E[Y] = E[\sum_i y_i] = \sum_i P_i$

We need to prove for any $\delta > 0$, we have

upper tail: $Pr[X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu] \leq (\frac{e^\delta}{(1+\delta)^{(1+\delta)}})^\mu$

lower tail: $Pr[X \leq (1 - \delta)\mu] \leq (\frac{e^{-\delta}}{(1-\delta)^{(1-\delta)}})^\mu$

Given an increasing $f(x)$, the Markov's Inequality gives us

$$Pr[f(x) \geq f(\lambda)] \leq \frac{E[f(x)]}{f(\lambda)}$$

To prove the upper tail, we choose $f(x) = e^{xt}$ for some $t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr[X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu] &= Pr[f(x) \geq f(\lambda)] \leq \frac{E[e^{Xt}]}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{E[e^{\sum_i x_i t}]}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{\prod_i E[e^{x_i t}]}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} \leq \frac{\prod_i E[e^{y_i t}]}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} \\
&= \frac{\prod_i (1 + P_i(e^t - 1))}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} \leq \frac{\prod_i e^{P_i(e^t - 1)}}{e^{(1+\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{e^{\mu(e^t - 1)}}{e^{\mu(1+\delta)t}} = (\frac{e^{e^t - 1}}{e^{(1+\delta)t}})^\mu
\end{aligned}$$

$(\frac{e^{e^t - 1}}{e^{(1+\delta)t}})^\mu$ gets minimum value $(\frac{e^\delta}{(1+\delta)^{(1+\delta)}})^\mu$ when $t = \ln(1 + \delta)$, thus the upper tail is proved.

To prove the lower tail, we choose a decreasing function $f(x) = e^{-xt}$ for some $t > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
Pr[X \leq (1 - \delta)\mu] &= Pr[f(x) \geq f(\lambda)] \leq \frac{E[e^{-Xt}]}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{E[e^{\sum_i -x_i t}]}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{\prod_i E[e^{-x_i t}]}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} \leq \frac{\prod_i E[e^{-y_i t}]}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} \\
&= \frac{\prod_i (1 + P_i(e^{-t} - 1))}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} \leq \frac{\prod_i e^{P_i(e^{-t} - 1)}}{e^{-(1-\delta)\mu t}} = \frac{e^{\mu(e^{-t} - 1)}}{e^{-\mu(1-\delta)t}} = (\frac{e^{e^{-t} - 1}}{e^{-t(1-\delta)}})^\mu
\end{aligned}$$

$(\frac{e^{e^{-t} - 1}}{e^{-t(1-\delta)}})^\mu$ gets minimum value $(\frac{e^{-\delta}}{(1-\delta)^{(1-\delta)}})^\mu$ when $t = -\ln(1 - \delta)$, thus the lower tail is proved.

0.3 Longest Path

- (A) $\text{Color}(v)$ is the color of the node v , $\text{Sets}(v, d)$ is the sets of colors of different paths which end with node v and has length d .

Our algorithm:

1. initialize $\text{Sets}(s, d) = \{\text{Color}(s)\}$, $\text{Sets}(v, 1) = \emptyset$, $v \neq s$
2. For i from 1 to $k-1$
3. For each edge (u, v)
4. For each SET in $\text{Sets}(u, i)$
5. If $\text{Color}(v)$ is not in SET
6. $\text{Sets}(v, i+1) = \text{Sets}(v, i+1) \cup (\text{SET} \cup \{\text{Color}(v)\})$
7. If $\text{Sets}(t, k) = \emptyset$ return false, else return true.

Prove:

Firstly, we loop i from 1 to $k-1$. Secondly, we traversed all the edges $|E|$. Thirdly, we traverse all Sets of Colors for the node u , and the MAX number of sets of colors of length i is $\binom{k}{i}$. And we assume that SET is a hash set, then time complexity of accessing it will be $O(1)$. Thus the running time will be $O(\sum_{i=1}^k |E| \binom{k}{i}) = O(2^k |E|)$, so this problem is FPT with parameter k .

- (B) If we randomly color nodes using our algorithm in part (A), we will have k^k ways to color k nodes, but $k!$ ways to color k nodes with k different colors, so the probability for the optimal path is colorful will be:

$$\Pr(\text{optimal is colorful}) = \frac{k!}{k^k} \geq e^{-k}$$

$$\text{Then } \Pr(\text{optimal is not colorful}) \leq 1 - e^{-k}$$

If we run T times, because we want to make sure that $\Pr(\text{optimal is colorful after run } n \text{ times}) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$.

Which means $\Pr(\text{optimal is not colorful after run } T \text{ times}) = \Pr(\text{optimal is not colorful})^T \leq (1 - e^{-k})^T \leq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(n)}$

$$\text{So } T = \log_{\frac{e^k}{e^k - 1}} \text{poly}(n) = O(\text{poly}(n)). \quad (k \geq 1)$$

Because the time complexity of Our algorithm in part (A) is $O(2^k |E|)$, thus if run T times, time complexity will be: $O(T * 2^k |E|) = O(2^{O(k)} \text{poly}(n))$.

0.4 Dual Fitting for Set Cover

- (A) n is the number of total elements.

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad s.t. \\ & \sum_{i: e_i \in S_j} y_i \leq c_j, \forall j \\ & y_i \geq 0, \forall i \end{aligned}$$

- (B) We directly use dual fitting to prove the weighted version in (C). Thus, the proof in (C) should be also applicable here since the unweighted version is just a special case of the weighted version when all c_j are equal to 1.
- (C) Let us define some notations:

ALG: the proposed greedy algorithm

l: the number of total iterations that ARG takes

\hat{S}_j : the set of uncovered elements in S_j at the start of a particular iteration

g: the maximum size of all subsets, that is $g = \max |S_j|$

I: the indices of the subsets in final ALG solution

OPT: the optimal integral solution

P: the primal linear programming solution

D: the dual linear programming solution

First, we construct an infeasible dual solution such that $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = \sum_{j \in I} c_j = \text{cost}(P)$. (We will show why it is infeasible after proving the second)

Second, we will prove that $y' = \frac{1}{H_g} y$ is a feasible dual solution.

By the weakly duality theorem, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost}(ALG) &= \sum_{j \in I} c_j = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = H_g \sum_{i=1}^n y'_i \leq H_g \text{cost}(P) \leq H_g \text{cost}(OPT) \leq H_n \text{cost}(OPT) \\ &= O(\ln(n)) \text{cost}(OPT) \end{aligned}$$

Below inequality shows H_n is $\theta(\ln(n))$ (Hence also $O(\ln(n))$):

$$\sum_{x=1}^n \frac{1}{x+1} \leq \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(n) \leq \sum_{x=1}^n \frac{1}{x}$$

Now we prove $y' = \frac{1}{H_g} y$ is feasible:

We must show that for each subset S_j , $\sum_{i: e_i \in S_j} y'_i \leq c_j$. Pick an arbitrary subset S_j . Let a_k be the number of elements in this subset that are still uncovered at the beginning of k th iteration, so that $a_1 = |S_j|$ and $a_{l+1} = 0$. Let A_k be the uncovered elements of S_j covered in the k th iteration, so that $|A_k| = a_k - a_{k+1}$. If subset S_p is chosen in the k th iteration, then for each element $e_i \in A_k$ covered in the k th iteration, we have:

$$y'_i = \frac{c_p}{H_g |\hat{S}_p|} \leq \frac{c_j}{H_g a_k}$$

The inequality follows because if S_p is chosen in the k th iteration, it must minimize the ratio of its weight to the number of uncovered elements it contains. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i:e_i \in S_j} y'_i &= \sum_{k=1}^l \sum_{i:e_i \in A_k} y'_i \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^l (a_k - a_{k+1} \frac{c_j}{H_g a_k}) \\
&\leq \frac{c_j}{H_g} \sum_{k=1}^l (\frac{1}{a_k} + \frac{1}{a_k - 1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{k+1} + 1}) \\
&\leq \frac{c_j}{H_g} \sum_{i=1}^{|S_j|} \frac{1}{i} \\
&= \frac{c_j}{H_g} H_{|S_j|} \\
&\leq c_j
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we complete the proof.

Now given the result of the proof, we can derive:

$$\sum_{i:e_i \in S_j} y_i = H_g \sum_{i:e_i \in S_j} y'_i \leq H_g c_j$$

meaning a certain dual constrain can be violated, implying y might be infeasible.