

$$\text{Max}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{|A|}} \sum_{j: (s,j) \in A} x_{sj}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i: (i,k) \in A} x_{ik} - \sum_{j: (k,j) \in A} x_{kj} = 0 \quad k \in N, k \neq s, t$$

$$x_{ij} \leq c_{ij}$$

$$y_{ij} \leftarrow x_{sj(+1)}$$

$$u \begin{cases} x_{sj} (+1) \\ x_{ij} (+1/-1) \quad i,j \neq s,t \\ x_{it} (-1) \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow Dual LP. dual vars. u_k, y_{ij} .

for every node every arc $(i,j) \in A$ other than s, t .

$$\text{Minimize} \quad \sum_{(i,j) \in A} c_{ij} y_{ij}$$

$$u \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times |N|}, y \in \mathbb{R}^{|A|}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad u_j + y_{sj} \geq 1$$

$$(x_{sj})$$

$$(y_{sj} \geq 1 - u_j)$$

$$-u_i + u_j + y_{ij} \geq 0$$

$$(x_{ij}, i \neq s, j \neq t)$$

$$(y_{ij} \geq u_i - u_j)$$

$$-u_i$$

$$+ y_{it} \geq 0$$

$$(x_{it})$$

$$(y_{it} \geq u_i)$$

$$y \geq 0, u \text{ unrestricted.}$$

introduce "fake vars" $u_s \equiv 1 \quad u_t \equiv 0$.

$$\text{we get: } \min \sum_{(i,j) \in A} c_{ij} y_{ij}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad y_{ij} \geq u_i - u_j$$

$$u_s = 1$$

$$u_t = 0$$

$$y \geq 0, u \text{ unrestricted.}$$

$$y_{ij} = \max \{ u_i - u_j, 0 \}.$$

Assume $u_i = 1$ or 0

Let $S = \{i \in N : u_i = 1\}$, $T = \{i \in N : u_i = 0\}$.

$$s \in S, t \in T$$

\Rightarrow obj func is a sum of c_{ij} where $i \in S, j \in T$.

(S, T) is a cut!

The dual LP is searching for a min cut.

Max-flow/min-cut theorem.

value of a max flow is equal to the capacity of a min cut.

opt sol of the min-cut LP is an integer



