### Lab04-Matroid

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- 1. Give a directed graph G = (V, E) whose edges have integer weights. Let w(e) be the weight of edge  $e \in E$ . We are also given a constraint  $f(u) \ge 0$  on the out-degree of each node  $u \in V$ . Our goal is to find a subset of edges with maximal weight, whose out-degree at any node is no greater than the constraint.
  - (a) Please define independent sets and prove that they form a matroid.
  - (b) Write an optimal greedy algorithm based on Greedy-MAX in the form of pseudo code.
  - (c) Analyze the time complexity of your algorithm.

#### Solution of Problem 1

(a) **Definition of independent sets:** Define the edge set  $A \subset E$  and the vertex set of A is  $V_A$ , also  $V_A \subset V$ , if for any  $u \in V_A$  we have the out degree of u in edge set A is no greater than f(u), we can say A is an independent set. We define the set of independent sets C. We want to prove the  $\mathcal{M} = (E, C)$  is a matroid. We define the vertex set of an edge set X is  $V_X$ , and the out degree of vertex u int  $V_X$  is out(u, X).

**Proof.** It is easy to prove the **hereditary** of  $\mathcal{M} = (E, C)$ , since for any  $A \subset B, B \in C$ , for any vertex  $u \in V_B$ ,  $u \in V_A$ , we can get:  $f(u) \geq out(u, B) \geq out(u, A)$ . So A is also an independent set,  $A \subset C$ .

To prove the **exchange property**, we will use an obvious lemma: for edge set X, we have:

$$\sum_{u \in V_X} out(u, X) = |X|$$

Then, for  $A, B \subset C$ , |A| < |B|, we have:  $\sum_{u \in V_A} out(u, A) < \sum_{u \in V_B} out(u, B)$ , there must exists one vertex  $u_0$ , such that  $out(u_0, A) < out(u_0, B) \le f(u_0)$ , which means that the number of edges start from  $u_0$  in A is less than that in B, so we can find an edge  $x \in B - A$ , define  $A' = A \cup \{x\}$ ,  $out(u_0, A') = out(u_0, A) + 1 \le f(u_0)$ . So  $A' \subset C$ .

Considering the two properties above, we have  $\mathcal{M} = (E, C)$  is a matroid.

(b) The pseudo code of MAX-Greedy Algorithm.

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Input: Directed graph G = (V, E), constraint list F = \{f(u_1), f(u_2), ..., f(u_{|V|})\}, weight list W = \{w(e_1), w(e_2), ..., w(e_{|E|})\}
Output: Edge set E_{max} which has the maximum weight.

1 E_{max} = \{\}, OutDegreeMap = \{v_1 : 0, v_2 : 0, ..., v_{|V|} : 0\}
2 Sort the edges by weight in an decreasing order.

3 for i = 1 to |E| do

4 | u = \text{start vertex of } e_i

5 | if OutDegree(u) + 1 \le f(u) then

6 | E_{max} = E_{max} \cup \{e_i\}

7 | OutDegree(u) = OutDegree(u) + 1

8 return E_{max}
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- (c) The sort part in the algorithm has a time complexity of  $O(|E| \log |E|)$ . The loop part is O(|E|) since in each loop, we use a map to query and change value of out degrees. So the final time complexity is  $O(|E| \log |E|)$ .
- 2. Let X, Y, Z be three sets. We say two triples  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in  $X \times Y \times Z$  are disjoint if  $x_1 \neq x_2, y_1 \neq y_2$ , and  $z_1 \neq z_2$ . Consider the following problem:

**Definition 1** (MAX-3DM). Given three disjoint sets X, Y, Z and a nonnegative weight function  $c(\cdot)$  on all triples in  $X \times Y \times Z$ , **Maximum 3-Dimensional Matching** (MAX-3DM) is to find a collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of disjoint triples with maximum total weight.

- (a) Let  $D = X \times Y \times Z$ . Define independent sets for MAX-3DM.
- (b) Write a greedy algorithm based on Greedy-MAX in the form of pseudo code.
- (c) Give a counterexample to show that your Greedy-MAX algorithm in Q. ?? is not optimal.
- (d) Show that:  $\max_{F\subseteq D}\frac{v(F)}{u(F)}\leq 3$ . (Hint: you may need Theorem ?? for this subquestion.)

**Theorem 1.** Suppose an independent system  $(E, \mathcal{I})$  is the intersection of k matroids  $(E, \mathcal{I}_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{I} = \bigcap_{i=1}^k \mathcal{I}_i$ . Then  $\max_{F \subseteq E} \frac{v(F)}{u(F)} \leq k$ , where v(F) is the maximum size of independent subset in F and u(F) is the minimum size of maximal independent subset in F.

## Solution of Problem 2

(a)

We consider the set as a 3-D matches between X, Y, Z. The set A is an independent set if and only if every two matches in A are disjoint with each other.

(b)

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(x_1, y_1, z_1)
                   10
(x_1, y_1, z_2)
                   10
(x_1, y_2, z_1)
(x_1, y_2, z_2)
                   60
                   55
(x_2, y_1, z_1)
(x_2, y_1, z_2)
                   40
                   30
(x_2, y_2, z_1)
                   10
(x_2, y_2, z_2)
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Table 1: Counterexample

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Input: Three sets: X = \{x_1, ..., x_{n_X}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2, ..., y_{n_Y}\}, Z = \{z_1, z_2, ..., z_{n_Z}\} and the weight matrix W[n_X][n_Y][n_Z]

Output: The indepent set with the max weight: C

1 C = \{\}

2 Construct the list of triple Triples = \{(x_i, y_j, z_k)\} for i = 1, 2, ..., n_X, j = 1, 2, ..., n_Y, k = 1, 2, ..., n_Z.

3 Sort Triples by weights of triples in an decreasing order.

4 for i = 1 to n_X n_Y n_Z do

5 \begin{bmatrix} \text{if } A[i] \text{ is disjoint with any triples in } C \text{ then} \\ C = C \cup \{Triple[i]\} \end{bmatrix}

7 return C
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(c)

Counterexample:  $X = \{x_1, x_2\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2\}, Z = \{z_1, z_2\},$  the weights of the triples is shown in Table 1.

Using the Greedy-MAX algorithm, we first choose  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  which has the maximal weight, then we can only choose  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ . So the independent set accquired is  $\{(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_1)\}$  which has a weight of 110, however the independent set  $\{(x_1, y_2, z_2), (x_2, y_1, z_1)\}$  has a weight of 115. So the Greedy-MAX cannot get an optimal answer in this example.

(d)

We can use **Theorem 1** to prove the inequality.

Firstly, we define the current independent system  $(E, \mathcal{I})$  which is defined in (a). Each  $A \subset \mathcal{I}$  is a disjoint matching on X, Y, Z. Then we define another three independent systems:  $(E, \mathcal{I}_X)$ ,  $(E, \mathcal{I}_Y)$  and  $(E, \mathcal{I}_Z)$ , and their definition are as follows:

- $(E, \mathcal{I}_X)$ :  $A \in \mathcal{I}_X$  if and only if: for any  $(x_i, y_i, z_i), (x_j, y_j, z_j) \in \mathcal{I}_X, x_i \neq x_j (i \neq j)$ .
- $(E, \mathcal{I}_Y)$ :  $A \in \mathcal{I}_Y$  if and only if: for any  $(x_i, y_i, z_i), (x_j, y_j, z_j) \in \mathcal{I}_X, y_i \neq y_j (i \neq j)$ .
- $(E, \mathcal{I}_Z)$ :  $A \in \mathcal{I}_Z$  if and only if : for any  $(x_i, y_i, z_i), (x_j, y_j, z_j) \in \mathcal{I}_X, z_i \neq z_j (i \neq j)$ .

Then we prove that  $(E, \mathcal{I}_X)$  is a matroid, and  $(E, \mathcal{I}_Y)$ ,  $(E, \mathcal{I}_Z)$  can be proved in the same way.

• **Hereditary** For any  $A \in \mathcal{I}_X$ ,  $B \subset A$ , since any mathches (x, y, z),  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in B$ , we have (x, y, z),  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in A$ . So  $x \neq x_0$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{I}_X$ .

• Exchange Property For any  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}_X$ , |A| < |B|. Since each triple in A has different x, let  $A_X$  be the set of x in A, we can get  $|A_X| = |A|$ , samely we have:  $|B_X| = |B|$ , so  $|B_X| > |A_X|$ , then there exists one triple  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in B$ ,  $x_0 \notin A_X$ . So  $A' = \{(x_0, y_0, z_0)\} \cup A \in \mathcal{I}_X$ .

Considering the following equation and **Theorem 1**:

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_X \cap \mathcal{I}_Y \cap \mathcal{I}_Z$$

So we have:  $\max_{F \subseteq D} \frac{v(F)}{u(F)} \le 3$ .

- 3. Crowdsourcing is the process of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people, especially an online community. Suppose you want to form a team to complete a crowdsourcing task, and there are n individuals to choose from. Each person  $p_i$  can contribute  $v_i$  ( $v_i > 0$ ) to the team, but he/she can only work with up to  $c_i$  other people. Now it is up to you to choose a certain group of people and maximize their total contributions ( $\sum_i v_i$ ).
  - (a) Given OPT(i, b, c) = maximum contributions when choosing from  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_i\}$  with b persons from  $\{p_{i+1}, p_{i+2}, \dots, p_n\}$  already on board and at most c seats left before any of the existing team members gets uncomfortable. Describe the optimal substructure as we did in class and write a recurrence for OPT(i, b, c).
  - (b) Design an algorithm to form your team using dynamic programming, in the form of pseudo code.
  - (c) Analyze the time and space complexities of your design.

# Solution of Problem 3

(a)

Since OPT(i, b, c) tries to maximize value of  $\{p_1, p_2, ..., p_i\}$ , with the restrictions of c which give the ceiling of number of people choosen. b represent the people already choosen in  $\{p_{i+1}, ..., p_n\}$ , which restrict our choise of the next person when operating the recursion.

#### Optiaml substructure:

• Case 1:  $p_i$  is not selected.

Since  $p_i$  is not selected, choosing from  $\{p_1, p_2, ..., p_i\}$  is equivalent to choosing from  $\{p_1, p_2, ..., p_{i-1}\}$ . We can refer to the last recurrence for maximal value. So we have OPT(i, b, c) = OPT(i - 1, b, c) in this case. It should be noted that when  $c_i < b$ , we must refer to this case.

• Case 2:  $p_i$  is selected.

When  $p_i$  is selected, we should change b and c when move from i-1 to i. Also we add the value by  $v_i$ , so we actually have:  $OPT(i,b,c) = OPT(i-1,b+1,min\{c-1,c_i-b\}) + v_i$ . When this case happens,  $b_i$  must be greater than b.

Considering the two cases above, we have the recurrence relationship:

$$OPT(i, b, c) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \text{ or } c = 0 \\ OPT(i - 1, b, c) & c_i < b, i \ge 1 \\ max\{OPT(i - 1, b, c), OPT(i - 1, b + 1, min\{c - 1, c_i - b\}) + v_i\} & c_i \ge b, i \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

The final optiand answer can be represented as OPT(n, 0, n).

(b) Pseudo code for the algorithm above (non-recursion type):

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Input: Value list v = [v_1, v_2, ..., v_n], restriction list [c_1, c_2, ..., c_n].
  Output: The maximum values we can get.
1 Construct a 3-Dimensional table OPT with a size of
    (n+1) \times (n+1) \times (n+1).
2 Set all value of table OPT to 0.
\mathbf{3} for i = 1 to n do
       for j = 1 \ to \ n - i + 1 \ do
           for k = 1 to n do
\mathbf{5}
               if c[i] < b[i] then
6
                 OPT[i][j][k] = OPT[i-1][j][k]
               else
8
                   \begin{split} OPT[i][j][k] &= \max\{OPT[i-1][j][k], v[i] + OPT[i-1][j+1][min\{c[i]-j,k-1\}]\} \end{split}
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10 return OPT[n][0][n]

- (c) The time and space complexity:
- Time Complexity: the time complexity should be:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n-i+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} 1 = O(n^3)$$

• Space Complexity: Since we just use the 3-Dimensional table to save the value without any other intermediate areas. We have the space complexity is  $O(n^3)$ .

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<sup>\*</sup> The second-level loop starts from 1 to n-i+1 since the b in OPT(i,b,c) will at most be increased by 1 in one move forward.