

# 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  $f(u) \geq 0$  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  $u$  in  $V_X$  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,  $A \in C$ .

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  $A, B \in C$ ,  $|A| < |B|$ , we have:  $\sum_{u \in V_A} out(u, A) < \sum_{u \in V_B} out(u, B)$ , there must exist one vertex  $u_0$ , such that  $out(u_0, A) < out(u_0, B) \leq f(u_0)$ , 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  $A' = A \cup \{x\}$ ,  $out(u_0, A') = out(u_0, A) + 1 \leq f(u_0)$ . So  $A' \in C$ .

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  
 $F = \{f(u_1), f(u_2), \dots, f(u_{|V|})\}$ , weight list  
 $W = \{w(e_1), w(e_2), \dots, w(e_{|E|})\}$

**Output:** Edge set  $E_{max}$  which has the maximum weight.

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1  $E_{max} = \{\}$ ,  $OutDegreeMap = \{v_1 : 0, v_2 : 0, \dots, v_{|V|} : 0\}$ 
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  $OutDegree(u) + 1 \leq f(u)$  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. 2b is not optimal.
- (d) Show that:  $\max_{F \subseteq D} \frac{v(F)}{u(F)} \leq 3$ . (Hint: you may need Theorem 1 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)

$(x_1, y_1, z_1)$	100
$(x_1, y_1, z_2)$	10
$(x_1, y_2, z_1)$	10
$(x_1, y_2, z_2)$	60
$(x_2, y_1, z_1)$	55
$(x_2, y_1, z_2)$	40
$(x_2, y_2, z_1)$	30
$(x_2, y_2, z_2)$	10

Table 1: Counterexample

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<b>Input:</b> Three sets: $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n_X}\}, Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n_Y}\}, Z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n_Z}\}$ and the weight matrix $W[n_X][n_Y][n_Z]$
<b>Output:</b> The indepent set with the max weight: $C$
1 $C = \{\}$
2 Construct the list of triple $Triples = \{(x_i, y_j, z_k)\}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_X,$ $j = 1, 2, \dots, n_Y, k = 1, 2, \dots, n_Z.$
3 Sort $Triples$ by weights of triples in an decreasing order.
4 <b>for</b> $i = 1$ to $n_X n_Y n_Z$ <b>do</b>
5 <b>if</b> $A[i]$ is disjoint with any triples in $C$ <b>then</b>
6 $C = C \cup \{Triple[i]\}$
7 <b>return</b> $C$

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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 matches  $(x, y, z), (x_0, y_0, z_0) \in B$ , 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:  $\max_{F \subseteq D} \frac{v(F)}{u(F)} \leq 3$ .

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  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_i\}$ , with the restrictions of  $c$  which give the ceiling of number of people choosen.  $b$  represent the people already choosen in  $\{p_{i+1}, \dots, p_n\}$ , 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  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_i\}$  is equivlatent to choosing from  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{i-1}\}$ . 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:

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

The final optimal 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  $v = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ , restriction list  $[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n]$ .
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.
3 for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
4   for  $j = 1$  to  $n - i + 1$  do
5     for  $k = 1$  to  $n$  do
6       if  $c[i] < b[i]$  then
7          $OPT[i][j][k] = OPT[i - 1][j][k]$ 
8       else
9          $OPT[i][j][k] = \max\{OPT[i - 1][j][k], v[i] + OPT[i -$ 
           $1][j + 1][\min\{c[i] - j, k - 1\}]\}$ 
10 return  $OPT[n][0][n]$ 

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\* 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.

(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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