

Today: TU matrices from graphs (§8.3, §8.4)

From last time:

A matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is totally unimodular (TU) if every square submatrix has determinant $0, \pm 1$.

Ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Non-ex: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{Det}(A) = -2?$

Prop: Let $A \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{n \times m}$ be a matrix with at most one "1" and at most one "-1" in each column. Then A is TU.

Cor: The node-edge incidence matrix of any directed graph is totally unimodular.

incidence matrix $A \in \{0, \pm 1\}^{V \times E}$ of a directed graph:

$$A_{ve} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e \in \delta^{\text{out}}(v) \\ -1 & \text{if } e \in \delta^{\text{in}}(v) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$e = (v, w)$ for some w 
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Cor: For $c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$, the max value of an s-t flow is achieved by an integer flow $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

(objective function $= \sum_{e \in \delta^{\text{out}}(s)} x_e - \sum_{e \in \delta^{\text{in}}(s)} x_e$, linear in x_e)

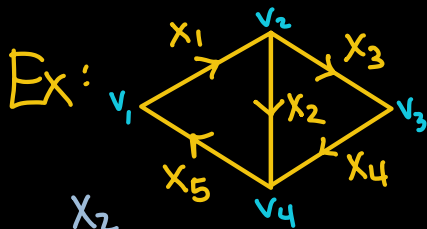
Cor: Let $D=(V,E)$ be a directed graph and $c:E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $d:E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$. If there exists a circulation $f:E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $d \leq f \leq c$, then there exists a circulation $f':E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ with $d \leq f' \leq c$.

(Proof) The set of circulations on D is

$$P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^E : Ax = 0, d \leq x \leq c\}$$

where A is the incidence matrix of D .

Since A is TU and each coordinate is bounded, P is an integral polytope. Since $f \in P$, it is nonempty and so has a vertex, f' , which is integer.



$$A_D = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

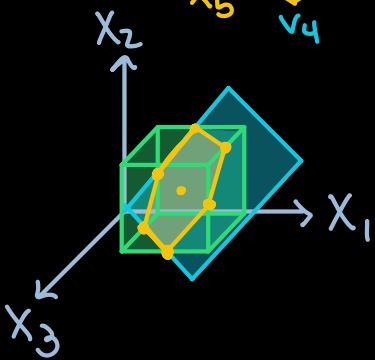
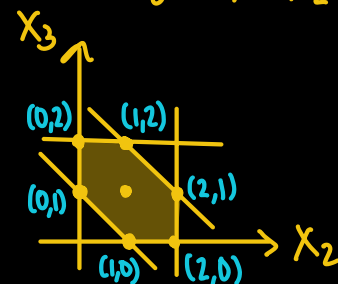
Circulation $\Leftrightarrow$

$$x_1 = x_5 \quad x_1 = x_2 + x_3$$

$$x_3 = x_4 \quad x_2 + x_4 = x_5$$

Bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq x_1 \leq 3 \\ 0 &\leq x_2 \leq 2 \\ 0 &\leq x_3 \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$



Applications to interval scheduling

Call $A \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n}$ an interval matrix if the 1's in each row are consecutive (transposed version also used: consecutive 1's in each column).

Prop: If $A \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n}$ is an interval matrix then A is totally unimodular.

(Proof) Let M be a $k \times k$ submatrix of A^T .
 $\Rightarrow M$ has consec. 1's.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & 0 & \boxed{0} \\ 1 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & 1 & \boxed{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

Take $U \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ with $U_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=i \\ -1 & \text{if } j=i-1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \det(U) = 1$ and UM has i^{th} row $m_i - m_{i-1}$ where $m_i = i^{\text{th}}$ row of M

Since M had consecutive ones, UM has at most one 1 and at most one -1 in each column $\Rightarrow UM$ totally unimod
 $\Rightarrow \det(M) = \det(UM) \in \{0, \pm 1\}$

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cor: All vertices of $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax \leq 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$ are integer.

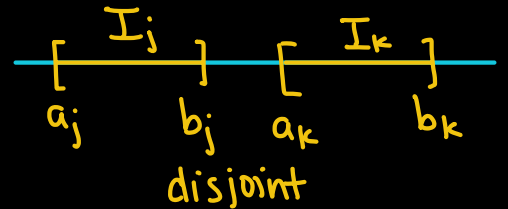
Interval Scheduling

Input: intervals $I_1, \dots, I_n$ with values $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{R}$

Goal: Select a disjoint subset of intervals

$I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_k}$ to maximize value $c_{i_1} + \dots + c_{i_k}$

$$I_j = [a_j, b_j] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$



Ex: $I_1 = [0, 2]$, $I_2 = [1, 4]$, $I_3 = [0, .5]$, $I_4 = [1, 2]$, $I_5 = [2.75, 4]$

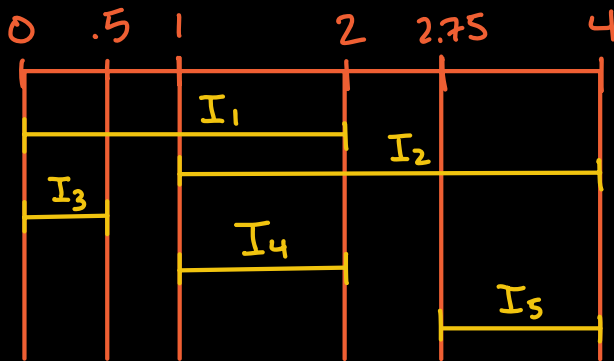
$$c_1 = 4$$

$$c_2 = 5$$

$$c_3 = 1$$

$$c_4 = 2$$

$$c_5 = 3$$



Some feas. sol.

and values

$$\{I_1, I_5\}$$

$\rightarrow$

$$c_1 + c_5 = 7$$

$$\{I_2, I_3\}$$

$\rightarrow$

$$c_2 + c_3 = 6$$

$$\{I_3, I_4, I_5\}$$

$\rightarrow$

$$c_3 + c_4 + c_5 = 6$$

Interval scheduling IP:

variables $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}$ $x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \leftrightarrow \text{pick } I_j \\ 0 & \leftrightarrow \text{don't pick } I_j \end{cases}$

How to encode disjointness of chosen intervals?

Let $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$ be the set of all endpoints $\bigcup_{j=1}^n \{a_j, b_j\}$.

Claim: $\{I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_k}\}$ are disjoint

$\Leftrightarrow$ for all $j=1, \dots, m$, at most one I_{i_k} contains t_j

(Proof) $(\Rightarrow)$ $t_j \in I_{i_1} \cap I_{i_2} \Rightarrow I_{i_1}, I_{i_2}$ not disjoint!

($\Leftarrow$) IF $I_1 \cap I_2$ not disjoint, $\max(I_1 \cap I_2) = b_{i_1}$ or $b_{i_2} = t_j$ for some j

Interval scheduling solved by

(IP) $\max c^T x$ s.t. $0 \leq x \leq 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$

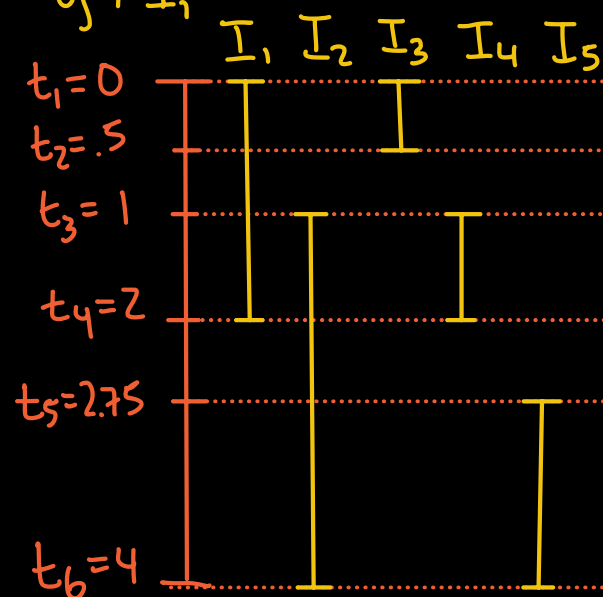
$$\sum_{i \text{ s.t. } t_j \in I_i} x_i \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } j=1, \dots, m$$

Encode as $Ax \leq 1$

with $A \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n}$, $A_{ji} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_j \in I_i \\ 0 & \text{if } t_j \notin I_i \end{cases}$

Ex (above)

$$A = \begin{matrix} & I_1 & I_2 & I_3 & I_4 & I_5 \\ \begin{matrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \\ t_6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



Note: since $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$, $t_j \in I_i, t_k \in I_i \Rightarrow t_j \leq t_k \Rightarrow t_j \in I_i \forall j \leq k$
 $\Rightarrow$ the ones in each column of A are consecutive

Cor: The LP relaxation

(LP) $\max c^T x$ s.t. $0 \leq x \leq 1, Ax \leq 1$

solves interval scheduling (in polynomial time).

(Proof) Opt. val. attained at a vertex x^*

$\Rightarrow x^*$ integer $\Rightarrow x^* \in \{0,1\}^n$

$\Rightarrow$ take $I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_k}$ where $\{i_1, \dots, i_k\} = \{i : x_i^* = 1\}$

Remark: As noted at the end of lecture, the proof shows that it is enough to test the right endpts, i.e. to take $t_1, \dots, t_m$ to be the elements of $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$.