

Advanced Algorithms (Fall 2023)
Greedy and Local Search

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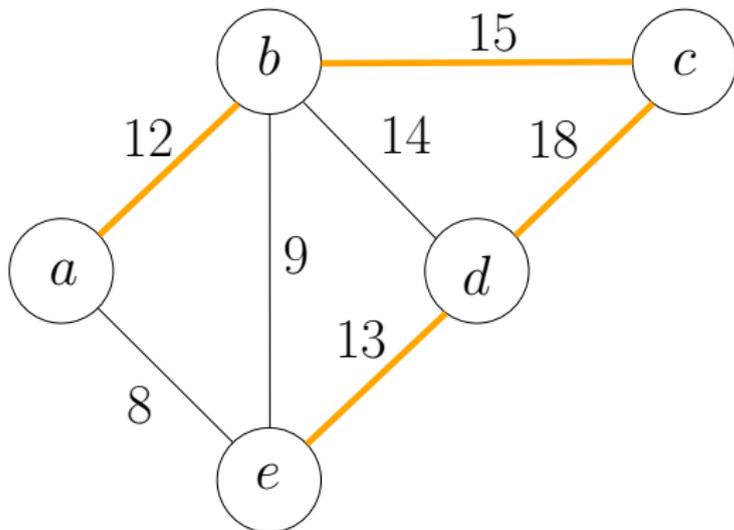
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Maximum-Weight Spanning Tree Problem

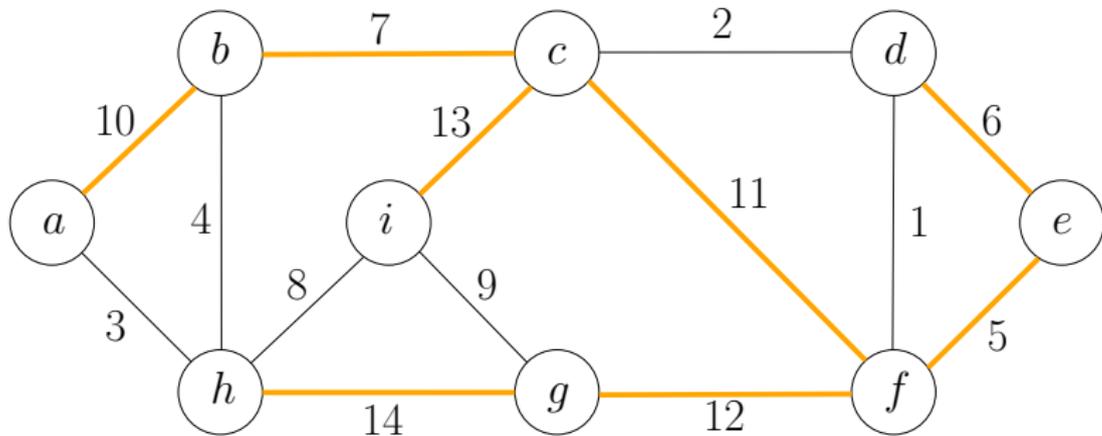
Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$ and edge weights $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^E$

Output: the spanning tree T of G with the maximum total weight



Kruskal's Algorithm for Maximum-Weight Spanning Tree

- 1: $F \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: sort edges in E in non-increasing order of weights w
- 3: **for** each edge (u, v) in the order **do**
- 4: **if** u and v are not connected by a path of edges in F **then**
- 5: $F \leftarrow F \cup \{(u, v)\}$
- 6: **return** (V, F)



Proof of Correctness of Kruskal's Algorithm

Maximum-Weight Spanning Tree (MST) with Pre-Selected Edges

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$ and edge weights $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^E$

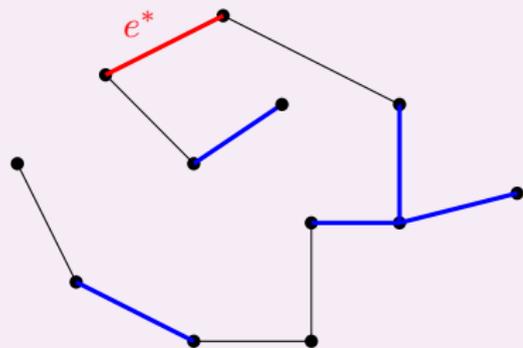
a set $F_0 \subseteq E$ of edges, that does not contain a cycle

Output: the maximum-weight spanning tree $T = (V, E_T)$ of G satisfying $F_0 \subseteq E_T$

Lemma (Key Lemma) Given an instance $(G = (V, E), w, F_0)$ of the MST with pre-selected edges problem, let e^* be the maximum weight edge in $E \setminus F_0$ such that $F_0 \cup \{e^*\}$ does not contain a cycle. Then there is an optimum solution $T = (V, E_T)$ to the instance with $e^* \in E_T$.

Proof of Correctness of Kruskal's Algorithm

Proof of Key Lemma.



— F_0
— edges in optimum tree



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Q: Does the greedy algorithm work for more general problems?

A General Maximization Problem

Input: E : the ground set of elements

$w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^E$: weight vector on elements

\mathcal{S} : an (implicitly given) family of subsets of E

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{S}$
- \mathcal{S} is downward closed: if $A \in \mathcal{S}$, $B \subsetneq A$, then $B \in \mathcal{S}$.

Output: $A \in \mathcal{S}$ that maximizes $\sum_{e \in A} w_e$

- maximum-weight spanning tree: $\mathcal{S} =$ family of forests

Greedy Algorithm

- 1: $A \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: sort elements in E in non-decreasing order of weights w
- 3: **for** each element e in the order **do**
- 4: **if** $A \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{S}$ **then** $A \leftarrow A \cup \{e\}$
- 5: **return** A

Examples where Greedy Algorithm is Not Optimum

- **Knapsack Packing**: given elements E , where every element has a value and a cost, and a cost budget C , the goal is to find a maximum value subset of items with cost at most C
- **Maximum Weight Bipartite Graph Matching**
- **Matroids**: cases where greedy algorithm is optimum

Def. A (finite) **matroid** \mathcal{M} is a pair (E, \mathcal{I}) , where E is a finite set (called the ground set) and \mathcal{I} is a family of subsets of E (called independent sets) with the following properties:

- 1 $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$.
- 2 (downward-closed property) If $B \subsetneq A \in \mathcal{I}$, then $B \in \mathcal{I}$.
- 3 (**augmentation/exchange property**) If $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$ and $|B| < |A|$, then there exists $e \in A \setminus B$ such that $B \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{I}$.

Lemma Let $G = (V, E)$. $F \subseteq E$ is in \mathcal{I} iff (V, F) is a forest. Then (E, \mathcal{I}) is a matroid, and it is called a **graphic matroid**.

Proof of Exchange Property.

- $|B| < |A| \Rightarrow (V, B)$ has more CC than (V, A) .
- Some edge in A connects two different CC of (V, B) . □

Feasible Family for Knapsack Packing Does Not Satisfy Augmentation Property

- $c_1 = c_2 = 10, c_3 = 20, C = 20$.
- $\{1, 2\}, \{3\} \in \mathcal{I}$, but $\{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\} \notin \mathcal{I}$.

Feasible Family for Bipartite Matching Does Not Satisfy Augmentation Property

- Complete bipartite graph between $\{a_1, a_2\}$ and $\{b_1, b_2\}$.
- $\{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)\}, \{(a_1, b_2)\} \in \mathcal{I}$.

Theorem The greedy algorithm gives optimum solution for the maximum-weight independent set problem in a matroid.

Lemma (Key Lemma)

- given: matroid $\mathcal{M} = (E, \mathcal{I})$, weights $w \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}^E$, $A \in \mathcal{I}$,
- goal: find a maximum weight independent set containing A
- $e^* = \arg \max_{e \in E \setminus A: A \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{I}} w_e$, assuming e^* exists
- Then, some optimum solution contains e^*

Proof.

- let $S \supseteq A, S \in \mathcal{I}$ be an optimum solution, $e^* \notin S$
 - 1: $S' \leftarrow A \cup \{e^*\}$
 - 2: **while** $|S'| < |S|$ **do**
 - 3: let e be any element in $S \setminus S'$ with $S' \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{I}$
▷ e exists due to exchange property
 - 4: $S' \leftarrow S' \cup \{e\}$
- S' and S differ by exactly one element
- $w(S') := \sum_{e \in S'} w_e \geq w(S) \implies S'$ is also optimum □

Examples of Matroids

- E : the ground set \mathcal{I} : the family of independent sets

- Uniform Matroid: $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

$$\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : |A| \leq k\}.$$

- Partition Matroid: partition (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t) of E , positive integers k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t

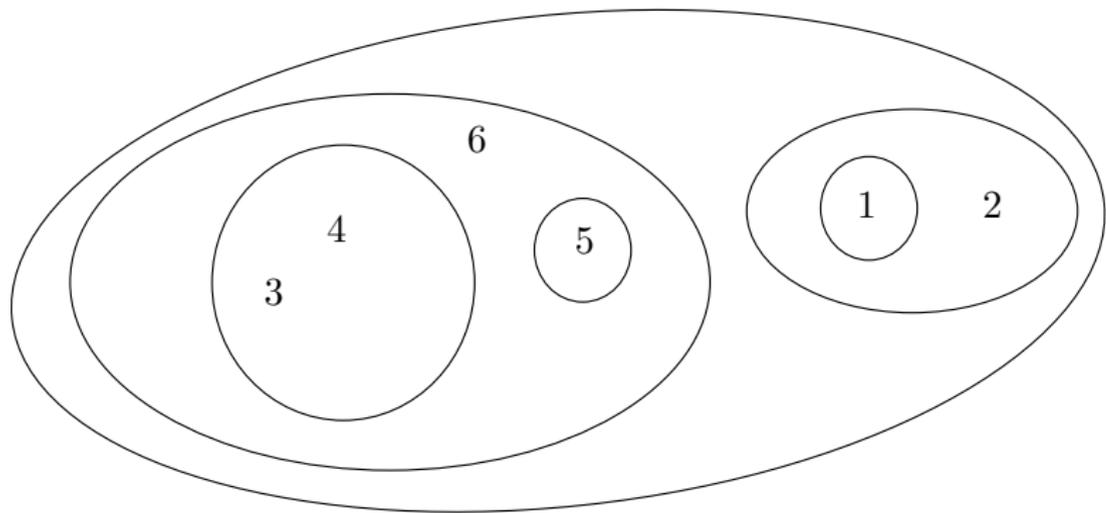
$$\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : |A \cap E_i| \leq k_i, \forall i \in [t]\}.$$

- Laminar Matroid: laminar family of subsets of E
 $\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t\}$, positive integers k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t

$$\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : |A \cap E_i| \leq k_i, \forall i \in [t]\}.$$

Def. A family $\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t\}$ of subsets of E is said to be **laminar** if for every two distinct subsets E_i, E_j in the family, we have $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ or $E_i \subsetneq E_j$ or $E_j \subsetneq E_i$.

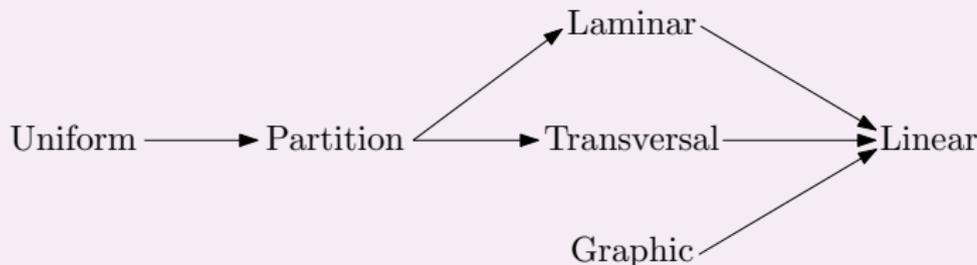
- $\{\{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5\}, \{3, 4, 5, 6\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$ is a laminar family.



Examples of Matroids

- E : the ground set \mathcal{I} : the family of independent sets
- Graphic Matroid: graph $G = (V, E)$
 $\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : (V, A) \text{ is a forest}\}$
- Transversal Matroid: a bipartite graph $G = (E \uplus B, \mathcal{E})$
 $\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : \text{there is a matching in } G \text{ covering } A\}$
- Linear Matroid: a vector $\vec{v}_e \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for every $e \in E$
 $\mathcal{I} = \{A \subseteq E : \text{vectors } \{\vec{v}_e\}_{e \in A} \text{ are linearly independent}\}$

Relationship between matroids



Other Terminologies Related To a Matroid $\mathcal{M} = (E, \mathcal{I})$

- A subset of E that is not independent is **dependent**.
- A maximal independent set is called a **basis** (plural: bases)
- A minimal dependent set is called a **circuit**

Lemma All bases of a matroid have the same size.

Proof.

By exchange property. □

Def. Given a matroid $\mathcal{M} = (E, \mathcal{I})$, the **rank** of a subset A of E , denoted as $r_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$, is defined as the size of the maximum independent subset of A . $r_{\mathcal{M}} : 2^E \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ is called the **rank function** of \mathcal{M} .

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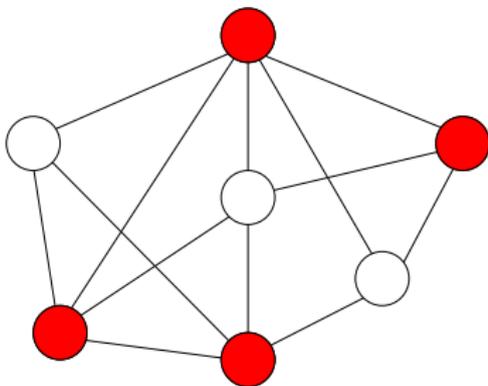
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Vertex Cover Problem

Def. Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, a **vertex cover** of G is a subset $C \subseteq V$ such that for every $(u, v) \in E$ then $u \in C$ or $v \in C$.



Vertex-Cover Problem

Input: $G = (V, E)$

Output: a vertex cover C with minimum $|C|$

First Try: A “Natural” Greedy Algorithm

Natural Greedy Algorithm for Vertex-Cover

- 1: $E' \leftarrow E, C \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: **while** $E' \neq \emptyset$ **do**
- 3: let v be the vertex of the maximum degree in (V, E')
- 4: $C \leftarrow C \cup \{v\}$,
- 5: remove all edges incident to v from E'
- 6: **return** C

Theorem Greedy algorithm is an $(\ln n + 1)$ -approximation for vertex-cover.

- We prove it for the more general set cover problem
- The logarithmic factor is tight for this algorithm

2-Approximation Algorithm for Vertex Cover

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1:  $E' \leftarrow E, C \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
2: while  $E' \neq \emptyset$  do
3:   let  $(u, v)$  be any edge in  $E'$ 
4:    $C \leftarrow C \cup \{u, v\}$ 
5:   remove all edges incident to  $u$  and  $v$  from  $E'$ 
6: return  $C$ 
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- counter-intuitive: adding both u and v to C seems wasteful
- intuition for the 2-approximation ratio:
 - optimum solution C^* must cover edge (u, v) , using either u or v
 - we select both, so we are always ahead of the optimum solution
 - we use at most 2 times more vertices than C^* does

2-Approximation Algorithm for Vertex Cover

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- 2: **while** $E' \neq \emptyset$ **do**
- 3: let (u, v) be any edge in E'
- 4: $C \leftarrow C \cup \{u, v\}$
- 5: remove all edges incident to u and v from E'
- 6: **return** C

Theorem The algorithm is a 2-approximation algorithm for vertex-cover.

Proof.

- Let E' be the set of edges (u, v) considered in Step 3
- Observation: E' is a matching and $|C| = 2|E'|$
- To cover E' , the optimum solution needs $|E'|$ vertices □

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Set Cover with Bounded Frequency f

Input: $U, |U| = n$: ground set

$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m \subseteq U$$

every $j \in U$ appears in at most f subsets in
 $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$

Output: minimum size set $C \subseteq [m]$ such that $\bigcup_{i \in C} S_i = U$

Vertex Cover = Set Cover with Frequency 2

- edges \Leftrightarrow elements
- vertices \Leftrightarrow sets
- every edge (element) can be covered by 2 vertices (sets)

f -Approximation Algorithm for Set Cover with Frequency f

- 1: $C \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: **while** $\bigcup_{i \in C} S_i \neq U$ **do**
- 3: let e be any element in $U \setminus \bigcup_{i \in C} S_i$
- 4: $C \leftarrow C \cup \{i \in [m] : e \in S_i\}$
- 5: **return** C

Theorem The algorithm is a f -approximation algorithm.

Proof.

- Let U' be the set of all elements e considered in Step 3
- Observation: no set S_i contains two elements in U'
- To cover U' , the optimum solution needs $|U'|$ sets
- $C \leq f \cdot |U'|$ □

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Set Cover

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$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m \subseteq U$$

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Greedy Algorithm for Set Cover

- 1: $C \leftarrow \emptyset, U' \leftarrow U$
- 2: **while** $U' \neq \emptyset$ **do**
- 3: choose the i that maximizes $|U' \cap S_i|$
- 4: $C \leftarrow C \cup \{i\}, U' \leftarrow U' \setminus S_i$
- 5: **return** C

- g : minimum number of sets needed to cover U

Lemma Let $u_t, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ be the number of uncovered elements after t steps. Then for every $t \geq 1$, we have

$$u_t \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{g}\right) \cdot u_{t-1}.$$

Proof.

- Consider the g sets $S_1^*, S_2^*, \dots, S_g^*$ in optimum solution
- $S_1^* \cup S_2^* \cup \dots \cup S_g^* = U$
- at beginning of step t , some set in $S_1^*, S_2^*, \dots, S_g^*$ must contain $\geq \frac{u_{t-1}}{g}$ uncovered elements
- $u_t \leq u_{t-1} - \frac{u_{t-1}}{g} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{g}\right) u_{t-1}$. □

Proof of $(\ln n + 1)$ -approximation.

- Let $t = \lceil g \cdot \ln n \rceil$. $u_0 = n$. Then

$$u_t \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{g}\right)^{g \cdot \ln n} \cdot n < e^{-\ln n} \cdot n = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1.$$

- So $u_t = 0$, approximation ratio $\leq \frac{\lceil g \cdot \ln n \rceil}{g} \leq \ln n + 1$. □

- A more careful analysis gives a H_n -approximation, where $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ is the n -th harmonic number.
- $\ln(n + 1) < H_n < \ln n + 1$.

$(1 - c) \ln n$ -hardness for any $c = \Omega(1)$

Let $c > 0$ be any constant. There is no polynomial-time $(1 - c) \ln n$ -approximation algorithm for set-cover, unless

- $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{quasi-poly-time}$, [Lund, Yannakakis 1994; Feige 1998]
- $\text{P} = \text{NP}$. [Dinur, Steuer 2014]

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- set cover: use smallest number of sets to cover all elements.
- **maximum coverage**: use k sets to cover maximum number of elements

Maximum Coverage

Input: $U, |U| = n$: ground set,

$$S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m \subseteq U, \quad k \in [m]$$

Output: $C \subseteq [m], |C| = k$ with the maximum $\bigcup_{i \in C} S_i$

Greedy Algorithm for Maximum Coverage

- 1: $C \leftarrow \emptyset, U' \leftarrow U$
- 2: **for** $t \leftarrow 1$ **to** k **do**
- 3: choose the i that maximizes $|U' \cap S_i|$
- 4: $C \leftarrow C \cup \{i\}, U' \leftarrow U' \setminus S_i$
- 5: **return** C

Theorem Greedy algorithm gives $(1 - \frac{1}{e})$ -approximation for maximum coverage.

Proof.

- o : max. number of elements that can be covered by k sets.
- p_t : #(**covered** elements) by greedy algorithm after step t

- $$p_t \geq p_{t-1} + \frac{o - p_{t-1}}{k}$$

- $$o - p_t \leq o - p_{t-1} - \frac{o - p_{t-1}}{k} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)(o - p_{t-1})$$

- $$o - p_k \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^k (o - p_0) \leq \frac{1}{e} \cdot o$$

- $$p_k \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{e}\right) \cdot o$$

□

- The $(1 - \frac{1}{e})$ -approximation extends to a more general problem.

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Def. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$. A set function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called **submodular** if it satisfies one of the following three equivalent conditions:

(1) $\forall A, B \subseteq [n]:$

$$f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B) \leq f(A) + f(B).$$

(2) $\forall A \subseteq B \subsetneq [n], i \in [n] \setminus B:$

$$f(B \cup \{i\}) - f(B) \leq f(A \cup \{i\}) - f(A).$$

(3) $\forall A \subseteq [n], i, j \in [n] \setminus A, i \neq j:$

$$f(A \cup \{i, j\}) + f(A) \leq f(A \cup \{i\}) + f(A \cup \{j\}).$$

- (2): diminishing marginal values: the marginal value by getting i when I have B is at most that when I have $A \subseteq B$.
- (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3), (3) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1)

Examples of Sumodular Functions

- linear function: $f(S) = \sum_{i \in S} w_i, \forall S \subseteq [n]$
- budget-additive function: $f(S) = \min \left\{ \sum_{i \in S} w_i, B \right\}, \forall S \subseteq [n]$
- coverage function: given sets $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n \subseteq \Omega$,

$$f(C) := \left| \bigcup_{i \in C} S_i \right|, \forall C \subseteq [n]$$

- matroid rank function: given a matroid $\mathcal{M} = ([n], \mathcal{I})$

$$r_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = \max\{|A'| : A' \subseteq A, A' \in \mathcal{I}\}, \forall A \subseteq [n]$$

- cut function: given graph $G = ([n], E)$

$$f(A) = |E(A, [n] \setminus A)|, \forall A \subseteq [n]$$

Examples of Sumodular Functions

- linear function, budget-additive function, coverage function,
- matroid rank function, cut function
- entropy function: given random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

$$f(S) := H(X_i : i \in S), \forall S \subseteq [n]$$

Def. A submodular function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **monotone** if $f(A) \leq f(B)$ for every $A \subseteq B \subseteq [n]$.

Def. A submodular function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **symmetric** if $f(A) = f([n] \setminus A)$ for every $A \subseteq [n]$.

- coverage, matroid rank and entropy functions are monotone
- cut function is symmetric

$(1 - \frac{1}{e})$ -Approximation for Submodular Maximization with Cardinality Constraint

Submodular Maximization under a Cardinality Constraint

Input: An **oracle** to a non-negative **monotone** submodular function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $k \in [n]$

Output: A subset $S \subseteq [n]$ with $|S| = k$, so as to maximize $f(S)$

- We can assume $f(\emptyset) = 0$

Greedy Algorithm for the Problem

- 1: $S \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: **for** $t \leftarrow 1$ to k **do**
- 3: choose the i that maximizes $f(S \cup \{i\})$
- 4: $S \leftarrow S \cup \{i\}$
- 5: **return** S

Theorem Greedy algorithm gives $(1 - \frac{1}{e})$ -approximation for submodular-maximization under a cardinality constraint.

Proof.

- o : optimum value
- p_t : value obtained by greedy algorithm after step t
- need to prove: $p_t \geq p_{t-1} + \frac{o - p_{t-1}}{k}$
- $o - p_t \leq o - p_{t-1} - \frac{o - p_{t-1}}{k} = (1 - \frac{1}{k})(o - p_{t-1})$
- $o - p_k \leq (1 - \frac{1}{k})^k (o - p_0) \leq \frac{1}{e} \cdot o$
- $p_k \geq (1 - \frac{1}{e}) \cdot o$

□

Def. A set function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is **sub-additive** if for every two sets $A, B \subseteq [n]$, we have $f(A \cup B) \leq f(A) + f(B)$.

Lemma A non-negative submodular set function $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is sub-additive.

Proof.

For $A, B \subseteq [n]$, we have $f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B) \leq f(A) + f(B)$.
So, $f(A \cup B) \leq f(A) + f(B)$ as $f(A \cap B) \geq 0$. \square

Lemma Let $f : 2^{[n]} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be submodular. Let $S \subseteq [n]$, and $f_S(A) = f(S \cup A) - f(S)$ for every $A \subseteq [n]$. (f_S is the marginal value function for set S .) Then f_S is also submodular.

Proof.

- Let $A, B \subseteq [n] \setminus S$; it suffices to consider ground set $[n] \setminus S$.
$$\begin{aligned} & f_S(A \cup B) + f_S(A \cap B) - f_S(A) + f_S(B) \\ &= f(S \cup A \cup B) - f(S) + f(S \cup (A \cap B)) - f(S) \\ &\quad - \left(f(S \cup A) - f(S) + f(S \cup B) - f(S) \right) \\ &= f(S \cup A \cup B) + f(S \cup (A \cap B)) - f(S \cup A) - f(S \cup B) \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$
- The last inequality is by $S \cup A \cup B = (S \cup A) \cup (S \cup B)$, $S \cup (A \cap B) = (S \cup A) \cap (S \cup B)$ and submodularity of f . \square

Proof of $p_t \geq p_{t-1} + \frac{o-p_{t-1}}{k}$.

- $S^* \subseteq [n]$: optimum set, $|S^*| = k$, $o = f(S^*)$
- S : set chosen by the algorithm at beginning of time step t
 $|S| = t - 1$, $p_{t-1} = f(S)$
- f_S is submodular and thus sub-additive

$$f_S(S^*) \leq \sum_{i \in S^*} f_S(i) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exists i \in S^*, f_S(i) \geq \frac{1}{k} f_S(S^*)$$

- for the i , we have

$$f(S \cup \{i\}) - f(S) \geq \frac{1}{k} (f(S^*) - f(S))$$

$$p_t \geq f(S \cup \{i\}) \geq p_{t-1} + \frac{1}{k} (o - p_{t-1})$$

□

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Local Search for Maximum-Cut

Maximum-Cut

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$

Output: partition of V into $(S, T = V \setminus S)$ so as to maximize $|E(S, T)|$, $E(S, T) = \{uv \in E : u \in S \wedge v \in T\}$.

Def. A solution (S, T) is a local-optimum if moving any vertex to its opposite side can not increase the cut value.

Local-Search for Maximum-Cut

- 1: $(S, T) \leftarrow$ any cut
- 2: **while** $\exists v \in V$, changing side of v increases cut value **do**
- 3: switch v to the other side in (S, T)
- 4: **return** (S, T)

Lemma Local search gives a 2-approximation for maximum-cut.

- d_v : degree of v

Proof.

- $\forall v \in S : E(v, S) \leq E(v, T) \Rightarrow |E(v, S)| \geq \frac{1}{2}d_v$
- $\forall v \in T : E(v, T) \leq E(v, S) \Rightarrow |E(v, T)| \geq \frac{1}{2}d_v$
- adding all inequalities:

$$2|E(S, T)| \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V} d_v = |E|.$$

- So $|E(S, T)| \geq \frac{1}{2}|E| \geq \frac{1}{2}(\text{value of optimum cut})$. □

- The following algorithm also gives a 2-approximation

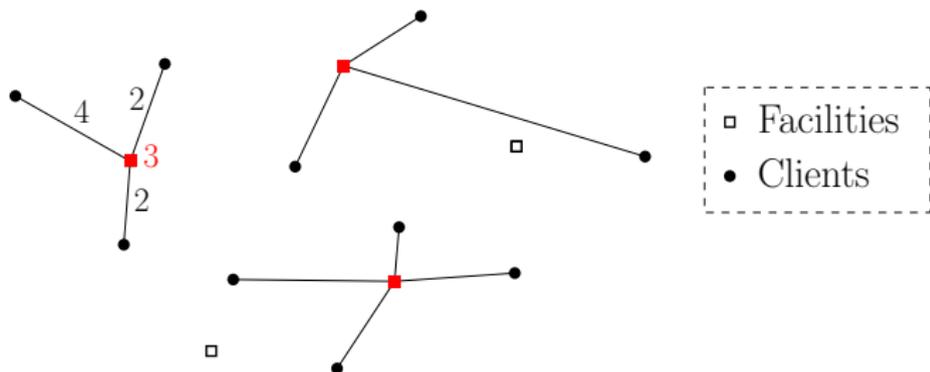
Greedy Algorithm for Maximum-Cut

- 1: $S \leftarrow \emptyset, T \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 2: **for** every $v \in V$, in arbitrary order **do**
- 3: adding v to S or T so as to maximize $|E(S, T)|$
- 4: **return** (S, T)

- [Goemans-Williamson] 0.878-approximation via Semi-definite programming (SDP)
- Under Unique-Game-Conjecture (UGC), the ratio is best possible

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Uncapacitated Facility Location

Input: F : Facilities C : Clients

d : metric over $F \cup C$ $(f_i)_{i \in F}$: facility costs

Output: $S \subseteq F$, so as to minimize $\sum_{i \in S} f_i + \sum_{j \in C} d(j, S)$

$d(j, S)$: smallest distance between j and a facility in S

- Best-approximation ratio: 1.488-Approximation [Li, 2011]
- 1.463-hardness, $1.463 \approx \text{root of } x = 1 + 2e^{-x}$

- $\text{cost}(S) := \sum_{i \in S} f_i + \sum_{j \in C} d(j, S), \forall S \subseteq F$

Local Search Algorithm for Uncapacitated Facility Location

- 1: $S \leftarrow$ arbitrary set of facilities
- 2: **while** exists $S' \subseteq F$ with $|S \setminus S'| \leq 1$, $|S' \setminus S| \leq 1$ and $\text{cost}(S') < \text{cost}(S)$ **do**
- 3: $S' \leftarrow S$
- 4: **return** S

- The algorithm runs in pseudo-polynomial time, but we ignore the issue for now.

S is a local optimum, under the following local operations

- $\text{add}(i), i \notin S: S \leftarrow S \cup \{i\}$
- $\text{delete}(i), i \in S: S \leftarrow S \setminus \{i\}$
- $\text{swap}(i, i'), i \in S, i' \notin S: S \leftarrow S \setminus \{i\} \cup \{i'\}$

- S : the local optimum returned by the algorithm
- S^* : the (unknown) optimum solution

$$F := \sum_{i \in S} f_i$$

$$C := \sum_{j \in C} d(j, S)$$

$$F^* := \sum_{i \in S^*} f_i$$

$$C^* := \sum_{j \in C} d(j, S^*)$$

Lemma (analysis for connection cost) $C \leq F^* + C^*$

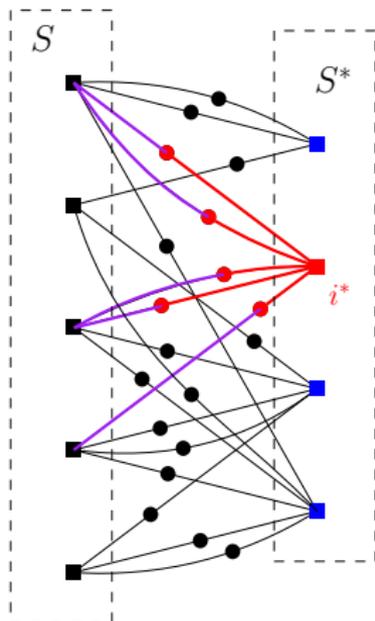
Lemma (analysis for facility cost) $F \leq F^* + 2C^*$

So, $F + C \leq 2F^* + 3C^* \leq 3(F^* + C^*)$

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- Facilities
- Clients



Analysis of C

- adding i^* does not increase the cost:

$$\sum_{j \in \sigma^{*-1}(i^*)} c_{\sigma(j)j} \leq f_{i^*} + \sum_{j \in \sigma^{*-1}(i^*)} c_{i^*j}$$

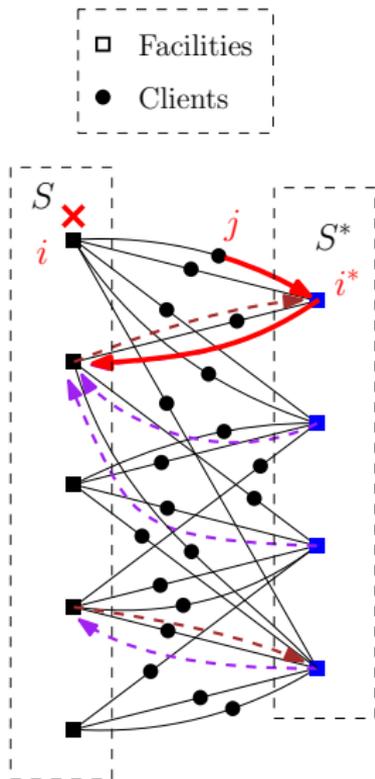
- summing up over all $i^* \in F^*$, we get

$$\sum_{j \in J} d(\sigma(j), j) \leq \sum_{i^* \in F^*} f_{i^*} + \sum_{j \in J} d(\sigma^*(j), j)$$

$$C \leq F^* + C^*$$

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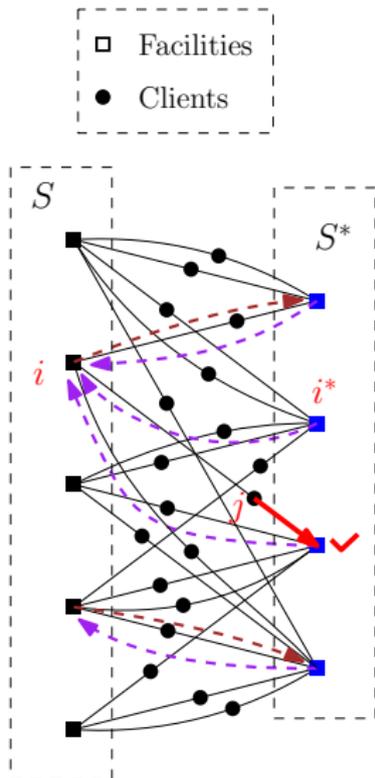
Analysis of F

- $\phi(i^*), i^* \in S^*$: closest facility in S to i^*
- $\psi(i), i \in S$: closest facility in $\phi^{-1}(i)$ to i
- $i \in S, \phi^{-1}(i) = \emptyset$: consider $\text{delete}(i)$
- $j \in \sigma^{-1}(i)$ reconnected to $i^* := \phi(\sigma^*(j))$
- reconnection distance is at most

$$\begin{aligned} c_{i^*j} + c_{i^*\phi(i^*)} &\leq c_{i^*j} + c_{i^*i} \\ &\leq c_{i^*j} + c_{i^*j} + c_{ij} = 2c_{i^*j} + c_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- distance **increment** is at most $2c_{i^*j}$
- by local optimality:

$$f_i \leq 2 \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i)} c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$$

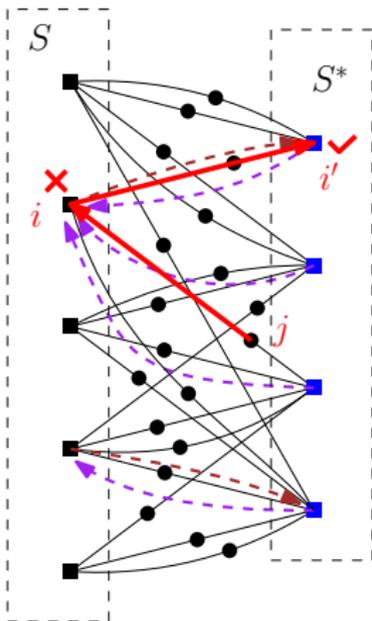


Analysis of F

- $\phi(i^*), i^* \in S^*$: closest facility in S to i^*
- $\psi(i), i \in S$: closest facility in $\phi^{-1}(i)$ to i
- $\phi(i^*) = i, \psi(i) \neq i^*$: consider $\text{add}(i^*)$
 - $\sigma(j) = i, \sigma^*(j) = i^*$: reconnect j to i^*
 - by local optimality:

$$0 \leq f_{i^*} + \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(\phi(i^*)) \cap \sigma^{*-1}(i^*)} (c_{i^*j} - c_{\sigma(j)j})$$

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Analysis of F

- $i \in S, \phi^{-1}(i) \neq \emptyset, \phi(i') = i, \psi(i) = i'$:
consider swap (i, i')
- $\sigma(j) = i, \phi(\sigma^*(j)) \neq i$: reconnect j to it
distance increment is at most $2c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$
- $\sigma(j) = i, \phi(\sigma^*(j)) = i$: reconnect j to i'
distance increment is at most
$$c_{ij} + c_{i'i'} - c_{ij} = c_{i'i'} \leq c_{i\sigma^*(j)} \leq c_{ij} + c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$$

- $$f_i \leq f_{i'} + 2 \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i): \phi(\sigma^*(j)) \neq i} c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$$

$$+ \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i): \phi(\sigma^*(j)) = i} (c_{ij} + c_{\sigma^*(j)j})$$

- $i \in S$ is not paired: $f_i \leq 2 \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i)} c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$
- $i^* \in S^*$ is not paired: $0 \leq f_{i^*} + \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(\phi(i^*)) \cap \sigma^{*-1}(i^*)} (c_{i^*j} - c_{\sigma(j)j})$
- $i \in S$ and $i' \in S^*$ are paired:

$$f_i \leq f_{i'} + 2 \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i): \phi(\sigma^*(j)) \neq i} c_{\sigma^*(j)j} + \sum_{j \in \sigma^{-1}(i): \phi(\sigma^*(j)) = i} (c_{ij} + c_{\sigma^*(j)j})$$

- summing all the inequalities:

$$\sum_{i \in S} f_i \leq \sum_{i^* \in S^*} f_{i^*} + 2 \sum_{j \in D: \phi(\sigma^*(j)) \neq \sigma(j)} c_{\sigma^*(j)j} + \sum_{j \in D: \phi(\sigma^*(j)) = \sigma(j)} (c_{\sigma^*(j)j} - c_{\sigma(j)j} + c_{\sigma(j)j} + c_{\sigma^*(j)j}) + 2 \sum_{j \in D: \phi(\sigma^*(j)) = \sigma(j)} c_{\sigma^*(j)j}$$

$$F \leq F^* + 2C^*$$

$$C \leq F^* + C^*, \quad F \leq F^* + 2C^*$$

$$\Rightarrow F + C \leq 2F^* + 3C^* \leq 3(F^* + C^*)$$

Exercise: scaling facility costs by some $\lambda > 1$ can give a $(1 + \sqrt{2})$ -approximation.

- Handling pseudo-polynomial running time issue:

Local Search Algorithm for Uncapacitated Facility Location

- 1: $S \leftarrow$ arbitrary set of facilities, $\delta \leftarrow \frac{\epsilon}{4|F|}$
- 2: **while** exists $S' \subseteq F$ with $|S \setminus S'| \leq 1$, $|S' \setminus S| \leq 1$ and $\text{cost}(S') < (1 - \delta)\text{cost}(S)$ **do**
- 3: $S' \leftarrow S$
- 4: **return** S