

# Linear Programming

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## Goals:

- 1) Introduce important "programming Lang"
- 2) Some examples
- 3) Introduce its dual program.

# Standard forms

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Standard form     $\max C^T X$  subject  
 $Ax \leq b$   
 $x \geq 0$  (new)

$\bar{x}$  s.t.  $A\bar{x} \leq b$  &  $\bar{x} \geq 0$  is feasible solution

a feasible  $\bar{x}$  maximizing  $C^T \bar{x}$  is called an optimal solution

constraints may be feasible  
infeasible  
unbounded

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Putting into standard form (possible non-standard)

1)  $\min C^T X$      $C \leftarrow -C$

2) missing  $x_i \geq 0$  constraint.

3)  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = b$  (equality constraints)

4)  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \geq b$

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5) for each missing  $x_i \geq 0$  introduce two variables  $x_i', x_i''$   
 $x_i', x_i'' \geq 0$   
 $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_i (x_i' - x_i'') + \dots + a_n x_n \leq b$

Let  $\bar{x}$  be new  $X$  variables.

To show a) Given  $\text{opt } \bar{x}$  construct  $\text{opt } x$   
 b) " " "  $x$  " "  $\bar{x}$ .

5) if  $x_i \geq 0$  then  $x_i' = x_i$  &  $x_i'' = 0$   
 else  $x_i' = 0$  &  $x_i'' = x_i$

a) Set  $x_i = x_i' - x_i''$

New Obj: replace  $c_i x_i$  with  $c_i x_i' - c_i x_i''$

Note If  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_i', x_i'', \dots)$  is an  $\text{opt}$

then  $\forall a \geq 0$   $\bar{x}' = (x_1, \dots, a+x_i', a+x_i'', \dots)$  is an  $\text{opt}$ .

# LP for Single Source Shortest Path.

Input: weighted directed graph

$$G = (V, E) \quad w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad s \in V$$

Output: 1) "Neg weight cycle" or  
 2)  $d: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 st  $d_v \equiv \text{min dist from } s \text{ to } v.$

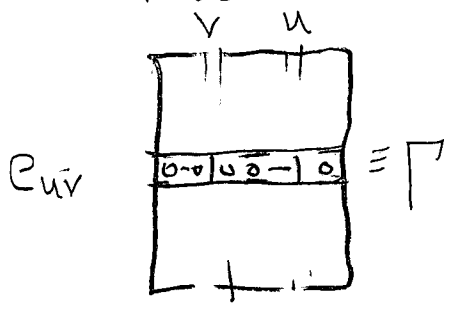
Constraints  $d_s = 0$

$$(u, v) \in E \text{ then } d_v \leq d_u + w_{uv}$$

$$\max \sum_{v \in V} d_v$$

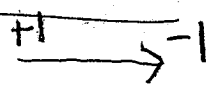
$$d_v - d_u \leq w_{uv}$$

Standard form



$$d_s = d_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_n \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{pmatrix}$$

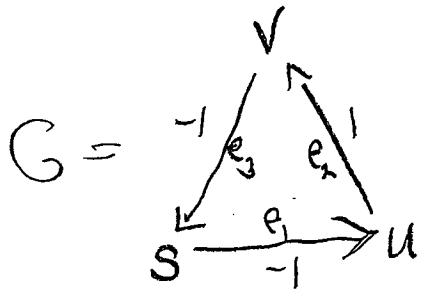


$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\max I^T d$$

Drop first column (why?)

eg negative cycle example

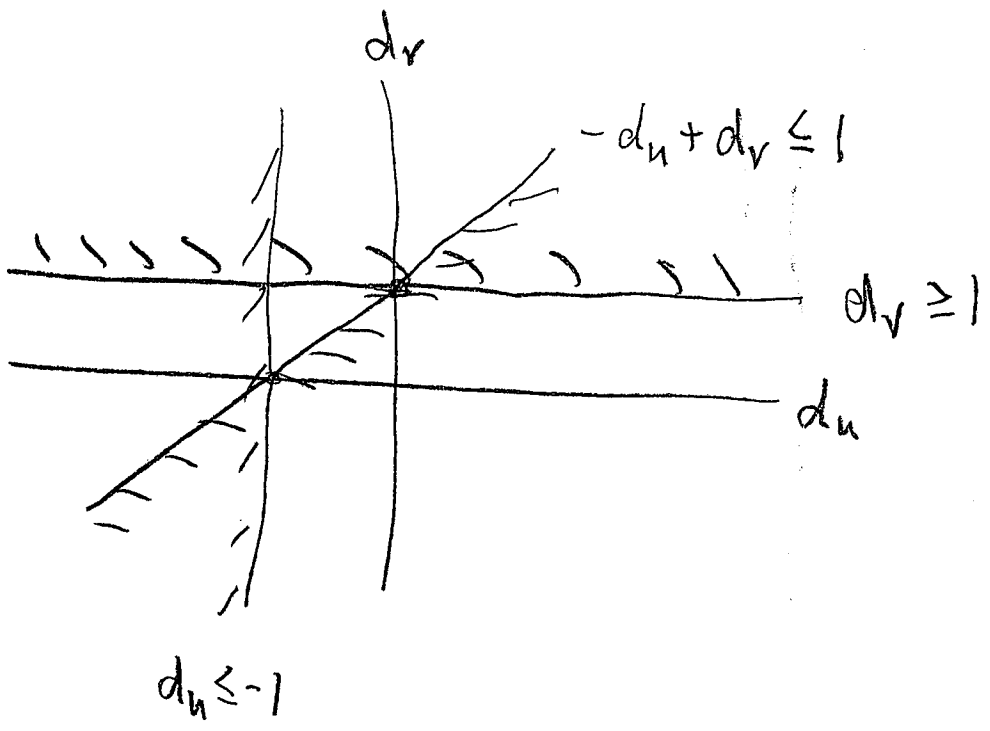


$$A = \begin{matrix} & s & u & v \\ \begin{matrix} s \\ u \\ v \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

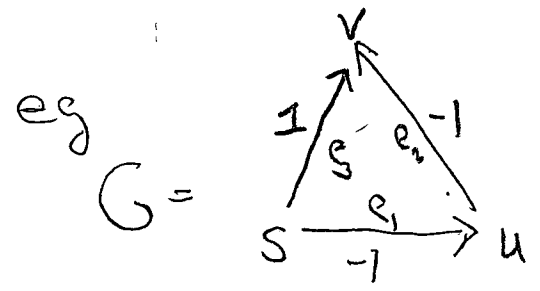
$$A \begin{pmatrix} ds \\ du \\ dv \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Drop col 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} du \\ dv \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$



infeasible



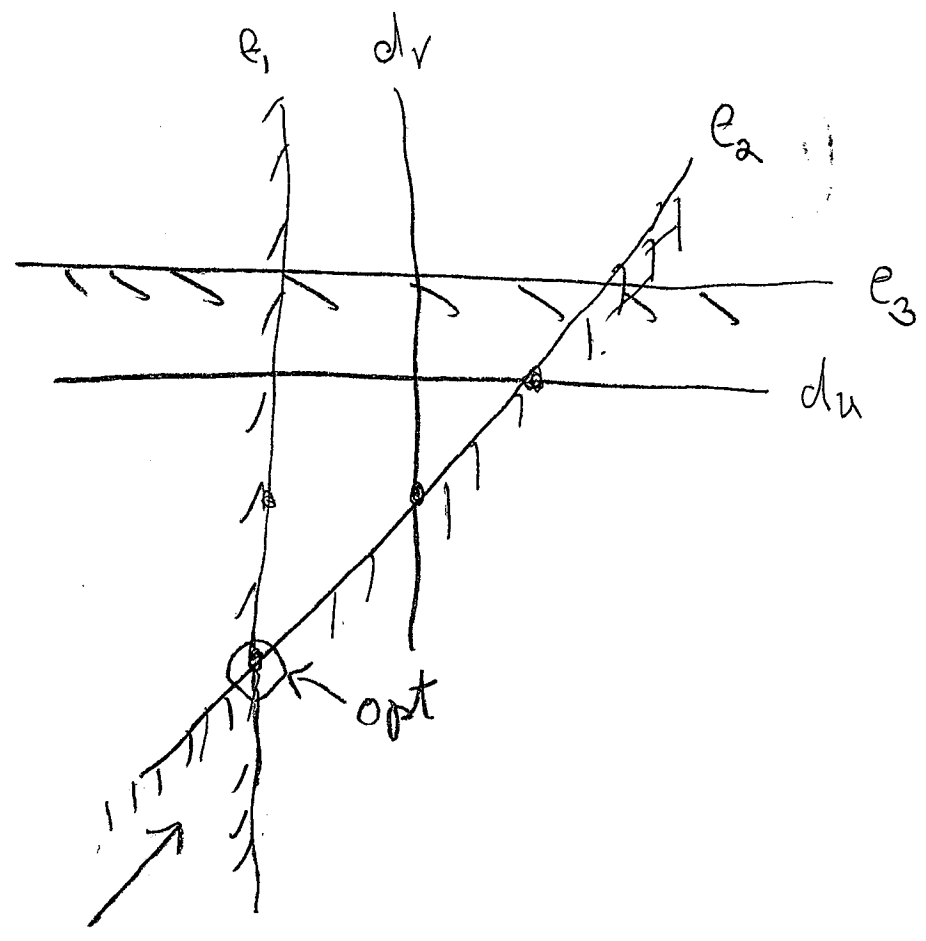
$$\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} s & u & v \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma \begin{pmatrix} d_s \\ d_u \\ d_v \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Drop col 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_u \\ d_v \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

max  $d_u + d_v$



Note We have not shown that  
our SSSP-LP gives SSSP!

We will need Duality for that!

# Max flow prob

Input: Directed graph  $G$ , edge capacities  $C$ .

nodes  $s, t$

Def flow  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  st

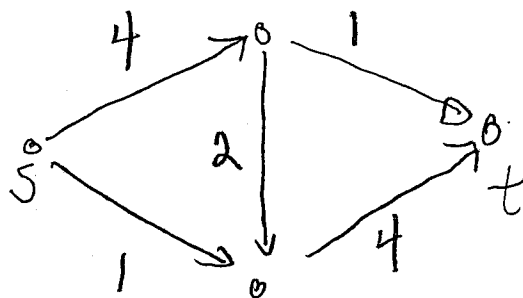
$$0 \leq f(u, v) \leq C(u, v)$$

$$\sum_{(v, u) \in E} f(v, u) = \sum_{(u, v) \in E} f(u, v) \quad (\text{flow in} = \text{flow out})$$

Def Max flow flow  $f$   $\sum_{(s, v) \in E} f(s, v)$  maximize.

This is an LP problem!

eg



We did not use skewed symmetric form!



# MaxFlow Min Cost

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Flow Graph  $G$  with capacities  $c(u,v)$

Cost per edge  $a(u,v)$  is

cost to use  $e=(u,v)$  with flow  $f(u,v)$  is

$$a(u,v) \cdot f(u,v)$$

If  $a < 0$  we get cost back!

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Solve using 2LP's

1) Solve MaxFlow on  $(G, c)$  getting flow  $f_0$

$$\min \sum_{(u,v) \in E} a(u,v) f(u,v)$$

$$\text{subject: } \forall v \neq s, t \quad \sum_u f(u,v) = \sum_u f(v,u) \quad (\text{flow in} = \text{flow out})$$

$$\sum_v f(s,v) = d$$

$$0 \leq f(u,v) \leq c(u,v)$$

# Multi-commodity Flow

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Commodities:  $k_1, \dots, k_k$

Sources:  $s_1, \dots, s_k$

Sinks:  $t_1, \dots, t_k$

Variables:  $f_i(u, v) \equiv$  flow of commodity  $k_i$  on  $(u, v)$

Constraints:  $0 \leq f_i(u, v) \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \quad (u, v) \in E$

directed case:

$$\sum_i f_i(u, v) \leq c(u, v)$$

$$\forall i \quad \sum_u f_i(u, v) = \sum_u f_i(v, u)$$

undirected case:

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} f_i(u, v) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} f_i(v, u) \leq c(u, v)$$

$$\forall i \quad \sum_u f_i(u, v) = \sum_u f_i(v, u)$$

# Objective fcn

many choices:

1) fixed demands  $d_1, \dots, d_k$

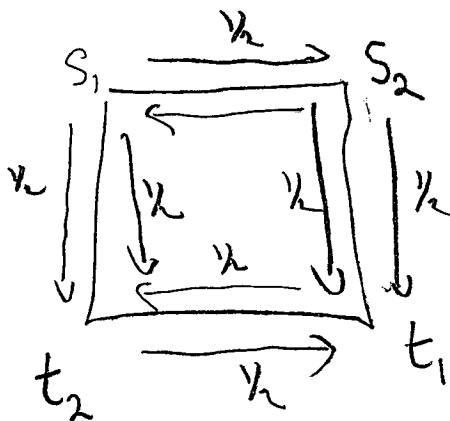
Constraints

$$\sum_v f_i(s_i, v) = d_i \quad i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$$

2) Scaled demands

$$\text{Max} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_v f_i(s_i, v)$$

Note the solution need not be integral!



# History

## WWII

Kantorovich 1939

Dantzig 1947 Simplex Alg

von Neumann 1947 Duality

Khachiyan 1979 Ellipsoid Alg

Karmarkar 1984 interior point methods

Smale: 2000

List of 18 greatest unsolved prob in math.

#9 LP prob

#1 Riemann Hypo

#3  $P=NP$