CS514: Design and Analysis of Algorithms



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Circulation with demands

- Given a directed graph V = (G, E) with non-negative edge capacities c(e) and node supply and demands d(v), a circulation is a function that satisfies
 - For each $e \in E$: $0 \le f(e) \le c(e)$ (f(.) flow along edge e)
 - For each $v \in V$: $\sum_{e \text{ in to } v} f(e) \sum_{e \text{ out of } v} f(e) = d(v)$

Does a circulation exist?

• $d(\mathbf{v}) > 0$ - demand, $d(\mathbf{v}) < 0$ - supply, $d(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ - transshipment node



Circulation with lower bounds

 The problem is the same as previous one except that each edge has some lower bound on the flow. Hence, capacity along an edge will be specified as [c_{lb}(u, v), c_{ub}(u, v)]. What modifications are to be made in the graph to apply previous strategy?



Survey design

- Design a survey asking n_1 consumers about n_2 products that meets the following requirements, if possible.
 - Consumer *i* can survey about product *j* if they own it
 - Consumer *i* can be asked between c_i and c'_i questions
 - Ask between p_j and p'_j consumers about product j

Airline scheduling

- A set of lucrative flight segments (*m* say) are provided. A flight segment is specified by (a) origin airport, (b) destination airport, (c) departure time, (d) arrival time.
- It is possible to use a single plane for a flight segment *i*, and then later for a flight segment *j*, provided that
 - the destination of *i* is the same as the origin of *j*, and there's enough time to perform maintenance on the plane in between; or
 - you can add a flight segment in between that gets the plane from the destination of *i* to the origin of *j* with adequate time in between.

• Example:

- B (depart 6am) W (arrive 7am)
- Ph (depart 7am) Pt (arrive 8am)
- W (depart 8am) LA (arrive 11am)
- Ph (depart 11am) SF (arrive 2pm)
- SF (depart 2:15pm) S (arrive 3:15pm)
- LV (depart 5pm) S (arrive 6pm)
- Can k aircrafts serve all m flight segments?

Image segmentation

- Given the following
 - An image with V number of pixels and E number of pairs of neighboring pixels
 - $a_i \ge 0$ is likelihood pixel *i* in foreground
 - $b_i \ge 0$ is likelihood pixel *i* in background
 - *p_{ij}* ≥ 0 is separation penalty for labeling one of *i* and *j* as foreground, and the other as background
- Goals:
 - Accuracy: if $a_i > b_i$ in isolation, prefer to label *i* in foreground
 - Smoothness: if many neighbors of *i* are labeled foreground, we should be inclined to label *i* as foreground

• Find partition
$$(A, B)$$
 that maximizes: $\sum_{i \in A} a_i + \sum_{j \in B} b_j - \sum_{\substack{(i, j) \in E \\ |A \cap \{i, j\}| = 1}} p_{ij}$

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