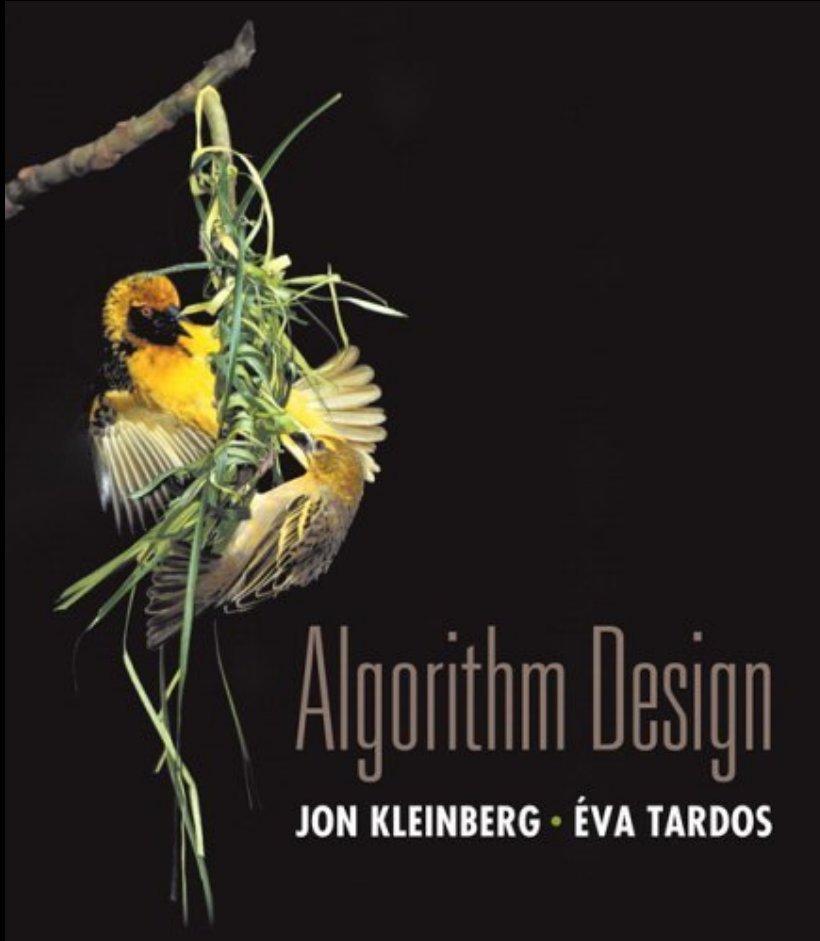


Final Exam Review



Chapter 6

Dynamic Programming

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Knapsack Problem

Knapsack problem.

- Given n objects and a "knapsack."
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value $v_i > 0$.
- Knapsack has capacity of W kilograms.
- Goal: fill knapsack so as to maximize total value.

Ex: { 3, 4 } has value 40.

$W = 11$

Item	Value	Weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Greedy: repeatedly add item with maximum ratio v_i / w_i .

Ex: { 5, 2, 1 } achieves only value = 35 \Rightarrow greedy not optimal.

Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

Def. $OPT(i, w)$ = max profit subset of items 1, ..., i with weight limit w.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
 - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, ..., i-1 } using weight limit w
- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
 - new weight limit = $w - w_i$
 - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, ..., i-1 } using this new weight limit

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max\{OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Knapsack Algorithm

←————— W + 1 —————→

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$n + 1$	ϕ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{1}	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	{1, 2}	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	{1, 2, 3}	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
	{1, 2, 3, 4}	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	34	40

OPT: { 4, 3 }
 value = 22 + 18 = 40

W = 11

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Dynamic Programming Over Intervals

Notation. $OPT(i, j)$ = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring $b_i b_{i+1} \dots b_j$.

- Case 1. If $i \geq j - 4$.
 - $OPT(i, j) = 0$ by no-sharp turns condition.
- Case 2. Base b_j is not involved in a pair.
 - $OPT(i, j) = OPT(i, j-1)$
- Case 3. Base b_j pairs with b_t for some $i \leq t < j - 4$.
 - non-crossing constraint decouples resulting sub-problems
 - $OPT(i, j) = 1 + \max_t \{ OPT(i, t-1) + OPT(t+1, j-1) \}$

↑
take max over t such that $i \leq t < j-4$ and
 b_t and b_j are Watson-Crick complements

Remark. Same core idea in CKY algorithm to parse context-free grammars.

Dynamic Programming Summary

Recipe.

- Characterize structure of problem.
- Recursively define value of optimal solution.
- Compute value of optimal solution.
- Construct optimal solution from computed information.

Dynamic programming techniques.

- Binary choice: weighted interval scheduling.
- Multi-way choice: segmented least squares. ← Viterbi algorithm for HMM also uses DP to optimize a maximum likelihood tradeoff between parsimony and accuracy
- Adding a new variable: knapsack.
- Dynamic programming over intervals: RNA secondary structure.

↖ CKY parsing algorithm for context-free grammar has similar structure

Top-down vs. bottom-up: different people have different intuitions.

String Similarity

How similar are two strings?

- **ocurrance**
- **occurrence**

o	c	u	r	r	a	n	c	e	-
o	c	c	u	r	r	e	n	c	e

5 mismatches, 1 gap

o	c	-	u	r	r	a	n	c	e
o	c	c	u	r	r	e	n	c	e

1 mismatch, 1 gap

o	c	-	u	r	r	-	a	n	c	e
o	c	c	u	r	r	e	-	n	c	e

0 mismatches, 3 gaps

Edit Distance

Applications.

- Basis for Unix diff.
- Speech recognition.
- Computational biology.

Edit distance. [Levenshtein 1966, Needleman-Wunsch 1970]

- Gap penalty δ ; mismatch penalty α_{pq} .
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.

C T G A C C T A C C T

C C T G A C T A C A T

$$\alpha_{TC} + \alpha_{GT} + \alpha_{AG} + 2\alpha_{CA}$$

- C T G A C C T A C C T

C C T G A C - T A C A T

$$2\delta + \alpha_{CA}$$

Sequence Alignment

Goal: Given two strings $X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$ and $Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$ find alignment of minimum cost.

Def. An **alignment** M is a set of ordered pairs $x_i - y_j$ such that each item occurs in at most one pair and no crossings.

Def. The pair $x_i - y_j$ and $x_{i'} - y_{j'}$ **cross** if $i < i'$, but $j > j'$.

$$\text{cost}(M) = \underbrace{\sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in M} \alpha_{x_i y_j}}_{\text{mismatch}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i: x_i \text{ unmatched}} \delta + \sum_{j: y_j \text{ unmatched}} \delta}_{\text{gap}}$$

Ex: CTACCG **vs.** TACATG.

Sol: $M = x_2 - y_1, x_3 - y_2, x_4 - y_3, x_5 - y_4, x_6 - y_6$.

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5		x_6
C	T	A	C	C	-	G
	-	T	A	C	A	T
		y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5
						y_6

Sequence Alignment: Problem Structure

Def. $OPT(i, j)$ = min cost of aligning strings $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$.

- **Case 1:** OPT matches x_i - y_j .
 - pay mismatch for x_i - y_j + min cost of aligning two strings $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$
- **Case 2a:** OPT leaves x_i unmatched.
 - pay gap for x_i and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$
- **Case 2b:** OPT leaves y_j unmatched.
 - pay gap for y_j and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$

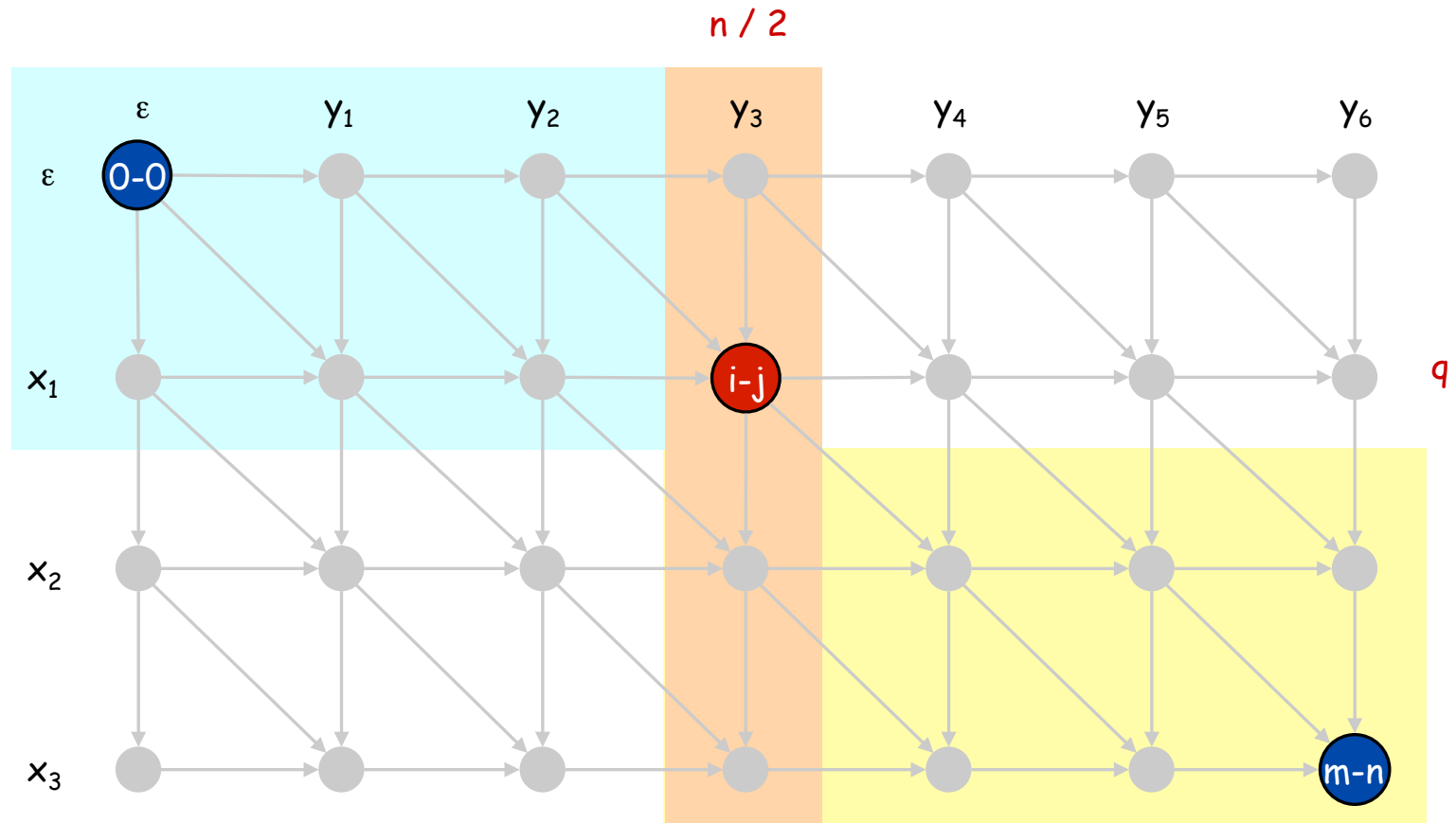
$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

Divide: find index q that minimizes $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$ using DP.

- Align x_q and $y_{n/2}$.

Conquer: recursively compute optimal alignment in each piece.

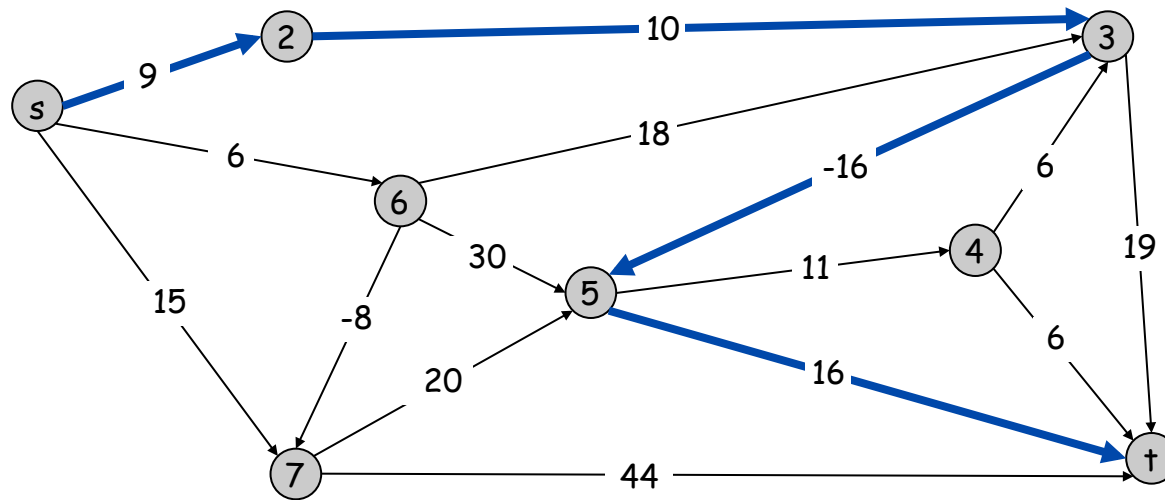


Shortest Paths

Shortest path problem. Given a directed graph $G = (V, E)$, with edge weights c_{vw} , find shortest path from node s to node t .

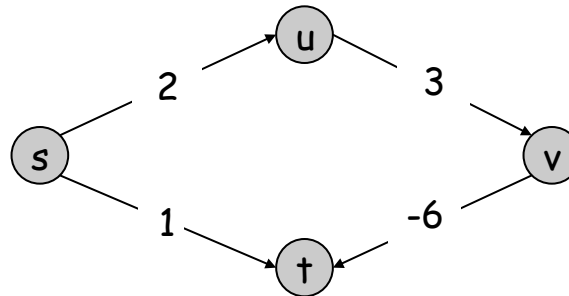
↖ allow negative weights

Ex. Nodes represent agents in a financial setting and c_{vw} is cost of transaction in which we buy from agent v and sell immediately to w .

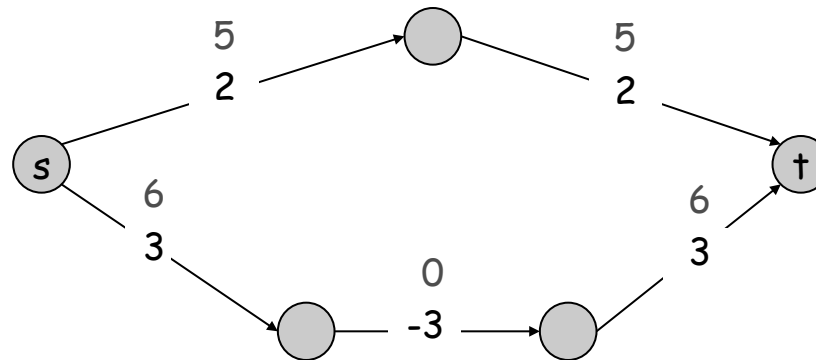


Shortest Paths: Failed Attempts

Dijkstra. Can fail if negative edge costs.



Re-weighting. Adding a constant to every edge weight can fail.



Shortest Paths: Dynamic Programming

Def. $OPT(i, v)$ = length of shortest v - t path P using at most i edges.

- Case 1: P uses at most $i-1$ edges.
 - $OPT(i, v) = OPT(i-1, v)$
- Case 2: P uses exactly i edges.
 - if (v, w) is first edge, then OPT uses (v, w) , and then selects best w - t path using at most $i-1$ edges

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \left\{ OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(v, w) \in E} \{ OPT(i-1, w) + c_{vw} \} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

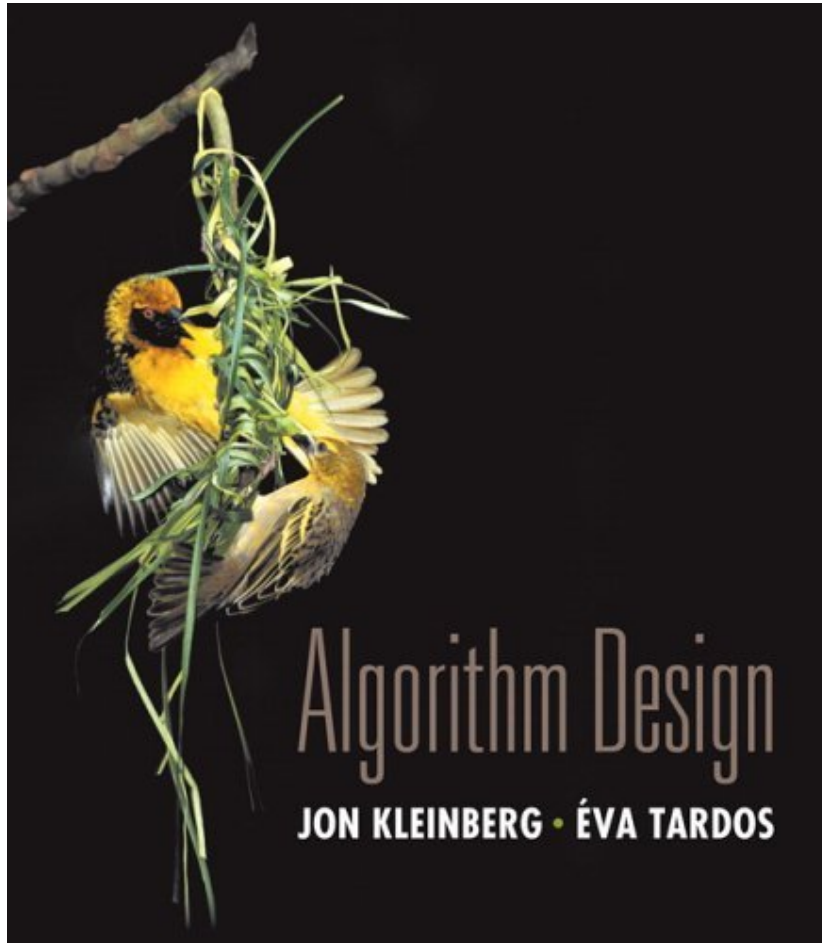
Remark. By previous observation, if no negative cycles, then $OPT(n-1, v)$ = length of shortest v - t path.

Shortest Paths: Implementation

```
Shortest-Path(G, t) {  
  foreach node v ∈ V  
    M[0, v] ← ∞  
  M[0, t] ← 0  
  
  for i = 1 to n-1  
    foreach node v ∈ V  
      M[i, v] ← M[i-1, v]  
      foreach edge (v, w) ∈ E  
        M[i, v] ← min { M[i, v], M[i-1, w] + cvw }  
}
```

Analysis. $\Theta(mn)$ time, $\Theta(n^2)$ space.

Finding the shortest paths. Maintain a "successor" for each table entry.



Network Flow

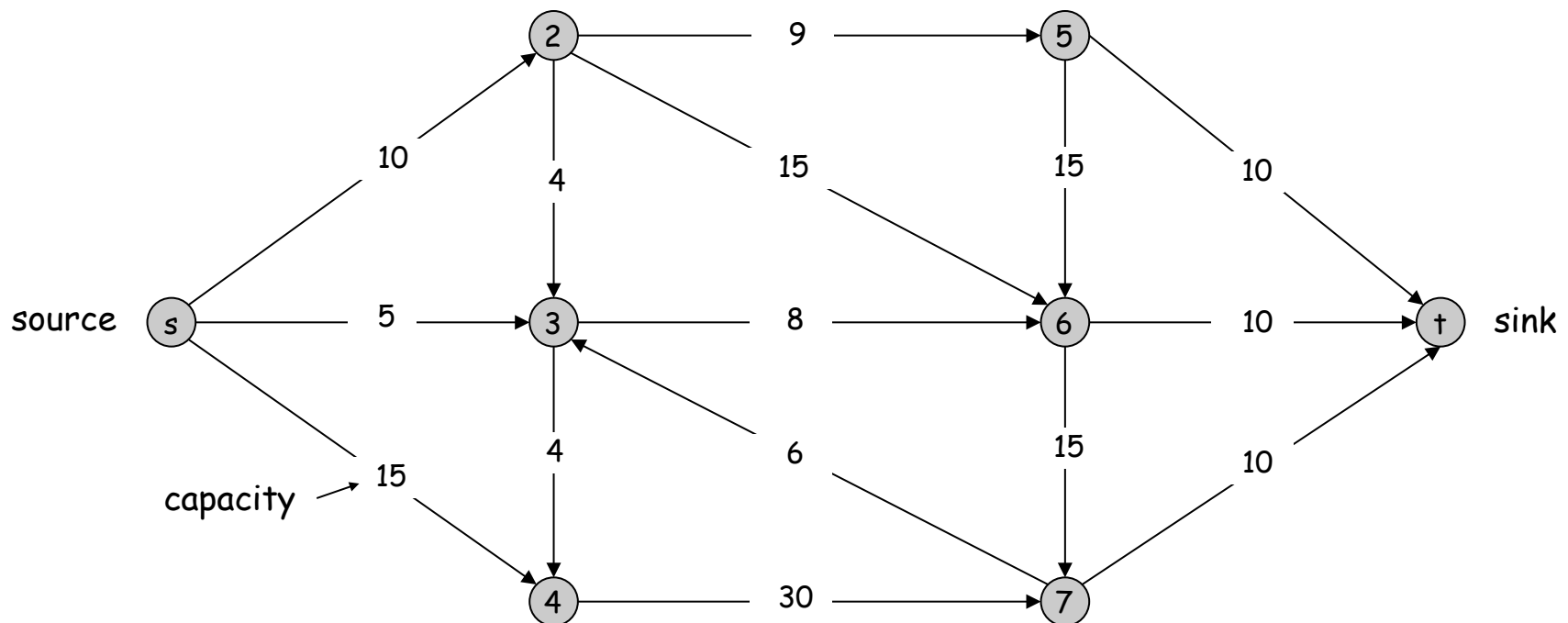


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Minimum Cut Problem

Flow network.

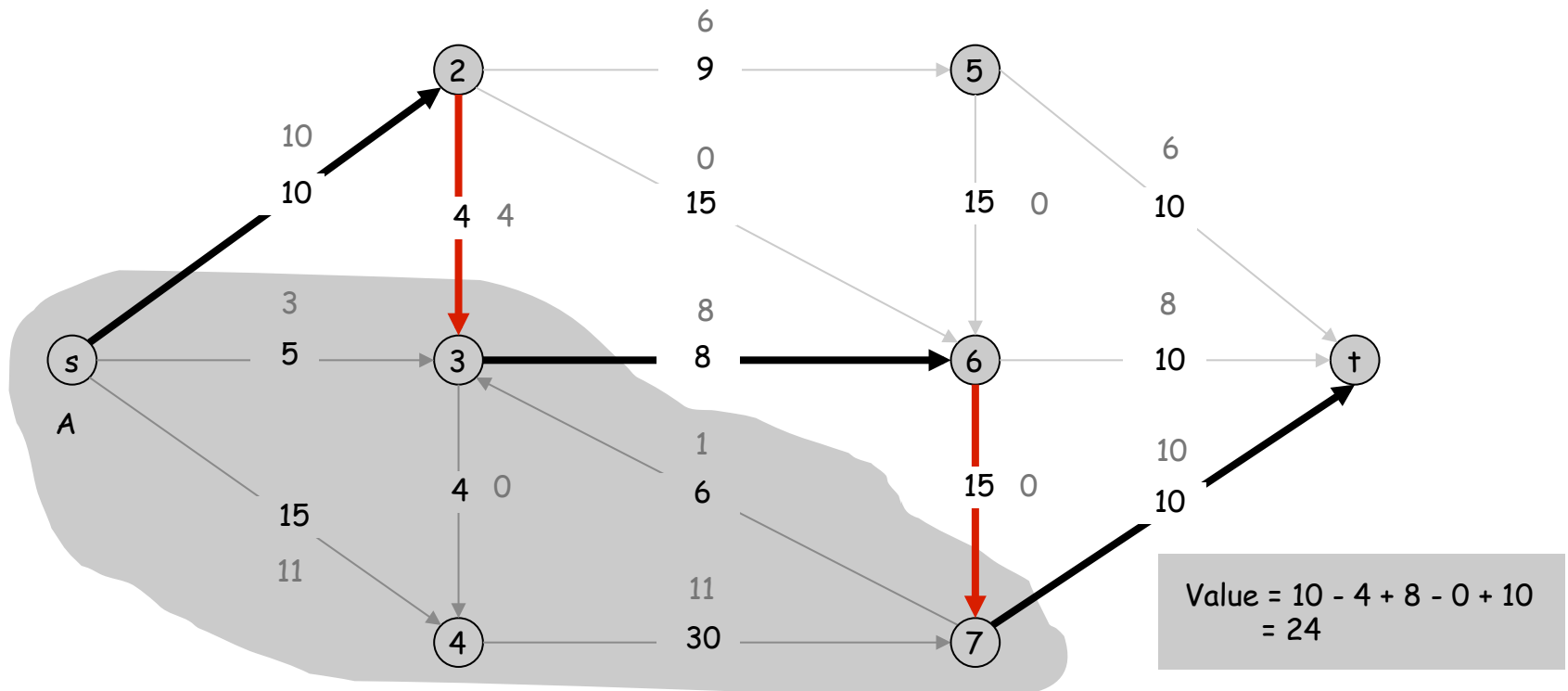
- Abstraction for material **flowing** through the edges.
- $G = (V, E)$ = directed graph, no parallel edges.
- Two distinguished nodes: s = source, t = sink.
- $c(e)$ = capacity of edge e .



Flows and Cuts

Flow value lemma. Let f be any flow, and let (A, B) be any s - t cut. Then, the net flow sent across the cut is equal to the amount leaving s .

$$\sum_{e \text{ out of } A} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} f(e) = v(f)$$

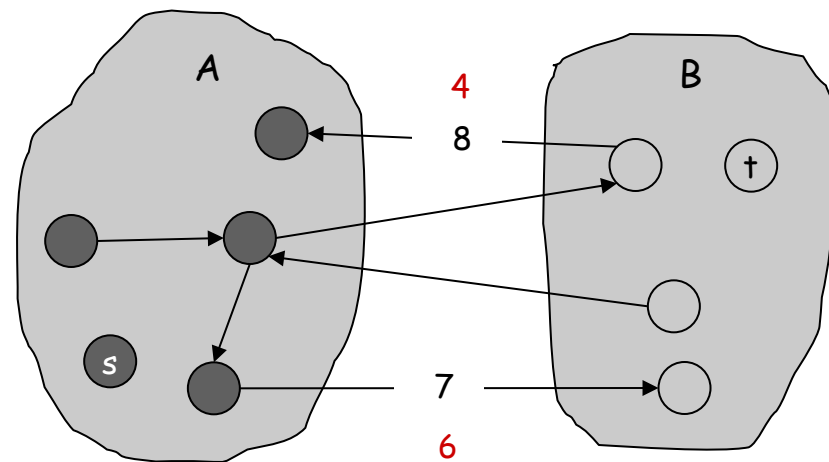


Flows and Cuts

Weak duality. Let f be any flow. Then, for any s - t cut (A, B) we have $v(f) \leq \text{cap}(A, B)$.

Pf.

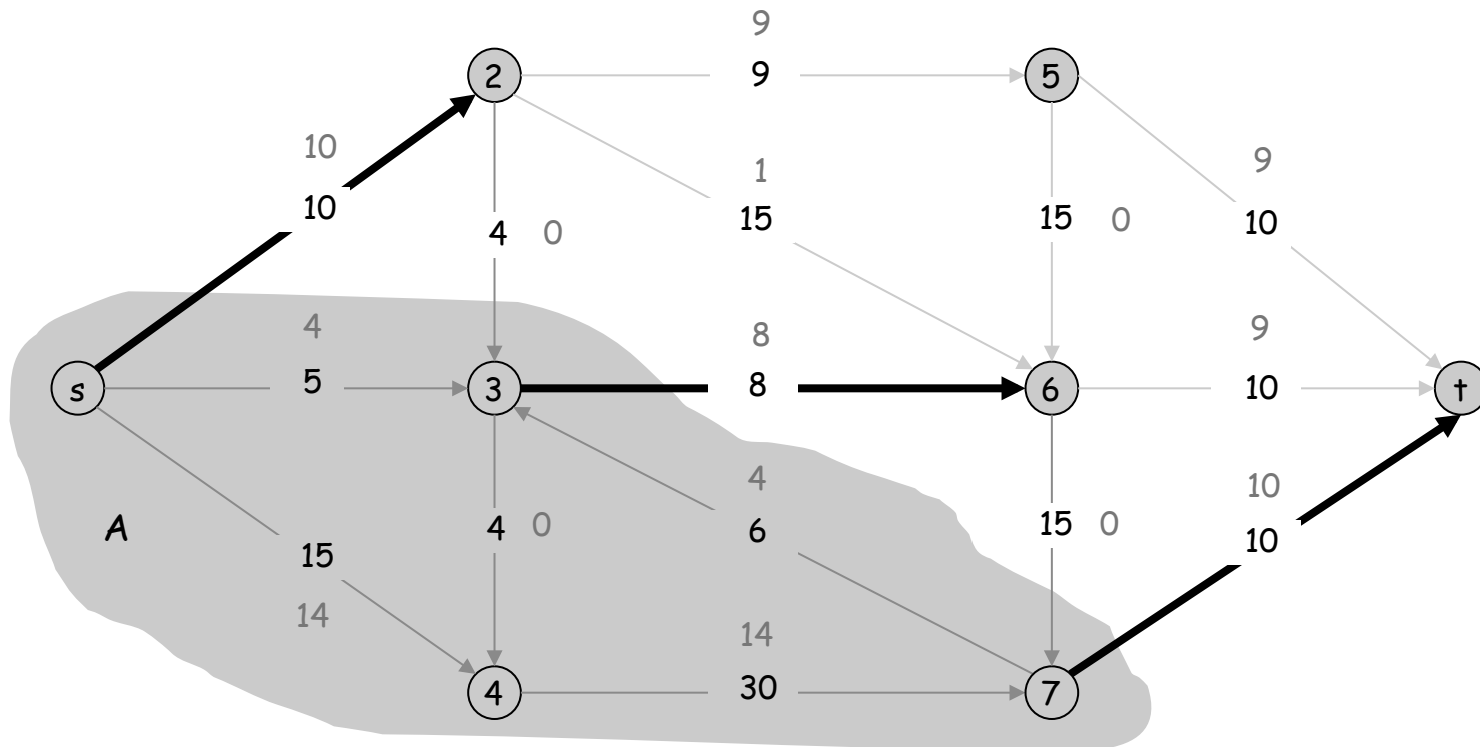
$$\begin{aligned}
 v(f) &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} f(e) \\
 &\leq \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} c(e) \\
 &\leq \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} c(e) \\
 &= \text{cap}(A, B) \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$



Certificate of Optimality

Corollary. Let f be any flow, and let (A, B) be any cut. If $v(f) = \text{cap}(A, B)$, then f is a max flow and (A, B) is a min cut.

Value of flow = 28
 Cut capacity = 28 \Rightarrow Flow value \leq 28



Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

Augmenting path theorem. Flow f is a max flow iff there are no augmenting paths.

Max-flow min-cut theorem. [Ford-Fulkerson 1956] The value of the max flow is equal to the value of the min cut.

Proof strategy. We prove both simultaneously by showing the TFAE:

- (i) There exists a cut (A, B) such that $v(f) = \text{cap}(A, B)$.
- (ii) Flow f is a max flow.
- (iii) There is no augmenting path relative to f .

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) This was the corollary to weak duality lemma.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) We show contrapositive.

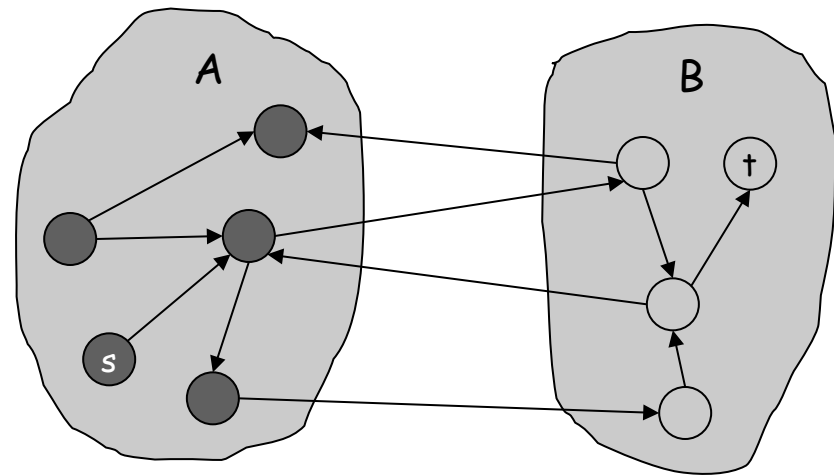
- Let f be a flow. If there exists an augmenting path, then we can improve f by sending flow along path.

Proof of Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

(iii) \Rightarrow (i)

- Let f be a flow with no augmenting paths.
- Let A be set of vertices reachable from s in residual graph.
- By definition of A , $s \in A$.
- By definition of f , $t \notin A$.

$$\begin{aligned} v(f) &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} f(e) - \sum_{e \text{ in to } A} f(e) \\ &= \sum_{e \text{ out of } A} c(e) \\ &= \text{cap}(A, B) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$



original network

Running Time

Assumption. All capacities are integers between 1 and C .

Invariant. Every flow value $f(e)$ and every residual capacities $c_f(e)$ remains an integer throughout the algorithm.

Theorem. The algorithm terminates in at most $v(f^*) \leq nC$ iterations.

Pf. Each augmentation increase value by at least 1. ■

Corollary. If $C = 1$, Ford-Fulkerson runs in $O(m)$ time.

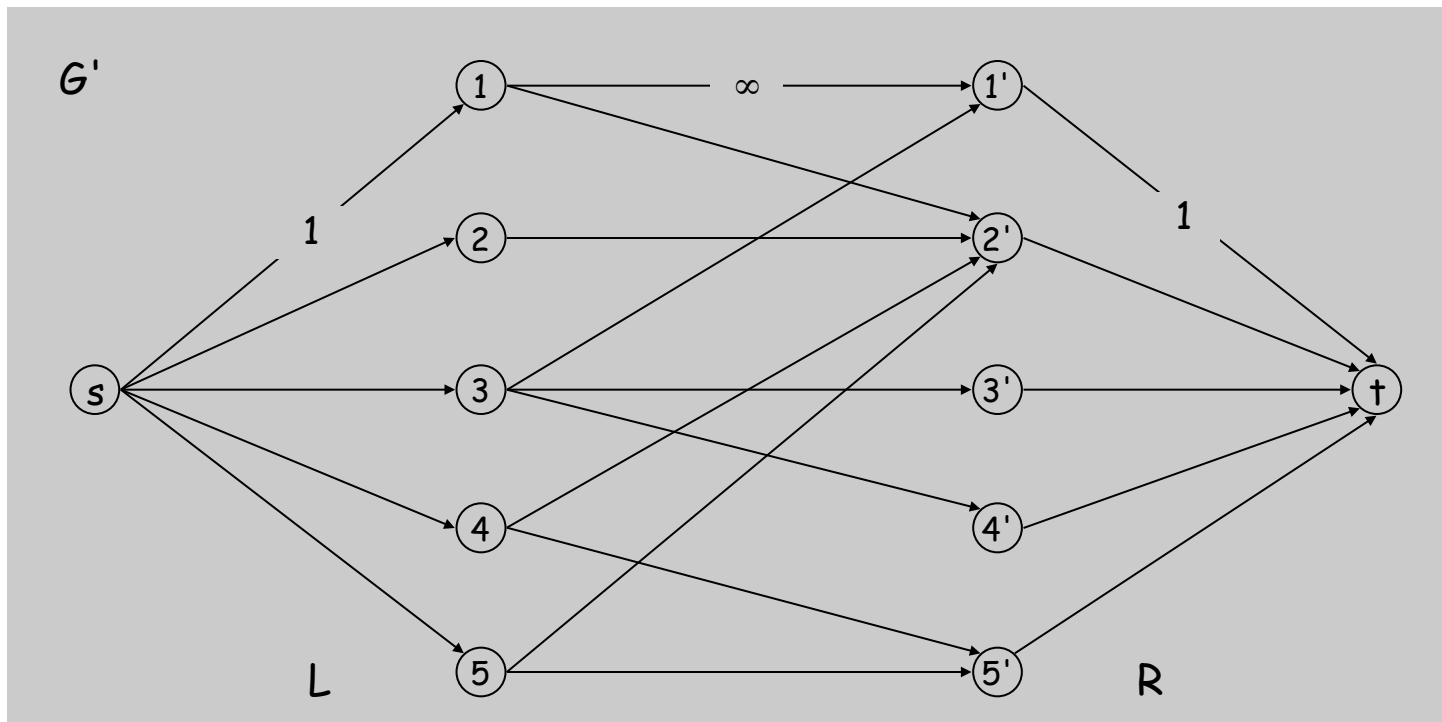
Integrality theorem. If all capacities are integers, then there exists a max flow f for which every flow value $f(e)$ is an integer.

Pf. Since algorithm terminates, theorem follows from invariant. ■

Bipartite Matching

Max flow formulation.

- Create digraph $G' = (L \cup R \cup \{s, t\}, E')$.
- Direct all edges from L to R , and assign infinite (or unit) capacity.
- Add source s , and unit capacity edges from s to each node in L .
- Add sink t , and unit capacity edges from each node in R to t .

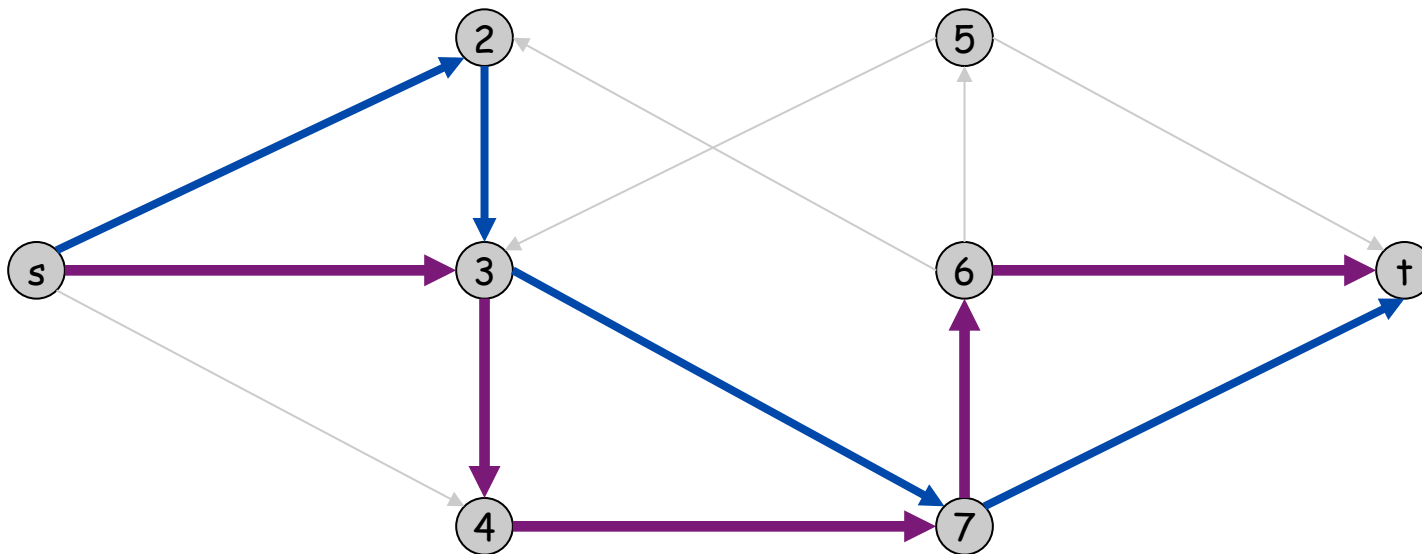


Edge Disjoint Paths

Disjoint path problem. Given a digraph $G = (V, E)$ and two nodes s and t , find the max number of edge-disjoint s - t paths.

Def. Two paths are **edge-disjoint** if they have no edge in common.

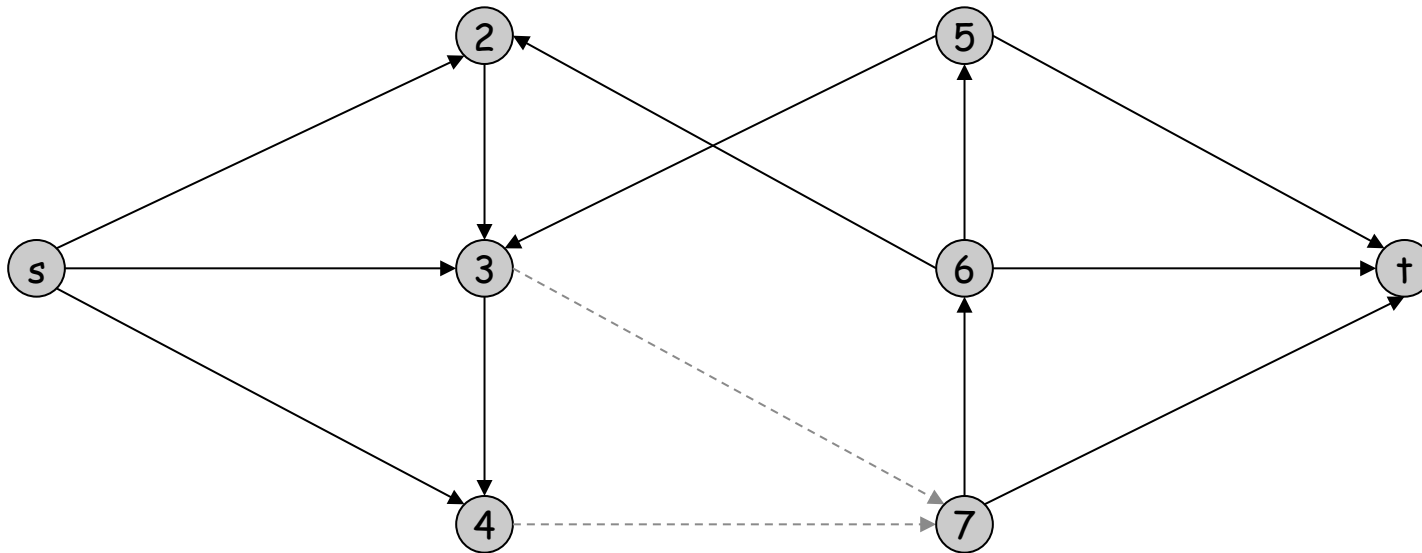
Ex: communication networks.



Network Connectivity

Network connectivity. Given a digraph $G = (V, E)$ and two nodes s and t , find min number of edges whose removal disconnects t from s .

Def. A set of edges $F \subseteq E$ **disconnects t from s** if all s - t paths uses at least on edge in F .

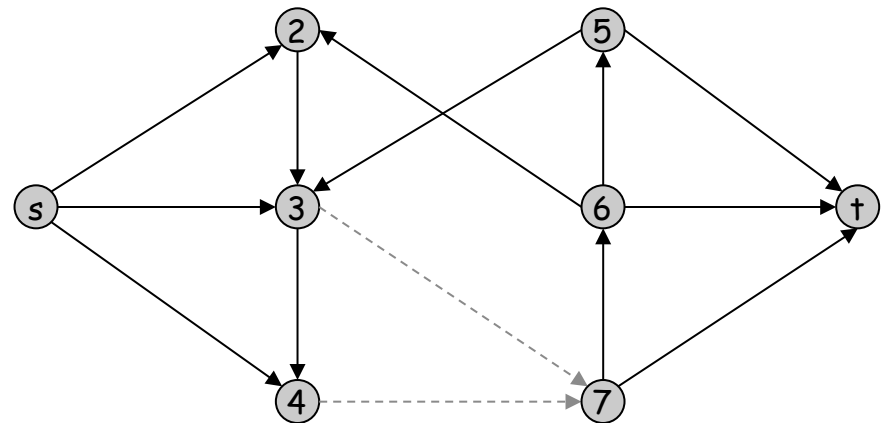
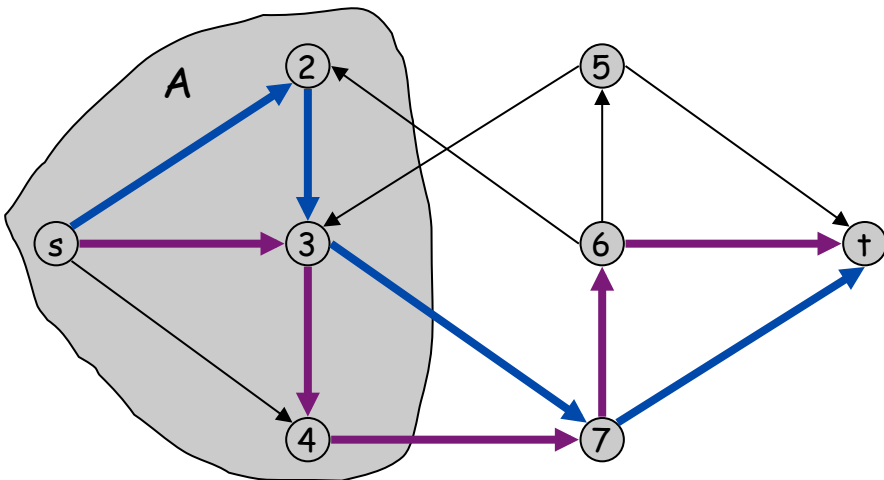


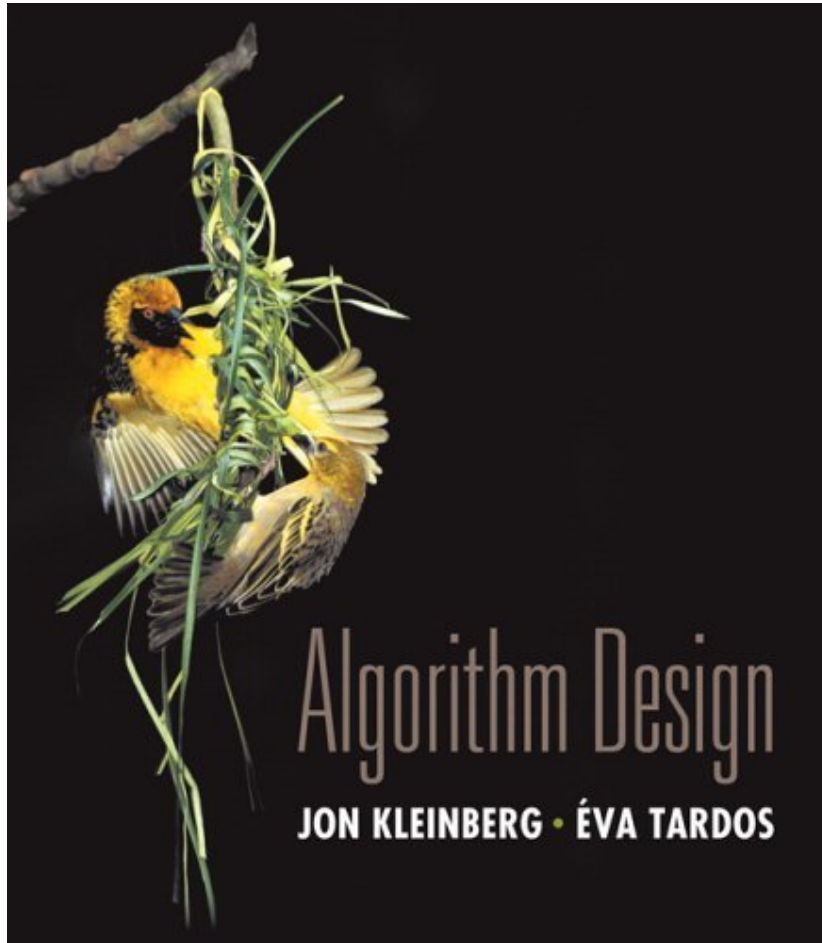
Disjoint Paths and Network Connectivity

Theorem. [Menger 1927] The max number of edge-disjoint s - t paths is equal to the min number of edges whose removal disconnects t from s .

Pf. \geq

- Suppose max number of edge-disjoint paths is k .
- Then max flow value is k .
- Max-flow min-cut \Rightarrow cut (A, B) of capacity k .
- Let F be set of edges going from A to B .
- $|F| = k$ and disconnects t from s . ▪





NP and Computational Intractability



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Polynomial-Time Reduction

Purpose. Classify problems according to **relative** difficulty.

Design algorithms. If $X \leq_p Y$ and Y can be solved in polynomial-time, then X **can** also be solved in polynomial time.

Establish intractability. If $X \leq_p Y$ and X cannot be solved in polynomial-time, then Y **cannot** be solved in polynomial time.

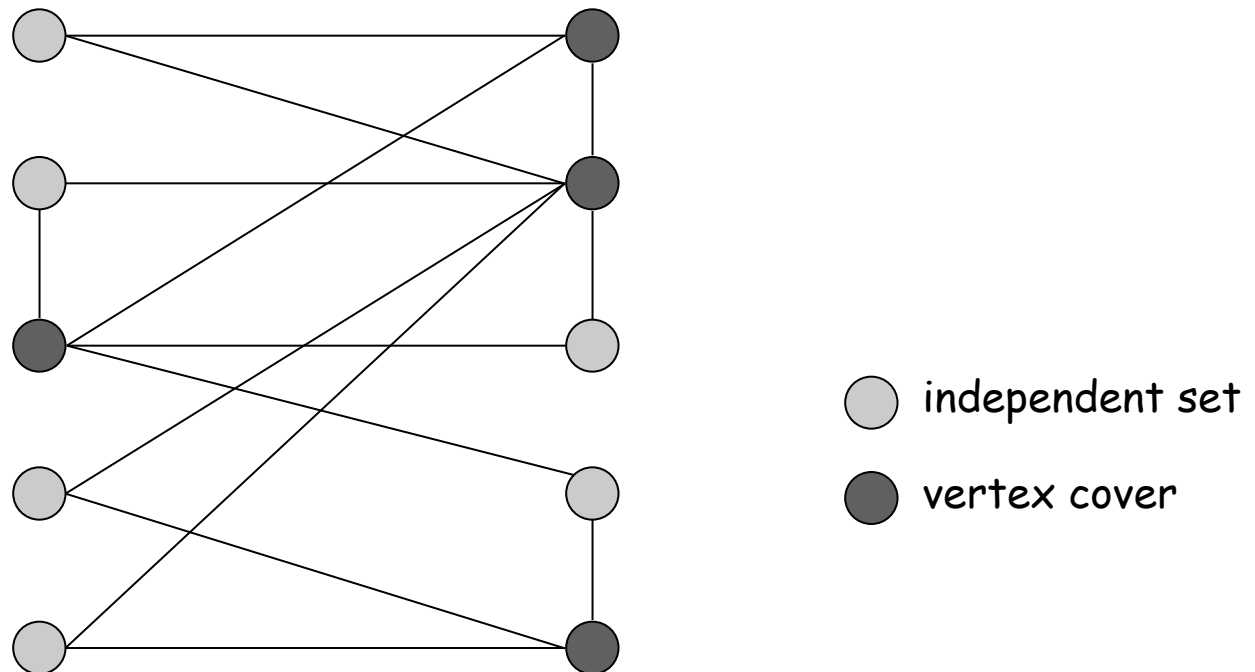
Establish equivalence. If $X \leq_p Y$ and $Y \leq_p X$, we use notation $X \equiv_p Y$.

↑
up to cost of reduction

Vertex Cover and Independent Set

Claim. VERTEX-COVER \equiv_p INDEPENDENT-SET.

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\Rightarrow

- Let S be any independent set.
- Consider an arbitrary edge (u, v) .
- S independent $\Rightarrow u \notin S$ or $v \notin S \Rightarrow u \in V - S$ or $v \in V - S$.
- Thus, $V - S$ covers (u, v) .

\Leftarrow

- Let $V - S$ be any vertex cover.
- Consider two nodes $u \in S$ and $v \in S$.
- Observe that $(u, v) \notin E$ since $V - S$ is a vertex cover.
- Thus, no two nodes in S are joined by an edge $\Rightarrow S$ independent set. ■

Set Cover

SET COVER: Given a set U of elements, a collection S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m of subsets of U , and an integer k , does there exist a collection of $\leq k$ of these sets whose union is equal to U ?

Sample application.

- m available pieces of software.
- Set U of n capabilities that we would like our system to have.
- The i th piece of software provides the set $S_i \subseteq U$ of capabilities.
- Goal: achieve all n capabilities using fewest pieces of software.

Ex:

$$U = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \}$$

$$k = 2$$

$$S_1 = \{ 3, 7 \}$$

$$S_4 = \{ 2, 4 \}$$

$$S_2 = \{ 3, 4, 5, 6 \}$$

$$S_5 = \{ 5 \}$$

$$S_3 = \{ 1 \}$$

$$S_6 = \{ 1, 2, 6, 7 \}$$

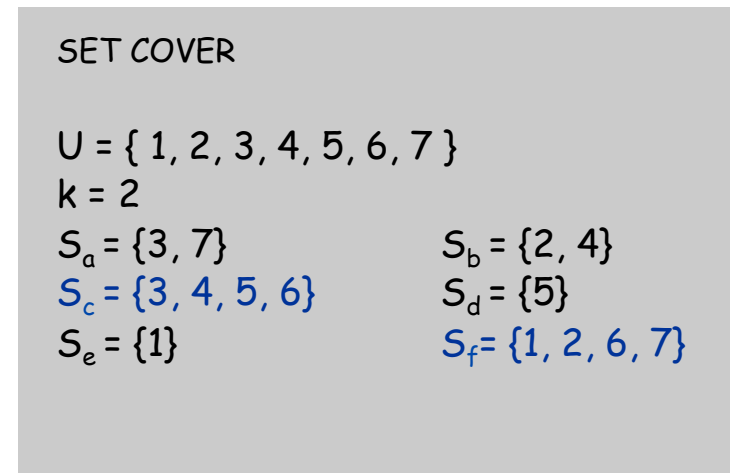
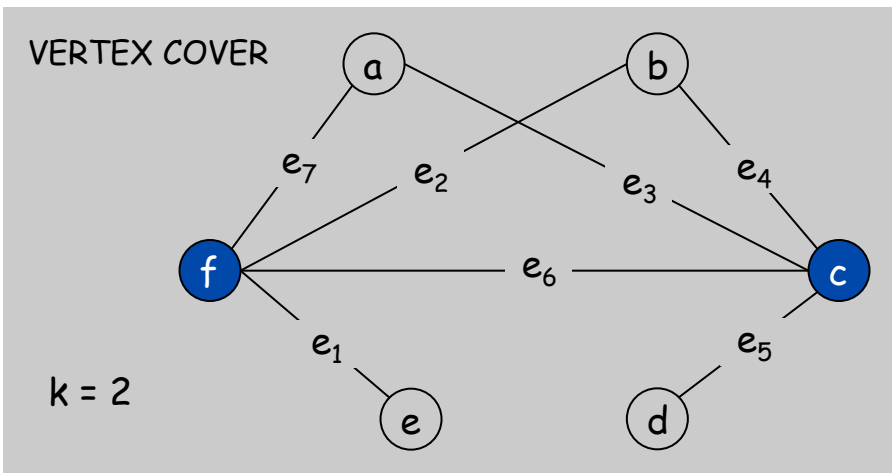
Vertex Cover Reduces to Set Cover

Claim. VERTEX-COVER \leq_p SET-COVER.

Pf. Given a VERTEX-COVER instance $G = (V, E)$, k , we construct a set cover instance whose size equals the size of the vertex cover instance.

Construction.

- Create SET-COVER instance:
 - $k = k$, $U = E$, $S_v = \{e \in E : e \text{ incident to } v\}$
- Set-cover of size $\leq k$ iff vertex cover of size $\leq k$. ▪



Satisfiability

Literal: A Boolean variable or its negation.

$$x_i \text{ or } \overline{x_i}$$

Clause: A disjunction of literals.

$$C_j = x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3$$

Conjunctive normal form: A propositional formula Φ that is the conjunction of clauses.

$$\Phi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4$$

SAT: Given CNF formula Φ , does it have a satisfying truth assignment?

3-SAT: SAT where each clause contains exactly 3 literals.

↑
each corresponds to a different variable

$$\text{Ex: } (\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3})$$

Yes: $x_1 = \text{true}, x_2 = \text{true}, x_3 = \text{false}.$

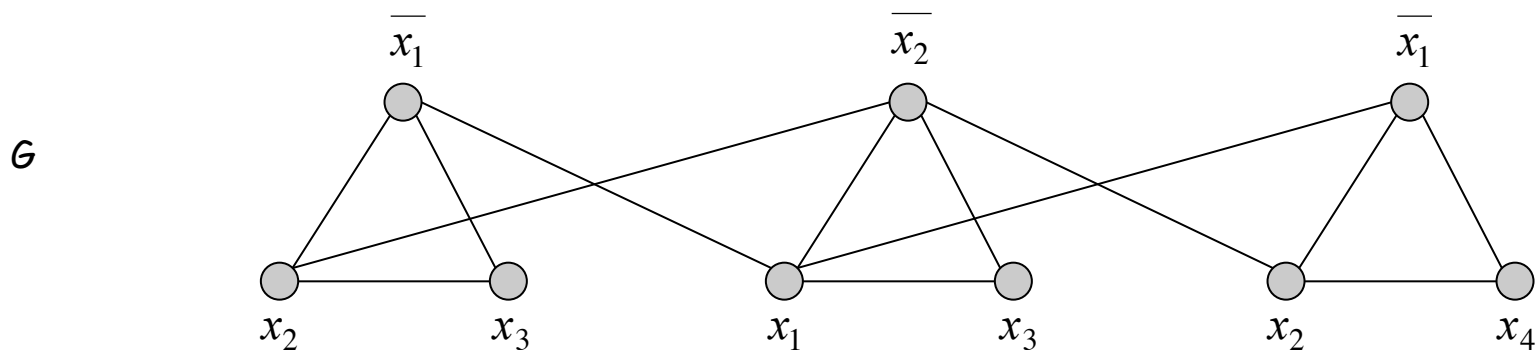
3 Satisfiability Reduces to Independent Set

Claim. $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{INDEPENDENT-SET}$.

Pf. Given an instance Φ of 3-SAT, we construct an instance (G, k) of INDEPENDENT-SET that has an independent set of size k iff Φ is satisfiable.

Construction.

- G contains 3 vertices for each clause, one for each literal.
- Connect 3 literals in a clause in a triangle.
- Connect literal to each of its negations.



$k = 3$

$$\Phi = (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4)$$

Review

Basic reduction strategies.

- Simple equivalence: $\text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \equiv_p \text{VERTEX-COVER}$.
- Special case to general case: $\text{VERTEX-COVER} \leq_p \text{SET-COVER}$.
- Encoding with gadgets: $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{INDEPENDENT-SET}$.

Transitivity. If $X \leq_p Y$ and $Y \leq_p Z$, then $X \leq_p Z$.

Pf idea. Compose the two algorithms.

Ex: $3\text{-SAT} \leq_p \text{INDEPENDENT-SET} \leq_p \text{VERTEX-COVER} \leq_p \text{SET-COVER}$.

Decision Problems

Decision problem.

- X is a set of strings.
- Instance: string s .
- Algorithm A solves problem X : $A(s) = \text{yes}$ iff $s \in X$.

Polynomial time. Algorithm A runs in poly-time if for every string s , $A(s)$ terminates in at most $p(|s|)$ "steps", where $p(\cdot)$ is some polynomial.

↑
length of s

Def. Algorithm $C(s, t)$ is a **certifier** for problem X if for every string s , $s \in X$ iff there exists a string t such that $C(s, t) = \text{yes}$.

NP. Decision problems for which there exists a **poly-time** certifier.

Certifiers and Certificates: 3-Satisfiability

SAT. Given a CNF formula Φ , is there a satisfying assignment?

Certificate. An assignment of truth values to the n boolean variables.

Certifier. Check that each clause in Φ has at least one true literal.

Ex.

$$\left(\overline{x_1} \vee x_2 \vee x_3\right) \wedge \left(x_1 \vee \overline{x_2} \vee x_3\right) \wedge \left(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_4\right) \wedge \left(\overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_3} \vee \overline{x_4}\right)$$

instance s

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1$$

certificate t

Conclusion. SAT is in NP.

P, NP, EXP

P. Decision problems for which there is a **poly-time algorithm**.

EXP. Decision problems for which there is an **exponential-time algorithm**.

NP. Decision problems for which there is a **poly-time certifier**.

Claim. $P \subseteq NP$.

Pf. Consider any problem X in P .

- By definition, there exists a poly-time algorithm $A(s)$ that solves X .
- Certificate: $t = \varepsilon$, certifier $C(s, t) = A(s)$. ▪

Claim. $NP \subseteq EXP$.

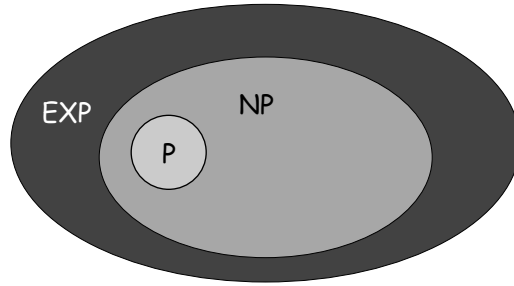
Pf. Consider any problem X in NP .

- By definition, there exists a poly-time certifier $C(s, t)$ for X .
- To solve input s , run $C(s, t)$ on all strings t with $|t| \leq p(|s|)$.
- Return **yes**, if $C(s, t)$ returns **yes** for any of these. ▪

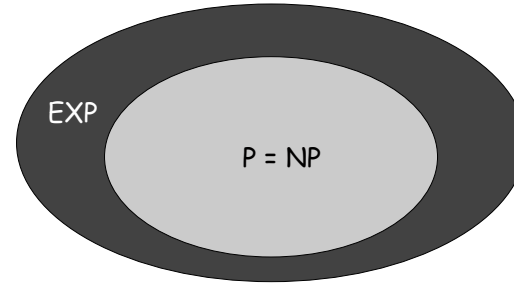
The Main Question: P Versus NP

Does $P = NP$? [Cook 1971, Edmonds, Levin, Yablonski, Gödel]

- Is the decision problem as easy as the certification problem?
- Clay \$1 million prize.



If $P \neq NP$



If $P = NP$

would break RSA cryptography
(and potentially collapse economy)



If yes: Efficient algorithms for 3-COLOR, TSP, FACTOR, SAT, ...

If no: No efficient algorithms possible for 3-COLOR, TSP, SAT, ...

Consensus opinion on $P = NP$? Probably no.

NP-Complete

NP-complete. A problem Y in NP with the property that for every problem X in NP, $X \leq_p Y$.

Theorem. Suppose Y is an NP-complete problem. Then Y is solvable in poly-time iff $P = NP$.

Pf. \Leftarrow If $P = NP$ then Y can be solved in poly-time since Y is in NP.

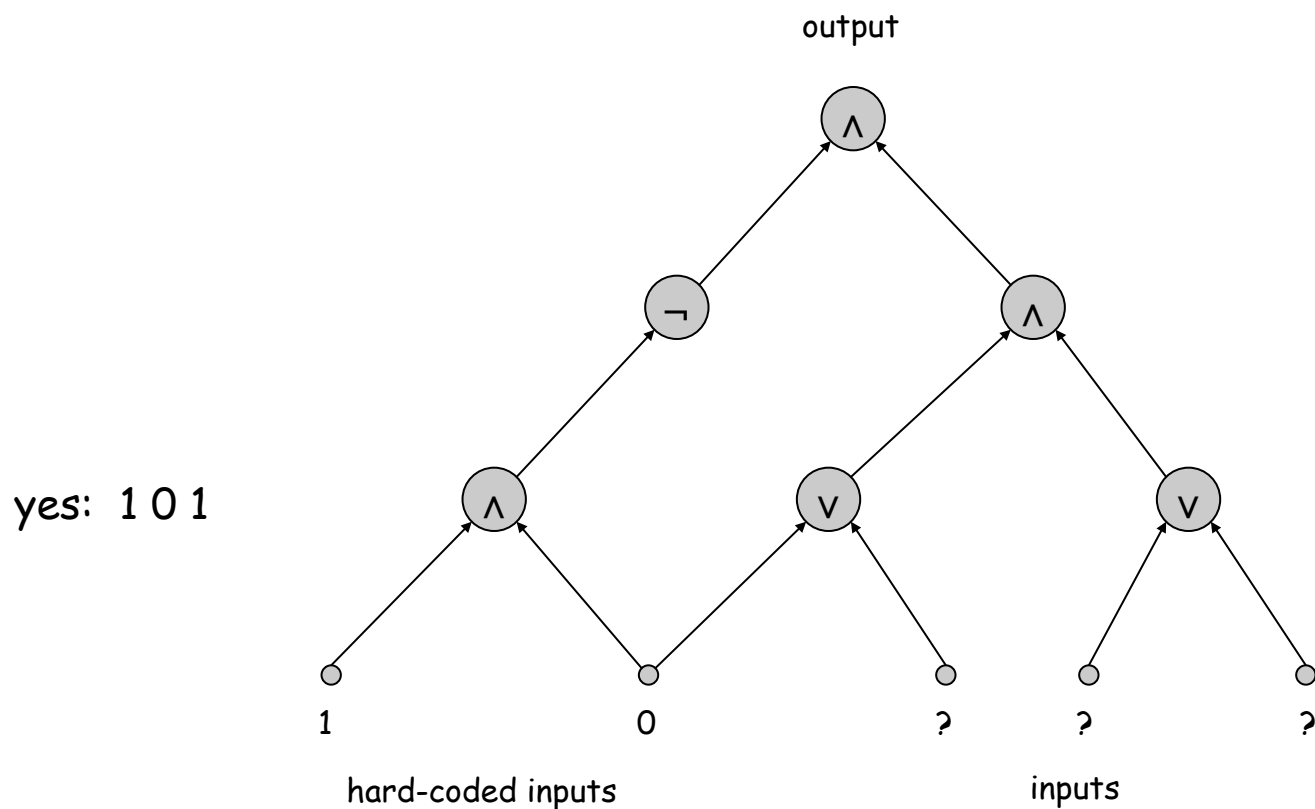
Pf. \Rightarrow Suppose Y can be solved in poly-time.

- Let X be any problem in NP. Since $X \leq_p Y$, we can solve X in poly-time. This implies $NP \subseteq P$.
- We already know $P \subseteq NP$. Thus $P = NP$. ▪

Fundamental question. Do there exist "natural" NP-complete problems?

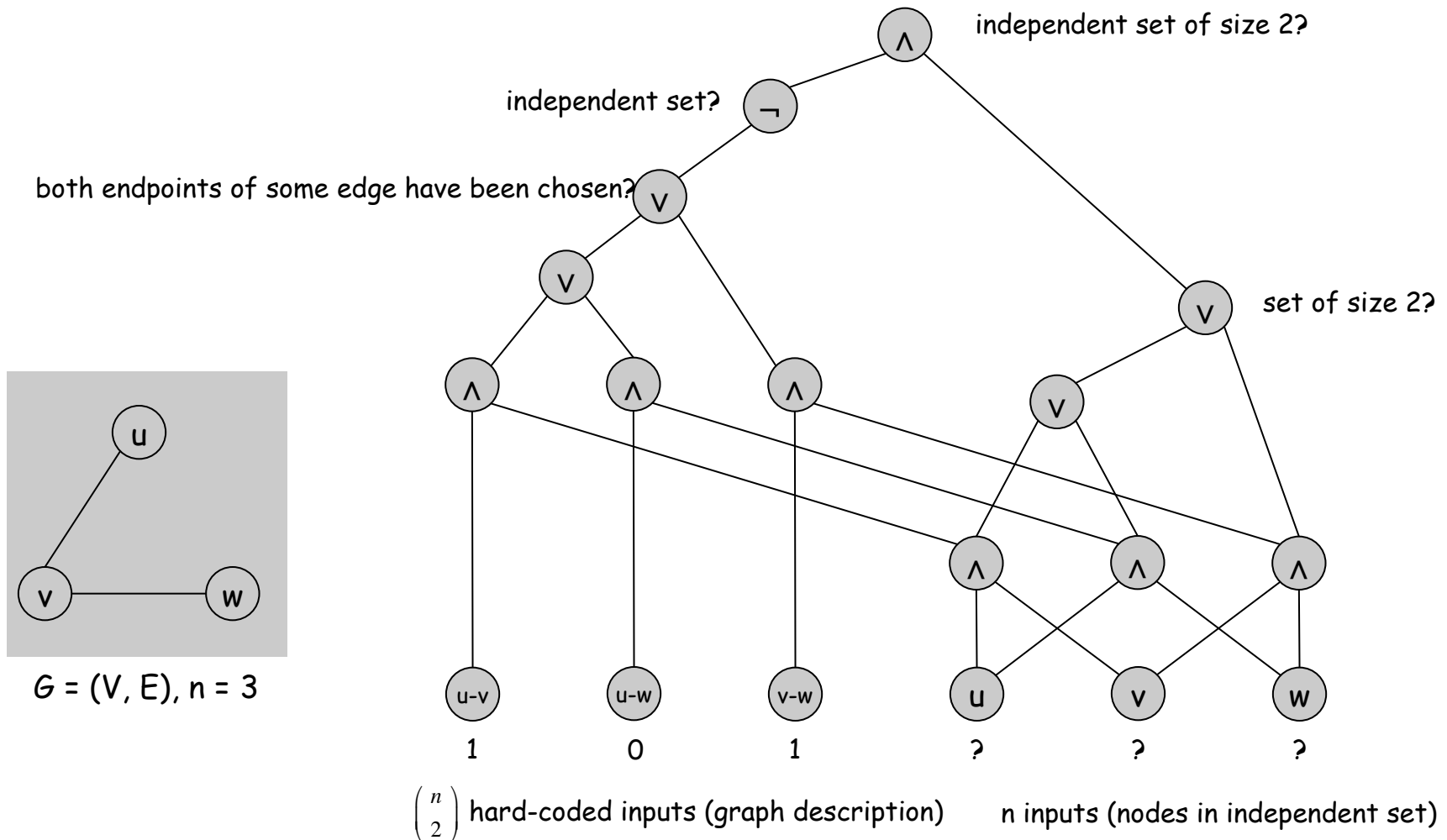
Circuit Satisfiability

CIRCUIT-SAT. Given a combinational circuit built out of AND, OR, and NOT gates, is there a way to set the circuit inputs so that the output is 1?



Example

Ex. Construction below creates a circuit K whose inputs can be set so that K outputs true iff graph G has an independent set of size 2.



Establishing NP-Completeness

Remark. Once we establish first "natural" NP-complete problem, others fall like dominoes.

Recipe to establish NP-completeness of problem Y .

- Step 1. Show that Y is in NP.
- Step 2. Choose an NP-complete problem X .
- Step 3. Prove that $X \leq_p Y$.

Justification. If X is an NP-complete problem, and Y is a problem in NP with the property that $X \leq_p Y$ then Y is NP-complete.

Pf. Let W be any problem in NP. Then $W \leq_p X \leq_p Y$.

- By transitivity, $W \leq_p Y$.
- Hence Y is NP-complete. ▪

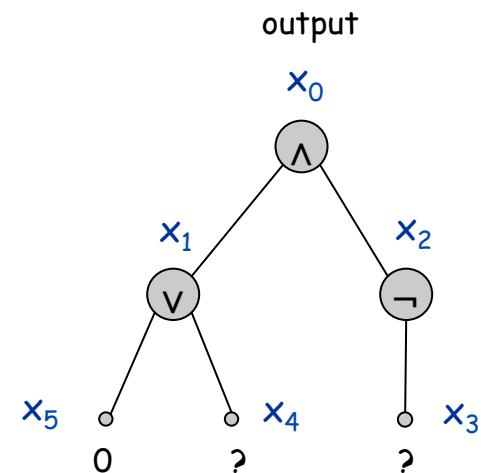
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3-SAT is NP-Complete

Theorem. 3-SAT is NP-complete.

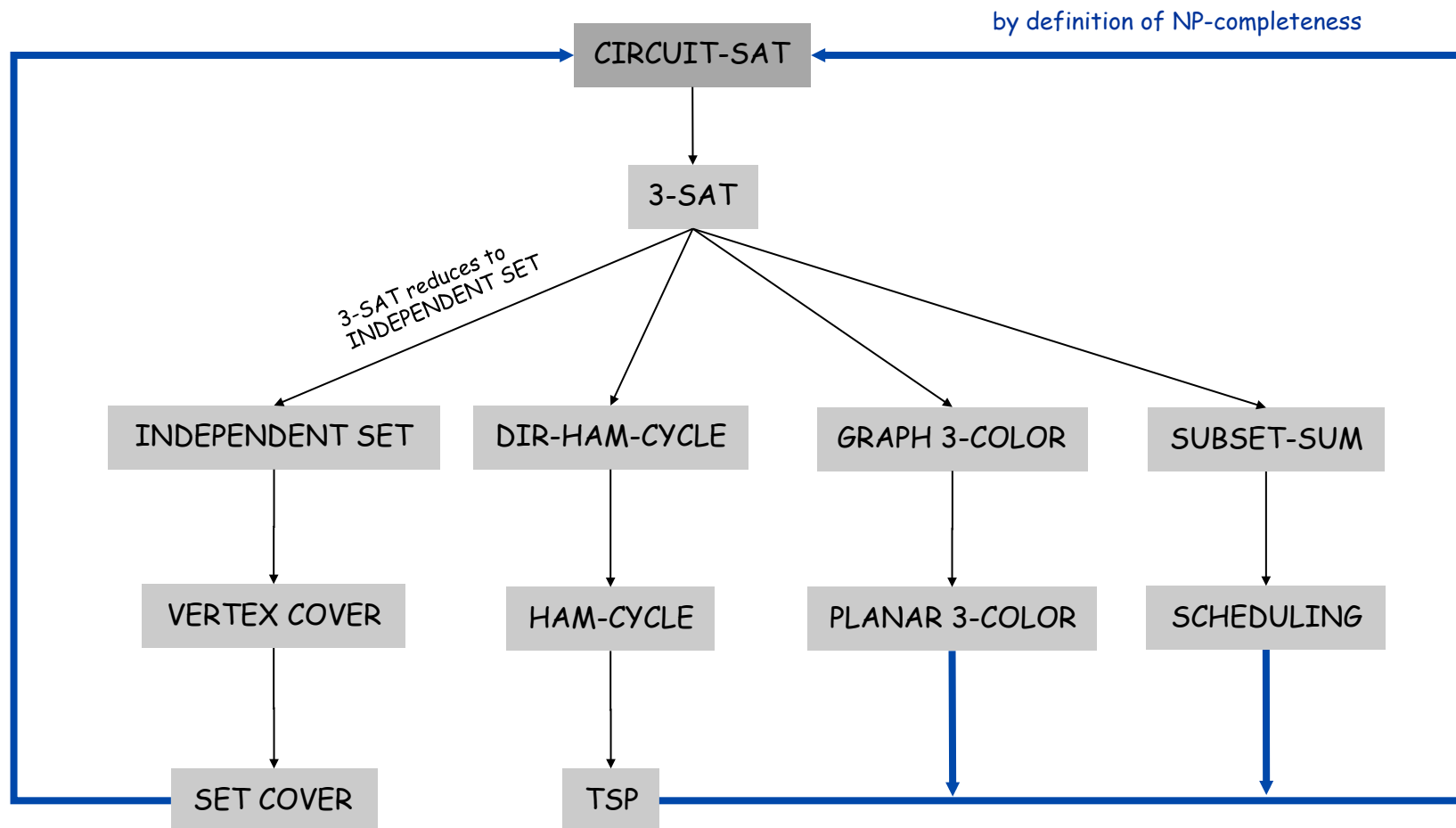
Pf. Suffices to show that $CIRCUIT-SAT \leq_p 3-SAT$ since 3-SAT is in NP.

- Let K be any circuit.
- Create a 3-SAT variable x_i for each circuit element i .
- Make circuit compute correct values at each node:
 - $x_2 = \neg x_3 \Rightarrow$ add 2 clauses: $x_2 \vee x_3, \overline{x_2} \vee \overline{x_3}$
 - $x_1 = x_4 \vee x_5 \Rightarrow$ add 3 clauses: $x_1 \vee \overline{x_4}, x_1 \vee \overline{x_5}, \overline{x_1} \vee x_4 \vee x_5$
 - $x_0 = x_1 \wedge x_2 \Rightarrow$ add 3 clauses: $\overline{x_0} \vee x_1, \overline{x_0} \vee x_2, x_0 \vee \overline{x_1} \vee \overline{x_2}$
- Hard-coded input values and output value.
 - $x_5 = 0 \Rightarrow$ add 1 clause: $\overline{x_5}$
 - $x_0 = 1 \Rightarrow$ add 1 clause: x_0
- Final step: turn clauses of length < 3 into clauses of length exactly 3. ▪



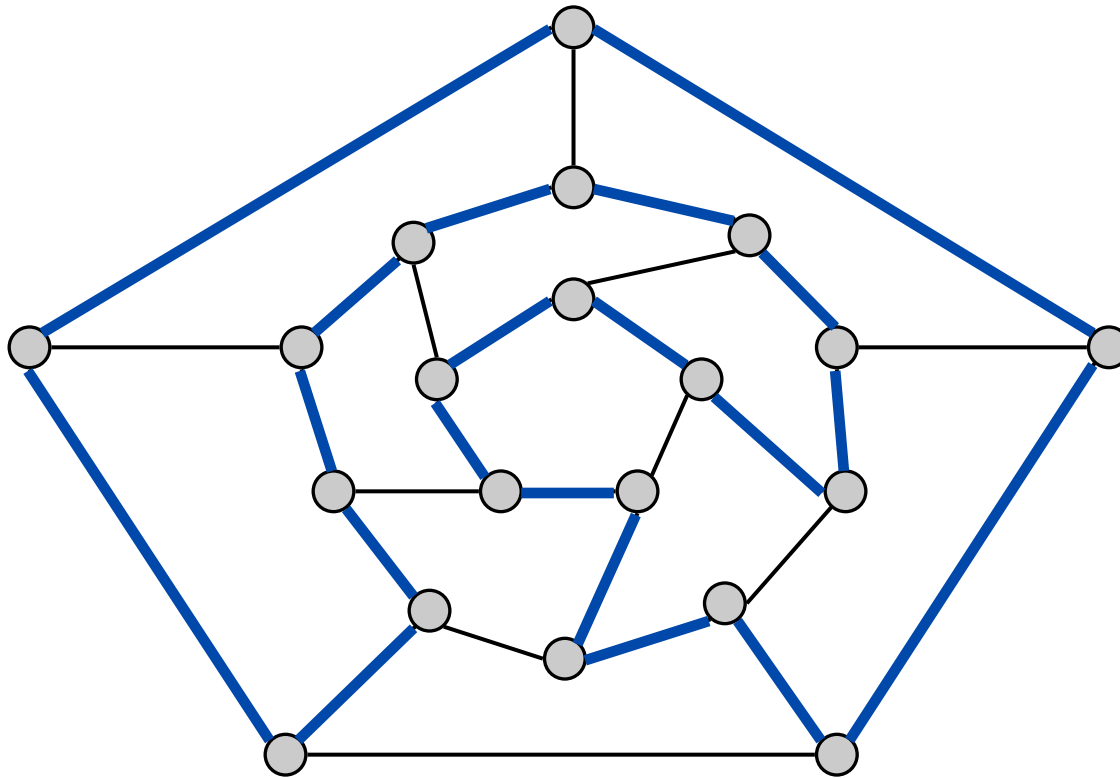
NP-Completeness

Observation. All problems below are NP-complete and polynomial reduce to one another!



Hamiltonian Cycle

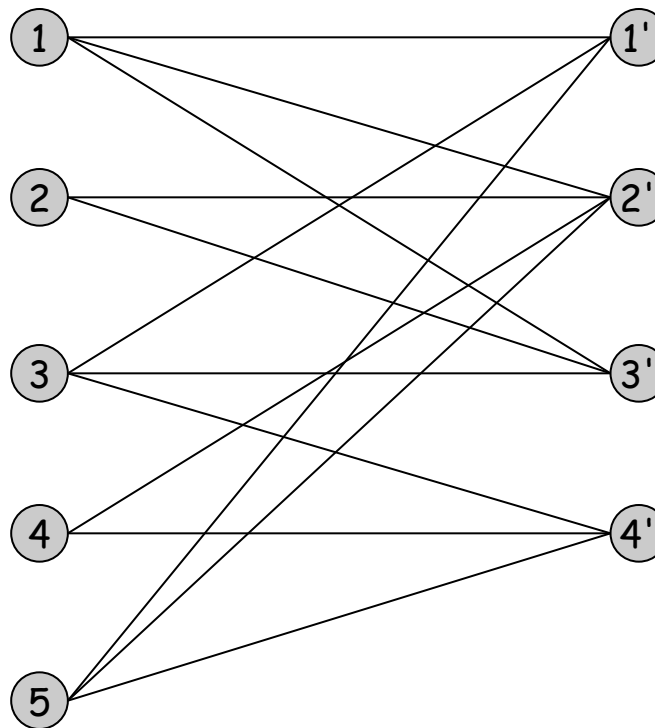
HAM-CYCLE: given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle Γ that contains every node in V .



YES: vertices and faces of a dodecahedron.

Hamiltonian Cycle

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NO: bipartite graph with odd number of nodes.

Traveling Salesperson Problem

TSP. Given a set of n cities and a pairwise distance function $d(u, v)$, is there a tour of length $\leq D$?

HAM-CYCLE: given a graph $G = (V, E)$, does there exist a simple cycle that contains every node in V ?

Claim. $\text{HAM-CYCLE} \leq_p \text{TSP}$.

Pf.

- Given instance $G = (V, E)$ of HAM-CYCLE, create n cities with distance function

$$d(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (u, v) \in E \\ 2 & \text{if } (u, v) \notin E \end{cases}$$

- TSP instance has tour of length $\leq n$ iff G is Hamiltonian. ■

Remark. TSP instance in reduction satisfies Δ -inequality.

Coping With NP-Completeness

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A. Theory says you're unlikely to find poly-time algorithm.

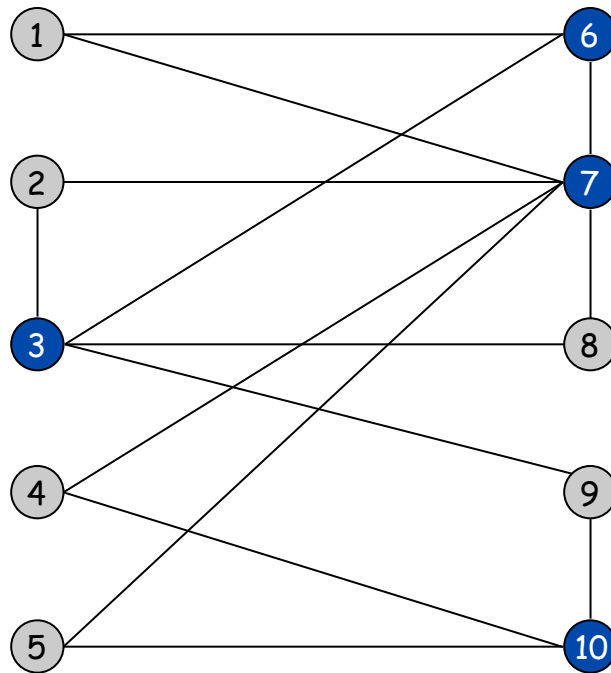
Must sacrifice one of three desired features.

- Solve problem to optimality.
- Solve problem in polynomial time.
- Solve **arbitrary instances** of the problem.

This lecture. Solve some special cases of NP-complete problems that arise in practice.

Vertex Cover

VERTEX COVER: Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and an integer k , is there a subset of vertices $S \subseteq V$ such that $|S| \leq k$, and for each edge (u, v) either $u \in S$, or $v \in S$, or both.



$k = 4$
 $S = \{ 3, 6, 7, 10 \}$

Finding Small Vertex Covers

Q. What if k is small?

Brute force. $O(k n^{k+1})$.

- Try all $C(n, k) = O(n^k)$ subsets of size k .
- Takes $O(k n)$ time to check whether a subset is a vertex cover.

Goal. Limit exponential dependency on k , e.g., to $O(2^k k n)$.

Ex. $n = 1,000, k = 10$.

Brute. $k n^{k+1} = 10^{34} \Rightarrow$ infeasible.

Better. $2^k k n = 10^7 \Rightarrow$ feasible.

Remark. If k is a constant, algorithm is poly-time; if k is a small constant, then it's also practical.

Finding Small Vertex Covers: Algorithm

Claim. The following algorithm determines if G has a vertex cover of size $\leq k$ in $O(2^k kn)$ time.

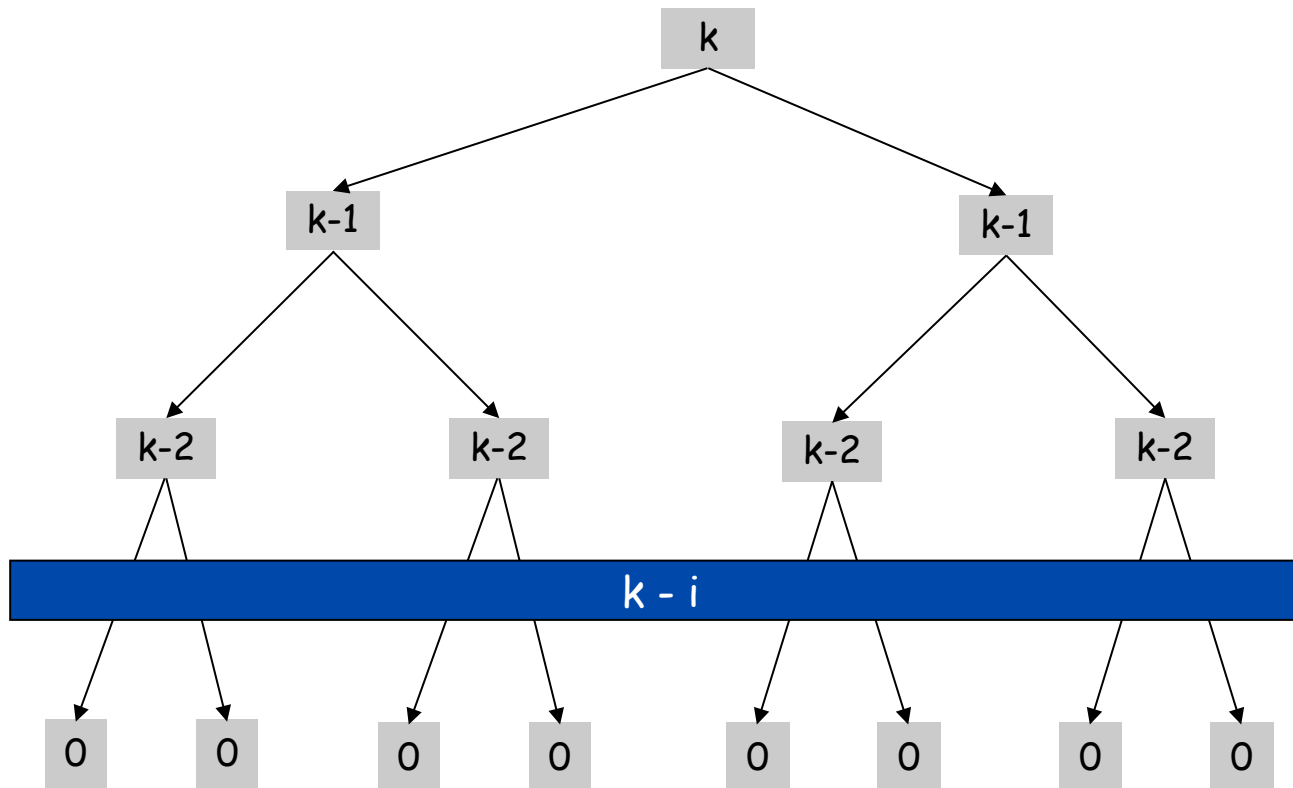
```
boolean Vertex-Cover( $G, k$ ) {  
    if ( $G$  contains no edges)    return true  
    if ( $G$  contains  $\geq kn$  edges) return false  
  
    let  $(u, v)$  be any edge of  $G$   
     $a = \text{Vertex-Cover}(G - \{u\}, k-1)$   
     $b = \text{Vertex-Cover}(G - \{v\}, k-1)$   
    return  $a$  or  $b$   
}
```

Pf.

- Correctness follows previous two claims.
- There are $\leq 2^{k+1}$ nodes in the recursion tree; each invocation takes $O(kn)$ time. ▪

Finding Small Vertex Covers: Recursion Tree

$$T(n, k) \leq \begin{cases} cn & \text{if } k = 1 \\ 2T(n, k-1) + ckn & \text{if } k > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n, k) \leq 2^k ckn$$



Independent Set on Trees: Greedy Algorithm

Theorem. The following greedy algorithm finds a maximum cardinality independent set in forests (and hence trees).

```
Independent-Set-In-A-Forest(F) {  
  S ←  $\phi$   
  while (F has at least one edge) {  
    Let e = (u, v) be an edge such that v is a leaf  
    Add v to S  
    Delete from F nodes u and v, and all edges  
      incident to them.  
  }  
  return S  
}
```

Pf. Correctness follows from the previous key observation. ■

Remark. Can implement in $O(n)$ time by considering nodes in postorder.

Weighted Independent Set on Trees

Weighted independent set on trees. Given a tree and node weights $w_v > 0$, find an independent set S that maximizes $\sum_{v \in S} w_v$.

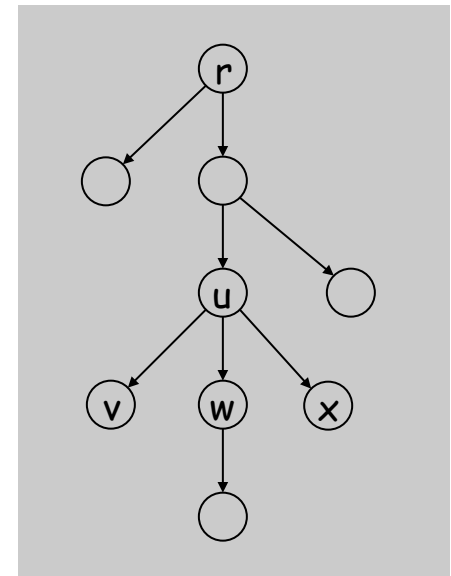
Observation. If (u, v) is an edge such that v is a leaf node, then either OPT includes u , or it includes all leaf nodes incident to u .

Dynamic programming solution. Root tree at some node, say r .

- $OPT_{in}(u)$ = max weight independent set rooted at u , containing u .
- $OPT_{out}(u)$ = max weight independent set rooted at u , not containing u .

$$OPT_{in}(u) = w_u + \sum_{v \in \text{children}(u)} OPT_{out}(v)$$

$$OPT_{out}(u) = \sum_{v \in \text{children}(u)} \max \{OPT_{in}(v), OPT_{out}(v)\}$$



children(u) = { v, w, x }

Independent Set on Trees: Greedy Algorithm

Theorem. The dynamic programming algorithm find a maximum weighted independent set in trees in $O(n)$ time.

```
Weighted-Independent-Set-In-A-Tree (T) {
  Root the tree at a node r
  foreach (node u of T in postorder) {
    if (u is a leaf) {
       $M_{in}[u] = w_u$ 
       $M_{out}[u] = 0$ 
    }
    else {
       $M_{in}[u] = \sum_{v \in \text{children}(u)} M_{out}[v] + w_u$ 
       $M_{out}[u] = \sum_{v \in \text{children}(u)} \max(M_{out}[v], M_{in}[v])$ 
    }
  }
  return  $\max(M_{in}[r], M_{out}[r])$ 
}
```

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ensures a node is visited after
all its children

Pf. Takes $O(n)$ time since we visit nodes in postorder and examine each edge exactly once. ■

Load Balancing

Input. m identical machines; n jobs, job j has processing time t_j .

- Job j must run contiguously on one machine.
- A machine can process at most one job at a time.

Def. Let $J(i)$ be the subset of jobs assigned to machine i . The **load** of machine i is $L_i = \sum_{j \in J(i)} t_j$.

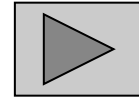
Def. The **makespan** is the maximum load on any machine $L = \max_i L_i$.

Load balancing. Assign each job to a machine to minimize makespan.

Load Balancing: List Scheduling

List-scheduling algorithm.

- Consider n jobs in some fixed order.
- Assign job j to machine whose load is smallest so far.



```
List-Scheduling( $m, n, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ ) {  
  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$  {  
     $L_i \leftarrow 0$            ← load on machine  $i$   
     $J(i) \leftarrow \phi$      ← jobs assigned to machine  $i$   
  }  
  
  for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  {  
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     $J(i) \leftarrow J(i) \cup \{j\}$  ← assign job  $j$  to machine  $i$   
     $L_i \leftarrow L_i + t_j$    ← update load of machine  $i$   
  }  
}
```

Implementation. $O(n \log n)$ using a priority queue.

Load Balancing: List Scheduling Analysis

Theorem. [Graham, 1966] Greedy algorithm is a 2-approximation.

- First worst-case analysis of an approximation algorithm.
- Need to compare resulting solution with optimal makespan L^* .

Lemma 1. The optimal makespan $L^* \geq \max_j t_j$.

Pf. Some machine must process the most time-consuming job. ▪

Lemma 2. The optimal makespan $L^* \geq \frac{1}{m} \sum_j t_j$.

Pf.

- The total processing time is $\sum_j t_j$.
- One of m machines must do at least a $1/m$ fraction of total work.

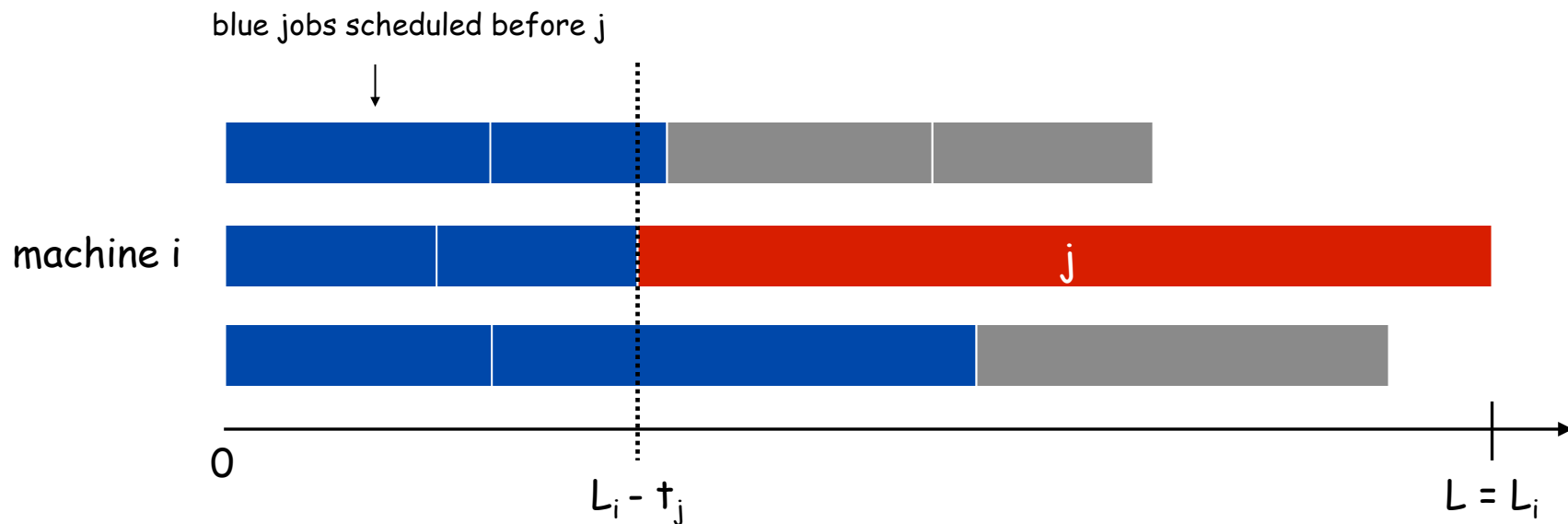
Not very strong lower bound. What if one job is very big and others are small jobs ? ▪

Load Balancing: List Scheduling Analysis

Theorem. Greedy algorithm is a 2-approximation.

Pf. Consider load L_i of bottleneck machine i .

- Let j be last job scheduled on machine i .
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- Sum inequalities over all k and divide by m :

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_i - t_j &\leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_k L_k \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_j t_j \\
 \text{Lemma 2} \rightarrow &\leq L^*
 \end{aligned}$$

- Now
$$L_i = \underbrace{(L_i - t_j)}_{\leq L^*} + \underbrace{t_j}_{\leq L^*} \leq 2L^* . \quad \blacksquare$$

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 Lemma 1

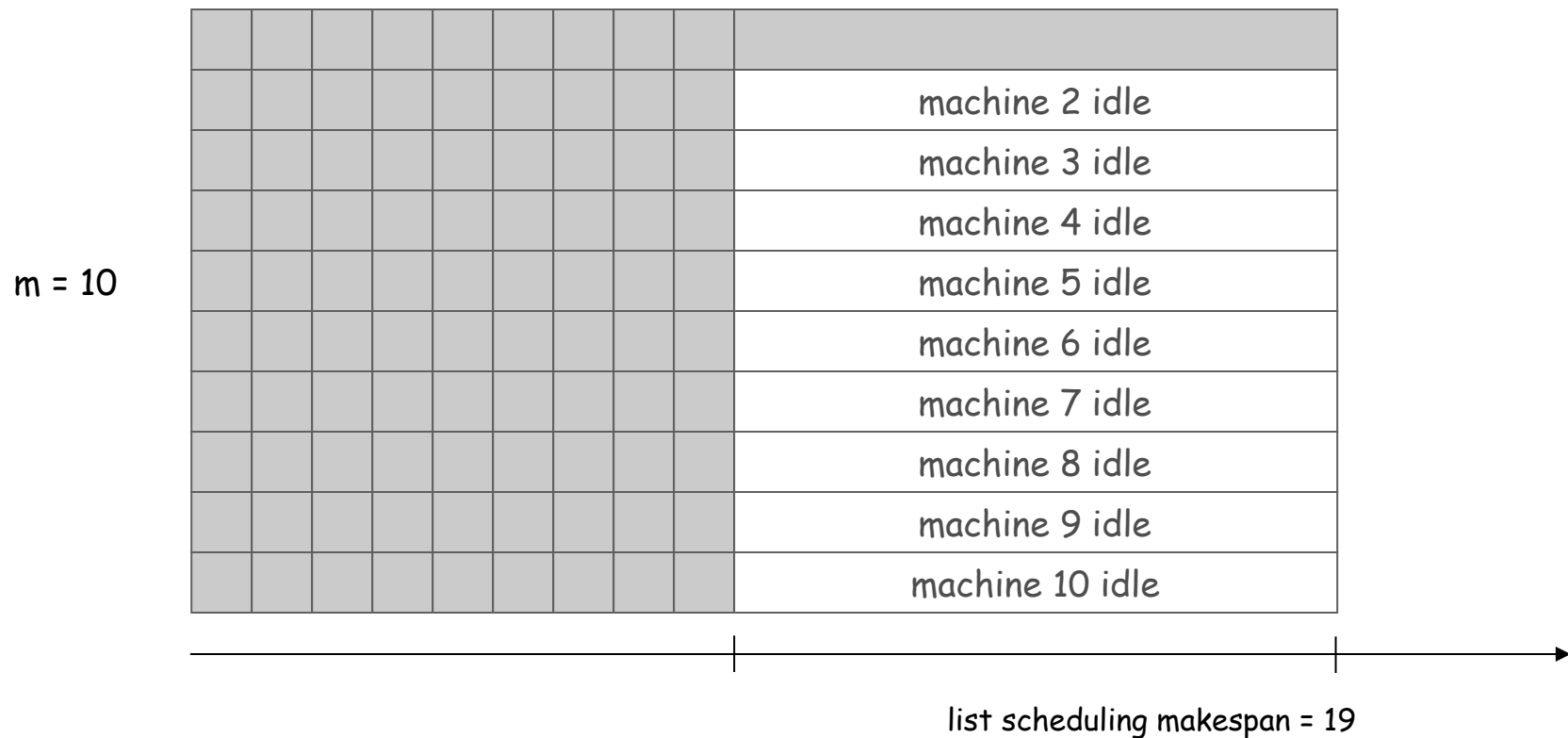
- The solution attained by the greedy algorithm is less 2 times the optimal solution

Load Balancing: List Scheduling Analysis

Q. Is our analysis tight?

A. Essentially yes.

Ex: m machines, $m(m-1)$ jobs length 1 jobs, one job of length m

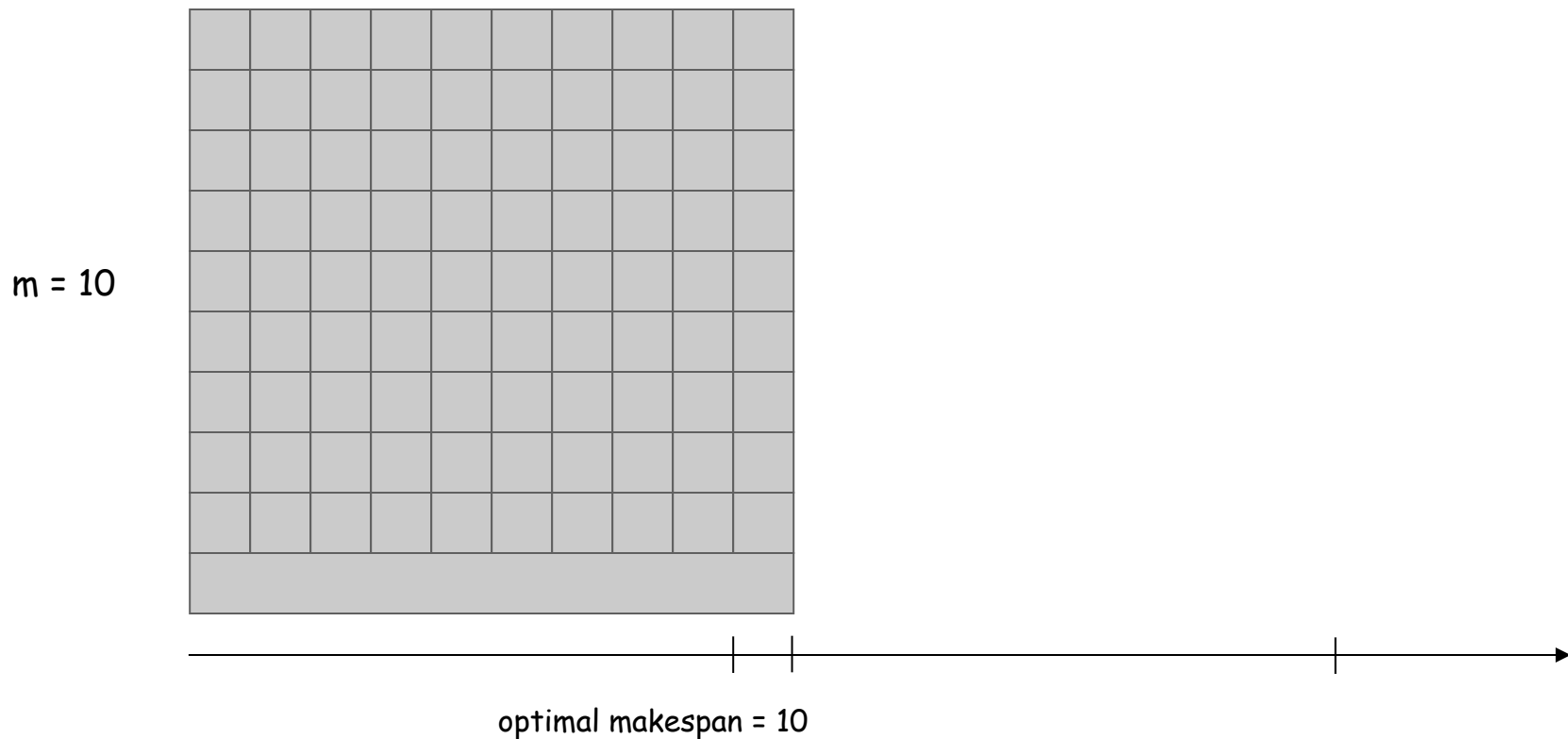


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Load Balancing: LPT Rule

Longest processing time (LPT). Sort n jobs in descending order of processing time, and then run list scheduling algorithm.

```
LPT-List-Scheduling( $m, n, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ ) {  
  Sort jobs so that  $t_1 \geq t_2 \geq \dots \geq t_n$   
  
  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$  {  
     $L_i \leftarrow 0$            ← load on machine  $i$   
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  }  
}
```

Load Balancing: LPT Rule

Observation. If at most m jobs, then list-scheduling is optimal.

Pf. Each job put on its own machine. ■

Lemma 3. If there are more than m jobs, $L^* \geq 2 t_{m+1}$.

Pf.

- Consider first $m+1$ jobs t_1, \dots, t_{m+1} .
- Since the t_i 's are in descending order, each takes at least t_{m+1} time.
- There are $m+1$ jobs and m machines, so by pigeonhole principle, at least one machine gets two jobs. ■

Theorem. LPT rule is a $3/2$ approximation algorithm.

Pf. Same basic approach as for list scheduling.

$$L_i = \underbrace{(L_i - t_j)}_{\leq L^*} + \underbrace{t_j}_{\leq \frac{1}{2}L^*} \leq \frac{3}{2}L^*. \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma 3

(by observation, can assume number of jobs $> m$)

Coping With NP-Hardness

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