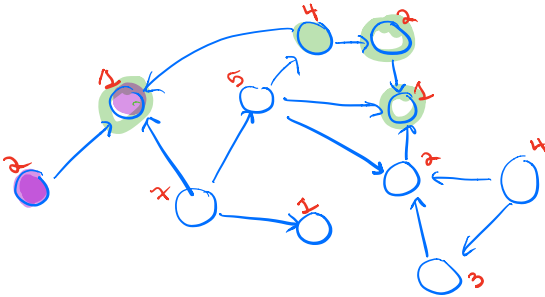


A cool application: reachability

$n$  # vertices  
 $m$  # edges.

Input: directed graph  $G=(V,E)$   
Output:  $\forall v \in V, |S(v)|$  where

$S(v)$ : set of nodes reachable from  $v$



Today

- Announcements
- Stirling's Approx
- hw 2 - google form
- Reachability
- intro to LP
- randomized rounding of LPs

$$\Rightarrow n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

BFS/DFS  $O(mn)$

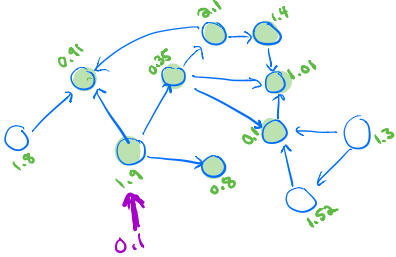
Randomized alg  $O(m \log n)$  approximately correct

$\forall v$  let  $R(v) \sim \text{exp}(1)$

$$s(v) = \min_{w \in S(v)} R(w)$$

↑ titles

↑ set of vertices reachable from  $v$



$X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad x \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X \geq x) = e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

distr of  $s(v)$   $S(v) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$   
 $s(v) = \min(R(w_1), R(w_2), \dots, R(w_k))$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(s(v) \geq x) &= \Pr(R(w_1) \geq x) \dots \Pr(R(w_k) \geq x) \\ &= e^{-x} \cdot e^{-x} \dots e^{-x} \\ &= e^{-kx} \leftarrow \text{exp}(k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(s(v)) = \frac{1}{k}$$

Suggests:

$\forall v$  sample  $R(v) \sim \text{exp}(1)$

compute  $\forall v$   $s(v)$

output as estimate for  $|S(v)|$

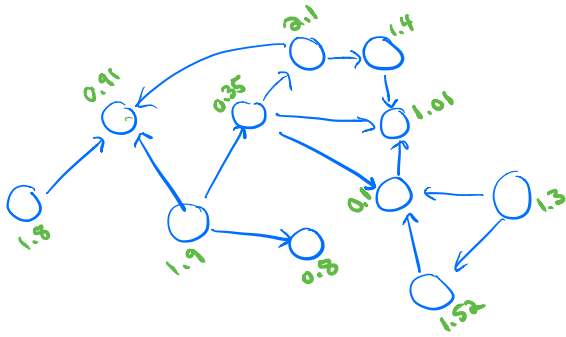
$$\left(\frac{1}{s(v)}\right)$$

Q1: how to implement step 1 efficiently

Q2:

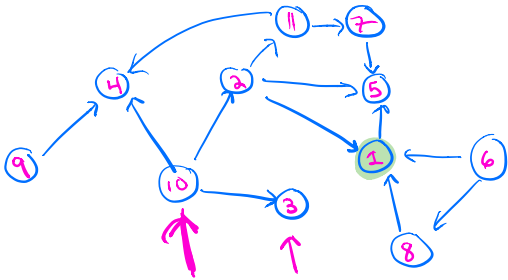


$O(m+n)$

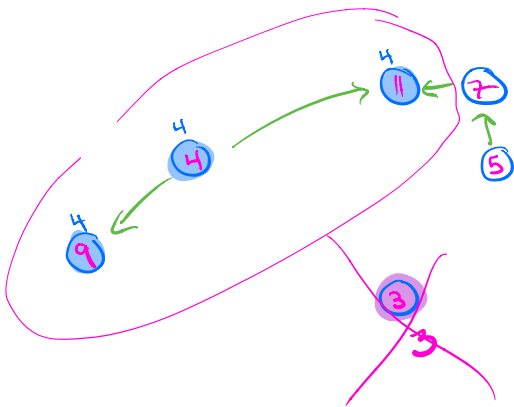
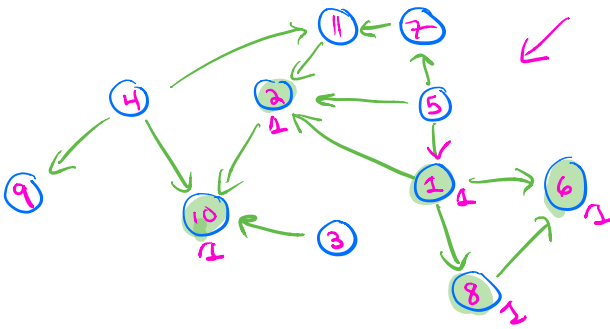


$R(w)$	$\text{rank}(v)$
0.1	1
0.35	2
0.8	3
0.91	4
...	

instead of asking  $\forall v$  what is  $s(v)$  (or  $\text{rank}(v)$ )



reverse directions of edges



$$s_i(v) = \min_{w \in S(v)} (R(w))$$

Reverse edge directions.

While  $V \neq \emptyset$

let  $i := \min \text{rank of nodes in } V$   
 Perform search to find  $V_i$ , set of nodes reachable from node of rank  $i$

$\forall v \in V_i$ , let  $s_i(v) := R(v_i)$

$V := V \setminus V_i$

Remove from  $E$  all edges incident to nodes in  $V_i$

Repeat this whole thing  $t$  times  
 $\forall v \rightarrow s_1(v), \dots, s_t(v)$

$$s_1(v) \geq s_2(v) \geq \dots \geq s_t(v)$$

$$E(s_i(v)) = \frac{1}{|S(v)|}$$

want to show  $y$

$$|S(v)| = k$$

then  $\hat{s}(v) \approx k$

showing  $\exists$  const  $c_1$  &  $c_2$  s.t.

$$\frac{k}{c_1} \leq \frac{1}{\hat{s}(v)} \leq c_2 k$$

$$\hat{s}(v) \leq \frac{c_1}{k}$$

$\left\lfloor \frac{t}{e} \right\rfloor$  highest of these  
call that  $\hat{s}(v)$   
output as my estimate  
 $\hat{s}(v)$



trouble  
 $> \frac{c_1}{k}$

$y$   $s_i(v) \leq \frac{c_1}{k} \Rightarrow$  say  $s_i(v)$  good  
o.w. its bad.

# bad ones

#  $s_i$ 's  $> \frac{c_1}{k}$

with high prob  $< \frac{t}{e}$

$$N_i = \mathbb{1}_{s_i(v) > \frac{c_1}{k}}$$

bad,

$$E(N_i) = \Pr(s_i(v) > \frac{c_1}{k}) = e^{-k \frac{c_1}{k}} = e^{-c_1}$$

choose  $c_1$  so that  $\Pr(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i > \frac{t}{e})$  very small.

$$e^{-c_1} = \frac{1}{2e}$$

$$c_1 = 1 + \ln 2 \approx 1.69$$

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right] = t \cdot e^{-c_1}$$

want to choose  $c_1$  so that

$$\frac{t}{e} \geq 2E\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right)$$

$$\Pr(X \leq (1-\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{2}}$$

o.s.d.

$$\Pr(X \geq (1+\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 \mu}{2}}$$

o.s.d.

$\delta = 1$

$$\Pr(X > 2\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{\mu}{3}}$$

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right) = \frac{t}{2e}$$

bad event occurs when

$$\sum_{i=1}^t N_i > 2E\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right)$$

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i > 2E\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right)\right) \leq e^{-\frac{E(\sum N_i)}{3}}$$

$$\forall v \quad \hat{s}(v) > \frac{c_i}{k} = e^{-\frac{t}{6e}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{k}{c_i} > \frac{1}{\hat{s}(v)} \quad \text{with prob} \leq e^{-\frac{t}{6e}}$$

$$\Pr(\exists v \text{ s.t. } \hat{s}(v) > \frac{c_i}{k}) \leq \sum_v \Pr(\hat{s}(v) > \frac{c_i}{k})$$

bad event.

$$= n \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{6e}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{want}}{=} o(1)$$

what should  
t be?

$$n \cdot n^{-\frac{t}{6e}} < \epsilon$$

$$e^{-\frac{t}{6e}} = e^{-\frac{c_i \ln n}{6e}} = n^{-\frac{c_i}{6e}}$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $o(\frac{1}{n})$

$$\frac{c_i}{6e} > 1 + \epsilon$$

w.h.p.  $\forall v \quad \frac{k}{c_i} \leq \frac{1}{\hat{s}(v)}$

$$(1-\epsilon)k \leq \frac{1}{\hat{s}(v)} \leq (1+\epsilon)k$$

Similarly, we want to show  $\exists$  constant  $c_2$  st.

$$\frac{k}{1.69} < \frac{1}{\hat{S}(v)} \leq c_2 k \quad \text{w.h.p.}$$

consider single  $s(v)$

$$\Pr(s(v) \geq \frac{1}{c_2 k}) = e^{-k \frac{1}{c_2 k}} = e^{-\frac{1}{c_2}}$$

$$N_i = \mathbb{1}_{s_i(v) \geq \frac{1}{c_2 k}} \quad E\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i\right) = t e^{-\frac{1}{c_2}}$$

choose  $c_2$  so

$$\Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i < \frac{t}{e}\right) \text{ small}$$

↑  
want this to be  $(1-\delta) t e^{-\frac{1}{c_2}}$

$$s_1(v) \geq \dots \geq s_t(v) \geq \frac{1}{c_2 k}$$

↑  
want all  $\geq \frac{1}{c_2 k}$

For example, if we take  $c_2 = 2 \Rightarrow$

$$e^{-\frac{1}{c_2}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 0.606$$

whereas  $\frac{1}{e} \approx 0.3678$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t}{e} \approx 0.6 t e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \approx 0.4$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr\left(\sum_{i=1}^t N_i < \frac{t}{e}\right) \leq e^{-\frac{0.4^2}{2} \cdot 0.6 t}$$

So again if  $t = \Omega(\log n)$

this is  $o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$

$\Rightarrow$  by a union bound with prob  $1-o(1)$

$$\forall v \quad \frac{1}{\hat{S}(v)} \leq 2k$$

$$0 \leq \delta \leq 1$$

$$\Pr(X \leq (1-\delta)n) \leq e^{-\frac{\delta^2 n}{2}}$$

# Optimization

min/max  $f(x_1, x_2)$   
subject to constraints

When can we solve efficiently?

## Linear programming

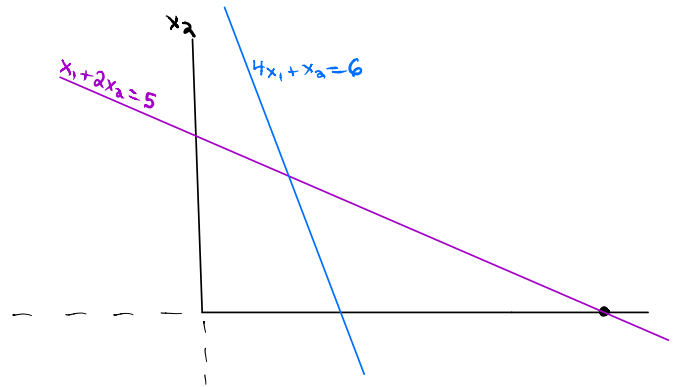
$f(x_1, x_2)$  linear fn.  
constraints linear

### Example: Diet Problem

Athlete wants to max protein consumption  
subject to  $\leq 5$  units of fat/day  
 $\leq \$6$ /day

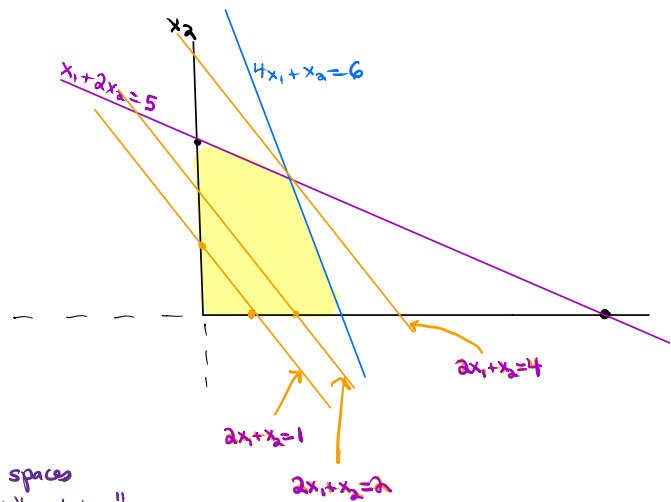
	protein/lb	fat/lb	\$/lb
steak	2	1	4
peanut butter (PB)	1	2	2

$x_1$  #lbs of steak/day  
 $x_2$  #lbs of PB/day



$\max 2x_1 + x_2$  ← objective fn.  
 subject to  
 $4x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$   
 $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 5$   
 $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$  ← feasible set / feasible region

feasible pt with max objective fn value is "optimal solution"



feasible set is "polyhedron": intersection of half spaces  
if also bounded & nonempty  $\Rightarrow$  "polytope"

feasible set convex

linear cost fns define family of parallel hyperplanes  
optimal feasible pt must occur at corner, a.k.a. vertex  
[can't be expressed as convex comb of feasible pts]

Unfortunately too many vertices to enumerate  $\approx m^{\frac{n}{2}}$   
 $m$  constraints,  $n$  variables

Ex:  $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$  is an  $n$  dimensional hypercube

Input to LP problem

$$\begin{aligned} c &\in \mathbb{R}^n \\ A &\in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \\ b &\in \mathbb{R}^m \end{aligned}$$

find  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to  
 $\max c \cdot x$   
 subject to  $Ax \leq b$   
 $x_i \geq 0 \forall i$

$$\begin{aligned} \max & 2x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 \leq 6 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 5 \\ x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ b &= \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \equiv \max & c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_nx_n \\ \text{st.} & \begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \leq b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m \\ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a \cdot x \leq b \\ & -a \cdot x \geq -b \\ & ax = b \\ & ax \geq b \\ & ax \leq b \end{aligned}$$

There are efficient algo for LP.

- simplex

- ellipsoid

- interior pt methods

} exp worst case  
 "smoothed" polytime

} polynomial time

smoothed analysis of algs:

measures perf of alg under slight random perturbation of input

ellipsoid:

sometimes even exponential-sized LPs can be solved in poly time

poly time w/ "separation oracle" - polytime alg given  $x$   $\rightarrow$  yes  $x$  feasible / no separating hyperplane

Bottom line: If you can formulate your problem as LP, it can be solved in time  $\text{poly}(m, n, \log(\max\{a_{ij}, b_i, c_i\}))$

Using "linear-programming relaxations" to get approx algs for NP-hard problems & then apply randomized rounding

c-approx. poly time alg that always returns soln within factor of c of optimal.

Example: MAX 2-SAT

Given a Boolean formula in CNF (and f ors)

where each clause has 2 literals,

find T/F assignment to variables that maximizes # satisfied clauses

max-version NP-hard

0.94.

Ex:

$$\underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_3)}_T \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_3)}_T \wedge \underbrace{(\bar{x}_1 \vee x_4)}_{F \ T} \wedge \underbrace{(\bar{x}_4 \vee x_1)}_{T \ T} \wedge \underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_4)}_T \wedge \underbrace{(\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_4)}_T$$

2-SAT: is the 2-SAT formula satisfiable in P.

Step 1:

Formulate problem as integer linear program

MAX 2SAT

NP-hard.

2-SAT formula with  $n$  vars,  $m$  clauses

for ILP

$x_1, \dots, x_n$   $\forall$  var in formula

$z_1, \dots, z_m$   $\forall$  clause.

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if var } i \rightarrow T \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$z_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if clause } j \text{ is satis} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Integer linear prog  
NP-hard.

Example.

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 + x_2) \wedge (x_1 + \bar{x}_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 + x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_1 + \bar{x}_3)$$

$$\text{max } z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4 + z_5$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq z_1$$

$$x_1 + (1 - x_2) \geq z_2$$

$$(1 - x_1) + x_2 \geq z_3$$

$$(1 - x_1) + (1 - x_2) \geq z_4$$

$$x_1 + (1 - x_3) \geq z_5$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1\} \\ z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5 \in \{0, 1\} \end{cases}$$



