

Today

- finish SDP rounding
3-coloring
- randomized online bipartite matching

MAXCUT

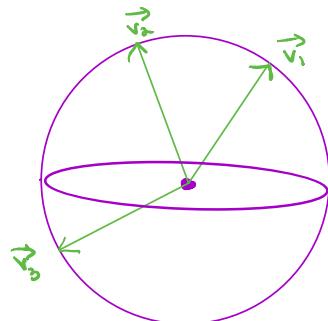
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SDP rounding

Intro to semi-definite programming

linear programming where vars are entries in psd matrix

Defn

If A is a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix
then A is a positive semidefinite (psd) matrix $\Leftrightarrow A \succeq 0$
if any of the following equivalent conditions hold

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad c^T A c \geq 0$$

\textcircled{2} A has nonnegative eigenvalues

$$\textcircled{3} \quad A = V^T V \quad \text{for some } m \times n \text{ matrix } V, \quad m \leq n$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad A = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i x_i^T \quad \text{for some } \lambda_i \geq 0 \text{ and} \\ \text{orthonormal vectors } x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Semidefinite program (SDP)

\equiv Vector program

$$\max \text{ or } \min \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\max \text{ or } \min \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} (v_i \cdot v_j)$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{i,j} a_{ijk} x_{ij} = b_k$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{i,j} a_{ijk} (v_i \cdot v_j) = b_k$$

$$x_{ij} = x_{ji} \quad \forall i,j$$

$$X = (x_{ij}) \succeq 0$$

$$v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\text{given } X \Rightarrow X = V^T V; \\ \text{set } v_i \text{ to be } i^{\text{th}} \text{ col of } V$$

Key facts:

SDPs can be solved to within additive error ϵ
in time

$$\text{poly}(\text{size of input}, \log(1/\epsilon))$$

in our discussions, we ignore additive error ϵ

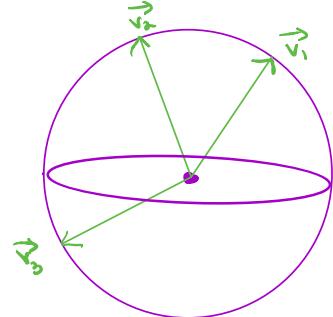
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Can solve SDP in poly time.

Claims

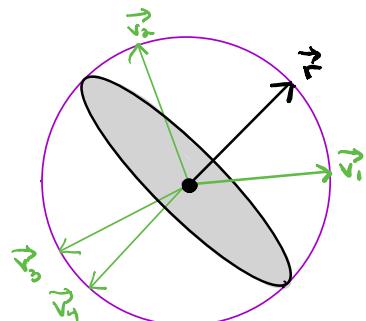
$$\text{MAXCUT OPT} \leq \text{SDP OPT}$$

But how to round? get large contribution to OPT when $v_i \cdot v_j$ very re

Random hyperplane rounding

Solve SDP $\rightarrow v_1^*, v_2^*, \dots, v_n^*$
pick random hyperplane thru origin
partition vertices based on which side of hyperplane

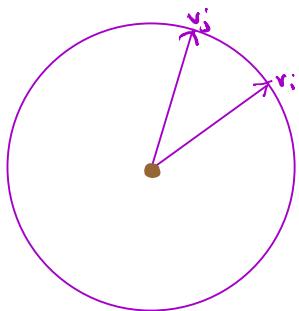
Put i into S $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{r} \geq 0$
 i into \bar{S} $\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{r} < 0$



$$\Rightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_n) \\ z_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$E(\text{weight of resulting cut } (S, \bar{S})) = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \Pr((i,j) \text{ gets cut})$$

(i,j)

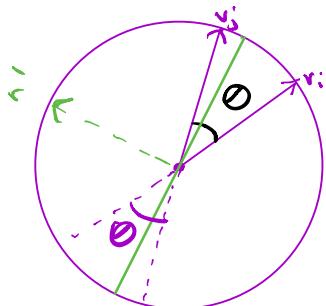


$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}' + \vec{r}''$$

project
of \vec{r} to
this plane

orthogonal.

$\frac{\vec{r}'}{\|\vec{r}'\|}$ is uniformly dist'd around circle



$\Pr((i,j) \text{ gets cut})$

$= \Pr(\text{unit random diam cuts between them})$

$$\frac{2\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{\theta}{\pi} = \frac{\arccos(\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j)}{\pi}$$

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$$\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1-x}{2} \geq \alpha$$

$$= \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \frac{\arccos(\vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j)}{\pi} \geq \alpha \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \frac{(1 - \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j)}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \min_{-1 \leq x \leq 1} \frac{\frac{1}{\pi} \arccos(x)}{\frac{1-x}{2}} = 0.878 \dots$$

$$E(\text{wt of cut produced by alg}) \geq 0.878 \text{ OPT}_{\text{SDP}} \geq 0.878 \text{ OPT}$$

Hardness

① If \exists approx alg for MAXCUT with approx ratio ≥ 0.941 , then $P=NP$.

② If the "unique games conjecture" is true, there is no approx alg for MAXCUT with approx ratio better than $0.878\dots$

Unique Games Conjecture

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$, \exists prime q s.t.

($1-\varepsilon$) Gap version

MAX2LIN(q)
instance

if \exists assignment
satisfying $\geq 1-\varepsilon$
fraction of eqns
output Yes

if no assignment
satisfies $> \varepsilon$ fraction
output NO

admits no poly time
soln unless $P=NP$

MAX2LIN(q)

q prime

input: linear equations mod q
w/ unknowns

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$$

$$(form \quad x_i - x_j = c)$$

$$x_3 - x_{11} \equiv 87 \pmod{97}$$

$$x_7 - x_{22} \equiv 3 \pmod{97}$$

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$$x_7 - x_m \equiv 56 \pmod{97}$$

Problem: Find assignment
of x_i 's that satisfies max
possible # of eqns

③ Int gap of the [GW] SDP = 0.878...

③ Every poly sized LP relaxation of MAXCUT
has integrality gap of $\frac{1}{2}$.

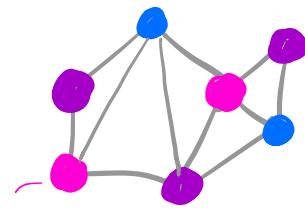
3-Coloring a 3-colorable graph

Given graph $G = (V, E)$

& promise that it's 3-colorable

What is $\min k$ s.t. we can find a k -coloring of G in poly time?

poly time alg
⇒ generates k colors
if G s.t. G
is 3-color



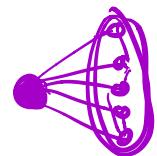
Simple results:

① A graph with max degree Δ can be colored with $\leq \Delta + 1$ colors

Greedy



② A 3-colorable graph can be colored with $O(\sqrt{n})$ colors.



Find a vertex of deg $\geq \sqrt{n}$

Use 3 colors to color it & its neighbors
(neighborhood 2-colorable)

Remove it & its neighbors from graph

$\leq \sqrt{n}$
times

by ① remaining graph can be colored
with $O(\sqrt{n})$ colors.

$3\sqrt{n}$
colors

An SDP-based alg

$$\begin{array}{lll} \min & \lambda \\ \text{s.t.} & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j \leq \lambda & \forall (i,j) \in E \\ & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1 & \forall i \in V \\ & \vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{array}$$

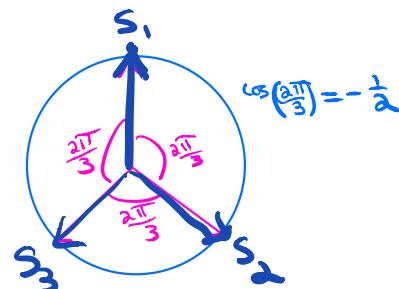
Claim:

if graph is 3-colorable

$$\lambda \leq -\frac{1}{2}$$

v_i : vector corresponding to node i

$$\lambda = \max_{\substack{i,j \\ \text{s.t. } (i,j) \in E}} \cos(\text{angle bet } v_i \text{ & } v_j) \Rightarrow$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min \lambda \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j \leq \lambda \quad \forall (i,j) \in E \\
 & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1 \quad \forall i \\
 & \vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \forall i
 \end{aligned}$$

Claim:
 if graph is
 3-colorable
 $\lambda \leq -\frac{1}{2}$

Aside

If G has a triangle, then
 optimal soln to SDP has $\lambda^* \geq -\frac{1}{2}$

Proof: Suppose



$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3) = & \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 \\
 & + \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 + \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 + \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{\quad \quad \quad}_{\geq -3}$

$\forall G$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min \lambda \\
 & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j \leq \lambda \quad \forall (i,j) \in E \\
 & \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = 1 \quad \forall i \\
 & \vec{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Claim:
 If G k -colorable $\lambda^* \leq -\frac{1}{k-1}$
 If G has k -clique $\lambda^* \geq -\frac{1}{k-1}$

Defn $\Theta(G) = 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda^*}$
 called Lovasz Theta fn
 $(=k \text{ if } G \text{ is } k\text{-colorable}$
 $\text{ & has } k\text{-clique})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda^*(G) &= -\frac{1}{k-1} \\
 \Rightarrow \Theta(G) &= k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{degree } \# \underset{g G}{\leq} \Theta(G) \underset{g G}{\leq} \text{chromatic } \#$$

Back to coloring 3-colorable graphs

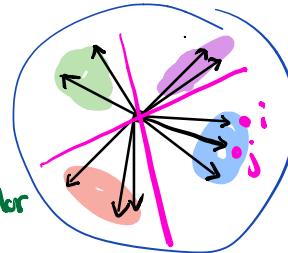
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{min } \rightarrow \\
 \frac{v_i \cdot v_j}{\|v_i\| \|v_j\|} \leq \gamma \\
 \|v_i\| = 1 \\
 v_i \in \mathbb{R}^n
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \forall (i,j) \in E \\
 \forall i
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\
 v_1^*, \dots, v_n^* \text{ n vectors}
 \end{array}$$

γ^*

3-colorable
 $\Rightarrow \gamma^* \leq -\frac{1}{2}$
 $\equiv g((i,j)) \in E$
 $\theta \geq \frac{2\pi}{3}$
 angle between v_i & v_j

Algorithm

- ① Solve SDP $(*) \Rightarrow v_i^* \ i=1, \dots, n$
- ② Choose t random hyperplanes thru origin
- ③ Color vertices in each region w/ diff color
- ④ remove any edges properly colored
- ⑤ Repeat steps 2-4 until have proper coloring
with new colors



One execution of step ② uses 2^t colors.

Goal: produce semi-coloring w.p. $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ (**)

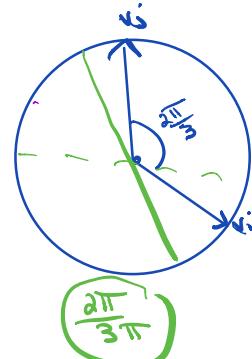
coloring of nodes s.t.
 $\leq \frac{n}{4}$ edges have same color at both
 ends
 \Rightarrow at least $\frac{n}{2}$ vertices properly colored.

Observation: if k -colors sufficient to get semi-coloring,
 \Rightarrow graph can be properly colored with $O(k \log n)$ colors

What should t be to guarantee $(**)$?

Fix $(i, j) \in E$

$$\Pr(i \& j \text{ get same color}) \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^t = \frac{1}{3^t}$$



Let Δ be max deg in graph.

$$\Rightarrow E(\# \text{ edges with same color}) \leq \frac{|E|}{3^t} \leq \frac{n\Delta}{2 \cdot 3^t} = \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{3^t}$$

$$3^t = 4\Delta \equiv t = \log_3(4\Delta)$$

By Markov Ineq

$$\Pr(\# \text{ edges w/same color} \geq \frac{n}{4}) \leq \frac{8}{9} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{use } O(\underline{2^{\log_3(4\Delta)}}) = \tilde{O}(\Delta^{\log_3 2})$$

$$\Delta = \Omega(n)$$

$$\tilde{O}(n^{\log_3 2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{O}(n^{0.631})$$

Let Δ^* be a parameter

colors.

1. Pick a vertex of deg $\geq \Delta^*$ & 3-color it & neighbors } $3 \cdot \frac{n}{\Delta^*}$
2. Repeat step 1 until all vertices have degree $\leq \Delta^*$ }
3. Run SDP-based alg to color rest graph w/most deg Δ^* $\tilde{O}(\Delta^{*\log_3 2})$ colors.

choose Δ^* to min $\frac{3n}{\Delta^*} + \Delta^* \log_3 2$

minimized when $\Delta^* = n^{\log_6 3}$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{O}(n^{0.39}) \text{ colors.}$$

Current best: $\tilde{O}(n^{0.199})$

NP-hard to color with 4 colors

Huge open problem: Is there an alg for 3-coloring a 3-colorable graph that uses polylog_n colors?