

## Optimization Problems.

### - Knapsack problem.

A knapsack with capacity  $B$   
and  $n$  elements  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$   
with volumes  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$

profits  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$

$$\max \sum x_i p_i \quad x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_i \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum x_i v_i \leq B$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Still case of a more general class of probs  
called Linear prog

$$0 \leq x_i \leq 1$$

Constraints in the form of linear inequalities

$$\left[ \begin{array}{rcl} x_1 + x_3 + x_5 & \leq & 5 \\ 2x_2 + 4x_3 & \leq & 8 \end{array} \right.$$

$$x_i \geq 0$$

Maximize some linear function in  $x$

$$\text{Max } c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n$$

Matrix form  $\text{Max } \bar{c} \cdot \bar{x}$   
s.t.  $A\bar{x} \leq \bar{b}$

$A$ :  $m \times n$  matrix

maximal  
Minimal Spanning Tree (MST)

Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with weights on edges  $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

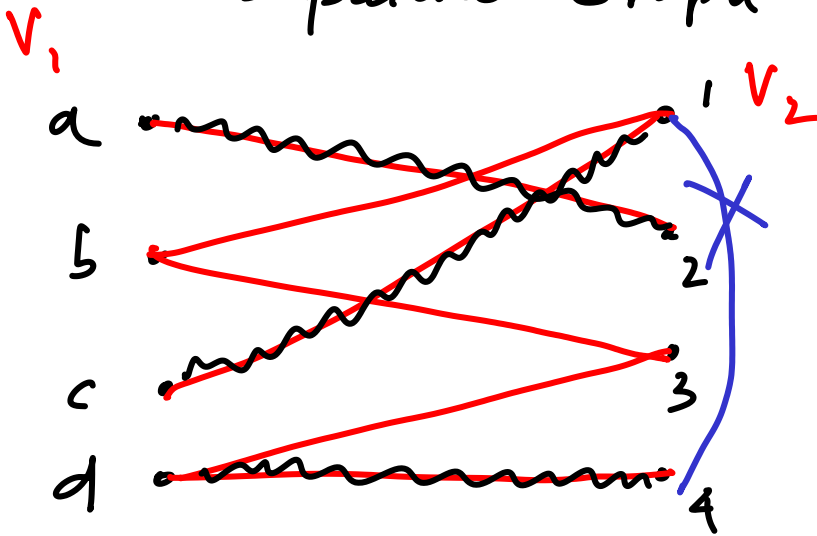
$$\text{Max } \sum x_i w(e_i) \quad x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_i \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \end{cases}$$

s.t.

No cycles are induced by the edges chosen

Maximum Matching (Assignment Problem)

# Bipartite Graph



(b,3) can be added to preserve 1-1

Choosing a subset of edges such that no vertex is incident to more than 1 edge is a feasible matching

Max matching :  $\begin{cases} \text{Maximum Cardinality} \\ \text{Maximum Weight} \\ \text{(weights on every edge)} \end{cases}$

Write the appropriate math formulation

## Common Framework for Optimization

We have a ground set

$$S : \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$$

$$\text{weights } w: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

The set of subsets  $2^S$  consists of all possible subsets of  $S$ . However, some of them are 'feasible' and others are 'infeasible'.

The set of feasible subsets is often called "Independent".

Goal: Choose a subset  $T \in 2^S$  s.t. the weight  $w(T)$  is maximum

$$w(T) = \sum_{x \in T} w(x)$$

Some common properties.  $\emptyset$  is independent

If  $S_1 \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $S_2 \subset S_1$ ,  
then  $S_2 \in \mathcal{I}$

subset-property

Greedy: never backtracks

Backtracking may try all possible subsets in  $\mathcal{I}$

# Generic Greedy

Initialize  $T = \emptyset$

Consider the set of elements in reverse sorted order of their weights

$\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2, \tilde{e}_3 \dots \tilde{e}_n$

highest  $w_i$   $\rightarrow$   $\tilde{e}_1$   $\tilde{e}_2$   $\tilde{e}_3$   $\dots$   $\tilde{e}_n$   $\leftarrow$  least  $w_i$

Repeat

Add the next object  $e_i$  to  $T$   
if  $T \cup \{e_i\}$  is feasible

until no more edges remain

(Kruskal's algorithm follows this)

Running time: ① Pre sorting of elements

② For the iterative part, we repeatedly "test" if by adding the next object it remains feasible

Suppose the time is  $T_i$  for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  obj

$$\sum_{i=1}^n T_i$$

How about "correctness"

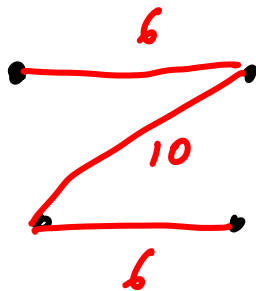
Is the subset  $T$  - the best  
soln for all possible instances of  
the problem?

Knapsack  $B = 10$

	$w_i$	$p_i$
$e_1$	10	10
$e_2$	5	6
$e_3$	5	6

MST: It works!

Matching



The problems for which Greedy succeeds,  
the underlying set system is  
called a "Matroid"  
(weights have no role in this framework)

## Knapsack :

Consider the profit per volume  
as the metric for being greedy.

Show that the final solution is at least  
50% of the optimal