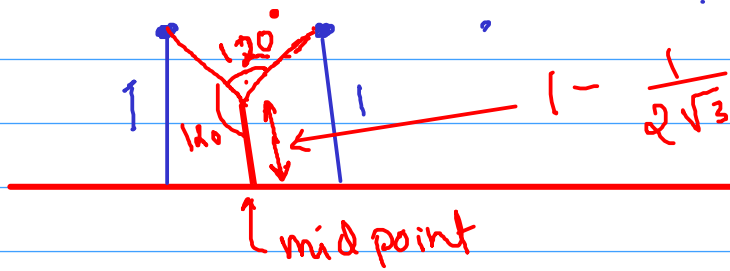


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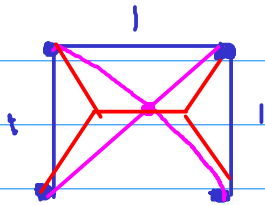
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Water Pipeline network.

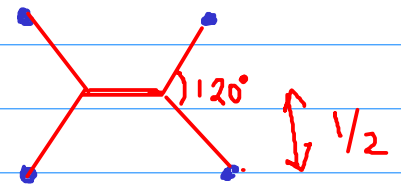


$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2} = 1.86$$

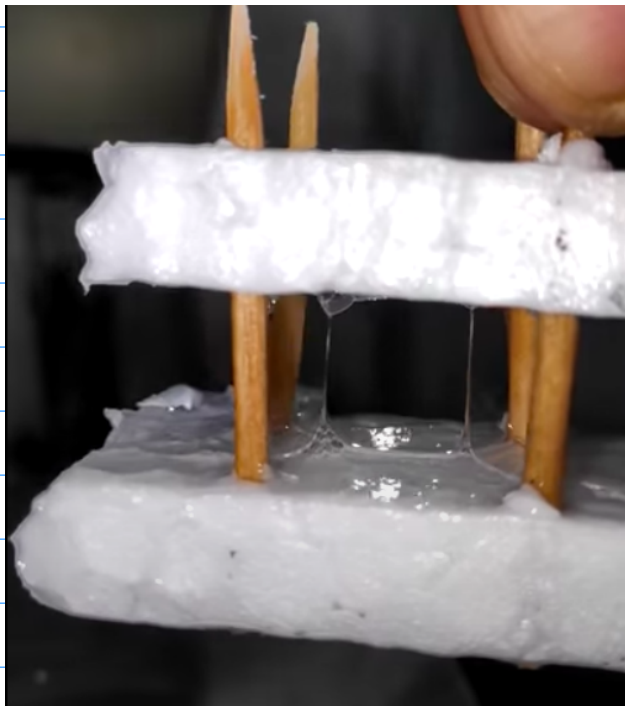
Road Network



$$3 > 2\sqrt{2}$$
$$2.82$$



$$1 + \sqrt{3} = 2.73$$

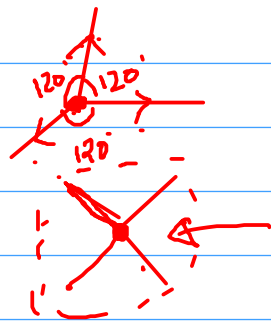
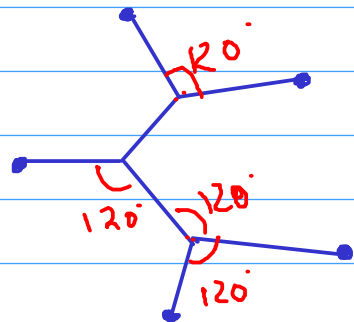


Soap film tries to minimize the total surface area while connecting all the terminals.

[Local optimal]

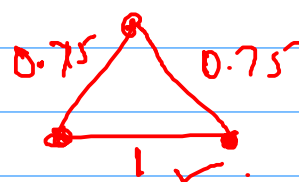
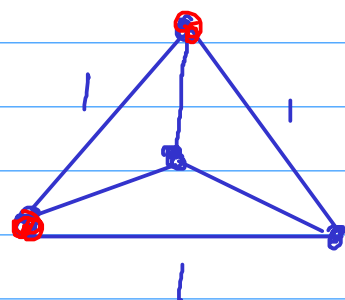
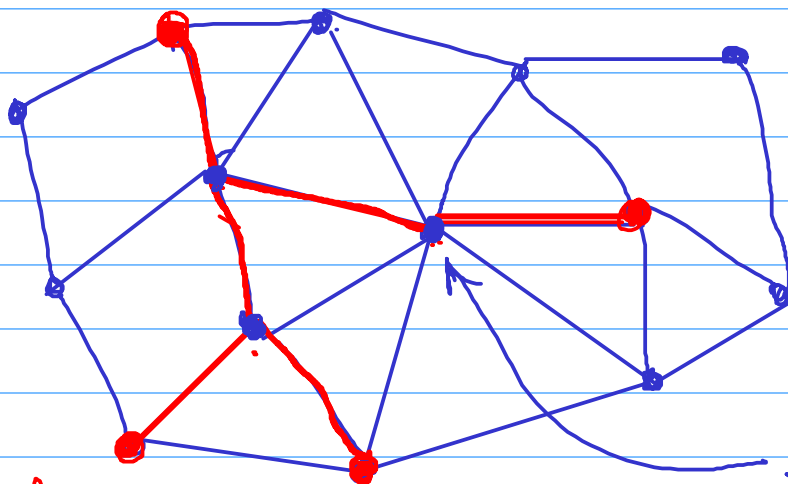
Euclidean Steiner Tree

NP-hard



Given a set of point in 2-d space,
connect all of them with minimum total length

Steiner Tree on graphs



NP-hard.

Steiner vertices.

Given a graph with edge weights and
a set of terminals T , find the minimum
weight tree that spans T .

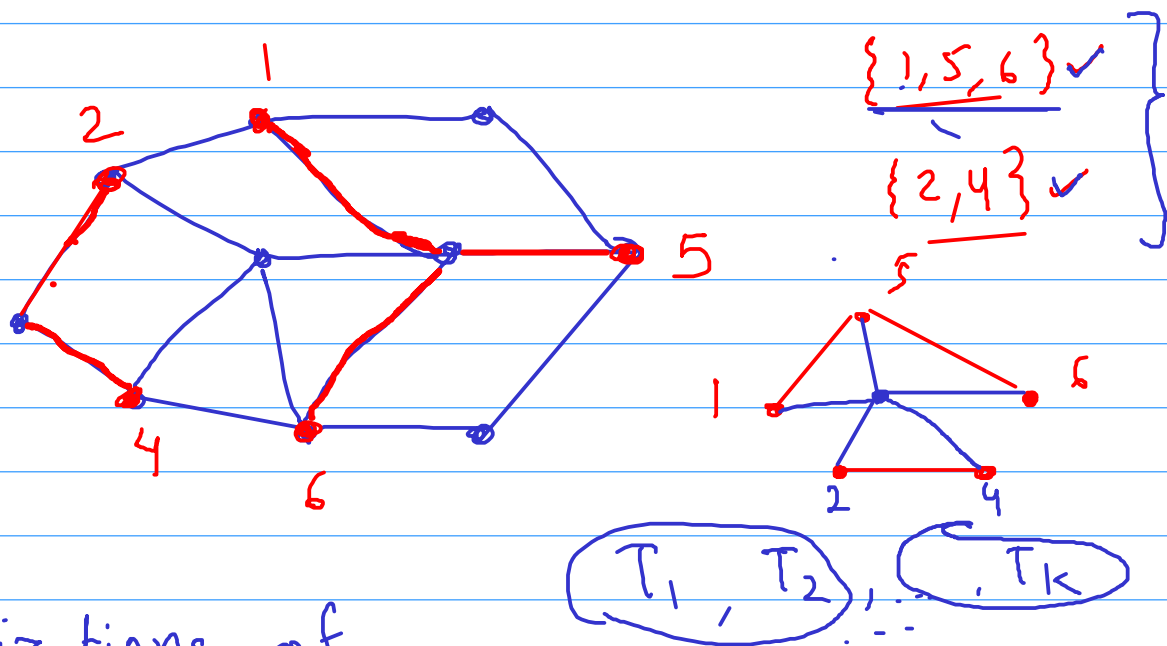
Steiner Forest in graphs.

NP-hard.

Given pairs of terminals, we want minimum weight subgraph connecting all pairs.

Example

(1, 5) (1, 6) (2, 4)



Generalizations of

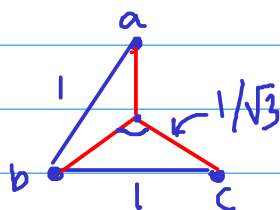
(1) shortest path (2) MST.

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Approximation Algorithms

Euclidean

Make a graph with Euclidean distances and find MST



$\sqrt{3}$
OPT

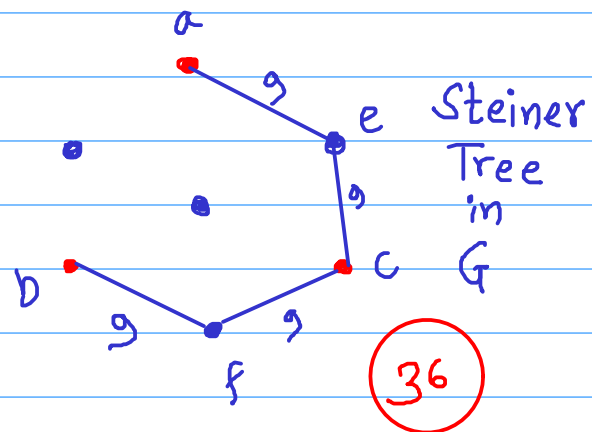
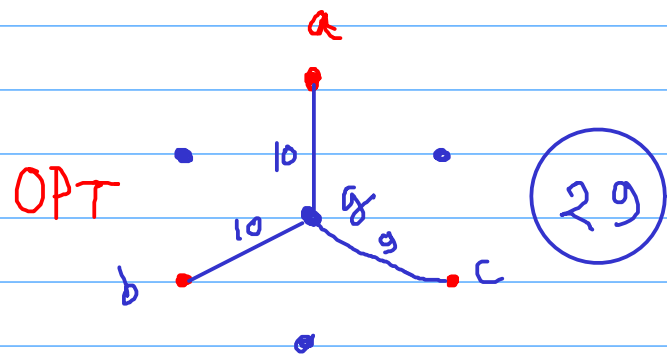
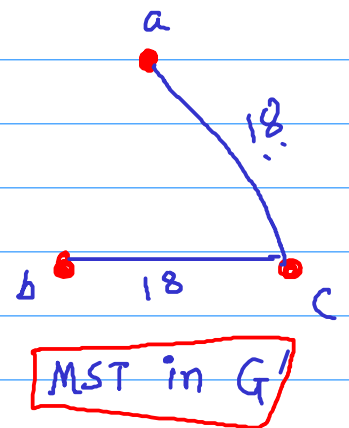
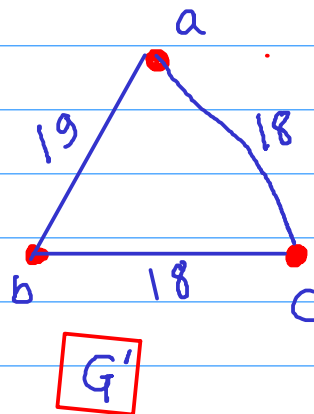
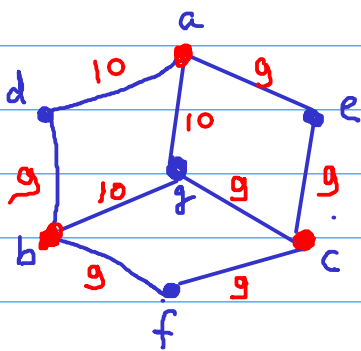
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Algo

≈ 1.15

Conj. Always gives an approx factor $\leq 2/\sqrt{3}$

Steiner tree on graphs.

- Construct a complete graph G' on the terminal nodes with shortest path lengths as edge weights
- find MST M on G'
- For each edge in M , replace with the corresponding shortest path in G .
- Remove cycles, if any.



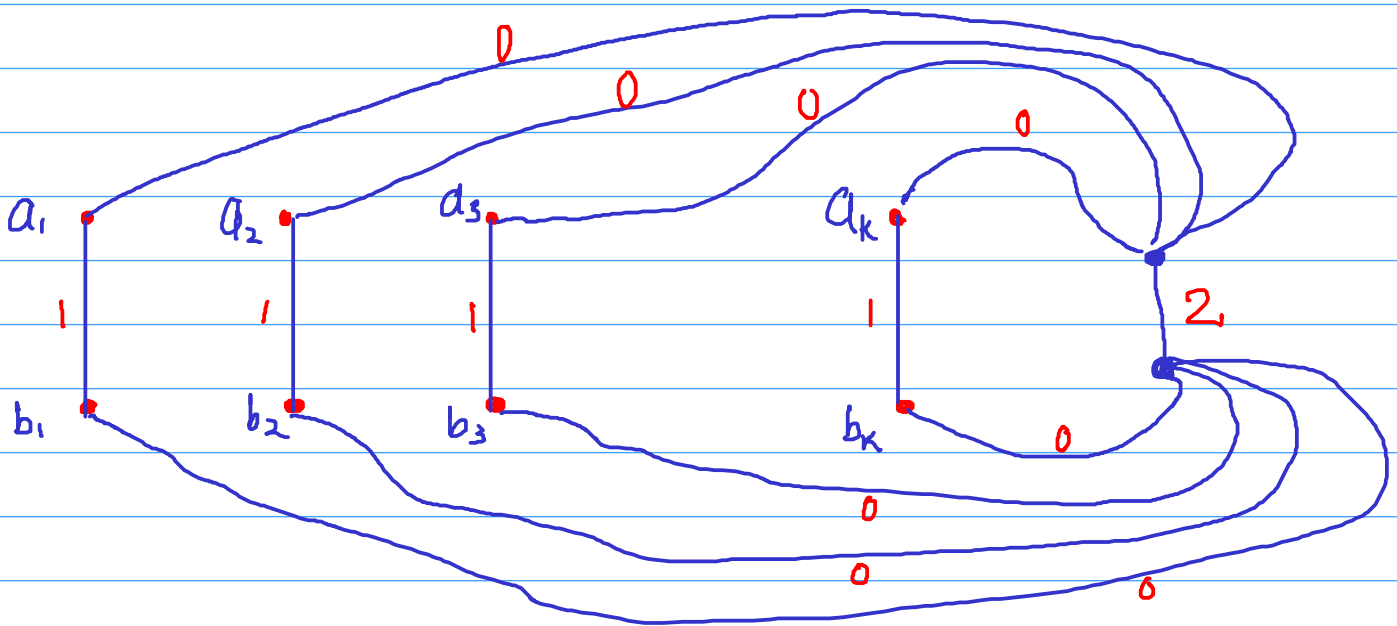
$$\approx 2(k-1) \cdot 10 \quad 10k(\text{OPT})$$

In general approx factor can go close to 2.

Similar example with k terminal vertices and one center vertex

There is a proof that the approx factor is at most 2 on all graphs. (Extra Reading/Thinking)

Similar idea doesn't work for Steiner forest



Terminal pairs $(a_1, b_1) (a_2, b_2) \dots (a_k, b_k)$

OPT = 1

Algorithm $\Rightarrow k$

Towards 2-approx algorithm for Steiner Tree/Forest

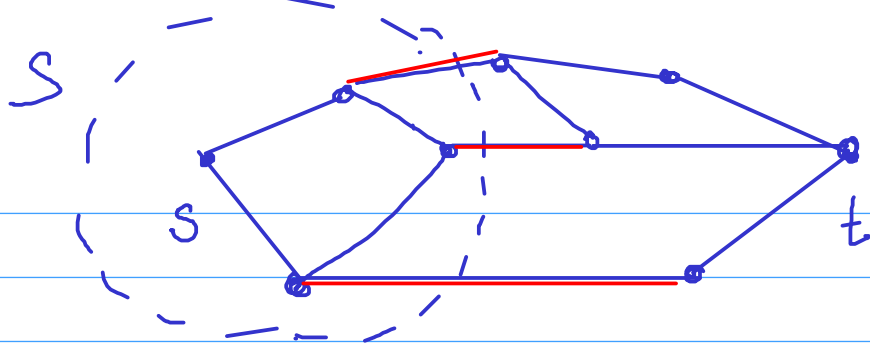
Integer Program for Steiner tree.

$G(V, E)$ $T \subseteq V$ set of terminals.

for $e \in E$ $x_e \in \{0, 1\}$

Min $\sum_{e \in E} w_e x_e$

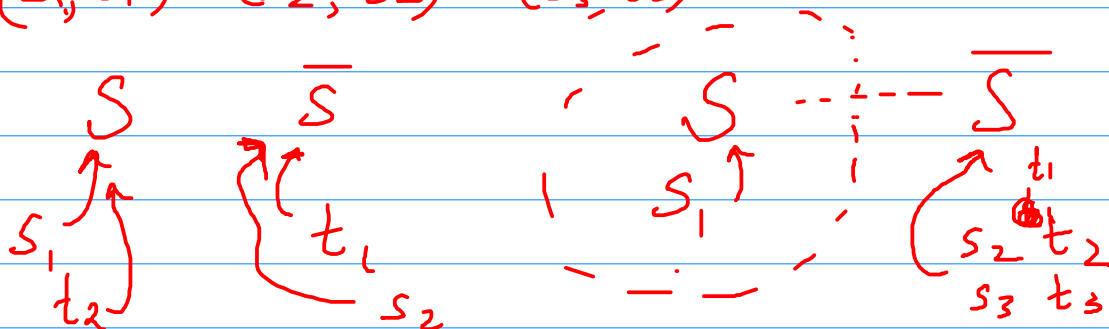
Constraints?



Take any $S \subseteq V$
 s.t. $s \in S$ $t \notin S$

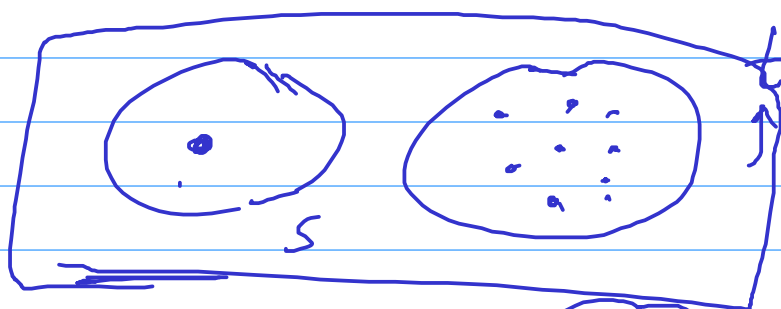
$$\left. \sum_{e \in \delta(S, \bar{S})} x_e \geq 1 \right\} \text{ for every } S \subseteq V$$

$\rightarrow (s_1, t_1) (s_2, t_2) (s_3, t_3)$

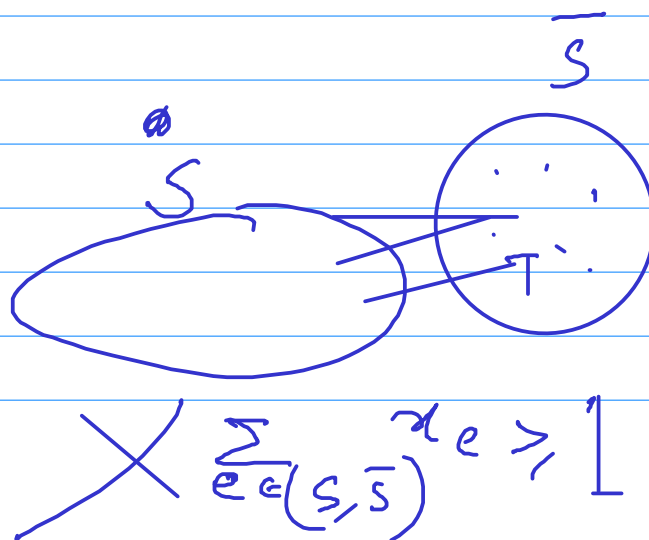
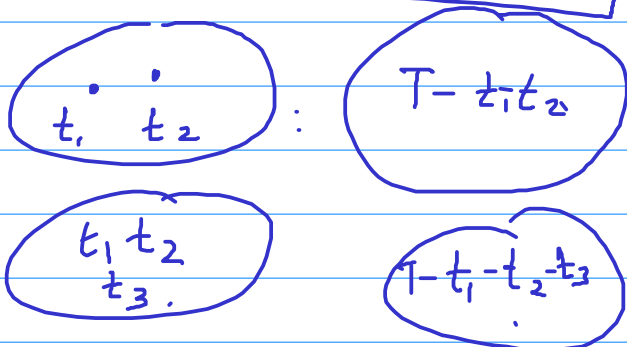


$\rightarrow T$
 $\dots$

$\forall S \subseteq V$ s.t. $\exists t \in T$



$t \in S$ $T \setminus t \subseteq \bar{S}$



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Integer Program for steiner tree.

$G(V, E)$ $T \subseteq V$ set of terminals.

$x_e \in \{0, 1\}$ for $e \in E$

$$\min \sum_{e \in E} w_e x_e$$

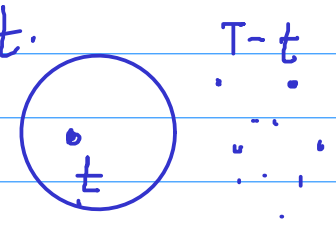
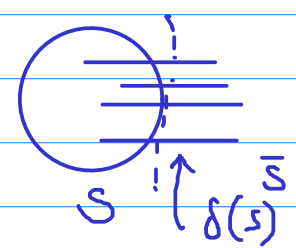
Constraints:

Option 1 for every $t \in T$

consider all sets $S \subseteq V$ s.t.

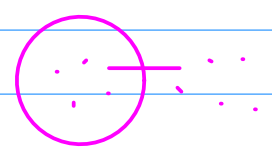
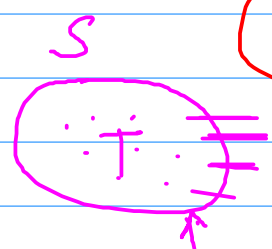
$$t \in S \quad T - t \subseteq \bar{S}$$

and write
$$\sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e \geq 1$$



problem

$$T = (t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4)$$



Option 2

all sets $S \subseteq V$ s.t.

T is split by S i.e.,

Both $T \cap S$ and $T \cap \bar{S}$ are non-empty.

Def: $S \subseteq V$ is an interesting cut w.r.t. T if both $T \cap S$ and $T \cap \bar{S}$ are non-empty.

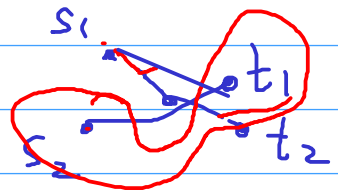
Def: $S \subseteq V$ is an interesting cut w.r.t.

$(s_1, t_1) \ (s_2, t_2) \ \dots \ (s_k, t_k)$

if for some $1 \leq i \leq k$

$S = \{s_i\}$
interesting

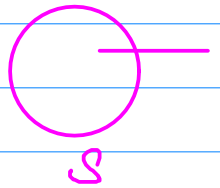
$s_i \in S$ and $t_i \in \bar{S}$



Claim: Let $F \subseteq E$ be a set of edges such that
" for every interesting cut $S \subseteq V$,

HW

We have $|F \cap \delta(S)| \geq 1$



Then in the graph (V, F) ,

all vertices of T are connected with each other.

Claim Given pairs $(s_1, t_1) \ (s_2, t_2) \ \dots \ (s_k, t_k)$

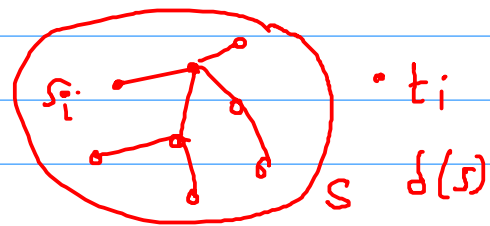
Let $F \subseteq E$ be s.t. for every

interesting cut S with respect to terminal pairs

HW

$|F \cap \delta(S)| \geq 1$

Then in graph (V, F)



s_i is connected to t_i for each i .

LP

$$\min \sum_{e \in E} w_e x_e$$

$w_e \geq 0$ assumption

$LP-Opt \geq \alpha \cdot Opt$



$$x_e \geq 0 \text{ for } e \in E$$

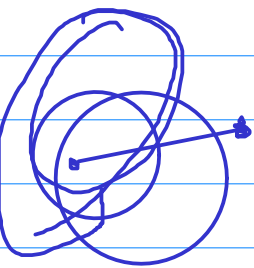
$$\sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e \geq 1 \text{ for interesting cuts } S \subseteq V$$

Dual LP

y_S for each interesting cut $S \subseteq V$

$$y_S \geq 0$$

$$\text{Max } \sum_S y_S$$



$$\sum_{S: e \in \delta(S)} y_S \leq w_e \text{ for } e \in E$$

s.t. $e \in \delta(S)$

Complementary Slackness

Dual CS (1) for each $e \in E$
either $x_e = 0$ or $\sum_{S: e \in \delta(S)} y_S = w_e$
easy to maintain

(2) for each S interesting,

Primal CS either $y_S = 0$ or $\sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e = 1$

$$y_S \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{e \in \delta(S)} x_e = 1$$

[Not easy to maintain]

Does there exist a steiner tree/forest and a dual feasible solution satisfying complementary slackness?

No. From the assignment, we know that

LP optimal solution may not come from Steiner Tree/Forest

In the primal dual schema, we will only maintain the Dual CS condition. We will ignore the primal CS, but at the end of the algorithm we will hope that primal CS is satisfied approximately.

Mar 4 Primal - Dual Schema (High level picture)

1. Start with a feasible dual solution.
e.g., $y = 0$.
And primal $x = 0$.

2. At any stage let $F \subseteq E$ be the set of tight edges, i.e., edges for which the dual constraints are tight.

We can set $x_e = 1$ only among the tight edges (Dual CS)

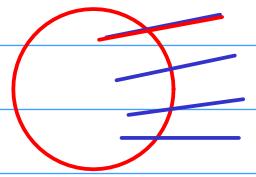
3. Does the set $\{e: x_e = 1\}$ give you a desired Steiner tree/forest?

→ If yes, stop
→ If No

→ Pick a dual variable to increase so that a new edge becomes tight.

which dual variables can be increased? $\delta(s)$

If $S \subseteq V$ is interesting cut s.t.



a tight edge belongs to $\delta(S)$

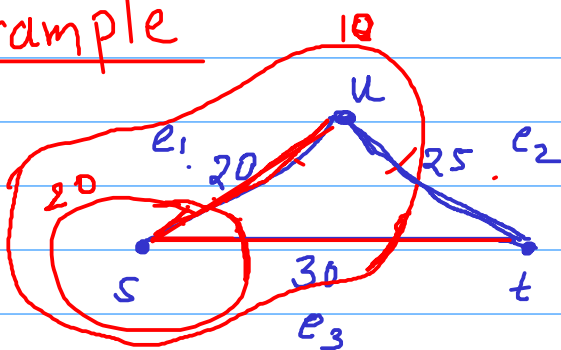
then y_s cannot be increased.

S
 y_s

equivalently, y_s can be increased only

if all the edges in $\delta(S)$ are non-tight

Example



Terminal pair (s, t)

Interesting cuts $\{s\}$ $\{s, u\}$

LP

Min $20x_1 + 25x_2 + 30x_3$

s.t. $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$

$\{s\}$ $x_1 + x_3 \geq 1$

$\{s, u\}$ $x_2 + x_3 \geq 1$

Dual LP

Max $y_s + y_{su}$

$y_s, y_{su} \geq 0$

$\rightarrow y_s \leq 20$ e_1

$\rightarrow y_{su} \leq 25$ e_2

$\rightarrow y_s + y_{su} \leq 30$ e_3

Initialize

$y_s = 0$ $y_{su} = 0$ No tight edges.
 $x_1, x_2, x_3 = 0$

Increase y_s : up to 20. $y_s = 20$

Tight edges : $\{e_1\}$. Set : $x_1 = 1$.

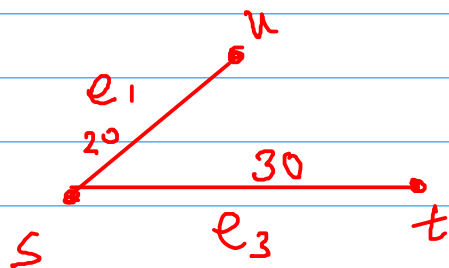
The set $\{e_1\}$ does not give a Steiner tree

Increase y_{su} up to 10

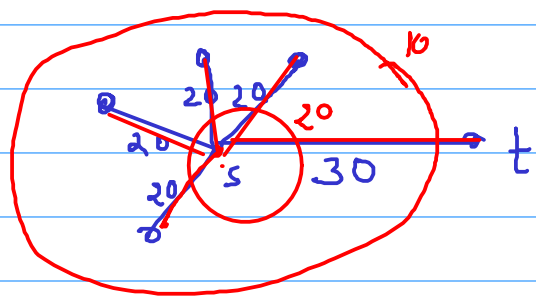
Tight edges : $\{e_1, e_3\}$. Set $x_3 = 1$

The set $\{e_1, e_3\}$ gives a Steiner tree (s-t path).

Stop.



Primal feasible
Solution.



Idea 1 Pruning:

In the final feasible solution
throw out edges which are
not used in connecting
terminal pairs.

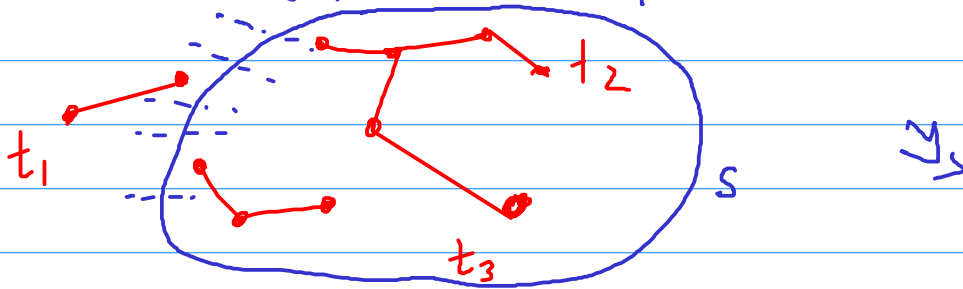
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How to find a dual variable to increase?

Let $F \subseteq E$ be the tight edges.

If $G(V, F)$ does not have a Steiner tree/forest then there must be an interesting cut S

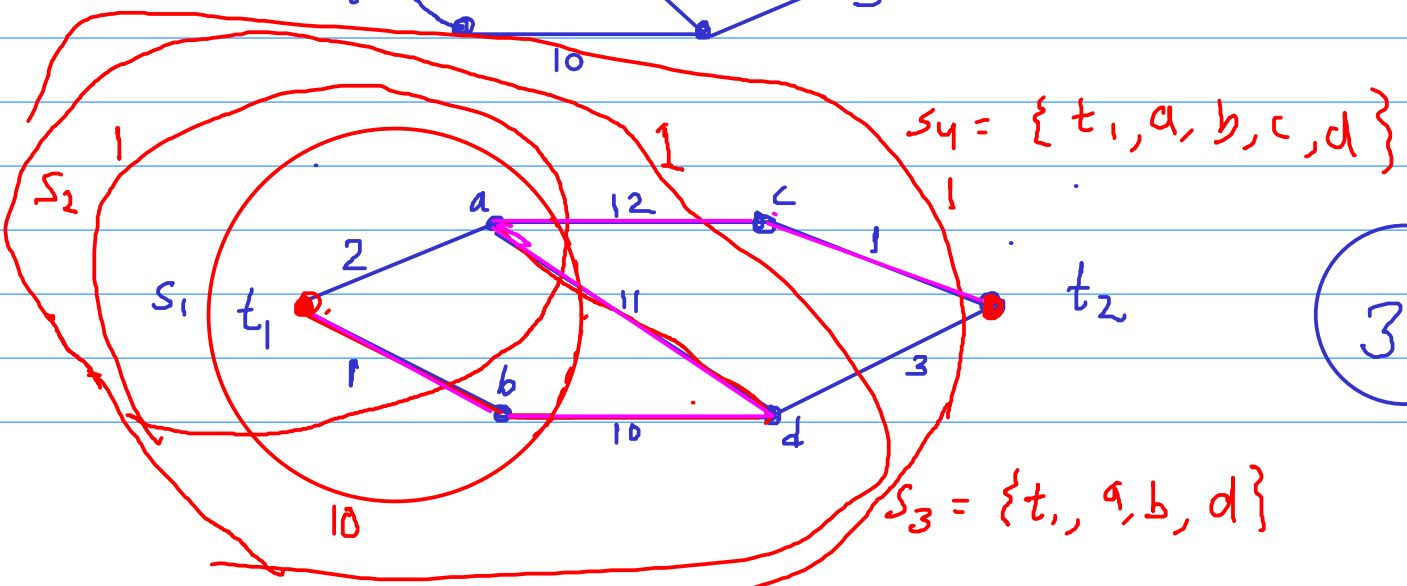
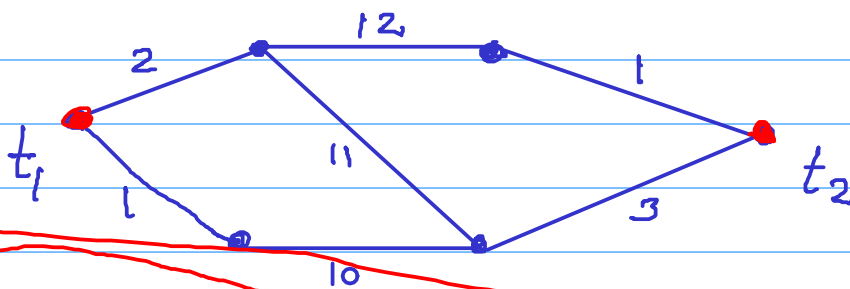
with $\delta(S) \cap F = \emptyset$



That is, all edges in $\delta(S)$ are non-tight.

Hence, y_S can be increased.

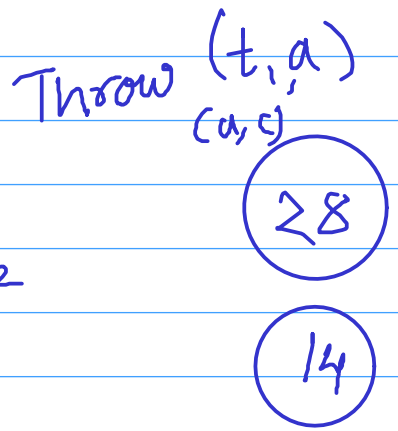
Can we choose an arbitrary dual variable to increase?



$S_4 = \{t_1, a, b, c, d\}$

$S_3 = \{t_1, a, b, d\}$

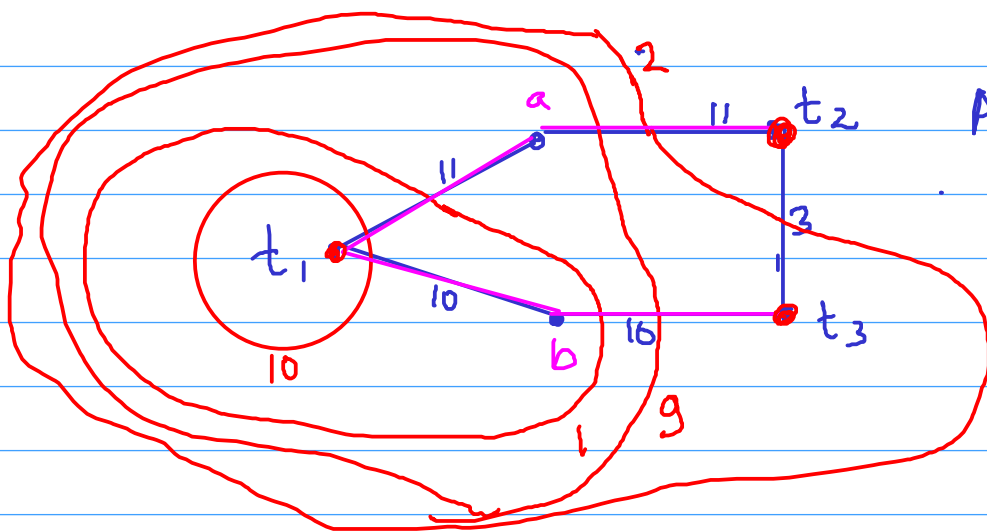
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How to generalize this idea to more than two terminals?

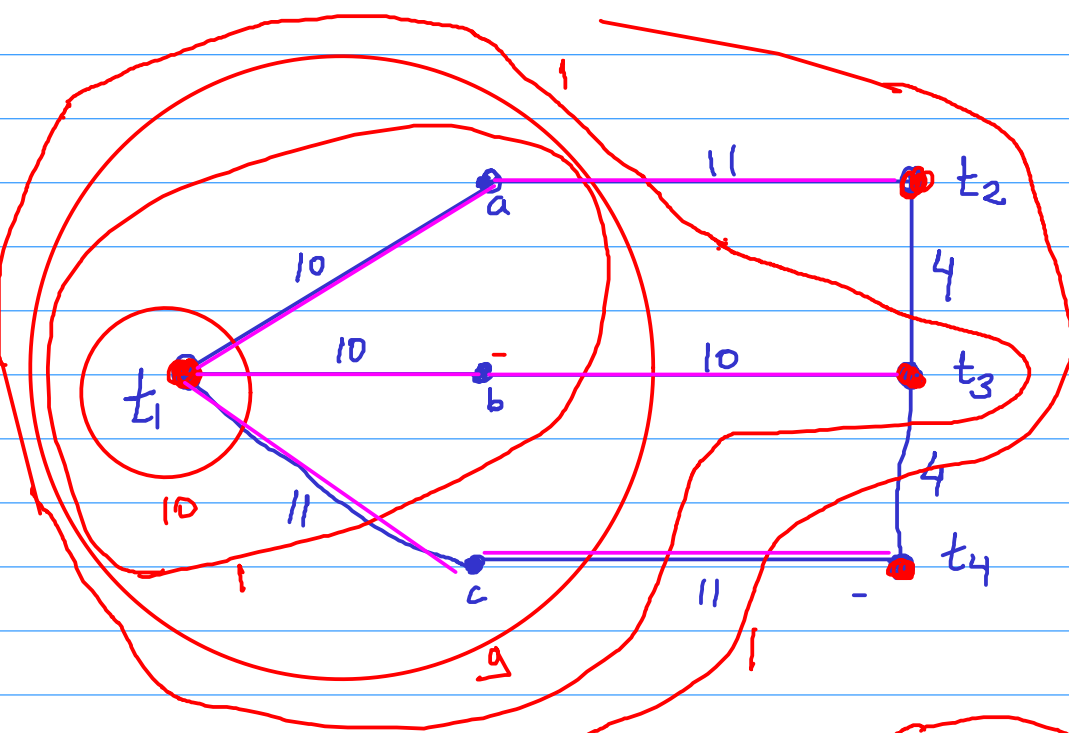
A graph with 5 nodes and 5 edges. The nodes are labeled t_1 , t_2 , t_3 , and two unlabeled nodes. The edges are labeled with weights: 11, 10, 11, 10, and 3. The graph is drawn on blue-lined paper.

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ALG $\rightarrow 42$
OPT $\rightarrow 23$

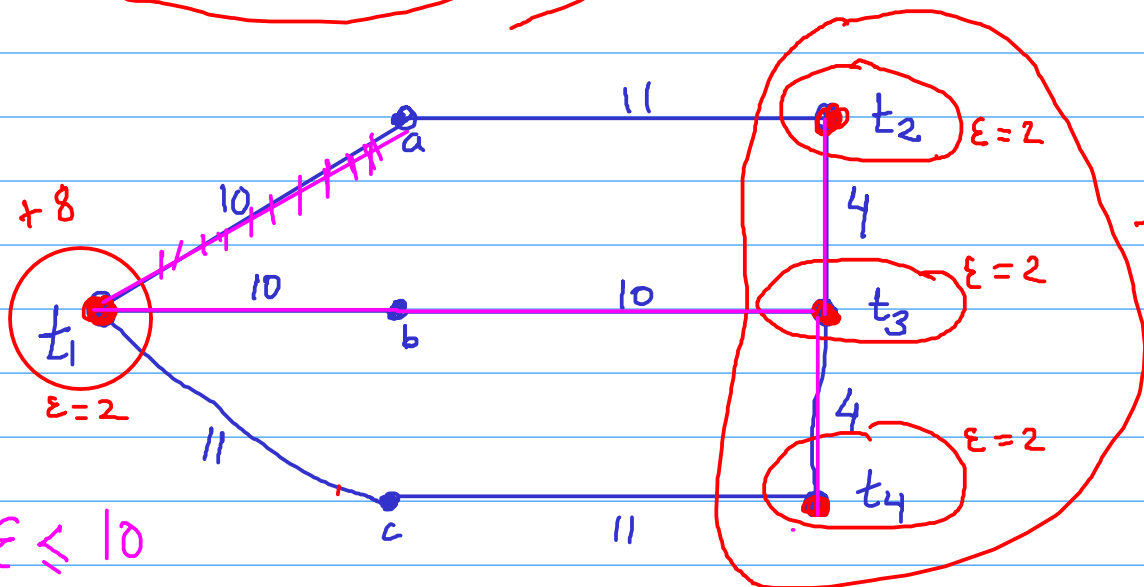
Not a bad Example.



Bad Example

ALG = 63

OPT = 28



$\epsilon \leq 10$
 $\epsilon \leq 11$

Cost = 28

$2\epsilon \leq 4$

$\epsilon \leq 10$
 $\epsilon \leq 11$

Idea 3 consider all inclusionwise minimal cuts that are interesting and their cut edges are non-tight

Increase all these dual variables simultaneously by the same amount.

Final Algorithm:

Initialize $F = \emptyset$. Dual variables = 0.
 F will be maintained as a forest.

At any stage consider the connected components in (V, F)

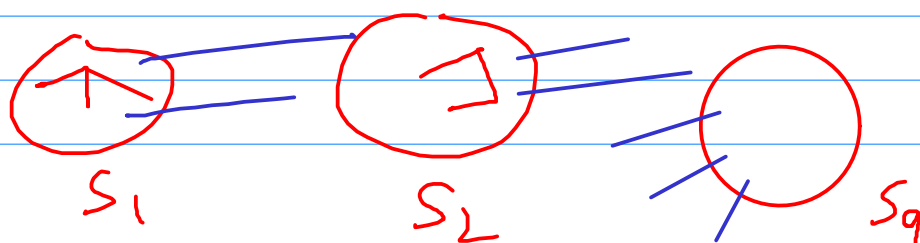
say, $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_q$

All the tight edges are within these components.

Hence, $\delta(S_1), \delta(S_2), \dots, \delta(S_q)$ have their cut-edges as non-tight.

Potentially, all the dual variables

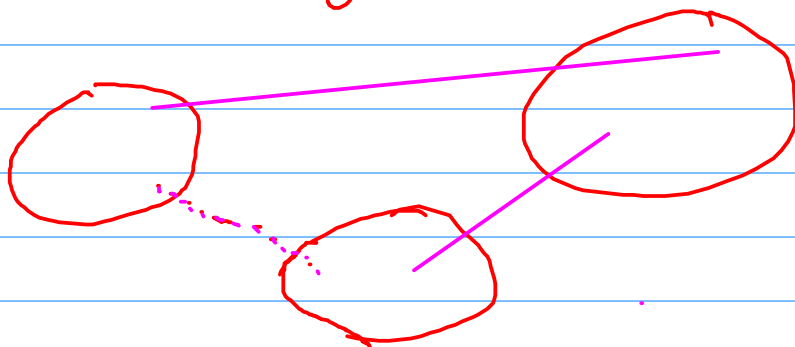
$y_{S_1}, y_{S_2}, \dots, y_{S_q}$ can be increased simultaneously.



Define Active connected components

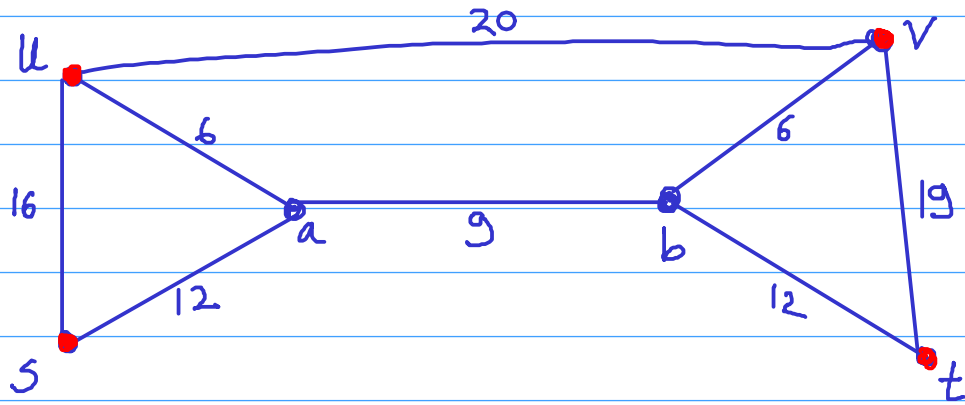
C_i is said to be **active** if it separates some terminal pair, i.e., for some j , s_j is inside but t_j is not.
(otherwise C_i is not an interesting cut and there is no dual variable y_{s_i})

- Increase dual variables for all the active connected components simultaneously by the same amount.
- Include the new tight edge in F .
- If there are more than one new tight edge then include one by one as long as we don't create cycles.



- Stop when all terminal pairs are connected.
- Pruning: finally delete any edges from F that are not used in connecting terminal pairs.

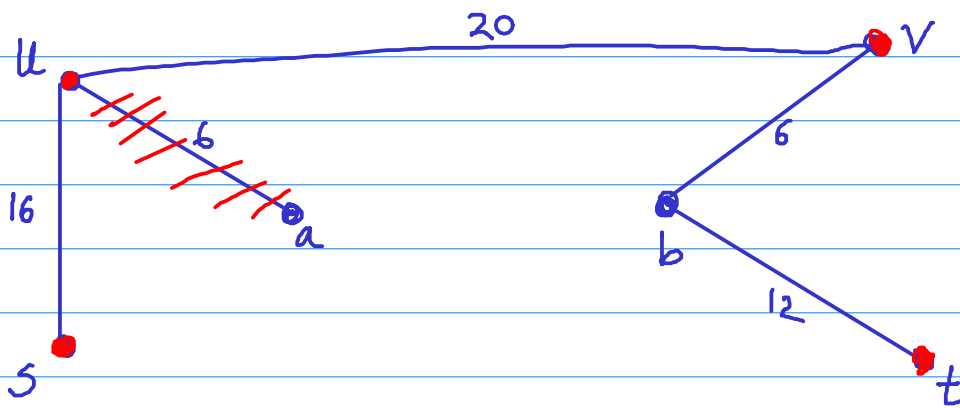
Example from Vazirani book.



Terminal Pairs (s, t) (u, v) .

HW

ALG



Analysis

Is the primal cs condition satisfied approximately?

$$y_s \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{e \in \delta(s)} x_e = 1$$

can we say

$$\sum_{e \in \delta(s)} x_e \leq \gamma \quad ?$$

for some const γ

This will imply γ -approx solution.

Different analysis. will show 2-approx.

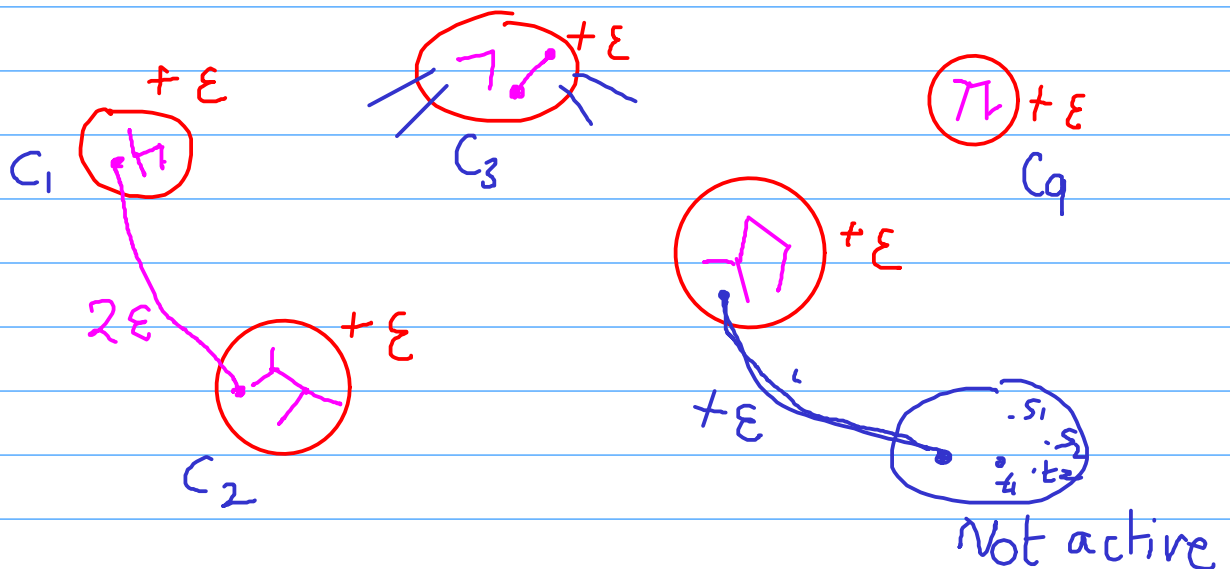
At any stage compare the changes in the primal objective value and the dual objective value.

Let F be the final set of edges after Pruning

$$\text{Primal objective } P = \sum_{e \in F} w_e = \sum_{e \in F} \sum_{s: e \in \delta(s)} y_s$$

$$\text{Dual objective } D = \sum_s y_s$$

At any stage say there are q active components



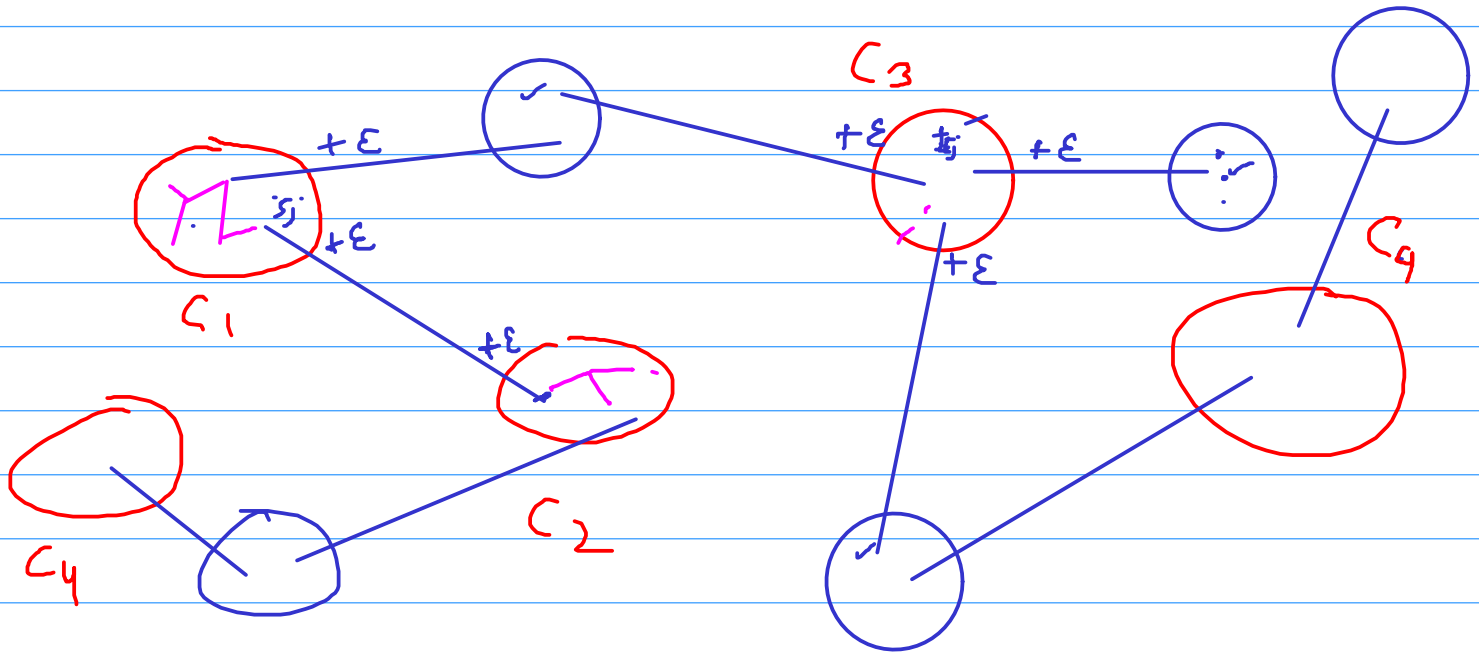
$$\text{Increase in } D = \underline{q\epsilon}$$

$$\text{Increase in } P = \sum_{e \in F} \sum_{s: e \in \delta(s)} \text{change in } y_s$$

↑

The only dual variables updated in this stage are $y_{c_1}, y_{c_2}, \dots, y_{c_q}$

Thus the only edges which get affected are $\{e \mid e \in \delta(C_j) \text{ for some } 1 \leq j \leq q\}$

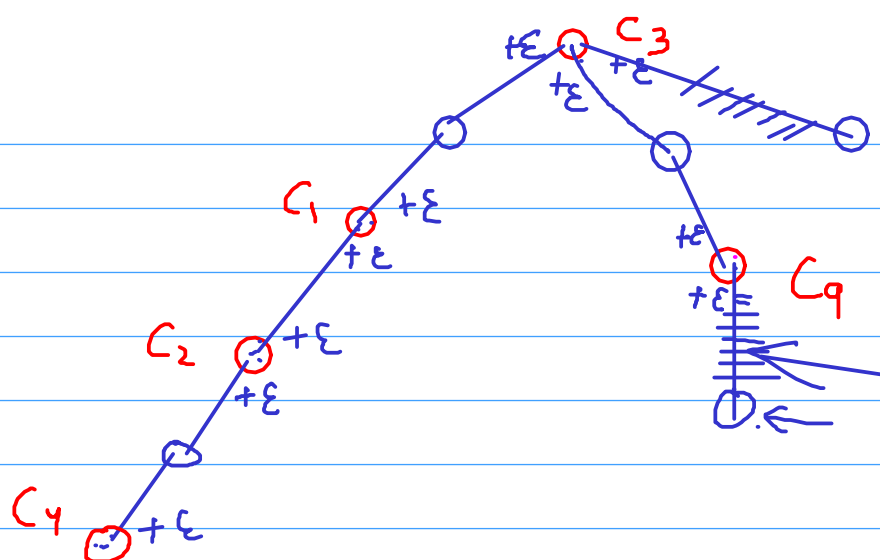


If e is inside an active component or an inactive component then no change.

If e has one endpoint in C_i and the other endpoint in C_j then it sees $+2E$

If e has one endpoint in C_j but other endpoint in an inactive component then it sees $+E$.

Note that if an edge doesn't lie on a path connecting two active components then it will be pruned out.



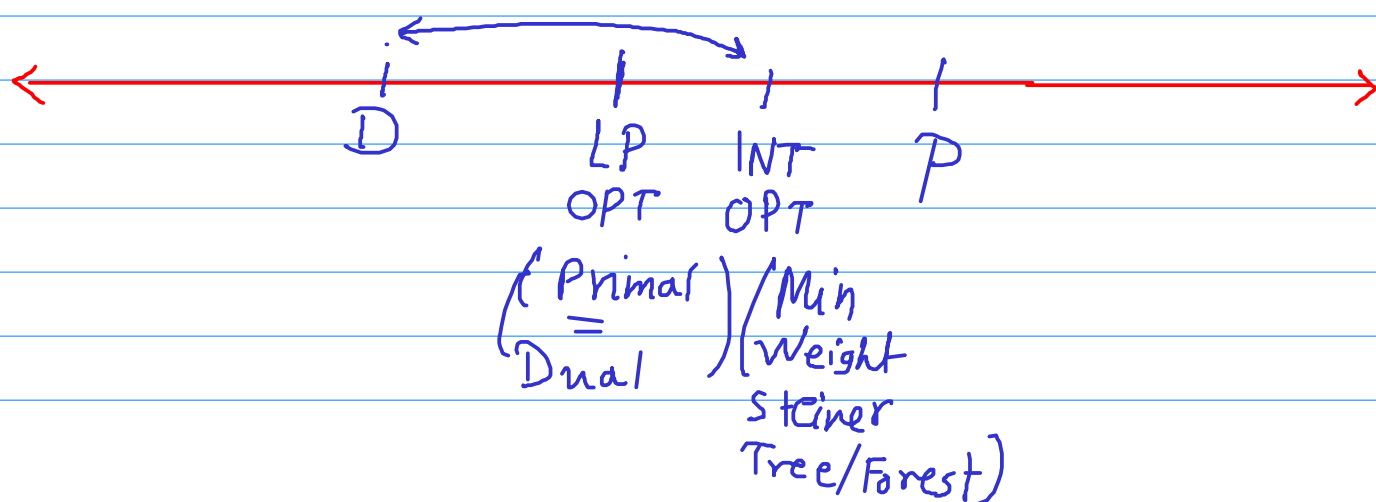
Rooted tree
at some C_j

Counting: between any C_i and its ^{nearest} ancestor active node the edges will see a total increment of $+2\epsilon$.

$$\text{Total change in } P \leq (q-1) \cdot 2\epsilon.$$

$$\Delta P \leq 2 \Delta D.$$

At the end: $P \leq 2D$ $\leq 2 \cdot \text{Min WST/F.}$



What if we skip pruning? Will the analysis hold?

If $T=V$ then will the algorithm give minimum spanning Tree or only a 2-approximation?

Prove that when we have only one terminal pair then the algorithm will give the exact optimal solution.

Exercise

Survivable Network design Problem.

Given pairs of vertices $(s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2) \dots (s_k, t_k)$

and numbers $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k,$

find a minimum weight subgraph H , where

for each i , there are at least n_i ^{edge}-disjoint paths between s_i and t_i .