

Integer linear programming  
ILP for FPT

ILP-Feasibility

input:  $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$

Q? is there  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that  $Ax \leq b$ ?

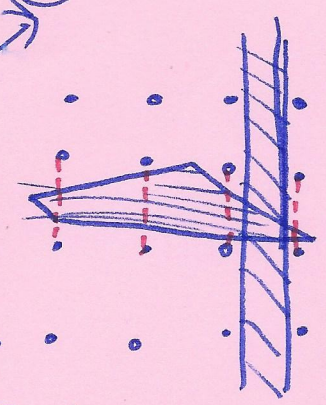
Size of an instance  $I = O(nm \log A + m \log B)$

Theorem: [Lenstra '83, Kannan / Frank and Tardos '87]

ILP feasibility can be solved in time  $O(n^2 \cdot sn + o(n) \cdot |T|)$

$\Rightarrow$  ILP feasibility is FPT parameterized by the number of variables.

Idea of proof: what does an ILP with no feasible sol. look like?



$\Rightarrow$  the polytope must be "flat" in some direction  $\Rightarrow$  partition into a small number of intersections with hyperplanes

Examples

numbers problem parameterized by number of numbers

SUBSET SUM

input: multiset of integers  $S$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$

Q? is there  $A \subseteq S$  such that  $\sum_{a \in A} a = s$

NP-h. used a lot in scheduling

WCS-h param by  $|A|$

FPT param. by  $\|S\|$  number of distinct numbers in  $S$ .

input:  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  distinct numbers

$m_1, \dots, m_k$ : their multiplicity

Q: how many times do we have to pick  $s_i$  in the solution?

ILP:

$$\sum_{i=1}^k x_i s_i = s$$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq m_i$$



Closest string

input:  $S_1 \dots S_k$  : strings of length  $L$   
 over some finite alphabet  $\Sigma$   
 $d \in \mathbb{N}$

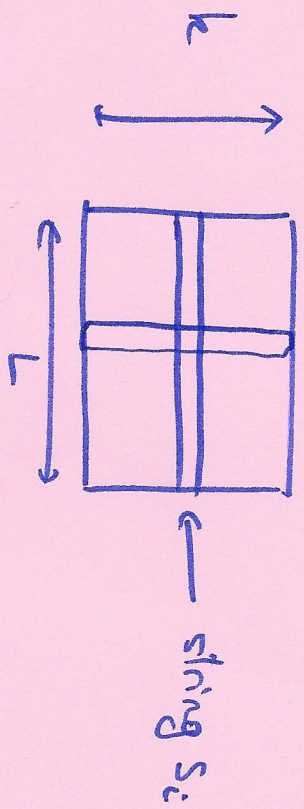
Q? is there a string  $S$  of length  $L$   
 such that  $\text{Ham}(S, S_i) \leq d$

$L$  = number of differences  
 letter by letter.

- o NP-h even if  $|S_i| = 2$
- o FPT param. by  $k, L$  or  $d$  independently

Here: FPT param. by  $k$

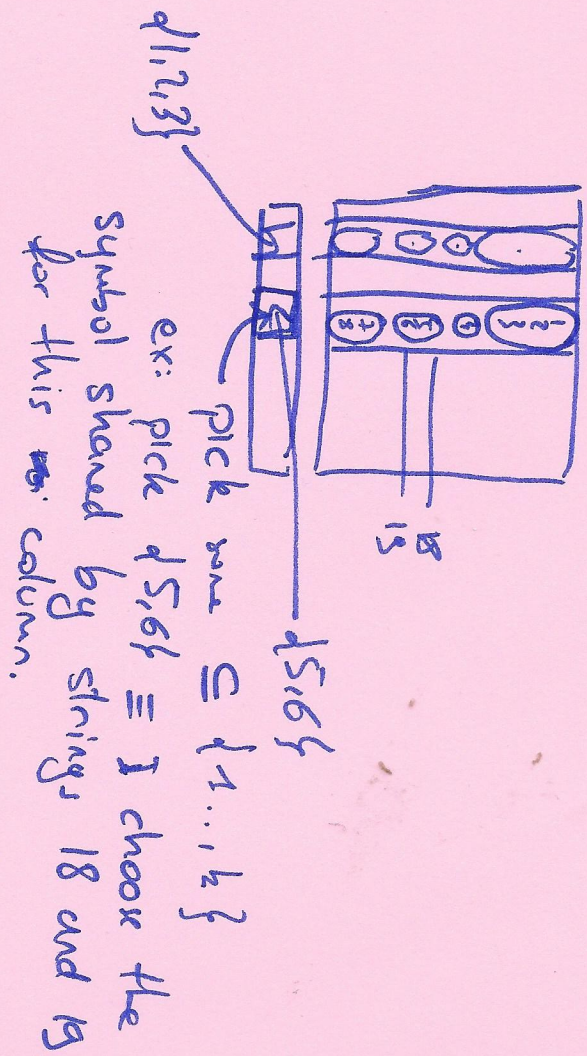
Proof: instance =  $k \times L$  matrix



Obs: given a column, we can change the elements wrt some permutation.  $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$

$\Rightarrow$  we can assume that in each column, the symbols  $\in \{1, \dots, k\}$

$\Rightarrow$  we can only remember the partition of  $\{1, \dots, k\} \Leftrightarrow$  which rows share the same value?



Type = partition of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$

number of types  $\leq k!$

$\Rightarrow$  see the instance as the multiplicity of each type

for a type  $P$  and partition of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$

variable  $x_{P,c} \equiv$  number columns of type  $P$

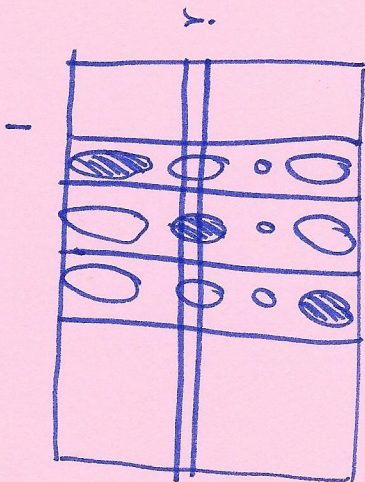
where  $I$  choose  $C$  as the solution

ILP:

$$\sum_{c \in P} x_{pc} \leq \underline{\text{\# columns with type } P}$$

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, h\}$

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{type } P \\ i \notin c}} x_{pc} \leq \underline{d}$$



Exercise: convince yourself that it solves the problem

number of variables  $\leq k \times b!$

$\#$ : number of partitions of  $\{1, \dots, h\}$

$\equiv$  Bell number  $B_h = O(h!)$

# Cuts and separators

Some def: input: graph  $G$

- $X, Y \subseteq V(G)$   $X \cap Y = \emptyset$   
 $X \neq \emptyset$   $Y \neq \emptyset$

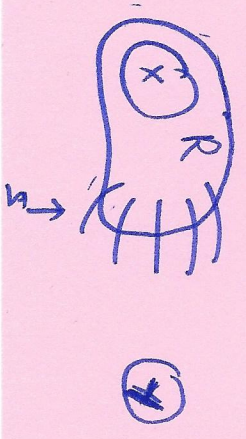
$(X, Y)$ -cut is a set of edges whose removal disconnects  $X$  from  $Y$  (there is no longer any  $X-Y$  path)

$\Delta$  minimal versus minimum  
inclusion-wise  $\rightarrow$  cardinality

- $R \subseteq V(G)$   $\Delta(R)$  = set of edges with exactly one endpoint in  $R$

$$d(R) = |\Delta(R)|$$

Remark: if  $S \subseteq E(G)$  is a minimal  $(X, Y)$ -cut, then  $R$  is the set of vertices reachable from  $X$  in  $G \setminus S$ , then  $S = \Delta(R)$



$\Rightarrow$  1-to-1 correspondence between  $(X, Y)$ -cut  $S$  and  $R \subseteq V$  the set  $R$  reachable from  $X$ .

Theng's theorem / there is a  $O(k(n+m))$  Ford-Fulkerson algorithm which either:

$\rightarrow$  find a minimum  $(X, Y)$ -cut,  $R$  and a collection of  $\Delta(R)$  disjoint  $X, Y$ -path

$\rightarrow$  conclude that there is no  $(X, Y)$ -cut of size  $\leq k$   
 $\rightarrow$  number of edges.

$c^*(G, X, Y) = \text{size of a min } (X, Y)\text{-cut in } G.$

Lemma 1  $d(\cdot)$  is submodular



Proof distinguish the type of edges:

$$\begin{aligned} f: 2^V &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is submodular if} \\ \forall A, B \subseteq V & f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B) \geq f(A) + f(B) \end{aligned}$$



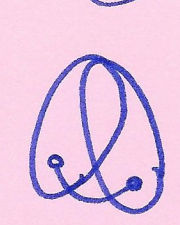
1)  $\rightarrow$  contribution: 0 in both sides



2) each such edge: each contribute 1 in both sides.

3)  1 in both sides

4)  2 in both sides

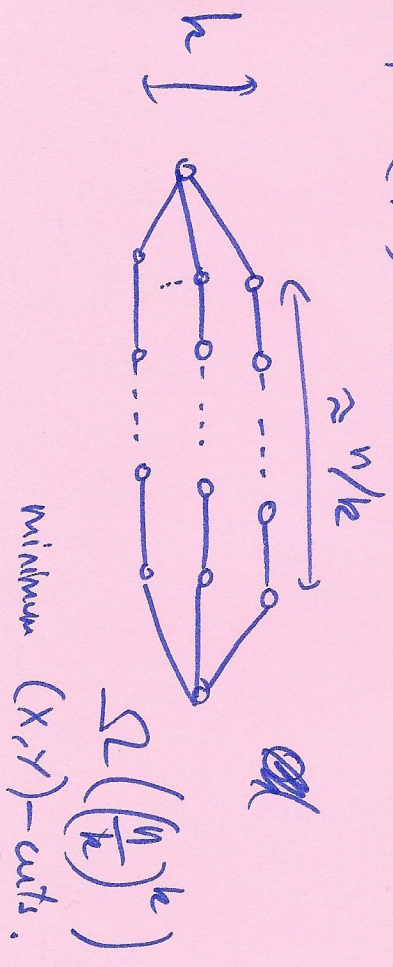
5)  2 to the left  
0 to the right

$$d(A) + d(B) \geq d(A \cup B) + d(A \cap B)$$

Lemma 2: if  $A$  and  $B$  are ~~subset~~  $r \subseteq V$   
 $(X, Y)$ -cuts, then so are  $A \cup B$  and  $A \cap B$ .

Proof exercise.

Remark: a graph may have a large number of  $(X, Y)$ -cuts



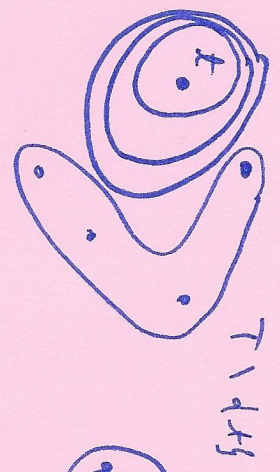
Multiway Cut

input: graph  $G$ ,  $T \subseteq V(G)$  terminals  
 $k \in \mathbb{N}$

q? is there  $S \subseteq E(G)$   $|S| \leq k$  such that in  $G \setminus S$ , each  $t \in T$  is in a different connected component?

- $|T|=2 \rightarrow$  polynomial  $(s, t)$ -cut
- NP-h for every fixed  $|T| \geq 3$
- trivial  $n^{O(k)}$  algorithm.

Here: Multiway cut is FPT  $(k)$

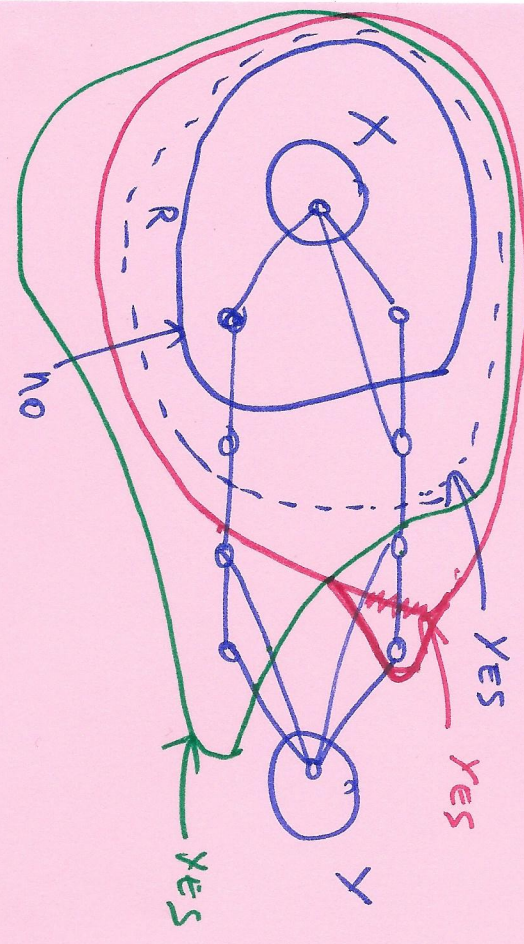


$(t, T \setminus \{t\})$ -cuts  
 $\approx$  enumerate all

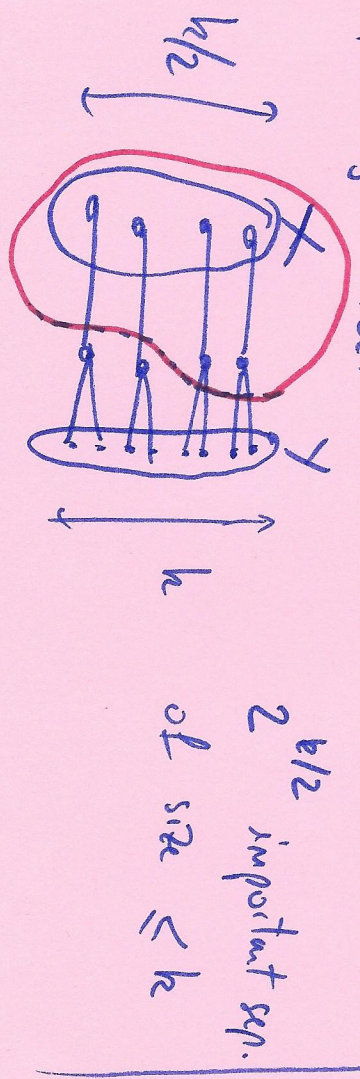
Def: a  $(X, Y)$ -cut  $S = \Delta(R)$  is important if there is no  $(X, Y)$ -cut  $S' = \Delta(R')$  such that

- $|S'| \leq |S|$
- $R \subseteq R'$

idea: "push" cuts far from  $X$



Remark: there might be many important sep. of a given size:



using these important separators in Multicut cut given  $G, T \subseteq V(G), h \in \mathbb{N}$

Lemma: if there is a solution  $S$  of size  $\leq h$  then,  $\forall t \in T$ , there is a solution of size  $\leq h$  which includes an important  $(t, T \setminus t)$ -cut

→ if not the case, ~~replace~~ consider an important sep  $\Delta(R)$ , replace  $S = \Delta(R)$

~~$S \Delta(R) \cup \Delta(t)$~~

Algorithm: pick  $t \in T$ , enumerate all important  $(t, T \setminus t)$ -separators, recurse.

⇒ we need to bound the number of important separators.



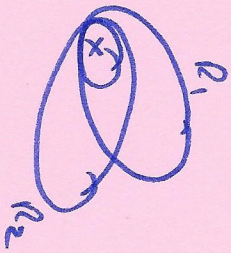
Lemma: given  $G, X, Y, k$  ( $\dots$ )  
 $G$  has at most  $O(4^k)$  important  
 separators of size at most  $k$

Proof:

Claim: there is a unique important

$(X, Y)$ -cut of minimum size  $c^*(G, X, Y)$

proof:  $R_1, R_2$  suppose there are two:  $R_1, R_2$   
 apply submodularity:

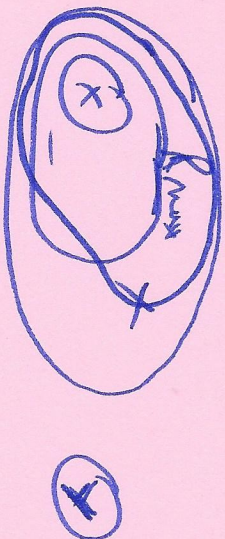


$$\underbrace{d(R_1) + d(R_2)}_{c^*} \geq \underbrace{d(R_1 \cup R_2) + d(R_1 \cap R_2)}_{\geq c^*}$$

but  $\Rightarrow d(R_1 \cap R_2) \leq c^*$   
 $d(R_1 \cup R_2) \leq c^*$

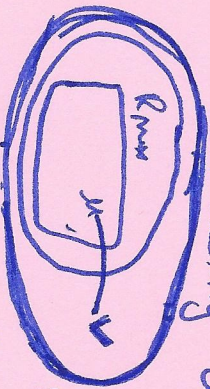
but  $R_1, R_2 \subseteq R_1 \cup R_2$ , contradicts  
 the fact that  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are important.

let  $R_{max}$  this unique important  $(X, Y)$ -cut,  
 by definition:  $R_{max}$  is contained in every  
 other important separator



enumerating all important  $(X, Y)$ -separators

$\Leftrightarrow$  enumerating all important  $(R_{max}, Y)$ -separators



consider an edge  $uv \in \Delta(R_{max})$   
 $Z$  cases: either  $uv$  is in an

important separator or not.  
 instance  $I = (G, X, Y, k)$

- branch 1:  $(G \setminus uv, X, Y, k-1)$
- branch 2:  $(G, X \cup uv, Y, k)$

correctness: in branch 1: if  $S$  is an import. sep.  $\leq k$   
 containing  $uv$ , then  $S \setminus uv$  is an imp. sep.  $\leq k-1$   
 in  $G \setminus uv$

$$\mu(I) = 2k - c^*(G, X, Y) \geq c^*(G, X, Y)$$

branch 1:  $\mu(I') = 2(k-1) - c^*(G_{uv}, X, Y)$

branch 2:  $\mu(I'') = 2k - c^*(G, X \cup \{v\}, Y) > c^*(G, X, Y)$

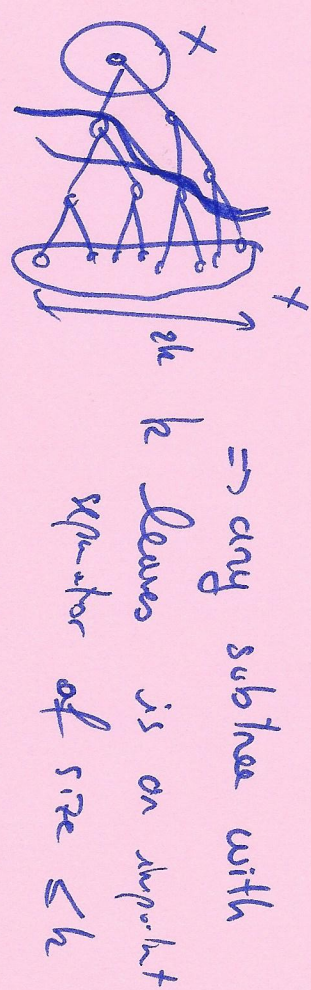
$\Rightarrow$  in both cases,  $\mu(I') < \mu(I)$ .

$$\mu(I) \leq 2k$$

$\Rightarrow$  enumerate all important sep. there

one at most  $O(2^{2k-c^*}) = O(4^k)$  of them.

this bound is tight:



$\Rightarrow$  any subtree with  $k$  leaves is on a separator of size  $\leq k$

$\Rightarrow$  number of subtrees with  $k$  leaves  $\leq \frac{4^k}{\text{poly}(k)}$

Catalan number  $C_{k-1} = \frac{1}{k} \binom{2k-2}{k-1} \geq \frac{4^{k-1}}{\text{poly}(k)}$

multitway cut is solved in

$$O^*(4^{k^2})$$

(can run in  $O^*(4^k)$ )