



### **Aufgabe 1 (3 Points)**

Give formal definitions of a *Basis*, and a *Basic Feasible Solution*.

### **Aufgabe 2 (3 Points)**

- (a) Explain why the 2-phase simplex algorithm is needed. (1 point)
- (b) Explain the first phase of this algorithm. (2 points)

### **Aufgabe 3 (4 Points)**

Show that there does not exist any FPTAS for the unweighted MAXCUT problem. In the MAXCUT problem, we are given an unweighted graph  $G = (V, E)$  and wish to find a partition  $U \uplus W$  of  $V$  so as to maximize the number of edges having exactly one endpoint in  $U$ . It is known that the unweighted MAXCUT problem is strongly NP-Complete.

#### **Aufgabe 4 (5 Points)**

Let  $P$  be a given feasible, bounded Linear Program. We know how to find the dual  $D$  of  $P$ . By combining  $P$  and  $D$ , demonstrate a linear program whose only feasible solution corresponds to the feasible solution optimizing the objective value of  $P$  (and similarly for  $D$ ). The new linear program should have constraints linear in the number of constraints of  $P$  and  $D$ . Further, ensure that the new linear program is infeasible if either  $P$  or  $D$  is infeasible.

### Aufgabe 5 (5 Points)

Given a directed graph  $G = (V, A)$ , a special vertex  $r$  and a positive cost  $c_{ij}$  for each edge  $(i, j) \in A$ , the minimum-cost arborescence problem is to find a subgraph of minimum cost that contains directed paths from  $r$  to all other vertices.

(a) Observe that the following ILP solves the minimum-cost arborescence problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \sum_{(i,j) \in A} c_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \text{subject to} & \sum_{i \in S, j \notin S, (i,j) \in A} x_{ij} \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subseteq V, S \ni r \\ & x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall (i, j) \in A \end{array}$$

(b) Show how to efficiently solve the LP obtained by relaxing the above ILP.

### Aufgabe 6 (10 Points)

We are given a directed graph  $G$  on vertex set  $V$ , with a nonnegative cost specified for edge  $(u \rightarrow v)$ , for each pair  $u, v \in V$ . The edge costs satisfy the directed triangle inequality, i.e., for any three vertices  $u, v$ , and  $w$ ,  $\text{cost}(u \rightarrow v) \leq \text{cost}(u \rightarrow w) + \text{cost}(w \rightarrow v)$ . We need to find a minimum cost cycle visiting every vertex exactly once. Give a  $O(\log n)$  approximation algorithm for this problem.

(*Hint*: Use the fact that a minimum cost cycle cover (i.e., disjoint cycles covering all the vertices) can be found in polynomial time. Shrink the cycles and recurse.)



### Aufgabe 7 (10 Points)

We are given  $k$  stretchable bags  $b_1, \dots, b_k$  and  $n$  items  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  with weights  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and volume  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  respectively, such that  $w_i, v_i \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = k = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i$ . We say that a packing of the  $n$  items in the  $k$  bags is an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -packing if each bag is filled with weight  $\leq \alpha$  and volume  $\leq \beta$ . Give an efficient algorithm for obtaining a  $(3, 3)$ -packing.

#### Lösungsvorschlag

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### Aufgabe 8 (10 Points)

We are given a graph which is a cycle on  $n$  nodes, numbered 0 through  $n - 1$  clockwise around the cycle. We are also given a set  $C$  of calls; each call is a pair  $(i, j)$  originating at node  $i$  and destined for node  $j$ . The call can be routed either clockwise or counter-clockwise around the cycle. The task is to route the calls so as to minimize the *maximum edge load* in the graph. The load  $L_i$  on link  $(i, (i + 1) \bmod n)$  is the number of calls routed through  $(i, (i + 1) \bmod n)$ , and the maximum edge load is  $\max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} L_i$ .

(a) Observe that the following ILP solves the given problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && L \\ & \text{subject to} && x_0^k + x_1^k = 1 && \forall k \in C \\ & && \sum_{k \in C} x_{b(k,i)}^k \leq L && \forall i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\} \\ & && x_0^k \in \{0, 1\} && \forall k \in C \\ & && x_1^k \in \{0, 1\} && \forall k \in C \\ & && L \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_0^k = 1$  indicates that we route the call clockwise,  $x_1^k = 1$  indicates that we route the call counter-clockwise,  $b(k, i) = 0$  if the clockwise routing uses the link  $(i, (i + 1) \bmod n)$  and  $b(k, i) = 1$  if the counter-clockwise routing uses the link  $(i, (i + 1) \bmod n)$ .

(b) Relax the above ILP to a linear program and obtain a 2-approximation algorithm for the given problem.



## ROUGH WORK