

(9.8) Consider the following (integer) LP program with consecutive P_5 in the rows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min.} \quad & C_1 x_1 + C_2 x_2 + C_3 x_3 + C_4 x_4 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 20 \\ & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 30 \\ & x_2 + x_3 \geq 15 \\ & x_3 + x_4 \geq 10 \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0 \text{ and integer.} \end{aligned}$$

Transform this problem to a minimum cost flow problem.

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$$\text{let } y_1 = x_1, y_2 = x_1 + x_2, y_3 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3, y_4 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$$

Replacing new variables in the given problem we have:

$$\text{Min } c_1 y_1 + c_2 (y_2 - y_1) + c_3 (y_3 - y_2) + c_4 (y_4 - y_3)$$

s.t

$$\begin{array}{rcl} y_4 - y_1 & \geq & 20 \\ y_4 & \geq & 30 \\ y_3 - y_1 & \geq & 15 \\ y_4 - y_2 & \geq & 10 \\ y_1 - y_0 & \geq & 0 \\ y_2 - y_1 & \geq & 0 \\ y_3 - y_2 & \geq & 0 \\ y_4 - y_3 & \geq & 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_{41} \\ x_{40} \\ x_{31} \\ x_{42} \\ x_{10} \\ x_{21} \\ x_{32} \\ x_{43} \end{array} \right\}$$

Dual variables associated with each constraint.

Dual Problem

$$\text{Max } 20x_{41} + 30x_{40} + 15x_{31} + 10x_{42}$$

s.t

$$-x_{41} - x_{31} + x_{10} - x_{21} = c_1 - c_2$$

$$-x_{42} + x_{21} - x_{32} = c_2 - c_3$$

$$x_{31} + x_{32} - x_{43} = c_3 - c_4$$

$$x_{41} + x_{40} + x_{42} + x_{43} = c_4$$

$$-x_{10} - x_{40} = -c_1$$

Redundant constraint that result from adding up all previous constraints

② Tanker Scheduling problem.

A Steamship Company has contracted to deliver perishable goods between several different origin-destination pairs. Since the cargo is perishable, the customers have specified precise dates when the shipments must reach their destinations. (The cargo may not arrive early or late). The steamship company wants to determine the minimum number of ships needed to meet the delivery dates of the shipments.

a) Shipments Characteristics

Shipment	Origin	Destination	Delivery date
1	Port A	Port C	3
2	Port A	Port D	3
3	Port B	Port D	3
4	Port B	Port C	6

b) Shipment transit time

	C	D
A	3	2
B	2	3

c) Return time

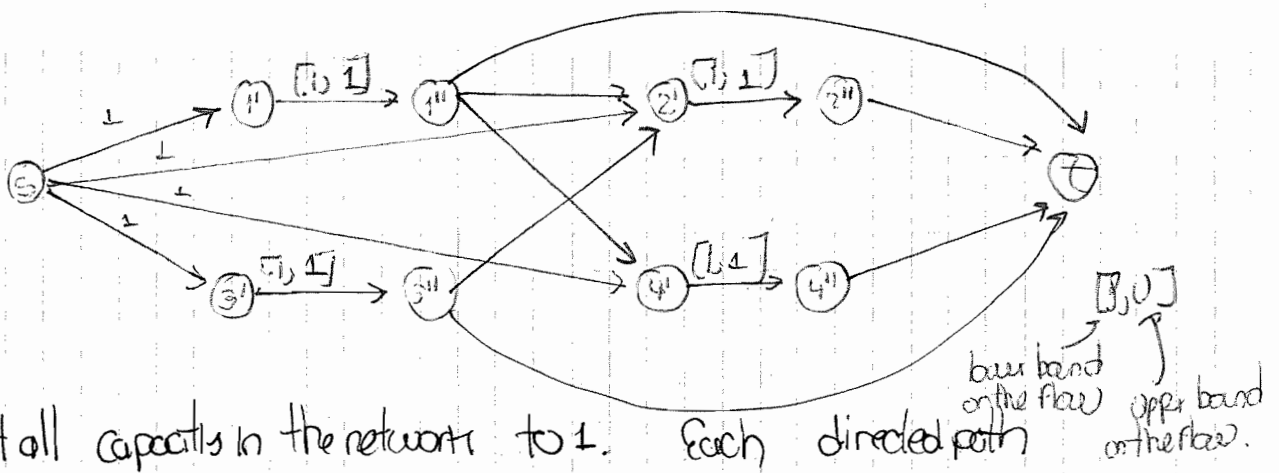
	A	B
C	2	1
D	1	2

To solve this problem, construct a network in which there are nodes for shipment and there is an arc from node i and j if shipment j can be delivered after shipment i .



To solve the problem as a maxflow problem, split each node i into two nodes with an arc going from i' to i'' with capacity 1. Add a source node s and an arc from s to i' , for all i' , these arcs have unitary capacity. Add a sink t node and an arc from i'' to t for all i'' .

Finally if there is an arc (i, j) in (1), add an arc from i'' to j' .



Set all capacities in the network to 1. Each directed path from source s to sink t corresponds to a feasible schedule for a single ship. Then if a flow have value v , it can be decompose into schedules of v ships and our problem reduce to identify a feasible flow of minimum value.