

Wrap-Up
CSCI 532

Test 3 Logistics

1. During class on Thursday 4/30.
2. You can bring your book and any notes you would like, but no electronic devices.
3. You may assume anything proven in class or on homework.
4. Three questions (10 points):
 - 1) Easy Approximation Algorithm (5 points).
 - 2) Conceptual Question (3 points).
 - 3) Hard Approximation Algorithm (2 points).
 - 4) Bonus (1 point).

Work Scheduling

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Algorithm: Assign each task to the worker with the smallest current work time.

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This holds when task j is assigned and at the end of the schedule, since $ALG - t_j$ does not change as more tasks are scheduled, but T_w 's may get larger.

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Someone in OPT had to process t_j , so $OPT \geq t_j$.

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Because OPT_{frac} is allowed to take full items too.

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Nothing can be larger than including full items of highest ratio.

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Including the full last item provides more value than including part of it.

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Highest valued item is even larger.

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$$\Rightarrow \max\{OPT_{greedy}, v_{max}\} \geq \frac{1}{2} OPT$$

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They can't both be smaller than half of the value they sum to.

Randomized Rounding

Set Cover

Set Cover: Given a set of elements (the universe), and sets containing those elements, find the smallest number of sets so that every element of the universe is included.

Example:

$$U = \{1, 4, 7, 8, 10\}$$

$$S = \{\{1, 7, 8\}, \{1, 4, 7\}, \{7, 8\}, \{4, 8, 10\}\}$$

$$\{\{1, 7, 8\}, \{4, 8, 10\}\} \quad \{\{1, 4, 7\}, \{7, 8\}\}$$



Set Cover ILP

Objective:	$\min \sum_s x_s$
Subject to:	$\sum_{s: u \in s} x_s \geq 1, \text{ for each } u \in U$
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1. What is the size of the solution?

$$\begin{aligned} E[ALG] &= E\left[\sum_{S \in S_{ALG}} X_S\right] \\ &\leq E\left[\sum_{t \leq T} \sum_{S \in S_{ALG_t}} X_S\right], \text{ since multiple iterations may select } s \\ &= T \sum_{S \in S} x_S^*, \text{ by previous bound } E\left[\sum_{S \in S_{ALG}} X_S\right] = \sum_{S \in S} x_S^* \end{aligned}$$

Markov's Inequality:

$$\Pr[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \Pr[ALG > 4 \ln 4n OPT] &\leq \Pr[ALG > 4T \sum_{S \in S} x_S^*] \\ &\leq \frac{E[ALG]}{4T \sum_{S \in S} x_S^*} = \frac{T \sum_{S \in S} x_S^*}{4T \sum_{S \in S} x_S^*} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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2. What is the probability solution is valid?

Let S_u be sets of S that contain element u .

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[u \text{ not covered by } S_{ALG}] &= \prod_{t \leq T} \Pr[u \text{ not covered by } S_{ALG_t}] \\ &\leq \prod_{t \leq T} \frac{1}{e}, \text{ by previous bound} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^T} = \frac{1}{e^{\ln 4n}} = \frac{1}{4n} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \Pr[S_{ALG} \text{ is not a cover}] &= \Pr[\bigcup_u (u \text{ not covered by } S_{ALG})] \\ &\leq \sum_u \Pr[u \text{ not covered by } S_{ALG}], \text{ by union bound} \\ &\leq \sum_u \frac{1}{4n} = n \frac{1}{4n} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution is “good” (valid and $ALG \leq O(\ln(n))OPT$) with probability $\geq \frac{9}{16} \approx .56$

Good enough? What if we run the algorithm two independent times?

Probability some run is good = $1 - \left(\frac{7}{16}\right)^2 \approx 0.81$

Three times? $1 - \left(\frac{7}{16}\right)^3 \approx 0.92$

Four times? $1 - \left(\frac{7}{16}\right)^4 \approx 0.96$

Ten times? $1 - \left(\frac{7}{16}\right)^{10} \approx 0.9997$

**High likelihood of “good”
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I.e., Exponential improvement $\left(1 - \left(\frac{7}{16}\right)^t\right)$ for polynomial time work (t).

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**Guarantee of “good”
solution with high likelihood
polynomial time?**

Set Cover ILP

x_s^* = optimal solutions to LP relaxation

while S_{ALG} is not a cover **or** $ALG > 4 \ln 4n \sum_{s \in S} x_s^*$

for $t = 0$ to $\ln 4n$

add s to S_{ALG} with probability x_s^*

We can easily test if S_{ALG} is actually a valid cover or not.

Suppose that $ALG \leq 4 \ln 4n \sum_{s \in S} x_s^* \leq 4 \ln 4n OPT$.

After first iteration of the while loop:

$$\Pr[S_{ALG} \text{ is not a cover}] \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Pr[ALG > 4 \ln 4n OPT] \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

\Rightarrow Probability while loops to second iteration

$$= \Pr[S_{ALG} \text{ is not a cover}] \text{ OR } \Pr[ALG > 4 \ln 4n OPT]$$

$$\leq \Pr[S_{ALG} \text{ is not a cover}] + \Pr[ALG > 4 \ln 4n OPT] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow E[\# \text{ while loop iterations}] = 2$ (geometric distribution)

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Set Cover ILP

**High likelihood of “good”
solution with guaranteed
polynomial time algorithm.**

Monte Carlo Algorithm: Randomness
effects correctness, not runtime.

**Guarantee of “good”
solution with high likelihood
polynomial time.**

Las Vegas Algorithm: Randomness
effects runtime, not correctness.