

Graduate AI

Lecture 7:

IP Applications

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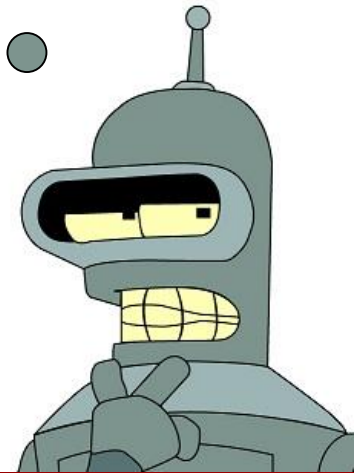
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INTEGER PROGRAMMING

- An integer programming (IP) problem:
 - $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i \in [k] = \{1, \dots, k\}, j \in [\ell]$
 - $b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $i \in [k]$
 - Variables x_j for $j \in [\ell]$
- The (feasibility) problem is:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{find} & x_1 \dots, x_\ell \\ \text{s.t.} & \forall i \in [k], \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i \\ & \forall j \in [\ell], x_j \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

How can we express
 \geq constraints?
Equality constraints?
Restricted domains?



EXAMPLE: SUDOKU

8			4		6			7
						4		
	1					6	5	
5		9		3		7	8	
				7				
	4	8		2		1		3
	5	2					9	
		1						
3			9		2			5

EXAMPLE: SUDOKU

- For each $i, j, k \in [9]$, binary variable x_k^{ij} s.t.
 $x_k^{ij} = 1$ iff we put k in entry (i, j)
- For $t = 1, \dots, 27$, S_t is a row, column, or 3×3 square

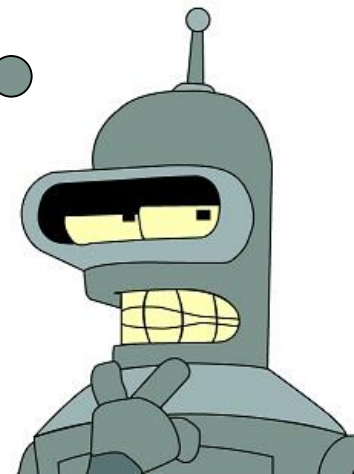
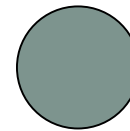
find $x_1^{11}, \dots, x_9^{99}$

s.t. $\forall t \in [27], \forall k \in [9], \sum_{(i,j) \in S_t} x_k^{ij} = 1$

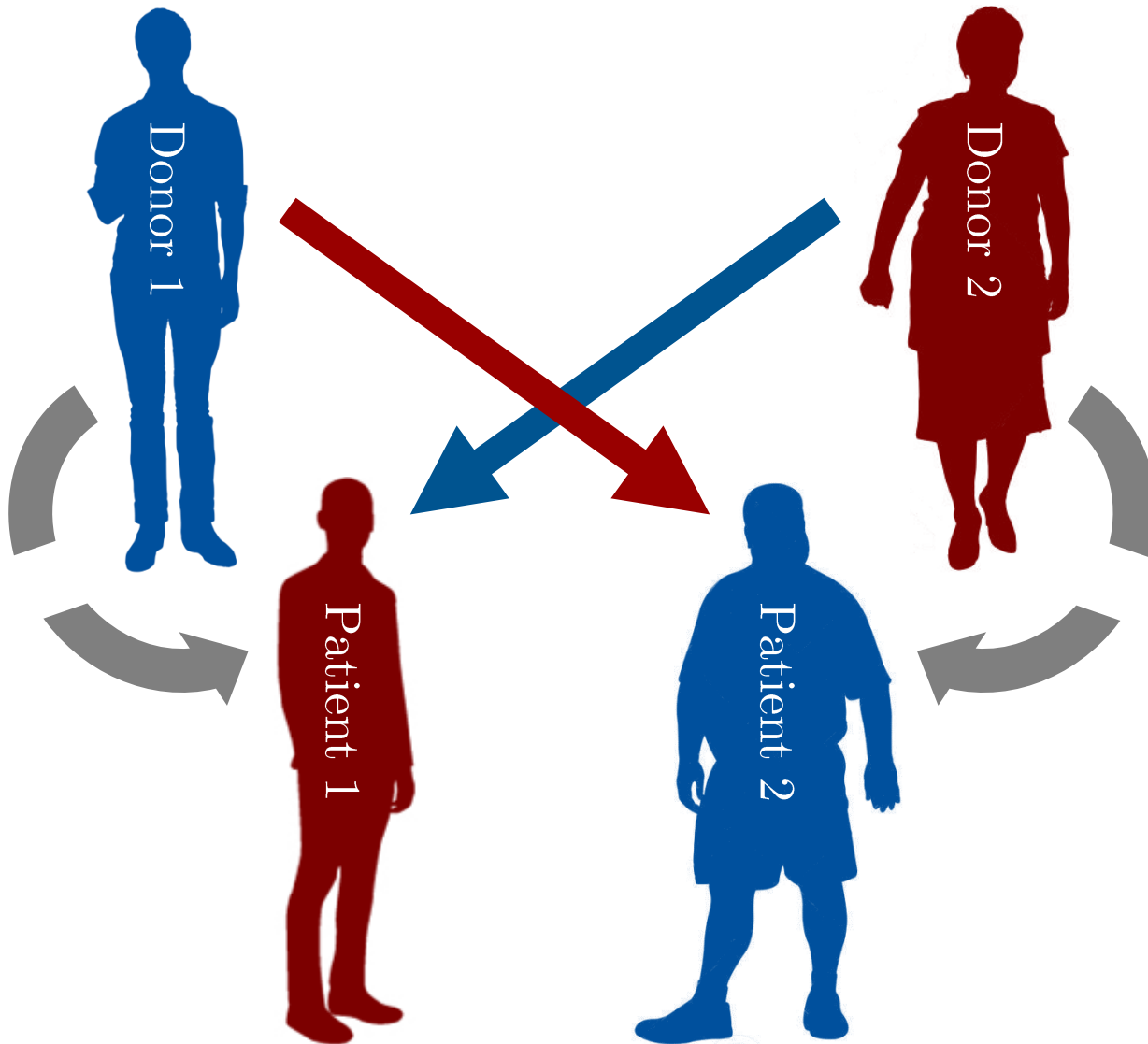
$\forall i, j \in [9], \sum_{k \in [9]} x_k^{ij} = 1$

$\forall i, j, k \in [9], x_k^{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$

If you have a hard
time expressing
something as an IP,
try using binary
variables

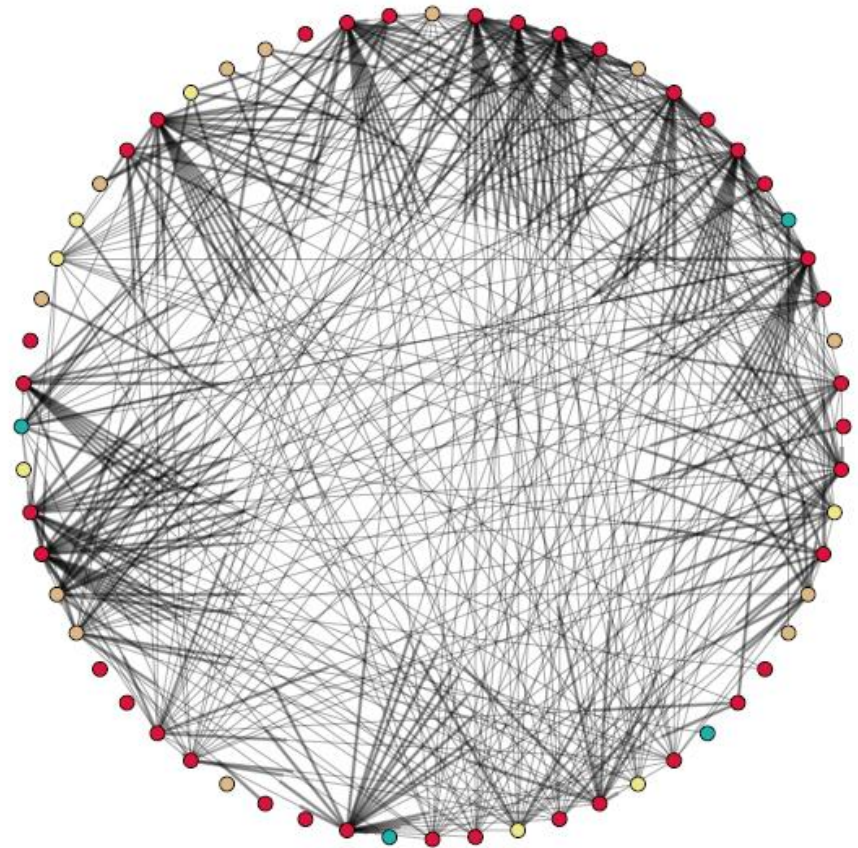


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- **CYCLE-COVER:** Given a directed graph G and $L \in \mathbb{N}$, find a collection of disjoint cycles of length $\leq L$ in G that maximizes the number of covered vertices
- The problem is:
 - Easy for $L = 2$ (why?)
 - Easy for unbounded L
 - NP-hard for a constant $L \geq 3$



UNOS pool, Dec 2010
[Courtesy John Dickerson]

EXAMPLE: KIDNEY EXCHANGE

- Variables: For each cycle c of length $\ell_c \leq L$, variable $x_c \in \{0,1\}$, $x_c = 1$ iff cycle c is included in the cover
- CYCLE-COVER as an IP:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_c x_c \ell_c \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \forall v \in V, \sum_{c:v \in c} x_c \leq 1 \\ & \forall c, x_c \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$










APPLICATION: UNOS



UNITED NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING

EXAMPLE: ENVY-FREENESS

- **Players** $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ and **items** $M = \{1, \dots, m\}$
- Player i has value v_{ij} for item j
- Partition items to bundles A_1, \dots, A_n
- A_1, \dots, A_n is **envy-free** iff $\forall i, i', \sum_{j \in A_i} v_{ij} \geq \sum_{j \in A_{i'}} v_{ij}$

	1							2
								
1	\$30	\$50	\$2	\$5	\$5	\$3	\$5	
2	\$2	\$10	\$5	\$20	\$20	\$3	\$40	

EXAMPLE: ENVY-FREENESS

- Variables: $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$, $x_{ij} = 1$ iff $j \in A_i$
- ENVY-FREE as an IP:

find x_{11}, \dots, x_{nm}

s.t. $\forall i \in N, \forall i' \in N, \sum_{j \in M} v_{ij} x_{ij} \geq \sum_{j \in M} v_{ij} x_{i'j}$

$\forall j \in M, \sum_{i \in N} x_{ij} = 1$

$\forall i \in N, j \in M, x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$

- Problem: An EF allocation may not exist



PHASE TRANSITION

- Imagine the v_{ij} are drawn independently and uniformly at random from $[0,1]$
- **Poll 1:** If $m = n/2$, what is the probability that an envy-free allocation exists?

1. 0
2. $2/n$
3. $1/2$
4. 1

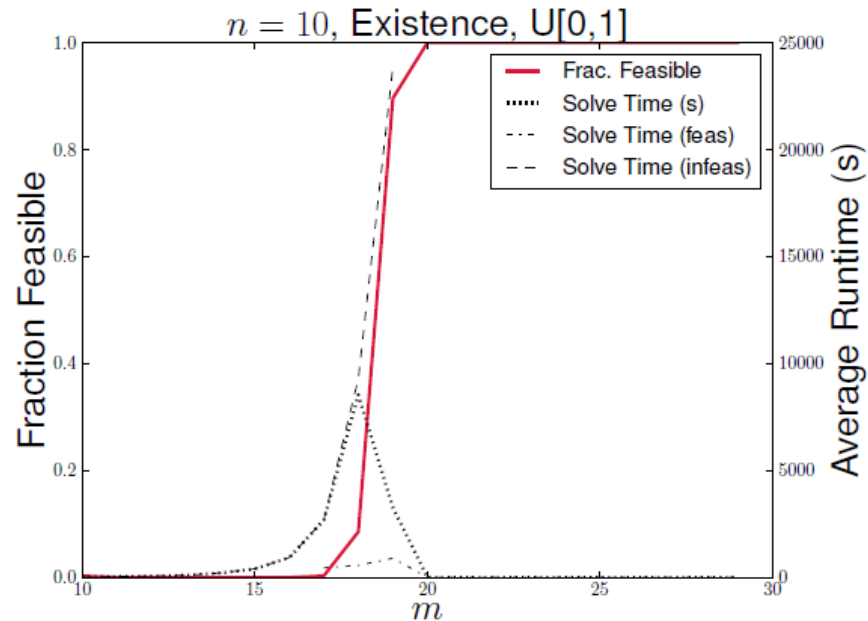


PHASE TRANSITION

- Imagine the v_{ij} are drawn independently and uniformly at random from $[0,1]$
- **Poll 2:** If $m \gg n$, what is the probability that an envy-free allocation exists?
 1. Close to 0
 2. Close to $1/3$
 3. Close to $1/2$
 4. Close to 1

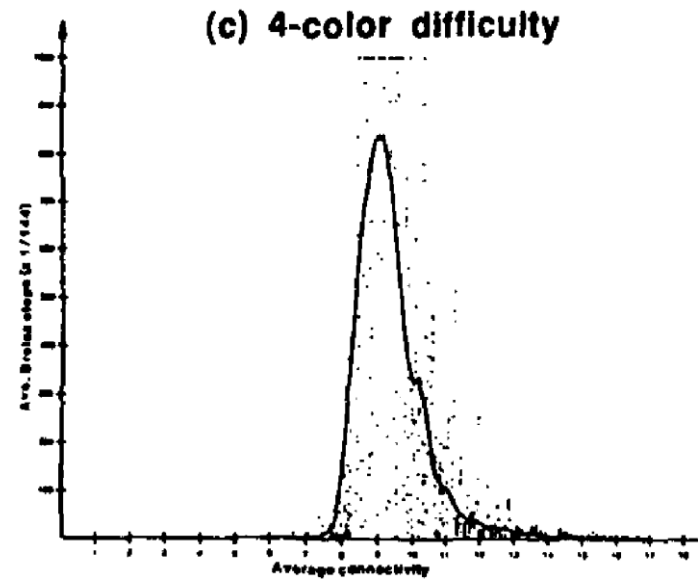
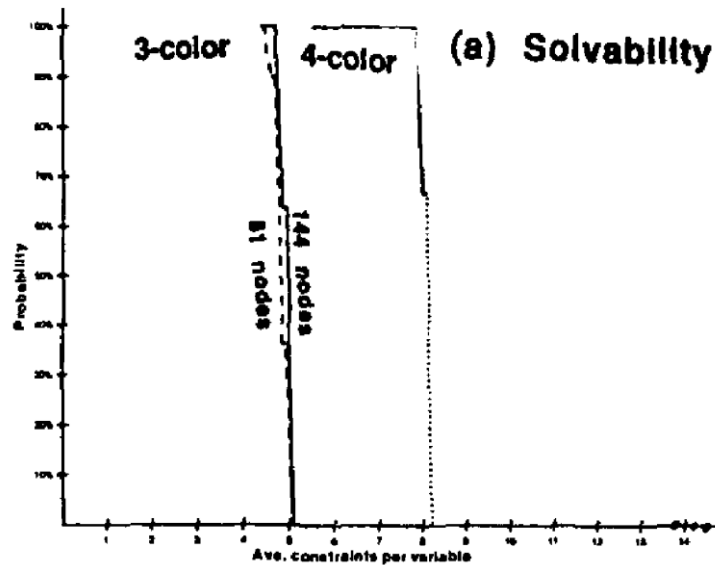


SHARP TRANSITION



[Dickerson et al., AAAI 2014]

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[Cheeseman et al., IJCAI 1993]

EXAMPLE: MMS GUARANTEE

- Maximin share (MMS) guarantee [Budish 2011] of player i : $\max_{X_1, \dots, X_n} \min_k v_i(X_k)$
- MMS guarantee of player i as IP:

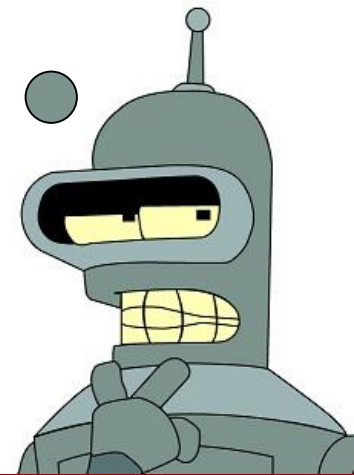
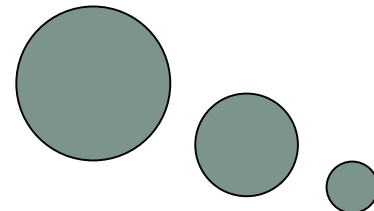
max D

s.t. $\forall k \in N, \sum_{j \in M} v_{ij} y_{jk} \geq D$

$$\forall j \in M, \sum_{k=1}^n y_{jk} = 1$$

$$\forall j \in M, k \in N, y_{jk} \in \{0, 1\}$$

Max min and min
max can be
expressed using a
linear objective
function and linear
constraints!



EXAMPLE: MMS GUARANTEE

- Suppose we computed $MMS(i)$ for each i
- Now finding an **MMS allocation**, where $v_i(A_i) \geq MMS(i)$ for all $i \in N$, is just another IP:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } x_{11}, \dots, x_{nm} \\ &\text{s.t. } \forall i \in N, \sum_{j \in M} v_{ij} x_{ij} \geq MMS(i) \\ &\quad \forall j \in M, \sum_{i \in N} x_{ij} = 1 \\ &\quad \forall i \in N, j \in M, x_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

APPLICATION: SPLIDDIT



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SUMMARY

- IP tricks:
 - Binary variables
 - Max min and min max
- Big ideas:
 - IP representation leads to “efficient” solutions
 - Phase transition \Leftrightarrow complexity

