

## → APPROXIMATION ALGORITHMS.

1. Bin Packing
2. Asymmetric TSP

→ Given  $n$  items  $\in [0,1]$ , pack into smallest number of unit size bins.

Gabriel's algorithm (Any-Fit algorithm)

1. order items arbitrarily

while (the current item fits into any already opened bin, put item into that bin).

otherwise open a new bin.

★ → At any point during the algorithm, there is at most one bin that is not strictly more than half full.

Proof:

Consider an item 2 cases:

1. Heavy ( $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ )
2. Light ( $< \frac{1}{2}$ )

$$\# \text{ bins} < 2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + 1 \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{OPT is at least} \geq \left\lceil \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right\rceil$$

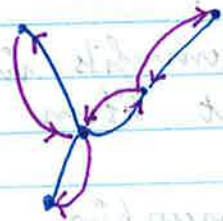


$$\frac{\# \text{ bins}}{\text{OPT}} \leq \frac{2 \sum a_i}{\lceil \sum a_i \rceil} \leq \frac{2 \sum a_i}{\sum a_i} = 2$$

Asymptotic polynomial time approx. scheme.

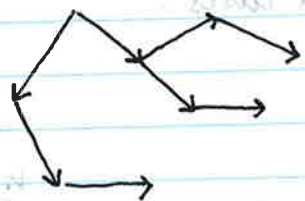
$$0 < \epsilon < 1 \quad (1 + \epsilon) \text{OPT} + 1$$

- Complete Graph
- Triangle Inequality
- No symmetry (not necessarily)



For the rest of the lecture, graph is directed.

### ARBORESCENCE

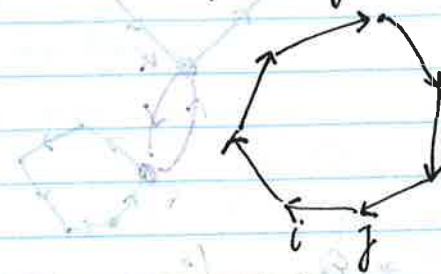


we can compute in polynomial time, minimum spanning arborescences.

→ Let's construct a graph. Consider a directed graph  $G$  where  $\text{dist}_{ij}$  = shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  in another graph  $H$ .

- $G$  is complete
- Why does  $G$  have  $\Delta$  inequality?

This is a family

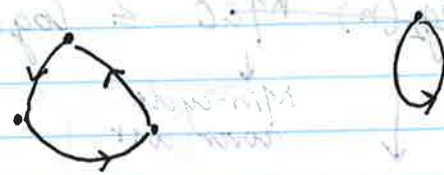


$$\begin{aligned} d_{ji} &= 1 \\ d_{ij} &= n-1 \end{aligned}$$

### CYCLE COVERS

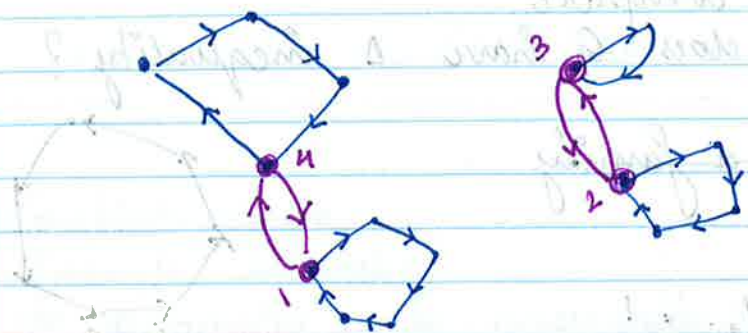
HW4

A collection of (directed) cycles that cover all nodes (each node is part of exactly one cycle).





- Key 1. Hamiltonian cycles are cycle covers.  
 2. Minimum length cycle cover can be computed in poly. time.

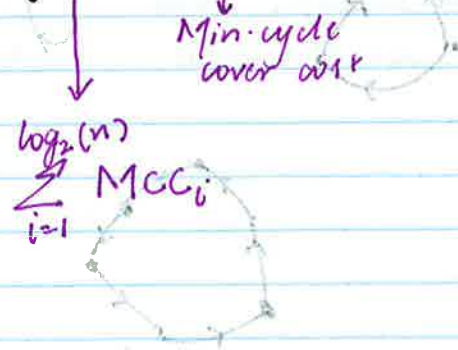


→ Every time we add a cycle cover, we group together at least half the nodes.

⇒ at most  $\log_2(n)$  cycle covers are needed.

→ All other operations (shortcutting) reduces cost.

$$\text{Cost} \leq \log_2(n) \text{MCC} \leq \log_2(n) \text{OPT.}$$



→ How do you write a linear program for TSP?

Indicator variable per edge...  $x_e$

$$\min \sum_{e \in E} x_e c_e$$

How to write it with linear constraints?

$$\checkmark \forall i \text{ in degree}(i) = 1$$

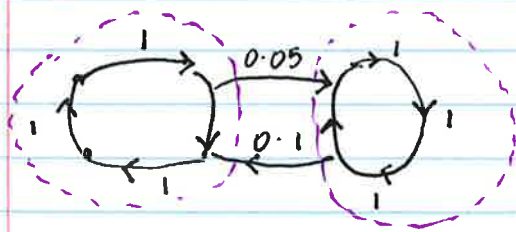
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} only constraints for cycle cover

→ Held / Karp 82.

• LP's with exponentially many constraints can be solved as long as  $\exists$  black box to find violated constraints (or to correctly claim there are none).

→  $\text{Outdegree}(S) \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subseteq V$ .  
 outdegree out of every single cut is at least 1.



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$$\frac{\log(n)}{\log(\log(n))}$$