

2. (a) Consider a multi-label problem with 2 variables  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  each taking 3 states  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Let the unary terms be given by  $\theta_{y_1}^l = \{[l = 1] \rightarrow 0.5, [l = 2] \rightarrow 1.5, [l = 3] \rightarrow 1.0\}$ , and  $\theta_{y_2}^l = \{[l = 1] \rightarrow 1.5, [l = 2] \rightarrow 1.5, [l = 3] \rightarrow 0.0\}$ . We use the pairwise model and it is given by  $\theta_{y_1 y_2}^{lm} = |l - m|$ , where  $|l - m|$  denotes the absolute value of the difference between the two labels. Show that the pairwise potentials satisfy the metric condition. Show the iterations in alpha-expansion till it converges. Note that you will construct a Boolean function in every iteration. You will manually compute the solution for every maxflow/mincut step. [20 points]
- (b) Is the following function submodular or not?

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 x_2 x_3 - x_1 - x_2 \quad (1)$$

Prove your result using the set definition for submodularity:  $f(A) + f(B) \geq f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B)$ . [10 points]

$\theta_{y_1 y_2}^{lm} = |l - m|$

	1	2	3
$y_1$	0.5	1.5	1.0
$y_2$	1.5	2	0.0

		$y_2$		
		1	2	3
$y_1$	1	0	1	2
	2	1	0	1
	3	2	1	0

(a) Matrix condition:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_a} = 0 \quad (1) \\ \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_b} = \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_b l_a} \geq 0 \quad (2) \\ \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_b} + \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_b l_c} \geq \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_c} \quad (3) \end{array} \right.$$

proof:

$$(1) \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_a} = |l_a - l_a| = 0$$

$$(2) \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_b} = |l_a - l_b| = \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_b l_a}$$

$$(3) \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_b} + \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_b l_c} = |l_a - l_b| + |l_b - l_c|$$

$$\theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_c} = |l_a - l_c|$$

As  $|x| + |y| \geq |x + y|$ , for  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|l_a - l_b| + |l_b - l_c| \geq |l_a - l_c|$$

$$\text{So } \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_b} + \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_b l_c} \geq \theta_{y_1 y_2}^{l_a l_c}$$

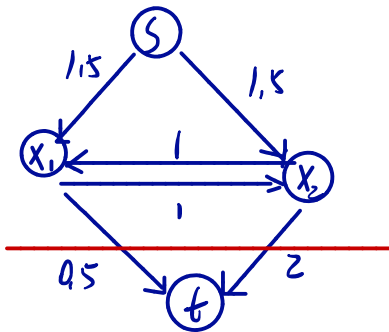
(b)  $y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1$

①  $d=1$ , no change.

②  $d=2$ .

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 1 \\ y_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_1 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y_2 = 1 \\ y_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$E = 0.5 \bar{x}_1 + 1.5 x_1 + 1.5 \bar{x}_2 + 2 x_2 + \bar{x}_1 x_2 + \bar{x}_2 x_1$$



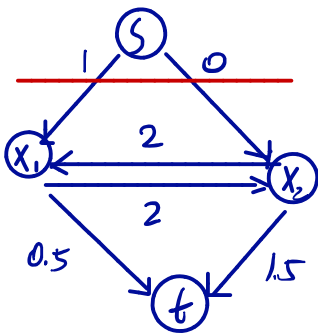
So  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$

$y_1 = y_2 = 1$ .

③  $d=3$ .

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 1 \\ y_2 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_1 = 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y_2 = 1 \\ y_2 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$E = 1.5 \bar{x}_1 + x_1 + 1.5 \bar{x}_2 + 2 \bar{x}_1 x_2 + 2 x_2 \bar{x}_1$$



$x_1 = x_2 = 1$

$y_1 = y_2 = 3$

	1	2	3
$y_1$	0.5	1.5	1.0
$y_2$	1.5	2	0.0

④  $d=1$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 1 \\ y_2 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 1 \\ y_2 = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

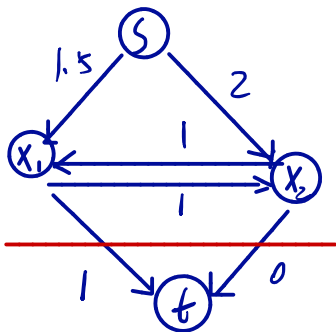
The energy function is the same as ③, so  $y_1 = y_2 = 3$ .

⑤  $d=2$ .

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 3 \\ y_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = 3 \\ y_2 = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$E = \bar{x}_1 + 1.5x_1 + 2x_2 + \bar{x}_1x_2 + x_1\bar{x}_2$$



$$\text{so } x_1 = x_2 = 0$$

$$y_1 = y_2 = 3.$$

⑥  $d=3$ . no change.

As there is no change in a whole iteration  $d=1, 2, 3$ , it converges.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 x_2 x_3 - x_1 - x_2$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Let } A = \{1, 2\} \rightarrow x_1=1, x_2=1, x_3=0$$

$$B = \{3\} \rightarrow x_1=0, x_2=0, x_3=1$$

$$f(A) = (1)(1)(0) - (1) - (1) = -2$$

$$f(B) = (0)(0)(1) - (0) - (0) = 0$$

$$f(A \cup B) = (1)(1)(1) - (1) - (1) = -1$$

$$f(A \cap B) = (0)(0)(0) - (0) - (0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(A) + f(B) = -2$$

$$f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B) = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(A) + f(B) < f(A \cup B) + f(A \cap B)$$

The function is not submodular

One counterexample is sufficient to show that the  $f$ -function is not submodular.

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