

# Integer Programming

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Standard Form

$$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)} \leq (m \cdot \Delta)^{100 \cdot m^2}$$

(Papadimitriou 1981)

This talk:

$$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$$

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$$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)} \cdot \|b\|_\infty^2 \quad (b \text{ unrestricted})$$

# Dynamic Programming

$m := \# \text{Rows of } A$

$$\begin{array}{l} A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n} \\ b \in \mathbb{Z}^m \\ \|A\|_\infty \leq \Delta \\ \|b\|_\infty \leq \Delta \end{array}$$

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(Kannan 1986)

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Open:  $2^{O(n)}$

$$A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}, \|A\|_\infty \leq \Delta$$

How many cols?  $n \leq$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \rightarrow & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} & \{ -\Delta, -\Delta+1, \dots, \Delta \} \\ m \rightarrow & 0 & 2 \cdot \Delta + 1 \text{ choices.} \end{array}$$

$$n \leq (2 \cdot \Delta + 1)^m \Rightarrow n = \Delta^{O(m)}$$

$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)}$  — Papadimitriou 1981

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$$\|b\|_\infty \leq \Delta, \quad \|A\|_\infty \leq \Delta$$

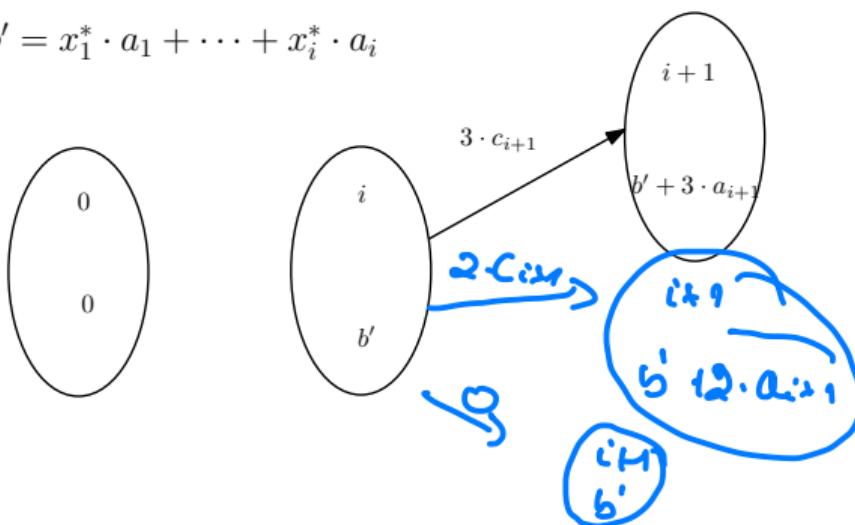
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$$\begin{aligned} \|x^*\|_\infty &\leq U = (m \cdot \Delta)^m \\ \#b' &\leq [(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}]^m \\ &= (m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$b' = x_1^* \cdot a_1 + \cdots + x_i^* \cdot a_i$$



Number of Nodes approximately  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{m^2}$

Number of nodes:  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)}$

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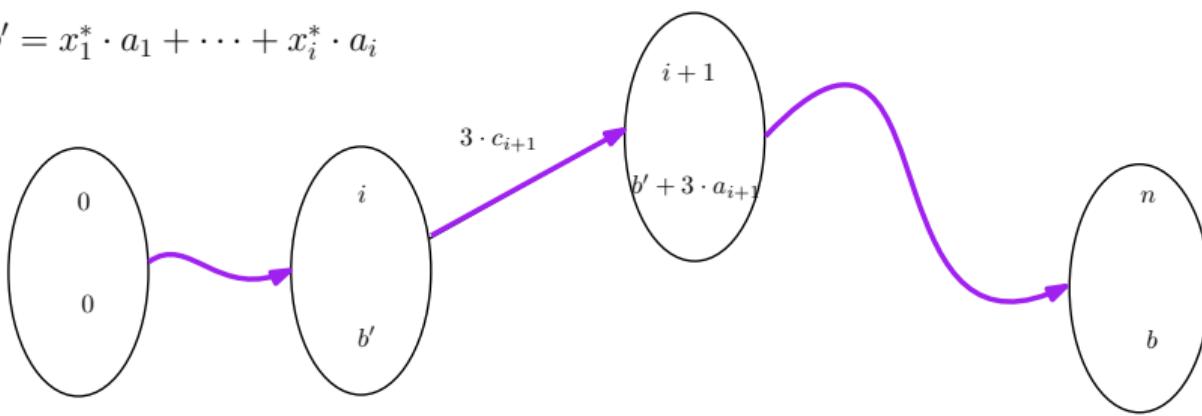
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Find longest path.

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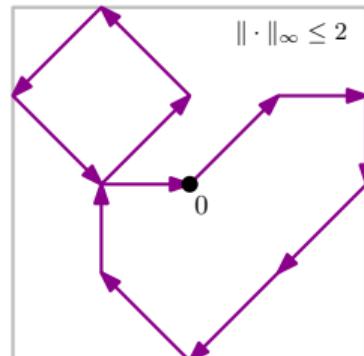
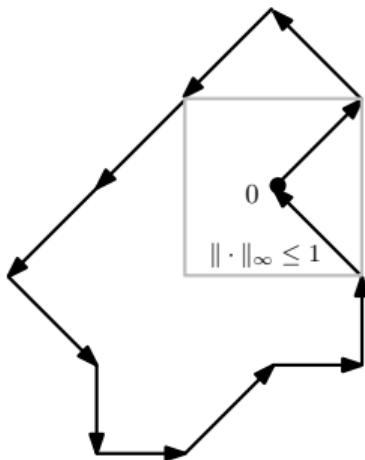
Running time  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)}$

# The Steinitz Lemma (Steinitz 1913)

$$\begin{aligned} & \max c^T x \\ & Ax = b \\ & x \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that  $\|x_i\| \leq 1$  for each  $i$  and  $\sum_i x_i = 0$ , then there exists a permutation  $\pi$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k x_{\pi_i} \right\| \leq m \text{ for each } k.$$



$$\max c^T \cdot x$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$x \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{Z}^m$$

Def: Cycle of A :  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n, x \neq 0$  s.t.

$$Ax = 0$$

in decomposable if  $x \neq x_1 + x_2$  for any cycles  $x_1, x_2$ .

Thm: Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  be an indecomposable cycle of A.

$$\text{Then } \|x\|_1 \leq \left[ (2m\Delta)^m \right]^{(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}} , \|A\|_\infty \leq \Delta.$$

Proof:

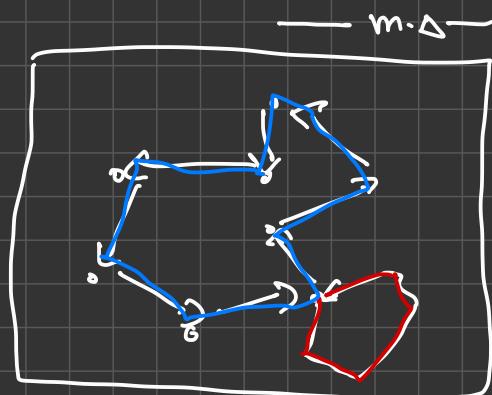
Cycle  $x$ ,  $\|x\|_1 = k$  corresponds to sequence.

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k = 0 \quad \text{where } a_i \text{ is col. of } A.$$

j-th col. of A appears  $x_j$  times.

$$\|a_i\|_\infty \leq \Delta$$

$$\exists \text{ reordering: s.t. } \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_{\pi_i} \right\|_\infty \leq m \cdot \Delta$$



- Only visits integer points.
- does not re-visit an integer point.
- Upper bound
- Estimate  $\|x\|_1$  of  $x$  by the

Number of integer points

$$(2 \cdot m \cdot \Delta + 1)^m \Rightarrow \|x\|_1 \leq (2m\Delta + 1)^m = (m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$$

IP      Max       $c^T \cdot x$

$$Ax \leq b$$

$$x \geq 0$$

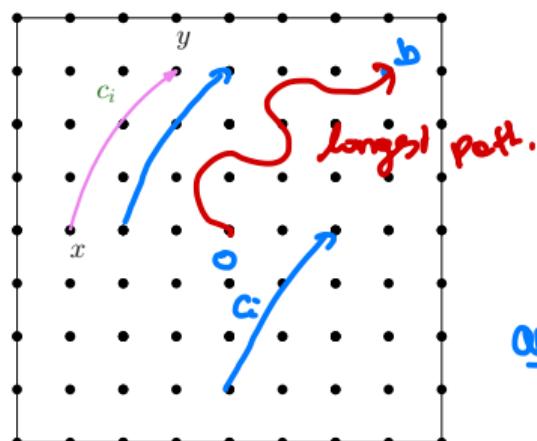
$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

unbounded  $\Leftrightarrow A$  has a cycle  
of positive  
cost w.r.t.  $c^T \cdot x$

$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$  — A smaller Steinitz state space  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)}$

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**Assumption:**  
 $\|A\|_\infty, \|b\|_\infty \leq \Delta$



► Let  $x^*$  be optimal solution

► Steinitz sequence:  $a_{\pi_1} + \dots - b + \dots = 0$

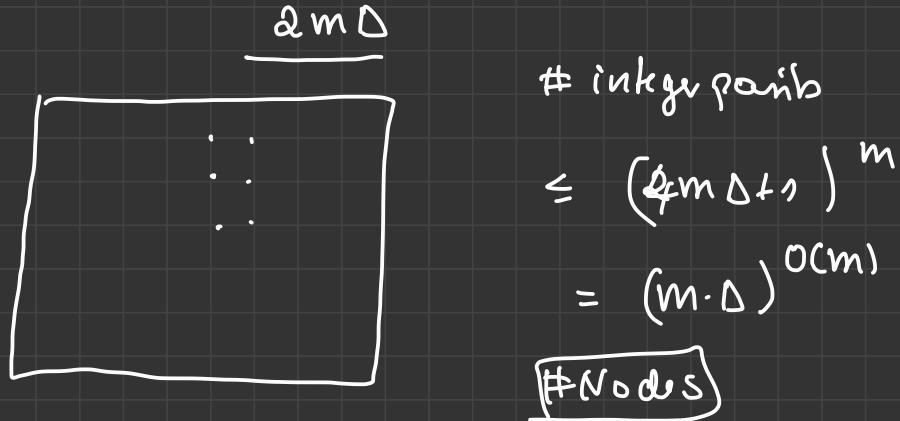
$$0 = \underbrace{a_1 + \dots + a_1}_{x_1^* \text{ times}} + \dots + \underbrace{a_n + \dots + a_n}_{x_n^* \text{ times}} - b$$

► Can be re-arranged such that partial sums of columns have  $\|\cdot\|_\infty \leq 2m \cdot \Delta$

►  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$  nodes

arc:  $(x, y) \iff (y - x)$  is ch. of  $A$ .





# Arcs:      ↗      # Nodes  $\leftrightarrow$  # cols  
 $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$

$\Rightarrow$  Total size of graph is  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$

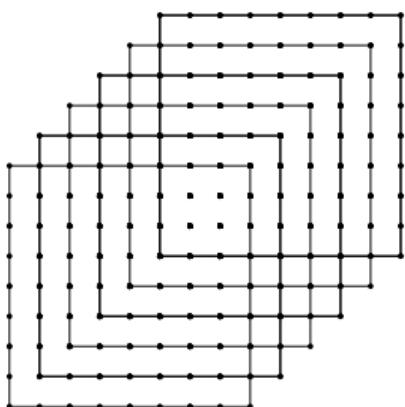
Theorem: For  $\max c^T \cdot x$   
 $Ax = b$   
 $x \geq 0$   
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$   
 $((A)_ij \leq \Delta)$   
 $((b)_i \leq \Delta)$

can be solved in time  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$ .

$(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)} \cdot \|b\|_2$  — A milder dependence on  $b$

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**Assumption:** Only  
 $\|A\|_\infty \leq \Delta$



- ▶ Let  $x^*$  be optimal solution with  $k = \|x^*\|_1$
- ▶ **Steinitz sequence:**

$$\textcircled{S} = \underbrace{a_1 - b/k + \cdots + a_1 - b/k}_{x_1^* \text{ times}} + \cdots + \underbrace{a_n - b/k + \cdots + a_n - b/k}_{x_n^* \text{ times}}$$

- ▶ Can be re-arranged such that partial sums of columns have distance  $\|\cdot\|_\infty \leq 2m \cdot \Delta$  from line-segment  $0, b$
- ▶  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)} \cdot \|b\|$  nodes

**Theorem:** IP can be solved in time  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)} \cdot \|b\|$ .

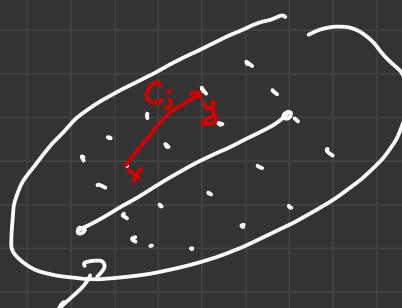
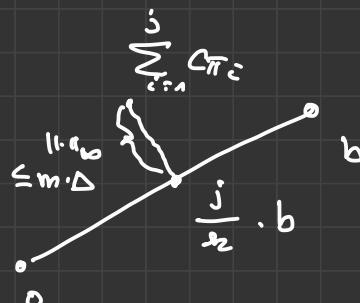
Re-Arrangement:

$$\left(C_1 - \frac{b}{g_2}\right) + \left(C_2 - \frac{b}{g_2}\right) + \dots + \left(C_{g_2} - \frac{b}{g_2}\right) = 0$$

Steinitz.

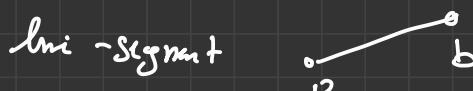
C: set of  $a_i$   
 $i=1\dots,k$ .

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^j C_{\pi_i} - \frac{j}{g_2} \cdot b \right\|_\infty \leq m \cdot \Delta$$



y-x wh. of  
 $\Delta$

integer points at distance  $\leq m \cdot \Delta$  from



Compute longest path in graph.

Exercise: # of integer points at distance  $\leq m \cdot \Delta$  from is bounded by  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$ .  $\|b\|_2$

$$m \in \mathbb{R} \quad C^T \cdot x$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$0 \leq x_i \leq 1$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$A \in \{0,1\}^{m \times n}$$

$$n \leq 2^m$$

(no repeated  
sols.)

Exercise: Can be solved in time  $2^{\Theta(m^2)}$

Conjecture:  $2^{\Theta(m)}$ !

## Proximity bounds

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & c^T x \\ A x & = b \\ u \geq x \geq 0 \\ x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \end{array}$$

There exists integer optimal solution  $z^*$  with

$$\|z^* - x^*\|_1 \leq n^2 \cdot (m \cdot \Delta)^m$$

$x^*$  opt. sol of LP  
relaxation

(Cook et al. 1986)

$$\|z^* - x^*\|_1 \leq m \cdot (2m \cdot \Delta + 1)^m$$

generalization of a result of Aliev, Henk & Oertel (2017)

## Lower bounds based on ETH

**Exponential Time Hypothesis (ETH):** There exists a constant  $\epsilon > 0$  such that 3-SAT cannot be solved in time  $2^{\epsilon \cdot n}$ .

**Theorem:** For 0/1-matrices  $A$ , there is no  $2^{o(m \log m)}(n + \|b\|_\infty)^{o(m)}$  algorithm for IP, unless the ETH is false.

(Knop, Pilipczuk, & Wrochna 2019)

## IP with upper bounds on the variables

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & c^T x \\ A x & = b \\ 0 \leq x \leq u \\ x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \end{array} \quad (m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m^2)}$$

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### Open problem

Is there an  $(m \cdot \Delta)^{O(m)}$  algorithm for IP with upper bounds on the variables? Are there matching lower bounds.

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