

Defender (Leader)

n targets to defend $= \{1 \dots n\} = [n]$

\mathcal{E} = set of possible defence strategies

$\mathcal{E} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^m$ $e \in \mathcal{E}$

$e_i = 1$ if target i is defended
 $= 0$ o.w.

r_i = reward if i is defended ≥ 0 while attacked.

c_i = cost o.w. ≤ 0

Attacker (Follower)

Can only attack "one" target $i \in [n]$.

s_i = reward if i was not defended when he/she attacked it ≥ 0

ξ_i = cost o.w. ≤ 0

→ Pure play (e, i) , $e \in \mathcal{E}$, $i \in [n]$

$r_i e_i + c_i (1 - e_i)$

$s_i (1 - e_i) + \xi_i e_i$

★ Mixed (randomized) play
 $P \in \Delta(\mathcal{E})$

$y \in A([n])$

Defender's payoff $= \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \sum_{i \in [n]} p_e y_i (r_i e_i + c_i (1 - e_i))$
 (P, y)

$= \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i \left[r_i \left(\sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e e_i \right) + c_i \left(1 - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e e_i \right) \right]$

x_i $(1 - x_i)$
 mixed probability with which target i is defended.

$x \in \mathcal{D} = \left\{ x \in [0, 1]^m \mid x = \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e e \right\}$

$$= \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i (r_i x_i + c_i (1 - x_i))$$

Q: Suppose, we fix y for the attacker
Then what x is best for the defender

$$\max_{x \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i (r_i x_i - c_i) + \sum_{i \in [n]} y_i c_i$$

independent of x_i 's.

↑ naive!

$$\max_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \sum_{i \in [n]} e_i \cdot w_i = \max_{e \in \mathcal{E}} \langle e, w \rangle$$

Combinatorial Problem. $\rightarrow \star$.

combinatorial set

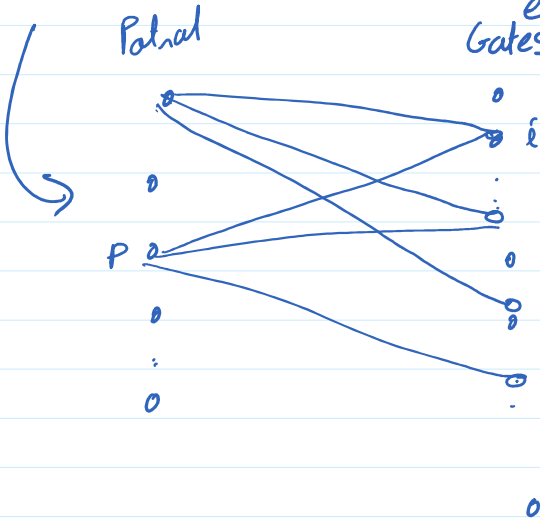
\star ORD: defend gates of ORD
 n -gates k -police patrol.
 $n \gg k$

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ e \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid \sum_{i \in [n]} e_i \leq k \right\}$$

$$x \in \mathcal{P} = \left\{ x \in [0, 1]^n \mid \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i \leq k \right\}$$

"Constraints"

$$x_i = \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e \cdot e_i \Rightarrow \sum_{i \in [n]} x_i = \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e \left(\sum_{i \in [n]} e_i \right) \leq k \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} p_e = k$$

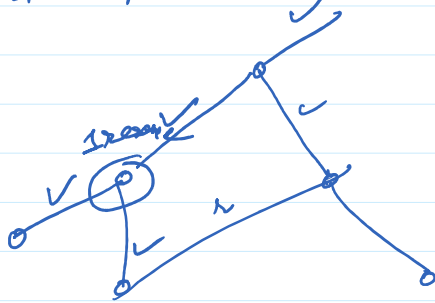


$$\mathcal{E} = \{ \text{matchings of size } = k \}$$

\star Problem is the max-weight-matching

★ Depending road $n/w = (V, E)$

k -resource



$$E = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subset of vertices} \\ \text{of size} \leq k \end{array} \right\}$$

★ Problem is max-weight vertex cover

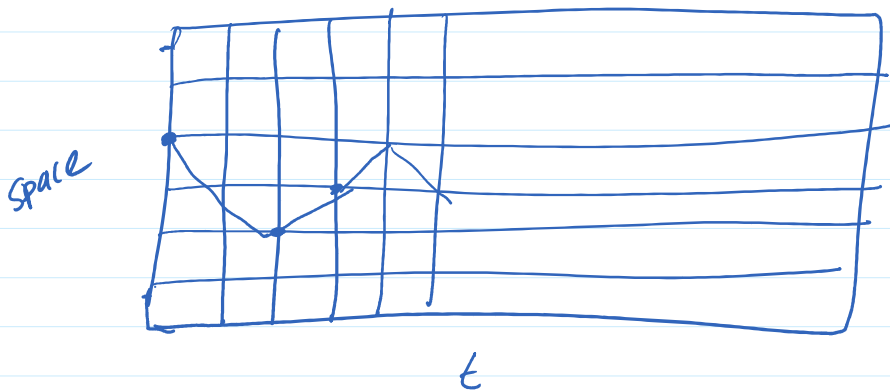
→ Air marshal's problem:

↳ can defend flight $A \rightarrow$ flight B if destination of $A =$ source of B

S_1, \dots, S_m are all possible feasible subsets of flight.

k -A.M. \Rightarrow we can pick k subsets that maximizes the coverage.

★ Defend Ports / Forests for poaching



Goal: defend as many targets as many times.

Theorem: If the DSR^(*) problem can be solved in polynomial-time then SE can be computed in poly-time.

PF: CS '06: $\forall k \in [n]$

$$LP_k \text{ max: } \sum_k x_k + c_k (1 - x_k)$$

Dual var^{s.t.}

$$y_i \leftarrow s_k(1-x_k) + \sum_{i \in E} x_i \geq s_i(1-x_i) + \sum_{i \in E} x_i \quad \forall i \neq k, i \in [n]$$

$$w_i \leftarrow \Rightarrow x_i = \sum_{e \in E} p_e \cdot c_i \quad \forall i \in [n]$$

$e \in E \leftarrow$ complex & exponential in size

$$v \leftarrow \sum_{e \in E} p_e = 1$$

$$p_e \geq 0 \quad \forall e \in E$$

↓ Dual

DLP_k:

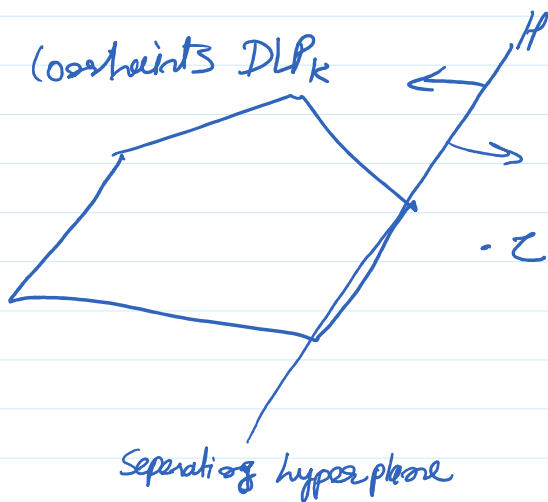
$$\begin{aligned} \text{min.} & \sum_{i \neq k} (s_k - s_i) y_i - v \\ \text{s.t.} & w_k = (s_k - c_k) - \left(\sum_{i \neq k} y_i \right) (s_k - \sum_{i \neq k} c_i) \\ & \forall i \neq k \quad w_i = s_i - c_i \end{aligned}$$

Easy to check.

$$\forall e \in E, \quad v \geq \langle e, w \rangle \leftarrow \text{exponentially many!}$$

$$y \geq 0$$

solve DLP_k using Ellipsoid method if separation oracle



Algorithm

$$z = (v^*, w^*, y^*)$$

check if $\forall e \in E$

$$v^* \geq \langle e, w^* \rangle$$

$$\equiv v^* \geq \max_{e \in E} \langle e, w^* \rangle$$

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DBR.

if $v^* \geq \max_{x \in \text{DLP}_K} \langle e, x \rangle$ then $\tau \in \text{DLP}_K$ polytope

o.w. $e^* = \arg \max_{e \in E} \langle e, w^* \rangle$

$v^* < \langle e^*, w^* \rangle \leftarrow$ separating hyperplane. .