

Dual ascent example

Lagrangian Dual of SCP

(Solved via dual ascent)

Set(s) 23 24 25 removed from problem
 (P= 16 17 22 > 14 = incumbent!)
 # sets remaining is 22



Iteration # 1

Current multipliers:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
w(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Solving Lagrangian relaxation:

*** Dual value is 0 ***
 Sets in cover: #
 Points not covered: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Heuristic solution cost is 12
 *** New incumbent! *** Cover is 2 4 7
 with cost 12

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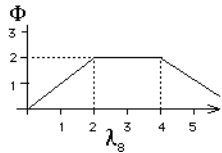
Dual ascent step

indicates that point 8 is not now covered... its multiplier is too small

Selecting multiplier w(8) = 0 with subgradient = 1
 Sets not in solution which cover #8 are:
 1 6 7 10 13 14 18 20 21 22

X(1) enters when w(8) is 2
 X(6) enters when w(8) is 4

Updated w(8) = 2 = Max{0, (1-α) × 2 + α × 4} where α = 0
 Anticipated improvement: 2



Point #8 is arbitrarily selected as one of the uncovered points. Its multiplier should be increased to provide incentive for a set to cover it.

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Iteration # 2

Current multipliers:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
w(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Solving Lagrangian relaxation:

*** Dual value is 2 ***
 Sets in cover: # 1
 Points not covered: 1 3 4 5 6 7

Set(s) 16 17 19 22 removed from problem
 (P= 13 13 14 14 > 12 = incumbent!)
 # sets remaining is 18

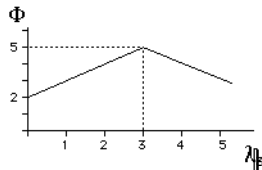
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Dual ascent step

Selecting multiplier w(3) = 0 with subgradient = 1
 Sets not in solution which cover #3 are: 2 3 4 7 14

X(2) enters when w(3) is 3
 X(3) enters when w(3) is 3

Updated w(3) = 3 = Max{0, (1-α) × 3 + α × 3} where α = 0
 Anticipated improvement: 3



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Iteration # 3

Current multipliers:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
w(i)	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2

Solving Lagrangian relaxation:

*** Dual value is 5 *** (Improvement: 3)

Sets in cover: # 1 2
 Points not covered: 5 6

Set(s) 18 20 21 removed from problem
 (P= 14 15 15 > 12 = incumbent!)
 # sets remaining is 15

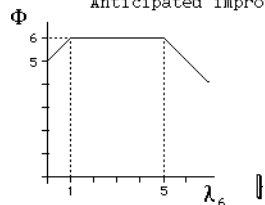
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Dual ascent step

Selecting multiplier w(6) = 0 with subgradient = 1
 Sets not in solution which cover #6 are: 4 8 13 15

X(4) enters when w(6) is 1
 X(8) enters when w(6) is 5

Updated w(6) = 1 = Max{0, (1-α) × 1 + α × 5} where α = 0
 Anticipated improvement: 1



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Iteration # 4

Current multipliers:

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
w(i)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2

Solving Lagrangian relaxation:

*** Dual value is 6 *** (Improvement: 1)

Sets in cover: # 1 2 4
 Points not covered: 5

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