

2. If any row/column sum not equal k , then it is not expressible by k vectors with exactly one 1.

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with nonnegative interger entries, we note that it is equivalent to an weighted bipartite graph $G = (X \cup Y, E; w)$, where $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and $Y = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$, and for each non-zero entry $w(x_i y_j) = A[i][j]$. A permutation matrix is equivalent to a perfect matching with every edge weight 1.

We obtain k permutation matrices by repeating the following k times:

1. Find a perfect matching M of G , output the corresponding permutation matrix P .
2. For each edge in M reduce weight by 1 and remove edges with 0 weight.

In i -th iteration, the total weight of edges incident to any vertex is $k - i$. Suppose $S \subseteq X$ and $|S| < |N(X)|$, then some vertex in $N(X)$ must has total weight more than $k - i$, which is a contradiction. By Hall's theorem, there is always a perfect matching.

3. (a) Graph problem: Construct an edge weighted complete graph $G = (V, E; w)$, where each bag is a vertex and the distance between two bags is the edge weight. We assume n is even. (otherwise, add a vertex and connect it to all other vertices with edges of weight 0)

Find a minimum weight perfect matching of G using Edmonds' blossom algorithm in $O(V^2 E)$ time. Then the strategy is that for each pair of matched vertices u, v , load two bags by $door \rightarrow u \rightarrow v \rightarrow door$.

Proof: The worker should carry two bags to the door each time to minimize walking distance. Denote door as D , for any two bags A and B , we have $2AD + 2BD \geq AD + AB + BD$ by triangle inequality.

4. Graph problem: Construct a bipartite graph $G = (X \cup Y; E)$, where $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ are activities and $y_1, \dots, y_m \in Y$ are persons, and an edge $x_i y_j$ if person y_j prefers activity x_i .

Similar to matching, we find a maximum set M of edges such that every x_i incident to at most c_i edges and each y_j incident to at most one. A vertex is M -saturated if it has no remaining capacity and otherwise M -unsaturated.

It is easy to see that M is maximum iff G has no M -augmenting path.

Starting with an arbitrary M , we grow an M -alternating tree T_j for each M -unsaturated vertex $y_j \in Y$ and we can use an M -augmenting path to increase M by one more edge.

Time complexity: grow an alternating tree takes $O(V + E) = O(m)$ and at most $V = m$ trees constructed, it takes at most $O(m^2)$ time.

5. (a) Set $l = 1$ and we get CLIQUE.

(b) Set $k = n$ and we get HAMILTONIAN CYCLE.

(c) Reduce from INDEPENDENT SET. Add a $(n+1)$ -star and connect its center to every vertex $v \in V$. The new graph G' has $k + n + 1$ vertices induced tree if and only if G has a independent set of size k .

6. Reduce from VERTEX COVER by replacing each edge $e = uv$ of G with a triangle by adding a new vertex x_e and two edges ux_e, vx_e .

Or add an independent set S of $k + 1$ vertices, each is connected so every $v \in G$. If (G, k) has vertex cover X , then $S \cup (G - X)$ is bipartite. On the other hand, at least one vertex $s \in S$ is not removed and if $G - X$ has an edge uv , then uvs is a triangle.

7. Given an instance (U, C) of 3SAT with n variables and m clauses, we construct a digraph G as follows (the figure is an illustration):

1. For each variable u_i , add two vertices s_i, t_i and two paths of length $m + 1$ from s_i to t_i representing u_i and $\bar{u}_i$ respectively;
2. For each clause c_j , add two vertices x_j, y_j and three (x_j, y_j) -paths of length 2 each via a distinct vertex on the path representing its literals;
3. Add edges $t_i s_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and $y_j x_{j+1}$ for $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$;
4. Add edges $ss_1, sx_1, t_n t$ and $y_m t$.

Now we show (U, C) is a yes-instance of 3SAT iff G has two vertex disjoint (s, t) -paths of length $l_1 = n(m + 2) + 1$ and $l_2 = 3m + 1$ respectively.

Given a satisfying truth assignment τ , the path of length l_1 consists of $ss_1, t_n t, t_i s_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ and for each $1 \leq i \leq n$, if $\tau(u_i) = 1$, the path representing $\bar{u}_i$ and otherwise, the path for u_i . The path of length l_2 consists of $s x_1, y_m t, y_j x_{j+1}$ for $1 \leq j \leq m-1$ and for each clause a path via a literal satisfied by τ .

On the other hand, the longer path must contains one of the entire paths for each variable u_i , assign $\tau(u_i) = 1$ if it uses $\bar{u}_i$ and $\tau(u_i) = 0$ otherwise. The shorter path must contains all vertices x_i and y_i and suppose a clause is unsatisfied by τ , this path will be disconnected.

