

Wednesday: Lecture

Thursday: Tutorial

Office hours →

Today

4-5 online
or in office

CSE525 Lec24

Approximation



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Set Cover ($U = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, T = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$)

→ fewest subsets that cover (contain) all elements in U .

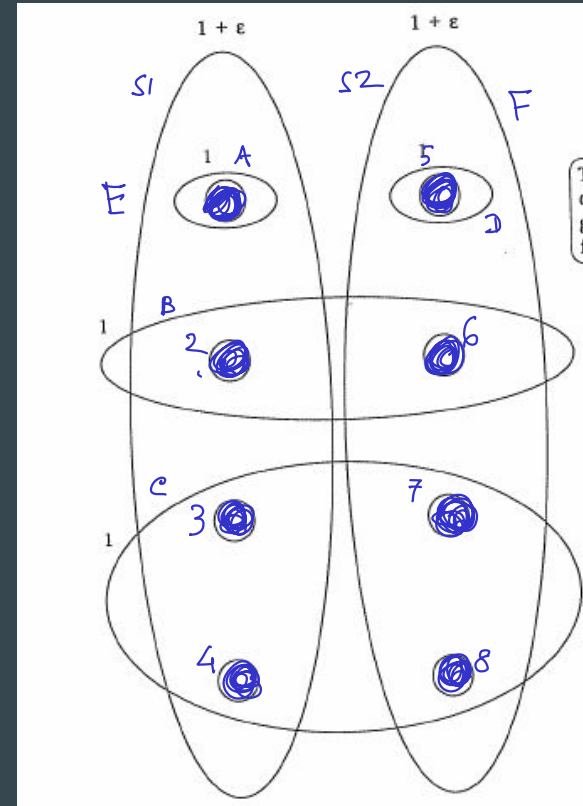
Greedy Set Cover ($U, T = \{S_1 \dots S_m\}$)

1. $SC = \{ \}$
2. Until U has some uncovered element :
 - a. Choose S_i with the largest number of uncovered elements
 - b. Add S_i to SC
 - c. Mark elements of S_i as covered
3. return SC

- ① Algo returns a set cover, and is polytime ($n \ln m$)
- ② Compute approximation ratio
- $OPT \leq APPROX \leq \pi \cdot OPT$
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C, B, A, D

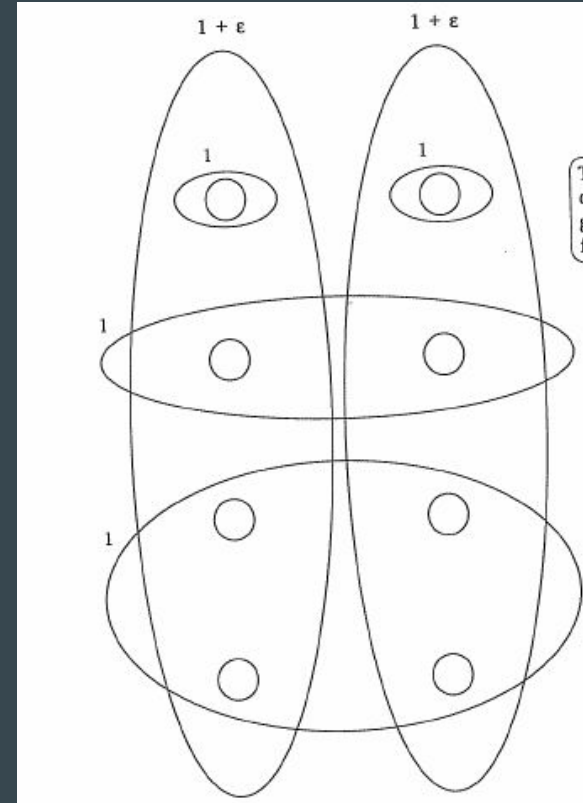
$\pi^1 = 4, \pi^2 = 2, \pi^3 = 1, \pi^4 = 1$



Greedy Set Cover ($U, T = \{S_1 \dots S_m\}$)

U^i : universe after the i th iteration

1. $SC = \{ \}$, $U^0 = U$, $i=1$
2. Until U has some element :
 - a. S^i Choose S_i with the largest number of elements
 - b. Add S^i to SC
 - c. Remove elements of S^i from U and the other sets
 - d. $r^i = |S^i|$, $i++$
3. return SC





$$|U^1| \geq |U^{OPT}|$$

$$|U^2| \geq |U^{OPT}|$$

Greedy Set Cover ($U, T = \{S_1 \dots S_m\}$) APPROX \geq OPT

1. APSC = { }, $U^0 = U, i=0$

2. Until U has some element :

- $i++$
- Choose S_i with the largest number of elements
original subset corresponding to L^i
- Add S_i to SC
- Remove elements of L^i from U^{i-1} and the other sets $\rightarrow U^i, S_1^i, S_2^i, \dots, S_m^i$
- $r^i = |L^i|$ *Set system after i th iteration*

3. return APSC (let APPROX = i)
 \hookrightarrow # iterations

Optimum : OPTSC (with OPT sets)
 $\{S_3, S_6, S_9\}$

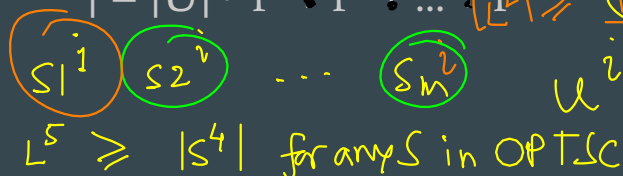
S_3^i, S_6^i, S_9^i cover all elements of U^i

* $r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{APPROX} = ? |U|$

Thm: $r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{OPT} = ?$ # elements removed in the first OPT rounds $\leq |U|$

For any iteration $i = 1 \dots OPT, \dots$

- OPTSC is also a valid cover for i th iteration
- $\sum |S^i| \geq |U^i|$ where \sum is over all subsets in OPTSC $|A^i| + |C^i| + |E^i| \geq |U^i|$
- $|L^i| \geq |S^i|$ for any subset S^i in OPTSC
- $|L^{i+1}| \geq |U^i| / OPT \geq |U^{OPT}| / OPT$ $|L^2| \geq |A^1|$
- $r^{i+1} = |L^{i+1}| \geq |U^{OPT}| / OPT$ $|L^2| \geq |C^1|$
- $r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{OPT} \geq |U^{OPT}| / OPT$ $|U^2| \geq |E^1|$
- $|U^{OPT}| = |U| - r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{OPT} \geq \frac{|A^1| + |C^1| + |E^1|}{OPT} \geq |U^1|$



$$U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \quad A = \{1, 2\} \quad B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \quad C = \{7, 9, 3\} \quad D = \{1, 6, 8\}$$

$$E = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \quad F = \{2, 3, 9\}$$

$$\text{OPT SC} = A, C, E$$

$$U^0 = U$$

$$L^1 = E, \quad U^1 = \{1, 2, 3, 9\}, \quad A^1 = \{1, 2\} \quad B^1 = \{2\} \quad C^1 = \{9, 3\}, \dots$$

$$E^1 = \emptyset$$

A^1, C^1, E^1 also cover U^1 (Exercise)

$$\times \quad \# \rightarrow r^1 + r^2 + \dots + r^{\text{OPT}} = |U| - |U^{\text{OPT}}|$$

$$\times 6 \rightarrow 2(r^1 + \dots + r^{\text{OPT}}) \geq |U|$$

$$\Rightarrow r^1 + \dots + r^{\text{OPT}} \geq \frac{|U|}{2} \left. \vphantom{\frac{|U|}{2}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ elements removed in first OPT} \\ \text{rounds} \geq \frac{1}{2} \times |U| \end{array}$$

$$r^{i+1} \geq |U^{\text{OPT}}| / \text{OPT}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\text{OPT}-1} r^{i+1} \geq |U^{\text{OPT}}|$$