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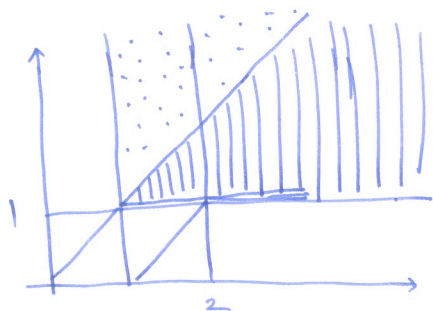
For a valuation v , we denote $[v]_M$ to be the equivalence class of valuation v . This is exactly one region.

~~$$\text{closure}_M(Z) = \bigcup_{v \in Z} [v]_M$$~~

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closure_M of a zone is just the union of regions intersecting Z .



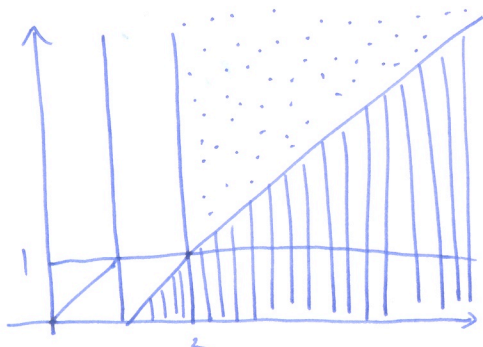
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 \cup  $\text{closure}_M(Z)$

$$\bar{M}(x) = 2$$

$$\bar{M}(y) = 1$$

Note that closure_M of a zone need not have to be zone. It could be a non-convex set, as illustrated below:



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$$\bar{M}(y) = 1$$

2. Efficient inclusion $Z \subseteq \text{closure}(Z')$:

To get to an efficient algorithm for $Z \subseteq \text{closure}_M(Z')$, we will make use of the following steps:

Proposition 1: $Z \not\subseteq \text{closure}_M(Z')$ iff there exists $v \in Z$ s.t. $[v]_M \cap Z'$ is empty.

Proposition 2: Let R, Z' be a region (over M) and a ^{non-empty} zone respectively.

~~Then~~ Then $R \cap Z'$ is empty iff there exist variables x, y s.t. $Z'_{yx} + R_{xy} < (\leq, 0)$

Here Z'_{yx} denotes the weight of $y \rightarrow x$ in the canonical distance graph representing Z' . Similarly R_{xy} denotes the weight of $x \rightarrow y$ in the canonical distance graph representing R .

Theorem 3: Let Z, Z' be non-empty zones. Then $Z \not\subseteq \text{closure}_M(Z')$ iff there exist variables x, y s.t.

$$Z_{x0} \geq (\leq, -M_x) \text{ and } Z'_{xy} < Z_{xy} \text{ and } Z'_{xy} + (\leq, -M_y) < Z_{x0}$$

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We will now provide proof of Proposition 2. The proof of Proposition 1 is direct from definition of Closure_M. Proof of the final theorem uses Proposition 2. But the steps are very technical and not needed as part of the course.

Let us now look at Proposition 2. It says that R and Z' don't intersect iff there are 2 variables s.t. projection of R and Z' don't intersect. Such a theorem need not be true in general for any two objects. Regions and zones are special sets. We have a lot of control over their constraints describing them and hence we get such a theorem.

To prove proposition 2, we will need the following ~~lemma~~ ^{property} in Lemma 5

that exploits the special structure of regions.

Lemma 4

A variable x is said to be bounded in a

region R if $R_{0x} \leq Mx$. Recall that R_{0x} denotes

weight of $0 \rightarrow x$ in canonical distance graph of R .

Lemma 4: Let R, Z' be ~~non~~ ^{region} and non-empty zone. ~~Consider~~ ^{Let G_R and $G_{Z'}$}

be their canonical distance graphs. Consider $\min(G_R, G_{Z'})$.

$R \cap Z'$ is empty iff $\min(G_R, G_{Z'})$ has a negative cycle.

→ proved in an earlier notes.

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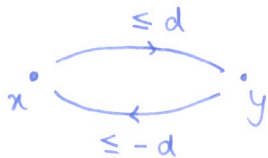
Lemma 5: Let x, y be bounded variables of R appearing in some negative cycle N of $\min(G_R, G_Z)$. Let the edge weights be $x \xrightarrow{\langle_{xy} c_{xy}} y$ and $y \xrightarrow{\langle_{yx} c_{yx}} x$ in G_R . If the value of the path $x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y$ in N is strictly less than (\langle_{xy}, c_{xy}) , then $x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\langle_{yx} c_{yx}} x$ is a negative cycle.

Proof:

Let the path $x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y$ in N have weight (\langle, c) .

Now since x and y are bounded variables of R , we can have either $y - x = d$ or $d - 1 < y - x < d$ for some integer d .

In the first case, we have ^{the full} \leq edges in G_R :



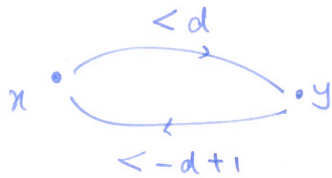
That is: $(\langle_{xy} c_{xy}) = (\leq d)$ and $(\leq_{yx} c_{yx}) = (\leq -d)$. Since by hypothesis, (\langle, c) is strictly less than (\leq, d) , we have that either $c < d$ or $c = d$ and $\langle = <$. Hence

$$(\langle, c) + (\leq, d) < (\leq, 0)$$

showing that $x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\langle_{yx} c_{yx}} x$ is a negative cycle.

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In the second case, we have ^{the full} n edges in G_R :



that is: $(\langle_{xy} c_{xy}) = (\langle d)$ and $(\langle_{yx} c_{yx}) = (\langle, -d+1)$

Here as $(\langle, c) < (\langle_{xy}, c_{xy})$, we need to have $c < d$.

Hence $(\langle, c) + (\langle, -d+1) < (\leq, 0)$

and hence $x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y \xrightarrow{\langle_{yx} c_{yx}} x$ is a negative cycle. \square

Proof of Proposition 2:

\Leftarrow : Suppose $\exists x, y$ s.t. $Z'_{yx} + R_{xy} < (\leq, 0)$. This means there is a negative cycle in $\min(G_R, G_{Z'})$. Hence

$Z' \cap R = \emptyset$.

Suppose $R \cap Z' = \emptyset$. There exists ^{a -ive cycle} N in $\min(G_R, G_{Z'})$

\Rightarrow : This is the tougher part. We want to show that

~~any~~ negative cycle N can be reduced to the form:



As G_R and $G_{Z'}$ are canonical, we can assume that no two consecutive edges in N come from same graph.



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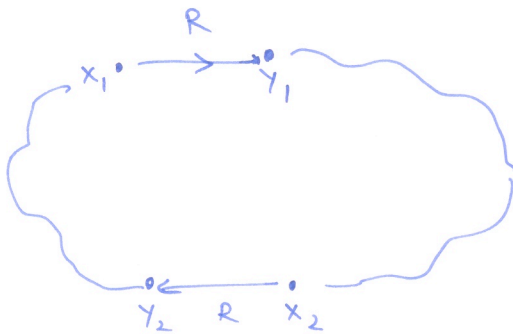
Also all the ~~value~~ weights in N should be finite.

Note that if $u \xrightarrow{R} w$ is a finite value in G_R , then w has to be a bounded variable in R .

Take 2 edges that come from R in N .



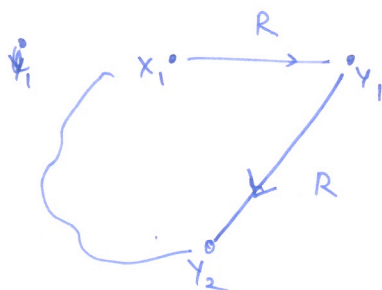
~~x_1~~ y_1 and y_2 are bounded. Hence by ~~Lemma 5~~, ~~5~~



By lemma 5, if $y_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y_2$ is smaller than $y_1 \xrightarrow{R} y_2$ then we get a smaller negative cycle in which the edge $x_1 \xrightarrow{R} y_1$ is not present.

Otherwise, if $y_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow y_2$ is bigger than $y_1 \xrightarrow{R} y_2$

then

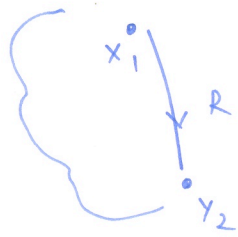


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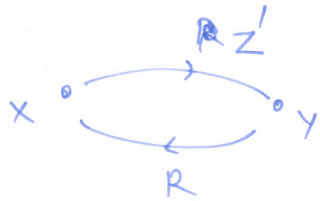
But as R is canonical,



is a negative cycle.

Here we have reduced 2 R edges to a single R edge.

As 2 R edges reduce to single R edge in both cases, we can reduce N to:



containing only one R edge.

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Final remark: Theorem 3 gives the final inclusion test.

Check that the complexity is $O(n^2)$.