

Vorlesung

# Netzalgorithmen

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# 1 Einführung

## 2 Modeling Network Design Problems

### 2.1 Modeling Design Problems in Link-Path Formulation

Preliminary notation for undirected demands:

- $x - y$  ...Link between node  $x$  and  $y$
- $\hat{h}_{xy} = b$  ...Demand  $d$  between nodes  $x$  and  $y$  (i. e. Demand  $b$  bandwidth between nodes  $x$  and  $y$ )
- $\hat{x}_{v_1 v_2} = f$  ...Flow on the path between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$
- $\hat{x}_{v_1 v_2 v_3} = f$  ...Flow on the path  $v_1, v_2, v_3$
- $\hat{c}_{v_1 v_2}$  ...Capacity of the link between  $v_1$  and  $v_2$

This generally yields equations for satisfying the demands and inequalities for limiting the bandwidth to the link capacities, e. g.

$$\hat{x}_{12} + \hat{x}_{132} = 5 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\hat{x}_{13} + \hat{x}_{123} = 7 \quad (2.2)$$

$$\vdots \quad (2.3)$$

$$\hat{x}_{132} + \hat{x}_{13} + \hat{x}_{213} \leq 10 \quad (2.4)$$

$$\hat{x}_{132} + \hat{x}_{123} + \hat{x}_{23} \leq 15 \quad (2.5)$$

As such a system usually has multiple solutions, an **objective function** is defined, which can then be optimized, e. g.:

$$F = \hat{x}_{12} + 2\hat{x}_{132} + \hat{x}_{13} + 2\hat{x}_{123} + \hat{x}_{23} + 2\hat{x}_{213} \quad (2.6)$$

In this example, flow routed over two links are weighted with factor two, so direct links are preferred.

Such an optimization is called a **multi-commodity flow problem**. The *optimal solution* to this problem is marked with an asterisk, e. g.:

$$\hat{x}_{12}^* = 5 \quad \hat{x}_{13}^* = 7 \quad \hat{x}_{23}^* = 8 \quad (2.7)$$

Important observations:

- Changing the objective function usually affects the optimal solution to a problem.
- Formulation a good objective function for the particular network is important for obtaining meaningful solutions.

## 2.2 Modeling Design Problems in Node-Link Formulation

In this section, links and demands are assumed to be directed. Undirected links  $x - y$  are replaced with two directed links  $x \rightarrow y$  and  $y \rightarrow x$ .

Notation:

- $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$  ...Directed link from node  $v_1$  to node  $v_2$
- $\langle v_1 : v_2 \rangle$  ...Demand from node  $v_1$  to node  $v_2$
- $\tilde{x}_{a,d}$  ...Flow over arc  $a$  for demand  $d$  (e.g.  $\tilde{x}_{v_1 v_2, v_1 v_2}$  flow over arc  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$  for demand  $\langle v_1 : v_2 \rangle$ )

Backflows (e.g.  $\tilde{x}_{21,12}$ ) are also possible, but make practically no sense, so they are set to 0.

## 2.3 Link-Demand-Path-Identifier-Based Notation

Demands and links are assigned label indexes. Thus, tables for mapping indexes to actual demands and links are required.

Notation:

- $h_i$  ...Demand with index  $i$
- $c_e$  ...(Known) capacity of link  $e$
- $y_e$  ...*Unknown* capacity of link  $e$
- $P_i$  ...Number of candidate paths for demand  $i$
- $P_{ij}$  ... $j$ th candidate path for demand  $i$
- $(v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, e_n, v_{n+1})$  ... $n$ -hop path
- $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_{n+1}$  ...node representation of a path (directed, use  $-$  instead of  $\rightarrow$  for undirected)
- $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  ...link representation of undirected paths
- $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  ...link representation of directed paths
- $v$  ...Node
- $e$  ...Link
- $d$  ...Demand
- $p$  ...Path
- $V, E, D, P$  ...total numbers of the aforementioned items

- $\xi_e$  ...Cost of a link  $e$

Example equations:

$$x_{11} = 15 \quad (2.8)$$

$$x_{21} + x_{22} = 20 \quad (2.9)$$

$$x_{31} + x_{32} = 10 \quad (2.10)$$

Demands:

$$\sum_{p=1}^{P_d} x_{dp} = h_d \quad d = 1, \dots, D \quad (2.11)$$

Short form, when iterating over all candidate paths:

$$\sum_p x_{dp} = h_d \quad d = 1, \dots, D \quad (2.12)$$

The vector of all flows (path flow variables) is called the **flow allocation vector** or short **flow vector**:

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_D) \quad (2.13)$$

$$= (x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1P_1}, \dots, x_{D1}, x_{D2}, \dots, x_{DP_D}) \quad (2.14)$$

$$= (x_{dp} : d = 1, 2, \dots, D; p = 1, 2, \dots, P_d) \quad (2.15)$$

Important: vectors are represented with bold letters  $\mathbf{x}$  and scalar values are represented with normal letters  $x$ .

The relationship between links and paths is written down with the **link-path incidence relation**  $\delta_{edp}$ :

$$\delta_{edp} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if link } e \text{ belongs to path } p \text{ for demand } d \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.16)$$

$\delta_{edp}$  can be written as a table:

$e$	$P_{11} = \{2, 4\}$	$P_{21} = \{5\}$	$P_{22} = \{3, 4\}$
1	0	0	0
2	1	0	0
3	0	0	1
4	1	0	1
5	0	1	0

The **load** in link  $e$  can be written as:

$$\underline{y}_e = \underline{y}_e(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{p=1}^{P_d} \delta_{edp} x_{dp} \quad (2.17)$$

*Important:* The actual link loads  $\underline{y}_e$  are determined by the path flow variables  $x_{dp}$  of a solution and are not the same as the link capacity variables  $y_e$ .

Cost of a path  $P_{dp}$ :

$$\zeta_{dp} = \sum_e \delta_{edp} \xi_e, \quad d = 1, 2, \dots, D \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, P_d \quad (2.18)$$

**Shortest-Path Allocation Rule for Dimensioning Problems** For each demand, allocate its entire demand to its shortest path with respect to link costs and candidate paths. If there is more than one shortest path for a given demand, then the demand volume can be arbitrarily split among the shortest paths.

## 2.4 Shortest-Path Routing

For shortest-path routing, demands will only be routed on their shortest paths. The path length is determined by adding up link costs  $w_e$  according to some weight system  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_E)$ .

**Single Shortest Path Allocation Problem** For given link capacities  $\mathbf{c}$  and demand volumes  $\mathbf{h}$ , find a link weight system  $\mathbf{w}$  such that the resulting shortest paths are unique and the resulting flow allocation vector is feasible.

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## 3.1 Extreme Points and Basic Solutions

$$S(x) \text{ linear unabhängig, wenn } \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \vec{x}_i = 0 \implies \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\} : \alpha_i = \vec{0} \quad (3.1)$$



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