

Assignment 5

Exercise 1

For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & k \end{pmatrix}$ and consider the polyhedron $P = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid Ax \leq 0\}$.

- Compute a minimal Hilbert basis for the cone spanned by the rows of A .
- Show that any TDI system $A'x \leq 0$ that describes P has size exponential in the encoding size of A .

Exercise 2

Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that the system $Ax \leq b$ is TDI. Show that for any $r \in \mathbb{N}$ the system $\frac{1}{r}Ax \leq b$ is also TDI.

Exercise 3

For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $P_k = \text{conv. hull}\{(0, 0), (0, 1), (k, \frac{1}{2})\}$. Show that $P_k^{(t)} \neq P_t$ for any $t < k$. *Hint: Show that $(k-1, \frac{1}{2}) \in P_k'$.*

Exercise 4

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. A stable set is a subset $S \subseteq V$ such that every edge $e \in E$ has at most one endpoint in S . Observe that for the polyhedron

$$P^G = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^V \mid x_v + x_w \leq 1 \ \forall \{v, w\} \in E, \ x \geq 0\}$$

P^G is the convex hull of all incidence vectors of stable sets in G . Let C_5 be the graph that consists of a cycle of five vertices and $P = P^{C_5}$. Determine

$$\max_{x \in P} \sum_{v \in V} x_v \text{ and } \max_{x \in P'} \sum_{v \in V} x_v.$$

Exercise 5

Show that the following problem is *NP*-hard: Given a finite set E and three Matroids $(E, \mathcal{F}_1), (E, \mathcal{F}_2), (E, \mathcal{F}_3)$ by an independency oracle, find a set $F \in \mathcal{F}_1 \cap \mathcal{F}_2 \cap \mathcal{F}_3$ of maximum cardinality. *Hint: Use a reduction from Hamiltonian Path.*