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Exercises 5

1. Prove the two Lemma from the lecture

Lemma 1. *Let $G = (V, E, H, I)$ be a SEAG with n alignment edges and m interaction matches. Then*

- $P_{\mathcal{R}}(G)$ is full-dimensional and
- the inequality $x_i \leq 1$ is facet-defining iff there is no $e_j \in E$ in conflict with e_i .

Lemma 2. *Let $G = (V, E, H, I)$ be a SEAG with n alignment edges and m interaction matches. Then*

- The inequality $x_i \geq 0$ is facet-defining iff e_i is not contained in an interaction match.
- For each interaction match $m_{i,j}$ the inequality $x_{i,j} \geq 0$ is facet-defining.

Hint: find a sufficient number of affinely independent vectors.

2. Landau Symbols

Show the following:

- $\forall k, l \in \mathbb{Z}. k > l : n^l = o(n^k)$
- $\forall k, l \in \mathbb{N}. k > l : n^k + n^l = \Theta(n^k)$
- $f = O(2^n) \Leftrightarrow f = 2^{O(n)}$?

3. Average Case Analysis of Quicksort

Show that the average number of comparisons during a Quicksort is $O(n \log n)$. You can assume that each element has the same probability to be chosen as pivot element and all partial sequences generated during every divide-step are also uniformly distributed.

Further you might use the following identity:

$$H_n := \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j} = \ln n + C + o(1), \quad C \approx 0.57721 (\text{Euler} - \text{Mascheroni} - \text{Constant})$$

4. Amortized Costs

Let the costs for updating a binary counter be the number of changed bits.

- (a) Given a counter that implements only the operation ‘increment’. Compute the cost of a single operation in worst, best and average case.
- (b) Apply a suitable potential function ϕ and compute the amortized cost.
- (c) How do the costs change if the counter also supports ‘decrement’?
- (d) What is the total actual cost if the counter does not start at zero?