# Multi-Commodity Flow Based Routing

- Set up ILP formulation for MCF routing
  - Capacity of each edge in *G* is 2
  - Each edge in G becomes a pair of bi-directional arcs in F
  - $n_1 = \{a,l\}, n_2 = \{i,c\}, n_3 = \{d,f\}, n_4 = \{k,d\}, n_5 = \{g,h\}, n_6 = \{b,k\}$





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# Flow Network

Each arc has a cost based on its length

- Let  $x_e^k$  denote a binary variable for arc *e* w.r.t. net *k*
- $x_e^{k} = 1$  means net k uses arc e in its route
- Total number of *x*-variables:  $16 \times 2 \times 6 = 192$

arc	cost	arc	cost	arc	cost	arc	cost	a	b	c
(a,b)	4	(b, a)	4	(b, c)	8	(c, b)	8	<b>▲</b>		
(d,h)	4	(h, d)	4	(e, f)	5	(f, e)	5		↓ ↓	f ↓
(f,g)	3	(g,f)	3	(i, j)	4	(j,i)	4		e∳←	<b>→•</b> <>•́g
(j,k)	5	(k,j)	5	(k,l)	3	(l,k)	3		, Ŭ	T T
(a,d)	7	(d, a)	7	(d,i)	5	(i,d)	5		<b>•</b>	
(b,e)	4	(e,b)	4	(e,h)	3	(h,e)	3			
(h, j)	5	(j,h)	5	(f,k)	8	(k, f)	8		→♥	$\rightarrow \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$
(c,g)	4	(g,c)	4	(g,l)	8	(l,g)	8	i	j	k l



# ILP Objective Function

#### Minimize

 $4(x_{ab}^{1} + \dots + x_{ab}^{6}) + 4(x_{ba}^{1} + \dots + x_{ba}^{6}) + 8(x_{bc}^{1} + \dots + x_{bc}^{6}) +$  $8(x_{c\,b}^{1} + \dots + x_{c\,b}^{6}) + 4(x_{d\,b}^{1} + \dots + x_{d\,b}^{6}) + 4(x_{b\,d}^{1} + \dots + x_{b\,d}^{6}) +$  $5(x_{e}^{1} + \dots + x_{e}^{6}) + 5(x_{f}^{1} + \dots + x_{f}^{6}) + 3(x_{f}^{1} + \dots + x_{f}^{6})$  $3(x_{i,f}^{1} + \dots + x_{i,f}^{6}) + 4(x_{i,i}^{1} + \dots + x_{i,i}^{6}) + 4(x_{i,i}^{1}$  $5(x_{ik}^{1} + \dots + x_{ik}^{6}) + 5(x_{k,i}^{1} + \dots + x_{k,i}^{6}) + 3(x_{k,l}^{1} + \dots + x_{k,l}^{6}) +$  $3(x_{lk}^1 + \dots + x_{lk}^6) + 7(x_{ad}^1 + \dots + x_{ad}^6) + 7(x_{da}^1 + \dots + x_{da}^6) +$  $5(x_{d,i}^1 + \dots + x_{d,i}^6) + 5(x_{i,d}^1 + \dots + x_{i,d}^6) + 4(x_{b,e}^1 + \dots + x_{b,e}^6) +$  $4(x_{e\,b}^{1} + \dots + x_{e\,b}^{6}) + 3(x_{e\,b}^{1} + \dots + x_{e\,b}^{6}) + 3(x_{h\,e}^{1} + \dots + x_{h\,e}^{6}) +$  $5(x_{h,i}^{1} + \dots + x_{h,i}^{6}) + 5(x_{i,h}^{1} + \dots + x_{i,h}^{6}) + 8(x_{f,k}^{1} + \dots + x_{f,k}^{6}) +$  $8(x_{k,f}^{1} + \dots + x_{k,f}^{6}) + 4(x_{c,a}^{1} + \dots + x_{c,a}^{6}) + 4(x_{a,c}^{1} + \dots + x_{a,c}^{6}) +$  $8(x_{a,l}^1 + \dots + x_{a,l}^6) + 8(x_{l,a}^1 + \dots + x_{l,q}^6)$ 



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## ILP Demand Constraint

- Utilize demand constant
  - $z_v^k = 1$  means node v is the source of net k (= -1 if sink)
  - Total number of *z*-constants:  $12 \times 6 = 72$

From net  $n_1 = \{a, l\}$ , we have  $z_a^1 = 1$ ,  $z_l^1 = -1$ . From net  $n_2 = \{i, c\}$ , we have  $z_i^2 = 1$ ,  $z_c^2 = -1$ . From net  $n_3 = \{d, f\}$ , we have  $z_d^3 = 1$ ,  $z_f^3 = -1$ . From net  $n_4 = \{k, d\}$ , we have  $z_k^4 = 1$ ,  $z_d^4 = -1$ . From net  $n_5 = \{g, h\}$ , we have  $z_g^5 = 1$ ,  $z_h^5 = -1$ . From net  $n_6 = \{b, k\}$ , we have  $z_b^6 = 1$ ,  $z_k^6 = -1$ .



#### ILP Demand Constraint (cont)

• Node *a*: source of net  $n_1$ 





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#### ILP Demand Constraint (cont)

#### • Node *b*: source of net $n_6$

 $\begin{aligned} x_{b,a}^{1} + x_{b,e}^{1} + x_{b,c}^{1} - x_{a,b}^{1} - x_{e,b}^{1} - x_{c,b}^{1} &= 0 \\ x_{b,a}^{2} + x_{b,e}^{2} + x_{b,c}^{2} - x_{a,b}^{2} - x_{e,b}^{2} - x_{c,b}^{2} &= 0 \\ x_{b,a}^{3} + x_{b,e}^{3} + x_{b,c}^{3} - x_{a,b}^{3} - x_{e,b}^{3} - x_{c,b}^{3} &= 0 \\ x_{b,a}^{4} + x_{b,e}^{4} + x_{b,c}^{4} - x_{a,b}^{4} - x_{e,b}^{4} - x_{c,b}^{4} &= 0 \\ x_{b,a}^{5} + x_{b,e}^{5} + x_{b,c}^{5} - x_{a,b}^{5} - x_{e,b}^{5} - x_{c,b}^{5} &= 0 \\ x_{b,a}^{6} + x_{b,e}^{6} + x_{b,c}^{6} - x_{a,b}^{6} - x_{e,b}^{6} - x_{c,b}^{6} &= 1 \end{aligned}$ 





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# ILP Capacity Constraint

• Each edge in the routing graph allows 2 nets

 $\begin{aligned} x_{a,b}^1 + \cdots x_{a,b}^6 + x_{b,a}^1 + \cdots x_{b,a}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{b,c}^1 + \cdots + x_{b,c}^6 + x_{c,b}^1 + \cdots + x_{c,b}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{d,h}^1 + \cdots + x_{d,h}^6 + x_{h,d}^1 + \cdots + x_{h,d}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{e,f}^1 + \cdots + x_{e,f}^6 + x_{f,e}^1 + \cdots + x_{f,e}^6 &\leq 2 \\ \cdots \\ x_{h,j}^1 + \cdots + x_{h,j}^6 + x_{j,h}^1 + \cdots + x_{f,h}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{f,k}^1 + \cdots + x_{f,k}^6 + x_{k,f}^1 + \cdots + x_{k,f}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{c,g}^1 + \cdots + x_{c,g}^6 + x_{g,c}^1 + \cdots + x_{d,g}^6 &\leq 2 \\ x_{g,l}^1 + \cdots + x_{g,l}^6 + x_{l,g}^1 + \cdots + x_{l,g}^6 &\leq 2 \end{aligned}$ 





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# **ILP Solutions**

#### ■ Min-cost: 108 (= sum of WL), 22 non-zero variable

- path for  $n_1 = \{a, l\}$ : we have  $x_{a,d}^1, x_{d,h}^1, x_{h,j}^1, x_{j,k}^1, x_{k,l}^1$  assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $a \to d \to h \to j \to k \to l$ . The wirelength is 24.
- path for  $n_2 = \{i, c\}$ : we have  $x_{i,d}^2$ ,  $x_{d,a}^2$ ,  $x_{a,b}^2$ ,  $x_{b,c}^2$  assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $i \to d \to a \to b \to c$ . The wirelength is 24.
- path for  $n_3 = \{d, f\}$ : we have  $x_{d,h}^3, x_{h,e}^3, x_{e,f}^3$  assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $d \to h \to e \to f$ . The wirelength is 12.
- path for  $n_4 = \{k, d\}$ : we have  $x_{k,j}^4$ ,  $x_{j,i}^4$ ,  $x_{i,d}^4$ , assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $k \to j \to i \to d$ . The wirelength is 14.
- path for  $n_5 = \{g, h\}$ : we have  $x_{g,f}^5, x_{f,e}^5, x_{e,h}^5$  assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $g \to f \to e \to h$ . The wirelength is 11.
- path for  $n_6 = \{b, k\}$ : we have  $x_{b,c}^6$ ,  $x_{c,g}^6$ ,  $x_{g,f}^6$ ,  $x_{f,k}^6$  assigned 1. Thus, the path is  $b \to c \to g \to f \to k$ . The wirelength is 23.

## ILP-based MCF Routing Solution

- Net 6 is non-optimal
  - Due to congestion





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#### Drawback of ILP-based Method

- ILP is non-scalable
  - Runtime quickly increases with bigger problem instances
- Shragowitz and Keel presented a heuristic instead
  - Called MM (MiniMax) heuristic [1987]
  - Repeatedly perform shortest path computation and rip-up-andreroute



# MM Heuristic

Initial set up: shortest path computation

Ignore capacity, some paths are not unique





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## First Iteration of MM Heuristic

- Step 1
  - Capacity of channel c(e,f) and c(d,i) is violated
  - Max overflow  $M_1 = 3 2 = 1 > 0$ , so we proceed
  - Notation: channel *c*(*e*,*f*) represents arc pair (*e*,*f*) and (*f*,*e*)





- Step 2
  - Set of channels with overflow of  $M_1$ :  $J_1 = \{c(d,i), c(e,f)\}$
  - Set of channels with overflow of  $M_1$  and  $M_1 1 : J_1^0 = \{c(a,d), c(e,h), c(i,j), c(j,k), c(d,i), c(e,f)\}$
- Step 3
  - Cost of  $J_1^0 = \{c(a,d), c(e,h), c(i,j), c(j,k), c(d,i), c(e,f)\}$  is  $\infty$





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- Step 4
  - Set of nets using channels in  $J_1$ :  $K_1 = \{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5, n_6\}$
  - Set of nets using channels in  $J_1^{0}$ :  $K_1^{0} = K_1$



- Step 5
  - Compute shortest paths for nets in  $K_1$  using new cost (= Step 3)
  - $n_1 \& n_6$  have non-infinity cost, so we proceed



- Step 6
  - Net with minimum wirelength increase between  $n_1 \& n_6$ :  $k^0 = n_1$





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- **Step** 7
  - Use new routing for  $n_1$
  - Wirelength didn't change, but congestion improved





## Second Iteration of MM Heuristic

- Details in the book
  - Use new routing for  $n_3$
  - Wirelength increased (due to detour in n<sub>3</sub>), but congestion improved



