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(a)

$$\min_{x \in \Delta_m} \max_{y \in \Delta_n} y^T A X = \min_{x \in \Delta_m} \max_{y \in \Delta_n} \left( \begin{matrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \end{matrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1j} x_j \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{nj} x_j \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

For a fixed x, we assume  $\max_i \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} x_j$ .

$$\therefore y^T A X \leq \max_i \sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} x_j (y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} x_j \quad (2)$$

At the same time, when  $y_k = 1$ ,  $y^T A X = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{kj} x_j$ .  $\therefore y_k = 1$  can make  $y^T A X$  maximum, which means for y there is a best response is a pure strategy.

Similarly, for  $\max_{y \in \Delta_n} \min_{x \in \Delta_m} y^T A X$ , we can find a pure strategy for x.

$$\therefore \max_{y \in \Delta_n} \min_{j \in \{1..m\}} y^T A X = \min_{x \in \Delta_m} \max_{i \in \{1..n\}} y^T A X \quad (3)$$

(b)

First, we will give a solution for a simplified version. We have the following assumptions. A is square.  $\det a \neq 0$ . And we only target at mixed strategy.

Let's look back at the equation.

$$\text{Left Side} = \min_{x \in \Delta_m} \max \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1j} x_j, \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2j} x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^m a_{nj} x_j \right)$$

The space is a combination of n linear functions. For each linear function, the min point can only be at its edge.

So min point is either 0, 0, ..., 1, ..., 0, 0 or intersection of linear functions. We skip pure strategy. Intersection of any two linear function is still a lower dimension space. So its min point will still be the edge.

So the min point will be the intersection of all linear functions.

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 1 \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{1j} x_j = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2j} x_j \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^m a_{(n-1)j} x_j = \sum_{j=1}^m a_{nj} x_j \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{11} - a_{21} & a_{12} - a_{22} & \dots & a_{1n} - a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(n-1)1} - a_{n1} & a_{(n-1)2} - a_{n2} & \dots & a_{(n-1)n} - a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{11} - a_{21} & a_{12} - a_{22} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a_{1n} - a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{(n-1)1} - a_{n1} & a_{(n-1)2} - a_{n2} & \dots & 0 & \dots & a_{(n-1)n} - a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x_j = \frac{\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{11} - a_{21} & a_{12} - a_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(n-1)1} - a_{n1} & a_{(n-1)2} - a_{n2} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_{11} - a_{21} & a_{12} - a_{22} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(n-1)1} - a_{n1} & a_{(n-1)2} - a_{n2} & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$

$$= \frac{a_{nj}(-1)^j \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \\ a_{11} - a_{21} & a_{12} - a_{22} & \dots & a_{1n} - a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{(n-1)1} - a_{n1} & a_{(n-1)2} - a_{n2} & \dots & a_{(n-1)n} - a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}}{(-1)^n \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}} = \frac{\det A}{(-1)^n \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Similarly, Right} = \frac{\det A}{(-1)^n \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}}$$

$\therefore \text{left} = \text{right}$

For a general case, there are many points of intersections. We need to consider all of them. It is not here. So we go back to the classical prove.

let  $Z = \max(\sum_{j=1}^m a_{1j}x_j, \sum_{j=1}^m a_{2j}x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^m a_{nj}x_j)$

We have LP programming problem.

$$\begin{cases} Ax \leq Z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sum x_j = 1 \\ \forall j x_j \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

$$\min(x_1, \dots, x_m) Z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = Z \quad (10)$$

Its dual problem is

$$\begin{cases} A^T y \geq Z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \sum y_i = 1 \\ \forall i y_i \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

$$\max(y_1, \dots, y_n) Z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = Z \quad (12)$$

This is equal to  $\max_{y \in \Delta_n} \min_{j \in \{1..m\}} y^T AX$ .

(c)

Deterministic Algorithm: We always choose the element with the smallest index in the sets as a pivot to divide sets into two.

Input: uniform distribution

First, we try to prove elements in each set still obey uniform distribution.

Assume  $x_k$  means the pivot is in the kst position.

$$P(x_{i+1} < x_k | x < x_k) = \frac{P(x < x_k | x_{i+1})P(x_{i+1})}{P(x < x_k)} = \frac{1/n P(x < x_k | x_{i+1})}{(k-1)/n} \quad (13)$$

if  $i < k$   $P = 1/(k-1)$  else  $P=0$

This proves that elements in each set still obey uniform distribution.

Let  $T(n)$  represent expectation of time to consume.

$$T(n) = (n-1) + 1/n \sum_{i=0}^{(n-1)} (T(i) + T(n-1-i)) \quad (14)$$

let  $S(n) = \sum_i T(i)$

So  $T(n) = (n-1) + 2/n * S(n-1)$

$S(n) = T(n) + S(n-1)$

$\therefore S(n) = S(n-1) + 2/(n-1) * S(n-2) + (n-2)$

$S(1)$  obeys  $S(1) = O((n+1)^2 \log(n+1))$

Assume  $S(k)$  obeys it, which means  $S(k) < c(k+1)^2 \log(k+1)$

$S(n) < cn^2 \log n + 2c(n-1) \log(n-1) + (n-2) < c(n+1)^2 \log(n+1)$

So  $S(n) = O(n^2 \log n)$

$\therefore T(n) = O(n \log n)$

This means that quick sort is optimal.