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## **Assignment problems via tropical matrices**

### **Abstract**

The tropical semiring is the set of real numbers, together with  $-\infty$  (resp.  $+\infty$ ), equipped with the operations maximum (resp. minimum) and the usual plus. Its lack of additive inverses causes its “zero” to fail indicating singularity in the way the zero-element does in ring theory (indicating dependence, polynomial-roots, matrix invertibility, etc.).

Nevertheless, indicating singularity by multiple optimal solutions, enables to recover some well-known matrix identities. Optimization and transportation assignment problems may be studied via these identities, when assigning a graph with a tropical weight matrix.

We will present some identities of tropical compound matrices, and give their interpretations to the associated graph.

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