

Hp:  $A, b$  integer

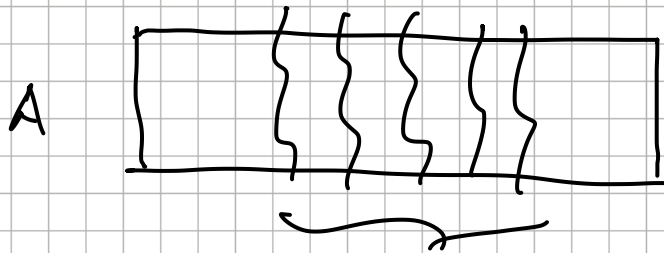
$$A \text{ is UM} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \min c^T x \\ Ax = b \\ x \geq 0 \text{ integer} \end{cases}$$

IDEAL, i.e.,

$$P = \{ x \geq 0 : Ax = b \}$$

has ONLY integer vertices

$A$   $m \times n$  is UM  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$



$M$   $m \times m$   $\det(M) \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$

$$\begin{cases} \min c^T x \\ Ax \geq b \\ x \geq 0 \text{ integer} \end{cases}$$

CANONICAL

$$\Rightarrow Ax - I\delta = b$$

$x, \delta \geq 0$  integer

STANDARD FORM

$$A' = [A, -I] \text{ is UM?}$$

$$A^{-1} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \times & \times & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{100px}}_A$ 
 $\underbrace{\hspace{100px}}_{-I}$

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -1 & 0 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & -1 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & -1 & \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \hline 0 & & & Q & & \end{array} \right]$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{height } h \\ \text{width } k = m - h \end{array} \right\}$

(note: permuting rows/cols. does not change  $|\det(M)|$ )

$$\det(M) = \pm \det(Q)$$

$$\det(M) \in \{0, \pm 1\} \Leftrightarrow \det(Q) \in \{0, \pm 1\}$$

$A^{-1}$  is UM  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is TOTALLY UNIMODULAR  
i.e.

$\det(Q) \in \{0, \pm 1\}$  for every square submatrix  $Q$  of  $A$  of size  $k$ ,  
 $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$

If  $b$  is integer,  
 $A$  is TUM, then

$$\begin{cases} \text{min } c^T x \\ Ax \geq b \\ x \geq 0 \text{ integer} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  IDEAL, i.e., all the vertices  
of

$$P' = \{x \geq 0 : Ax \geq b\}$$

are integer

- $a_{ij} \in \{0, \pm 1\}$   
 $\forall i, j$       NECESSARY COND.  
for TUM

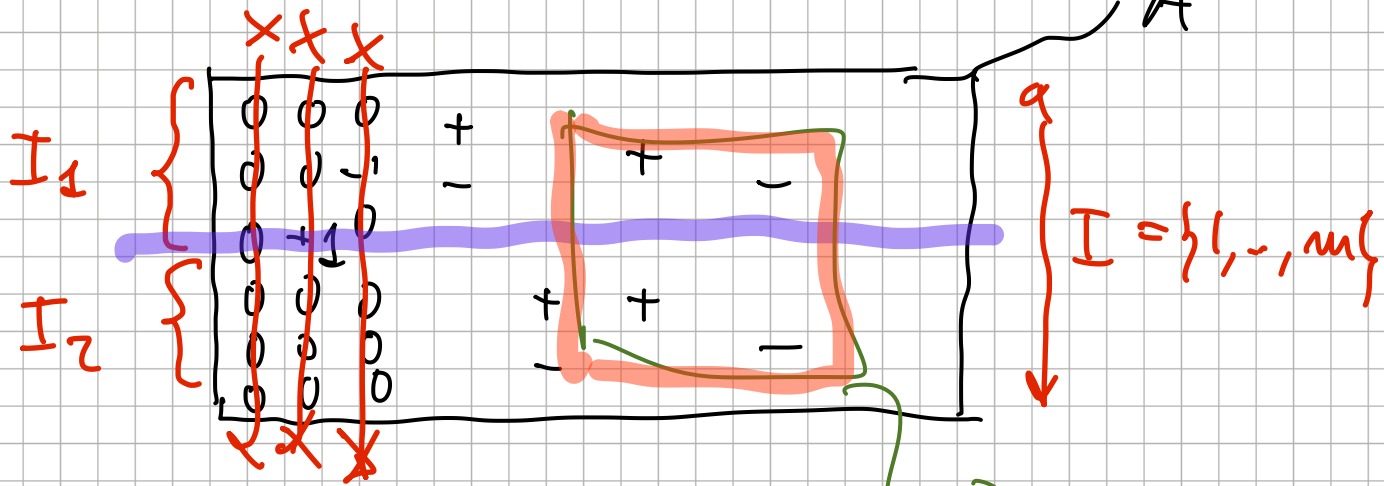
not SUFFICIENT :

e.g.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(Q) = 2 \Rightarrow \text{MATRIX is NOT TUM}$$

SUFFICIENT COND. FOR TUM: A



$$a_{ij} \in \{0, \pm 1\} \quad \forall i, j$$

NO MORE THAN 2 NONZEROS  
PER COLUMN

$\exists (I_1, I)$  of  $I$  s.t. ....

$\Rightarrow A$  is TUM

Proof: By induction on  $k$ :

• Base:  $k = 1$

$$Q = [a_{ij}] \rightarrow \det(Q) = a_{ij} \in \{0, \pm 1\}$$

by assumption

• Induction step:

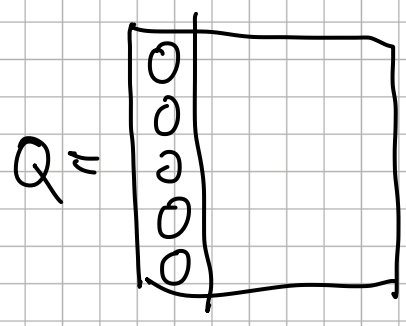
property holds for  $k'$

$\Rightarrow$  it also holds for  $k = k' + 1$

Take any  $Q$   $k \times k$ ,

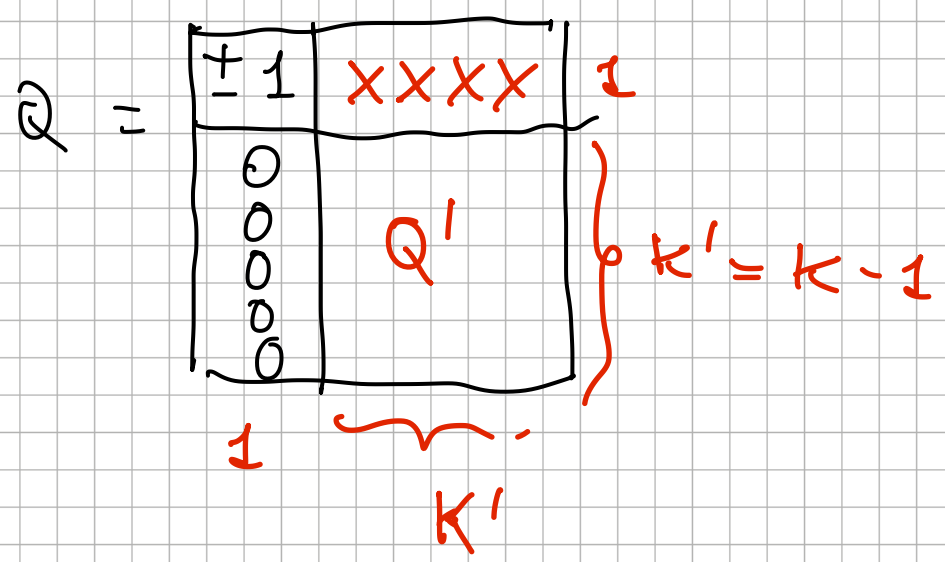
THREE cases can occur:

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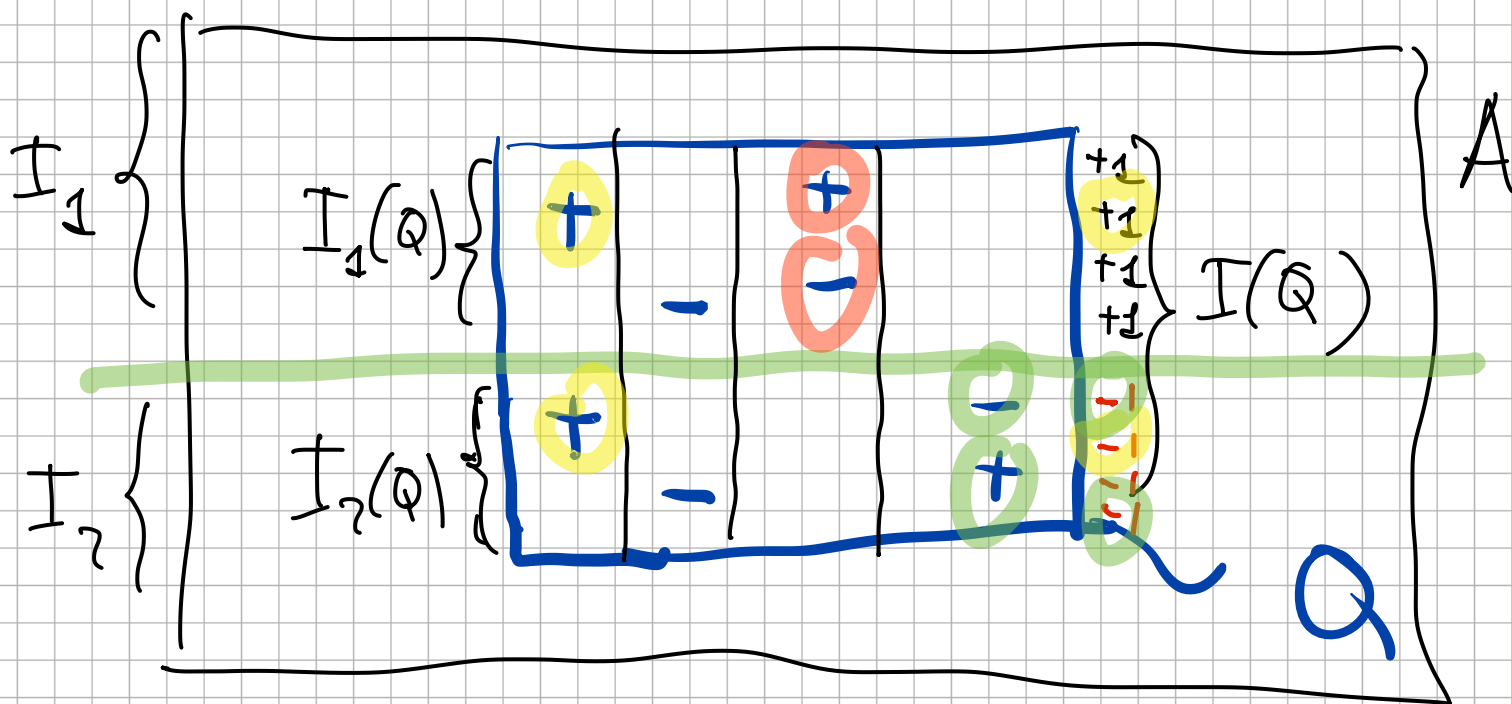
$\Rightarrow \det(Q) = 0$  ok

②



$\det(Q) = \pm \det(Q') \in \{0, \pm 1\}$  ok  
 $\in \{0, \pm 1\}$  by inductive hyp. pos.

③ ALL columns of  $Q$  have  
 2 nonzeros.



$$I_1(Q) := I(Q) \cap I_1$$

$$I_2(Q) := I(Q) \cap I_2$$

$$\sum_{i \in I_1(Q)} [\text{row } i \text{ of } Q] - \sum_{i \in I_2(Q)} [\text{row } i \text{ of } Q]$$

$$= [\text{row of zeros}]$$

$\Rightarrow$  rows of  $Q$  are L.I.D. DEPENDENT

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(Q) = 0$$

OK

Simple observations:

- $A$  is TUM  $\Leftrightarrow A^T$  is TUM
- $A$  is TUM  $\Leftrightarrow A'$  is TUM, where  $A'$  is obtained from  $A$  by permuting rows and/or cols

- $A$  is TUM  $\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} | \\ A \\ | \end{array}$  is TUM
- $\begin{bmatrix} + & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & + \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} | \\ A \\ | \end{array}$  is TUM

## THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM

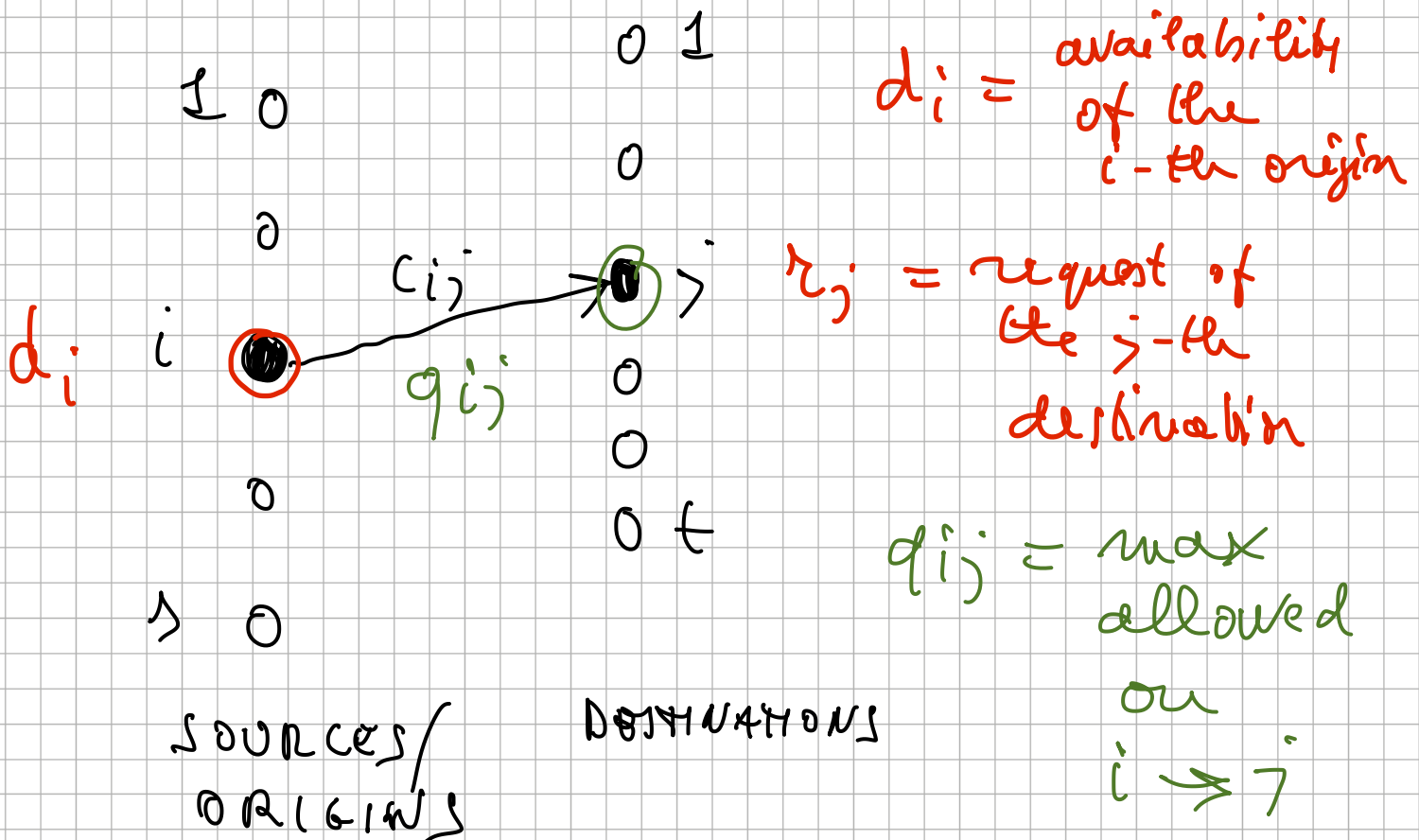
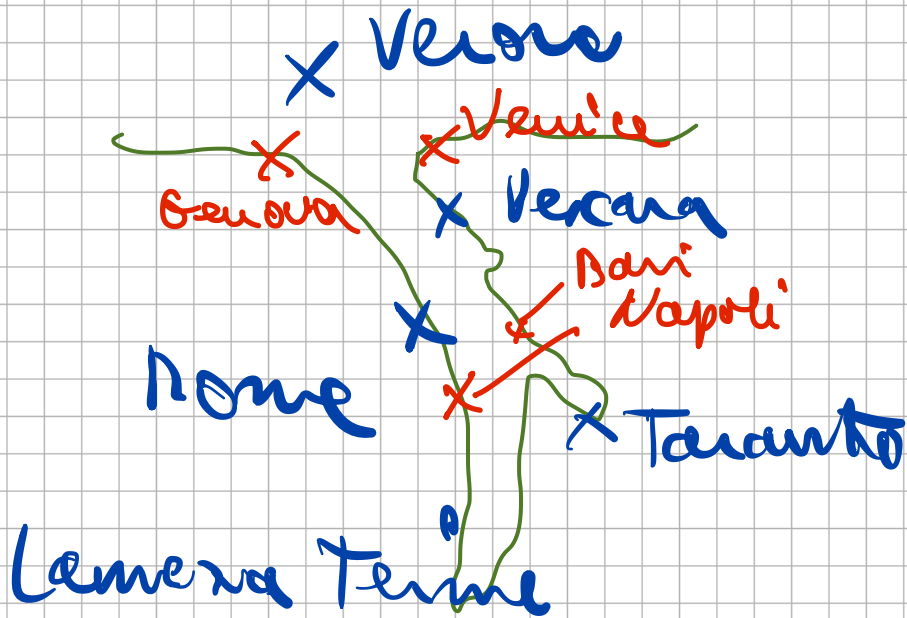


Fig.



Verona X

0 Genova

Perugia X

0 Venezia

$i$  X

$C_{ij}$

$j$  X

0

L. Terme X

0

Bari

ORIGINS

DESTINATIONS

$d_i$

$r_j$

VERONA

|          |    |
|----------|----|
|          | 10 |
| PERUGIA  | 12 |
|          | ⋮  |
|          | ⋮  |
|          | ⋮  |
| L. Terme | 40 |

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| 20 |
| 15 |
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| ⋮  |
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| 21 |

GENOVA

VENEZIA

BARI



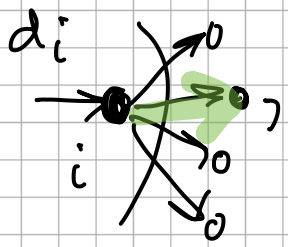
Decision var.  $x_{ij}$

$x_{ij}$  = qty moved from  $i \rightarrow j$

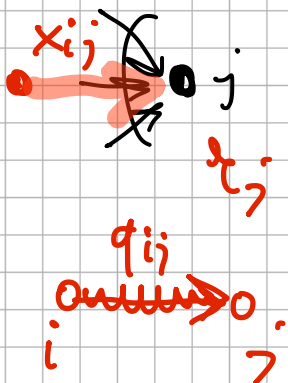
$\forall i = 1, \dots, s,$   
 $j = 1, \dots, t$

min  $\sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^t c_{ij} \cdot x_{ij}$

$$- \sum_{j=1}^t x_{ij} \geq -d_i, \forall i = 1, \dots, s$$



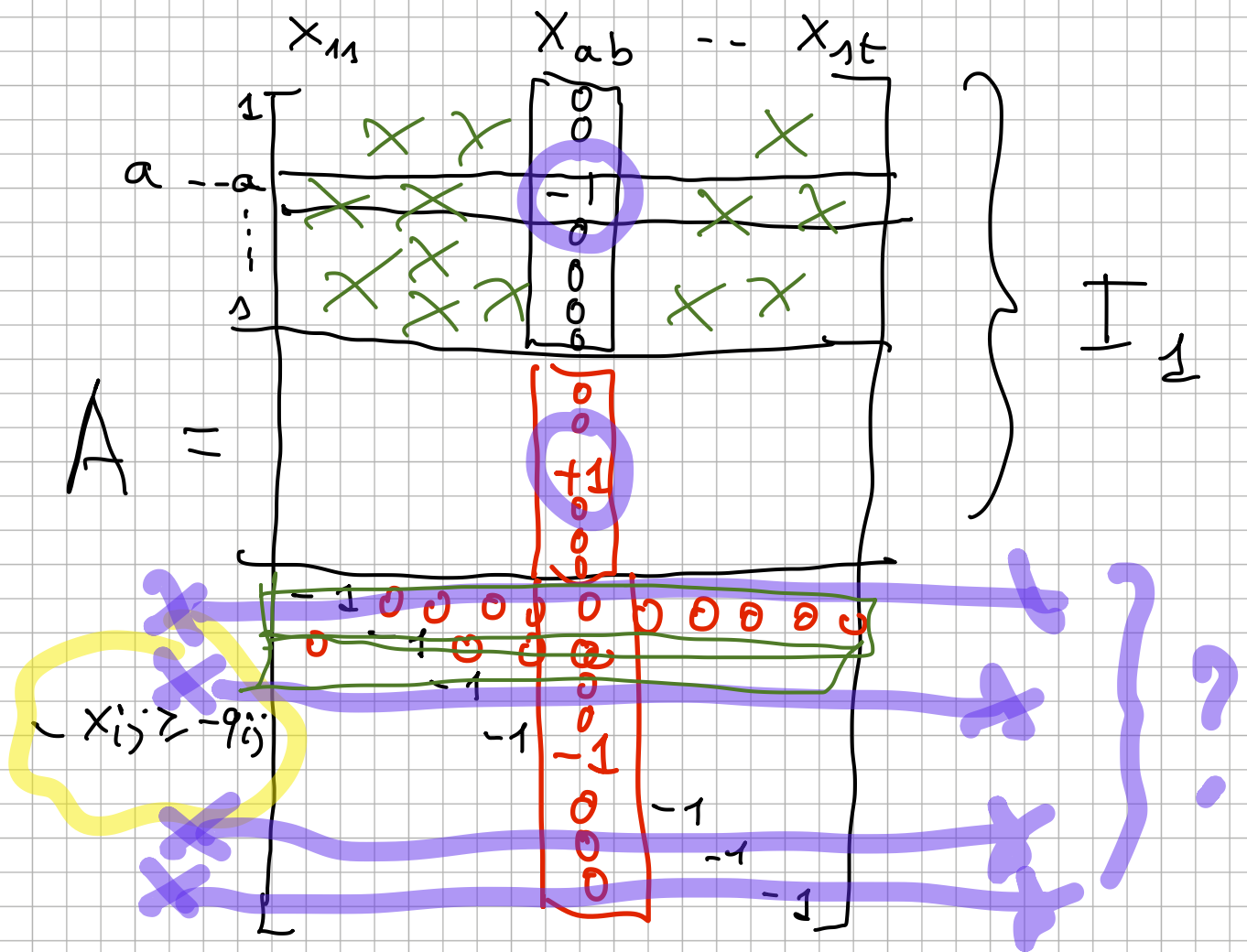
$$\sum_{i=1}^s x_{ij} \geq r_j, \forall j = 1, \dots, t$$



$$0 \leq x_{ij} \leq q_{ij}, \forall i, j$$

~~$x_{ij}$  INTEGER~~





$I_1 = \text{all rows}$

$I_2 = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow$  SUFF. COND. APPLIES

$\Rightarrow A$  is TUM

$\Rightarrow$  FORMULAMO is IDEAL  
 (assuming  $d_i, r_i, q_{ij}$  integer)

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