

# On the Transportation Problem With Market Choice

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## Abstract

We study a variant of the classical transportation problem in which suppliers with limited capacities have a choice of which demands (markets) to satisfy. We refer to this problem as the transportation problem with market choice (TPMC). While the classical transportation problem is known to be strongly polynomial-time solvable, we show that its market choice counterpart is strongly NP-complete. For the special case when all potential demands are no greater than two, we show that the problem reduces in polynomial time to minimum weight perfect matching in a general graph, and thus can be solved in polynomial time. We give valid inequalities and coefficient update schemes for general mixed-integer sets that are substructures of TPMC. Finally, we give conditions under which these inequalities define facets, and report our preliminary computational experiments with using them in a branch-and-cut algorithm.

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## 1 Introduction

We consider a variant of the classical transportation problem in which suppliers with limited capacities have a choice of which demands (markets) to satisfy. In this problem, if a market is selected its demand must be satisfied fully through shipments from the suppliers. If a market is rejected, then the corresponding potential revenue is lost. The objective is to minimize the total cost of shipping and lost revenues. We refer to this problem as the transportation problem with market choice (TPMC).

More formally, we are given a set of supply and demand nodes that form a bipartite graph  $G(V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ . The nodes in set  $V_1$  represent the supply nodes, where for  $i \in V_1$ ,  $s_i \in \mathbb{N}$  represents the capacity of supplier  $i$ . The nodes in set  $V_2$  represent the potential markets, where for  $j \in V_2$ ,  $d_j \in \mathbb{N}$  represents the demand of market  $j$ . The edges between supply and demand nodes have weights that represent shipping costs  $w_{ij}$ , where  $(i, j) \in E$ . For each  $j \in V_2$ ,  $r_j$  is the revenue lost if the market  $j$  is rejected. For a given vector of parameters  $\gamma_j$  for  $j \in S$  and  $S' \subseteq S$ , we let  $\gamma(S') := \sum_{j \in S'} \gamma_j$ , throughout the paper.

Let  $x_{ij}$  be the amount of demand of market  $j$  satisfied by supplier  $i$  for  $(i, j) \in E$ , and let  $z_j$  be an indicator variable taking a value 1 if market  $j$  is rejected and 0 otherwise. A mixed-integer programming (MIP) formulation of the problem is given where the objective is to minimize the transportation costs and

the lost revenues due to unchosen markets:

$$\min \sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} r_j z_j \quad (1a)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i:(i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d_j(1 - z_j) \quad \forall j \in V_2 \quad (1b)$$

$$\sum_{j:(i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s_i \quad \forall i \in V_1 \quad (1c)$$

$$z \in \{0, 1\}^{|V_2|} \quad (1d)$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|E|}. \quad (1e)$$

We refer to problem description (1a)-(1e) as TPMC. The first set of constraints (1b) is the demand constraint. In TPMC either a demand for a market is fully satisfied or rejected altogether, which necessitates the introduction of the additional binary variables. The second set of constraints (1c) model the supply restrictions.

TPMC is closely related to the capacitated facility location (CFL) problem. In CFL, given a set of potential facilities  $j \in V_2$  with capacities  $\bar{d}_j, j \in V_2$  and customers  $i \in V_1$  with demands  $\bar{s}_i, i \in V_1$ , we would like to determine which facilities to open so that the demand of all customers can be satisfied from shipments from the open facilities. A MIP formulation of CFL is

$$\sum_{i:(i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} \leq \bar{d}_j \bar{z}_j \quad \forall j \in V_2 \quad (2a)$$

$$\sum_{j:(i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} = \bar{s}_i \quad \forall i \in V_1 \quad (2b)$$

$$\bar{z} \in \{0, 1\}^{|V_2|} \quad (2c)$$

$$\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|E|}. \quad (2d)$$

Therefore one may view the CFL problem as a ‘complement’ of the TPMC problem where the constraints (1b) and (1c) of TPMC change signs in the constraints (2a) and (2b) in CFL respectively. While the CFL problem has been extensively studied with respect to its complexity, polyhedral structure, and approximability ([1, 6] and references therein), TPMC is less understood.

Recently, approximation algorithms and heuristics have been proposed for various supply chain planning and logistics problems with market choice [9, 16]. It is assumed that these problems are uncapacitated or that they have *soft* capacities. A two-stage approach is utilized in solving these classes of problems that admit a facility location formulation. In the first stage, the problem is to determine a subset of markets and reject the others. In the second stage, the goal is to minimize the production cost and lost revenues due to unselected markets. In particular, for the *uncapacitated* lot-sizing problem, the facility location formulation is used to model the market choice counterpart. It is shown that the LP relaxation solution can be rounded in a way that guarantees a constant factor approximation algorithm. However, this algorithm relies on scaling continuous variables up, so it does not immediately generalize to our problem with hard capacity constraints (1c). Van den Heuvel et al. [23] consider a maximization version of the same problem and show that no constant factor approximation algorithm exists for this version, unless P=NP. The authors also give several polynomially solvable special cases, and test heuristics for the general case.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we explore the complexity of TPMC. We show that while the classical transportation problem admits a strongly polynomial algorithm [14], its market choice counterpart is strongly NP-complete. We also identify a polynomially solvable case when the demands of all potential markets are no more than two. In Section 3 we present methods for constructing valid inequalities for mixed integer cover sets and mixed-integer knapsack sets with variable upper bound constraints, which appear as substructures of TPMC. We show that these methods are useful for generating valid inequalities

for TPMC. We also study the strength of the proposed valid inequalities. Our preliminary computations, summarized in Section 4, show that there is a reduction in the end gap when our valid inequalities are incorporated to the branch-and-cut algorithm. However, we do not give an extensive computational study and the heuristic separation we use needs significant improvement.

## 2 Complexity

We first show that TPMC is strongly NP-hard in general.

**Proposition 1.** *The decision version of TPMC is NP-complete even when:*

1.  $s_i = 1$  for all  $i \in V_1$ ,  $d_j = d \geq 3$  for all  $j \in V_2$ ,  $w_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in E$  and  $r_j = 1$  for all  $j \in V_2$ .
2.  $|V_1| = 1$  and  $w_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in E$ .

The proof for Proposition 1 Part 1 is similar to the proof of a related result presented in [20]. For completeness, we provide its proof and the proof of Part 2 in the Appendix. Because the reduction of Part 1 is from the Exact 3-Cover problem, which is strongly NP-complete [8], we conclude that TPMC is strongly NP-hard even for the case where all demands are equal to three. In contrast, Proposition 2 shows that TPMC is polynomially solvable when demands of all markets do not exceed two.

**Proposition 2.** *Suppose that  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Then there exists a polynomial-time algorithm to solve TPMC.*

This result is proven by a polynomial time reduction to a minimum weight perfect matching problem on a general graph (provided in the Appendix). The key ideas of the reduction are based on those presented in [2]. This result can also be proven by a polynomial time reduction to the  $b$ -matching problem [7], see also Theorem 36.1 in [21].

A matrix  $A$  is said to have the Edmonds-Johnson property if the sum of the absolute values of the entries in any column of  $A$  is less than or equal to 2. Edmonds and Johnson [7] show that the convex hull of integer solutions to a system  $Ax \leq b$ , where  $A$  has this property is given by the so-called blossom inequalities. Note that the constraint matrix defined by inequalities (1b), (1c), (1e), and  $z \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|V_2|}$  have the Edmonds-Johnson property when  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Hence adding the blossom inequalities to the original formulation is enough to give the convex hull of solutions to TPMC in this case. The blossom inequality for TPMC is

$$\sum_{i \in U_1, j \in U_2: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in U_2} \lfloor d_j/2 \rfloor z_j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{s(U_1) + d(U_2)}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad (3)$$

where  $U_1 \subseteq V_1$ ,  $U_2 \subseteq V_2$  such that the sum of total supply in  $U_1$  and total demand in  $U_2$ ,  $s(U_1) + d(U_2)$ , is odd. The separation of blossom inequalities (3) is polynomial [10, 15, 18]. We propose other classes of valid inequalities for the general case in Section 3.

## 3 Valid Inequalities

In this section we give valid inequalities for TPMC and study their strength. Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|E|} \times \{0, 1\}^{|V_2|}$  be the set of feasible solutions of TPMC. First, observe that the variable upper bound inequalities (VUB) for  $(i, j) \in E$

$$x_{ij} \leq \min\{s_i, d_j\}(1 - z_j) \quad (4)$$

are valid for  $X$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $I \subseteq V_1$ ,  $J \subseteq V_2$  such that  $d(J) \geq s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . The inequality

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \quad (5)$$

is valid for  $X$ .

*Proof.* Given a feasible solution  $(x, z)$  we consider two cases.

1. If  $z_{j'} = 1$  for some  $j' \in J$  such that  $\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_{j'}\} = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ , then the feasible solution satisfies inequality (5) because we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j \\ = & \sum_{i \in I, j \in J \setminus \{j'\}: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{j'\}} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j + d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \\ \geq & d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds because  $\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\} \geq 0$  for all  $j \in J$ , and all  $x$  and  $z$  variables are non-negative.

2. If  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J$  satisfying  $\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\} = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ , then  $\sum_{j \in J} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j = \sum_{j \in J} d_j z_j$ . Moreover, observe that  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + s(V_1 \setminus I)$  is at least as large as the total flow sent to the demand nodes in  $J$  in the solution  $(x, z)$ , i.e.,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + s(V_1 \setminus I) \geq \sum_{j \in J} d_j (1 - z_j)$ . Therefore we have

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j + s(V_1 \setminus I) \geq \sum_{j \in J} d_j z_j + \sum_{j \in J} d_j (1 - z_j) = d(J),$$

so inequality (5) is valid. □

Next, we give valid inequalities for general mixed-integer sets that are substructures of TPMC.

### 3.1 A Coefficient Update Scheme for Mixed-Integer Covers

Consider the mixed integer cover set  $\mathcal{S}_1$  defined by

$$t + \sum_{j \in J} \beta_j z_j \geq \beta_0 \quad (6)$$

$$t \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

$$z_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in J, \quad (8)$$

for given  $\beta_j \geq 0$  for all  $j \in J$  and  $\beta_0 \geq 0$ . We assume that  $\beta_j \leq \beta_0$  for all  $j \in J$  without loss of generality. Let  $\mathcal{T}_1 = \text{conv}(\mathcal{S}_1)$ . We refer to inequalities in the form of (6) as type-I base inequalities. Note that inequalities (5) for TPMC are in the form of (6) since we can replace  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij}$  by  $t$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Therefore, (6)-(8) is a relaxation of TPMC.

**Proposition 4.** Given a type-I base inequality (6) valid for a mixed-integer program (MIP) with (7)-(8), let  $\tilde{J} := \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p\} \subseteq J$  be a minimal cover, i.e.,  $\sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \beta_j > \beta_0$  and  $\sum_{j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j_k\}} \beta_j \leq \beta_0$  for all  $k \in$

$\{1, \dots, p\}$ . Let  $\beta_{j_p} \geq \beta_{j_k}$  for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ . Let  $J^* := \tilde{J} \cup \{j \in J : \beta_j \geq \beta_{j_p}\}$ ,  $\beta = \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \beta_j - \beta_0$  and  $\beta'_0 := \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta$ . Then,

$$t + \sum_{j \in J^*} \min\{(\beta_j - \beta), \beta'_0\} z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^*} \min\{\beta'_0, \beta_j\} z_j \geq \beta'_0 \quad (9)$$

is a valid inequality for  $\mathcal{S}_1$ .

*Proof.* We first claim that  $\beta_j \geq \beta$  for all  $j \in J^*$ . Suppose, without loss of generality, that  $\beta_{j_1} \leq \beta_{j_2} \leq \dots \leq \beta_{j_p}$ , and recall that  $\beta_j \geq \beta_{j_p}$  for all  $j \in J^* \setminus \tilde{J}$ . Assume by contradiction that  $\beta_{j_1} < \beta$  or equivalently  $\beta_{j_1} - (\sum_{k=1}^p \beta_{j_k} - \beta_0) < 0$ . This is a contradiction to the minimality of the cover  $\tilde{J}$ .

Next we claim that  $\beta'_0 \geq 0$ : By the previous claim we have  $\beta \leq \beta_{j_k}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, p$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$\beta'_0 = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta \geq \beta_0 - \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \beta_{j_k} \geq 0,$$

where the last inequality follows from the fact that  $\tilde{J}$  is a minimal cover.

Given a feasible solution  $(x, z)$ , let  $J_1 = \{j \in J : z_j = 1\}$  and  $J_1^* = \{j \in J^* : z_j = 1\}$ . Consider the following cases:

1. Suppose that there exists  $j' \in J_1^*$  such that  $\min\{\beta'_0, \beta_{j'} - \beta\} = \beta'_0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & t + \sum_{j \in J^*} \min\{(\beta_j - \beta), \beta'_0\} z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^*} \min\{\beta'_0, \beta_j\} z_j \\ & \geq t + \sum_{j \in J^* \setminus \{j'\}} \min\{(\beta_j - \beta), \beta'_0\} z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^*} \min\{\beta'_0, \beta_j\} z_j + \beta'_0 \geq \beta'_0, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the fact that all variables are non-negative,  $\beta_j \geq \beta$  for all  $j \in J^*$  and  $\beta'_0 \geq 0$ . The proof for the case where there exists  $j' \in J_1 \setminus J_1^*$  such that  $\min\{\beta'_0, \beta_{j'}\} = \beta'_0$  follows similarly.

2. Suppose that for all  $j \in J_1^*$ , we have  $\min\{\beta'_0, \beta_j - \beta\} = \beta_j - \beta$  and for all  $j \in (J_1 \setminus J_1^*)$  we have  $\min\{\beta'_0, \beta_j\} = \beta_j$ . There are two cases to consider:

- (a) Suppose that  $|J_1^*| \leq p-1$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} t + \sum_{j \in J^*} (\beta_j - \beta) z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^*} \beta_j z_j &= t + \sum_{j \in J_1^*} (\beta_j - \beta) + \sum_{j \in J_1 \setminus J_1^*} \beta_j \\ &= t + \sum_{j \in J_1^*} \beta_j + \sum_{j \in J_1 \setminus J_1^*} \beta_j - |J_1^*| \beta \\ &\geq \beta_0 - |J_1^*| \beta \geq \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta, \end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality follows because inequality (6) is valid and the second inequality follows because of our assumption  $|J_1^*| \leq p-1$ .

(b) Suppose that  $|J_1^*| \geq p$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned}
t + \sum_{j \in J^*} (\beta_j - \beta) z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^*} \beta_j z_j &= t + \sum_{j \in J_1^*} (\beta_j - \beta) + \sum_{j \in J_1 \setminus J_1^*} \beta_j \\
&\geq \sum_{j \in J_1^*} (\beta_j - \beta) \geq \sum_{k=1}^p (\beta_{j_k} - \beta) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^p \beta_{j_k} - p\beta = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

The second inequality holds since  $|J_1^*| \geq p$  and since  $\beta \leq \beta_{j_1} \leq \beta_{j_2} \leq \dots \leq \beta_{j_p} \leq \beta_j$  for  $j \in J^* \setminus \tilde{J}$ .  $\square$

Given type-I base inequalities (6) valid for any MIP with  $t \geq 0$ , and  $z_j \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $j \in J$ , we can derive a new class of valid inequalities (9). Similarly, inequality (9) is in the form of (6), so this process can be repeated by letting the valid inequality (9) be the type-I base inequality to derive other classes of valid inequalities.

Inequality (9) is related to the weight inequalities of Weismantel [24] for the 0/1 knapsack polytope. Note that inequality (9) is valid when  $J^*$  is replaced with  $\tilde{J}$ . After complementing the  $z$  variables, we can show that inequality (9) where  $J^*$  is replaced with  $\tilde{J}$  and the condition  $\beta_j \leq \beta'_0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  is satisfied is equivalent to the weight inequalities for the 0/1 knapsack polytope (ignoring the continuous term  $t$ ). However, if  $J^* \supsetneq \tilde{J}$  then inequality (9) with  $J^*$  dominates inequality (9) with  $\tilde{J}$ . Additionally if  $J^* = \tilde{J}$  and there exists  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  such that  $\beta_j > \beta'_0$  then inequality (9) dominates the corresponding weight inequality. Weismantel also proposes weight-reduction and extended weight inequalities for the 0/1 knapsack polytope. In Example 1 we show that weight-reduction inequalities and inequalities (9) are not equivalent. We also show that the extended weight inequality is dominated by the inequalities found using Proposition 4 for this example.

**Example 1.** Consider the type-I base inequality

$$3z_1 + 4z_2 + 5z_3 + 6z_4 \geq 6, \quad (10)$$

for  $t = 0$ . Next, we give examples of inequality (9) for different choices of  $\tilde{J}$ .

1. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{1, 4\}$ . Then  $J^* = \tilde{J}$  and  $\beta = (3 + 6) - 6 = 3$ . Then corresponding inequality (9) defined by this choice of  $\tilde{J}$  is  $\min\{4, 3\}z_2 + \min\{5, 3\}z_3 + 3z_4 \geq 3$ , or

$$z_2 + z_3 + z_4 \geq 1. \quad (11)$$

2. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{2, 4\}$ . Then  $J^* = \tilde{J}$  and  $\beta = (4 + 6) - 6 = 4$ . Then corresponding inequality (9) defined by this choice of  $\tilde{J}$  is  $\min\{3, 2\}z_1 + \min\{5, 2\}z_3 + 2z_4 \geq 2$ , or

$$z_1 + z_3 + z_4 \geq 1. \quad (12)$$

3. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{3, 4\}$ . Then  $J^* = \tilde{J}$  and  $\beta = (5 + 6) - 6 = 5$ . Then corresponding inequality (9) defined by this choice of  $\tilde{J}$  is  $\min\{3, 1\}z_1 + \min\{4, 1\}z_2 + z_4 \geq 1$ , or

$$z_1 + z_2 + z_4 \geq 1. \quad (13)$$

Inequalities (11)-(13) dominate the corresponding weight inequalities since for all the inequalities there exists  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  such that  $\beta_j > \beta'_0$ . Inequality (13) cannot be obtained by weight-reduction inequalities in [24]. On the other hand, the weight-reduction inequality

$$3z_1 + z_3 + 2z_4 \geq 2,$$

cannot be obtained using Proposition 4. For this example, the only valid extended weight inequality is

$$z_1 + z_2 + 2z_3 + 2z_4 \geq 2,$$

which is dominated by the inequalities (11) and (12).

### 3.2 A Coefficient Update Scheme for Mixed-Integer Knapsacks with Variable Upper Bounds

Next, we consider another substructure of TPMC consisting of a mixed integer knapsack and variable upper bound constraints. We define set  $\mathcal{S}_2$  as follows:

$$\sum_{j \in J} t_j + \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j z_j \leq \alpha_0 \quad (14)$$

$$t_j \leq d_j(1 - z_j) \quad \forall j \in J \quad (15)$$

$$z \in \{0, 1\}^{|J|}, t_j \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|J|}, \quad (16)$$

for given  $\alpha_j \geq 0$  for all  $j \in J$  and  $\alpha_0 \geq 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T}_2 = \text{conv}(\mathcal{S}_2)$ . We refer to inequalities in the form of (14) as type-II base inequalities. If we replace  $t_j := \sum_{i \in I: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij}$ ,  $I \subseteq V_1$  then the sum of relaxation of the supply constraints (1c) over  $I$  is in the form of (14) (with  $\alpha_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J$ ) for TPMC, and (15) is a relaxation of the demand constraints (1b). In this case, we observe that TPMC contains the fixed-charge network flow substructure. Therefore, the lifted flow cover and pack inequalities [3, 4, 11, 19, 22], and submodular inequalities [1, 25] are all valid for TPMC. Furthermore, these inequalities and the blossom inequalities (3) are in the form of (14). Next we describe valid inequalities for the set  $\mathcal{S}_2$ .

**Proposition 5.** *Given the mixed-integer set  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , let  $\tilde{J} = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_u\} \subseteq J$  such that  $d_{j_1} - \alpha_{j_1} \geq d_{j_2} - \alpha_{j_2} \geq \dots \geq d_{j_u} - \alpha_{j_u}$  and there exists  $m = \max\{l \in \{0, \dots, u-1\} : \sum_{k=1}^l d_{j_k} + \sum_{k=l+1}^u \alpha_{j_k} < \alpha_0 - \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max\{d_j, \alpha_j\}\}$ . Let  $M = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m\}$  ( $M = \emptyset$  if  $m = 0$ ) and  $\alpha = \alpha_0 - \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max\{d_j, \alpha_j\} - d(M) - \alpha(\tilde{J} \setminus M)$ . Then the inequality given by*

$$\sum_{j \in J} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} (\alpha_j + \alpha) z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j \leq \alpha_0 + (u - m - 1)\alpha \quad (17)$$

is valid for  $\mathcal{S}_2$ .

*Proof.* Given a feasible solution  $(t, z)$  to  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , let  $\tilde{J}_1 = \{j \in \tilde{J} : z_j = 1\}$  and  $\tilde{J}_0 = \{j \in \tilde{J} : z_j = 0\}$ . Consider the following cases:

1. Suppose that  $u - m - 1 \geq |\tilde{J}_1|$ . In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in J} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} (\alpha_j + \alpha) z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j &= \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}_1} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}_1} \alpha_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j + |\tilde{J}_1| \alpha \\ &\leq \alpha_0 + |\tilde{J}_1| \alpha \\ &\leq \alpha_0 + (u - m - 1)\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

2. Suppose that  $u - m \leq |\tilde{J}_1|$ , or equivalently  $m \geq u - |\tilde{J}_1| = |\tilde{J}_0|$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{j \in J} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} (\alpha_j + \alpha) z_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j \\ &= \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}_1} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}_1} \alpha_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j + |\tilde{J}_1| \alpha \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max\{d_j, \alpha_j\} + d(\tilde{J}_0) + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}_1} \alpha_j + |\tilde{J}_1| \alpha \\ &= \alpha_0 - \alpha - d(M) - \alpha(\tilde{J} \setminus M) + d(\tilde{J}_0) + \alpha(\tilde{J}_1) + |\tilde{J}_1| \alpha \\ &= \alpha_0 - \left[ (d(M) - \alpha(M)) - (d(\tilde{J}_0) - \alpha(\tilde{J}_0)) \right] + (|\tilde{J}_1| - 1)\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality holds since

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}_1} t_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j \\ = & \left( \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} t_j + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \alpha_j z_j \right) + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}_0} t_j \leq \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max \{d_j, \alpha_j\} + d(\tilde{J}_0), \end{aligned}$$

and the second equality holds because  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max \{d_j, \alpha_j\} = \alpha_0 - \alpha - d(M) - \alpha(\tilde{J} \setminus M)$ .

Furthermore, due to the choice of index  $m$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq d_{j_{m+1}} - \alpha_{j_{m+1}}$ . Thus, we have

$$(m - |\tilde{J}_0|)\alpha \leq (m - |\tilde{J}_0|)(d_{j_{m+1}} - \alpha_{j_{m+1}}) \leq \sum_{k=|\tilde{J}_0|+1}^m (d_{j_k} - \alpha_{j_k}).$$

Moreover,  $-\left[(d(M) - \alpha(M)) - (d(\tilde{J}_0) - \alpha(\tilde{J}_0))\right] \leq -\left[\sum_{k=|\tilde{J}_0|+1}^m (d_{j_k} - \alpha_{j_k})\right]$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_0 + (|\tilde{J}_1| - 1)\alpha - \left[(d(M) - \alpha(M)) - (d(\tilde{J}_0) - \alpha(\tilde{J}_0))\right] \\ & \leq \alpha_0 + (|\tilde{J}_1| - 1)\alpha - (m - |\tilde{J}_0|)\alpha = \alpha_0 + (u - m - 1)\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

completing the proof. □

As in Proposition 4, Proposition 5 can be applied recursively to obtain new nontrivial valid inequalities for TPMC.

Next we give an example illustrating the valid inequalities introduced in this section.

**Example 2.** Consider an instance of TPMC with a complete bipartite graph,  $V_1 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $V_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $s = (31, 20)$  and  $d = (11, 19, 8, 13)$ . A valid inequality for  $X$  for this instance is

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + 11z_1 + 19z_2 + 8z_3 + 13z_4 \geq 20, \quad (18)$$

which corresponds to inequality (5) with  $I = \{2\}$  and  $J = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Note that  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) = 20 \geq d_j$  for all  $j \in J$ .

Using (18) as the type-I base inequality, we apply the coefficient update in Proposition 4 and let  $\tilde{J} = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $J^* = \{1, 2, 4\}$ . Then  $\beta_1 + \beta_4 = 11 + 13 = 24$  and  $(\beta_1 + \beta_4) - \beta_0 = 24 - 20 = 4 = \beta$ , and we obtain the corresponding inequality (9)

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + 7z_1 + 15z_2 + 8z_3 + 9z_4 \geq 16, \quad (19)$$

which is valid for  $X$ .

Using (19) as the type-I base inequality, we apply the coefficient update in Proposition 4 and let  $\tilde{J} = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $J^* = \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Then  $\beta_3 + \beta_4 = 8 + 9 = 17$  and  $(\beta_3 + \beta_4) - \beta_0 = 17 - 16 = 1 = \beta$  and again we obtain the corresponding inequality (9)

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + 7z_1 + 14z_2 + 7z_3 + 8z_4 \geq 15, \quad (20)$$

which is valid for  $X$ .

Now, consider the supply constraint (1c) for supplier 2

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} \leq 20. \quad (21)$$



Then using (21) as the type-II base inequality with  $I = \{2\}$  and  $J = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , we apply the coefficient update in Proposition 5, where we let  $\tilde{J} = \{2, 4\}$ . Then  $\alpha_0 - \sum_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \max\{d_j, \alpha_j\} = \alpha_0 - (d_1 + d_3) = 20 - (11 + 8) = 1$ . However, all demand values in set  $\tilde{J}$  are greater than 1 so  $m = 0$  and  $\alpha = \alpha_0 - (d_1 + d_3) - \alpha_2 - \alpha_4 = 20 - (11 + 8) - 0 - 0 = 1$ . Then we obtain the corresponding inequality (17)

$$x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + z_2 + z_4 \leq 21, \quad (22)$$

which is valid for  $X$ .

### 3.3 Strength of the Proposed Inequalities

Next we give several facet conditions for inequalities (5). Let  $V'_2$  be the set of markets. Observe that if  $s(V_1) < d_j$  for some  $j \in V'_2$  then the demand of market  $j$  can never be met in any feasible solution to TPMC. Therefore, we can set  $z_j = 1$  for such markets and let  $V_2 = \{j \in V'_2 : s(V_1) \geq d_j\}$ . In other words, we remove the markets that can never be satisfied from the given set of markets. Therefore, throughout we make the assumption that

$$s(V_1) \geq \max_{j \in V_2} d_j. \quad (23)$$

Let  $J^< = \{j \in J : d_j < d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)\}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Inequality (5) defines a nontrivial facet of  $\text{conv}(X)$  only if the following conditions hold:*

1.  $d(J) > s(V_1 \setminus I)$ .
2. There exists  $j \in J$  such that  $d_j > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ .
3.  $s(V_1) \geq d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ .
4. If  $s(V_1) < d(J)$  and  $I \neq \emptyset$ , then  $|J^<| \geq 2$  and the sum of the smallest two demands in set  $J^<$  is not greater than  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ .
5.  $I \neq V_1$ .
6. If  $|J| = 1$ , then  $|V_1 \setminus I| = 1$ .
7.  $s(V_1) \geq d(J \setminus J^<) + \max_{j \in J^<} \{d_j\}$ .
8. If  $s(V_1) = d(J)$  and  $d_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in J$  then  $|I| \leq 1$ .

In addition, if the following conditions hold, then (5) is a facet of  $\text{conv}(X)$ :

9.  $s(V_1) > d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ .
10. There exists  $\hat{J} \subsetneq J^<$  such that  $d(J \setminus \hat{J}) > s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and  $d(J \setminus \hat{J}') > s(V_1 \setminus I)$  where  $\hat{J}' = \hat{J} \cup \{k_1\}$ , for all  $k_1 \in J^< \setminus \hat{J}$ .
11.  $s(V_1) > \max_{j \in V_2} d_j$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

1. Assume that  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \leq 0$ .

From validity of inequality (5) we have  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \geq 0$  and combined with the assumption we get  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) = 0$ . The resulting inequality is implied by the nonnegativity of  $x_{ij}$  and  $z_j$  for  $i \in I$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ .

2. Assume that  $d_j \leq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in J$ . Under this assumption inequality (5) reduces to

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} d_j z_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I). \quad (24)$$

We add all the demand constraints (1b) in  $J$ ,

$$\sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} d_j z_j = d(J). \quad (25)$$

When we subtract (25) from (24) we obtain

$$\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s(V_1 \setminus I). \quad (26)$$

If  $J \subsetneq V_2$  then inequality (26) is weaker than all the supply inequalities (1c) in  $V_1 \setminus I$  combined, because  $x_{ij} \geq 0$  for all  $i \in I, j \in V_2 \setminus J, (i,j) \in E$ . If  $J = V_2$  then inequality (26) is dominated by the supply inequalities  $\sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s_i$  for all  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$  unless  $|V_1 \setminus I| = 1$ . However, when  $J = V_2, |V_1 \setminus I| = 1$  and  $d_j \leq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in J$  inequality (5) reduces to a trivial facet.

3. Assume that  $s(V_1) < d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ . Because we have showed that there exists  $j \in J$  such that  $d_j > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  we can conclude that  $s(V_1 \setminus I) > d(J) - d_j \geq d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\}$ . Note that we have to have  $s(I) < \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$  for  $s(V_1) < d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$  to hold because if  $s(I) \geq \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ , then  $s(V_1) = s(V_1 \setminus I) + s(I) > d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$  which would contradict our assumption. Let  $r^* = \arg \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ . Because (5) is a non-trivial facet, it is different from  $z_{r^*} \leq 1$  and there exists solutions on the face defined by (5) with  $z_{r^*} = 0$ . Note that  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} z_j \leq 1$  for any point to be on the face defined by inequality (5). We consider the following cases:

(a)  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} z_j = 1 = z_l$  for some  $l \in J \setminus J^<$ .

In this case, left-hand side of inequality (5) reduces to

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{l\}} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) z_j + d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$$

since  $l \in J \setminus J^<$ ,  $\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_l\} = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Thus to satisfy inequality (5) at equality we must have  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = 0, z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \{l\}$  and

$$\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \{l\}: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \{l\}) \leq s(V_1 \setminus I) - (d_{r^*} - s(I)) = s(V_1) - d_{r^*} \quad (27)$$

where  $d_{r^*} - s(I)$  is the amount of demand of market  $r^*$  that cannot be satisfied by the suppliers in set  $I$ . We obtain a contradiction because (27) implies that  $s(V_1) \geq d(J) - d_l + d_{r^*} \geq d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ , since  $d_l \leq \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\}$ .

(b)  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} z_j = 0$ .

Let  $\hat{J} = \{j \in J^< : z_j = 1\}$ . Then a point on the face defined by inequality (5) satisfies

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} d_j = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I).$$

This implies that  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \geq 0$  because otherwise we would not have a feasible solution. Furthermore,  $\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Combining the results we observe that because  $s(I) < d_{r^*}$  we cannot send all the demand of  $d_{r^*}$  from  $s(I)$  so some of the supply from  $s(V_1 \setminus I)$  should be sent to  $d_{r^*}$  but all the supply  $s(V_1 \setminus I)$  is sent to markets in  $J \setminus \hat{J}$ . We reach a contradiction, we cannot have  $z_{r^*} = 0$ .

4. Suppose that  $s(V_1) < d(J)$  and  $I \neq \emptyset$ , then not all demand in set  $J$  can be met, hence  $\sum_{j \in J} z_j \geq 1$ . Consider the following cases:

- (a)  $J^< = \emptyset$ . Then inequality  $\sum_{j \in J} (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) z_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  dominates inequality (5) since inequality (5) has the additional term  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \geq 0$ .
- (b)  $|J^<| = 1$ . Let  $J^< = \{k\}$ . We apply the coefficient update in Proposition 4 using inequality (5) as the type-I base inequality. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{j, k\}$  where  $j \in J \setminus \{k\}$ . Therefore,  $\beta = \beta_j + d_k - \beta_0 = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) + d_k - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) = d_k$  and the corresponding inequality (9) is

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J \setminus \{k\}} (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_k) z_j + (d_k - d_k) z_k \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_k. \quad (28)$$

If we add  $\sum_{j \in J} d_k z_j \geq d_k$  to inequality (28) we obtain (5). Hence, (5) cannot be a facet.

- (c)  $|J^<| \geq 2$  and  $d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  where  $d_{j_1}$  and  $d_{j_2}$  are the two smallest demands in set  $J^<$ . We use the coefficient update in Proposition 4 using inequality (5) as the type-I base inequality. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{j_1, j_2\}$ . Therefore,  $\beta = d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I))$  and the corresponding inequality (9) is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} (2(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) - d_{j_1} - d_{j_2}) z_j \\ & \quad + \sum_{j \in J^< \setminus \{j_1, j_2\}} (d_j - (d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)))) z_j \\ & \quad + (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_{j_2}) z_{j_1} + (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_{j_1}) z_{j_2} \\ & \geq 2(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) - d_{j_1} - d_{j_2}. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Because  $d_{j_1}$  and  $d_{j_2}$  are the two smallest demands we have  $J^* = J$  in Proposition 4. Note that if we add  $\sum_{j \in J} (d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I))) z_j \geq d_{j_1} + d_{j_2} - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I))$  to inequality (29) we obtain (5). Hence, (5) cannot be a facet.

5. Assume that  $I = V_1$ . Then inequality (5) reduces to

$$\sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} d_j z_j \geq d(J). \quad (30)$$

Inequality (30) is a relaxation of the demand equalities (1b) in TPMC. Therefore, if  $I = V_1$  then all points in TPMC are on the face defined by inequality (5), therefore this inequality does not define a proper face.

6. Suppose that  $J = \{j\}$ , but  $|V_1 \setminus I| > 1$ . Then inequality (5) is

$$\sum_{i \in I: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + (d_j - s(V_1 \setminus I)) z_j \geq d_j - s(V_1 \setminus I), \quad (31)$$

where  $d_j > s(V_1 \setminus I)$  from facet condition 1. Subtracting the original demand equality (1b) for  $j$  from inequality (31), we get

$$\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s(V_1 \setminus I)(1 - z_j),$$

which is dominated by VUB inequalities (4) for  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ .

7. Assume that  $s(V_1) < d(J \setminus J^<) + \max_{j \in J^<} \{d_j\}$ . Then not all demand for markets in set  $J \setminus J^<$  and the largest demand in set  $J^<$  can be met at the same time. Hence,  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} z_j + z_m \geq 1$  where

$m = \arg \max_{j \in J^<} \{d_j\}$ . We use Proposition 4 and inequality (5) as the type-I base inequality. Let  $\tilde{J} = \{l, m\}$  where  $l \in J \setminus J^<$  then  $\beta = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) + d_m - (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) = d_m$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_m)z_j + \sum_{j \in J^< \setminus \{m\}} d_j z_j + (d_m - d_m)z_m \quad (32) \\ \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_m. \end{aligned}$$

If we add  $\sum_{j \in J \setminus J^<} d_m z_j + d_m z_m \geq d_m$  to inequality (32) we obtain (5). Hence, (5) cannot be a facet.

8. Assume that  $s(V_1) = d(J)$ ,  $d_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in J$  and for contradiction  $|I| \geq 2$ . Because of assumption  $s(V_1) = d(J)$  we have  $d_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) = s(V_1) - s(V_1 \setminus I) = s(I)$  for all  $j \in J$ . Under these assumptions inequality (5) reduces to  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} s(I)z_j \geq s(I)$ . Let  $I' = I \setminus \{i'\}$  and  $I'' = \{i'\}$  where  $i' \in I$  ( $I' \neq \emptyset$  and  $I'' \neq \emptyset$  because  $|I| \geq 2$  by assumption). Consider the following inequalities in the form of inequality (5) with set  $I$  replaced with sets  $I'$  and  $I''$ , respectively

$$\sum_{i \in I \setminus \{i'\}, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} (s(I) - s_{i'})z_j \geq s(I) - s_{i'}, \quad (33)$$

$$\sum_{j \in J: (i',j) \in E} x_{i'j} + \sum_{j \in J} s_{i'}z_j \geq s_{i'}. \quad (34)$$

Inequality (33) is valid because  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I') = d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - s_{i'} = s(I) - s_{i'} > 0$ . Furthermore, the coefficient of  $z_j$  is  $\min\{d_j, s(I) - s_{i'}\} = s(I) - s_{i'}$  because of the assumption  $d_j \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I) = s(I)$  for all  $j \in J$ . Inequality (34) is valid because  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I'') = s(V_1) - s(V_1 \setminus I'') = s(I'') = s_{i'} > 0$  and similarly the coefficient of  $z_j$  is  $\min\{s_{i'}, d_j\} = s_{i'}$ , because  $d_j \geq s(I) \geq s_{i'}$  for all  $j \in J$  by assumption. By adding inequalities (33) and (34) we obtain inequality (5) with set  $I$ . Hence, (5) cannot be a facet.

*Sufficiency.* We use the technique in §I.4.3 Theorem 3.6 [17]. We show that inequality (5), plus any linear combination of the demand constraints  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j = d_j$  for all  $j \in V_2$  is the only inequality that is satisfied at equality by all points  $(x, z)$  feasible to TPMC that are tight at (5), i.e., we show that if all points of TPMC at which (5) is tight satisfy

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E} \alpha_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} \psi_j z_j = \hat{\alpha}, \quad (35)$$

then

1.  $\alpha_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus J$ ,  $i \in V_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
2.  $\alpha_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
3.  $\alpha_{ij} = \bar{\alpha} + u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $i \in I$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
4.  $\psi_j = u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus J$
5.  $\psi_j = \bar{\alpha} (\min\{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) + u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,
6.  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{\alpha} (d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j$ .

In the proof we consider three different types of points at which (5) is tight. These points are solutions to TPMC but are subject to additional systems of constraints. Throughout, let  $\epsilon$  be a very small number greater than zero unless noted otherwise.

1. Suppose that  $d_l > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for  $l = \arg \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\}$ . Consider a point where only markets  $j \in \{r\} \cup J \setminus \{l\}$  are satisfied for some  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$  and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = 0 \\
& \sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J) - d_l \\
& \sum_{i \in V_1: (i,r) \in E} x_{ir} = d_r \\
& x_{ij} = 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus (J \cup \{r\}) \\
& x_{ij} \geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \{l\} \\
& x_{ir} \geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \\
& \sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \\
& z_j = 1, & j \in \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus (J \cup \{r\}) \\
& z_j = 0, & j \in \{r\} \cup J \setminus \{l\}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 1. We know that a solution to System 1 exists from facet conditions 9 and 11. For a solution to be feasible to System 1 the demand of markets  $j \in \{r\} \cup J \setminus \{l\}$  have to be met, i.e.,  $s(V_1) \geq d(J) - \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} + \max_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} \{d_j\}$ . Additionally, we would like to change a given solution by increasing and decreasing the  $x$  values by  $\epsilon$  hence the need for  $>$  relationship in facet condition 9.

2. Suppose that  $d_l > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for some  $l \in J$ . Consider a point where only markets  $j \in J \setminus \{l\}$  are satisfied and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = 0 \\
& \sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J) - d_l \\
& x_{ij} = 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
& x_{ij} \geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \{l\} \\
& \sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \setminus I \\
& z_j = 1, & j \in \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
& z_j = 0, & j \in J \setminus \{l\}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 2. We know that a solution to System 2 exists from facet condition 2 since there exists at least one  $j \in J$  such that  $s(V_1) \geq s(V_1 \setminus I) > d(J) - d_j$ , and from facet condition 11.

3. We define  $\hat{J} \subset J$  such that  $d(J \setminus \hat{J}) > s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Due to the choice of  $\hat{J}$  we have  $d_j < d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in \hat{J}$  so  $\hat{J} \subseteq J^<$  (if  $d_{j'} \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and  $j' \in \hat{J}$  then we cannot have  $d(J \setminus \hat{J}) > s(V_1 \setminus I)$ ).

In this point, markets in set  $\hat{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J$  are rejected and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} &= d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I) \\
\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} &= s(V_1 \setminus I) \\
x_{ij} &= 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \hat{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
x_{ij} &\geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \hat{J} \\
\sum_{j \in J \setminus \hat{J}: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} &\leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in I \\
z_j &= 1, & j \in \hat{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
z_j &= 0, & j \in J \setminus \hat{J}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 3. We consider a set  $\hat{J}$  such that all demand in set  $J \setminus J^<$  is satisfied and  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} > 0$ . This is possible due to facet conditions 7, 11, and non-negativity of  $x$  variables.

In order to establish the values of the coefficients  $\alpha_{ij}$ ,  $\psi_j$  and  $\hat{\alpha}$ , we construct a feasible solution to the given systems 1, 2 and 3. Then a small change in the solution is made. By evaluating (35) at both solutions, which are on the face defined by (5) and comparing the resulting expressions, the possible values of a set of coefficients are obtained.

We start by showing that

1.  $\alpha_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus J$ ,  $i \in V_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ .

Consider any solution to system 1 with any market  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$  that is satisfied. Choose arbitrary suppliers  $i, i' \in V_1$  such that  $(i, r), (i', r) \in E$ . Construct a new point by decreasing the flow on edge  $(i, r)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increasing the flow on edge  $(i', r)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that this point is also on the face defined by inequality (5). Thus,

$$\alpha_{ij} = u_j, j \in V_2 \setminus J, i \in V_1, (i, j) \in E.$$

2.  $\alpha_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ . Note that if  $|V_1 \setminus I| = 1$ , then  $\alpha_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in J$  trivially holds. We condition on the number of markets in set  $J$ .

- (a)  $J = \{k\}$ . Note that, from facet condition 6, we have  $|V_1 \setminus I| = 1$ , so the result holds.
- (b)  $|J| \geq 2$ . By assumption,  $|V_1 \setminus I| > 1$ . Due to facet condition 2 there exists  $k \in J$  such that  $d_k > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . We consider a solution to system 2 with  $l = k$ . Choose any market  $j \in J \setminus \{k\}$ , any suppliers  $i, i' \in V_1 \setminus I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j) \in E$ . Make an  $\epsilon$ -change of flow between the two suppliers  $i, i'$  and market  $j$ . Thus,

$$\alpha_{ij} = u_j, j \in J \setminus \{k\}, i \in V_1 \setminus I, (i, j) \in E.$$

Next we show that  $\alpha_{ik} = u_k$  for all  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ . If there exists another  $j^*$  such that  $d_{j^*} > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ ,  $j^* \neq k$  then we consider a point satisfying System 2 with  $l = j^*$ , and use the same argument as before to show that  $\alpha_{ik} = u_k$  for all  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ . If no such  $j^*$  exists then  $d_j \leq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \{k\}$ . In this case  $k$  is the only market in  $J$  with  $d_k > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Then from facet condition 7 we know that there exists a solution to a variant of System 3 with  $\hat{J} \subseteq J^< \setminus \{j\}$  for some  $j \in J \setminus \{k\}$  (in which we set  $\epsilon = 0$  in case facet condition 7 is satisfied at equality), where along with market  $k$  we can satisfy at least one more market,  $j$ . Choose suppliers  $i, i' \in V_1 \setminus I$  such that  $(i, k), (i', k), (i, j), (i', j) \in E$ . Decrease flow on

edges  $(i, j), (i', k)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increase flow on edges  $(i, k), (i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that since we are using a solution to a variant of system 3 in which we set  $\epsilon = 0$  inequality (5) is still tight. Thus,

$$\alpha_{ik} - \alpha_{ij} - \alpha_{i'k} + \alpha_{i'j} = \alpha_{ik} - u_j - \alpha_{i'k} + u_j = \alpha_{ik} - \alpha_{i'k} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha_{ik} = u_k$  for all  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ .

3.  $\alpha_{ij} = \bar{\alpha} + u_j, j \in J, i \in I, (i, j) \in E$ .

Consider a solution to system 3 with  $\hat{J} \subseteq J^<$ . Choose any market  $j \in J \setminus \hat{J}$ , any two suppliers  $i, i' \in I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j) \in E$ . Make an  $\epsilon$ -change of flow between the two suppliers  $i, i'$  and market  $j$ . Thus,

$$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_j^1, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}, i \in I, (i, j) \in E.$$

Let  $\alpha_j^1 = \bar{\alpha}_j + u_j, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}$ . Facet condition 10 and definition of  $\hat{J}$  (i.e.  $\hat{J} \subseteq J^<$ ) implies that for any  $k_1 \in J^<$  we can redefine  $\hat{J}$  to either include  $k_1$  or not. More specifically, if  $k_1 \in \hat{J}$  then market  $k_1$  is rejected. To show that  $\alpha_{ik_1} = \alpha_{k_1}^1$  for all  $i \in I, (i, k_1) \in E$  we choose another  $\hat{J}$  such that  $k_1 \notin \hat{J}$ . Using the same argument as before we obtain  $\alpha_{ik_1} = \alpha_{k_1}^1$  for all  $i \in I, (i, k_1) \in E$ . As a result, we have shown that  $\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_j^1, j \in \hat{J}, i \in I, (i, j) \in E$ . Next we show that  $\bar{\alpha}_j = \bar{\alpha}, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}$ . Choose any markets  $j, j' \in J \setminus \hat{J}$ , any suppliers  $i \in V_1 \setminus I, i' \in I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j), (i, j'), (i', j') \in E$ . Decrease flow on edges  $(i, j'), (i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increase flow on edges  $(i, j), (i', j')$  by  $\epsilon$ . Thus,

$$\alpha_{ij} - \alpha_{ij'} - \alpha_{i'j} + \alpha_{i'j'} = u_j - u_{j'} - \alpha_j^1 + \alpha_{j'}^1 = 0.$$

By again using  $\alpha_j^1 = \bar{\alpha}_j + u_j$  and  $\alpha_{j'}^1 = \bar{\alpha}_{j'} + u_{j'}$ , we obtain

$$\bar{\alpha}_j = \bar{\alpha}_{j'}.$$

Since  $j$  and  $j'$  can be chosen as any market in  $J \setminus \hat{J}$  we conclude that  $\bar{\alpha}_j = \bar{\alpha}, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}$ . Furthermore, since as before we can rearrange set  $\hat{J}$  to include or not include any  $k_1 \in J^<$  we get  $\bar{\alpha}_j = \bar{\alpha}, j \in \hat{J}$ .

4.  $\psi_j = u_j d_j, j \in V_2 \setminus J$ . We rewrite (35) using the information obtained until now and get

$$\bar{\alpha} \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{(i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} \psi_j z_j = \hat{\alpha}. \quad (36)$$

Consider any solution to system 1 with any market  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$  that is satisfied. Then we construct a new solution based on this solution where we set  $z_r = 1$  and  $x_{ir} = 0$  for all  $i \in V_1, (i, r) \in E$  and all other variables remain the same. Note that this solution is also on the face defined by (5) since  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$  and the new solution is a solution to system 2. We compare face (35) evaluated at these two solutions. Thus,

$$u_r \sum_{i \in V_1: (i, r) \in E} x_{ir} - \psi_r = 0.$$

Because  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i, r) \in E} x_{ir} = d_r$  we have  $\psi_r = u_r d_r$ .

5.  $\psi_j = \bar{\alpha} (\min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) + u_j d_j, j \in J$ .

We consider 2 cases.

- (a)  $d_{j'} < d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for some  $j' \in J$ .

We consider a solution to system 3 with  $\hat{J}$  such that  $d(\hat{J}) + d_{j'} \leq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . This is a feasible solution due to facet condition 10 where  $k_1 = j'$ . We evaluate (36) at this solution and obtain

$$\bar{\alpha}(d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}: (i,j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \hat{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J} \psi_j = \hat{\alpha}.$$

Then we use the same solution except now we set  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $x_{ij'} = 0$ ,  $i \in V_1$ ,  $(i, j') \in E$  (so we redefine  $\hat{J}$  as  $\hat{J}' = \hat{J} \cup \{j'\}$ ) and  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_{j'}$  and evaluate (36) again. Note that this solution is also on the face defined by (5) because we had  $z_{j'} = 0$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and we changed it with  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_{j'}$  and the coefficient of  $z_{j'}$  is  $d_{j'}$  in inequality (5). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\alpha}(d(J \setminus \hat{J}') - s(V_1 \setminus I) - d_{j'}) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}': (i,j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} \\ & + \sum_{j \in \hat{J}' \cup V_2 \setminus J} \psi_j + \psi_{j'} = \hat{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the difference between (36) evaluated at these two solutions, we obtain

$$\psi_{j'} = \bar{\alpha}d_{j'} + u_{j'} \sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'} = \bar{\alpha}d_{j'} + u_{j'}d_{j'}.$$

(b)  $d_{j'} \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  for some  $j' \in J$ .

We consider a solution to system 3 with any feasible  $\hat{J}$  such that the right hand side of inequality  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  is nonnegative and market  $j'$  is satisfied. In the solution we can set  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = \sum_{i \in I: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'}$ . This is a feasible solution since  $d_{j'} \geq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  by assumption and we know that for inequality (5) to be tight we cannot have  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Hence,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and we can choose a solution in which a part (or all) of the demand of market  $j'$  is met by suppliers in set  $I$ . We use  $\psi_j = \bar{\alpha}d_j + u_jd_j$  for all  $j \in J^<$  and recall that markets in set  $\hat{J} \subseteq J^<$  are rejected. We evaluate (36) at this solution and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{\alpha}(d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I) + d(\hat{J})) + u_{j'} \sum_{i \in I: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'} + \sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \hat{J}: (i,j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} \\ & + \sum_{j \in \hat{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J} u_j d_j = \hat{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we use the same solution except now we set  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $z_q = 0$ ,  $q \in \hat{J}$  (this is still a feasible solution since  $s(V_1) \geq s(V_1 \setminus I) \geq d(J) - d_{j'}$  by assumption, i.e., once market  $j'$  is rejected all other markets in set  $J$  can be satisfied) and  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = 0$  (implying that  $\sum_{i \in I: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'} = 0$ ) and reevaluate (36). Note that this solution is also on the face defined by (5) because we had  $z_{j'} = 0$ ,  $z_q = 1$ ,  $q \in \hat{J}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = d(J \setminus \hat{J}) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and we changed it with  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $z_q = 0$ ,  $q \in \hat{J}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} = 0$  and the coefficient of  $z_{j'}$  is  $d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$ . Thus,

$$\bar{\alpha}(0) + 0 + \sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J \setminus \{j'\}: (i,j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2 \setminus J} u_j d_j + \psi_{j'} = \hat{\alpha}.$$

Taking the difference between (36) evaluated at these two solutions, we get  $\bar{\alpha}(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + u_{j'} \sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'} - \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in \hat{J}} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} u_j d_j - \psi_{j'} = 0$ . Because  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j') \in E} x_{ij'} = d_{j'}$  and  $\sum_{i \in V_1, j \in \hat{J}} u_j x_{ij} = \sum_{j \in \hat{J}} u_j d_j$  we have  $\psi_{j'} = \bar{\alpha}(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + u_{j'}d_{j'}$ .



6.  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{\alpha}(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j$ .  
 Rewriting equality (35), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha} \left( \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} \min \{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\} z_j \right) \\ + \sum_{(i,j) \in E: j \in V_2} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j z_j = \hat{\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Evaluating (37) at any point  $(x, z)$  feasible to TPMC that is tight at inequality (5) gives

$$\bar{\alpha}(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j \left( \sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j \right) = \hat{\alpha}.$$

From equality (1b) in the definition of TPMC we have  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j = d_j$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Thus,  $\hat{\alpha} = \bar{\alpha}(d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j$ . □

Our next result shows that the coefficient update scheme in Proposition 4 is neither lifting nor coefficient strengthening. We show that both a type-I base inequality (6) and the corresponding inequality (9) can be facets of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  under certain conditions.

**Proposition 6.** *If the following conditions hold, then type-I base inequality (6) and the corresponding inequality (9) are facets of  $\mathcal{T}_1$ .*

1. *If there exists  $j \in J^* \setminus \tilde{J}$  with  $\beta_j < \beta_0$  then  $\beta_j - \beta < \beta'_0$  and  $\beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p, j_{p-1}\}) + \beta_j \leq \beta_0$  where  $\tilde{J} = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p\}$  and  $\beta_{j_1} \leq \beta_{j_2} \leq \dots \leq \beta_{j_p}$ .*
2. *For all  $j \in J \setminus J^*$ ,  $\beta_j < \beta'_0$  and  $\beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p\}) + \beta_j \leq \beta_0$ .*

*Proof.* We first show that there exists  $\dim(\mathcal{T}_1) = |J| + 1$  many affinely independent points that satisfy inequality (9) at equality. Consider the following points:

- Let  $t = 0$ ,  $z_j = 1$  for all  $j \in \tilde{J}$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ . In this case, the left-hand side of inequality (9) is  $\beta(\tilde{J}) - p\beta = \beta_0 + \beta - p\beta = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta = \beta'_0$ .
- For each  $j' \in \tilde{J}$ ,  $t = \beta_{j'} - \beta$ ,  $z_{j'} = 0$ ,  $z_j = 1$  for all  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j'\}$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ . In this case, the left-hand side of inequality (9) is  $\beta_{j'} - \beta + \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j'\}) - (p-1)\beta = \beta(\tilde{J}) - p\beta = \beta_0 + \beta - p\beta = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta = \beta'_0$ . This point also satisfies type-I base inequality (6) at equality.
- For each  $j' \in J^* \setminus \tilde{J}$  we consider two cases:
  1.  $\beta_{j'} = \beta_0$ .  
 Let  $t = 0$ ,  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \{j'\}$ . The left-hand side of inequality (9) is  $\min\{(\beta_{j'} - \beta), \beta'_0\} = \min\{(\beta_0 - \beta), \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta\} = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta$  since  $p$  is the number of elements in set  $\tilde{J}$  and  $p \geq 2$ , for  $\tilde{J}$  to be a minimal cover. This point also satisfies type-I base inequality (6) at equality.
  2.  $\beta_{j'} < \beta_0$ .  
 Let  $t = \beta_0 - \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p, j_{p-1}\}) - \beta_{j'}$ ,  $z_j = 1$ , for all  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p, j_{p-1}\}$ ,  $z_{j_p} = 0$ ,  $z_{j_{p-1}} = 0$ ,  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j'\})$ . From facet condition 1 we have  $\beta_{j'} - \beta < \beta'_0$  hence the left-hand side of inequality (9) is  $\beta_0 - \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p, j_{p-1}\}) - \beta_{j'} + \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p, j_{p-1}\}) - (p-2)\beta + \beta_{j'} - \beta = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta = \beta'_0$ . Note that due to facet condition 1,  $t \geq 0$ . Furthermore, this point also satisfies type-I base inequality (6) at equality.

- For each  $j' \in J \setminus J^*$  first observe that  $\beta_{j'} < \beta_0$  since by definition of  $J^*$ ,  $\beta_{j'} < \beta_{j_p} \leq \beta_0$ . Let  $t = \beta_0 - \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p\}) - \beta_{j'}$ ,  $z_j = 1$ , for all  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p\}$ ,  $z_{j_p} = 0$ ,  $z_{j'} = 1$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j'\})$ . From facet condition 2 we have  $\beta_{j'} < \beta'_0$  hence the left-hand side of inequality (9) is  $\beta_0 - \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p\}) - \beta_{j'} + \beta(\tilde{J} \setminus \{j_p\}) - (p-1)\beta + \beta_{j'} = \beta_0 - (p-1)\beta = \beta'_0$ . Note that due to facet condition 2,  $t \geq 0$ . Furthermore, this point also satisfies type-I base inequality (6) at equality.

In total we have described  $1 + |\tilde{J}| + |J^* \setminus \tilde{J}| + |J \setminus J^*| = |J| + 1$  many points. It is easy to see that these points are affinely independent. Furthermore, except for the first described point ( $t = 0$ ,  $z_j = 1$  for all  $j \in \tilde{J}$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ ) all the other  $|J|$  many points also satisfy type-I base inequality (6) at equality. If we replace the first point with the point  $t = \beta_0$ ,  $z_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J$ , which satisfies the type-I base inequality at equality, then we still get  $|J| + 1$  many affinely independent points. Hence, both the type-I base inequality (6) and the corresponding inequality (9) are facets of  $\mathcal{T}_1$  under conditions 1 and 2.  $\square$

Suppose that inequality  $\sum_{j \in J} t_j \leq \alpha_0$  is given as a type-II base inequality in the form of (14) for set  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , where  $\alpha_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J$ . Assume that there exists  $\tilde{J}$  and  $m$  such that  $\alpha_0 > d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$  and  $\alpha_0 - d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) < \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ . These conditions imply that  $m = 0$  and  $\alpha = \alpha_0 - d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$ . Then we obtain the corresponding inequality (17)

$$\sum_{j \in J} t_j + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \alpha z_j \leq \alpha_0 + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha, \quad (38)$$

which is valid for  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , under these assumptions.

**Proposition 7.** *Inequality (38), valid for  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , defines a facet of  $\mathcal{T}_2$  only if*

1.  $\tilde{J} \neq \emptyset$ .

*In addition, if the following conditions hold then (38) is a facet of  $\mathcal{T}_2$ :*

2.  $\alpha_0 < d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + \min_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ ,
3.  $\alpha_0 < d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\} - \max_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ ,
4.  $|J \setminus \tilde{J}| \geq 2$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

1. Assume that  $\tilde{J} = \emptyset$ . Then inequality (38) reduces to

$$\sum_{j \in J} t_j \leq \alpha_0 - \alpha. \quad (39)$$

This case implies that  $\alpha = \alpha_0 - d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) = \alpha_0 - d(J)$ . Thus, inequality (39) becomes  $\sum_{j \in J} t_j \leq d(J)$  which is dominated by  $t_j + d_j z_j \leq d_j$  for all  $j \in J$ .

*Sufficiency.* We show that there exists  $\dim(\mathcal{T}_2) = 2|J|$  many affinely independent points that satisfy inequality (38) at equality. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be a very small number and  $j^* = \arg \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$  ( $j^*$  exists due to facet condition 1). Consider the following points:

- For each  $j' \in \tilde{J}$ , let  $z_{j'} = 0$ ,  $t_{j'} = \alpha_0 - d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$ ,  $z_j = 1$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j'\}$ ,  $t_j = 0$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j'\}$ ,  $z_j = 0$ ,  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ ,  $t_j = d_j$ ,  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ . Note that this is a feasible solution due to the assumption that  $\alpha_0 > d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$  and facet condition 2. Furthermore, for each such point we construct another point by increasing  $t_{j'}$  by  $\epsilon$  and decreasing any  $t_j$ ,  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  by  $\epsilon$  ( $j$  exists due to facet condition 4). This gives  $2|\tilde{J}|$  many points.
- For each  $j'' \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ , let  $z_{j''} = 1$ ,  $t_{j''} = 0$ ,  $z_j = 0$ ,  $j \in (J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j''\})) \cup \{j^*\}$ ,  $t_j = d_j$ ,  $j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j''\})$ ,  $t_{j^*} = \alpha_0 - d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + d_{j''}$ ,  $z_j = 1$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j^*\}$ ,  $t_j = 0$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{j^*\}$ . Note that this is feasible due to facet condition 3. For each such point we construct another point by increasing  $t_{j^*}$  by  $\epsilon$  and decreasing any  $t_j$ ,  $j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j''\})$  by  $\epsilon$  ( $j$  exists due to facet condition 4). This gives  $2|J \setminus \tilde{J}|$  many points.

It is easy to see that these points are affinely independent.  $\square$

Now, suppose that we start with a type-II base inequality  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s(I)$  in Proposition 5. Note that inequality  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s(I)$  is a relaxation of the supply constraints (1c). Let  $t_j = \sum_{i \in I: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij}$  and  $\alpha_j = 0$  for all  $j \in J$  in inequality (14). Suppose that there exists  $\tilde{J}$  and  $m$  such that  $s(I) > d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$  and  $s(I) - d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) < \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ . These conditions imply that  $m = 0$  and  $\alpha = s(I) - d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$ . Then we obtain the inequality

$$\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \alpha z_j \leq s(I) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha, \quad (40)$$

which is valid for  $X$ .

**Proposition 8.** *Inequality (40), valid for  $X$ , defines a facet of  $\text{conv}(X)$  only if*

1.  $\tilde{J} \neq \emptyset$ .

*In addition, if the following conditions hold then (40) is a facet of  $\text{conv}(X)$ :*

2.  $s(V_1) > d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + \max_{j \in (V_2 \setminus J) \cup \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ ,
3.  $s(I) < d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + \min_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ ,
4.  $s(I) \leq d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\} - \max_{j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$ .

*Proof. Necessity.*

1. If we replace  $t_j$  by  $\sum_{i \in I: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij}$  for all  $j \in J$  and  $\alpha_0$  by  $s(I)$  we can use the same argument as in the necessity of facet condition 1 in Proposition 7.

*Sufficiency.* For the proof we use §I.4.3 Theorem 3.6 [17]. We show that inequality (40), plus any linear combination of the demand constraints  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j = d_j$  for all  $j \in V_2$  is the only inequality that is satisfied at equality by all points  $(x, z)$  feasible to TPMC that are tight at (40), i.e., we show that if all points of TPMC at which (40) is tight satisfy

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E} \lambda_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} \omega_j z_j = \hat{\lambda}, \quad (41)$$

then

1.  $\lambda_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus J$ ,  $i \in V_1$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
2.  $\lambda_{ij} = u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
3.  $\lambda_{ij} = \bar{\lambda} + u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ ,  $i \in I$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$ ,
4.  $\omega_j = u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus \tilde{J}$ ,
5.  $\omega_j = \bar{\lambda} \alpha + u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J}$ ,
6.  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda} \left( s(I) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha \right) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j$ .

In the proof we consider four different types of points at which (40) is tight that make use of the facet conditions. Throughout, let  $\epsilon$  be a very small number greater than zero unless noted otherwise.

1. Consider a point where only markets  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{r\}$  are satisfied for some  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$ , and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &= d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) \\
\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,r) \in E} x_{ir} &= d_r \\
x_{ij} &= 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \tilde{J} \cup V_2 \setminus (J \cup \{r\}) \\
x_{ij} &\geq \epsilon, & i \in I, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \\
x_{ir} &\geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \\
\sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &\leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \\
z_j &= 1, & j \in \tilde{J} \cup V_2 \setminus (J \cup \{r\}) \\
z_j &= 0, & j \in \{r\} \cup J \setminus \tilde{J}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 1. We know that a solution to System 1 exists from assumption  $s(I) > d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$  and facet condition 2.

2. Consider a point where only markets  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  are satisfied, and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &= d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) \\
x_{ij} &= 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \tilde{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
x_{ij} &\geq \epsilon, & i \in I, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \\
\sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &\leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in I \\
z_j &= 1, & j \in \tilde{J} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
z_j &= 0, & j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 2. We know that a solution to System 2 exists from assumption  $s(I) > d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$ .

3. Consider a point where only markets  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\}$  are satisfied for some  $l \in \tilde{J}$ , and constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &= s(I) \\
\sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &= d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + d_l - s(I) \\
x_{ij} &= 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
x_{ij} &\geq \epsilon, & i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\} \\
\sum_{j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} &\leq s_i - \epsilon, & i \in V_1 \setminus I \\
z_j &= 1, & j \in \tilde{J} \setminus \{l\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\
z_j &= 0, & j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\}
\end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 3. We know that a solution to System 3 exists from facet conditions 2 and 3.

4. Consider a point where only markets  $j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j'\}) \cup \{l^*\}$  are satisfied for  $l^* = \arg \max_{j \in \tilde{J}} \{d_j\}$  and some  $j' \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ , and constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} &= s(I) \\ \sum_{i \in V_1 \setminus I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} &= d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + d_{l^*} - d_{j'} - s(I) \\ x_{ij} &= 0, & i \in V_1, j \in \{j'\} \cup \tilde{J} \setminus \{l^*\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\ z_j &= 1, & j \in \{j'\} \cup \tilde{J} \setminus \{l^*\} \cup V_2 \setminus J \\ z_j &= 0, & j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j'\}) \cup \{l^*\} \end{aligned}$$

in addition to the original constraints are satisfied, which we refer to as System 4. We know that a solution to system 4 exists from facet conditions 2 and 4.

1.  $\lambda_{ij} = u_j, j \in V_2 \setminus J, i \in V_1, (i, j) \in E$ .

Consider any solution to system 1 with any market  $j = r \in V_2 \setminus J$  that is satisfied. Choose arbitrary suppliers  $i, i' \in V_1$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j) \in E$ . Construct a new point by decreasing the flow on edge  $(i, j)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increasing the flow on edge  $(i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that this point is also on the face defined by inequality (40). Thus,

$$\lambda_{ij} = u_j, j \in V_2 \setminus J, i \in V_1, (i, j) \in E.$$

2.  $\lambda_{ij} = u_j, j \in J, i \in V_1 \setminus I, (i, j) \in E$ .

Consider any solution to system 3 with market  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\}$  satisfied for some  $l \in \tilde{J}$ . Choose arbitrary suppliers  $i, i' \in V_1 \setminus I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j) \in E$ . Construct a new point by decreasing the flow on edge  $(i, j)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increasing the flow on edge  $(i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that this point is also on the face defined by inequality (40) since  $i, i' \in V_1 \setminus I$ . Thus,

$$\lambda_{ij} = u_j, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\}, i \in V_1 \setminus I, (i, j) \in E.$$

Note that since we can use the above argument for any  $l \in \tilde{J}$ , we have  $\lambda_{il} = u_l$  for all  $l \in \tilde{J}, i \in V_1 \setminus I, (i, l) \in E$ .

3.  $\lambda_{ij} = \bar{\lambda} + u_j, j \in J, i \in I, (i, j) \in E$ .

Consider any solution to system 2. Choose arbitrary suppliers  $i, i' \in I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j) \in E$  for  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ . Construct a new point by decreasing the flow on edge  $(i, j)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increasing the flow on edge  $(i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that this point is also on the face defined by inequality (40). Thus,

$$\lambda_{ij} = \lambda_j^1, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}, i \in I, (i, j) \in E.$$

Next we consider a solution to system 3 with  $\epsilon = 0$ . Choose arbitrary suppliers  $i, i' \in I$  and market  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j), (i, l), (i', l) \in E$ . Construct a new point by decreasing the flow on edges  $(i, j), (i', l)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increasing the flow on edges  $(i', j), (i, l)$  by  $\epsilon$ . Note that this point is also on the face defined by inequality (40). Thus,

$$-\lambda_{ij} + \lambda_{il} + \lambda_{i'j} - \lambda_{i'l} = -\lambda_j^1 + \lambda_{il} + \lambda_j^1 - \lambda_{i'l} = \lambda_{il} - \lambda_{i'l} = 0.$$

Because  $l$  is any market in set  $\tilde{J}$ ,  $\lambda_{ij} = \lambda_j^1, j \in \tilde{J}, i \in I, (i, j) \in E$ .

Let  $\lambda_j^1 = \bar{\lambda}_j + u_j$ ,  $j \in J$ . Next we show that  $\bar{\lambda}_j = \bar{\lambda}$ ,  $j \in J$ . We consider a solution to system 3 with  $\epsilon = 0$ . Choose any markets  $j, j' \in J$ , any suppliers  $i \in V_1 \setminus I$ ,  $i' \in I$  such that  $(i, j), (i', j), (i, j'), (i', j') \in E$ . Decrease flow on edges  $(i, j'), (i', j)$  by  $\epsilon$  and increase flow on edges  $(i, j), (i', j')$  by  $\epsilon$ . Thus,

$$\lambda_{ij} - \lambda_{ij'} - \lambda_{i'j} + \lambda_{i'j'} = u_j - u_{j'} - \lambda_j^1 + \lambda_{j'}^1 = 0.$$

By again using  $\lambda_j^1 = \bar{\lambda}_j + u_j$  and  $\lambda_{j'}^1 = \bar{\lambda}_{j'} + u_{j'}$ , we obtain

$$\bar{\lambda}_j = \bar{\lambda}_{j'} = \bar{\lambda}.$$

4.  $\omega_j = u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in V_2 \setminus \tilde{J}$ .

We rewrite (41) using the information obtained until now, and get

$$\bar{\lambda} \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{(i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} \omega_j z_j = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (42)$$

Consider any solution to system 1 with market  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$  that is satisfied. Then we construct a new solution based on this solution where we set  $z_r = 1$  and  $x_{ir} = 0$  for all  $i \in V_1$ ,  $(i, r) \in E$  and all other variables remain the same. This is a solution to System 2. Thus this solution is also on the face defined by (40). We compare inequality (41) evaluated at these two solutions. Thus,

$$u_r \sum_{i \in V_1: (i, r) \in E} x_{ir} - \omega_r = 0.$$

Because  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i, r) \in E} x_{ir} = d_r$  we have  $\omega_r = u_r d_r$ ,  $r \in V_2 \setminus J$ .

Next we show that  $\omega_j = u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ . First we consider a solution to system 3 where we choose  $l = l^* = \arg \max_{j \in J} \{d_j\}$ . This is a feasible choice due to facet condition 2. We evaluate (42) at this solution, and get

$$\bar{\lambda}(s(I)) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l^*\}: (i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2 \setminus J \cup \tilde{J} \setminus \{l^*\}} \omega_j = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (43)$$

Next we consider a solution to system 4 where some market  $j' \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$  is rejected. We evaluate (42) at this solution, and obtain

$$\bar{\lambda}(s(I)) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus (\tilde{J} \cup \{j'\}) \cup \{l^*\}: (i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2 \setminus J \cup \tilde{J} \setminus \{l^*\}} \omega_j + w_{j'} = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (44)$$

We subtract (44) from (43) and obtain  $u_{j'} \sum_{i \in V_1: (i, j') \in E} x_{ij'} - \omega_{j'} = 0$ . Because  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i, j') \in E} x_{ij'} = d_{j'}$  we have  $\omega_{j'} = u_{j'} d_{j'}$ ,  $j' \in J \setminus \tilde{J}$ .

5.  $\omega_j = \bar{\lambda} \alpha + u_j d_j$ ,  $j \in \tilde{J}$ .

Consider any solution to system 3 with any market  $l \in \tilde{J}$  that is satisfied. Then (41) reduces to

$$\bar{\lambda}(s(I)) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J} \cup \{l\}: (i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2 \setminus J \cup \tilde{J} \setminus \{l\}} \omega_j = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (45)$$

We also consider a solution to system 2 where market  $l \in \tilde{J}$  is rejected. Then (41) reduces to

$$\bar{\lambda}(d(J \setminus \tilde{J})) + \sum_{i \in V_1, j \in J \setminus \tilde{J}: (i, j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2 \setminus J \cup \tilde{J}} \omega_j = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (46)$$

We subtract (46) from (45) and obtain,  $\bar{\lambda}(s(I) - d(J \setminus \tilde{J})) + u_l \sum_{i \in V_1: (i, l) \in E} x_{il} - \omega_l = 0$ . Since  $s(I) - d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) = \alpha$  and  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i, l) \in E} x_{il} = d_l$  we conclude that  $\omega_l = \bar{\lambda} \alpha + u_l d_l$  for  $l \in \tilde{J}$ .

6.  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda} \left( s(I) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha \right) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j.$

We rewrite (41), and get

$$\bar{\lambda} \left( \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \alpha z_j \right) + \sum_{(i,j) \in E} u_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j z_j = \hat{\lambda}. \quad (47)$$

Evaluating (47) at any point  $(x, z)$  feasible to *TPMC* that is tight at inequality (40) gives

$$\bar{\lambda} \left( s(I) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha \right) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j \left( \sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j \right) = \hat{\lambda}.$$

From the definition of *TPMC* we have  $\sum_{i \in V_1: (i,j) \in E} x_{ij} + d_j z_j = d_j$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Thus,  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda} \left( s(I) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha \right) + \sum_{j \in V_2} u_j d_j.$

□

Even though Propositions 4 and 5 are general results for mixed-integer cover and knapsack sets  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , we observed that many of the facets for *TPMC* can be derived from the recursive application of these results.

**Example 2.** (*Continued.*) Observe that inequalities (18), (19) and (20) satisfy all the conditions given in Proposition 6 and inequality (22) satisfies all the conditions given in Proposition 8, and hence they are facets of  $\text{conv}(X)$ .

Finally, while the blossom inequalities (3) are strong for the case that  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$ , they are not facet-defining for the general case of *TPMC* based on our experience with *PORTA* [5].

## 4 Preliminary Computational Results

In this section we present our preliminary computational results for the *TPMC* problem. We conduct the experiments on an Intel Xeon x5650 Processor at 2.67GHz with 4GB RAM. We use IBM ILOG CPLEX 12.4 as the MIP solver. We test the *TPMC* problem for various settings of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . There are 8 combinations of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  as shown in the first column of Table 1. For each combination, we create 3 instances and report the averages. We observed that most instances of the *TPMC* problem are solved under a minute for each setting of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Therefore, we found “hard” instances by continually generating and solving instances until we were able to find 3 that were solved in at least 15 minutes under default CPLEX settings. Problem parameters are generated using a discrete uniform distribution with supply values  $s_i \in [10, 20]$ , demand values  $d_j \in [10, 20]$ , weights  $w_{ij} \in [20, 50]$  and lost revenues  $r_j \in [5000, 6000]$ . In our computations, we impose a time limit of half an hour, and consider the following four algorithms:

- (1) UCD-G (User Cuts:  $\geq$  type and CPLEX Default Settings): *TPMC* formulation, (1a)-(1e) with inequalities (4) and (5) as user cuts and default CPLEX cuts,
- (2) UCD-L (User Cuts:  $\leq$  type and CPLEX Default Settings): *TPMC* formulation, (1a)-(1e) with inequalities (4) and (17) as user cuts and default CPLEX cuts,
- (3) UCD (User Cuts and CPLEX Default Settings): *TPMC* formulation, (1a)-(1e) with all user cuts and default CPLEX cuts,
- (4) CD (CPLEX Default Settings): *TPMC* formulation, (1a)-(1e) with default CPLEX cuts.

Table 1: Comparison of Algorithms UCD-G, UCD-L, UCD and CD

$ V_1 ,  V_2 $	Alg	RGap	RCuts	EGap	ECuts	Time(unsld)	B&C Nodes
200,230	UCD-G	0.77%	11,u1	0.21%	587,u401	1466(2)	54857
	UCD-L	0.77%	8,u2	0.22%	140,u1125	1313(2)	57304
	UCD	0.73%	6,u2	0.19%	569,u37	1250(1)	57479
	CD	0.73%	11	0.19%	569	1342(1)	64767
200,240	UCD-G	0.47%	10	0%	298,u344	623	50318
	UCD-L	0.48%	6,u1	0.32%	111,u1054	1237(1)	69000
	UCD	0.47%	9,u3	0.34%	220,u102	1334(2)	74344
	CD	0.47%	10	0.36%	307	1421(2)	93361
200,250	UCD-G	0.20%	7	0.06%	430,u152	834(1)	40179
	UCD-L	0.20%	7,u1	0.07%	95,u1160	1347(2)	62589
	UCD	0.20%	4,u3	0.07%	412,u17	816(1)	39750
	CD	0.20%	7	0.07%	573	1265(1)	53963
300,330	UCD-G	0.56%	10,u1	0%	56,u134	210	8976
	UCD-L	0.56%	13,u3	0%	27,u602	231	9218
	UCD	0.54%	8,u2	0.13%	178,u50	1227(2)	33551
	CD	0.53%	12	0.44%	165	1800(3)	72058
300,340	UCD-G	0.74%	13	0.01%	266,u234	1189(1)	31089
	UCD-L	0.75%	10,u2	0.24%	99,u1464	1800(3)	40983
	UCD	0.73%	7,u1	0.15%	239,u16	1068(1)	31914
	CD	0.74%	13	0.17%	335	1678(1)	49950
300,350	UCD-G	0.37%	5	0.24%	194,u154	993(1)	27448
	UCD-L	0.38%	5,u1	0.25%	56,u1690	1249(1)	28744
	UCD	0.37%	6,u2	0.26%	139,u53	902(1)	23474
	CD	0.37%	5	0.26%	161	1026(1)	29654
400,430	UCD-G	0.23%	11	0.11%	149,u232	1066(1)	20036
	UCD-L	0.24%	8,u3	0.13%	37,u1250	1232(2)	20198
	UCD	0.22%	8,u3	0.18%	106,u41	1235(2)	21396
	CD	0.23%	11	0.18%	115	1800(3)	34852
400,440	UCD-G	0.24%	12	0.12%	146,u147	1215(2)	17839
	UCD-L	0.25%	9,u3	0.13%	33,u1095	1225(2)	12635
	UCD	0.24%	8,u3	0.12%	168,u25	1217(2)	16443
	CD	0.24%	12	0.17%	129	1800(3)	24729
<b>Avg</b>	UCD-G	0.45%	10	0.09%	266,u225	950(8)	31343
	UCD-L	0.45%	8,u2	0.17%	75,u1180	1204(13)	37584
	UCD	0.44%	7,u2	0.18%	254,u43	1131(12)	37294
	CD	0.44%	10	0.23%	294	1517(15)	52917



In Table 1, column **Alg** shows the algorithm that is used. Column **RGap** reports the average percentage integrality gap at the root node just before branching, which is  $100 \times (z_{ub} - z_{rb})/z_{ub}$ , where  $z_{ub}$  is the objective function value of the best integer solution obtained within time limit and  $z_{rb}$  is the best lower bound obtained at the root node. Column **RCuts** reports the average number of cuts added at the root node. In column **EGap**, we report the average percentage end gap at termination output by CPLEX, which is  $100 \times (z_{ub} - z_{best})/z_{ub}$ , where  $z_{best}$  is the best lower bound available within time limit. Column **ECuts** reports the average number of cuts added after the problem is solved to optimality within the time limit. Column **Time (unslvd)** reports the average solution time in seconds and the number of unsolved instances in parentheses in cases where not all three instances are solved to optimality within time limit. We denote the user cuts by **u** and for the other cuts, i.e., cuts added by CPLEX we do not use a prefix. In column **B&C Nodes** we report the average number of branch-and-cut tree nodes explored. At the end of Table 1 we give the averages of **RGap**, **RCuts**, **EGap**, **ECuts**, **Time(unslvd)** and **B&C Nodes**, respectively. In addition we report the total number of unsolved instances. For the gap values we report the numbers rounded to the second decimal place. We do not report separation time in Table 1 because no algorithm that adds user cuts has a higher separation time than 5 minutes.

User cuts are generated every 10000 B&C nodes. For the variable upper bound inequalities (4) we add a violated inequality if  $s_i < d_j$ ,  $i \in V_1$ ,  $j \in V_2$ ,  $(i, j) \in E$  and  $\bar{x}_{ij} > s_i(1 - \bar{z}_j)$ . Recall that inequalities (9) are related to the weight inequalities for 0/1 knapsack problems. The exact separation of weight inequalities involves solving 0/1 knapsack problems. Weismantel, Kaparis and Letchford give exact pseudo-polynomial separation algorithms for weight inequalities [13, 24]. The optimization problems for finding the most violated inequalities (5) and (17) involve nonlinear objectives and constraints that resemble knapsack constraints. Thus, we use a heuristic separation for inequalities (5), (9) and (17). Let  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$  be a fractional point. The heuristic for finding a violated inequality (5) takes  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$  and selects sets  $I$  and  $J$  simultaneously. Set  $J$  includes a market with fractional  $\bar{z}$  value, and other markets that receive demand from the same suppliers as the market with fractional  $\bar{z}$ . All the suppliers that do not send demand to markets in set  $J$  are placed in set  $I$ . More details for this heuristic can be found in Algorithm 1. The heuristic for finding a violated inequality (9) uses the type-I base inequalities (5), and adds the smallest  $p$  coefficients of the  $z$  variables that exceed the right-hand side,  $\beta_0$  to obtain the cover  $\tilde{J}$ . For all the instances in Table 1 the violated inequality (5) (i.e. type-I base inequality) found by the heuristic separation has the coefficients of all the  $z$  variables equal to the right-hand side,  $\beta_0$ . It is easy to see that if at least two coefficients of  $z$  variables are not strictly less than the right-hand side,  $\beta_0$  in a given type-I base inequality, the new inequality of type (9) cannot be a facet of  $\text{conv}(X)$ . Therefore, for the given instances no violated inequality of type (9) is generated. Note that our separation heuristic for inequality (9) is different than that of [12, 13, 24] because our choice of set  $J$  also impacts the continuous term  $t = \sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij}$ , which is not present in their setting. We have three heuristics for finding a violated inequality (17). Two of them uses the supply constraints as a base inequality for a certain choice of  $J$  (i.e.  $\sum_{j \in J: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s_i$  for  $i \in V_1$  and  $J \subseteq V_2$ ), one of which finds an inequality with  $|\tilde{J}| = 1$  and the other finds an inequality with  $|\tilde{J}| = |J| - 1$ . The details for these heuristics are given by Algorithms 2 and 3, respectively. The third heuristic uses  $\sum_{i \in V_1, j \in V_2: (i, j) \in E} x_{ij} \leq s(V_1)$  as a base inequality and finds a violated inequality with  $\tilde{J}$  that includes the rejected markets and markets that have fractional  $\bar{z}$  values. More details on this heuristic is given in Algorithm 4.

Table 1 compares the performance of algorithms UCD-G, UCD-L, UCD and CD, to illustrate the marginal benefit of incorporating our inequalities into default CPLEX. We note very few user cuts are added at the root node. Therefore, there is not much difference between the root gaps of algorithms UCD-G, UCD-L and UCD compared to CD. On the other hand, more cuts are added over the course of the branch-and-cut tree and as a result in most cases we see some improvement in end gap values when user cuts are added. The solution times and the number of unsolved instances are lower for algorithms that include our proposed inequalities. Interestingly, algorithm UCD-G and not UCD gives the lowest end gap value and solves more instances to optimality compared to any other algorithm. Due to the reduction in the integrality gap the number of branch-and-cut nodes is almost always lower for UCD-G compared to the other algorithms. Our preliminary computational results show that our proposed inequalities do have some positive effects, but

improving separation heuristics merits further research.

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## A Proofs of Section 2

In this section, we assume that all data are integral.

**Proposition 1.** *The decision version of TPMC is NP-complete even when:*

1.  $s_i = 1$  for all  $i \in V_1$ ,  $d_j = d \geq 3$  for all  $j \in V_2$ ,  $w_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in E$  and  $r_j = 1$  for all  $j \in V_2$ .
2.  $|V_1| = 1$  and  $w_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in E$ .

*Proof.* Since TPMC is a mixed integer linear problem with rational data, it is in NP. We present two reductions to verify the two parts of this result.

1. We reduce every instance of the Exact 3-Cover (E3C) problem to an instance of TPMC. An instance of E3C is given as: Let  $B$  be a base set where  $|B| = 3q$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $C$  be a collection of subsets of  $B$  where each subset is of cardinality 3. Does there exist  $D \subseteq C$  such that  $|D| = q$  and the union of sets in  $D$  covers every element of  $B$ ?

It is well-known that E3C is strongly NP-complete [8]. Given an instance of E3C, we construct an instance of TPMC as follows: For every element in  $B$ , we construct a node in  $V_1$  and for every element in  $C$  we construct a node in  $V_2$ . For  $i \in V_1$ , we use the notation  $B(i)$  to denote the element of  $B$  corresponding to node  $i$ . Similarly, for  $j \in V_2$ , we let  $C(j)$  denote the element of  $C$  corresponding to node  $j$ . We add an edge between  $i \in V_1$  and  $j \in V_2$  if  $B(i) \in C(j)$ . Let  $s_i = 1$  for all  $i \in V_1$ . Let  $d_j = 3$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Let  $w_{ij} = 0$  for all  $(i, j) \in E$ . Let  $r_j = 1$  for all  $j \in V_2$ .

Next, we verify that there exists  $D \subseteq C$  such that  $|D| = q$  and  $D$  covers every element of  $B$  if and only if there exists a feasible solution to TPMC with a cost at most  $|C| - q$ . Note that the size of the TPMC instance is polynomially bounded by the size of the E3C instance.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that there exists  $\{D_1, \dots, D_q\} =: D \subseteq C$  such that  $D$  covers every element of  $B$ . Let  $D(u)$  represent the element of  $D$  (and therefore of  $C$ ) that contains  $u \in B$ . Now construct the solution

$$\hat{x}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B(i) = u \text{ and } C(j) = D(u) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{z}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } C(j) \notin \{D_1, \dots, D_q\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is straightforward to verify that  $(\hat{x}, \hat{z})$  satisfies all the constraints of TPMC and  $\sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \hat{x}_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} r_j \hat{z}_j = |C| - q$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Consider a solution  $(\hat{x}, \hat{z})$  of TPMC such that

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \hat{x}_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} r_j \hat{z}_j = \sum_{j \in V_2} \hat{z}_j \leq |C| - q. \tag{48}$$

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**Algorithm 1** Heuristic separation for inequalities (5)

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**Input:**  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$

**Output:** Sets  $I$  and  $J$  and the corresponding cut for each fractional  $\bar{z}$

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 $I \leftarrow V_1$ 
 $s(V_1 \setminus I) = 0$ 
 $d(J) = 0$ 
 $tempSupplies \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
 $tempDemand \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
 $switch = 0$ 
for all the fractional variables  $\bar{z}_j$  do
   $tempDemand = \{j\}$ 
   $J = \{j\}$ 
  while  $|tempDemand| \geq 1$  or  $|tempSupplies| \geq 1$  do
    if  $switch = 0$  then
      for all the supplies  $i$  that have an edge to all nodes  $j$  in  $tempDemand$  do
        if  $\bar{x}_{ij} > 0$  then
           $I \leftarrow I \setminus \{i\}$ 
           $s(V_1 \setminus I) \leftarrow s(V_1 \setminus I) + s_i$ 
           $tempSupplies \leftarrow tempSupplies \cup \{i\}$ 
        end if
      end for
       $switch = 1$ 
       $tempDemand \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
    end if
    if  $switch = 1$  then
      for all demand  $j$  that have an edge to all nodes  $i$  in  $tempSupplies$  do
        if  $\bar{x}_{ij} > 0$  then
           $J \leftarrow J \cup \{j\}$ 
           $d(J) \leftarrow d(J) + d_j$ 
           $tempDemand \leftarrow tempDemand \cup \{j\}$ 
        end if
      end for
       $switch = 0$ 
       $tempSupplies \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
    end if
  end while
  if  $d(J) > s(V_1 \setminus I)$  and  $|J| \geq 2$  and  $\max_{j \in J} \{d_j\} > d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  then
    if  $\sum_{i \in I, j \in J: (i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} + \sum_{j \in J} (\min\{d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I), d_j\}) \bar{z}_j < d(J) - s(V_1 \setminus I)$  then
      add inequality (5) with  $I$  and  $J$ 
    end if
  end if
   $I \leftarrow V_1$ 
   $s(V_1 \setminus I) = 0$ 
   $d(J) = 0$ 
   $switch = 0$ 
end for

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**Algorithm 2** Heuristic separation for inequalities (17) that finds  $|\tilde{J}| = 1$

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**Input:**  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$

**Output:** Sets  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and the corresponding cut for each fractional  $\bar{z}$

$I, J, \tilde{J} \leftarrow \emptyset$   
 $d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) = 0$   
 $\alpha = 0$   
**for** all the fractional variables  $\bar{z}_j$  **do**  
     $J \leftarrow \{j\}, \tilde{J} \leftarrow \{j\}$   
    **for** all  $i$  such that  $\bar{x}_{ij} > 0$  **do**  
         $I \leftarrow \{i\}$   
        **for** all  $j^* \neq j$  **do**  
            **if**  $\bar{x}_{ij^*} = d_{j^*}$  **then**  
                 $J \leftarrow J \cup \{j^*\}$   
                 $d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) = d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) + d_{j^*}$   
            **end if**  
        **end for**  
         $\alpha = s_i - d(J \setminus \tilde{J})$   
        **if**  $|J| \geq 2$  and  $\sum_{j \in J: (i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} + \alpha \bar{z}_j > s_i$  **then**  
            add inequality (17) with  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and  $\alpha$   
        **end if**  
         $I \leftarrow \emptyset, J \leftarrow \{j\}, d(J \setminus \tilde{J}) = 0$   
    **end for**  
**end for**

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Since there are  $3q$  supply nodes, each with a capacity of 1, the demand of at most  $q$  nodes can be satisfied. Therefore, from (48), we conclude that there are exactly  $q$  nodes whose demands are satisfied. Let  $D = \{C(j) \mid \sum_{i \in V_1} \hat{z}_j = 0\}$ . Clearly,  $|D| = q$  and  $D$  covers every element of  $B$ . As a result TPMC is strongly NP-complete.

2. We reduce every instance of the Subset Sum (SS) problem to an instance of TPMC. An instance of SS is given as: Let  $A$  be a finite set,  $a_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  be the size of each element  $n \in A$  and  $B$  be a positive integer. Does there exist a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that the sum of the sizes of the elements in  $A'$  is exactly  $B$ ?

It is well-known that SS is NP-complete [8]. Given an instance of SS, we construct an instance of TPMC as follows: We construct a single node  $V_1 = \{1\}$  and for every element in  $A$  we construct a node in  $V_2$ . We add all the edges between the nodes in  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Let the single supply be  $s_1 = B$ . Let demand of market  $j$  be  $d_j = a_j$  for all  $j \in V_2 = A$ . Finally, let the unit shipping costs and lost revenues be  $w_{1j} = 0$  and  $r_j = d_j$ , for  $j \in V_2$ .

Next, we verify that there exists subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that the sum of the sizes of the elements in  $A'$  is exactly  $B$  if and only if there exists a feasible solution to TPMC with a cost of at most  $\sum_{n \in A} a_n - B$ . Note that the size of the TPMC instance is polynomially bounded by the size of the SS instance.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume that there exists a subset  $A' \subseteq A$  such that the sum of the sizes of the elements in  $A'$  is exactly  $B$ . Now construct the solution

$$\hat{x}_{1j} = \begin{cases} a_j & \text{if } j \in A' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{z}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \notin A' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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**Algorithm 3** Heuristic separation for inequalities (17) that finds  $|\tilde{J}| = |J| - 1$

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**Input:**  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$

**Output:** Sets  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and the corresponding cut for each fractional  $\bar{z}$

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 $J_0 \leftarrow \{j \in V_2 : \bar{z}_j = 0\}$ 
 $J_1 \leftarrow \{j \in V_2 : \bar{z}_j = 1\}$ 
 $I \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
 $\alpha = 0$ 
 $maxdj\tilde{J} = \max_{j \in J_1} \{d_j\}$ 
for all the fractional variables  $\bar{z}_j$  do
   $\tilde{J} \leftarrow J_1 \cup \{j\}$ 
  if  $maxdj\tilde{J} < d_j$  then
     $maxdj\tilde{J} = d_j$ 
  end if
  for all  $i \in V_1$  do
    for all  $j' \in J_0$  do
      if  $\bar{x}_{ij'} > 0$  and  $s_i > d_{j'}$  and  $s_i - d_{j'} < maxdj\tilde{J}$  then
         $\alpha = s_i - d_{j'}$ 
         $I \leftarrow \{i\}, J \leftarrow \tilde{J} \cup \{j'\}$ 
        if  $\sum_{j \in J: (i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} + \alpha \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \bar{z}_j > s_i + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha$  then
          add inequality (17) with  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and  $\alpha$ 
        end if
      end if
    end for
  end for
end for

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**Algorithm 4** Heuristic separation for inequalities (17) that finds general  $\tilde{J}$

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**Input:**  $(\bar{x}, \bar{z})$

**Output:** Sets  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and the corresponding cut

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 $J_f \leftarrow \{j \in V_2 : 0 < \bar{z}_j < 1\}$ 
 $J_1 \leftarrow \{j \in V_2 : \bar{z}_j = 1\}$ 
 $I \leftarrow V_1$ 
 $J \leftarrow V_2$ 
 $\tilde{J} \leftarrow J_f \cup J_1$ 
 $\alpha = 0$ 
 $maxdj\tilde{J} = \max_{j \in J_1 \cup J_f} \{d_j\}$ 
if  $s(V_1) - d(V_2 \setminus \tilde{J}) > 0$  and  $s(V_1) - d(V_2 \setminus \tilde{J}) < maxdj\tilde{J}$  then
   $\alpha = s(V_1) - d(V_2 \setminus \tilde{J})$ 
  if  $\sum_{i \in V_1, j \in V_2: (i,j) \in E} \bar{x}_{ij} + \alpha \sum_{j \in \tilde{J}} \bar{z}_j > s(V_1) + (|\tilde{J}| - 1)\alpha$  then
    add inequality (17) with  $I, J, \tilde{J}$  and  $\alpha$ 
  end if
end if

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It is straightforward to verify that  $(\hat{x}, \hat{z})$  satisfies all the constraints of TPMC and  $\sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \hat{x}_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} r_j \hat{z}_j = \sum_{n \in A} a_n - B$ .  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  Consider a solution  $(\hat{x}, \hat{z})$  of TPMC such that

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \hat{x}_{ij} + \sum_{j \in V_2} r_j \hat{z}_j = \sum_{j \in V_2} a_j \hat{z}_j \leq \sum_{n \in A} a_n - B. \quad (49)$$

The total demand satisfied by any feasible solution is at most  $B$  since we cannot satisfy more than the supply. Furthermore, since each edge has a cost per unit flow of 0, we have that  $\sum_{(i,j) \in E} w_{ij} \hat{x}_{ij} = 0$ . Therefore, from (49), the total demand satisfied must equal  $B$ . Let the set of satisfied demand nodes be  $A' = \{j \in A : \hat{z}_j = 0\}$ , so we have  $\sum_{n \in A'} a_n = B$ .

□

**Proposition 2.** *Suppose that  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$ . Then there exists a polynomial-time algorithm to solve TPMC.*

*Proof.* We can convert a given instance of TPMC with  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$  and arbitrary supplies into an equivalent instance with all supplies equal to 1. Observe that in any feasible solution since  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$ , no supply can send more than  $2|V_2|$  units. Therefore, if  $s_i > 1$  for some  $i \in V_1$ , then we construct an updated instance by replacing supply node  $i \in V_1$  with  $\min\{s_i, 2|V_2|\}$  supply nodes with a capacity of 1 and unit shipping cost to demand node  $j$  of  $w_{ij}$  for  $(i, j) \in E$ . Notice that the resulting instance is polynomial in the size of the original problem. Therefore from now on we assume that  $s_i = 1$  for all  $i \in V_1$ .

We show that TPMC with  $d_j \leq 2$  for all  $j \in V_2$  is equivalent to the problem of finding a minimum weight perfect matching on a suitably constructed general graph  $G' = (V', E')$ .

1. For each  $i \in V_1$ , we add a corresponding  $i \in V'$  and similarly for each  $j \in V_2$  we add  $j \in V'$ . (When we use notation  $V_1 \subseteq V'$ ,  $V_1$  represents the vertices of  $V'$  corresponding to the vertices  $V_1$  of  $G$ ; similarly for  $V_2$ .)
2. Let  $M_1 = \{j \in V_2 : d_j = 1\}$  and  $M_2 = \{j \in V_2 : d_j = 2\}$ .
3. For each demand node  $j \in V_2$ , add a node  $j' \in V'$  (note that this is in addition to  $j \in V'$  for  $j \in V_2$  as described in 1.). Add an edge  $(j, j') \in E'$  with a cost of  $r_j$ . We refer to the set of nodes  $j' \in V'$  corresponding to  $j \in M_1$  as  $M'_1$ . (We define  $M'_2$  similarly.)
4. For each  $i \in V_1$  such that  $(i, j) \in E$  and  $j \in M_1$ , add the edge  $(i, j) \in E'$  with cost of  $w_{ij}$ .
5. For each  $i \in V_1$  such that  $(i, j) \in E$  and  $j \in M_2$ , add two nodes,  $ij1, ij2 \in V'$ . Add edges  $(i, ij1), (ij1, ij2), (ij2, j), (ij2, j') \in E'$  with costs  $\frac{w_{ij}}{2}, 0, \frac{w_{ij}}{2}, \frac{w_{ij}}{2}$  respectively.
6. If  $|V_1|$  is odd, we add an additional artificial node  $\{0\}$  to  $V'$ . Let  $V'_1 \subseteq V'$  be defined as  $V'_1 := V_1 \cup M'_1$  if  $|V_1|$  is even and  $V'_1 := V_1 \cup M'_1 \cup \{0\}$  if  $|V_1|$  is odd.
7. For all  $u, v \in V'_1$  such that  $u \neq v$ , add an edge  $(u, v) \in E'$  with a cost of 0. Therefore, the subgraph induced by the nodes in  $V'_1$  is a complete graph/clique.

Note that the size of the resulting minimum weight perfect matching problem is polynomial in the size of the TPMC problem. Figure 1 illustrates the original graph of a TPMC instance, where the demand of market  $A$  is 2 and that of market  $B$  is 1. Figure 2 illustrates the new graph. (The clique induced by  $V_1 \cup \{B'\} \cup \{0\}$  is not shown.)

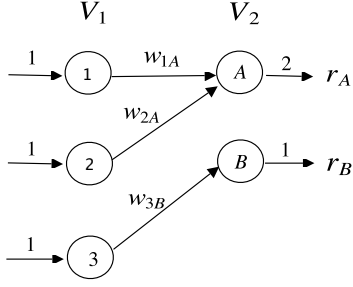


Figure 1: A TPMC instance

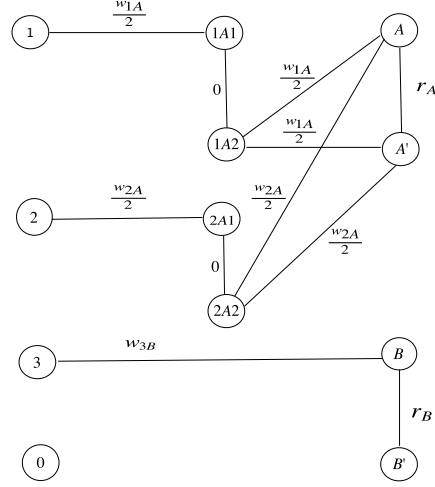


Figure 2: Construction of  $G'$

We next show that any solution to the TPMC problem corresponds to a perfect matching in  $G' = (V', E')$ . Consider a feasible solution  $(x, z)$  to the TPMC problem. If  $z_j = 0$  for  $j \in M_1$ , then there exists exactly one supply node  $i$  such that  $x_{ij} = 1$ . For constructing a matching in  $G'$ , we choose edge  $(i, j)$ , where  $i \in V_1$  and  $j \in M_1$ , thereby covering nodes  $i$  and  $j$  in  $V'$ . If  $z_j = 0$  for  $j \in M_2$ , then there exists two supply nodes  $i_1$  and  $i_2 \in V_1$  such that  $x_{i_1 j} = x_{i_2 j} = 1$ . For constructing a matching in  $G'$ , without loss of generality, we choose edges  $(i_1, i_1 j 1)$ ,  $(i_1 j 2, j)$ ,  $(i_2, i_2 j 1)$  and  $(i_2 j 2, j')$ , thereby covering nodes  $i_1, i_2, i_1 j 1, i_1 j 2, i_2 j 1, i_2 j 2, j, j'$ . If  $z_j = 1$  for  $j \in V_2$ , then no supply node  $i$  sends demand to  $j$  and for the matching we choose edge  $(j, j')$ , hence covering nodes  $j$  and  $j'$  in  $V'$ . Moreover if  $j \in M_2$ , we choose edges  $(i j 1, i j 2)$  for all  $(i, j) \in E, i \in V_1$  in the matching and therefore the nodes  $i j 1, i j 2, j, j'$  are also covered. Hence whether  $z_j = 1$  or  $z_j = 0$ , and whether  $j \in M_1$  or  $j \in M_2$ , the nodes in  $V_2, M'_2$ , and the nodes  $i j 1, i j 2$  for all  $(i, j) \in E, j \in M_2$  are always covered by the edges in the matching we have selected thus far. To complete the proof we show how nodes  $i \in V'_1$  are also covered in all cases by extending the matching we have until now.

Let  $\bar{M}_1 = \{j \in M_1 : z_j = 0\}$ ,  $\bar{M}_2 = \{j \in M_2 : z_j = 0\}$  and  $\bar{V}_1 = \{i \in V_1 : x_{ij} = 1\}$ . In other words, set  $\bar{M}_1$  represents the nodes  $j \in M_1$  whose unit demands are satisfied, set  $\bar{M}_2$  represents the nodes  $j \in M_2$  whose demands,  $d_j = 2$ , are satisfied, and set  $\bar{V}_1$  represents the set of supply nodes that send demand. Observe that the nodes in  $\bar{V}_1$  are also covered in the matching constructed thus far. However, the nodes  $j \in V_1 \setminus \bar{V}_1$ , and  $j' \in M'_1$  for  $j \in \bar{M}_1$  and  $\{0\}$  (if it exists) are not yet covered. Note that  $|\bar{V}_1| = |\bar{M}_1| + 2|\bar{M}_2|$ . We consider two cases.

1.  $|V_1|$  is even. If  $|\bar{V}_1|$  is even, then  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1|$  and  $|\bar{M}_1|$  are even. If  $|\bar{V}_1|$  is odd, then  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1|$  and  $|\bar{M}_1|$  are odd. Therefore,  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1| + |\bar{M}_1|$  is always even. Thus, we can cover all nodes  $i \in V_1 \setminus \bar{V}_1$  and  $j' \in M'_1$  for  $j \in \bar{M}_1$  using  $\frac{|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1| + |\bar{M}_1|}{2}$  many disjoint edges that exist between them (recall that the subgraph induced by the nodes  $i \in V'_1$  form a complete graph).
2.  $|V_1|$  is odd. If  $|\bar{V}_1|$  is even, then  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1|$  is odd and  $|\bar{M}_1|$  is even. If  $|\bar{V}_1|$  is odd, then  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1|$  is even and  $|\bar{M}_1|$  is odd. Therefore,  $|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1| + |\bar{M}_1|$  is always odd. Recall that when  $|V_1|$  is odd we have an additional dummy node  $\{0\}$  that forms a fully connected graph with nodes  $i \in V_1$  and  $j \in M'_1$ . Therefore, we obtain an even number of nodes that need to be covered by choosing  $\frac{|V_1| - |\bar{V}_1| + |\bar{M}_1| + 1}{2}$

disjoint edges.

So we have verified that given any solution to the TPMC problem we can find a perfect matching in  $G' = (V', E')$ . Moreover, it is straightforward to check that the cost of this matching is equal to the cost of the given solution to TPMC.

Next we show that any solution to the perfect matching in  $G' = (V', E')$  corresponds to a feasible solution of the TPMC problem. Let  $P$  be the set of edges that are in the perfect matching. If edge  $(j', j) \in P$  for  $j' \in M'_1, j \in M_1$  (or  $j \in M_2, j' \in M'_2$ ), then set  $z_j = 1$ . Set all remaining  $z_j = 0$ . If edge  $(i, j) \in P$  for  $j \in M_1$ , then we set  $x_{ij} = 1$ . If edge  $(i, ij1) \in P$ , then set  $x_{ij} = 1$ . Set all remaining  $x_{ij} = 0$ . Note that due to the construction of graph  $G'$ , a supply node  $i \in V_1$  can send at most 1 unit of demand. Similarly for  $j \in M_1$  a single edge that has  $j$  as one of its endpoints will be selected. For  $j' \in M'_2, j \in M_2$  if edge  $(j, j') \in P$ , then for any  $i \in V_1$  edges  $(ij2, j), (ij2, j') \notin P$ . However, if edge  $(j, j') \notin P$  then for a perfect matching there must exist exactly two  $i_1, i_2 \in V_1$  such that  $(i_1j2, j), (i_2j2, j') \in P$ . Therefore, for any  $j \in M_2$  either the demand is fully satisfied or it is rejected altogether. Finally, it is easy to see that the cost of the solution to the TPMC problem is equivalent to the cost of the corresponding perfect matching in  $G'$ , completing the proof.  $\square$

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