

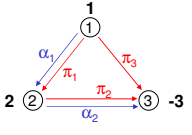


Integer and Linear Programs involving Consecutive-1 Matrices

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C1 Matrix

$$Y = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} [2,4[\\ [1,3[\\ [4,6[\\ [3,6[\end{matrix}$$

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C1-Decomposition of Integer Matrices


Given: Non-negative integer $M \times N$ matrix $A = (a_{mn})$

Find: „Good“ decomposition of A into C1 matrices

$$A = \sum_{t \in T} \alpha_t Y_t$$

with $\alpha_t \geq 0$ for all t .


T ... index set of all C1P matrices
 or
 T ... subset of this index set

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Decomposition Example

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Decomposition Time

minimize $DT(\alpha) := \sum_{t \in T'} \alpha_t$

such that

$$\sum_{t \in T'} \alpha_t Y_t = A$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0$$

Y_t C1-matrix
 $T' \subseteq T$

$$A = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad DT(\alpha)=5$$

Decomposition Cardinality

minimize $DC(\alpha) := |\{\alpha_t : \alpha_t > 0\}|$

such that

$$\sum_{t \in T'} \alpha_t Y_t = A$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0$$

Y_t C1-matrix
 $T' \subseteq T$

$$A = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad DC(\alpha)=3$$

Decomposition Sequence

minimize $DS(\alpha) := \sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} s_{\sigma(t)\sigma(t+1)}$

such that

$$\sum_{t=1, \dots, T} \alpha_t Y_t = A$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0$$

Y_t C1-matrix

e.g. $s_{\sigma(t)\sigma(t+1)} = \text{dist}(Y_{\sigma(t)}, Y_{\sigma(t+1)})$ (e.g. = maximal "movement" of ones)

$$A = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad DS(\alpha)=5+(1+1)$$

Objectives are contradictory

(Marc Nussbaum, 2006)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} DT & DC & DS \end{matrix}$$

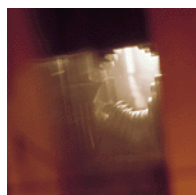
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$$= 5 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 14 & 3 & 17 \end{matrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 10 & 4 & 14 \end{matrix}$$

Application of C1-Dec: MLC

Modulate uniform radiation field using
Multileaf Collimator (MLC)



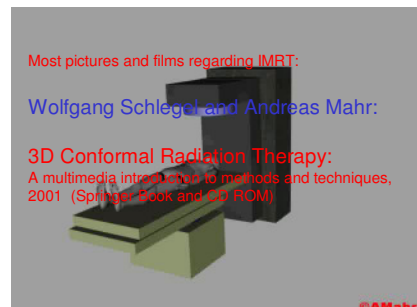
Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)

(Project with German Cancer Association, BMBF, Univ. of Auckland, ...)

Most pictures and films regarding IMRT:

Wolfgang Schlegel and Andreas Mahr:

3D Conformal Radiation Therapy:
A multimedia introduction to methods and techniques,
2001 (Springer-Book and CD-ROM)



Three OR Problems in IMRT

Target volume
2D transaxial slice of the body
Beam head
Organs at risk

Geometry Problem: Where does the gantry stop?
Intensity Problem: How much radiation is sent off ?
Realization Problem: How is the radiation modulated?

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Survey Papers

- **D.M. Shepard, M.C. Ferris, G.H. Olivera, and T.R. Mackie**, Optimizing the delivery of radiation therapy to cancer patients, *SIAM Rev* 41 (1999), 721–744.
- **A. Holder**. Radiotherapy treatment design and linear programming. Technical Report 70, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, 2002.
- OR & Oncology [web site at www.trinity.edu/aholder/HealthApp/oncology](http://www.trinity.edu/aholder/HealthApp/oncology)

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Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy

- **Geometry Problem**
- Intensity Problem
- Realization Problem

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OR Problem: Location on the Sphere

Where does the gantry stop?

Ahmad S.A. Sultan, Ph.D. Thesis Kaiserslautern, ITWM, (2006)

M. Ehrhoff and A. Holder, Beam Selection in Radiotherapy Design (2007)

Mangalika Jayasundara, Spherical location problem (Ph.D. thesis, 2005)

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Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy

- Geometry Problem
- **Intensity Problem**
- Realization Problem

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Intensity Problem

Which intensity profile gives the best conformal picture of tumor?

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Intensity Problem: Optimization Technique - Multi Criteria LP

Conflicting criteria:

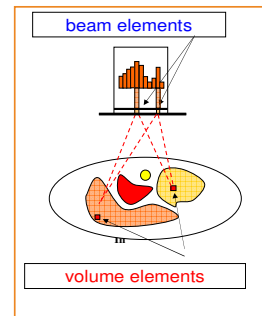
- high radiation in target volume (cancer cells should be destroyed)
- low radiation in organs at risk (organs should stay functional)

Calculation of Dose Distribution

Discretize

- radiation beams into **beam elements** (bixels)
- body parts into **volume elements** (voxels)

currently:
equidistant discretization



Calculation of Dose Distribution





• $P_{(i,j)}$ = dose in voxel i irradiated from bixel j under unit intensity

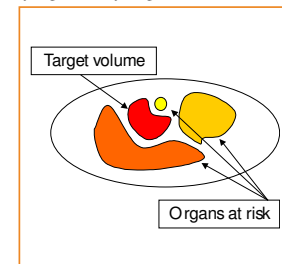
• dose volume $D = P \cdot x$
 ($x_j =$ (unknown!) radiation intensity in bixel j)

• partitioned into
 target volume ($k=1$) $D_1 = P_1 \cdot x$
 and
 organs at risk ($k=2, \dots, K$): $D_k = P_k \cdot x$

Objective

Find intensity profile x such that dosage $D=P \cdot x$ controls cancer without destroying healthy organs !

- **Target volume :**
 50 Gray (lower bound)
- **Organs at risk**
 20 Gray (upper bound)
 15 Gray (upper bound)
 10 Gray (upper bound)



Ideal Intensity Profile

Given: Dose bounds $L_j \geq 0$ and $U_k \geq 0, k = 2, \dots, K$

Find: Intensity vector $x \geq 0$ satisfying the system of linear inequalities

$$D_j = P_j x \geq L_j e \quad (\text{target condition})$$

$$D_k = P_k x \leq U_k e, \quad k = 2, \dots, K, \quad (\text{risk conditions})$$

Such an x does in general not exist !

Approximate Intensity Profile using Penalties

minimize $\mu_1 F_1(x) + \dots + \mu_K F_K(x)$ for given weights $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K > 0$

- Bortfeld, Schlegel, Brahme, Gustafsson ...

$$F_1(x) = \|L_j e - P_j x\|_2$$

$$F_k(x) = \|(P_k x - U_k e)_+\|_2, \quad k = 2, \dots, K$$

„Least square approach“

- Holmes, Mackie, Burkard, ...

$$F_1(x) = \|(L_j e - P_j x)_+\|_\infty$$

$$F_k(x) = \|(P_k x - U_k e)_+\|_\infty, \quad k = 2, \dots, K$$

„Minimax approach“

Disadvantage: time consuming
unsatisfying results

Pareto Intensity Profile

Hamacher, Küfer: Discrete Applied Mathematics, 2002



minimize (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_K)
such that

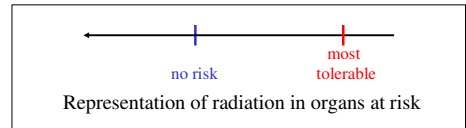
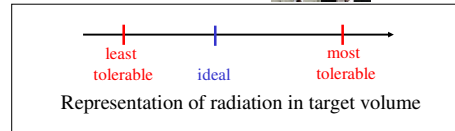
- $P_j x + t_j L_j e \geq L_j e$
- $P_k x - t_k U_k e \leq U_k e, \quad k = 2, \dots, K$
- $t = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_K) \geq 0$
- $x \geq 0$

Too many
Pareto solutions !

Compute a representative set of app. 100 Pareto solutions and search within the data base using graphical tool

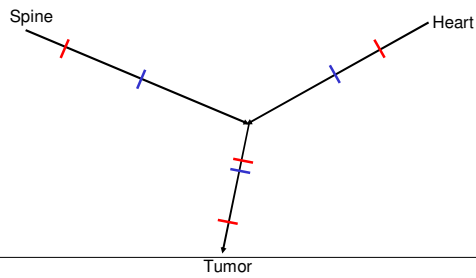
Multi Criteria Data Base: Graphical Search Tool

Patent: ITWM - Küfer and Trinkaus, 2002

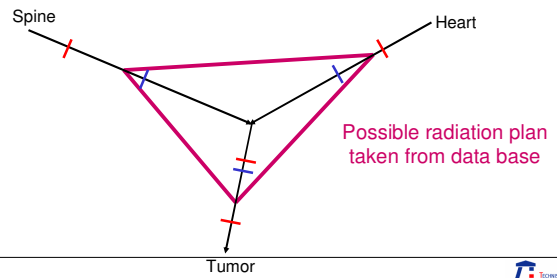


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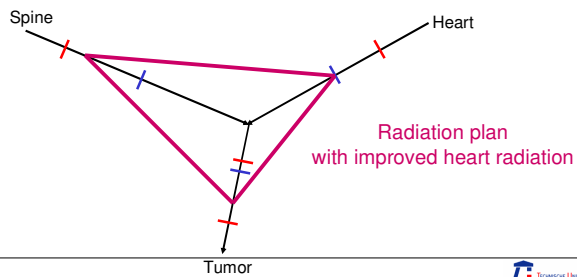
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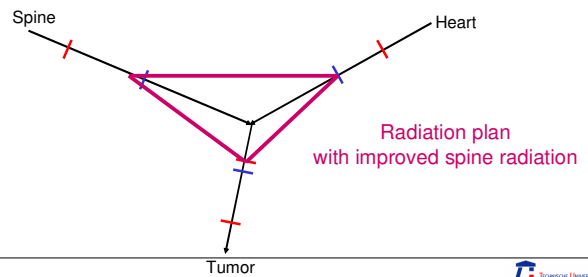
Representative System for Multicriteria Optimization



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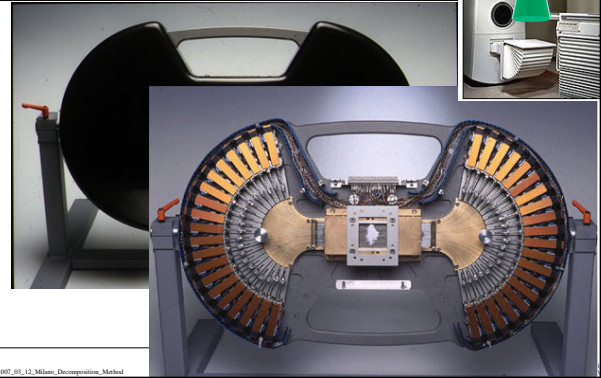
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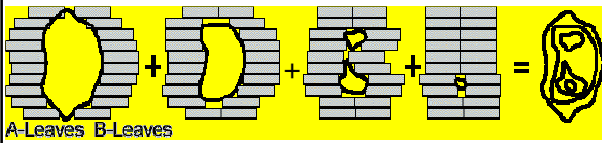
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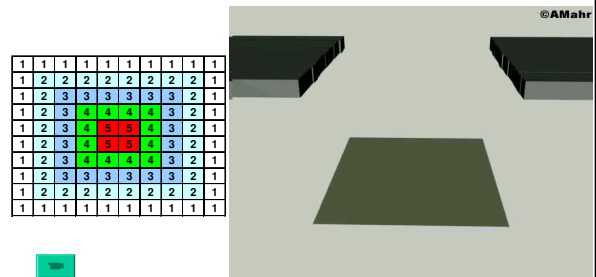
MLC: Mechanics



Application of C1-Dec: MLC

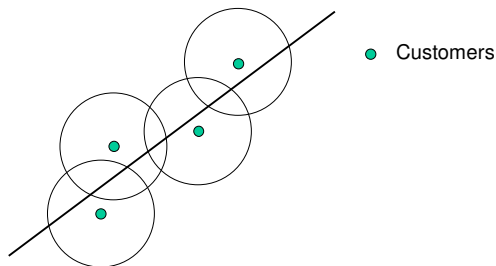


MLC in Action - a Simple Example



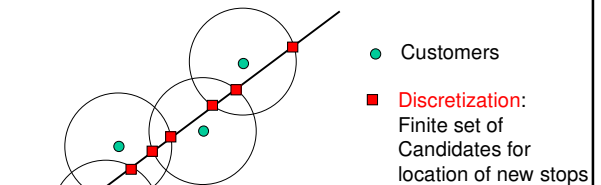
Stops in Public Transportation

Project with German Railway, DB
 (Schöbel, Ham, Liebers, Wagner, 2003, Poetranto, Ham, Horn, Schöbel, 2006)



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$$A = (a_{ps}) \text{ with } a_{ps} := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \text{dist}(p, s) \leq r \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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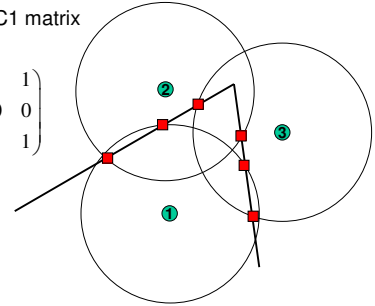
Covering Problem (CP): minimize $c^T x$
 subject to $Ax \geq 1$
 x (0,1) - vector

- A may be a C1 matrix ...
 ... then CP is as easy as Linear Programming
- A may **not** be a C1 matrix

Stops in Public Transportation

- A may **not** be a C1 matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Goal:
 Decompose A into
 a small number
 of C1 matrices

Stops in Public Transportation

A_m , m^{th} row of A
 $bl(m)$ number of blocks of consecutive ones in A_m .

A has the **almost consecutive ones property**, if $\sum_{m=1}^M bl(m) \leq MN$

Covering problem with almost consecutive ones property
 can be solved more efficient than general covering
 problems

Schöbel (2003), Ruf and Schöbel (2003)



KC1 Linear Programs and Semi-Simultaneous Flows



Engau, Ham 2006 (Report)

KC1-LP (IP) min $c_1 x^1 + \dots + c_K x^K$
 subject to $A^1 x^1 + \dots + A^K x^K = b$
 $x^1, \dots, x^K \geq 0$ (integer)
 and A^1, \dots, A^K C1 matrices

- Every binary-constraint LP (or IP) is a KC1-LP (or IP)
- KC1-LP does not have the integrality property for $K > 1$
- KC1-LP can be tackled using **semi-simultaneous flows**

Algorithms for Decomposition Time (DT) Problem

minimize $DT(\alpha) := \sum_{t \in T'} \alpha_t$

such that

$$\sum_{t \in T'} \alpha_t Y_t = A$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0$$

$$Y_t \text{ C1-matrix}$$

$$T' \subseteq T$$

DT is easy if $T' = T$



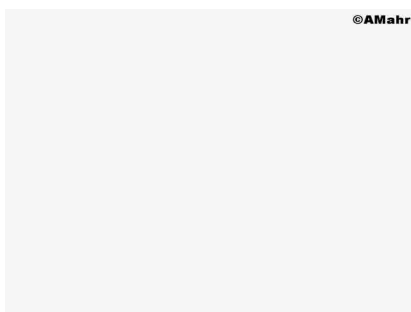
Ahuja, Hamacher (*Networks* 2005)

- C1-Dec is separable into M independent row problems
- Each row problem is equivalent to a min cost network flow problem solvable in linear time $O(N)$
- DT is solvable in $O(NM)$ time

Optimization and Medical Community



Bortfeld and Boyer (1993):
Sweep algorithm

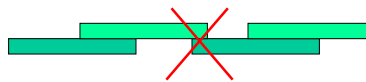


Polynomial Time Algorithm if $T' \neq T$



Boland, Hamacher, Lenzen (Networks 2004)

- No collision (interleaf motion) between adjacent leaf pairs



- Minimal radiation width: $\text{dist} \geq \delta$



Feasible C1 Network

101	102	103	112	113	123
201	202	203	212	213	223
301	302	303	312	313	323
401	402	403	412	413	423

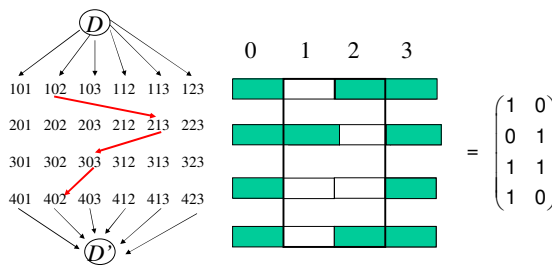
Graph $G = (V, E)$ with

- nodes $V = \{(k, l, r) : r \geq l + \delta + 1, k = 1, \dots, M, l = 0, \dots, N, r = 1, \dots, N + l\}$
- edges E satisfying interleaf motion constraints $(k, l, r) \rightarrow (k + 1, p, q)$ if $p \leq r - 1$ and $q \geq l + 1$

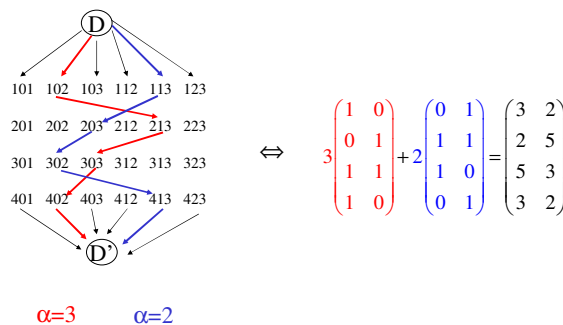
plus super source and super sink

CIP-matrix network (with $O(MN^2)$ nodes)

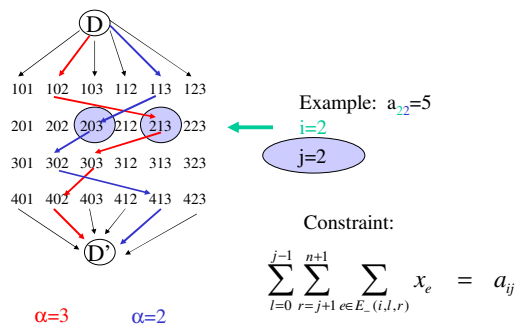
Source-sink paths \Leftrightarrow feasible C1 matrices



Example



Which nodes contribute to a_{ij} ?



Optimal C1 decomposition \Leftrightarrow minimal network flow problem

sending α_i units on path P_i
 \Leftrightarrow
 use C1 matrix α_i times

flow value
 \Leftrightarrow
 decomposition time

minimal flow value = minimal decomposition time

Polynomial Solvability

Minimum C1-Decomposition Time problem is network flow problem with side constraints

$$\sum_{l=0}^{j-1} \sum_{r=j+1}^{n+1} \sum_{e \in E_-(i,j,r)} x_e = I_{ij}$$

Optimal decomposition times in polynomial time!
 Computation times small for 10 x 10 matrices

There is always an alternative optimal solution which is integer.

Interval Version of Solution Algorithm for DT Problem

Baatar, Ehrgott, Ham, Woeginger, *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, 2005



Avoid network flows and deal directly with intervals corresponding to blocks of ones.

Purely combinatorial algorithm solves large scale integer program corresponding to decomposition for $M \approx 100$ and $N \approx 80$ within a minute CPU time.

Decomposition Cardinality (DC) Problem

minimize $DC(\alpha) := |\{\alpha_t : \alpha_t > 0\}|$

such that

$$\sum_{t \in T^+} \alpha_t Y_t = A$$

$$\alpha_t \geq 0$$

$$Y_t \text{ C1-matrix}$$

$$T^+ \subseteq T$$

DC is NP-hard

$$\min DC(\alpha) := |\{\alpha_t : \alpha_t > 0\}|$$

Proof (Burkard, Oberwolfach 2002):

Reduction from



Subset Sum:

Given: Integers a_1, \dots, a_N , and integer B

Question: Exists subset $J \subseteq \{1, \dots, N\}$ such that $\sum_{j \in J} a_j = B$?

DC is NP-hard

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_N \\ B & B & \dots & B \end{pmatrix}$$

• A can always be partitioned into $(N+1)$ C1-matrices:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \begin{pmatrix} e_i & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + B \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

DC is NP-hard

- A can be partitioned into N C1-matrices if and only if there exists a solution to the subset sum problem:

$$A = \sum_{j \in J} a_j \begin{pmatrix} e_j & & \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \sum_{j \in J} a_j \begin{pmatrix} e_j & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

DC is strongly NP-hard

Problem is NP-hard in the strong sense, even for single-row decomposition.



Baatar, Ehr Gott, Hamacher, Woeginger (DAM, 2005)

Proof: Reduction by 3-Partition

Solution approaches:

Heuristics: Langer et al. (1996-), Baatar et al (DAM, 2005)

Integer Programming: Langer et al. (1996-), Baatar (Dissertation, 2005)

Enumeration: Chen et al. (2003-2005), Engel (DAM, 2005), Kalinowski (DAM, 2005), Kamath et al. (2002-2004)

Polynomially solvable special cases of DC

DC is polynomially solvable if A is a binary matrix

Proof: Any decomposition time algorithm solves DC

DC is polynomially solvable for matrices A with bounded entries

Proof:

1. Kalinowski (*Discrete Applied Math 2005*) solves lexmin(DT,DC) in polynomial time.
2. Modify algorithm for varying values of DT (Nussbaum *Diploma thesis, Univ. of Kaiserslautern 2006*)



Kalinowski Algorithm is very fast

Kalinowski (in *General Theory ... Combinatorics, 2005*)

Nussbaum (*Diploma thesis, Univ. of Kaiserslautern 2006*)

Decomposition Sequence (DS) Problem

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \alpha_t + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} s_{\sigma(t)\sigma(t+1)}$$

minimize decomposition time plus sequence dependent set-up time, where $s_{kl} := \text{dist}(Y_k, Y_l)$

Sequential approach:

- Solve DT with output Y_1, \dots, Y_k
- Use $s_{s(t)s(t+1)}$ as data of a (small !) T-node TSP

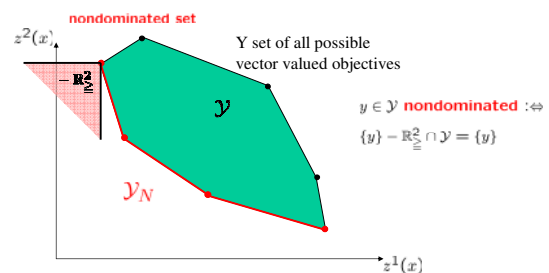
Integrated approach:

- Solve decomposition problem with combined objective (current approaches: multicommodity flow, column generation)


Multicriteria Approach

- Minimize the objectives simultaneously
- Recall: objectives are contradictory
- Use multicriteria approach starting with 2 objectives

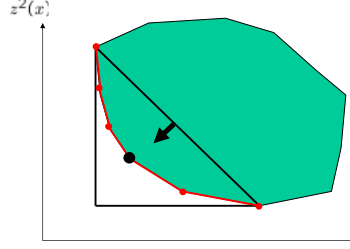
Non-Dominated Solutions (supported)



Approximation Algorithm: Sandwich Procedure




Burkard, Hamacher, Rote (1989)



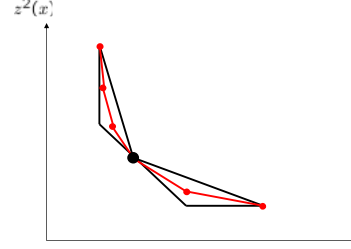
$$\min w_1 z^1(x) + w_2 z^2(x)$$

$$\text{s.t. } x \in \mathcal{P}$$


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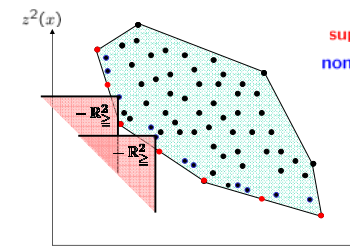
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Non-Dominated Solutions (non-supported)



supported solutions

non-supported solutions

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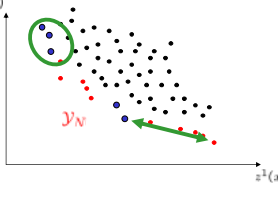


Quality Features of a Representative System


- Accuracy

$$\max_{y \in Y_N} \min_{z \in \mathcal{H}ep} \|y - z\|_\infty$$
- Number of approximating points
- Clusters


$$\min_{w, z \in \mathcal{H}ep, w \neq z} \|w - z\|_\infty$$
- Approximating points should be nondominated
- Maintaining of properties of nondominated set



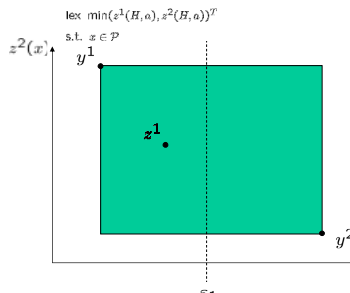
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Approximation Algorithm Box Method



Hamacher, Pedersen, Ruzika (2005)



ϵ -Constraint Method


Chankong and Haimes (1983)

$$\text{lex min}(z^2(H, a), z^1(H, a))^T$$

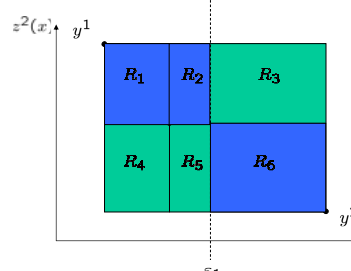
$$\text{s.t. } z^1(H, a) \leq \epsilon_1$$

$$x \in \mathcal{P}$$


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Approximation Algorithm



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Approximation Algorithm

Theorem:
There are no non-dominated points in R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5

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Approximation Algorithm

Theorem:
The remaining area to be considered is reduced by at least 50%

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A Posteriori-Algorithm

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A Priori-Algorithm

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Quality Features of the Representation Systems

Algorithms:

- Accuracy: Δ
- Size of Representation: $\leq \frac{\alpha(\text{box}(z^1, z^2))}{\Delta} - 1$ (tight)
- Cluster Density: ≤ 2

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Representative Systems: Quality features for more than two criteria?

Decision support system for KEIPER (car seats)

Hamacher, Ruzika, Tanatmis (2006)

Apply iteratively sandwich or box approximation

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

$A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Engau, Ham 2006

$(c^1, c^2) = [1 \ 3 \ 1 \ 3]$

Primal Problem:

1	3	1	3	→ min
0	1	1	1	= 1
1	0	1	1	= 1
1	1	0	1	= 1

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	→ max
0	1	1	≤ 1
1	0	1	≤ 3
1	1	0	≤ 1
1	1	1	≤ 3
π_1	π_2	π_3	

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	→ max
0	1	1	≤ 1
1	0	1	≤ 3
1	1	0	≤ 1
1	1	1	≤ 3
π_1	π_2	π_3	

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	0	1	0	1			= 3
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
1	1	1			0	1	= 3
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	0	1	0	1			= 3
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
1	1	1			0	1	= 3
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	0	1	0	1			= 3
0	0	0	0	0			= 0
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
1	1	1			0	1	= 3
0	0	0			0	0	= 0
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	0	1	0	1			= 3
0	0	0	0	0			= 0
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
1	1	1			0	1	= 3
0	0	0			0	0	= 0
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	-1	1	-1	1			= 2
-1	0	-1	0	-1			= -3
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
0	0	1			-1	1	= 2
-1	0	-1			0	-1	= -3
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Dual Problem:

1	1	1	0	0	0	0	→ max
0	1	1	1	0			= 1
1	-1	1	-1	1			= 2
-1	0	-1	0	-1			= -3
1	1	0			1	0	= 1
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-1	-1	-1			0	-1	= -3
π_1	π_2	π_3	α_1	α_2	β_1	β_2	

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Semi-Simultaneous Network Flow (Se-Sim Flows)

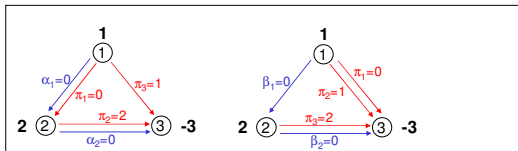
on two individual networks:

- identical on read arcs
- indifferent and ≥ 0 on blue arcs

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KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

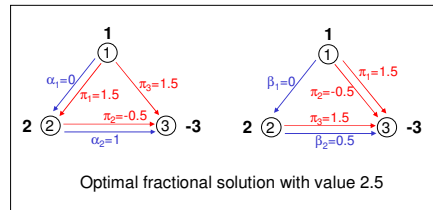
Se-sim flow exists if and only if each individual flow exists



1. Solve individual feasibility problem using only red arcs
2. Set $\pi_i := \min \{ \pi_i^1, \pi_i^2 \}$
3. Adapt in each network the flow values on the blue arcs

KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

Se-Sim Flows do not have the integrality property



Optimal fractional solution with value 2.5

KC1 and Semi-Simultaneous Flows

- Se-Sim is optimal if and only if there exists no improving residual se-sim flow (analog to negative cycle theorem)
 - more than one cycle may be needed for improvement
 - no polynomial algorithm is known

More results

Bits and Pieces

Current topics in cancer modeling in Kaiserslautern (and partners):

IRMT:

- **Simultaneous solution** of geometry, intensity and realization problem by allowing only a **small supply** of C1 matrices
 - network flow problem on a small set of paths
- Find **good** representative system for $Q=2$
- Tackle $Q>2$ representative system question
- **Polyhedral approach** for DC problem (multicommodity !?)
- **Aggregation** of voxels
- **Model new technology** (Shuttle multileaf collimators, vertical plus horizontal MLCs, ...)

Radiosurgery

- **Covering** of 3-dim bodies by spheres
- **Polyhedral** analysis
- **computational** results



(Dissertation of Olena Gavrilouk)

Bits and Pieces

(Se-)Sim Flows:

- **Show practical efficiency** of combinatorial approach
- Establish **complexity**
- Develop **simultaneous graph theory** (paths, spanning trees, matchings,...)

Circular ones matrices (instead of consecutive ones):

- Develop theory (partial results are available)
- Apply to smart antenna problems: Amaldi, Capone, Malucelli, 2002



<http://www.elet.polimi.it/upload/malucelli/ricerca/slides/luciditwente.pdf>

- Gijswijt, 2003



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