

Decentralized decision power and information sharing in horizontal logistics collaboration

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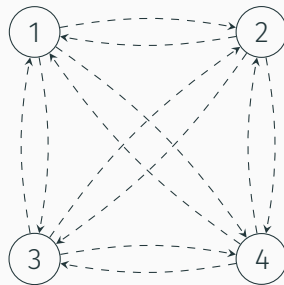
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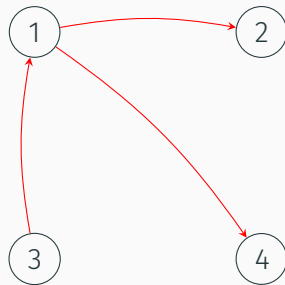
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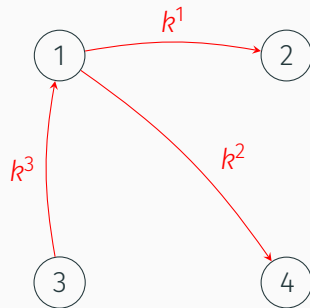
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Route the commodities.

The network design - multicommodity flow problem: ILP

- We model the problem as an ILP, $P_i \forall i \in N$.

$$P_i : \quad \max \quad \sum_{k \in \Theta^i} \sum_{e \in \delta^+(t(k)) \cap E^i} f_e^k \cdot d_k \cdot r_k - \sum_{e \in E^i} u_e \cdot c_e \quad (1)$$

- Subject to different constraints

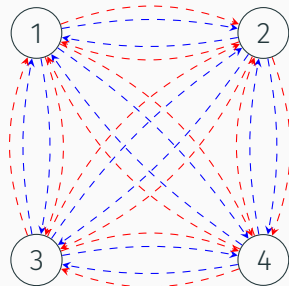
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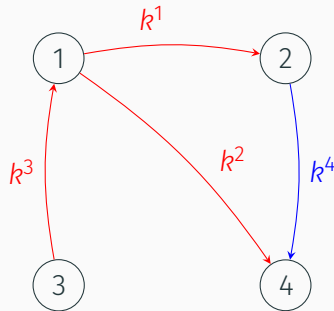
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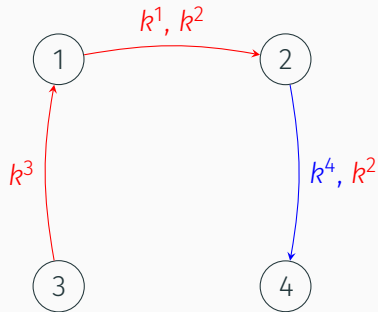
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Cooperative solution.

Allocation rule

1. The revenues generated by any served commodity are allocated to its owner.
2. The activation cost of any active edge is paid by its owner.
3. The price of using an unit of capacity on an edge $e \in E$ owned by agent $w(e)$ for any other member of the coalition, $i \in N \setminus \{w(e)\}$, is equal to $\frac{c_e}{q_e}$.

Three systems with central authority

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- A central authority with certain decision power.
- Agents have to share certain amount of information to cooperate.
- 3 systems: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Fully centralized cooperation system (FCCS),} \\ \text{Partial cooperation system (PCS),} \\ \text{Residual cooperation system (RCS).} \end{array} \right.$

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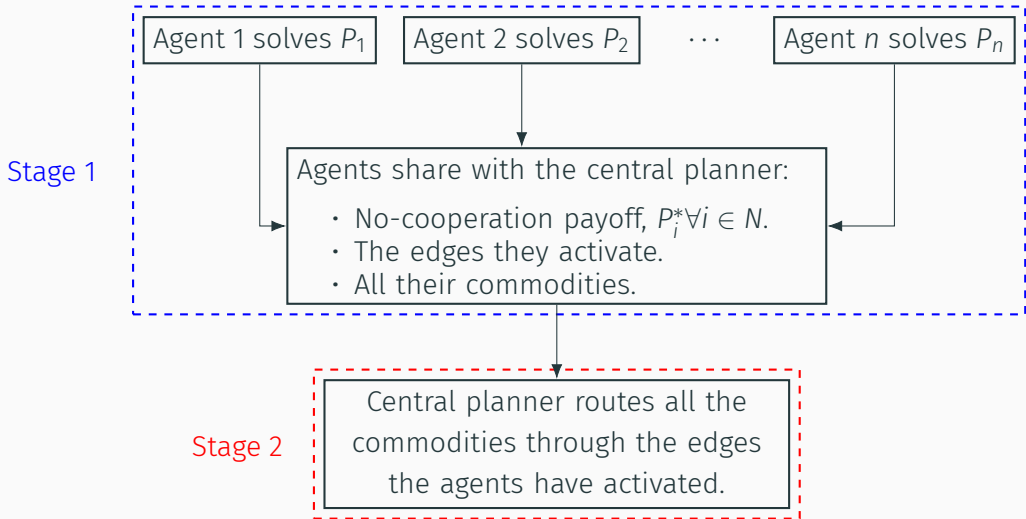
Fully centralized cooperative system (FCCS)

- A central planning system \implies Central authority with full information and all the decision power.
- Commodities and edges of all the agents are aggregated into a single bigger problem.
- Final profit allocation must be individually rational.

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Partial cooperative system (PCS)

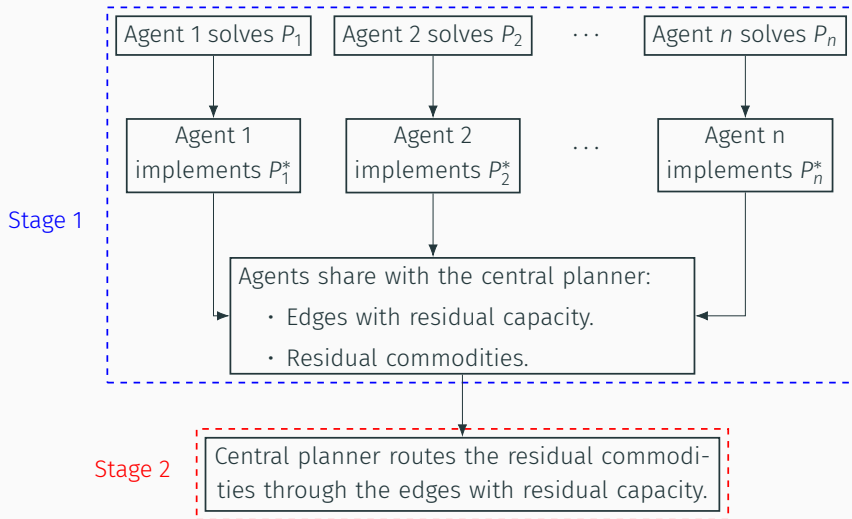
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