

Lecture 1: CRP: Container relocation problem: vertical transportation system

Heuristic: find a solution quickly, but no guarantee of optimal

Bin packing problem: put objects into bins: Linear integer problem

Para: list of items n , weight of items w_n , capacity of bins C , list of bins available u

Variables: $y_i = 0$ or 1

$x_{ij} = 0$ or 1

VRP: vehicle routing problem: deliver parcels, with limited vehicles and capacity

Model1 (2-index directed): $\min \sum c_{ij} * x_{ij}$, s.t. $\sum x_{ij}(\text{in arc}) = 1$, $\sum x_{ij}(\text{out arc}) = 1$, $\sum x_{oj}(o \text{ out}) \leq r = K$, $\sum x_{ij} \geq r(S)$, $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$, where $r(S)$ is solution of bin packing problem over a set S

Ad: polynomial variable number, strong lower bound from linear relaxation, direction of car

Dis: exponential constraint number, route orientation can be hard 2^K solutions to prove

Model2 (2-index undirected): $\min \sum c_e * x_e$, s.t. $\sum x_e = 2$, $\sum x_e(o \text{ out}) = 2K$, $\sum x_e \geq 2r(S)$, $x_o \in \{0,1\}$

Ad: polynomial variable, linear relaxation, Dis: Exponential constraints, no flexible model to include realistic constraint, Requires solution for NP hard bin packing problem

RCI (Rounded Capacity Inequalities):

MTZ (Miller-Tucker-Zemlin constraint): $u_i - u_j + Qx_{ij} \leq Q - q_i$, capacity constraint: $q_i \leq u_i \leq Q$

Model3 (3 index):

Ad: polynomial variables and constraint, flexibility to model truck specific constraints

Dis: a weak lower bound from Linear Relaxation, permutation of routes $|K|!$

Model4 (set partitioning): $\min \sum c_r \lambda_r$, s.t. $\sum a_{ir} \lambda_r = 1$, $\sum \lambda_r = K$, $\lambda_r \in \{0,1\}$, where $r \in$ feasible set

Ad: polynomial constraint, strong lower bound, can model complex constraint, no symmetry problems

Dis: exponential variables, Route $\approx (N-1)!$ with 12 customer, $\approx 11!$

Intra route constraint (VRP with time window): $T_{ik} - T_{jk} + Mx_{ijk} \leq M - t_{ij}$ earliest and latest arrive time, car waiting time, time for customer service, $t_{ij}(T_i)$ time of day, soft time window

Fleet character: multiple depot, different capacity, route of trailers/trucks, split delivery,

Lecture 2: Branch and bound: LP relaxation z^* -> prune by infeasibility, -> if $z^* < z$, prune by bound -> if x integer and $z^* < z$, set $z^* = z$ -> select fractional variable and branch

Feasible solution (randomly solve 1) > optimal solution > linear relaxation (allow fraction)

Pruning: 1. no feasible solution, 2. by bound (LB is more than UB), 3. by optimality

每一次 branch 就是分数向上向下取整然后上下分割, 然后排除法, 直到找到最优

Best node first: Select the node that has the best bound first. Ad: lead to smallest BB tree, Dis: long time

Depth first search: Descend the enumeration tree quickly to find a feasible solution. Select the most branched node,

Ad: find feasible int quickly, Dis: bigger tree.

Branching strategies: Most fractional variable (close to 0.5), Strong branching 向上下取整 stronger bound

Branch-and-Cut: LP 松弛 (LR) -> 生成切割平面 -> LP 松弛 -> if 解仍然不整数, 分支创建子问题 -> repeat, Chvatal-Gomory

cuts: $\sum [v_j] * x_j \leq [vb]$ 两边都向下取整, 域就不会排除整数

Branch-and-price: LRMP (Linear Relaxation Master Problem): $\min \sum c_\lambda$, s.t. $\sum a_\lambda = 1$, $1 \geq \lambda_r \geq 0$ for MP it's $\lambda_r = 1$ or 0

When MP = RMP? Optimal if the reduced costs of Non-Basic variables is non negative, $c_r = c - c^T * B^{-1} * A_r$

Dummy variable: $\min M \lambda_D$, s.t. $\lambda_D = 1$, $1 \geq \lambda_D \geq 0$, If cannot eliminate dummy variable, the problem is infeasible. prune the problem and continue BSP, if can, will create negative reduced cost and add to RMP

Lecture 3: SPP (shorted path problems): principle of optimality: polynomial time $O(|Arcs|)$

$D(i)$ is the shortest path distance from the origin to i . $N(p)$ is the set of nodes connected to the node (p) . c_{ip} is the cost of going from node i to p directly: $D(p) = \min \{D(i) + c_{ip}\}$

$M(k,i)$ be a bucket: $M(k,i) = \{L = (i, c, L)\}$, where $c = D_k(i)$ (cost) and $L = L_{k-1}$

每到一个节点, 他周围的节点就要全部更新, 然后也要往回更新直到所有点都遍历

Negative cost cycle will make shortest path problem unbounded!

SPPRC (SPP with resource constraint): Time constraints: earliest and latest arrival, the time consumed,

Capacity constraints: $\sum q_i \leq Q$, q_i is demand of each node

$L_{\text{extend}} = (i_e, c_e, T_e, Q_e, L_e)$ a label that we want to extend from i_e to j_n , check resource constra

REF(Resource Extension Functions): arc (i,j) , capacity $q = q_i + q_j$, time $t = t_i + t_j$

Feasibility checks: Before extend a label, check resource constraints: capacity and time

If arrive early: $T_e + t(i_e, j_n) < e_{j_n}$; we wait, REF modified to $t = \max\{e_{j_n}, T_e + t(i_e, j_n)\}$

Dominance: $L_1 = (i_1, c_1, T_1, Q_1, L_1)$ dominates L_2 if $i_1 = i_2, c_1 \leq c_2, T_1 \leq T_2, Q_1 \leq Q_2$

ESPPRC(Elimentary SPP with Resource Constraints): prevent negative cost cycles

Let V_e : set of unreachable nodes, if node in set V_e , unfeasible. $L_{\text{extend}} = (i_e, c_e, T_e, Q_e, V_e, L_e)$

Feasibility checks: $j_n \in V_e$, or $T_e + t(i_e, j_n) > b_{j_n}$, or $Q_e + q_{j_n} > Q$, then extension not feasible

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relax the elemetary constraints, get SPPRC as a relaxation(lower bound) then remove 1 by 1

Master Problem(The set-covering formulation): Minimize $\sum c_r * \lambda_r$, s.t. $\sum a_{ir} * \lambda_r \geq 1, \lambda_r \in \{0, 1\}$

Relaxation: k-cycle: cycles containing more than k nodes are allowed(better than SPPRC)

Ng-route: Only allow cycles formed by distant customers, $Ng_i = 5$: Ng_i contains 5 nearest

unreachable: v is replaced by a smaller set $u, u_n = u_e \cap Ng$ (Only common element)

Lecture4: Heuristics: reasons to use: need rapid solution, hard for B and B, MIP ineffective

Greedy: Construction heuristic: Nearest Neighbor Heuristic: select a city randomly, then its nearest unvisited city time complexity of $O(n^2)$, it building a solution from scratch

Sorted Edges Heuristic: Sort the edges in nondecreasing order(begin from cheapest)

Local Search: k-opt: removing k edges from solution and reconnect: time complex $O(n^k)$

Metaheuristics: SA(Simulated Annealing): Probability of accepting a new solution:

cooling factor of $\alpha: T_{k+1} \leftarrow \alpha * T_k$, algorithm stop when: $T_k \leq \text{stop}$, therefore $\alpha^{k * T_0} = \text{stop}$

Deterministic: NN, Sorted edges, k-opt, Stochastic: Simulated annealing, NN random start

Lecture5: Relocate heuristic: $N(w)$ customer 从 route 1 换到 route 2; 2-opt: exchange edges

Small Neighborhood: $k \leq 3$, for 2-opt in TSP and Relocate in VRP, time complex: $O(n^2)$

LNS(Large Neighborhood Search): In a VRP with 100 customers, removes 15%: $100! / 15! * 85!$

Acceptance criteria: Hill-climber: only improving, Threshold accept, Simulated annealing

Destroy method: too little: small neighborhood, local optima; too much: constructive heuristic

Rebuild method: Exact Method: reconstruct destroyed solution, Heuristic: escape local optima

ALNS(Adaptive Large Neighborhood Search): allow multiple destroy and rebuild methods

Matheuristics: combine exact methods like MIP and metaheuristics, i.e. LNS, variable fixing: in BB algorithm, find a variable that is fractional and set to one, Column generation

RMP(Restricted Master problem): Minimize $\sum c_r * \lambda_r$ $r \in \Omega$ 小 set s.t. $\sum a_{ir} * \lambda_r \geq 1, \lambda_r \in \{0, 1\}$

Column generation: solve RMP \rightarrow dual variable \rightarrow solve pricing(ESPPRC) \rightarrow routes with negative reduce cost \rightarrow solve RMP, exact pricing 太慢, 可先 Heuristic Pricing 再 exact pricing

Pricing Heuristic: Develop multiple heuristics 从最快到最慢一个一个试, 最后用 exact

Column Generation: variable fixing: 1. solve the MP, find a fractional, e.g., 0.95, and set equal to 1, 2. pricing until no negative column, 3. Select another fractional, 4. until feasible

VNS(Variable Neighborhood Search): change of neighborhood with descent and perturbation

$N_k(x)$ is the set of solutions in the kth neighborhood of $x, x' \in X$ is local minimum

Neighborhood change: x' a local solution in N_k , if $f(x') < f(x)$, then $x = x'$, k set to initial(1)

VND(Variable neighborhood descent): deterministic, find the best neighbor in $N_k(x)$

BVNS(basic VNS): stochastic part: shake function: generate random x' , deterministic part: best improvement function for local search, General VNS: choose VND for local search

MDVRP(multi-depot VRP): 有很多个顶点; Randomized VND: 随机排序 neighbor list

流程图: