

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.  $\sum x_{ij}(\text{in arc})=1$ ,  $\sum x_{ij}(\text{out arc})=1$ ,  $\sum x_{0j}(\text{o out}) \leq K$ ,  $\sum x_{ij} \geq r(S)$ ,  $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$ , 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.  $\sum x_e=2$ ,  $\sum x_e(\text{o out})=2K$ ,  $\sum x_e \geq 2r(S)$ ,  $x_e \in \{0,1\}$

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  $z \rightarrow$  prune by infeasibility,  $\rightarrow$  if  $z^* < z$ , prune by bound  $\rightarrow$  if  $x$  integer and  $z^* < z$ , set  $z^* = z$   
 $\rightarrow$  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)  $\rightarrow$  生成切割平面  $\rightarrow$  LP 松弛  $\rightarrow$  if 解仍然不整数, 分支创建子问题  $\rightarrow$  repeat, Chvatal-Gomory cuts:  
 $\sum [v_{aj}] * x_j \leq [v_b]$  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 B&P, if can, will create negative reduced cost and add to RMP

Lecture 3: SPP(shortest 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

Lextend = (ie, ce, Te, Qe, Le) a label that we want to extend from  $ie$  to  $jn$ , check resource constr

REF(Resource Extension Functions): arc  $(i,j)$ , capacity  $fQ = Q_i + q_j$ , time  $fT = T_i + t_{ij}$

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

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

Dominance:  $L1 = (i1, c1, T1, Q1, L1)$  dominates  $L2$  if  $i1=i2, c1 \leq c2, T1 \leq T2, Q1 \leq Q2$

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

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

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

Dominance:  $L1 = (i1, c1, T1, Q1, V1, L1)$  dominates  $L2$  if  $i1=i2, c1 \leq c2, T1 \leq T2, Q1 \leq Q2, V1 \subseteq V2$

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,  $N_{gi} = 5$ :  $N_{gi}$  contains 5 nearest

Unreachable:  $V$  is replaced by a smaller set  $U$ ,  $U_n = U_e \cap N_g$  (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  $\sum c_r * \lambda_r$   $r \in \Omega \setminus J$  set s.t.  $\sum a_{ir} * \lambda_r \geq 1, \lambda_r \in \{0, 1\}$

Column generation: solve RMP->dual variable->solve pricing(ESPPRC)->routes with negative reduce cost ->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: