

Historia, Aplicaciones y Tendencias de la Investigación de Operaciones

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Historia



History of OR

Starts in late 1930s in UK just before World War II with the establishment of teams of scientists to study the strategic and tactical problems involved in military operations.

The objective: to **find the most effective utilization of limited military resources** by the use of quantitative techniques.

After war OR spread in different ways in the UK and USA.

Most OR involves carrying out a large number of numeric calculations. Without computers this would simply not be possible.

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Improvement of attack kill probability (the probability of attacking and killing a U-boat)

- **Problem:** Experience showed that it required some 170 man-hours by maintenance and ground staff to produce one hour of operational flying and more than 200 hours of flying to produce one attack on a surfaced U-boat. Hence over 34,000 man-hours of effort were necessary just to attack a U-boat. In early 1941 the attack kill probability was 2% to 3%. This low attack kill probability is what it really needs to be improved.
- **Decision:** on six variables considered as influencing the kill probability.
- **Outcome:** The overall effect of all the measures was such that by 1945 the attack kill probability had risen to over 40% (remember it started out at 2-3%).



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OR is the discipline of applying advanced analytical methods to help **make better decisions**.

By using techniques such as mathematical modeling to analyze complex situations, OR gives executives the power to make more effective decisions and build more productive systems based on:

- More complete data
 - Consideration of all available options
 - Careful predictions of outcomes and estimates of risk
 - ◆ The latest decision tools and techniques

(the Science of Better)



Other OR Definition

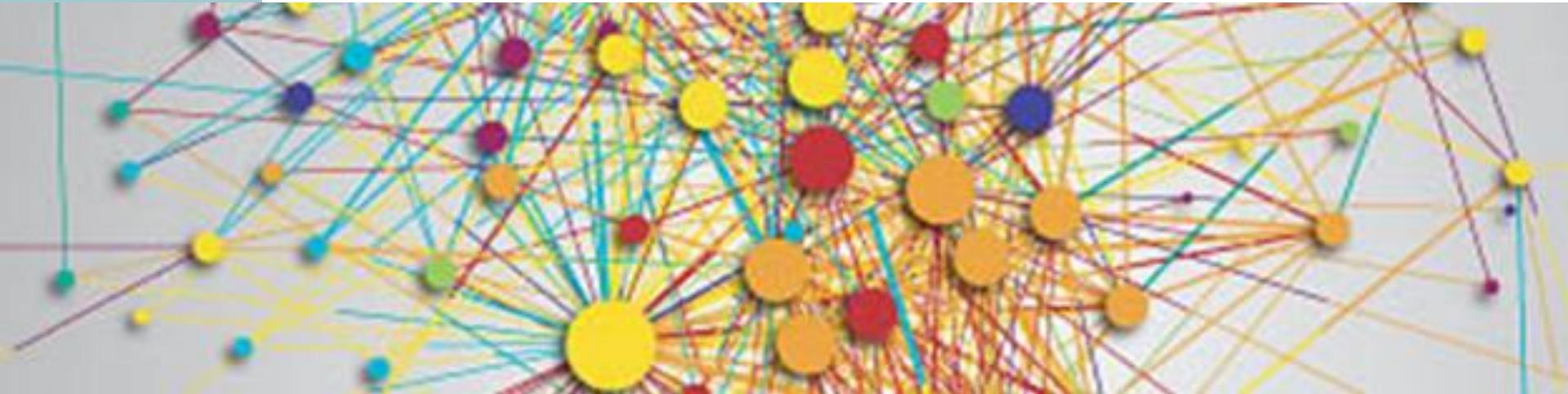
OR is the application of the scientific method, by interdisciplinary teams, to problems related to the management and control of organizations or systems in order to produce solutions that help to reach the organization objectives.

- Organizational vision
- Gives conclusions to the decision maker
- Extense application: manufacturing, transportation, health, army, etc.

One more ...

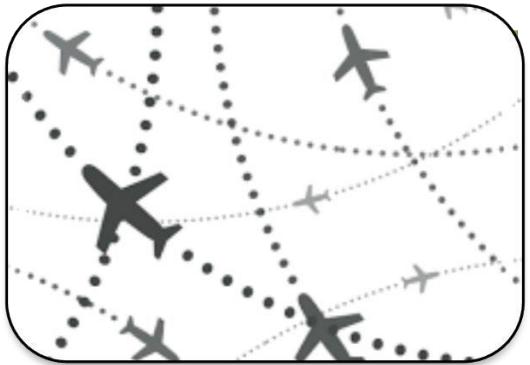
Interdisciplinary branch of mathematics which uses methods like mathematical modeling, statistics, and algorithms to arrive at optimal or good decisions in complex problems which are concerned with optimizing.

- the maxima (profit, faster assembly line, greater crop yield, higher bandwidth, etc) or
- The minima (cost loss, lowering of risk, etc) of some objective function.

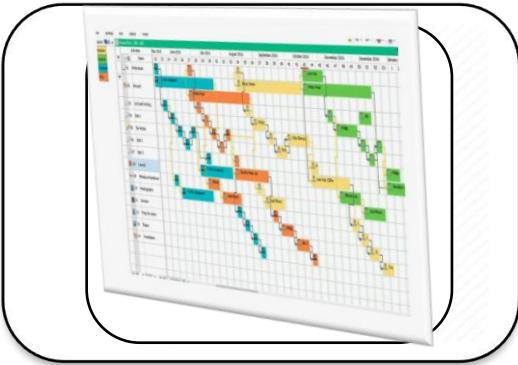


Aplicaciones

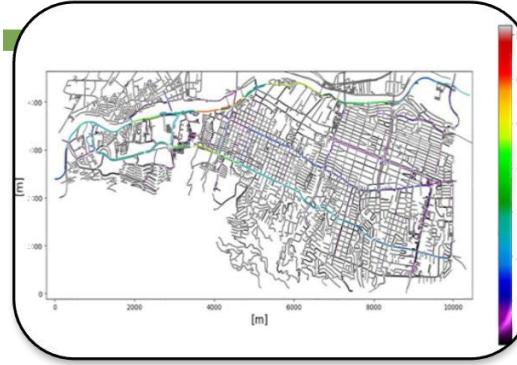
OR Applications



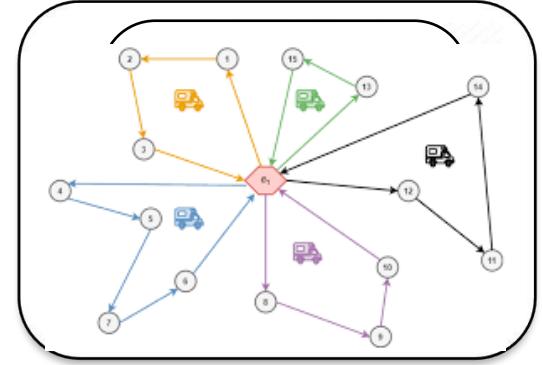
Ruteo y programación de tripulaciones de aviones integrado



Programación y secuenciación



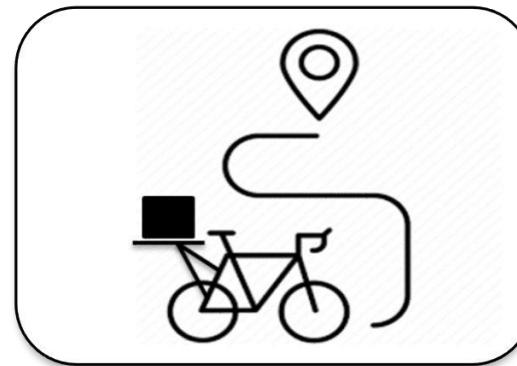
Microsimulación de tráfico



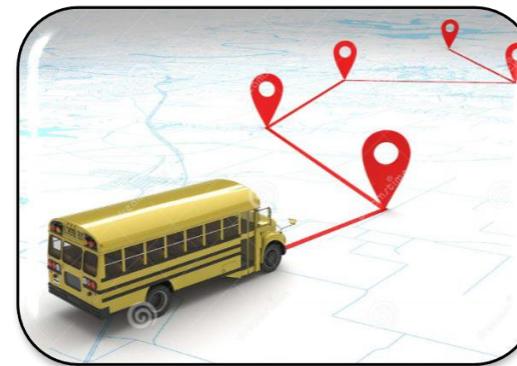
Ruteo de vehículos para distribución



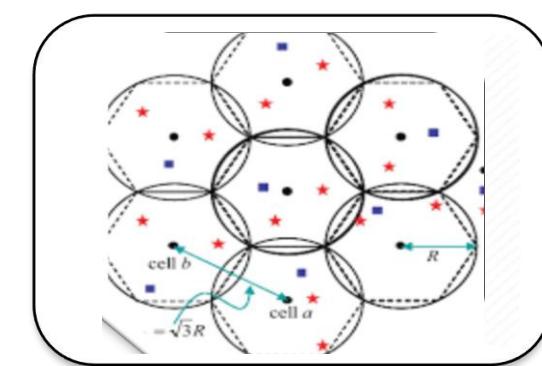
Distribución de almacenes



Distribución de última milla



Ruteo interuniversitario



Localización de instalaciones:
e.g., antenas parabólicas



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