## 1 Model

m machines (indexed by i), n jobs indexed by j. Objective function is Total Weighted Completion time so we can suppose that the jobs are already sorted in the order  $\left(\frac{w_j}{p_j}\right)_i$ .

Let  $a_k$  be the pattern k. It is a binary vector of length n;  $a_{k,j} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \text{job } j$  is included in the pattern k.

 $y_{i,k}$  is the binary decision variable:  $y_{i,k} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  we use pattern k for the machine i. The objective function is:

$$min \sum_{i} \sum_{k} C(a_k, y_{i,k})$$

with  $C(a_k, y_{i,k}) = y_{i,k} \sum_j a_{k,j} w_j \sum_s^j a_{k,j} p_j^i$ 

This formulation of C can be justified by analogy to the following programs (that are equivalent):

Constraints are:

$$\forall i, \sum_{k} y_{i,k} = 1$$
$$\forall j, \sum_{i,k} a_{k,j} y_{i,k} = 1$$

## 2 Reduced cost

Let  $u_i, v_j$  be the dual variables. The reduced cost is: