**Friday April 17, 2pm to 7pm, room 5.7**  
**Approximate Solution of Optimization Problems**

Contents  
1. Mathematical models of combinatorial optimization problems  
2. Approximation algorithms

3. Heuristic algorithms  
4. Metaheuristic algorithms

**November/December**

**Models and Algorithms for Matching and Assignment Problems (4 lectures, 5 hours each)**Contents  
**1.** **Introduction:** matching, assignment, graphs, bipartite graphs, adjacency matrix, incidence matrix;  
**2.** **Theoretical foundations**: matching problems, Hall’s marriage theorem, Koenig’s algorithm, augmenting path, complexity, stable marriage problem;  
**3.** **Maximum matching applications**: vehicle scheduling, time slot assignment (TDMA), open shop scheduling;  
**4.** **Linear sum assignment problem**: weighted matching, constraint matrix, unimodularity, duality, Egervary’s theorem, initialization algorithms;  
**5.** **The Hungarian algorithm:** main structure, rooted alternating tree, complexity, Kuhn’s algorithm, Jacobi’s theorem;  
**6.** **Non-Hungarian algorithms:** Dinic-Kronrod’s algorithm, primal simplex algorithms, Egervary’s algorithm, Birkhoff-Von Neumann theorem;  
**7.** **Other linear assignment problems:**  k-cardinality assignment, bottleneck assignment, threshold algorithm , balanced assignment ;  
**8. Quadratic assignment problems:** combinatorial formulation, complexity, integer quadratic formulation, inner product formulation, trace formulation, exact solution, heuristics.

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