## OPAC: Optimal Packet over Avian Carriers

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### 1 Motivation

Imagine, on a hot summer day; Our unnamed character needs to send a few terabytes of data to a friend that lives down the block; He somehow manages to find a service that allows him to upload that much data and start uploading. However, he realizes that the upload will take too much time and decide just to give an external HDD to his friend.

We were inspired by the IP over Avian protocol and a story from South Africa [Abe] where the owners of a telecom company sent their data strapped to a pigeon which was much faster than uploading data.

These days 1TB micro-SD cards are relatively cheap, so it is not hard to imagine someone doing this. However, the actual use case is not necessarily with pigeons but with drones and unmanned airplanes. While normal conditions may not require such a drastic and cumbersome way of communication, in the event of a disaster (man-made or otherwise), setting up a mesh network is generally preferred over a total lack of networking. In such a mesh network, we want to improve the transfer rate by augmenting the network with a high capacity, high cost, and a limited number of agents that can transfer the data by jumping over the nodes in the mesh network.

We note that the main difference between a "normal" communication network and a mesh one is the presence of cycles.

### 2 Problem Definition

The goal is to transfer several commodities enumerated by the elements of K, all while selecting the routes pigeons have to minimize the cost.

Let

- 1. K be the set of tasks and,
- 2. P be the set of pigeons,

Code is available at https://github.com/SobhanMP/OPAC

- 3. V be the set of nodes in the mesh network,
- 4.  $E \subset V \times V$  be the arc connecting those nodes,
- 5.  $N^p \subset V$  be the set of node bird p can travel between and,
- 6.  $A^p \subset N \times N$  be the set of arcs bird p have to travel on.

minimize 
$$\sum_{p \in P} v^p a^p + \sum_{k \in K} \left( \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e^k + \sum_{p \in P, i \in V} g u_i^{pk} + h d_i^{pk} \right)$$
(1a)

subject to

$$\sum_{k} x_e^k \le m_e, \qquad e \in E, \tag{1b}$$

$$l_e^p \le a^p \qquad p \in P, e \in A^p, \tag{1c}$$

$$\sum y_e^{pk} \le q l_e^p, \qquad p \in P, e \in A^p, \tag{1d}$$

$$\sum_{e \in Ap} l_e^p \ell_e \le L, \qquad p \in P, \tag{1e}$$

$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E^p} l_{ij}^p = \sum_{(j,i)\in E^p} l_{ji}^p, p \in P, i \in N^p, (1f)$$

$$U_i^p - U_i^p + 1 \le |N^p|(s_i^p + s_i^p + 1 - l_{ij}^p), \qquad p \in P, (i, j) \in E^p,$$
 (1g)

$$U_{i}^{p} - U_{j}^{p} + 1 \le |N^{p}|(s_{i}^{p} + s_{j}^{p} + 1 - l_{ij}^{p}), \qquad p \in P, (i, j) \in E^{p},$$

$$\sum_{i \in N^{p}} s_{i}^{p} = a^{p} \qquad p \in P,$$

$$(1g)$$

$$p \in P,$$

$$(1h)$$

$$\delta_i^k + \sum_{p \in P} u_i^{pk} - d_i^{pk} = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_{ij}^k - \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_{ji}^k \quad i \in V,$$
 (1i)

$$u_i^{pk} + \sum_{(j,i) \in A^p} y_{ji}^{pk} = d_i^{pk} + \sum_{(i,j) \in A^p} y_{ij}^{pk} \qquad p \in P, i \in N^p$$
 (1j)

where

- 1.  $a^p \in \{0,1\}$  indicates whether the pigeon p is active,
- 2.  $x_e^k \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is the flow of commodity k on arc e,
- 3.  $u_i^{pk} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $d_i^{pk} \in \mathbb{R}^+$  are, respectively, the upload amount and download amount of the data from task k to and from the pigeon p,
- 4.  $l_e^p \in \{0,1\}$  indicates whether arc  $e \in A^p$  is active for pigeon  $p \in P$ ,
- 5.  $s_i^p \in \{0,1\}$  indicates if the loop of the pigeon p started at node i, and
- 6.  $0 \le U_i^p \le |N^p|$  is an MTZ [MTZ60] like potential for each node i and pigeon p,

#### and

- 1. v is the cost of using a pigeon,
- 2.  $c_e$  is the cost of one unit of flow on arc e,
- 3. g is the cost of uploading one unit of data to a pigeon,
- 4. h is the cost of downloading one unit of data from a pigeon
- 5.  $m_e$  is the capacity of the edge e,
- 6. L be the maximum distance pigeons can travel,
- 7.  $\ell_e$  is the length of edge e,
- 8. q is the maximum capacity of pigeons, and
- 9.  $\delta_i^k$  be the flow constraint's rhs for the node i and the task k i.e. for a transfer v, it results -v at the origin of the transfer, v at the destination and zero other wise such.

#### The

- 1. constraint (1b) defines the capacity of the mesh network,
- 2. constraint (1b) force the capacity of inactive pigeons to be zero,
- 3. constraint (1d) enforces the pigeon capacity of pigeons,
- 4. constraint (1e) forces the travel distance of each pigeon to be less than L,
- 5. constraint (1f) forces the paths of pigeons to consist of cycles,
- 6. constraint (1g) is an MTZ like constraint that forces only one simple cycle to exist, The main difference with MTZ is that the constraints are defined for all nodes but the node whose s is 1 will not have any active constraints as the right hand side will be at least  $|N^p|$  thus practically disabling the constraints that contain that node,
- 7. constraint (1h) forces one of the  $s_i^p$  to be 1 when the pigeon is active,
- 8. constraint (1i) is the flow conservation constraint on the mesh, and
- 9. constraint (1j) is the flow conservation constraint for the pigeons.

While we assume that the pigeons are the same, it is reasonably easy to extend all pigeon properties by an index p to make them unique. Furthermore, we assume that the problem is feasible for a=0, i.e., no pigeons are active.

## 3 Benders' decomposition

In the problem

minimize 
$$c \cdot x + d \cdot y$$
 (2a)

subject to 
$$Ax + By = b$$
, (2b)

$$x \ge 0,\tag{2c}$$

where x is a real valued vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and y is a integer vector in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ , we can re-write the problem as bi-level problem such that

minimize 
$$\theta + d \cdot y$$
 (3a)

subject to 
$$\theta \in \underset{x}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \{c \cdot x | Ax = b - By, x \ge 0\}.$$
 (3b)

or alternatively since the outer problem is a minimization,

minimize 
$$\theta + d \cdot y$$
 (4a)

subject to 
$$\theta \ge \min_{x} \{c \cdot x | Ax = b - By, x \ge 0\},$$
 (4b)

$$\emptyset \neq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | Ax = b - By, x \ge 0\}. \tag{4c}$$

We can dualize the subproblem to get

minimize 
$$\theta + d \cdot y$$
 (5a)

subject to 
$$\theta \ge \max_{\pi} \{ (b - By) \cdot \pi | A^{\top} \pi \le c, \}.$$
 (5b)

We now longer need the feasibility constraint because the sub-problem is never unbounded (assuming the original problem is bounded). The dual problem is never infeasible but is unbounded (infinity) at infeasible points. This formulation forces the problem to be feasible.

 $[\mathrm{Ben}62]$  showed that this problem can be modeled as a finite number of cuts such that

minimize 
$$\theta + d \cdot y$$
 (6a)

subject to 
$$\theta \ge (b - By)^{\top} \pi$$
,  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}$ , (6b)

$$0 \ge (b - By)^{\top} \pi \quad \pi \in \mathcal{R}, \tag{6c}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are the set of extreme points and extreme rays of (5b). We note that if  $\bar{y}$  is the point where the cut was generated and  $\theta^0$  is the objective of the dual (or the dual ray if it is unfeasible), we can write  $b - By^{\top}\pi$  as  $\theta^0 - By - B\bar{y}^{\top}\pi$  since  $\theta^0 + B\bar{y}^{\top}\pi = b^{\top}\pi$ . Since the number of cuts is finite, we can dynamically add those to the problem as needed i.e. when they become invalidated. The cuts are on the extreme rays are called feasibility cuts and are only needed when the sub-problem is not feasible. The problem that has

the benders cut is called the master problem and the problem that is used to generate the cuts is called the sub-problem.

While Benders original method would add these cuts at integer points, [MD77] showed that the cuts could be added even in fractional points. Furthermore, [MW81] showed that if the cuts are generated with a core point and an additional constraint, they will be non-dominated. [Pap08] showed that the additional constraint is not needed, and we can take a moving average of  $y^t$  as our core point. The choice of the moving average coefficient greatly changes the method's performance. We use l = 0.001 as our initial core-point (we set the variable to 0.001 for each arc) and use  $\eta = 0.5$  as our moving average constant.

Our problem is a good candidate for benders decomposition as the constraints (1i) and (1j) only contain real variables and the constraint (1d) is the only linking constraint between the integer and real variables. We note that we keep the U in the master problem. This partial decomposition does not cause any problem on the theoretical level and helps reduce the number of infeasibility cuts and make better use of modern solvers. When taking out x and y out of the master problem, we only need to add cuts for the constraints that have integer variables in them (otherwise they will just be zero). In the constraint (1d) constraint matrix B is the identity matrix times q. The cuts will be in the form of

$$\theta \ge \theta^0 - q \sum_{p \in P, e \in A^p} (l_e^p - \bar{l}_e^p) \pi_e^p \tag{7}$$

and

$$0 \ge \theta^0 - q \sum_{p \in P, e \in A^p} (l_e^p - \bar{l}_e^p) \pi_e^p, \tag{8}$$

where  $\pi_e^p$  is the dual variable associated with the constrain (1d).

The master is

minimize 
$$\sum_{p \in P} v^p a^p + \theta \tag{9a}$$

subject to

$$l_e^p \le a^p \qquad \qquad p \in P, e \in A^p, \tag{9b}$$

$$\sum_{e \in A^p} l_e^p \ell_e \le L, \qquad p \in P, \tag{9c}$$

$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E^p} l_{ij}^p = \sum_{(j,i)\in E^p} l_{ji}^p, \qquad p \in P, i \in N^p, \qquad (9d)$$

$$U_i^p - U_i^p \le |N^p|(s_i^p + s_j^p + 1 - l_{ij}^p) - 1, \quad p \in P, (i, j) \in E^p, \quad (9e)$$

$$U_{i}^{p} - U_{j}^{p} \le |N^{p}|(s_{i}^{p} + s_{j}^{p} + 1 - l_{ij}^{p}) - 1, \quad p \in P, (i, j) \in E^{p}, \quad (9e)$$

$$\sum_{i \in N^{p}} s_{i}^{p} = a^{p} \qquad p \in P, \quad (9f)$$

$$\theta \ge \theta^0 - q \sum_{p \in P, e \in A^p} (l_e^p - \bar{l}_e^p) \pi_{,}^p \qquad \pi, \bar{l}, \theta^0 \in \mathcal{P}, \tag{9g}$$

$$0 \ge \theta^0 - q \sum_{p \in P, e \in A^p} (l_e^p - \bar{l}_e^p) \pi_e^p, \quad \pi, \bar{l}, \theta^0 \in \mathcal{R}, \tag{9h}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are the extreme cones and rays with their corresponding objective and evaluation point, and the Benders sub-problem is

$$SP(\bar{l}) = \text{minimize} \qquad \sum_{k \in K} \sum_{e \in E} c_e x_e^k + \sum_{p \in P, i \in V} g u_i^{pk} + h d_i^{pk}$$
 (10a)

subject to

$$\sum_{k} x_e^k \le m_e, \qquad e \in E, \tag{10b}$$

$$-\sum y_e^{pk} \ge -q\bar{l}_e^p, \qquad p \in P, e \in A^p, \quad (10c)$$

$$\delta_i^k + \sum_{p \in P} u_i^{pk} - d_i^{pk} = \sum_{(i,j) \in E} x_{ij}^k - \sum_{(j,i) \in E} x_{ji}^k \quad i \in V,$$
 (10d)

$$u_i^{pk} + \sum_{(j,i)\in A^p} y_{ji}^{pk} = d_i^{pk} + \sum_{(i,j)\in A^p} y_{ij}^{pk} \qquad p \in P, i \in N^p. \quad (10e)$$

The subproblem is called the multi-commodity min-cost flow problem.

# 4 Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition and Column generation

For any linear problem in the form

minimize 
$$c \cdot x$$
 (11a)

subject to 
$$Ax \le b$$
, (11b)

$$Bx \le c. \tag{11c}$$

We can rewrite it as

minimize 
$$c \cdot x$$
 (12a)

subject to 
$$x = \sum_{i=1,\dots,n} \lambda^i y^i + \sum_{i=1,\dots,m} \mu^i r^i, \qquad (12b)$$

$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,n} \lambda^i = 1,\tag{12c}$$

$$\lambda, \mu \ge 0, \tag{12d}$$

$$Bx \le c, \tag{12e}$$

where  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  are the extreme points of

$$P = \{x | Ax \le b\} \tag{13}$$

and  $\mu_1, \ldots, \mu_m$  are extreme rays of P. This is called the Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition [DW60] and has been shown (by whom?) that the new problem is

equivalent to the old one. The interest of this process is when a small subset of extreme points are active or convexifying the constraint  $Ax \leq b$  leads to a special problem that breaks down into small problems.

Column generation is the process of dynamically generating variables as needed. Let an LP like

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,n} c_i x_i \tag{14a}$$

minimize 
$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,n} c_i x_i$$
 (14a) subject to 
$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,n} a_i^j x_i \le b^j \quad j \in 1,\dots,m,$$
 (14b)

assume that the problem has solution if we set  $x_i$   $i = k, \ldots, n$  to zero. We start with the reduced problem with the variables k to n set to zero, solve the problem, and add a new variable that can improve the objective. We can find variables that improve the reduced cost by looking at their reduced cost; we add a variable that has a negative reduced cost (what about zero?). It is possible to enumerate all x (if it is finite), or if the columns  $a_i$  have a special structure, we can reformulate the problem as an optimization problem over that special structure.

We fist decompose the multi-comodity flow problem with Dantzig-Wolfe into the arc-cycle formulations. Let the multi-comodity flow problem be

minimize 
$$\sum_{k \in K, e \in E} c_e x_e^k$$
 (15a) subject to 
$$Nx^k = b^k \quad k \in K,$$
 (15b)

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 (15b)

$$\sum_{k \in K} x_e^k \le u_e \quad e \in E, \tag{15c}$$

where  $Nx = b^k$  is the flow conservation constraint for kth commodity,  $x_e^k \leq u_e$ is the arc capacity constraint and  $c \ge 0$ . The extreme points of  $Nx = b^k$  are the paths from the source the destination of the commodity (with the flow equal to the demand), the extreme rays are cycles. We know this is true because any valid flow matrix can be broken into simple paths and cycles (elaborate?). Thus we can reformulate the problem in term of paths and cycles. We also note that we considers paths with unite flow instead of paths with demand flow to simplify the formulation. Let  $v^k$  be the demand of the kth commodity. However, the set of cycles is very large and has non negative cost as  $c \geq 0$  thus we don't need to consider them. Let  $P^k$  be the set of possible paths for the commodity k, for path p, let f(p) be the flow, c(p) the cost and  $\delta_e(p)$  an indicator of the presence of the arc e in the path p. We can rewrite the problem in term of paths (or extreme points) as

minimize 
$$\sum_{k \in K, p \in P^k} c(p) f(p), \tag{16a}$$

subject to 
$$\sum_{k \in K, p \in P(k)} -\delta_e(p) f(p) \ge -u_e, \quad e \in E,$$
 (16b) 
$$\sum_{p \in P^k} f(p) = d^k, \qquad k \in K.,$$
 (16c)

$$\sum_{p \in P^k} f(p) = d^k, \qquad k \in K., \tag{16c}$$

$$f(p) \ge 0, \qquad k \in K, p \in P^k \tag{16d}$$

Due to large number of paths and many extremely useless paths, we use column generation to generate a subset of all the paths. Let  $w_e$  be the dual variable of constraint (16b) and  $\sigma$  be the dual of (16c), we can see that in this form the dual  $w_{ij}$  and  $\sigma_k$  are positive are positive. The second dual variable  $\sigma$  will be the least expensive used path  $(\max \sum \sigma \text{ s.t. } \sigma^k \leq c(p))$ . Assuming we can split the rhs matrix into A and B, the reduced cost of a path  $p \in P^k$  is be

$$c(p) + A^{\top} w - B^{\top} \sigma, \tag{17}$$

where  $A^{\top}w$  is  $\sum_{e\in p}w_e$  and  $B^{\top}\sigma$  is  $\sigma^k$ . Thus the reduced of a path cost is

$$\sum_{e \in E} \delta_e(p)(c_e + w_e) - \sigma^k. \tag{18}$$

For any commodity k, this amounts to finding the shortest path with adjusted costs since  $\sigma_k$  is constant. Since w is positive, the cost will stay positive, and we can use Djikstra's algorithm [Dij59] to find the shortest path. We will add a shortest path to the set of basis at each iteration. While, in theory, we only need to add one path that has a negative reduced cost, this helps accelerate things.

While the usual approach is to use the revised simplex method and discard the generated columns when they go out of the basis, we use a solver and keep the columns in case they become useful later on.

To initialize the problem, let M be a number strictly greater than the objective of the problem. We add an auxiliary variable for each commodity such that the cost of this commodity is  $M/d^k$  and the coefficient in the constraint (16c) is 1. This auxiliary allows us to not start from a set of feasible columns. This is an adaptation of the so-called two-phase method [Wag56]. Furthermore, we generate the initial set of columns via the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm [FFed], ignoring the fact that all commodities share the same capacity. We solve the subproblem starting from the columns of the initial state when l=0.

#### 5 Computational Study

We generate a series of instances where to mesh network is an n by n grid, and the pigeons can move to another grid where the nodes of this other grid are the nodes s(i,j)+1 of the original network for a number s. So for instance, the instance (n,s)=(5,2) will have a five-by-five mesh and the pigeons can visit the node  $(1,3,5)\times(1,3,5)$ . Each node has a distance of 10 meters.

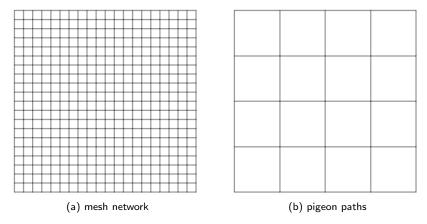


Figure 1: network for (n,s)=(21,5), note that the nodes with same relative position as the top right node are connected so for instance the middle node of both graph are connected.

For each of these instances, we draw the arc cost from a uniform distribution on the integer between 100 and 200. The paths are sampled using random walks. At each node, we consider all transitions that have the potential to reach the destination w/o passing over already passed nodes. Out of all the possible transitions, we sample transitions with a probability proportional to the distance of that node to the destination. On this network, the origin-destination uniformly. We sample the demand from a Poisson with  $\lambda=10$  truncated between 1 and infinity. We then add the demand to the capacity of all arcs that the path passes through. We repeat this process five times for each pair of nodes. We multiply the capacity with an exponential truncated between 1 et 1.05.

While it may not have been clear, we assume that all of the data can flow in the mesh network; this seems to make the problem much more interesting as there is a large gap between the optimal solution and the worst feasible solution. This assumption also implies that there are no Benders feasibility cuts.

We set the upload cost to 1, the download cost to 0, the pigeon data capacity to 1e4, the pigeon cost to 1e5, and the pigeon range to 5e3 meters. We run everything one time with a warm-up phase on a small problem. The warm-up phase is needed as Julia specializes (recompiles the function for that specific type). We compare our method with Gurobi and CPLEX(to come) on an i7-11700K with turbo and 32GB of ram with Linux.

The results can be seen in Table 1 and Table 2. This former compares the column generation method with using solver naively. The latter compares the Benders decomposition and using solver naively. Lastly more test were done on

$\overline{n}$	m	col-Gurobi	col-CPLEX	Gurobi	CPLEX
6	10	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
6	100	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.06
6	500	0.03	0.02	0.36	0.31
6	1000	0.08	0.04	0.73	1.64
11	10	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02
11	100	0.02	0.01	0.21	0.22
11	500	0.04	0.03	1.54	2.15
11	1000	0.07	0.05	3.48	5.10
21	10	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.07
21	100	0.03	0.03	1.27	1.11
21	500	0.17	0.17	9.76	16.67
21	1000	0.58	0.12	24.53	42.58
31	10	0.16	0.18	0.28	0.29
31	100	0.11	0.11	4.17	9.38
31	500	0.27	0.28	33.35	71.22
31	1000	0.54	0.48	81.68	164.64
41	10	1.54	2.19	0.81	0.90
41	100	0.33	0.34	9.47	48.59
41	500	0.29	0.32	91.74	135.12
41	1000	0.65	0.54	238.36	318.68
51	10	6.62	4.85	4.31	1.71
51	100	0.40	0.40	28.12	74.64
51	500	1.10	1.04	188.53	347.60

Table 1: Time comparison between different multi-commodity solver, time is in second and has been rounded down. All experiments are in an n by n grid with m commodity.

the column generation + benders in Table 4.

## 6 Conclusion

We proposed a new benchmark that solvers do not handle well and solved it with Benders and Dantzig-Wolfe decomposition. While the context of the problem was provided as-is, we believe that beyond pigeons, drones can provide significant improvement to mesh networks that can be set up when the usual channels are down due to disaster (natural or otherwise). Possible improvements includes introducing parallelism at various level and tweaking the optimizer parameters.

$\overline{n}$	$\overline{m}$	S	р	BDW	BGG	BGC	Gurobi	CPLEX
6	10	10	1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
6	10	10	5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
6	10	10	10	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
6	10	5	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
6	10	5	5	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
6	10	5	10	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
6	100	10	1	0.1	8.0	0.7	0.2	0.2
6	100	10	5	0.2	1.8	1.7	0.4	0.6
6	100	10	10	0.2	2.3	2.2	8.0	1.7
6	100	5	1	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.2
6	100	5	5	0.2	1.8	1.7	0.4	0.7
6	100	5	10	0.2	2.4	2.1	8.0	1.6
6	500	10	1	0.3	4.3	6.3	1.1	1.4
6	500	10	5	0.5	18.4	11.1	10.1	9.7
6	500	10	10	0.6	10.2	12.8	86.6	11.4
6	500	5	1	0.3	4.2	6.3	1.2	1.4
6	500	5	5	0.5	18.4	11.2	10.4	9.8
6	500	5	10	0.5	10.0	15.5	114.7	13.6
6	1000	10	1	0.2	18.5	23.9	16.6	6.4
6	1000	10	5	0.3	74.9	77.0	596.3	35.8
6	1000	10	10	0.4	196.0	229.1	0.0 %	114.7
6	1000	5	1	0.2	17.6	23.6	16.7	6.4
6	1000	5	5	0.3	74.0	76.9	598.7	36.3
6	1000	5	10	0.4	196.0	228.7	0.0 %	116.3
11	10	10	1	0.1	8.0	0.5	0.1	0.1
11	10	10	5	1.2	1.1	8.0	0.5	0.7
11	10	10	10	4.2	8.0	1.4	1.3	1.3
11	10	5	1	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.1
11	10	5	5	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.7
11	10	5	10	4.3	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.3
11	100	10	1	0.4	7.6	14.7	1.1	2.1
11	100	10	5	1.7	18.3	55.9	111.1	22.3
11	100	10	10	5.9	24.2	18.9	75.3	223.5
11	100	5	1	0.3	7.6	14.1	1.1	2.1
11	100	5	5	1.7	18.0	54.8	111.0	21.8
11	100	5	10	6.0	23.7	19.0	76.6	222.3

Table 2: Time/duality gap comparison between different approaches with a time limit of 10 minutes. First 3 columns are Benders decomposition, the subproblem was solved by Column Generation (DW), Gurobi (G), or CPLEX (C). If the solver reached optimality, only the time was reported otherwise the GAP, in percentage, was reported. Empty means no primal solution or very large optimality gap by the solver. Continues into Table 3

$\overline{n}$	$\overline{m}$	s	р	BDW	BGG	BGC	Gurobi	CPLEX
				1.0			152.0	60.4
11	500	10	1	1.8	329.1	189.4	153.8	68.4
11	500	10	5	4.4	361.1	405.0	44.4%	0.0 %
11	500	10	10	14.1	33.7 %	21.1%		27.4 %
11	500	5	1	1.8	332.7	189.5	159.9	68.9
11	500	5	5	4.4	371.3	403.1	44.4 %	0.0 %
11	500	5	10	14.1	33.7 %	21.1%		27.4 %
11	1000	10	1	15.6	48.8 %	259.7	7.9%	413.3
11	1000	10	5	23.2	726.8	37.8 %		26.8 %
11	1000	10	10	120.3	100.0%	100.0 %		44.7 %
11	1000	5	1	15.3	48.8 %	257.8	7.9%	405.3
11	1000	5	5	22.4	719.8	37.8 %		26.8 %
11	1000	5	10	118.8	100.0 %	100.0%		44.7 %
21	10	10	1	2.3	4.9	3.6	0.6	1.0
21	10	10	5	27.7	11.4	5.6	11.6	8.3
21	10	10	10	144.3	13.9	5.9	26.3	17.4
21	10	5	1	2.3	5.0	3.5	0.5	1.0
21	10	5	5	27.5	11.3	5.4	11.7	8.3
21	10	5	10	144.8	14.2	5.9	26.0	17.4

Table 3: Time/duality gap comparison, part 2.

$\overline{n}$	m	S	р	BDW
21	100	10	1	3.4
21	100	10	5	293.3
21	100	10	10	185.0
21	100	5	1	3.5
21	100	5	5	293.9
21	100	5	10	183.7
21	500	10	1	285.1
21	500	10	5	113.5
21	500	10	10	0.0%
21	500	5	1	285.0
21	500	5	5	114.4
21	500	5	10	0.0%
21	1000	10	1	17.1%
21	1000	10	5	19.7%
21	1000	10	10	25.0 %
21	1000	5	1	17.1%
21	1000	5	5	19.7%
21	1000	5	10	25.0 %
31	10	10	1	167.6
31	10	10	5	3.6 %
31	10	10	10	9.0%
31	10	5	1	172.1
31	10	5	5	3.6 %
31	10	5	10	9.0%
31	100	5	1	35.2 %
31	100	5	5	76.7 %

Table 4: Time/duality gap comparison.

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