

The Problem's statement:

5. Scheduling with types to minimize the makespan.

Input: An integer number of (identical) machines $m \geq 2$. A set of n jobs $J = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, where every job j has an integer processing time $p_j > 0$ and a positive integer type $t_j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 7\}$.

Goal: Find a partition of the jobs of to the machines, J_1, J_2, \dots, J_m , such that every subset has jobs of at most three types (for any i there are three values $k_{i1}, k_{i2}, k_{i3} \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 7\}$, such that if $j \in J_i$, then $t_j \in \{k_{i1}, k_{i2}, k_{i3}\}$).

Objective:: Minimize $\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \sum_{j \in J_i} p_j$.

*5 types instead of 7.

Input i:

$m=2$ machines.

j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
p_j	5	9	9	6	10	3	3	10	7
t_j	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	4	4

*Note: sum on all processing times is 62, so $62/2=31$ is a lower bound

Bad Solution:

$m_1 = \{1, 2, 6\}$, time = $5+9+3=17$

$m_2 = \{3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$, time = $9+6+10+3+10+17 = 45$

Objective function = $\max\{17, 45\} = 45$

So-so solution: (view all jobs belonging to the same type as one super-job, and arbitrarily place types 1,2 together, and 3,4,5 on the other machine)

$m_1 = \{2, 8, 9\}$, time = $9+10+7 = 26$

$m_2 = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$, time = $5+9+6+10+3+3 = 36$

Objective function = $\max\{26, 36\} = 36$

Optimal solution:

$m_1 = \{1, 9, 8, 2\}$, time = $5+7+10+9 = 31$

$m_2 = \{3, 6, 4, 5, 7\}$, time = $9+3+6+10+3 = 31$

Objective function = $\max\{31, 31\} = 31$

Invalid solution:

$m_1 = \{1, 4, 8, 7, 2\}^*$, time = $5+6+10+3+9 = 33$

**(but this machine has 4 different types, therefore the solution is not valid!)*

$m_2 = \{3, 6, 9, 5\}$, time = $9+3+7+10 = 29$

Input ii:

$m=3$ machines

j	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
p_j	4	5	10	13	3	7	8	9	13	8	16	8	7	2	4	5	8	11	9
t_j	1	5	3	3	4	2	1	4	3	5	3	2	5	1	3	4	2	1	1

*Note: sum on all processing times is 150, so $150/3=50$ is a lower bound

Bad Solution:

$m_1 = \{1, 7, 14, 18, 19, 6, 12, 17, 3, 4, 9, 11, 15\}$, time = $4+8+2+11+9+7+8+8+10+13+13+16+4 = 113$

$m_2 = \{5, 8, 16\}$, time = $3+9+5 = 17$

$m_3 = \{2, 10, 13\}$, time = $5+8+7 = 20$

Objective function = $\max\{113, 17, 20\} = 113$

So-so solution:

$m_1 = \{3, 4, 9, 11, 15\}$, time = $10+13+13+16+4 = 56$

$m_2 = \{6, 12, 17, 2, 10, 13\}$, time = $7+8+8+5+8+7 = 43$

$m_3 = \{5, 8, 16, 1, 7, 14, 18, 19\}$, time = $3+9+5+4+8+2+11+9 = 51$

Objective function = $\max\{56, 43, 51\} = 56$

Optimal/near optimal solution:

$m_1 = \{3, 9, 11, 15, 6\}$, time = $10+13+16+4+7 = 50$

$m_2 = \{12, 17, 2, 10, 13, 4\}$, time = $8+8+5+8+7+13 = 49$

$m_3 = \{5, 8, 16, 1, 7, 14, 18, 19\}$, time = $3+9+5+4+8+2+11+9 = 51$

Objective function = $\max\{50, 49, 51\} = 51$

Invalid solution:

$m_1 = \{3, 9, 11, 15, 6\}$, time = $10+13+16+4+7 = 50$

$m_2 = \{12, 17, 2, 13, 4, 19\}^*$, time = $8+8+5+7+13+9 = 50$

**(but this machine has 4 different types, therefore the solution is not valid!)*

$m_3 = \{5, 8, 16, 1, 7, 14, 18, 10\}$, time = $3+9+5+4+8+2+11+8 = 50$