Improvements on a Time Slot Allocation Algorithm

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- General Assignment Problem (GAP)
 - n agents and m tasks
 - Each agent has a max capacity for tasks
 - Minimize the total cost of assigning all tasks
- Maximum General Assignment Problem
 - Still misses some parts of the model

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- Hard to encode the last preference without making the problem exponential in size

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- This will run at most k times

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- Thus, we have a k-approximation (in our case, k = 2)

Thanks for your time. Any questions?