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# Automated Reasoning and Formal Verification

## Laboratory 6

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# Outline

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## 1. Advanced OMT

Multi-Objective Optimization

OMT properties: MinMax/MaxMin

## Exercise 6.1: Multi-objective optimization

A small business promotes itself using two methods: traditional media ads and personal appearances.

A **traditional media ad campaign** costs \$2000, generating 2 new customers and 1 positive rating per month. Each ad campaign takes 1 hour.

A **personal appearance** costs \$500, generating 2 new customers and 5 positive ratings. Each personal appearance takes 2 hours.

The company wants at least 16 new customers and 28 positive ratings per month.

Try to **minimize both costs and time**.



# Multi-objective optimization: problem

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Let's identify variables, constraints, and cost functions (our goals to minimize):

- ▶ **Variables:** number of ads and number of personal appearance.
- ▶ **Constraints:** number of minimum customers and positive ratings (these are mandatory to be satisfied).
- ▶ **Goals:** minimize time and money.

We must encode time and money as functions depending on the variables!



# Multi-objective optimization

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OptiMathSAT supports multi-objective optimization with different *priorities*:

**Boxed** : optimizes **all the objective independently**. A model for each objective is returned (default behavior).

**Lexicographic** : optimizes **the first objective, then the second, and so on**. A single model is returned.

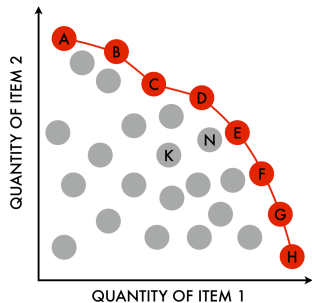
**Pareto** : Computes the **Pareto front**: a set of non-dominated models. Each check-sat finds one, until all are found (possibly infinite).

You can change the type of optimization from the option

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# Pareto front

- ▶ The Pareto front is a set of solutions that are not dominated by any other solution.
- ▶ A solution  $A$  is dominated by another solution  $B$  if  $B$  is better in at least one objective and not worse in all others.
- ▶ The Pareto front represents the trade-offs between different objectives.



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## Exercise 6.2: Delivery

A company must deliver goods from a central depot to three warehouses: A, B, and C. There are two transport scenarios: **Normal Traffic** and **Heavy Traffic**.

Delivery Costs (per unit):

Warehouse	Normal Traffic	Heavy Traffic
A	\$10	\$21
B	\$15	\$18
C	\$20	\$15

Let  $x_A, x_B, x_C$  be the number of units sent to warehouses A, B, and C.

The company requires that:  $100 \leq x_A + x_B + x_C \leq 150$

Use OptiMathSAT to find the number of units to minimize the worst-case delivery cost.



# Delivery: Hints

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- ▶ The problem is to minimize the cost of the worst-case scenario.
- ▶ We should *minimize* the *maximum* cost of delivery.
- ▶ OptiMathSAT has a built-in function for this: `(minmax obj1 obj2 ...)`.



- Variables:**
- ▶ Define the variables  $x_A, x_B, x_C$  as Int constants.
  - ▶ Define two derived Int constants `cost-normal` and `cost-heavy`
- Constraints:**
- ▶ Total number of units must be between 100 and 150
  - ▶ Non-negativity (hidden):  $x_A, x_B, x_C \geq 0$
- Objectives:**
- ▶ Minimize the maximum of the two scenario costs:  
(minmax `cost-normal` `cost-heavy`)