

TOPIC 7

Adjacency

Spatially-explicit optimisation

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Time table

10:15-10:25 **-A-** SOLUTION: Scheduling in Natural Resources Management

10:25-10:45 **-B-** Representation of space for optimisation purposes

10:45-11:30 **-C-** Spatially explicit scheduling of harvesting operations

C1 - Conceptualisation

C2 - Implementation

11:30-15:00 **-D-** Implement and solve problem
[computer lab]

- A -

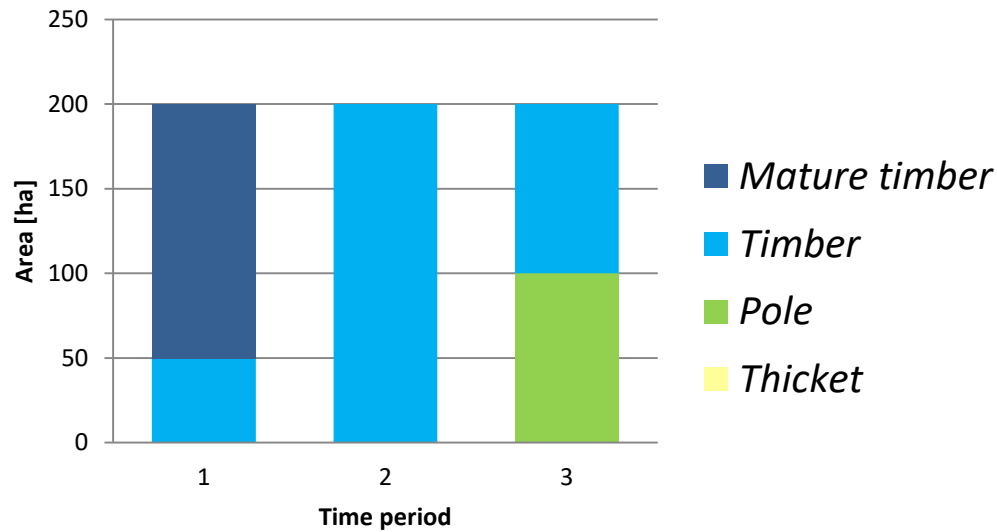
SOLUTION

Scheduling in natural resources management

Scheduling of timber harvest

		State variables (what age class, when, how much)																																
		time period 1			time period 2			time period 3			time period 1				time period 2				time period 3				time period 4											
		x ₁₂	x ₁₃	x ₁₄	x ₂₂	x ₂₃	x ₂₄	x ₃₂	x ₃₃	x ₃₄	y ₁₁	y ₁₂	y ₁₃	y ₁₄	y ₂₁	y ₂₂	y ₂₃	y ₂₄	y ₃₁	y ₃₂	y ₃₃	y ₃₄	y ₄₁	y ₄₂	y ₄₃	y ₄₄								
Decision variables		x _{it} : Area cut [ha] in age class <i>i</i> at period <i>t</i> y _{it} : Area of age class <i>i</i> at period <i>t</i>																																
		0	50	150	0	200	0	100	100	0	100	200	50	150	200	100	200	0	200	200	100	0	200	200	100	0								
Objective function		v _{it} : projected revenues in age class <i>i</i> at period <i>t</i> [CHF/ha]			7500	#####	#####	7500	35000	45000	7500	35000	45000																	MAX	19750000	[CHF]		
Constraints																								LHS _{su}		SIGN	RHS							
[A] Initial state	stage 1: thicket							1															100	==	100	[ha]								
	stage 2: pole							1															200	==	200	[ha]								
	stage 3: timber							1															50	==	50	[ha]								
	stage 4: mature timber							1															150	==	150	[ha]								
[B] Dynamic model	Period 1	stage 1	1	1	1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]											
		stage 2							1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
		stage 3							1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
		stage 4							1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
	Period 2	stage 1				1	1	1								-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
		stage 2							1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
		stage 3							1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]							
		stage 4							-1			-1							-1								0	==	0	[ha]				
	Period 3	stage 1							1	1	1									-1								0	==	0	[ha]			
		stage 2														1				-1								0	==	0	[ha]			
		stage 3							-1										1				-1								0	==	0	[ha]
		stage 4							-1			-1							1				1				-1				0	==	0	[ha]
[C] Restrict harvest to	Period 1	stage 2							1															200	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 3							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 4							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
	Period 2	stage 2							1															100	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 3							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 4							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
	Period 3	stage 2							1															100	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 3							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
		stage 4							1															0	>=	0	[ha]							
[D] Steady-state condition	stage 1																		1				-1				0	==	0	[ha]				
	stage 2																		1				-1				0	==	0	[ha]				
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	stage 4																		1				-1				0	==	0	[ha]				

Scheduling of timber harvest

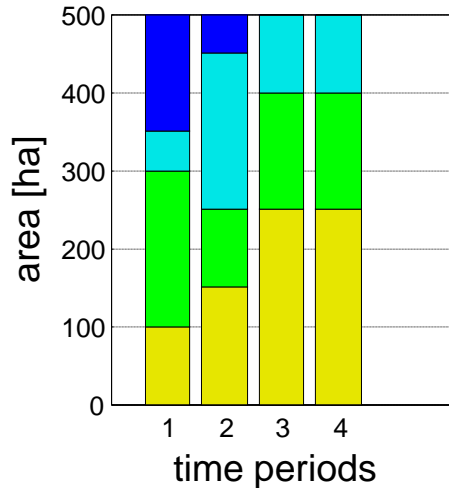


Estimated revenues
CHF 19'750'000

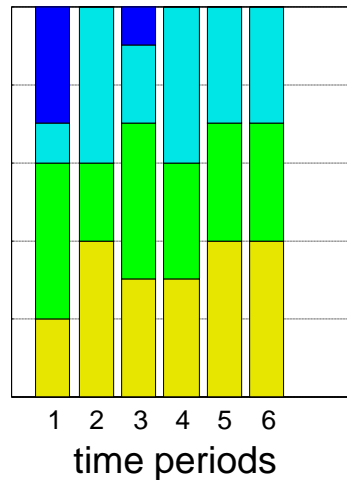
Sensitivity – Count of planning periods

Count of planning periods

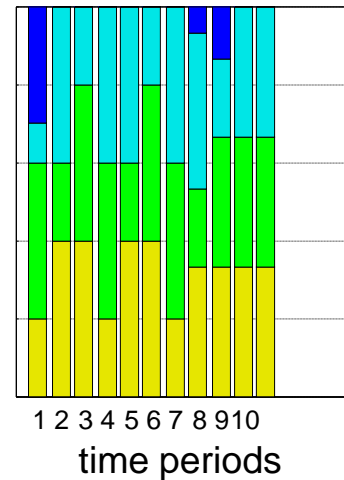
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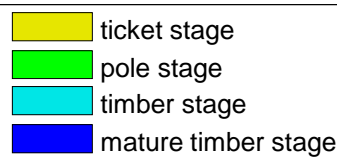
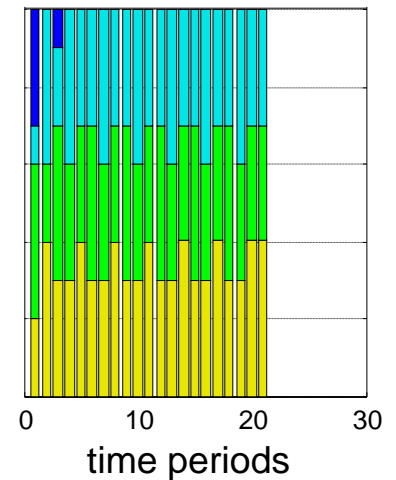
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Vanish of «mature timber» is not a matter of limited time periods!

➔ Add constraint for state variable which ensures a minimum area of «mature timber» at any time period

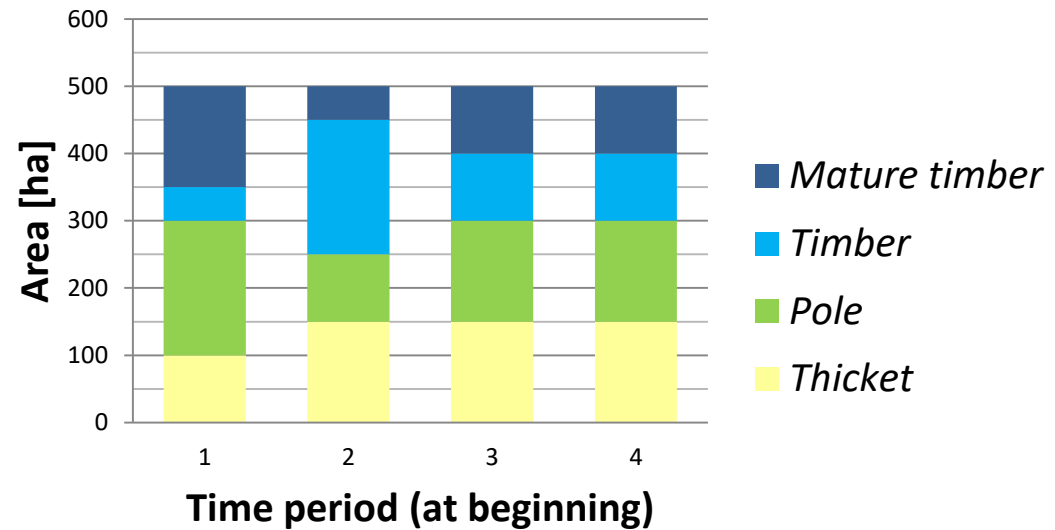
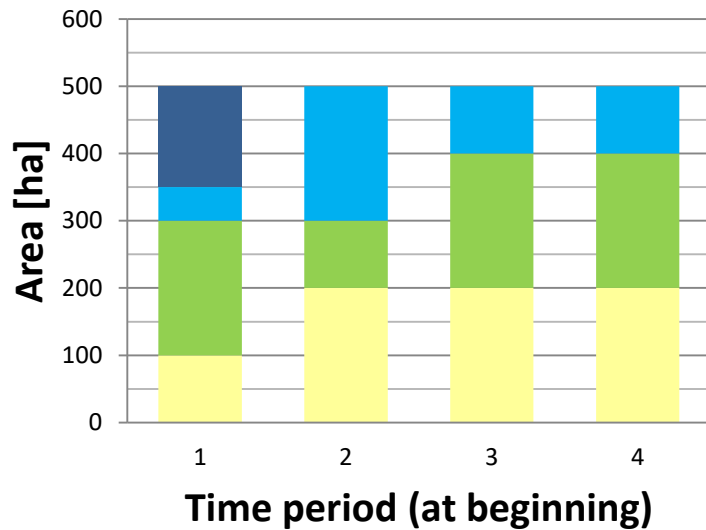
$$y_{t, \text{mature timber}} \geq \text{area threshold}$$

Sensitivity - Estimated revenues [CHF per ha]

pole	timber	mature timber
7500	35'000	45'000

pole	timber	mature timber
7500	35'000	62'000

Increase revenues for
MATURE TIMBER



- B -

Representation of space

Learning goals



CONCEPTUALIZE AND REPRESENT

Learn to formulate optimization models that include...

... decision units that refer to polygons

... control of spatial pattern of selected polygons



IMPLEMENT

- Automate the creation of large matrix notation optimisation models
- Learn to [1] import, [2] manipulate and [3] export shapefiles in MATLAB

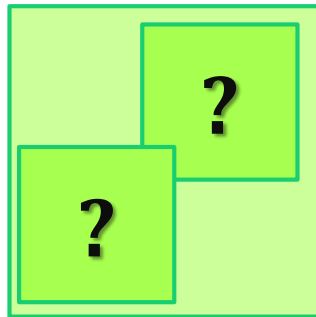
Representation of discrete spatial units

x_i : take action on polygon i

share of area where action
will be applied to

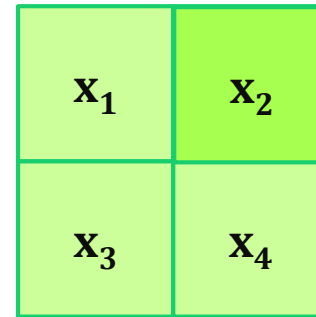
apply action to polygon i

$x_i \in [0, 1]$ *real*



Decompose into
planning units

$x_i = \begin{cases} 1, \text{yes} \\ 0, \text{no} \end{cases}$ *integer*



Example

$x_i = 0.25$

$x_1 = 0$

$x_2 = 1$

$x_3 = 0$

$x_4 = 0$



Many units result into many decision variables

Control shape of spatial patterns

Adjacency : list of neighboring polygons i and j



Relationships between polygons facilitate optimisation of spatial patterns

Compactness



Selected polygons create shapes characterized by low perimeter/area ratio

Contiguity



Any selected polygon can be reached from any other selected polygon within the shape created by the selected polygons

Dispersion



Selected polygons are distant from each other

Edge-focused



Selected polygons create edges relevant to the problem

Summary

Compactness

Spatial concentration
of efforts

- [1] management
- [2] nature conservation

Contiguity

Corridor creation

e.g., nature conservation
problems

Dispersion

Distribute obnoxious*
actions in space

- [1] siting of power
plants, waste depots,
etc.
- [2] harvest operations

Edge-focused

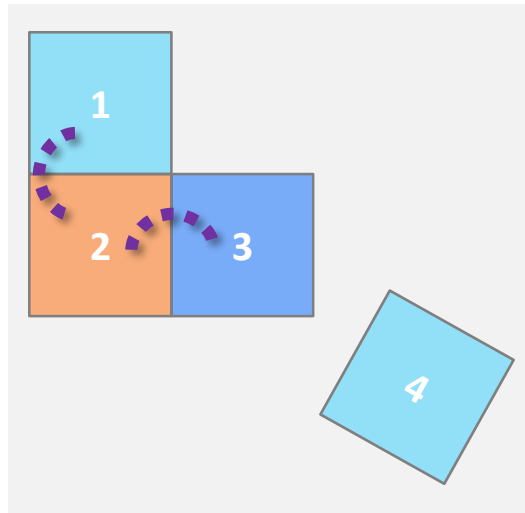
Edge-related goals

- [1] nature conservation
(forest edge)
- [2] manage interactions
between neigh-
boring polygons



* *unliebsam*

Representation of spatial data



Adjacency definition:
«Polygons share an edge»

geometry



ID	shape	volume
1	polygon	300
2	polygon	500
3	polygon	400
4	polygon	300



adjacency

ID_i	ID_j
1	2
2	3



Example: Attribute table in ArcGIS

GEOMETRY formats

ArcGIS [shapefile]

	FID	Shape *	property
	0	Polygon	300
	1	Polygon	400
	2	Polygon	500
	3	Polygon	300

MATLAB
shaperead

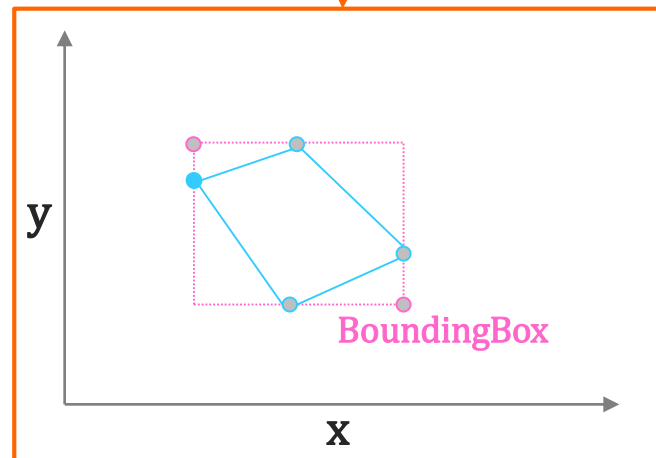
MATLAB [struct]

4x1 struct with 5 fields

Fields	Geometry	BoundingBox	X	Y	property
1	'Polygon'	[6.7823e+05, 2.46...	[6.7823e+05...	[2.4657e+05...	300
2	'Polygon'	[6.7810e+05, 2.46...	[6.7810e+05...	[2.4660e+05...	400
3	'Polygon'	[6.7800e+05, 2.46...	[6.7800e+05...	[2.4660e+05...	500
4	'Polygon'	[6.7800e+05, 2.46...	[6.7800e+05...	[2.4670e+05...	300

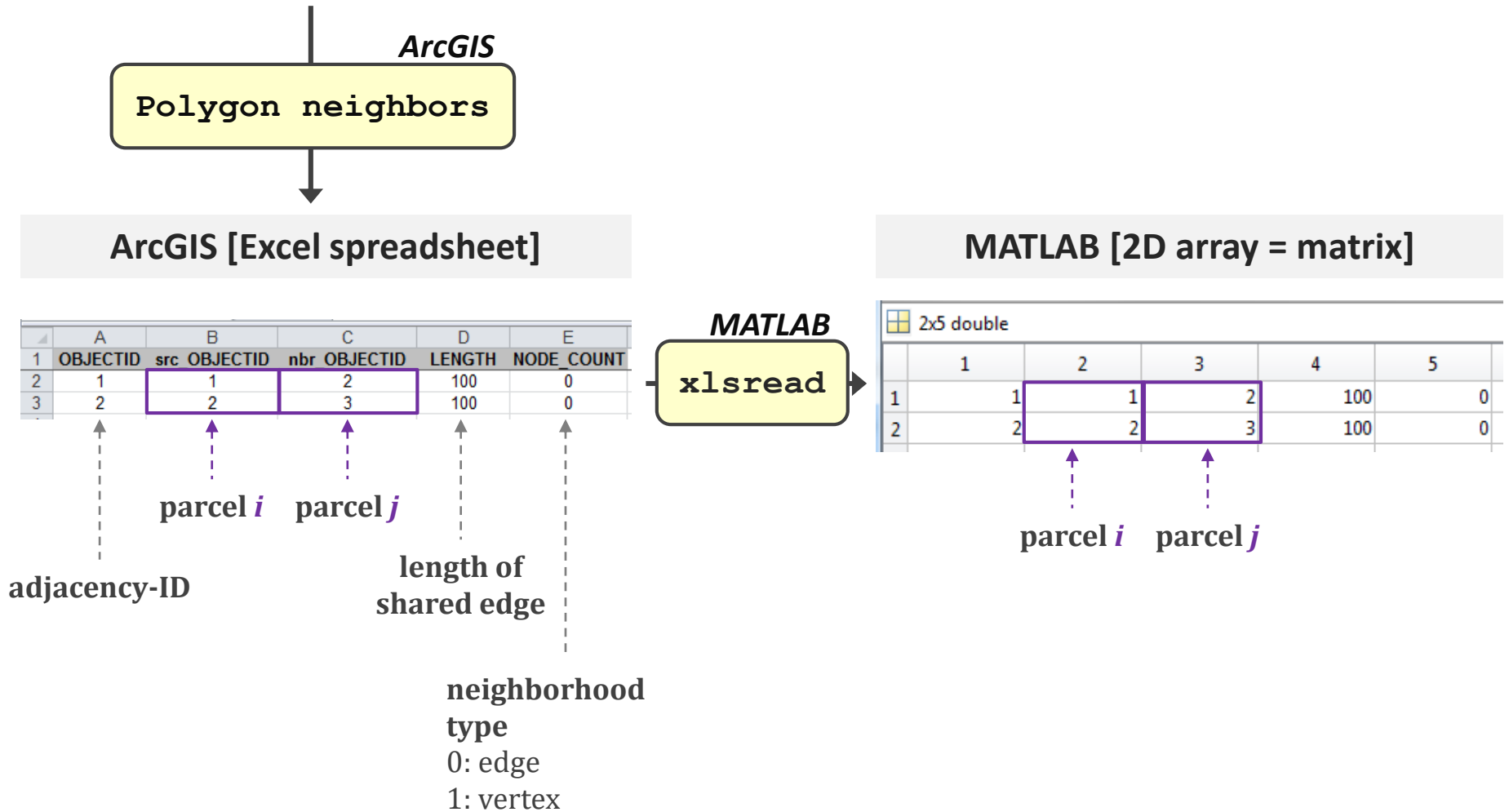
geometry

attributes



MRM M4

ADJACENCY formats



- C -

**Spatially explicit scheduling
of harvesting operations**

SPATIALLY EXPLICIT SCHEDULING OF HARVESTING OPERATIONS

The Uetliberg forest is divided up into more than 600 stands which are used as decision units for managing actions. All stands in the timber stage ($n=266$) have been selected for harvest in the next three upcoming periods.

The stands should be harvested in order to maximize harvested timber volume under the restriction that the size of openings after harvest is limited. Therefore, the management authority has set the policy that harvesting of neighboring stands during the same period is not allowed. The authority would like to know how to schedule harvest of the stands in order to concurrently meet the objective and the harvesting constraint. Come up with a map that indicates which stands are subject to harvest at which period!

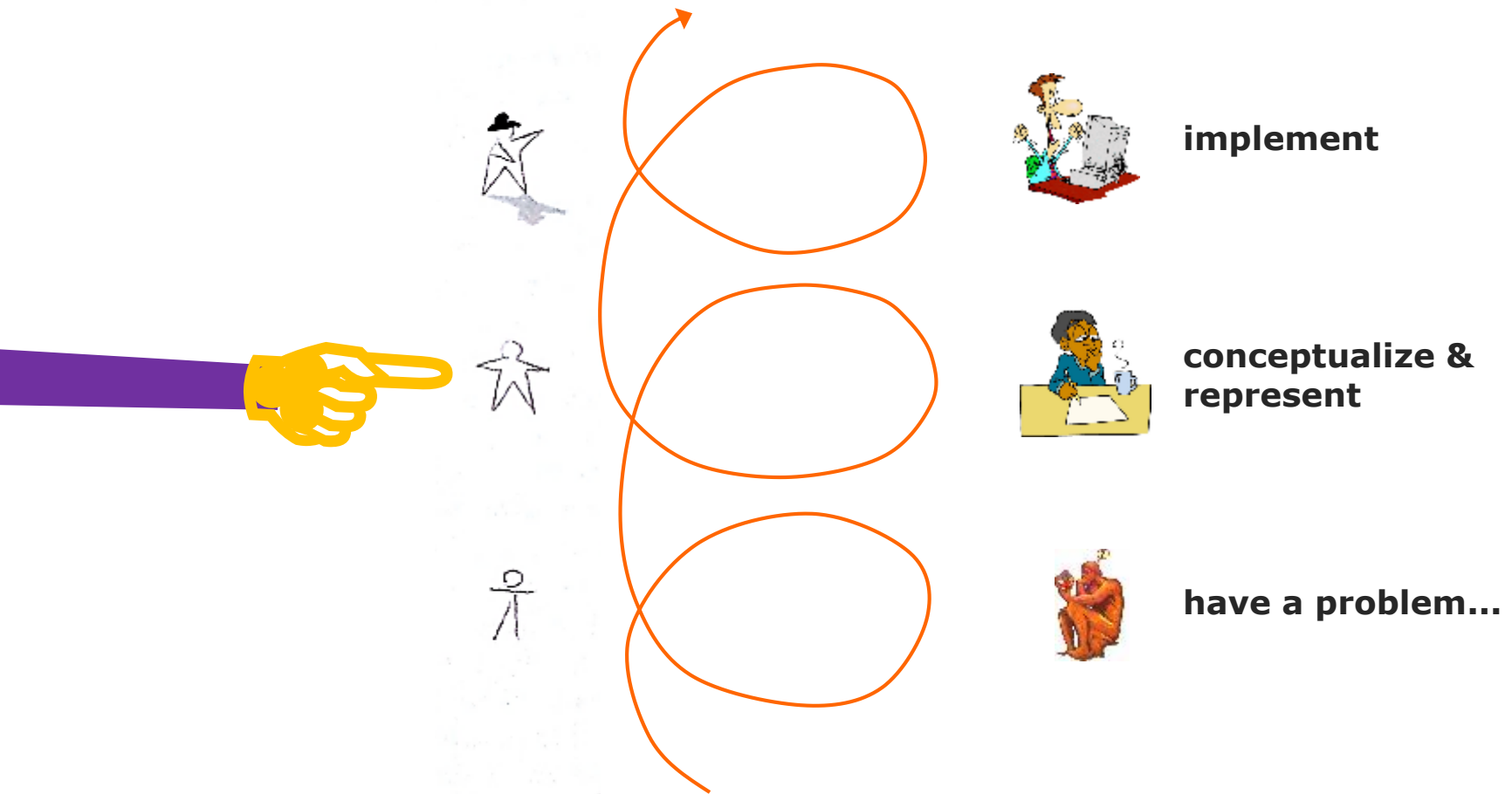
StandsUetliberg [polygon feature]

attributes (incomplete)

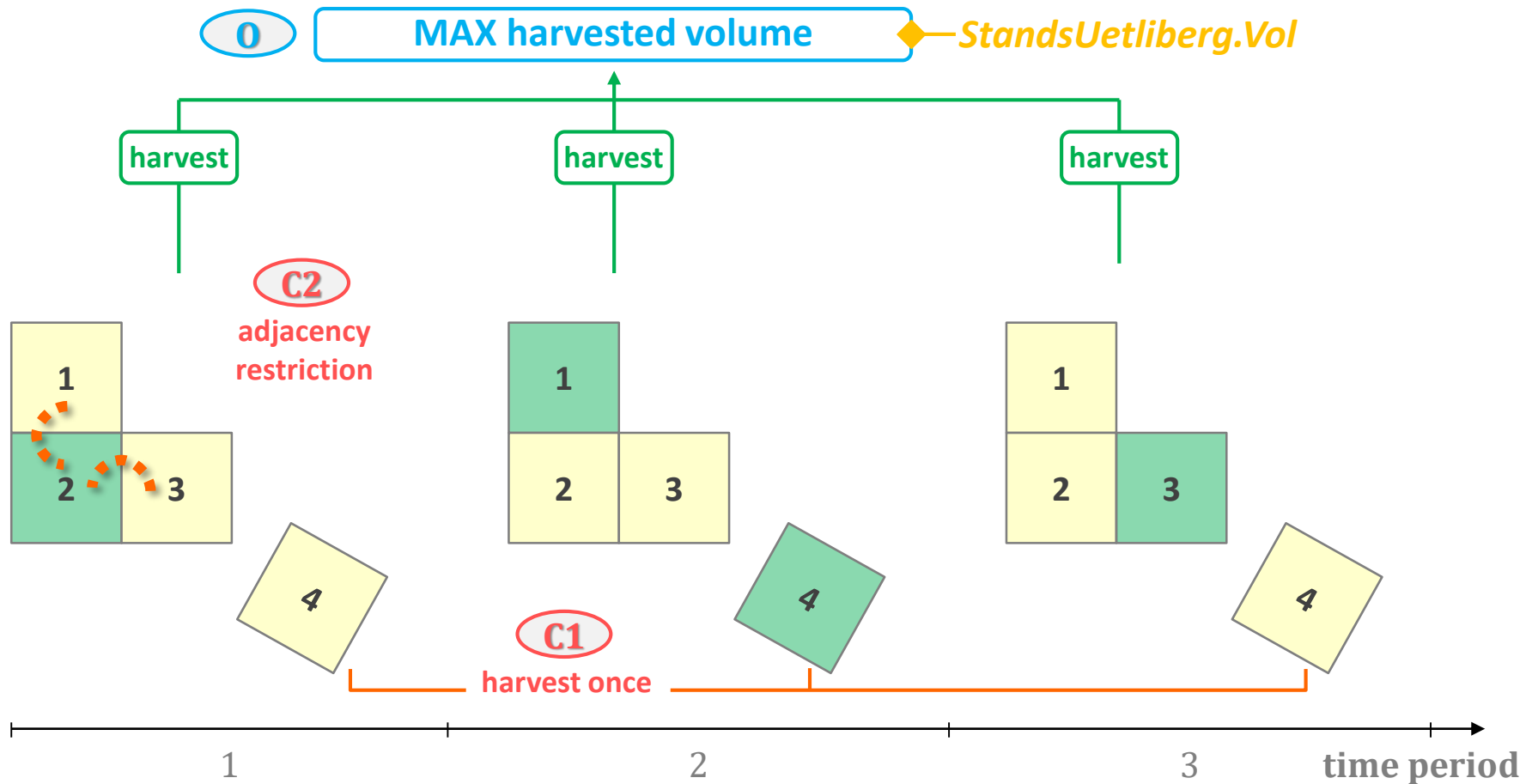
STAND_ID: Stand identifier [-]

SOD: Stage of development [classes]

Vol: timber volume of the stand [m^3]

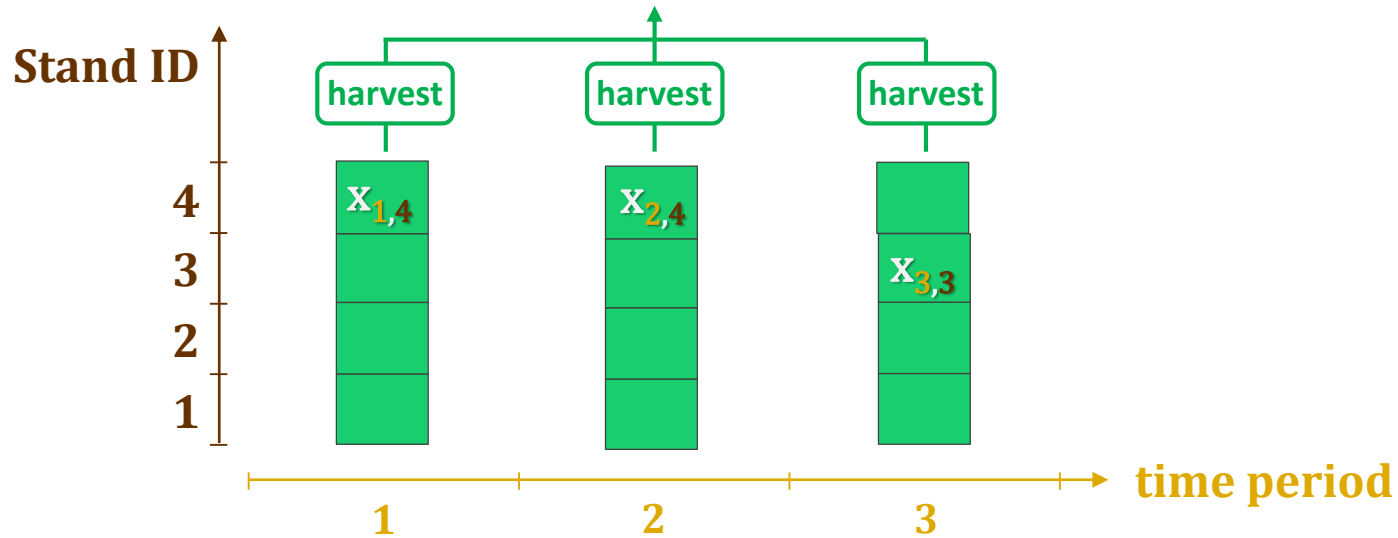


Conceptual model for the spatial scheduling problem



Use constraints for control of spatial patterns!

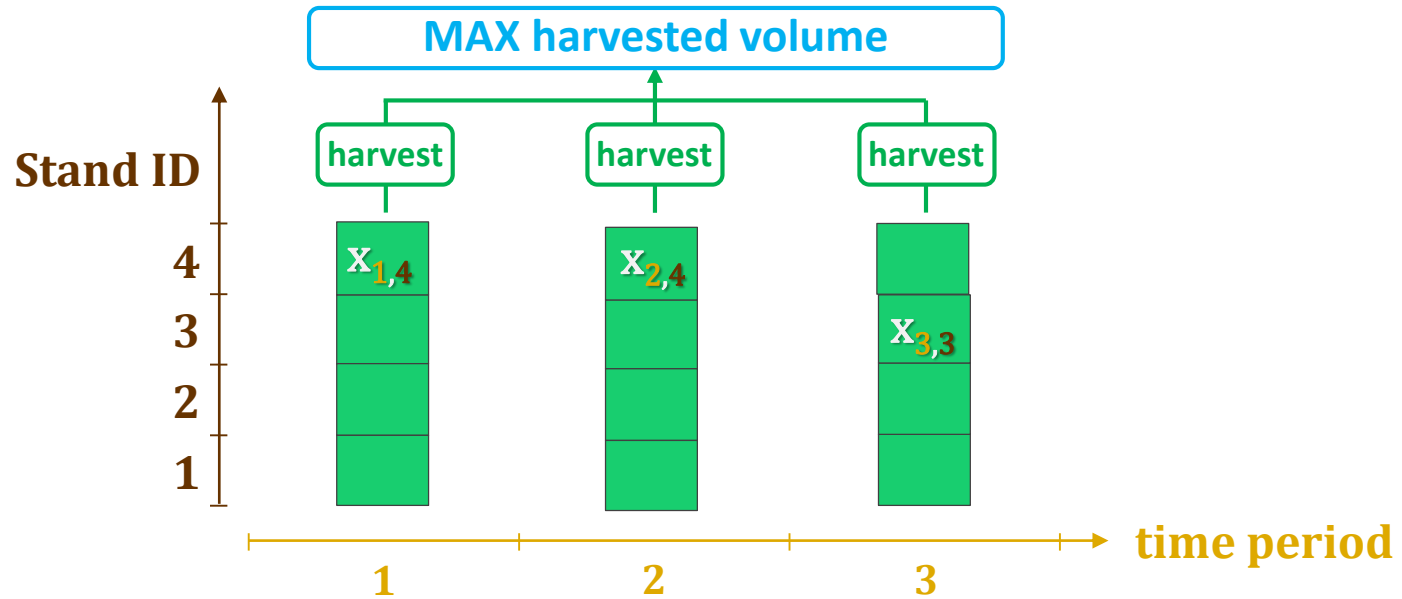
Decision variables



Harvest stand i at period t

$$X_{t,i} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{yes} \\ 0, & \text{no} \end{cases}$$

O - Objective function



$f_i [m^3]$
timber volume in
stand i

$$\text{MAX } f_1 x_{1,1} + f_2 x_{1,2} + f_3 x_{1,3} + f_4 x_{1,4} \quad \text{period 1}$$

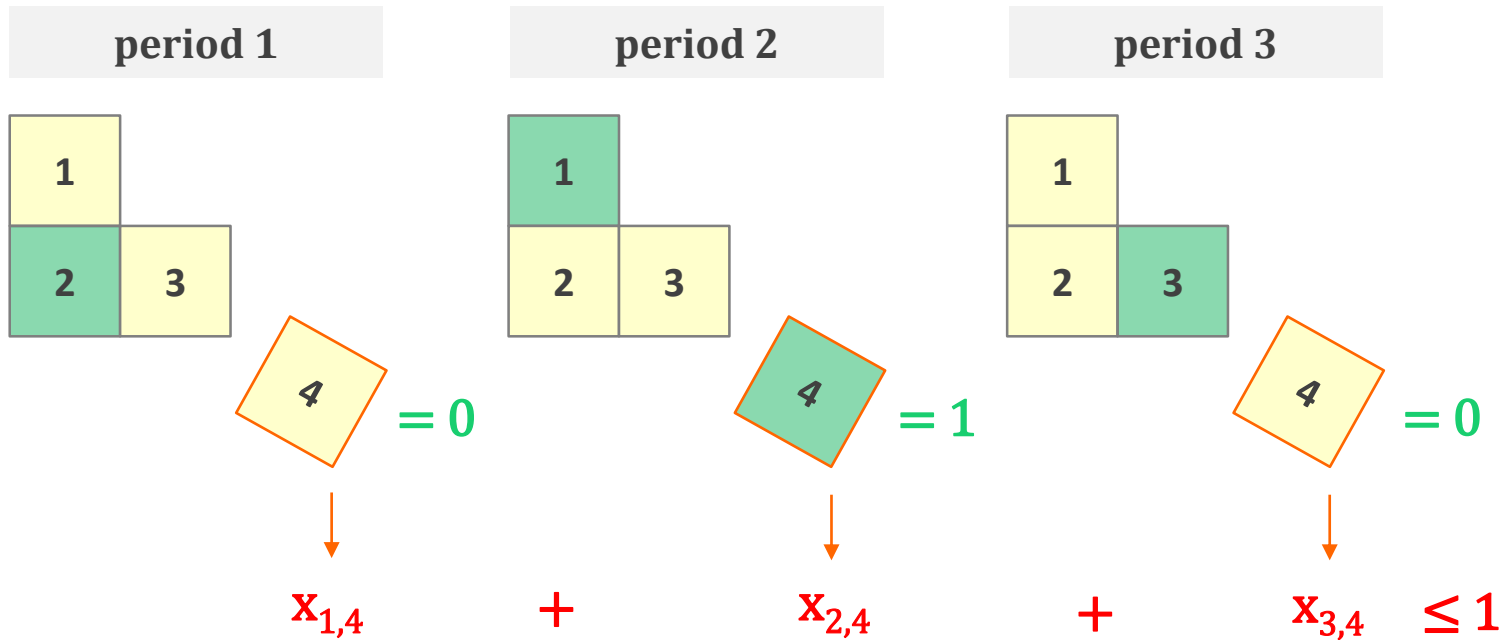
$$f_1 x_{2,1} + f_2 x_{2,2} + f_3 x_{2,3} + f_4 x_{2,4} \quad \text{period 2}$$

$$f_1 x_{3,1} + f_2 x_{3,2} + f_3 x_{3,3} + f_4 x_{3,4} \quad \text{period 3}$$

or...

$$\text{MAX } \sum_{t=1}^{m=3} \sum_{i=1}^{n=4} f_i x_{t,i} \quad [m^3]$$

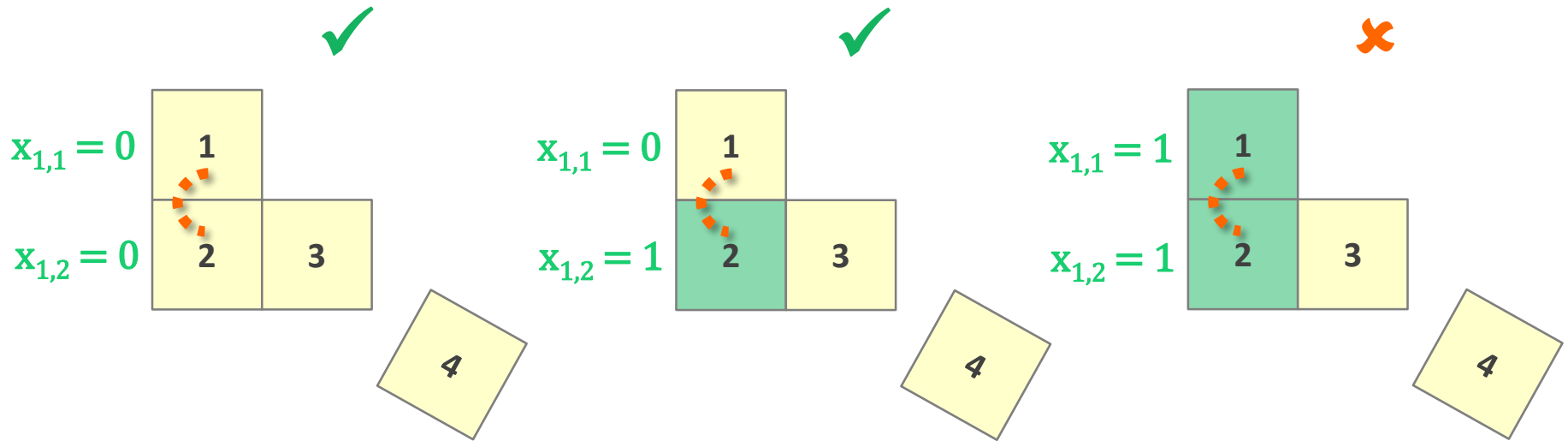
C1 - Harvest once



short notation

$$\sum_{t=1}^{m=3} x_{t,i} \leq 1 \quad \text{for all stands } i=1,\dots,n$$

C2 - Adjacency restriction



$$x_{1,1} + x_{1,2} \leq 1$$

generalised notation

$$x_{t,i} + x_{t,j} \leq 1 \quad \text{for all periods } t=1,\dots,m \text{ and for all neighbors } (i,j) \in \mathbb{A}$$

\mathbb{A} : adjacency list, a set of pairs of stands (i,j) which share an edge

Optimisation model

Decision variables

$$x_{t,i} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{stand } i \text{ harvested in period } t \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

McDill ME, Rebain SA, Braze J (2002). Harvest scheduling with area-based adjacency constraints. *Forest Science*, 48(4), 631-642.

Parameters

f_i : timber volume in stand i [m³]

0 Maximize harvested volume MAX

$$\sum_{t=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_{t,i}$$

C1 Harvest once

s.t. $x_{1,i} + \dots + x_{t,i} + \dots + x_{m,i} \leq 1$ for all $i=1,\dots,n$

C2 Adjacency restriction

$x_{t,i} + x_{t,j} \leq 1$ for all $t=1,\dots,m$
and all $(i,j) \in A$

$$x_{t,i} \in \{0, 1\}$$

A : Adjacency list, set of pairs of stands (i,j) which share an edge

Link spatial information with optimisation model

SPATIAL INFORMATION

geometry

ID	shape	volume
1	polygon	300
2	polygon	500
3	polygon	400
4	polygon	300

Count of stands

adjacency

ID_i	ID_j
1	2
2	4

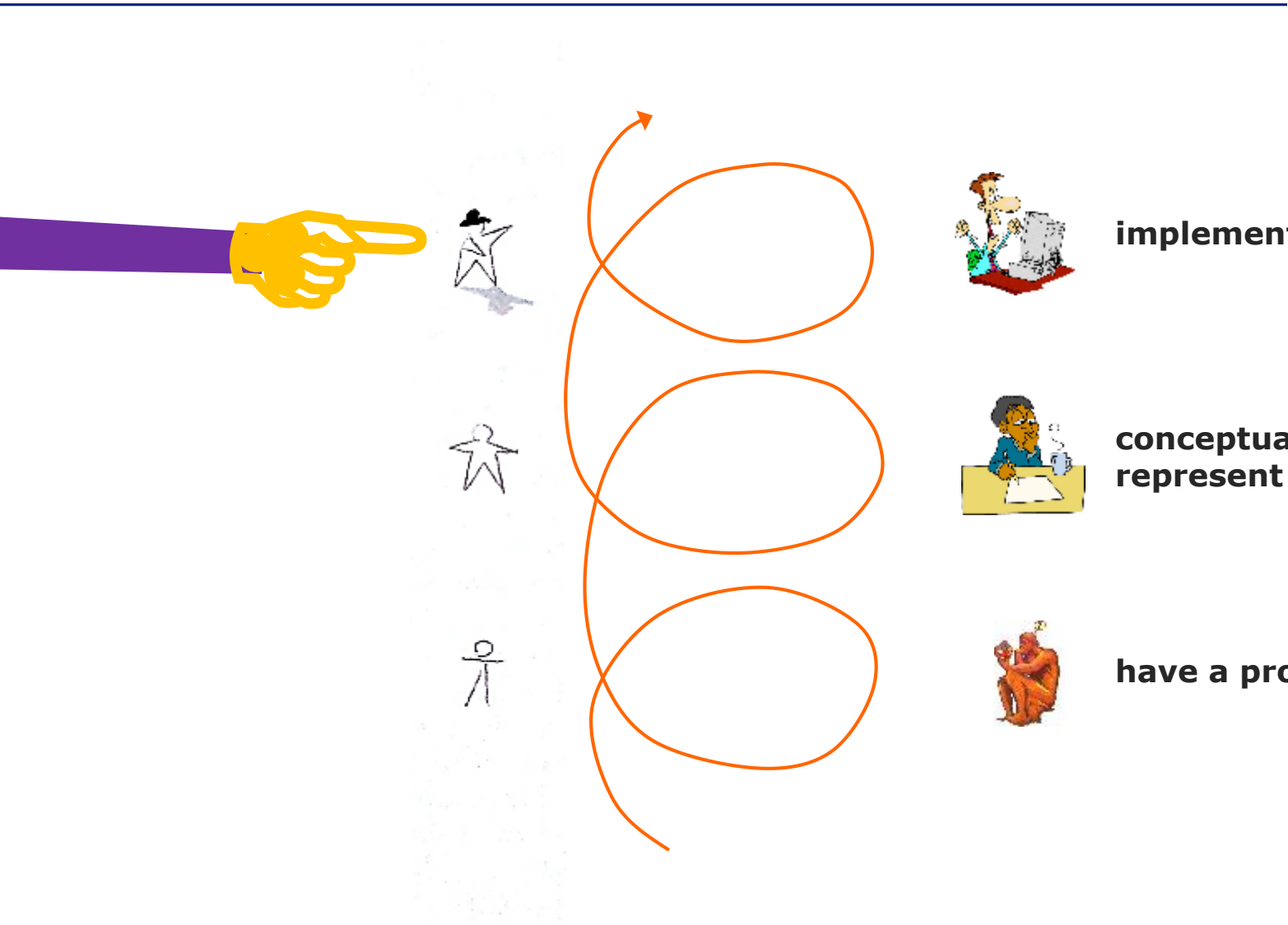
Count of adjacencies

$x_{t,1}$ $x_{t,2}$ $x_{t,3}$ $x_{t,4}$

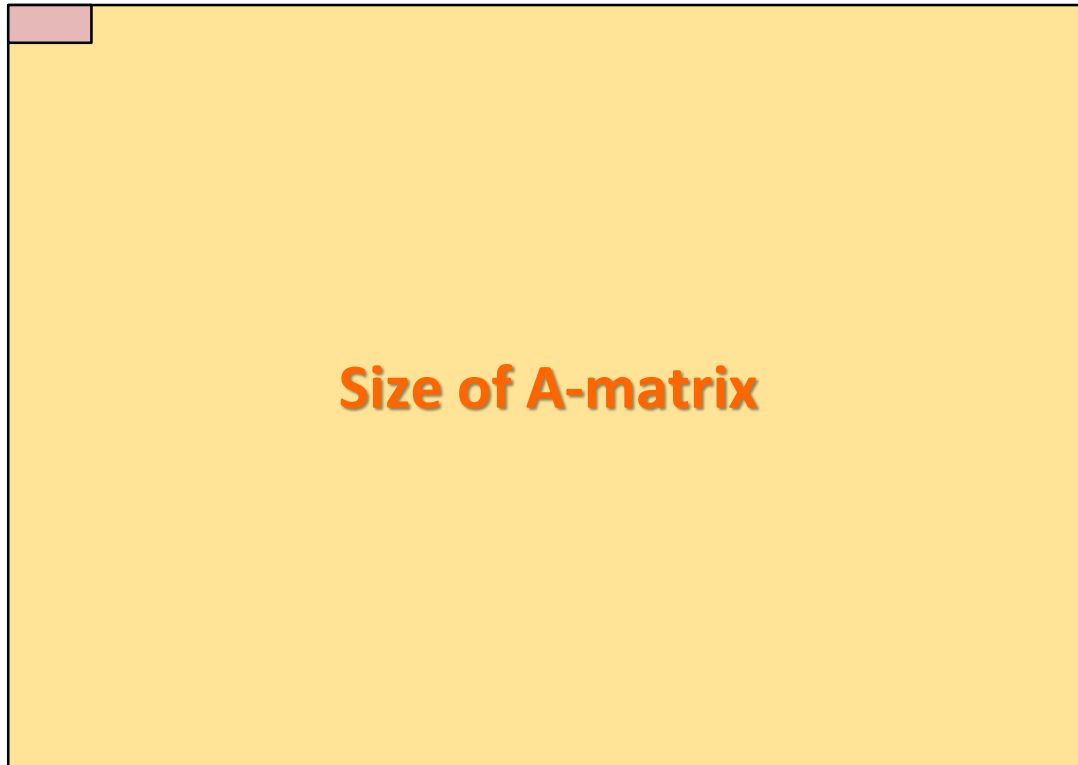
adjacency (1,2)	1	1	0	0	≤ 1
adjacency (2,4)	0	1	0	1	≤ 1

OPTIMISATION MODEL

Do for all adjacencies $\in \mathbb{A}$!



Problem sizes



Exercise 6

**Multiperiod planning
problem**

Exercise 7

**Spatially explicit
scheduling problem**

⇒ need for automation of manual work!

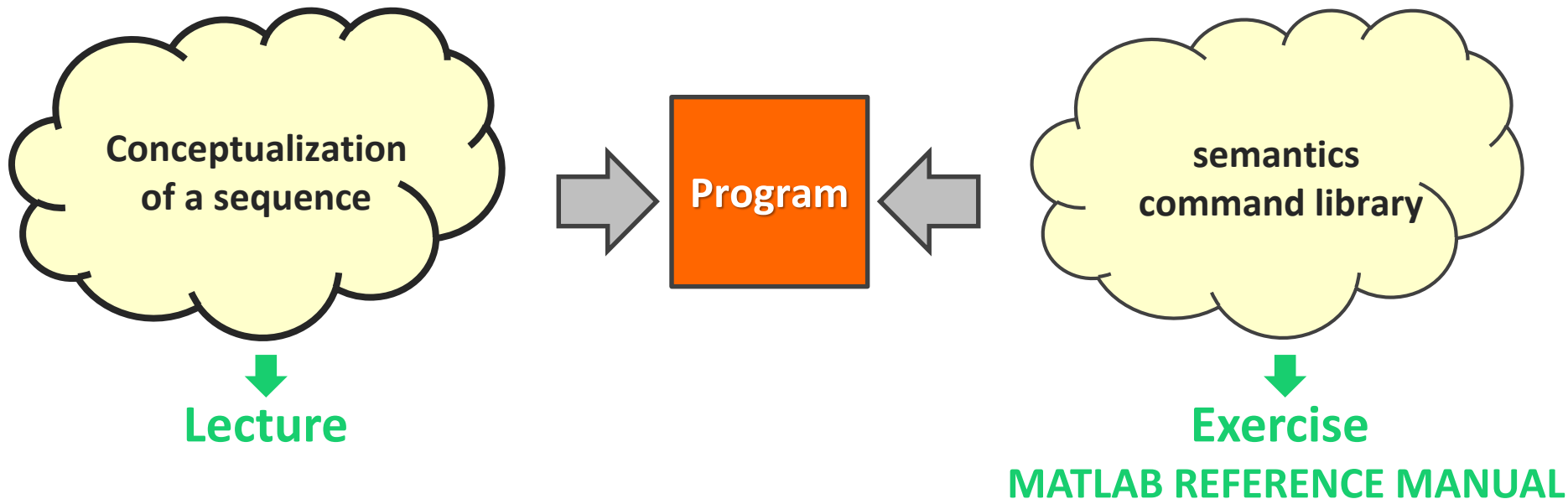
Programming - what is it about?

What is the purpose of programming?

Identify a sequence of instructions that will automate performing a specific task [wikipedia]

What is the act of programming?

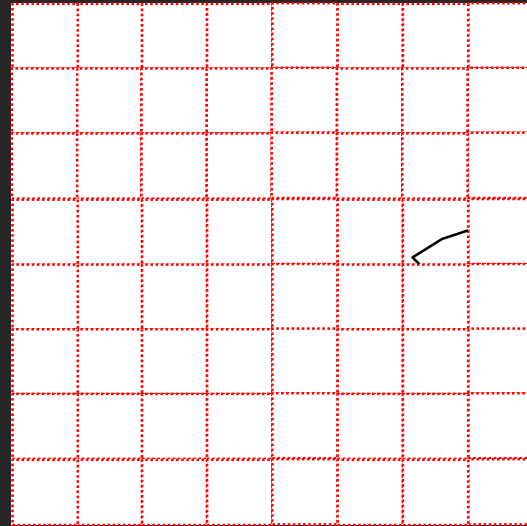
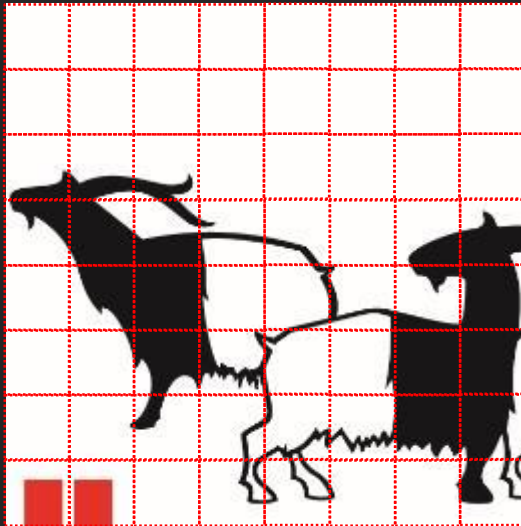
Transfer a calculation problem into an executable computer program



“The Pen is mightier than the sword” (i.e., computer)



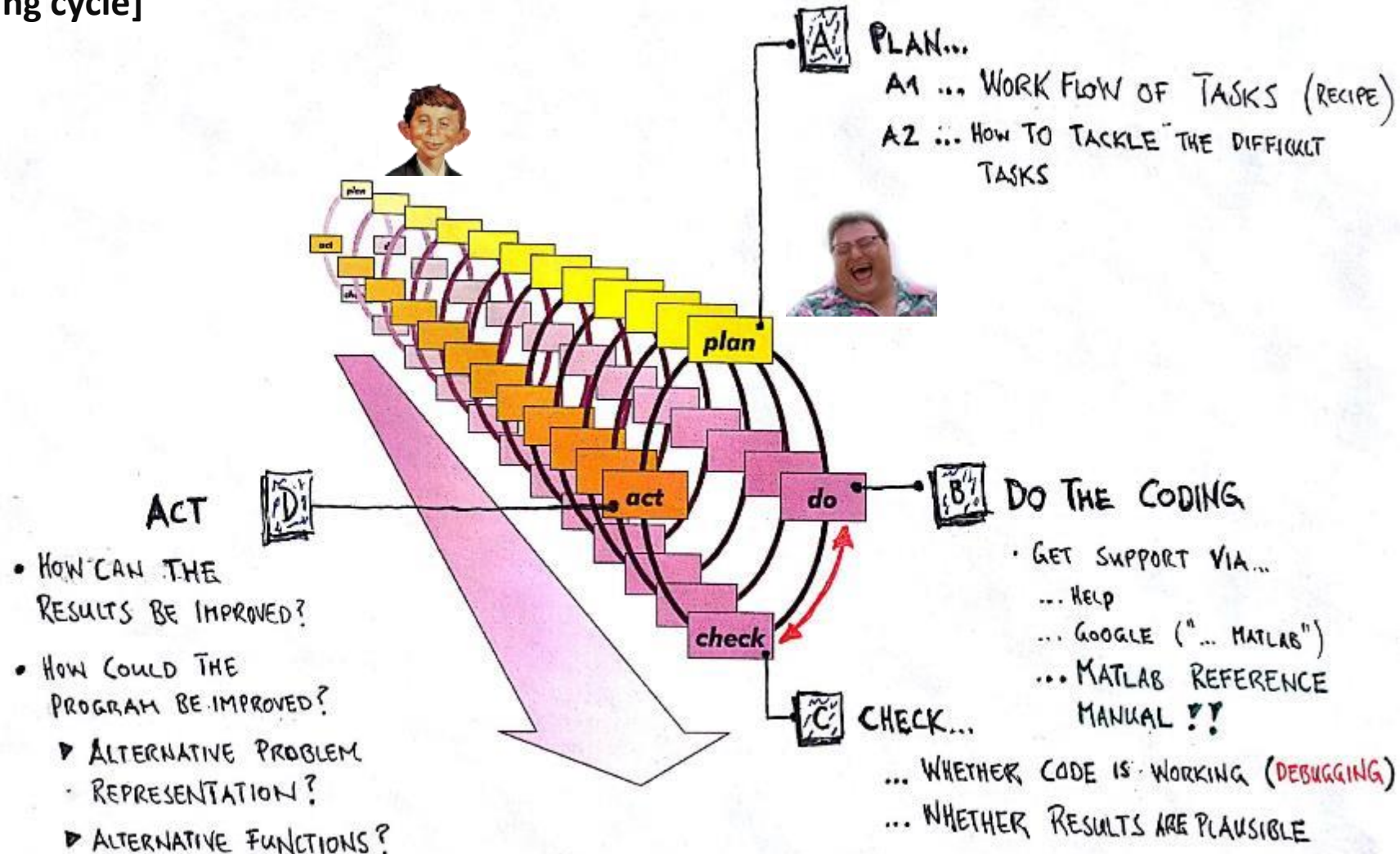
How to copy picture by hand ?



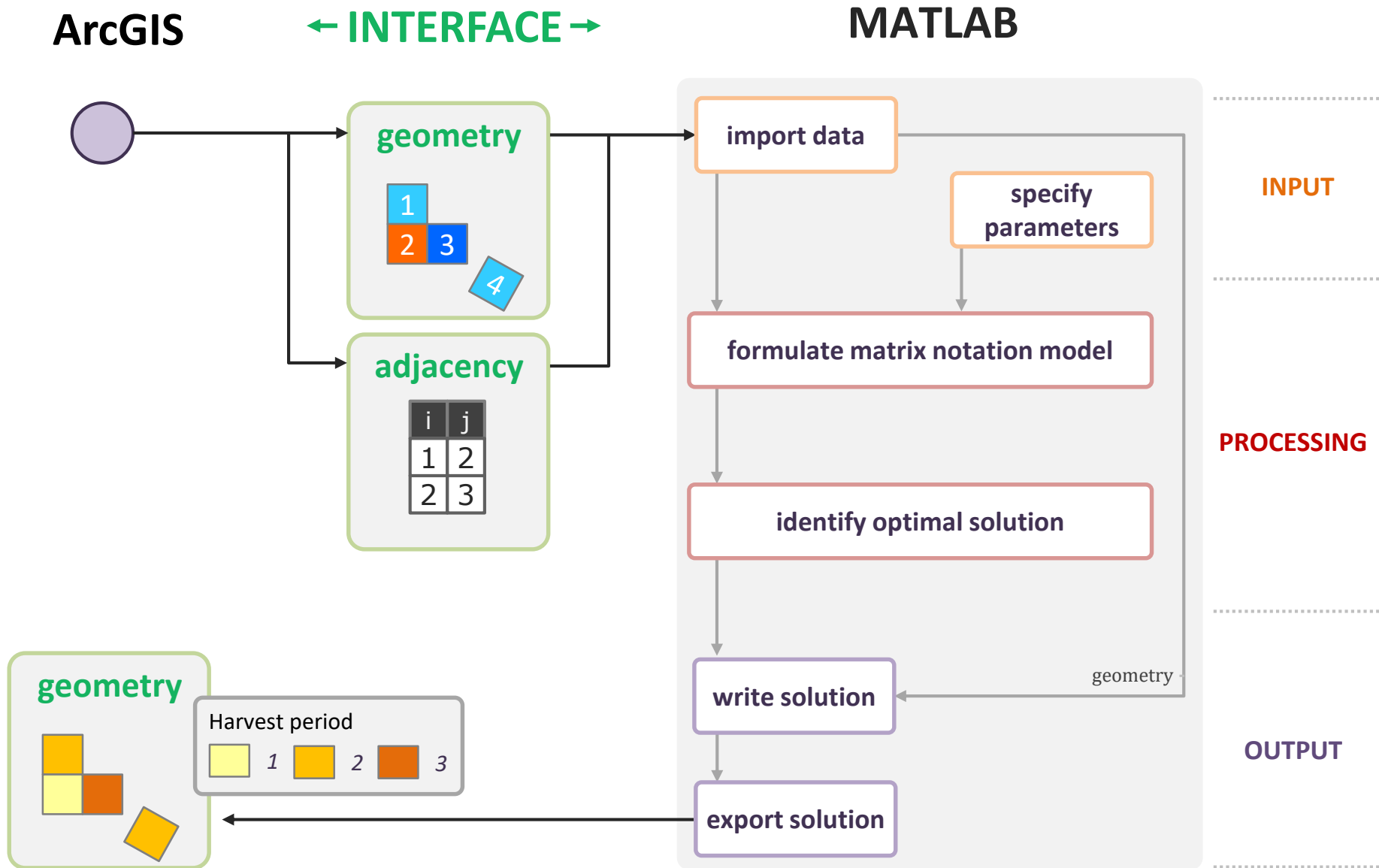
Divide and conquer!

Iteratively improve your programming skills

[Deming cycle]



Conceptualisation → work flow



Implementation ➡ «chapter structure»

CONCEPT

[1]

INPUT

[1.2]

import data

- count of stands
- count of adjacencies
- stand volume list
- adjacency list

[1.1] specify parameters

- number of periods

[2]

PROCESSING

[2.1]

formulate matrix notation model

- xType
- f
- A, b, sign

[2.2] identify optimal solution

- x : harvest stand i at period t

[3]

OUTPUT

[3.1]

write solution

- geometry plus attribute «harvest period»

[3.2]

export solution

transfer to a series of tasks

IMPLEMENTATION

```
%% [1] Input
```

```
% [1.1] Specify parameters
```

```
% [1.2] Import data
```

```
%% [2] Processing
```

```
% [2.1] Formulate model
```

```
% [2.2] Identify optimal solution
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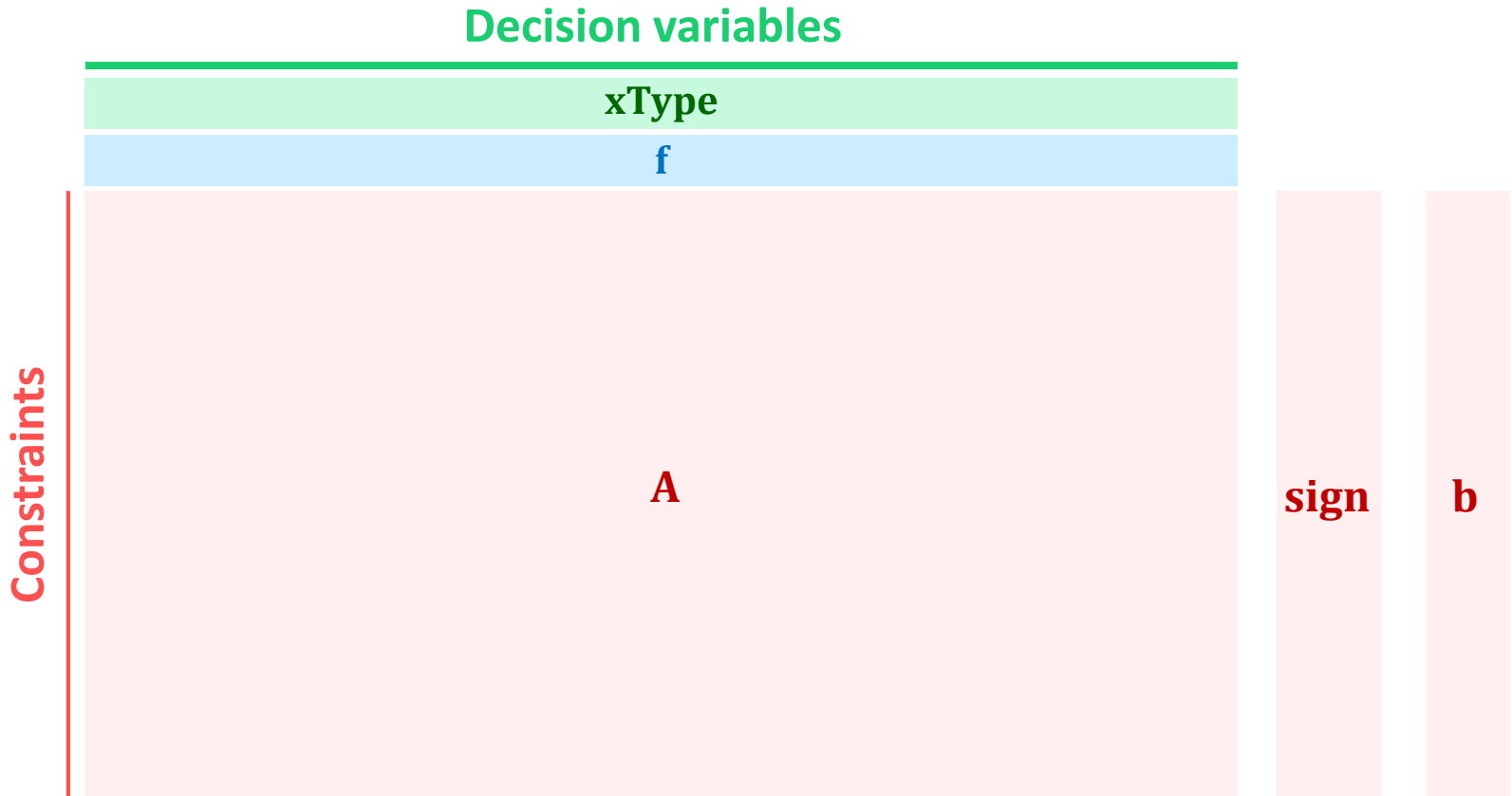
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%% [3] Output
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% [3.1] Write solution
```

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% [3.2] Export solution
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Plan the matrix notation model – RUDIMENTARY LAYOUT

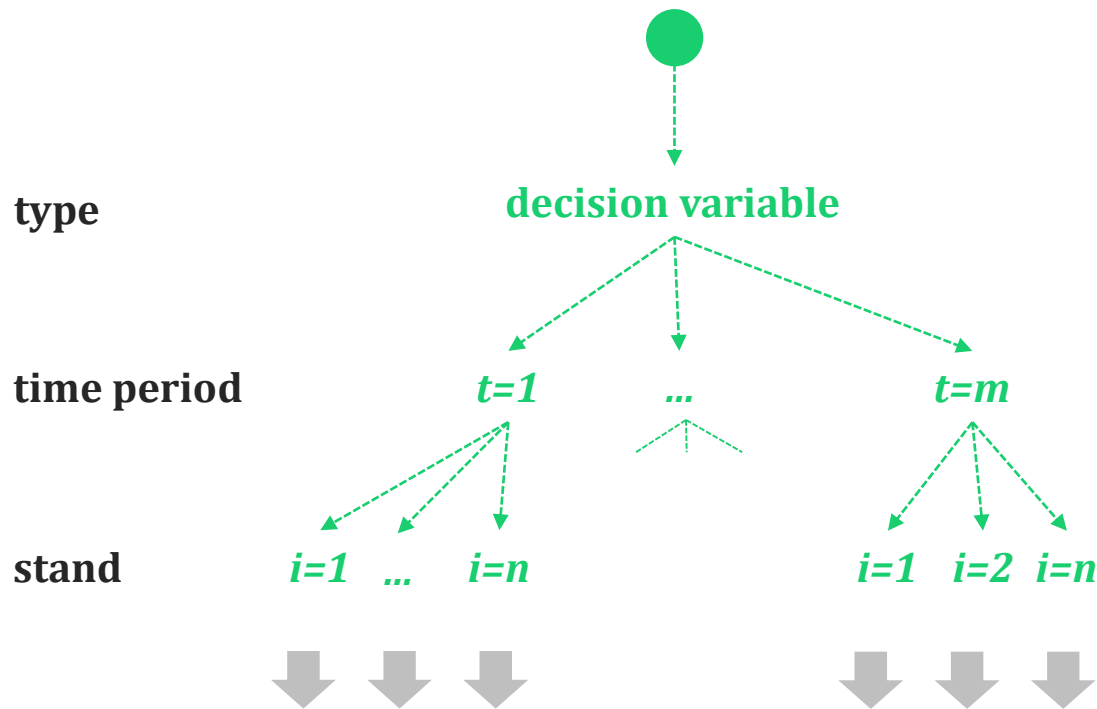
for implementation in Matlab



Plan the matrix notation model – variables



Hierarchical Order



Implementation

period 1			period ...	period m		
$x_{1,1}$...	$x_{1,n}$...	$x_{m,1}$...	$x_{m,n}$

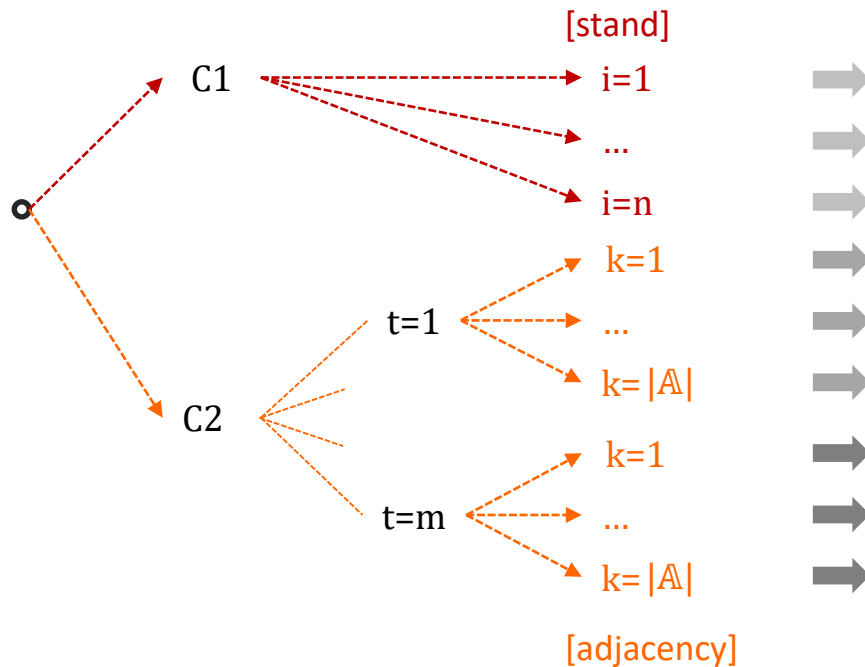


Writing the entire model is cumbersome! Make use of placeholders «...»

Plan the matrix notation model – constraints



Hierarchical order



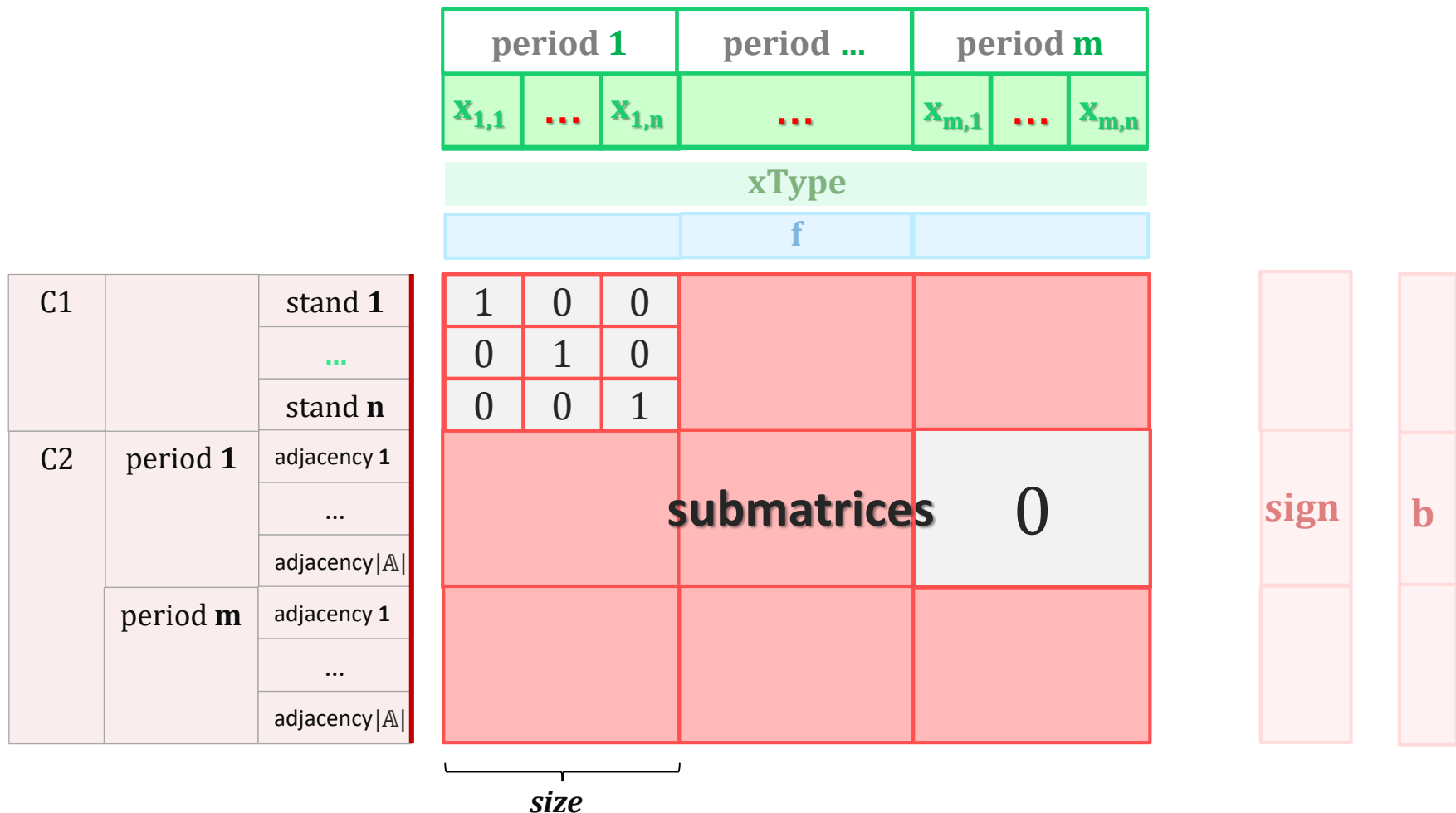
Implementation



constraint type *time period* *unit*

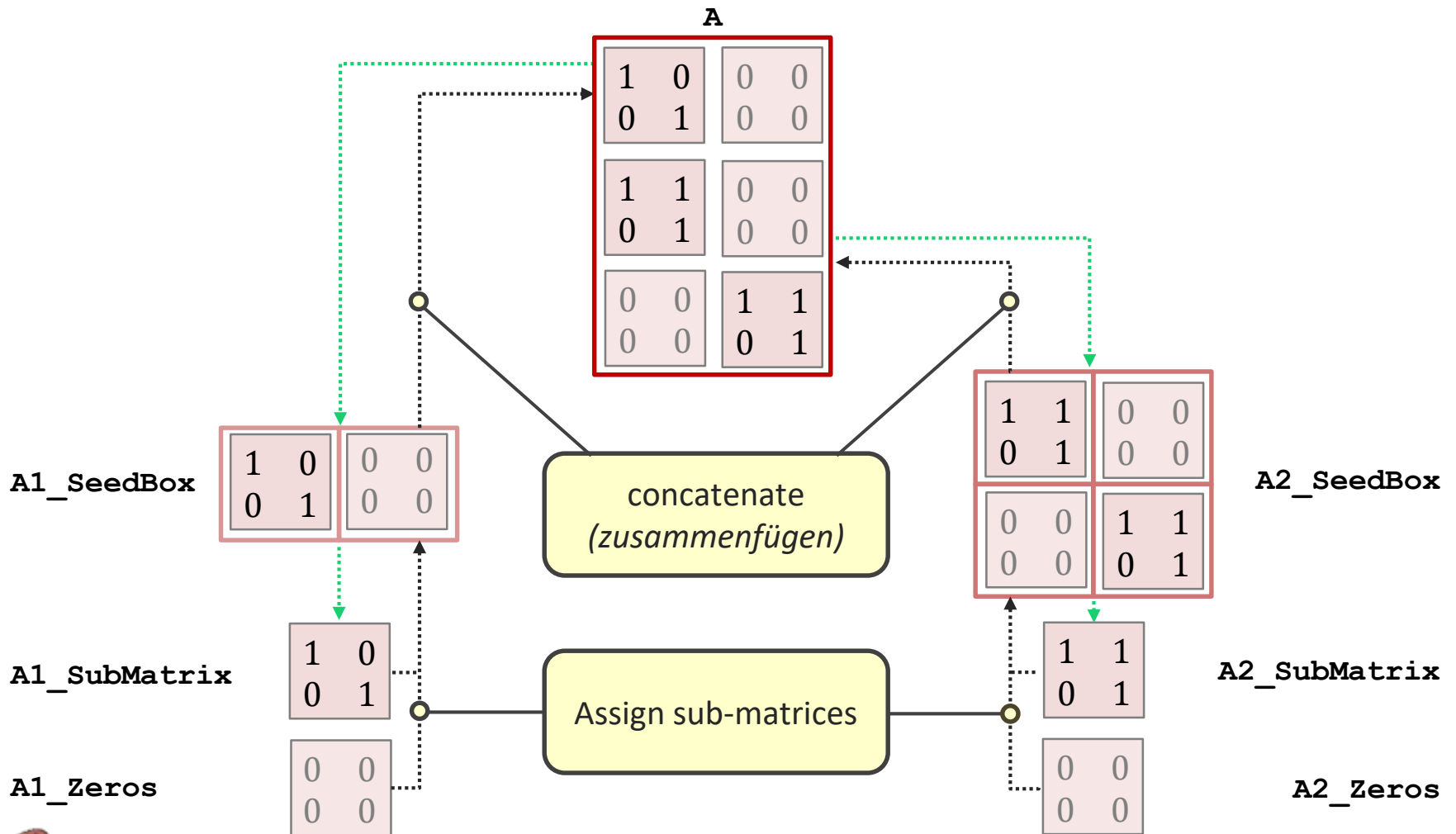
C1		stand 1
		...
		stand n
C2	period 1	adjacency 1
		...
		adjacency A
	period m	adjacency 1
		...
		adjacency A

Plan the matrix notation model – **A-Matrix**



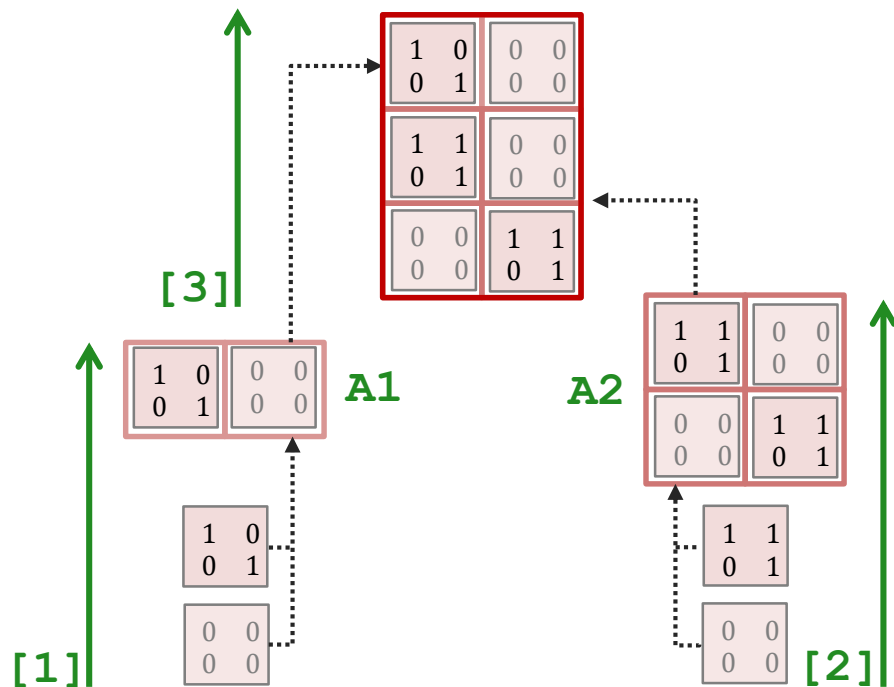
- (1) Identify those submatrices which contain non-zero values!
- (2) Characterize the content of those sub-matrices, and specify their size!

Automate creation of **A-matrix** : Concept



Divide and conquer!

Automate creation of **A-matrix** : Work flow



```
%% Compute A-matrix
```

```
%% [1] Create A1-matrix
```

```
... % create A1-sub matrix  
... % create A1-zeros  
... % create A1 seed box  
... % assign sub matrices to A1
```

```
%% [2] Create A2-matrix
```

```
... % create A2-sub matrix  
... % create A2-zeros  
... % create A2 seed box  
... % assign sub matrices to A2
```

```
%% [3] Concatenate A1 and A2
```

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...
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Matrix notation model versions

V1 : Easy-to-read

use for planning of matrix notation model

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{xType}' \left[\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} & \text{'B'} \end{array} \right] \\
 \mathbf{f}' \left[\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \mathbf{A} \left[\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \geq \left[\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ p \end{array} \right] \mathbf{b} \\
 \text{sign}
 \end{array}$$

V2 : Implementation

Matlab

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{xType} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{'B'} \\ \dots \\ \text{'B'} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ 1 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{sign} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dots \\ p \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Transpose
f, xType

Exercise 7

