

# HOW TO REPRESENT A SOLUTION

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# KNAPSACK PROBLEM

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- ▶ A vector where each position represents an object to be placed in the knapsack.
- ▶ The value of each element is  $x_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{the object is placed in the knapsack,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5
$x_i$	1	0	0	1	0



# PARALLEL MACHINE PROBLEM

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- ▶ Establishes a solution structure *job*:
  - ▶ *job.index* represents the index of the job.
  - ▶ *job.makespan* represents the makespan of the job.

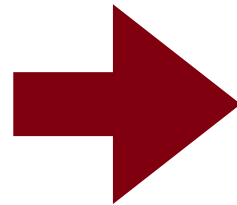
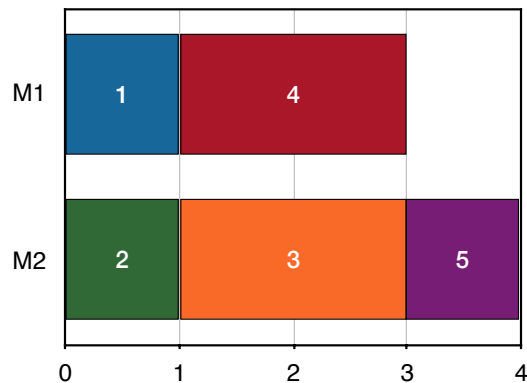
*job* =

<i>Index</i>	8
<b>Makespan</b>	10

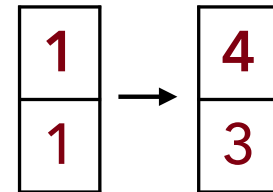
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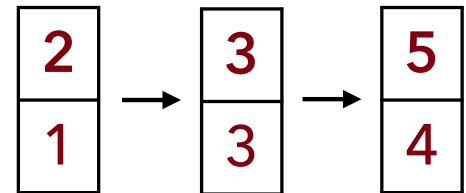
- ▶ Ensure the problem definition:
  - ▶ Each job must be performed on only one machine
  - ▶ Each machine must perform only one job at a time
- ▶ Example: a problem with 2 machines and 5 jobs



M1



M2



- ▶ For each machine, the solution should be represented as a vector of structures *job*, ordered in the processing sequence.





# VEHICLE ROUTING PROBLEM

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- ▶ Establishes a solution structure *location*:
  - ▶ *location.index* represents the index of the place to be visited.
  - ▶ *location.instant* represents the instant when the location was visited.

*instant* =

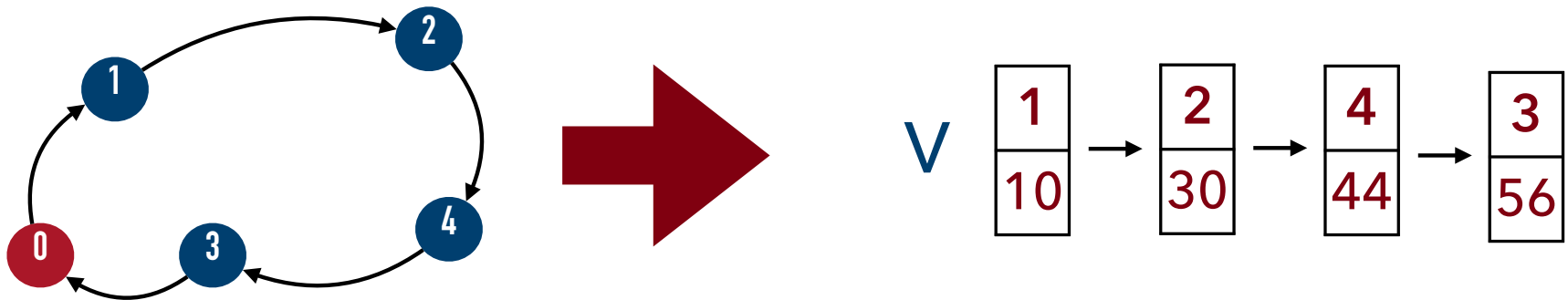
<i>Index</i>	8
<b>Instant</b>	10



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- ▶ Ensure the problem definition:
  - ▶ Each location must be visited
- ▶ Example: a problem with 2 machines and 5 jobs



- ▶ The solution should be represented as a vector of structures *location*, ordered in the sequence visited by the vehicle.