

Voter Candidate Range Detection

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1 Definition

1.1 Voter Candidate Range Property

$$\forall (c, v) \in C \times V : c \in \text{ApprovalSet}(v) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(x_c - x_v)^2} \leq r_c + r_v$$

2 Integer Linear Programming

2.1 Input

The only input is *ApprovalSet* of each voter.
Represented by 2D matrix A_{vc}

2.2 Variables

x_c - candidate c position on x axis
 x_v - voter v position on x axis
 r_c - candidate c radius
 r_v - voter v radius

2.3 Transform VCR condition to Linear constraints

2.3.1 Positive and Negative Condition and Big M method

Introduce large constant positive parameter
 M

Introduce new binary variables for each pair of candidate and voter:

$z1_{cv}$
 $z2_{cv}$

Minimize 0

foreach (c,v) in C × V :

if c ∈ ApprovalSet(v) add constraints

$$x_c - x_v \leq r_c + r_v$$

$$-(x_c - x_v) \leq r_c + r_v$$

if c ∉ ApprovalSet(v) add constraints

$$x_c - x_v + M(1 - z1_{cv}) \geq r_c + r_v + 1$$

$$-(x_c - x_v) + M(1 - z2_{cv}) \geq r_c + r_v + 1$$

$$z1_{cv} + z2_{cv} \geq 1$$

2.3.2 Mock Distance Variable Condition

Introduce new variable

D_{cv} - distance between candidate c and voter v on x axis

Minimize 0

foreach (c,v) in C × V :

add constraints

$$D_{cv} = x_c - x_v$$

$$D_{cv} = -(x_c - x_v)$$

if c ∈ ApprovalSet(v) add constraints

$$D_{cv} \leq r_c + r_v$$

if c ∉ ApprovalSet(v) add constraints

$$D_{cv} \geq r_c + r_v + 1$$

References