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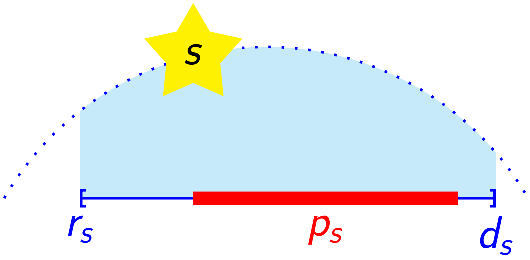
Looking at the stars



- $[r_s; d_s)$ is the visibility interval
- p_s is the required duration of observation
- w_s is the interest

scheduling the observation of star s means observing s for a continuous duration p_s within the visibility interval $[r_s; d_s)$, rewarding w_s

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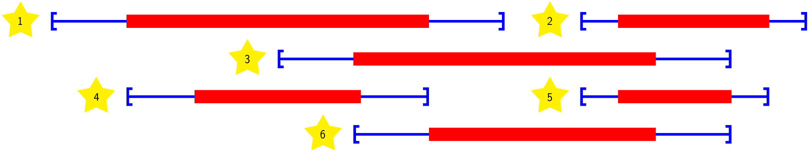

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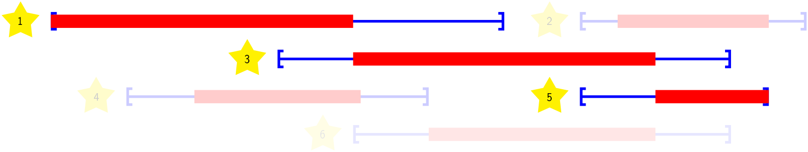

Question: find $\mathcal{S}' \subset \mathcal{S}$ and starting times $t_s, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}'$ such that

- for each $s \in \mathcal{S}'$: $[t_s; t_s + p_s) \subset [r_s; d_s)$
- for each $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{S}'^2$: $[t_{s_1}; t_{s_1} + p_{s_1}) \cap [t_{s_2}; t_{s_2} + p_{s_2}) = \emptyset$
- $\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}'} w_s$ is maximized

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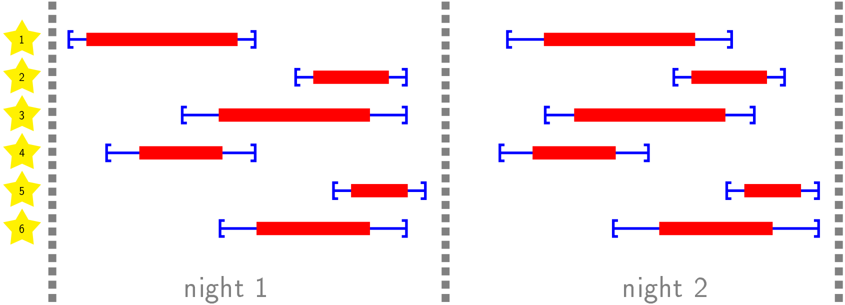

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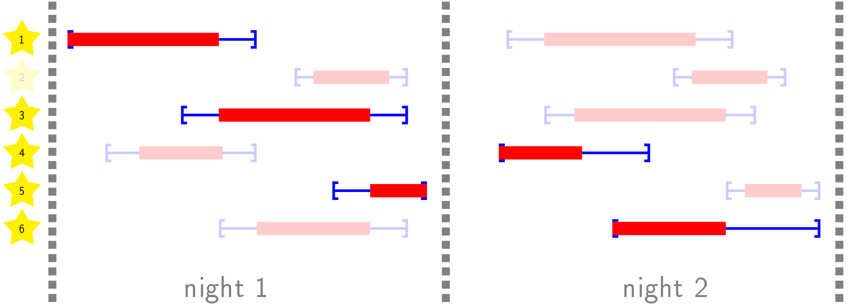

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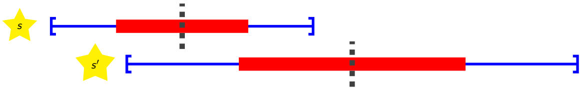

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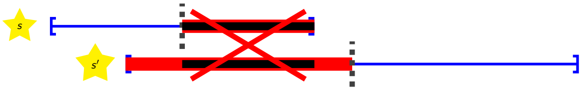

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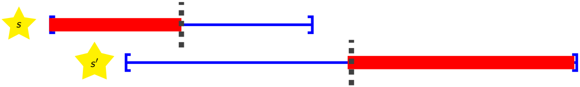

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$s \prec s'$ if observed the same night

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Introduction

Complexity

Solving star scheduling

Conclusions and perspectives

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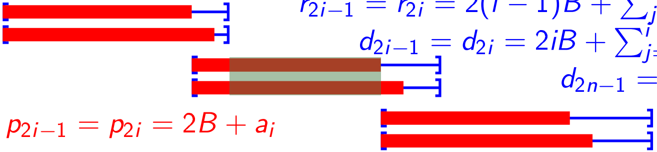

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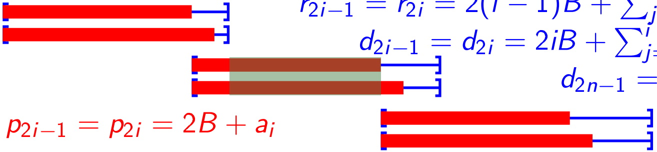

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A pseudo-polynomial algorithm

$f(i,t)$: maximum interest with stars 1 to i, and such that s_i ends before time t

$$f(i,t) =$$

$$\begin{cases} \min(f(i-1,t), f(i-1,t-p_i)+w_i) & \forall i \in [1,m], t \in [r_i+p_i, T] \\ f(i-1,t) & \forall i \in [1,m], t \in [0, r_i+p_i[\\ -\infty & \forall i \in [1,m], t < 0 \\ 0 & i = 0, \forall t \in [0,T] \end{cases}$$

We are looking for $f(m,T)$ which can be computed in $O(mT)$

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- efficient MIP
- upper bound at each iteration

- n independent problems
- linear complexity

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Pattern of max reduced cost? Single Night Case with costs $w_s - \beta_s$

Local search

Classical local-search procedure

Neighborhoods:

- moving a star from one night to another
- inserting an unobserved star
- exchanging two stars

An optimal schedule for each night is computed systematically

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Solutions

instance	$\lvert\mathcal{S}\rvert$	$\lvert\mathcal{N}\rvert$	BD (OPT/*UB*) val	BD (OPT/*UB*) cpu(s)	CG (UB) val	CG (UB) cpu(s)	LS (LB) val	LS (LB) cpu(s)
pb1	200	32	***5200***	900	**5200**	1.47	**5200**	0.28
pb2	200	32	***3310***	900	**3310**	0.99	**3310**	0.33
pb3	200	69	**7800**	100	**7800**	1.59	**7800**	0.17
pb4	200	69	-	-	**4870**	1.63	**4870**	0.11
pb5	400	69	*12660*	900	**11910**	5.11	**11910**	12.39
pb6	400	69	*9250*	900	9099.9	19.57	9070	773.95
pb7	400	142	-	-	**13680**	11.85	**13680**	0.15
pb8	400	142	***9760***	900	**9760**	13.71	**9760**	0.21
real	800	142	*18930*	900	18620	92.41	18510	689.60
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Example solution

solution

Star scheduling

- a particular interval-scheduling problem with known order
- NP-hardness is proven for both one night and general cases
- several solution methods are proposed and tested

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Work in progress...

- Instances
  - we need more instances!
  - study the structure of the real instance (e.g., similarity between nights)
- Solution methods
  - enrich numerical experiments
  - embed the CG into a branch & bound to get optimal solutions
  - analyze (and improve) LS behavior
  - get advantage of nights' similarities
- Complexity
  - draw precise complexity frontiers
  - study approximability