



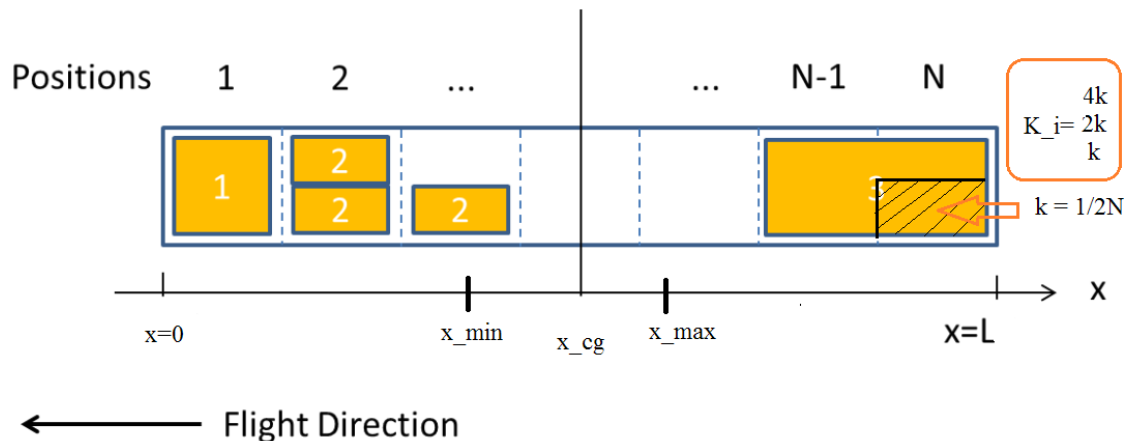
# Airbus QC Challenge: Aircraft Loading Optimization (problem no5)

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## Introduction

The aircraft loading problem is described as a simplified version of this kind of problems. Cargo bay is a box with  $N$  cargo bay spaces. The cargo boxes (containers) are of 3 types. The optimization target (set of containers which mass has to be maximized within a maximum payload limit) has constraints which are implemented in 3 steps:



Step 1: keep the loaded container mass within the limit and take into account that it must be physically possible to place the containers on the aircraft

Step 2: place the containers in order to respect the centre of gravity limits

Step 3: the selected set has to respect shear limits of the fuselage

## Problem description and formalization; Notations and variables

With respect of container storage, given the  $N$  locations, we will consider a new value  $N_s = 2N$  (given). We will consider a unit space  $k$  as  $1/N_s$ . As a consequence, the space occupied by a given container can be:

$$K_i \in \{k, 2k, 4k\} \text{ where } k = 1/N$$

In this way, the total space occupied by the loaded containers = 1

We will define the following variables:

$m_{max}$  - maximum payload; scalar; noted  $W_p$  into given statement

$n$  - number of mass elements to be loaded - boxes/containers

$N_s$  - number of spaces available for boxes; an unit space is = 1/2 of original\_space

$M$  - mass vector  $n \times 1$

$K$  - space took by each mass boxes; vector  $n \times 1$

$x$  - decision variable vector  $n \times 1$ ; values are 0 or 1

$Z$  - Pauli Z operator

$p$  - penalty

## APPROACH #01

### Step 1

Load the boxes into cargo bay such as loaded mass to be maximized but less than maximum payload AND it must be physically possible to place the boxes in cargo bay. This means

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$$

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In [1]: #IMPORT
from qiskit import BasicAer
from qiskit_aqua import QuantumInstance
from qiskit_aqua import Operator, run_algorithm
from qiskit_aqua.input import EnergyInput
from qiskit_aqua.translators.ising import aircargo
from qiskit_aqua.algorithms import VQE, QAOA, ExactEigensolver
from qiskit_aqua.components.optimizers import COBYLA
from qiskit_aqua.components.variational_forms import RY
import numpy as np
```

Setup token to run the experiment on a real device (IBMQ) - if case

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In [2]: #set for real device if case
#device = 'ibmq_16_melbourne'
from qiskit import IBMQ
IBMQ.load_accounts()
#backend = IBMQ.get_backend(device)
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Define the problem (instance). Operator instance is created for Ising Hamiltonian as it is translated from the problem. The translation module is "aircargo.py". We will test with a set of 5 boxes and 4 places in cargo bay.

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In [8]: # define the problem
# variables
# m_max - maxumum payload; scalar
# n - number of mass elements to be loaded - boxes
# N - number of spaces available for boxes; an unit space is = 1/2 of origin
al_space
# M - mass vector n x 1
# K - space took by each mass boxes; vector n x 1
# p - penalty
# e - identity vector
# E - identity matrix

m_max=6
n=5
N=4 # as defined into the original problem there are 2 storage locations; h
ere we use a location = 1/2 of original
p = 1/5.0
M=np.array([2.1, 3.2, 0.9, 2.8, 1.2])
#M=np.array([2.1/6, 3.2/6, 0.9/6, 0.8/6, 1.2/6]) # in this case is reported
to m_max; m_max becomes = 1
K=np.array([0.5,0.5,0.25,0.25,0.25])
print('M',M)
print('K',K)
e=np.ones(n)
E = np.matmul(np.asmatrix(e).T, np.asmatrix(e))

qubitOp, offset = aircargo.get_aircargo_qubitops_01(M, K, m_max, p)
#qubitOp, offset = aircargo.get_aircargo_qubitops_fiocco(M, K, m_max, p)
algo_input = EnergyInput(qubitOp)
print('offset=',offset,'qubitOp=', qubitOp)

M [2.1 3.2 0.9 2.8 1.2]
K [0.5 0.5 0.25 0.25 0.25]
offset= 14.575500000000003 qubitOp= Representation: paulis, qubits: 5, size:
15
```

In order to format the results, here are some functions.

```
In [4]: #prepare some printing format
def index_to_selection(i, n):
    s = "{0:b}".format(i).rjust(n)
    x = np.array([1 if s[i]=='1' else 0 for i in reversed(range(n))])
    return x

def print_result(result):
    selection = aircargo.sample_most_likely(result['eigvecs'][0])
    value = aircargo.aircargo_value_01(selection, M, K, m_max, p)
    print('Optimal: selection {}, value {:.4f}'.format(selection, value))

    probabilities = np.abs(result['eigvecs'][0])**2
    i_sorted = reversed(np.argsort(probabilities))
    print('\n----- Full result -----')
    print('selection\tvalue\t\tprobability')
    print('-----')
    for i in i_sorted:
        x = index_to_selection(i, n)
        value = aircargo.aircargo_value_01(x, M, K, m_max, p)
        probability = probabilities[i]
        if value>=0: print('%10s\t%.4f\t\t%.4f' %(x, value, probability))
```

Exact eigen values (can be used as classical reference)

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In [9]: #exact eigensolver - as reference
exact_eigensolver = ExactEigensolver(qubit0p, k=1)
result = exact_eigensolver.run()
print('\n', 'Exact_Eigensolver')
print_result(result)
```

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exact_eigensolver
Optimal: selection [0 1 0 1 0], value 5.9875

----- Full result -----
selection      value      probability
-----
[0 1 0 1 0]    5.9875      1.0000
[1 1 1 1 1]    6.5595      0.0000
[0 1 1 1 1]    7.2055      0.0000
[0 1 0 0 0]    1.5820      0.0000
[1 1 0 0 0]    5.2020      0.0000
[1 0 1 0 0]    1.1875      0.0000
[0 1 1 0 0]    3.3655      0.0000
[1 1 1 0 0]    6.1795      0.0000
[0 0 0 1 0]    0.6395      0.0000
[1 0 0 1 0]    4.6455      0.0000
[1 1 0 1 0]    7.2055      0.0000
[0 0 1 1 0]    2.5920      0.0000
[1 0 1 1 0]    5.7920      0.0000
[0 1 1 1 0]    6.7380      0.0000
[1 1 1 1 0]    7.1500      0.0000
[1 0 0 0 1]    1.8295      0.0000
[0 1 0 0 1]    3.8755      0.0000
[1 1 0 0 1]    6.4375      0.0000
[1 0 1 0 1]    3.5520      0.0000
[0 1 1 0 1]    5.2020      0.0000
[1 1 1 0 1]    6.9580      0.0000
[0 0 0 1 1]    3.1500      0.0000
[1 0 0 1 1]    6.0980      0.0000
[0 1 0 1 1]    6.9120      0.0000
[1 1 0 1 1]    7.0720      0.0000
[0 0 1 1 1]    4.6455      0.0000
[1 0 1 1 1]    6.7875      0.0000
```

The **VQE** algorithm. Here we specify the classical optimizer (COBYLA) and the variational form (RY) to be used.

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In [10]: #VQE
backend = BasicAer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
seed = 50

cobyala = COBYLA()
cobyala.set_options(maxiter=250)
ry = RY(qubit0p.num_qubits, depth=3, entanglement='full')
#num_of_parameters = d x q x (q+1)/2 + q where d = circuit depth and q = numb
of qubits
#depth example: d=1 means one step quantum algo - can be expressed as a unit
ary operator
vqe = VQE(qubit0p, ry, cobyla, 'matrix')
vqe.random_seed = seed

quantum_instance = QuantumInstance(backend=backend, seed=seed, seed_mapper=s
eed)

result = vqe.run(quantum_instance)
print('\n', 'VQE')
print_result(result)

#in order to know circut width and depth: how many qubits are required (circ
uit width)
# or how large the maximum number of gates applied to a single qubit (circui
t depth) is

#print("circuit_width", result['circuit_info']['width'])
#print("circuit_depth", result['circuit_info']['depth'])
```

VQE

Optimal: selection [1 1 0 0 0], value 5.2020

```
----- Full result -----
selection      value      probability
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[1 1 0 0 0]	5.2020	0.9987
[1 0 1 0 0]	1.1875	0.0004
[1 0 0 0 1]	1.8295	0.0002
[1 0 1 0 1]	3.5520	0.0002
[1 1 0 1 0]	7.2055	0.0002
[1 1 1 0 0]	6.1795	0.0001
[1 1 1 0 1]	6.9580	0.0001
[0 1 1 0 1]	5.2020	0.0000
[1 0 0 1 0]	4.6455	0.0000
[1 1 0 0 1]	6.4375	0.0000
[0 1 1 0 0]	3.3655	0.0000
[0 1 0 0 0]	1.5820	0.0000
[0 1 0 0 1]	3.8755	0.0000
[1 1 1 1 0]	7.1500	0.0000
[1 1 0 1 1]	7.0720	0.0000
[1 0 1 1 1]	6.7875	0.0000
[1 0 0 1 1]	6.0980	0.0000
[1 0 1 1 0]	5.7920	0.0000
[1 1 1 1 1]	6.5595	0.0000
[0 0 1 1 1]	4.6455	0.0000
[0 0 0 1 1]	3.1500	0.0000
[0 1 1 1 1]	7.2055	0.0000
[0 0 1 1 0]	2.5920	0.0000
[0 1 1 1 0]	6.7380	0.0000
[0 1 0 1 1]	6.9120	0.0000
[0 1 0 1 0]	5.9875	0.0000
[0 0 0 1 0]	0.6395	0.0000

The **QAOA** algorithm

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In [11]: #QAOA
backend = BasicAer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
seed = 50

cobyala = COBYLA()
cobyala.set_options(maxiter=250)
qaoa = QAOA(qubitOp, cobyla, 3, 'matrix')
qaoa.random_seed = seed

quantum_instance = QuantumInstance(backend=backend, seed=seed, seed_mapper=seed)

result = qaoa.run(quantum_instance)
print('\n', 'QAOA')
print_result(result)
```

QAOA  
Optimal: selection [0 1 0 1 0], value 5.9875

```
----- Full result -----
selection      value      probability
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[0 1 0 1 0]	5.9875	0.1073
[1 1 0 0 0]	5.2020	0.0946
[1 0 0 1 0]	4.6455	0.0860
[0 1 0 0 1]	3.8755	0.0798
[0 1 1 0 0]	3.3655	0.0763
[0 0 0 1 1]	3.1500	0.0728
[0 0 1 1 0]	2.5920	0.0697
[1 0 0 0 1]	1.8295	0.0649
[1 0 1 0 0]	1.1875	0.0622
[1 1 0 1 0]	7.2055	0.0406
[0 1 0 1 1]	6.9120	0.0296
[0 1 1 1 0]	6.7380	0.0267
[1 1 0 0 1]	6.4375	0.0242
[1 1 1 0 0]	6.1795	0.0218
[1 0 0 1 1]	6.0980	0.0211
[1 0 1 1 0]	5.7920	0.0189
[0 1 1 0 1]	5.2020	0.0153
[0 0 1 1 1]	4.6455	0.0131
[1 0 1 0 1]	3.5520	0.0103
[0 1 0 0 0]	1.5820	0.0018
[0 0 0 1 0]	0.6395	0.0012
[1 1 1 1 1]	6.5595	0.0005
[1 1 0 1 1]	7.0720	0.0003
[1 1 1 1 0]	7.1500	0.0002
[0 1 1 1 1]	7.2055	0.0001
[1 1 1 0 1]	6.9580	0.0001
[1 0 1 1 1]	6.7875	0.0001

**Step 2**

Add constraints against the mass center positioning (gravity center limits). Let's define an elementary length -  $l$ :

$$l = L/N$$

Having given the limits of gravity center as  $x_{\max}$  and  $x_{\min}$ , the constraints for the limits are:

$$l \sum_{i=1}^N i X_{mi} - x_{\min} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{mi} \geq 0 \text{ and } l \sum_{i=1}^N i X_{mi} + x_{\max} \sum_{i=1}^N X_{mi} \leq 0 \text{ where } x \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

**Step 3**

Now we have to add the constraints with regards on share limits. Having defined the max for share as  $S_{\max}$  the constraint is:

$$l x^T M \leq S_{\max}$$

**NOTE**

The constraints at steps 2 & 3 are to be implemented in the same manner as for the step 1

**APPROACH #02**

We will take another approach for the objective function, vs: we will consider the cost function related to  $x_{cg}$  - the target centre of gravity. In this way the function is:

$$\min \left( l \sum_{i=1}^N i m_i - m_{\max} x_{cg} \right)$$

Subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \leq m_{\max}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k_i \leq 1$$

$$l x^T M \leq S_{\max}$$

$$l \sum_{i=1}^N i m_i - x_{\min} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \geq 0$$

$$-l \sum_{i=1}^N i m_i + x_{\max} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \geq 0$$

We will use the same decision variable  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . The constraints are mapped to penalty terms and scaled by a parameter  $p$  (as we did for approach#01)

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