

Modelling and Optimization

INF170

#10:

Set Covering/Set Packing/Set Partitioning
Problems

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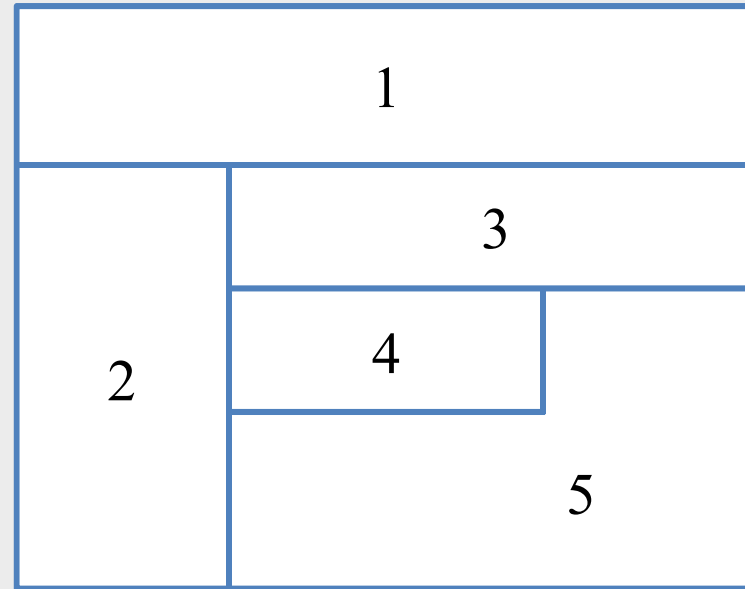
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AGENDA

- Set Covering Problem
 - EMS location planning
 - EMS location planning II
- Set Packing Problem
- Set Partitioning Problem
 - Political Districting Problem
 - Workplan Problem
 - Airline Crew Scheduling

EMS LOCATION PLANNING



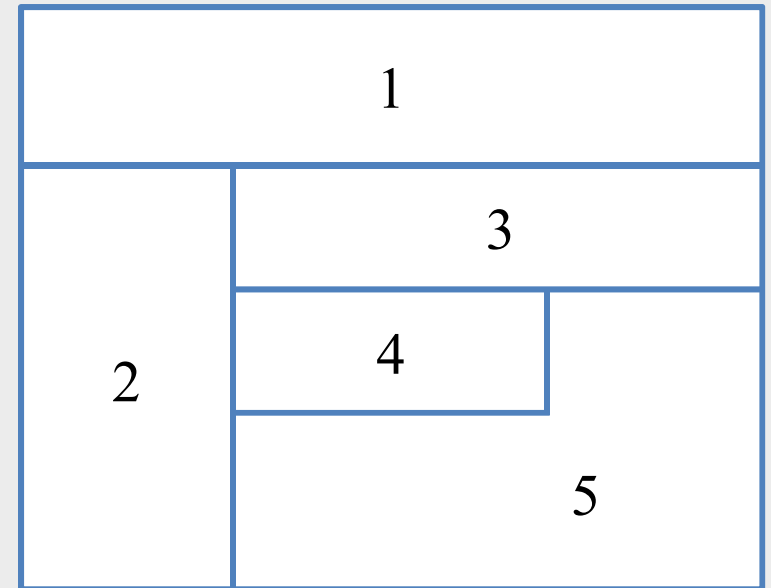
- We want to locate EMS stations so that each district has a station in it, or in a district next to it
- Objective: minimize number of stations required

EMS LOCATION PLANNING

Decision variables:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if station is put in district } i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, 5$



Objective: *minimize*

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i$$

EMS LOCATION PLANNING

Constraints:

Every district has a station in it, or in a district next to it:

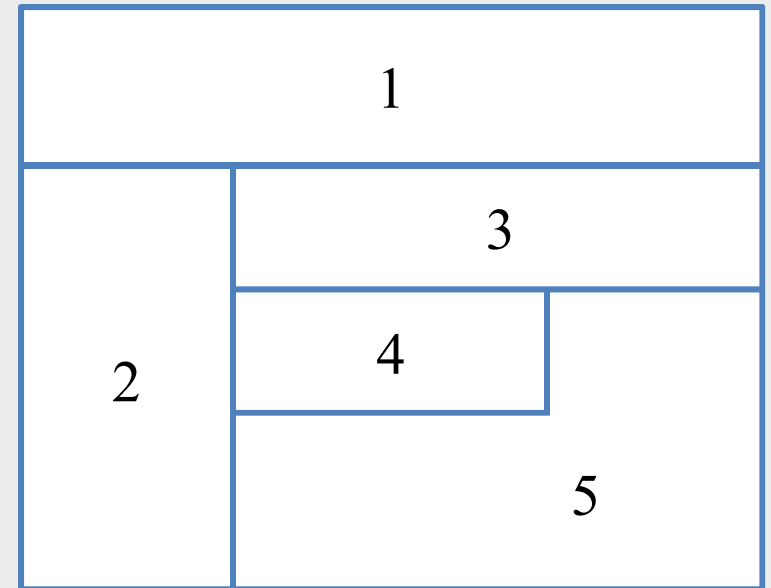
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1 \quad (D_1)$$

$$x_2 + x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 \geq 1 \quad (D_2)$$

$$x_3 + x_1 + x_2 + x_4 + x_5 \geq 1 \quad (D_3)$$

$$x_4 + x_2 + x_3 + x_5 \geq 1 \quad (D_4)$$

$$x_5 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 1 \quad (D_5)$$



EMS LOCATION PLANNING

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 1 \quad (D_1)$$

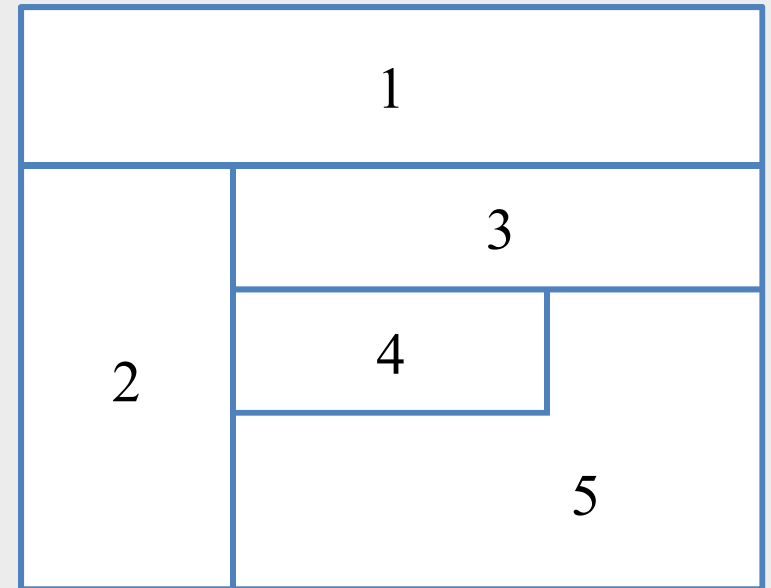
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$$x_4 + x_2 + x_3 + x_5 \geq 1 \quad (D_4)$$

$$x_5 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 1 \quad (D_5)$$

$$x_i \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 5$$



SET COVERING PROBLEM

- Set of items $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
(e.g. set of all districts)
- Collection of subsets of N : S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t
(e.g. S_i = set of locations that satisfy district i 's demands)
- Cost c_j for each item $j \in N$
- Choose items from N so that at least one item from each subset S_1, \dots, S_t is chosen, while minimizing cost

SET COVERING PROBLEM

Decision variables:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if item } j \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j \in N$$

Model:

$$\min \sum_{j \in N} c_j x_j$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j \in S_i} x_j \geq 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, t$$
$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j \in N$$

EMS LOCATION PLANNING II

- Suppose now that with each district, there is an associated estimated demand:

District	Demand (1000s)
1	5
2	4
3	7
4	9
5	6

- Suppose now we can only build 2 stations
- Instead of minimizing the number of stations required, what if we wanted to minimize the unsatisfied demand?

EMS LOCATION PLANNING II

District	Demand (1000s)
1	5
2	4
3	7
4	9
5	6

- Idea: introduce additional decision variables

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if demand in district } i \text{ is not satisfied} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 5$$

- Objective: minimize unsatisfied demand

$$\text{Minimize} \quad 5y_1 + 4y_2 + 7y_3 + 9y_4 + 6y_5$$

EMS LOCATION PLANNING II

- Constraints:
- District 1 needs a station in Districts 1, 2, 3, or its demand is unsatisfied

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + y_1 \geq l \quad (D_1)$$

satisfied unsatisfied

- Same idea for other districts

$$x_2 + x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + y_2 \geq l \quad (D_2)$$

$$x_3 + x_1 + x_2 + x_4 + x_5 + y_3 \geq l \quad (D_3)$$

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$$x_5 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + y_5 \geq l \quad (D_5)$$

- At most 2 stations can be built

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i \leq 2$$

EMS LOCATION PLANNING II

The model:

$$\text{Minimize} \quad 5y_1 + 4y_2 + 7y_3 + 9y_4 + 6y_5$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + y_1 \geq 1 \quad (D_1)$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^5 x_i \leq 2$$

$$x_i \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 5$$

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SET PACKING PROBLEM

- Your kitchen contains a collection of different food ingredients
- You have a cookbook with a collection of recipes
- Each recipe requires a subset of the food ingredients.
- You want to prepare the largest possible collection of recipes from the cookbook.
- You are actually looking for a collection of recipes whose sets of ingredients are pairwise disjoint.

SET PACKING PROBLEM

- Set of items $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
(e.g. set of all ingredients)
- Collection of subsets of N : S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t
(e.g. S_j = set of ingredients that we need for recipe j)
- Maximize the total number of subsets so that the selected sets are pairwise disjoint

SET PACKING PROBLEM

Decision variables:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if recipe } j \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad j = 1, \dots, t$$

Model:

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^t x_j$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j=1}^t a_{ij} x_j \leq 1 \quad \text{for } i \in N$$

$a_{ij} = 1$ if item i
is in S_j

$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, t$$

SET PACKING PROBLEM

- Set of ingredients $N = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$
 - $S_1 = \{A, B\}$
 - $S_2 = \{A, C, E\}$
 - $S_3 = \{B, D, E\}$
 - $S_4 = \{C\}$
 - $S_5 = \{A\}$
 - $S_6 = \{D, E\}$
- Maximize number of subsets so that the selected sets are pairwise disjoint

SET PACKING PROBLEM

The model:

$$\text{Maximize} \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_5 \leq 1 \quad (A)$$

$$x_1 + x_3 \leq 1 \quad (B)$$

$$x_2 + x_4 \leq 1 \quad (C)$$

$$x_3 + x_6 \leq 1 \quad (D)$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + x_6 \leq 1 \quad (E)$$

$$x_i \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 6$$

SET PACKING PROBLEM

- English course!
- Set of Non-English languages $N = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$
 - $S_1 = \{A, B\}$ //person 1 can speak in languages A and B
 - $S_2 = \{A, C, E\}$
 - $S_3 = \{B, D, E\}$
 - $S_4 = \{C\}$
 - $S_5 = \{A\}$
 - $S_6 = \{D, E\}$
- A maximum set packing will choose the largest possible number of people under the desired constraint. Maximize the size of the group!

SET PACKING PROBLEM

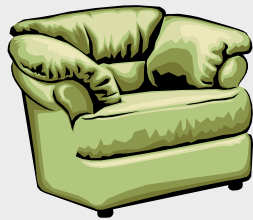
- Camera refurbishing!
- Consider a business that refurbishes cameras by assembling together the good parts of defective products.
- There are many models of cameras, but some models share parts.
- Some camera parts are available, we should decide which partly-done camera should get the needed parts to get completed.
- We want to maximize the number of completed cameras

SET PACKING PROBLEM








- Set of available camera parts $N = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$
 - $S_1 = \{A, B\}$ // camera 1 need parts A and B to be fixed
 - $S_2 = \{A, C, E\}$
 - $S_3 = \{B, D, E\}$
 - $S_4 = \{C\}$
 - $S_5 = \{A\}$
 - $S_6 = \{D, E\}$
- A maximum set packing will choose the largest possible number of cameras that can be fixed.

SET PACKING PROBLEM

- Combinatorial Auction!
- Set of Products:



- Each customer can bid:

- ☐ \$700 for {  AND  }
- ☐ \$1200 for {  AND  }
- ☐ \$60 for {  AND  }
- ☐ \$3 for {  }

SET PACKING PROBLEM

Decision variables:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \textit{bid } j \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad j = 1, \dots, t$$

Model:

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^t p_j x_j$$

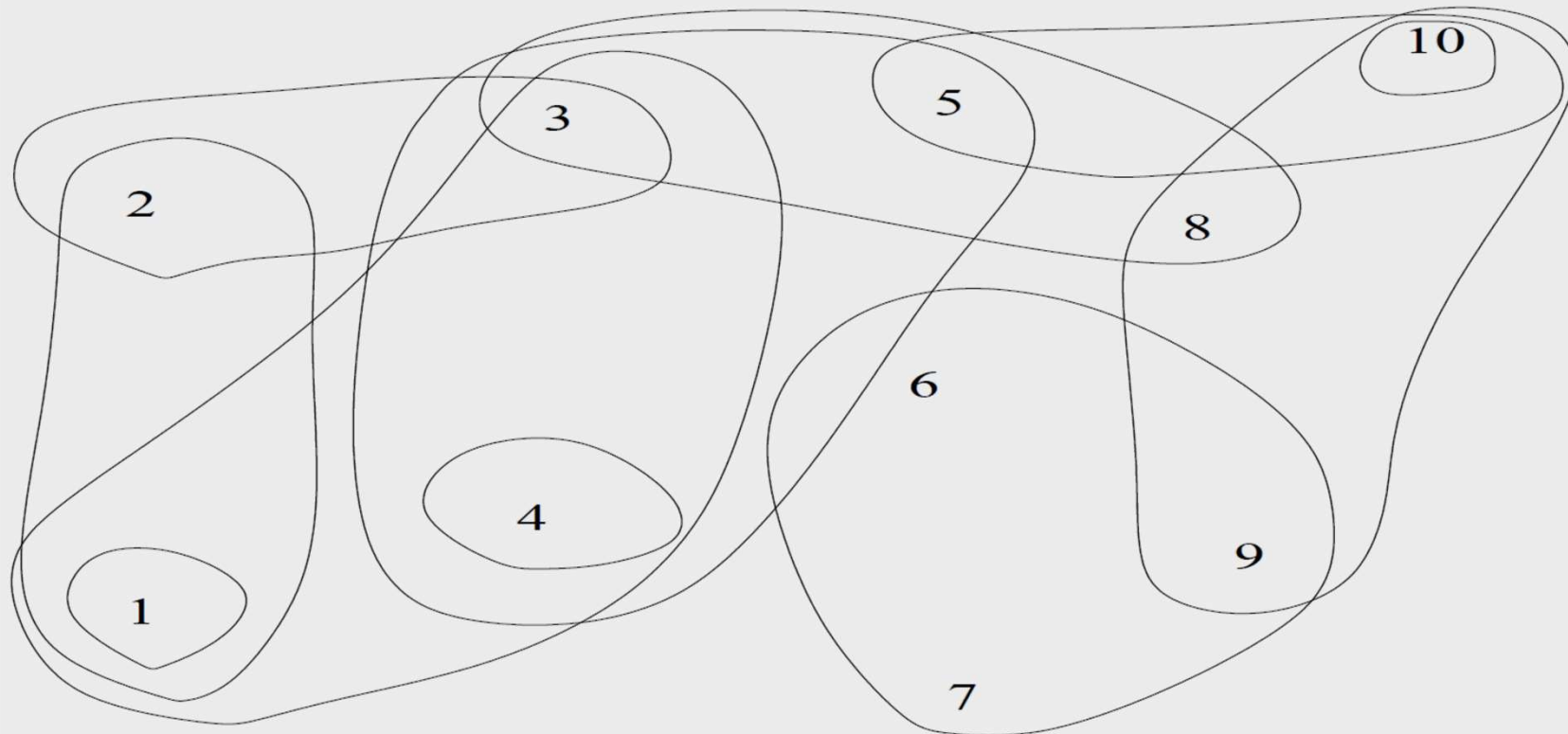
s.t.

$$\sum_{j=1}^t a_{ij} x_j \leq 1 \quad \text{for } i \in N$$

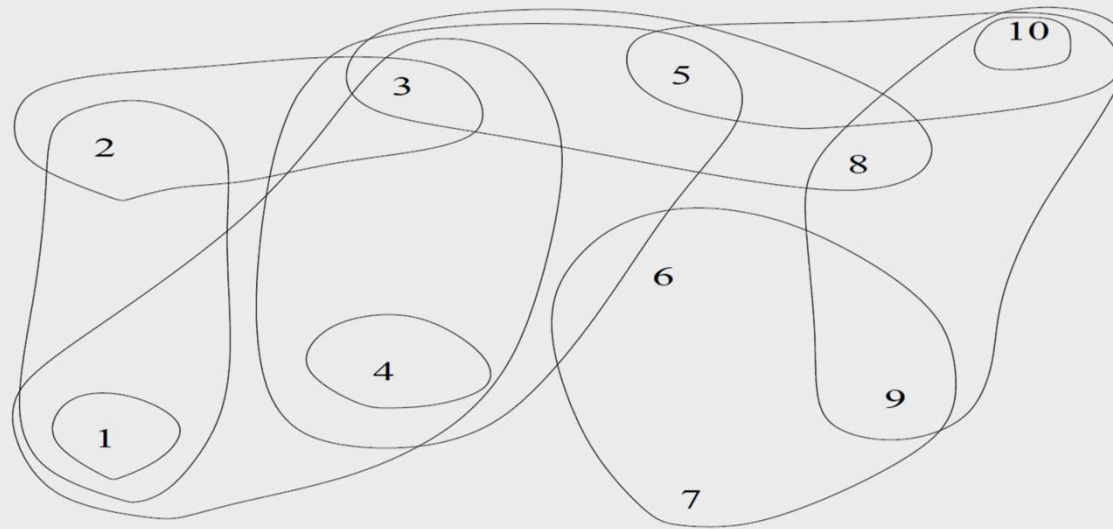
$a_{ij} = 1$ if item i
is in \textit{bid}_j

$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, t$$

SET PARTITIONING PROBLEM



SET PARTITIONING PROBLEM



1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	1
2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	1
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	1
4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	=	1
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	=	1
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	...	0	=	1
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	...	0	=	1
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	...	0	=	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	...	0	=	1
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
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m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	1	=	1
	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4	c_5	c_6	c_7	c_8	c_9	c_{10}	c_{11}		c_n		

SET PARTITIONING PROBLEM

- Set of items: $I = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$
- Set of Collections: C (C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n are subsets of I)
- Cost p_j for each collection $j \in \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}$
- Choose collections from C so that each item is assigned to exactly one collection, while minimizing cost

SET PARTITIONING PROBLEM

Decision variables:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if collection } j \text{ is chosen} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j \in C$$

Model:

$$\min \sum_{j \in C} p_j x_j$$

s.t.

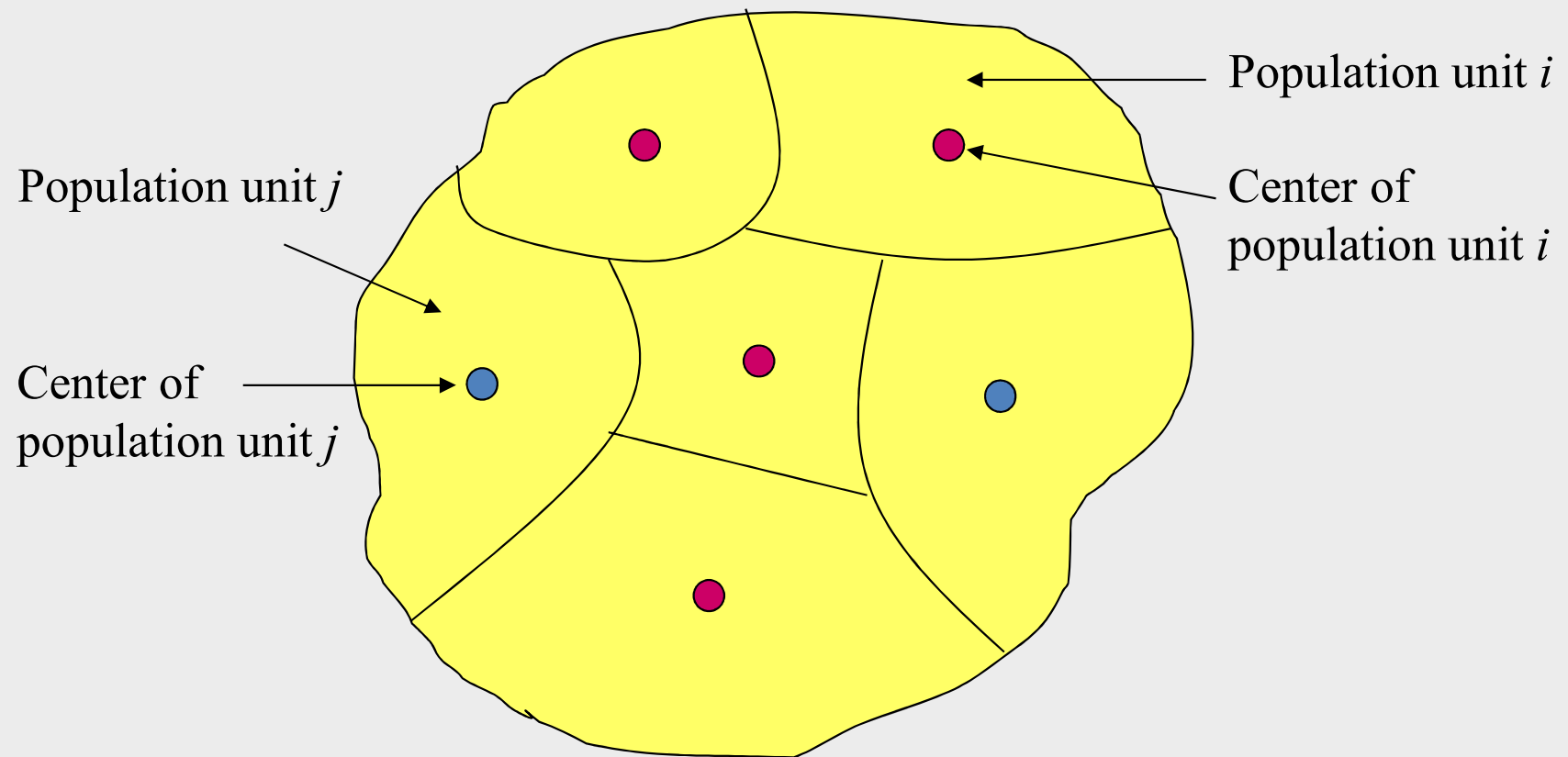
$$\sum_{j \in C} a_{ij} x_j = 1 \quad \text{for } i \in I$$
$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j \in C$$

$a_{ij} = 1$ if item i
is included in
collection j

POLITICAL DISTRICTING PROBLEM

- The political districting problem consists in partitioning an area into electoral constituencies (districts)
- Each population unit is assigned to one district;
- The number of districts is usually known (N districts);
- All districts must have approximately the same number of voters for better equity

POLITICAL DISTRICTING PROBLEM



POLITICAL DISTRICTING PROBLEM

Parameters:

I : set of population units

N : number of district centers

p_i : population of the i^{th} population unit

a : minimum population allowed for a district (as a ratio of average district population)

b : maximum population allowed for a district (as a ratio of average district population)

d_{ij} : distance between the centers of population units i and j .

a and b can be considered as deviations from the average population of all population units which is given by

$$\sum_{i \in I} \frac{P_i}{N}$$

POLITICAL DISTRICTING PROBLEM

Variables:

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{population unit } i \text{ is assigned to district } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } i, j \in I$$

Objective function:

$$\min \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{j \in N} d_{ij}^2 P_i x_{ij}$$

POLITICAL DISTRICTING PROBLEM

Model:

$$\min \sum_{i \in N} \sum_{j \in N} d_{ij}^2 P_i x_{ij}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j \in N} x_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{for } i \in I$$

$$\sum_{j \in N} x_{jj} = N$$

$$\sum_{i \in N} P_i x_{ij} \geq a \left(\frac{\sum_{i \in I} P_i}{N} \right) x_{jj} \quad \text{for } j \in I$$

$$\sum_{i \in N} P_i x_{ij} \leq b \left(\frac{\sum_{i \in I} P_i}{N} \right) x_{jj} \quad \text{for } j \in I$$

$$x_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } i, j \in I$$

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

- We have 6 assignments A, B, C, D, E and F, that needs to be carried out. For every assignment we have a start time and a duration (in hours).

Assignment	A	B	C	D	E	F
Start	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	5.0
Duration	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

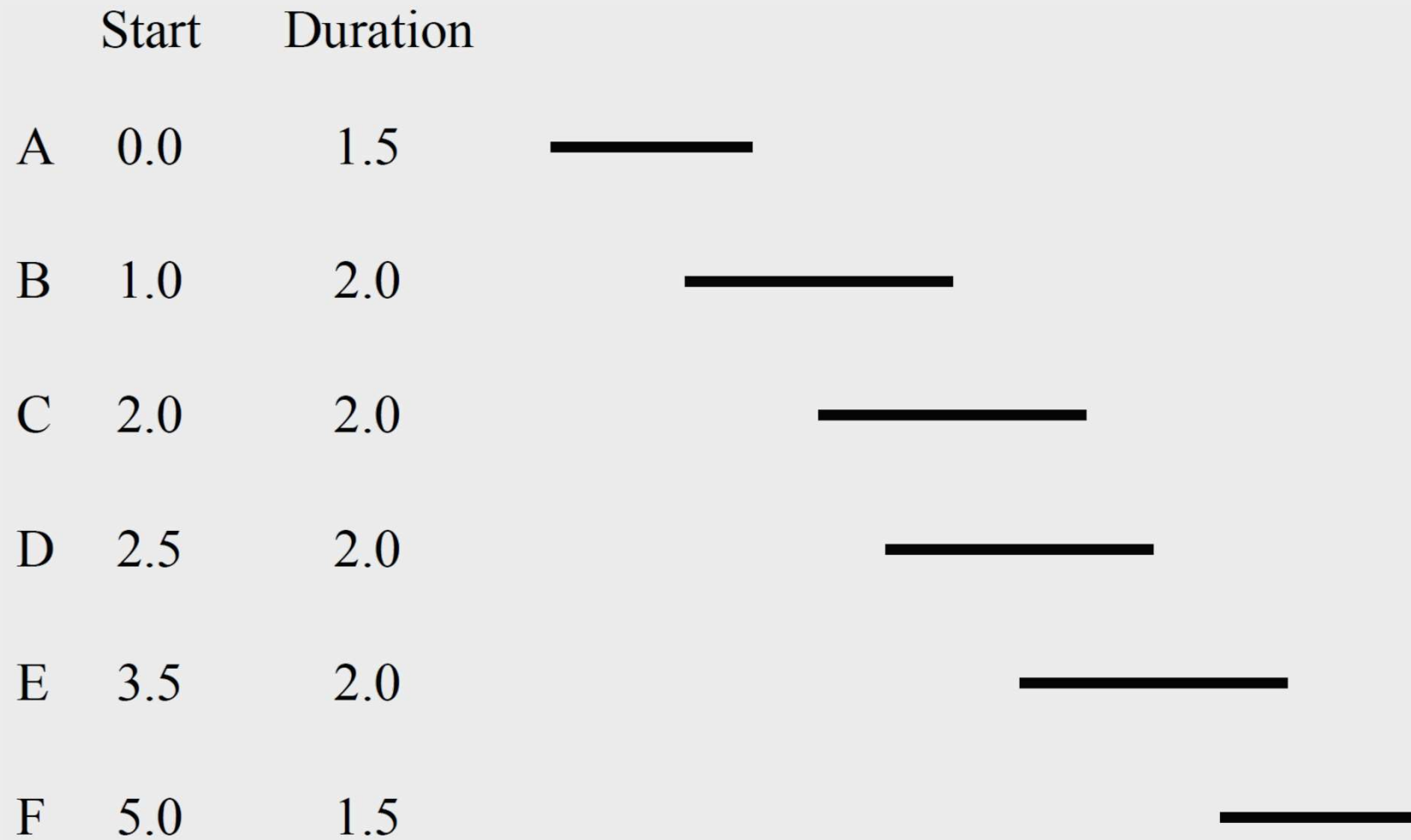
A Workplan:

- A workplan is a set of assignments. Now we want to formulate a mathematical model that finds the cheapest set of workplans that fullfills all the assignments.

Workplan rules:

- A workplan can not consist of assignments that overlap each other.
- The length L of a workplan is equal to the finish time of the last assignment minus start of the first assignments plus 30 minutes for checking in and checking out.
- The cost of a workplan is $\max(4.0, L)$.

WORKPLAN PROBLEM



WORKPLAN PROBLEM

- Workplans starting with assignment A

	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆	C ₇
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
F	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

Assignment	A	B	C	D	E	F
Start	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	5.0
Duration	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

- Workplans starting with assignment A

	C ₁	C ₂	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆	C ₇		4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	5	7	6	7
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	D	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
F	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	F	0	0	1	0	1	0	1

Assignment	A	B	C	D	E	F
Start	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	5.0
Duration	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

- Completing the model

	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7	5	7	6	7	4	5	6	4	5	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4	4
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
F	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

Decision variables:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if we use workplan } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } j \in C$$

Model:

$$\min \sum_{j \in C} c_j x_j$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{j \in C} a_{ij} x_j = 1 \quad \text{for } i \in I$$
$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j \in C$$

$a_{ij} = 1$ if
assignment i
is included in
workplan j

WORKPLAN PROBLEM

A feasible solution is:

➤ $x_3 = 1, x_9 = 1, x_{13} = 1$ with a solution value of 16.

	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7	5	7	6	7	4	5	6	4	5	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4	4
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
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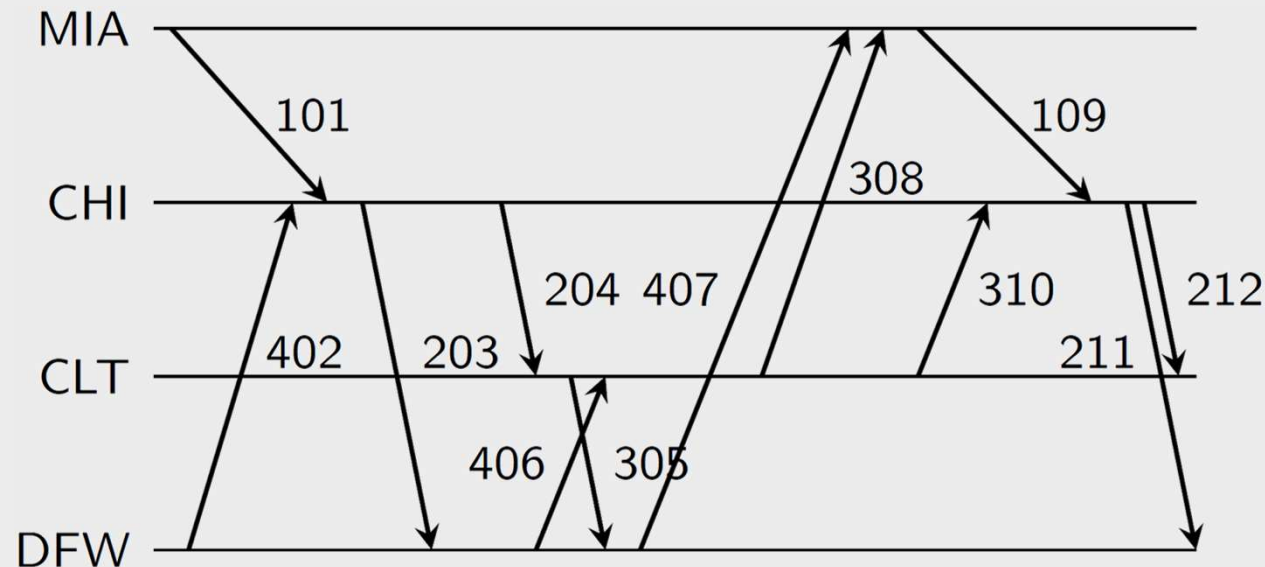
WORKPLAN PROBLEM

An optimal solution is:

✓ $x_2 = 1, x_9 = 1, x_{14} = 1$ with a solution value of 13.

	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	7	5	7	6	7	4	5	6	4	5	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4	4
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
F	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

AIRLINE CREW SCHEDULING



- Horizontal axis is time
 - e.g. Flight 101 from MIA to CHI, Flight 402 from DFW to CHI
- A single crew (typically pilots and attendants) is assigned to a pairing: a sequence of flights over a 2 to 3 day period
 - Pairing must begin and end at the same city

AIRLINE CREW SCHEDULING

- Typically, lots of government and union rules to consider
- Reasonable pairings usually generated by complex algorithms
- Below, all possible pairings of 3 or 4 flights with associated costs

	Flight sequence	Cost		Flight sequence	Cost
1	101-203-406-308	2900	9	305-407-109-212	2600
2	101-203-407	2700	10	308-109-212	2050
3	101-204-305-407	2600	11	402-204-305	2400
4	101-204-308	3600	12	402-204-310-211	3600
5	203-406-310	2600	13	406-308-109-211	2550
6	203-407-109	3150	14	406-310-211	2650
7	204-305-407-109	2550	15	407-109-211	2350
8	204-308-109	2500			

- Want to find a collection of pairings that cover each flight exactly once, at minimum cost
- Decision variables → selecting pairings

AIRLINE CREW SCHEDULING

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8	204-308-109	2500			

Decision variables:

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if pairing } i \text{ is selected} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 15$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Objective: } \min \quad & 2900 x_1 + 2700 x_2 + 2600 x_3 + 3600 x_4 + 2600 x_5 + 3150 x_6 + 2550 x_7 + 2500 x_8 \\ & + 2600 x_9 + 2050 x_{10} + 2400 x_{11} + 3600 x_{12} + 2550 x_{13} + 2650 x_{14} + 2350 x_{15} \end{aligned}$$

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8	204-308-109	2500			

Constraints: each flight needs to be covered by a pairing exactly once

➤ For example, flight 101:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1$$

➤ Same idea for each flight

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The full model:

$$\text{Objective: } \min \quad 2900 x_1 + 2700 x_2 + 2600 x_3 + 3600 x_4 + 2600 x_5 + 3150 x_6 + 2550 x_7 + 2500 x_8 \\ + 2600 x_9 + 2050 x_{10} + 2400 x_{11} + 3600 x_{12} + 2550 x_{13} + 2650 x_{14} + 2350 x_{15}$$

s.t.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \quad (101)$$

$$x_6 + x_7 + x_8 + x_9 + x_{10} + x_{13} + x_{15} = 1 \quad (109)$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_5 + x_6 = 1 \quad (203)$$

$$x_3 + x_4 + x_7 + x_8 + x_{11} + x_{12} = 1 \quad (204)$$

$$x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} + x_{15} = 1 \quad (211)$$

$$x_9 + x_{10} = 1 \quad (212)$$

$$x_3 + x_7 + x_9 + x_{11} = 1 \quad (305)$$

$$x_1 + x_4 + x_8 + x_{10} + x_{13} = 1 \quad (308)$$

$$x_5 + x_{12} + x_{14} = 1 \quad (310)$$

$$x_{11} + x_{12} = 1 \quad (402)$$

$$x_1 + x_5 + x_{13} + x_{14} = 1 \quad (406)$$

$$x_2 + x_3 + x_6 + x_7 + x_9 + x_{15} = 1 \quad (407)$$

$$x_1, \dots, x_{15} \in \{0,1\}$$

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