

# Use of Julia/JuMP for Multi-Objective Optimization

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# Why this adventure with Julia and JuMP for MOO?

2015: Kick-off of the ANR/DFG research project vOpt

Sub-task 2.2: Experimental Analysis and Prototype Development.

- ↳ The project of a multi-objective MILP solver was born!

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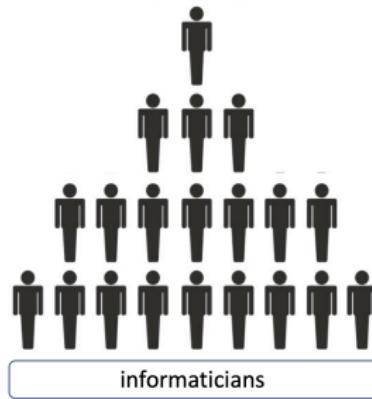
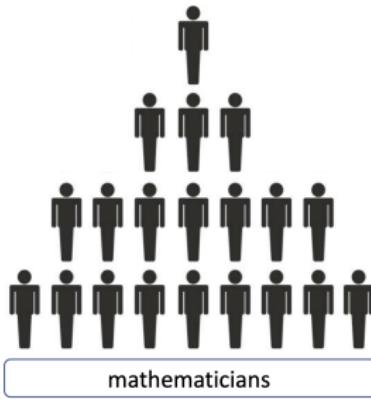
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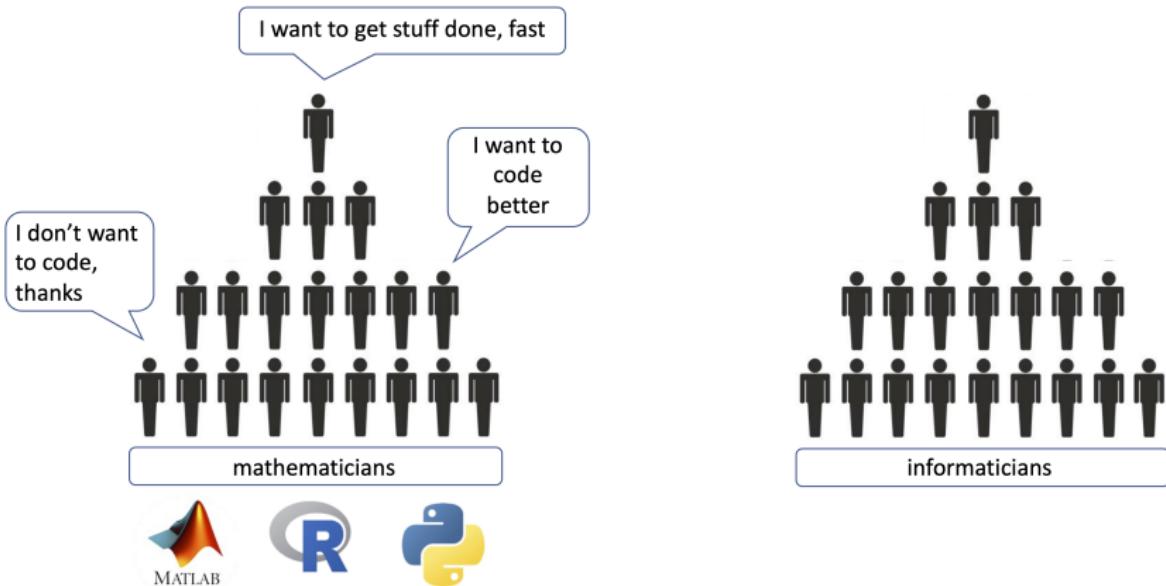
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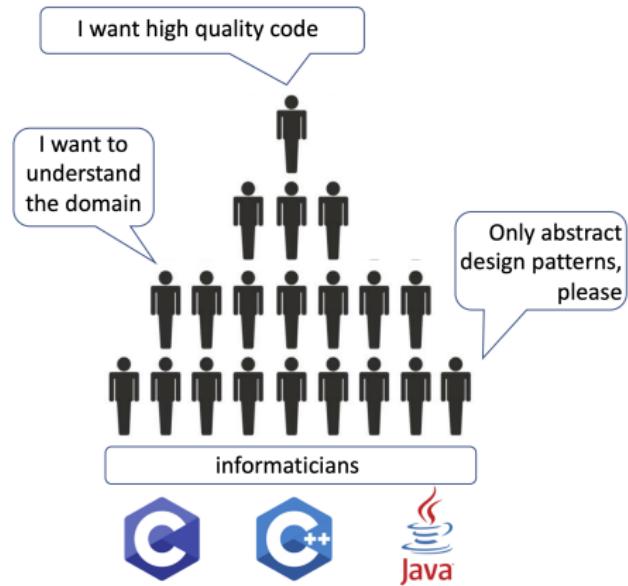
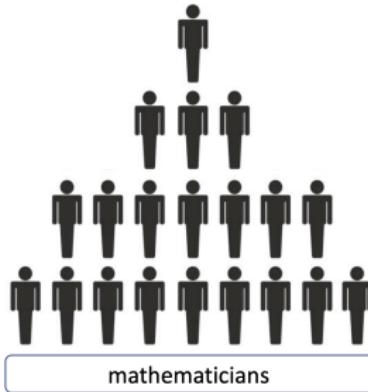
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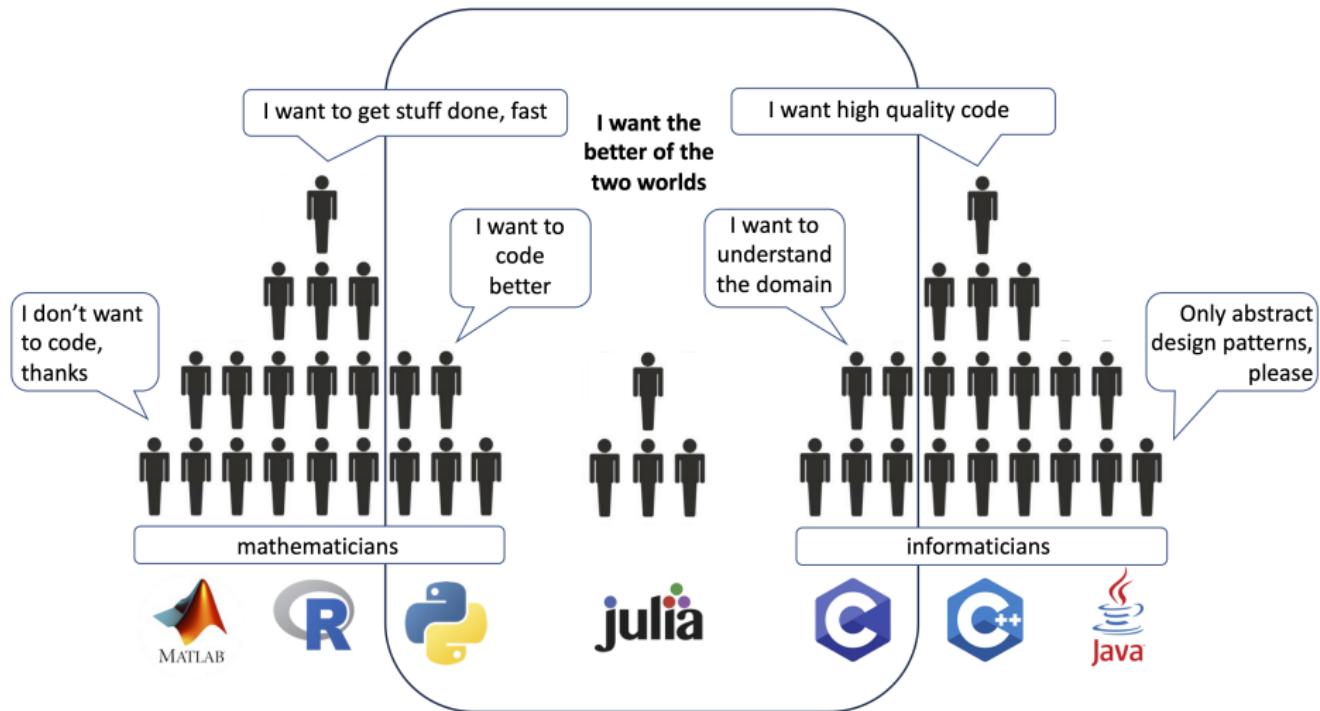


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## A programming language for optimization



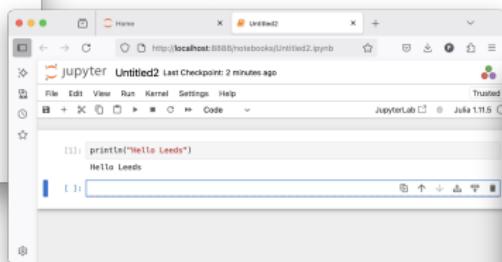
# Running a Julia code into...

...the Julia REPL



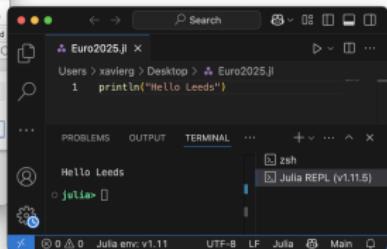
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Last login: Fri May 30 13:26:59 on ttys003
(base) xavierg@xaviers-Mac ~ % julia
julia> println("Hello Leeds")
Hello Leeds
julia>
```

...a notebook  
(e.g. jupyter)



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...an IDE  
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```
Euro2025.jl
Users > xavierg > Desktop > Euro2025.jl
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zsh
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Julia env: v1.11  UTF-8 LF  Julia  Main
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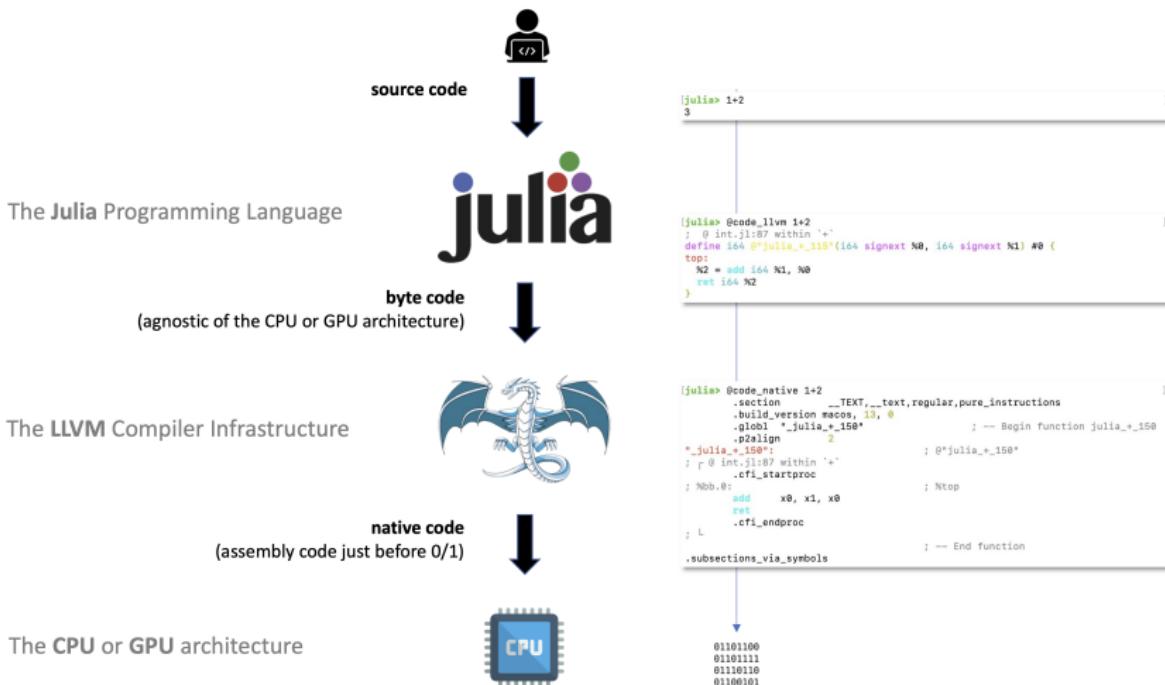
... or also in command line into a terminal.

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LLVM: middleman between source code and compiled native code



# Example (1/2)

MATLAB

```
tic

A = zeros(100,100,100);
for loop = 1:1000
    for i = 1:100
        for j = 1:100
            for k = 1:100
                A(i,j,k) = loop;
            end
        end
    end
    disp(A(100,100,100));
end

toc
```

Julia

```
@time begin

A = zeros(100,100,100)
for loop = 1:1000
    for i = 1:100
        for j = 1:100
            for k = 1:100
                A[i,j,k] = loop
            end
        end
    end
    println(A[100,100,100])
end
end
```

C

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main()
{
    int A[100][100][100];
    int i,j,k,loop;
    for (loop=0; loop <1000; loop++){
        for (i=0; i<100; i++){
            for (j=0; j<100; j++){
                for (k=0; k<100; k++){
                    A[i][j][k] = loop;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    printf("%d\n", A[99][99][99]);
}
return 0;
```

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Resources:

[The Julia Programming Language](https://julialang.org/) (<https://julialang.org/>):  
download, documentation, resources, community, etc.

Conferences:

[JuliaCon Global](https://juliacon.org/) (<https://juliacon.org/>):  
Annual International Conference since 2014 (Chicago, Cambridge, Berkeley,  
London, Baltimore, online, Eindhoven). **2025: Pittsburgh**

[JuliaCon Local](https://juliacon.org/) (<https://juliacon.org/>):  
Annual International Conference since 2023 (Eindhoven). **2025: Paris**

[JuliaDays](#):

the Julia & Optimization days in France since 2019 (Nantes, Paris, Toulouse).

## More (2/2)...

Example of material for optimizers:

Course

### **An introduction to Julia and JuMP for Operations Research**

Xavier Gandibleux

ÖGOR Summer-Workshop for PhD-candidates and Post-Docs (Krems, Austria)

<https://github.com/xgandibleux/Krems2023>

Book

### **Algorithms for Optimization**

Mykel J. Kochenderfer, and Tim A. Wheeler

The MIT Press Cambridge, Massachusetts London, England

<https://algorithmsbook.com/optimization/files/optimization.pdf>

# Practice

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2. Discovering the four modes of the REPL
3. Installing the package IJulia
4. Running Julia code into Jupyter notebook
5. Installing the Julia extension into VScode
6. Editing and running Julia code into VScode

# JuMP

Coding and Solving  
Mathematical Programming Models

JuMP.jl

# What is JuMP?

An Algebraic Modeling Language (AML) among the existing ones ...



... for mathematical optimization (linear, mixed-integer, conic, semidefinite, nonlinear) written in the Julia language.

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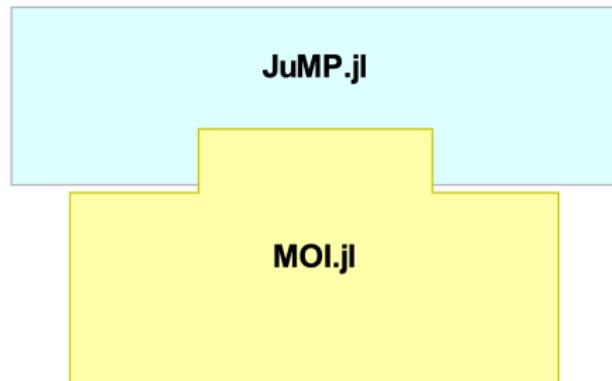
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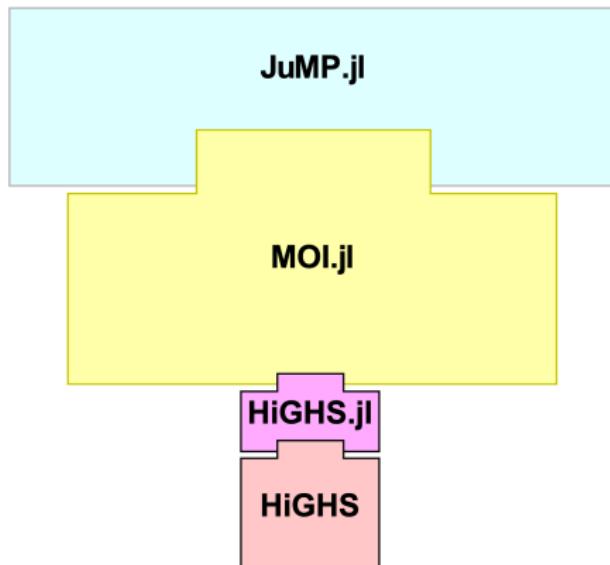
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julia> using Pkg  
julia> Pkg.add("JuMP")
```



JuMP uses *MathOptInterface (MOI)*, an abstraction layer designed to provide a unified interface to mathematical optimization solvers.

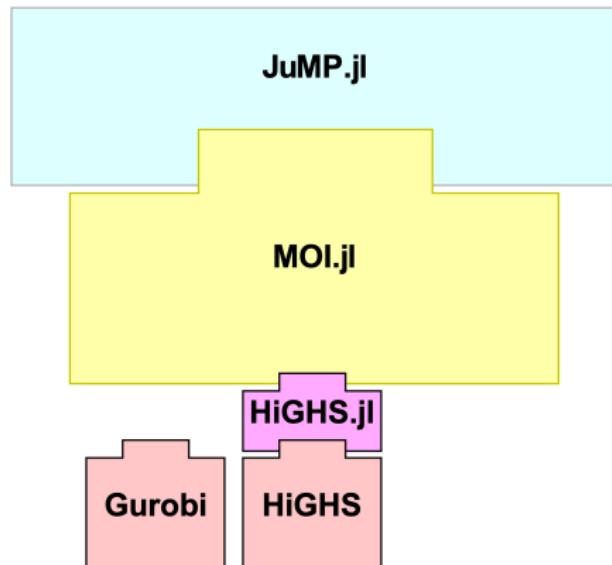
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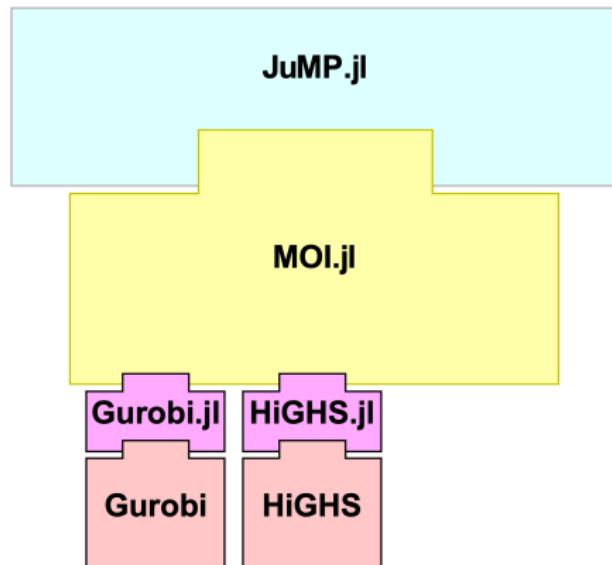
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With Gurobi or CPLEX or Xpress MP solver properly installed on your computer...



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```



# Modeling and solving a (MI)LP with JuMP

## The optimization problem

$$\left[ \begin{array}{llll} \max z(x) = & x_1 + 3x_2 & & (0) \\ s.t & x_1 + x_2 \leq 14 & & (1) \\ & -2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 12 & & (2) \\ & 2x_1 - x_2 \leq 12 & & (3) \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 & & (4) \end{array} \right]$$

# Declaring the packages to use

```
julia> using JuMP, HiGHS
```

# Coding the optimization problem (1/4)

Creating a model:

```
modelId = Model( )
```

```
julia> modLP = Model( )
```

Result:

```
[ ]
```

## Coding the optimization problem (2/4)

Defining a variable:

```
@variable(modelId, variable)
```

```
julia> @variable(modLP, x1 >= 0)
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Result:

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## Coding the optimization problem (3/4)

Defining an objective function:

```
@objective(modelId, sense, function)
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Defining a constraint:

```
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```

```
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```

↳ <https://github.com/xgandibleux/EUR02025/blob/main/2.examples%20jl/1IP.ipynb>

## More...

Miles Lubin, Oscar Dowson, Joaquim Dias Garcia, Joey Huchette, Benoît Legat, Juan Pablo Vielma. JuMP 1.0: Recent improvements to a modeling language for mathematical optimization. *Mathematical Programming Computation*. 2023.

Miles Lubin. The state of JuMP. *JuMP-dev 2024 - Co-Located with ISMP'2024*, July 19-21, 2024. GERAD research center, Montréal, Canada.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMUTdfoAMpo>

### Resources:

The JuMP website (<https://jump.dev/>):  
documentation, resources, community, etc.

### Workshops:

JuMP-dev (<https://jump.dev/meetings/jumpdev2025/>):  
Regular meeting since 2017: Cambridge (USA), Bordeaux (France), Santiago (Chile), online, Montréal (Canada). **2025: Auckland (New Zealand)**

# Practice

1. Installing the packages JuMP and HiGHS
2. Coding and solving an IP problem

↳ <https://github.com/xgandibleux/EUR02025/blob/main/3.practice/Part2.ipynb>

# MOA

Moving from  
single to multiple objectives MIP optimization

MultiObjectiveAlgorithms.jl

# Multiobjective Optimization Problem (MOP) notations

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \textcolor{red}{F}(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x \in X \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow \text{the set of feasible solutions} \\ Y = F(X) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\textcolor{red}{p}} &\longrightarrow \text{the set of images} \end{aligned}$$

Computing sets  $\textcolor{blue}{X}_E$  and  $\textcolor{blue}{Y}_N$  for MOP:

$$y = F(x)$$

$y^* \in Y$  is nondominated, if  $\nexists y \in Y$  such that  $y_i \leqslant y_i^*, \forall i$  and  $y \neq y^*$ .

$\textcolor{blue}{Y}_N$  is the set of nondominated points.

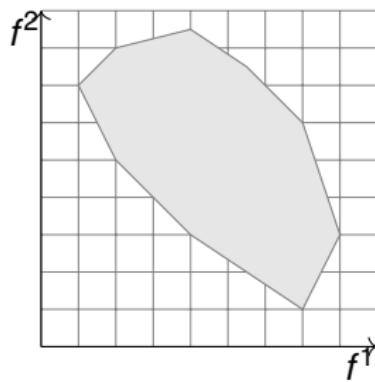
$x^* \in X$  is efficient if  $y^*$  is nondominated.

$\textcolor{blue}{X}_E$  is a complete set of efficient solutions.

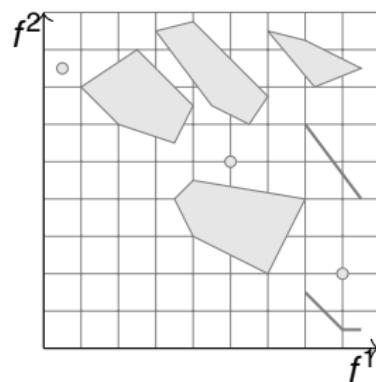
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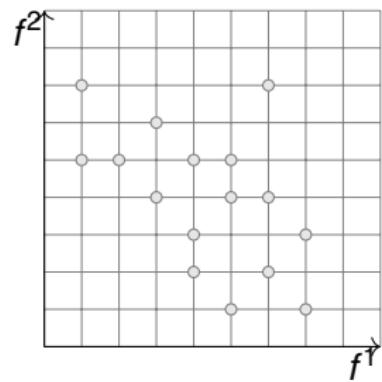
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$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n_2}$$



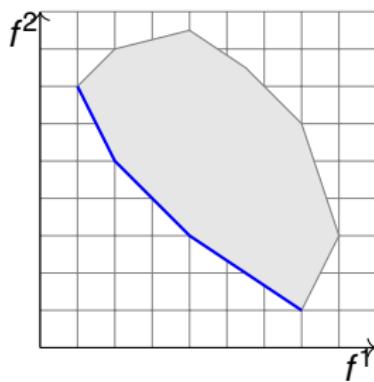
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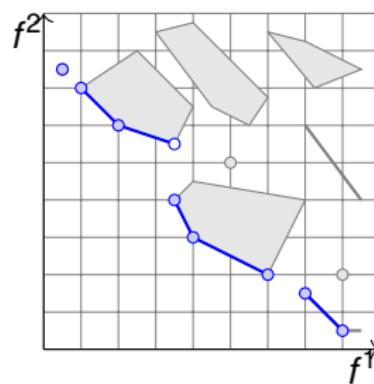
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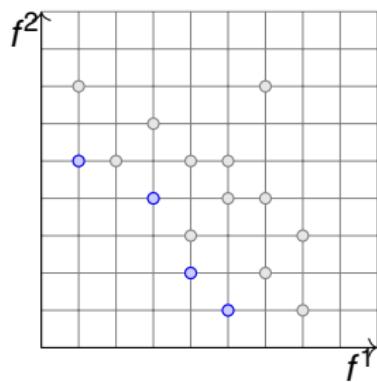
Continuous  
nondominated set  
(edges)

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{n_2}$$



Nondominated set  
composed of edges  
that are either closed,  
half-open, open or  
reduced to a point

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_2}$$



Discrete set of  
nondominated  
points

# Existing MP Software for MOP

▶ ADBASE	MOLP	(1975)
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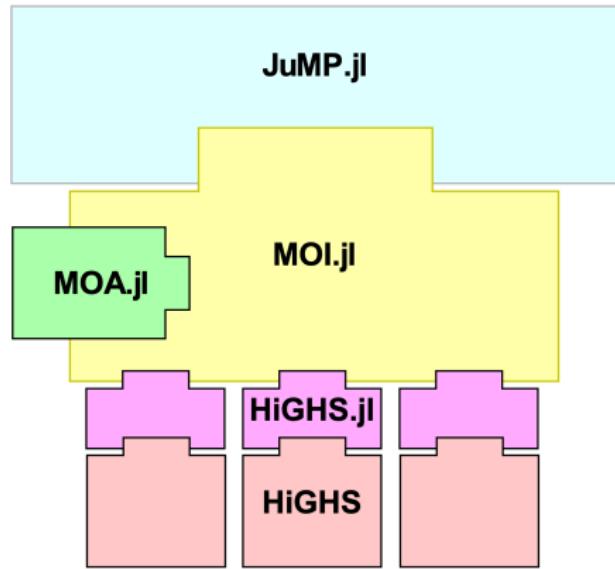
Installing the package:

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julia> using Pkg
```

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julia> Pkg.status()
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julia> Pkg.add("MultiObjectiveAlgorithms")
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# Zoom on the $\epsilon$ -constraint algorithm

Algorithm:

- ▶ `EpsilonConstraint()`

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Attributes:

- ▶ `MOA.EpsilonConstraintStep()`

algorithm uses this value as the  $\epsilon$  by which it partitions the first-objective's space. The default is 1, so that for a pure integer program this algorithm will enumerate  $Y_N$ .

- ▶ `MOA.SolutionLimit()`

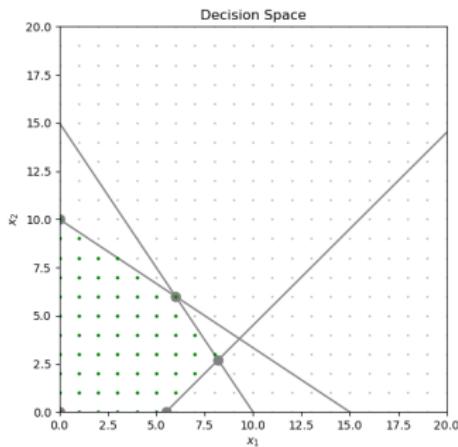
if this attribute is set then, instead of using the `MOA.EpsilonConstraintStep`, with a slight abuse of notation, `EpsilonConstraint` divides the range of the first-objective's domain in objective space by `SolutionLimit` to obtain the  $\epsilon$  to use when iterating. Thus, at most `SolutionLimit` solutions are returned.

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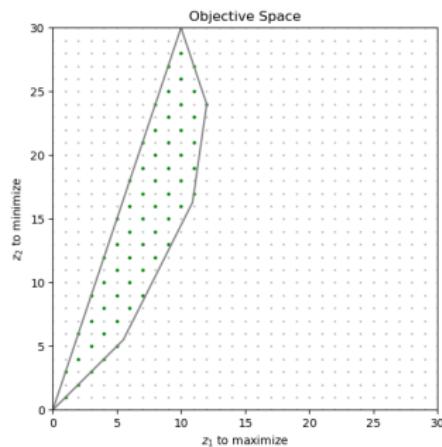
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Decision space:



Objective space:



## Example (2/4)

### Coding the MOO problem with JuMP

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julia> using JuMP, HiGHS  
julia> import MultiObjectiveAlgorithms as MOA
```

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julia> model = Model( )  
julia> @variable(model, x1≥0, Int)  
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julia> @expression(model, fct1, x1 + x2)          # to maximize  
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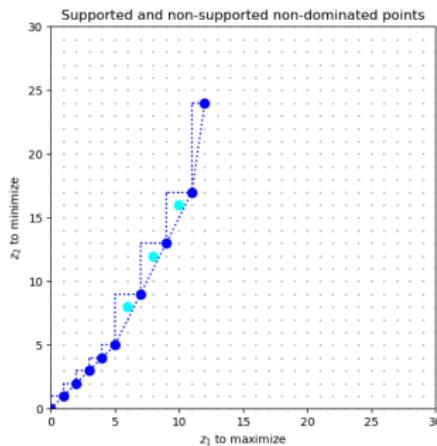
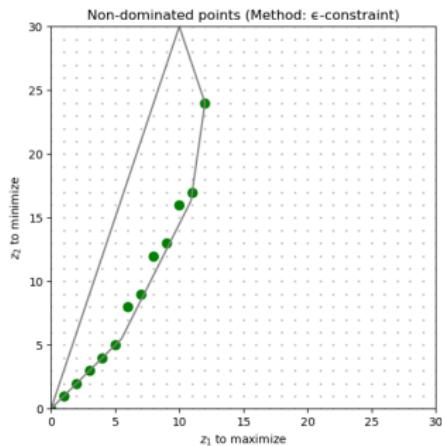
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↳ <https://github.com/xgandibleux/EUR02025/blob/main/2.examples%20jl/2IPex.ipynb>

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julia> using Plots
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<https://github.com/xgandibleux/EUR02025/blob/main/2.examples%20jl/2IPim.ipynb>

## More...

Oscar Dowson, Xavier Gandibleux, Gokhan Kof. From vOptGeneric.jl to MultiObjectiveAlgorithms.jl *JuliaDays 2023*, 4-6 October 2023. Paris (France).

JuMP:

<https://jump.dev/>

MultiObjectiveAlgorithms:

<https://github.com/jump-dev/MultiObjectiveAlgorithms.jl>

Examples:

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↳ <https://github.com/xgandibleux/EUR02025/blob/main/3.practice/Part3.ipynb>

# Call for participation



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