Julia tutorial (2) Metaheuristic Implementation

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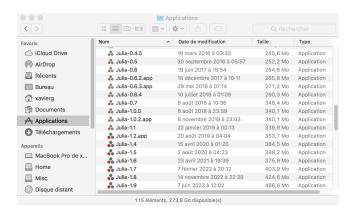
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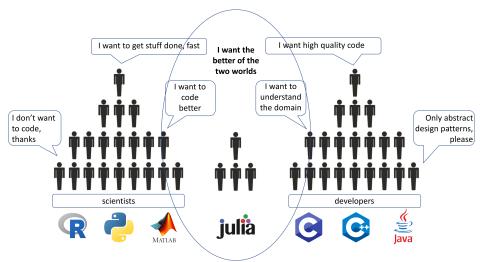
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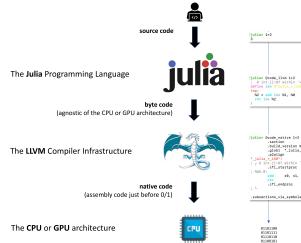
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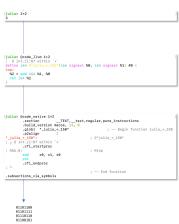
A programming language for optimization



Julia

LLVM: middleman between source code and compiled native code







Set Packing Problem (SPP):

o
$$J = \{1, ..., n\}$$

o $I = \{1, ..., m\}$

С

$$Max \ z(x) = \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{i,j} x_j \le 1, \forall i \in I$$

$$x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad , \forall j \in J$$

$$a_{i,j} \in \{0,1\} \quad , \forall i \in I, \forall j \in J$$

Example of a numerical instance:

```
7 6
7 2 4 6 3 1
                      Format OR-library:
1 2 3
                      http://people.brunel.ac.uk/~mastjjb/jeb/info.html
2 5 6
                      number of rows (m), number of columns (n)
1 2 4
                      the cost of each column c(j),j=1,...,n
                      for each row i (i=1,...,m): the number of
2 3 5
2
                      columns which cover row i
4 6
3
                      followed by a list of the columns which cover
3 4 5
                      row i
2
1 5
```

Example of a numerical instance:

Reading a numerical instance:

```
7 6
7 2 4 6 3 1
                 julia | function loadSPP(fname)
                 julia> f = open(fname)
1 2 3
                 julia> m,n = parse.(Int, split(readline(f)) )
                 julia>    C = parse.(Int, split(readline(f)) )
2 5 6
                 julia> A = zeros(Int, m, n)
                 julia> for i=1:m
1 2 4
                 julia> readline(f)
                 julia> for valeur in split(readline(f))
                              j = parse(Int, valeur)
                 julia>
2 3 5
                 julia>
                              A[i,j] = 1
                 julia>
                            end
4 6
                 julia> end
3
                 julia> close(f)
3 4 5
                 julia> return C, A
                 julia> end
1 5
```

Exercise 0

Solving the SPP instance with a MIP solver Modeling the SPP with JuMP, calling your favorite MIP solver



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- Speed: similar speeds to special-purpose modeling languages such as AMPL.
- Solver independence: JuMP uses MathOptInterface (MOI), an abstraction layer designed to provide a unified interface to mathematical optimization solvers.
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Writing a SPP Model and Solving an Instance

```
julia > using JuMP, HiGHS
julia> C,A = loadSPP(fname)
julia> m,n = size(A)
julia> spp = Model(HiGHS.Optimizer)
julia> @variable(spp, x[1:n], Bin)
julia> @objective(spp, Max, sum(C[j]*x[j] for j=1:n))
julia> @constraint(spp, cst[i=1:m], sum(A[i,j]*x[j] for j=1:n) ≤ 1)
julia> print(spp)
julia> optimize!(spp)
julia> @show objective_value(spp)
julia> @show value(x[2])
julia > Oshow value.(x)
```



Exercise 1

Construct a "good" initial solution

Iterative procedure: selection parts of a solution until it is feasible

Improve a "good" feasible solution

Iterative procedure: move from one solution to an other solution as long as required. The solution is the result of a move into a neighborhood structure.



Construction Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Greedy construction

$$S \leftarrow \emptyset$$

Initialize the candidate set C, and evaluate the utility $u(e), \forall e \in C$ while $(C \neq \emptyset)$ loop

Select the current *Best* element *e* from C:

$$e \leftarrow \max_{e \in \mathcal{C}} u(e)$$

Incorporate *e* into the solution:

$$S \leftarrow S \cup \{e\}$$

Update the candidate set C and reevaluate the utility $u(e), \forall e \in C$ $C \leftarrow C \setminus conflict(\{e\})$

endWhile

return S



$$\sum_{i \in I} a_{ij} = 3 \quad 4 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 2$$

$$u(x_j) = 2, 3 \quad 0, 5 \quad 1, 3 \quad 2 \quad 0, 75 \quad 0, 5$$

$$\rightarrow j^* = 1$$



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Improvement Algorithm (Deepest Descent Method)

Algorithm 2: Local search algorithm (for minimization)

```
S, a feasible solution
localOptimum ← false
repeat
     Choose S' \in \mathcal{N}(S) with f(S') < f(S)
     if found(S')
       S \leftarrow S'
     else
       localOptimum ← true
     endlf
until localOptimum
return S
```

Example: improvement (1/2)

A solution
$$x (x_j = (0, 1), j = 1, ..., n)$$
:

move:

kp-exchange:

k variables at 1 switched to 0 and p variables at 0 switched to 1

- relevant values of kp for WSPP:
 - 0-1-exchange
 - 1-1-exchange
 - 1-2-exchange
 - 2-1-exchange

etc.



Example: improvement (2/2)

1-1-exchange:

Exercise 2

► Search a very "good" feasible solution with GRASP¹
Iterative procedure: alternance between (1) greedy random construction and (2) local search.

¹**GRASP**: Greedy randomized adaptative search procedure. Introduced by Th. Féo and M. Resende in 1989. Central idea: (Deepest) multistart descent method with initial solutions blending greedy and random.



GRASP Algorithm

Parameters:

- $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, the compromize between greedy and random.
- stoppingRule (ex : nlter, a number of iterations).

Algorithm 3: GRASP metaheuristic

```
S^* \leftarrow \emptyset, the best solution found
```

repeat

```
\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \texttt{greedyRandomizedConstruction(problem}, \, \alpha)
```

```
S' \leftarrow \texttt{localSearchImprovement}(S)
```

```
{\tt updateSolution}(\mathcal{S}',\mathcal{S}^*)
```

until isFinished?(StoppingRule)

return S*



Construction algorithm

Algorithm 4: The greedy randomized construction

$$S \leftarrow \emptyset$$

Initialize the candidate set C, and evaluate the utility $u(e), \forall e \in C$ while $(C \neq \emptyset)$ loop

Build RCL, the restricted candidate list:

$$u_{Limit} \leftarrow \min_{e \in \mathcal{C}} u(e) + \alpha * (\max_{e \in \mathcal{C}} u(e) - \min_{e \in \mathcal{C}} u(e))$$

 $RCL \leftarrow \{e \in \mathcal{C}, u(e) \ge u_{Limit}\}$

Select an element *e* from the RCL at random:

$$e \leftarrow \texttt{RandomSelect}(\mathsf{RCL})$$

Incorporate *e* into the solution:

$$S \leftarrow S \cup \{e\}$$

Update the candidate set C and reevaluate the utility $u(e), \forall e \in C$ $C \leftarrow C \setminus conflict(\{e\})$

endWhile

return S



GRASP: Greedy Randomized Adaptative Search Procedure

Exemple (Con't)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \max z &=& 7x_1 &+& 2x_2 &+& 4x_3 &+& 6x_4 &+& 3x_5 &+& x_6 \\ s/c & x_1 &+& x_2 &+& x_3 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_2 &+& x_5 &+& x_6 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_1 &+& x_2 &+& x_4 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_2 &+& x_3 &+& x_5 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_2 &+& x_3 &+& x_5 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_4 &+& x_6 &&&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_3 &+& x_4 &+& x_5 &&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_1 &+& x_5 &&&&&\leqslant & 1 \\ & x_1 &,& x_2 &,& x_3 &,& x_4 &,& x_5 &,& x_6 &= (0,1) \end{bmatrix}$$

With $\alpha = 0.70$



Example: construction

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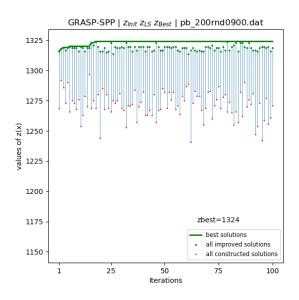
Example: construction

Selection n 1:

$$u_{Limit} = 0,7 \times (2,3-0,5) + 0.5 = 1,76$$



Example: output



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