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Scheduling, Timetabling and Routing

Lecture 3
Single Machine Problems

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Outline

1. Branch and Bound
2. IP Models
3. Dynamic Programming
4. Local Search

Summary

$1 \mid \mid \sum w_j C_j$: weighted shortest processing time first is optimal

$1 \mid \mid \sum_j U_j$: Moore's algorithm

$1 \mid prec \mid L_{max}$: Lawler's algorithm, backward dynamic programming in $O(n^2)$ [Lawler, 1973]

$1 \mid \mid \sum h_j(C_j)$: dynamic programming in $O(2^n)$

$1 \mid r_j, (prec) \mid L_{max}$: branch and bound

$1 \mid \mid \sum w_j T_j$: local search and dynasearch

$1 \mid \mid \sum w_j T_j$: IP formulations, column generation approaches

$1 \mid s_{jk} \mid C_{max}$: in the special case, Gilmore and Gomory algorithm optimal in $O(n^2)$

Multicriteria

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- **Branch and bound** algorithm (valid also for $1 \mid r_j, prec \mid L_{max}$)
 - **Branching:**
schedule from the beginning (level k , $n!/(k-1)!$ nodes)
elimination criterion: do not consider job j_k if:

$$r_j > \min_{l \in J} \{ \max(t, r_l) + p_l \} \quad J \text{ jobs to schedule, } t \text{ current time}$$

- **Lower bounding:** relaxation to preemptive case for which EDD is optimal

Branch and Bound

S root of the branching tree

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1 LIST := {S};
2 U:=value of some heuristic solution;
3 current_best := heuristic solution;
4 while LIST  $\neq \emptyset$ 
5     Choose a branching node  $k$  from LIST;
6     Remove  $k$  from LIST;
7     Generate children child( $i$ ),  $i = 1, \dots, n_k$ , and calculate corresponding lower
        bounds  $LB_i$ ;
8     for  $i:=1$  to  $n_k$ 
9         if  $LB_i < U$  then
10            if child( $i$ ) consists of a single solution then
11                 $U:=LB_i$ ;
12                current_best:=solution corresponding to child( $i$ )
13            else add child( $i$ ) to LIST
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Branch and Bound

Branch and bound *vs* backtracking

- = a state space tree is used to solve a problem.
- ≠ branch and bound does not limit us to any particular way of traversing the tree (backtracking is depth-first)
- ≠ branch and bound is used only for optimization problems.

Branch and bound *vs* A*

- = In A* the admissible heuristic mimics bounding
- ≠ In A* there is no branching. It is a search algorithm.
- ≠ A* is best first

Branch and Bound

[Jens Clausen (1999). Branch and Bound Algorithms
- Principles and Examples.]

- Eager Strategy:

1. select a node
2. branch
3. for each subproblem compute bounds and compare with incumbent solution
4. discard or store nodes together with their bounds

(Bounds are calculated as soon as nodes are available)

- Lazy Strategy:

1. select a node
2. compute bound
3. branch
4. store the new nodes together with the bound of the father node

(often used when selection criterion for next node is max depth)

Components

1. Initial feasible solution (heuristic) – might be crucial!
2. Bounding function
3. Strategy for selecting
4. Branching
5. Fathoming (dominance test)

Bounding

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- should be polytime and strong (trade off)

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(enhanced by alternating search in lowest and largest bounds combined
with branching on the node with the largest difference in bound between
the children)
(it seems to perform best)

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Overall guidelines

- finding good initial solutions is important
- if initial solution is close to optimum then the selection strategy makes little difference
- Parallel B&B: distributed control or a combination are better than centralized control
- parallelization might be used also to compute bounds if few nodes alive
- parallelization with static work load distribution is appealing with large search trees

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• **Lower Bounding:**

relaxation to preemptive case
 transportation problem

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{C_{max}} c_{jt} x_{jt}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{t=1}^{C_{max}} x_{jt} = p_j, \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$$

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[Pan and Shi, 2007]'s lower bounding through time indexed
 Stronger but computationally more expensive

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} c_{jt} y_{jt}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T-p_j} c_{jt} \leq h_j(t + p_j)$$

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Complexity resume

Single machine, single criterion problems $1 || \gamma$:

C_{max}	\mathcal{P}
T_{max}	\mathcal{P}
L_{max}	\mathcal{P}
h_{max}	\mathcal{P}
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Sequencing (linear ordering) variables

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n w_j p_k x_{kj} + \sum_{j=1}^n w_j p_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_{kj} + x_{jl} + x_{lk} \geq 1 \quad j, k, l = 1, \dots, n, j \neq k, k \neq l$$

$$x_{kj} + x_{jk} = 1 \quad \forall j, k = 1, \dots, n, j \neq k$$

$$x_{jk} \in \{0, 1\} \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$x_{jj} = 0 \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$$

IP Models

Completion time

$$1|prec|C_{max}$$

Completion time variables $\in \mathbb{R}$ and job precedences $\in \mathbb{B}$ for disjunctive constraints

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^n w_j z_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } z_k - z_j \geq p_k \quad \text{for } j \rightarrow k \in A$$

$$z_j \geq p_j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$z_k - z_j \geq p_k \quad \text{or} \quad z_j - z_k \geq p_j, \quad \text{for } (i, j) \in I$$

$$z_j \in \mathbf{R}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

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- + The LR of this formulation gives better bounds than the two preceding
- + Flexible with respect to objective function
- Pseudo-polynomial number of variables

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substituting in (IP) leads to DW master problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \max \sum_k (cx^k) \lambda_k & \tag{MP} \\
 \text{s. t. } \sum_k (Ax^k) \lambda_k \leq b \\
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matrix of X is interval matrix

extreme points are integral

they are **pseudo-schedules**

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Substituting X in original model getting master problem

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- reduced cost of λ_k is $\bar{c}_k = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^{T-p_j+1} (c_{jt} - \pi_j) x_{jt}^k - \alpha$

Delayed Column Generation

Simplex in matrix form

$$\min \{cx \mid Ax = b, x \geq 0\}$$

In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A \\ -1 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $B = \{1, 2, \dots, p\}$ basic variables
- $L = \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$ non-basis variables (will be set to lower bound = 0)
- (B, L) basis structure
- $x_B, x_L, c_B, c_L,$
- $B = [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p], L = [A_{p+1}, A_{p+2}, \dots, A_{p+q}]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B & L & 0 \\ c_B & c_L & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_B \\ x_L \\ -z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Simplex algorithm sets $x_{\mathcal{L}} = 0$ and $x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1}b$

B invertible, hence rows linearly independent

$$Bx_{\mathcal{B}} + Lx_{\mathcal{L}} = b \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_{\mathcal{B}} + B^{-1}Lx_{\mathcal{L}} = B^{-1}b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} x_{\mathcal{L}} = 0 \\ x_{\mathcal{B}} = B^{-1}b \end{cases}$$

The objective function is obtained by multiplying and subtracting constraints by means of multipliers π (the dual variables)

$$z = \sum_{j=1}^p \left[c_j - \sum_{i=1}^p \pi_i a_{ij} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^q \left[c_j - \sum_{i=1}^p \pi_i a_{ij} \right] + \sum_{i=1}^p \pi_i b_i$$

Each basic variable has cost null in the objective function

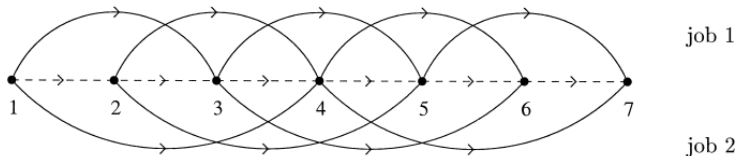
$$c_j - \sum_{i=1}^p \pi_i a_{ij} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \pi = B^{-1}c_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Reduced costs \bar{c}_j of non-basic variables:

$$\bar{c}_j = c_j - \sum_{i=1}^p \pi_i a_{ij}$$

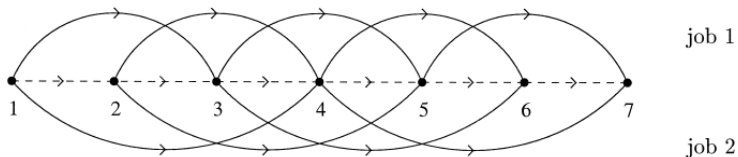
Pricing problem

- **Subproblem** solved by finding shortest path in a network N with
 - $1, 2, \dots, T + 1$ nodes corresponding to time periods
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- a path in this network corresponds to a pseudo-schedule in which a job may be started more than once or not processed.
- since network is directed and acyclic, shortest path found in $O(nT)$

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- *A. Pessoa, E. Uchoa, M.P. de Aragão and R. Rodrigues. Exact algorithm over an arc-time-indexed formulation for parallel machine scheduling problems. 2010, 2, 259-290*

proposes another time index formulation that dominates this one.
They can solve consistently instances up to 100 jobs.

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A lot of work done on $1 \parallel \sum w_j T_j$
[single-machine total weighted tardiness]

- $1 \parallel \sum T_j$ is hard in ordinary sense, hence admits a pseudo polynomial algorithm (dynamic programming in $O(n^4 \sum p_j)$)
- $1 \parallel \sum w_j T_j$ strongly NP-hard (reduction from 3-partition)

1 || $\sum h_j(C_j)$

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- The best choice is computed by recursion in $O(n^3)$ and the optimal series of interchanges for $F(\pi_n)$ is found by backtrack.
- Local search with dynasearch neighborhood starts from an initial sequence, generated by ATC, and at each iteration applies the best dynasearch move, until no improvement is possible (that is, $F(\pi_n^t) = F(\pi_n^{(t-1)})$, for iteration t).
- Speedups:
 - pruning with considerations on $p_{\pi(k)}$ and $p_{\pi(i+1)}$
 - maintainig a string of late, no late jobs
 - h_t largest index s.t. $\pi^{(t-1)}(k) = \pi^{(t-2)}(k)$ for $k = 1, \dots, h_t$ then $F(\pi_k^{(t-1)}) = F(\pi_k^{(t-2)})$ for $k = 1, \dots, h_t$ and at iter t no need to consider $i < h_t$.

Dynasearch, refinements:

- [Grosso et al. 2004] add insertion moves to interchanges.
- [Ergun and Orlin 2006] show that dynasearch neighborhood can be searched in $O(n^2)$.

Performance:

- exact solution via branch and bound feasible up to 40 jobs [Potts and Wassenhove, Oper. Res., 1985]
- exact solution via time-indexed integer programming formulation used to lower bound in branch and bound solves instances of 100 jobs in 4-9 hours [Pan and Shi, Math. Progm., 2007]
- dynasearch: results reported for 100 jobs within a 0.005% gap from optimum in less than 3 seconds [Grosso et al., Oper. Res. Lett., 2004]

Summary

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 - 1 | *prec* | L_{max} : Lawler's algorithm, backward dynamic programming in $O(n^2)$ [Lawler, 1973]
 - 1 || $\sum h_j(C_j)$: dynamic programming in $O(2^n)$
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