

DM87  
SCHEDULING,  
TIMETABLING AND ROUTING

Lecture 8  
Single Machine Models

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## Outline

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## Dispatching rules

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Distinguish **static** and **dynamic** rules.

- ▶ Service in random order (SIRO)
- ▶ Earliest release date first (ERD=FIFO)
  - ▶ tends to min variations in waiting time
- ▶ Earliest due date (EDD)
- ▶ Minimal slack first (MS)
  - ▶  $j^* = \arg \min_j \{\max(d_j - p_j - t, 0)\}$ .
  - ▶ tends to min due date objectives (T,L)

- ▶ (Weighted) shortest processing time first (WSPT)
  - ▶  $j^* = \arg \max_j \{w_j/p_j\}$ .
  - ▶ tends to  $\min \sum w_j C_j$  and max work in progress and
- ▶ Longest processing time first (LPT)
  - ▶ balance work load over parallel machines
- ▶ Shortest setup time first (SST)
  - ▶ tends to  $\min C_{\max}$  and max throughput
- ▶ Least flexible job first (LFJ)
  - ▶ eligibility constraints

- ▶ Critical path (CP)
  - ▶ first job in the CP
  - ▶ tends to  $\min C_{\max}$
- ▶ Largest number of successors (LNS)
- ▶ Shortest queue at the next operation (SQNO)
  - ▶ tends to  $\min$  idleness of machines

Table C.1. Summary of Dispatching Rules

	RULE	DATA	OBJECTIVES
Rules Dependent on Release Dates and Due Dates	ERD	$r_j$	Variance in Throughput Times
	EDD	$d_j$	Maximum Lateness
	MS	$d_j$	Maximum Lateness
Rules Dependent on Processing Times	LPT	$p_j$	Load Balancing over Parallel Machines
	SPT	$p_j$	Sum of Completion Times, WIP
	WSPT	$p_j, w_j$	Weighted Sum of Completion Times, WIP
	CP	$p_j, prec$	Makespan
	LNS	$p_j, prec$	Makespan
Miscellaneous	SIRO	—	Ease of Implementation
	SST	$s_{jk}$	Makespan and Throughput
	LFJ	$M_j$	Makespan and Throughput
	SQNO	—	Machine Idleness

When dispatching rules are optimal?

	RULE	DATA	ENVIRONMENT
1	SIRO	—	—
2	ERD	$r_j$	$1 \mid r_j \mid \text{Var}(\sum(C_j - r_j)/n)$
3	EDD	$d_j$	$1 \parallel L_{\max}$
4	MS	$d_j$	$1 \parallel L_{\max}$
5	SPT	$p_j$	$Pm \parallel \sum C_j; Fm \mid p_{ij} = p_j \mid \sum C_j$
6	WSPT	$w_j, p_j$	$Pm \parallel \sum w_j C_j$
7	LPT	$p_j$	$Pm \parallel C_{\max}$
8	SPT-LPT	$p_j$	$Fm \mid block, p_{ij} = p_j \mid C_{\max}$
9	CP	$p_j, prec$	$Pm \mid prec \mid C_{\max}$
10	LNS	$p_j, prec$	$Pm \mid prec \mid C_{\max}$
11	SST	$s_{jk}$	$1 \mid s_{jk} \mid C_{\max}$
12	LFJ	$M_j$	$Pm \mid M_j \mid C_{\max}$
13	LAPT	$p_{ij}$	$O2 \parallel C_{\max}$
14	SQ	—	$Pm \parallel \sum C_j$
15	SQNO	—	$Jm \parallel \gamma$

## Composite dispatching rules

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Why composite rules?

- ▶ Example:  $1 || \sum w_j T_j$ :
  - ▶ WSPT, optimal if due dates are zero
  - ▶ EDD, optimal if due dates are loose
  - ▶ MS, tends to minimize T

▶ The efficacy of the rules depends on instance **factors**

## Instance characterization

- ▶ Job attributes: {weight, processing time, due date, release date}
- ▶ Machine attributes: {speed, num. of jobs waiting, num. of jobs eligible }

Possible instance factors:

$$\theta_1 = 1 - \frac{\bar{d}}{c_{\max}} \quad (\text{due date tightness})$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{d_{\max} - d_{\min}}{c_{\max}} \quad (\text{due date range})$$

$$\theta_3 = \frac{\bar{s}}{\bar{p}} \quad (\text{set up time severity})$$

$$(\text{estimated } \hat{C}_{\max} = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j + n\bar{s})$$

- ▶ Dynamic apparent tardiness cost (ATC)

$$I_j(t) = \frac{w_j}{p_j} \exp\left(-\frac{\max(d_j - p_j - t, 0)}{K\bar{p}}\right)$$

- ▶ Dynamic apparent tardiness cost with setups (ATCS)

$$I_j(t, l) = \frac{w_j}{p_j} \exp\left(-\frac{\max(d_j - p_j - t, 0)}{K_1\bar{p}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{-s_{jk}}{K_2\bar{s}}\right)$$

after job  $l$  has finished.

## Summary

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- ▶ Scheduling classification
- ▶ Solution methods
- ▶ Practice with general solution methods
  - ▶ Mathematical Programming
  - ▶ Constraint Programming
  - ▶ Heuristic methods

## Remainder on Scheduling

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### Objectives:

Look closer into scheduling models and learn:

- ▶ special algorithms
- ▶ application of general methods

### Cases:

- ▶ Single Machine
- ▶ Parallel Machine
- ▶ Permutation Flow Shop
- ▶ Job Shop
- ▶ Resource Constrained Project Scheduling

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Single Machine Models:

- ▶  $C_{\max}$  is sequence independent
- ▶ if  $r_j = 0$  and  $h_j$  is monotone in  $C_j$  then optimal schedule is nondelay and has no preemption.

## $1 || \sum w_j C_j$

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[Total weighted completion time]

- ▶ **Theorem:** The weighted shortest processing time first (WSPT) rule is optimal.

Extensions to  $1 | \text{prec} | \sum w_j C_j$

- ▶ in the general case strongly NP-hard
- ▶ **chain** precedences:  
process first chain with highest  $\rho$ -factor up to, and included, job with highest  $\rho$ -factor.
- ▶ poly also for tree and sp-graph precedences

Extensions to  $1 | r_j, p_{\text{mp}} | \sum w_j C_j$

- ▶ in the general case strongly NP-hard
- ▶ preemptive version of the WSPT if equal weights
- ▶ however,  $1 | r_j | \sum w_j C_j$  is strongly NP-hard

## $1 | \text{prec} | L_{\text{max}}$

[maximum lateness]

- ▶ generalization:  $h_{\text{max}} = \max\{h(C_1), h(C_2), \dots, h(C_n)\}$

- ▶ Solved by **backward dynamic programming** in  $O(n^2)$ :

$J$  set of jobs already scheduled;

$J^c$  set of jobs still to schedule;

$J' \subseteq J^c$  set of schedulable jobs

**Step 1:** Set  $J = \emptyset$ ,  $J^c = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $J'$  the set of all jobs with no successor

**Step 2:** Select  $j^*$  such that  $j^* = \arg \min_{j \in J'} \{h_j (\sum_{k \in J^c} p_k)\}$ ;  
add  $j^*$  to  $J$ ; remove  $j^*$  from  $J^c$ ; update  $J'$ .

**Step 3:** If  $J^c$  is empty then stop, otherwise go to Step 2.

- ▶ For  $1 || L_{\text{max}}$  Earliest Due Date first
- ▶  $1 | r_j | L_{\text{max}}$  is instead strongly NP-hard

## $1 || \sum h_j(C_j)$

- ▶ generalization of  $\sum w_j T_j$  hence strongly NP-hard
- ▶ efficient (**forward**) **dynamic programming** algorithm  $O(2^n)$

$J$  set of job already scheduled;

$$V(J) = \sum_{j \in J} h_j(C_j)$$

**Step 1:** Set  $J = \emptyset$ ,  $V(j) = h_j(p_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$

**Step 2:**  $V(J) = \min_{j \in J} (V(J - \{j\}) + h_j (\sum_{k \in J} p_k))$

**Step 3:** If  $J = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  then  $V(\{1, 2, \dots, n\})$  is optimum,  
otherwise go to Step 2.

## $1 | s_{jk} | C_{\text{max}}$

[Makespan with sequence-dependent setup times]

- ▶ general case is NP-hard (traveling salesman reduction).
- ▶ special case:

parameters  $a_j, b_j$  for job  $j$  with

$$s_{jk} \propto |a_k - b_j|$$

[Gilmore and Gomory, 1964] give a  $O(n^2)$  algorithm

▶ assume  $b_0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$  ( $k > j$  and  $b_k \geq b_j$ )

▶ one-to-one correspondence with solution of TSP with  $n + 1$  cities  
city 0 has  $a_0, b_0$   
start at  $b_0$  finish at  $a_0$

▶ tour representation  $\phi : \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \mapsto \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$   
(permutation map, single linked array)

▶ Hence,

$$\min_{\phi} c(\phi) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i, \phi(i)} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi(S) \neq S \quad \forall S \subset V \quad (2)$$

▶ find  $\phi^*$  by ignoring (2)  
make  $\phi^*$  a tour through swaps  
(swap chosen solving a min spanning tree and applied in a certain order)

▶ Interchange  $\delta^{jk}$

$$\delta^{jk}(\phi) = \{\phi' \mid \phi'(j) = \phi(k), \phi(k) = \phi(j), \phi'(l) = \phi(l), \forall l \neq j, k\}$$

▶ Cost

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\phi}(\delta^{jk}) &= c(\delta^{jk}(\phi)) - c(\phi) \\ &= \|[b_j, b_k] \cap [a_{\phi(j)}, a_{\phi(k)}]\| \end{aligned}$$

▶ **Theorem:** Let  $\phi^*$  be a permutation that ranks the  $a$  that is  $k > j$  implies  $a_{\phi(k)} \geq a_{\phi(j)}$  then

$$c(\phi^*) = \min_{\phi} c(\phi)$$

▶ **Lemma:** If  $\phi$  is a permutation consisting of cycles  $C_1, \dots, C_p$  and  $\delta^{jk}$  is an interchange with  $j \in C_r$  and  $k \in C_s$ ,  $r \neq s$ , then  $\delta^{jk}(\phi)$  contains the same cycles except that  $C_r$  and  $C_s$  have been replaced by a single cycle containing all their nodes.

▶ **Theorem:** Let  $\delta^{j_1 k_1}, \delta^{j_2 k_2}, \dots, \delta^{j_p k_p}$  be the interchanges corresponding to the arcs of a spanning tree of  $G_{\phi^*}$ . The arcs may be taken in any order. Then  $\phi'$ ,

$$\phi' = \delta^{j_1 k_1} \circ \delta^{j_2 k_2} \circ \dots \circ \delta^{j_p k_p}(\phi^*)$$

is a tour.

▶ The  $p - 1$  interchanges can be found by greedy algorithm (similarity to Kruskal for min spanning tree)

▶ **Lemma:** There is a minimum spanning tree in  $G_{\phi^*}$  that contains only arcs  $\delta^{j, j+1}$ .

▶ Generally,  $c(\phi') \neq c(\delta^{j_1 k_1}) + c(\delta^{j_2 k_2}) + \dots + c(\delta^{j_p k_p})$ .

▶

$$\text{node } j \text{ in } \phi \text{ is of } \begin{cases} \text{Type I,} & \text{if } b_j \leq a_{\phi(j)} \\ \text{Type II,} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{interchange } jk \text{ is of } \begin{cases} \text{Type I,} & \text{if lower node of type I} \\ \text{Type II,} & \text{if lower node of type II} \end{cases}$$

▶ Order:  
interchanges in Type I in decreasing order  
interchanges in Type II in increasing order

▶ Apply to  $\phi^*$  interchanges of Type I and Type II in that order.

▶ **Theorem:** The tour found is a minimal cost tour.

Resuming the final algorithm [Gilmore and Gomory, 1964]:

**Step 1:** Arrange  $b_j$  in order of size and renumber jobs so that  $b_j \leq b_{j+1}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Step 2:** Arrange  $a_j$  in order of size.

**Step 3:** Define  $\phi$  by  $\phi(j) = k$  where  $k$  is the  $j + 1$ -smallest of the  $a_j$ .

**Step 4:** Compute the interchange costs  $c_{\delta^{j,j+1}}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$

$$c_{\delta^{j,j+1}} = \| [b_j, b_{j+1}] \cap [a_{\phi(j)}, a_{\phi(j+1)}] \|$$

**Step 5:** While  $G$  has not one single component, Add to  $G_\phi$  the arc of minimum cost  $c(\delta^{j,j+1})$  such that  $j$  and  $j + 1$  are in two different components.

**Step 6:** Divide the arcs selected in Step 5 in Type I and II. Sort Type I in decreasing and Type II increasing order of index. Apply the relative interchanges in the order.

## Summary

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Single Machine Models:

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

1 | prec |  $L_{\max}$  : dynamic programming in  $O(n^2)$

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

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