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A Heuristic for The Local Region Covering Problem

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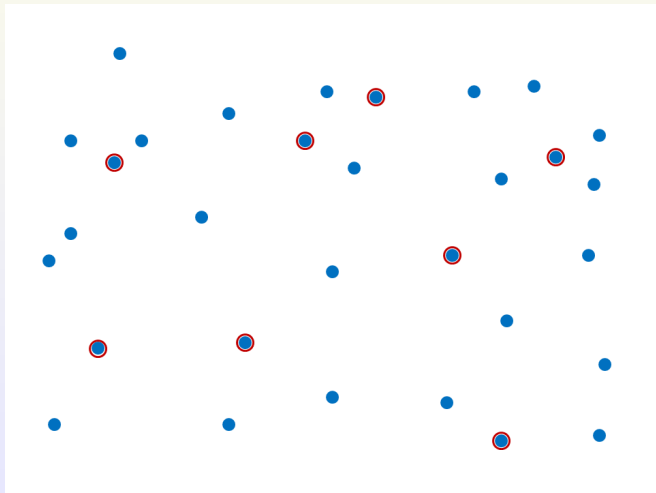
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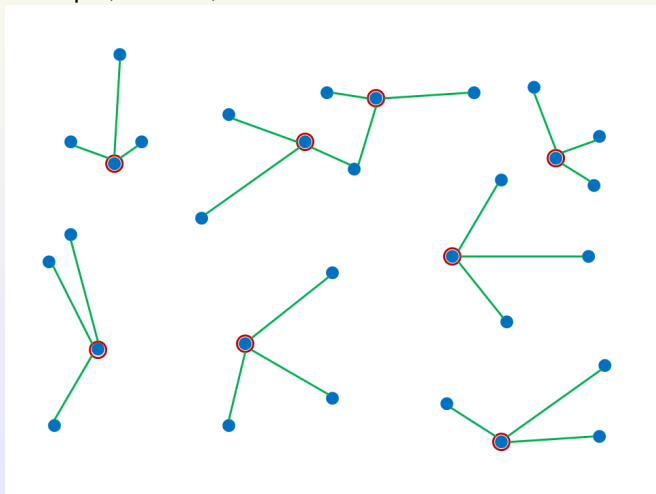
An Example of A Local Region Covering Problem

31 locations and 8 services centers.

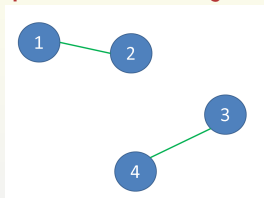


An Example of A Local Region Covering Problem

In this example, $n = 31$, $k = 4$ and $s = 8$.



Example - The Objective Function



$$n = 4$$

$$s = 2$$

$$k = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} D_{11} & D_{12} & D_{13} & D_{14} \\ D_{21} & D_{22} & D_{23} & D_{24} \\ D_{31} & D_{32} & D_{33} & D_{34} \\ D_{41} & D_{42} & D_{43} & D_{44} \\ 0 & D_{12} & D_{13} & D_{14} \\ D_{21} & 0 & D_{23} & D_{24} \\ D_{31} & D_{32} & 0 & D_{34} \\ D_{41} & D_{42} & D_{43} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} Z_{11} & Z_{12} \\ Z_{21} & Z_{22} \\ Z_{31} & Z_{32} \\ Z_{41} & Z_{42} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} \\ T_{41} & T_{42} \end{bmatrix} \\
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 = & \begin{bmatrix} D_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{34} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

- D_{ij} is the cost of service from location i to location j .
- s is the total number of services centers (subsets). It should be given.
- $Z_{ip} = 1$ represents assigning location i to p -th service center; 0 otherwise.
- $T_{ip} = 1$ indicating location i is the p -th service center; 0 otherwise.

Local Region Covering

The Optimization Model

$$\min_{Z, T} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} Z_{jp} \right) \cdot T_{ip}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i,$$

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- Given $k \cdot s \geq n$

Similar Bilinear Programming Formulations: Approach 1

Bilinear Programs

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y} \quad & c^T x + x^T Q^T y + d^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \leq a, \quad B^T y \leq b, \\ & x \geq 0, \quad y \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- $A \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$
- $B^T \in \mathcal{R}^{m' \times n'}$
- $Q^T \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n'}$
- c, d, a, b are vectors of sizes n, n', m, m' respectively.

Equivalent Problem derived from the Duality Theory

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,u} \quad & (c^T x + \min_u \quad b^T u) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Ax \leq a, \quad Bu \geq d + Qx, \\ & x \geq 0, \quad u \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Can't handle our problem!

Having two multiplied variables.

Similar Bilinear Programming Formulations: Approach 2

Uncoupled Bilinear Programs

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y,r,s} \quad & xy \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Cx + Er \geq g, \\ & Dy + Fs \geq h, \\ & x, y, r, s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Coupled Bilinear Programs

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y,r} \quad & xy \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Cx + Dy + Er \geq g, \\ & x, y, r \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Vertex Solution
- Convergence and Finite Termination

Our approach!

Solving two subproblems iteratively.

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A Bilinear Programming Method

Subproblem 1

Given T , solve

$$\min_Z \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} T_{ip} \right) \cdot Z_{jp}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i,$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p,$$

$$Z_{ip} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, p.$$

Subproblem 2

Given Z , solve

$$\min_T \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} Z_{jp} \right) \cdot T_{ip}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p,$$

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A Bilinear Programming Method - Solving Subproblem 1

Subproblem 1

Given T , solve

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$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} = k \quad \forall p, \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p, \quad (3)$$

$$Z_{ip} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, p.$$

- The coefficient matrix of Constraint (1) and Constraint (2) is Totally Unimodular.
- k is integer.
- The relaxation problem has integral optimal solution.
- Removing Constraint (3) using the given T .

Totally Unimodular Matrix

$$\sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i, \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} = k \quad \forall p. \quad (2)$$

Let A be the matrix containing coefficients of the two constraints.

- Elements in A are either 0 or 1 .
- Each column of A contains at most two nonzero coefficients.
- There exists a partition (M_1, M_2) of the set M of rows satisfies $\sum_{i \in M_1} A_{ij} - \sum_{i \in M_2} A_{ij} = 0$ for each column j containing two nonzero coefficients.

Removing Constraint (3)

Given T ,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} T_{jp} \right) \cdot Z_{ip} \\ & \vdots \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p. \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

Can be replaced by:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s D_{iC_p} \cdot Z_{ip} \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

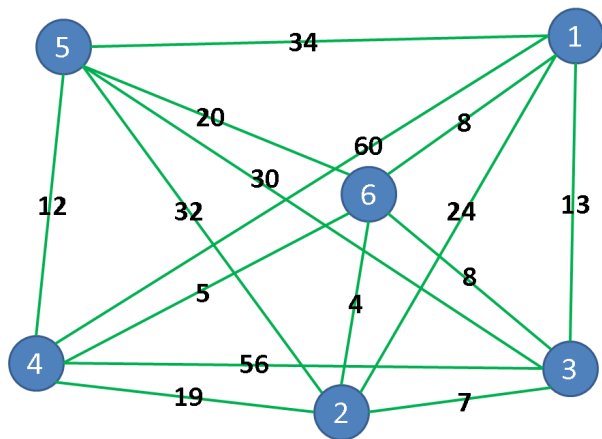
■ Let

$$C_p = \{i : T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall i\} \quad \forall p.$$

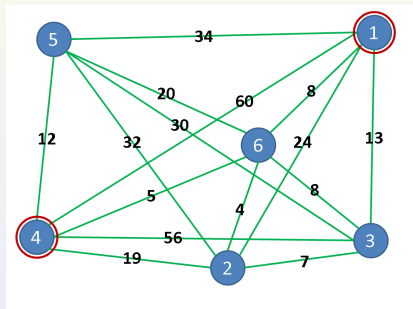
■ $\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} T_{jp} = D_{i,C_p}.$

■ $Z_{ip} \in \{0, 1\}.$

Example - Local Region Covering



- $n = 6$
- $k = 3$
- $s = 2$
- $k \cdot s \geq n$



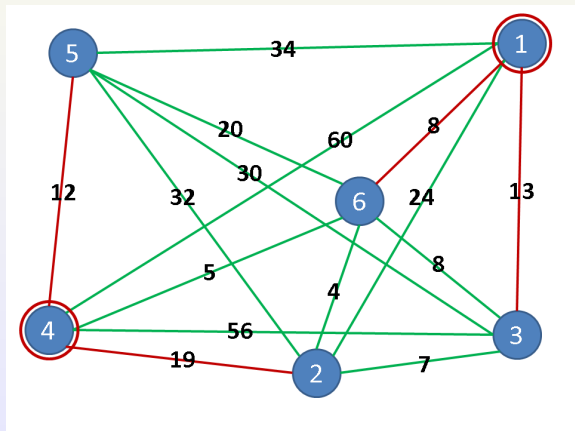
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 24 & 13 & 60 & 34 & 8 \\ 24 & 0 & 7 & 19 & 32 & 4 \\ 13 & 7 & 0 & 56 & 30 & 8 \\ 60 & 19 & 56 & 0 & 12 & 5 \\ 34 & 32 & 30 & 12 & 0 & 20 \\ 8 & 4 & 8 & 5 & 20 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{D} = D \times T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 24 & 13 & 60 & 34 & 8 \\ 24 & 0 & 7 & 19 & 32 & 4 \\ 13 & 7 & 0 & 56 & 30 & 8 \\ 60 & 19 & 56 & 0 & 12 & 5 \\ 34 & 32 & 30 & 12 & 0 & 20 \\ 8 & 4 & 8 & 5 & 20 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 60 \\ 24 & 19 \\ 13 & 56 \\ 60 & 0 \\ 34 & 12 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \bar{D}_{ip} \right) \cdot Z_{jp} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} = k \quad \forall p, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p, \\ & 0 \leq Z_{ip} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, p. \end{aligned}$$

Solution



$$\text{Obj} = 52$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A Bilinear Programming Method - Solving Subproblem 2

Subproblem 2

Given Z , solve

$$\min_{\mathbf{T}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} Z_{jp} \right) \cdot T_{ip}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p, \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p, \quad (5)$$

$$T_{ip} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, p.$$

- Removing Constraint (5) using the given Z .
- Selecting the minimum sum \hat{D}_{i^*p} (will be defined) for each p .

Removing Constraint (5)

Given T,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} Z_{jp} \right) \cdot T_{ip} \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} \cdot T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p. \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

■ Let $E_p = \{i : Z_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall i\} \quad \forall p$.

■ $\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} Z_{jp} = \sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij}$

■ $T_{ip} \in \{0, 1\}$.

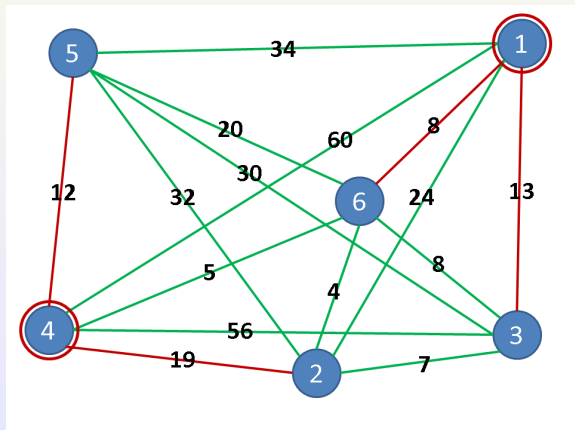
■ Selecting the minimum sum for each p:

Can be replaced by:

$$\hat{D}_{i^*p} = \min_{i \in E_p} \sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{p=1}^s \sum_{i \in E_p} \left(\sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij} \right) \cdot T_{ip} \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p. \end{aligned}$$

Example



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$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$D \times Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 24 & 13 & 60 & 34 & 8 \\ 24 & 0 & 7 & 19 & 32 & 4 \\ 13 & 7 & 0 & 56 & 30 & 8 \\ 60 & 19 & 56 & 0 & 12 & 5 \\ 34 & 32 & 30 & 12 & 0 & 20 \\ 8 & 4 & 8 & 5 & 20 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 13 + 8 & 24 + 60 + 34 \\ 24 + 7 + 4 & 0 + 19 + 32 \\ 13 + 0 + 8 & 7 + 56 + 30 \\ 60 + 56 + 5 & 19 + 0 + 12 \\ 34 + 30 + 20 & 32 + 12 + 0 \\ 8 + 8 + 0 & 4 + 5 + 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

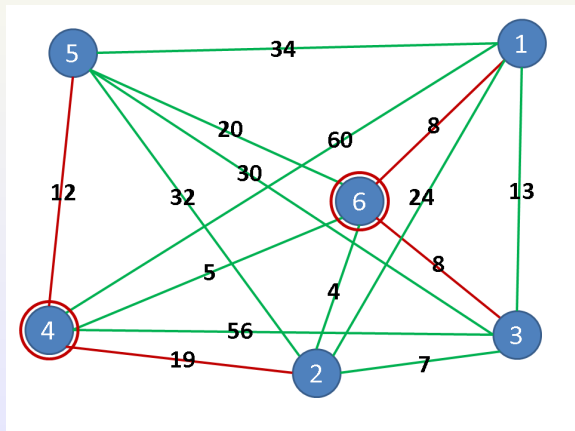
$$\min_Z \sum_{p=1}^s \sum_{i \in E_p} \left(\sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij} \right) \cdot T_{ip}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n T_{ip} = 1 \quad \forall p.$$

The Optimal Objective Value

$$= \min(21, 21, 16) + \min(51, 31, 44) = 16 + 31 = 47 < 52.$$

Solution



$$\text{Obj} = 47$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Algorithm

Subproblem 1

Given T , solve the LP:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^s \left(\sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij} T_{jp} \right) \cdot Z_{jp} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{p=1}^s Z_{ip} \geq 1 \quad \forall i, \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n Z_{ip} = k \quad \forall p, \\ & 0 \leq Z_{ip} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, p. \end{aligned}$$

Subproblem 2

Given Z , selecting the minimum sum for each p :

$$\hat{D}_{i^*p} = \min_{i \in E_p} \sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij}.$$

The optimal T has elements

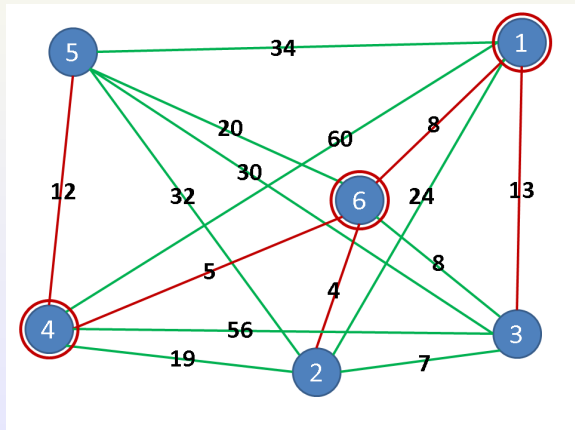
$$T_{lp} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } l = \arg \min_{i \in E_p} \sum_{j \in E_p} D_{ij}; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Iterate until converge!

Conclusion

- A bilinear programming problem
- Two multiplied variables
 - Objective function
 - A constraint
- Bilinear programming algorithm
 - Subproblem 1 has integral LP solutions.
 - Subproblem 2 is a simple minimum value selection problem.
- An iterative method with finite termination
- Simple and easy!

Extension



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Obj} &= 9 + 17 + 21 \\ &= 47 \end{aligned}$$

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$