

Job Shop Scheduling Problems

- n jobs, m machines
- Each job follows a predetermined route (a sequence of machines)

Problem:

- Operation (i,j) : Processing of job j on machine i
- Processing time p_{ij}
- Assume that jobs do not recirculate
- Minimize C_{\max}

visit a machine more than once

Example 1: 3 jobs, 4 machines

Jobs	Machine Sequence	Processing Times
1	1,2,3	$p_{11}=10, p_{21}=8, p_{31}=4$
2	2,1,4,3	$p_{22}=8, p_{12}=3, p_{42}=5, p_{32}=6$
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Disjunctive Programming

- A set of constraints is conjunctive, if each constraint in the set must be satisfied
- A set of constraints is disjunctive, if at least one of the constraints in the set must be satisfied
- Any integer program can be written as a disjunctive program

(job goes thru machines in right order)

Disjunctive Programming Formulation (Job Shop Problem, Minimize Makespan)

Variables:

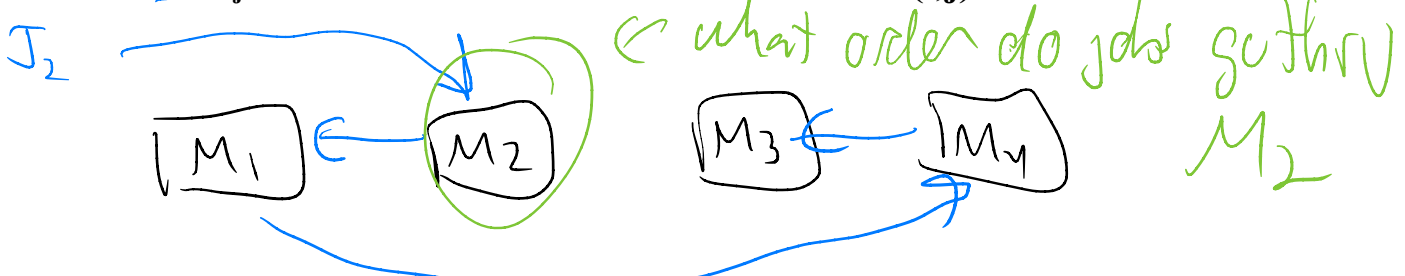
t_{ij} = start time of job j on machine i , for all operations (i,j)

Min C_{max}

s.t

- $C_{max} \geq t_{ij} + p_{ij}$ for all $(i,j) \in N$
- $t_{kj} \geq t_{ij} + p_{ij}$ for all $(i,j) \leftarrow (k,j) \in A$
- $t_{ij} \geq t_{ik} + p_{ik}$ or $t_{ik} \geq t_{ij} + p_{ij}$ for all (i,j) and $(i,k) \in N$
- $t_{ij} \geq 0$ for all $(i,j) \in N$

on each machine, 1 job at a time



Example 1: revisited, 3 jobs, 4 machines

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Min C_{max}

s.t

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} C_{max} \geq t_{31} + p_{31} \leftarrow \\ C_{max} \geq t_{32} + p_{32} \leftarrow \\ C_{max} \geq t_{33} + p_{33} \leftarrow \end{array} \right.$$

n constr.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow t_{21} \geq t_{11} + p_{11} \\ \rightarrow t_{31} \geq t_{21} + p_{21} \\ \rightarrow t_{12} \geq t_{22} + p_{22} \\ \rightarrow t_{42} \geq t_{12} + p_{12} \\ \rightarrow t_{32} \geq t_{42} + p_{42} \\ \rightarrow t_{23} \geq t_{13} + p_{13} \\ \rightarrow t_{43} \geq t_{23} + p_{23} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\sim nm$ constr.

$2 < 1$
 $1 < 4$
 $4 < 3$

conjunctive

for $i=1,2,3,4$:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow t_{i1} \geq t_{i2} + p_{i2} \quad \text{or} \quad t_{i2} \geq t_{i1} + p_{i1} \\ t_{i1} \geq t_{i3} + p_{i3} \quad \text{or} \quad t_{i3} \geq t_{i1} + p_{i1} \\ t_{i2} \geq t_{i3} + p_{i3} \quad \text{or} \quad t_{i3} \geq t_{i2} + p_{i2} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\sim n^2 m$ constr.

$$t_{ij} \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } (i,j) \in N$$

$n \approx m \approx 20$

$20^3 \approx 8000$ constr.

IP Formulation:

16000 constraints
almost all integer
big M makes IPs slow.

Variables:

t_{ij} = start time of job j on machine i , for $i = 1,2,3$ and $j = 1,2,3$

$x_{ijk} = 1$, if job j precedes job k on machine i ,
0, otherwise for $i = 1,2,3,4$
 $j = 1,2,3$ and $j < k$

Min C_{max}

s.t

$C_{max} \geq t_{31} + p_{31}$

$C_{max} \geq t_{32} + p_{32}$

$C_{max} \geq t_{33} + p_{43}$

$t_{21} \geq t_{11} + p_{11}$

$t_{31} \geq t_{21} + p_{21}$

$t_{12} \geq t_{22} + p_{22}$

$t_{42} \geq t_{12} + p_{12}$

$t_{32} \geq t_{42} + p_{42}$

$t_{23} \geq t_{13} + p_{13}$

$t_{43} \geq t_{23} + p_{23}$

$x \in \{0,1\}$
M is big

$A \leq B$ or $A = B$

$A \leq B + M(1-x)$
 $B \leq A + Mx$

if $x=0$ $A \leq B + M$ $M=10^6$
 $B \leq A$ \leftarrow VACUOUS
if $x=1$ $A \leq B$
 $B \leq A + M$

$t_{i1} + p_{i1} \leq t_{i2} + M(1-x_{i12})$ for $i=1,2,3,4$

$t_{i2} + p_{i2} \leq t_{i1} + M x_{i12}$

$t_{i1} + p_{i1} \leq t_{i3} + M(1-x_{i13})$

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$t_{i2} + p_{i2} \leq t_{i3} + M(1-x_{i23})$

$t_{i3} + p_{i3} \leq t_{i2} + M x_{i23}$

$t_{ij} \geq 0$, for $i=1,2,3,4$ and $j=1,2,3$

$x_{ijk} \in \{0,1\}$ for $i = 1,2,3,4$ $j = 1,2,3$ and $j < k$

Disjunctive Graph Representation:

- branch & bound
- shifting bottleneck heuristic

- Directed graph G , nodes N , arc sets A and B , $G=(N,A,B)$
- There exists a node for each operation (i,j)
- Conjunctive arcs A represent routes of the jobs

Arc $(i,j) \rightarrow (k,j)$ denotes that operation (i,j) precedes (k,j)

(defined for two operations of the same job)

- Disjunctive arcs B represent sequence of jobs on a machine

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Arcs in both directions exist, only one of the two is selected in a feasible schedule

(defined for two operations on the same machine)

- Length of an arc is the processing time of the operation from which the arc originates $(i,j) \rightarrow (k,j)$
 p_{ij}
- Add a source node U and a sink node V
- Connect U to the first operation of each job by a conjunctive arc (going out of U) of length 0
- Connect V to the last operation of each job by a conjunctive arc (going into V)

- A *feasible schedule* corresponds to a subgraph S such that
 - S contains all the conjunctive arcs A
 - For each pair of disjunctive arcs between the same nodes, exactly one arc is contained in S
 - S contains no directed cycle

orient the disj. arcs
so that there are no cycles
and critical path is minimized

Example 1: revisited, 3 jobs, 4 machines

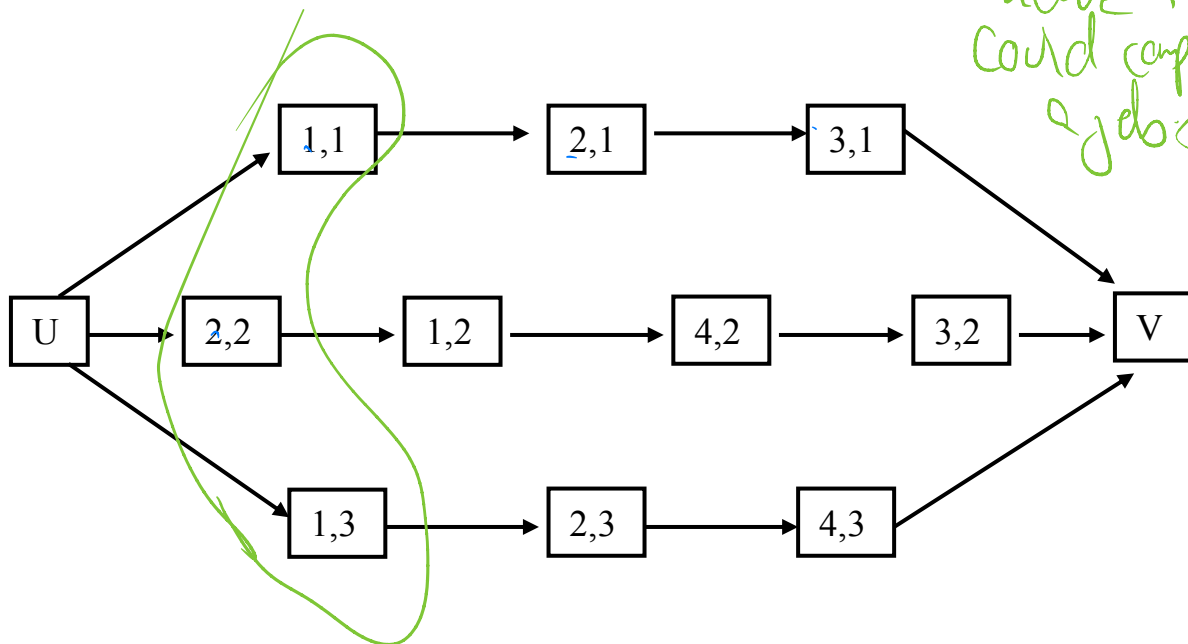
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B.B.

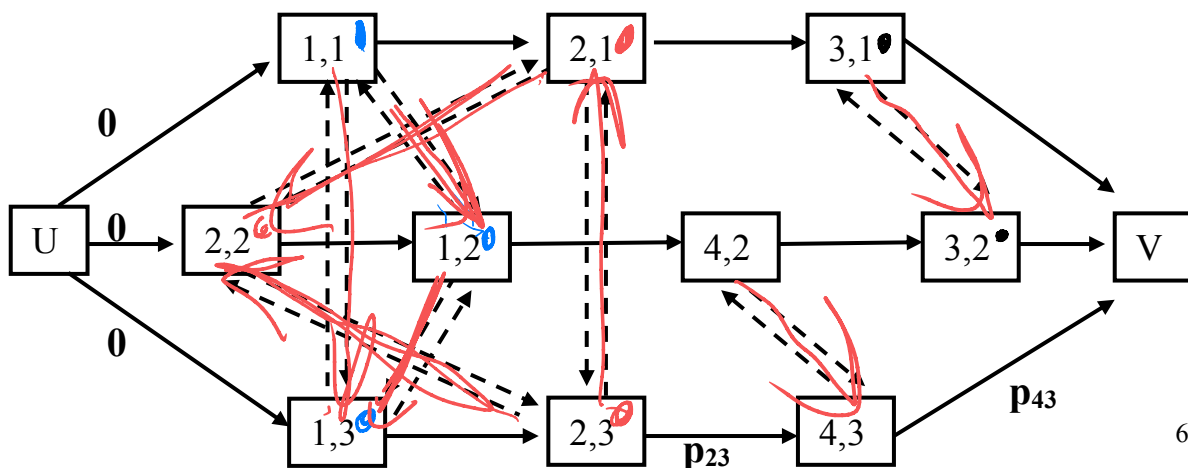
First, add the conjunctive arcs (set A)

Machine 1 could complete job first

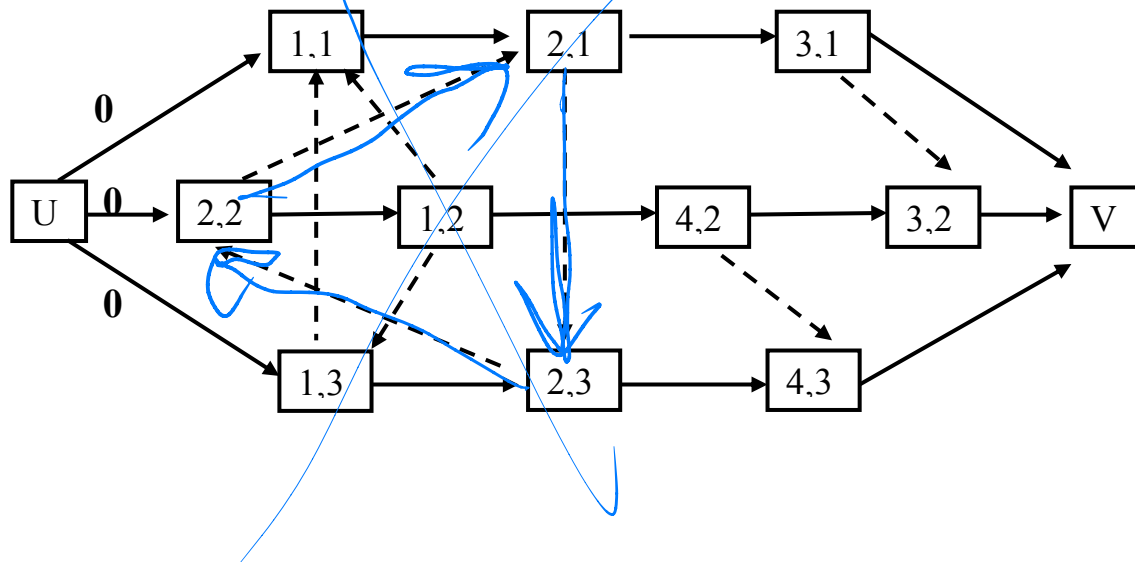
job1
job2
job3



Now, add the disjunctive arcs (set B) (dashed arcs)



- Why does this subgraph not give a feasible schedule?



AN ORIENTATION CORRESPONDS TO A FEASIBLE SCHEDULE IF AND ONLY IF THE SUBGRAPH CONTAINS NO DIRECTED CYCLES

Makespan of a schedule is the critical path.

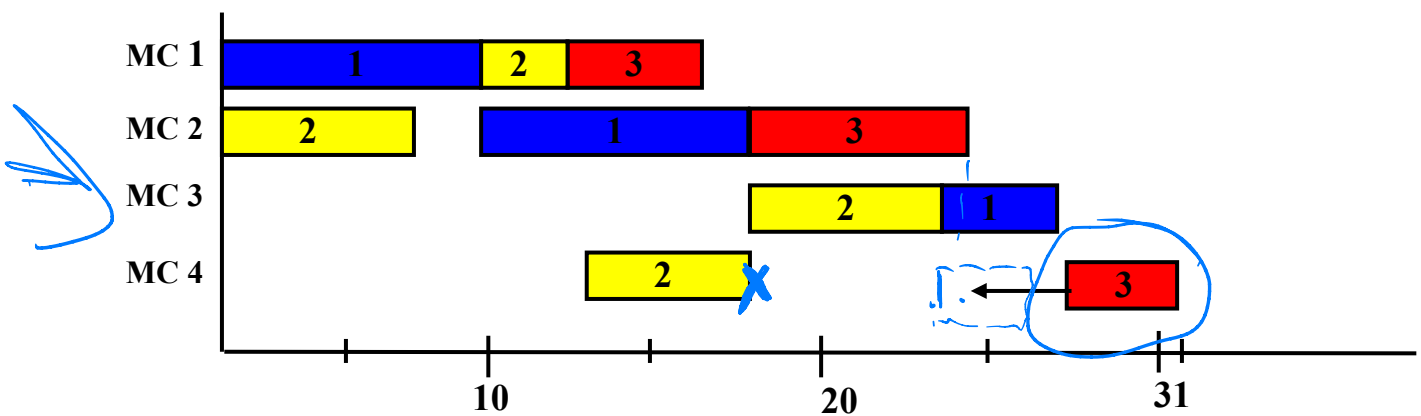
- How can we minimize the makespan?

Choose the arcs so as to minimize the length of the critical path.

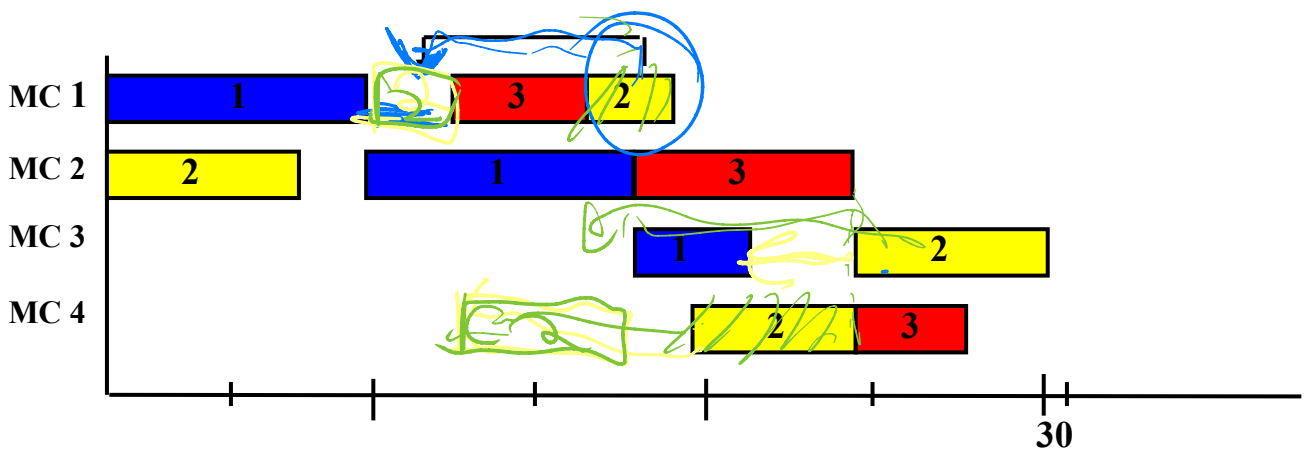
Active Schedules:

Two types of modification of a feasible schedule to obtain another feasible schedule

- A *left shift*: move an operation left to start it earlier
- A *left jump*: move an operation left into an idle slot to start it earlier

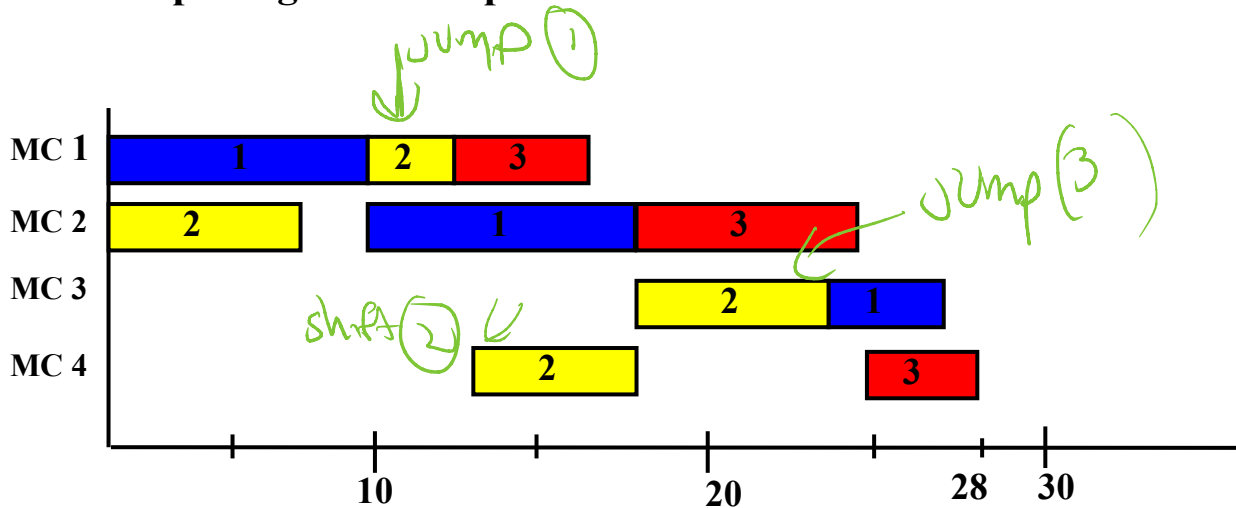


Left shift



Left jump

- A feasible schedule is *active* if it cannot be modified by a left shift or a jump to complete an operation earlier without completing another operation later



Active schedule

Branch and Bound for Disjunctive Programs:

- There exists an optimal solution that is an active schedule
- We can restrict our search to only active schedules

Generating All Active Schedules

- At every level of the search tree one operation is fixed
- At a given level, operations that are already fixed make up a partial schedule
- No operation is considered until all its predecessors are scheduled
- If all the predecessors of an operation are scheduled, then the operation is said to be AVAILABLE

- Given a partial schedule, all AVAILABLE OPERATIONS can be found easily

Notation:

AO = set of all operations whose predecessors have already been scheduled (AVAILABLE OPERATIONS)
(denoted by \odot in the textbook)

r_{ij} = earliest starting time of operation (i,j) in AO

- Given a partial schedule and an available operation (i,j), how do we calculate r_{ij} ?

Algorithm OFA

Step 1. (Initialization)

AO = {first operation of each job}
 $r_{ij} = 0$ for all (i,j) in AO

Step 2. (Machine Selection)

Calculate $t(\text{AO}) = \min_{(i,j) \text{ in AO}} \{ r_{ij} + p_{ij} \}$

and let i^* be the machine corresponding to the operation that minimizes $r_{ij} + p_{ij}$

Step 3. (Branching)

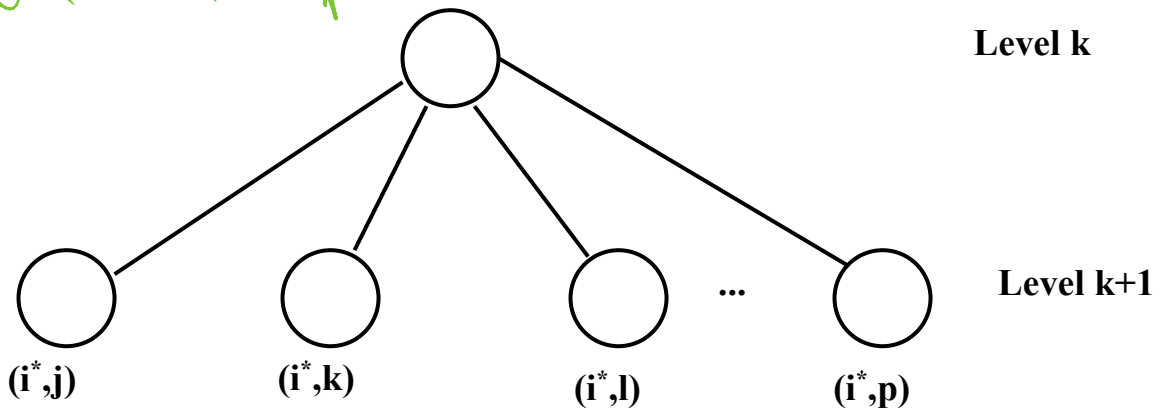
For each operation (i^*,j) on machine i^* such that $r_{i^*j} < t(\text{AO})$,

- Construct a branch by fixing that operation as the next operation on machine i^*
- delete the operation from AO
- add the immediate follower of the operation to AO

If AO is empty, stop. Else, return to Step 2.

- The key condition that yields active schedules is the inequality $r_{i^*j} < t(\text{AO})$ in Step 3.
- There cannot be any operation that can be completed before $t(\text{AO})$

branches M_i



Create a branch for each available operation on machine i^* with earliest start time smaller than $t(\text{AO})$

- Can you think of a lower bound that can be obtained at a node of the enumeration tree?

GIVEN A FEASIBLE SCHEDULE REPRESENTED BY A DISJUNCTIVE GRAPH, HOW DO YOU FIND THE CRITICAL PATH?

- Finding the critical path is equivalent to finding the longest path from u to v in the given *acyclic* directed graph
- We calculate a label for each node
- Let r_{ij} be the label of node (i,j) corresponding to operation (i,j)

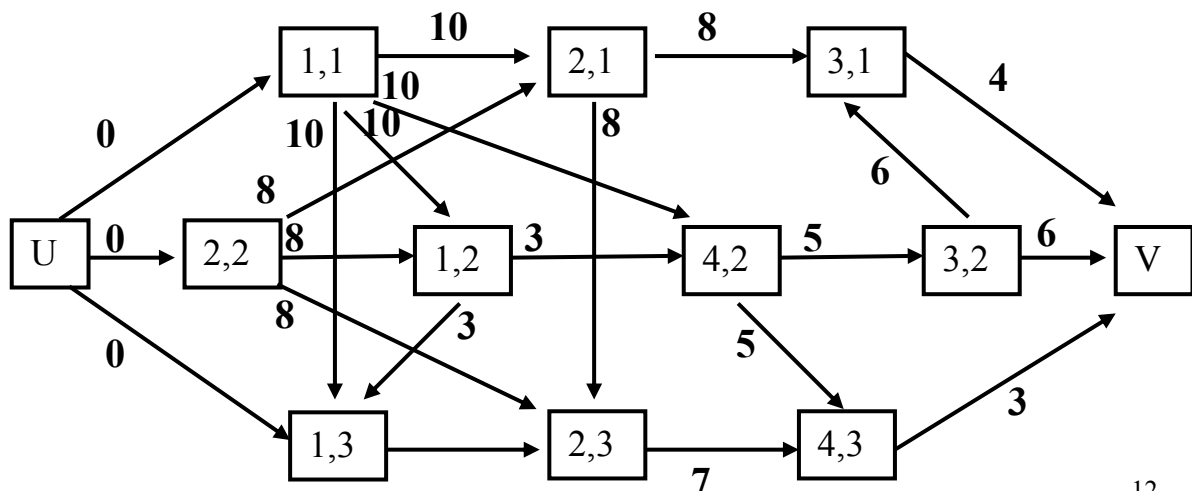
- Let IP_{ij} be the set of immediate predecessors of (i,j)
 IP_{ij} contains all nodes that have an arc originating from itself and ending at node (i,j)

- Start with $r_u = 0$ (source node has label equal to 0)
- Repeat
 - Pick a node (i,j) such that the labels of all nodes in IP_{ij} have been calculated
 - For every node in IP_{ij} calculate {label of the node + length of the arc from this node to (i,j) } and set r_{ij} to the maximum of these terms

Until the label of v , the sink node, is calculated

1. Length of the longest u - v path equals r_v , the label of the sink node
2. To find the longest path itself trace back the nodes that gave the maximum term in the label calculations
3. The label of node (i,j) , r_{ij} , equals
 - the length of the longest path from the source node to (i,j)
 - the earliest possible start time of operation (i,j)

Example:



- Can you think of a lower bound that can be obtained at a node of the enumeration tree?

$LB_1 =$

- How can you improve this lower bound?

IDEA:

1. WHEN WE CALCULATE THE MAKESPAN OF A PARTIAL SCHEDULE, WE ALLOW SEVERAL OPERATIONS TO BE PROCESSED ON A MACHINE AT THE SAME TIME
2. PICK ONE OF THE MACHINES AND ALLOW ALL OTHER MACHINES TO PROCESS MULTIPLE OPERATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY EXCEPT THE CHOSEN MACHINE.

CALCULATION OF THE BOUND:

1. Consider machine i
2. Compute r_{ij} for all operations (i,j) on machine i
3. Find the longest path from (i,j) to the sink for all (i,j) on machine i ; let l_{ij} be the length of this path
4. Set a due date for (i,j) : $d_{ij} = LB_1 - l_{ij} + p_{ij}$
5. Solve the following single machine problem on machine i :
 - Operations (i,j) on machine i are the jobs
 - Operation (i,j) has release time r_{ij} and due date d_{ij}
 - No preemptions allowed
 - Minimize L_{\max} , the maximum lateness

$$6. LB = LB_1 + L_{\max}$$

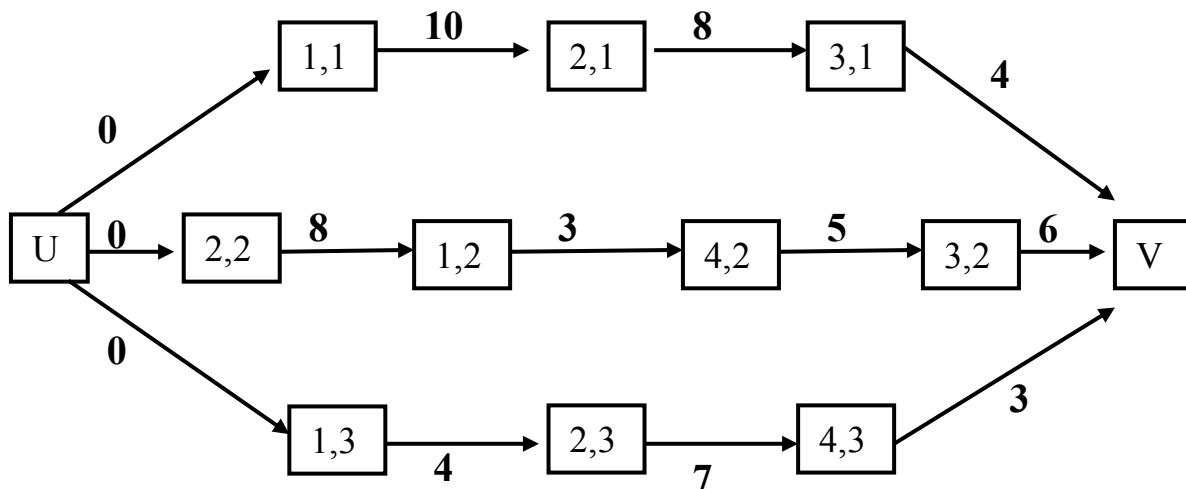
NOTE 1: THE OPTIMAL SEQUENCE OF THE SINGLE MACHINE PROBLEM IMPLIES NEW DISJUNCTIVE ARCS; ADD THE NEW ARCS TO THE CURRENT SUBGRAPH AND CALCULATE THE MAKESPAN ON THE NEW (TEMPORARY) GRAPH. THIS MAKESPAN IS THE CALCULATED LOWER BOUND

NOTE 2: THE LOWER BOUND CALCULATION CAN BE REPEATED FOR ALL MACHINES SO THAT THE LARGEST LOWER BOUND IS KEPT

BRANCH AND BOUND

Example 1: *revisited*, 3 jobs, 4 machines

- Start with a subgraph consisting of only the conjunctive arcs
- Calculate the makespan of this graph



Makespan =

- Apply algorithm OFA to branch and generate all nodes at level 1

Step 1. Initialize

$$AO = \{(1,1), (2,2), (1,3)\}$$
$$r_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{for all } (i,j) \text{ in } AO$$

to generate lower bounds for job shop, we will formulate a $(r_{ij})_{max}$ schedule.

Step 2. (Machine Selection)

$$\text{Calculate } t(AO) = \min_{(i,j) \text{ in } AO} \{ r_{ij} + p_{ij} \}$$

$$t(AO) = \min \{ 0+10, 0+8, 0+4 \} = 4$$

and let i^* be the machine corresponding to the operation that minimizes $r_{ij} + p_{ij}$

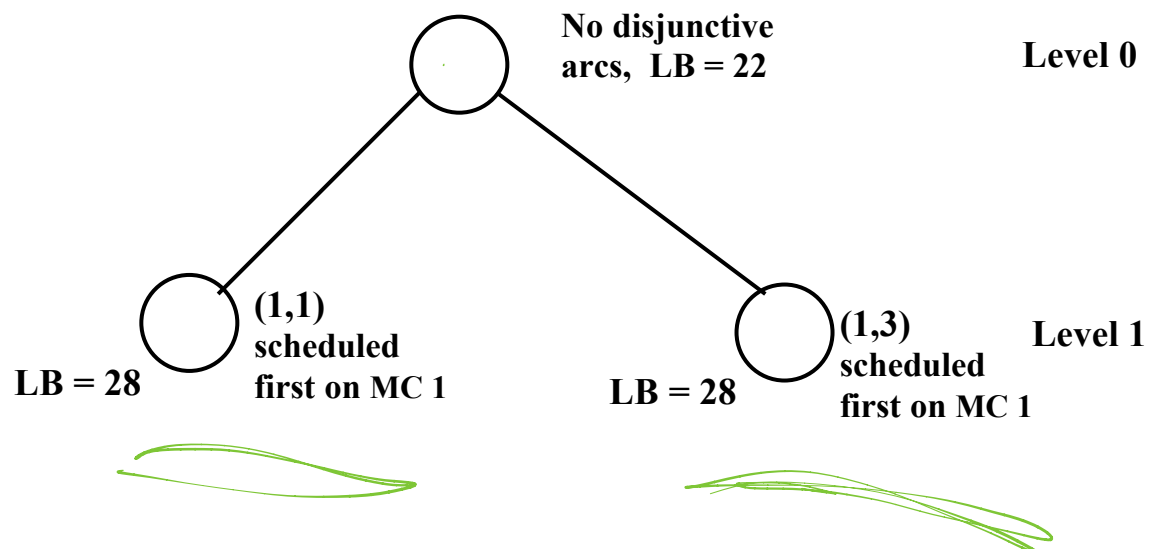
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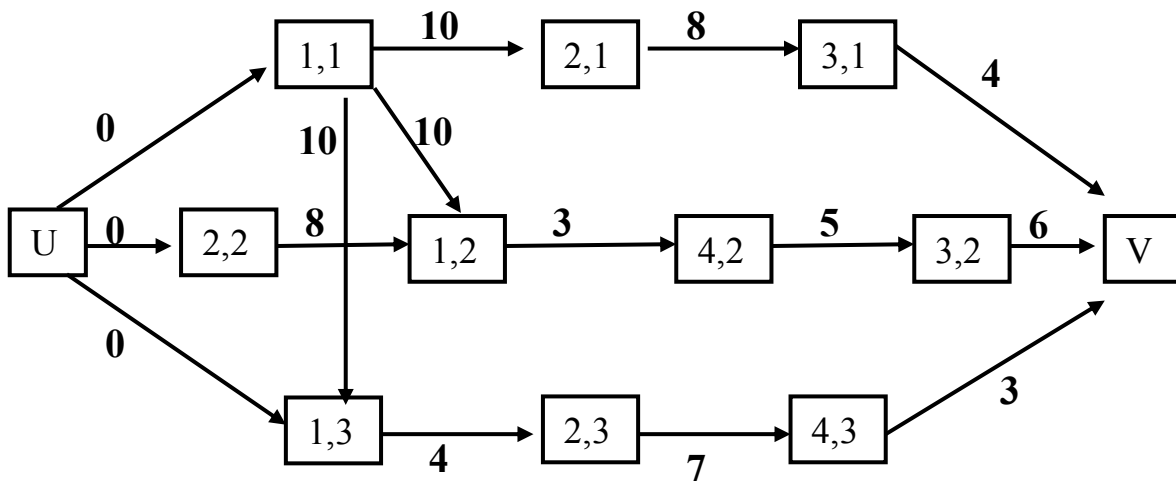
Branch on operations (1,1) and (1,3)



- If (1,1) is scheduled first, then two disjunctive arcs going out of (1,1) are added to the graph

[NEXT, OBTAIN LOWER BOUNDS]

- Calculate the makespan on the new graph



$LB_1 = 24$

- Improve this lower bound

CALCULATION OF THE BOUND AT (1,1):

1. Consider machine 1
2. Compute r_{11} , r_{12} , and r_{13}
3. Find the longest path from (1,j) to the sink for all (1,j) on machine 1; find l_{11} , l_{12} , and l_{13}
4. Set a due date for (i,j): $d_{ij} = LB_1 - l_{ij} + p_{ij}$,
5. Solve the following single machine problem on machine 1:

Jobs	1	2	3
p_{1j}	10	3	4
r_{1j}			

d_{1j}

Minimize L_{\max} , the maximum lateness

The optimal sequence = 1-2-3 and $L_{\max} = 3$

$LB = LB_1 + L_{\max} = 24 + 3 = 27$

- Repeat the LB calculation for machine 2

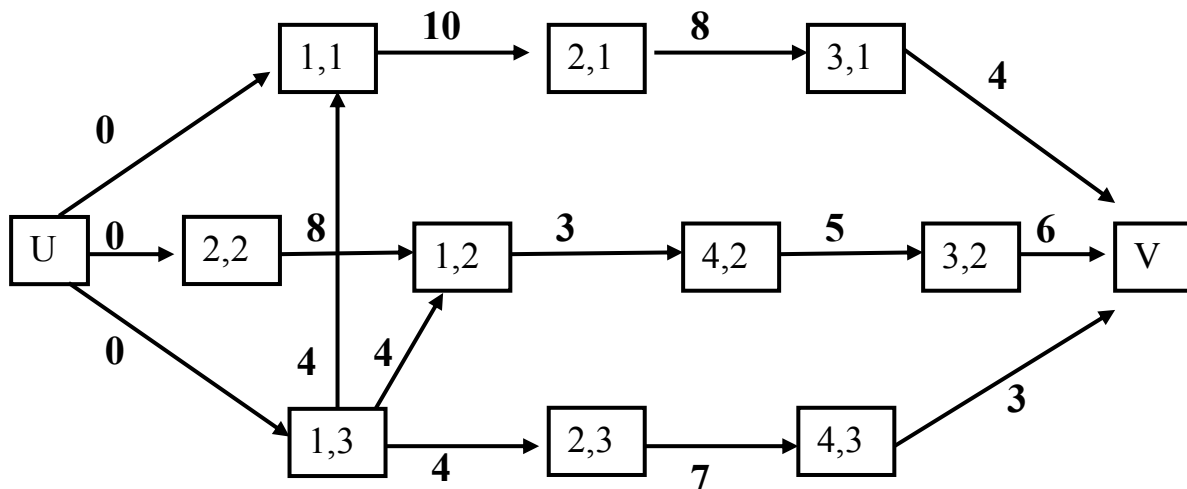
The optimal sequence = 2-1-3 and $L_{\max} = 4$

$LB = LB_1 + L_{\max} = 24 + 4 = 28$

KEEP THIS BOUND!

- Repeat the LB calculation for machines 3 and 4, best $LB = 28$

- If (1,3) is scheduled first, then two disjunctive arcs going out of (1,3) are added to the graph



Makespan = $LB_1 =$

- Best lower bound obtained by solving single machine problems is 28

- Branch from node (1,1) at Level 1; apply algorithm OFA

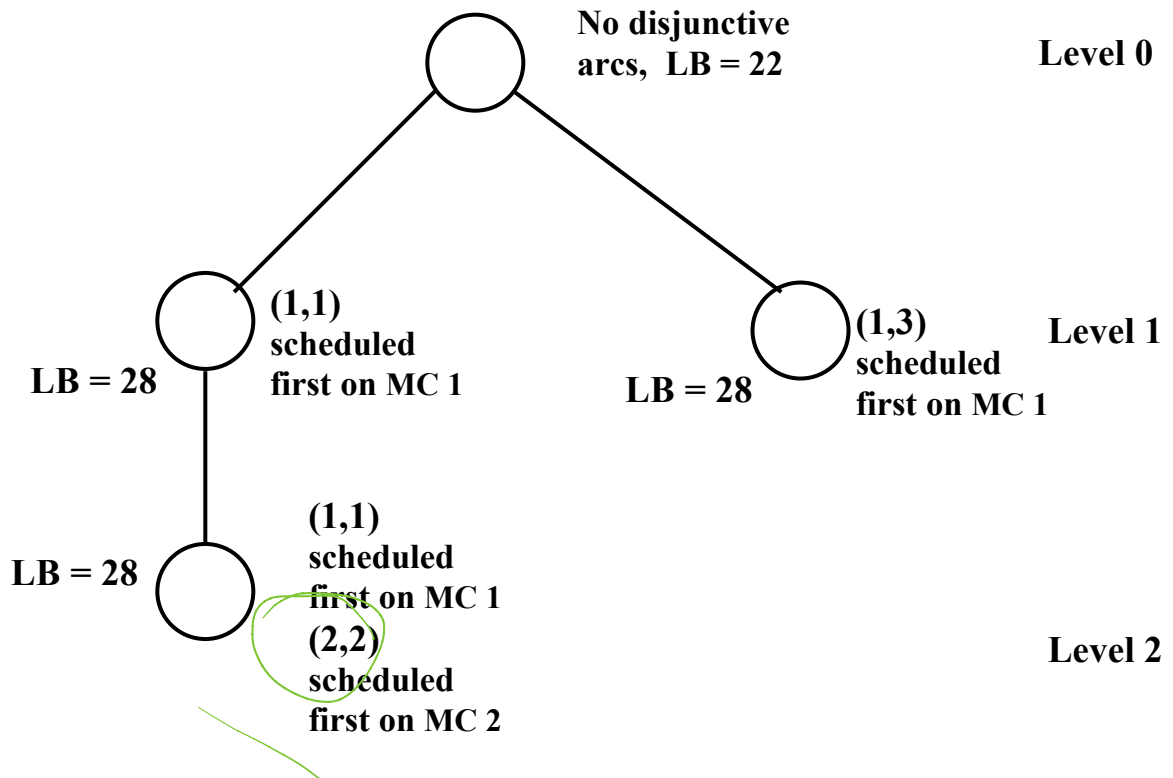
$$AO = \{(2,1), (2,2), (1,3)\}$$

$$r_{22} = 0, r_{21} = 10, r_{13} = 10$$

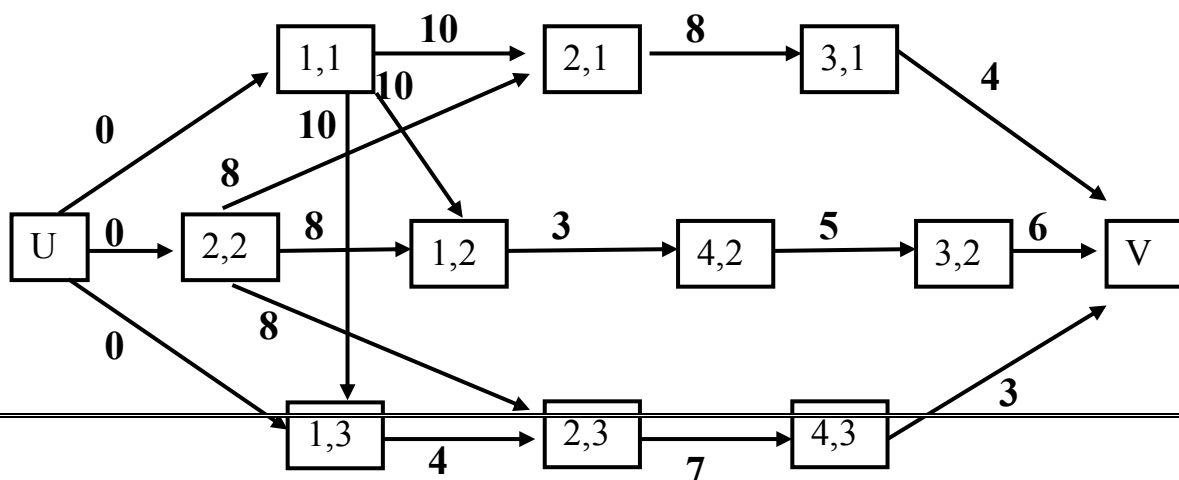
$$\text{Calculate } t(AO) = \min_{(i,j) \text{ in } AO} \{ r_{ij} + p_{ij} \}$$

$$t(AO) = \min \{ 0+8, 10+8, 10+4 \} = 8 \text{ and } i^* = 2$$

Branch on operation (2,2)



- Process the currently only node at level 2
- The four disjunctive arcs going out of (1,1) and (2,2) are added to the original graph



LB₁ =

L_{max} = 0 for all single machine problems, so LB = 28

If all the unprocessed nodes in the branch and bound tree are processed, the following optimal solution with makespan 28 is obtained:

Machine	Job Sequence
1	1,3,2 or (1,2,3)
2	2,1,3
3	1,2
4	2,3