

Shop Scheduling

Applications

- Model Factory-like Settings
- Also models packet routing
- ...

Basic Model: Multiple machines. A jobs consist of **operations**, each operations has a

- processing time p_{ij}
- Machine on which to run M_{ij}

Variants of Shop Scheduling

Basic Types

- Job shop. Each job consist of operations in a linear order
- Flow shop. Job shop, but the linear order is the same for each job. (assembly line)
- Open shop. Each job consists of unordered operations.

Other Constraints

- time between operations
 - minimum time (e.g. cooling)
 - maximum time (e.g. hot potatoe)
- setup at machines (e.g. paint color)
- limited storage between machines

$$\underline{F || C_{\max}}$$

First Question: Is it optimal to have each job go through the machines in the same order? (permutation schedule)

2 machines. Permutation schedule is optimal.

Example

j	p_{1j}	p_{2j}
1	3	6
2	10	1
3	3	2
4	2	4
5	8	8

What is the right algorithm?

SPT(I)- LPT(II)

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Algorithm:

- Partition into two sets:
 - Set I has $p_{1j} \leq p_{2j}$ (1,4,5)
 - Set II has $p_{1j} > p_{2j}$ (3,2)
- Run Set I in SPT order by p_{1j}
- Run Set II in LPT order by p_{2j}

For this problem: 4,1,5,2,3,

Can use interchange arguments to show that this is optimal

- Set I before Set II
- Set I in SPT order
- Set II in LPT order.

More general flow shop

- 3 machines. There is an optimal permutations schedule.
- 4 machines. Optimal schedule may not be a permutation schedule.

$F|\text{perm}|C_{\max}$ as a mixed integer program

Decision variables: $x_{jk} = 1$ if job j is k th in sequence

Extra Variables:

- I_{ik} : idle time on machine i between jobs in positions k and $k+1$.
- W_{ik} : waiting time of job in position k between machines i and $i+1$.

Ideas

- Makespan is sum of
 - Processing time of first job on all machines
 - processing time of all jobs on machine m
 - Idle time on machine m
- Matching constraints to ensure that each job is in one position and each position has one job
- Relationship between idle time and waiting time constraints.
- Way to map variables so you can talk about k th job to run, rather than job indexed by j .

MIP

Processing time of k th job to run on machine i :

$$p_{i(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} p_{ij}$$

Objective

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} p_{i(1)} + \sum_{j=2}^n p_{mj} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} I_{mj}$$

Matching Constraints

$$\sum_{j=1}^n x_{jk} = 1 \quad k = 1 \dots n$$

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Constraints relating idle and waiting time

$$I_{ik} + p_{i(k+1)} + W_{i,k+1} = W_{ik} + p_{i+1(k)} + I_{i+1,k} \quad \forall k, i$$

$$W_{i1} = 0 \forall i, \quad I_{1k} = 0 \forall k$$

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Other Facts

- $F3||C_{\max}$ is NP-complete.
- $F3|perm|C_{\max}$ is NP-complete.
- Easy case: all operations are the same size. Then flowshop with many objectives is easy.

Slope Heuristic

Motivation: Think about SPT(I)-LPT(II).

- Early jobs should be small on M_1 and large on M_2 .
- Late jobs should be large on M_1 and small on M_2 .
- Generalize to “slope”. Larger slope should go earlier.
- Slope $A_j = -\sum_{i=1}^m (m - (2i - 1))p_{ij}$

Example

	J_1	J_2	J_3	J_4	J_5
M_1	5	5	3	6	3
M_2	4	4	2	4	4
M_3	4	4	3	4	1
M_4	3	6	3	2	5

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M_3	4	4	3	4	1
M_4	3	6	3	2	5

Example: Compute Slopes

	J_1	J_2	J_3	J_4	J_5
M_1	5	5	3	6	3
M_2	4	4	2	4	4
M_3	4	4	3	4	1
M_4	3	6	3	2	5
A_j	-6	3	1	-12	3