

### Location of facilities which serve customers

- Potential sites:  $\mathcal{J} = \{1, \dots, n\}$  (geographical locations)
- Existing customers:  $\mathcal{I} = \{1, \dots, m\}$  (geographical locations)

$f_j$  = fixed cost of using depot  $j$

$c_{ij}$  = transportation cost when customer  $i$ 's demand is fulfilled entirely from depot  $j$

#### Decision problem:

- Which depots to open?
- Which depots to serve which customers, and how much?
- **Goal:** minimize cost
- **Assumption:** depots have unlimited capacity (to be removed)

## Project course: Optimization TM

### The solution of a difficult problem (facility location)

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- (0) Minimize cost
- (1) Deliver precisely the demand
- (2) Deliver only from open depots
- (3)  $x$  is the portion of the demand
- (4) Do not partially open a depot

#### Suppose depots have limited capacity

$d_i$  = demand of customer  $i$  ( $D = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i$ )

$b_j$  = capacity of depot  $j$ —if it is opened

Constraints:

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} \leq b_j y_j, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (5) \quad (\implies x_{ij} \leq y_j, \forall i, j)$$

$\implies$  replace (2) with (5)

#### Variables:

$$y_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if depot } j \text{ is set up} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$x_{ij}$  = portion of customer  $i$ 's demand to be delivered from depot  $j$

#### Uncapacitated facility location (UFL)

$$z_0^* = \min \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j \quad (0)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} x_{ij} = 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (1)$$

$$x_{ij} - y_j \leq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (2)$$

$$x_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (3)$$

$$y_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (4)$$

**Trick:** Exchange  $x_{ij}$  for  $w_{ij}$  in constraint (1) and in “half” the objective, add the constraints  $x_{ij} = w_{ij}$ , and let  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

$$z^* = \min \alpha \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} c_{ij} x_{ij} + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} c_{ij} w_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} w_{ij} = 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} - b_j y_j \leq 0, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} b_j y_j \geq D, \quad (6)$$

$$w_{ij} - x_{ij} = 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (7)$$

$$x_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (3)$$

$$w_{ij} \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (8)$$

$$y_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (4)$$

### Capacitated facility location (CFL)

$$z^* = \min \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j \quad (0)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} x_{ij} = 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} - b_j y_j \leq 0, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (5)$$

$$x_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (3)$$

$$y_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (4)$$

**Observation:** Total capacity of open depots must cover the entire demand  $\implies$  an additional (redundant) constraint:

$$(1), (5) \implies \overbrace{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} b_j y_j}^{\text{capacity}} \geq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} x_{ij} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i \cdot 1 = \overbrace{D}^{\text{demand}}$$

### Subproblem in $x$ and $y$ :

$$q_{xy}(\lambda) = \min_{x, y} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} [\alpha c_{ij} - \lambda_{ij}] x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} b_j y_j \geq D, \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} \leq b_j y_j, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (5)$$

$$x_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad i \in \mathcal{I}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (3)$$

$$y_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (4)$$

For every  $y$ -solution (such that  $\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} b_j y_j \geq D$ ) we have:

- If  $y_j = 0$  then  $x_{ij} = 0, i \in \mathcal{I}$
- If  $y_j = 1$  then  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} \leq b_j$

- Constraints (7) tie together  $(x, y)$  with  $w$ .
- Lagrangian relax these with multipliers  $\lambda_{ij}$

$\implies$  Lagrange function

$$L(x, w, y, \lambda) =$$

$$= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \left[ \alpha c_{ij} x_{ij} + (1 - \alpha) c_{ij} w_{ij} + \overbrace{\lambda_{ij} (w_{ij} - x_{ij})}^{\text{penalty}} \right] + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j$$

$$= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (\alpha c_{ij} - \lambda_{ij}) x_{ij} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} f_j y_j + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} [(1 - \alpha) c_{ij} + \lambda_{ij}] w_{ij}$$

- Subproblem (for fixed value of  $\lambda$ ):

Minimize the Lagrange function under constraints (1), (5), (6), (3), (8) & (4).

Separates into one in  $(x, y)$  and  $|\mathcal{I}|$  in  $w$ .

### Solving the continuous knapsack problems [CKSP<sub>j</sub>]

Greedy Algorithm:

- Sort  $\frac{\alpha c_{ij} - \lambda_{ij}}{d_i} < 0, i \in \mathcal{I}$ , in increasing order

⇒ indices  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\}, m \leq |\mathcal{I}|$ .

- If  $m = 0$  then  $x_{ij} = 0, i \in \mathcal{I}$ . Else, let  $k = 1$  and:
- Let  $x_{i_k j} = \min\{1; b_j - \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} d_i x_{i_s j}\}$  and let  $k := k + 1$  until  $\sum_{s=1}^k d_i x_{i_s j} = b_j$  or  $k = m$ .
- Solution fulfills  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} = b_j$  and  $x_{ij} \in [0, 1], i \in \mathcal{I}$ .
- $v_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = f_j + \min \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{I}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} [\alpha c_{i_k j} - \lambda_{i_k j}] x_{i_k j}$ .

### Value [in $(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})$ -subproblem] of opening depot $j$

That is: letting  $y_j = 1$  ( $|\mathcal{J}|$  continuous knapsack problems)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[CKSP}_j] \quad v_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= f_j + \min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} [\alpha c_{ij} - \lambda_{ij}] x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} d_i x_{ij} \leq b_j \\ &x_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

⇒ **Projection onto  $\boldsymbol{y}$ -space** (a 0/1 knapsack problem)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[0/1-KSP]} \quad q_{xy}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= \min_{\boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} v_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \cdot y_j \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} b_j y_j \geq D, \\ &y_j \in \{0, 1\}, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \end{aligned}$$

### Subproblem in $w$ ( $|\mathcal{I}|$ semi-assignment problems):

$$\text{[SAP]} \quad q_w(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \min_w \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} [(1 - \alpha)c_{ij} + \lambda_{ij}] w_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} w_{ij} = 1 \\ w_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j \in \mathcal{J} \end{array} \right]$$

### Solving semi-assignment problem $i$

- Find  $\ell_i$  such that  $(1 - \alpha)c_{i\ell_i} + \lambda_{i\ell_i} = \min_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \{(1 - \alpha)c_{ij} + \lambda_{ij}\}$ .
- Let  $w_{i\ell_i}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 1, w_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 0, j \neq \ell_i$ .

### Solving 0/1 knapsack problem

Not polynomial. Solve with Dynamic Programming or Branch & Bound (CPLEX).

#### Solution:

$$y_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \in \{0, 1\}, j \in \mathcal{J}.$$

$$x_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 0, i \in \mathcal{I}, \text{ if } y_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 0.$$

$$x_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = x_{ij} \text{ by the above, } i \in \mathcal{I}, \text{ if } y_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = 1.$$

### How to find better value of $\lambda_{ij}$ ?

Penalty:  $\min \dots \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \lambda_{ij} (w_{ij} - x_{ij})$

- If  $w_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) > x_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \implies$  Increase value of  $\lambda_{ij}$  (more expensive to violate constraint)
- If  $w_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) < x_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \implies$  Decrease value of  $\lambda_{ij}$  (more expensive to violate constraint)
- Iterative method (subgradient algorithm) to find optimal penalties  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*$ :

$$\lambda_{ij}^{t+1} = \lambda_{ij}^t + \rho_t [w_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^t) - x_{ij}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^t)], \quad t = 0, 1, \dots$$

where  $\rho_t > 0$  is a step length, decreasing with  $t$

- Use *feasibility heuristic* from every  $[\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^t), \boldsymbol{w}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^t), \boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^t)]$  to yield a *feasible solution* to CFL (open more depots, send only from open depots,  $\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{w}, \dots$ ). Example: Benders' subproblem!

### Value of relaxed problem for fixed value of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$

$$q(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \underbrace{q_{xy}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}_{\text{difficult}} + \underbrace{q_w(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}_{\text{simple}}$$

- Can show that  $q(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \leq q^*$  for all  $\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{I}| \times |\mathcal{J}|}$  (weak duality)
- $\lambda_{ij}$  is the penalty for violating  $w_{ij} = x_{ij}$
- Find best underestimate of  $q^* \iff$  find "optimal" values of penalties  $\lambda_{ij}$
- That is:  $\max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{I}| \times |\mathcal{J}|}} q(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \leq q^*$  (most often  $\max_{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{I}| \times |\mathcal{J}|}} q(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) < z^*$ , not strong duality)

$$\underbrace{\dots \implies \dots}_{\text{(next page)}} \quad q_{xy}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \min \quad 5y_1 + 8.875y_2 + 18y_3$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad 12y_1 + 10y_2 + 13y_3 \geq 23, \quad \boldsymbol{y} \in \{0, 1\}^3$$

**Example:**  $|\mathcal{I}| = 4, |\mathcal{J}| = 3, \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$$(c_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 16 & 2 & 6 \\ 10 & 12 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, (f_j) = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 16 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}, (d_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, (b_j) = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 10 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_{xy}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \min \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 v_j(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \cdot y_j$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad 12y_1 + 10y_2 + 13y_3 \geq 23$$

$$\boldsymbol{y} \in \{0, 1\}^3$$

$$\left| \text{Let } (\lambda_{ij}^t) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right.$$

Observe: implies that  $y_3 = 1$  must hold.

### Solution to $(x, y)$ problem for $\lambda = \lambda^t$

$$y(\lambda^t) = (1, 0, 1)^T, \quad x(\lambda^t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad q_{xy}(\lambda^t) = 5 + 0 + 18 = 23$$

$w$ -problem separates into one for each customer  $i$

$$q_w(\lambda^t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 q_w^i(\lambda^t), \quad \text{where} \quad (1 - \alpha = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$q_w^i(\lambda^t) = \min \sum_{j=1}^3 [(1 - \alpha)c_{ij} + \lambda_{ij}^t] w_{ij}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 w_{ij} = 1, \quad w_{ij} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$v_1(\lambda^t) = 11 + \min -4x_{11} - 2x_{21} + 3x_{31} + 5x_{41}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad 6x_{11} + 4x_{21} + 8x_{31} + 5x_{41} \leq 12, \quad x_{.1} \in [0, 1]^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_{11} = x_{21} = 1, \quad x_{31} = x_{41} = 0, \quad v_1(\lambda^t) = 5$$

$$v_2(\lambda^t) = 16 + \min x_{12} - 6x_{22} - x_{32} - x_{42}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad 6x_{12} + 4x_{22} + 8x_{32} + 5x_{42} \leq 10, \quad x_{.2} \in [0, 1]^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_{22} = x_{42} = 1, \quad x_{32} = \frac{1}{8}, \quad x_{12} = 0, \quad v_2(\lambda^t) = 8.875$$

$$v_3(\lambda^t) = 21 + \min 2x_{13} + 0x_{23} + 3x_{33} - 3x_{43}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad 6x_{13} + 4x_{23} + 8x_{33} + 5x_{43} \leq 13, \quad x_{.3} \in [0, 1]^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad x_{23} = x_{43} = 1, \quad x_{13} = x_{33} = 0, \quad v_3(\lambda^t) = 18$$

### Solution to $w$ problem

$$w(\lambda^t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad q_w(\lambda^t) = 13,$$

$$q(\lambda^t) = q_{xy}(\lambda^t) + q_w(\lambda^t) = 35$$

New  $\lambda$  vector (e.g.,  $\rho_t = 8$ ):

$$\Rightarrow z^* \geq 35$$

$$\lambda^{t+1} = \lambda^t + \rho_t [w(\lambda^t) - x(\lambda^t)]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7 - \rho_t & \rho_t & 0 \\ 3 & 10 & 2 - \rho_t \\ 5 & 2 + \frac{\rho_t}{2} & \frac{\rho_t}{2} \\ \rho_t & 7 & 5 - \rho_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 & -6 \\ 5 & 6 & 4 \\ 8 & 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q_w^1(\lambda^t) = \min 10w_{11} + w_{12} + 2w_{13}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w_{11} + w_{12} + w_{13} = 1, \quad w_{1j} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad w_{12}(\lambda^t) = 1, \quad w_{11}(\lambda^t) = w_{13}(\lambda^t) = 0, \quad q_w^1(\lambda^t) = 1$$

$$q_w^2(\lambda^t) = \min 4w_{21} + 14w_{22} + 4w_{23}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w_{21} + w_{22} + w_{23} = 1, \quad w_{2j} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad w_{21}(\lambda^t) = 1, \quad w_{22}(\lambda^t) = w_{23}(\lambda^t) = 0, \quad q_w^2(\lambda^t) = 4$$

$$q_w^3(\lambda^t) = \min 13w_{31} + 3w_{32} + 3w_{33}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w_{31} + w_{32} + w_{33} = 1, \quad w_{3j} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad w_{32}(\lambda^t) = w_{33}(\lambda^t) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad w_{31}(\lambda^t) = 0, \quad q_w^3(\lambda^t) = 3$$

$$q_w^4(\lambda^t) = \min 5w_{41} + 13w_{42} + 7w_{43}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad w_{41} + w_{42} + w_{43} = 1, \quad w_{4j} \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad w_{41}(\lambda^t) = 1, \quad w_{42}(\lambda^t) = w_{43}(\lambda^t) = 0, \quad q_w^4(\lambda^t) = 5$$

- Choice of step lengths ( $\rho_t$ ) later (subgradient optimization, convergence to an optimal value of  $\lambda$ )
- Feasibility heuristics can be made more or less sophisticated
- There are more ways in which to Lagrangian relax *continuous* constraints in an optimization problem
- E.g.: Lagrangian relax (1) or (5) (with multipliers  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}$  resp.  $\nu_j \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ) in the original formulation (CFL)
- There are also other methods for solving CFL, e.g. Bender's algorithm using Bender's subproblem (later).

**Feasible solution  $\iff x(\lambda^t) = w(\lambda^t)$ ? No  $\implies$**   
**Feasibility heuristic**

**Idea:** Open depots given by  $y(\lambda^t) \implies y^H = y(\lambda^t) = (1, 0, 1)^T$ .

Send only from open depots ( $y_j^H = 0 \implies x_{ij}^H = 0, \forall i$ ).

Fulfill demand but do not violate capacity restrictions:

$$\text{Let } x^H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 & \frac{5}{6} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies$$

$$z^H = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{5}{6} + 2 + 6 + 10 + 11 + 21 = 52 + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\implies z^* \in [35, 52 + \frac{1}{3}] = [q(\lambda^t), z^H] \quad (\text{not very good interval})$$