Scheduling

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Motivation Example: Lacquer Production Scheduling

Made-to-order lacquer production, where jobs are determined by type of lacquer, quantity and delivery date.

Goal:

- minimize tardiness (delivery date overrun)
- minimize storage costs

Constraints:

- batch production of various kinds of lacquer
- varying production process/time for different kinds
- time constraints between start times and/or completion times of operations
- working hours (processing times of some operations exceed working hours)
- preparation (set-up time)



Motivation Example: Lacquer Production Scheduling - Formalization

Can be formalized as $PSm, 1 | temp, o_{ij}, tg | \sum w_j \cdot T_j$ There are temporal constraints on operations. We must consider: (1) minimal delay between the end of one operation and the start of the next one (e.g. minimal delay needed to dissolve an ingredient) (2) maximal delay between the end of one operation and the start of the next one (e.g. the lacquer can solidify).



Moreover, the processing time on some resource (e.g. reservoir) is give by the start and completion of different operations.

Example

- production of 29 jobs
- 3 types of lacquer
- 9 weeks time horizon



Scheduling - Basic Terminology

- set of *n* tasks $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n\}$
- set of *m* types of resources (processors, machines, employees,...) with capacities R_k , $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1^1, \dots, P_{R_1}^1, P_1^2, \dots, P_{R_2}^2, \dots, P_1^m, \dots, P_{R_m}^m\}$
- Scheduling is an assignment of a task to resources in time
- Each task must be **completed**
 - this differs from planning which decides which task will be scheduled and processed
- Set of tasks is known when executing the scheduling algorithm (this is called **off-line scheduling**)
 - this differs from on-line scheduling OS scheduler, for example, schedules new tasks using some policy (e.g. priority levels)
- A result is a schedule which determines which task is run on which resource and when. Often depicted as a **Gantt chart**.

General constraints:

- Each task is to be processed **by at most one resource** at a time (task is sequential)
- Each resource is capable of processing at most one task at a time

Specific constraints:

- Task T_i has to be processed during time interval $\left\langle r_i, \widetilde{d}_i \right\rangle$
- When the precedence constraint is defined between T_i and T_j , i.e. $T_i \prec T_j$, then the processing of task T_j can't start before task T_i was completed
- If scheduling is non-preemptive, a task cannot be stopped and completed later
- If scheduling is preemptive, the number of preemptions must be finite

Parameters

- release time r_j
- processing time p_j
- **due date** *d_j*, time in which task *T_j* should be completed
- **deadline** \widetilde{d}_j , time in which task T_j has to be completed

Variables

- start time s_j
- completion time C_j
- flow (lead) time $F_j = C_j r_j$
- lateness $L_j = C_j d_j$
- tardiness $T_j = \max\{C_j d_j, 0\}$



Classify scheduling problems by resources | tasks | criterion

Example: $P2 |pmtn| C_{max}$ represents scheduling on two parallel identical resources, and preemption is allowed. The optimization criterion is the completion time of the last task.

α - resources

- Parallel resources a task can run on any resource (only one type of resource exists with capacity R, i.e. \$\mathcal{P} = \{P^1, \ldots, P^R\}\$\$).
- Dedicated resources a task can run only on one resource (m resource types with unit capacity, i.e. \$\mathcal{P} = \{P^1, P^2 \dots, P^m\}\$)\$.
- **Project Scheduling** *m* resource types, each with capacity R_k , i.e. $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1^1, \dots, P_{R_1}^1, P_1^2, \dots, P_{R_2}^2, \dots, P_1^m, \dots, P_{R_m}^m\}.$

Resources Characteristics α_1, α_2

α_1	=	1	single resource			
		Р	parallel identical resources			
		Q	parallel uniform resources, computation time is inversely			
			related to resource speed			
		R	parallel unrelated resources,	computation times are		
			given as a matrix (resources x t	asks)		
		0	dedicated resources - open-shop	p - tasks are independent		
		F	dedicated resources - flow-shop	p - tasks are grouped in		
			the sequences (jobs) in the sam	ne order, each job visits		
			each machine once			
		J	dedicated resources - job-shop	- order of tasks in jobs is		
			arbitrary, resource can be used s	several times in a job		
		PS	Project Scheduling - most g	eneral (several resource		
			types with capacities, general p	recedence constraints)		
α_2	=	Ø	arbitrary number of resources			
		2	2 resources (or other specified r	number)		
		<i>m</i> , <i>R</i>	m resource types with capacities	s R (Project Scheduling)		
		1				

Task Characteristics $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5, \beta_6, \beta_7, \beta_8$

β_1	=	pmtn	preemption is allowed	
		Ø	preemption is not allowed	
β_2	=	prec	precedence constraints	
		in-tree,out-tree	tree constraints	
		chain	chain constraints	
		tmpn	temporal constraints (for Project Sched.)	
		Ø	independent tasks	
β_3	=	rj	release time	
β_4	=	$p_j = k$	uniform processing time	
		$p_L \leq p_j \leq p_U$	restricted processing time	
		Ø	arbitrary processing time	
β_5	=	\widetilde{d}_j, d_j	deadline, due-date	
β_6	=	$n_j \leq k$	maximal number of tasks in a job	
β_7	=	no-wait	buffers of zero capacity	
β_8	=	set-up	time for resource reconfiguration	

γ	=	C _{max}	minimize schedule length $C_{max} = \max{\{C_j\}}$
			(makespan, i.e. completion time of the last task)
		$\sum C_i$	minimize the sum of completion times
		$\sum w_i C_i$	minimize weighted completion time
		L _{max}	minimize max. lateness $L_{max} = \max \{C_i - d_i\}$
		Ø	decision problem

An Example: $P \parallel C_{max}$ means:

Scheduling on an arbitrary number of parallel identical resources, no preemption, independent tasks (no precedence), tasks arrive to the system at time 0, processing times are arbitrary, objective is to minimize the schedule length.

Scheduling on One Resource Minimizing Makespan (i.e. schedule length C_{max})

- 1 |*prec*| C_{max} easy
 - the tasks are processed in an arbitrary order that satisfies the precedence relation (i.e. topological order), $C_{max} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i$
- 1 || *C_{max}* easy
- 1 |*r_j*| *C_{max}* easy
 - the tasks are processed in a non-descending order of r_j (T_j with the lowest r_j first)

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$$1 \left| \widetilde{d}_{j} \right| C_{max}$$
 - easy

- the tasks are processed in a non-descending order of d_j
- can be solved by EDF Earliest Deadline First
- the feasible schedule doesn't have to exist

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$$1 \left| r_j, \widetilde{d}_j \right| C_{max}$$
 - NP-hard

- NP-hardness proved by the pol. reduction from 3-Partition problem
- for $p_j = 1$ there exists a polynomial algorithm

$1 \left| r_j, \widetilde{d_j} \right| C_{max}$ Problem is strongly NP-hard

We prove it by reduction from the 3-Partition problem, which is strongly NP-complete.

3-Partition decision problem instance, $I_{3P} = (A, B)$, is given as:

- a multiset A of 3m integers a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{3m} (sizes of **items**), and
- a positive integer *B* (size of **bins**) such that $\forall i \in \{1, 2, ..., 3m\} : \frac{B}{4} < a_i < \frac{B}{2}$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{3m} a_i = mB$.

The problem is to determine whether A can be partitioned into m disjoint subsets A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m such that, $\forall j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, m\} : \sum_{a_i \in A_i} a_i = B$.

Note: if we show that there is a subset A_j which contains integers summing to B, then it must contain **three integers**. This follows from the assumption $\frac{B}{4} < a_i < \frac{B}{2}$ (try to sum-up 4 integers or 2 integers). **Example 1**: $A = \{4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6\}$, thus m = 2, B = 15, $3.75 < a_i < 7.5$. There is feasible 3-partition $A_1 = \{4, 5, 6\}$, $A_2 = \{5, 5, 5\}$. **Example 2**: $A = \{4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 6\}$, thus m = 2, and B = 15. No solution.

Reduction from 3-Partition to $1 \left| r_j, \widetilde{d}_j \right| C_{max}$

From the given instance of the 3-Partition problem $I_{3P} = (A, B)$, we build $1 | r_j, \tilde{d}_j | C_{max}$ scheduling problem instance I_{SCH} comprised of 4m tasks $T_i = (p_i, r_i, \tilde{d}_i)$ as follows:

- $\forall j \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$: $T_j = (1, (B+1) \cdot (j-1), (B+1) \cdot (j-1)+1)$. These are "additional/artificial" tasks used to separate the subsets.
- $\forall j \in \{m+1,\ldots,4m\}$: $T_j = (a_i,0,\infty), i = j m$. Each of these tasks T_j corresponds to the element a_i of I_{3P} .



It is easy to prove that the $I_{3P} = (A, B)$ has a solution if and only if the optimal solution of the related I_{SCH} has value of $C_{max} = m \cdot (B+1)$.

Position based ILP formulation for $1 | r_j, \underline{\widetilde{d}_j} | C_{max}$

 $x_{iq} = 1$ iff task *i* is at the *q*-th position in the sequence of tasks t_q start time of task on the *q*-th position

$$\begin{array}{l} \min C_{max} \\ \text{subject to:} \\ \sum_{q=1}^{n} x_{iq} &= 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{iq} &= 1 \\ t_q &\geq \sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i \cdot x_{iq} \\ t_q &\geq t_{q-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \cdot x_{i,q-1} \\ t_q &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{d}_i \cdot x_{i,q} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \cdot x_{i,q} \\ t_q &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widetilde{d}_i \cdot x_{i,q} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \cdot x_{i,q} \\ c_{max} &\geq t_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \cdot x_{in} \end{array}$$

.. more efficient than relative order ILP

Bratley's Algorithm for $1 | r_j, \widetilde{d_j} | C_{max}$

A branch and bound (B&B) algorithm.

Branching - without bounding it is an **enumerative method** that creates a solution tree (some of the nodes are infeasible). Every node is labeled by: (the order of tasks)/(completion time of the last task).



(i) eliminate the node exceeding the deadline (and all its "brothers")

- If there is a node which exceeds any deadline, all its descendants should be eliminated
- Critical task (here T₃) will have to be scheduled anyway therefore, all of its "brothers" should be eliminated as well



Tree Size Reduction - Decomposition

(ii) **problem decomposition** due to idle waiting - e.g. when the employee waits for the material, his work was optimal

- Consider node *v* on level *k*. If *C_i* of the last scheduled task is less than or equal to *r_i* of all unscheduled tasks, there is no need for backtrack above *v*
- v becomes a new root and there are n k levels (n k unscheduled tasks) to be scheduled





Optimality Test - Termination of Bratley's Algorithm

Definition: BRTP - Block with Release Time Property

BRTP is a set of k tasks that satisfy:

- first task $T_{[1]}$ starts at it's release time
- all k tasks till the end of the schedule run without "idle waiting"
- $r_{[1]} \le r_{[i]}$ for all i = 2 ... k

Note: "till the end of the schedule" implies there is at most one BRTP

Lemma: sufficient condition of optimality

If BRTP exists, the schedule is optimal (the search is finished).

Proof:





- this schedule is optimal since the last task $T_{[k]}$ can not be completed earlier
- order of prec. tasks is not important see (ii)
- no task from BRTP can be done before $r_{[1]}$
- there is no task after C_{max}

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Example:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & T_{[1]} & T_{[2]} \\ \hline & r_{[2]} & r_{[1]} & \tilde{d}_{[1]} & C_{max} = \tilde{d}_{[2]} \end{array}$$

In this particular case, the schedule is optimal, but it does not have BRTP.

Tightening the bounds:

In general, C_{max} found without BRTP could be used for bounding further solutions while **setting all deadlines** to be at most $C_{max} - \epsilon$. This ensures that if other feasible schedules exist, only those that are **better by** ϵ than the solution at hand, are generated.

Bratley's Algorithm - Example

$$r = (4,1,1,0), p = (2,1,2,2), \tilde{d} = (8,5,6,4)$$



Scheduling on One Resource Minimizing $\sum w_j C_j$

- $1 \mid\mid \sum C_j$ easy
 - SPT rule (Shortest Processing Time first) schedule the tasks in a non-decreasing order of p_j
- 1 || ∑ w_jC_j easy
 Weighted SPT schedule the tasks in a non-decreasing order of ^{p_j}/_w
- $1|r_j| \sum C_j$ NP-hard
- $1 | \mathsf{pmtn}, r_j | \sum C_j$ can be solved by modified SPT
- $1 | \mathsf{pmtn}, r_j | \sum w_j C_j$ NP-hard
- $1\left|\widetilde{d_j}\right| \sum C_j$ can be solved by modified SPT
- $1 \left| \widetilde{d_j} \right| \sum w_j C_j$ NP-hard
- $1 | \mathsf{prec} | \sum C_j \mathsf{NP}-\mathsf{hard}$

Branch and Bound with LP for $1 |\text{prec}| \sum w_j C_j$

First, we formulate the problem as an ILP:

- we use variable $x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $x_{ij} = 1$ iff T_i precedes T_j or i = j
- we encode precedence relations into e_{ij} ∈ {0,1} such that e_{ij} = 1 iff there is a directed edge from T_i to T_j in the precedence graph G or i = j
- **criterion** completion time of task T_j consists of p_j and the processing time of its predecessors:

$$C_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot x_{ij}$$

$$w_j \cdot C_j = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot x_{ij} \cdot w_j$$

$$J = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \cdot C_j = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \cdot x_{ij} \cdot w_j$$

from all feasible schedules x we look for the one that minimizes J(x), i.e. $\min_x J(x)$

min subject to:	$\sum_{j=1}^{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}p_{i}$		
	$x_{i,j} \ge e_{i,j}$	$i,j\in 1n$	if T_i precedes T_j in G ,
			then it precedes T_j
			in the schedule
	$x_{i,j} + x_{j,i} = 1$	$i, j \in 1n, i \neq j$	either T_i precedes T_j ,
			or vice versa
$1 \le x_{i,j} + x_{i,j}$	$x_{j,k} + x_{k,i} \leq 2$	$i, j, k \in 1n,$	no cycle exists in the
		$i \neq j \neq k$	digraph of x
	$x_{i,i} = 1$	$i \in 1n$	
parameters:	$w_{i \in 1n}, p_{i \in 1n}$	$e_n \in \mathbb{R}^+_0 e_{i \in 1n, i \in 1}$	$n \in \{0, 1\}$
variables:	$x_{i\in 1n,j\in 1n} \in$	$\{0,1\}$	

Branch and Bound with LP Bounding

We relax on the integrality of variable x:

- $0 \le x_{ij} \le 1$ and $x_{i \in 1..n, j \in 1..n} \in \mathbb{R}$
- This does not give us the right solution, however we can use the *J^{LP}*(remaining tasks) value of this LP formulation as a lower bound on the "amount of remaining work"

The Branch and Bound algorithm creates a similar tree as Bradley's algorithm.



- Let J₁ be the value of the best solution known up to now
- We discard the partial solution of value J₂ not only when J₂ ≥ J₁, but also when J₂ + J^{LP}(remaining tasks) ≥ J₁. Since the solution space of ILP is a subspace of LP we know:

 $J(\text{remaining tasks}) \ge J^{LP}(\text{remaining tasks}).$

Scheduling on One Resource Minimizing L_{max}

- $1 \parallel L_{max}$ solved by EDD (Earliest Due Date first) rule in polynomial time
- $1 |r_j| L_{max}$ NP-hard
- $1 | r_j, p_j = 1 | L_{max}$ polynomial iterating EDD
- 1 $|pmtn, r_j| L_{max}$ polynomial iterating EDD by Horn
- 1 $|\text{pmtn}, r_j, d_j = \tilde{d}_j | L_{max}$ polynomial the same Horn's algorithm often called EDF
- 1 pmtn, prec, r_j , $d_j = \widetilde{d_j} \left| L_{max} \text{polynomial} \text{transformation to} \right|$ independent task set and then EDF

Important notes:

- minimization of L_{max} implies existence of due-date d_j (even if it is not in β notation)
- L_{max} may have negative value. In such case, minimization of lateness L_{max} may be interpreted as maximization of earliness.

Problem $1 || L_{max}$ - EDD and its Optimality

- Can be solved by EDD (Earliest Due Date first), i.e. tasks are scheduled in order of nondecreasing due dates.
- Time complexity is $O(n \cdot \log n)$.

Optimality can be proven by simple swaps:

- Let S^A be an **optimal schedule** produced by an algorithm A.
- Let S^{EDD} be a schedule produced by EDD.
- If $S^A \neq S^{EDD}$, then there exist two tasks T_a and T_b with $d_a \leq d_b$, such that T_b immediately precedes T_a in S^A .
- Swap of T_a and T_b cannot increase the maximum lateness of the task set L_{max}.
- By finite number of swaps, S^A is changed to S^{EDD} , $S^A \xrightarrow{swap} S' \xrightarrow{swap} \cdots \xrightarrow{swap} S^{EDD}$

Problem $1 \parallel L_{max}$ - Optimality of EDD - Illustration



Two cases must be considered when $p_a > 0$ and $p_b > 0$: 1) If $L'_a \ge L'_b$ then $L'_{max}(\{T_a, T_b\}) = C'_a - d_a < C^A_a - d_a$ 2) If $L'_a \le L'_b$ then $L'_{max}(\{T_a, T_b\}) = C'_b - d_b = C^A_a - d_b < C^A_a - d_a$

Since, in both cases, $L'_{max}(\{T_a, T_b\}) < L^A_{max}(\{T_a, T_b\})$ we can conclude that the swap of T_a and T_b decreases $L_{max}(\{T_a, T_b\})$ and thus it cannot increase $L_{max}(\mathcal{T})$, the maximum lateness of all tasks.

Problem 1 |pmtn, r_j | L_{max} - Horn's Algorithm

Input: \mathcal{T} , set of *n* preemptive tasks. Processing times $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$, release dates $(r_1, r_2, ..., r_n)$ and due-dates $(d_1, d_2, ..., d_n)$. **Output:** Start times of preempted parts of tasks.

Problem 1 | pmtn, $r_j | L_{max}$

Example:

$$\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4\}$$

$$p = (3, 2, 3, 4)$$

$$r = (0, 4, 2, 0)$$

$$d = (13, 8, 11, 16)$$



Optimality of Horn's Algorithm for $1 | \text{pmtn}, r_j | L_{max}$ and its application to $1 | \text{pmtn}, r_j, d_j = \widetilde{d_j} | L_{max}$

Theorem - Optimality of Horn's Algorithm

Given a set of *n* independent preemptive tasks with arbitrary release times, any algorithm that at any instant executes the task with earliest due date among all the ready tasks is optimal with respect to L_{max} minimization.

When we assume $1 | \text{pmtn}, r_j, d_j = \tilde{d}_j | L_{max}$ then the algorithm is often called **EDF (Earliest Deadline First)**. Such algorithm:

- minimizes L_{max}
- decides schedulability if there exists a feasible schedule $(L_{max} \le 0)$ for the given instance, then the EDF is able to find it

Assuming the input parameters to be nonnegative **integers**, the proof of the theorem is based on the following reasoning:

- Let S^A be an **optimal schedule** produced by algorithm A
- Let S^{EDF} be a schedule produced by EDF
- Let schedule S^A starts at time t = 0 and D is the latest due date.
- Without loss of generality S^A can be **divided into unit-time slices**.
- Let i_t is the id of the task executing slice t.
- Let j_t is the id of the ready task with earliest due date at time t.
- If $S^A \neq S^{EDF}$ then there is slice t such that $i_t \neq j_t$.
- Swap of slices of T_{i_t} and T_{j_t} cannot increase the maximum lateness of the task set L_{max} .
- S^{EDF} is obtained from S^A by at most D swaps. $S^A \xrightarrow{swap} S' \xrightarrow{swap} \cdots \xrightarrow{swap} S^{EDF}$

Optimality of Horn's Algorithm - Illustration



Using the same argument adopted in the proof of EDD optimality for $1 || L_{max}$, it is easy to show that each swap cannot increase the maximum lateness of the task set L_{max} .

Problem 1 pmtn, prec, $r_j, d_j = \widetilde{d_j} | L_{max}$

Chetto, Silly, Bouchentouf algorithm transforms set \mathcal{T} of dependent tasks into \mathcal{T}' of independent tasks by modification of timing parameters:

- modification of the release dates
 - For any task without predecessors set $r'_i = r_j$.
 - **2** Select task T_j such that its release date has not been modified but the release dates of all immediate predecessors T_h have been modified. If no such task exists, exit.
 - Set $r'_{j} = max\{r_{j}, max\{r'_{h} + p_{h}|T_{h} \text{ is immediate predecessor of } T_{j}\}$ and jump to step 2.

modification of deadlines

- For any task without successors set $\widetilde{d}'_j = \widetilde{d}_j$.
- Select a task T_j such that its deadline has not been modified but the deadlines of all immediate successors T_k have been modified. If no such task exists, exit.
- Set $\tilde{d}'_j = min\{\tilde{d}'_j, min\{\tilde{d}'_k p_k | T_k \text{ is immediate successor of } T_j\}$ and jump to step 2.
- EDF is executed on independent tasks in \mathcal{T}'

No problem constraints are violated by Chetto, Silly, Bouchentouf algorithm:

- $r'_j \ge r_j$ and $\widetilde{d}'_j \le \widetilde{d}_j$, therefore, the schedulability of \mathcal{T}' with respect to the timing constraints (release dates and deadlines) implies also schedulability of \mathcal{T} with respect to the timing constraints
- due to the structure of the Horn's alg. (consider a set of released tasks and choose the one with smallest deadline) and modification of the timing constraints the scheduled tasks of T' are ordered in the same way as given by the precedence constraints, therefore, precedence constraints of T are not violated
Scheduling on Parallel Identical Resources Minimizing C_{max}

- $P2 \parallel C_{max}$ NP-hard
 - schedule *n* non-preemptive tasks on two parallel identical resources minimizing makespan, i.e. the completion time of the last task
 - the problem is NP-hard because the **2 partition problem** (see ILP lecture) can be reduced to $P2 || C_{max}$ while comparing the optimal C_{max} with the threshold of $0.5 * \sum_{i \in 1..n} p_i$.
- P |pmtn| C_{max} easy
 - can be solved by the **McNaughton** algorithm in O(n)

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$$P\left|\mathsf{pmtn}, r_j, \widetilde{d}_j\right| - -$$
 easy

- decision version of maximum flow problem (see the lecture on Flows)
- P |prec| C_{max} NP-hard
 - LS approximation algorithm with factor $r_{LS} = 2 \frac{1}{R}$, where R is the number of parallel identical resources
- P || C_{max} NP-hard
 - LPT approximation algorithm with factor $r_{LPT} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{3R}$
 - dynamic programming Rothkopf's pseudopolynomial algorithm
- P |pmtn, prec| C_{max} NP-hard
 - Muntz&Coffman's level algorithm with factor $r_{MC} = 2 \frac{2}{R}$

McNaughton's Algorithm for $P | pmtn | C_{max}$

Input: R, number of parallel identical resources, n, number of preemptive tasks and computation times $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$. **Output:** *n*-element vectors s^1 , s^2 , z^1 , z^2 where s_i^1 (resp. s_i^2) is start time of the first (resp. second) part of task T_i and z_i^1 (resp. z_i^2) is the resource ID on which the first (resp. second) part of task T_i will be executed. $s_i^1 = s_i^2 = z_i^1 = z_i^2 := 0$ for all $i \in 1 \dots n$; t := 0: v := 1: i := 1: $C_{max}^* = \max \left\{ \max_{i=1...n} \{ p_i \}, \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \right\};$ while i < n do if $t + p_i < C^*_{max}$ then $s_i^1 := t; z_i^1 := v; t := t + p_i; i := i + 1;$ else $s_i^2 := t; z_i^2 := v; p_i := p_i - (C_{max}^* - t); t := 0; v := v + 1;$ end end

McNaughtnon's Algorithm for $P | pmtn | C_{max}$

The term $C_{max}^* = \max \left\{ \max_{i=1...n} \left\{ p_i \right\}, \frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \right\}$ should be interpreted as follows:

- component max_{i=1...n} {p_i} represents the sequential nature of each task it's parts can be assigned to different resources, but these parts can not be run simultaneously. Note that each task can be divided into two parts at most.
- component $\frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i$ represents a situation when all resources work without idle waiting

Example 1:

$$p = (2, 3, 2, 3, 2), R = 3$$

compute $C_{max}^* = \max\left\{3, \frac{12}{3}\right\} = 4$
Example 2:
 $p = (10, 8, 4, 14, 1), R = 3$
compute $C_{max}^* = \max\left\{14, \frac{37}{3}\right\} = 14$





List Scheduling - Approximation Alg. for $P | \text{prec} | C_{max}$

Input: R, number of parallel identical resources, n, number of non-preemptive tasks and their proc. times $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$. DAG. **Output:** start times $(s_1, s_2, ..., s_n)$ and resource IDs $(z_1, z_2, ..., z_n)$. $t_v := 0$ for all $v \in 1 \dots R$; // free time of resource $s_i = z_i := 0$ for all $i \in 1 \dots n$; Sort tasks in list L: for i := 1 to n do // for all tasks $k = \arg \min_{v=1, R} \{t_v\};$ // choose res. with the lowest t_v Create S as a subset of tasks in L with smallest availability time a_i ; Choose $T_i \in S$ which is the first one in the list L: Remove T_i from the list L; $s_i = \max\{t_k, a_i\}; z_i = k;$ // assign T_i to P_k $t_k = s_i + p_i;$ // update free time of P_k end

 a_i , **availability time** of T_i , is equal to t_k if it has no predecessors, it is equal to ∞ if at least one of its predecessors is in L, and it is equal to $\max_{j \in Pred(T_i)} \{s_j + p_j\}$ if all of its predecessors have been removed from L. Z. Hanzalek (CTU course KO) Scheduling May 18, 2022 40 / 79

List Scheduling - Approximation algorithm for $P | \text{prec} | C_{max}$

List Scheduling (LS) is a general heuristic useful in many problems.

- We have a list (*n*-tuple) of tasks and when some resource is free, we assign available task from the list to this resource.
- The accuracy of LS depends on the criterion and sorting procedure.

Approximation factor of LS algorithm [Graham 1966]

For $P |\text{prec}| C_{max}$ (and also for $P || C_{max}$) and arbitrary (unsorted) list L, List Scheduling is an approximation algorithm with factor $r_{LS} = 2 - \frac{1}{R}$

An example illustrating the case when the factor is attained:



Anomalies of List Scheduling Algorithm

The LS algorithm depends not only on the **order of tasks in L**, but it exhibits **anomalies** (C_{max} surprisingly increases when relaxing some constraints/parameters) caused by:

- (1) the decrease of processing time p_i
- (2) the removal of some precedence constraints
- (3) the increase of the number of resources *R*

Example illustrating different anomalies for

R = 2, n = 8, p = (3, 4, 2, 4, 4, 2, 13, 2)

Using list
$$L = (T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, T_5, T_6, T_7, T_8)$$
,
LS finds solution with $C^*_{max} = 17$.



List Scheduling Anomalies - Prolongation of C_{max}

Exchange position of T_7 and T_8 $L = (T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, T_5, T_6, T_8, T_7).$



(1) Decrease p_i of all tasks by one.



(2) Remove prec. constr. $T_3 \prec T_4$.



(3) Add resource (R = 3).



LPT (Longest Processing Time First) - Approximation Algorithm for $P \parallel C_{max}$

The approximation factor of the LS algorithm can be decreased using the **Longest Processing Time first** (LPT) strategy

 During initialization of LS, we sort list L in a non-increasing order of p_i

Approximation factor of LPT algorithm [Graham 1966]

LPT algorithm for $P||C_{max}$ is an approximation algorithm with factor $r_{LPT} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3R}$

Time complexity of LPT algorithm is $O(n \cdot log(n))$ due to the sorting.

LPT (Longest Processing Time First) - Approximation Algorithm for $P \parallel C_{max}$

An example illustrating the case when the factor is attained: p = (2R - 1, 2R - 1, 2R - 2, 2R - 2, ..., R + 1, R + 1, R, R, R) $n = 2 \cdot R + 1, \prec \text{ empty},$

Illustration for R = 3 $P_1 \begin{array}{c|c} T_1 & T_3 \\ P_2 & T_2 & T_4 \\ P_3 & T_5 & T_6 & T_7 \\ \end{array}$ $P_1 \begin{array}{c} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \end{array}$

optimum:



LPT:

Factor of LPT algorithm

 $r_{LPT} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{11}{9}$

If the number of tasks is big, the factor can get better depending on k - the number of tasks assigned to the resource which finishes last: $r_{LPT} = 1 + \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{kR}$

 $8 \quad 9 = C_{max}^*$

For fixed R, the number of processors, there is a pseudopolynomial algorithm - input instance is restricted to bounded nonnegative integers: number of tasks and their processing times.

- we add a binary variable $x_i(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_R)$ where
 - $i = 1, 2 \dots n$ is the task index
 - $v = 1, 2, \dots R$ is the index of the resource
 - $t_v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ UB is the time variable associated to the resource v
 - UB is upper bound on C_{max}
- x_i(t₁, t₂,..., t_R) = 1 iff tasks T₁, T₂,..., T_i can be assigned to the resource such that P_v is occupied during the time interval (0, t_v); v = 1, 2, ... R

Dynamic Programming for $P \mid\mid C_{max}$ [Rothkopf]

Input: R, the number of parallel identical resources, n, the number of nonpreemptive tasks and their processing time $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$. **Output:** *n*-elements vectors *s* and *z* where s_i is the start time and z_i is the resource ID. for $(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_R) \in \{1, 2, \ldots, UB\}^R$ do $x_0(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_R) := 0;$ $x_0(0,0,\ldots,0) := 1;$ for i := 1 to n do // for all tasks for $(t_1, t_2, ..., t_R) \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., UB\}^R$ do // in the whole space $x_i(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_R) := OR_{v=1}^R x_{i-1}(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_v - p_i, \ldots, t_R);$ // $x_i() = 1$ iff there existed // $x_{i-1}() = 1$ ''smaller'' by p_i in any direction end end $C_{max}^* = \min_{x_n(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_R)=1} \{ \max_{v=1, 2, \dots, R} \{ t_v \} \};$ Assign tasks $T_n, T_{n-1}, \ldots, T_1$ in the reverse direction;

Time complexity is $O(n \cdot UB^R)$.

Example for $P \parallel C_{max}$ [Rothkopf]

Example n=3, R=2, p=(2,1,2), UB=5.



Complexity of $P \parallel C_{max}$ [Rothkopf]

- For polynomially bounded *R*, (i.e., *R* = *poly*(*n*)) the problem is strongly NP-hard.
 - Can be shown by reduction from 3-partition problem with $C_{max} = B, R = m, n = 3m, p_i = a_i$ (take care, in 3-partition the number 3 means number of items in the bin).
 - Here, the Rothkopf algorithm is not pseudopolynomial, since its complexity is $O(n \cdot UB^R) = O(n \cdot UB^{poly(n)})$, which is equal to $O(n \cdot UB^{n/3})$ for the instances reduced from 3-partition.
- For any constant R, (e.g., R = 2) the problem is weakly NP-hard
 - Here, the Rothkopf algorithm is pseudopolynomial, since its complexity is $O(n \cdot UB^2)$.
 - It can not be used to solve the instance reduced from 3-partition, but it can be used to solve the instances reduced from 2-partition problem, which is weakly NP-hard (take care, in 2-partition the number 2 means number of bins).

Principle:

- tasks are picked from the list ordered by the level of tasks
- **the level of task** T_j sum of p_i (including p_j) along the **longest path** from T_j to a terminal task (a task with no successor)
- when more tasks of the same level are assigned to less resources, each task gets part of the resource capacity β
- the algorithm moves forward to time τ when one of the tasks ends or the task with a lower level would be processed by a bigger capacity β than the tasks with a higher level

For $P2 |\text{pmtn}, \text{prec}| C_{max}$ and $P |\text{pmtn}, \text{forest}| C_{max}$, the algorithm is **exact**. For $P |\text{pmtn}, \text{prec}| C_{max}$ **approximation** alg. with factor $r_{MC} = 2 - \frac{2}{R}$. Time complexity is $O(n^2)$.

Input: R, the number of parallel identical resources, n, the number of preemptive tasks and proc. times (p1, p2, ..., pn). Prec. in DAG.
Output: n-elements vectors s1, ..., sk, ...sk and z1, ..., zk, ...zk where sik is the start time of the k-th part of task Ti and zik is corresponding resource ID.

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Muntz&Coffman's Level Algorithm for $P | pmtn, prec | C_{max}$

compute the level of all tasks ; t := 0; h := R; // h free res. while unfinished tasks exist do // subset ${\mathcal T}$ of free tasks in time tconstruct \mathcal{Z} : while h > 0 and $|\mathcal{Z}| > 0$ do // free resources and free tasks construct S; // subset Z of tasks of the highest level // more tasks than resources if $|\mathcal{S}| > h$ then assign part of capacity $\beta := \frac{h}{|S|}$ to tasks in S; h := 0; else assign one resource to each task in S; $\beta := 1$; h := h - |S|; end $\mathcal{Z} := \mathcal{Z} \setminus \mathcal{S};$ end compute δ : // see explanation below decrease proctimes and levels by $(\delta) \cdot \beta$;// finished part of task $t := t + \delta h := R$ end Use McNaughton's alg. to re-schedule parts with more tasks on less res.;

 $t + \delta$ is time when (1) EITHER one **task is finished** (2) OR a current level of an assigned task becomes **lower than a level of an unassigned ready task** (3) OR a task executed at **faster rate** β starts to have current level **below** the current level of a task executed at **slower rate** β

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Example - Muntz&Coffman's Alg. for $P | pmtn, prec | C_{max}$



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$$t = 0, p = (3, 4, 3, 5, 3, 1, 2, 0)$$

 $level = (8, 9, 8, 5, 5, 1, 2, 0), \mathcal{Z} = \{T_1, T_2, T_3\}$
• $h = 2, \mathcal{S} = \{T_2\}, \beta = 1$
• $h = 1, \mathcal{S} = \{T_1, T_3\}, \beta = 0.5$
• $\delta = 2$ due to the case (3)
• $t = 2, p = (2, 2, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 0)$
 $level = (7, 7, 7, 5, 5, 1, 2, 0), \mathcal{Z} = \{T_1, T_2, T_3\}$
• $h = 2, \mathcal{S} = \{T_1, T_2, T_3\}, \beta = 0.67$
• $\delta = 3$ due to the case (1)





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Scheduling

• *PS*1 |temp| *C_{max}* - NP-hard

- PS1 stands for single resource, temp stands for temporal constraints
- Input: The number of non-preemptive tasks n and processing times $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$. The temporal constraints defined by digraph G.
- Output: *n*-element vector s, where s_i is the start time of T_i
- *PSm*, 1 |temp| *C_{max}* NP-hard
 - *PSm*, 1 stands for *m* resource types, each of capacity 1
 - Input: The number of non-preemptive tasks n and processing times (p₁, p₂, ..., p_n). The temporal constraints defined by digraph G. The number of dedicated resources m and the assignment of the tasks to the resources (a₁, a₂, ..., a_n).
 - Output: *n*-element vector s, where s_i is the start time of T_i

Motivation Example: Message Scheduler for Profinet IO IRT - Specification

Profinet IO IRT is an Ethernet-based hard-real time communication protocol, which uses static schedules for time-critical data. Each node contains a special hardware switch that intentionally breaks the standard forwarding rules for a specified part of the period to ensure that no queuing delays occur for time-critical data.

Goal: Minimize the makespan (the schedule length) for time critical messages.



Motivation Example: Message Scheduler for Profinet IO IRT - Specification

Constraints:

- tree topology \Rightarrow fixed routing
- release date r earliest time the message can be sent
- deadline \tilde{d} latest time the message can be delivered
- maximal allowed end-to-end time delay

ID	$source \to target$	length [ns]	r [ns]	\widetilde{d} [ns]	end2end delay [ns]
256	$N_2 \to N_3$	5760	5000	20000	11000
257	$N_3 \to N_2$	5760	15000	40000	15000
258	$N_1 \to N_3$	5760	15000	-	-
259	$N_3 \to N_1$	5760	20000	35000	-
128	$N_3 \rightarrow \{N_1,N_2,N_4,N_5\}$	11680	5000	{-,-,18000}	{-,17675,17675,15000}

Motivation Example: Message Scheduler for Profinet IO IRT - Formalization

Can be formulated as $PSm, 1 | temp | C_{max}$ problem.

- task = message on a given line
- positive cost edge = r, precedence relations
- negative cost edge = \tilde{d} , end-to-end delay
- unicast message = chain of tasks (assuming positive edges)
- multicast message = out-tree of tasks (assuming positive edges)



Motivation Ex.: Message Sch. for Profinet IO IRT - Result



Temporal Constraints

- Set of non-preemptive tasks $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_n\}$ is represented by the nodes of the directed graph *G* (may include negative cycles).
- Processing time p_i is assigned to each task.



- The edges represent temporal constraints. Each edge from T_i to T_j has the length l_{ij} .
- Each temporal constraint is characterized by one inequality

$$s_i + l_{ij} \leq s_j$$
.



Temporal Constraints $s_i + I_{ij} \leq s_j$ with Positive I_{ij}

Temporal Constraints (also called a **generalized precedence constraint** or a **positive-negative time lag**)

- the start time of one task depends on the start time of another task
- a) $I_{ij} = p_i$
 - "normal" precedence relation
 - the second task can start when the previous task is finished

b) $I_{ij} > p_i$

- the second task can start some time after the completion of previous task
- b.1) example of a dry operation performed in sufficiently large space



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Temporal Constraints $s_i + l_{ij} \leq s_j$ with Positive l_{ij}

b.2) another example with $l_{ij} > p_i$ - pipe-lined ALU

- We assume the processing time to be equal in all stages
- **Result is available** *l*_{1f} tics after stage 1 reads operands
- Stage 1 reads new operands each *p*₁ tics
- Stages 2 and 3 are not modeled since we have enough of these resources and they are synchronized with stage 1



Temporal Constraints $s_i + I_{ij} \leq s_j$ with Positive I_{ij}

c) $0 < l_{ij} < p_i$

Partial results of the previous task may be used to start the execution of the following task.

E.g. the **cut-through** mechanism, where the switch starts transmission on the output port earlier than it receives the complete message on the input port.

- time-triggered protocol
- resources are communication links
- *l_{ab}* represents the **delay in the switch**
- different parts of the same message are transmitted by several communication links at the same time



Temporal Constraints $s_i + I_{ij} \leq s_j$ with Zero or Negative I_{ij}

d) $I_{ij} = 0$

 Task T_i has to start earlier or at the same time as T_i



e) $I_{ij} < 0$

- Task T_i has to start earlier or at most |l_{ij}| later than T_j
- It loses the sense of "normal " precedence relation, since T_i does not have to precede T_j
- It represents the relative deadline of T_i related to the start-time of T_j



Cycles and Relative Time Windows

Absence of a positive cycle in graph G

- is a necessary condition for schedulability of PS1 |temp| C_{max}
- is a **necessary and sufficient condition** for schedulability of the instance with **unlimited capacity of resources**. The schedule, which is restricted only by the temp. constraints, can be found in pol. time
 - by LP or
 - by the longest paths. For G we can create G', a complete digraph of **longest paths**, where weight I_{ij} is the length of the longest directed path from T_i to T_j in G (if no directed path in G exists, the weight is $I_{ij} = -\infty$). A start time of T_j is lower bounded by the longest path from arbitrary node, i.e. $s_j \ge \max_{\forall i \in 1...n} I_{ij}$.

Example - relative time window, e.g. when applying a catalyst to the chemical process

If finite $I_{ij} \ge 0$ and $I_{ji} < 0$ do exist, tasks T_i and T_j are constrained by the relative time window.

• the length of the negative cycle determines the "clearance" of the time window T_2

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 T_1

Task can be represented in two ways:

- **Time-indexed** ILP model is based on variable x_{it} , which is equal to 1 iff $s_i = t$. Otherwise, it is equal to zero. Processing times are assumed to be positive integers.
- **Relative-order** ILP model is based on the relative order of tasks given by variable x_{ij} , which is equal to 1 iff task T_i precedes task T_j . Otherwise, it is equal to zero. The processing times are nonnegative real numbers (tasks with zero processing time may be used to represent events).

Both models contain two types of constraints:

- temporal constraints
- resource constraints prevent overlapping of tasks

min C_{max}

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{t=0}^{UB-1} \left(t \cdot x_{it} \right) + l_{ij} \leq \sum_{t=0}^{UB-1} \left(t \cdot x_{jt} \right) \quad \forall l_{ij} \neq -\infty \text{ a } i \neq j \text{ (temp. const.)} \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sum_{k=\max(0,t-p_i+1)}^{t} x_{ik} \right) \leq 1 \qquad \forall t \in \{0,\dots,UB-1\} \text{ (resource)} \\ &\sum_{t=0}^{UB-1} x_{it} = 1 \qquad \forall i \in \{1,\dots,n\} \text{ (} T_i \text{ is scheduled)} \\ &\sum_{t=0}^{UB-1} \left(t \cdot x_{it} \right) + p_i \leq C_{max} \qquad \forall i \in \{1,\dots,n\} \end{split}$$

variables: $x_{it} \in \{0, 1\}$, $C_{max} \in \{0, \dots, UB\}$

UB - upper bound of C_{max} (e.g. $UB = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \max \{p_i, \max_{i,j \in \{1,...,n\}} I_{ij}\}$). Start time of T_i is $s_i = \sum_{t=0}^{UB-1} (t \cdot x_{it})$. Model contains $n \cdot UB + 1$ variables and |E| + UB + 2n constraints. Constant |E| represents the number of temporal constraints (edges in G).

Time-indexed Model for PS1 |temp| C_{max}

$$\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, T_2, T_3\}, \ p = (1, 2, 1), \ UB = 5$$

 T_1 is scheduled:

Resource constr. at time 2:



Resource constraint for couple of tasks: $p_j \le s_i - s_j + UB \cdot x_{ij} \le UB - p_i$

The constraint uses "big M" (here UB - upper bound on C_{max}).

If $x_{ij} = 1$, T_i precedes task T_j and the constraint is formulated as $s_i + p_i \le s_j$.

If $x_{ij} = 0$, T_i follows task T_j and the constraint is formulated as $s_i + p_i \le s_i$.



Relative-order Model for PS1 |temp| C_{max}

min C_{max}

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$$+ l_{ij} \le s_j \qquad \qquad \forall l_{ij} \ne -\infty \text{ and } i \ne j$$
(temporal constraint)

$$p_{j} \stackrel{violet}{\leq} s_{i} - s_{j} + UB \cdot x_{ij} \stackrel{green}{\leq} UB - p_{i} \quad \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ and } i < j$$
(resource constraint)
$$s_{i} + p_{i} \leq C_{max} \qquad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

variables: $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$, $C_{max} \in \langle 0, UB \rangle$, $s_i \in \langle 0, UB - p_i \rangle$

The model contains $n + (n^2 - n)/2 + 1$ variables and $|E| + (n^2 - n) + n$ constraints. |E| is a number of temporal constraints (edges in G).

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Relative-order Model for PS1 |temp| C_{max}

Example: no temporal constraints, two tasks T_i , T_j with $p_i = 2$ and $p_j = 3$. We set UB = 11 and we study $s_i \in \langle 0, 8 \rangle$.

3D polytope (left) is determined by the resource constr. given by violet and green hyperplanes (see colors on the previous slide). Its projection to 2D space (right) shows both sequences of tasks. When we change *UB*, the hyperplanes in 3D decline.



Each model is suitable for different types of tasks:

Time-indexed model:

- (+) Can be easily extended for parallel identical processors.
- (+) ILP formulation does not need many constraints.
- (-) The size of the model grows with the size of UB.

Relative-order model:

- (+) The size of ILP model does not depend on UB.
- (-) Requires a big number of constraints.

Feasibility Test for Heuristic Algorithms

If the partial schedule (found for example by a greedy algorithm which inserts tasks in a topological order of edges with positive weight, or the partial result during the Branch and Bound algorithm) violates some time constraints, the order of tasks does not need to be infeasible.



When the optimal order of the tasks in the schedule is known (variables x_{ij} are constants), it is easy to find the start time of the tasks (for example by LP formulation involving time constraints only).

Relative-order Model for Project Scheduling with Dedicated Resources of Unit Capacity PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max}

Part of the input parameters are the number of resources m and **assignment of the tasks to the resources** $(a_1, ..., a_i, ..., a_n)$, where a_i is index of the resource type on which task T_i will be running.

min C_{max}

$$\begin{aligned} s_i + l_{ij} &\leq s_j & \forall l_{ij} \neq -\infty \text{ and } i \neq j \\ (\text{temporal constraints}) \\ p_j &\leq s_i - s_j + UB \cdot x_{ij} \leq UB - p_i & \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \ i < j \text{ and } \underline{a_i = a_j} \\ (\text{on the same resource type}) \\ s_i + p_i &\leq C_{max} & \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \end{aligned}$$

variables: $x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$, $C_{max} \in \langle 0, UB \rangle$, $s_i \in \langle 0, UB \rangle$

Model consists of less than $n + (n^2 - n)/2 + 1$ variables (exact number depends on the number of tasks scheduled on each resource type).

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- Using PS1 |temp| C_{max} we will model:
 - $1 \left| r_j, \widetilde{d}_j \right| C_{max}$
 - scheduling on **dedicated resources** PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max}

Using PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max} we will model:

 scheduling of multiprocessor task - task needs more than one resource type at a given moment,

Reduction from 1 $\left| r_{j}, \widetilde{d_{j}} \right| C_{max}$ to *PS*1 |temp| C_{max}

This polynomial reduction proves that PS1 |temp| C_{max} is NP-hard, since Bratley's problem is NP-hard.



Reduction from PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max} to PS1 |temp| C_{max}

Reduction from PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max} to PS1 |temp| C_{max} is based on the projection of **each resource to the independent time-window**. In other words, the schedule of tasks on P^j is projected into interval $\langle (j-1) \cdot UB, j \cdot UB \rangle$

Transformation consists of three steps:

- Add dummy task T_0 to have fixed point in time. Task T_0 has $p_0 = 0$ and precedes all tasks $\{T_1, \ldots, T_n\}$, i.e. $s_0 \le s_i$. Due to the criterion $s_0 = 0$ (i.e. T_0 is fixed on the time axis).
- Add new temporal constraints to keep tasks {*T*₁,..., *T_n*} in their time-windows.
- Transform the original temporal constraints to $l'_{ij} = l_{ij} + (a_j a_i) \cdot UB$. See its derivation on the next slide.
- Add dummy task T_{n+1} to propagate the criterion minimization in all time-windows. Task T_{n+1} has $p_{n+1} = 0$ and follows all task $T_i \in \mathcal{T}$, i.e. $C_i = s_i + p_i \leq s_{n+1}$.

The new start time s'_i of each task on processor a_i is: $s'_i = s_i + (a_i - 1) \cdot UB$.

Temporal constraints $s_i + l_{ij} \leq s_j$ are transformed to:

$$s_i' - (a_i - 1) \cdot UB + l_{ij} \leq s_j' - (a_j - 1) \cdot UB \ s_i' + l_{ij} + (a_j - a_i) \cdot UB \leq s_j'$$

The transformed temporal constraint will look like $s'_i + l'_{ij} \le s'_j$, where: $l'_{ij} = l_{ij} + (a_j - a_i) \cdot UB$

Reduction from PSm, 1 |temp| C_{max} to PS1 |temp| C_{max}



two dedicated resources T_1 on P¹ and T_2 , T_3 on P²

one resource

While minimizing the completion time of T_{n+1} , we push tasks T_1 , T_2 and T_3 "to the left" due to the edges entering T_{n+1}

Transformation of multiprocessor task problem to $PSm, 1 | temp | C_{max}$

- create as many virtual tasks as there are processors needed to execute the physical tasks
- ensure that the virtual tasks of the given physical task start at the same time this is done by two edges with weight $I_{ij} = I_{ji} = 0$. Consequently $s_i \leq s_j$ and $s_j \leq s_i$.

Example: Task T_i needs resources (P^1, P^2, P^3) .



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