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Capacitated Discrete Ordered Median Problem The p-median problem with upgrading



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Capacitated discrete Discrete Ordered I. Espejo⁴ Median Problem

A comparative study of different formulations for the capacitated discrete ordered median problem



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ABSTRACT

This paper deals with the capacitated version of discrete ordered median problems. We present different formulations considering three-index variables or covering variables to address the order requirements in this problem. Some preprocessing phases for fixing variables and some valid inequalities are developed to enhance the initial formulations. Finally, an extensive computational analysis is addressed with data taken from the OR-library and AP-library showing the efficiency of the formulations and the improvements presented in the paper.

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Hubs

- A: set of clients and potential facility locations. |A|=n
- C=(cij): cost of satisfying demand client i from facility j.
- $1 \le p \le n 1$: number of new facilities.
- $J \subset A$, |J|=p

 $c_i(J)$ the cost of satisfying demand client i from some facility in J.

 $\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{J}) \coloneqq \left(\mathbf{c}_1(\mathbf{J}), \dots, \mathbf{c}_n(\mathbf{J})\right)$

Sort c(J):
$$c_{(1)}(J) \le c_{(2)}(J) \le \dots \le c_{(n)}(J)$$

 $c_{ii} = 0, \forall i \in A$ free self-service

 q_i : demand client i, $\forall i \in A$

 Q_i : capacity facility $j, \forall j \in$

$$\min_{\substack{J \subset A \\ |J|=p}} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i c_{(i)}(J)$$

CDOMP

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n), \lambda_i \ge 0$$

FORMULATIONS



Three-index

Boland N, Domínguez-Marín P, Nickel S, Puerto J (2006) COR 33: 3270-3300.

$$x_{ij}^k = 1$$
 client *i* served by *j*
and *cij k*-th smallest cost

$$\sum_{\substack{i=1\\i\neq j}}^{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}q_{i}x_{ij}^{k} \leq (Q_{j}-q_{j})x_{jj}, \forall j \in A$$



Fernández E, Pozo MA, Puerto J (2014) Discrete Applied Mathematics 169(31): 97-118.

$$x_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{ij}^{k} \qquad \omega_{ik} = \sum_{\substack{j=1\\j\neq i}}^{n} x_{ij}^{k} \qquad \theta_{ik}$$

Three-index

CDOMP1



FORMULATIONS



Two-index-covering

CDOMP2

 $C = (c_{ij})$ Different nonzero elements

 $c_{(0)} \coloneqq 0 < c_{(1)} < \dots < c_{(G-1)} < c_{(G)} = max\{c_{ij}\}$

 $x_{ij} = 1$ client i is served by j $u_{kh} = 1$ k – th smallest allocation cost is at least $c_{(h)}$

Fix $u_{kh} - variables$ and some valid inequalities

Puerto J (2008) Operations Research Proceedings 2007, 165-170 (Springer).

FORMULATIONS



Two-index-blocks

CDOMP3

Taking advantage of sequences of repetitions in the λ -vector...

 $c_{ii} = 0, i \in A$ \longrightarrow $\hat{\lambda} = (\lambda_{p+1}, \dots, \lambda_n)$

I: number of blocks of consecutive equal non-null elements in $\hat{\lambda}$

New set of variables: \overline{u} : u variables in each blocks of non-null λ values v: assignments in each block

Fix $\overline{u_{kh}} - variables$ and some valid inequalities

For hubs: Puerto J, Ramos AB, Rodríguez-Chía AM (2013) Discrete Applied Mathematics Puerto J, Ramos AB, Rodríguez-Chía AM, Sánchez-Gil MC (2016) Transportation Research Part C

➤ 4.00Ghz PC with 32GB RAM

- > Xpress IVE 8.5
- \geq All cuts from Xpress disabled.

Туре	λ
1	(1,,1,1)
2	(0,,0,1)
3	(1,,0,1,,1)
4	(0,,0,1,,1,0,,0)
5	(1,,1,0,,0,1,,1)
6	(0,,0,1,,1,0,,0,1,,1,0,0,11)

different blocks

DATA SET I

- APData set. ORLIB (Erns)
- Capacitated Hubs
- Matrix Cost
 - non-symmetrical
 - Number of different nonzero elements high.
- Capacities: randomly generated from the demand

DATA SET II

- ORLIB (Beasly)
- Capacitated p-Median
- Matrix Cost
 - symmetrical
 - Number of different nonzero elements smaller than DATA SET I.
- Capacities: all equal

DATA SET I n=15 p=3

Туре		CDOMP1	CDOMP2	CDOMP3	
1	Time	6	2	0,2	
	Gap	9	9	9	
2	Time	83	12	0,5	
	Gap	54	75	75	GAP : Gap(%) of the linear
3	Time	66	3	0,7	relaxation
	Gap	24	51	51	Time: CPU total time
4	Time	6	3	0,2	
	Gap	14	16	16	Superindex: number of unsolved instances within
5	Time	24 ³	2	0,8	2 h
	Gap	39	67	67	
6	Time	7	2	0,7	
	Gap	23	29	29	

DATA SET I Y II n=50 p=5

	CDO	MP2	CDOMP3			
Туре	DATA SET I (G=2196)	DATA SET II (G=895)	DATA SET I (G=2196)	DATA SET II (G=895)		
1	2612 ²	426	87	15		
2	301	214	81	11		
3	3912 ³	924	222	25		
4	1111	141	84	10		
5	3290 ⁴	661	157	15		
6	1404	274	222	46		

Improving formulations

Fixing variables

Preprocessing procedures to fix u-variables $(\bar{u},v-variables)$

Solving auxiliary problems

For hubs:

Puerto J, Ramos AB, Rodríguez-Chía AM (2013) Discrete Applied Mathematics Puerto J, Ramos AB, Rodríguez-Chía AM, Sánchez-Gil MC (2016) Transportation Research Part C

Valid inequalities

Valid inequalities to strengthen the capacity constraints. (variants of the ones obtained by minimal covers for the knapsack constraints)

DATA SET I n=50 p=5

	Type=1		Type=2		Type=3		Type=4		Type=5		Туре=6	
	Time	Gap										
CDOMP2	2612^2	2	301	85	3912^3	50	1111	0	3289^4	73	1404	15
CDOMP3	87	2	81	85	222	50	84	0	156	73	222	15
CDOMP3 + pre+dv	52	2	61	44	136	32	50	0	83	38	202	10

DATA SET I n=120 p=12

	Type=1		Type=2		Type=3		Type=4		Type=5		Type=6	
	Time	Gap										
CDOMP3+pre	1441^3	0	2273	16	4313	19	1486^3	0,3	2643	12	4989^1	11
CDOMP3 + pre+dv	2730^1	0	2486	16	3410	19	2809^1	0,3	2711	12	4370^1	11

Concluding remarks

✓ Different formulations for the CDOMP

CDOMP3: THE BLOCK FORMULATION

✓ Procedures to reduce the size of formulations.

PREPROCESSING WITHOUT CAPACITIES

 ✓ Computational study with two types of instances (small and large number of ties within the cost matrix)

The *p*-median problem with upgrading of transportation costs and minimum travel time allocation

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In this paper, we analyze the upgrading of arcs in the well known p-median problem on a bi-network. Associated to each arc, both travel times and transportation costs exist. Our goal consists of simultaneously finding p medians, allocating each node to the median of minimum travel time, and distributing a known budget among arcs of the network, to reduce their transportation cost, in order to minimize the total transportation cost of the system. The problem is motivated by the warehouse-to-locker structure of the distribution network of many ecommerces. We formulate it in two different ways as an Integer Programming Problem, derive some properties of any optimal solution, develop valid inequalities and present computational results.

Keywords: *p*-median; upgrading; bi-network.

The p-median problem with upgrading in bi-networks

The p-median problem with upgrading in bi-networks

The upgrading of the vertices in a p-median context.

Sepasian AR, Rahbarnia F (2015) Upgrading p-median problem on a path. Journal of Mathematical Modelling and Algorithms 14: 145-157.

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 - minimum cost flow problem
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 - Median Path Problem

Avella P, Boccia M, Sforza A (2005) A Branch-and-Cut Algorithm for the Median Path Problem. Computational Optimization and Applications 32: 215-230.

Distribution network of many ecommerces

Delivery points (lockers)

Customers













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Customers













Distribution network of many ecommerces

Delivery points (lockers)

Customers



















Warehouse (Fulfillment center)

Distribution network of many ecommerces

Delivery points (lockers)

Customers











Warehouse (Fulfillment center)

















Given a directed bi-network ($V; A; c^1; c^2$) strongly connected

- $V = \{1, ..., n\}$: set of nodes representing users (lockers) and candidates of medians (fulfillment centers).
- Demand $\omega_i \ge 0$ $i \in V$.
- A: set of arcs.

c¹: travel times.

 c^2 : transportation costs (per unit transported).



Given a directed bi-network (V; A; c^1 ; c^2) strongly connected

- Choose p medians (fulfillment centers).
- Allocation of users to median: minimum travel time (c¹) from the median to the user.

FP(i, j): Fastest Path (minimum travel time path from median j to user i) C_{ij}^1 : total travel time of FP(i, j)



 C_{ij}^2 : transportation cost from median *j* to user *i* through FP(i, j)

A budget B > 0 is given to reduce the transportation costs,

The reduction in each arc a is limited to u_a .



The Induced p-median Problem with Upgrading

Simultaneously

finding p medians and

distributing the budget *B* among the arcs of *A* (so reducing their transportation costs c^2)

to *minimize the sum of the upgraded transportation costs* to users from their corresponding medians (with minimum travel times c^1).

INITIAL FORMULATION (NON LINEAR)

min	$\sum_{i\in V} \omega_i \sum_{j\in V} \left(C_{ij_{ij}}^2 - \sum_{a \in FP(i,j)} b_a \right) x_{ij}$	
(1)	$\sum_{j \in V} x_{ij} = 1$, $orall i \in V$	
(2)	$x_{ij} \leq x_{jj}, \forall i \neq j \in V$	
(3)	$\sum_{j \in V} x_{jj} = p$	x _{jj}
(4)	$x_{jj} + \sum_{\substack{s \in V \\ C_{is}^1 > C_{ij}^1}} x_{is} \le 1, \forall i, j \in V$	<i>x_{ij}</i> =
(5)	$\sum_{a \in V} b_a \le B$	∀ <i>i,j</i> (
(6)	$b_a \leq u_a, \forall a \in A$	
(7) (8)	$b_a \ge 0, \forall a \in A$	
(-)	$x_{ii} \in \{0,1\}, \forall i \neq j \in V$	

Variables b_a : the reduction of the transportation cost of arc $a \in A$ j is chosen as a median, $\forall j \in V$ = otherwise, *j* is the closest(minimum travel time) median for i otherwise $(i \neq j) \in V$

First linear formulation: FL1

$$\min \sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - \sum_{(k,l) \in FP(i)} z_{ikj} \right)$$

$$(1) - (8)$$

$$z_{ikl} \leq b_{kl}, \qquad \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i)$$

$$z_{ikl} \leq u_{kl} \sum_{\substack{j \in V \\ (k,l) \in FP(i,j)}} x_{ij} \quad \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i)$$

$$z_{ikl} \geq 0, \qquad \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i)$$

 $\forall i \in V, FP(i) \subseteq A$: arcs that belong to any fastest path to i,

 \forall (*k*, *l*) \in *FP*(*i*), we define variables

 z_{ikl} : reduction obtained in the path to node i from the closest median when the arc $a = (k, l) \in A$ is upgraded

$$z_{ikl} \coloneqq \sum_{\substack{j \in V \\ (k,l) \in FP(i,j)}} b_{kl} x_{ij}$$

Proposition

The integrality of the x_{ij}-variables, $\forall i \neq j \in V$, can be relaxed.

Properties and Valid Inequalities

When is optimal a positive reduction of the cost of arc (k; l) in the fastest path to a node i from its median j?

When the maximal reduction has been applied to the previous arc (s; k) in the aforementioned path.



Properties and Valid Inequalities



Proposition

Let $(x^*; z^*)$ be an optimal solution to (FL1) and $i, j \in V$ such that $(k, l) \in FP(i, j)$ with $x_{ij}^* = 1$. Then $\forall i', j', k' \in V(k \neq k')$ such that $(k', l) \in FP(i', j')$, it holds $x_{i'j'}^* = 0$, whenever $C_{lj}^1 \neq C_{lj'}^1$.

Properties and Valid Inequalities

$$\sum_{\substack{k \in V \\ (k,l) \in A}} b_{kl} \le \max\{u_{kl} : (k,l) \in A\}$$
(16)

Let $k, l \in V$ such that $(k, l) \in A$ or $(l, k) \in A$



 U_{kj} : maximum reduction in FP(k, j)

$$b_{kl} \leq \sum_{j \in L_1} \min\left\{ \left(B - U_{kj} \right)^+, u_{kl} \right\} x_{lj} + \sum_{j \in L_1} \min\left\{ \left(B - U_{lj} \right)^+, u_{kl} \right\} x_{lj} + u_{kl} \sum_{j \in L_3} x_{lj}$$

(17)

 $b_{kl} + b_{lk} \le max\{u_{kl}, u_{lk}\}, \forall k, l \in V: (k, l) \in A \text{ or } (l, k) \in A$

(21)

Properties and Valid Inequalities



$$z_{ikl} \leq \sum_{\substack{j \in V \\ (k,l) \in FP(i,j)}} \min\left\{ \left(B - U_{kj} \right)^+, u_{kl} \right\} x_{ij}, \forall i \in V, (k,l) \in FP(i)$$

 $x_{ij} \le x_{kj}$ $\forall i, j \in V, \forall k \neq j: k \in FP(i, j)$

(20)

(19)

Second linear formulation: FL2

Variables

s_i: reduction associated to user *i*

min
$$\sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - s_i \right)$$

(1) - (8)

$$s_{i} \leq \sum_{a \in FP(i,j)} b_{a} + \sum_{j' \neq j} M_{ijj'} x_{ij'} \quad \forall i, j \in V$$

$$s_{i} \geq 0, \qquad \forall i \in V$$

$$s_i \coloneqq \sum_{(k,l)\in FP(i)} z_{ikl} = \sum_{(k,l)\in FP(i)} b_{kl} \sum_{\substack{j\in V\\(k,l)\in FP(i,j)}} x_{ij}$$

$$M_{ijj'} \coloneqq min\left\{B, \sum_{a \in FP(ij') \setminus FP(i,j)} u_a\right\}$$

Particular case of valid inequalities

$$s_i \leq \sum_{a \in A'} b_a + \sum_{a \in FP(i) \setminus A'} \sum_{\substack{j' \in V \\ a \in FP(i,j')}} u_a x_{ij'} \quad \forall i \in V, A' \subset FP(i)$$

Separation procedure

Second linear formulation: FL2

FL3

min
$$\sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - s_i \right)$$
 min $\sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - s_i \right)$
(1) - (8) (1) - (8)

$$s_{i} \leq \sum_{a \in FP(i,j)} b_{a} + \sum_{j' \neq j} M_{ijj'} x_{ij'} \quad \forall i, j \in V \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad s_{i} \leq \sum_{a \in A'} b_{a} + \sum_{a \in FP(i) \setminus A'} \sum_{\substack{j' \in V \\ a \in FP(i,j')}} u_{a} x_{ij'} \quad \forall i \in V, A' \subset FP(i) \\ s_{i} \geq 0, \qquad \forall i \in V \qquad s_{i} \geq 0, \qquad \forall i \in V$$

$$M_{ijj'} \coloneqq min\left\{B, \sum_{a\in FP(ij')\setminus FP(i,j)}u_a\right\}$$

FL1	FL3
min $\sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - \sum_{(k,l) \in FP(i)} z_{ikj} \right)$	min $\sum_{i \in V} \omega_i \left(\sum_{j \in V} C_{ij}^2 x_{ij} - s_i \right)$
(1) - (8)	(1) - (8)
$ \begin{aligned} z_{ikl} &\leq b_{kl}, & \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i) \\ z_{ikl} &\leq u_{kl} & \sum_{j \in V} & x_{ij} & \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i) \end{aligned} $	$s_i \leq \sum_{a \in A'} b_a + \sum_{a \in FP(i) \setminus A'} \sum_{\substack{j' \in V \\ a \in FP(i,j')}} u_a x_{ij'} \forall i \in V, A' \subset FP(i)$
$z_{ikl} \ge 0, \qquad \forall i \in V, \forall (k,l) \in FP(i)$	$s_i \ge 0, \qquad \forall i \in V$

Proposition

The linear relaxation of FL1 is the same as FL3

- Intel Xeon(R) CPU E5-2623 v3, 3.00GHz x 8 processor with 16 GB of RAM Xpress Mosel v. 5.0.2 (under Linux)
- All cuts and preprocessing from Xpress disabled.
- Time limit: 1 hour



$n \in \{20, 40, 60, 80\}$	$m \in \{100, 500\}$
$2 \le p \le 5$	$B \in [50; 100]$
$\omega \in [0; 40]$	$u_a = 0.5c_a^2$

FIRST STUDY: FL1, FL2, FL3 for DATASET R and DATASET P

Summary of results by size of n (logarithmic scale)



FIRST STUDY: FL1, FL2, FL3 for DATASET R and DATASET P

Summary of results by size of p (logarithmic scale)



SECOND STUDY: FL1, FL2, FL3 with VALID INEQUALITIES for DATASET R

Percentage of instances solved with n = 80



SECOND STUDY: FL1, FL2, FL3 with VALID INEQUALITIES for DATASET R



THIRD STUDY: FL1 with MOST PROMISING VALID INEQUALITIES for DATASET R

p = 5 and B = 100

n	m	#	% GAP	TIME	NODES
100	500	3(3)	25.5	485	779
100	1000	3(3)	30.8	889	1608
125	500	3(3)	24.8	1417	1172
125	1000	3(3)	29.3	2002	1707
150	500	1(3)	13.8	1161	281
200	500	1(3)	15.1	3170	315

CONCLUDING REMARK

- Initial attempt to address p-median location problems considering two costs associated to the arcs of a network and the upgrading of arcs.
- > Two different formulations considering variables with three and one indexes.
- Valid inequalities and a separation procedure.

The percentage of instances solved in less than 50 seconds (for a size of 80) increased by 50% after including some valid inequalities.

The three-indexed formulation with the most promising valid inequalities can optimally solve instances with up to 200 nodes in reasonable computational time.