

# Optimization methods and algorithms

Examination Timetabling Problem

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- **Variables**

ST     $ST_1, ST_2, \dots, ST_n$     Students     $ST \in \mathbb{N}^+$      $n = \#$  of total students

E     $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_m$     Exams     $E \in \mathbb{N}^+$      $m = \#$  of total exams

T     $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{\max}$     Time slots     $T \in \mathbb{N}^+$      $T_{\max} = \#$  of time slot

$C = E \times E$     Conflict matrix [symmetric]

It contains the number of students for conflicting exams.

The size of the matrix is  $m \times m$ .

$C_{ij} \in \mathbb{N} \forall i, j$

$X = E \times E \times 5$     Conflict tensor

It is a boolean tensor that contains a 1 if two conflicting exams are scheduled at  $k$  distance (with  $k=1, \dots, 5$ ), 0 otherwise.

The size of the matrix is  $m \times m \times 5$ .

$X_{ijk} \in \{0, 1\} \forall i, j, k$

$S = E \times T$     Schedule matrix

It is a boolean matrix that contains a 1 if an exam  $E_i$  is scheduled in a timeslot  $T_j$ , 0 otherwise.

The size of the matrix is  $m \times z$ .

$S_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \forall i, j$

- Logical constraints about X

$$i \in \{1, 5\}$$

$$i = t - t'$$

$$\begin{array}{l} S_{et} + S_{e't'} \leq 1 + X_{ee'i} \quad \cup \quad S_{et} + S_{e't'} \geq 2X_{ee'i} \\ S_{e't'} + S_{e't} \leq 1 + X_{ee'i} \quad \cup \quad S_{e't'} + S_{e't} \geq 2X_{ee'i} \end{array}$$

- Objective Function

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^5 \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^m X_{ijk} \frac{2^{5-i}}{n} C_{jk}$$

- Constrains

Each exam is scheduled once during the period.

$$\forall j \in 1, \dots, m$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T_{max}} S_{jt} = 1$$

Two conflicting exams are not scheduled in the same time slot.

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^m X_{0jk} C_{jk} = 0 \quad k \neq j$$