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- variable $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if job } j \text{ is processed on machine } i \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$
- ILP formulation:

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- add $C_{max} \geq p_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$ to ensure that each job has enough time

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LP for problem $P|pmtn|C_{max}$:

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- Optimal value of LP is $\max\{\max_{j=1}^n p_j, \sum_{j=1}^n p_j/m\}$
- LP gives no schedule, thus only a lower bound!
- construction of a schedule: simple (next slide) or via open shop (later)

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Wrap around rule for problem $P|pmtn|C_{max}$:

- define $opt := \max\{\max_{j=1}^n p_j, \sum_{j=1}^n p_j/m\}$
- opt is a lower bound on the optimal value for problem $P|pmtn|C_{max}$
- Construction of a schedule with $C_{max} = opt$:
fill the machines successively, schedule the jobs in any order and preempt a job if the time bound opt is met
- all jobs can be scheduled since $opt \geq \sum_{j=1}^n p_j/m$
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- Example: $m = 3, n = 5, p = (3, 7, 5, 1, 4)$

M3	3	4	5
M2	2	3	
M1	1	2	

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Schedule construction via Open shop for $P|pmtn|C_{max}$:

- given an optimal solution x of the LP, consider the following open shop instance
 - n jobs, m machines and $p_{ij} := x_{ij}p_j$
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- Result: solution for problem $P|pmtn|C_{max}$
- for $O|pmtn|C_{max}$ we show later that an optimal solution has value

$$\max\left\{\max_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m p_{ij}, \max_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n p_{ij}\right\}$$

and can be calculated in polynomial time

- Result: solution of $O|pmtn|C_{max}$ is optimal for $P|pmtn|C_{max}$

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Uniform machines: $Q|pmtn|C_{max}$:

- m machines with speeds s_1, \dots, s_m
- n jobs with processing times p_1, \dots, p_n
- change LP!

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Uniform machines: $Q|pmtn|C_{max}$ (cont.):

- since again no schedule is given, LP leads to lower bound for optimal value of $Q|pmtn|C_{max}$,
- as for $P|pmtn|C_{max}$ we may solve an open shop instance corresponding to the optimal solution x of the LP with n jobs, m machines and $p_{ij} := x_{ij}p_j/s_i$
- this solution is an optimal schedule for $Q|pmtn|C_{max}$

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Unrelated machines: $R|pmtn|C_{max}$:

- m machines
- n jobs with processing times p_1, \dots, p_n
- speed s_{ij}
- change LP!

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Unrelated machines: $R|pmtn|C_{max}$ (cont.):

- same procedure as for $Q|pmtn|C_{max}$!
 - again no schedule is given,
 - LP leads to lower bound for optimal value of $R|pmtn|C_{max}$,
 - for optimal solution x solve an corresponding open shop instance with n jobs, m machines and $p_{ij} := x_{ij}p_j/s_{ij}$
 - this solution is an optimal schedule for $R|pmtn|C_{max}$

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Approximation methods for: $P||C_{max}$:

- list scheduling methods (based on priority rules)
 - jobs are ordered in some sequence π
 - always when a machine gets free, the next unscheduled job in π is assigned to that machine
- Theorem: List scheduling is a $(2 - 1/m)$ -approximation for problem $P||C_{max}$ for any given sequence π
- Proof on the board
- Holds also for $P|r_j|C_{max}$

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Approximation methods for: $P||C_{max}$ (cont.):

- consider special list
- LPT-rule (longest processing time first) is a natural candidate
- Theorem: The LPT-rule leads to a $(4/3 - 1/3m)$ -approximation for problem $P||C_{max}$
 - Proof on the board uses following result:
 - Lemma: If an optimal schedule for problem $P||C_{max}$ results in at most 2 jobs on any machine, then the LPT-rule is optimal
 - Proof as Exercise
- the bound $(4/3 - 1/3m)$ is tied (Exercise)

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- assign job with the i th largest processing time to i th smallest weight is optimal
- Result: SPT is also optimal for $P||\sum C_j$

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Uniform machines: $Q||\sum C_j$:

- if a job j is scheduled as k -last job on a machine M_r , this job contributes $kp_j/s_r = (k/s_r)p_j$ to the objective value;
i.e. job j gets 'weight' (k/s_r)
- for scheduling the n jobs on the m machines, we have weights

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{s_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{s_m}, \frac{2}{s_1}, \dots, \frac{2}{s_m}, \dots, \frac{n}{s_1}, \dots, \frac{n}{s_m} \right\}$$

- from these nm weights we select the n smallest weights and assign the i th largest job to the i th smallest weight leading to an optimal schedule

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Example uniform machines: $Q || \sum C_j$:

- $n = 6, p = (6, 9, 8, 12, 4, 2)$
- $m = 3, s = (3, 1, 4)$
- possible weights:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{1}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{3}, \frac{3}{1}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{1}, \frac{4}{4}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{1}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{6}{3}, \frac{6}{1}, \frac{6}{4} \right\}$$

- 6 smallest weights:

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- sorted list of weights:

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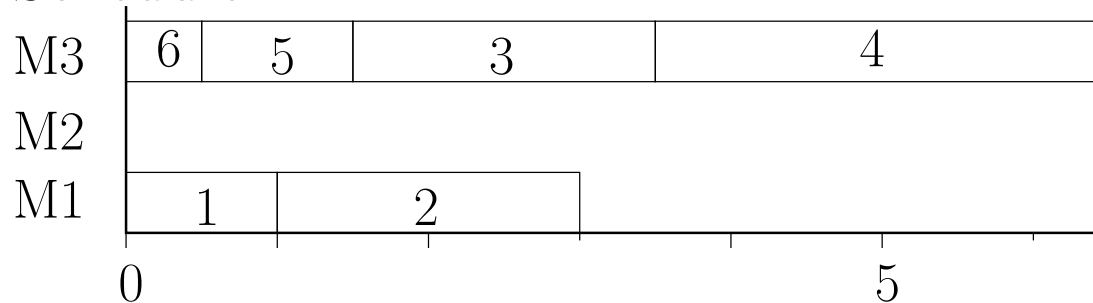
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- Schedule:



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- if a job j is scheduled as k -last job on a machine M_r , this job contributes kp_{rj} to the objective value;
- since now the 'weight' is also job-dependent, we cannot simply sort the 'weights'
- assignment problem:
 - n jobs
 - nm machine positions (k, r) (k -last position on M_r)
 - assigning job j to (k, r) has costs kp_{rj}
 - find an assignment of minimal costs of all jobs to machine positions
- leads to optimal solution of $R||\sum C_j$ in polynomial time

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Proof is not given; uses fact that worst case examples have equal w_j/p_j ratios for all jobs