

Constraint Programming

Lab 1. Introduction to OPL

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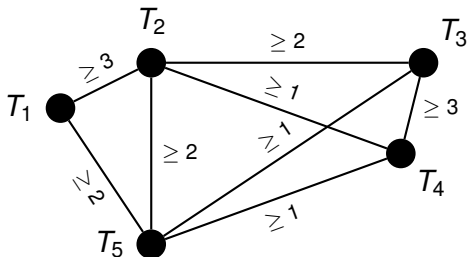
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Example : frequency assignment

- ▶ Variables : F_i — frequency assigned to transmitter i .
- ▶ Additional variables : $S_i = 0$ if low frequency 1 if high frequency.
- ▶ Constraints :
 - ▶ $|F_i - F_j| \geq d_{ij}, \forall(i, j)$;
 - ▶ $\text{all-different}(F_1, \dots, F_5)$.
- ▶ Additional constraints :
 - ▶ $\text{element}(S_i, \{0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1\}, F_i), \forall i$.
 - ▶ $\text{gcc}(\{S_i\}_{\forall i}, \{0, 1\}, 2, 3, 2, 3)$.



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`https://www.ibm.com/products/
ilog-cplex-optimization-studio`

(Windows, Linux, Mac OS, ...)

No-cost academic edition is available

Data and variables declaration

```
/*  
 * OPL 6.0.1 Model  
 * File : frequencies.mod  
 *****/
```

```
using CP; //!!!!
```

```
int nbFreqs = ... ;  
int nbTrans = ... ;  
range Freqs = 1..nbFreqs ;  
range Trans = 1..nbTrans ;  
int Diffs[Trans,Trans] = ... ;  
int BasseHaute[Freqs] = ... ;
```

```
dvar int F[Trans] in Freqs ;  
dvar int S[Trans] in 0..1 ;
```

Data file

```
/*  
* OPL 6.0.1 Data  
* File : frequencies.dat  
***/
```

```
nbFreqs = 7 ;  
nbTrans = 5 ;  
Diffs = [[0 3 0 0 2]  
          [3 0 2 1 2]  
          [0 2 0 3 1]  
          [0 1 3 0 1]  
          [2 2 1 1 0]] ;  
BasseHaute = [0 0 0 1 1 1 1] ;
```

Objective and constraints declaration

```
minimize max(t in Trans) F[t] ;
subject to {
    forall (ordered t1, t2 in Trans : Diffs[t1,t2] > 0)
        abs( F[t1] - F[t2] ) >= Diffs[t1,t2] ;
    allDifferent(F) ;
    forall (t in Trans)
        S[t] == element(BasseHaute,F[t]) ;
    count(S,0) == 2 ;
    count(S,1) == 3 ;
}

execute {
    for (var t=1 ; t<=nbTrans ; t++)
        writeln("F["+t+"]="+F[t]) ;
}
```

Find all solutions

```
main {  
    thisOplModel.generate() ;  
    cp.startNewSearch() ;  
    var n=0 ;  
    while (cp.next()) {  
        n = n+1 ;  
        write("Solution -> ") ;  
        writeln(n) ;  
        for (var t=1 ; t<=thisOplModel.nbTrans ; t++)  
            writeln("\t F["+t+"]="+thisOplModel.F[t]) ;  
    }  
    cp.endSearch() ;  
}
```

Some constraints available in OPL

- ▶ Arithmétiques
(on peut utiliser `min`, `max`, `count`, `abs`, `element`).
- ▶ Logiques
(`&&`, `||`, `!`, `=>`, `!=`, `==`).
- ▶ Explicites
(`allowedAssignments`, `forbiddenAssignments`).
- ▶ Pour l'ordonnancement
(`endBeforeStart`, `endAtStart`, `noOverlap`, ...)
- ▶ Spécialisées
(`allDifferent`, `allMinDistance`, `inverse`, `lex`,
`pack`)

Declaration of heuristics

```
execute {  
    var fc = cp.factory;  
    var phase1 = fc.searchPhase(F,  
        fc.selectSmallest(fc.varIndex(F)),  
        fc.selectLargest(fc.value()));  
    cp.setSearchPhases(phase1);  
}
```

Variable evaluations :

```
varIndex(dvar int[])  
domainSize()  
domainMin()  
regretOnMin()  
successRate()  
impact()  
...
```

Value evaluations :

```
value()  
valueImpact()  
valueSuccessRate()  
explicitValueEval(int[], int[])  
valueIndex(int[])
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Solver parameters

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execute {  
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    p.logPeriod = 10000 ;  
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    p.timeLimit = 600 ;  
}
```

Options :

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Using OPL in CREMI

1. Download and unarchive the model for frequency assignment problem :

```
www.math.u-bordeaux.fr/~rsadykov/  
teaching/MSE3315C/TP/frequencies.zip
```

2. Run OPLIDE

3. In OPLIDE :

- ▶ Make new project (File → New... → OPL project)
- ▶ Copy downloaded files (.mod and .dat) to project (File → Copy Files to Project...)
- ▶ Create a run configuration (File → New... → Run configuration)
- ▶ Add .mod and .dat files to the new configuration (drag them there)
- ▶ Run the configuration (right click on configuration → Run this)

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Problem description

- ▶ A steel mill has an inventory of **steel slabs** of different sizes.
- ▶ From these steel slabs, we need to manufacture different types of **steel coils**.
- ▶ Every steel coil type requires a different production process encoded by a **color**.
- ▶ Every **order** is characterized by the **weight** and color of the steel coil.
- ▶ Every steel slab can be used for production of steel coils of **at most two** different colors.
- ▶ The total weight of steel coils produced from the same steel slab cannot exceed its **capacity** (or size).
- ▶ The objective is to minimize to **total loss** (unused capacity of steel slabs).

Practical information

Necessary files are available at

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