

### **Approximation Algorithm Vazirani Solution**

Network flow and network design problems arise in various application areas of combinatorial optimization, e.g., in transportation, production, or telecommunication. This thesis contributes new results to four different problem classes from this area, providing models and algorithms with immediate practical impact as well as theoretical insights into complexity and combinatorial structure of network optimization problems: (i) We introduce a new model for tactical transportation planning that employs a cyclic network expansion to integrate routing and inventory decisions into a unified capacitated network design formulation. We also devise several algorithmic approaches to solve the resulting optimization problem and demonstrate the applicability of our approach on a set of real-world logistic networks. (ii) We present approximation algorithms for combined location and network design problems, including the first constant factor approximation for capacitated location routing. (iii) We derive a max-flow/min-cut theorem for abstract flows over time, a generalization of the well-known work of Ford and Fulkerson that restricts to a minimal set of structural requirements. (iv) We devise algorithms for finding orientations of embedded graphs with degree constraints on vertices and faces, answering an open question by Frank.

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This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2012, and the 16th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2012, held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, in August 2011. The volume contains 28 contributed papers, selected by the APPROX Program Committee out of 70 submissions, and 28 contributed papers, selected by the RANDOM Program Committee out of 67 submissions. APPROX focuses on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems.

" Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization Problems (MCOPs) arise in many real-life applications and they are among the hardest optimization problems. Therefore, high-quality approximations that can be obtained in reasonable time are, in practice, preferable to the often infeasible long computation times required for finding the optimum. Stochastic Local Search (SLS) algorithms were shown to give state-of-the-art results for many other problems, but little is known on how to design and analyse them for MCOPs. The main purpose of this book is to fill this gap. We start by defining two search models that correspond to two distinct ways of tackling MCOPs by SLS algorithms. Notions of local optima for

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MCOPs are formally introduced and related to the typical outcome of SLS algorithms. Moreover, we present a systematic approach for the design of these algorithms based on the notion of SLS components and a general guideline to empirically analyse algorithm performance. Finally, several SLS algorithms and SLS components are tested on the Multiobjective Traveling Salesman Problem and the Multiobjective Quadratic Assignment Problem. The effect of instance features and SLS components on the performance of the SLS algorithms are identified by experimental design techniques. The results obtained clearly indicate that the best performing variants are new state-of-the-art algorithms. "

Computer science and economics have engaged in a lively interaction over the past fifteen years, resulting in the new field of algorithmic game theory. Many problems that are central to modern computer science, ranging from resource allocation in large networks to online advertising, involve interactions between multiple self-interested parties. Economics and game theory offer a host of useful models and definitions to reason about such problems. The flow of ideas also travels in the other direction, and concepts from computer science are increasingly important in economics. This book grew out of the author's Stanford University course on algorithmic game theory, and aims to give students and other newcomers a quick and accessible introduction to many of the most important concepts in the field. The book also includes case studies on online

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advertising, wireless spectrum auctions, kidney exchange, and network management.

Combinatorial Optimization and Applications

Communications of NII Shonan Meetings

Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science

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Automata, Languages and Programming

Modeling of Structures Subjected to Large Deformations

Algorithms

This volume contains the papers presented at ESA 2009: The 17th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms, September 7–9, 2009. ESA has been held annually since 1993, and seeks to cover both theoretical and engineering aspects of algorithms. The authors were asked to classify their paper under one or more categories as described in Fig. 1. Since 2001, ESA has been the core of the larger ALGO conference, which typically includes several satellite conferences. ALGO 2009 was held at the IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The organizing members of the ALGO 2009 - ganizing Committee were chaired by Thore Husfeldt. The ESA submission deadline was April 12, Easter Sunday. This was clearly an error and we offer profuse apologies for this mistake. Albeit no excuse, the hard constraints we faced were (a) ICALP notification, April 6, and (b) ESA in Copenhagen, September 7. Between these two endpoints we needed to design a schedule that allowed modifying ICALP rejections for

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resubmission (1 week), Program Committee deliberations (7 weeks), preparing final versions (4 weeks), and, to prepare, publish, and transport the proceedings (9 weeks). ESA 2009 had 272 submissions of which 14 were withdrawn overtime. Of the remaining 222 submissions to Track A (Design and Analysis), 56 were accepted. Of the remaining 36 submissions to Track B (Engineering and Applications), 10 were accepted. This gives an acceptance rate of slightly under 25%.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2002, held in Rome, Italy in September 2002. The 20 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 54 submissions. Among the topics addressed are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, inapproximability results, online problems, randomization techniques, average-case analysis, approximation classes, scheduling problems, routing and flow problems, coloring and partitioning, cuts and connectivity, packing and covering, geometric problems, network design, and applications to game theory and other fields. Discrete optimization problems are everywhere, from traditional operations research planning (scheduling, facility location and network design); to computer science databases; to advertising issues in viral marketing. Yet most such problems are NP-hard; unless  $P = NP$ , there are no efficient algorithms to find optimal solutions. This book shows how to design approximation algorithms: efficient algorithms that find provably near-optimal solutions. The book is organized around central algorithmic techniques for designing approximation algorithms, including greedy and local search algorithms, dynamic programming, linear and semidefinite programming, and randomization. Each chapter in the first section is devoted to

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a single algorithmic technique applied to several different problems, with more sophisticated treatment in the second section. The book also covers methods for proving that optimization problems are hard to approximate. Designed as a textbook for graduate-level algorithm courses, it will also serve as a reference for researchers interested in the heuristic solution of discrete optimization problems.

people volunteer their time and energy and work in a dedicated fashion to pull everything together each year, including our very supportive Steering Committee members led by Sukumar Ghosh. However, the success of ICDCN is mainly due to the hard work of all those people who submit papers and/or attend the conference. We thank you all. January 2009 Prasad Jayanti Andrew T. Campbell Message from the Technical Program Chairs Welcome to the proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (ICDCN) 2009. As ICDCN celebrates its 10th anniversary, it has become an important forum for disseminating the latest research results in distributed computing and networking. We received 179 submissions from all over the world, including Algeria, Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Poland, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the USA, besides India, the host country. The submissions were read and evaluated by the Program Committee, which consisted of 25 members for the Distributed Computing Track and 28 members for the Networking Track, with the additional help of external reviewers. The Program Committee selected 20 regular papers and 32 short papers for inclusion in the proceedings and presentation at the conference. We were fortunate to have several distinguished scientists as keynote speakers. Andrew Campbell (Dartmouth College, USA),

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Maurice Herlihy (Brown University, USA), and P. R. Kumar (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) delivered the keynote address. Krithi Ramamritham from IIT Bombay, India, delivered the A. K. Choudhury Memorial talk.

Handbook of Approximation Algorithms and Metaheuristics

Iterative Methods in Combinatorial Optimization

A Modern Exposition

Linear Optimization and Duality

10th International Conference, COCOA 2016, Hong Kong, China, December 16–18, 2016, Proceedings

Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization

Approximation Algorithms

***Symposium held in Miami, Florida, January 22-24, 2006. This symposium is jointly sponsored by the ACM Special Interest Group on Algorithms and Computation Theory and the SIAM Activity Group on Discrete Mathematics. Contents Preface; Acknowledgments; Session 1A: Confronting Hardness Using a Hybrid Approach, Virginia Vassilevska, Ryan Williams, and Shan Leung Maverick Woo; A New Approach to Proving Upper Bounds for MAX-2-SAT, Arist Kojevnikov and Alexander S. Kulikov, Measure and Conquer: A Simple  $O(20.288n)$  Independent Set Algorithm, Fedor V. Fomin, Fabrizio Grandoni, and Dieter Kratsch; A Polynomial Algorithm to Find an***

***Independent Set of Maximum Weight in a Fork-Free Graph, Vadim V. Lozin and Martin Milanic; The Knuth-Yao Quadrangle-Inequality Speedup is a Consequence of Total-Monotonicity, Wolfgang W. Bein, Mordecai J. Golin, Larry L. Larmore, and Yan Zhang; Session 1B: Local Versus Global Properties of Metric Spaces, Sanjeev Arora, László Lovász, Ilan Newman, Yuval Rabani, Yuri Rabinovich, and Santosh Vempala; Directed Metrics and Directed Graph Partitioning Problems, Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, and Yury Makarychev; Improved Embeddings of Graph Metrics into Random Trees, Kedar Dhamdhere, Anupam Gupta, and Harald Räcke; Small Hop-diameter Sparse Spanners for Doubling Metrics, T-H. Hubert Chan and Anupam Gupta; Metric Cotype, Manor Mendel and Assaf Naor; Session 1C: On Nash Equilibria for a Network Creation Game, Susanne Albers, Stefan Eilts, Eyal Even-Dar, Yishay Mansour, and Liam Roditty; Approximating Unique Games, Anupam Gupta and Kunal Talwar; Computing Sequential Equilibria for Two-Player Games, Peter Bro Miltersen and Troels Bjerre Sørensen; A Deterministic Subexponential Algorithm for Solving Parity Games, Marcin Jurdzinski, Mike Paterson, and Uri Zwick; Finding Nucleolus of Flow Game, Xiaotie Deng, Qizhi Fang, and Xiaoxun Sun, Session***



**2: Invited Plenary Abstract: Predicting the “Unpredictable”, Rakesh V. Vohra, Northwestern University; Session 3A: A Near-Tight Approximation Lower Bound and Algorithm for the Kidnapped Robot Problem, Sven Koenig, Apurva Mudgal, and Craig Tovey; An Asymptotic Approximation Algorithm for 3D-Strip Packing, Klaus Jansen and Roberto Solis-Oba; Facility Location with Hierarchical Facility Costs, Zoya Svitkina and Éva Tardos; Combination Can Be Hard: Approximability of the Unique Coverage Problem, Erik D. Demaine, Uriel Feige, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi, and Mohammad R. Salavatipour; Computing Steiner Minimum Trees in Hamming Metric, Ernst Althaus and Rouven Naujoks; Session 3B: Robust Shape Fitting via Peeling and Grating Coresets, Pankaj K. Agarwal, Sarel Har-Peled, and Hai Yu; Tightening Non-Simple Paths and Cycles on Surfaces, Éric Colin de Verdière and Jeff Erickson; Anisotropic Surface Meshing, Siu-Wing Cheng, Tamal K. Dey, Edgar A. Ramos, and Rephael Wenger; Simultaneous Diagonal Flips in Plane Triangulations, Prosenjit Bose, Jurek Czyzowicz, Zhicheng Gao, Pat Morin, and David R. Wood; Morphing Orthogonal Planar Graph Drawings, Anna Lubiw, Mark Petrick, and Michael Spriggs; Session 3C: Overhang, Mike Paterson and Uri Zwick; On the**

**Capacity of Information Networks, Micah Adler, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, Kamal Jain, Robert Kleinberg, and April Rasala Lehman; Lower Bounds for Asymmetric Communication Channels and Distributed Source Coding, Micah Adler, Erik D. Demaine, Nicholas J. A. Harvey, and Mihai Patrascu; Self-Improving Algorithms, Nir Ailon, Bernard Chazelle, Seshadhri Comandur, and Ding Liu; Cake Cutting Really is Not a Piece of Cake, Jeff Edmonds and Kirk Pruhs; Session 4A: Testing Triangle-Freeness in General Graphs, Noga Alon, Tali Kaufman, Michael Krivelevich, and Dana Ron; Constraint Solving via Fractional Edge Covers, Martin Grohe and Dániel Marx; Testing Graph Isomorphism, Eldar Fischer and Arie Matsliah; Efficient Construction of Unit Circular-Arc Models, Min Chih Lin and Jayme L. Swarcfiter, On The Chromatic Number of Some Geometric Hypergraphs, Shakhar Smorodinsky; Session 4B: A Robust Maximum Completion Time Measure for Scheduling, Moses Charikar and Samir Khuller; Extra Unit-Speed Machines are Almost as Powerful as Speedy Machines for Competitive Flow Time Scheduling, Ho-Leung Chan, Tak-Wah Lam, and Kin-Shing Liu; Improved Approximation Algorithms for Broadcast Scheduling, Nikhil Bansal, Don Coppersmith, and Maxim Sviridenko; Distributed**

***Selfish Load Balancing, Petra Berenbrink, Tom Friedetzky, Leslie Ann Goldberg, Paul Goldberg, Zengjian Hu, and Russell Martin; Scheduling Unit Tasks to Minimize the Number of Idle Periods: A Polynomial Time Algorithm for Offline Dynamic Power Management, Philippe Baptiste; Session 4C: Rank/Select Operations on Large Alphabets: A Tool for Text Indexing, Alexander Golynski, J. Ian Munro, and S. Srinivasa Rao;  $O(\log \log n)$ -Competitive Dynamic Binary Search Trees, Chengwen Chris Wang, Jonathan Derryberry, and Daniel Dominic Sleator; The Rainbow Skip Graph: A Fault-Tolerant Constant-Degree Distributed Data Structure, Michael T. Goodrich, Michael J. Nelson, and Jonathan Z. Sun; Design of Data Structures for Mergeable Trees, Loukas Georgiadis, Robert E. Tarjan, and Renato F. Werneck; Implicit Dictionaries with  $O(1)$  Modifications per Update and Fast Search, Gianni Franceschini and J. Ian Munro; Session 5A: Sampling Binary Contingency Tables with a Greedy Start, Ivona Bezáková, Nayantara Bhatnagar, and Eric Vigoda; Asymmetric Balanced Allocation with Simple Hash Functions, Philipp Woelfel; Balanced Allocation on Graphs, Krishnaram Kenthapadi and Rina Panigrahy; Superiority and Complexity of the Spaced Seeds, Ming Li, Bin Ma, and Louxin Zhang;***

***Solving Random Satisfiable 3CNF Formulas in Expected Polynomial Time, Michael Krivelevich and Dan Vilenchik; Session 5B: Analysis of Incomplete Data and an Intrinsic-Dimension Helly Theorem, Jie Gao, Michael Langberg, and Leonard J. Schulman; Finding Large Sticks and Potatoes in Polygons, Olaf Hall-Holt, Matthew J. Katz, Piyush Kumar, Joseph S. B. Mitchell, and Arik Sityon; Randomized Incremental Construction of Three-Dimensional Convex Hulls and Planar Voronoi Diagrams, and Approximate Range Counting, Haim Kaplan and Micha Sharir; Vertical Ray Shooting and Computing Depth Orders for Fat Objects, Mark de Berg and Chris Gray; On the Number of Plane Graphs, Oswin Aichholzer, Thomas Hackl, Birgit Vogtenhuber, Clemens Huemer, Ferran Hurtado, and Hannes Krasser; Session 5C: All-Pairs Shortest Paths for Unweighted Undirected Graphs in  $o(mn)$  Time, Timothy M. Chan; An  $O(n \log n)$  Algorithm for Maximum  $st$ -Flow in a Directed Planar Graph, Glencora Borradaile and Philip Klein; A Simple GAP-Canceling Algorithm for the Generalized Maximum Flow Problem, Mateo Restrepo and David P. Williamson; Four Point Conditions and Exponential Neighborhoods for Symmetric TSP, Vladimir Deineko, Bettina Klinz, and Gerhard J. Woeginger; Upper Degree-Constrained***

***Partial Orientations, Harold N. Gabow; Session 7A: On the Tandem Duplication-Random Loss Model of Genome Rearrangement, Kamalika Chaudhuri, Kevin Chen, Radu Mihaescu, and Satish Rao; Reducing Tile Complexity for Self-Assembly Through Temperature Programming, Ming-Yang Kao and Robert Schweller; Cache-Oblivious String Dictionaries, Gerth Stølting Brodal and Rolf Fagerberg; Cache-Oblivious Dynamic Programming, Rezaul Alam Chowdhury and Vijaya Ramachandran; A Computational Study of External-Memory BFS Algorithms, Deepak Ajwani, Roman Dementiev, and Ulrich Meyer; Session 7B: Tight Approximation Algorithms for Maximum General Assignment Problems, Lisa Fleischer, Michel X. Goemans, Vahab S. Mirrokni, and Maxim Sviridenko; Approximating the  $k$ -Multicut Problem, Daniel Golovin, Viswanath Nagarajan, and Mohit Singh; The Prize-Collecting Generalized Steiner Tree Problem Via A New Approach Of Primal-Dual Schema, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi and Kamal Jain; 8/7-Approximation Algorithm for  $(1,2)$ -TSP, Piotr Berman and Marek Karpinski; Improved Lower and Upper Bounds for Universal TSP in Planar Metrics, Mohammad T. Hajiaghayi, Robert Kleinberg, and Tom Leighton; Session 7C: Leontief Economies Encode NonZero Sum***

***Two-Player Games, B. Codenotti, A. Saberi, K. Varadarajan, and Y. Ye; Bottleneck Links, Variable Demand, and the Tragedy of the Commons, Richard Cole, Yevgeniy Dodis, and Tim Roughgarden; The Complexity of Quantitative Concurrent Parity Games, Krishnendu Chatterjee, Luca de Alfaro, and Thomas A. Henzinger; Equilibria for Economies with Production: Constant>Returns Technologies and Production Planning Constraints, Kamal Jain and Kasturi Varadarajan; Session 8A: Approximation Algorithms for Wavelet Transform Coding of Data Streams, Sudipto Guha and Boulos Harb; Simpler Algorithm for Estimating Frequency Moments of Data Streams, Lakshimath Bhuvanagiri, Sumit Ganguly, Deepanjan Kesh, and Chandan Saha; Trading Off Space for Passes in Graph Streaming Problems, Camil Demetrescu, Irene Finocchi, and Andrea Ribichini; Maintaining Significant Stream Statistics over Sliding Windows, L.K. Lee and H.F. Ting; Streaming and Sublinear Approximation of Entropy and Information Distances, Sudipto Guha, Andrew McGregor, and Suresh Venkatasubramanian; Session 8B: FPTAS for Mixed-Integer Polynomial Optimization with a Fixed Number of Variables, J. A. De Loera, R. Hemmecke, M. Köppe, and R. Weismantel; Linear Programming and Unique Sink Orientations,***

***Bernd Gärtner and Ingo Schurr; Generating All Vertices of a Polyhedron is Hard, Leonid Khachiyan, Endre Boros, Konrad Borys, Khaled Elbassioni, and Vladimir Gurvich; A Semidefinite Programming Approach to Tensegrity Theory and Realizability of Graphs, Anthony Man-Cho So and Yinyu Ye; Ordering by Weighted Number of Wins Gives a Good Ranking for Weighted Tournaments, Don Coppersmith, Lisa Fleischer, and Atri Rudra; Session 8C: Weighted Isotonic Regression under L1 Norm, Stanislav Angelov, Boulos Harb, Sampath Kannan, and Li-San Wang; Oblivious String Embeddings and Edit Distance Approximations, Tugkan Batu, Funda Ergun, and Cenk Sahinalp0898716012\\This comprehensive book not only introduces the C and C++ programming languages but also shows how to use them in the numerical solution of partial differential equations (PDEs). It leads the reader through the entire solution process, from the original PDE, through the discretization stage, to the numerical solution of the resulting algebraic system. The well-debugged and tested code segments implement the numerical methods efficiently and transparently. Basic and advanced numerical methods are introduced and implemented easily and efficiently in a unified object-oriented approach.***

***This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 14th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2011, and the 15th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation, RANDOM 2011, held in Princeton, New Jersey, USA, in August 2011. The volume presents 29 revised full papers of the APPROX 2011 workshop, selected from 66 submissions, and 29 revised full papers of the RANDOM 2011 workshop, selected from 64 submissions. They were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book. In addition two abstracts of invited talks are included. APPROX focuses on algorithmic and complexity issues surrounding the development of efficient approximate solutions to computationally difficult problems. RANDOM is concerned with applications of randomness to computational and combinatorial problems. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms, ESA 2003, held in Budapest, Hungary, in September 2003. The 66 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 165 submissions. The scope of the papers spans the entire range of algorithmics from design and mathematical analysis issues to real-world applications,***



***engineering, and experimental analysis of algorithms.***

***This proceedings volume examines a range of topics in theoretical computer science, including automata theory, data compression, logic, machine learning, mathematical programming, parallel and distributed computing, quantum computing and random structures.***

***Approximation and Online Algorithms***

***Algorithms - ESA 2003***

***Advanced Lectures***

***Combinatorial Optimization and Graph Algorithms***

***First International Workshop, WAOA 2003, Budapest, Hungary, September 16-18, 2003, Revised Papers***

***Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms***

***Third International Workshop, APPROX 2000 Saarbrücken, Germany, September 5-8, 2000 Proceedings***

**This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications, COCOA 2016, held in Hong Kong, China, in December 2016. The 60 full papers included in the book were carefully reviewed and selected from 122 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections such as graph theory, geometric**

**optimization, complexity and data structure, combinatorial optimization, and miscellaneous.**

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**This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the First International Workshop on Approximation and Online Algorithms, WAOA 2003, held in Budapest, Hungary in September 2003. The 19 revised full papers presented together with 5 invited abstracts of the related ARACNE mini-symposium were carefully selected from 41 submissions during two rounds of reviewing and improvement. Among the topics addressed are competitive analysis, inapproximability results, randomization techniques, approximation classes, scheduling, coloring and partitioning, cuts and connectivity, packing and covering, geometric problems, network design, and applications to game theory and financial problems.**

**This book presents the revised final versions of eight lectures given by leading researchers at the First Summer School on Theoretical Aspects of**

**Computer Science in Tehran, Iran, in July 2000. The lectures presented are devoted to quantum computation, approximation algorithms, self-testing/correction, algebraic modeling of data, the regularity lemma, multiple access communication and combinatorial designs, graph-theoretical methods in computer vision, and low-density parity-check codes.**

**Database Systems for Advanced Applications**

**Methologies and Traditional Applications**

**Stochastic Local Search Algorithms for Multiobjective Combinatorial Optimization**

**Distributed Computing and Networking**

**Network flows and network design in theory and practice**

**11th Annual European Symposium, Budapest, Hungary, September 16-19, 2003, Proceedings**

**Approximation, Randomization and Combinatorial Optimization: Algorithms and Techniques**

**Contains 130 papers, which were selected based on originality, technical contribution, and relevance. Although the papers were not formally refereed, every attempt was made to verify the main claims. It is expected that most will appear in more complete form in scientific journals. The proceedings also**

**includes the paper presented by invited plenary speaker Ronald Graham, as well as a portion of the papers presented by invited plenary speakers Udi Manber and Christos Papadimitriou.**

**Linear Optimization and Duality: A Modern Exposition** departs from convention in significant ways. Standard linear programming textbooks present the material in the order in which it was discovered. Duality is treated as a difficult add-on after coverage of formulation, the simplex method, and polyhedral theory. Students end up without knowing duality in their bones. This text brings in duality in Chapter 1 and carries duality all the way through the exposition. Chapter 1 gives a general definition of duality that shows the dual aspects of a matrix as a column of rows and a row of columns. The proof of weak duality in Chapter 2 is shown via the Lagrangian, which relies on matrix duality. The first three LP formulation examples in Chapter 3 are classic primal-dual pairs including the diet problem and 2-person zero sum games. For many engineering students, optimization is their first immersion in

**rigorous mathematics. Conventional texts assume a level of mathematical sophistication they don't have. This text embeds dozens of reading tips and hundreds of answered questions to guide such students. Features Emphasis on duality throughout Practical tips for modeling and computation Coverage of computational complexity and data structures Exercises and problems based on the learning theory concept of the zone of proximal development Guidance for the mathematically unsophisticated reader About the Author Craig A. Tovey is a professor in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Tovey received an AB from Harvard College, an MS in computer science and a PhD in operations research from Stanford University. His principal activities are in operations research and its interdisciplinary applications. He received a Presidential Young Investigator Award and the Jacob Wolfowitz Prize for research in heuristics. He was named an Institute Fellow at Georgia Tech, and was recognized by the ACM Special Interest Group on Electronic Commerce with the Test of**

**Time Award. Dr. Tovey received the 2016 Golden Goose Award for his research on bee foraging behavior leading to the development of the Honey Bee Algorithm.**

**This book provides a good opportunity for computer science practitioners and researchers to get in sync with current state-of-the-art and future trends in the field of combinatorial optimization and online algorithms. Recent advances in this area are presented focusing on the design of efficient approximation and on-line algorithms. One central idea in the book is to use a linear program relaxation of the problem, randomization and rounding techniques.**

**The Steiner problem asks for a shortest network which spans a given set of points. Minimum spanning networks have been well-studied when all connections are required to be between the given points. The novelty of the Steiner tree problem is that new auxiliary points can be introduced between the original points so that a spanning network of all the points will be shorter than otherwise possible. These new points are called Steiner points - locating them has proved problematic**

**and research has diverged along many different avenues. This volume is devoted to the assimilation of the rich field of intriguing analyses and the consolidation of the fragments. A section has been given to each of the three major areas of interest which have emerged. The first concerns the Euclidean Steiner Problem, historically the original Steiner tree problem proposed by Jarník and Kőssler in 1934. The second deals with the Steiner Problem in Networks, which was propounded independently by Hakimi and Levin and has enjoyed the most prolific research amongst the three areas. The Rectilinear Steiner Problem, introduced by Hanan in 1965, is discussed in the third part. Additionally, a fourth section has been included, with chapters discussing areas where the body of results is still emerging. The collaboration of three authors with different styles and outlooks affords individual insights within a cohesive whole.**

**Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium  
on Discrete Algorithms**

**Efficient Approximation and Online Algorithms**

**5th International Workshop, APPROX 2002, Rome, Italy,  
September 17-21, 2002. Proceedings  
Mathematics in Berlin**

**Approximation, Randomization, and Combinatorial  
Optimization. Algorithms and Techniques**

**28th International Colloquium, ICALP 2001 Crete, Greece, July  
8-12, 2001 Proceedings**

**20th International Conference, DASFAA 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam,  
April 20-23, 2015, Proceedings, Part I**

Covering the basic techniques used in the latest research work, the author consolidates progress made so far, including some very recent and promising results, and conveys the beauty and excitement of work in the field. He gives clear, lucid explanations of key results and ideas, with intuitive proofs, and provides critical examples and numerous illustrations to help elucidate the algorithms. Many of the results presented have been simplified and new insights provided. Of interest to theoretical computer scientists, operations researchers, and discrete mathematicians.

This is a carefully refereed collection of invited survey articles written by outstanding researchers. Aimed at researchers in discrete mathematics,



operations research, and the theory of computing, this book offers an in-depth look at many topics not treated in textbooks.

This two volume set LNCS 9049 and LNCS 9050 constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications, DASFAA 2015, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in April 2015. The 63 full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 287 submissions. The papers cover the following topics: data mining; data streams and time series; database storage and index; spatio-temporal data; modern computing platform; social networks; information integration and data quality; information retrieval and summarization; security and privacy; outlier and imbalanced data analysis; probabilistic and uncertain data; query processing. This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Third International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2000, held in Saarbrücken, Germany in September 2000. The 22 revised full papers presented together with four invited contributions were carefully reviewed and selected from 68 submissions. The topics dealt with include design and analysis of approximation algorithms, inapproximability results, on-line problems, randomization techniques, average-case analysis, approximation classes, scheduling problems, routing and flow problems, coloring

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and partitioning, cuts and connectivity, packing and covering, geometric problems, network design, and various applications.

Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms

Algorithms - ESA 2009

19th International Workshop, WAOA 2021, Lisbon, Portugal, September 6–10, 2021, Revised Selected Papers

10th International Conference, ICDCN 2009, Hyderabad, India, January 3-6, 2009, Proceedings

17th Annual European Symposium, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 7-9, Proceedings

Twenty Lectures on Algorithmic Game Theory

Control of Robot Manipulators in Joint Space

This book constitutes the joint refereed proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Optimization Problems, APPROX 2001 and of the 5th International Workshop on Randomization and Approximation Techniques in Computer Science, RANDOM 2001, held in Berkeley, California, USA in August 2001. The 26 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 54

submissions. Among the issues addressed are design and analysis of approximation algorithms, inapproximability results, on-line problems, randomization, de-randomization, average-case analysis, approximation classes, randomized complexity theory, scheduling, routing, coloring, partitioning, packing, covering, computational geometry, network design, and applications in various fields.

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at IPCO VIII, the Eighth Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 2001. This meeting is a forum for researchers and practitioners working on various aspects of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. The aim is to present recent developments in theory, computation, and application of integer programming and combinatorial optimization. Topics include, but are not limited to: approximation algorithms, branch and bound algorithms, computational biology, computational complexity, computational geometry, cutting plane algorithms, diophantine equations, geometry of numbers, graph and network algorithms, integer programming, matroids and submodular functions, on-line algorithms, polyhedral combinatorics, scheduling theory and algorithms, and semidefinite programs. IPCO was established in 1988 when the first IPCO program committee was formed. The locations and years

of the seven rs t IPCO conferences were: IPCO I, Waterloo (Canada) 1990, IPCO II, Pittsburgh (USA) 1992, IPCO III, - ice (Italy) 1993, IPCO IV, Copenhagen (Denmark) 1995, IPCO V, Vancouver (Canada) 1996, IPCO VI, Houston (USA) 1998, IPCO VII, Graz (Austria) 1999. IPCO is held every year in which no MPS (Mathematical Programming Society) International Symposium takes place. Since the MPS meeting is triennial, IPCO conferences are held twice in every three-year period. As a rule, IPCO is held somewhere in Northern America in even years, and somewhere in Europe in odd years. Multi-Objective Optimization in Theory and Practice is a traditional two-part approach to solving multi-objective optimization (MOO) problems namely the use of classical methods and evolutionary algorithms. This first book is devoted to classical methods including the extended simplex method by Zeleny and preference-based techniques. This part covers three main topics through nine chapters. The first topic focuses on the design of such MOO problems, their complexities including nonlinearities and uncertainties, and optimality theory. The second topic introduces the founding solving methods including the extended simplex method to linear MOO problems and weighting objective methods. The third topic deals with particular structures of MOO problems, such as mixed-integer programming, hierarchical programming, fuzzy logic programming, and bimatrix games. Multi-Objective

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Optimization in Theory and Practice is a user-friendly book with detailed, illustrated calculations, examples, test functions, and small-size applications in Mathematica® (among other mathematical packages) and from scholarly literature. It is an essential handbook for students and teachers involved in advanced optimization courses in engineering, information science, and mathematics degree programs.

This is the first book to fully address the study of approximation algorithms as a tool for coping with intractable problems. With chapters contributed by leading researchers in the field, this book introduces unifying techniques in the analysis of approximation algorithms. APPROXIMATION ALGORITHMS FOR NP-HARD PROBLEMS is intended for computer scientists and operations researchers interested in specific algorithm implementations, as well as design tools for algorithms. Among the techniques discussed: the use of linear programming, primal-dual techniques in worst-case analysis, semidefinite programming, computational geometry techniques, randomized algorithms, average-case analysis, probabilistically checkable proofs and inapproximability, and the Markov Chain Monte Carlo method. The text includes a variety of pedagogical features: definitions, exercises, open problems, glossary of problems, index, and notes on how best to use the book.

14th International Workshop, APPROX 2011, and 15th International Workshop, RANDOM 2011, Princeton, NJ, USA, August 17-19, 2011, Proceedings

Methods and Analysis

Recent Progress on Classical Combinatorial Optimization Problems and New Applications

Multi-Objective Optimization in Theory and Practice I: Classical Methods  
Encyclopedia of Algorithms

Nonlinear Optimization of Vehicle Safety Structures

**Handbook of Approximation Algorithms and Metaheuristics, Second Edition** reflects the tremendous growth in the field, over the past two decades. Through contributions from leading experts, this handbook provides a comprehensive introduction to the underlying theory and methodologies, as well as the various applications of approximation algorithms and metaheuristics. Volume 1 of this two-volume set deals primarily with methodologies and traditional applications. It includes restriction, relaxation, local ratio, approximation schemes, randomization, tabu search, evolutionary computation, local search, neural networks, and other metaheuristics. It also explores multi-objective optimization, reoptimization, sensitivity analysis, and stability. Traditional applications

**covered include: bin packing, multi-dimensional packing, Steiner trees, traveling salesperson, scheduling, and related problems. Volume 2 focuses on the contemporary and emerging applications of methodologies to problems in combinatorial optimization, computational geometry and graphs problems, as well as in large-scale and emerging application areas. It includes approximation algorithms and heuristics for clustering, networks (sensor and wireless), communication, bioinformatics search, streams, virtual communities, and more. About the Editor Teofilo F. Gonzalez is a professor emeritus of computer science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He completed his Ph.D. in 1975 from the University of Minnesota. He taught at the University of Oklahoma, the Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Texas at Dallas, before joining the UCSB computer science faculty in 1984. He spent sabbatical leaves at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education and Utrecht University. He is known for his highly cited pioneering research in the hardness of approximation; for his sublinear and best possible approximation algorithm for k-tMM clustering; for introducing the open-shop scheduling problem as well as algorithms for its solution that have found applications in numerous research areas; as well as for his research on problems in the areas of job scheduling, graph algorithms, computational geometry, message communication, wire routing, etc.**

**This little book is conceived as a service to mathematicians attending the 1998 International Congress of Mathematicians in Berlin. It presents a comprehensive, condensed overview of mathematical activity in Berlin, from Leibniz almost to the present day (without, however, including biographies of living mathematicians). Since many towering figures in mathematical history worked in Berlin, most of the chapters of this book are concise biographies. These are held together by a few survey articles presenting the overall development of entire periods of scientific life at Berlin. Overlaps between various chapters and differences in style between the chapters were inevitable, but sometimes this provided opportunities to show different aspects of a single historical event - for instance, the Kronecker-Weierstrass controversy. The book aims at readability rather than scholarly completeness. There are no footnotes, only references to the individual bibliographies of each chapter. Still, we do hope that the texts brought together here, and written by the various authors for this volume, constitute a solid introduction to the history of Berlin mathematics.**

**This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed workshop post-proceedings of the 19th International Workshop on Approximation and Online Algorithms, WAOA 2021, held in September 2021. Due to COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held virtually. The 16 revised full papers presented in this book were carefully reviewed and selected from 31**



**submissions. The papers focus on the design and analysis of algorithms for online and computationally hard problems.**

**With the advent of approximation algorithms for NP-hard combinatorial optimization problems, several techniques from exact optimization such as the primal-dual method have proven their staying power and versatility.**

**This book describes a simple and powerful method that is iterative in essence and similarly useful in a variety of settings for exact and approximate optimization. The authors highlight the commonality and uses of this method to prove a variety of classical polyhedral results on matchings, trees, matroids and flows. The presentation style is elementary enough to be accessible to anyone with exposure to basic linear algebra and graph theory, making the book suitable for introductory courses in combinatorial optimization at the upper undergraduate and beginning graduate levels. Discussions of advanced applications illustrate their potential for future application in research in approximation algorithms.**

**First Annual International Conference, COCOON '95, Xi'an, China, August 24-26, 1995. Proceedings**

**LATIN 2008: Theoretical Informatics**

**The Steiner Tree Problem**

**Computing and Combinatorics**

**Approximation Algorithms for NP-hard Problems**

**The Design of Approximation Algorithms**

### **8th International IPCO Conference, Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 13-15, 2001. Proceedings**

Covering network designs, discrete convex analysis, facility location and clustering problems, matching games, and parameterized complexity, this book discusses theoretical aspects of combinatorial optimization and graph algorithms. Contributions are by renowned researchers who attended NII Shonan meetings on this essential topic. The collection contained here provides readers with the outcome of the authors' research and productive meetings on this dynamic area, ranging from computer science and mathematics to operations research. Networks are ubiquitous in today's world: the Web, online social networks, and search-and-query click logs can lead to a graph that consists of vertices and edges. Such networks are growing so fast that it is essential to design algorithms to work for these large networks. Graph algorithms comprise an area in computer science that works to design efficient algorithms for networks. Here one can work on theoretical or practical

problems where implementation of an algorithm for large networks is needed. In two of the chapters, recent results in graph matching games and fixed parameter tractability are surveyed. Combinatorial optimization is an intersection of operations research and mathematics, especially discrete mathematics, which deals with new questions and new problems, attempting to find an optimum object from a finite set of objects. Most problems in combinatorial optimization are not tractable (i.e., NP-hard). Therefore it is necessary to design an approximation algorithm for them. To tackle these problems requires the development and combination of ideas and techniques from diverse mathematical areas including complexity theory, algorithm theory, and matroids as well as graph theory, combinatorics, convex and nonlinear optimization, and discrete and convex geometry. Overall, the book presents recent progress in facility location, network design, and discrete convex analysis.

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This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 28th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming, ICALP 2001, held in Crete, Greece in July 2001. four invited papers were carefully reviewed and selected from a total of 208 submissions. complexity, algorithm analysis, approximation and optimization, complexity, concurrency, efficient data structures, graph algorithms, language theory, codes and automata, model checking and protocol analysis, networks and routing, reasoning and verification, scheduling, secure computation, specification and deduction, and structural complexity.

**Nonlinear Optimization of Vehicle Safety Structures: Modeling of Structures Subjected to Large Deformations** provides a cutting-edge overview of the latest optimization methods for vehicle structural design. The book focuses on large deformation structural optimization algorithms and applications, covering the basic principles of modern day topology optimization and comparing the benefits and flaws of different algorithms in use. The complications of non-

linear optimization are highlighted, along with the shortcomings of recently proposed algorithms. Using industry relevant case studies, users will how optimization software can be used to address challenging vehicle safety structure problems and how to explore the limitations of the approaches given. The authors draw on research work with the likes of MIRA, Jaguar Land Rover and Tata Motors European Technology Centre as part of multi-million pound European funded research projects, emphasizing the industry applications of recent advances. The book is intended for crash engineers, restraints system engineers and vehicle dynamics engineers, as well as other mechanical, automotive and aerospace engineers, researchers and students with a structural focus. Focuses on non-linear, large deformation structural optimization problems relating to vehicle safety Discusses the limitations of different algorithms in use and offers guidance on best practice approaches through the use of relevant case studies Author's present research from the cutting-edge of the industry, including research from

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8th Latin American Symposium, Búzios, Brazil, April 7-11,  
2008, Proceedings

Combinatorial Optimization

4th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for  
Combinatorial Optimization Problems, APPROX 2001 and 5th  
International Workshop on Randomization and Approximation  
Techniques in Computer Science, RANDOM 2001 Berkeley,  
CA, USA, August 18-20, 2001

Approximation Algorithms and Semidefinite Programming

Semidefinite programs constitute one of the largest classes  
of optimization problems that can be solved with reasonable  
efficiency - both in theory and practice. They play a key

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role in a variety of research areas, such as combinatorial optimization, approximation algorithms, computational complexity, graph theory, geometry, real algebraic geometry and quantum computing. This book is an introduction to selected aspects of semidefinite programming and its use in approximation algorithms. It covers the basics but also a significant amount of recent and more advanced material. There are many computational problems, such as MAXCUT, for which one cannot reasonably expect to obtain an exact solution efficiently, and in such case, one has to settle for approximate solutions. For MAXCUT and its relatives, exciting recent results suggest that semidefinite programming is probably the ultimate tool. Indeed, assuming the Unique Games Conjecture, a plausible but as yet unproven hypothesis, it was shown that for these problems, known algorithms based on semidefinite programming deliver the best possible approximation ratios among all polynomial-time algorithms. This book follows the “semidefinite side” of these developments, presenting some of the main ideas behind

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approximation algorithms based on semidefinite programming. It develops the basic theory of semidefinite programming, presents one of the known efficient algorithms in detail, and describes the principles of some others. It also includes applications, focusing on approximation algorithms. From the January 2003 symposium come just over 100 papers addressing a range of topics related to discrete algorithms. Examples of topics covered include packing Steiner trees, counting inversions in lists, directed scale-free graphs, quantum property testing, and improved results for directed multicut. The papers were not formally refereed, but attempts were made to verify major results. Annotation (c)2003 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com) One of Springer's renowned Major Reference Works, this awesome achievement provides a comprehensive set of solutions to important algorithmic problems for students and researchers interested in quickly locating useful information. This first edition of the reference focuses on high-impact solutions from the most recent decade, while



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later editions will widen the scope of the work. All entries have been written by experts, while links to Internet sites that outline their research work are provided. The entries have all been peer-reviewed. This defining reference is published both in print and on line.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the First Annual International Conference on Computing and Combinatorics, COCOON '95, held in Xi'an, China in August 1995. The 52 thoroughly refereed full papers and the 22 short presentations included in this volume were selected from a total of 120 submissions. All current aspects of theoretical computer science and combinatorial mathematics related to computing are addressed; in particular, there are sections on complexity theory, graph drawing, computational geometry, databases, graph algorithms, distributed programming and logic, combinatorics, machine models, combinatorial designs, algorithmic learning, algorithms, distributed computing, and scheduling.