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Integrated Passenger and Parcel Transportation

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1 Problem Statement

A transportation company has K taxis, indexed by $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$. Taxi k is initially located at point O_k and is available at time 0. A taxi may finish its route at any point and is not required to return to its initial location.

The company receives N passenger requests and M parcel requests. A request is either fully served or not served; partial service is not allowed. Each served request is assigned to exactly one taxi. The taxis must satisfy all time-window and parcel-capacity constraints.

The travel time and travel cost from point u to point v are denoted by $t(u, v)$ and $c(u, v)$, respectively. These values are given for every ordered pair of points. Travel times and costs are nonnegative, and they are not necessarily symmetric.

1.1 Passenger Requests

Passenger request i , $1 \leq i \leq N$, is specified by:

- pickup point P_i^n ;
- drop-off point D_i^n ;
- revenue T_i^n ;
- pickup time window $[E_i^n, L_i^n]$;
- pickup and drop-off service duration S_i^n .

If taxi k serves passenger request i , let arrP_i^n be its arrival time at P_i^n . The pickup is feasible only if

$$\text{arrP}_i^n \leq L_i^n.$$

The pickup service starts at

$$\text{srvP}_i^n = \max\{\text{arrP}_i^n, E_i^n\}$$

and finishes at

$$\text{depP}_i^n = \text{srvP}_i^n + S_i^n.$$

After pickup, the taxi travels directly to D_i^n . Between the pickup and drop-off of passenger i , the taxi may not visit or serve any pickup or drop-off point belonging to another request. In particular, no parcel may be picked up or delivered during this interval. Thus,

$$\text{arrD}_i^n = \text{depP}_i^n + t(P_i^n, D_i^n).$$

Drop-off service starts immediately upon arrival and finishes at

$$\text{depD}_i^n = \text{arrD}_i^n + S_i^n.$$

A taxi can transport at most one passenger at a time.

1.2 Parcel Requests

Parcel request j , $1 \leq j \leq M$, is specified by:

- pickup point P_j^h ;
- drop-off point D_j^h ;
- pickup time window $[E_j^{h,p}, L_j^{h,p}]$;
- drop-off time window $[E_j^{h,d}, L_j^{h,d}]$;
- pickup and drop-off service duration S_j^h ;
- revenue T_j^h ;
- parcel weight w_j .

For every served parcel, pickup and drop-off must be performed by the same taxi, and pickup must occur before drop-off. Let arrP_j^h be the taxi's arrival time at P_j^h . Pickup is feasible only if

$$\text{arrP}_j^h \leq L_j^{h,p}.$$

The pickup service starts at

$$\text{srvP}_j^h = \max\{\text{arrP}_j^h, E_j^{h,p}\}$$

and finishes at

$$\text{depP}_j^h = \text{srvP}_j^h + S_j^h.$$

The taxi eventually travels to D_j^h . Let arrD_j^h be the taxi's arrival time at D_j^h . Delivery service is feasible only if

$$\text{arrD}_j^h \leq L_j^{h,d}.$$

If the taxi arrives before the earliest delivery time, it waits until that time. Delivery service starts at

$$\text{srvD}_j^h = \max\{\text{arrD}_j^h, E_j^{h,d}\}$$

and finishes at

$$\text{depD}_j^h = \text{srvD}_j^h + S_j^h.$$

1.3 Taxi Capacity

Taxi k has parcel capacity Q_k . When parcel j is picked up by taxi k , the current load of that taxi increases by w_j . When parcel j is delivered, the load decreases by w_j . At every moment, the load must satisfy

$$\text{load}_k \leq Q_k.$$

Passenger occupancy does not contribute to this capacity constraint.

1.4 Routes and Travel Cost

A route of taxi k is an ordered sequence of visited points $R_k = (v_0^k, v_1^k, \dots, v_{m_k}^k)$, where $v_0^k = O_k$ is the initial location of taxi k (available at time $\text{dep}(v_0^k) = 0$), and each subsequent $v_r^k \in \{P_i^n, D_i^n, P_j^h, D_j^h : 1 \leq i \leq N, 1 \leq j \leq M\}$ is a pickup or drop-off point of a served request. In other words, taxis do not need to return to depot after finishing their routes or while waiting for next requests.

For every two consecutive points $u = v_{r-1}^k$ and $v = v_r^k$ ($1 \leq r \leq m_k$) in route R_k , the taxi spends $t(u, v)$ time units traveling from u to v and incurs travel cost $c(u, v)$. A route must satisfy all precedence, direct-passenger-trip, time-window, and parcel-capacity constraints. The total number of service nodes and taxi initial depots (vertices) in the network is $2N + 2M + K$.

2 Objective

Let S_N be the set of served passenger requests and let S_M be the set of served parcel requests. Let $R_k = (v_0^k, v_1^k, \dots, v_{m_k}^k)$ be the route sequence of taxi k . The benefit of a schedule is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Benefit} = & \sum_{i \in S_N} T_i^n + \sum_{j \in S_M} T_j^h \\ & - \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^{m_k} c(v_{r-1}^k, v_r^k). \end{aligned}$$

The goal is to compute a feasible schedule that maximizes Benefit. The company does not need to serve all passenger or parcel requests.

3 Example

An example of scheduled routes for two taxis is illustrated in Figure 1.

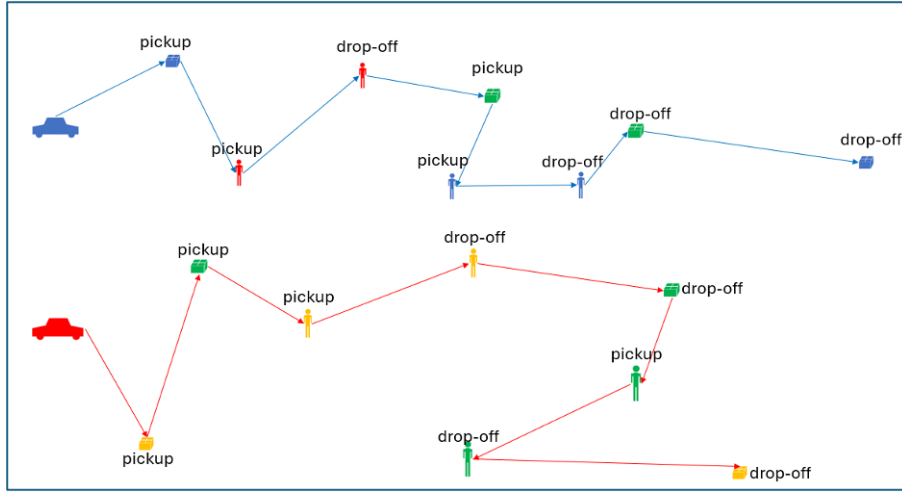


Figure 1: Illustration of scheduled routes for two taxis.