

1. Listen to me explain what *scheduling problems* are.

Glossary:

- There are  $n$  jobs and  $m$  machines.
- Jobs are defined by their *processing times*  $p_{ij}$  for  $i \in [1, m]$  and  $j \in [1, n]$  which indicates how long does job  $j$  run on machine  $i$ .
- A *schedule* is an assignment of jobs to machines.
- The *makespan* of a schedule is the last completion time over all machines.

2. In SCHEDULING ON IDENTICAL PARALLEL MACHINES, commonly known as  $P||C_{\max}$ , we have  $\tau$  different job types which are only distinguished by their running times  $p_1, \dots, p_\tau$  where  $p_i$  is the processing time of job of type  $i$  on any of the  $m$  machines, and their multiplicities  $n_1, \dots, n_\tau$ . Meaning that there are  $n_i$  jobs of type  $i$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\tau} n_k = n$  jobs in total. The goal is to find a schedule of minimum makespan.

Give an integer programming formulation of  $P||C_{\max}$  which has size bounded by  $\tau$  and  $m$ . So the number of variables and constraints in the program should be bounded by a function of  $\tau$  and  $m$ . (And numbers in the program should be polynomial in the input size and a function of  $\tau$  and  $m$ . This is to prevent you from somehow encoding the entire problem into a one variable of the program.) How small of a formulation can you find?

3. In the lecture, you saw an integer program for GRAPH COLORING on graphs of bounded neighborhood diversity  $w$ . What you have not seen, though, is how to recover a coloring from the solution of the integer program. That is your task now.

Recall that  $T$  is the *type graph* of graph  $G$ . Meaning that each vertex of  $T$  is a set in the optimal neighborhood partition of  $G$ . By  $V_u$  where  $u \in V(T)$  we denote vertices whose type corresponds to  $u$ . A vertex  $u \in V(T)$  has a self loop iff the  $V_u$  is a clique. And  $u, v \in V(T)$  have an edge iff  $V_u$  and  $V_v$  form a complete bipartite graph. (Btw. how many vertices does  $T$  have?)

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be the set of all independent sets of  $T$ , not necessarily maximal ones. The integer program for coloring was the following. We have a variable  $x_I$  for every  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ . The formulation is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} x_I \\ \text{such that} \quad & \sum_{I: v \in I} x_I = |V_v| \quad \forall v \in V(T) \end{aligned}$$

**Question.** Suppose I give you an optimum solution of this integer program with  $\sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} x_I = c$ . Can you produce a valid  $c$ -coloring of  $G$ ?

4. In the PRECOLORING EXTENSION problem, we are given a graph  $G$  where some vertices are precolored, and an integer  $c$ . The goal is to find a  $c$ -coloring of graph  $G$  which respects the precoloring which you can assume is a proper coloring.

Give an FPT algorithm for parameter neighbourhood diversity for PRECOLORING EXTENSION.