

# Robust Optimization & Network Design

## Lecture 7

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Recall: In many problems, all decisions have to be made in advance.

### Discrete Scenarios

- limited number of scenario vectors
- solution should be valid for **all** scenarios

### $\Gamma$ Scenarios (Bertsimas & Sim 03/04)

- demand  $d^k \in [\bar{d}^k, \bar{d}^k + \hat{d}^k]$  with **nominal demand  $\bar{d}^k$**  and **deviation  $\hat{d}^k$**
- due to statistical multiplexing **only few simultaneous peaks**
- assume **at most  $\Gamma$**  peaks at same time
- solution should be valid for all scenarios

In both cases: **optimize worst-case**

**Drawback:** “almost always” good solutions might be infeasible

Two-Stage RO: some decisions are only taken at 2nd stage

Recoverable robustness: **repair 1st stage decisions**

- uncertainty as **two-stage** process:

1st stage: **a-priori** decision

2nd stage: recovery:

**limited change** of first-stage decision

**after realization** of uncertainty is known

- optimize worst-case w. r. t. recovery

In this lecture: Recoverable Robust Knapsack problem (RRKP) with

- Discrete Scenarios<sup>1</sup>

- $\Gamma$  Scenarios<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>C. Büsing, A. M. C. A. Koster, and M. Kutschka. Recoverable robust knapsacks: gamma-scenarios. In *Proceedings of INOC 2011*, volume 6701 of *Lecture Notes on Computer Science*, pages 583–588, 2011

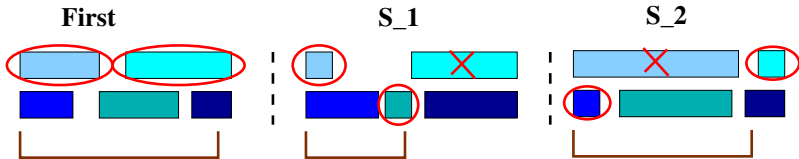
- Given
- items  $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,
  - first stage: profits  $p^0$ , weight  $w^0$ , capacity  $c^0$ ,
  - scenarios  $S \in \mathcal{S}_D$  with profits  $p^S$ , weight  $w^S$ , capacity  $c^S$ ,
  - recovery set  $\mathcal{X}(X)$ : delete  $\leq k$  items, add  $\leq \ell$  items

Find subset  $X \subseteq N$

- Such that
- $w^0(X) \leq c^0$ ,
  - for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}_D$  there exists  $X^S \in \mathcal{X}(X)$  with  $w^S(X^S) \leq c^S$ ,
  - total profit

$$p_T(X) = p^0(X) + \min_{S \in \mathcal{S}_D} \max_{X^S} p^S(X^S)$$

is maximized.



$$\max \sum_{i \in N} p_i^0 x_i + \omega$$

$$\text{s. t. } \sum_{i \in N} w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0$$

$$\sum_{i \in N} w_i^S x_i^S \leq c^S \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D$$

$$x_i - x_i^S - y_i^S \leq 0 \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D, i \in N$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^S \leq k \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D$$

$$x_i^S - x_i - z_i^S \leq 0 \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D, i \in N$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n z_i^S \leq \ell \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D$$

$$\omega - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^S x_i^S \leq 0 \quad \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D$$

$$x_i, x_i^S, y_i^S, z_i^S \in \{0, 1\}$$

first stage

second stage

removal of  $\leq k$  items

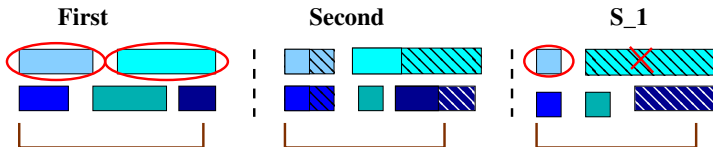
addition of  $\leq \ell$  items

- Given
- Items  $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,
  - first stage: profits  $p^0$ , weights  $w^0$ , capacity  $c^0$ ,
  - $\Gamma$ -scenarios: weights  $[\bar{w}, \bar{w} + \hat{w}]$ , capacity  $c$ ,  $\Gamma \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
  - recovery set  $\mathcal{X}(X)$ : **delete**  $\leq k$  items from  $X \subseteq N$

Find subset  $X \subseteq N$ ,

Such that  $w^0(X) \leq c^0$ ,

- for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}_\Gamma$  there exists  $X^S \in \mathcal{X}(X)$  with  $w^S(X^S) \leq c$ ,
- total profit  $p^0(X)$  is maximized



Mathematical Programming formulation:

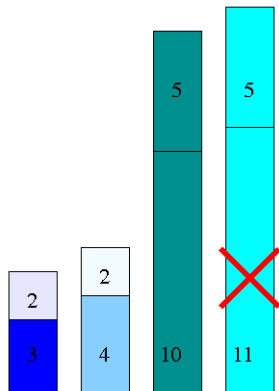
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max \sum_{i \in N} p_i^0 x_i \\
 & \text{s. t. } \sum_{i \in N} w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0 \\
 & \sum_{i \in N} \bar{w}_i x_i + \max_{\substack{X \subseteq N \\ |X| \leq \Gamma}} \left( \sum_{i \in X} \hat{w}_i x_i \right) - \max_{\substack{Y \subseteq N \\ |Y| \leq k}} \left( \sum_{i \in Y} \bar{w}_i x_i + \sum_{i \in X \cap Y} \hat{w}_i x_i \right) \leq c \\
 & x_i \in \{0, 1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question:** Compact Linear reformulation?

**Answer:** LP duality and enumeration of solution values!



Example:


 $\Gamma = 2, k = 1, \text{Opt} = 21$ 

- Choice of  $Z$  for  $\Gamma = 2$  does not include choice for  $\Gamma = 1$ !
- Reformulation by LP duality!

Given Items  $N$  (1st stage solution)  
weight bounds  $[\bar{w}, \bar{w} + \hat{w}]$   
parameters  $\Gamma$  (robustness)  
and  $k$  (recovery)

Find Items  $Z \subseteq N, |Z| \leq \Gamma$   
Such that total weight of recovery set is  
maximized (i.e., set after  
recovery)

Let  $U := \{0\} \cup \{\bar{w}_i : i \in N\} \cup \{\bar{w}_i + \hat{w}_i : i \in N\}$

Then, a compact reformulation is:

$$\max \sum_{i \in N} p_i^0 x_i$$

$$\text{s. t. } \sum_{i \in N} w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0$$

$$\sum_{\substack{i \in N: \\ \bar{w}_i < u}} \bar{w}_i x_i + \sum_{\substack{i \in N: \\ \bar{w}_i \geq u}} u x_i + \Gamma \xi^u + \sum_{i \in N} \theta_i^u \leq c + ku \quad \forall u \in U$$

$$\min\{-\bar{w}_i + u, \hat{w}_i\} x_i - \xi^u - \theta_i^u \leq 0 \quad \forall u \in U$$

$$\xi^u, \theta_i^u \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in U, i \in N$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Resulting compact model contains  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  variables and constraints

### Theorem 1 (Karp 72, Bellman 57)

*The knapsack problem is weakly **NP**-hard, i.e., it can be solved in  $O(nc)$  time.*

### Theorem 2 (Yu 96, Kalai & Vanderpooten 06)

*The robust knapsack problem with bounded number of scenarios can be solved in pseudo-polynomial time.*

### Theorem 3 (Yu 96, Aissi et al. 07)

*The robust knapsack problem with discrete scenarios is strongly **NP**-hard and not approximable, unless  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{NP}$ .*

### Theorem 4 (Bertsimas & Sim 03/04, Klopfenstein & Nace 08)

*The  $\Gamma$ -robust knapsack problem can be solved in pseudo-polynomial time.*

## Theorem 5

*The  $(k, \ell)$ -rrKP is strongly **NP**-hard for unbounded sets of discrete scenarios even if either  $p^0 = 0$  or  $p^S = 0$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}_D$  holds.*

Reductions from 3SAT.

## Corollary 6

*The  $(k, \ell)$ -rrKP cannot be approximated within  $\frac{\ell+1}{\ell}$ , unless **P** = **NP**. In particular, for  $\ell = 0$ , the problem cannot be approximated.*

## Theorem 7

*The  $(k, \ell)$ -rrKP can be solved in pseudo-polynomial time for a bounded number of scenarios.*

Generalization of dynamic programming for robust knapsack (Yu, 1996).

## Theorem 8

*The RRKP with  $\Gamma$  scenarios is at least weakly **NP-hard**.*

## Open Problem

Is the RRKP with  $\Gamma$  scenarios **strongly NP-hard** or does there exist a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm?

Let  $p^S \equiv 0$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}_D$ .

⇒ The number  $\ell$  of items added do not play a role

## Definition 9 (RRK Polyhedron)

$$\mathcal{K}_D(k) := \text{conv} \left\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^n : \sum_{i \in N} w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0 \text{ and} \right. \\ \left. \min_{\substack{T \subseteq N \\ |T| \leq k}} \sum_{i \in N \setminus T} w_i^S x_i \leq c^S \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_D \right\}$$

## Projection on original variables

If  $p^S \equiv 0$ , the  $(k, \ell)$ -RRKP with discrete scenarios can be formulated as

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{i \in N} p_i^0 x_i : x \in \mathcal{K}_D(k) \right\}$$

Definition 10 ( $\Gamma$ -RRK Polyhedron)

$$\mathcal{K}_\Gamma(k) := \text{conv} \left\{ x \in \{0, 1\}^n : \sum_{i \in N} w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0 \text{ and} \right. \\ \left. \min_{\substack{T \subset N \\ |T| \leq k}} \sum_{i \in N \setminus T} w_i^S x_i \leq c \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_\Gamma \right\}$$

## Projection on original variables

The  $\Gamma$ -RRKP can be formulated as

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{i \in N} p_i^0 x_i : x \in \mathcal{K}_\Gamma(k) \right\}$$

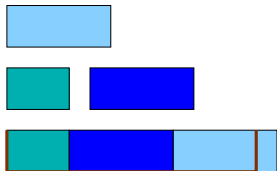
How do  $\mathcal{K}_D$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\Gamma$  look like?

Non-robust Knapsack Polytope:

$$\mathcal{K} := \text{conv}\{x \in \{0, 1\}^n : \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^0 x_i \leq c^0\}$$

- Cover  $C : \sum_{i \in C} w_i^0 \geq c^0 + 1$
- Cover inequality :

$$\sum_{i \in C} x_i \leq |C| - 1$$





Non-robust cover: If  $\sum_{i \in C} w_i^0 \geq c^0 + 1$ , then  $\sum_{i \in C} x_i \leq |C| - 1$ .

### Definition 11

A set  $C \subseteq N$  is called an *rrKP cover* if

first stage cover:  $w^0(C) \geq c^0 + 1$  **or**

scenario cover:  $w^S(C) - w^S(\max, C, k) \geq c^S + 1$ ,

where  $w^S(\max, C, k) := \max_{\substack{B \subseteq C \\ |B| \leq k}} w^S(B)$ .

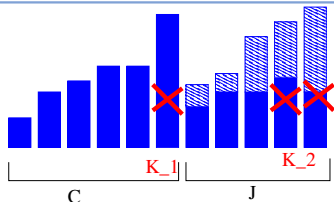
### Theorem 12

Given a *rrKP cover*  $C$ , the *rrKP cover inequality*

$$\sum_{i \in C} x_i \leq |C| - 1$$

is valid for  $\mathcal{K}_D$ .

- $C \subseteq N$  nominal items ( $w_i = \bar{w}_i$ )
- $J \subseteq N$  peak items ( $w_i = \bar{w}_i + \hat{w}_i$ )
- $K_1 \subseteq C$  recovered(=removed) nominal items
- $K_2 \subseteq J$  recovered(=removed) peak items



**Definition 13** (A quadruple  $(C, J, K_1, K_2)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -rrKP cover if)

- $|J| \leq \Gamma$ ,  $C \cap J = \emptyset$ , and  $|K_1| + |K_2| = k$  and
- $w^0(C \cup J) \geq c^0 + 1$  (first stage cover)
- **or**  $(C, K_1, J, K_2)$  is a second stage cover:

$$\sum_{i \in C \setminus K_1} \bar{w}_i + \sum_{i \in J \setminus K_2} (\bar{w}_i + \hat{w}_i) \geq c + 1$$

## Theorem 14

Given a  $\Gamma$ -rrKP cover  $(C, K_1, J, K_2)$ , the  $\Gamma$ -rrKP cover inequality

$$\sum_{i \in C \cup J} x_i \leq |C \cup J| - 1$$

## Theorem 15

Let  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . Then  $x \in \mathcal{K}_D$  ( $x \in \mathcal{K}_\Gamma$ ) if and only if  $x$  satisfies all *minimal* ( $\Gamma$ -)rrKP cover inequalities.

I.e., the minimal cover inequalities provide a formulation of the problem.

**But**, they do not provide a complete description of the convex hull of binary solutions.

Non-robust knapsack: Let  $E(C) := \left\{ j \in N : w_j^0 \geq \max_{i \in C} w_i^0 \right\} \cup C$ . Then the *Extended Cover inequality* for non-robust knapsack reads:

$$\sum_{i \in E(C)} x_i \leq |C| - 1$$

rrKP with discrete scenarios: A cover  $C$  w.r.t. scenario  $S$  can be extended with items whose weights exceed

(canonical extension) the weight of the  $k + 1$  highest-weight-item in  $C$   
 (advanced extension)

1. the residual capacity according to the weights of the first  $|C| - k - 1$  lowest-weight-items
2. the weight of the  $k + 2$  highest-weight-item in  $C$

## Theorem 16

Let  $S$  be a cover w.r.t scenario  $S$  and  $E^S(C)$  its extension. Then

rrKP with  $\Gamma$  scenarios:

$$E(C, K_1, J, K_2) := \left\{ j \in N : \bar{w}_j \geq \max_{i \in C \setminus K_1} \bar{w}_i \text{ and } \bar{w}_j + \hat{w}_j \geq \max_{i \in J \setminus K_2} \bar{w}_i + \hat{w}_i \right\} \\ \cup \{C \cup J\}$$

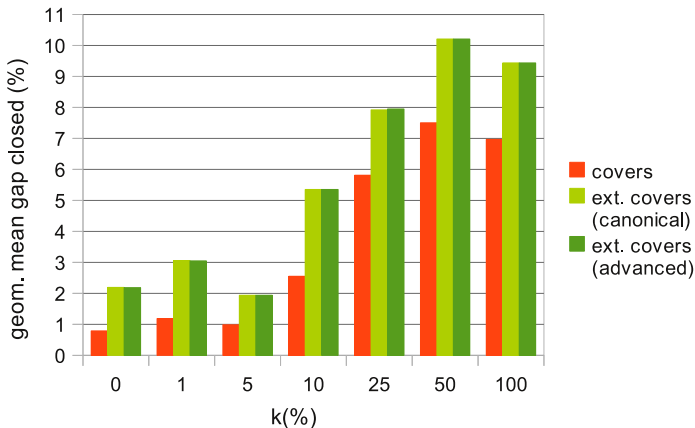
### Theorem 17

Let  $(C, K_1, J, K_2)$  be a  $\Gamma$  cover and  $E(C, K_1, J, K_2)$  its extension. Then

$$\sum_{i \in E(C, K_1, J, K_2)} x_i \leq |C \cup J| - 1$$

is valid for  $\mathcal{K}_\Gamma$ .

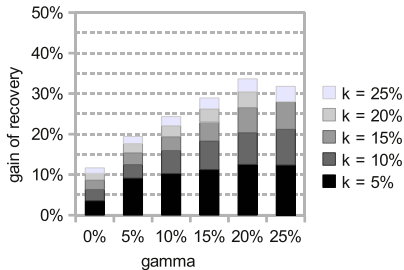
## Gap closed by cover inequalities:



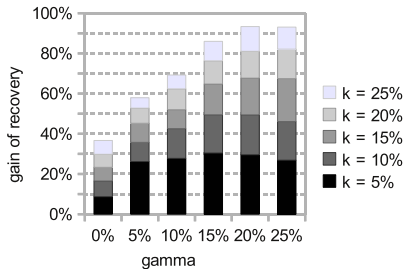
Note: the complete ILP formulation is used

## ■ exact separation by ILP

### Gain of Recovery:



geometric mean



observed maximum

For each instance,  $\Gamma$ , and  $k$ , the gain of recovery is determined by the objective value normalized to the corresponding case with  $k = 0\%$ .

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- **Light Robustness:** bound price of robustness of budget uncertainty and minimize weighted sum of constraint violations
- **Distributionally Robust Optimization:** given historical data, find solutions that are robust whatever probability distribution the data follows.  
*Marriage between stochastic and robust optimization*
- **Minimax Regret Optimization** or **Robust deviation:** Minimize largest possible difference between observed objective value of robust solution and optimal solution value (knowing uncertain parameters in advance)
- **Relative robust deviation:** Minimize largest possible ratio of robust deviation to the optimal objective value
- **Multi-Band Robustness** Multiple nested intervals with multiple decreasing  $\Gamma$  values

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