

On stability of a lexicographic
optimum of the multicriteria
combinatorial center and median
location problems

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Let us consider these location problems in the following formulation

$N_m = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ the set of possible facility (supplier) locations

N_n the set of consumer (client) locations

$C = (C_{ijk}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n \times s}$ costs (distance etc.) matrix

T is the set of nonempty subsets of N_m , $T \subset 2^{N_m}$, $|T| \geq 2$

Vector function

$$f(t, C) = (f_1(t, C), f_2(t, C), \dots, f_s(t, C))$$

Multicriteria center location problem $Z_1^S(C)$

$$f_k(t, C) = \max_{j \in N_n} \min_{i \in T} c_{ijk} \rightarrow \min_{t \in T}, k \in N_s$$

Multicriteria median location problem $Z_2^S(C)$

$$f_k(t, C) = \sum_{j \in N_n} \min_{i \in T} c_{ijk} \rightarrow \min_{t \in T}, k \in N_s$$

The p-center problem (scalar case $s=1$)

$$\max_{j \in N_n} \min_{i \in t} c_{ij} \rightarrow \min$$

The p-median problem (scalar case $s=1$)

$$\sum_{j \in N_n} \min_{i \in t} c_{ij} \rightarrow \min$$

$$t \in T, |t| = p, 1 \leq p \leq m-1$$

The binary relation of lexicographic domination

$$t \underset{C}{\mathbb{F}} t' \Leftrightarrow \exists r \in N_s (f_r(t, C) > f_r(t', C) \ \& \ r = \min\{k \in N_s : f_k(t, C) \neq f_k(t', C)\})$$

The lexicographic set

$$L^s(C) = \{t \in T : \forall t' \in T \ (t \underset{C}{\mathbb{F}} t')\}$$

$$t \underset{C}{\mathbb{F}} t' \Leftrightarrow (f(t, C) = f(t', C)) \vee$$

$$\vee \exists r \in N_s (f_r(t, C) < f_r(t', C) \ \& \ r = \min\{k \in N_s (f_k(t, C) \neq f_k(t', C))\})$$

$$L_k^s(C) = \text{Argmin}\{f_k(t, C) \mid t \in L_{k-1}^s(C)\}, \quad k \in N_s$$

$$T = L_0^s(C) \supseteq L_1^s(C) \supseteq L_2^s(C) \supseteq \dots \supseteq L_s^s(C) = L^s(C)$$

$$\Omega(\varepsilon) = \{C' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n \times s} : \|C'\| < \varepsilon\},$$

$$\|C'\| = \max\{|c'_{ijk}| : (i, j, k) \in N_m \times N_n \times N_s\}$$

Lexicographic optimum $t \in L^S(C)$ of the problem $Z_1^S(C)$

$(Z_2^S(C))$ is called stable if

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0 \quad \forall C' \in \Omega(\varepsilon) \quad (t \in L^S(C + C'))$$

$$g_{jk}(t, C) = \min\{c_{ijk} : i \in t\}$$

$$N_{jk}(t, C) = \{l \in t : f_k(t, C) = g_{jk}(t, C) = c_{ljk}\}$$

$$J_k(t, C) = \{j \in N_n : f_k(t, C) = g_{jk}(t, C)\}$$

$$t \underset{C,k}{\vdash} t' \Leftrightarrow t \underset{C,k}{\vdash} t' \underset{C,k}{\approx} t$$

$$t \underset{C,k}{\vdash} t' \Leftrightarrow \forall j \in J_k(t, C) (N_{jk}(t, C) \supseteq N_{jk}(t', C))$$

$$t' \underset{C,k}{\approx} t \Leftrightarrow J_k(t', C) \supseteq J_k(t, C)$$

Theorem 1 A lexicographic optimum $t^0 \in L^s(C)$ of the center location problem $Z_1^s(C)$ is stable if and only if

$$\forall k \in N_s \quad \forall t \in L_k^s(C) \quad (t^0 \underset{C,k}{\vdash} t)$$

$$t^0 \underset{C,k}{\vdash} t \Leftrightarrow \forall j \in J_k(t^0, C) \subseteq J_k(t, C) \quad (N_{jk}(t^0, C) \supseteq N_{jk}(t, C))$$

Proof. Necessity. Lemma 1, Lemma 2.

Lemma1 If $t^0 \in L^s(C)$ and there exist $r \in N_s$ and $t \in L_r^s(C)$ such that $t \underset{C,r}{\approx} t^0$, then the solution t^0 is not stable.

$\exists q \in J_r(t^0, C) \setminus J_r(t, C), \exists p \in t \setminus t^0, \varepsilon > 0, 0 < \alpha < \varepsilon$

$$C'_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{if } i \in t^0, j = q, k = r, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lemma2 If $t^0 \in L^s(C)$ and there exist $r \in N_s$ and $t \in L_r^s(C)$ such that $t^0 \not\approx_{C,r} t$, then the solution t^0 is not stable.

$t \approx_{C,r} t^0, \exists q \in J_r(t^0, C) \subseteq J_r(t, C), \exists p \in N_{qr}(t, C) \setminus N_{qr}(t^0, C),$

$\varepsilon > 0, 0 < \alpha < \varepsilon$

$$c'_{ijk} = \begin{cases} -\alpha, & \text{if } i = p, j = q, k = r, \\ -\alpha, & \text{if } i \in t, j \in N_n \setminus \{q\}, k = r, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Sufficiency. Case 1: $t \in L_1^S(C)$

- $t \in L^S(C)$, Pr1
- $t \in L_1^S(C) \setminus L^S(C)$, Pr2(ii)

Case 2: $t \in T \setminus L_1^S(C)$, Pr2(i)

Pr1 If $\forall k \in N_s \ t \underset{C,k}{\dashv} t'$, then

$\exists \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall C' \in \Omega(\varepsilon) \ \forall k \in N_s \ \left(t \underset{C+C'}{\dashv} t' \right)$

Pr2 If any of the following conclusions holds

(i) $f_1(t', C) > f_1(t, C)$

(ii) $\exists r \in N_{s-1} \ (f_{r+1}(t', C) > f_{r+1}(t, C) \ \& \ \forall k \in N_r \ (t \underset{C,k}{\dashv} t'))$

then $\exists \varepsilon > 0 \ \forall C' \in \Omega(\varepsilon) \ \left(t \underset{C+C'}{\dashv} t' \right)$

Theorem 2. A lexicographic optimum $t^0 \in L^s(C)$ of the median location problem $Z_2^s(C)$ is stable if and only if

$$\forall k \in N_s \quad \forall t \in L_k^s(C) \quad \forall j \in N_n \quad (N_{jk}(t^0, C) \supseteq N_{jk}(t, C))$$

$$N_{jk}(t, C) = \text{Argmin}\{c_{ijk} : i \in t\}$$

Proof. Necessity.

$$\exists q \in N_n \quad (N_{qr}(t^0, C) \not\supseteq N_{qr}(t^*, C)), \quad \exists l \in N_{qr}(t^*, C) \setminus N_{qr}(t^0, C)$$

$$c'_{ijk} = \begin{cases} -\alpha, & \text{if } (i, j, k) = (l, q, r), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Sufficiency. Use the same reasoning as in Theorem 1

Pr3 If $\forall k \in N_s \quad \forall j \in N_n \quad (N_{jk}(t, A) \supseteq N_{jk}(t', A))$,

then $\exists \varepsilon > 0 \quad \forall C' \in \Omega(\varepsilon) \quad \forall k \in N_s \quad \left(t \underset{C+C'}{\bar{f}} t' \right)$

Pr4 If any of the following conditions holds

(i) $f_1(t, C) > f_1(t^0, C)$

(ii) $\exists r \in N_{s-1} \quad (f_{r+1}(t, C) > f_{r+1}(t^0, C) \&$

$\& \forall k \in N_r \quad \forall j \in N_n \quad (N_{jk}(t^0, A) \supseteq N_{jk}(t, A))$

then $\exists \varepsilon > 0 \quad \forall C' \in \Omega(\varepsilon) \quad \left(t \underset{C+C'}{f} t^0 \right)$

1-center (median) problem

C1 If $|t|=1$ for any $t \in T$, then the equality $L_1^s(C) = \{t^0\}$ is a necessary and sufficient condition of stability of $t^0 \in L^s(C)$

C2 $t^0 \in L^s(C)$ of the problem with partial criteria MINMIN ($n = 1$) is stable if and only if

$$\forall k \in N_s \quad \forall t \in L_k^s(C) \quad (N_k(t^0, C) \supseteq N_k(t, C))$$

$$N_k(t, C) = \text{Argmin}\{c_{ik} : i \in t\}, \quad C = (c_{ik}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times s}$$

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