

Multistage/Multilevel Discrete Optimization

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Multilevel and Multistage Games

- In game theory terminology, the problems we address are known as *finite extensive-form games*, sequential games involving n players.
- A *subgame* is the part of a game that remains after some moves have been made.

Multilevel Game

- A game in which n players alternate moves in a fixed sequence (the well-known case of two players is called a *Stackelberg game*).
- The goal is to find a *subgame perfect Nash equilibrium*, i.e., the move by each player that ensures that player's best outcome.

Multistage/Recourse Game

- A cooperative game in which play alternates between cooperating players and “chance” players.
- The goal is to find a *subgame perfect Markov equilibrium*, i.e., the move that ensures the best outcome in a probabilistic sense.

Two-Stage Mixed Integer Optimization

- We have the following general formulation:

2SMILP

$$z_{2\text{SMILP}} = \min_{x \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cap X} \{cx + \Xi(x)\}, \quad (2\text{SMILP})$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \mid A^1 x \geq b^1\}$$

is the *first-stage feasible region*, $X = \mathbb{Z}_+^{r_1} \times \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 - r_1}$, $A^1 \in \mathbb{Q}^{m_1 \times n_1}$, and $b^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1}$.

- $X = \mathbb{Z}_+^{r_1} \times \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 - r_1}$ represents first-stage integrality requirements.
- Ξ is the *risk function* that represents the impact of future uncertainty.
- This uncertainty can arise either due to stochasticity or due to the fact that Ξ represents the reaction of a competitor (or both).
- This “risk function” is similar to that utilized in the finance literature.

Two-stage Mixed Integer Stochastic Bilevel Optimization

The risk function of 2SMISBLPs has the following form.

Canonical Risk Function

$$\Xi(x) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \in \Omega} [\Xi_{\omega}(x)], \quad (\text{RF})$$

Scenario Risk Function

$$\Xi_{\omega}(x) = \min \{d^1 y \mid y \in \operatorname{argmin}\{d^2 y \mid y \in \mathcal{P}_2(b_{\omega}^2 - A_{\omega}^2 x) \cap Y\}\} \quad (2\text{LRF})$$

- ω is a random variable over a finite probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$;
- Realizations of ω are called *scenarios*;
- $\mathcal{P}_2(\beta) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_2} \mid Gy \geq \beta\}$;
- $Y = \mathbb{Z}_+^{r_2} \times \mathbb{R}_+^{n_2 - r_2}$; and
- $G \in \mathbb{Q}^{m_2 \times n_2}$, $A_{\omega}^2 \in \mathbb{Q}^{m_2 \times n_1}$ for $\omega \in \Omega$.

Basic Assumptions

Linking Variables

Definition 1 *The set*

$$L = \bigcup_{\omega \in \Omega} (\{i \in \{1, \dots, n_1\} \mid (A_{\omega}^2)_i \neq 0\}),$$

is the set of indices of the linking variables.

- In the above, $(A_{\omega}^2)_i$ denotes the i^{th} column of matrix A_{ω}^2 .
- x_L will denote the sub-vector of $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ corresponding to the linking variables.
- The linking variables are those with non-zero coefficients in the second-stage problem for at least one scenario.

Assumption 1 $L = \{1, \dots, k_1\}$ for $k_1 \leq r_1$.

Assumption 2 $\mathcal{P}^{\omega} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 \times n_2} \mid x \in \mathcal{P}_1, y \in \mathcal{P}_2(b_{\omega}^2 - A_{\omega}^2 x)\}$ is bounded for $\omega \in \Omega$.

Rational Reaction Sets

Corresponding to each $x \in X$, we have the rational reaction set for $\omega \in \Omega$.

Rational Reaction Set for Scenario ω

$$\mathcal{R}^\omega(x) = \operatorname{argmin}\{d^2y \mid y \in \mathcal{P}_2(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2x) \cap Y\}.$$

- For a given $x \in X$, $\mathcal{R}^\omega(x)$ set may be empty because either
 - $\mathcal{P}_2(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2x) \cap Y$ is itself empty or
 - there exists $r \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_2}$ such that $Gr \geq 0$ and $d^2r < 0$.
- The latter case cannot occur, since Assumption 2 implies that $\{r \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_2} \setminus \{0\} \mid Gr \geq 0\} = \emptyset$.

Feasible Regions

- The *bilevel feasible region* for scenario ω with respect to the first- and second-stage variables in (2LRF) is

$$\mathcal{F}^\omega = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid x \in \mathcal{P}_1, y \in \mathcal{R}^\omega(x)\}.$$

- Members of \mathcal{F}^ω are called *bilevel feasible solutions* for scenario ω .
- The second-stage problem should be feasible for all scenarios, so the feasible region with respect to first-stage variables only is

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega} \text{proj}_x(\mathcal{F}^\omega).$$

- For $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$, we have that

$$x \in \mathcal{F}_1 \Leftrightarrow x \in \bigcap_{\omega \in \Omega} \text{proj}_x(\mathcal{F}^\omega) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R}^\omega(x) \neq \emptyset \forall \omega \in \Omega \Leftrightarrow \Xi(x) < \infty$$

and we say that $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ is *feasible* if $x \in \mathcal{F}_1$.

Feasibility Conditions

The feasibility conditions for scenario ω with respect to the first- and second-stage variables in (2LRF) are

Feasibility Conditions

Feasibility Condition 1 $x \in \mathcal{F}_1$

Feasibility Condition 2 $y^\omega \in \mathcal{R}^\omega(x)$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$

Special Case I: Bilevel (Integer) Linear Optimization

In bilevel optimization, we have $|\Omega| = 1$, so 2SMISBLP can be re-written in the form

Mixed Integer Bilevel Linear Optimization Problem (MIBLP)

$$\min \{cx + d^1y \mid x \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cap X, y \in \operatorname{argmin}\{d^2y \mid y \in \mathcal{P}_2(b^2 - A^2x) \cap Y\}\}. \quad (\text{MIBLP})$$

Alternatively, this corresponds to

Bilevel Risk Function

$$\Xi(x) = \min \{d^1y \mid y \in \operatorname{argmin}\{d^2y \mid y \in \mathcal{P}_2(b^2 - A^2x) \cap Y\}\}.$$

Note that we drop the subscripts associated with the scenario in this case, but notation is otherwise, the same.

Special Case II: Optimization with Recourse

- Recourse problems are a special case in which $d^1 = d^2$.
- In a two-stage stochastic mixed integer optimization problem, we have

Stochastic Risk Function

$$\Xi(x) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \in \Omega} [\phi(b_{\omega}^2 - A_{\omega}^2 x)],$$

where ω is the random variable from probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$ defined earlier.

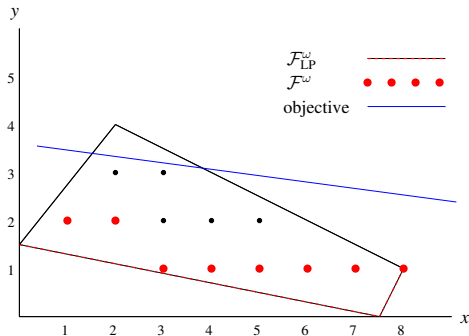
- For each $\omega \in \Omega$, $A_{\omega}^2 \in \mathbb{Q}^{m_2 \times n_1}$ is the realization of the input to the second-stage problem for scenario ω .
- The function ϕ is the *value function* of the second-stage MILP.

Second-Stage Value Function

$$\phi(\beta) = \min \{d^2 y \mid Gy \geq \beta, y \in Y\} \quad \forall \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2}. \quad (2S-VF)$$

Value Function Reformulation

When Ω represents a *discrete* and *finite* space, one way to reformulate 2SMISBLP as a bilevel problem is as follows.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & cx + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_\omega d^1 y^\omega \\
 \text{subject to} \quad & A^1 x \geq b^1 \\
 & Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \\
 & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \leq \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \phi(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x) \\
 & x \in X \\
 & y^\omega \in Y \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \phi(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x)$ can be obtained by solving

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \quad & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \\
 & Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \\
 & y^\omega \in Y \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

Risk Function Reformulation \Rightarrow Generalized Benders'

A second reformulation can be obtained by projecting out the second-stage variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & cx + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p_{\omega} z_{\omega} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & z_{\omega} \geq \Xi_{\omega}(x) \\ & x \in X \end{aligned}$$

- We can further simplify this reformulation by noting that Ξ_{ω} can itself be rewritten as

$$\Xi_{\omega}(x) = \rho(b_{\omega}^2 - A_{\omega}^2 x)$$

where

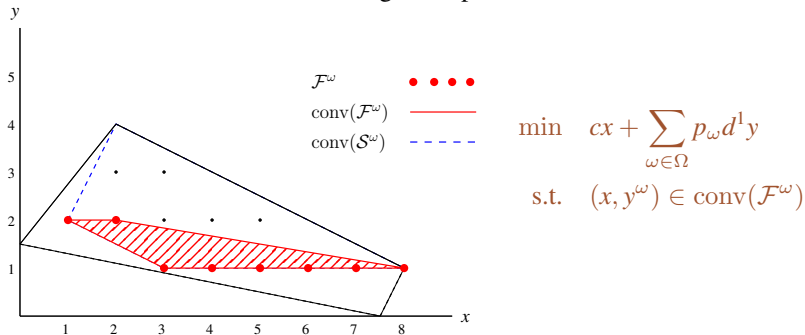
$$\rho(\beta) = \min \{d^1 y \mid y \in \operatorname{argmin} \{d^2 y \mid y \in \mathcal{P}_2(\beta) \cap Y\}\}$$

is the (*optimistic*) *reaction function*.

- This leads to a generalized Benders algorithm obtained by constructing approximations of ρ dynamically (Benders “cuts”).
- **We have two implementations of this algorithm** (Hassanzadeh and Ralphs [2014], Bolusani and Ralphs [2019])

Polyhedral Reformulation \Rightarrow Branch and Cut

Convexification considers the following conceptual reformulation.



where $\mathcal{S}^\omega = \mathcal{P}^\omega \cap (X \times Y)$ for $\mathcal{P}^\omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 \times n_2} \mid A_1 x \geq b_1, G^2 y \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x\}$

- To get bounds, we'll optimize over a relaxed feasible region.
- We'll iteratively approximate the true feasible region with linear inequalities.

Branch-and-Cut Algorithm for 2SMISBLPs

- The algorithm is based on the framework originally described by DeNegre and Ralphs [2009], but with **many additional enhancements**.
- The algorithm has been implemented in the **MibS** framework, which is open source and available from COIN-OR.
- Details are contained in a forthcoming paper by Tahernejad et al. [2019] (preprint available).

Components

- Bounding
 - **Lower bound** \Rightarrow An LP relaxation strengthened with **valid inequalities**
 - Upper bound \Rightarrow Feasible solutions
- Feasibility checking
- Branching \Rightarrow Several schemes for branching
- Search strategies
- Preprocessing methods
- Primal heuristics

Lower Bound

Two possible relaxations

- 1 Removing the *optimality constraint of the second-stage problem*.

$$S^\omega = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y \mid A^1x \geq b^1, Gy \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2x\}$$

- 2 Removing the *optimality constraint of the second-stage problem* and the *integrality constraints*.

$$\mathcal{P}^\omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n_1 \times n_2} \mid A^1x \geq b^1, Gy \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2x\}$$

- Let $(x^t, y^{1t}, \dots, y^{|\Omega|t})$ be the optimal solution of the relaxation problem at node t .

Feasibility Checking

$(x^t, y^{1t}, \dots, y^{|\Omega|t})$ may be bilevel feasible \Rightarrow Feasibility check

- $(x^t, y^{1t}, \dots, y^{|\Omega|t})$ does not satisfy integrality requirements \Rightarrow *infeasible*
- $(x^t, y^{1t}, \dots, y^{|\Omega|t})$ satisfies integrality requirements

- Solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \\ & Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x^t \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \\ & y^\omega \in Y \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \end{aligned}$$

to find $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \phi(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x^t)$

- Let $(\hat{y}^1, \dots, \hat{y}^{|\Omega|})$ be the optimal solution

- $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 \hat{y}^\omega = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^{\omega t} \Rightarrow$ *feasible*
- $\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 \hat{y}^\omega < \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^{\omega t} \Rightarrow$ *infeasible*

UB Problem

- The best bilevel feasible solution with $x_L = \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^L$ can be obtained by solving just one **MILP**.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \{ & cx + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^1 y^\omega \mid x \in X, A^1 x \geq b^1, Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x \forall \omega \in \Omega, \\ & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \leq \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \phi(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x), \\ & y_\omega \in Y \forall \omega \in \Omega, x_L = \gamma \}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{UB})$$

- This can be employed to
 - find *heuristic bilevel feasible solutions*.
 - develop the *linking branching strategy*, which branches only on linking variables.

Deterministic Equivalent of 2SMISBLPs

- When Ω represents a *discrete* and *finite* space, 2SMISBLP can be converted to a *deterministic bilevel problem* in the usual way.

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & cx + \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} p^\omega d^1 y^\omega \\ & A^1 x \geq b^1 \\ & Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \\ & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \leq \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \phi(b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x) \\ & x \in X \\ & y^\omega \in Y \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \end{aligned}$$

- The deterministic equivalent can be solved by *branch-and-cut*.
- As the *number of scenarios* increases, so does the difficulty.
- The majority of effort is in solving *large MIPs* required for checking the bilevel feasibility and for solving problem (UB)

Decomposition

- If $(x^t, y^{1t}, \dots, y^{|\Omega|t})$ is an optimal solution of the relaxation problem at node t , checking its feasibility requires solving

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} d^2 y^\omega \\ & Gy^\omega \geq b_\omega^2 - A_\omega^2 x^t \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \\ & y^\omega \in Y \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- Due to the *block structure* of (1), it can be decomposed to $|\Omega|$ independent MIPs.

$$\begin{bmatrix} G & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^1 \\ \vdots \\ y^{|\Omega|} \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} b_1^2 - A_1^2 x^t \\ \vdots \\ b_{|\Omega|}^2 - A_{|\Omega|}^2 x^t \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since these small MIPs are *independent*, their solution can be *parallelized*.
- Problem (UB) can be similarly decomposed unless there are *non-linking first-stage variables*.

Progressive Hedging Heuristic

- Find a *heuristic* solution for 2SMISBLPs by employing the *Progressive Hedging (PH) Algorithm* [Rockafellar and Wets, 1991]
- It is used only for the 2SMISBLPs with *binary first-stage variables* to avoid the non-linear term in the objective of the PH subproblems
- The idea is
 - ➊ Repeat the PH algorithm until reaching the iteration or time limit or consensus among all subproblems (PH subproblems are MIBLPs).
 - ➋ Let V be the set of first-stage variables whose values are *consensus* for which consensus has been reached through the last iteration.
 - ➌ Solve the *restricted* deterministic equivalent of 2SMISBLP obtained by fixing the values of first-stage variables belonging to the set V .

Sample Average Approximation (SAA)

- The difficulty of solving 2SMISBLPs as a deterministic bilevel problem is difficult/impossible when $|\Omega|$ is large (or infinite).
- SAA is a well-known Monte Carlo simulation-based approach in which
- N random samples are generated.
- The function value is approximated by solving a deterministic problem known as the *SAA problem* constructed by restricting to the generated scenarios.
- The SAA problem corresponding to 2SMISBLP is

SAAP

$$z_N = \min_{x \in \mathcal{P}_1 \cap X} \left\{ cx + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \Xi_i(x) \right\}, \quad (\text{SAAP})$$

- This procedure is repeated to obtain statistical estimates.
- Problem (SAAP) can be solved as a deterministic bilevel problem.

Software Framework

- MibS is an open-source solver in C++ originally for MIBLPs, based on our branch-and-cut algorithm Tahernejad et al. [2019], DeNegre et al. [2019].
- It is built on top of the BLIS solver [Xu et al., 2009].
- It employs packages available from the **Computational Infrastructure for Operations Research (COIN-OR)** repository
 - **COIN High Performance Parallel Search (CHiPPS)**: To manage the global branch-and-bound
 - **SYMPHONY**: To solve the required MIPs
 - **COIN LP Solver (CLP)**: To solve the LPs arising in the branch and cut
 - **Cut Generation Library (CGL)**: To generate cutting planes within both SYMPHONY and MibS
 - **Open Solver Interface (OSI)**: To interface with other solvers
- MibS has been *generalized* to a solver for 2SMISBLPs by adding
 - function of reading the data files for 2SMISBLPs
 - option of decomposing the second-stage and UB problems
 - parallel solution of the decomposed second-stage and UB problems (OpenMP)
 - PH heuristic
 - SAA method

- MIBLP instances from Xu and Wang [2014]:
 - includes 100 instances
 - all first-level variables are integer with upper bound 10
 - second-level variables are continuous with probability 0.5
 - number of first- and second-level variables are equal
 - n_1 and n_2 are in the range of 10-460 with an increments of 50
 - c , d^1 and d^2 are within $[-50, 50]$
 - All constraint coefficients are within $[0, 10]$
 - b^1 is within $[30, 130]$ and b^2 is within $[10, 110]$
- We changed the instances with $n_1 \in \{10, 60\}$ (20 instances) to 2SMISBLPs as follows.
 - The coefficients of the second-stage variables in the first-stage constraints are zero.
 - Elements of A_ω^2 are discrete uniform random variable on the set $\{0, 0.5, \dots, 10\}$.
 - Elements of b_ω^2 are discrete uniform random variable on the set $\{10, 10.5, \dots, 110\}$
- Instances `stocBmilplib-n-i` have n first-stage variables and i represents the instance index

Data Set `sslp`

- Stochastic Server Location Problem (`sslp`) [Ntaimo and Sen, 2005] from SIPLIB test library.
- Instances `sslp-n-m-k` have n locations, m customers and k scenarios.

Computational Results

- Computations were done on compute nodes running the Linux (Debian 8.7) operating system with dual AMD Opteron 6128 processors and 32 GB RAM.
- Time limit was 10 hours for all experiments
- All `MibS` parameters were set to the default values.

SAA Method

- Data set: MIBLP-XU
- $N \in \{20, 30, 40\}$, Evaluation sample size = 200 and Number of replications = 10

| Instance | N = 20 | | | N = 30 | | | N = 40 | | |
|--------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|
| | Est UB | Est Gap | $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{Gap}}$ | Est UB | Est Gap | $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{Gap}}$ | Est UB | Est Gap | $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{Gap}}$ |
| stocBmilplib_10_1 | -646.59 | 35.42 | 43.72 | -646.59 | 14.45 | 42.57 | -646.59 | -1.68 | 44.71 |
| stocBmilplib_10_2 | -99.55 | 36.36 | 10.54 | -99.55 | 25.39 | 8.32 | -99.55 | 22.54 | 6.78 |
| stocBmilplib_10_3 | -232.51 | 23.83 | 13.40 | -232.51 | 10.49 | 13.50 | -232.51 | 8.27 | 12.85 |
| stocBmilplib_10_4 | -181.32 | 0.96 | 13.65 | -181.32 | 7.92 | 12.62 | -181.32 | 13.97 | 11.07 |
| stocBmilplib_10_5 | ∞ | — | — | 116.43 | 37.30 | 17.88 | 107.26 | -2.35 | 17.15 |
| stocBmilplib_10_6 | -284.90 | 8.79 | 12.21 | -284.90 | 0.96 | 11.09 | -284.90 | 3.34 | 11.27 |
| stocBmilplib_10_7 | -184.71 | 26.53 | 29.30 | -184.71 | 19.31 | 26.98 | -184.71 | 8.58 | 21.44 |
| stocBmilplib_10_8 | -174.15 | -4.13 | 14.15 | -174.15 | 6.19 | 12.15 | -174.15 | 11.53 | 11.33 |
| stocBmilplib_10_9 | -201.66 | 21.45 | 13.26 | -201.66 | 6.78 | 11.25 | -201.66 | 7.73 | 11.57 |
| stocBmilplib_10_10 | -98.14 | 19.45 | 6.79 | -98.14 | 18.13 | 6.10 | -98.14 | 10.13 | 4.85 |
| stocBmilplib_60_1 | -149.35 | 1.79 | 6.01 | -149.35 | 1.80 | 5.68 | -149.35 | 0.84 | 5.58 |
| stocBmilplib_60_2 | 8.07 | 7.19 | 7.13 | 8.07 | 9.80 | 7.04 | 8.07 | 11.01 | 7.23 |
| stocBmilplib_60_3 | -11.45 | 19.21 | 7.61 | -11.45 | 18.42 | 7.63 | -11.45 | 16.77 | 7.53 |
| stocBmilplib_60_4 | -44.94 | 16.00 | 7.83 | -42.47 | 13.40 | 6.93 | -44.94 | 6.65 | 7.00 |
| stocBmilplib_60_5 | -39.02 | 7.27 | 7.83 | -39.02 | 3.75 | 7.53 | -39.02 | 0.16 | 7.14 |
| stocBmilplib_60_6 | -128.09 | 10.52 | 7.61 | -128.09 | 10.28 | 7.58 | -128.09 | 8.86 | 7.09 |
| stocBmilplib_60_7 | -44.60 | -1.09 | 9.25 | -39.53 | 7.73 | 8.25 | -39.53 | 6.13 | 7.55 |
| stocBmilplib_60_8 | -82.80 | 5.41 | 9.16 | -82.80 | 4.17 | 8.12 | -82.80 | 1.88 | 8.08 |
| stocBmilplib_60_9 | 13.23 | 5.82 | 6.87 | 13.23 | 3.62 | 5.70 | 13.23 | 1.63 | 5.62 |
| stocBmilplib_60_10 | -102.48 | 17.95 | 7.45 | -102.48 | 15.59 | 7.22 | -102.48 | 14.09 | 7.23 |

UB Problem Decomposition

- Data set: *MIBLP-XU*
- Number of scenarios: 40
- MIP solver: *SYMPHONY*

| Instance | Without | | With | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|------|--------|
| | Gap | Time | Gap | Time |
| stocBmilplib_60_1 | 0.0 | 223.43 | 0.0 | 82.50 |
| stocBmilplib_60_2 | 0.0 | 624.63 | 0.0 | 140.5 |
| stocBmilplib_60_3 | 0.0 | 659.91 | 0.0 | 164.37 |
| stocBmilplib_60_4 | 0.0 | 487.44 | 0.0 | 128.18 |
| stocBmilplib_60_5 | 0.0 | 372.65 | 0.0 | 137.48 |
| stocBmilplib_60_6 | 0.0 | 985.46 | 0.0 | 142.28 |
| stocBmilplib_60_7 | 0.0 | 1032.89 | 0.0 | 166.04 |
| stocBmilplib_60_8 | 0.0 | 772.68 | 0.0 | 163.84 |
| stocBmilplib_60_9 | 0.0 | 399.22 | 0.0 | 128.29 |
| stocBmilplib_60_10 | 0.0 | 241.59 | 0.0 | 131.94 |

Comparing Alternatives (Stochastic Programming)

- 1 the D^2 algorithm [Ntaimo and Sen, 2005]
- 2 the PH based branch-and-bound algorithm (PH-BAB) [Atakan and Sen, 2018]

| Instance | MibS-SYM | MibS-CPL | D^2 | PH-BAB |
|-----------------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| sslp-5-25-50 | 1.89 | 1.80 | 0.53 | 0.60 |
| sslp-5-25-100 | 7.78 | 7.30 | 1.03 | 1.20 |
| sslp-10-50-50 | 181.98 | 59.53 | 295.95 | 9.40 |
| sslp-10-50-100 | 533.39 | 169.66 | 480.46 | 19.50 |
| sslp-10-50-500 | 3767.66 | 2590.51 | 1902.20 | 86.10 |
| sslp-10-50-1000 | 14665.60 | 12152.36 | 5410.10 | 172.4 |
| sslp-10-50-2000 | 10(h) | 10(h) | 9055.29 | 333.10 |
| sslp-15-45-5 | 55.08 | 3.80 | 110.34 | 2.00 |
| sslp-15-45-10 | 6.61 | 5.81 | 1494.89 | 10.90 |
| sslp-15-45-15 | 2044.57 | 16.03 | 7210.63 | 5.400 |

- Data set: `sslp`
- Solving subproblems terminated after finding the first bilevel feasible solution.

| Instance | Num Locations | Without PH | Iteration = 3 | | | | Iteration = 15 | | | | Iteration = 30 | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | Num Fixed | Is Optimal | Time Subproblems | Total Time | Num Fixed | Is Optimal | Time Subproblems | Total Time | Num Fixed | Is Optimal | Time Subproblems | Total Time |
| sslp-5-25-50 | 5 | 1.80 | 1 | yes | 1.35 | 2.90 | 4 | yes | 5.43 | 6.13 | 5 | yes | 5.98 | 5.98 |
| sslp-5-25-100 | 5 | 7.30 | 0 | — | 2.76 | 10.55 | 0 | — | 11.74 | 19.57 | 2 | yes | 20.90 | 25.18 |
| sslp-10-50-50 | 10 | 59.53 | 0 | — | 18.59 | 79.21 | 0 | — | 82.92 | 143.38 | 0 | — | 170.92 | 231.47 |
| sslp-10-50-100 | 10 | 169.66 | 0 | — | 33.70 | 208.92 | 0 | — | 149.11 | 324.38 | 0 | — | 297.68 | 473.54 |
| sslp-10-50-500 | 10 | 2590.51 | 0 | — | 159.86 | 2936.14 | 0 | — | 726.88 | 3493.54 | 0 | — | 1433.61 | 4211.2 |
| sslp-10-50-1000 | 10 | 12152.36 | 0 | — | 307.89 | 13280.50 | 0 | — | 1415.21 | 14743.00 | 0 | — | 2870.70 | 15901.40 |
| sslp-10-50-2000 | 10 | 10(h) | 0 | — | 619.36 | 10(h) | 0 | — | 2765.15 | 10(h) | 0 | — | 5461.21 | 10(h) |
| sslp-15-45-5 | 15 | 3.80 | 11 | yes | 2.53 | 4.86 | 7 | no | 9.37 | 10.73 | 10 | No | 42.69 | 50.80 |
| sslp-15-45-10 | 15 | 5.81 | 9 | yes | 6.24 | 12.31 | 6 | yes | 35.10 | 43.40 | 10 | yes | 91.62 | 102.50 |
| sslp-15-45-15 | 15 | 16.03 | 8 | yes | 8.16 | 19.36 | 7 | yes | 58.58 | 83.60 | 8 | yes | 138.12 | 150.66 |

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