

Discrete Optimizations for Supply Demand Matching in Smart Grids

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Smart Grid Overview



- Power grids with remote monitoring and control capabilities
- Trends
 - Fine grained sensing infrastructure
 - Remote control capability
 - Decentralization of generation via proliferation of Distributed Energy Resources (DER)





Our Focus – Discrete Microgrids (1)



- Example: USC Campus Microgrid
- Components
 - Centralized Controller e.g. USC FMS
 - Consumers: Buildings, athletic field, etc.
 - Producers: Photovoltaics (PV)
- Operational Values
 - Consumers: Load Values
 - Producers: Supply Values



At any given time step,

the feasible region of the operational values forms a discrete set



Our Focus – Discrete Microgrids (2)

- Load Curtailment Strategies
 - Global Temperature Reset (GTR)
 - Duty Cycling (DUTY)
 - Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
- Solar Curtailment Strategies
 - (Dis) Connecting a subset of PV modules using micro-inverters









Supply Demand Matching (1)



- Critical grid operation to ensure reliability
- Major steps
 - Advanced planning for dispatch of supply and demand
 - Real time regulation using low ramp up time generators (e.g. storage) to contain mismatches
- Challenges in discrete microgrid
 - Supply variability due to heavy influence of weather
 - Increased prediction errors for longer future horizon
 - Non convex, NP hard optimization on discrete sets





- Solution
 - Real-time discrete optimization and dispatch of controllable load and generation
 - Real-time: ~2.5 minutes as per CAISO real time dispatch specification



State of the Art



Supply Demand Matching in Discrete Microgrids

- Fast convex optimization solutions
 - Assume continuous operational values
 - Limitation: Unbounded errors on discrete sets
- Computationally expensive exhaustive search
 - Limitation: violates tight grid timing constraints
- Heuristics with unbounded errors
 - Limitation: compromises grid reliability



Our Contribution



- Modeling Supply Demand Matching as variants of packing problems e.g. knapsack, subset sum
- Develop **Dynamic Programming** based **approximation algorithms**
- Significant Results
 - Polynomial runtime complexity algorithm
 - Theoretical worst case bounds
 - Constraint violations
 - Objective value errors



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Thesis Statement



- Dynamic Programming based approximation algorithms are well suited to perform scalable and bounded supply demand matching in discrete microgrids
- Definitions
 - Scalable: In terms of runtime with respect to number of nodes
 - Bounded: Worst case guarantee on the amount of constraint violation or objective value error from the optimal solution



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Demand Response



- Problem
 - Limited generation capacity
 - Supply demand imbalance during peak demand periods
- Solution: Adapt demand to supply conditions
- Demand Response: Change in electricity usage affected from the Demand side in Response to a signal from the utility





Load Curtailment Strategies



- Activated using control signals
- Example Strategies
 - Global Temperature Reset: Reset Air Temperature set point
 - Variable Frequency Drive: Control air flow motor speed
 - Duty Cycling: Turn on only a portion of fans at a time



Fan Duty Cycling



Problem Definition



- Given
 - *M* customers, with *N* available strategies for each customer
 - $M \times N$ time varying curtailment matrix $\gamma(t)$ with $\gamma_{bj}(t)$ denoting the curtailment value corresponding to customer b adopting strategy j at time t
 - 0-1 decision matrix: X(t)
 - Targeted per interval curtailment value: $\Gamma(t)$
- Objective
 - Select customers and the strategies they should adopt to achieve per interval targeted curtailment value
- Constraints
 - Bound the number of strategy switches between intervals



Sustainable Demand Response with Strategy Overheads



- Minimize: $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t$
- Subject to:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{bj}(t) * x_{bj}(t) - \Gamma(t) \\ \sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{bj}(t) = 1 \forall b \\ x_{bj}(t) \in \{0,1\} \end{vmatrix} \leq \epsilon_t \forall t \quad \text{Per Interval Target}$$

$$S_{bj}(t) = |x_{bj}(t) - x_{bj}(t-1)| \forall b, j \in [N], t \in \{2 \dots T\} \\ \sum_{t=2}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{N} S_{ij}(t) \leq 2\tau \forall b \quad \text{Subsection}$$







- Challenge
 - Intractable ILP
- Solution
 - Simplify problem and develop approximation algorithms
 - Simplification #1
 - Achieve aggregated curtailment instead of per interval curtailment
 - Simplification #2
 - Achieve per interval curtailment without strategy switching overheads
 - Simplification #3
 - Achieve aggregated curtailment without strategy switching overheads







- <u>Near OptimaL CurtailmEnt Strategy Selection</u>
- Simplification
 - Achieve curtailment target for the entire interval
 - Do not enforce per interval curtailment achievement constraint
- Additional Constraints
 - $\chi_b(i, j)$: cost of switching from strategy *i* to *j* for building *b*
 - τ_b : Upper bound on strategy switching costs for *b*

 $\chi_b(j,k)$





NOLESS Problem Definition



• Subject to:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{bj}(t) * x_{bj}(t) - \Gamma(t) \le \epsilon$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{bj}(t) = 1 \forall b$$
$$x_{bj}(t) \in \{0,1\}$$

Minimize aggregate error

$$S_{bij}(t) = |x_{bj}(t) - x_{bi}(t-1)| \forall b \in [M] \forall i, j, \in [N] t \in \{2 \dots T\}$$
$$\sum_{t=2}^{T} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (x_{bi}(t-1) + x_{bj}(t) - S_{bij}(t)) \chi_{b}(i, j) \le 2\tau_{b} \forall b$$

Bounding strategy switching cost



NOLESS:



Dynamic Programming Solution

DP#1: Boolean function Θ_b for each building *b*

 $\Theta_b(\gamma, t, S_k, q_t) = 1 \ if \ \exists j \in [N] \ \Theta_b(\gamma - \gamma_{bk}(t), t - 1, S_j, q_t - \chi_b(j, k))$

- Can we achieve curtailment γ at time t with strategy k and cost q_t ?
- Yes, if there exists *j* s.t. $\Theta_{b}(\gamma \gamma_{bk}(t), t 1, S_{j}, q_{t} \chi_{b}(j, k))$
- Fill DP and create set θ_b : All possible achievable γ values satisfying constraints

$$\theta_b = \bigcup \{ \gamma_l | \exists (S_k, q), \Theta_b(\gamma_l, T, S_k, q) = 1 \& \mathbf{q} \le \mathbf{\tau}_b \}$$



NOLESS:



Dynamic Programming Solution

DP#2: Pick exactly one element γ_b from each set θ_b **s.t.** : $\sum \gamma_b = \sum_{t=1}^T \Gamma(t)$

Boolean function Φ to optimize across all buildings

$$\Phi(\gamma, b) = 1 \exists \gamma_b, \Phi(\gamma - \gamma_b, b - 1) = 1$$

• Possible to achieve γ using 1, ..., $b \leftrightarrow$ Possible to achieve $\gamma - \gamma_b$ using 1, ..., b - 1



NOLESS:



Rounding Approximation Technique

- Challenge
 - $O(\Gamma)$ entries in dynamic programming table
 - $\Gamma = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Gamma(t)$
- Solution
 - Choose an accuracy parameter ϵ
 - Partition Γ into number of buckets polynomial in input size and $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$









• Approach

$$- \mu = \frac{\epsilon \Gamma}{TM}$$
$$- \hat{\gamma} = \lfloor \frac{\gamma}{\mu} \rfloor$$



• Fill Dynamic Programming tables using rounded curtailment values

• Runtime:
$$O\left(\frac{T^3MN^2}{\epsilon}\right) + O\left(\frac{M^3T^2}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$
, assuming $\tau_b = O(T)$

- Result
 - Worst case curtailment error: $\epsilon\Gamma$
 - Example: $\Gamma = 1000$ kwh, $\epsilon = 0.1$, Error = < 100 kwh



Results and Analysis



• Dataset

- USC Smart Grid Demand Response Program
- Number of nodes: 10-100
- Number of strategies: 6
- Number of time intervals: 16
- Target Curtailment: 100-1500 kWh
- Toolkit
 - Baseline
 - IBM Cplex for ILP formulations
 - NOLESS Approximation Algorithm
 - Java
- Platform: Dell Optiplex 4-cores, 4 GB RAM



Results and Analysis





- Scalability
 - Quadratic in nodes and $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$





- 150 seconds
 - 90 nodes with 5% error
- Runtime of Baseline (CPLEX): a few seconds to more than an hour



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Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: Motivation

- Trend
 - Rapid penetration of DERs such as solar PVs
- Challenge
 - Periods with supply surplus causing over voltages
 - Load Curtailment inadequate to mitigate supply surplus
- Solution
 - Supply Curtailment





Solar Curtailment Technique

- Modern PVs installations
 - Individual PVs grid connected using single microinverter
- Solar curtailment
 - Turn on/off individual micro-inverter
 - Simple coarse grained control
- PV Installation Output
 - Sum of supply from grid connected PV modules (microinverters in on configuration)

[1] Microinverter Curtailment Strategy for Increasing Photovoltaic Penetration in Low-Voltage Networks, Gagrica et. al., IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy, Vol 6, No 2, April 2015









Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: Framework



- Unified framework that performs
 - Supply curtailment using PV microinverters
 - Load curtailment using DR strategies





Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: Problem Definition



- Model
 - M nodes, N strategies, T intervals
- $\gamma_{bj}(t)/c_{bj}(t)$: Curtailment/cost of node *b* following strategy *j* at time *t*
- $x_{bj}(t)$: 0-1 decision variable node b following strategy j at time t
- Γ_t : Curtailment target for time *t*
- Additional constraints
 - Fairness: No node should curtail more that its budget B_b
 - Ensures equitable curtailment burden



Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: ILP Formulation

$$min_{x} \sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} c_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \qquad \text{Minimize Cost}$$

S. t.
$$\sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \ge \Gamma_{t} \forall t \qquad \text{Per interval target achieved}$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \gamma_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \le B_{b} \forall b \qquad \text{Fairness Constraint}$$

- Packing Integer Problem with each integer appearing in k = 3 constraints
- $ek + O(k) \rightarrow > 8$ approximation factor



Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: Approximation Algorithms



• Simplification #1

- Remove fairness constraint
- Add upper bound on achieved curtailment $\Gamma = \sum_{b=1}^{M} B_b$
- Simplification #2
 - Assume costs proportional to curtailment
- Other Versions
 - Supply Demand matching with network constraints



MinCB: Min Cost Net Load Balancing



- Objectives
 - Γ_t achieved for each interval
 - Aggregate curtailment in T intervals is less than $\Gamma = \sum_{b=1}^{M} B_b$
 - Cost minimized
- Integer Program Formulation

$$min_{x} \sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} c_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \qquad \text{Minimize Cost}$$

$$s.t. \sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \ge \Gamma_{t} \ \forall t \qquad \text{Per interval target achieved}$$

$$\sum_{b=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \gamma_{bj}(t) x_{bj}(t) \le \Gamma \qquad \text{Avoid excessive curtailment}$$





MinCB:

Approximation Algorithm (1)

- Two level Dynamic Program
- First Level
 - For each time t
 - Dynamic Programming Recursion:
 - Identify minimum cost to achieve γ using 1, ..., b nodes

$$\Theta_t(\gamma, b) = \min_{j} \{\Theta_t(\gamma - \gamma_{bj}(t), b - 1) + c_{bj}(t)\}$$

- Select nodes strategy pairs with:
 - c: cumulative cost
 - γ : cumulative curtailment
 - And:

 $S_t = \{(\Theta_t(\gamma, M), \gamma) | \gamma \ge \Gamma_t\}$







MinCB:

Approximation Algorithm (2)

- Across all time intervals
 - Select exactly 1 element (c_t, γ_t) from each S_t s.t:
 - $-\sum_{t=1}^{T} \gamma_t \leq \Gamma$ and $\sum_{t=1}^{T} c_t$ minimized
- Second Level Dynamic Program Recursion:
 - Identify minimum cost to achieve γ using 1, ..., t time intervals

$$\Phi(\gamma, t) = \min_{j \mid (c_j, \gamma_j) \in S_t} \left\{ \Phi(\gamma - \gamma_j, t - 1) + c_j \right\}$$

• Final result: $\min_{\gamma} \Phi(\gamma, T)$





MinCB: Approximation Algorithm (3)



- User defined accuracy parameter ϵ
- Apply rounding technique for approximation

- Result
 - Cost minimized
 - Curtailment Error Bounds
 - Aggregate Γ : $(1 + \epsilon)$ factor
 - Per interval Γ_t : (1ϵ) factor

Minimum Cost solution in the vicinity of the optimal



Results and Analysis: Experimental Setup (1)



- Implementation
 - Algorithms: MATLAB
 - Integer Program/Linear Program: IBM ILOG Cplex Optimization Studio
 - Platform: Dell Optiplex 4-cores, 4 GB RAM
- Parameters
 - Horizon: 16 intervals
 - Cost: $2 \times \gamma^2$
- Dataset
 - Load Curtailment: USC Demand Response program
 - Solar Curtailment
 - Simulated Data using hourly solar radiance data for USC



Scalability: MinCB



- Scalability:
 - Quadratic increase in runtime with number of nodes
 - $\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \text{ dependence on} \\ \text{ accuracy parameter } \epsilon$
- 150 seconds
 - 40 nodes with 20% error
 - 25 nodes with 10% error 100





Improvement in PV Penetration

- PV Penetration = $\frac{PV_{avg}}{Load_{avg}} \times 100$
- Limit on PV penetration
 - Average supply + 1 std < minimum load
- Maximum Curtailment: 1ϵ times maximum supply
 - Supply: 100 kwh, $\epsilon = 0.1$
 - Max Curtailment: 90 kwh
- Potential PV penetration increase from ~13% to 250%







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Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty: Motivation



- Prediction errors create uncertainty in grid operation
- Model: Two stage decision making^[2]
 - Dispatch load/generation in first stage
 - Use storage to address supply demand mismatch in second stage
- Scenario:
 - Random variable *X*, governed by randomness ξ
 - Scenario $\varepsilon \in \xi$ corresponds to a single realization of randomness

[2] Sampling Bounds for Stochastic Optimization, Charikar, Moses, Chandra Chekuri, and Martin Pál, Approximation, Randomization and Combinatorial Optimization. Algorithms and Techniques. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2005. 257-269



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (2)

- Supply side control
 - Supply Value: $\gamma_{ij} + \delta_{ij}^{\varepsilon}$
 - γ_{ij} : predicted supply value for node *i* strategy *j*
 - $\delta_{ij}^{\varepsilon}$: realization of supply uncertainty value in scenario ε
- $C(x): \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} c_{ij} x_{ij}$: cost of supply dispatch decision x
- $v(x, \varepsilon)$: $\sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \delta_{ij}^{\varepsilon} x_{ij}$: uncertainty due to first stage dispatch decision x for scenario ε
- $X = \{x \mid \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{ij} x_{ij} = D\}, D$ being the expected demand



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (3)



$$\min_{x} C(x), E[v(x)]$$

$$s.t.x \in X$$

- By linearity of expectation: $E[v(x)] = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} v_{ij} x_{ij}$
- $v_{ij} \rightarrow$ Expected uncertainty value of node *i* following strategy *j*
- Dynamic Programming Formulation

$$\Theta(\gamma, c, i) = \min_{j} \{\Theta(\gamma - \gamma_{ij}, c - c_{ij}, i - 1) + v_{ij}\}$$

• Identify minimum expected uncertainty to achieve γ at cost c using 1, ..., i nodes



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (4)

- Rounding Approximation Technique
- Find Pareto optimal solutions on the set: $\Theta(D, :, M)$
 - All cost, uncertainty pairs that achieve D in first stage using 1, ..., M nodes
- Approximation Guarantee
 - $(1 + \epsilon)$ factor for cost
 - Uncertainty minimized
 - $-\epsilon D$ difference from first stage optimal supply



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (5)



- Challenge: How to calculate v_{ij} ?
 - Possibly exponential number of scenarios
 - Even tractable problem definition not possible



Latent State Model

- Solution
 - Latent state model
 - Assume a latent variable realizes all the random variables simultaneously
 - Use expectation value of uncertainty for each random variable independently

Blackbox model

- A blackbox realizing scenarios
- Sample scenarios using O(1) operation



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (6): BlackBox Model



- Assumptions
 - − 0 ≤ $v(x, \varepsilon) \le \lambda Z^*$, where Z^* : optimal expected uncertainty, λ problem parameter
- Implications
 - Worst case uncertainty for a given decision x for a given scenario ε is not "too large" compared to the optimal expected uncertainty
- Approximation Algorithm
 - Choose $\epsilon > 0$: accuracy parameter, $\delta > 0.5$ probability parameter
 - Sample $K = \Theta(\lambda^2 \epsilon^{-2} \log |X| \log \frac{1}{\delta})$
 - Use DP based approximation algorithm to generate dominating solutions



Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty (7): BlackBox Model

- With probability (1δ)
 - Approximation factor: $(2 + \epsilon)$ for uncertainty
 - Runtime: polynomial in $\lambda, \frac{1}{\delta}, \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ and input size
- Proof Sketch
 - i^{th} sample: $v^i(x)$
 - Define $Y_i = \frac{v^i(x)}{\lambda Z^*}$, $Y_i \in [0,1]$
 - Apply Chernoff's bound for $\sum Y_i E[\sum Y_i] > \epsilon K$
 - To get bound on $\sum v^i(x) E[v(x)]$



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 - Algorithms: python
 - Platform: Dell Optiplex 4-cores, 4 GB RAM
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Impact



- LA Smart Grid Demonstration Project
 - Successful implementation of Demand Response program in USC
 - As high as 1.2 MWh curtailment achieved in a single DR event
 - Knowledge Transfer to LADWP for implementation in LA
 - Patent Pending: System for Automated Dynamic Demand Response





Conclusion



- Polynomial runtime complexity supply demand matching algorithms with bounds on worst case errors
- Problems studied
 - Optimal Demand Response: Curtailment error bounded by ϵ factor of the targeted error
 - Cost Optimal Supply Demand Matching: Cost minimized with ϵ factor bound on curtailment constraint violation
 - Supply Demand Matching with Prediction Uncertainty: Dominating solutions with cost and uncertainty within $2 + \epsilon$ factor



Thank You



- Questions?
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Relevant Publications



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Backup Slides



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Approximation Algorithms



- State of the art Approximate Supply Demand Matching
 - Constant Factor algorithms for peak demand reduction based on strip packing
- Other applications of approximation algorithms in smart grids
 - Placement Problems: PMU, Storage, generation using submodularity
 - Steiner tree based protection tree for cyber physical security of smart grids



Simplification #2: Sustainable Demand Response (SDR)



- Simplification: No strategy switching costs considered
- Minimize: $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \epsilon_t$
- Subject to:
 - $\left| \sum_{i=1}^{M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{\{ij\}}(t) * x_{\{ij\}}(t) \Gamma(t) \right| \le \epsilon_t \,\forall t$
 - $\sum_{j=1}^{N} x_{\{ij\}}(t) = 1 \; \forall i$
 - $x_{\{ij\}}(t) \in \{0,1\}$



Sustainable Demand Response (SDR) (2)



- Approximation Algorithm
 - Variant of Subset sum problem
- DP:

$$\Theta_t(\gamma, b) = \begin{cases} 1 \ \exists j \in [N], \Theta_t(\gamma - \gamma_{bj}, b - 1) = 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

- Rounding scheme: $\mu = \frac{\epsilon \Gamma}{M}$
- Runtime: $O(\frac{M^2N}{\epsilon})$
- Worst case approximation error: $\epsilon\Gamma$



Simplification #2 and Other Problems

- Assume costs are a function of curtailment: $c = f(\gamma)$
- (2,2)-factor algorithms using LP rounding technique (linear *f*)
- Transform Level Supply Demand Matching
 - Distributor capacity constraints violated by at most (1ϵ) factor
- Smart Grid Level Supply Demand Matching with Network Capacity Constraints
 - Feeder and distributor capacity constraints violated by at most (1ϵ) factor
 - Required supply/demand curtailment within $(1 \pm 2\epsilon)$ of optimal







Simplification #2: MinCB with Fairness



- Assume costs are a function of curtailment: $c = f(\gamma)$
- Integer Program:





Simplification #2: Approximation Algorithm



- Relax the Integer Program to Linear Program i.e. $0 \le x_{bj}^*(t) \le 1 \forall b, t$
- $\gamma' \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_{bj}(t) x_{bj}^{*}(t)$
- Round γ' to strategy *i* with nearest curtailment value for node *b* at time *t*: $\gamma_{bi}(t)$

• Result: For a linear cost function *f*, the algorithm above is a (2,2)-factor Algorithm. For quadratic cost function *f*, the algorithm is (4,2)-factor algorithm



MinCB: Accuracy





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Future Direction #1:



Discrete Multi Phase Supply Demand Matching

- Discrete optimization considering
 - Active and reactive power
 - Phase angles
 - Control variables: p, q

$$\min_{p,q,P,Q,l,v} f(p,q,P,Q,l,v)$$

$$p_{j} = \sum_{k:j \to k} P_{jk} - \sum_{i:i \to j} (P_{ij} - r_{ij}l_{ij}) + g_{j}v_{j} \forall j$$

$$q_{j} = \sum_{k:j \to k} Q_{jk} - \sum_{i:i \to j} (Q_{ij} - x_{ij}l_{ij}) + b_{j}v_{j} \forall j$$
Phase angle relaxation
$$v_{j} = v_{i} - 2(r_{ij}P_{ij} + x_{ij}Q_{ij})(r_{ij}^{2} + x_{ij}^{2})l_{ij} \forall (i,j) \in E$$

$$l_{ij} \ge \frac{P_{ij}^{2} + Q_{ij}^{2}}{v_{i}}$$
Equality relaxation



Future Direction #2: Joint Optimization over Multiple Infrastructure for Smart Cities

- Discrete Operational values
 - Smart Parking: Binary variables
 - EV charging rates: Discrete values
- Example Problem
 - EV Truck to visit a set of pre-defined locations for delivery and return (TSP)
 - Possibly visit Charging/Discharging location to charge or provide grid services (Shortest path problem)
 - Objective: Minimize sum of charging costs, traveling costs minus discharging compensation
 - Constraints: Delivery deadline



