

Optimization and Operations Research in Mitigation of a Pandemic

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Inventory and Risk Pooling of Medical Equipment in a Pandemic Managing Uncertainty

The War of Ventilators: Inventory Management in Uncertain Environments – Decentralization vs. Centralization



I want 30,000

You ask too much!

Governors Fight Back Against Coronavirus Chaos: ‘It’s Like Being on eBay With 50 Other States’ (New York Times, March 31, 2020)

There is a “bizarre situation” in which every state buys its own ventilators, pitting them against each other in bidding war. The federal government, Fema, should have been the purchasing agent: buy everything and then allocate by need to the states. However, Fema gets involved and starts bidding and even drives up the price.

Beat Uncertainty Through Safety Stock: How Many to Order

The order quantity q^* satisfies:

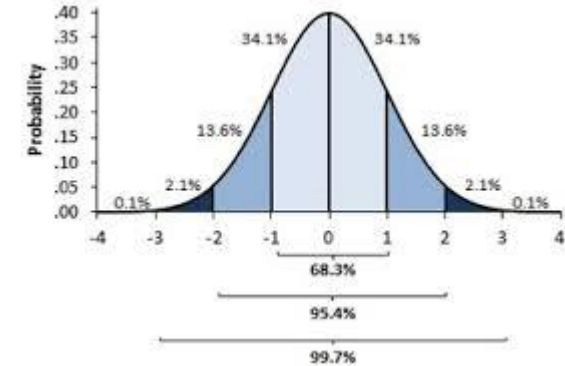
$$\text{Prob}(D \leq q^*) = 0.99$$

$$\Rightarrow F(q^*) = 0.99$$

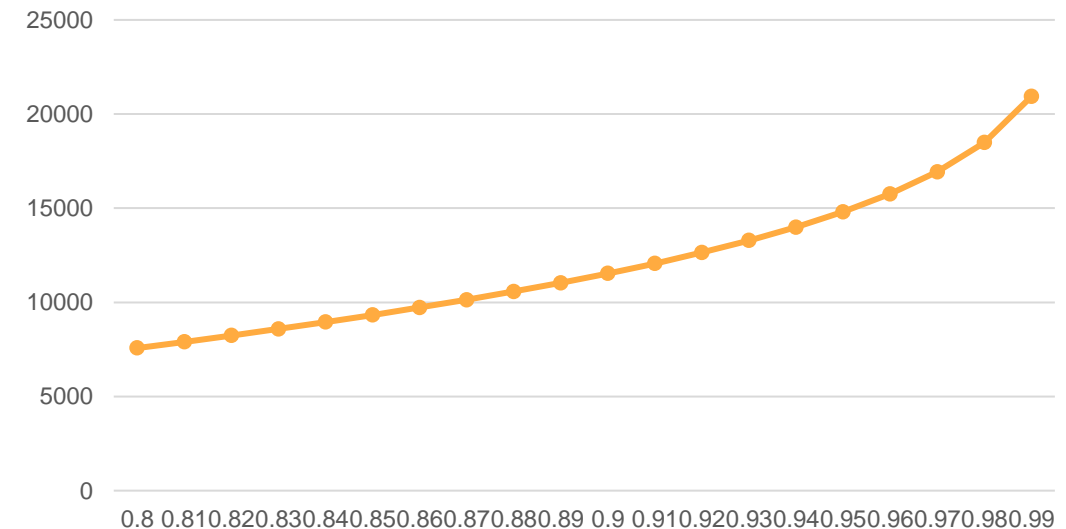
Consider $D \sim N(10000, 9000^2)$

The needed quantity of ventilators is

$$\begin{aligned} q^* &= \mu + \boxed{F_{norm}^{-1}(0.99) * \sigma} \leftarrow \text{Safety Stock} \\ &= 10000 + 2.3263 * 9000 \\ &= 30937 \end{aligned}$$



Safety Stock

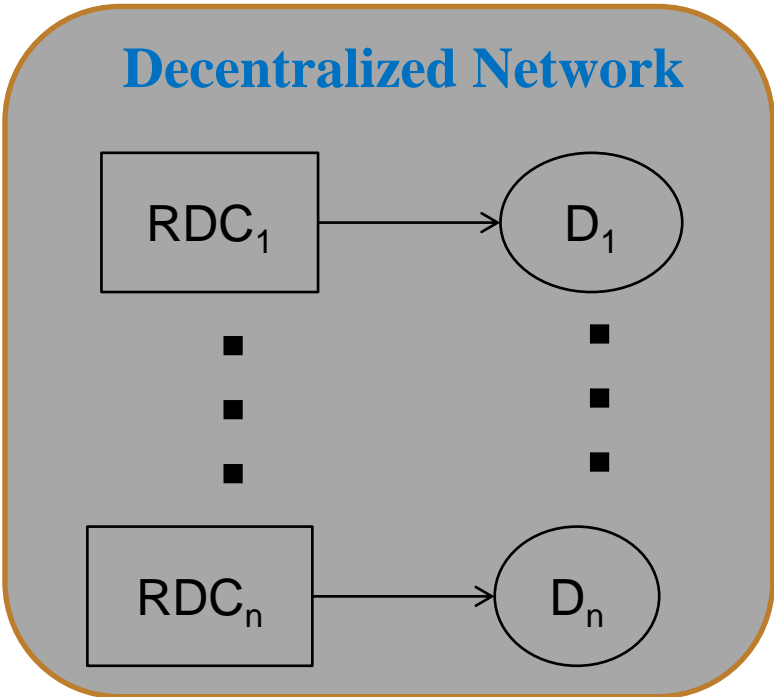


Guarantee Level

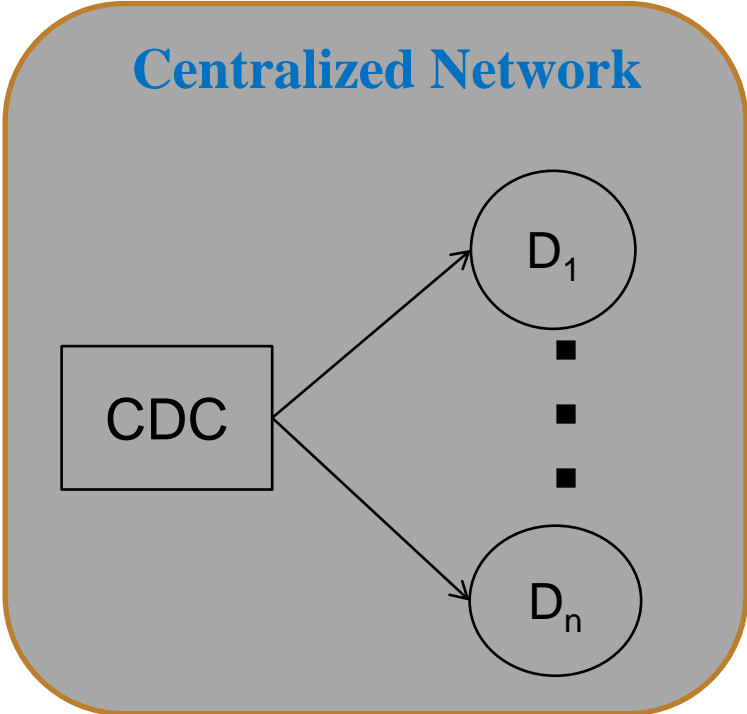
Inventory Network Management: Risk Pooling via Centralization

How many ventilators to order for COVID-19?

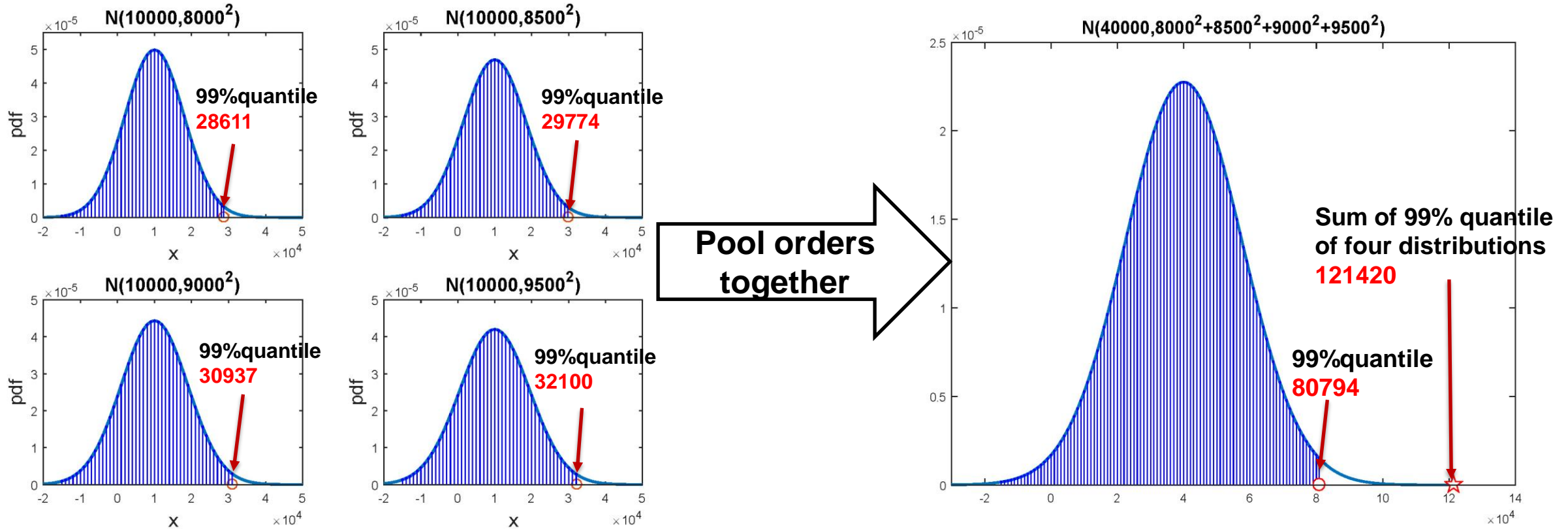
- The number of patients is random and follows a certain distribution $F(\cdot)$
- Desired guarantee level : 99%



Reduce safety stock
Weaken competitiveness



Inventory Network Management: Centralization vs. Decentralization



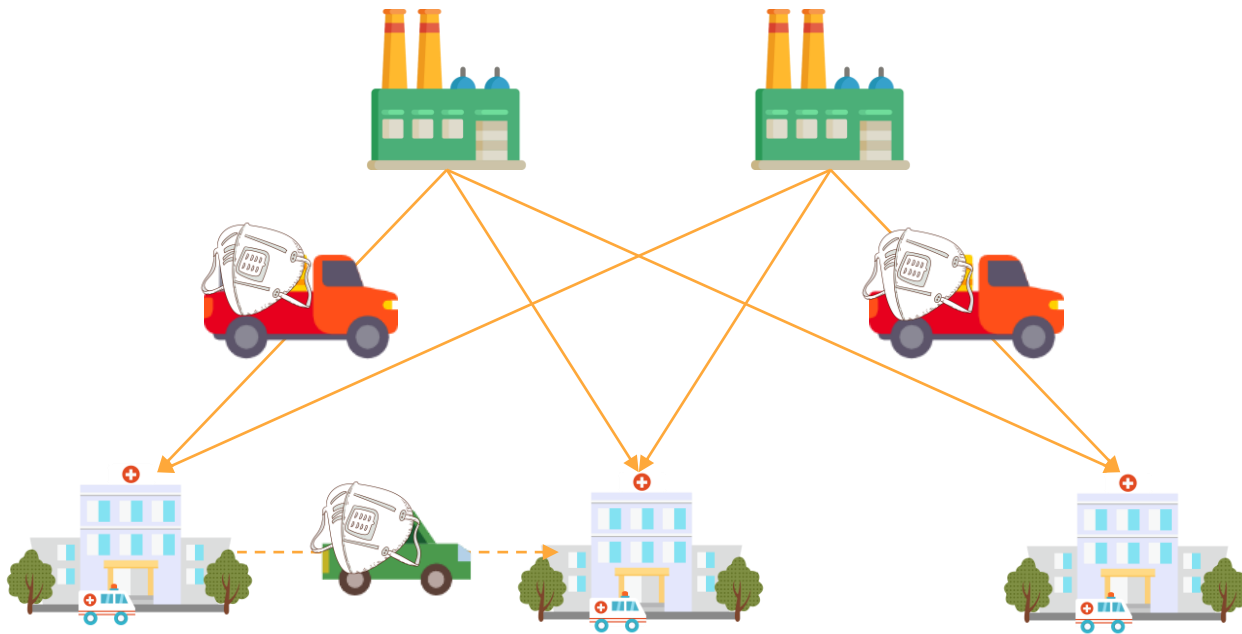
***Even though they may be correlated, the variance can still be reduced due to time delays...**
New York and 6 Other States Form Consortium to Buy Vital COVID-19 Supplies to Fight 'Totally Inefficient' Process (*Time*, MAY 3, 2020)

**Reopen Economy -- Algorithm-Based Supply-
» Chain-Network Management
Machine Decisioning**

Complex Supply-Chain Network Management

Forecasting + Inventory Replenishment + Production Scheduling + Vehicle Routing

1. Make centralized inventory replenishment and efficiently allocate inventory to RDCs facing the Challenge of Coronavirus
2. During the pandemic, there is violent change of supply-chain network and resources; the solution should take in emergent changes in business and data and make **Robust, Flexible, and Agile** responses.



Supply-Chain Challenges

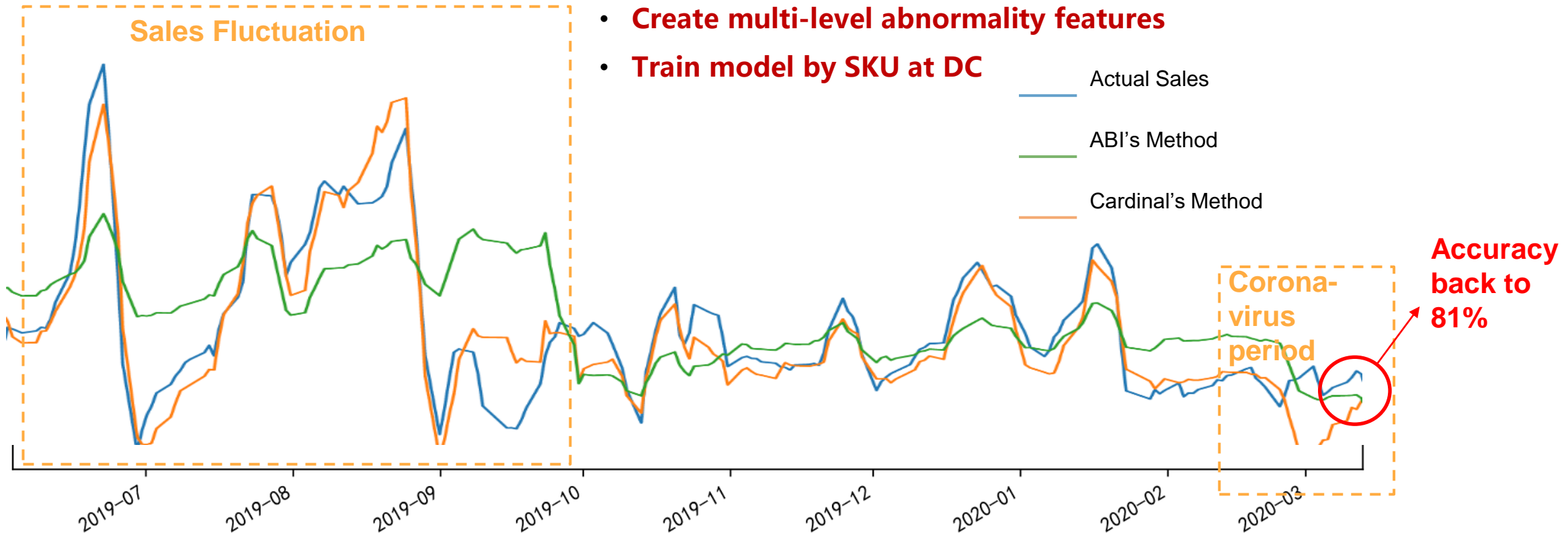
- Lowered demand and volatility
- Interruption of factory, warehouse and transportation resources
- Change production cycle time and production leadtime
- Shortage in critical materials
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Forecasting: Model Adjustment to Pandemic Environment

A Case from Cardinal Operations

10% improvement in forecasting accuracy

- Takes in supply-chain network and resource changes
- Create multi-level abnormality features
- Train model by SKU at DC



- Forecast accuracy improves to **80%** on average

- Achieve a stable **10%** improvement

- During Coronavirus, the new model quickly learns March trend and improves April accuracy to 81%!

Robust: 90%Quantile-Based Dynamic DOI Calculation in Pandemic

DOI (Days of Inventory) is calculated at SKU-level and updated daily.

AS-IS

- Refer to traditional safety stock calculation
- Forecast errors are assumed to be Gaussian i.i.d
- DOI_min is monthly/quarterly updated

$$S_s = K \sqrt{E(LT) \sigma_d^2 + E(d)^2 \sigma_{LT}^2}$$

TO-BE

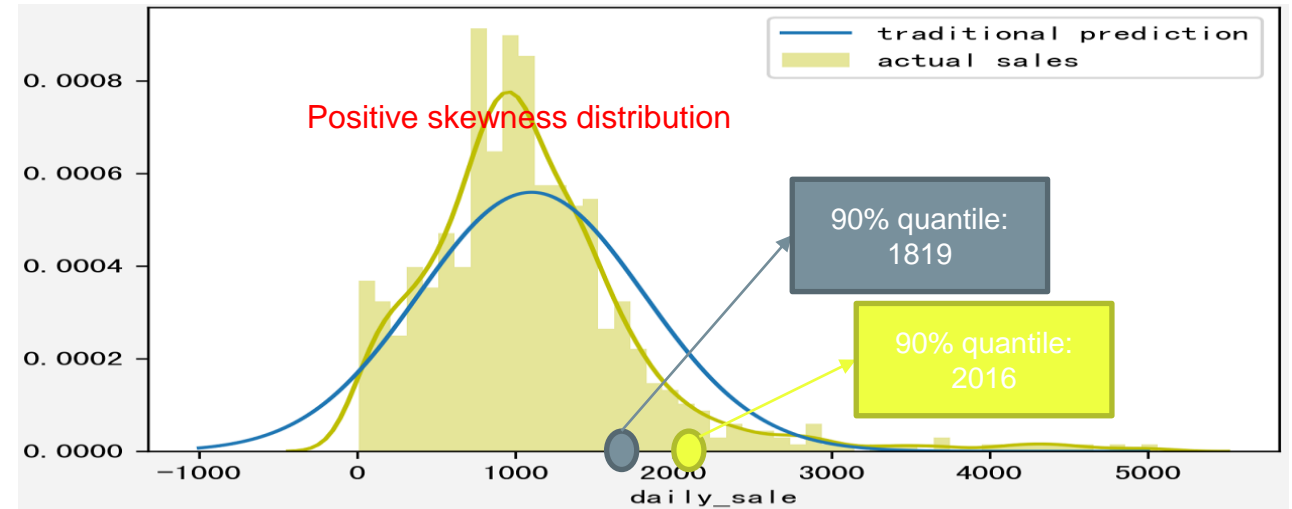
DOI_min

DOI_max

90% Quantile

Consider SKU Classification, Experience Max DOI, Historical Max DOI

- Use 90% quantile forecast to calculate DOI_min
- DOI_min is daily updated along with demand forecast at SKU level



Simulation Results:

- Achieve better Out-of-Stock performance (-3.39%) with lower inventory level (-8.8%)
- Quantile-based dynamic DOI can quickly respond to the market changes, so it performs especially better in the fluctuating period.

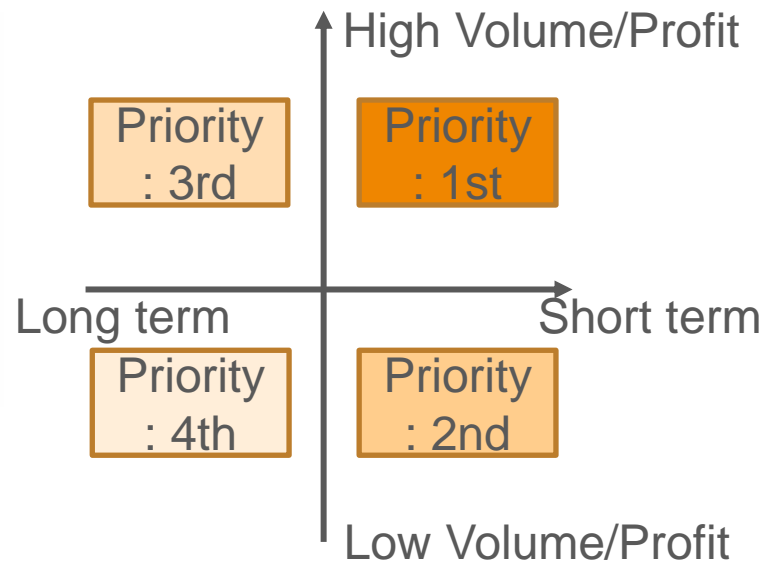
Flexible: Possible Material Substitution



**Alternative BOM
(Bill of Materials)**



Alternative Product



Priority Re-setting



Flexible Working Time

Agile I: Adjustments to the Regular Optimization Framework

Objective Functions

min

Transportation Cost

+

Risk of out-of-stock

+

Risk of overstock

+

Violation of DC special request replsmt.

+

Usage of Hub DC to transfer

+

Volume of obsolescent inventory

+

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Decision Variables and Business Constraints

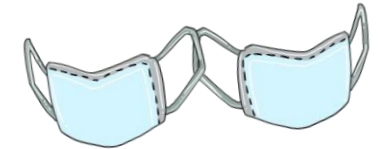
1. **Optimize replenishment quantity**
DOI_min/max (risk of out-of-stock/overstock)
2. **Factory constraints**
inventory / production plan / push target
3. **DC constraints**
capacity / hub DC
4. **Transportation capacity**
5. **Other special constraints**
Half/full/even pallet, co-shipment
6. **Shipping constraints**
SKU and truck type/ weight / MOQ
7. **Stakeholders' feedback**
Fix/increment/deduction of replenishment request
8. **D-0 adjustment**
urgent request / tail volume

COPT Performance

- Solving time: $\leq 10 \text{ min}$
- Number of decision variables: $\geq 10^5$
- Number of constraints: $\geq 10^5$

Base Constraints

(2 days ahead of plan date)



Truck Arrangement & Feedback

(1 day ahead of plan date)



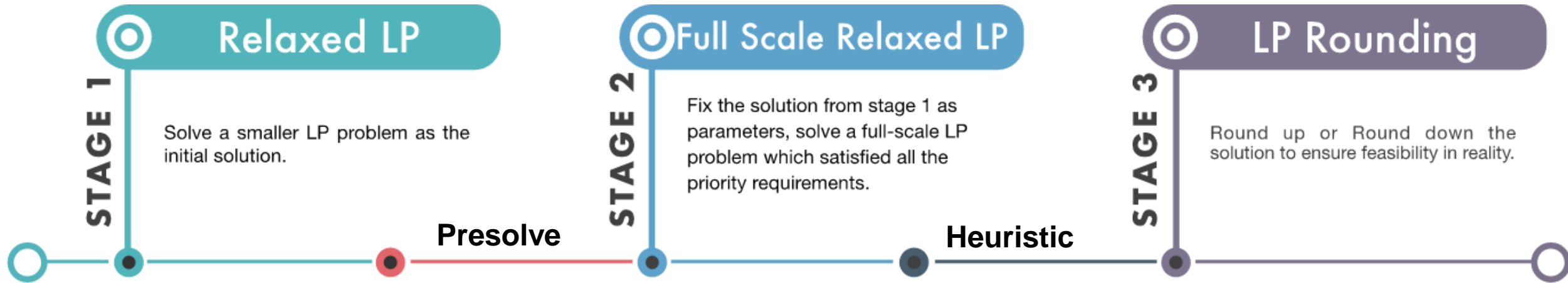
Execution/Urgent

(Real-time adjustment)



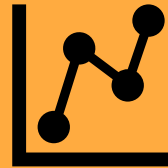
Integer Linear Programming Solver

Traditional ILP solver is not fast enough, so...



Performance

- Modeling and solving time: $\leq 3 \text{ hours}$
- Number of decision variables: $\geq 10^7$
- Number of constraints: $\geq 10^7$



Advantages

- Flexible: rolling on daily basis
- Emergency response
- Root cause analysis

The Results for Budweiser Korea

OOS (out of stock)

- Average out-of-stock rate for 2020 April is 0.37%, which is **46% improvement** from client's 0.69%.

MUC (misallocation unit cost)

- Average misallocation unit cost for 2020 April is 15.98, which **reduces 3.32 kwr per 10L** from client's 19.3.

Abnormality Analysis



- Production halts, inventory is insufficient to cover sales.

If production is further improved, OOS further reduces to 0.16% (77% improvement); MUC further reduces to 11kwr per 10L.

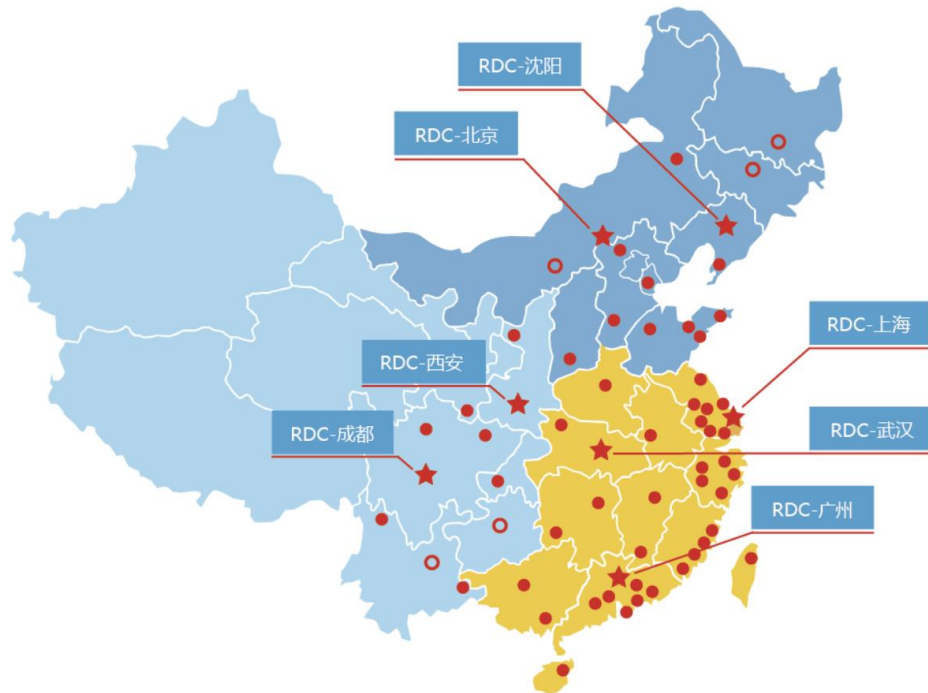


- Transportation capacity reduces, or brewery shutdowns, and there is misallocation of resources.

If these return to normal, MUC further reduces to 1.2kwr per 10L (85% improvement)

Agile II: CDC+RDC Case from Cardinal Operation

Based on a major logistic company's warehouse network and logistics system, provide its customer (product owners) efficient inventory network management solution.



Network design

- Position of RDCs, coverage cities of each RDCs

Assortment

- Which SKUs forward to RDCs
- Which SKUs only hold at CDC

Forecast

- Use machine learning to dynamically predict the demand distribution of each SKU

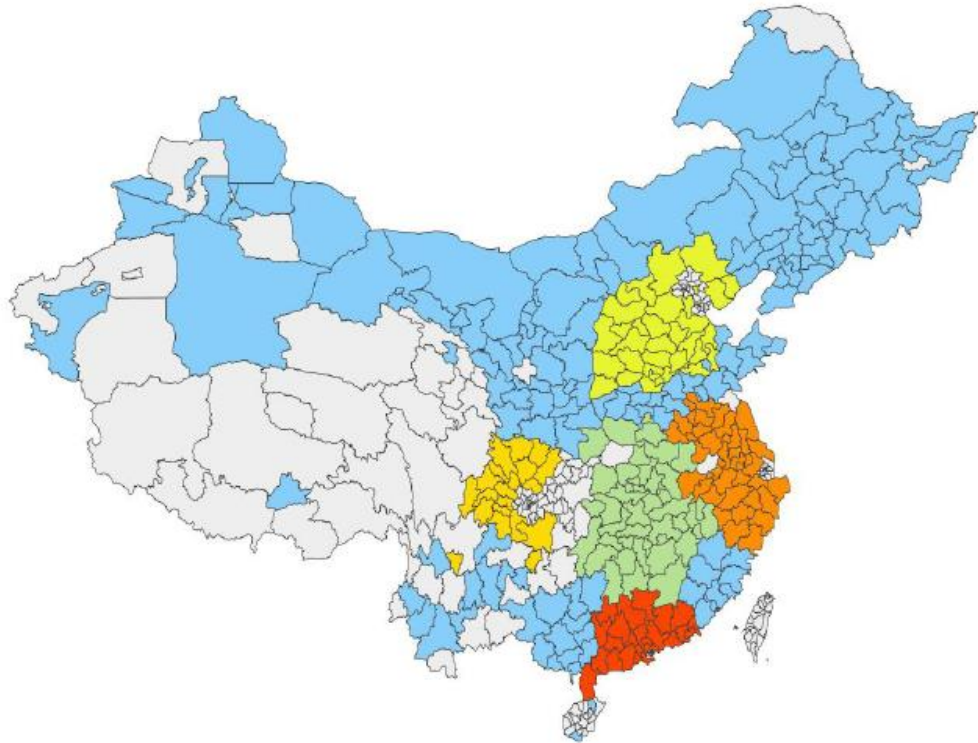
Inventory

- Dynamic safety stock calculation for RDCs and CDC

Demand fulfillment

- Optimize demand fulfillment for real-time order pools

The Simulation Results



Solution Example

Improvement

No.	Category	Cost saving %	Cost saving
1	Clothing	24.40%	¥1,384,240
2	Clothing	14.01%	¥1,016,667
3	Clothing	17.92%	¥2,752,222
4	Clothing	18.73%	¥2,305,534
5	Clothing	24.28%	¥1,985,278
6	Baby care	6.20%	¥590,467
7	Clothing	14.40%	¥473,323
8	3C	16.21%	¥11,678,263
9	Clothing	12.26%	¥412,173



Monte Carlo/Computer Simulation Methods for Drastic and Rare Scenario Analyses

How to Evaluate a Drastic but Rare Scenario/Event Outcome

- **Sample Testing**
 - Random sampling, Focused or Importance sampling
- **Robust Decisioning and Optimization**
- **Computer-Simulation-Based Stress Tests**
 - Simulation allows us to quickly and inexpensively acquire knowledge concerning a problem that is usually gained through experience
 - Monte Carlo simulation is an important and flexible tool for modeling situations in which uncertainty is a key factor
 - Analyze how a health-care system fares in drastic and rare scenarios based on rare event simulation



Design of a Simulation System for Financial/Banking Networks

- Estimate the distribution of losses for a banking network
- Test the losses incurred by the initial shock and the losses resulting from the contagion process

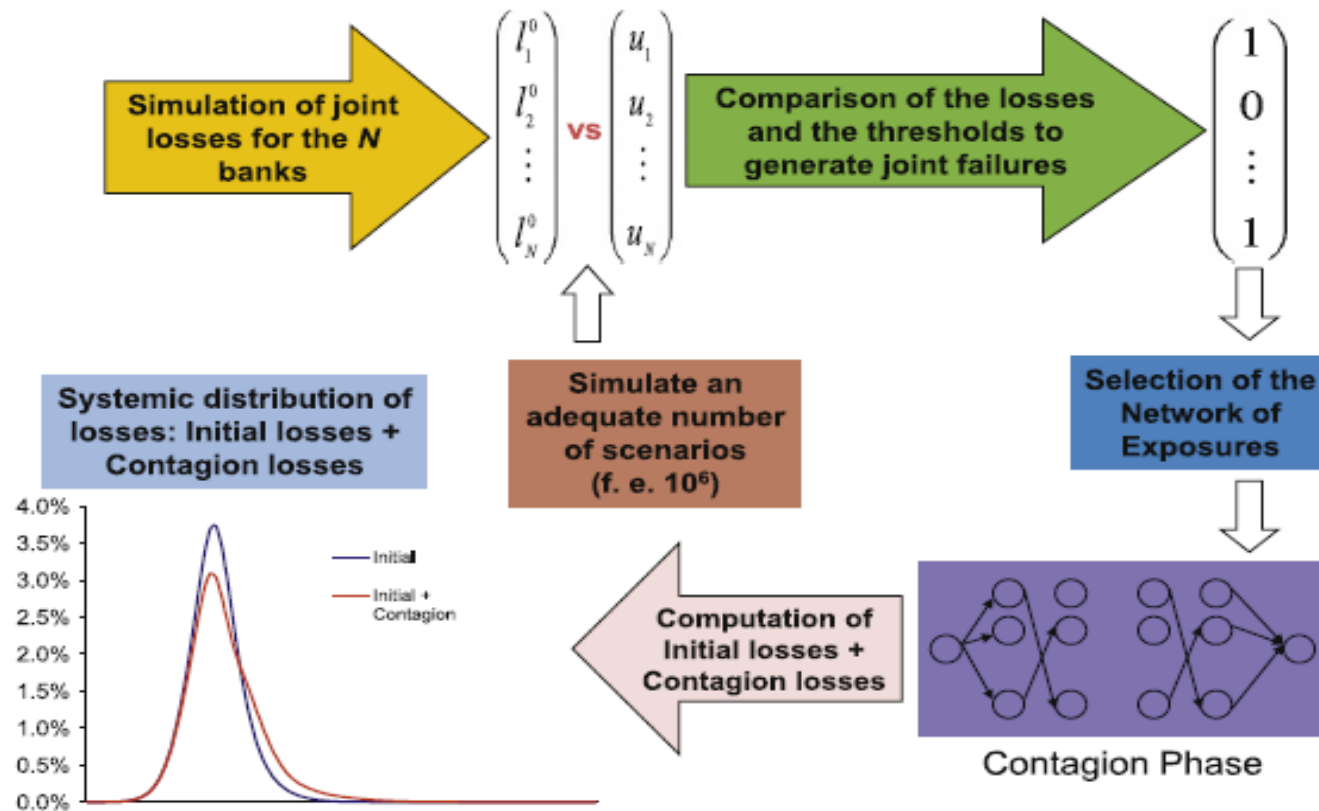


Fig. 1. The simulation algorithm.

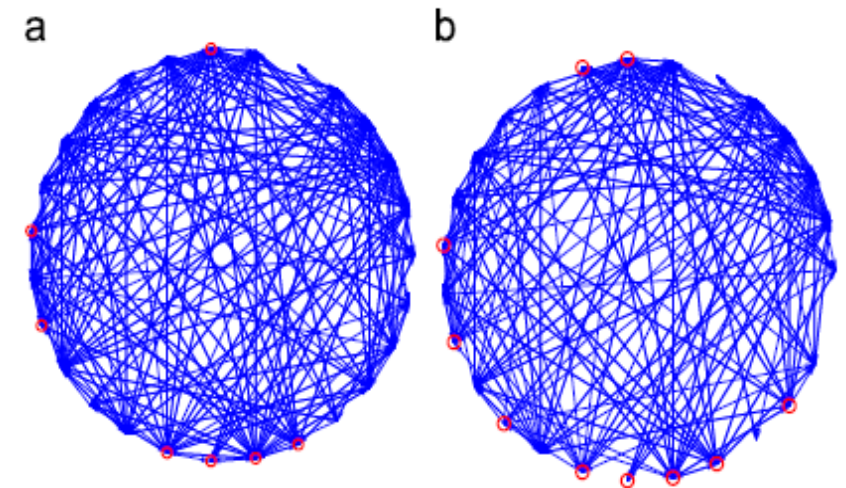
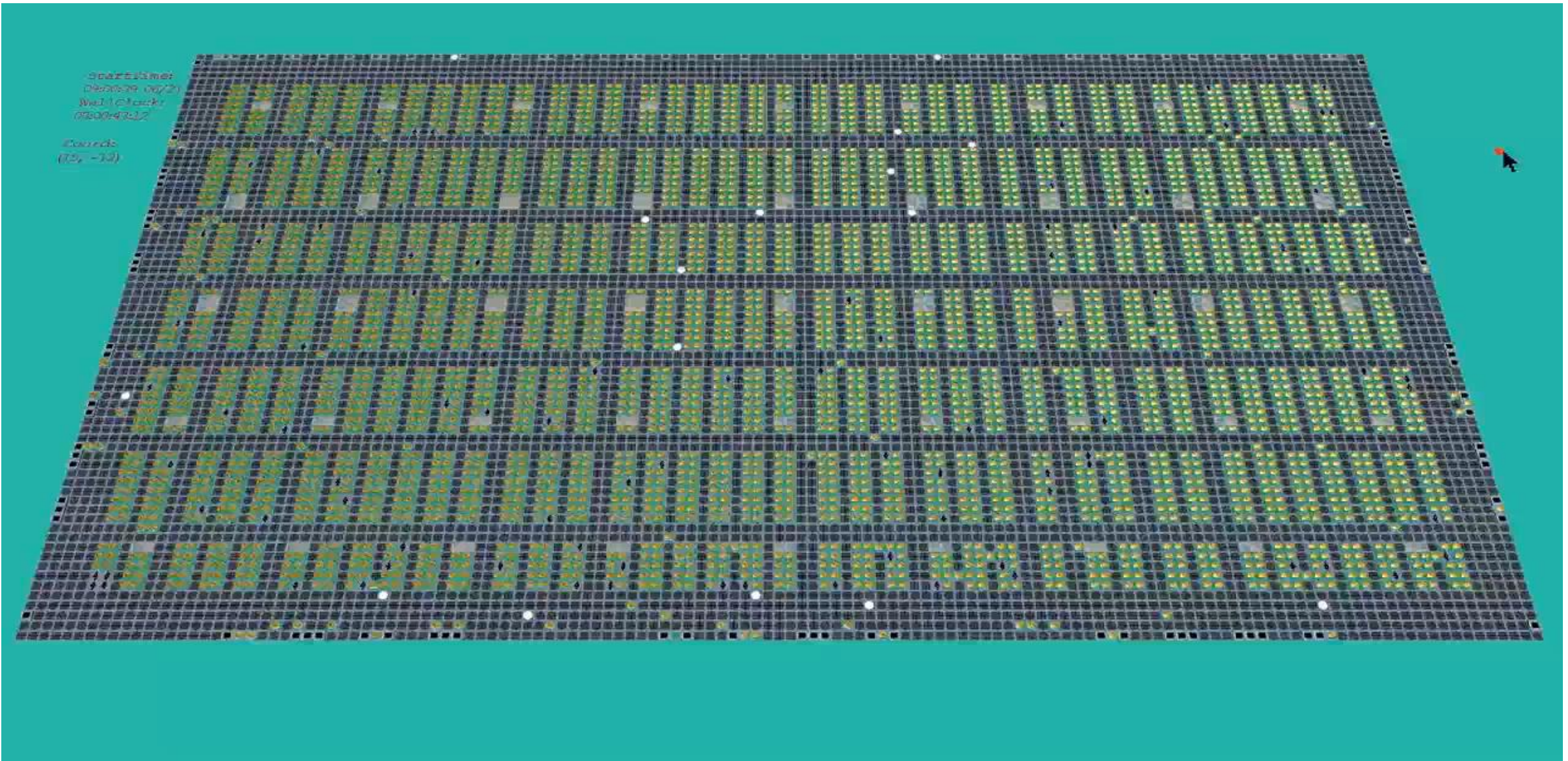


Fig. 2. The interbank exposures network on the 21st (a) and on the 27th (b) of December 2007.

Figures come from:
 Serafin MJ et al., 2010. Systemic risk, financial contagion and financial fragility. *Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control*. 34: 2358–2374)

Simulation System for a Fully Unmanned Warehouse



Stress Testing for 11/11 of an Unmanned Warehouse

A case from Cardinal Operations  on 2017 Data

On 11/11, by adding **14 AGVs** and **3 Workstations + Optimization**, the system managed to boost the productivity by **283%**.

2500 m² | 10000 orders/day | 335257 Pieces (Inventory)

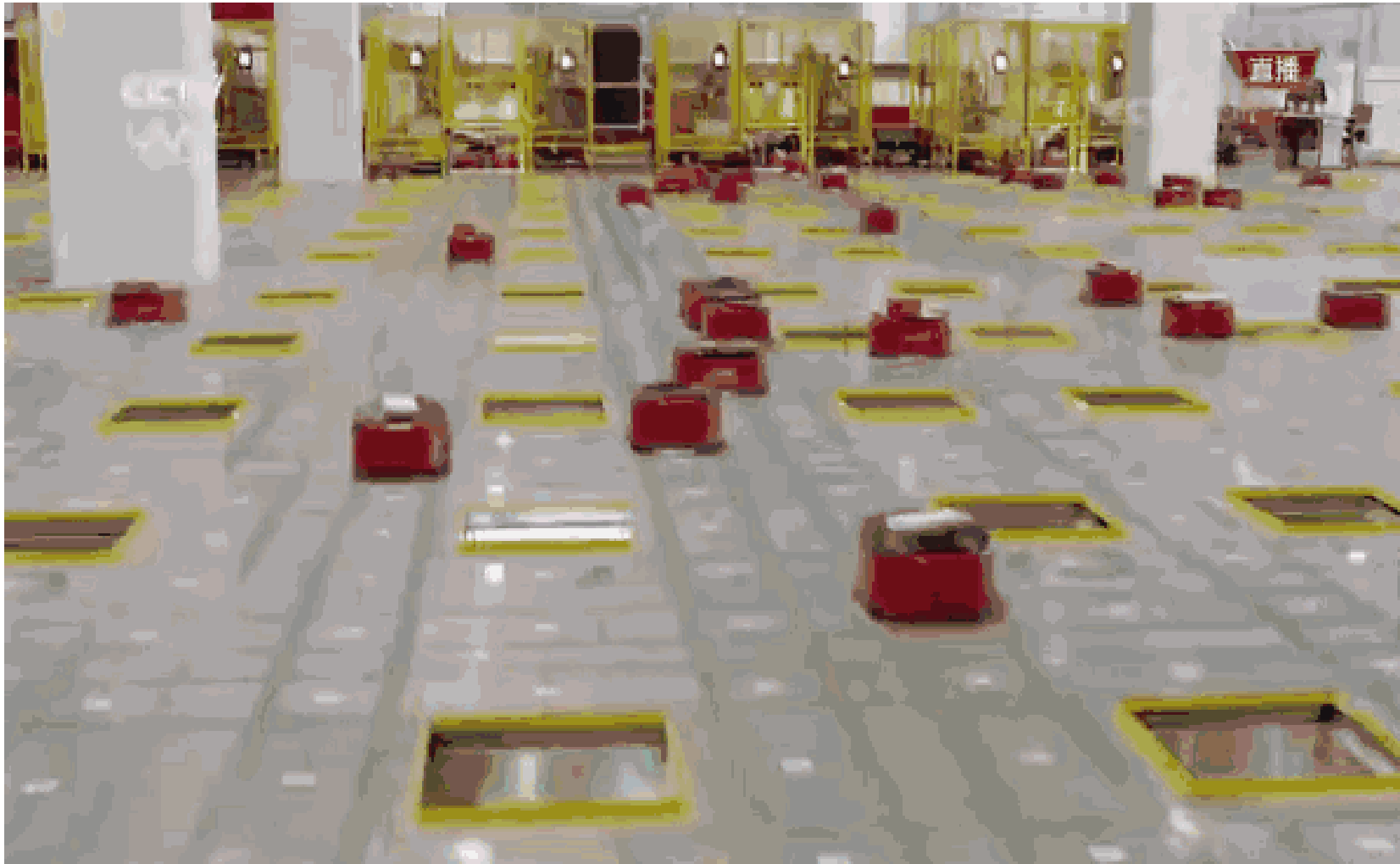
Daily

AGVs: 36
Workstations: 4
Pieces/h per
Workstation: 600
Outbound Quantity:
20000

11/11

AGVs: 50
Workstations: 7
Pieces/h per
Workstation: 1200
Outbound Quantity:
56545





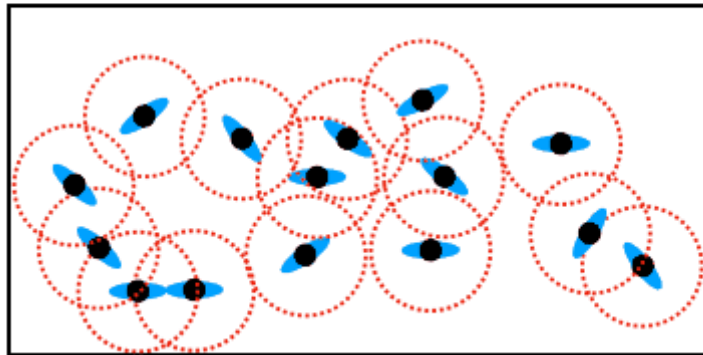
**Beijing 8-minute show at
closing ceremony of
PyeongChang
Winter Olympics**

— China's First Unmanned
Warehouse of JD.com



**New Norm: Operation/Optimization under Social
Distance Constraints
Semidefinite Programming Solution**

Social Distancing: Mathematical Implication and Solution



Accommodate people in finite space with sufficient distance from each other

Math Representation of SD

$$\|x_i - x_j\|_2 \geq 6$$

nonconvex in position variables x .

Two Scenarios

People accommodated *Discretely*

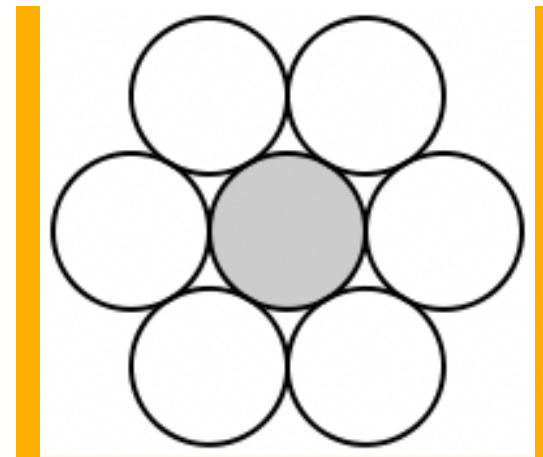
- Indoors: theater, restaurant, school, etc.
- Combinatorial/discrete optimization
- The Max-Independent Set Model



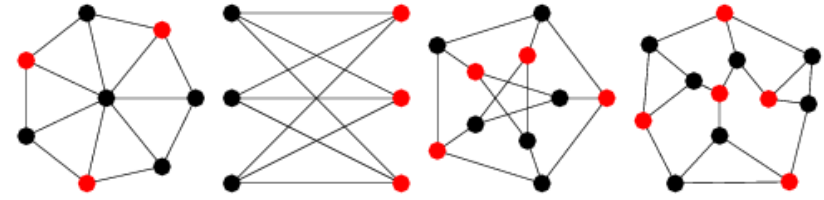
Tables at a restaurant

People accommodated *Continuously*

- Outdoors: beach, square, etc.
- Non-convex continuous optimization
- The Kissing Problem



Max-Independent Set Problem



Given seats in a theater, find an arrangement of maximum seats such that no two seats are within the unsafe distance

Given a graph G , find a subset of vertices of maximum cardinality such that no two vertices in the subset are directly connected

IP Formulation of Max-independent Set Problem

SDP Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} \max_x \quad & \sum_i x_i \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_i + x_j \leq 1 \quad (i, j) \in E \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

Whether a vertex appears in the set

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{X \in \mathbb{S}^{n \times n}} \quad & J \bullet X \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & I_n \bullet X = 1 \\ & X_{i,j} = 0 \quad (i, j) \in E \\ & X \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

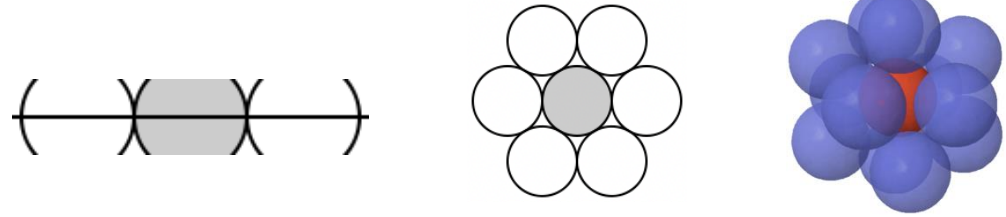
**Max-independent set problem is NP Hard,
but approximation is possible on planar graphs**

(Chiba, Norishige, T. Nishizeki, and N. Saito, 1982)

SDP relaxation can be applied to find upper bound

(Lovasz, and L, 1979)

Kissing Problem



Given a unit sphere, find the maximum number of nonoverlapping unit spheres in d dimension that "kiss" the center sphere

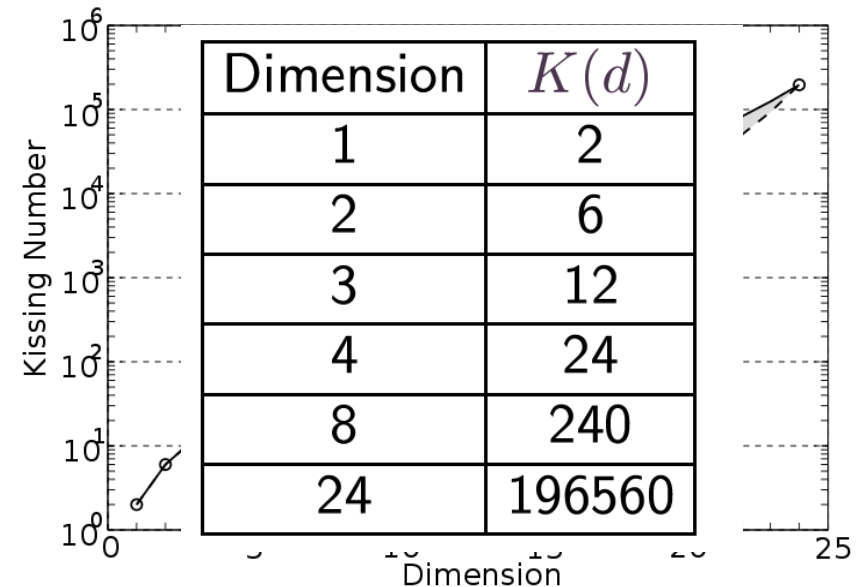
Measure distance by Euclidean Norm

$$\text{dist}(x_i, x_j) = \|x_i - x_j\|_2$$

Need for safe distance δ

$$\|x_i - x_j\|_2 \geq \delta$$

- No closed form solution for dimension d (Kucherenko, et al, 2007)
- Can be formulated and relaxed as SDP feasibility problem for a given number of spheres
- Upper bounds can be provided
- For Quadratic Optimization see Luo et al. 2010

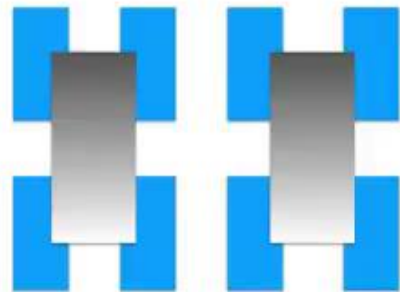


The quadratic constraint is **non-convex** and results in hardness

New Extension: Humanized Arrangement?

What if we allow families/friends to sit together ?

- Potentially more people accommodated
- Independent Set fails to capture the extension
- Max-Independent Set Problem with Clusters
- Can be formulated as 0-1 integer programming



Seats at a restaurant

IP Formulation for Seat Assignment

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{p=1}^n x_{ip} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ip} \leq 1 \quad \forall p \\ & \sum_{p=1}^n x_{ip} \leq 1 \quad \forall i \\ & x_{ip} + x_{jq} \leq 1 \quad \forall \text{strangers } i, j, \text{ close seats } p, q \\ & x_{ip} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, p \end{aligned}$$

Whether person i is assigned to seat p

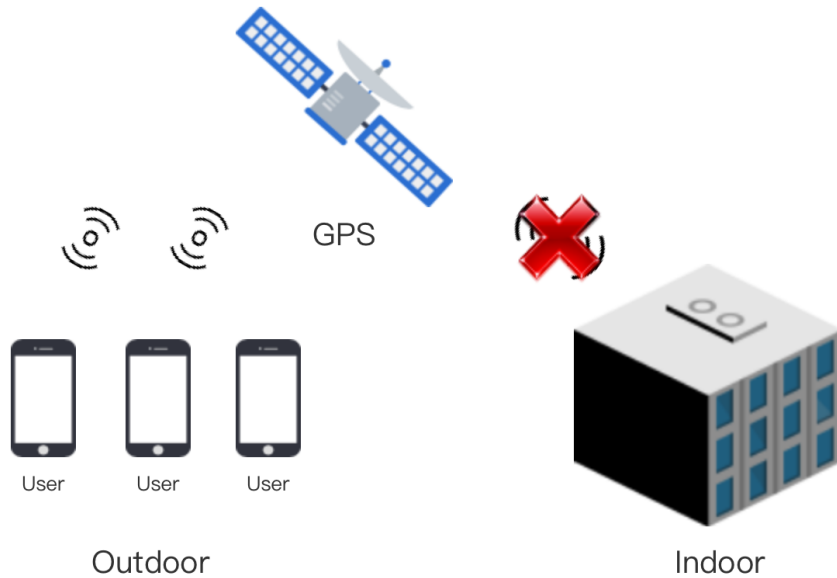
Intuitive and Heuristic Approach?



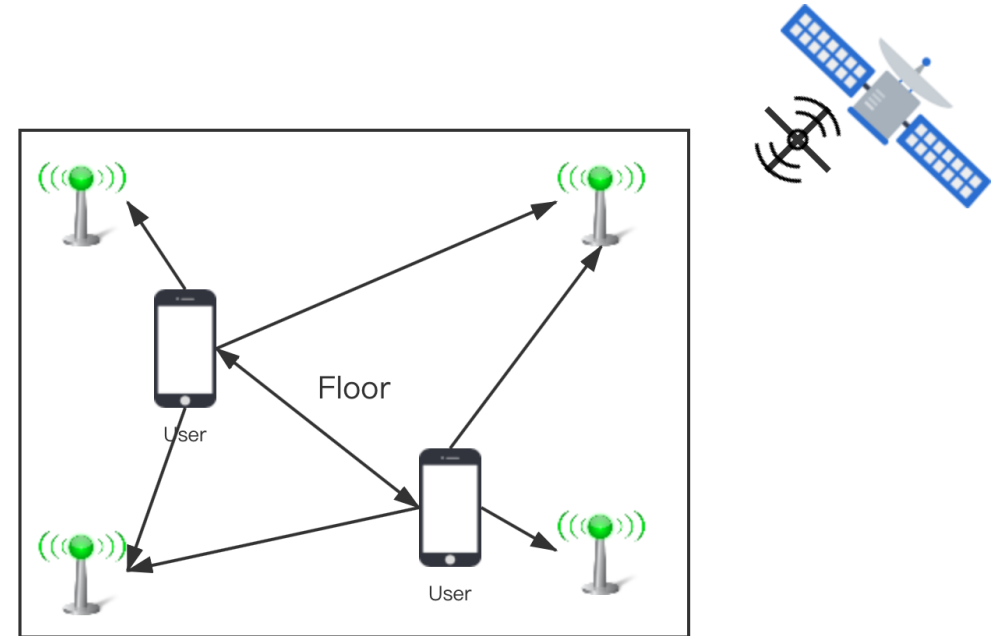
Indoor GPS and Tracking by Sensor Network Localization for Contact-Tracing

Indoor Trajectory Tracking Sensor Localization Problem

Identify trajectory during pandemic



Outdoors: Using GPS



Indoors: Using Indoor Signal Anchors

Sensor Network Localization (SNL)

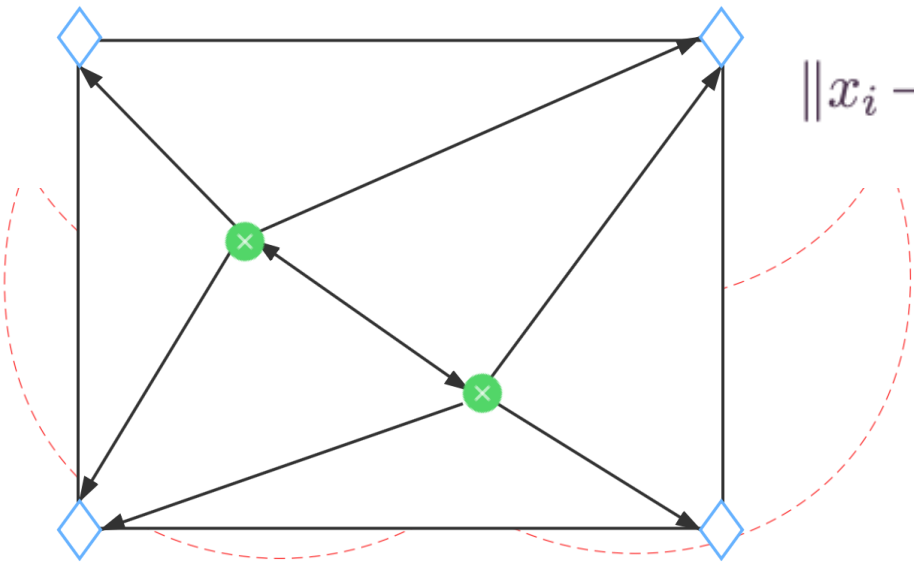
Given m anchor points $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}^d$ whose locations are known and n sensors points $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ whose locations we wish to determine. Furthermore, we are given the Euclidean distance \bar{d}_{kj} between a_k and x_j for some k, j and d_{ij} between x_i and x_j for some i, j . The Sensor Localization Problem is to find a realization of x_1, \dots, x_n such that

Distance between anchor and sensor

$$\|a_k - x_j\|^2 = \bar{d}_{kj}, \bar{d}_{kj} \text{ specified}$$

Distance between sensor and sensor

$$\|x_i - x_j\|^2 = d_{ij}, d_{ij} \text{ specified}$$



- Hard to track even for $d = 1$
- Can be formulated and relaxed as SDP feasibility problem (Biswas and Y 2004; So and Y, 2007)

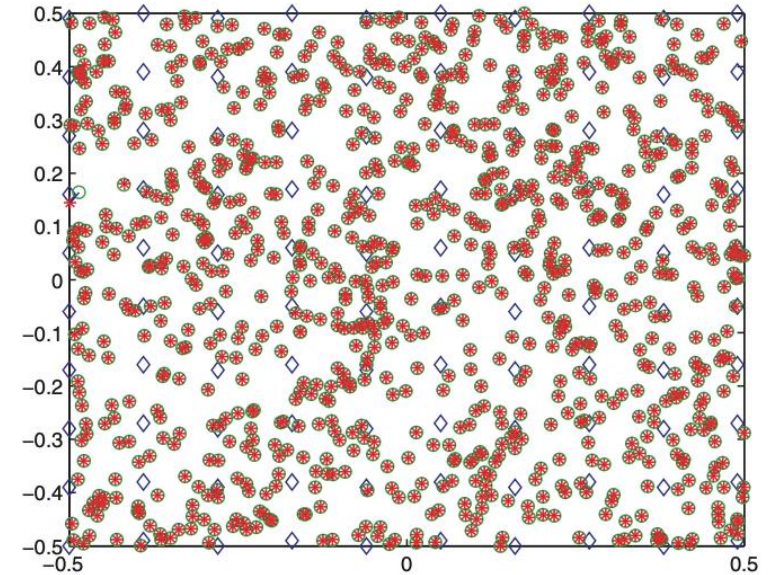
SNL Solution by Semidefinite Programming

Let $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{X, Y} \quad & 0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & e_{ij}^\top Y e_{ij} = d_{ij}^2, \quad \bar{d}_{kj} \text{ specified} \\ & (a_k; e_j)^\top \begin{pmatrix} I_d & X \\ X^\top & Y \end{pmatrix} (a_k; e_j) = \bar{d}_{kj}^2, \quad d_{ij} \text{ specified} \\ & Y = X^\top X \end{aligned}$$

Relax $Y \succeq X^\top X$ and let $Z = \begin{pmatrix} I_d & X \\ X^\top & Y \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_Z \quad & 0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & Z_{1:d, 1:d} = I_d \\ & (\mathbf{0}; e_{ij})(\mathbf{0}; e_{ij})^\top \bullet Z = d_{ij}^2, \quad d_{ij} \text{ specified} \\ & (a_k; e_j)(a_k; e_j)^\top \bullet Z = \bar{d}_{kj}^2, \quad \bar{d}_{kj} \text{ specified} \\ & Z \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

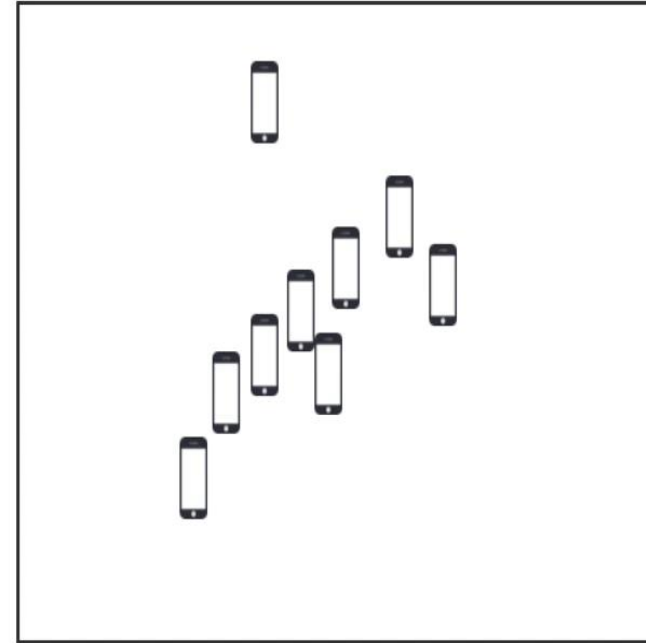


- Relaxation is tight for uniquely localizable graph
- Solution is too slow
- Can be acceleration by edge-based SDP (Wang et al. 2008)

Real-time Sensor Localization Problem

(Naber & Ye 2020, Wang & Ding 2008)

- Work under milder conditions
- A real-time version of sensor localization problem
- Retrieve moving trajectory and predict
- A combination of ESDP for tracking and Gradient Method for error minimization



Edge-based Relaxation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_Z 0 \\
 & \text{s.t. } Z_{(1,2)} = I \\
 & (\mathbf{0}; e_{ij})(\mathbf{0}; e_{ij})^\top \bullet Z = d_{ij}^2, \quad d_{ij} \text{ specified} \\
 & (a_k; e_j)(a_k; e_j)^\top \bullet Z = \bar{d}_{kj}^2, \quad \bar{d}_{kj} \text{ specified} \\
 & Z_{(1,2,i,j)} \succeq 0 \quad d_{ij} \text{ specified}
 \end{aligned}$$

Objects move subject to linear differential equation $\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = AX(t) + Zt + C$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_\gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i \gamma_i^2 \\
 & \text{s.t. } \gamma_i \geq \frac{X(t_i) - X(t_{i-1})}{t_i - t_{i-1}} - AX(t_i) - Zt_i - C, \quad \forall i \\
 & \gamma_i \geq -\frac{X(t_i) - X(t_{i-1})}{t_i - t_{i-1}} + AX(t_i) + Zt_i + C, \quad \forall i \\
 & A, C, Z \in \Lambda
 \end{aligned}$$

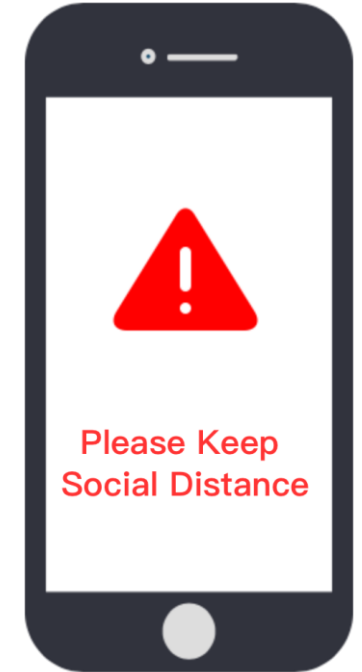
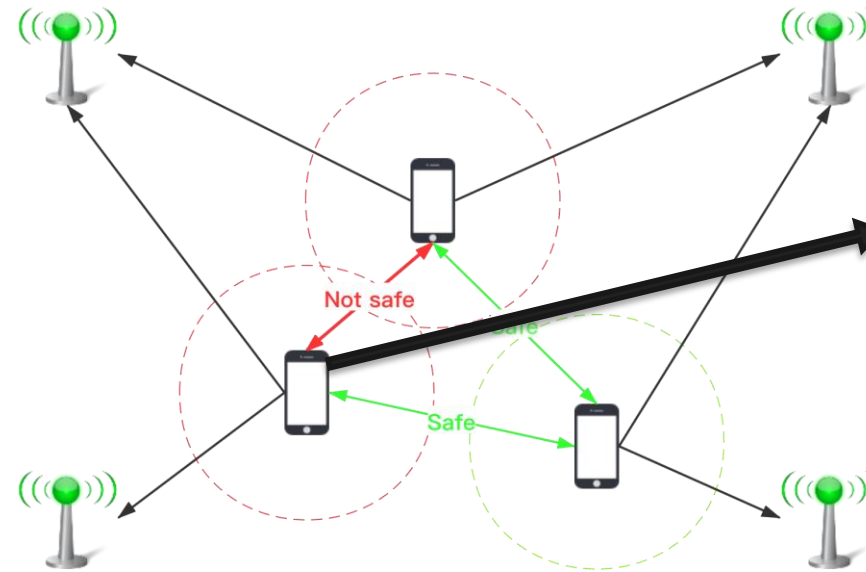
A least-squares problem

Simple Distance Checking and Enforcing I

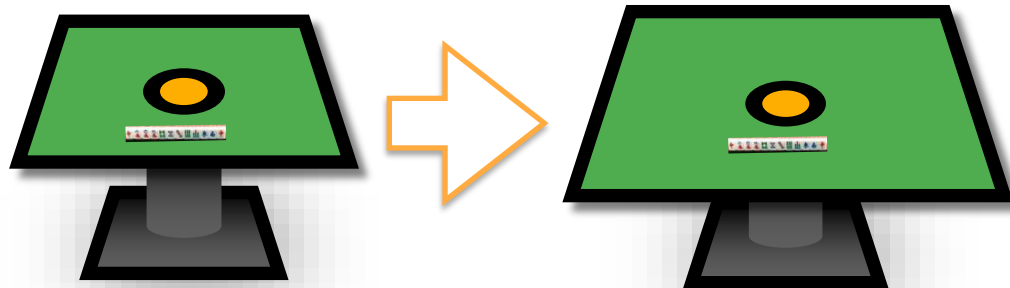
Primitive distancing enforcement



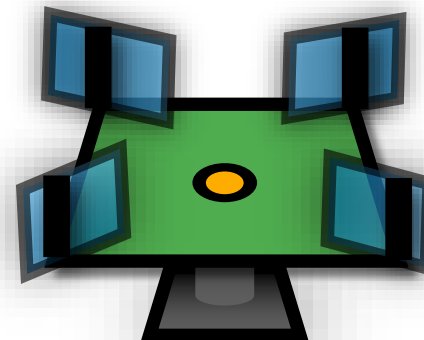
High-tech Solution for Distancing Alarming



Card-Play Table Redesign

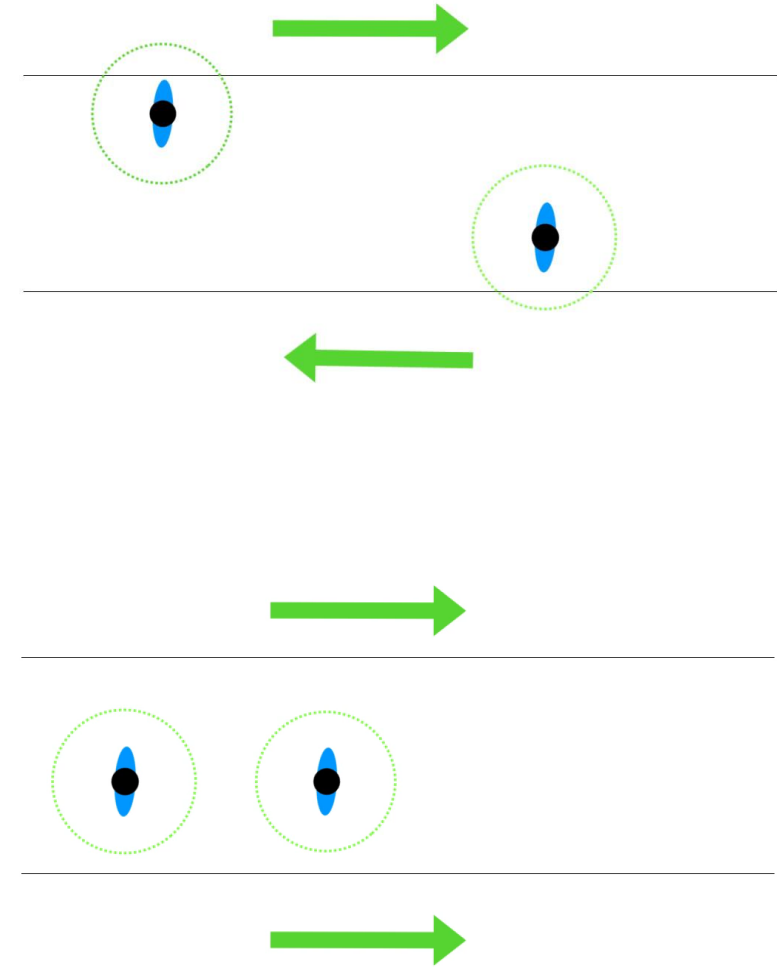


OR



Simple Distance Checking and Enforcing II

One-Way or Two-Way for pedestrian environments?

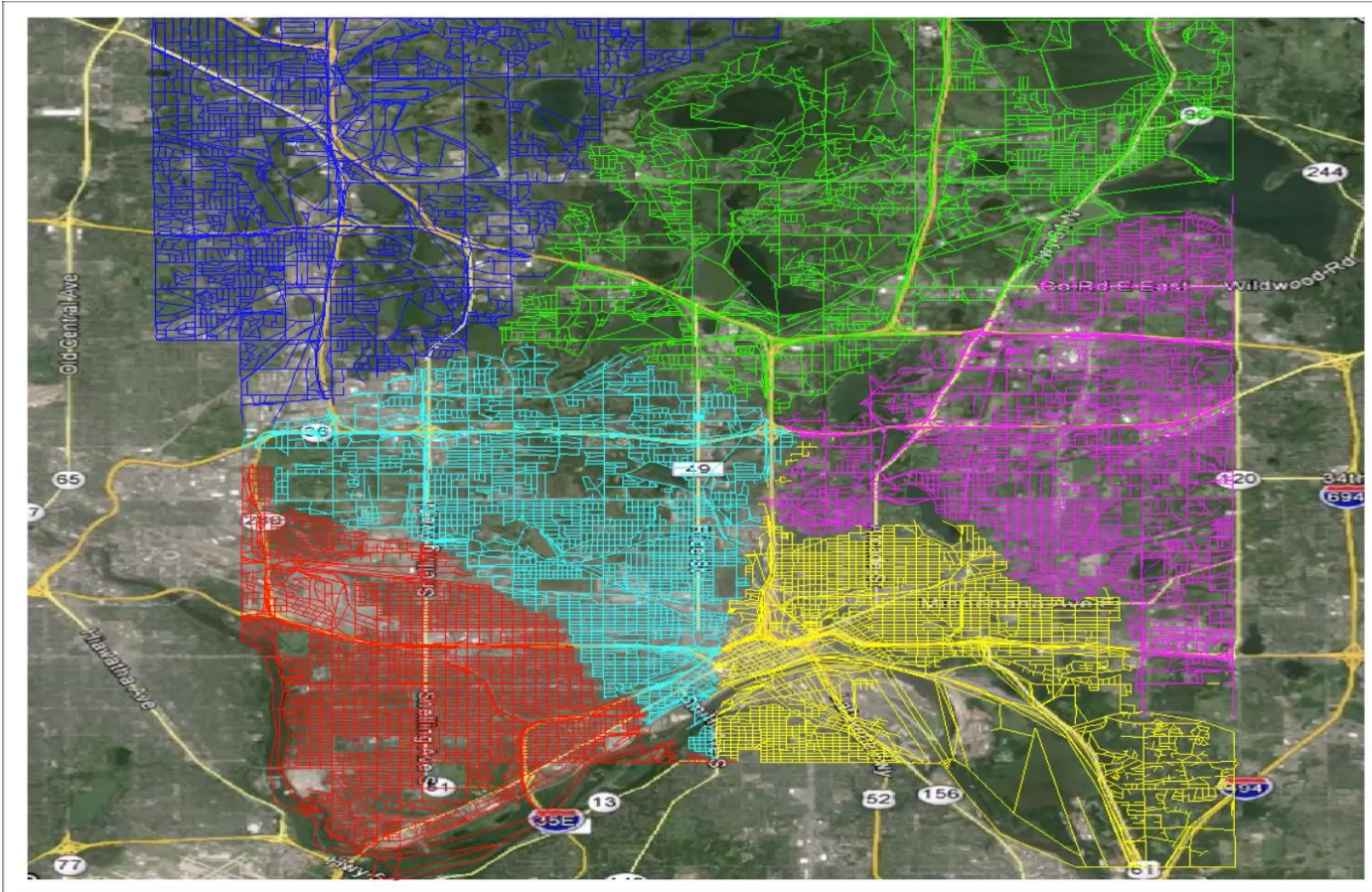




**Dynamic and Equitable Region Partitioning
for Hospital Services
Computational Geometry Solution**

Dynamic Hospital Service Region Partitioning

Computational Geometry Theory/Algorithm



Input Data:

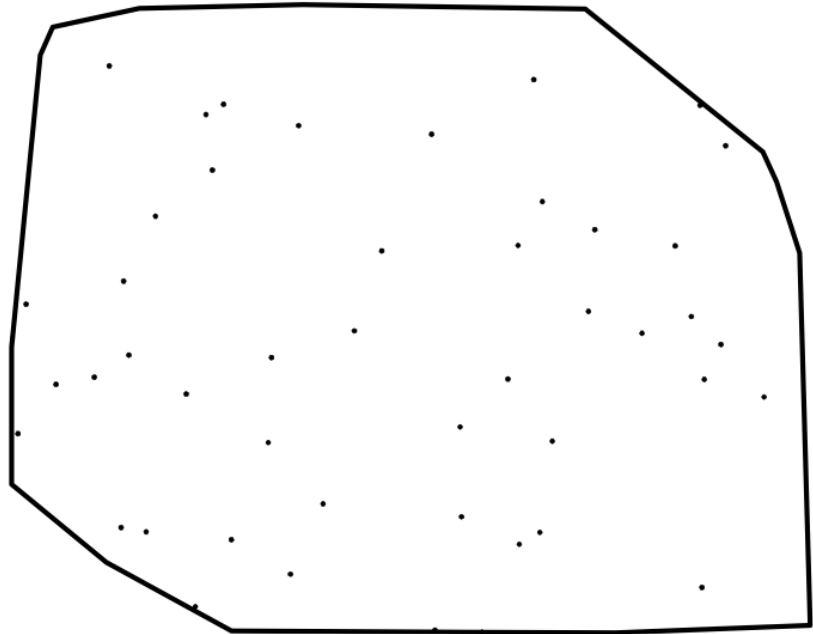
- Hospital location and capacity
- Pandemic density distribution prediction

Planning:

Partition the city into multiple regions such that

- Each region has a hospital nearby
- Each hospital will not be overrun
- Can be easily adjusted by input data change

Plane-Geometry Problem Statement and Theorem



n points are scattered inside a convex polygon P (in 2D) with m vertices. Does there exist a partition of P into n sub-regions satisfying the following:

Each sub-region is a convex polygon

- Travel convenience

Each sub-region contains one point

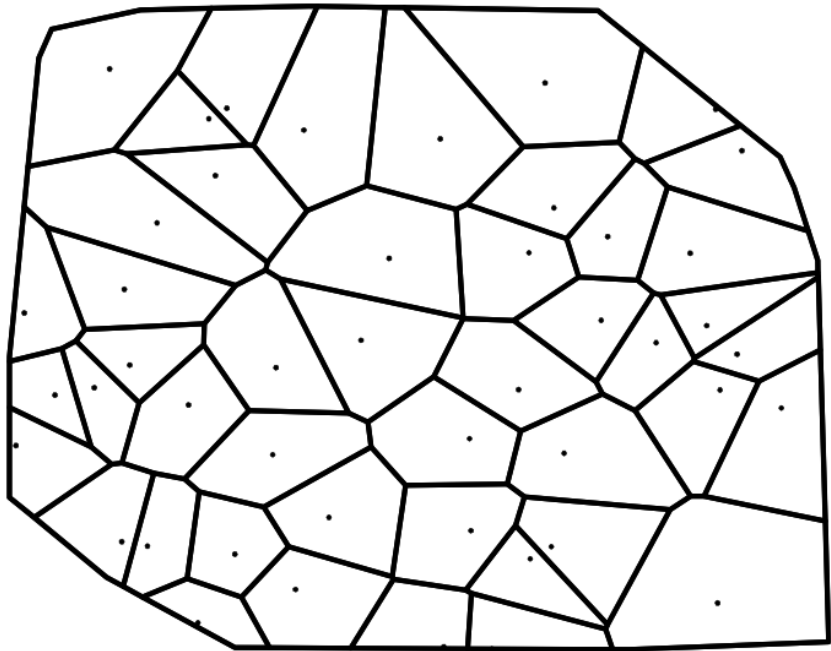
- Service center for the region

All sub-regions have equal area

- Load balance

Not only does such an equitable partition always exist, but also we can find it exactly in running time $O(Nn \log N)$, where $N = m + n$.

Related Problem: Voronoi Diagram

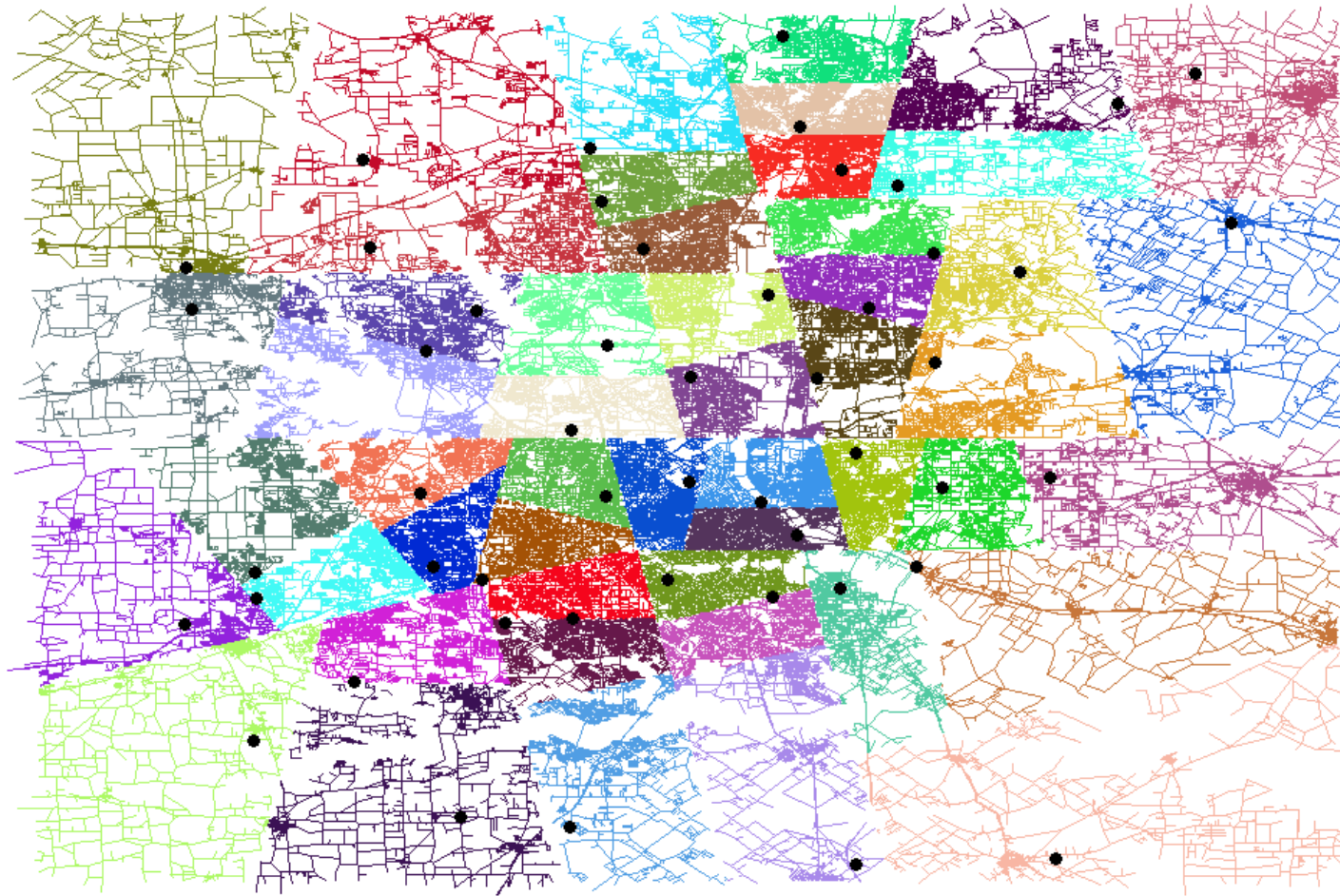


Voronoi Diagram: draw a middle perpendicular line between every two points.

The partition satisfies the first two properties (each sub-region is convex and contains one point), but the sub-regions have different areas.

In practice one can adjust the boundary to achieve the third property

Equitable Partition with Nonuniform Density Partition





Efficient Public Goods Allocation under Tight Capacity Restriction via Market Equilibrium Platforms

The Need for Efficient Public Good Allocation- Market Equilibrium Model

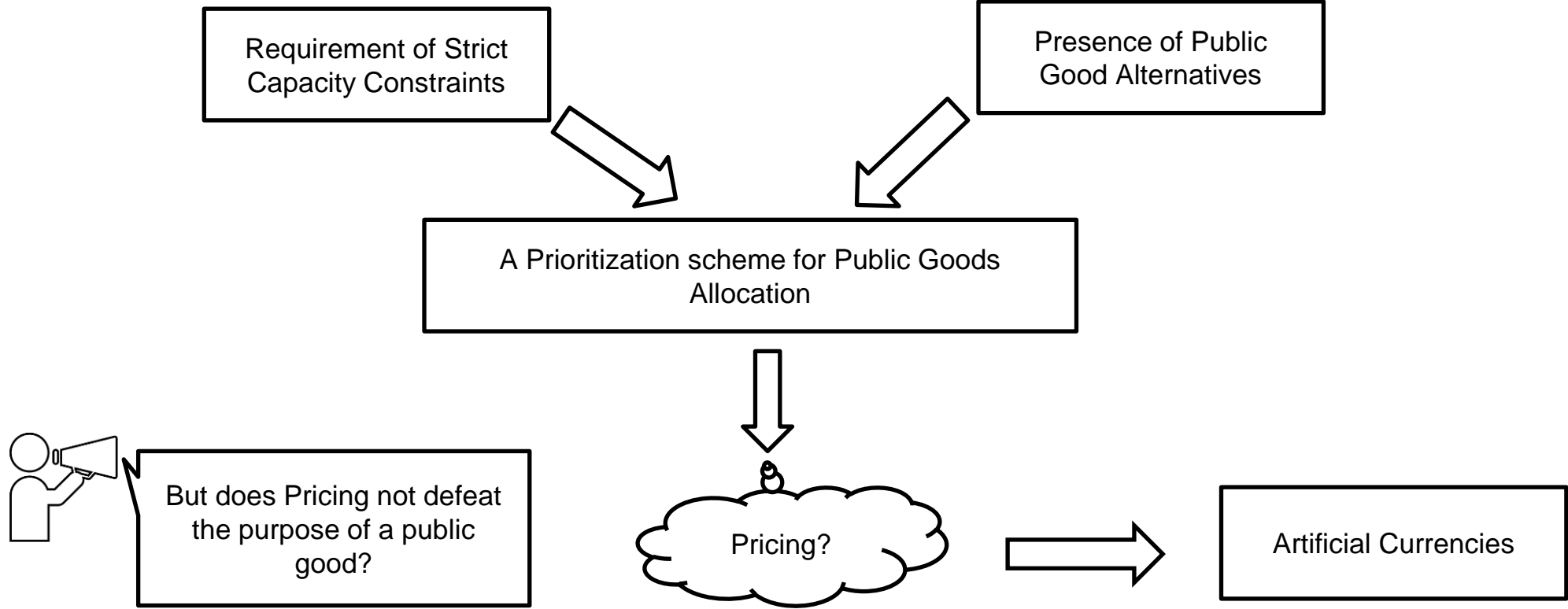


Either open: An overcrowded open beach



Or closed: a completely empty beach generating no value to society

A Fisher-Market-Based Mechanism Design



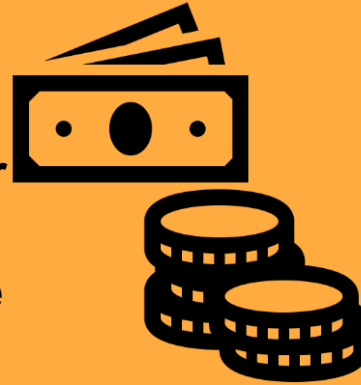
How can we design a non-monetary market mechanism and still guarantee a socially efficient allocation that is desirable for all consumers?

An overview of our Solution

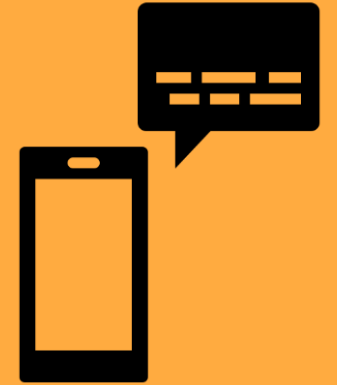
Step 1:
Create
Schedule
for Use of
Public
Good, e.g.
Beach



Step 2:
Prices
assigned for
different
times of use



Step 3:
Transfer
Electronic
Coupons



Step 4:
Users
Purchase
time of use
permits



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Enforcement:
Park rangers/
entrance
booths to
check for
permits



Pathway to Setting Prices

- **Addressing Step 2: How can we set appropriate prices for different times of use given that the mechanism does not have complete information on everyone's utilities or constraints?**

**Phase 1:
Initialize
Prices with
some prior
knowledge of
utilities and
constraints**



**Phase 2:
Mechanism
Learns
Utilities and
Constraints of
Consumers**



**Phase 3:
Iteratively
Update Prices
based on learnt
information of
consumer
behavior**

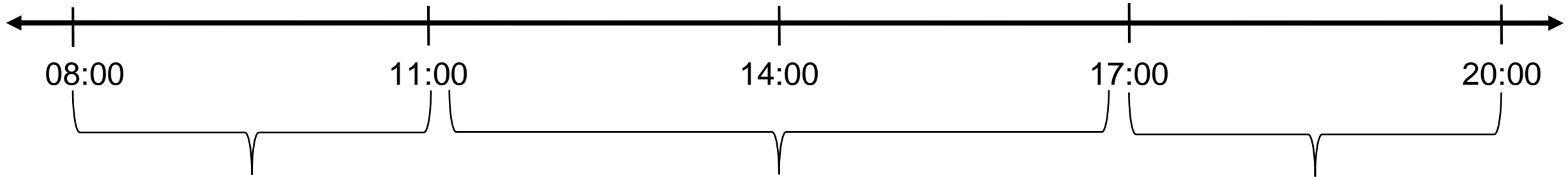


Through our proposed pricing scheme that generalizes the Fisher Market framework, customers will purchase permits in a “controlled” manner resulting in neither overcrowded or underused public resources

Ideal Outcome

To achieve an Intermediate between the two extreme scenarios, open or closed, through “Time of Use” goods

Create different time zones and people purchase permits to use the beach at one time-zone so that the population density on beach can be upper limited



The Fisher-Market with Budget and Physical Constraints

Centralized vs Decentralized Decision Making

- In the social optimization problem

Choose: $\lambda_i = \sum_t r_{it}$

- Main Result 1: KKT Equivalence of Social and Individual Optimization Problems**

The dual of capacity constraints is the equilibrium price vector

- How do we obtain the perturbation parameter

Fixed-Point Iterations

Jalota, Pavone and Y, 2020

Individual Optimization Problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{x}_i} \quad & \sum_j u_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{x}_i \leq w_i \\ & A_t^T \mathbf{x}_i \leq 1, \forall t \in T_i \\ & \mathbf{x}_i \geq \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$



Social Optimization Problem:

Budget Perturbation

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{x}_i} \quad & \sum_i (w_i + \lambda_i) \log\left(\sum_j u_{ij} x_{ij}\right) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_i x_{ij} \leq \bar{s}_j, \forall j \in [M] \end{aligned}$$

r_{it} : Dual Variable
of Physical Constraint

$$\begin{aligned} & A_t^T \mathbf{x}_i \leq 1, \forall t \in T_i, \forall i \in [N] \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0, \forall i, j \end{aligned}$$

Test and “Time of Use” for School/Class?

- Create pods/clusters. Children/students form groups of about 12 and stay together all day, avoiding contact with other pods. **Test every group as ONE example for possible infection (if positive then test individuals in the group) before schools open.**
- Partial days. Keep classes smaller by splitting the children into groups. For example, one group comes to school one day and the other group the next day. The rest of the work is done at home. The split could also be morning/afternoon.
- Split classes into either Zoom or In-Person. Also create pods for university in-person classes for course discussions and team projects.





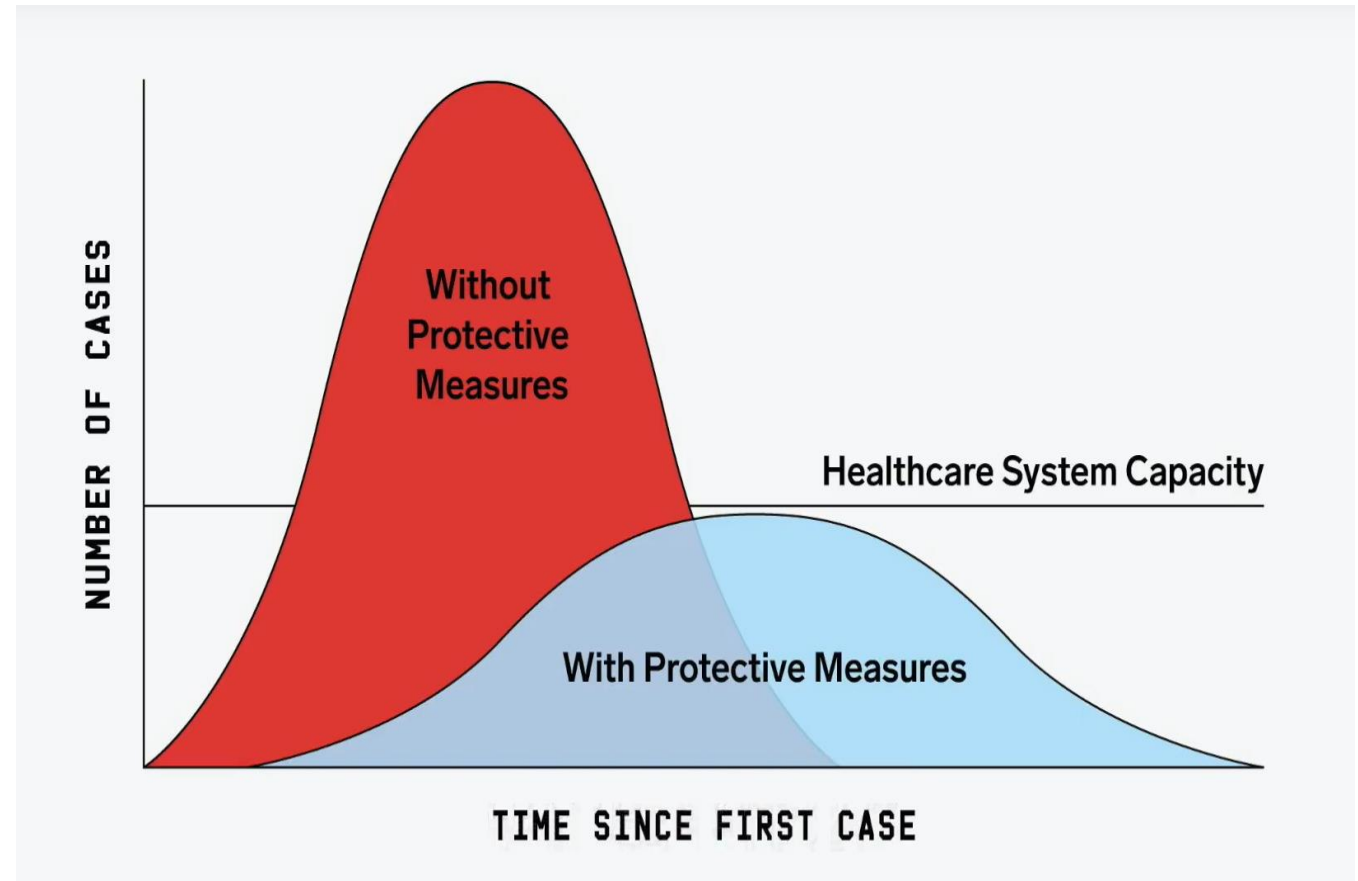
Identifications and Protective Measures for High-Risk Groups in Pandemics

Protective Measures and Statistical Learning

The purpose of protective measures is to

‘Flatten the curve’
which means:

- Relieve each day’s medical pressure
- Not to eradicate the virus
- But reduce the rate of death



What would the measures be?

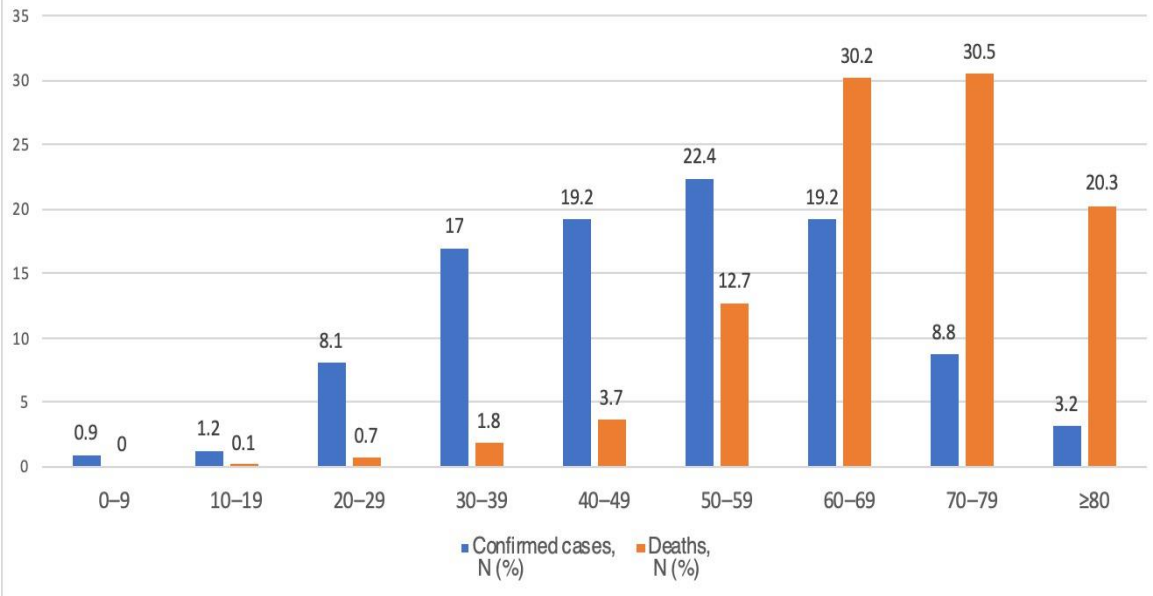
we need some characteristics of the virus pandemic

Figure: The expected result with protective measures

Death Risk Among Different Age-Groups

Age Group

Patients and death for confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mainland China as of February 11, 2020



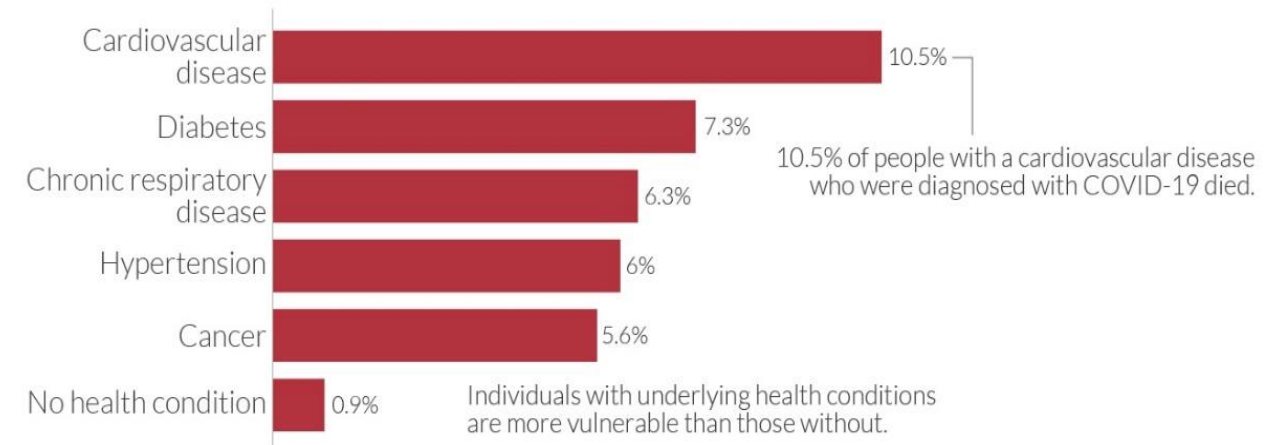
Age	Percentage of confirmed cases(%)	Percentage of deaths(%)
Under 50	≈50	≈5
Over 50	≈50	≈95

Underline Health Conditions

Coronavirus: early-stage case fatality rates by underlying health condition in China



Case fatality rate (CFR) is calculated by dividing the total number of deaths from a disease by the number of confirmed cases. Data is based on early-stage analysis of the COVID-19 outbreak in China in the period up to February 11, 2020.



Data source: Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Emergency Response Epidemiology Team. *Vital surveillances: the epidemiological characteristics of an outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus diseases (COVID-19)—China, 2020*. China CDC Weekly.

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Death Risk with Diseases	Cardiovascular	Diabetes	Chronic respiratory	Hypertension	Cancer
Ratio to normal	≈12	≈8	≈7	≈7	≈6

Calculate the Death Probabilities using the Bayes Formula

Statistical Learning

- Let A and C denote the event of *death* and *survival* respectively, after being confirmed.
- B/\bar{B} denotes the patient's age is over/under 50 years old.
- $P(A)$ denotes the case fatality rate which is around 7.7% according to official data.

Bayes formula:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|C)P(C)}$$

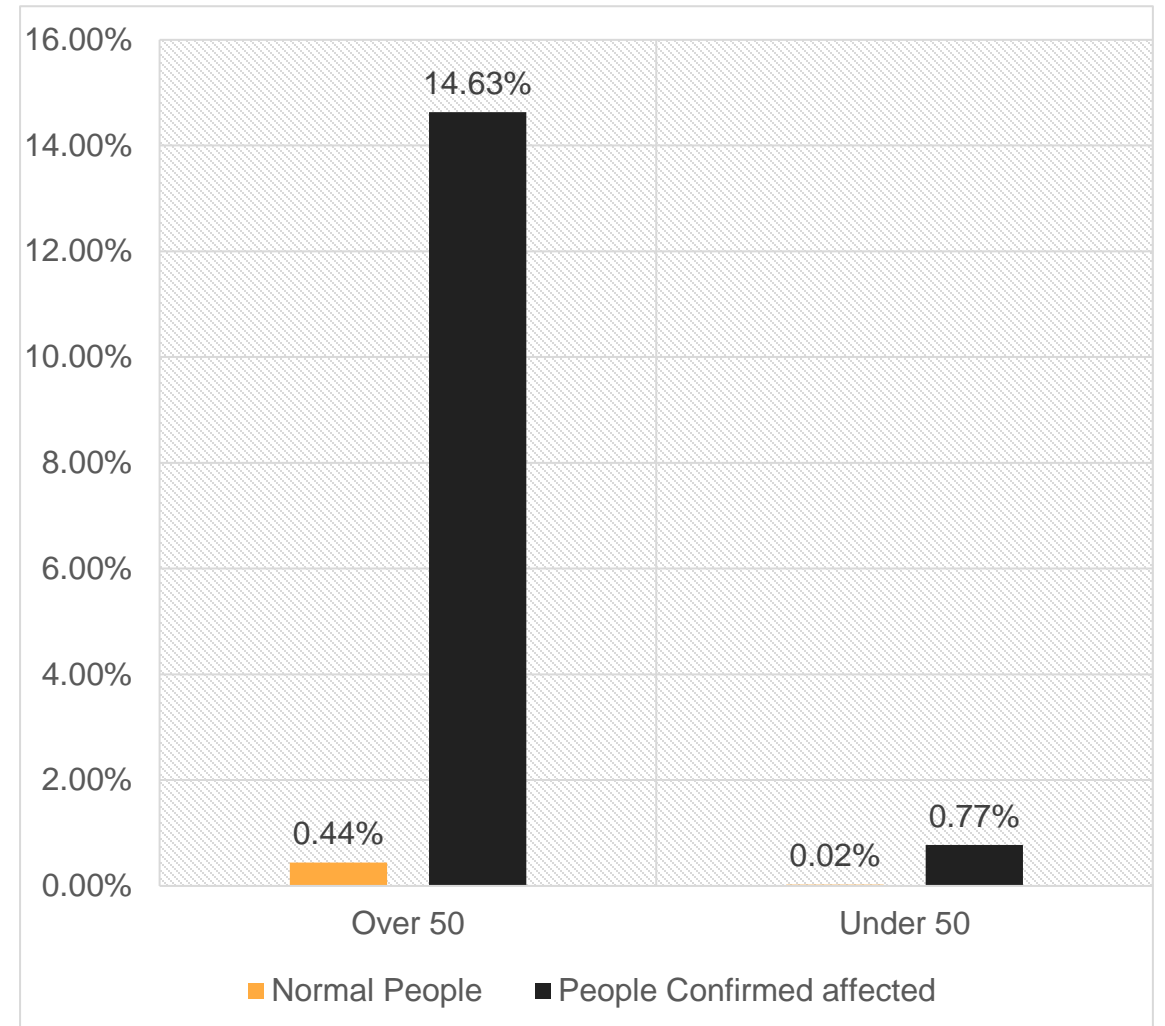
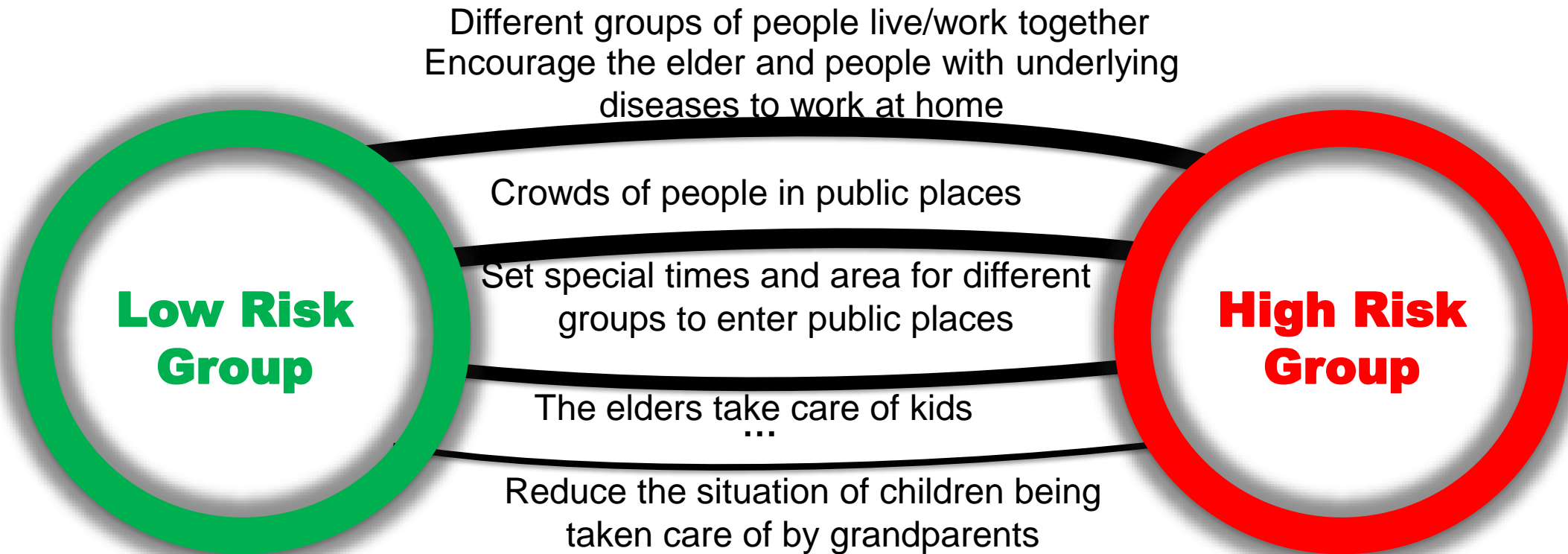


Figure: The result of Bayes formula

Protective Measures and Edge-Cut



- We need to do something to cut the ‘thicker edges’ which indicate greater contact reductions?
- Once there is a vaccine (or more than one), prioritize who gets it first if supplies are limited?
- Should people all get the same vaccine or so some characteristics indicate that certain people would do better with a different one?

More Public and Social Policies?



Encourage young graduates to become Uber/Didi drivers and replace the grandparents to pick up children or use of **School Buses**.



Arrange for kindergarten, primary school, middle school and university to resume classes as soon as possible.



Each person reduces the number of his/her public dance partners ...



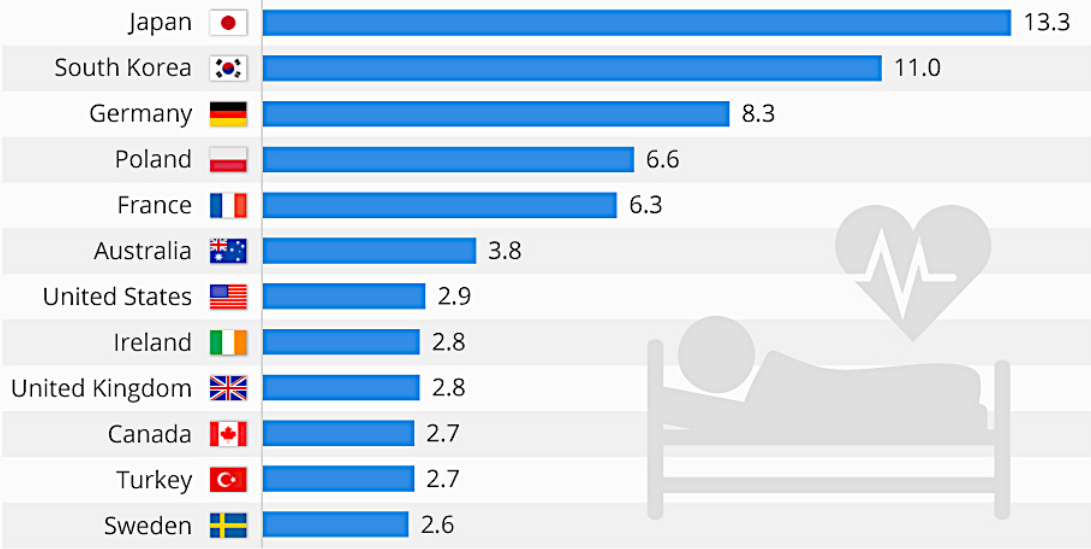
**Machine-Learning (e.g., Logistic Regression)
with Multiple Social Features to Reduce
Pandemic Fatality**

Logistic Regression with Social/Behavior Features

Machine learning can do a great favor in pandemic prevention. Lots of researchers predict the risk of death of a patient, given his clinical and pathological characteristics.



Chest CT scans of patients.

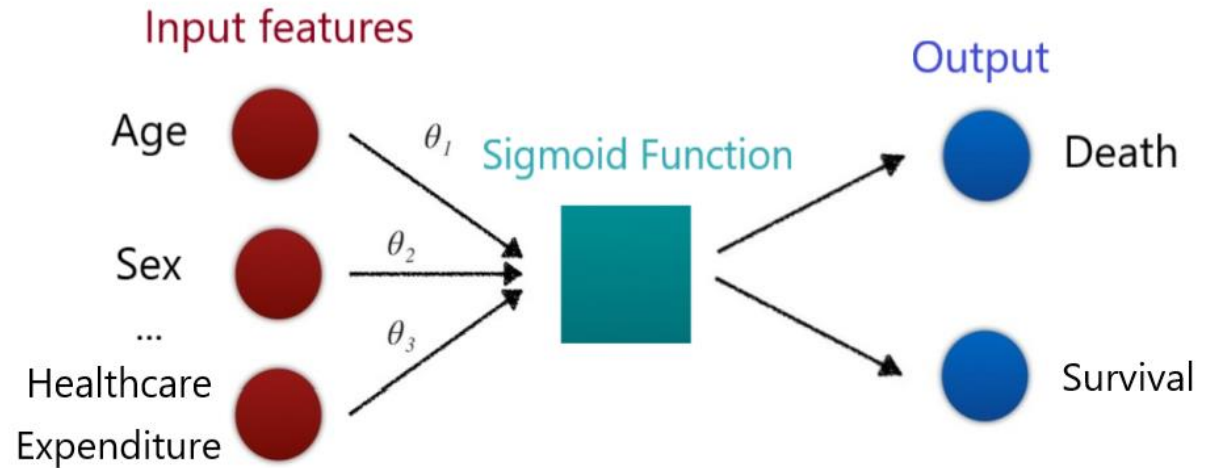
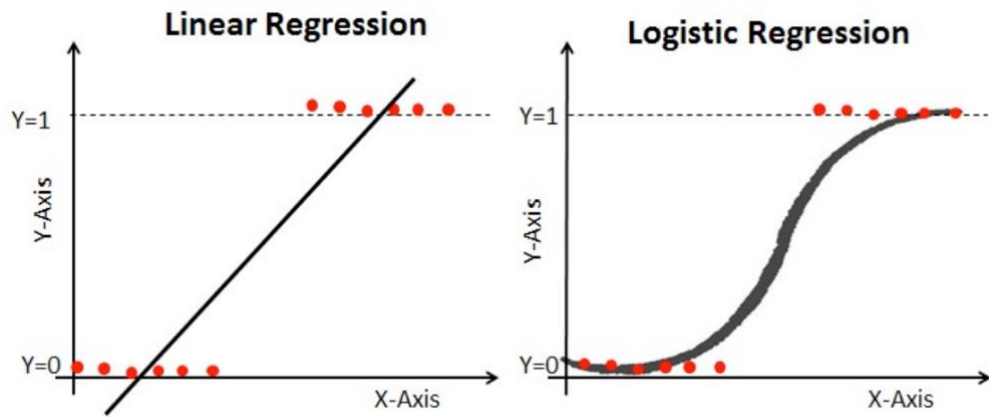


The Countries with the most hospital beds (per 1,000 of the population in selected countries).

We mainly focus on some social features such as the quality of regional healthcare systems, etc. Apply logistic regression and see what insight we can gain from it.

Logistic Regression Model

Logistic regression is a simple algorithm that can be used for binary classification tasks.



Sigmoid function:
$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}$$

Cost function:

$$\text{Cost}(y, \hat{y}) = -[y \log \hat{y} + (1 - \boxed{y}) \log(1 - \boxed{\hat{y}})]$$

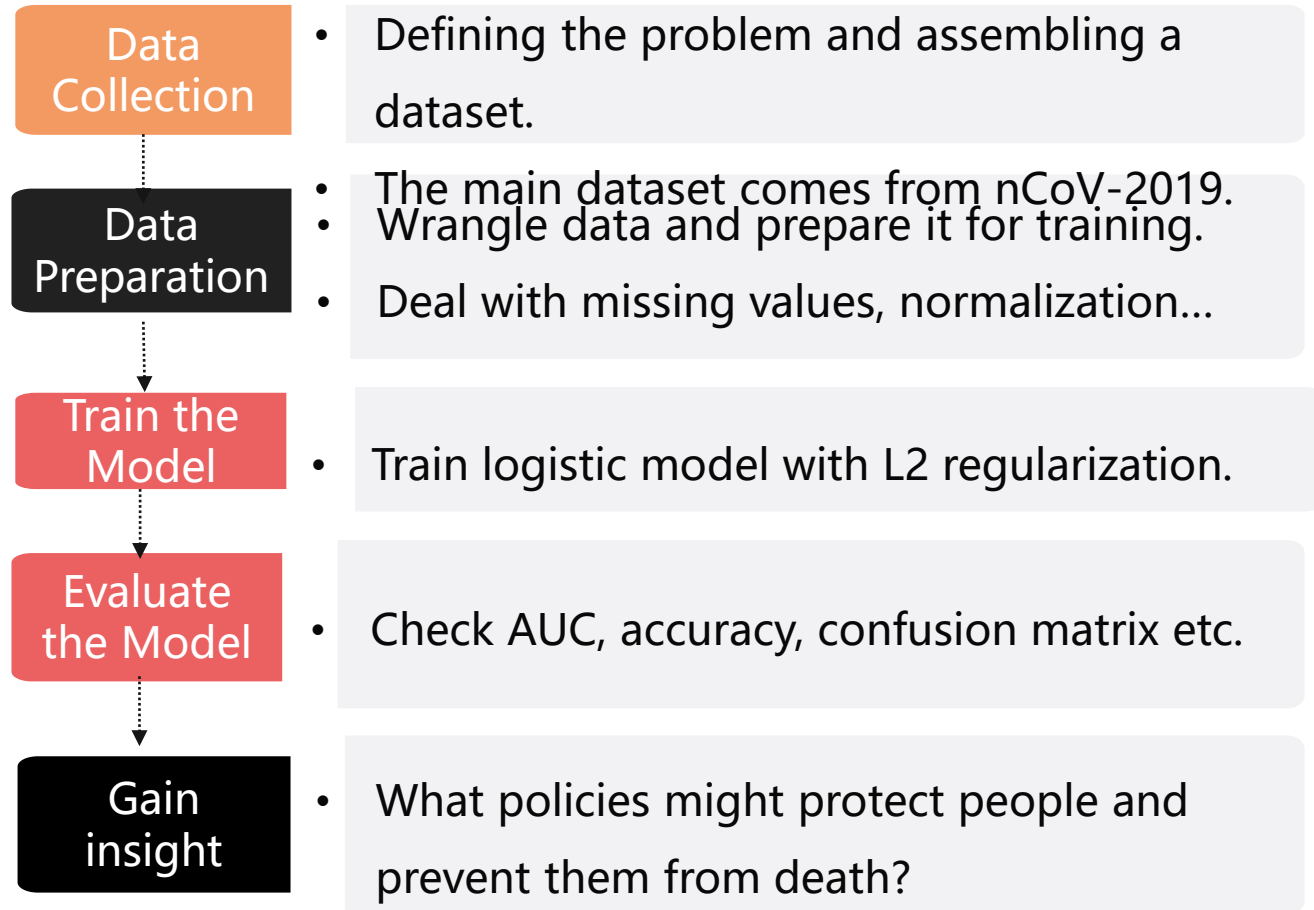
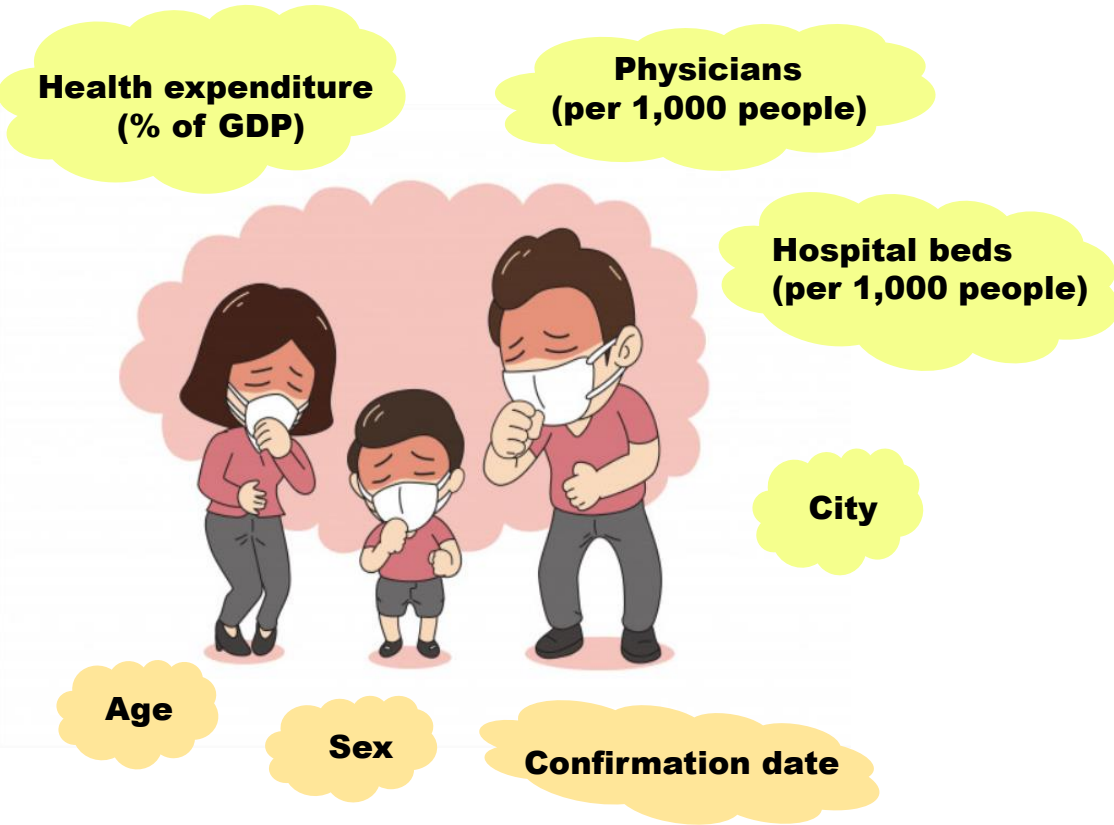
$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \text{Cost}(y_i, \hat{y}(\theta)_i)$$

Actual label

Predicted label

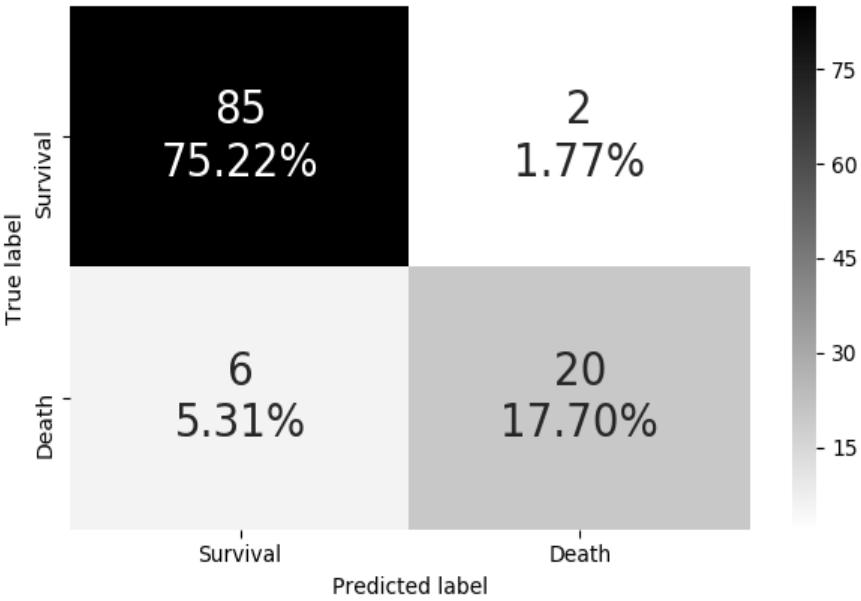
Implementing Logistic Regression:

A preliminary case study from Cardinal Operations



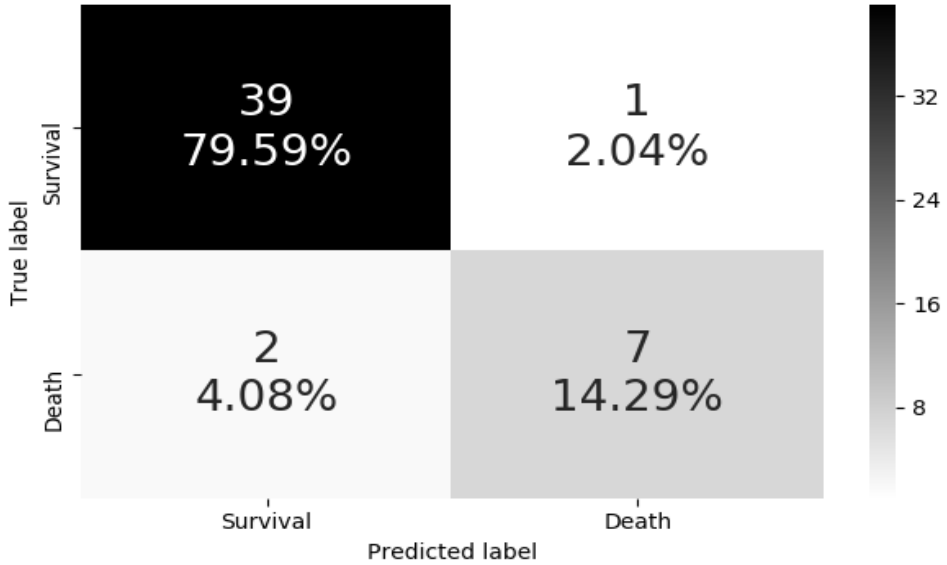
Outcome and Performance I

Our model is able to achieve 94% accuracy and 87% AUC on test set.



Accuracy=0.929
Precision=0.909
Recall=0.769
F1 Score=0.833

Metrics on the training set

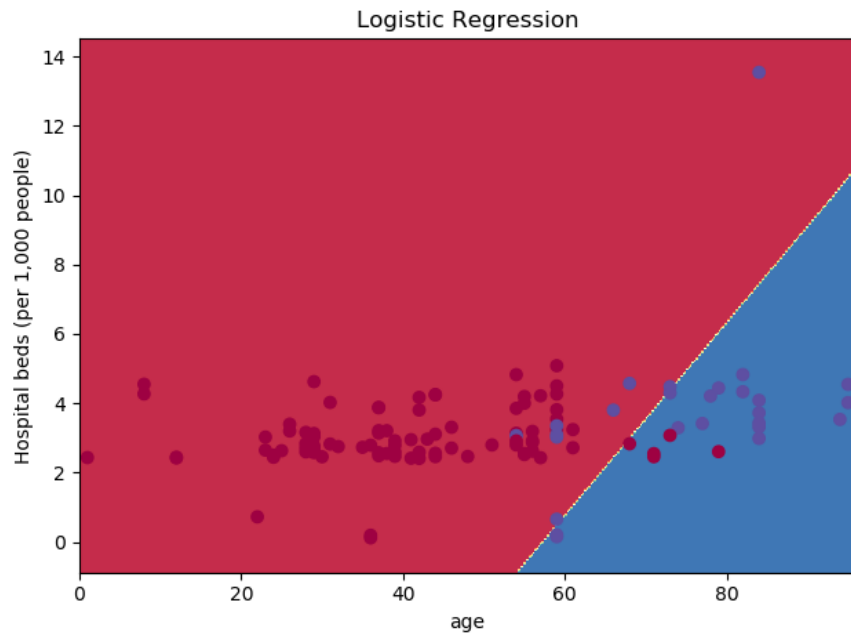


Accuracy=0.939
Precision=0.875
Recall=0.778
F1 Score=0.824

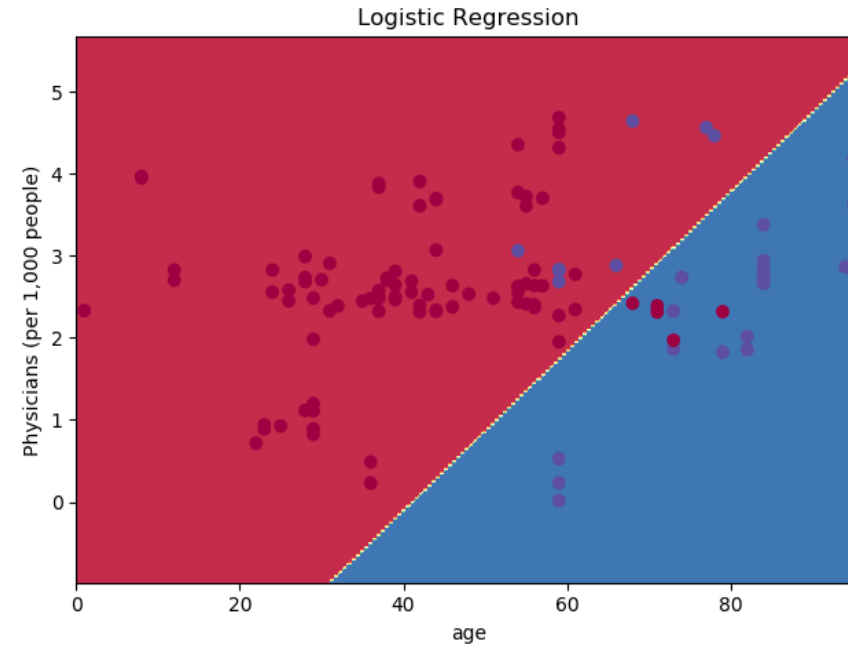
Metrics on the test set

Outcome and Performance II

Next figures shows the decision boundaries and what helps to differentiate probabilities into *survival* class and *death* class. Patients in countries with more well-developed public healthcare systems is less at risk of death.



Decision boundary on *Age* and *Hospital beds (per 1,000 people)*



Decision boundary on *Age* and *Physicians (per 1,000 people)*

Countries should try to design and develop their healthcare facilities in accordance with their needs to defeating COVID-19.

Summaries for Mitigation of a Pandemic and Economy Reopening

- **Strategies:** The goal is not to eradicate virus but to reduce the ultimate fatality rate by frequent sample testing, Transparent reporting and data bases, Vulnerable group identification, Health-care quality improvement...
- **Policies:** Differentiate high and low risk groups (such as work at home or office), Reward earlier retirement, Encourage college graduates to do social work, Social Distancing...
- **Operations:** Centralized and mobilized task-force, Centralized inventory management of materials/equipment, Algorithm-based planning and dispatching, Efficient public spaces/goods allocation...
- **Methodologies:** Based on Sciences/Technologies such as Mathematical Optimization, Computer Monte Carlo Simulation, Statistical and Machine Learning, Mechanism Designs, High-Tech Solutions...
- **Reopen Economy:** Low-risk groups return to work, Data-driven decision making rather than vision-driven, Short-term action rather than long-term planning, Lean and agile supply-chain, Machine Decisioning...