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Abstract

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are an indispensable component of future wireless networks. UAV can not only provide edge-computing services but also act as a router to the backhaul for the user devices. In this paper, we considered the problem of allocating communication and computing resources to UEs via UAV as a multi-dimensional knapsack problem. We used OR-Tools to solve the multi-dimensional knapsack problem in order to maximize the utility of the UAV. OR-Tools solves the NP-hard multi-dimensional knapsack problem with branch-and-bound algorithms.

I. INTRODUCTION

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) will be an indispensable component in future wireless networks [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]. The application of UAVs in smart cities [6] includes federated learning [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], surveillance [12], intelligent transportation management system and terrestrial communication. Unmanned aerial vehicles can also be an integral part of Space-Oceanic Networks [13], [14]. UAVs can not only provide communication services to the UEs to the backhaul but also provide computing services by acting as an edge server.

The contribution of this study is summarized as follows:

- We formulated the multi-dimensional knapsack problem for the communication and computing resource allocation to UEs through UAV.
- We solved the multi-dimensional knapsack problem using OR-Tools which uses the branch-and-bound algorithm to

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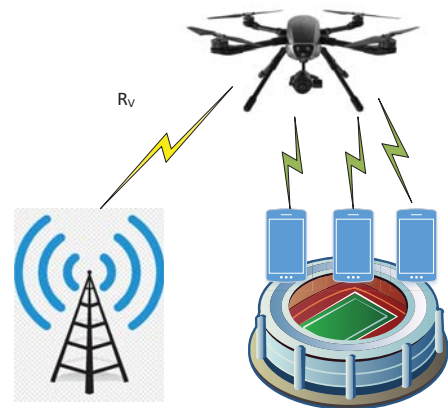


Fig. 1. System model

maximize the utility of UAV.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section II illustrates the system model for resource allocation to UEs through UAV. Section III formulates the multi-dimensional knapsack problem for resource allocation. Section IV gives the simulation results, and Section V concludes our work.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

A UAV V is operating on frequency f_v and has the backhaul rate of \mathcal{R}_V as shown in Fig. 1. There is a set \mathcal{N} of N UEs to be processed by the UAV. The UAV has Computing

Energy E available such that it can operate for time \mathcal{T}_V at frequency f_v . Each UE_i has task T_i and willing to pay price u_n to the UAV V . That is UE_i has utility u_n to the UAV, if it is selected. Task T_i takes time t_i to be processed by the UAV. The UE_i also needs the constant bandwidth r_i from the UAV. The contract between the UAV and UEs is that it needs to both compute the computing task and also provide the BW from the backhaul link to the selected UEs.

III. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Let x_i be the binary variable indicating that the UE_i is selected by UAV to allocate its resources. then the total utility of UAV to be maximized is

$$\mathbf{P1:} \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{x}} U_V = \mathbf{x}_i * u_i \quad (1)$$

s.t.

$$\sum_i x_i * t_i \leq \mathcal{T}_V \quad (C1)$$

$$\sum_i x_i * r_i \leq \mathcal{R}_V \quad (C2)$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad (C3)$$

Constraint C1 indicates that the total allotted computing time can not exceed \mathcal{T}_V . Constraint C2 indicates that the total allotted data rate can not exceed \mathcal{R}_V . Constraint C3 indicate that x_i is binary variable with $x_i = 1$ if the resources are allocated to UE_i and $x_i = 0$ if the resources are not allocated to UE_i . Problem **P1** is Multidimensional Knapsack Problem (MKP) [15], [16] which is attained by adding additional weight constraints to the one-dimensional basic knapsack problem (KP) [17]. This problem falls under Integer Linear Programming (ILP) and is an NP-hard problem [18].

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

The multidimensional knapsack problem defined in **P1** is solved using OR-Tools [19]. OR-Tools employs branch-and-bound algorithms [20], [21] to solve the multidimensional knapsack problem. We set $\mathcal{T}_V = 20$ and $\mathcal{R}_V = 20$. The r_i , t_i , and u_i for 15 UEs are as indicated in Fig. 2.

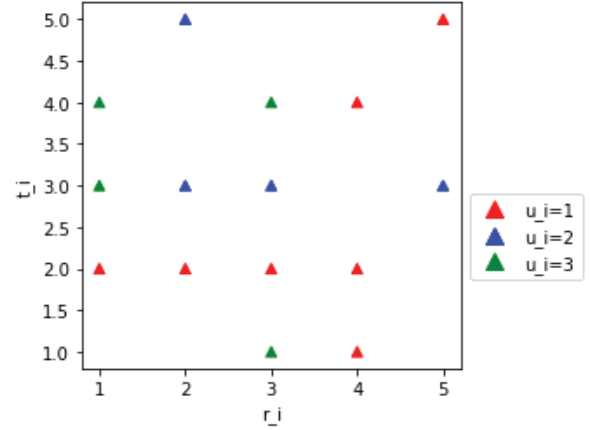


Fig. 2. r_i , t_i , and u_i for 15 UEs

We used OR-Tools to solve the multidimensional knapsack problem defined in **P1**. The selected items to maximize the utility of UAV are indicated in Fig. 3. The total utility for UAV is $U_V = 17$.

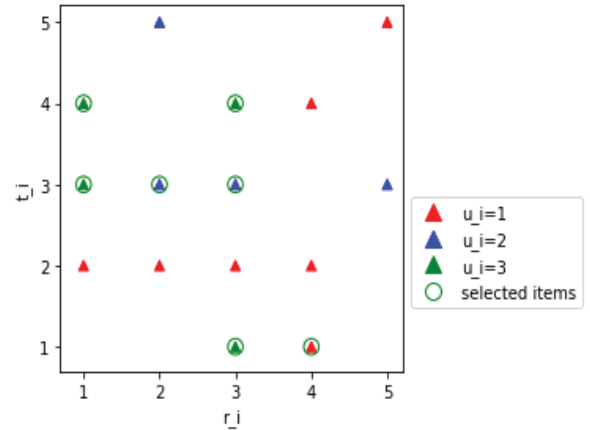


Fig. 3. Selected UEs to maximize utility of UAV by OR-Tools

V. CONCLUSION

In this study, We formulated the issue of communication and computing resource allocation to UEs through UAV as a multi-dimensional knapsack problem. To maximize the utility of the UAV, we solved the multi-dimensional knapsack problem using OR-Tools. OR-Tools uses the brand-and-bound algorithms underneath to solve the NP-hard multi-dimensional knapsack problem.

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