

Assignment 9

(10 Points)

Deadline is Monday, July 2, 2012, 12:00

9.1 Integer linear programming (2 Points)

Define the general form of an integer linear program. Which form must the cost function and the constraints have? Briefly explain its components.

9.2 Static SPM allocation (5 Points)

Given a system with a main memory and a single additional scratchpad memory (SPM). Also given the following tables defining the energy consumption per access to each memory and the variables with their respective access counts in an executing program:

Type	Size	E/access
Scratchpad	4096 (4k)	1,3 nJ
Main memory	262144 (256k)	31 nJ

Variable	Size	Accesses
a	1024	16
b	2048	1024
c	512	2048
d	256	512
e	128	256
f	1024	512
g	512	64
h	256	512

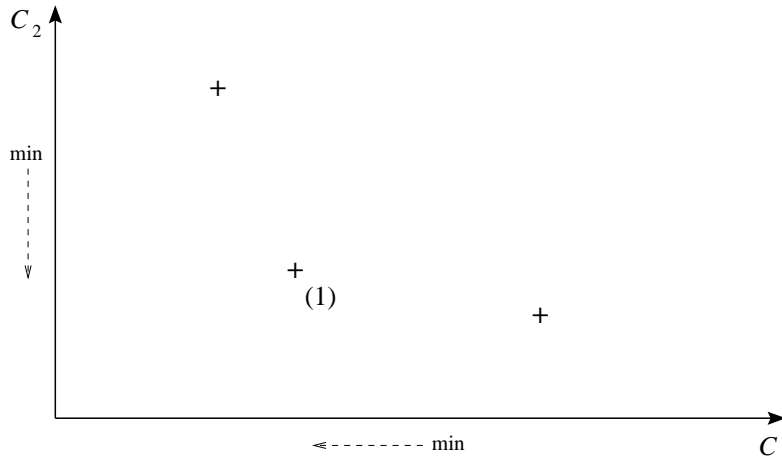
Which variables should be assigned to the SPM so that the program is executed with minimal energy consumption?

Solve the problem with the help of an ILP model. Specify the ILP model as well as the result of the optimal solution.

Hint: The abstract problem from which the SPM allocation is derived is called the 0/1 knapsack problem. Given a knapsack with a maximum weight W , a set of objects $n \in N$, a value $v(n)$ and a weight $w(n)$. Maximize the value of the knapsack by deciding whether an object is placed into it while not exceeding W . You can use the open ILP solver *lp_solve* or some spreadsheet editor that comes with a built-in solver (like Excel or Calc) to solve it.

9.3 Pareto Points (3 Points)

The following diagram depicts the evaluation of designs with respect to two different criteria C_1 (e. g. memory usage) and C_2 (e. g. energy dissipation). Both criteria should be minimized.



In the diagram, mark the area which is dominated by solution (1), i. e. mark all those alternative designs which are “worse” than design (1). Also, mark the area in which solutions would dominate design (1).

General notes:

Dates and additional information can be found on the lecture website (via EWS). The assignments will be published **Tuesdays** on a weekly basis and have to be solved until the next **Monday** unless stated otherwise. Drop your sheets into the mailbox in OH16 right across the secretariat (E22) or send an e-mail to your tutor. In the latter case, the submissions must be of either **PDF** or **PS** format. To pass the labs, a minimum of 50% of the total points must be achieved.