

**Supplementary Material of Okpoti and Jeong, “A decentralized coordination algorithm for multi-objective linear programming with block angular structure”, *Engineering Optimization*, 2019.**

This file contains a table where the centralized and decentralized methods are compared based on WIP, Delayed Demand and Throughput. Also included, are the proofs to the Lemma discussed in the main article body.

## TABLES

**Table S1.** Comparison of centralized and decentralized methods

WIP rate	Demand		CFH			SFH			DEC		
			WIP	DD	TH	WIP	DD	TH	WIP	DD	TH
1.0	Type 1	Avg.	2419	<b>2667*</b>	173	2074	2876	<b>187*</b>	<b>1852*</b>	2684	171
		Min.	1637	1804	136	1313	1849	152	1278	1822	134
		Max.	3393	3586	208	3057	4250	221	3090	3618	207
	Type 2	Avg.	2426	2759	171	2014	2983	<b>184*</b>	<b>1900*</b>	<b>2682*</b>	168
		Min.	1684	2002	136	1283	2140	151	1210	1722	134
		Max.	3446	3592	208	3168	4189	223	3601	3694	204
	Type 3	Avg.	2352	<b>2807*</b>	170	2066	2996	<b>183*</b>	<b>1815*</b>	2903	164
		Min.	1660	1948	140	1315	1969	156	1268	1134	139
		Max.	3772	3742	203	3455	3792	213	3585	5517	185
	Type 4	Avg.	1530	2685	175	1717	2906	<b>190*</b>	<b>1236*</b>	<b>2656*</b>	173
		Min.	1258	1994	156	1373	2087	167	1065	1727	155
		Max.	2409	4307	203	2791	4453	218	1345	4202	202
1.5	Type 1	Avg.	2684	<b>1966*</b>	185	2356	2211	<b>200*</b>	<b>2031*</b>	1986	183
		Min.	1709	996	148	1361	1137	165	1295	1001	145
		Max.	4093	2957	224	3551	3623	235	3568	3000	223
	Type 2	Avg.	2716	2089	182	2254	2340	<b>196*</b>	<b>2072*</b>	<b>2013*</b>	180
		Min.	1865	1220	147	1306	1360	163	1225	926	145
		Max.	4269	2964	222	3913	3487	238	4106	3147	218
	Type 3	Avg.	2779	<b>2149*</b>	182	2343	2340	<b>195*</b>	<b>2065</b>	2291	175
		Min.	1796	1230	152	1354	1250	166	1334	596	148
		Max.	4362	3163	215	4363	3273	227	4115	4957	198
	Type 4	Avg.	1639	2004	188	1838	2232	<b>203*</b>	<b>1320*</b>	<b>1976*</b>	185
		Min.	1275	1304	167	1432	1397	178	1139	1043	165
		Max.	3173	3555	217	3095	3746	231	1582	3446	215
2.0		Avg.	3160	<b>1461*</b>	195	2789	1711	<b>210*</b>	<b>2442*</b>	1486	193

3.0	Type 1	Min.	1826	346	158	1450	688	176	1375	352	155
	Type 1	Max.	4634	2449	239	4240	3024	249	4207	2494	236
	Type 2	Avg.	3179	1577	193	2617	1831	<b>207*</b>	<b>2402*</b>	<b>1535*</b>	189
		Min.	1989	685	158	1339	786	175	1269	500	156
		Max.	5133	2389	233	4709	2973	247	4747	2780	227
	Type 3	Avg.	3337	<b>1673*</b>	192	2825	1895	<b>205*</b>	<b>2468*</b>	1850	183
		Min.	1953	805	159	1428	825	174	1476	145	156
		Max.	5695	2702	226	5048	3038	235	4772	4571	209
	Type 4	Avg.	1915	1517	199	2070	1751	<b>213*</b>	1535	<b>1491*</b>	195
		Min.	1431	788	175	1582	886	188	1259	601	172
		Max.	3731	2891	229	3201	3181	242	2177	2767	225
	Type 1	Avg.	3033	<b>845*</b>	213	3383	1136	<b>229*</b>	<b>2311*</b>	854	206
		Min.	1905	21	174	2304	72	195	1778	24	172
		Max.	4479	1651	257	4932	2695	269	2937	1670	244
	Type 2	Avg.	2857	920	210	3119	1142	<b>226*</b>	<b>2098*</b>	<b>893*</b>	204
		Min.	1528	263	177	1706	299	197	1440	227	175
		Max.	5075	1524	253	4710	2597	263	2938	1478	239
	Type 3	Avg.	3105	<b>1023*</b>	207	3529	1339	<b>223*</b>	<b>2292*</b>	1033	201
		Min.	1850	312	172	1931	483	189	1641	349	171
		Max.	4783	2017	247	5344	2467	261	3095	2005	235
	Type 4	Avg.	2733	872	217	3091	1109	<b>232*</b>	<b>2223*</b>	<b>846*</b>	209
		Min.	1774	244	187	1907	367	205	1513	214	185
		Max.	3938	1873	250	4742	2056	263	3223	1695	236

CFH: Customer First Heuristic

SFH: System First Heuristic

DEC: Proposed decentralized coordination mechanism

**Bold asterisked (\*)** values indicate the best among the three methods

## APPENDIX

### A1. Proof of Lemma 4.1

Assuming that  $\mathbf{x}_i^k - \mathbf{x}_c^k = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_i^k = \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}$ , then it implies that  $\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_c^k$ . Thus with the definition of  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1}$  means  $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k$ . Using the first-order optimality condition on the  $\Theta_i(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1})$  related problem in (12),

$$\frac{\partial \Theta_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}} = \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k + \rho(2\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k - \mathbf{x}_i^{0*})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} \in \partial f_i(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1})$  using the fact that the subdifferential of the sum of a differentiable function and a subdifferentiable function with domain  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is the summation of the gradient and the subdifferential. If  $\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}$  is a solution to  $\min \{\Theta_i(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}) | \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} \in \mathcal{X}\}$  then

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k + \rho(2\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k - \mathbf{x}_i^{0*}) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X} \quad (35)$$

Then it follows from  $\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_c^k$  and (13) that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} + \rho(\mathbf{x}_c^k - \mathbf{x}_i^{0*}) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}'_i \in \mathcal{X}, i = 1, \dots, m$$

and therefore  $(\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{in}^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\pi}_{i1}^{k+1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\pi}_{in}^{k+1})$  is a solution to  $MVI(\mathbf{Q}_i, \mathcal{U})$ . **Q.E.D**

Lemma 4.1 shows that when inequality (15) holds, the iterate  $(\mathbf{x}_{i1}^{k+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{in}^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\pi}_{i1}^{k+1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\pi}_{in}^{k+1})$  is a solution to  $MVI(\mathbf{Q}, \mathcal{U})$ .

### A2. Proof of Lemma 4.2

By substituting  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in (35) with  $\mathbf{x}_c^*$ ,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_c^* - \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k + \rho(2\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k - \mathbf{x}_i^{0*}) \rangle \geq 0 \quad (36)$$

Again, setting  $\mathbf{x}_c^* = \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1}$  in (13) – (14) in the main text,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^* + \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* + \rho(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_i^{0*}) \rangle \geq 0 \quad (37)$$

Next, sum (36) and (37) to obtain

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, (\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^* - \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1}) + (\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k) - \rho(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k) \rangle \geq 0 \quad (38)$$

Rearrange (38) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, (\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k) \rangle &\geq \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, (\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^*) + \rho(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, (\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k) \rangle &\geq \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, (\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^*) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, \rho(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* \rangle &\leq -\sigma_i \|\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*\|^2 - \langle \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^*, \rho(\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_c^k) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where the first term on the right-hand side of the last inequality is from the strong monotonicity of the subdifferential mapping  $\partial\theta_i$ . **Q.E.D**

### **A3. Proof of Lemma 4.3**

*Proof:* From the last equality in (12) and (16) of the main text,

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 &= \rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^* + \rho(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 \\ \rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 &= \rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + \rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 + 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1} \rangle\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

Replace

$$x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1} = (x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*) + (x_c^* - x_c^{k+1})$$

in the last term of (39) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1} \rangle &= 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, (x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*) + (x_c^* - x_c^{k+1}) \rangle \\ &= 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, (x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*) \rangle + 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, (x_c^* - x_c^{k+1}) \rangle \\ &\leq -2\sigma_i\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 - 2\rho\langle x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k \rangle - 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_c^{k+1} - x_c^* \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Re-write (39) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 &\leq \rho^{-1}\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + \rho\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1}\|^2 - 2\sigma_i\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\rho\langle x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k \rangle - 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_c^{k+1} - x_c^* \rangle\end{aligned}\quad (40)$$

The second term in the right hand side of (40) can be represented as:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1}\|^2 &= \rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k) + (x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 \\ &= \rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|^2 + \rho\|(x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 + 2\langle x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k, x_i^k - x_c^{k+1} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that for any two vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

$$2|\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 \quad (41)$$

$$\rho\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1}\|^2 \leq 2\rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|^2 + 2\rho\|(x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 \quad (42)$$

Also the first term in the right hand side of (42) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|^2 &= \rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*) - (x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2 \\ \rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k)\|^2 &\leq 2\rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho\|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2\end{aligned}$$

That means (42) can be represented as shown below:

$$\rho\|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^{k+1}\|^2 \leq 2\rho\|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho\|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho\|(x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2$$

And (40) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 &\leq \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\sigma_i \|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 - 2\rho \langle x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k \rangle \\ &\quad - 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_c^{k+1} - x_c^* \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging the last inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 &\leq \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^{k+1})\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\sigma_i \|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 - 2\rho \langle x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k \rangle \\ &\quad - 2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_c^{k+1} - x_c^* \rangle + 4\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The fifth and sixth terms can be expressed as follows using (41)

$$\begin{aligned} -2\rho \langle x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*, x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k \rangle &\leq -2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 - 2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^k)\|^2 \\ -2\langle \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*, x_c^{k+1} - x_c^* \rangle &\leq -2\|(\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*)\|^2 - 2\|(x_c^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

After telescoping re-arrangement and using (41)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2 &\leq \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\sigma_i \|x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 - 2\rho \|(x_c^* - x_c^k)\|^2 \\ &\quad - 2\rho \|(x_c^{k+1} - x_c^k)\|^2 - 2\|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 - 2\|x_c^{k+1} - x_c^*\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Letting

$$\|\mathbf{u}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_i^*\|^2 = \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^{k+1} - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^{k+1} - x_c^*)\|^2$$

and

$$\|\mathbf{u}_i^k - \mathbf{u}_i^*\|^2 = \rho^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\pi}_i^k - \boldsymbol{\pi}_i^*\|^2 + 2\rho \|(x_i^k - x_c^*)\|^2$$

completes the proof. **Q.E.D**