# **Allocation**

• **Example:** given *n* DCs and *m* customers, with customer *j* receiving *wj* TLs per week, determine the total distance per week assuming each customer is served by its *closest* DC



$$
w = [2 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 8]
$$
  
\n
$$
D = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 20 & 30 & 40 \\ 45 & 35 & 25 & 15 \end{bmatrix}
$$
  
\n
$$
TD = 2(10) + 4(20) + 6(25) + 8(15)
$$
  
\n= 370

# **Pseudocode**

- Different ways of representing how allocation and TD can be calculated
	- High-level pseudocode most concise, but leaves out many implementation details (sets don't specify order, initial starting points)
	- Low-level pseudocode includes more implementation details, which can hide/obscure the core idea, and are usually not essential

```
TD = 0for j = 1:mdj = D(1, j)for i = 2:nif D(i, j) < djdj = D(i, j)end
   end
   TD = TD + w(j) *djend
```
#### Low-level Pseudocode High-level Pseudocode Matlab/Matlog

$$
N = \{1, ..., n\}, \quad n = |N|
$$
  
\n
$$
M = \{1, ..., m\}, \quad m = |M|
$$
  
\n
$$
\alpha = \left[\alpha_j\right] = \arg\min_{i \in N} d_{ij}
$$
  
\n
$$
TD = \sum_{j \in M} w_j d_{\alpha_j, j}
$$

```
a = argmin(D);W = sparse (a, 1:m, w, n, m)
TD = sum(sum(W.*D))
```
# **Minisum Multifacility Location**



## **Majority Theorem for Minisum Location**

- Single-facility: Locate NF at EF*j* if  $w_j \ge \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $W = \sum_{i=1}$ *m*  $j \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , where  $W = \sum_{i} W_i$ *i j* if  $w_i \ge \frac{W}{2}$ , where  $W = \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_i$ =  $\geq \frac{W}{2}$ , where  $W = \sum$
- Multifacility: can be used to reduce and sometimes solve

Given *m* EF and *n* NF, let  $V \leftarrow V + V'$ 

1. While any 
$$
v_{ik} \ge \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} v_{ij} \right)
$$
, co-located NF*i* and NF*k* and

 $(a)$  add row k to row i of **W**, remove row k from **W** 

(*b*) add row *k* to row *i* and column *k* to column *i* of **V** 

(*c*) remove row k and column k from V, and set  $0 \leftarrow v_{ii}$ 

2. Locate all NF*i* at EF*k* if 
$$
w_{ik} \ge \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{ij} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} v_{ij} \right)
$$
,

where any NF $j$  co-located with NF $i$  are also located at EF $k$ .

# **Ex 6: Multifacility Majority Theorem**

$$
3 EF, 2 NF, V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}:
$$

1. No solutions or reductions possible

$$
[\mathbf{W}\,\mathbf{V}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \Sigma = 5 \\ \Sigma = 11 \end{matrix}
$$

2. Modified  $V \Rightarrow$  solution

$$
[\mathbf{W}\,\mathbf{V}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma = 3.5 \implies w_{1,1} = 2 > 1.75 \implies \text{NF1 at EF1} \\ \Sigma = 9.5 \implies w_{2,3} = 5 > 4.75 \implies \text{NF2 at EF3} \end{bmatrix}
$$

3. Modified  $V \Rightarrow$  reduction  $\Rightarrow$  solution

$$
[\mathbf{W}\,\mathbf{V}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \sum = 7 \Rightarrow v_{1,2} = 4 > 3.5 \Rightarrow \text{NF1 and NF2 co-located} \\ \sum = 13 \Rightarrow \text{all } w_{ij}, v_{ij} < 6.5 \end{matrix}
$$

Reduced W, no V:  $W = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sum \approx 12 \Rightarrow w_1 = 6 \ge 6 \Rightarrow \text{NF1 (and NF2) at EF1}$ 

### **Ex 7: Location of Production Processes**



# **Multiple Single-Facility Location**



$$
TC(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} v_{jk} d(\mathbf{X}_{j}, \mathbf{X}_{k}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{ji} d(\mathbf{X}_{j}, \mathbf{P}_{i})
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{j=1}^{n} TC(\mathbf{X}_{j})
$$

# **Facility Location–Allocation Problem**



• Determine both the location of *n* NFs and the allocation of flow requirements of *m* EFs that minimize TC

 $w_{ji} = r_{ji} f_{ji} = (1) f_{ji} =$  flow between NF*j* and EF*i* 

 $w_i$  = total flow requirememts of  $EF_i$ 

$$
TC(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{ji} d(\mathbf{X}_{j}, \mathbf{P}_{i})
$$
  

$$
\mathbf{X}^{*}, \mathbf{W}^{*} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}} \left\{ TC(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}) : \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ji} = w_{i}, w_{ji} \ge 0 \right\}
$$
  

$$
TC^{*} = TC(\mathbf{X}^{*}, \mathbf{W}^{*})
$$

# **Integrated Formulation**



- If there are no capacity constraints on NFs, it is optimal to always satisfy all the flow requirements of an EF from its closest NF
- Requires search of (*n* x *d*)-dimensional TC that combines location with allocation

 $({\bf X})$ 1  $^*$  = arg min  $TC(X)$  $TC^* = TC(\mathbf{X}^*)$  $\alpha_i(\mathbf{X}) = \arg\min_j d(\mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{P}_i)$  $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum w_i d(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha_i(\mathbf{X})}, \mathbf{P}_i)$ *m*  $\chi_i \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{\Lambda}_{\alpha_i}(\mathbf{X}), \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_i)$ *i*  $TC(X) = \sum w_i d(X_{\alpha_i})$ =  $\mathbf{X}) = \sum w_i d(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha_i(\mathbf{X})}, \mathbf{P}_i)$ **X**  $X^*$  = arg min  $TC(X)$ 

# **Alternating Formulation**



- Alternate between finding locations and finding allocations until no further TC improvement
- Requires *n d*-dimensional location searches together with separate allocation procedure
- Separating location from allocation allows other types of location and/or allocation procedures to be used:
	- Allocation with NF with capacity constraints (solved as minimum cost network flow problem)
	- Location with some NFs at fixed locations

*allocate*(**X**) = 
$$
\begin{bmatrix} w_{ji} \end{bmatrix}
$$
 =  $\begin{cases} w_i, & \text{if } \arg \min_k d(\mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{P}_i) = j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

$$
TC(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_{ji} d(\mathbf{X}_{j}, \mathbf{P}_{i})
$$

 $locate$  **W**, **X**) = arg min  $TC$  **(X, W**) **X**  $W, X$  = arg min  $TC(X, W)$ 

# **ALA: Alternate Location–Allocation**



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%% ALA Matlab Code  $X = \text{randX}(P, n)$ ;  $TC = Inf;$  done = false; while ~done  $Wi =$ alloc h(X);  $Xi = loc_h(Wi, X);$  $TCi = TCh(Wi,Xi);$ if TCi < TC  $TC = TCi; X = Xi; W = Wi;$ else  $done = true;$ end end X, W

# **Best Retail Warehouse Locations**

