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The Scheduled Service Network Redesign Problem

Abstract: Natural disasters, including earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and landslides, have profound impacts on transportation service networks, particularly disrupting rail and road transportation modes. Such events often result in the destruction of critical infrastructure, such as terminals and their connections through bridges, tunnels, and rails, leading to prolonged service interruptions. To address these challenges in transportation service networks, this paper introduces an innovative extension of the classical Scheduled Service Network Design (SSND) problem, referred to as the Scheduled Service Network Redesign (SSNR) problem. The SSNR problem optimizes post-disaster networks by selecting demands and assigning them to available services, maximizing total profit. Comprehensive computational experiments using 30 test instances and sensitivity analyses are conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the SSNR problem. The results offer actionable managerial insights for enhancing the resilience of transportation service networks against natural disasters.

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