

Business Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series 2024
**APPROXIMATION ALGORITHMS FOR
ASSIGNMENT PROBLEMS
IN HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS**

The generalized assignment problem (GAP) is a well studied optimization problem. We examine a variant of this problem called the dynamic GAP.

We present its formulation, show new hardness results (APX HARD) and give a new 2 approximation algorithm.

We then show instances of this problem that can be used to model care giver assignments in certain critical incidence problems in health care and use the approximation schemes to come up with practical solutions that can be quickly implemented.

 **28 June 2024 (Friday)**

 **9:30-11:00am (HKT)**

 **English**

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