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Planning Under Uncertainty

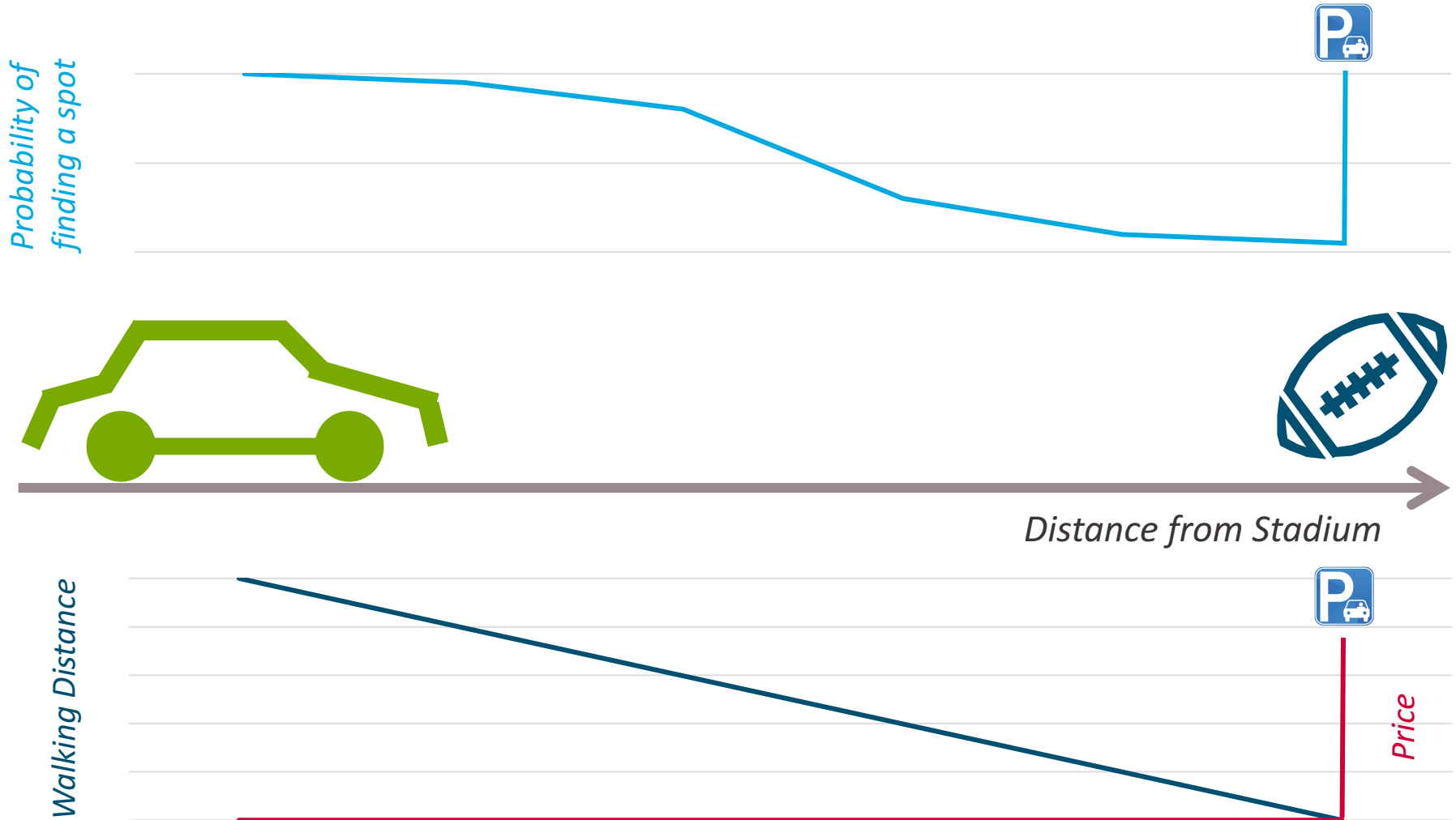
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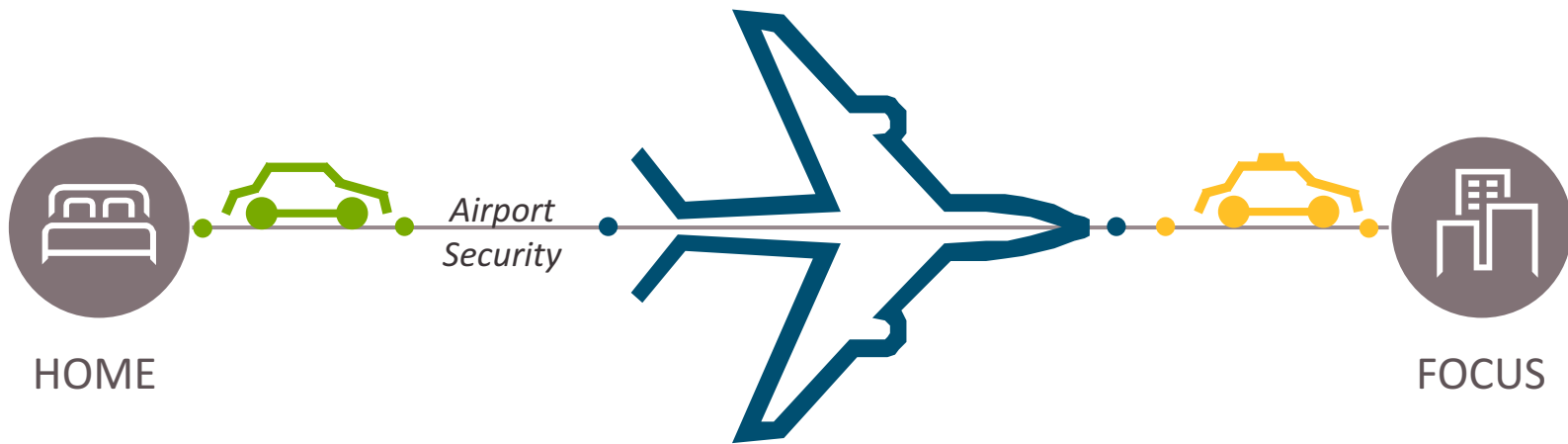
> **APPROACHES**

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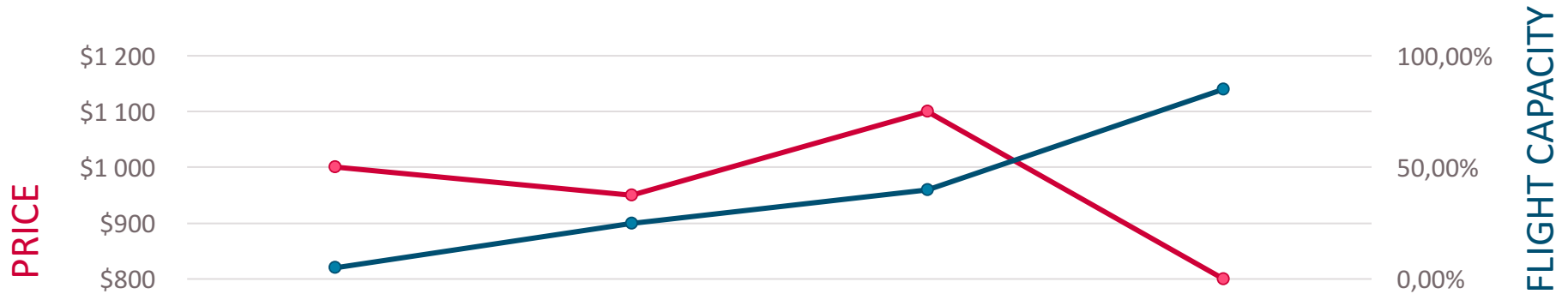
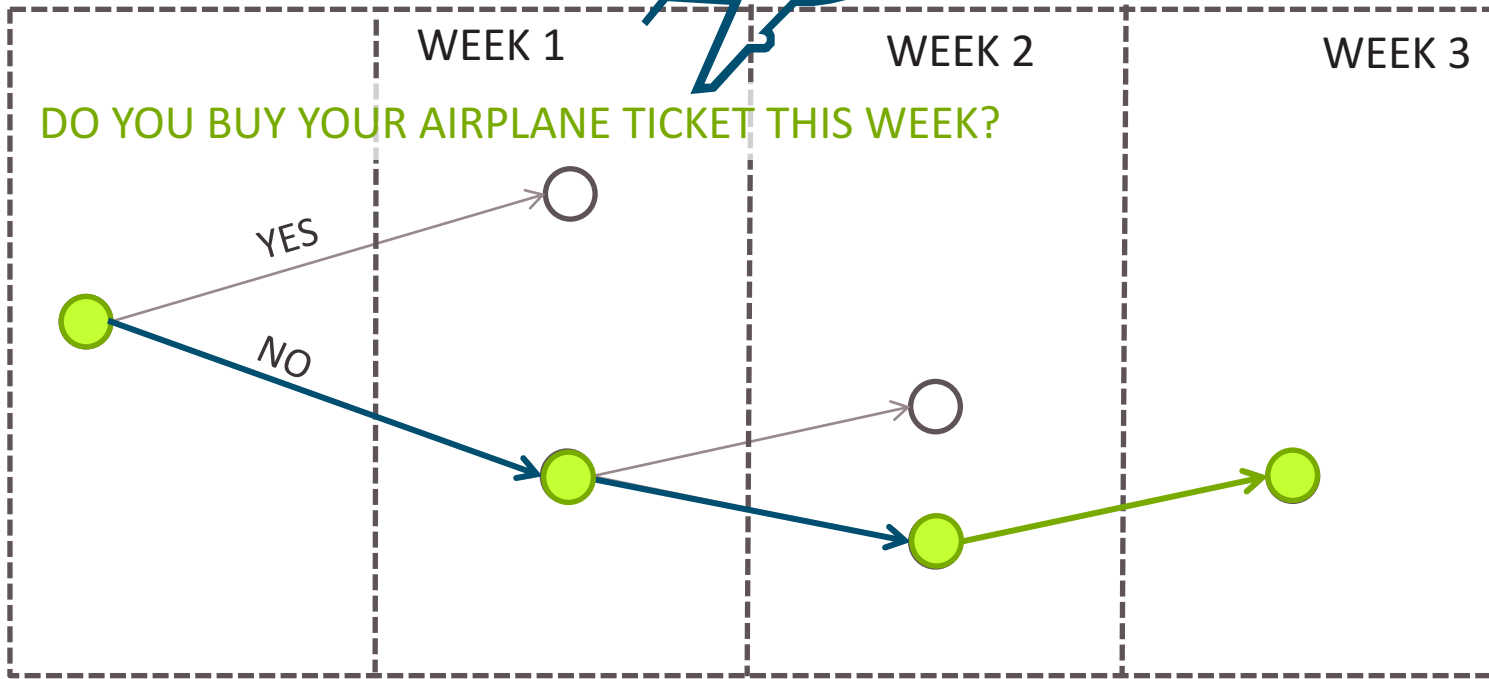
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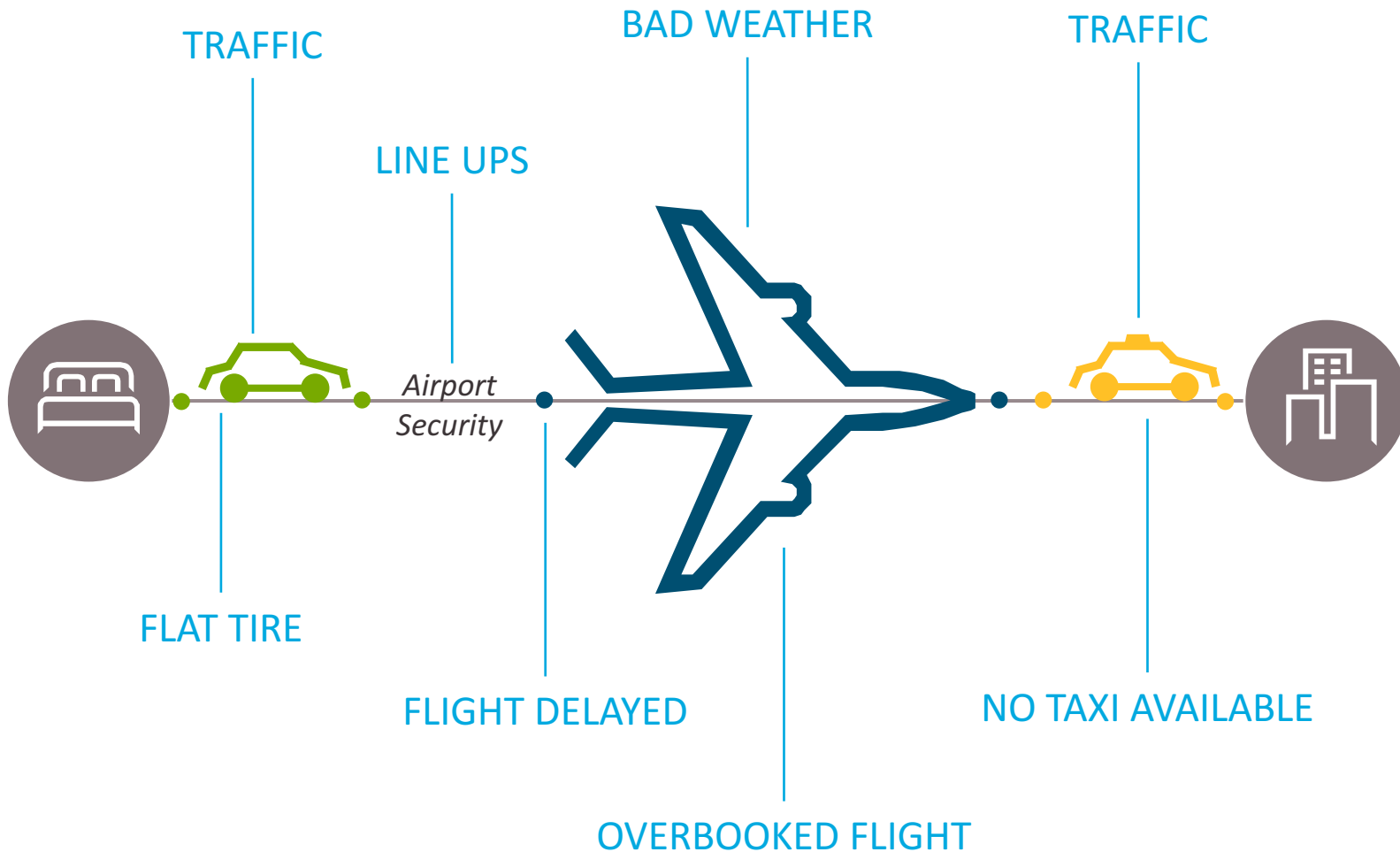
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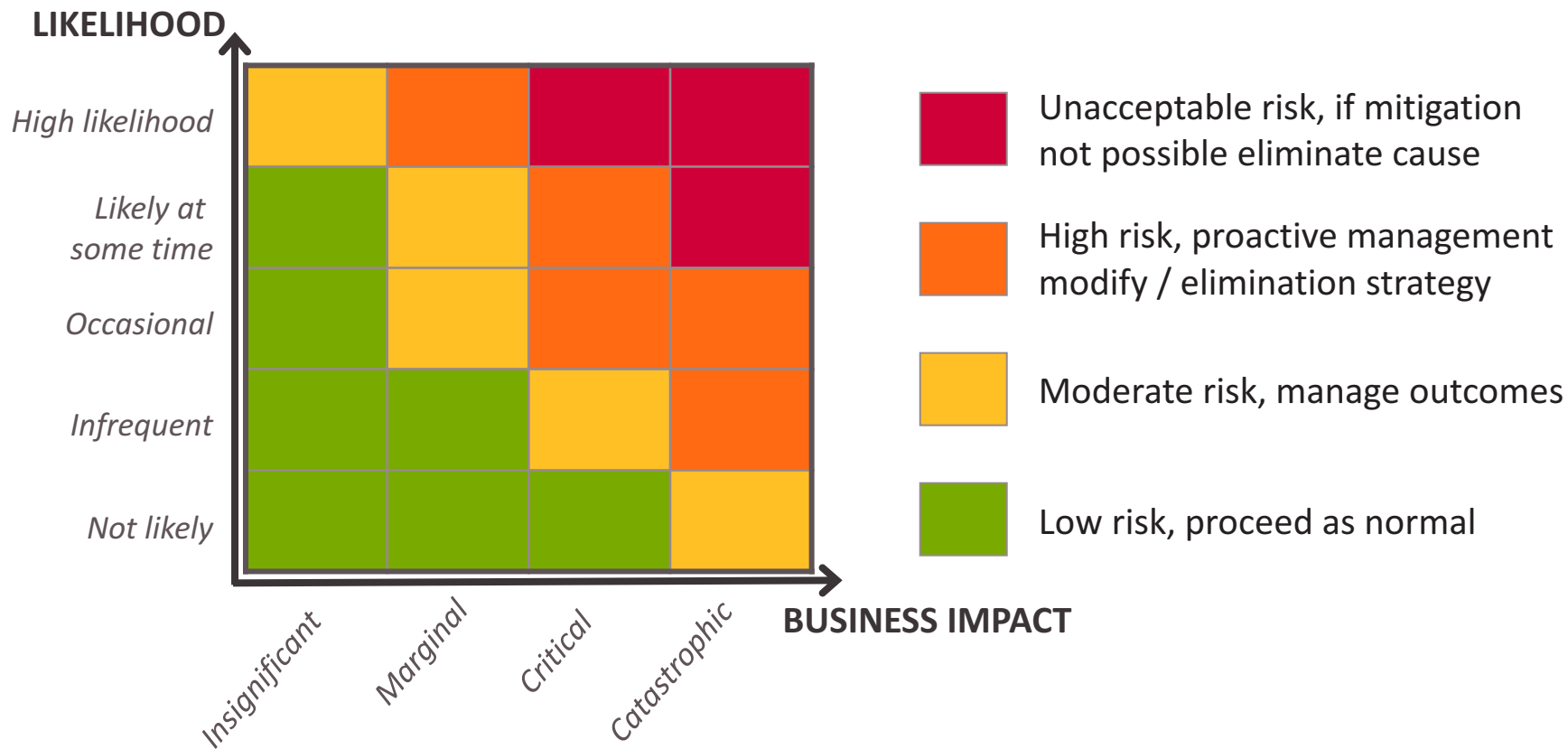
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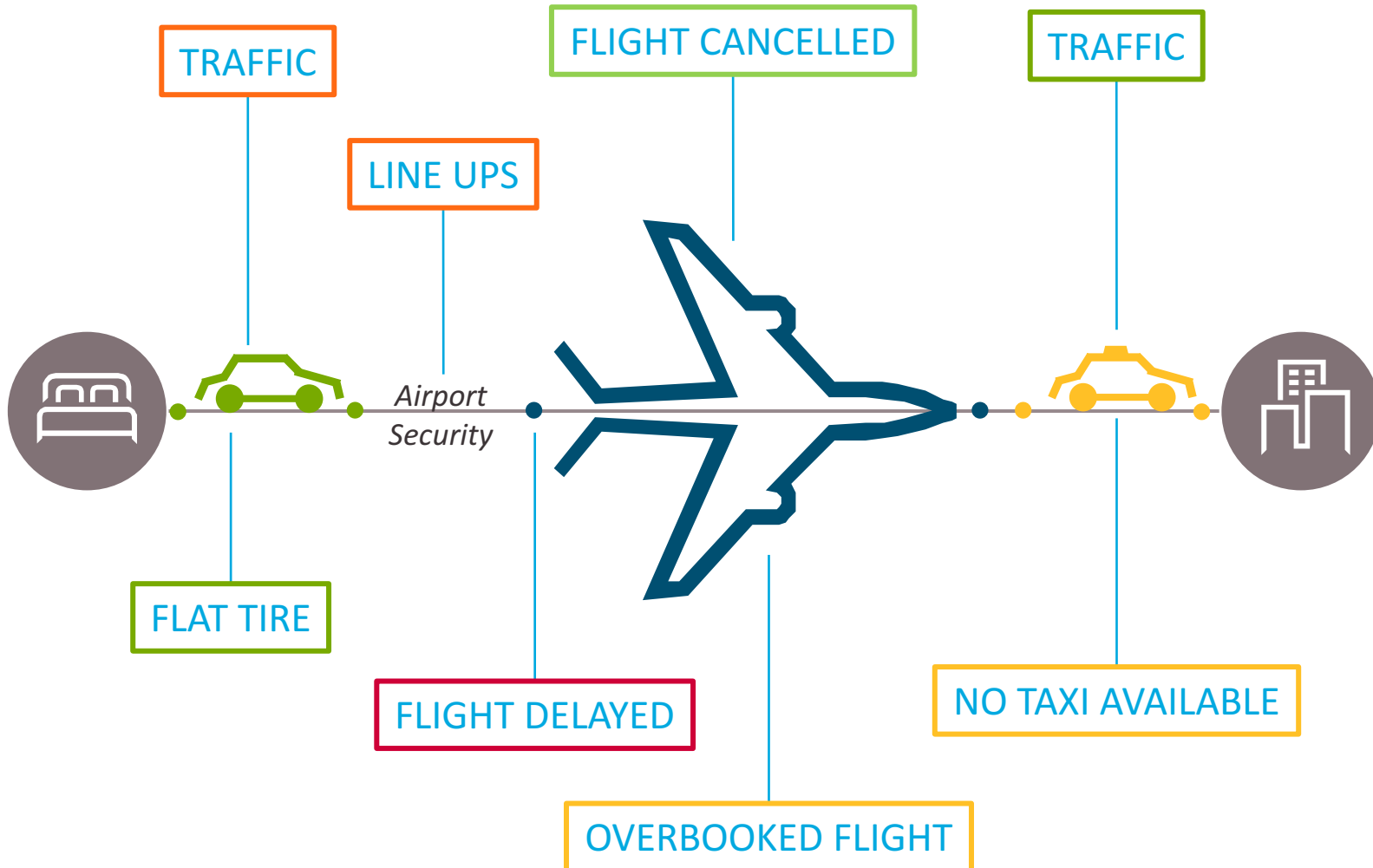
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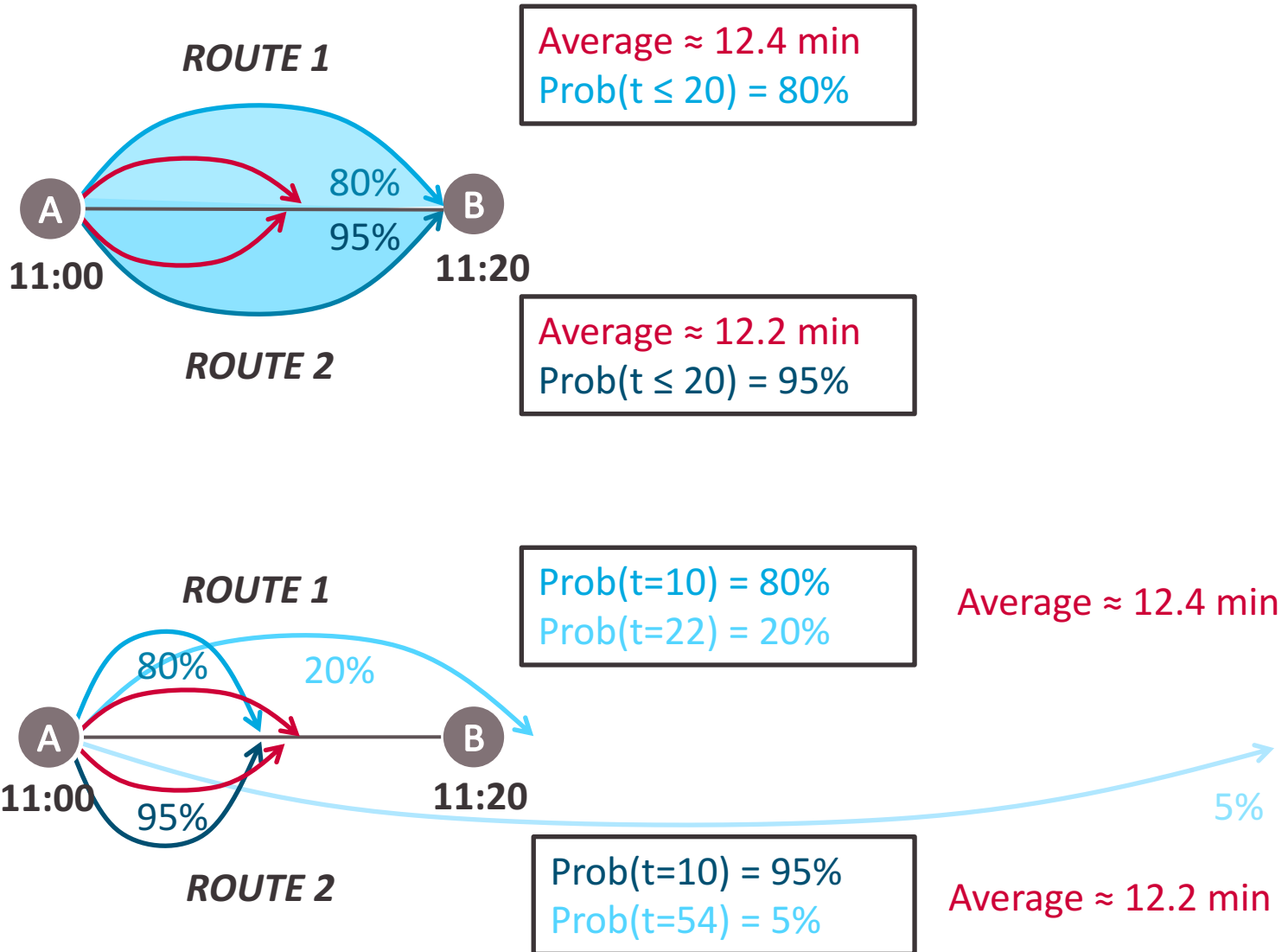
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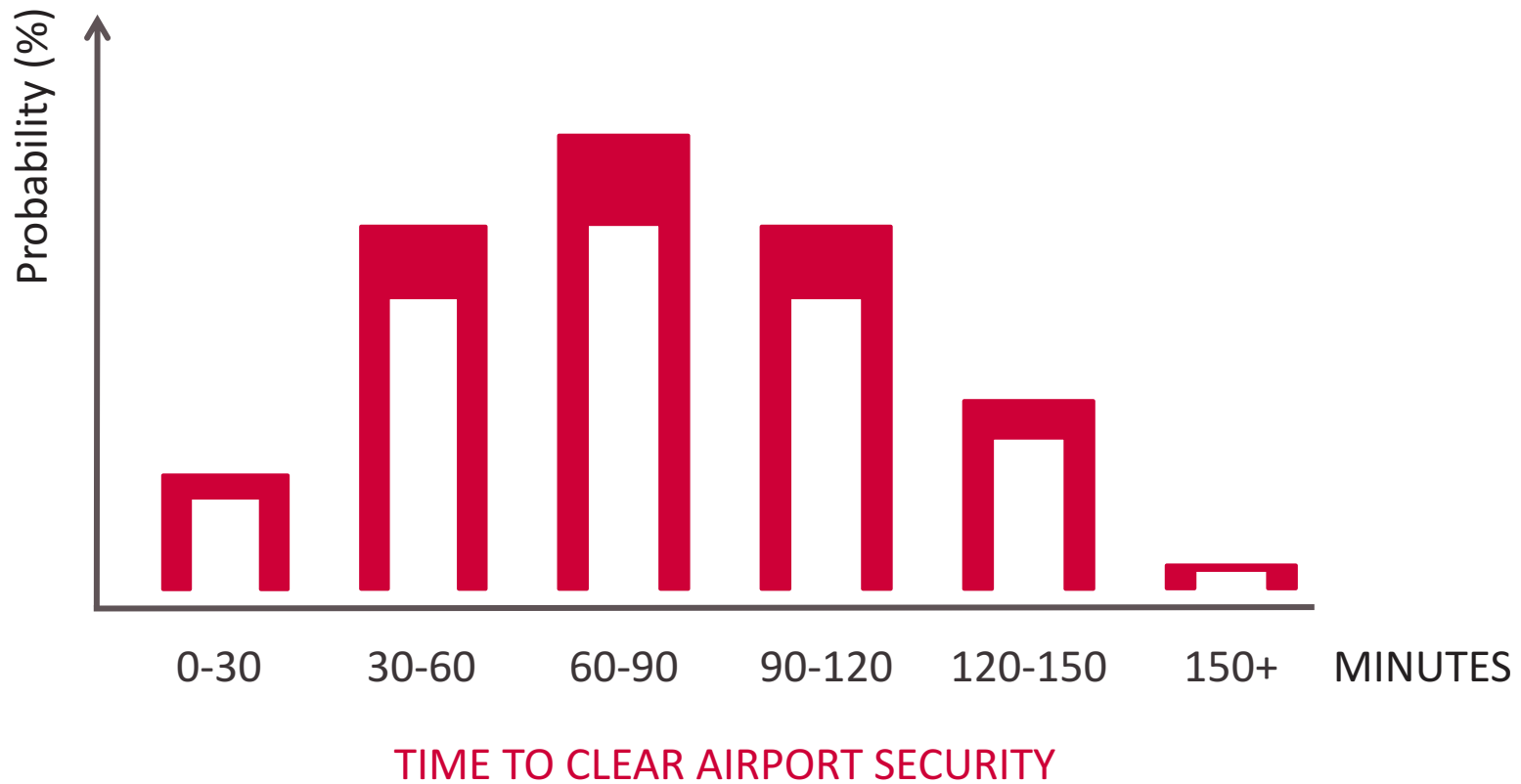
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Challenges of Uncertainty

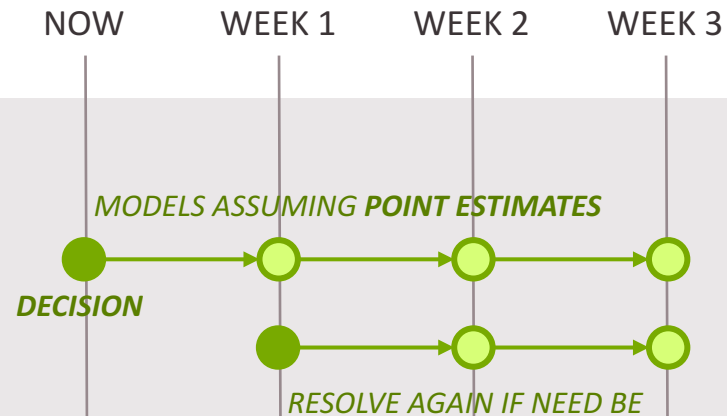


Graphical Probability Distribution



Decision Stages under Uncertainty

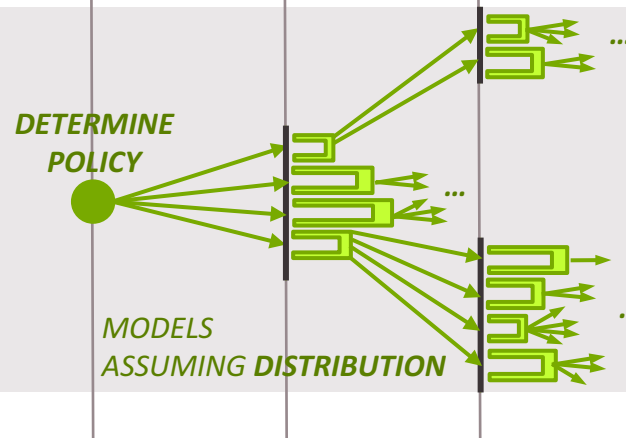
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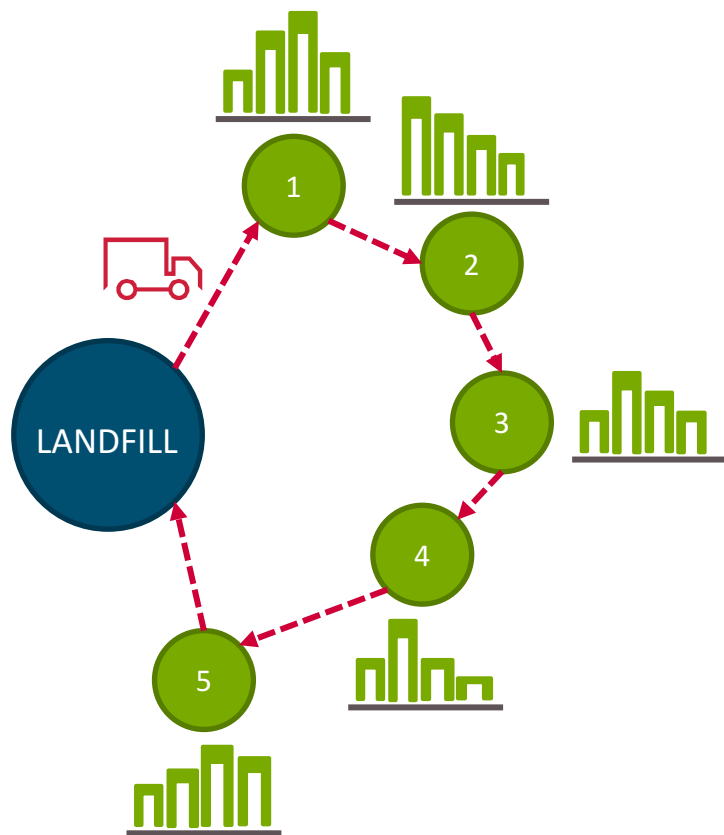
- Ex: Use averages, min or max values

WAIT-AND-SEE



Make a decision after the realization of uncertainty

Vehicle Routing Example



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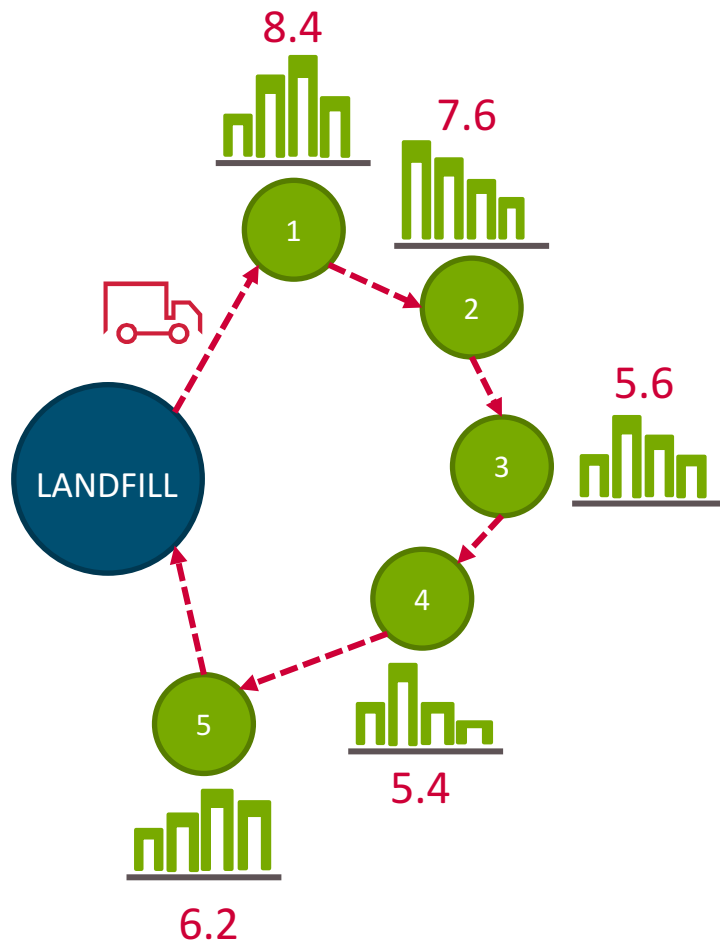


Unlimited fleet of vehicles of maximum capacity C

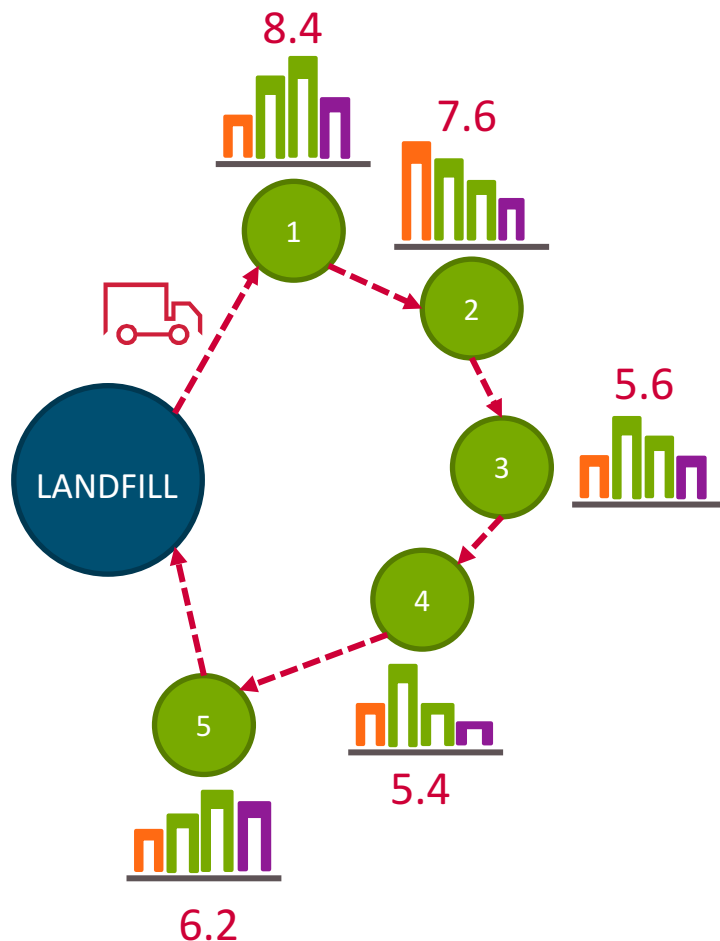


Independent random demands at n customers

Deterministic Approaches



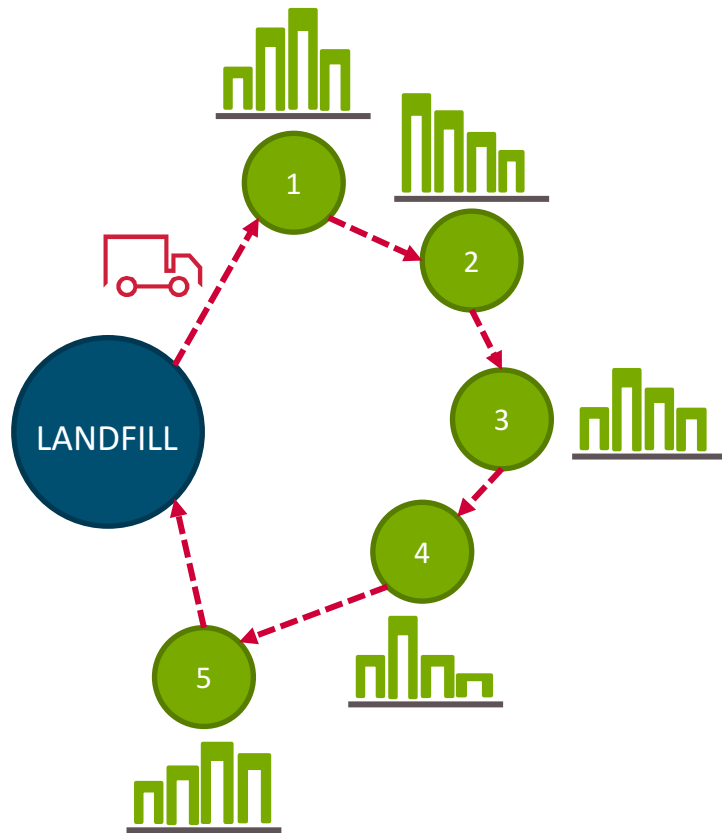
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- + Pros
 - + Easy and don't increase the model size.
 - + Don't need a lot of information on the uncertainty.
- Cons
 - May over simplify the uncertainty.
 - The plan may be infeasible if the uncertainty is not as you planned.

- > CHANCE CONSTRAINED OPTIMIZATION
- > STOCHASTIC OPTIMIZATION
- > ROBUST OPTIMIZATION

Uncertainty Impact on Plan?



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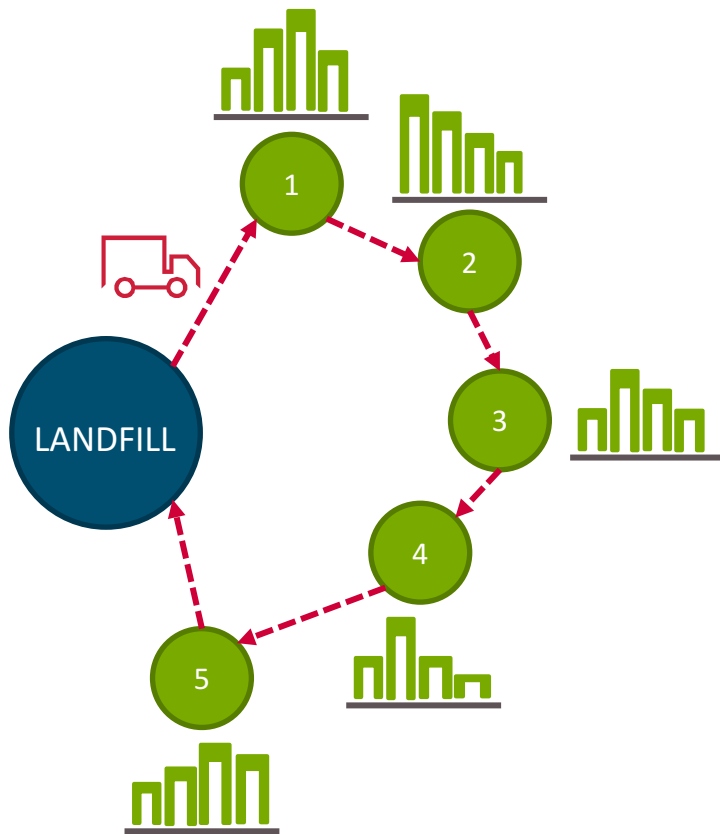
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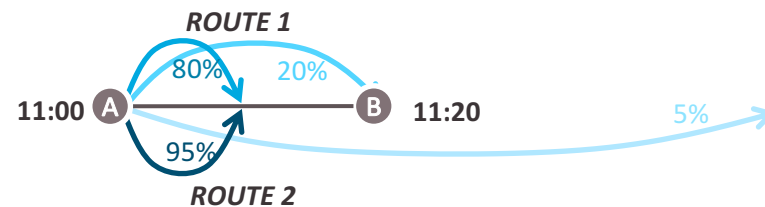
MAXIMUM CAPACITY Q

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- ⑤ Probability (exceed Q) = 100%

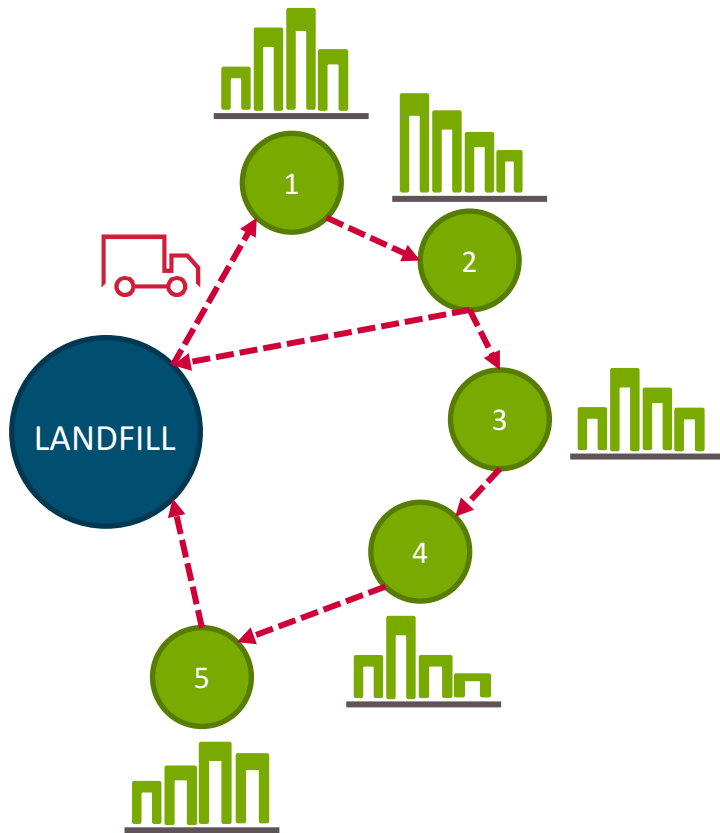
Chance Constrained Optimization



- > Chance Constrained Optimization enables to produce a plan that will be feasible **with a certain probability**.
 - In this case, we could aim for routes that will not exceed the capacity of the truck in at least **75% of uncertainty scenarios**. (Maximum 25% of failure)
- > Failure probability evaluated analytically or through simulation
- > Known as Value-at-Risk in finance (VaR)
- + Pros
 - + You can specify your level of risk.
- Cons
 - Neither says what to do in case of failure nor quantify the magnitude of the impact



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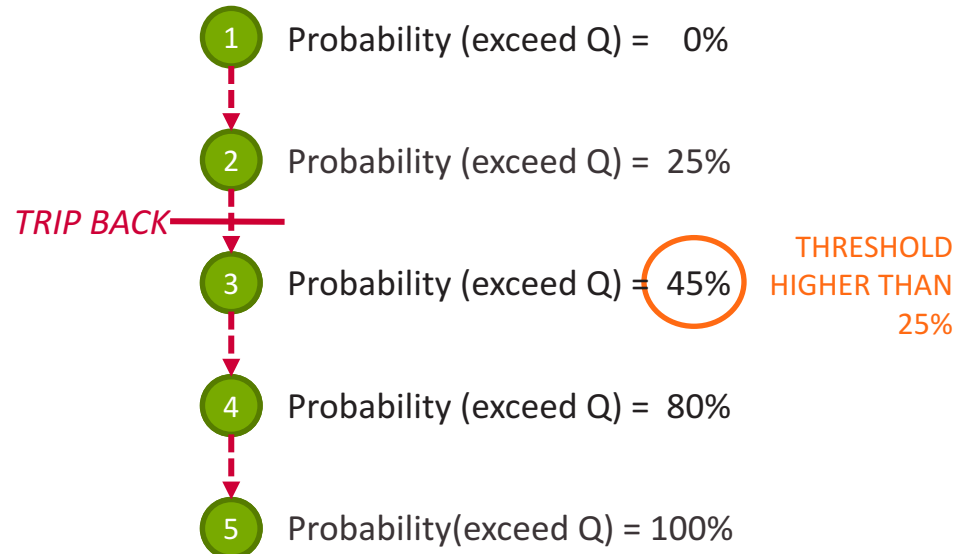


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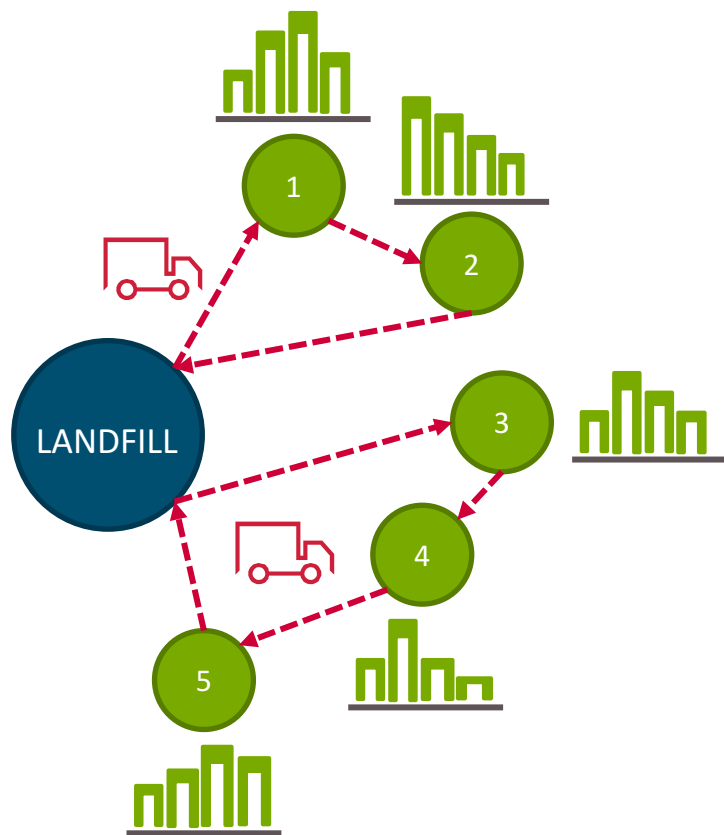
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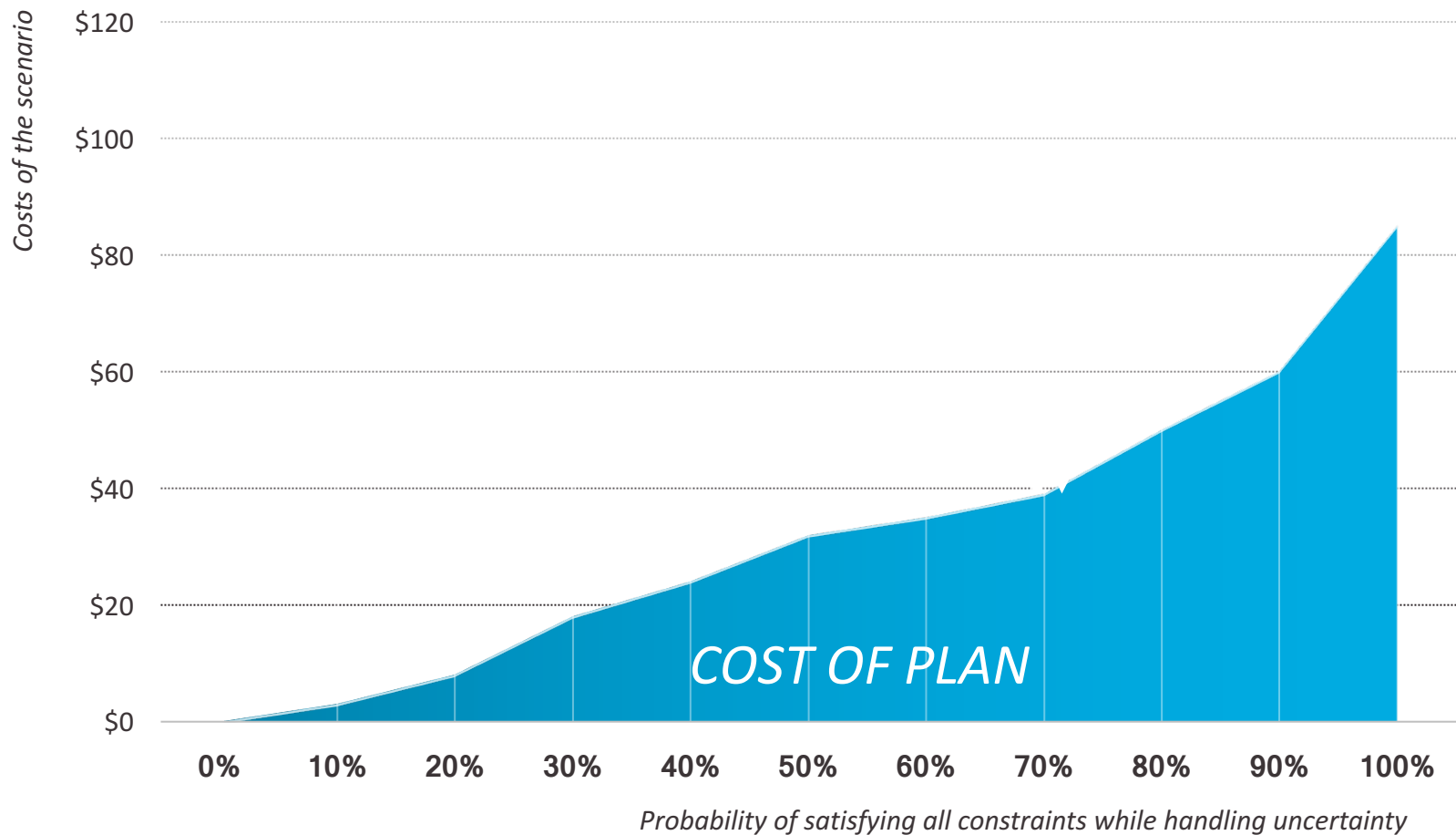
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-  Probability (exceed Q) = 0%
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-  Probability (exceed Q) = 24%

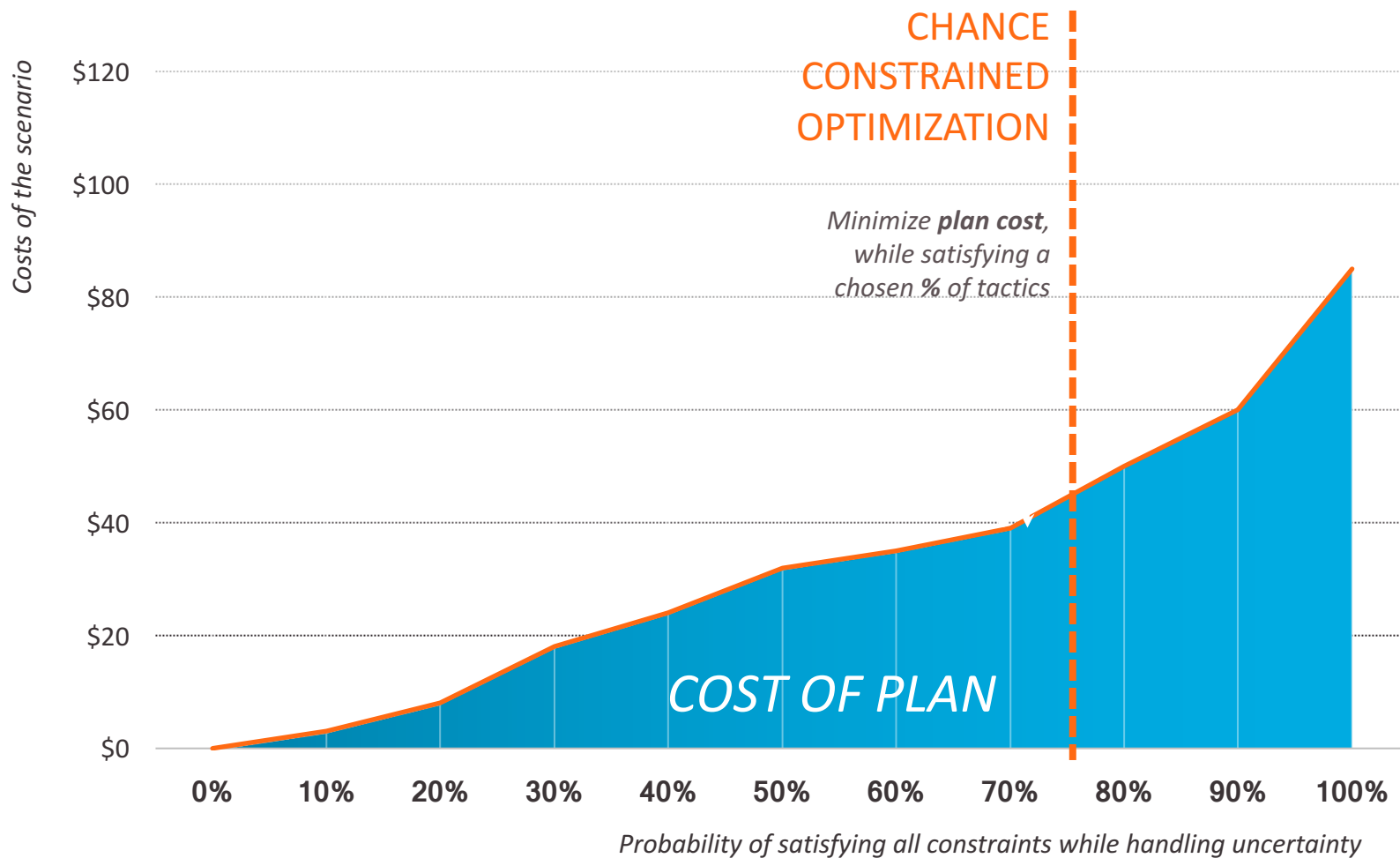
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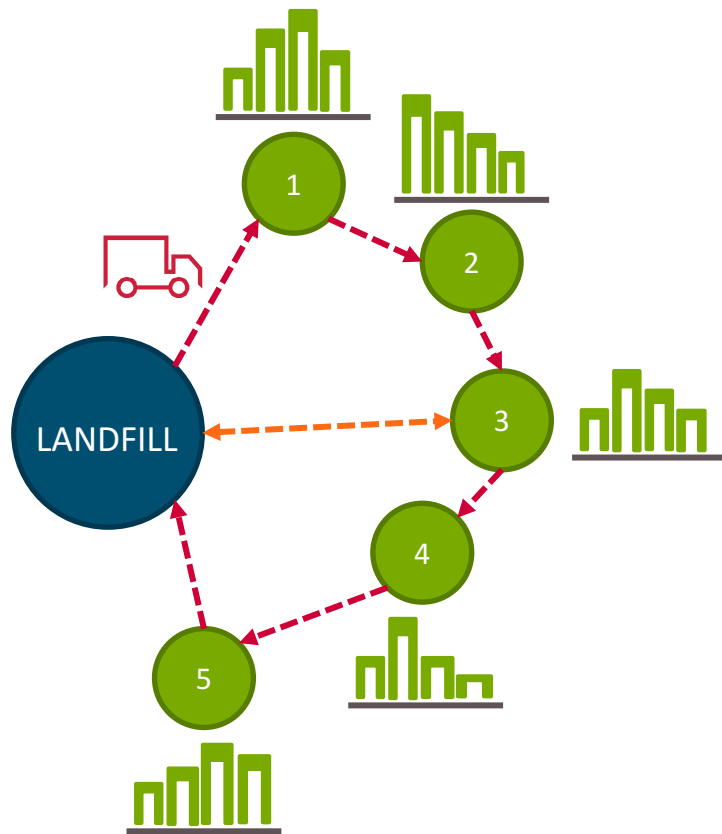
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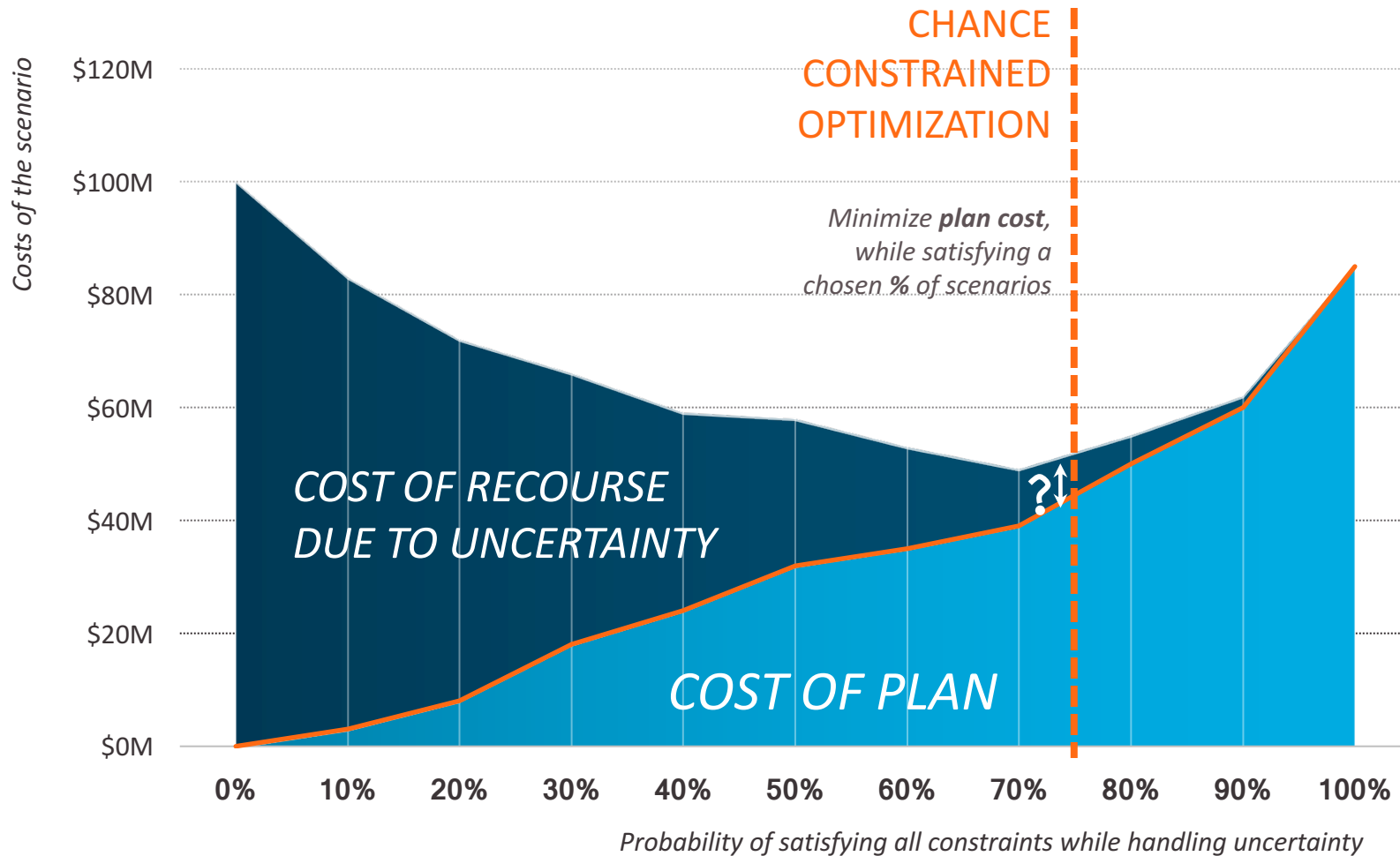


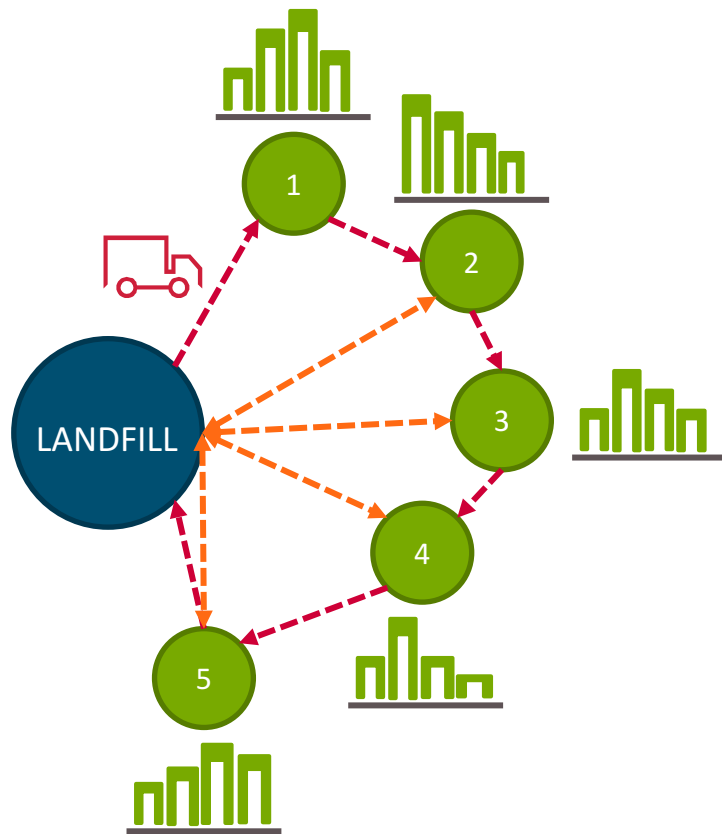
But What Happens When the Plan Fails?



- > A recourse action is a **wait-and-see** decision you can take when you observe the uncertainty.
 - In this case, a **trip back and forth** to the landfill can be an option if the uncertainty scenario exceeds the capacity.
 - In other cases, recourse actions can be to pay extra hours, short the demand, etc.
- > In Chance Constrained Optimization, the recourse plan is not minimized. The plan doesn't tell you what to do and how much it will cost in case of failure.

How to Model Uncertainty?





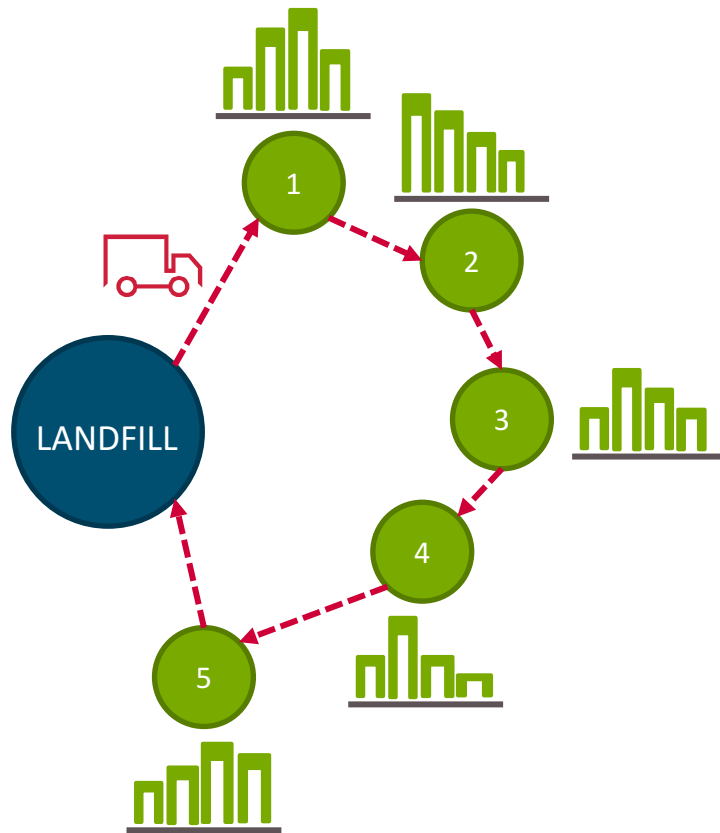
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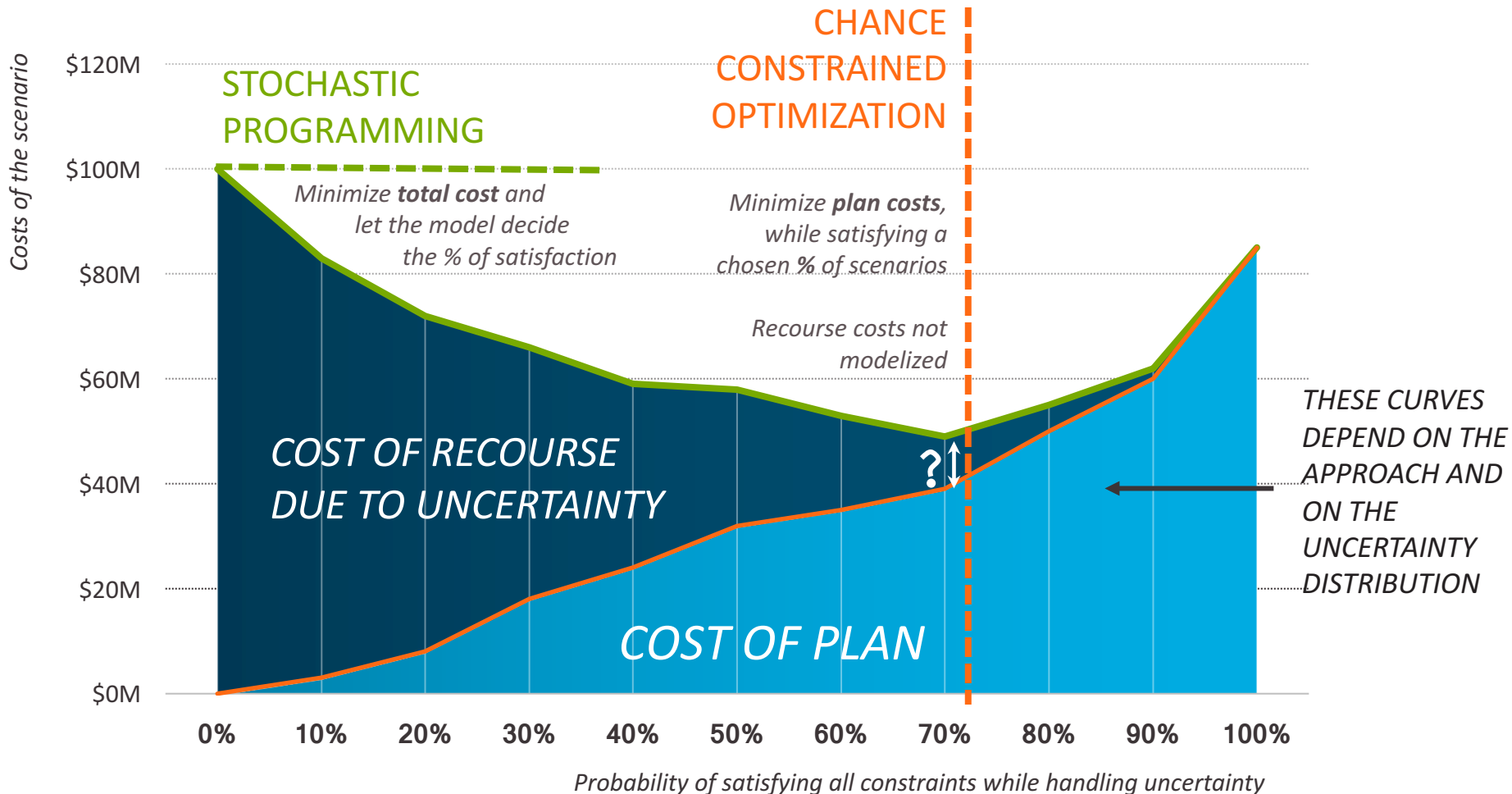
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 IF FAILURE: RECOURSE 12km
- 4 Probability (exceed Q) = 80%
 IF FAILURE: RECOURSE 8km
- 5 Probability(exceed Q) = 100%
 IF FAILURE: RECOURSE 8km



- > Optimize the plan cost and the recourse cost at the same time
 - > Often relies on scenarios generation (sampling) and aims to optimize the expected costs
 - > Received much attention since 1990s
 - > Some variants, e.g. Markov decision processes (MDPs), binary scenario tree, etc.
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- + Pros
 - + The recourse plan cost is handled
 - Cons
 - Tricky to compute the recourse cost in some cases

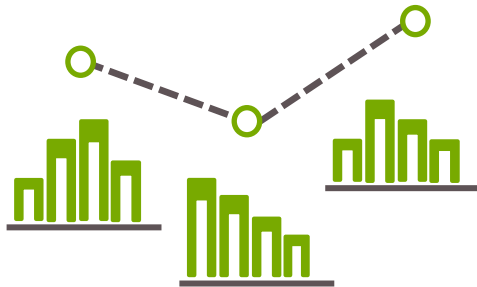
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What Do We Know About Uncertainty?

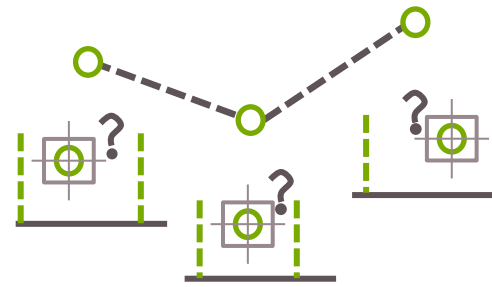
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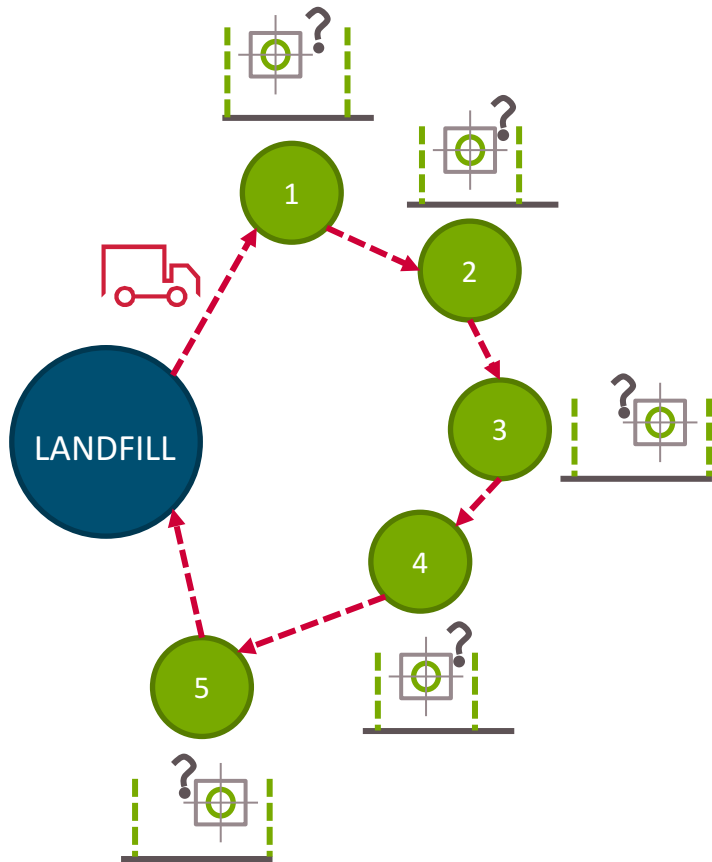
- > Definition: The probabilistic model is known, but the realizations of the random variables are unknown (Ellsberg, 1961)



AMBIGUITY (UNCERTAIN UNCERTAINTY)

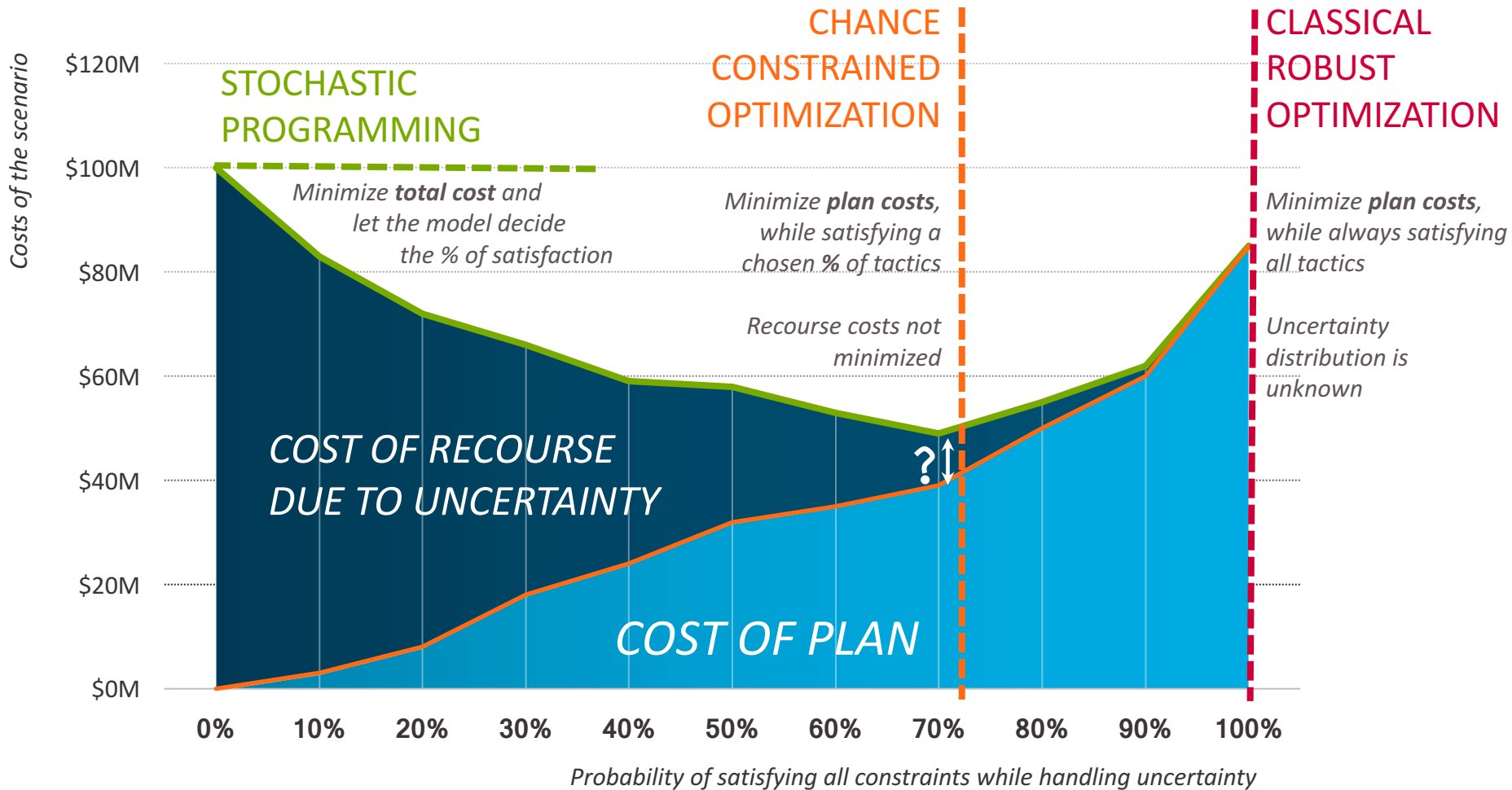
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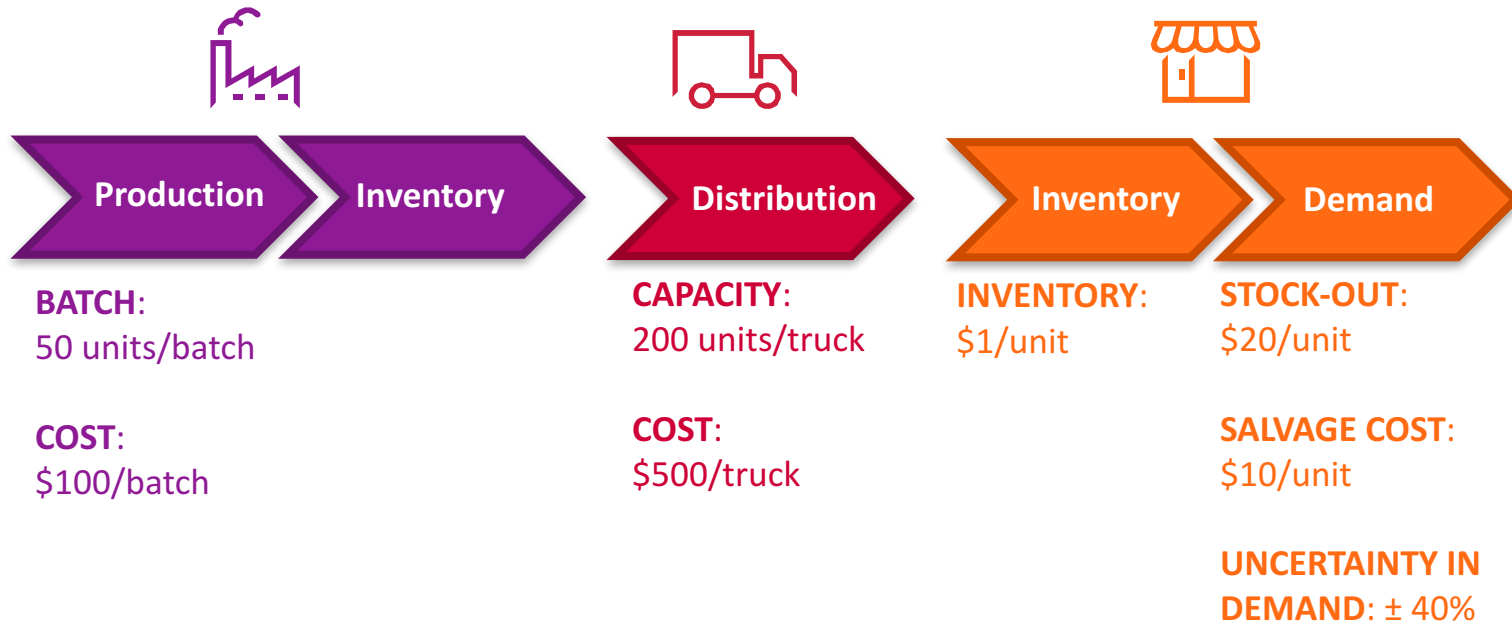


- > When the uncertainty distribution is unknown, robust optimization will ensure that the model can still produce **feasible plans**.
- > Classical robust optimization aims to ensure **worst possible outcome**
- + Pros
 - + Doesn't need a lot of information on uncertainty
 - + Scalability
- Cons
 - Could still be conservative in some case
 - Works when plan adaptation involves only quantities (like fulfillment quantities).

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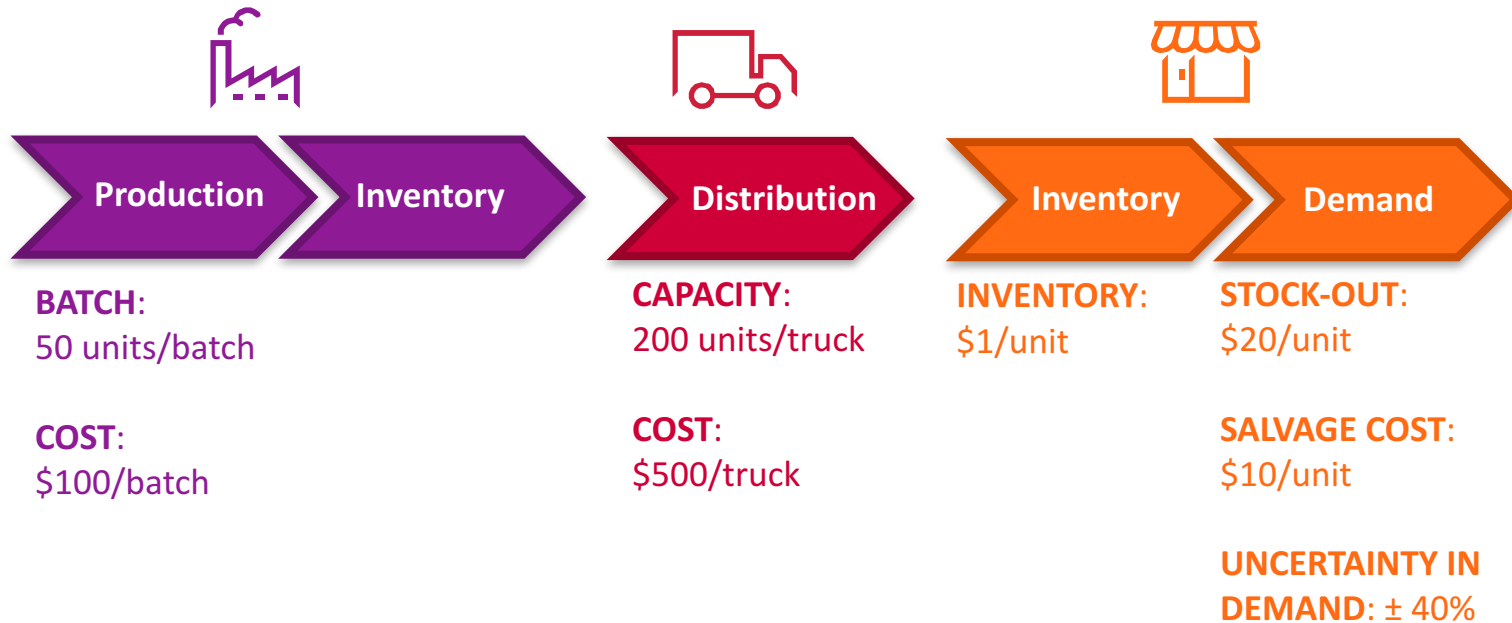


- > INTEGRATED PRODUCTION-DISTRIBUTION PLANNING
- > VEHICLE ROUTING WITH STOCHASTIC DEMAND



DECISIONS:

- ✓ Nb of production batches each week
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- ✓ Replenishment quantity each week for each customer



TESTED APPROACHES:

- Deterministic Model – Using the average demand
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- Stochastic Optimization



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STOCHASTIC APPROACH

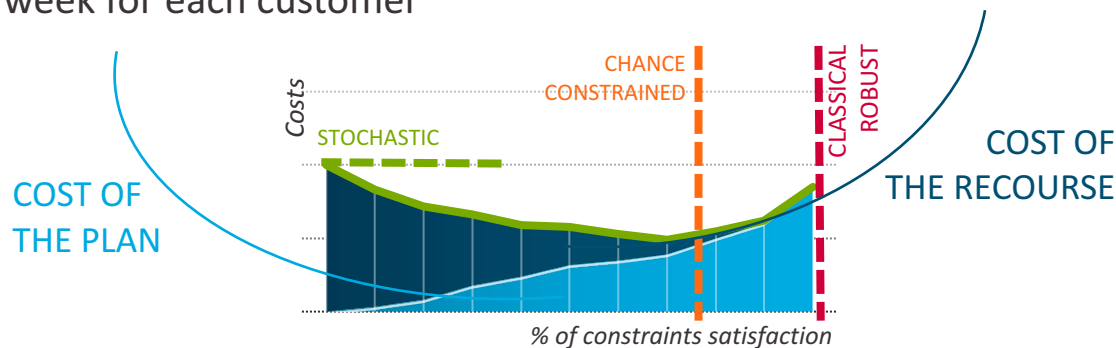
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WAIT-AND-SEE (Recourse action)

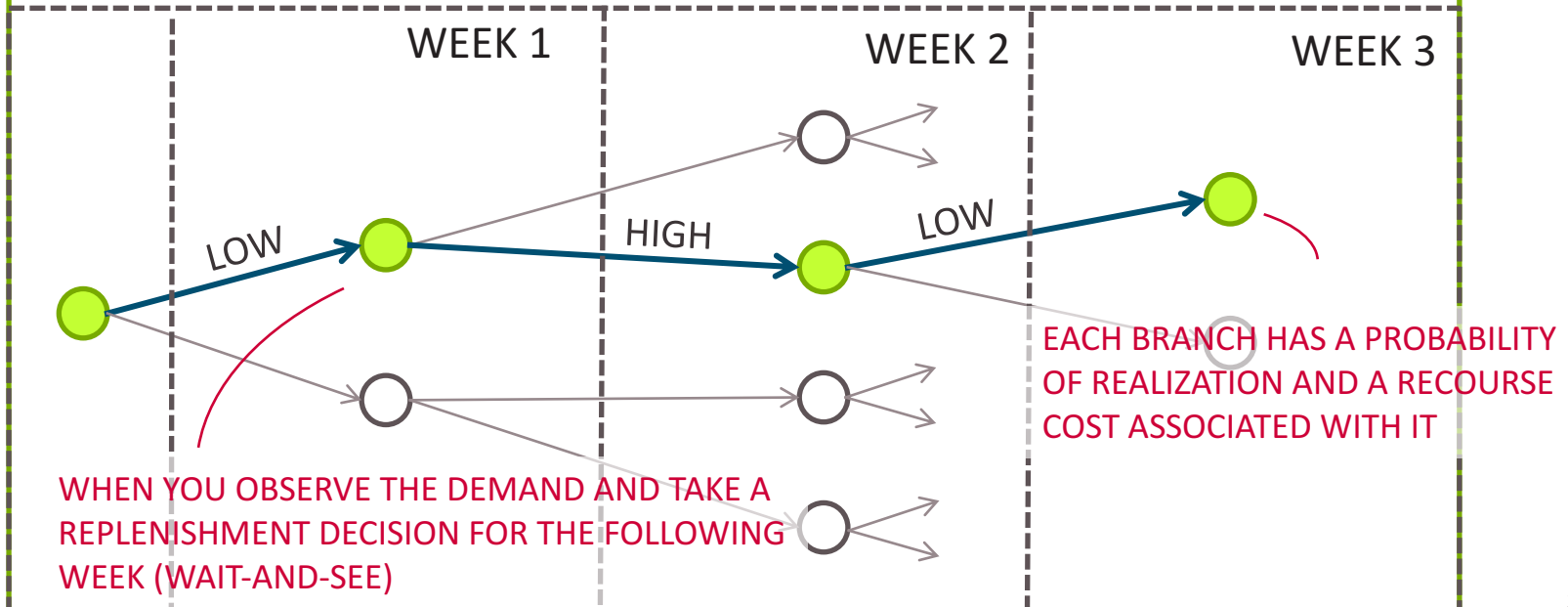
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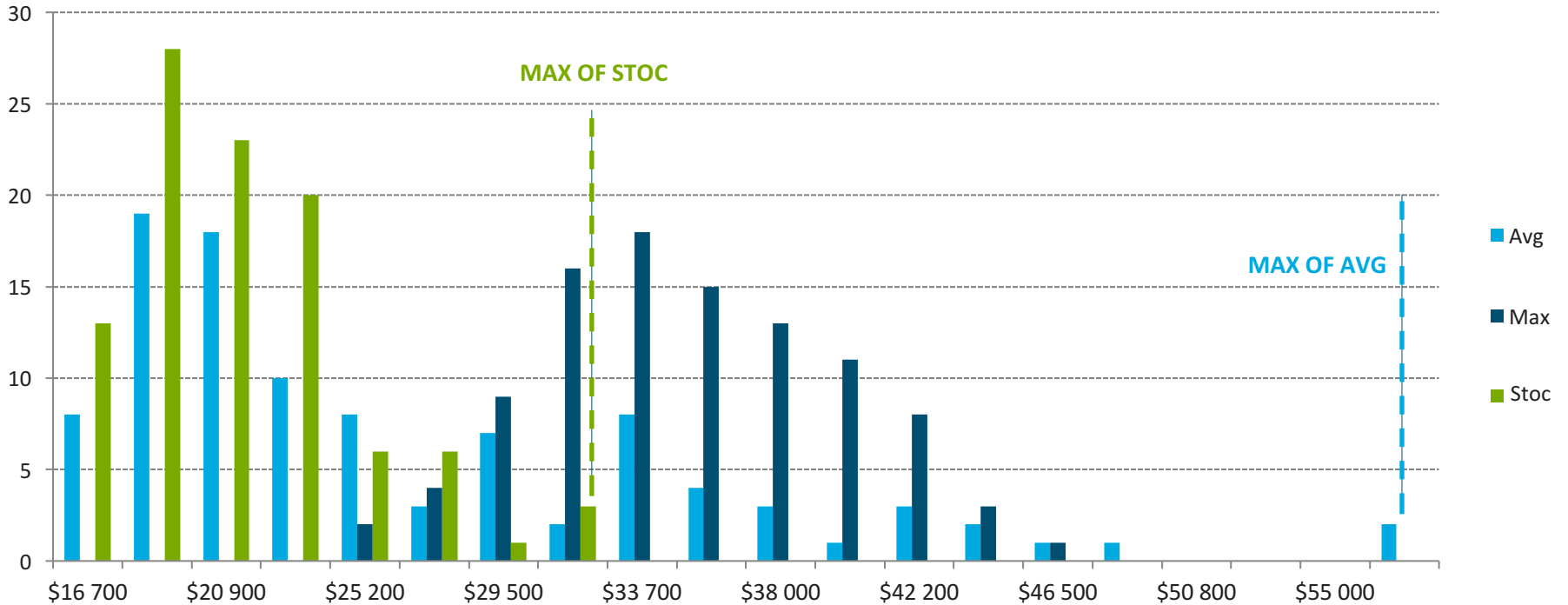
STOCHASTIC APPROACHES

– Stochastic Optimization



Integrated Production Distribution Planning

100 SIMULATIONS BASED ON THE GIVEN UNCERTAINTY $\pm 40\%$



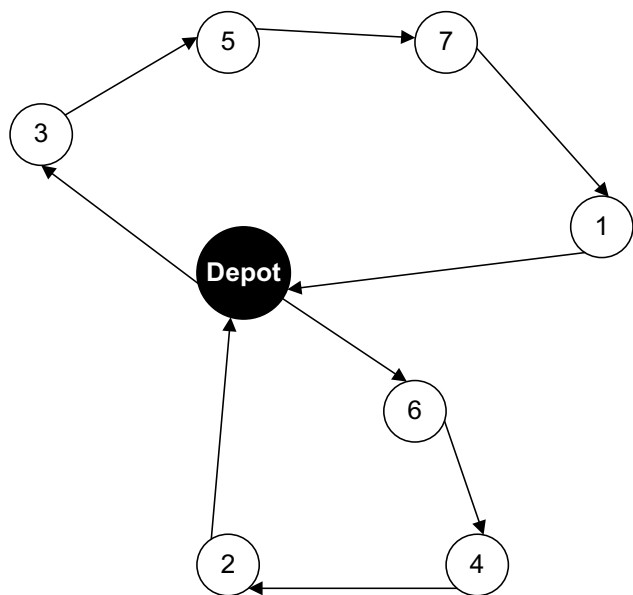
	AVG	MAX	STOC
Total cost (Avg)	\$26,364	\$35,301	\$21,255
Total cost (Max)	\$58,120	\$46,503	\$31,388
Standard Dev	\$9,130	\$4,635	\$3,304
%Diff (Avg)	24%	65%	
%Diff (Max)	85%	48%	

Agenda

- > The vehicle routing problem with stochastic demands and duration constraints (VRPSDDC)
 - Chance constraint programming formulation
 - Stochastic programming with recourse formulation
- > GRASP + HC
 - General structure
 - Components
- > Computational experiments
 - VRPSD
 - VRPSDDC
- > Conclusions and perspectives

The VRP with stochastic demands

Definition: classical setting



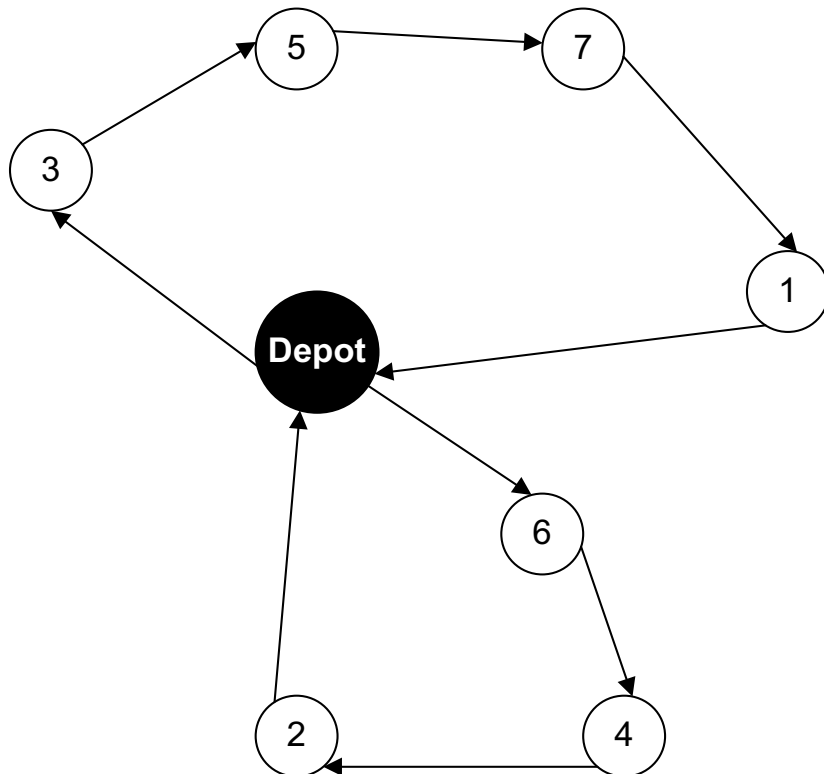
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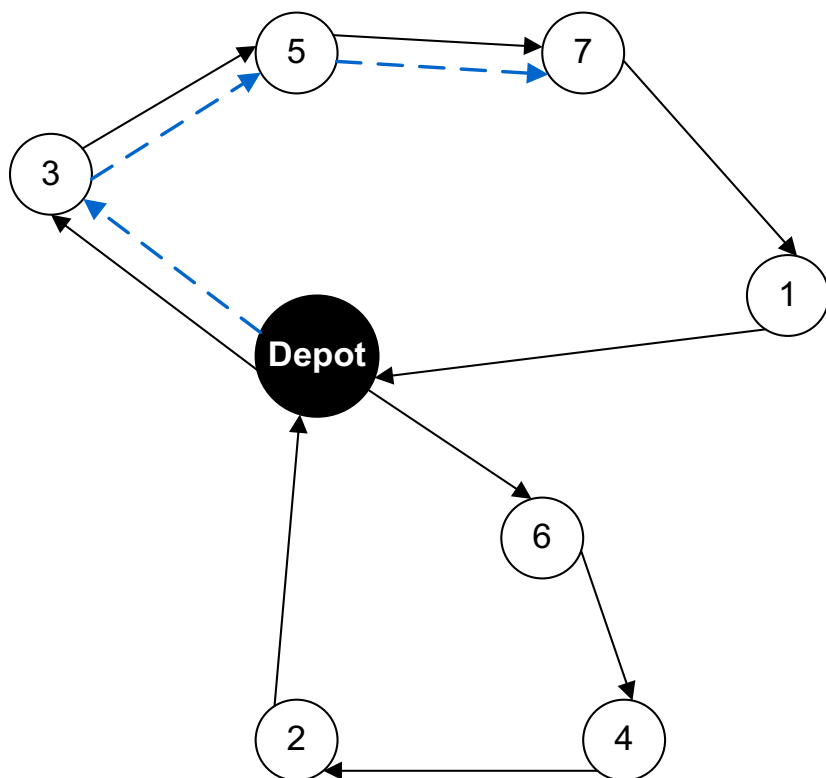


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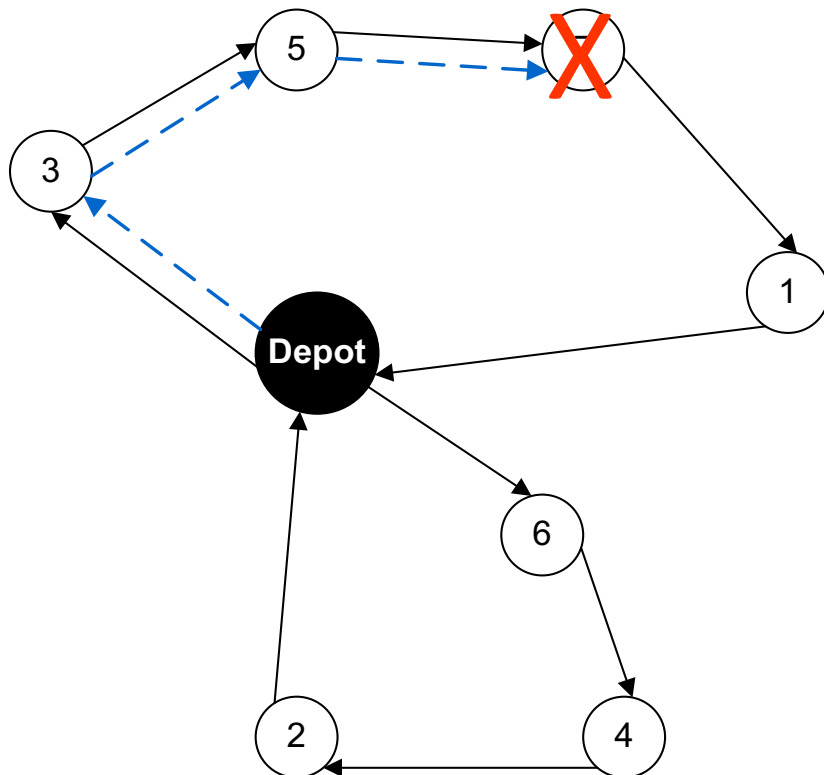
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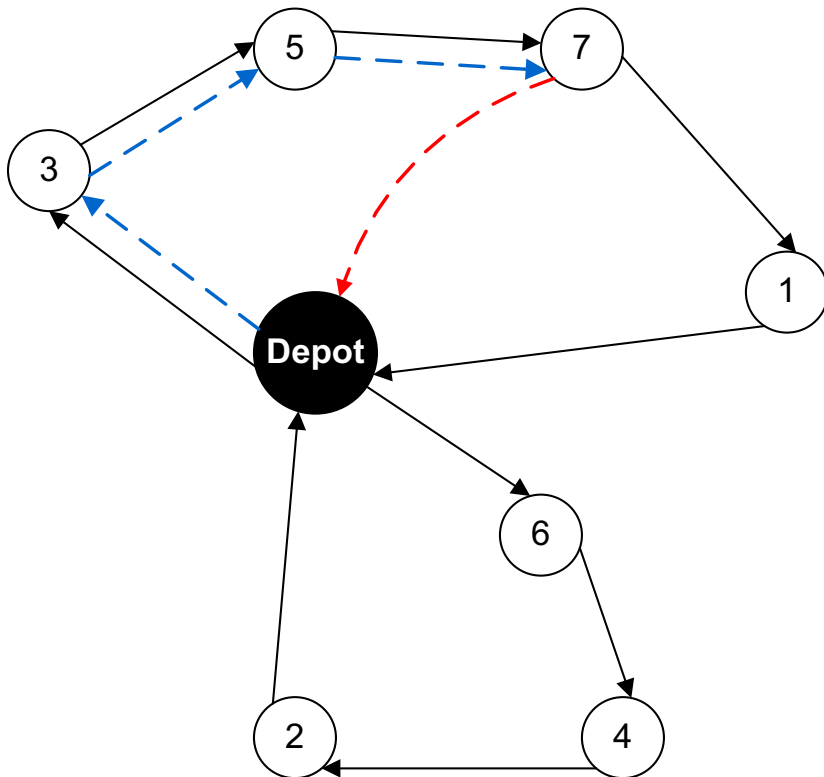


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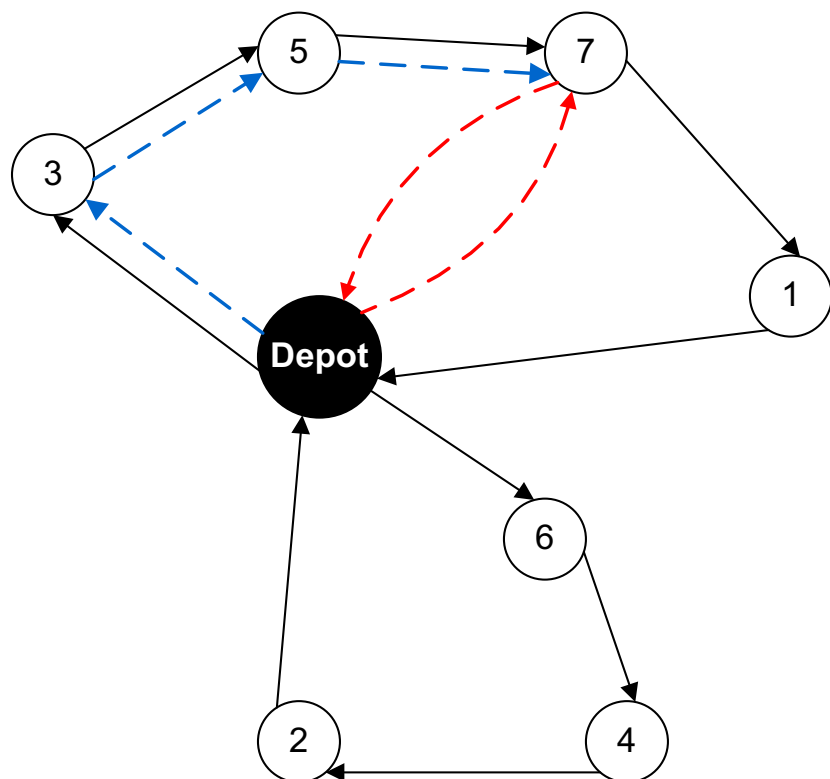


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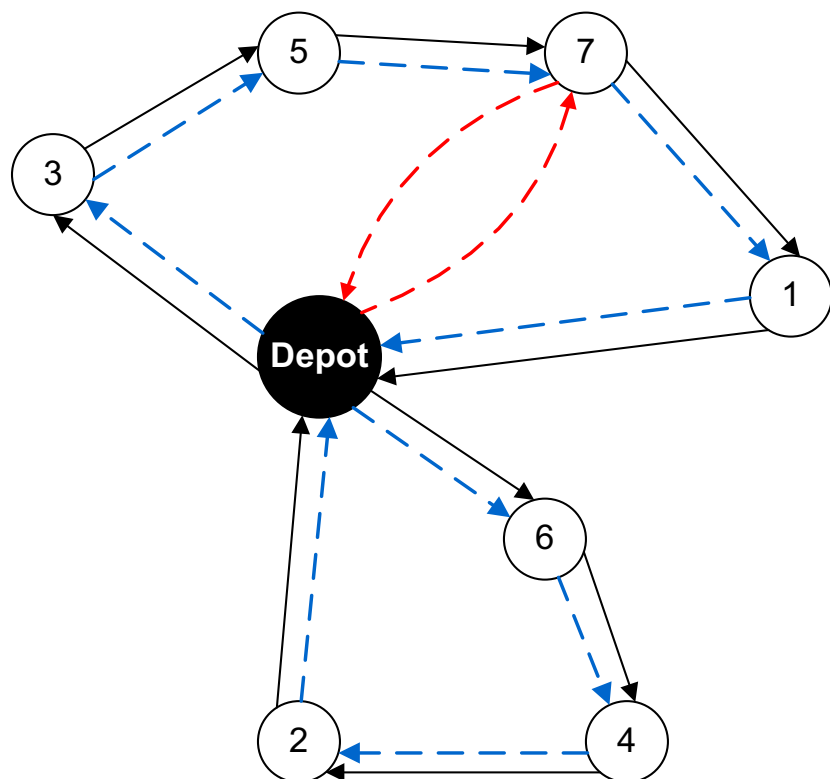


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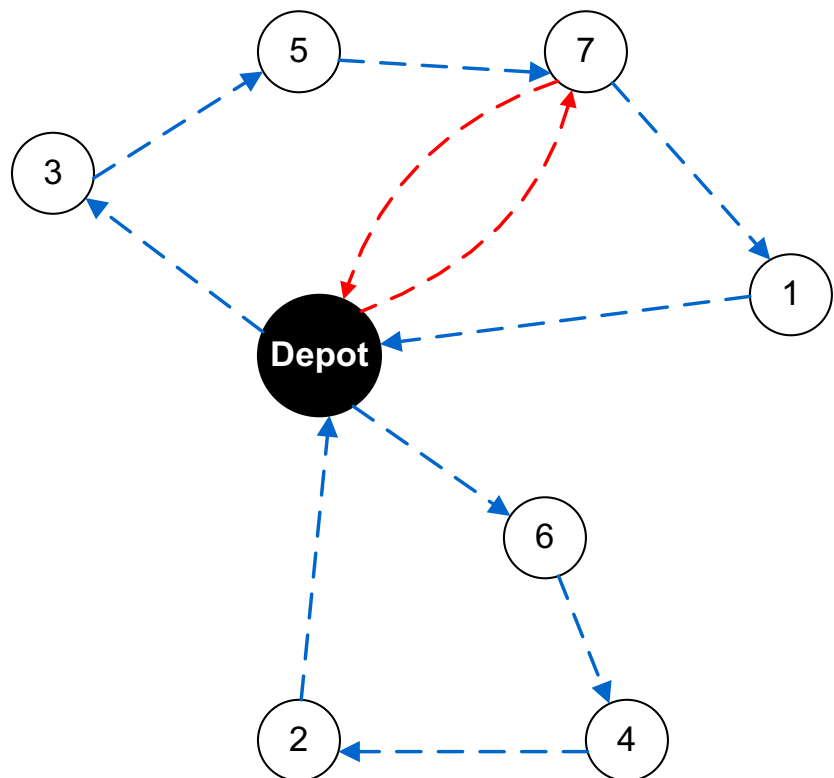


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 - Recourse action: trip back to the depot
 - Resume route as planned

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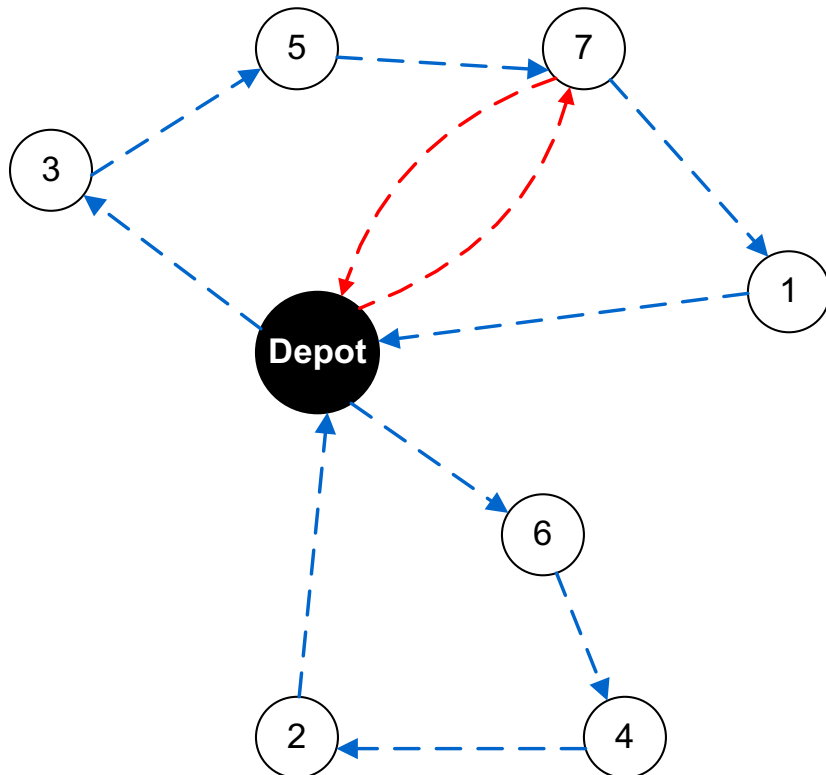
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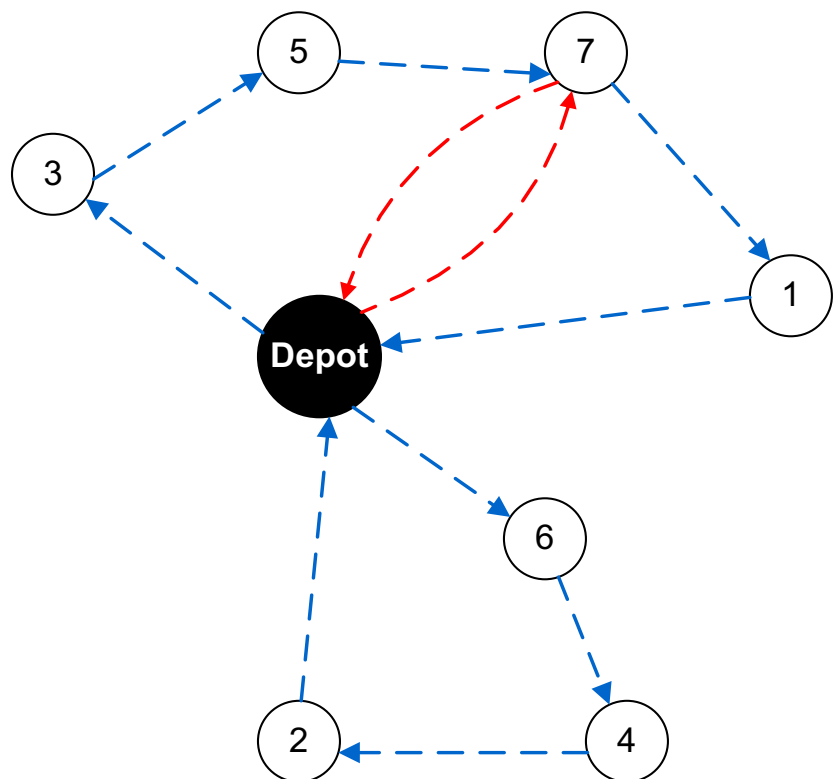
Planned distance

Distance due to route failures

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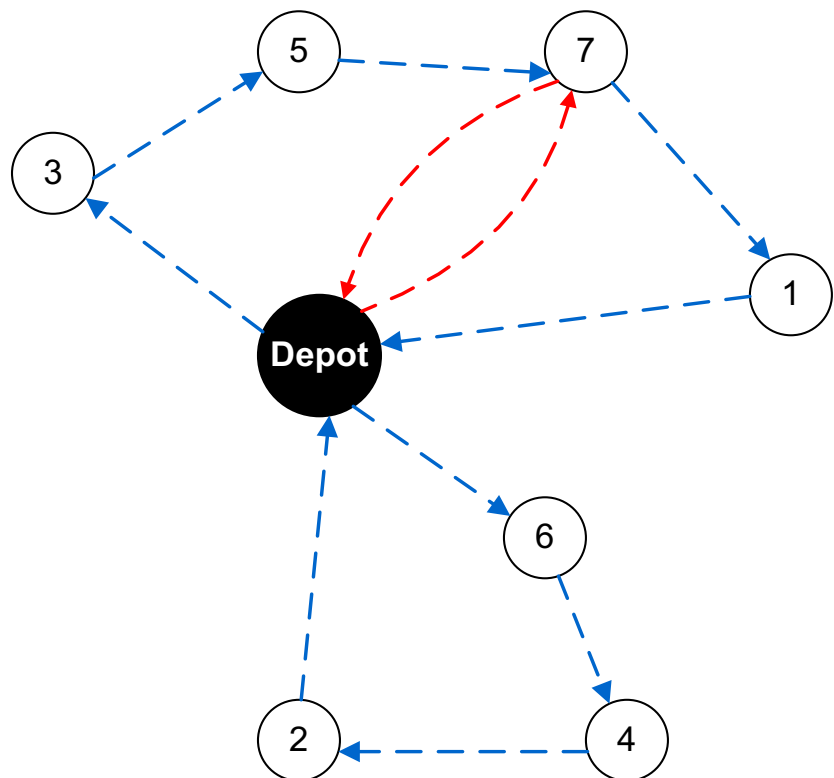
$$E [G_r (\vec{\xi})] = \sum_{i \in r} 2 \times d_{v_i, 0} \times Pr(v_i)$$

Probability that a route failure occurs while visiting node
(Dror et al. 1989, Laporte et al. 2002)

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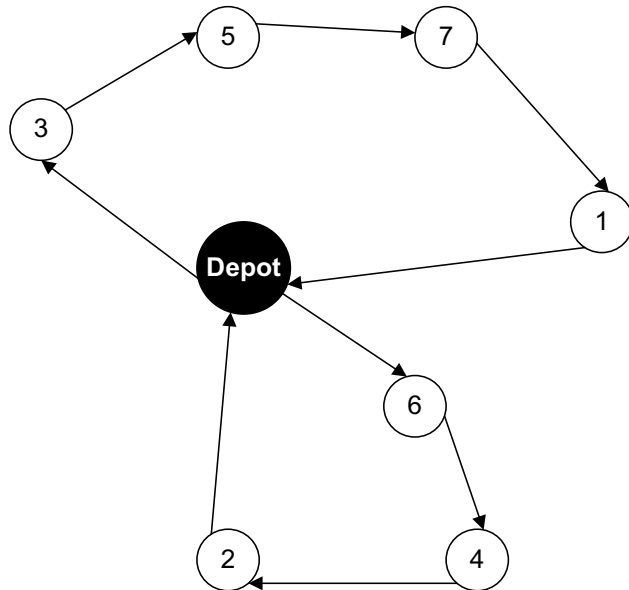
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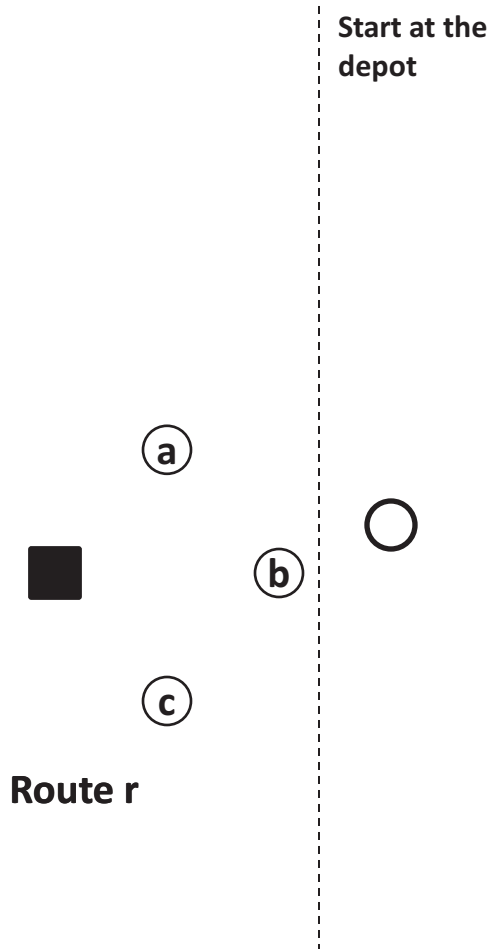
Dealing with duration constraints on the VRPSD

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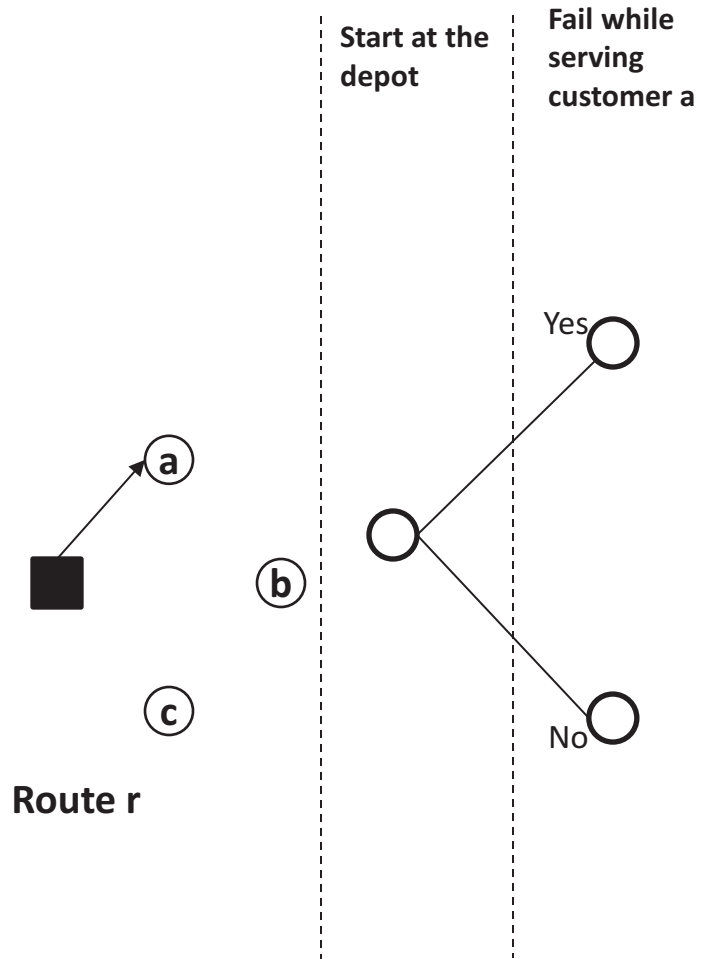
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- > Two alternative approaches:
 - Chance constraint (CC)
 - Stochastic programming with recourse (DR)

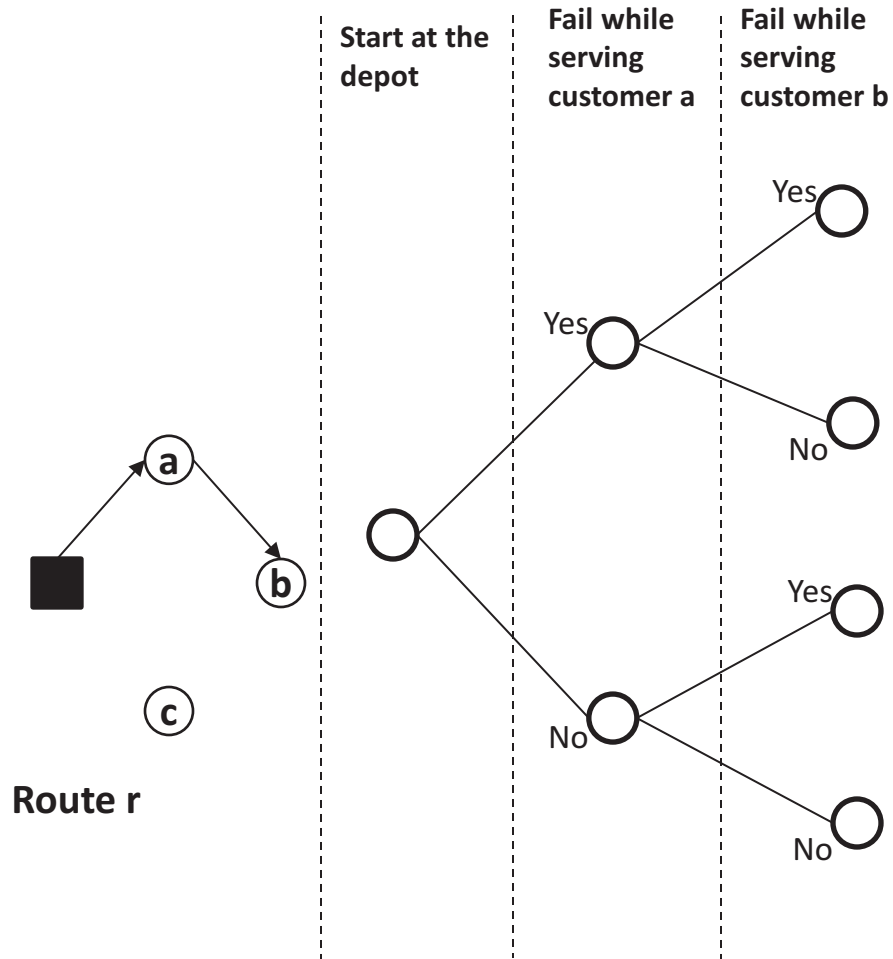
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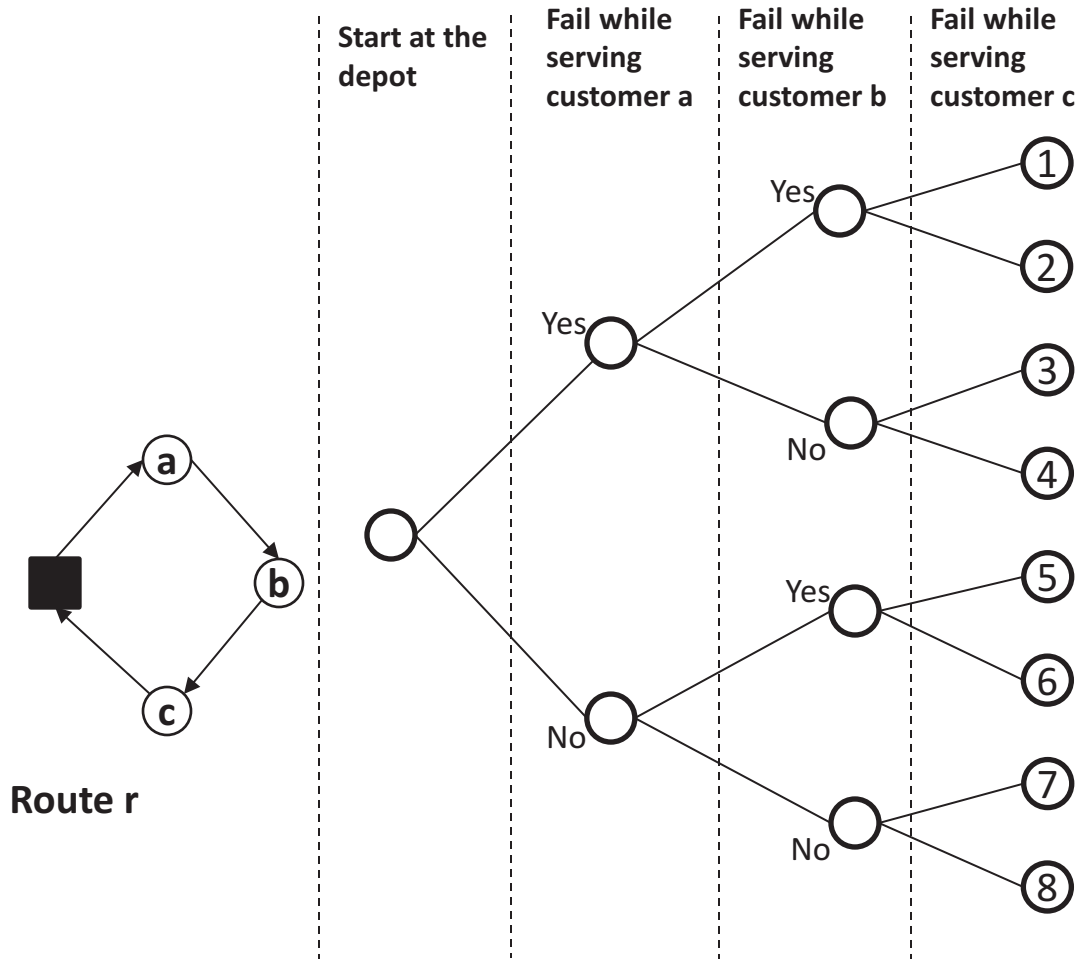
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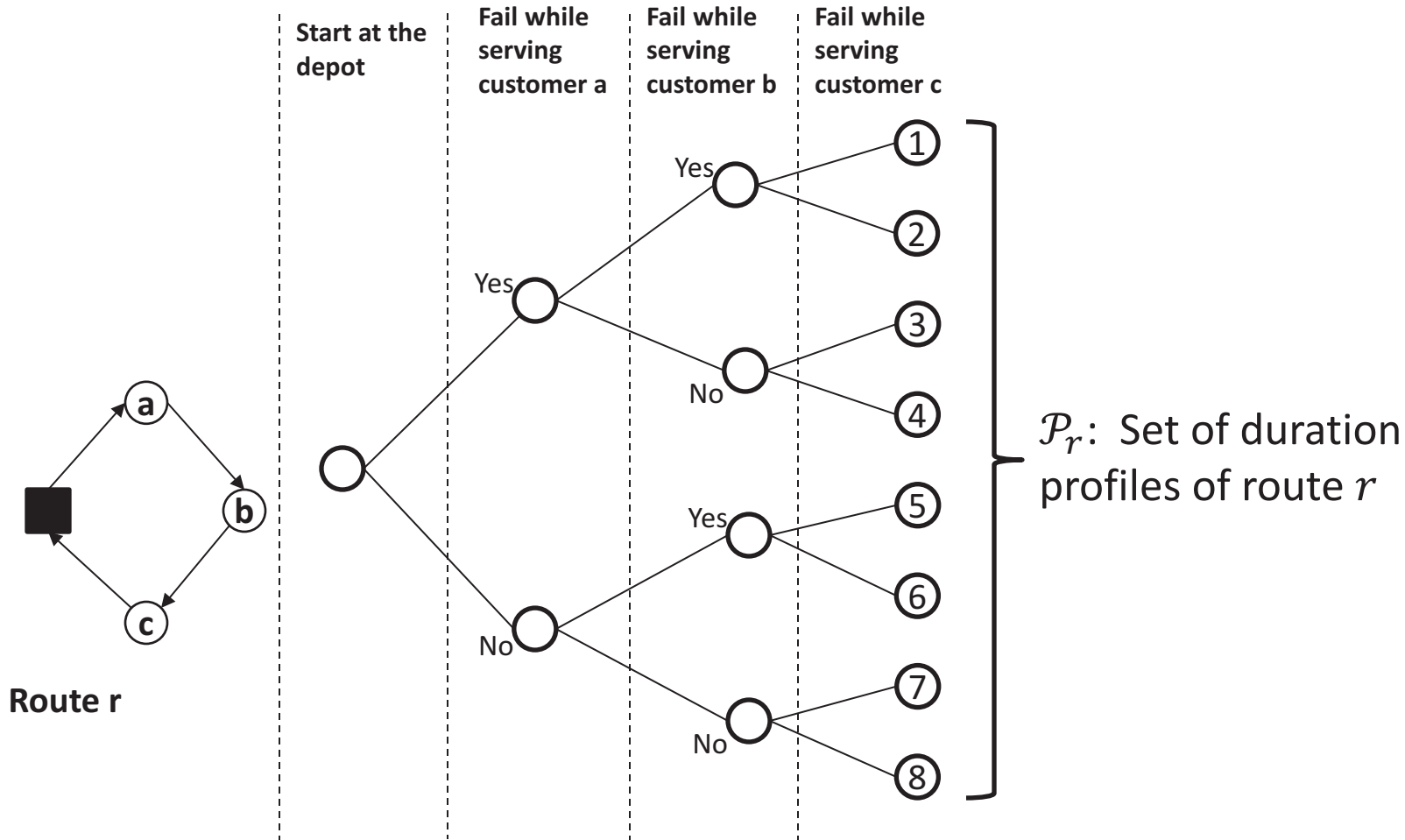
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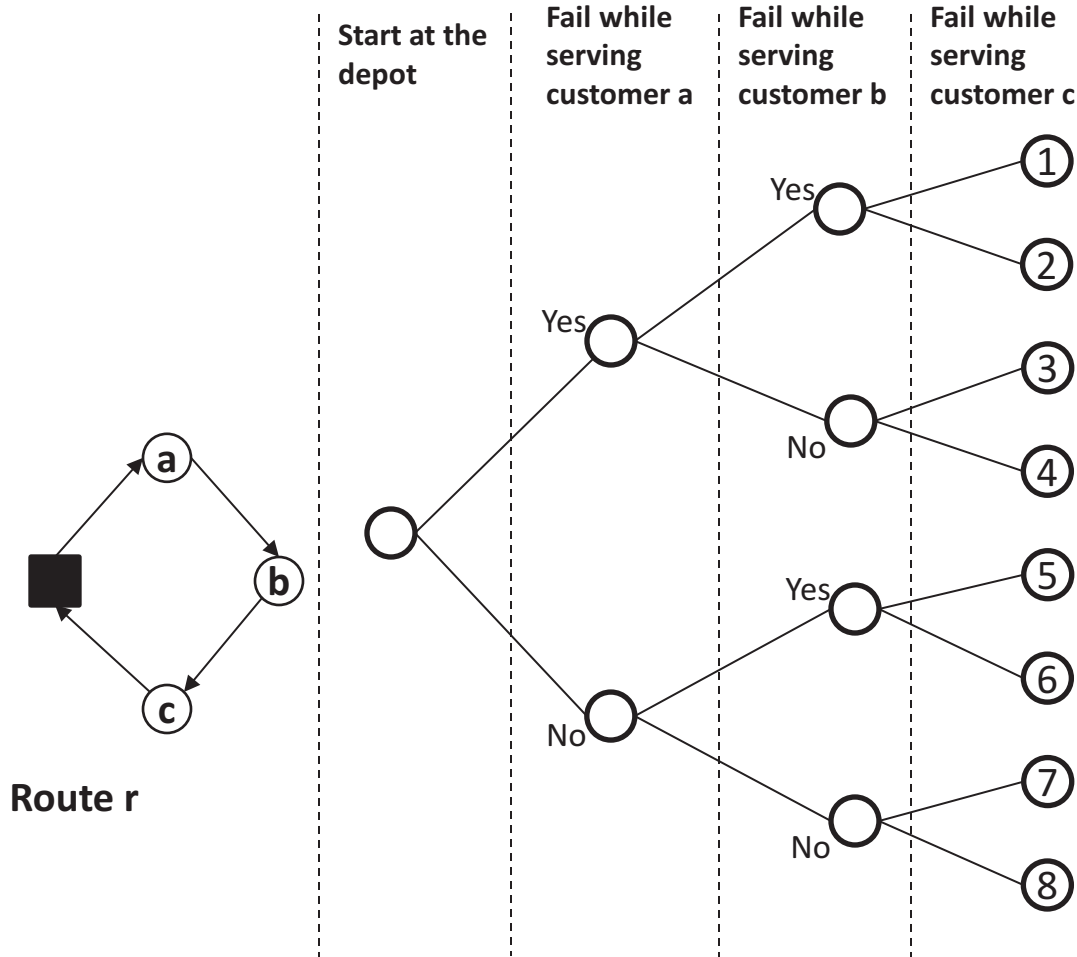
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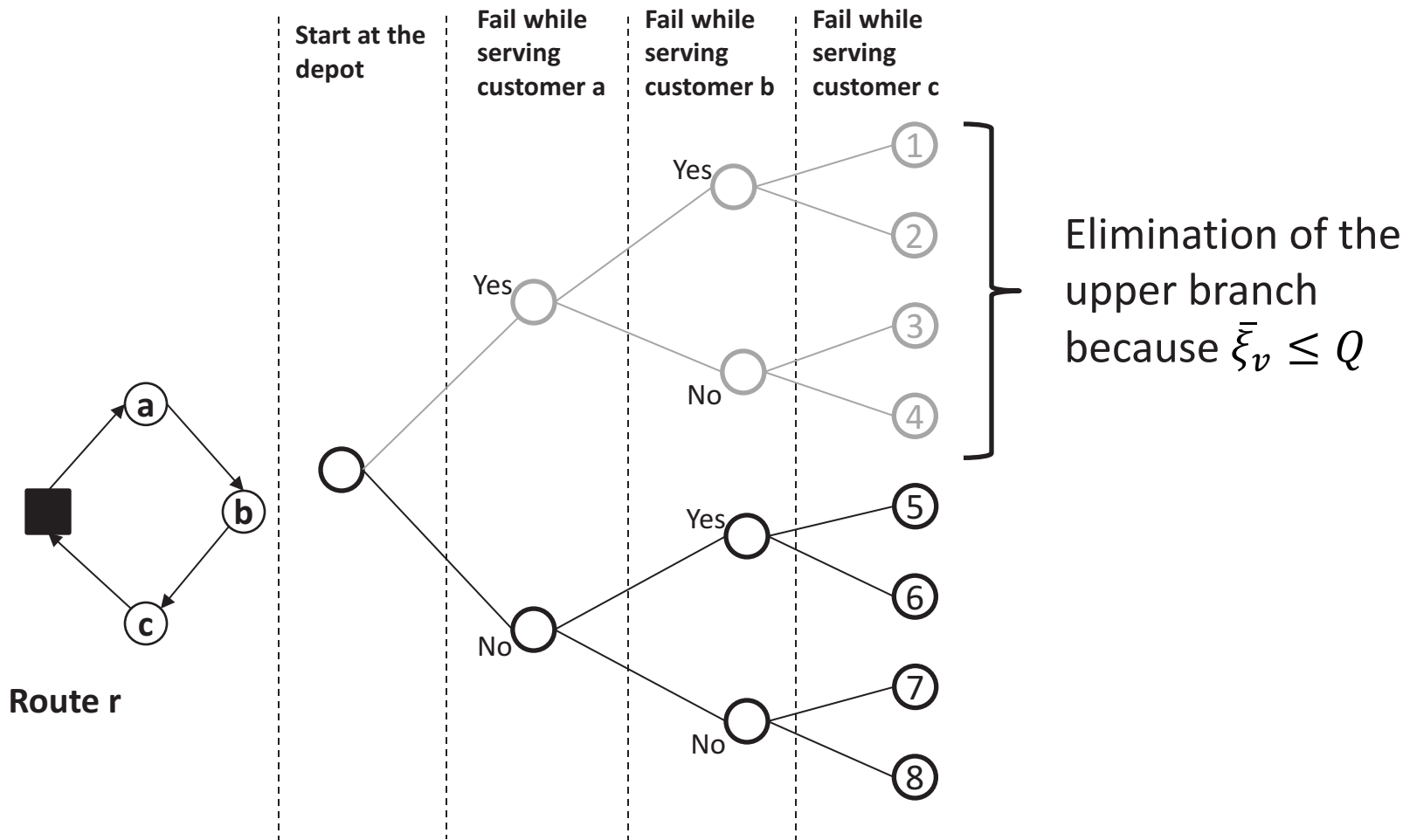


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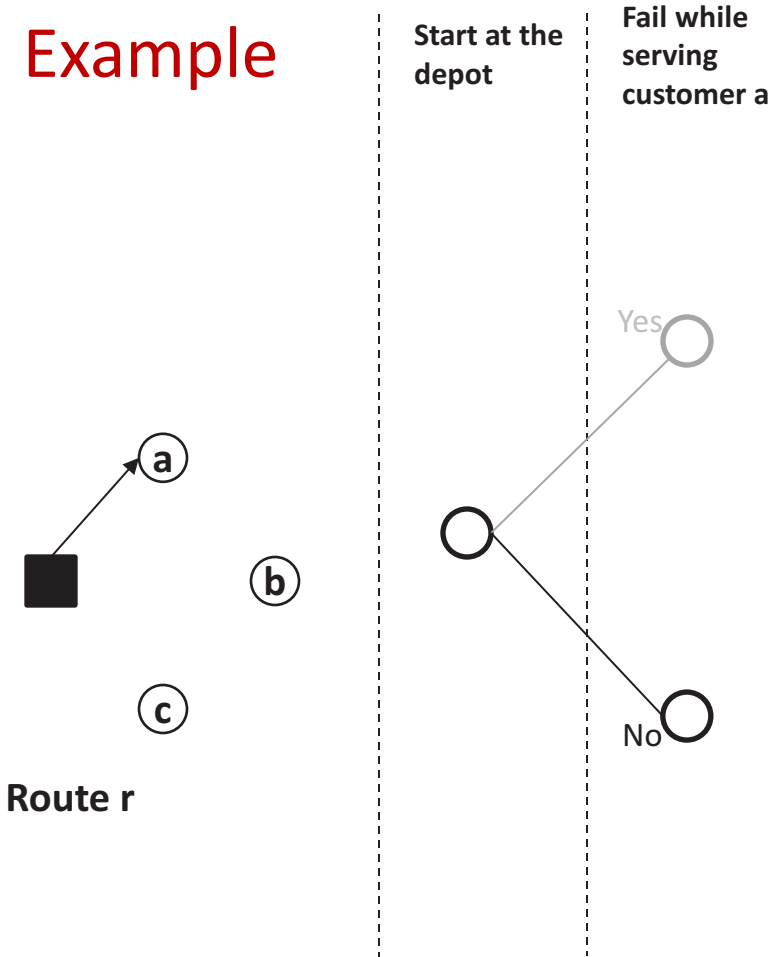
- > Each node in the last level of the tree represents a possible output for the duration of route r (duration profile)
- > Let \mathcal{P}_r denote the set of all possible length profiles of r and let $C(p) | p \in \mathcal{P}_r$ be the length of profile p .
- > Knowing the probability of having a failure, due to the capacity constraint, while servicing customer in position i of the route (i.e., $\Pr(i)$) we can easily compute the probability of observing a given profile (i.e., $\Pr(p) | p \in \mathcal{P}_r$)

Definition: route duration profile



Route duration profile

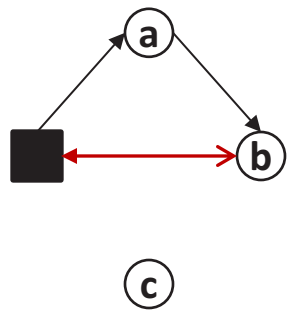
Example



$$\Pr(p) = 1 - \Pr(a)$$
$$C(p) = d_{(0,a)}$$

Route duration profile

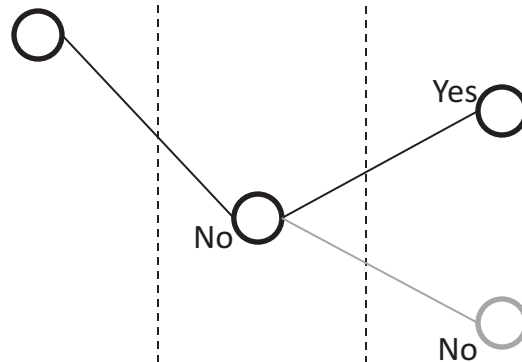
Example



Start at the depot

Fail while serving customer a

Fail while serving customer b

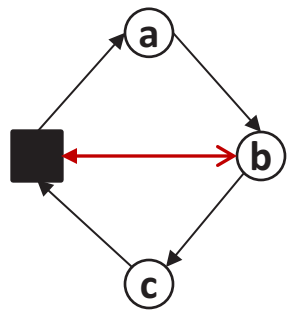


$$\Pr(p) = (1 - \Pr(a)) \Pr(b)$$

$$C(p) = d_{(0,a)} + d_{(a,b)} + 2d_{(b,0)}$$

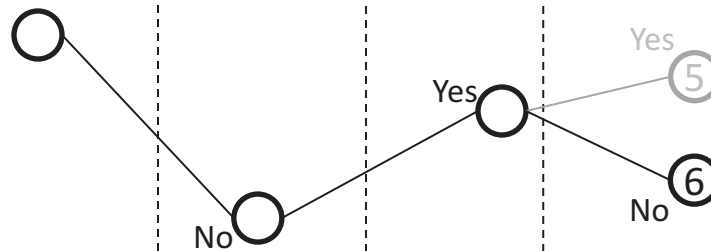
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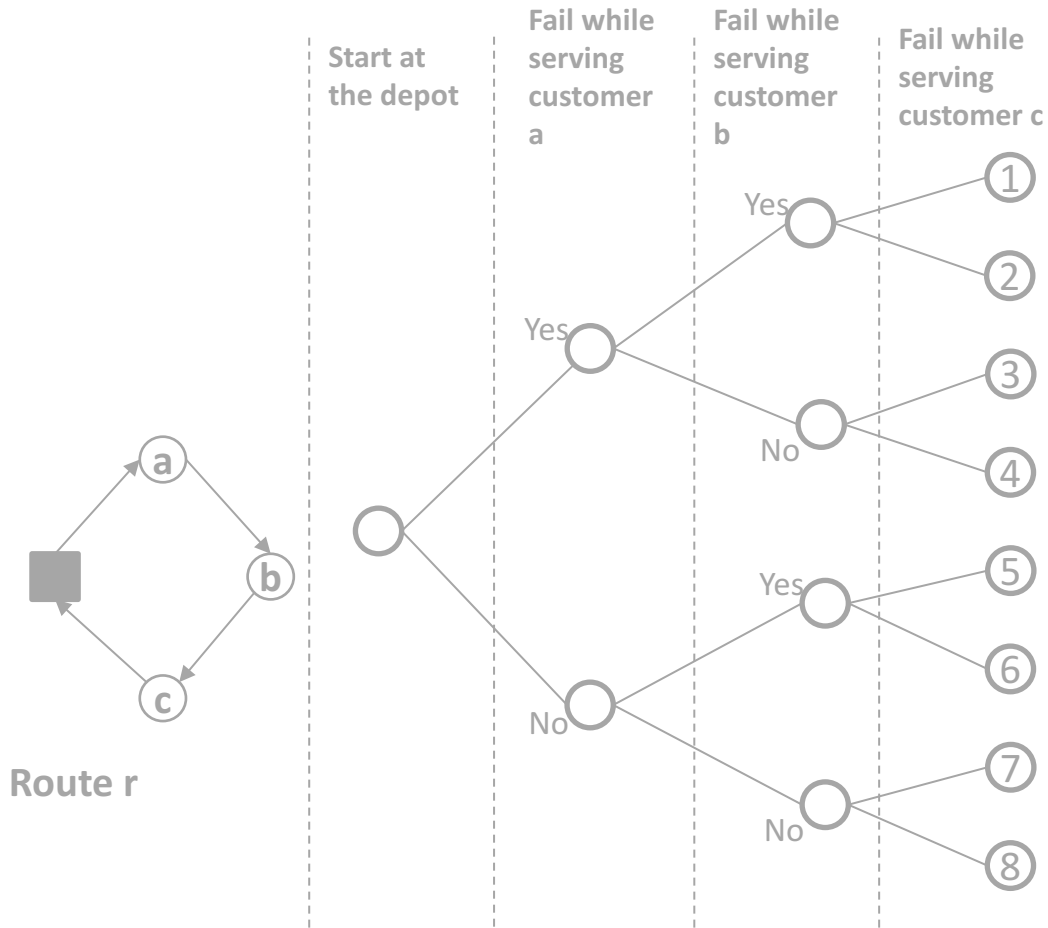
Route r

Start at the depot Fail while serving customer a Fail while serving customer b Fail while serving customer c



$$\Pr(p) = (1 - \Pr(a)) \Pr(b)(1 - \Pr(c))$$
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Chance constrained (CC)



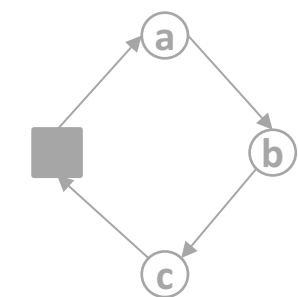
Probabilistic constraint:

$$\Pr(C_r \leq L) \geq 1 - \beta, \forall r \in \mathcal{R}$$

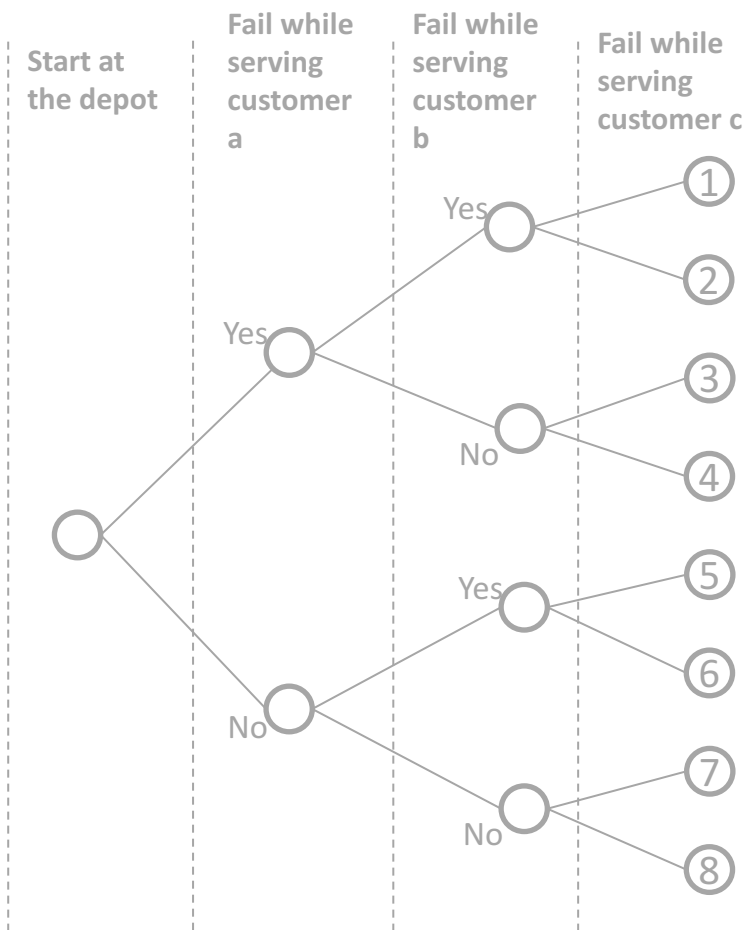
Calculated using the set \mathcal{P}_r

$$\Pr(C_r \leq L) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_r | C(p) \leq L} \Pr(p)$$

Stochastic programming with recourse



Route r



Solution cost includes the recourse cost for violating the duration constraint (i.e., overtime):

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[C] &= \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \left[E[C_r] + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}_r | C(p) \geq L} \Pr(p) \times \phi(C(p) - L) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

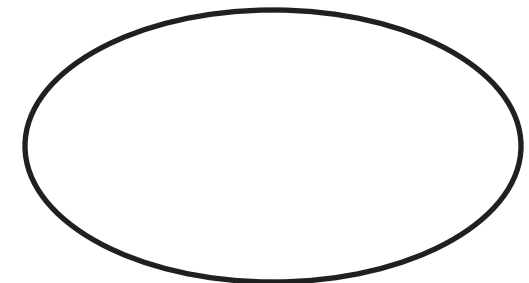
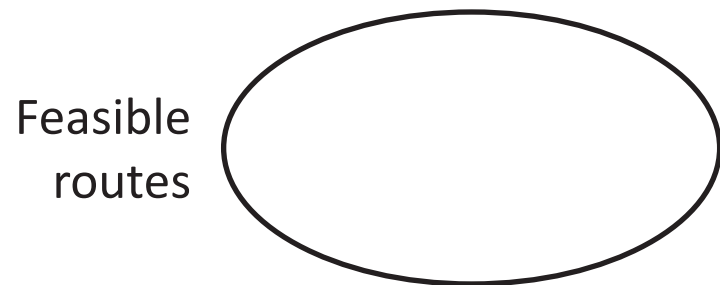
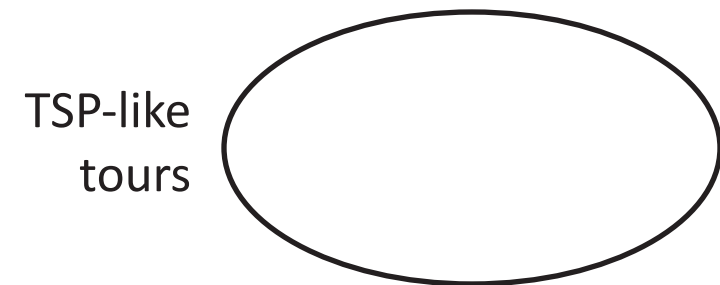
Three $\phi(\cdot)$ functions

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GRASP + HC: general structure

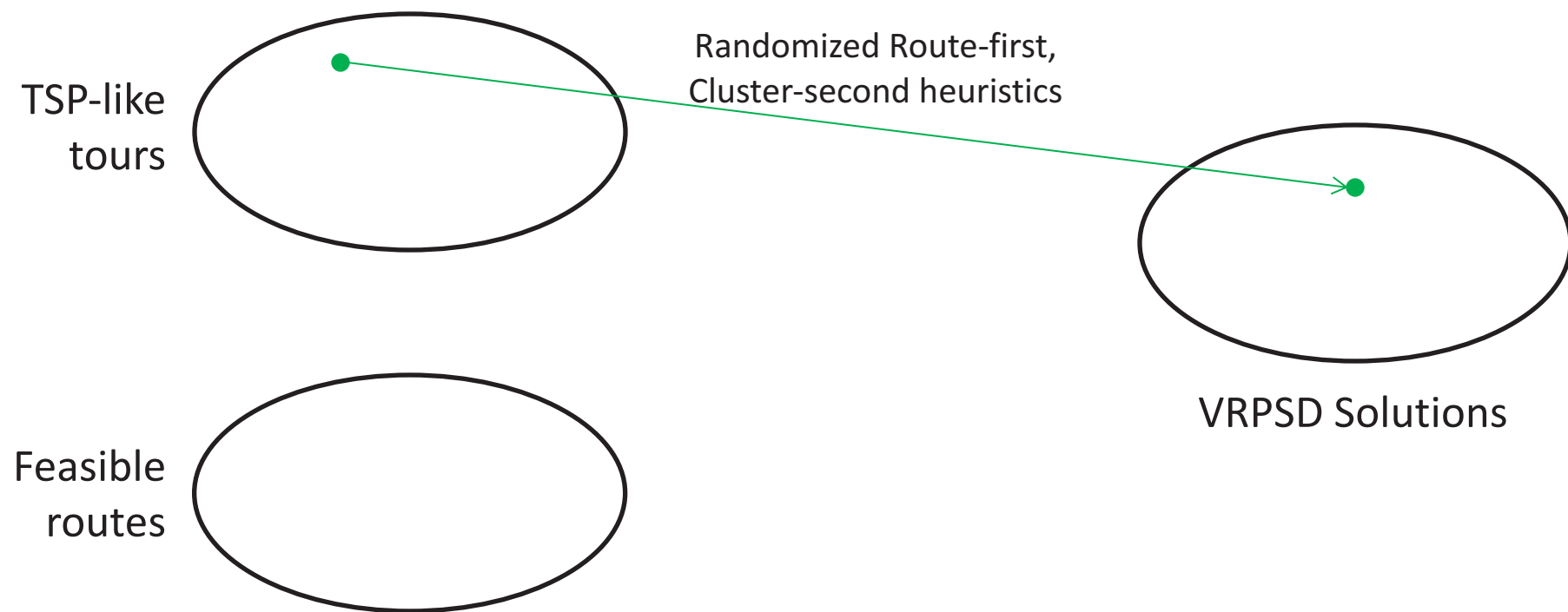
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VRPSD Solutions

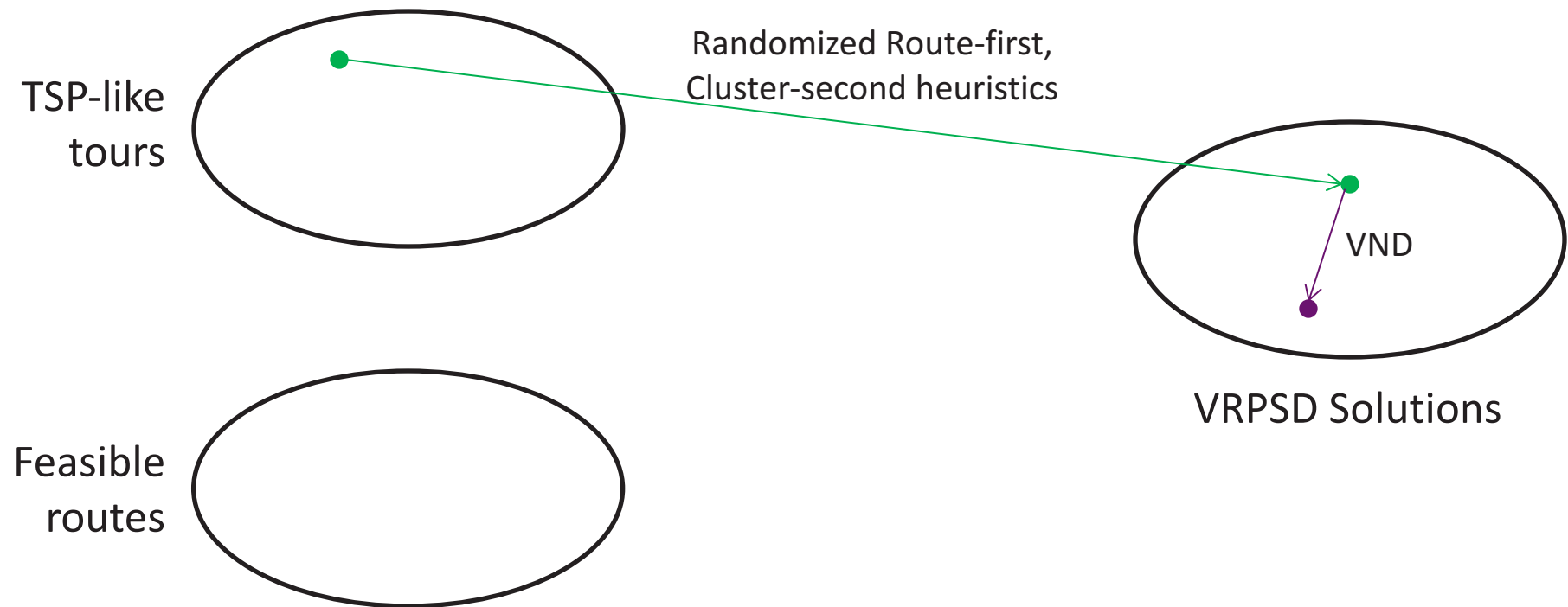
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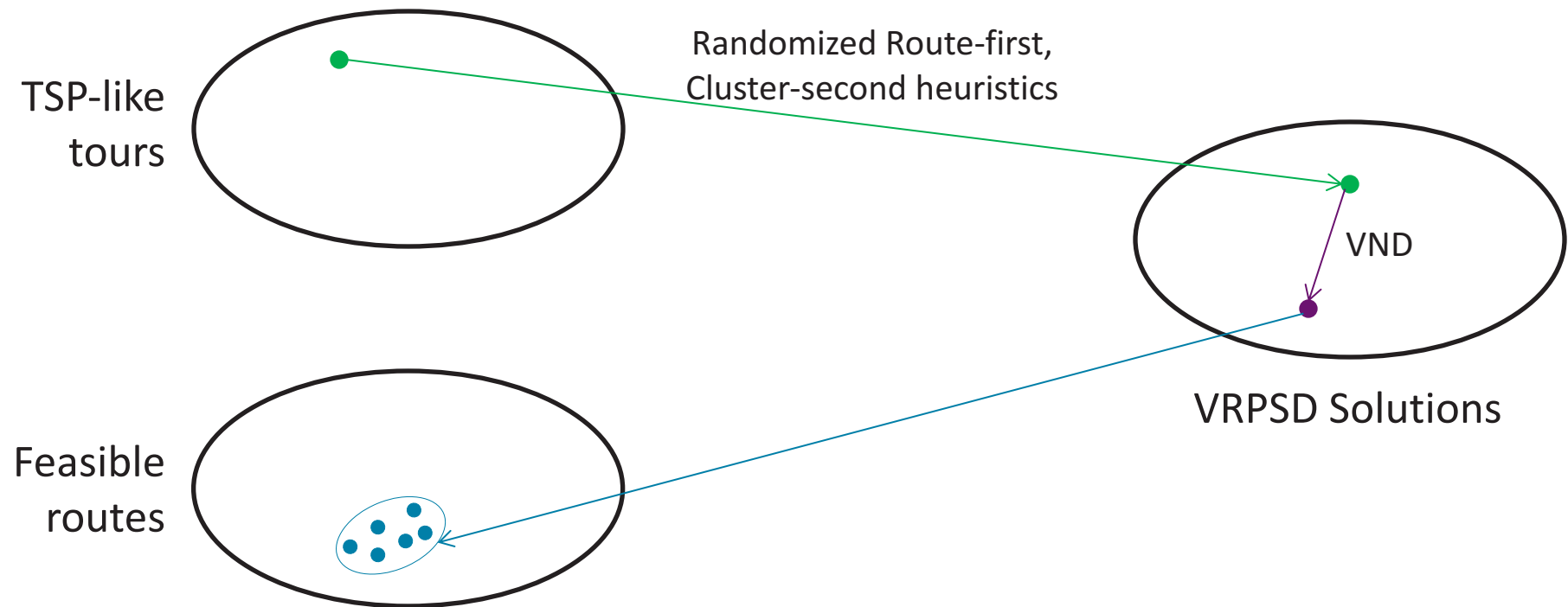
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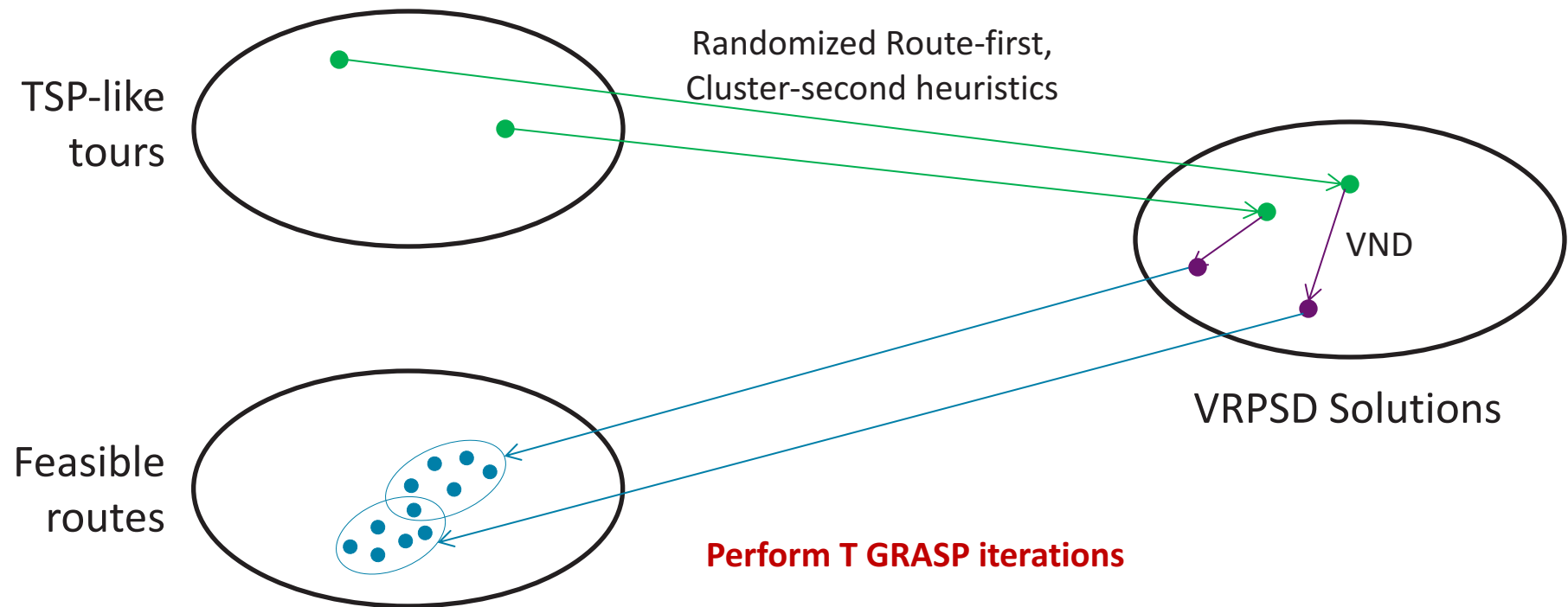
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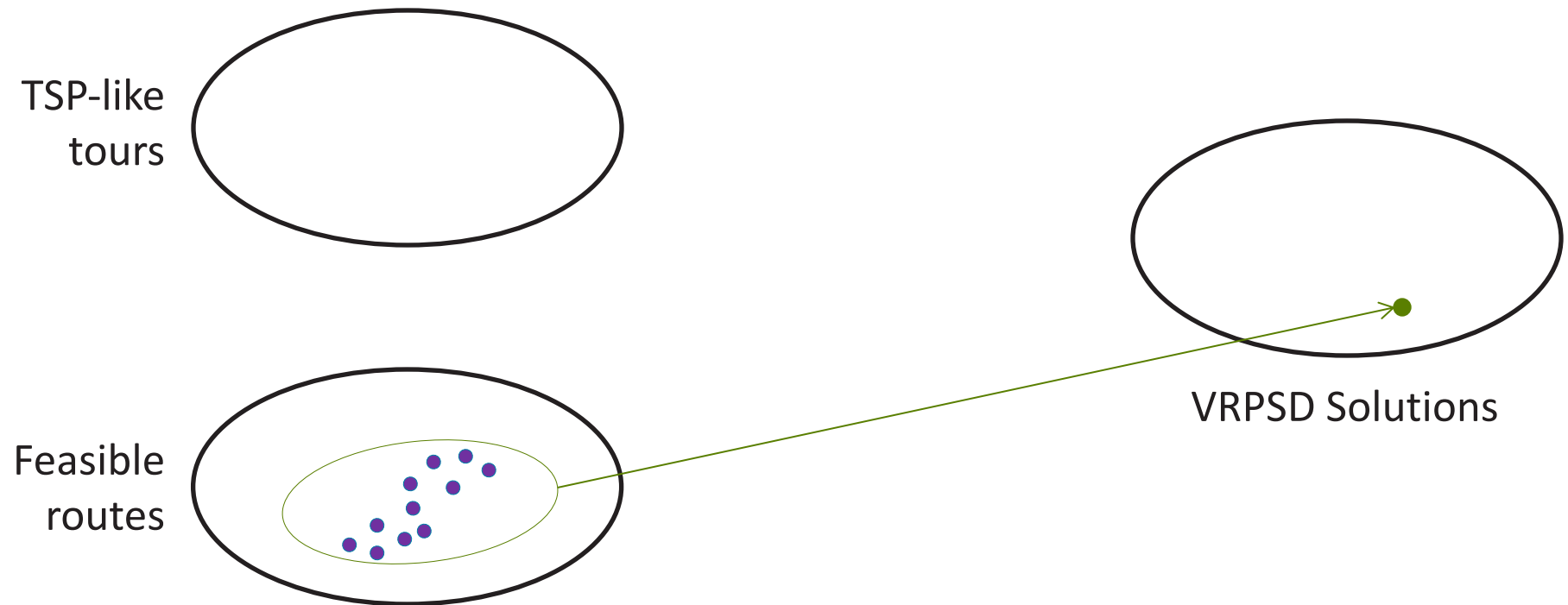
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HC: solve a set-partitioning formulation over the set of stored routes Ω

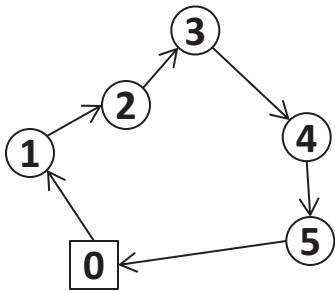


Randomized route first-cluster second heuristics: route-first

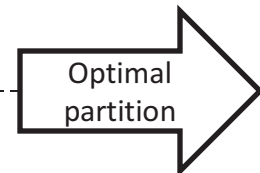
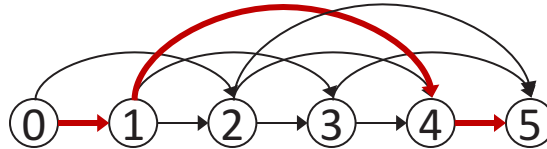
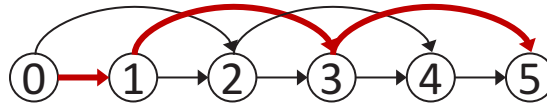
- Randomized Nearest Neighbor (RNN)
- Randomized Nearest Insertion (RNI)
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- Randomized Best Insertion (RBI)

Randomized route first-cluster second heuristics: cluster-second S-split (Mendoza et al. 2010)

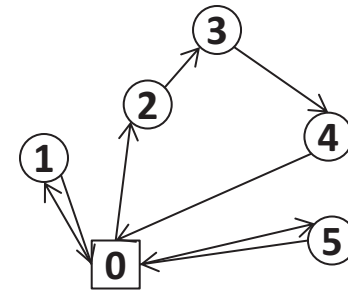
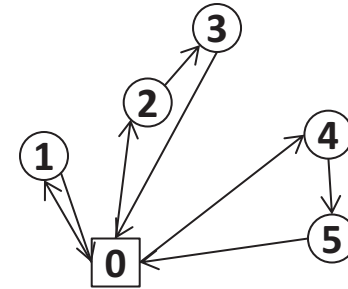
TSP Tour



Auxiliary graph



VRPSDDC solution

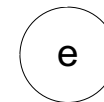
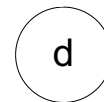
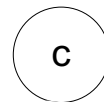
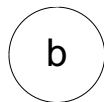
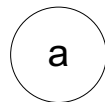
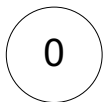
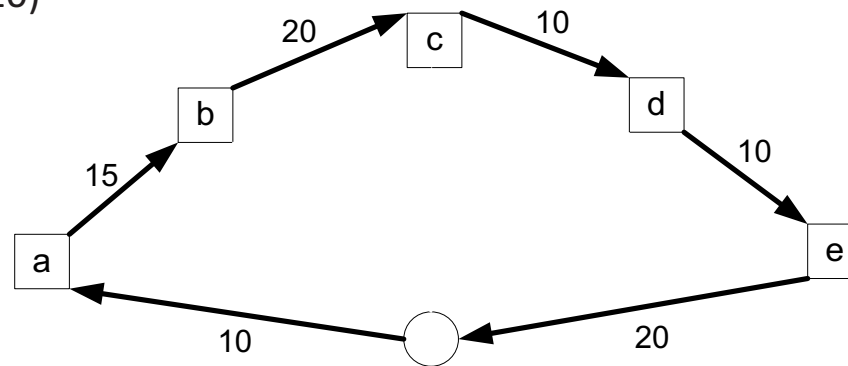


**Chance
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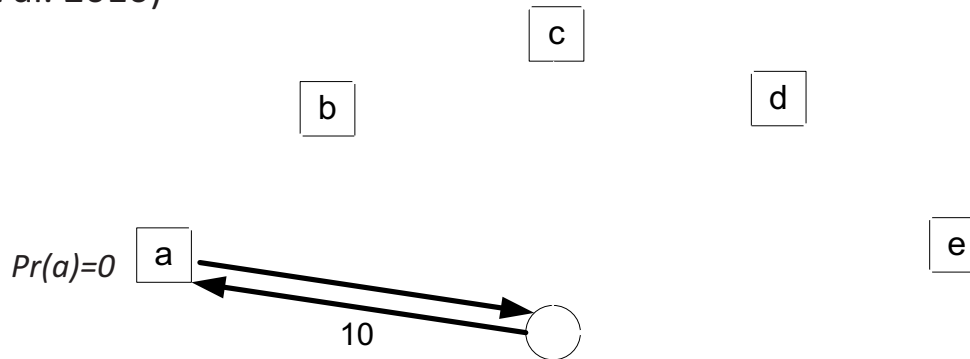
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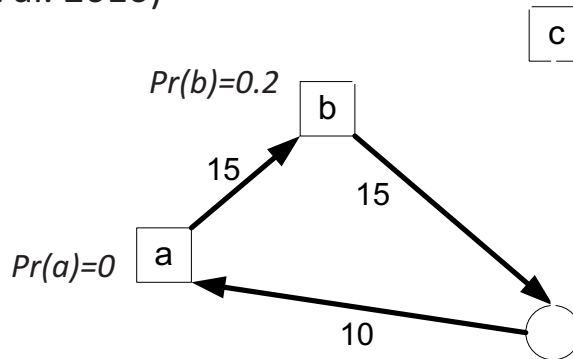
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Expected load constraint: **checked**

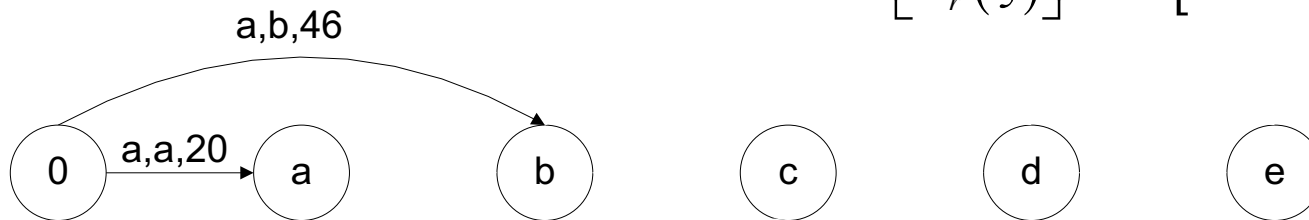
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$$l_r = 10 + 15 + 15 = 40$$

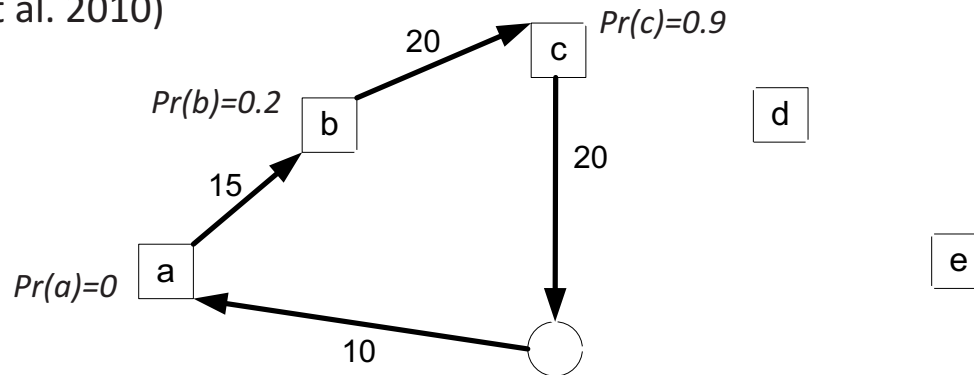
$$E[G_r(\xi)] = 2 \times [10 \times 0 + 15 \times 0.2] = 6$$



Expected load constraint: **checked**

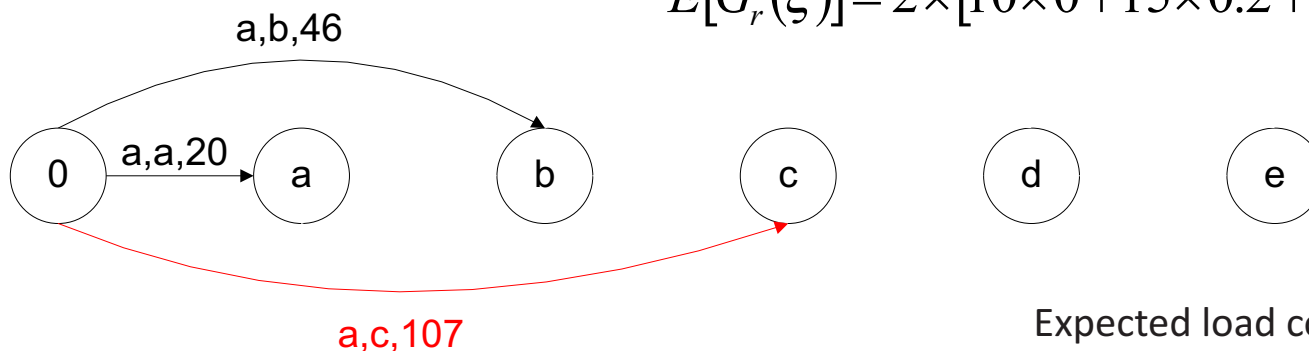
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$$l_r = 10 + 15 + 20 + 20 = 65$$

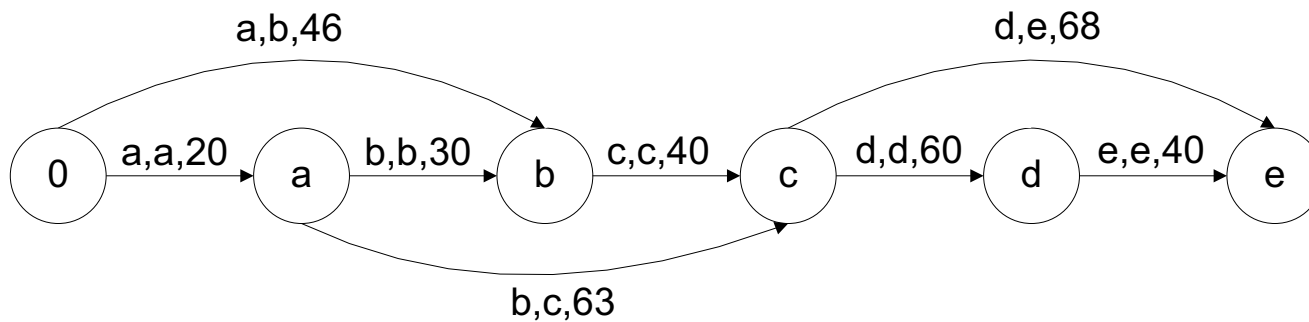
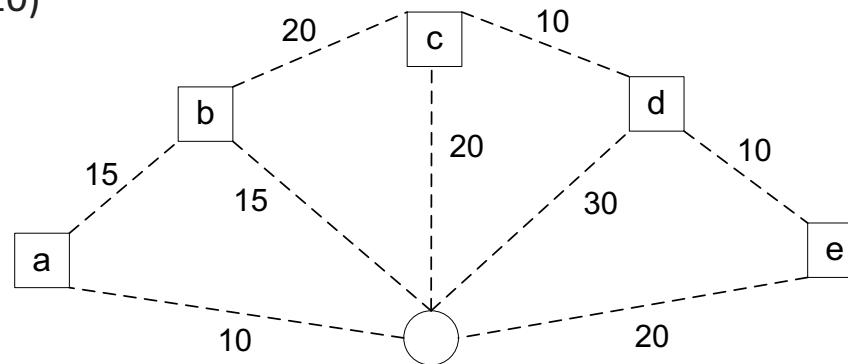
$$E[G_r(\xi)] = 2 \times [10 \times 0 + 15 \times 0.2 + 20 \times 0.9] = 42$$



Expected load constraint: **failed**

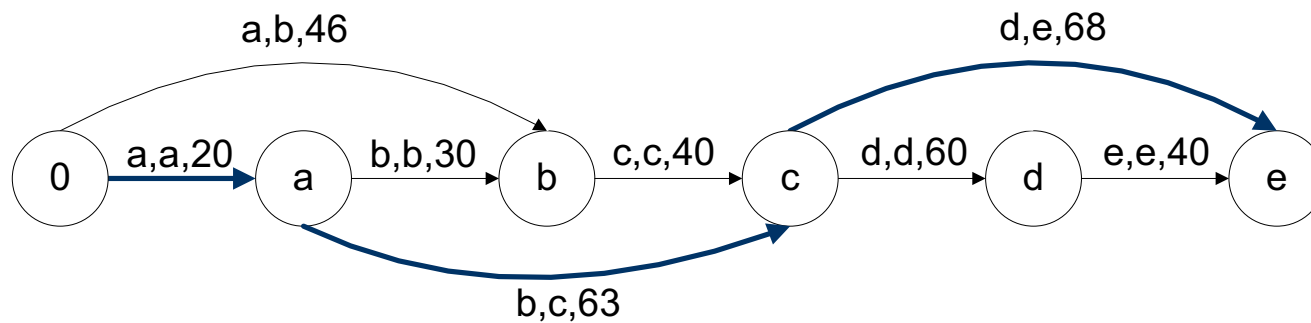
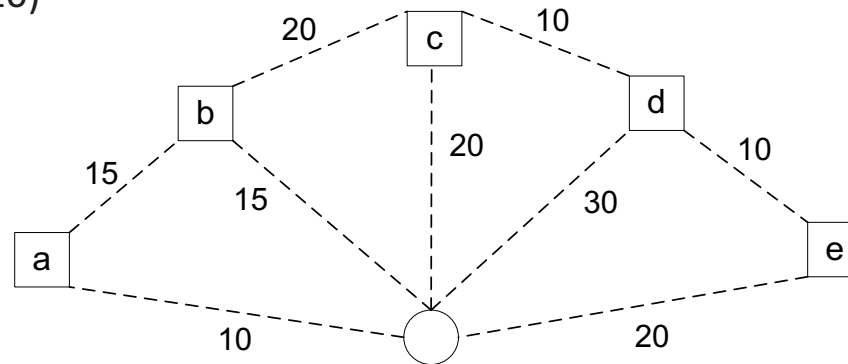
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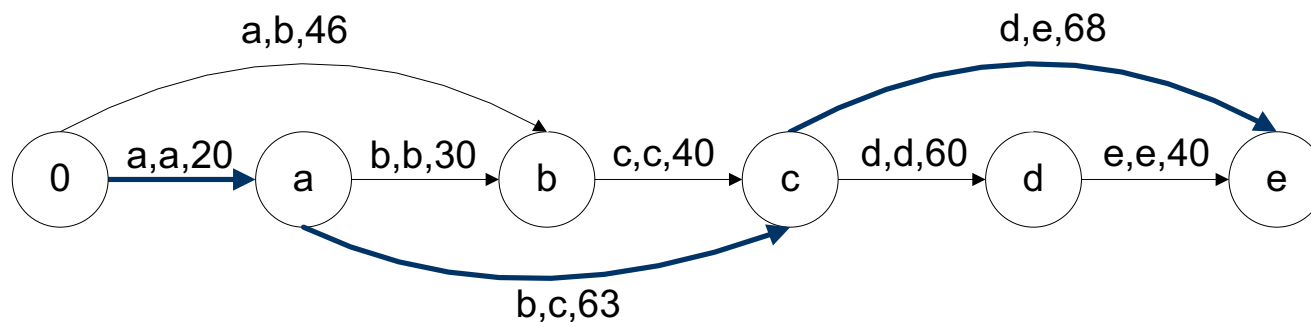
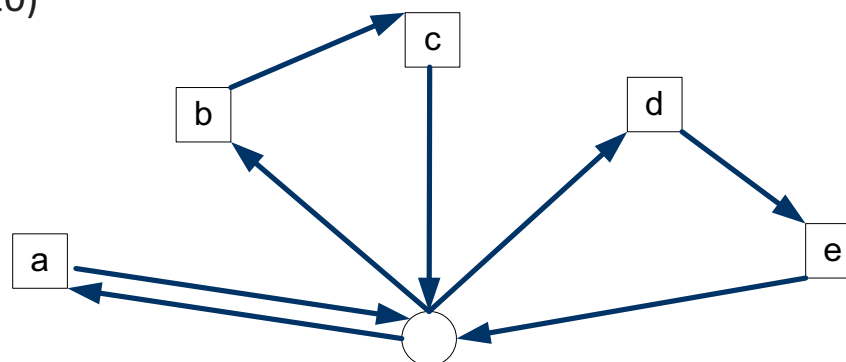
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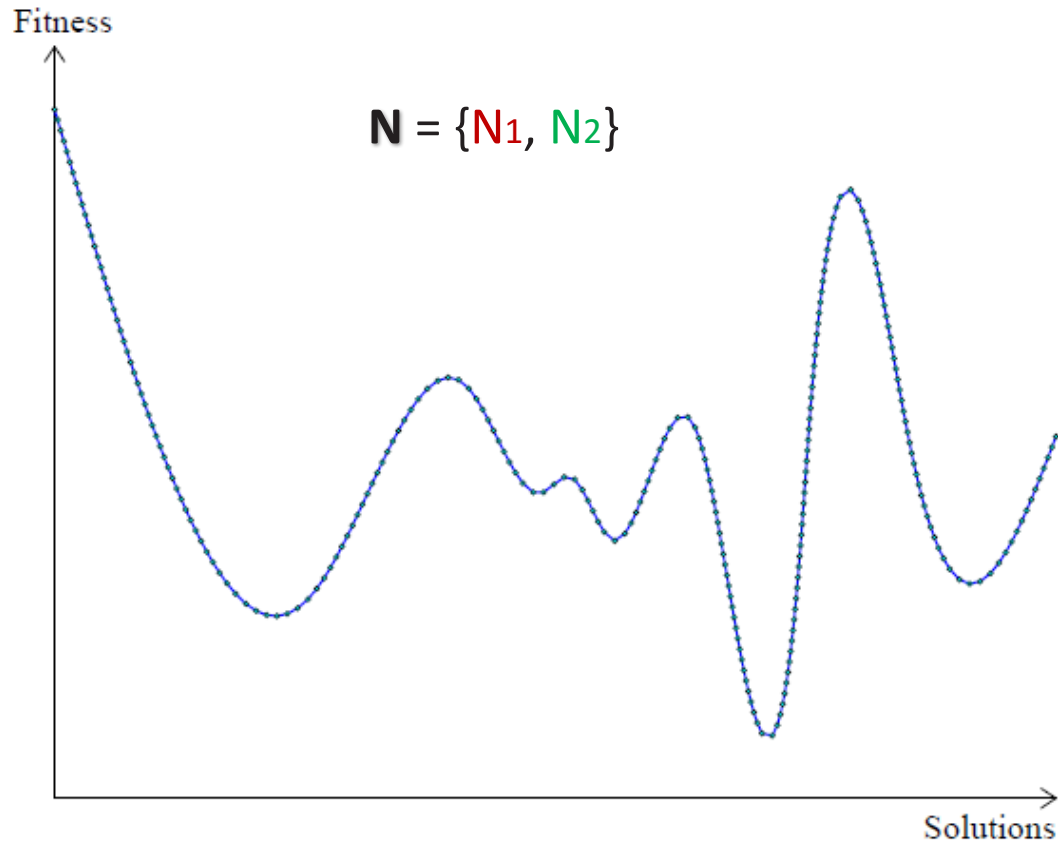
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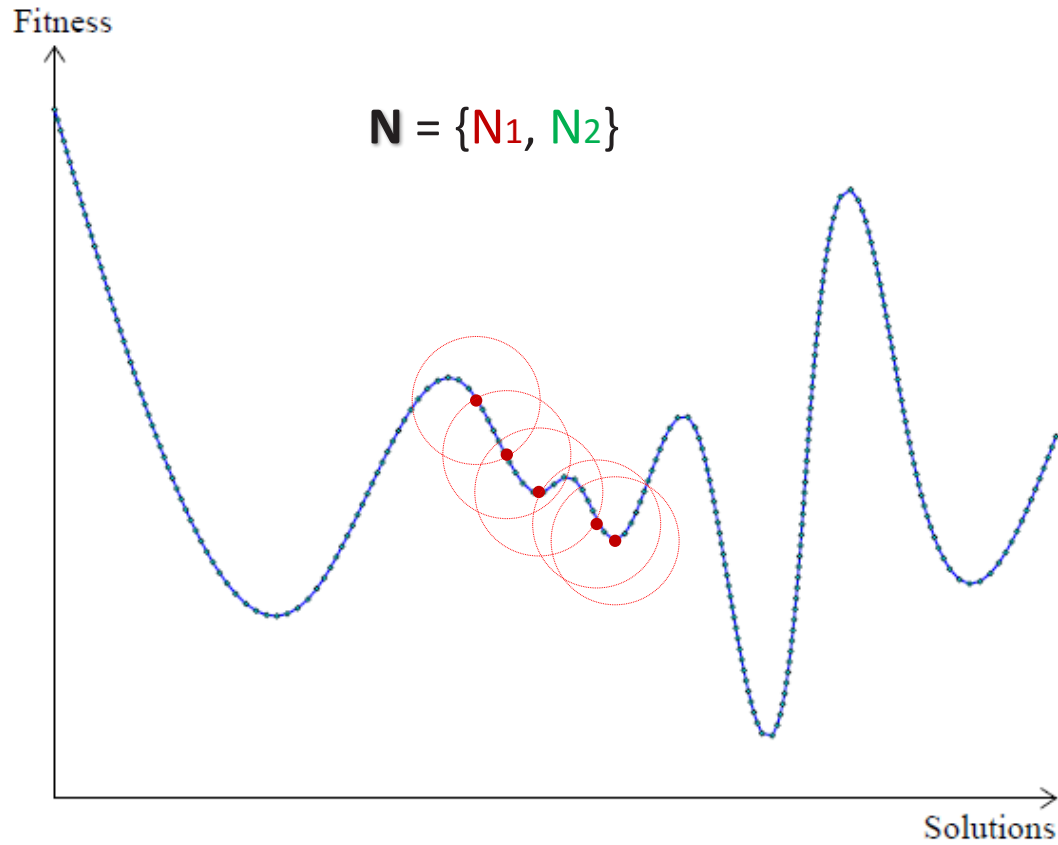


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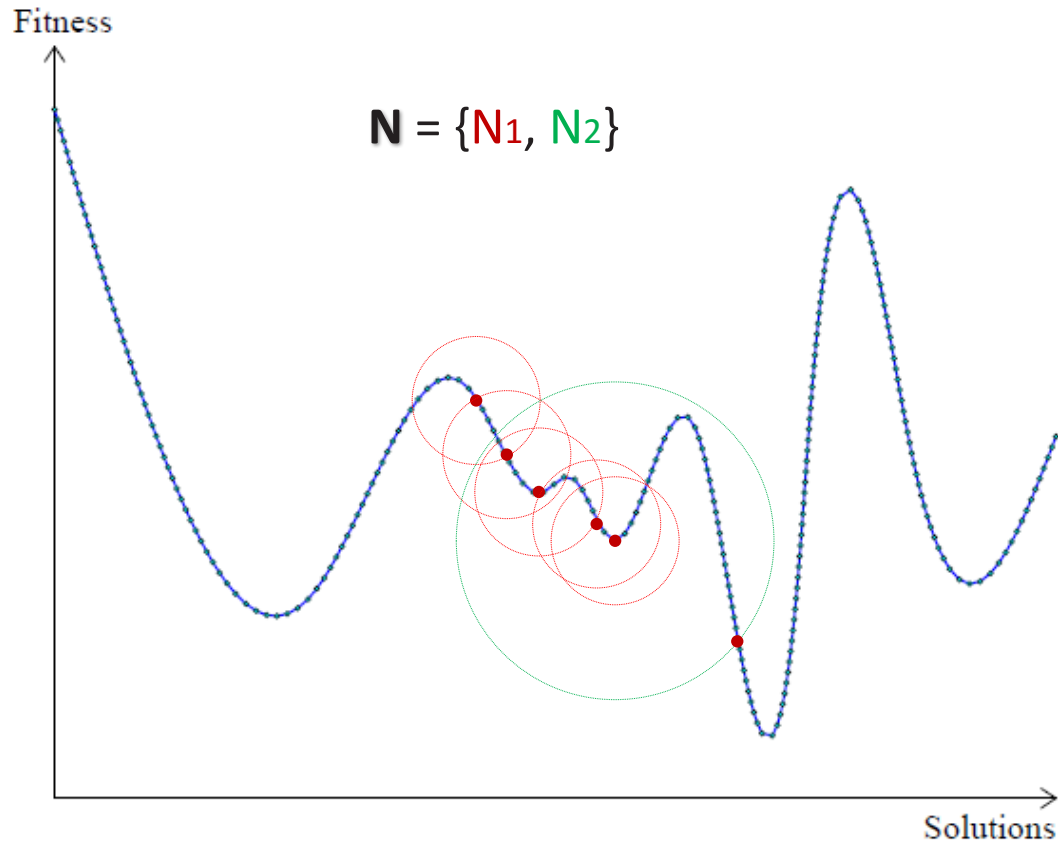


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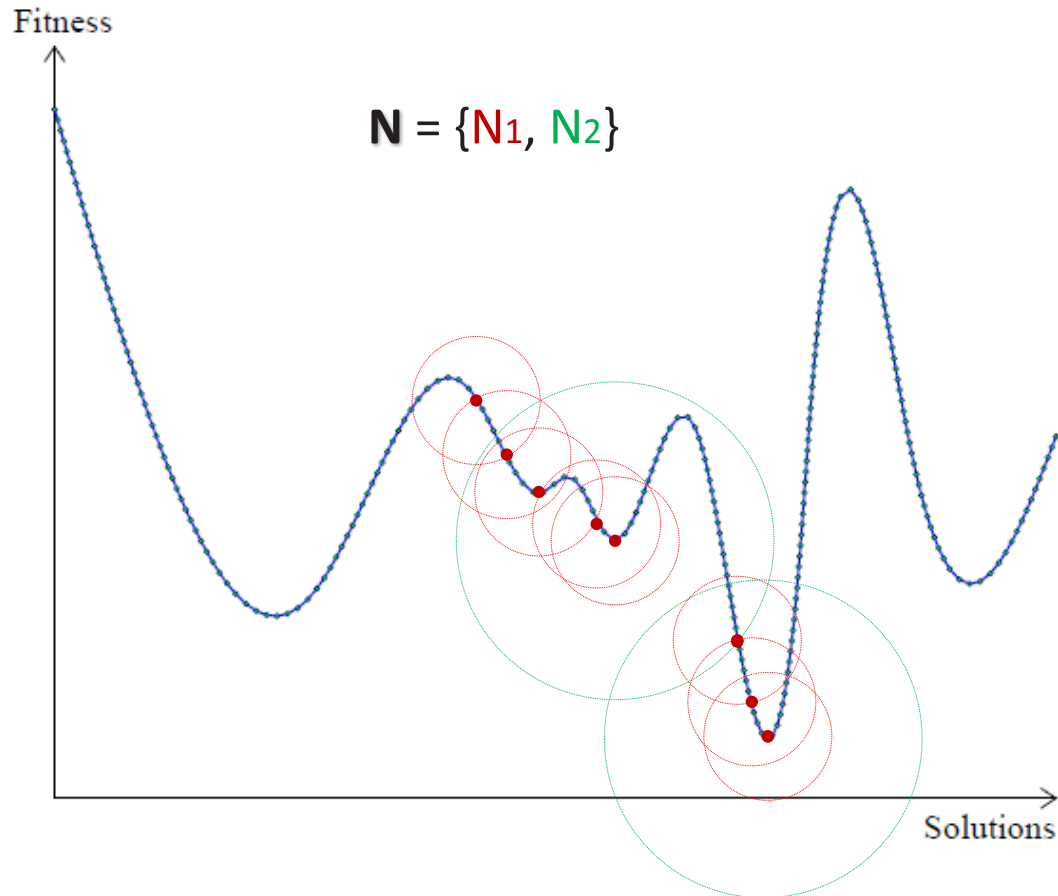
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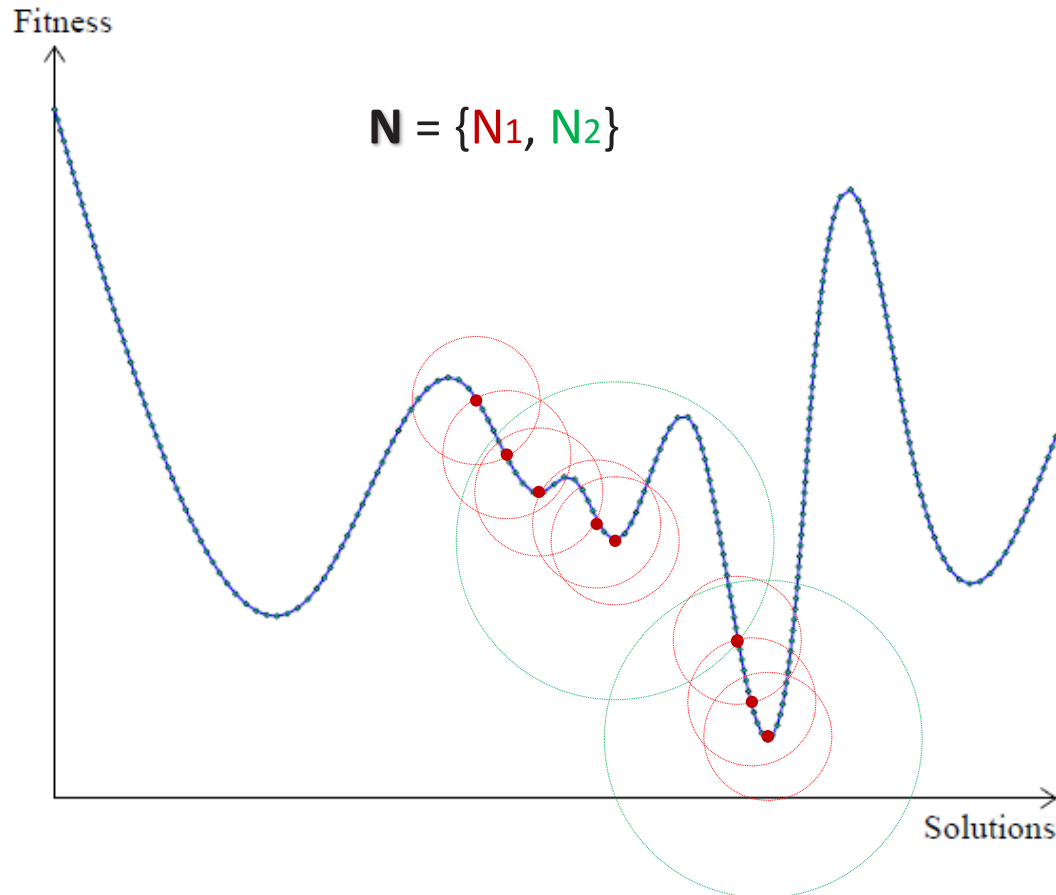
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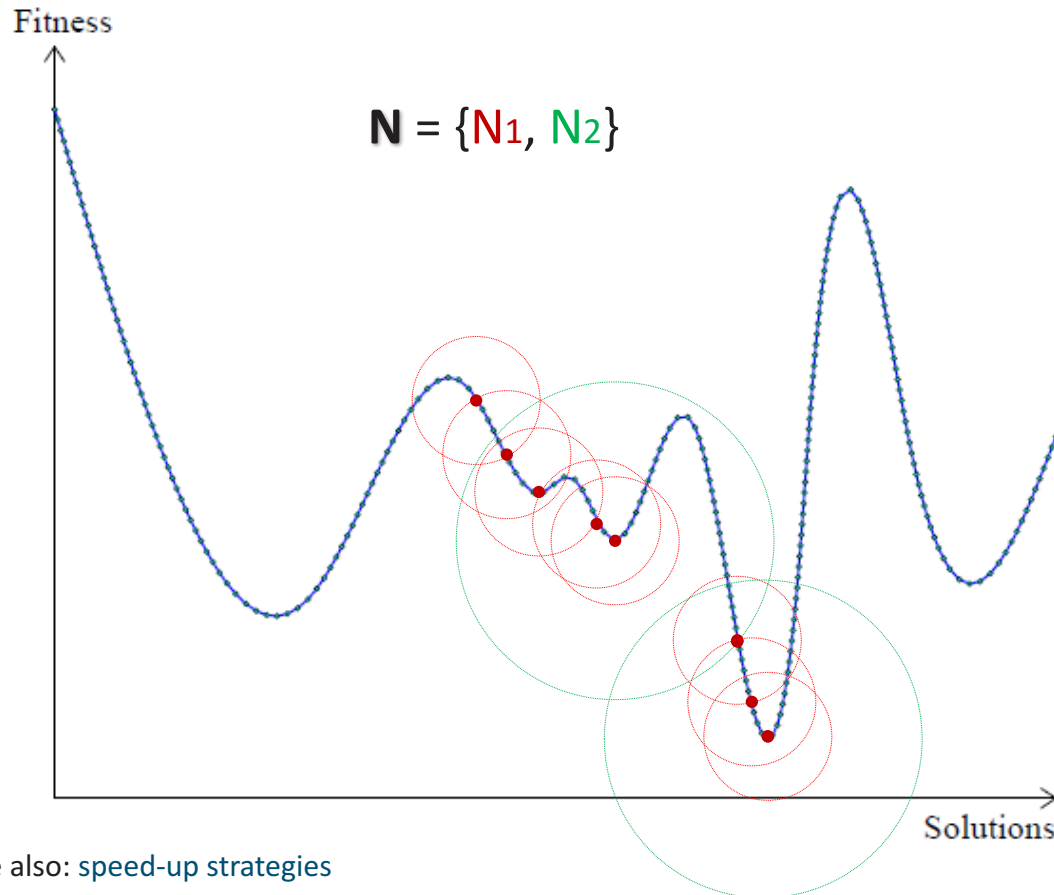
VND



Our neighborhoods

1. Relocate
2. 2-Opt

VND



Our neighborhoods

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Chance constrained

- Move feasibility

Two-stage stochastic programming

- Move evaluation

See also: speed-up strategies

Heuristic Concentration

- Set-partitioning formulation

$$\text{Min } Z = \sum_{r \in \Omega} E[C_r] \times x_r \quad (1) \quad \text{Minimize the total expected cost of the solution}$$

S.T

$$\sum_{r \in \Omega} a_{v,r} \times x_r = 1 \quad \forall v \in \{1, \dots, v, \dots, n\} \quad (2) \quad \text{Every customer must be serviced by exactly one route}$$

$$x_r \in \{0,1\} \quad \forall r \in \Omega \quad (3) \quad \text{Nature of the decision variables}$$

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Benchmark instances

- > 39 instances adapted from Christiansen and Lysgaard (2007)
 - Adding a duration constraint (L)
 - GRASP+HC VRPSD solutions verify
 - $E[C_r] \leq L \forall r \in \mathcal{R}$ (Yang et al. 2000, Mendoza et al. 2010, 2011) – **(ED approach)**
- > 19 to 60 customers
- > Poisson-distributed demands

CC formulation

> Comparison with Best solutions of VRPSD

Metric	Overall	Best run	Worst run
Avg. Gap	2.17%	2.10%	2.34%
Max. Gap	8.44%	8.44%	8.44%
Min. Gap	0.05%	0.00%	0.30%
Std. Dev. Gap	1.90%	1.91%	1.88%

CC formulation

> Average running time

Metric	Overall	Best run	Worst run	Metric	Overall
Avg. Gap	2.17%	2.10%	2.34%	Avg. CPU (s)	233.99
Max. Gap	8.44%	8.44%	8.44%	Max. CPU (s)	1015.05
Min. Gap	0.05%	0.00%	0.30%	Min. CPU (s)	5.98
Std. Dev. Gap	1.90%	1.91%	1.88%	Std. CPU (s)	225.46

CC formulation

- Post-hoc evaluation of the VRPSD (ED) solutions for $\beta = 0.05$

Metric	% Infeasible routes	Max. Pr	Min. Pr	Avg. Pr
Avg.	34.96%	0.217	0.005	0.067
Max.	100.00%	0.446	0.169	0.299
Min.	0.00%	0.010	0.000	0.003

Only 3/39 VRPSD (ED) solutions are feasible

DR formulation: experiment configuration

> $\phi(\cdot)$ functions

- Linear
- Quadratic
- Piecewise linear

> GRASP+HC(DR)

- T=500
- Post-hoc evaluation of VRPSD solutions

DR formulation

- > Comparison with best solutions of VRPSD.
- > Increase in the objective function due to the violation of the constraint

Metric	Linear	Piece-wise linear	Quadratic
Avg. Increase Obj. Function	2.12%	3.26%	6.10%
Max. Increase Obj. Function	4.49%	9.57%	15.46%
Min. Increase Obj. Function	0.37%	0.54%	0.80%
Std. Dev. Increase Obj. Function	1.22%	2.02%	3.44%

DR formulation

- Post-hoc evaluation VRPSD (ED) solutions for the three penalizations with respect to best DR solution
- Increase in objective function due to overtime

Metric	Linear	Piece-wise linear	Quadratic
Avg. Gap	1.18%	4.56%	81.33%
Max. Gap	3.69%	11.20%	283.21%
Min. Gap	0.00%	0.00%	2.85%
Std. Dev. Gap	1.01%	3.31%	73.72%
Unchanged BKS	10	2	0

DR formulation

> Running time comparison DR vs CC Formulations

Metric	Linear	Piece-wise linear	Quadratic	CC Formulation
Avg. CPU (s)	326.48	346.43	355.45	233.99
Max. CPU (s)	1389.65	1432.22	1510.69	1015.05
Min. CPU (s)	8.19	8.63	9.42	5.98
Std. CPU (s)	315.66	338.42	347.61	225.46



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-Voltaire