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## Preface

The education programme of the LNMB provides high quality teaching in the broad field of interest in the mathematics of operations research, including new interesting areas. The programme consists of 24 courses for Master and PhD students. This year six Master courses and nine PhD courses are scheduled (the PhD courses have a cycle of two years). It is allowed that Master students attend PhD courses and, vice versa, that PhD students attend Master courses. The lectures are taught in the Uithof buildings of the Utrecht University.

The education programme for the academic year 2016/2017 consists of the following courses.

### *Master courses:*

Fall 2016:

- Continuous Optimization;
- Discrete Optimization;
- Heuristic Methods in Operations Research.

Spring 2017:

- Advanced Linear Programming;
- Scheduling;
- Queueing Theory.

### *PhD courses:*

Trimester 1:

- Multi-class Queues and Stochastic Network;
- Networks and Polyhedra;
- Convex Analysis for Optimization.

Trimester 2:

- Networks and Semidefinite Programming;
- Algorithmic Methods in Queueing Theory;
- Cooperative Games.

Trimester 3:

- Randomized Algorithms;
- Asymptotic Methods in Queueing Theory;
- OR-Games.

Besides information about the LNMB courses, this guide contains:

- organisational and administrative affairs;
- information about the operations research groups at the Dutch universities;
- lists of members, PhD students and alumni.

The information is also available via the LNMB website [www.lnmb.nl](http://www.lnmb.nl)

In addition to the courses, the LNMB organizes the 42<sup>th</sup> Lunteren Conference on the Mathematics of Operations Research. This conference will be held 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The LNMB gladly acknowledges the financial support by the universities. This enables the LNMB to continue its activities.

Johann Hurink,  
Director LNMB  
June, 2016

# 1. Dutch Network on the Mathematics of Operations Research (LNMB)

The Dutch Network on the Mathematics of Operations Research (in Dutch: Landelijk Netwerk Mathematische Besliskunde; abbreviated LNMB) is an interuniversity co-operation in which all Dutch universities and the Centre for Mathematics and Computer Science (CWI) in Amsterdam participate. The LNMB has been established in July 1987. From 1987 until 2001 the University of Groningen was its administrator, from 2002 until 2006 the University of Maastricht, and from January 2007 the University of Twente acts as administrator of the LNMB.

The tasks of the LNMB are twofold. Firstly, the LNMB offers courses for PhD and Master students, and is responsible for the annual Lunteren Conference on the Mathematics of Operations Research. Secondly, the LNMB is an organization of full and associate professors in the field of Operations Research. The universities and the CWI are represented in the General Board out of whom an Executive Board is chosen.

The LNMB has 119 members and 238 PhD students. The LNMB courses are also accessible, on payment, to other interested people. An independent judgment by NWO (Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research) has proven that the LNMB graduate education programme is of a high international standard.

## 2. PhD courses and diploma requirements (general information)

The programme of the LNMB PhD courses is offered in a biennial cycle consisting of 18 courses. The subjects of the courses are in the following areas: Combinatorial Optimization, Stochastic Operations Research, Mathematical Programming, Game Theory and Applications of OR.

The programme is flexible in the sense that new PhD students can start with their programme at the beginning of any trimester. Furthermore, the individual programmes can vary; each student can choose his or her own parts of the education programme. In each trimester a combination of various subjects is taught. In general one can follow each of the courses without any prerequisites of the other courses. The courses take place on Monday in Utrecht.

The courses are intended for PhD students in Operations Research. However, Master students in mathematics, econometrics or computer science who acquired enough prerequisites are also welcome. Further information can be obtained from the director of the LNMB or from the lecturers of the courses. Furthermore, government and/or business employees who want to follow a course may participate. Participants are expected to make exercises (homework) during or at the end of the course to show that they have understood the contents of the course. The credits (including for the attendance of the course) for participants who have passed the exercises successfully have been set at 4 EC per course. In case the courses are only attended (or when the exercises are not passed successfully), the workload is set at 1 EC. At the end of each course the participants receive a certificate with the grade and the credits involved.

The following regulation holds for the course fee. Participants from the departments of the Dutch universities which finance the LNMB don't pay any course fee. Other participants pay for each course a fee of 500 Euro. The director of the LNMB is authorized to grant a reduction of this fee at occurring situations.

Application to a LNMB PhD course can be done by filling in the online application form available at the website <http://www.lnmb.nl/pages/courses/>. PhD students who participate for the first time in LNMB courses, also have to fill in the form for new PhD Students, which can also be found on the mentioned website.

In addition to the courses, the PhD programme includes the Lunteren Conference on the Mathematics of Operations Research. During this conference prominent - usually foreign - researchers lecture on special topics or on recent research. PhD students can give a so-called PhD presentation. In such a presentation one can present his or her research results. It is preferred to give such a presentation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the PhD period. Attendance in the Lunteren Conference is credited by 1 EC.

PhD students who have sufficiently participated in the LNMB PhD programme and have given a PhD presentation receive a diploma. Here, 'sufficiently' means that they have passed at least 6 LNMB PhD courses with success, whereby one of the courses may be replaced by a course of the graduate program GP-OML and whereby in consultation with the supervisor one course may be replaced by a Master course. If PhD courses have already been taken during the Master program, these courses are also taken into consideration for the LNMB diplom and it is mentioned on the diploma that the courses are part of a Master program. Under certain circumstances the supervisor may submit a motivated request to give the diploma to a PhD student although he or she did not meet the requirement of the PhD presentation.

### 3. Master courses (general information)

From September 2004, the LNMB provides Master courses in Operations Research. These courses are intended for Master students in Mathematics or Econometrics who want to take one or more courses in Operations Research. Usually, the Master thesis adviser will propose or decide that a student will participate in LNMB Master courses.

Due to the small number of Master students in Operations Research at each individual university, a national concentration is efficient and can help to guarantee a qualitatively high education. This is the main purpose of the LNMB Master courses. An additional advantage for the students is the contact with professors and students from other universities. The LNMB Master courses are part of the Dutch Master Programme in Mathematics, which is a coordinated programme of the Departments of Mathematics of the Dutch universities.

In each semester (Fall and Spring) three LNMB Master courses are given. The subjects of the courses are taken from the following areas: Mathematical Programming, Combinatorial Optimization and Stochastic Operations Research. The programme is flexible in the sense that new Master students can start with their programme at the beginning of any semester. Furthermore, the individual programmes can vary; each student can choose his or her own courses. The courses take place on Monday in Utrecht.

Although the courses are intended for Master students, PhD students are also welcome. It is up to their thesis adviser to propose or decide that a PhD student will attend such a course. Further information can be obtained from the director of the LNMB.

The students are subjected to an examination that usually will consist of making exercises during the course and also a written or oral examination. The credits for participants who have passed the examination successfully have been set by the LNMB at **6 EC** per course. A final decision about the credits and the grade is formally up to the university of the student.

The organisational part of the Master courses is done by the Dutch Master's Degree Programme in Mathematics (Mastermath). Therefore, Master- as well as PhD students have to register for the Master courses of the LNMB via the website of Mastermath (<https://elo.mastermath.nl/>). Mastermath distributes the results of the Master students to the corresponding universities and the PhD students get a certificate via LNMB.

## 4. PhD courses 2016/2017

During the academic year 2016/2017 nine courses will be taught in three trimesters; each trimester has a duration of ten weeks. Within the first nine weeks of a trimester one lecture for each course is given; the last week can be used if a lecture has to be cancelled in the first nine weeks.

Trimester 1: (September 12 – November 14)

- Multi-class Queues and Stochastic Networks (MQSN) Boucherie/Scheinhardt
- Networks and Polyhedra (NP) van Iersel/Olver
- Convex Analysis for Optimization (CAO) Brinkhuis

Trimester 2: (November 21 – December 19 and January 23 – February 20)

- Networks and Semidefinite Programming (NSP) Laurent
- Algorithmic Methods in Queueing Theory (AIQT) Hanbali/Kapodistria
- Cooperative games (CG) Borm

Trimester 3: (February 27 – April 10 and April 24 and May 8)

- Randomized Algorithms (RA) Sitters/Stougie
- Asymptotic Methods in Queueing Theory (AsQT) Borst/Núñez-Queija
- OR-Games (ORG) Hamers

The courses are given on Monday according to the following schedule:

	<i>Trimester 1</i>	<i>Trimester 2</i>	<i>Trimester 3</i>
11.00 – 11.45	Course MQSN	Course NSP*	Course RA*
12.00 – 12.45	Course MQSN	Course NSP*	Course RA*
12.45 – 13.15	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
13.15 – 14.00	Course NP*	Course AIQT	Course AsQT
14.15 – 15.00	Course NP*	Course AIQT	Course AsQT
15.15 – 16.00	Course CAO	Course CG	Course ORG
16.15 – 17.00	Course CAO	Course CG	Course ORG

\* = in cooperation with DIAMANT

### *Location:*

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### *Credits:*

The credits (including for the attendance of the course) for participants who have passed the exercises successfully are **4 EC** per course. In case the courses are only attended (or when the exercises are not passed successfully), then the workload is set at **1 EC**. At the end of each course the participants receive a *certificate* with the grade and the credits involved.

### *Registration:*

Anyone interested in these courses is invited to fill in the online registration form on the webpage of the LNMB (<http://www.lnmb.nl/pages/courses/phdcourses/>). For each of the three trimesters a separate form is given. If you are a new PhD student, please also fill in the 'Form for New PhD students' on that webpage.

## **Course MQSN: “Multi-class Queues and Stochastic Networks”**

*Time* : Monday 11.00 – 12.45 (September 12 – November 14)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers:* Prof.dr. R.J. Boucherie (UT) and Dr.ir. W.R.W. Scheinhardt (UT)

### *Course description:*

Complex stochastic systems, like communication systems, computer networks and manufacturing systems, may often be modeled as queueing networks with multiple nodes and/or multiple classes. The performance of these systems may be evaluated in terms of queue lengths, sojourn times or blocking probabilities. This course focuses on basic queueing networks for which performance measures can be obtained in closed form. First, the course focuses on a class of networks where the equilibrium distribution has a so-called product-form solution. Topics include the output theorem, reversibility, partial balance, quasi reversibility and product-form. Examples include Jackson networks, Kelly-Whittle



networks, BCMP networks, loss networks and processor sharing networks. Second, the course considers the sojourn time distribution in simple networks. Third, computation of performance measures often requires efficient algorithms. To this end, Mean Value Analysis and approximation techniques will be studied. Finally, fluid queues will be addressed.

Detailed content:

- reversibility, stationarity, basic queues, output theorem, feedforward networks;
- partial balance, Jackson network, Kelly-Whittle network, arrival theorem;
- quasi-reversibility, customer types, BCMP networks, bandwidth sharing networks;
- blocking, aggregation, decomposition;
- loss networks, insensitivity via supplementary variables;
- sojourn time distribution in networks;
- MVA, AMVA, QNA;
- fluid queues, basic models;
- feedback fluid queues, networks of fluid queues.

*Literature:*

- R. Nelson, Probability, Stochastic Processes and Queueing Theory, 1995 : Chapter 10;
- F.P. Kelly, Reversibility and Stochastic Networks, Wiley, 1979 (available on-line);
- R.W. Wolff, Stochastic Modeling and the Theory of Queues, Prentice Hall, 1989;
- R.J. Boucherie, N.M. van Dijk (editors), Queueing Networks - A Fundamental Approach, International Series in Operations Research and Management Science Vol 154, Springer, 2011;
- handouts, slides and references to relevant additional literature will be made available at the lectures.

*Prerequisites:*

The participants should have followed courses in probability theory, stochastic processes and queueing theory.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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## **Course NP: “Networks and Polyhedra”**

*Time:* Monday 13.15 – 15.00 (September 12 – November 14)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Dr. L.J.J. van Iersel (TU Delft) Dr. N.K. Olver (VU Amsterdam/CWI)

*Course description:*

Combinatorial optimization problems are concerned with the efficient allocation of limited resources to meet desired objectives when the values of the variables are restricted to be integral.

Combinatorial problems arise in various applications, e.g. airline crew scheduling, manufacturing, network design, cellular telephone frequency design and optimization problems on graphs.

The course deals with polynomial-time solvable combinatorial optimization problems. Many of these problems are special cases of linear programming problems.

The following subjects are discussed:

- shortest paths and trees;
- polytopes, polyhedra, Farkas’ lemma and linear programming;
- matchings and covers in bipartite graphs;
- Menger’s theorem, flows and circulations;
- non-bipartite matchings.

*Literature:*

- lecture notes: [A Course in Combinatorial Optimization](#), A. Schrijver, CWI (chapters 1-5);
- B. Korte and J. Vygen, *Combinatorial Optimization*, 2e edition, Springer 2001;
- A. Schrijver, *Combinatorial Optimization: Polyhedra and efficiency*, Volume A: Paths, Flows, Matchings, Springer 2003.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge (bachelor level) of linear algebra and graph theory.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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### **Course CAO: “Convex Analysis for Optimization”**

*Time* : Monday 15.15 – 17.00 (September 12 – November 14)  
*Location*: Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)  
*Lecturer*: Dr. J. Brinkhuis (EUR)

*Course description:*

Convexity plays an important role in optimization, particularly in nonlinear optimization. Many applications of optimization problems are nonlinear but have the convexity property. For convex optimization an elegant mathematical theory can be developed, including a duality theory and algorithmic aspects.

Key words for the course are: convex sets and functions; separation theorems; subdifferential calculus; polarity; Karush-Kuhn-Tucker theorem; duality; minimax results in game theory; optimal consumption and investment in economics.

*Literature:*

- Lecture notes will be provided. In addition (also as indication for the level):
- M.S. Bazaraa, H.D. Sherali and C.M. Shetty, *Nonlinear programming, theory and algorithms*, 2nd edition, Wiley, 1993;
  - Borwein, J. and A.S. Lewis, *Convex analysis and nonlinear optimisation*, 2nd edition, Springer-Verlag, New York, 2006;
  - R.T. Rockafellar, *Convex analysis*, Princeton University Press, 1970.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge (bachelor level) of analysis and linear algebra.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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### **Course NSP: “Networks and Semidefinite Programming”**

*Time* : Monday 11.00 – 12.45 (November 21 – December 19 and January 23 – February 20)  
*Location*: Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)  
*Lecturer*: Prof.dr. M. Laurent (CWI and UvT)

*Course description:*

Combinatorial optimization problems are concerned with the efficient allocation of limited resources to meet desired objectives when the values of the variables are restricted to be integral. Such problems arise in various applications, e.g., airline crew scheduling, manufacturing, network design, cellular telephone frequency design, and they can often be modeled as optimization problems on graphs. The course deals with several basic combinatorial optimization problems. While these problems are intrinsically hard to solve in general, we will present polynomial-time solvable instances. Algorithms use combinatorial tools, linear and semidefinite programming.

The following subjects are discussed:

- problems, algorithms and running time; basics of semidefinite programming;
- cliques, cocliques and colouring in graphs; Lovász theta number;
- cuts and metrics; multicommodity flows and disjoint paths.

*Literature:*

- lecture notes: A Course in Combinatorial Optimization, A. Schrijver, CWI (chapters 6,7,9);
- additional lecture notes on chosen topics will be provided;
- A. Schrijver, Combinatorial Optimization: Polyhedra and efficiency, Volumes A, B, and C, Springer 2003.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge of linear algebra, graph theory and linear programming.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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## **Course AIQT: “Algorithmic Methods in Queuing Theory”**

*Time* : Monday 13.15 – 15.00 (November 21 – December 19 and January 23 – February 20)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Dr. A. Al Hanbali (University of Twente), Dr. S. Kapodistria (Eindhoven University of Technology)

*Course description:*

This course focusses on algorithmic aspects of queueing theory, and builds on the basic queueing models treated in the Master course Queueing Theory. Typically, queueing systems can be described by appropriately defined Markov processes. The course starts by treating numerical methods to solve the steady-state and transient behavior of (finitestate) Markov processes. Attention is also devoted to the construction of (error) bounds on the steady-state distribution. Then the course introduces elements that enrich the basic queueing models, such as Markovian arrival processes, and phase-type service times. Inclusion of such elements usually results in multi-dimensional Markov processes on a strip (i.e., one in finite dimension). Techniques to analyse the steady-state distribution of Markov processes on a strip include: spectral expansion, matrix-analytic and generating function techniques for the analysis of G/M/1-type and M/G/1-type Markov processes. Further, the course addresses several techniques to analyse Markov processes with two (or more) infinite dimensions, such as the compensation method, the power series method and the generating function (or boundary value) method. Finally, topics such as the (numerical) inversion of generating functions and Laplace transforms are discussed.

Detailed content:

- direct and iterative methods for the solution of the equilibrium equations;
- Markov processes on a strip;
- G/M/1-type models, M/G/1-type models;
- matrix-analytic methods;
- spectral expansion;
- generating function (or boundary value) method;
- compensation method;
- power series method;
- numerical inversion of generating functions and Laplace transforms.

*Literature:*

Handouts, slides and references will be made available at the lectures (see [webpage](#)).

*Prerequisites:*

The participants should have followed courses in probability theory, stochastic processes and queueing theory.

*Examination:* Take home problems.

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## **Course CG: “Cooperative Games”**

*Time :* Monday 15.15 – 17.00 (November 21 – December 19 and January 23 – February 20)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Prof.dr.ir. P.E.M. Borm (UvT)

*Course description:*

Game theory studies interactive decision situations involving conflict and/or cooperation. In cooperative games binding agreements are allowed and the players may form coalitions. The focus is on the question how to reallocate the resulting joint coalitional payoff among the players in a fair way.

The following subjects are discussed:

- games in characteristic form (TU games);
- shapley value, compromise value and nucleolus;
- core concepts;
- convexity and compromise stability;
- some classes of OR Games: flow games and linear production games.

*Literature:*

Lecture notes will be provided.

NOT compulsory (just as an indication):

- S.H. Tijs, Introduction to Game Theory, Hindustan Book Agency, India, 2003.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge of analysis and linear algebra.

*Examination:*

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## **Course RA: “Randomized Algorithms”**

*Time:* Monday 11.00 – 12.45 (February 27 – April 10 and April 24 and May 8)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers:* Dr. R.A. Sitters (VU and CWI) and Prof.dr. L. Stougie (VU and CWI)

*Course description:*

The topics are:

- randomized complexity classes; Yao’s minimax principle; application of probabilistic bounding techniques;
- the probabilistic method; derandomization; random walks; randomized LP algorithms; on-line algorithms;
- randomization in geometric problems.

*Literature:*

R. Motwani and P. Raghavan: Randomized Algorithms, Cambridge University Press, New York, 1995, ISBN 0-521-47465-5. The participants are assumed to have this book at their disposal by buying or lending (e.g. from the university library) the book.

*Prerequisites:*

Elementary knowledge of probability theory.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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## **Course AsQT: “Asymptotic Methods in Queueing Theory”**

*Time* : Monday 13.15 – 15.00 (February 27 – April 10 and April 24 and May 8)

*Location*: Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer*: Prof.dr.ir. S.C. Borst (TU/e) and Prof.dr. R. Núñez Queija (UvA/CWI)

*Course description:*

Exact analysis of complex queueing systems is often out of scope. For many queueing systems it is all but impossible to obtain exact expressions for expected values of performance measures such as queue lengths, waiting times and sojourn time. Also, average values may not even be the most informative measures to describe a system's performance, but one may rather be interested in performance quantiles for example. For such cases a wide range of asymptotic techniques are available that may serve to develop suitable approximations and provide valuable insights. In this course we will discuss several such techniques and illustrate them on more advanced queueing models such as GPS queues, DPS queues, and bandwidth-sharing networks. The following techniques and topics will be discussed.

- Large deviations and tail asymptotics: We discuss several techniques to estimate tail probabilities in queueing systems. We distinguish two intrinsically different scenarios: one in which performance characteristics have light tailed distributions and one with heavy tails. We will explain the fundamental differences between these two scenarios (“conspiracy” versus “disaster” scenarios) and illustrate several analysis techniques that one may resort to in obtaining asymptotically accurate estimates, including analytic asymptotics, probabilistic bounds and coupling arguments.
- Fluid and diffusion limits: For optimization of complex stochastic processes, one may search for simpler versions of the processes that are still accurate enough to design meaningful optimizing control strategies. Fluid and diffusion limits are particularly useful in this context. For the fluid limit, one starts off the stochastic process (for example a queue length process) at an exceptional high level  $x$  and monitors it over a long period of time (order  $x$ ). As the scaling parameter  $x$  tends to infinity, the stochastic process can often be shown to satisfy a functional strong law of large numbers, which is commonly referred to as the fluid limit. In applications, the fluid limit may not give sufficient information to design optimal control strategies and one will typically be interested in deviations from the fluid limit. The diffusion limit describes these deviations.
- Perturbation analysis and time-scale separation: analyzing Markovian queueing networks as multi-dimensional Markov processes may be notoriously difficult. One abstraction is to isolate the behavior of a single queue, and capture the influence of other queues in what is called the random environment. The state of the random environment determines the transition laws of the queueing system at hand. As the random environment changes state, the queue can move from one mode of operation to another (for example from lightly loaded conditions to overloaded conditions and back). When the state changes of the random environment occur on a much faster time scale than the queueing dynamics, one obtains a so-called fluid approximation (this is a somewhat different notion than the earlier mentioned fluid limits). On the contrary, if the state changes are extremely slow the limiting process is called a quasi-stationary approximation. This concept of time-scale separation can be formalized using perturbation analysis for Markov processes.

– Heavy traffic: for efficiency, in practice service systems are aimed at being deployed at fairly high loads. As the load on a (queueing) system approaches the critical capacity, typical performance characteristics such as queue lengths and sojourn times grow beyond limits. In the 1960's, Kingman showed that for single-server queues, the queue length process can be scaled such that a meaningful limit is obtained as the critical capacity is approached. In the past half a century, this concept has been extended to much more complex systems and successfully applied in practice, particularly in inventory systems, production facilities, call centers and communication networks. In the course we will discuss the founding principles of heavy traffic theory.

*Literature:*

Handouts, slides and references to relevant literature will be made available at the lectures.

*Prerequisites:*

The participants should have followed courses in probability theory, stochastic processes and queueing theory.

*Examination:*

Take home problems.

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## **Course ORG: “OR-Games”**

*Time:* Monday 15.15 – 17.00 (February 27 – April 10 and April 24 and May 8)

*Location:* Mathematical Building, Room 611AB, Budapestlaan, Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers:* Prof.dr. H.J.M. Hamers (UvT)

*Course description:*

The aim of this course is to provide a general overview of the possibilities of analyzing various OR-situations from a game theoretic perspective. A large part of the course is motivated by the idea that joint OR-problems in which various decision makers are involved not only have an optimization aspect in generating e.g. minimal total joint costs but as an allocation aspect in dividing these costs back fairly to the individuals itself.

*Global scheme:*

- a global survey of relevant notions from both cooperative and non-cooperative game theory;
- applications to bankruptcy, cost sharing, fixed and spanning tree, traveling salesman, Chinese postman, assignment, permutation, scheduling, lot sizing and inventory situations.

*Literature:*

*Course material:*

- handouts will be provided during the course;
- further reading: Curiel, I. (1997). Cooperative game theory and applications. Kluwer Academic Publishers.

*Prerequisites:*

The course is intended to be accessible without specific knowledge of game theory. For this aim the first part of the course will survey the game theoretical concepts that are needed.

*Examination:*

One final assignment to model and analyze a self-selected OR problem from a game theoretical perspective.

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## 5. Master courses 2016/2017

During the academic year 2016/2017 six courses will be taught in two semesters; each semester has a duration of 12 weeks. The courses are part of the Dutch Master Programme in Mathematics (<https://elo.mastermath.nl/>).

Fall 2015 (September 12 – November 28):

- CO (Continuous optimization);
- DO (Discrete optimization);
- HEU (Heuristic Methods in Operations Research).

Spring 2016 (February 13 – April 10, April 24 – May 8):

- SCH (Scheduling);
- ALP (Advanced linear programming);
- QT (Queueing theory).

The courses are given on Monday according to the following schedule:

	<i>Fall 2015</i>	<i>Spring 2016</i>
11.00 – 11.45	Course CO	Course SCH
12.00 – 12.45	Course CO	Course SCH
12.45 – 13.15	Lunch break	Lunch break
13.15 – 14.00	Course DO	Course ALP*
14.15 – 15.00	Course DO	Course ALP*
15.15 – 16.00	Course HEU	Course QT
16.15 – 17.00	Course HEU	Course QT

\* In cooperation with DIAMANT

*Location:*

The courses are given in the Uithof (buildings of the Utrecht University). Detailed information on the location can be found on the website of the Dutch Master Programme in Mathematics (Masthermath):

<http://www.mastermath.nl/locations>.

*Credits:*

The credits for students who have passed the exercises successfully are 6 EC per course, except the short course ISP (4 EC).

*Detailed information about the courses:*

The registration and administration of the master courses is done by the Dutch Master Programme in Mathematics.

Anyone interested in these courses is invited to register via <http://www.mastermath.nl>.

### Course CO: “Continuous Optimization”

*Time* : Monday 11.00 – 12.45 (September 12 – November 28)

*Location:* Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Dr. P.J.C. Dickinson (UT)

*Aim:*

The course aims to provide an advanced introduction into the basics and methods of nonlinear continuous optimisation (also called nonlinear programming).

*Course description:*

The course starts with some historical examples and an introduction into convex sets and convex functions. Then, optimality conditions in unconstrained and constrained optimization are discussed with emphasis on convex problems. Duality in convex optimization is the next topic followed by an introduction into the basic algorithms for unconstrained and constrained problems. Finally as a special topic, LP-, Lagrange- and semidefinite-relaxations of integer programs are studied.

*Literature:*

- lecture notes "Nonlinear Optimization", by E. de Klerk, C. Roos, T. Terlaky;
- Algorithmic Principles of Mathematical Programming" by U. Faigle, W. Kern and G. Still.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge of linear algebra and multivariate analysis.

*Examination:*

Written examination.

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**Course DO: “Discrete Optimization”**

*Time* : Monday 13.15 – 15.00 (September 12 – November 28)

*Location:* Utrecht (Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Dr. B. Manthey (University of Twente)

*Aim:*

To provide a solid foundation in Discrete Optimization, with an eye on algorithm design and algorithm analysis, including the basics of computational complexity.

*Course description:*

The aim of the course is to provide a solid foundation in Discrete Optimization. A particular focus will be given to the design and analysis of algorithms and to computational complexity. Discrete Optimization is about the problem of finding a best solution among a set of feasible solutions. The set of feasible solutions might be astronomically large but is assumed to be discrete (finite or countably infinite), which also constitutes the major difference to Continuous Optimization. A notorious example is the traveling salesman problem, where we are asked to find a shortest tour among all tours that visit every node of a given graph exactly once. Yet another example is linear programming, which can be interpreted as the problem of finding a best among a finite number of vertices of a polyhedron. The course introduces some of the most relevant problems from the area, as well as algorithms to solve them.

The following topics will (most probably) be treated:

- introduction to algorithms & analysis;
- shortest path algorithms;
- minimum spanning trees & matroids;
- maximum flows & minimum cuts;
- minimum cost flows;
- P, NP, coNP, NP-completeness;
- integer linear programming & total unimodularity;
- approximation algorithms;
- primal-dual algorithms;
- inapproximability & approximation schemes.

*Literature:*

We use a reader with selected chapters from several books listed below. The reader can be purchased in the first lecture. Occasionally additional copies will be distributed (if necessary).

– W.J. Cook, W.H. Cunningham, W.R. Pulleyblank and A. Schrijver, *Combinatorial Optimization*, Wiley, 1998. ISBN 0-471-55894-X;

– C.H. Papadimitriou and K. Steiglitz, *Combinatorial Optimization; Algorithms and Complexity*, Prentice-Hall, 1982. ISBN 0-13-152462-3;

– Ahuja, R.K., T.L. Magnanti, and J.B. Orlin, *Network Flows*, Prentice Hall, 1993. ISBN 0-13-617-549;

– T. Cormen, C. Leiserson, R. Rivest and C. Stein, *Introduction to Algorithms*, 2nd ed., MIT Press, 2001. ISBN10 0262531968;

– B. Korte and J. Vygen, *Combinatorial Optimization - Theory and Algorithms*, 4th ed., Springer, 2008. ISBN10 3-540-25684-9.

*Prerequisites:*

Knowledge of linear algebra and graph theory is advantageous.

*Examination:*

Take home problems (40%) and a written exam (60%).



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## **Course HEU “Heuristic Methods in Operations Research”**

*Time* : Monday 15.15 – 17.00 (September 12 – November 28)

*Location*: Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers*: Prof.dr. J.L. Hurink (UT) and Dr. J.M.J. Schutten (UT)

*Aim*:

This course gives an overview of heuristic solution methods in combinatorial optimization.

*Description*:

Due to the computational complexity of most of the practical relevant optimization problems, heuristic methods form an important class of solution methods for such problems. In this course we give an overview of different classes of heuristic solution approaches and present examples of their application.

In detail, the following issues are treated:

- sampling based heuristics;
- restricted dynamic programming;
- truncated branch and bound/beam search;
- relaxations/lower bounds;
- evaluation techniques;
- local Search;
- evolutionary methods;
- hierarchical and decentralized approaches.

*Literature*:

Handouts.

*Prerequisites*:

Basic knowledge (bachelor level) of analysis, linear algebra and linear programming.

*Examination*:

Oral examination and take home problems.

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## **Course ALP: “Advanced Linear Programming”**

*Time* : Monday 11.00 – 12.45 (February 13 – April 10, April 24 – May 8)

*Location*: Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers*: Prof.dr. L. Stougie (VU/CWI) and Dr.ir. J.M. van den Akker (UU)

*Aim*:

To provide insight in theory and development of practical methods for basic and advanced linear programming.

*Course description*:

Part 1: Basic theory and algorithms of linear optimization:

Linear optimization; polyhedra and polytopes; the simplex algorithm; duality; linear inequalities and Farkas’ lemma; sensitivity analysis.

Part 2: Advanced linear optimization methods:

The revised simplex method and column generation; Dantzig-Wolfe- and Benders' decomposition; network flow problems; the ellipsoid method; an interior point method; integer programming formulations and solution methods.

*Literature:*

D. Bertsimas and J.N. Tsitsiklis: Introduction to linear optimisation, Athena Scientific, 1997.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge (bachelor level) of linear algebra and graph theory.

*Examination:*

Written examination.

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## **Course SCH: “Scheduling”**

*Time* : Monday 13.15 – 15.00 (February 13 – April 10, April 24 – May 8)

*Location:* Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturer:* Dr. J.A. Hoogeveen (UU), Dr. T. Vredeveld (UM)

*Aim:*

This course gives an introduction into scheduling theory and its applications.

*Course description:*

The term scheduling represents the assignment of resources over time to perform tasks, jobs or activities. Feasible schedules are compared with respect to a given optimality criterion. Mostly, the optimization problem is combinatorial and very complex. From a computational point of view many of these problems are hard (NP-hard). In this course an overview on the most classical scheduling models is given and exact as well as some optimal and some heuristic solution methods are discussed for these models.

In detail, the following issues are treated:

- classification of scheduling models;
- single-machine models;
- parallel-machines models;
- open shop, flow shop and job shop models;
- timetabling;
- transportation;
- on-line models.

*Literature:*

Handout for special subjects.

The following books can be used as background and further information, but do not have to be bought:

- Brucker, Peter: Scheduling Algorithms 4th ed., 2004, Springer Verlag Berlin, Hardcover, ISBN: 3-540-20524-1;
- Pinedo, Michael L: Scheduling: Theory, Algorithms, and Systems, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2002, Prentice Hall, ISBN: 0-13-028138-7.

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge (bachelor level) of analysis and linear algebra.

*Examination:*

Take home problems and an examination (oral or written).

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## **Course QT: “Queueing Theory”**

*Time* : Monday 15.15 – 17.00 (February 13 – April 10, April 24 – May 8)

*Location*: Utrecht (De Uithof)

*Lecturers*: Dr. W.R.W. Scheinhardt

*Aim:*

To provide insight in the theory of queueing models.

*Course description:*

The following subjects will be treated:

- fundamental queueing relations (Little's law, PASTA property);
- Markovian queues (M/M/1 queue, M/M/c queue, M/E<sub>r</sub>/1 queue);
- M/G/1 queue and G/M/1 queue;
- mean value technique;
- priority queues;
- variations of the M/G/1 queue;
- insensitive queues (M/G/c/c queue and M/G/infinity queue).

*Literature:*

Lecture notes of the course “Queueing Theory” (free available: <http://www.win.tue.nl/~iadan/queueing.pdf>).

*Prerequisites:*

Basic knowledge of probability at the level: S.M. Ross, Introduction to probability models, 9th edition, Academic Press, 2007 (chapters 1-3).

*Examination:*

Written examination.

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## 6. Structuurschets interne organisatie LNMB (in Dutch)

Vastgesteld in de algemene ledenvergadering van 16 januari 1991, aangepast in de algemene ledenvergaderingen van 16 januari 2007, 18 januari 2011, 17 januari 2012 en 13 januari 2015

### 0. Preambule

De juridische structuur van het LNMB is nog niet vastgelegd, en dat gebeurt ook niet door onderstaande structuurschets. Op dit moment is het niet opportuun om de juridische aspecten volledig uit te werken, dat zal te zijner tijd gebeuren in samenhang met de uitwerking van de structurele financiering. Bovendien is het wenselijk om te wachten tot de discussie over "onderzoekscholen" verder gevorderd is. Wel is het op dit moment noodzakelijk om interne gedragsregels af te spreken, onder meer omdat de hoogleraar-directeur is aangesteld.

### 1. Het Landelijk Netwerk Mathematische Besliskunde

Het LNMB is een organisatie die een landelijke tweedefase-onderzoekersopleiding in de mathematische besliskunde verzorgt. Door landelijke bundeling van internationaal erkende expertise en door inzet van vooraanstaande onderzoekers uit het buitenland wordt gestreefd naar een opleiding van hoge kwaliteit. Het LNMB streeft naar een goede afstemming van activiteiten met de universitaire instellingen en met andere tweedefaseopleidingen.

### 2. Leden

Lid van het LNMB kunnen zijn hoogleraren, UHD's en UD's (inclusief emeriti) van de Nederlandse universiteiten of medewerkers van het CWI die actief onderzoeker zijn op een van de deelgebieden van de mathematische besliskunde en betrokken zijn bij de begeleiding van promovendi. Over toelating van nieuwe leden beslist het algemeen bestuur.

### 3. Algemeen bestuur

Het algemeen bestuur bestaat uit ten minste  $n$  en ten hoogste  $n+m$  leden van het LNMB, waar  $n$  = het aantal instellingen waar leden werkzaam zijn en  $m$  = het aantal leden van het dagelijks bestuur. Het algemeen bestuur wordt gekozen door de ledenvergadering zodanig dat van elk van de  $n$  instellingen ten minste één personeelslid lid van het algemeen bestuur is. Leden van het dagelijks bestuur zijn automatisch lid van het algemeen bestuur. De voorzitter wordt in functie gekozen. De directeur is secretaris. Het algemeen bestuur verdeelt onderling de overige functies. Leden van het algemeen bestuur die geen lid zijn van het dagelijks bestuur treden jaarlijks af, en zijn terstond herkiesbaar. Voor de overige leden van het algemeen bestuur geldt het rooster van bestuursmutaties van het dagelijks bestuur.

Het algemeen bestuur heeft tot taak:

- a. het benoemen van nieuwe leden van het LNMB;
- b. het benoemen van de directeur;
- c. het toezien op de activiteiten van het dagelijks bestuur;
- d. het jaarlijks vaststellen van het algemeen en financieel verslag, alsmede van de begroting voor het komende jaar;
- e. alles te doen wat de doelstellingen van het LNMB kan bevorderen.

### 4. Dagelijks bestuur

Het dagelijks bestuur bestaat uit vijf of zes leden van het LNMB. Het dagelijks bestuur wordt gekozen door de ledenvergadering. Voorzitter en secretaris van het algemeen bestuur zijn tevens voorzitter en secretaris van het dagelijks bestuur. De leden van het dagelijks bestuur, m.u.v. de directeur, hebben een zittingstermijn van vier jaar. Aftredende leden zijn éénmaal herkiesbaar. De zittingstermijn van de secretaris komt overeen met diens aanstelling als directeur.

De voorzitter wordt in functie gekozen en heeft een zittingstermijn van vier jaar als voorzitter.

Het dagelijks bestuur heeft tot taak:

- a. het vaststellen van het onderwijsprogramma van het LNMB, in het bijzonder de aanwijzing van de docenten;
- b. het vaststellen van regels voor de beoordeling van de deelnemende aio's/oio's door de docenten en het vaststellen van slaagregels;
- c. het vaststellen van cursusgelden, contributies, vergoedingen etc.;
- d. het vaststellen van regelingen voor diploma's, en het afgeven van diploma's aan deelnemers die geslaagd zijn;
- e. het jaarlijks uitbrengen van een begroting, ten behoeve van het algemeen bestuur;
- f. het zorgdragen voor de continuïteit van de activiteiten van het LNMB; inhaken op actuele ontwikkelingen, het veilig stellen van structurele financiering etc.;
- g. het adviseren van de directeur bij diens taakuitoefening;
- h. alles te doen wat de doelstellingen van het LNMB kan bevorderen.

Het dagelijks bestuur is verantwoording verschuldigd aan het algemeen bestuur en aan de ledenvergadering.

### *5. Directeur*

Het LNMB heeft een directeur. De functie van directeur wordt op hoogleraarniveau vervuld. De directeur wordt benoemd door het algemeen bestuur, in samenwerking met de penvoerende instelling. De termijn van de aanstelling wordt eveneens in overleg met de penvoerende instelling vastgelegd.

De directeur heeft tot taak:

- a. het voorbereiden en doen uitvoeren van het onderwijsprogramma;
- b. het beslissen omtrent toelating van deelnemers aan het onderwijsprogramma op grond van door het dagelijks bestuur vastgestelde regels;
- c. het bijhouden van een administratie van deelnemers aan het onderwijsprogramma, en de door hen behaalde resultaten;
- d. het toezicht houden op het financieel beheer dat namens het LNMB wordt gevoerd;
- e. het voorbereiden van de vergaderingen van het dagelijks bestuur, het algemeen bestuur en de ledenvergadering;
- f. het opstellen van voorlichtingsmateriaal voor aio's/oio's en andere belangstellenden;
- g. het verzorgen van goede contacten met de penvoerende instelling, met deelnemende aio's/oio's en hun promotoren, met docenten, met instellingen die bij het LNMB zijn betrokken en met verwante netwerken.

De directeur is verantwoording verschuldigd aan het dagelijks bestuur.

### *6. Ledenvergadering*

Ieder kalenderjaar, bij voorkeur tijdens de jaarlijkse Lunteren-conferentie, wordt een ledenvergadering gehouden, waar onder meer aan de orde komen:

- a. het algemeen verslag over het afgelopen kalenderjaar;
- b. de plannen voor het komende kalenderjaar.

De ledenvergadering heeft verder tot taak:

- c. de benoeming van de leden van het dagelijks bestuur en van het algemeen bestuur;
- d. het vaststellen van de gedragsregels die binnen het LNMB worden gehanteerd.

### *7. Financiën*

Voor de periode 1989 – 1993 heeft de Minister van Onderwijs en Wetenschappen het LNMB een startsubsidie toegekend. Daarna hebben de instellingen via een jaarlijkse bijdrage gezorgd voor het voortbestaan van het LNMB. De gelden wordt beheerd door de penvoerende instelling. Betalingen behoeven de goedkeuring van de directeur, die gehouden is aan regels die door het Dagelijks bestuur zijn vastgelegd.

### *8. Slot*

In alle gevallen waarin deze regels niet voorzien, beslist het dagelijks bestuur.

## 7. Operations Research Groups at Dutch Universities and CWI

<u>Nr.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Research Theme</u>	<u>Projectleader(s)</u>
1a.	CWI	Algorithms, Combinatorics and Optimization	Laurent
1b.	CWI	Probability and Stochastic Networks	Zwart/Van der Mei
2.	EUR	Operations Research	Dekker
3.	WUR	Operations Research	Bloemhof-Ruwaard
4a.	UvT	Operations Research	Sotirov
4b.	UvT	Operations Research and game theory	Borm
5a.	UM	Combinatorial optimization	Van Hoesel
5b.	UM	Game theory and optimization	Thuijsman
6.	RUG	Operations Research	Teunter
7.	UL	Stochastic Operations Research	Spieksma
8.	TUD	Optimization	Aardal
9.a	TU/e	Combinatorial optimization	Woeginger
9.b	TU/e	Stochastic Operations Research	Boxma
10.	UvA	Deterministic and Stochastic Operations Research	Van Dijk
11.	UT	Discrete Optimization and Stochastic OR	Boucherie/Uetz
12.	UU	Algorithms and Optimization	van den Akker/Bodlaender
13a.	VU	Combinatorial Optimization and Stochastic OR	Stougie
13b.	VU	Optimization of business processes	Koole

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*Research themes:*

1. combinatorics and optimization;
2. algorithmic game theory.

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*Research themes:*

1. applied probability;
2. spatial probability;
3. logistics;
4. communication networks;
5. energy systems.

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#### *Research themes:*

##### *Transportation:*

1. railway operations optimization (Dekker, Dollevoet, Huisman, Louwerse, Wagelmans);
2. container and intermodal logistics (Dekker);
3. robust distribution networks (Dekker, Gabor, Mulder, Spliet);
4. design of liner shipping networks (Dekker, Mulder).

##### *Supply chains:*

5. production planning and inventory control (Dekker, van de Heuvel, Retel-Helmrich, Wagelmans);
6. service logistics (Dekker, Gabor, Farenhorst-Yuan, Hekimoglu, van Jaarsveld, Yang);
7. coordination in supply chains (Dehkordi, van de Heuvel, Wagelmans);
8. reverse logistics (Dekker, van de Heuvel);
9. location and network problems (Mulder).

##### *Various methods and topics:*

10. OR in medical decision making (Glorie, Wagelmans);
11. multi-criteria decision making (Tervonen);
12. optimization (Brinkhuis);
13. maintenance and reliability analysis (Dekker, Farenhorst-Yuan).

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#### *Research themes:*

1. quality controlled logistics:
  - using advanced product quality information in logistics decision making for improved customer service and less food spoilage;
2. sustainable logistics:
  - socio-economic and environmental performance measures, trade-offs to improve overall sustainable performance in agrifood chains;
3. planning and inventory control:
  - production and inventory models for perishable products;
  - models and algorithms for valorisation and robust design.

## **Project 4a. Tilburg University**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. stochastic operations research and simulation;
2. deterministic operations research;
3. combinatorial mathematics;
4. game theory.

## **Project 4b. Tilburg University**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. cooperative game theory;
2. non-cooperative game theory;
3. mathematical economics;
4. skill in games;
5. overt and covert network analysis.

## **Project 5a. Maastricht University**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. mechanism design, combinatorial auctions;
2. network optimization;
3. planning and scheduling;
4. approximation;
5. pricing, revenue management;
6. supply chain management.



## **Project 5b. Maastricht University**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. strategic optimization in networks (network formation games, Markov games, gene networks, phylogenetic networks, evolutionary models);
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## **Project 6. University of Groningen**

### **Operations Research**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. service logistics and Maintenance, Forecasting and Inventory control, Game theory (Beemsterboer, de Jonge, Foreest, Karousis, Olde Keizer, Prak, Teunter, Veldman, Zhu);
2. stochastic programming (Klein Haneveld, Romeijnders, van der Vlerk);
3. combinatorial optimization and Quantitative logistics (van der Heijde, Roodbergen, Sierksma);
4. maritime logistics (Buis, Jargalsaikhan, Schrottenboer, Uit het Broek, Ursavas, Veenstra, Vis).

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### **Stochastic Operations Research**

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#### *Research themes:*

1. Markov decision chains with applications in queueing networks;
2. stability properties of parametrised collections of Markov processes;
3. inventory control;
4. network robustness.

## **Project 8. Delft University of Technology Optimization**

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### *Research themes:*

1. integer and combinatorial optimization;
2. semidefinite/convex optimization;
3. harmonic analysis applied to optimization, lattices and optimization;
4. optimization in ambulance planning;
5. machine learning;
6. phylogenetic networks;
7. parametrized complexity.

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### *Research themes:*

1. combinatorial optimization;
  - 1.1. graph and matroid structure theory;
  - 1.2. complexity and approximation;
  - 1.3. enumerative optimization;
  - 1.4. optimization under uncertainty.

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### *Research themes:*

1. stochastic operations research;
  - 1.1. random walks and queueing theory;
  - 1.2. performance analysis of computer- and communication systems;
  - 1.3. performance analysis in operations management and logistics;
2. the EURANDOM program on Queueing and Performance Analysis.

## **Project 10. University of Amsterdam**

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*Research themes:*

1. Markov decision theory (van Dijk);
2. performance analysis of service networks (van Dijk, van der Sluis);
3. exact and bounding results for queueing networks (van Dijk);
4. scheduling algorithms and complexity (Duin, van der Sluis);
5. graph theory problems (Duin);
6. inventory models (van der Sluis, van der Wal);
7. transportation (van Dijk);
8. daily life applications of stochastic models (van Dijk, van der Sluis);
9. healthcare (van Dijk);
10. OR and simulation (van Dijk, van der Sluis).

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### **Discrete Optimization and Stochastic Operations Research**

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*Research themes:*

1. Discrete Mathematics & Mathematical Programming:
  - continuous and combinatorial optimization, analysis of algorithms, approximation & online algorithms, graph theory, scheduling, operations research.
2. Stochastic Operations Research:
  - telecommunication systems, queuing networks, large deviations, fluid models, pricing, wireless networks, IP networks, analysis of graphs and networks.
3. Game Theory:
  - cooperative and Non-cooperative game theory, stochastic game theory, algorithmic game theory, mechanism design.
4. Operations Research:
  - manufacturing, logistics, inventory models, reliability, maintenance, transportation, traffic models, supply chain management.
5. Health care logistics:
  - strategic, tactical and operational decision making to improve healthcare systems.
6. Energy Systems:
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*Research themes:*

1. graph and network algorithms;
2. LP-based optimization algorithms;
3. search algorithms;
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## **Project 13a. VU University Amsterdam**

### **Combinatorial Optimization and Stochastic Operations Research**

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*Research themes:*

1. combinatorial optimisation;
  - 1.1. algorithms: complexity and approximation;
  - 1.2. algorithmic game theory;
  - 1.3. on-line algorithms;
  - 1.4. computational biology;
2. stochastic operations research;
  - 2.1. Markov decision algorithms for controlled queuing systems;
  - 2.2. analysis and simulation of probabilities for rare events;
  - 2.3. perturbation analysis and simulation techniques;
  - 2.4. numerical algorithms based on Taylor series expansion;
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## **Project 13b. VU University Amsterdam**

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*Research themes:*

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2. theory and applications of controlled queueing systems.

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