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## ***A Technique for Solving Distributor's Pallet Loading Problem (DPLP), Using Dynamic Programming***

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### ***ABSTRACT***

The Distributor's Pallet Loading Problem consists of packing a fixed rectangular space (so-called pallet) with a subset of smaller rectangular shapes (so-called pieces) of different dimensions, which have different utility values, in such a way as to maximize the sum of the utility values of the packed pieces. Moreover, as the further objective function; it requires to as possible pack identical pieces as side by side, by means of applicability of the packing patterns. The present paper introduces a technique to solve the problem, in the way that includes a new idea to apply the dynamic programming and, as a matter of the second objective function. In each round of the proposed packing procedure loop, a part of pallet space is packed. The experimental results show that the proposed technique is better than the present methods in the state-of-the-art, one the one hand, if solving time were better than packing value, on the other hand, as for packing identical pieces as side by side.

**KEY WORDS :** Cutting & Packing (C&P) problems, Distributor's Pallet Loading Problem (DPLP), Dynamic programming

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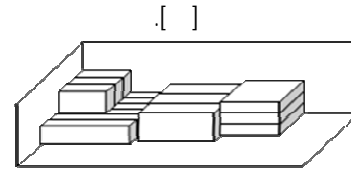
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$(i = 1, \dots, m)$

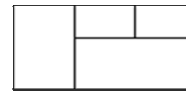
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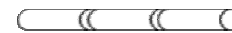
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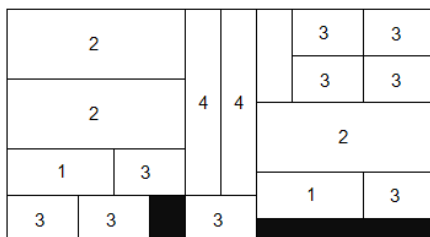
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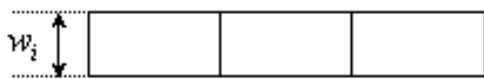
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$y_i$

$$y_i = \lfloor L'/l_i \rfloor$$

$$l_i \times \lfloor L'/l_i \rfloor \quad w_i$$

$$v_i \times \lfloor L'/l_i \rfloor$$

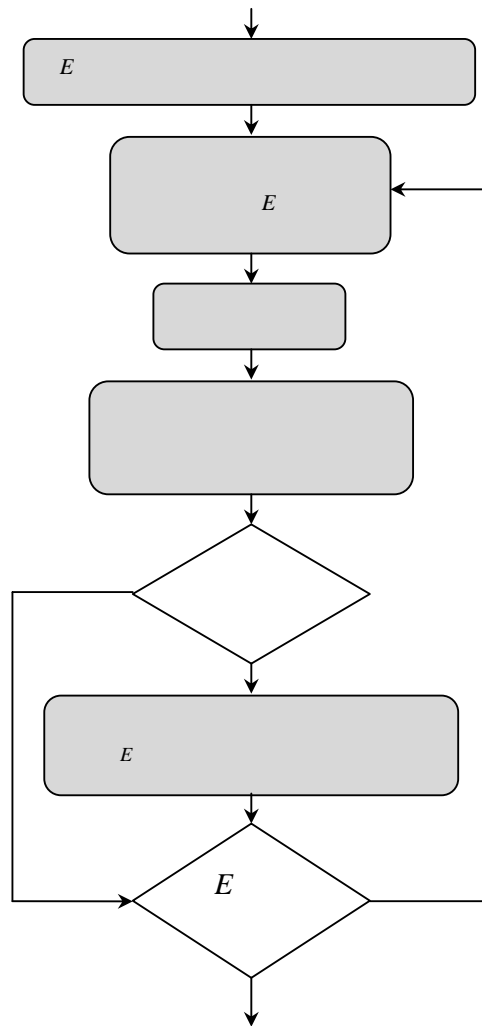
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$$w_i \times y_i \leq W' \quad ( )$$

**Max**  $v_i \times y_i \quad ( )$  (III) (II)

**St**  $l_i \times y_i \leq L' \quad ( )$  (II)

$y_i \in Integer \quad ( )$  ( )



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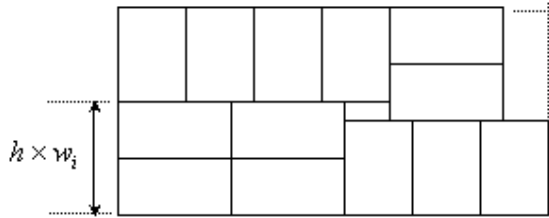
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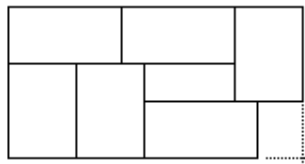
$$l_i / w_i$$

$$h = \lceil l_i / w_i \rceil + 1$$

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$$y_i \quad x_i$$

$$t_i \quad z_i$$

$$t_i \quad z_i \quad y_i \quad x_i$$

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$$Max \quad v_i \times (x_i + y_i + z_i + t_i) \quad ()$$

$$St \quad w_i \times x_i + (l_i/h) \times y_i \leq L' \quad ()$$

$$w_i \times z_i + (l_i/h) \times t_i \leq L' \quad ()$$

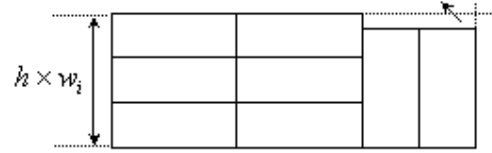
$$w_i \times z_i \geq (l_i/h) \times y_i \quad ()$$

$$w_i \times x_i \geq (l_i/h) \times t_i \quad ()$$

$$x_i, y_i, z_i, t_i \in Integer \quad ()$$

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$$.h \times w_i - l_i < w_i$$

$$.h \times w_i \geq l_i$$

$$l_i / w_i$$

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$$y_i \quad x_i$$

$$w_i \times x_i + (l_i/h) \times y_i \quad h \times w_i$$

$$v_i \times (x_i + y_i)$$

$$Max \quad v_i \times (x_i + y_i) \quad ()$$

$$St \quad w_i \times x_i + (l_i/h) \times y_i \leq L' \quad ()$$

$$(l_i/w_i) \leq h \quad ()$$

$$(l_i/w_i) > h - 1 \quad ()$$

$$h, x_i, y_i \in Integer \quad ()$$

$$l_i + h \times w_i$$

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$$T \quad (II)$$

$$(k=1, \dots, T) \quad (I)$$

$$j$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha_{ij} \\
 & U_{ij} \quad L' \times W' \\
 & j \\
 & j \quad \lambda_{ij} \cdot i \\
 & i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Max} \quad \sum_{j=1}^5 \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \times U_{ij} \quad ( )$$

$$\text{St} \quad \sum_{j=1}^5 \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} \times \lambda_{ij} \leq W' \quad ( )$$

$$\forall \alpha_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \& \in \text{Integer} \quad ( )$$

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 & b_k \quad b_1 \\
 & (III)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (T-k+1) \times k \\
 & E \quad (II)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d = 1, \dots, (T-k+1) \times k \\
 & (T/6) \times (T^2 + 3 \times T + 2) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

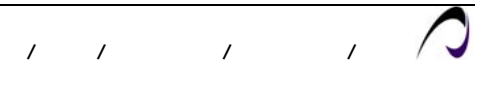
$$b_j \geq k \quad b_j = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, k \quad ( ) \quad (II)$$

$$b_1 = \dots = b_{j-1} = 0 \quad b_j = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, k \quad ( ) \quad (( ) )$$

$$b_{j+1} = \dots = b_k \quad b_j \neq 0 \quad E \quad ( )$$

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( )  $R(k, s, d)$

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( )  $c_{k-1} c_1 k-1$

( )  $c_j = a_j \quad b_j = 0$

( )  $c_j = k-1 \quad b_j \neq 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, k-1$  ( )

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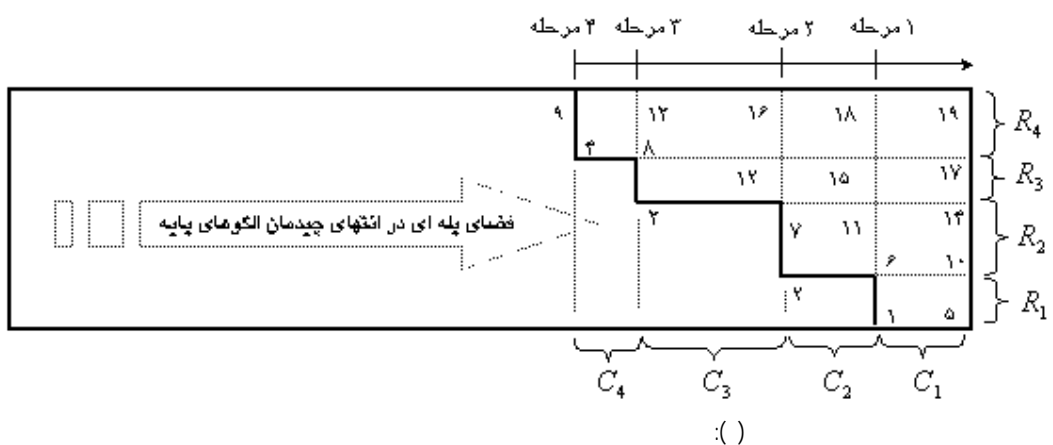
( )  $s \quad k$

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U19 U11 U7 U4  $F(k, s) = \max\{F(k-1, M) + R(k, s, d)\}$  ( )



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U15	- - - -		U5	- - - -	
U16	- - - -		U6	- - - -	
U17	- - - -		U7	- - - -	
U18	- - - -		U8	- - - -	
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		U1	-	-	-	F(1,1)
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		-	-	U3	-	F(1,3)
		-	-	-	U4	F(1,4)

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		U5+ F(1,2)	-	-	U6+ F(1,1)	-	-	F(2,1)
		U5+ F(1,3)	-	-	-	-	-	F(2,2)
		U5+ F(1,4)	-	-	-	-	-	F(2,3)
		-	U7+ F(1,3)	-	-	U8+ F(1,1)	-	F(2,4)
		-	U7+ F(1,4)	-	-	-	-	F(2,5)
		-	-	U9+ F(1,4)	-	-	U10+ F(1,1)	F(2,6)

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		U11+ F(2,4)	-	U12+ F(2,2)	-	U13+ F(2,1)	-	F(3,1)
		U11+ F(2,5)	-	U12+ F(2,3)	-	-	-	F(3,2)
		U11+ F(2,6)	-	-	-	-	-	F(3,3)
		-	U14+ F(2,6)	-	U15+ F(2,3)	-	U16+ F(2,1)	F(3,4)

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		U17+ F(3,4)	U18+ F(3,3)	U19+ F(3,2)	U20+ F(3,1)	F(4,1)

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