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The task of finding the optimal solution for a given problem is omnipresent in computer science. Unfortunately, there are many problems without an efficient algorithm for an optimal solution. As a result, in practice, methods are used which do not always give the optimal solution but always give good solutions. This lecture will discuss drafting and analysing techniques for algorithms which have a proven approximation quality. With the help of practical optimisation problems, the lecture will introduce students to important drafting techniques such as greedy, local search, scaling as well as methods based on linear programming.

Intended learning outcomes

The students are able to analyse easy approximation methods in terms of their quality. They understand fundamental drafting techniques such as greedy, local search and scaling as well as methods based on linear programming and are able to apply these to new problems.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

written examination (approx. 50 to 60 minutes); if announced by the lecturer by four weeks prior to the examination date, the written examination can be replaced by an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups (one candidate each: 15 minutes, groups of 2: 20 minutes, groups of 3: 25 minutes)

Language of assessment: German, English if agreed upon with the examiner

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload

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Teaching cycle

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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

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Module appears in

Master’s degree (1 major) Computer Science (2010)
Master’s degree (1 major) Mathematics (2012)
Master’s degree (1 major) Mathematics (2010)
Master’s degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2012)
First state examination for the teaching degree Gymnasium Computer Science (2009)