I. Floorplanning with Fixed Modules

- Fixed modules only, no rotation allowed
 - $m_1(4,5), m_2(3,7), m_3(6,4), m_4(7,7)$

First, we obtain the list of continuous and integer variables as follows:

- 8 continuous variables: the coordinate variables (x1, x2, x3, x4, y1, y2, y3, y4)
- 12 integer variables: the all-pair relative position variables $(x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{34}, y_{12}, y_{13}, y_{14}, y_{23}, y_{24}, y_{34})$.

The upper bound of chip boundary is computed as follows:

$$W = \sum w_i = 4 + 3 + 6 + 7 = 20$$
$$H = \sum h_i = 5 + 7 + 4 + 7 = 23$$



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ILP Formulation

Minimize y^* Subject to non-overlap constraints:

$$x_1 + w_1 \le x_2 + 20(x_{12} + y_{12})$$

$$x_1 - w_2 \ge x_2 - 20(1 - x_{12} + y_{12})$$

$$y_1 + h_1 \le y_2 + 23(1 + x_{12} - y_{12})$$

$$y_1 - h_2 \ge y_2 - 23(2 - x_{12} - y_{12})$$

$$x_{1} + w_{1} \leq x_{3} + 20(x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$x_{1} - w_{3} \geq x_{3} - 20(1 - x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$y_{1} + h_{1} \leq y_{3} + 23(1 + x_{13} - y_{13})$$

$$y_{1} - h_{3} \geq y_{3} - 23(2 - x_{13} - y_{13})$$

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Non-Overlapping Constraints (cont)

 $\begin{aligned} x_1 + w_1 &\leq x_4 + 20(x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ x_1 - w_4 &\geq x_4 - 20(1 - x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ y_1 + h_1 &\leq y_4 + 23(1 + x_{14} - y_{14}) \\ y_1 - h_4 &\geq y_4 - 23(2 - x_{14} - y_{14}) \end{aligned}$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + w_2 &\leq x_4 + 20(x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ x_2 - w_4 &\geq x_4 - 20(1 - x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ y_2 + h_2 &\leq y_4 + 23(1 + x_{24} - y_{24}) \\ y_2 - h_4 &\geq y_4 - 23(2 - x_{24} - y_{24}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + w_2 &\leq x_3 + 20(x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ x_2 - w_3 &\geq x_3 - 20(1 - x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ y_2 + h_2 &\leq y_3 + 23(1 + x_{23} - y_{23}) \\ y_2 - h_3 &\geq y_3 - 23(2 - x_{23} - y_{23}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_{3} + w_{3} \le x_{4} + 20(x_{34} + y_{34})$$

$$x_{3} - w_{4} \ge x_{4} - 20(1 - x_{34} + y_{34})$$

$$y_{3} + h_{3} \le y_{4} + 23(1 + x_{34} - y_{34})$$

$$y_{3} - h_{4} \ge y_{4} - 23(2 - x_{34} - y_{34})$$



Additional Constraints

variable type constraints:

$$x_1 \ge 0, \ x_2 \ge 0, \ x_3 \ge 0, \ x_4 \ge 0$$
$$y_1 \ge 0, \ y_2 \ge 0, \ y_3 \ge 0, \ y_4 \ge 0$$
$$x_{12}, \ x_{13}, \ x_{14}, \ x_{23}, \ x_{24}, \ x_{34} \in \{0, 1\}$$
$$y_{12}, \ y_{13}, \ y_{14}, \ y_{23}, \ y_{24}, \ y_{34} \in \{0, 1\}$$

chip width constraints:

chip height constraints:

| $x_1 + w_1 \le y^*$ | $y_1 + h_1 \le y^*$ |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| $x_2 + w_2 \le y^*$ | $y_2 + h_2 \le y^*$ |
| $x_3 + w_3 \le y^*$ | $y_3 + h_3 \le y^*$ |
| $x_4 + w_4 \le y^*$ | $y_4 + h_4 \le y^*$ |

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Solutions

• Using GLPK we get the following solutions:

$$y^* = 12$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (7, 7), (x_2, y_2) = (9, 0), (x_3, y_3) = (0, 0), (x_4, y_4) = (0, 4)$$

$$(x_{12}, y_{12}) = (1, 1) : (1 \text{ is above } 2)$$

$$(x_{13}, y_{13}) = (1, 1) : (1 \text{ is above } 3)$$

$$(x_{14}, y_{14}) = (1, 0) : (1 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$

$$(x_{23}, y_{23}) = (1, 0) : (2 \text{ is to the right of } 3)$$

$$(x_{24}, y_{24}) = (1, 0) : (2 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$

$$(x_{34}, y_{34}) = (0, 1) : (3 \text{ is below } 4)$$





Final Floorplan

- Why the non-optimality?
 - Due to linear approximation of area objective (= y*)
 - Chip width/height constraints also affected
 - In fact, our ILP solution (y* = 12) is optimal under these conditions.





II. Floorplanning with Rotation

- Fixed modules, rotation allowed
 - Fixed modules: $m_1(4,5), m_2(3,7), m_3(6,4), m_4(7,7)$
 - Need 4 more binary variables for rotation: z_1 , z_2 , z_3 , z_4
 - We use $M = \max\{W, H\} = 23$



ILP Formulation

Minimize y^* Subject to non-overlap constraints:

$$x_1 + z_1h_1 + (1 - z_1)w_1 \le x_2 + 23(x_{12} + y_{12})$$

$$x_1 - z_2h_2 - (1 - z_2)w_2 \ge x_2 - 23(1 - x_{12} + y_{12})$$

$$y_1 + z_1w_1 + (1 - z_1)h_1 \le y_2 + 23(1 + x_{12} - y_{12})$$

$$y_1 - z_2w_2 - (1 - z_2)h_2 \ge y_2 - 23(2 - x_{12} - y_{12})$$

$$x_1 + z_1h_1 + (1 - z_1)w_1 \le x_3 + 23(x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$x_1 - z_3h_3 - (1 - z_3)w_3 \ge x_3 - 23(1 - x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$y_1 + z_1w_1 + (1 - z_1)h_1 \le y_3 + 23(1 + x_{13} - y_{13})$$

$$y_1 - z_3w_3 - (1 - z_3)h_3 \ge y_3 - 23(2 - x_{13} - y_{13})$$

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Non-Overlapping Constraints (cont)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + z_1 h_1 + (1 - z_1) w_1 &\leq x_4 + 23(x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ x_1 - z_4 h_4 - (1 - z_4) w_4 &\geq x_4 - 23(1 - x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ y_1 + z_1 w_1 + (1 - z_1) h_1 &\leq y_4 + 23(1 + x_{14} - y_{14}) \\ y_1 - z_4 w_4 - (1 - z_4) h_4 &\geq y_4 - 23(2 - x_{14} - y_{14}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + z_2 h_2 + (1 - z_2) w_2 &\leq x_3 + 23(x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ x_2 - z_3 h_3 - (1 - z_3) w_3 &\geq x_3 - 23(1 - x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ y_2 + z_2 w_2 + (1 - z_2) h_2 &\leq y_3 + 23(1 + x_{23} - y_{23}) \\ y_2 - z_3 w_3 - (1 - z_3) h_3 &\geq y_3 - 23(2 - x_{23} - y_{23}) \end{aligned}$$

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Non-Overlapping Constraints (cont)

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + z_2 h_2 + (1 - z_2) w_2 &\leq x_4 + 23(x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ x_2 - z_4 h_4 - (1 - z_4) w_4 &\geq x_4 - 23(1 - x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ y_2 + z_2 w_2 + (1 - z_2) h_2 &\leq y_4 + 23(1 + x_{24} - y_{24}) \\ y_2 - z_4 w_4 - (1 - z_4) h_4 &\geq y_4 - 23(2 - x_{24} - y_{24}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 + z_3h_3 + (1 - z_3)w_3 &\leq x_4 + 23(x_{34} + y_{34}) \\ x_3 - z_4h_4 - (1 - z_4)w_4 &\geq x_4 - 23(1 - x_{34} + y_{34}) \\ y_3 + z_3w_3 + (1 - z_3)h_3 &\leq y_4 + 23(1 + x_{34} - y_{34}) \\ y_3 - z_4w_4 - (1 - z_4)h_4 &\geq y_4 - 23(2 - x_{34} - y_{34}) \end{aligned}$$

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Additional Constraints

variable type constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &\geq 0, \ x_2 \geq 0, \ x_3 \geq 0, \ x_4 \geq 0 \\ y_1 &\geq 0, \ y_2 \geq 0, \ y_3 \geq 0, \ y_4 \geq 0 \\ x_{12}, \ x_{13}, \ x_{14}, \ x_{23}, \ x_{24}, \ x_{34} \in \{0, 1\} \\ y_{12}, \ y_{13}, \ y_{14}, \ y_{23}, \ y_{24}, \ y_{34} \in \{0, 1\} \\ z_1, \ z_2, \ z_3, \ z_4 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

chip width constraints:

chip height constraints:

$$x_{1} + (1 - z_{1})w_{1} + z_{1}h_{1} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{2} + (1 - z_{2})w_{2} + z_{2}h_{2} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{3} + (1 - z_{3})w_{3} + z_{3}h_{3} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{4} + (1 - z_{4})w_{4} + z_{4}h_{4} \leq y^{*}$$

$$y_1 + (1 - z_1)h_1 + z_1w_1 \le y^*$$

$$y_2 + (1 - z_2)h_2 + z_2w_2 \le y^*$$

$$y_3 + (1 - z_3)h_3 + z_3w_3 \le y^*$$

$$y_4 + (1 - z_4)h_4 + z_4w_4 \le y^*$$



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Solutions

• Using GLPK we get the following solutions:

$$y^* = 11$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (7, 6), (x_2, y_2) = (0, 0), (x_3, y_3) = (7, 0), (x_4, y_4) = (0, 3)$$

$$z_1 = 0, z_2 = 1, z_3 = 1, z_4 = 0: (2 \text{ and } 3 \text{ are rotated.})$$

$$(x_{12}, y_{12}) = (1, 1): (1 \text{ is above } 2)$$

$$(x_{13}, y_{13}) = (1, 1): (1 \text{ is above } 3)$$

$$(x_{14}, y_{14}) = (1, 0): (1 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$

$$(x_{23}, y_{23}) = (0, 0): (2 \text{ is to the left of } 3)$$

$$(x_{24}, y_{24}) = (0, 1): (2 \text{ is below } 4)$$

$$(x_{34}, y_{34}) = (1, 0): (3 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$





III. Floorplanning with Flexible Modules

- 2 Fixed modules:
 - $m_1(4,5), m_2(3,7)$ (rotation allowed)
- 2 Flexible modules:
 - m_3 : area = 24, aspect ratio [0.5, 2]
 - m_4 : area = 49, aspect ratio [0.3, 2.5]
- 10 continuous variables: the coordinate variables $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$, and the sizing variables (w_3, w_4) for the flexible modules.
- 14 integer variables: the all-pair relative position variables (x₁₂, x₁₃, x₁₄, x₂₃, x₂₄, x₃₄, y₁₂, y₁₃, y₁₄, y₂₃, y₂₄, y₃₄), and the rotation variables (z₁, z₂) for the fixed modules.



Linear Approximation

From the area and aspect ratio constraints, we get

$$w_i \cdot h_i \ge S_i, \ l_i \le \frac{w_i}{h_i} \le u_i$$
$$w_{i,min} = \sqrt{S_i \cdot l_i}, \ w_{i,max} = \sqrt{S_i \cdot u_i}$$

where S_i denotes the area of module *i*. This gives us the following ranges for the module width:

$$3.46 \le w_3 \le 6.93 \tag{1.1}$$

$$3.83 \le w_4 \le 11.07 \tag{1.2}$$

Based on Taylor expansion, we have:

$$h_i = \frac{S_i}{w_{i,max}} + (w_{i,max} - w_i) \frac{S_i}{w_{i,max}^2}$$

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Linear Approximation (cont)

Thus, we obtain the following linear approximation for h_3 and h_4 :

$$h_3 = \frac{24}{\sqrt{24 \cdot 2}} + (\sqrt{24 \cdot 2} - w_3)\frac{24}{24 \cdot 2} = -0.5w_3 + 6.93 \quad (1.3)$$

$$h_4 = \frac{49}{\sqrt{49 \cdot 2.5}} + (\sqrt{49 \cdot 2.5} - w_4) \frac{49}{49 \cdot 2.5} = -0.4w_4 + 8.85 \quad (1.4)$$

Based on Equation (1.1),(1.2), (1.3), and (1.4) we get

$$3.47 \le h_3 \le 5.20 \tag{1.5}$$

$$4.42 \le h_4 \le 7.32 \tag{1.6}$$



Upper Bound of Chip Dimension

Lastly, we compute the upper bound of chip width (=W) and chip height (=H) as follows:

$$W = \sum w_i = \max\{4, 5\} + \max\{3, 7\} + 6.93 + 11.07 = 30.00$$
$$H = \sum h_i = \max\{4, 5\} + \max\{3, 7\} + 5.20 + 7.32 = 24.52$$

Thus, $M = \max\{W, H\} = 30.00$. We construct the ILP formulation as follows:

Minimize y^* Subject to



Non-Overlap Constraint

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + z_1 h_1 + (1 - z_1) w_1 &\leq x_2 + 30.00(x_{12} + y_{12}) \\ x_1 - z_2 h_2 - (1 - z_2) w_2 &\geq x_2 - 30.00(1 - x_{12} + y_{12}) \\ y_1 + z_1 w_1 + (1 - z_1) h_1 &\leq y_2 + 30.00(1 + x_{12} - y_{12}) \\ y_1 - z_2 w_2 - (1 - z_2) h_2 &\geq y_2 - 30.00(2 - x_{12} - y_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x_1 + z_1 h_1 + (1 - z_1) w_1 \le x_3 + 30.00(x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$x_1 - w_3 \ge x_3 - 30.00(1 - x_{13} + y_{13})$$

$$y_1 + z_1 w_1 + (1 - z_1) h_1 \le y_3 + 30.00(1 + x_{13} - y_{13})$$

$$y_1 - (-0.5w_3 + 6.93) \ge y_3 - 30.00(2 - x_{13} - y_{13})$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + z_1 h_1 + (1 - z_1) w_1 &\leq x_4 + 30.00(x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ x_1 - w_4 &\geq x_4 - 30.00(1 - x_{14} + y_{14}) \\ y_1 + z_1 w_1 + (1 - z_1) h_1 &\leq y_4 + 30.00(1 + x_{14} - y_{14}) \\ y_1 - (-0.4w_4 + 8.85) &\geq y_4 - 30.00(2 - x_{14} - y_{14}) \end{aligned}$$

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Non-Overlap Constraint (cont)

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + z_2 h_2 + (1 - z_2) w_2 &\leq x_3 + 30.00(x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ x_2 - w_3 &\geq x_3 - 30.00(1 - x_{23} + y_{23}) \\ y_2 + z_2 w_2 + (1 - z_2) h_2 &\leq y_3 + 30.00(1 + x_{23} - y_{23}) \\ y_2 - (-0.5w_3 + 6.93) &\geq y_3 - 30.00(2 - x_{23} - y_{23}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 + z_2 h_2 + (1 - z_2) w_2 &\leq x_4 + 30.00(x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ x_2 - w_4 &\geq x_4 - 30.00(1 - x_{24} + y_{24}) \\ y_2 + z_2 w_2 + (1 - z_2) h_2 &\leq y_4 + 30.00(1 + x_{24} - y_{24}) \\ y_2 - (-0.4w_4 + 8.85) &\geq y_4 - 30.00(2 - x_{24} - y_{24}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 + w_3 &\leq x_4 + 30.00(x_{34} + y_{34}) \\ x_3 - w_4 &\geq x_4 - 30.00(1 - x_{34} + y_{34}) \\ y_3 + (-0.5w_3 + 6.93) &\leq y_4 + 30.00(1 + x_{34} - y_{34}) \\ y_3 - (-0.4w_4 + 8.85) &\geq y_4 - 30.00(2 - x_{34} - y_{34}) \end{aligned}$$

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More Constraints

variable type constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &\geq 0, \ x_2 \geq 0, \ x_3 \geq 0, \ x_4 \geq 0 \\ y_1 &\geq 0, \ y_2 \geq 0, \ y_3 \geq 0, \ y_4 \geq 0 \\ 3.46 &\leq w_3 \leq 6.93 \\ 3.83 &\leq w_4 \leq 11.07 \\ x_{12}, \ x_{13}, \ x_{14}, \ x_{23}, \ x_{24}, \ x_{34} \in \{0, 1\} \\ y_{12}, \ y_{13}, \ y_{14}, \ y_{23}, \ y_{24}, \ y_{34} \in \{0, 1\} \\ z_1, \ z_2 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

chip width constraints:

$$x_{1} + (1 - z_{1})w_{1} + z_{1}h_{1} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{2} + (1 - z_{2})w_{2} + z_{2}h_{2} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{3} + w_{3} \leq y^{*}$$

$$x_{4} + w_{4} \leq y^{*}$$

chip height constraints:

$$y_1 + (1 - z_1)h_1 + z_1w_1 \le y^*$$

$$y_2 + (1 - z_2)h_2 + z_2w_2 \le y^*$$

$$y_3 + (-0.5w_3 + 6.93) \le y^*$$

$$y_4 + (-0.4w_4 + 8.85) \le y^*$$



Solutions

$$y^* = 10.46$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (5.46, 5.20, (x_2, y_2) = (0, 0), (x_3, y_3) = (7, 0), (x_4, y_4) = (0, 3)$$

$$z_1 = 1, z_2 = 1: (1 \text{ and } 2 \text{ are rotated})$$

$$w_3 = 3.46, w_4 = 3.83$$

$$(x_{12}, y_{12}) = (1, 1): (1 \text{ is above } 2)$$

$$(x_{13}, y_{13}) = (1, 1): (1 \text{ is above } 3)$$

$$(x_{14}, y_{14}) = (1, 0): (1 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$

$$(x_{23}, y_{23}) = (0, 0): (2 \text{ is to the left of } 3)$$

$$(x_{24}, y_{24}) = (0, 1): (2 \text{ is below } 4)$$

$$(x_{34}, y_{34}) = (1, 0): (3 \text{ is to the right of } 4)$$

Based on our linear approximation, i.e., Equation (1.3) and (1.4), we get

$$h_3 = -0.5w_3 + 6.93 = 5.20$$
$$h_4 = -0.4w_4 + 8.85 = 7.32$$

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Comparison

- Fixed modules only = 12×12
- Rotation allowed = 11×11
- Flexible modules used = 10.46×10.32



Approximation Error and Overlap

- Due to linear approximation
 - Approximated area of $m_3 = 3.46 \times 5.2 = 17.99$ (actually 24)
 - Approximated area of $m_4 = 3.83 \times 7.32 = 28.04$ (actually 49)

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- Real area of $m_3 = 3.46 \times 6.94 = 24$
- Real area of $m_4 = 3.83 \times 12.79 = 49$
- Floorplan area increases, overlap occurs





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