

## طراحی شبکه در سیستم های حمل و نقل:

### سیستمهای حمل و نقل چندوجهی (ترکیبی) Multimodal Transportation Systems



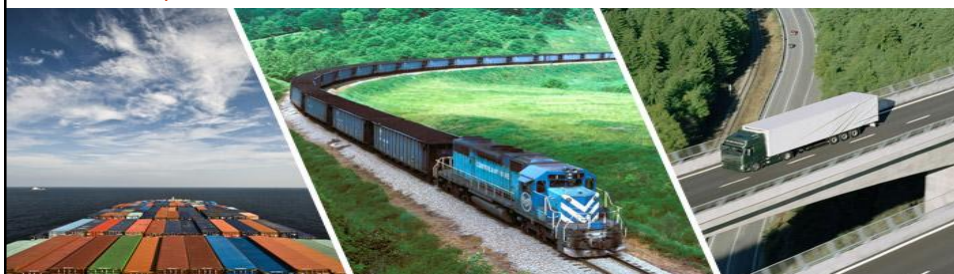
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### Intermodal Transportation Systems

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## تعاریف و مفاهیم اولیه

### حمل و نقل ترکیبی (چندوجهی): Multimodal Transportation System

منظور از حمل و نقل ترکیبی (چندوجهی) انتقال کالا از مکانی به مکان دیگر (کشوری به کشور دیگر)، حداقل با دو شیوه حمل و تحت قرارداد و مسئولیت واحد مربوطه می باشد و همین مسئولیت، این نوع حمل را از حمل مجزا Uni-Modal و چندشیوه ای InterModal متمایز می سازد. شخصی که خود یا نماینده اش با انعقاد قرارداد حمل چندوجهی، مسئولیت حمل در تمام مسیر را می پذیرد، متصدی حمل و نقل چندوجهی نامیده می شود و ممکن است یک شخص حقیقی یا حقوقی باشد.

- Multimodal transportation offers an advanced platform for more **efficient**, **reliable**, **flexible**, and **sustainable** freight transportation.

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## تعاریف و مفاهیم اولیه

### (واژگان مشابه در حمل و نقل چندوجهی) (Ref. [3])

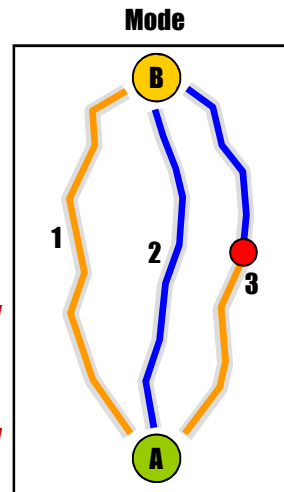
- **Multimodal transportation:** Multimodal freight transportation is defined as the transportation of goods by a sequence of at least two different modes of transportation. The unit of transportation can be a box, a container, a swap body, a road/rail vehicle, or a vessel. As such, the *regular and express delivery system on a regional or national scale*, and *long-distance pickup and delivery services* are also examples of multimodal transportation.
- **Intermodal transportation:** (Focuses on the same loading unit and different responsibilities) Intermodal freight transportation is defined as a particular type of multimodal transportation where the load is transported from an origin to a destination in one and the same intermodal transportation unit (e.g. *a TEU (Twenty foot Equivalent Unit) container*) without handling of the goods themselves when changing modes. Intermodal terminals around the globe give companies the flexibility and the economies of scale of using multiple modes.
- **Co-modal transportation:** emphasizes on the recourse utilization
- **Synchromodal transportation:** emphasizes on the flexibility aspect

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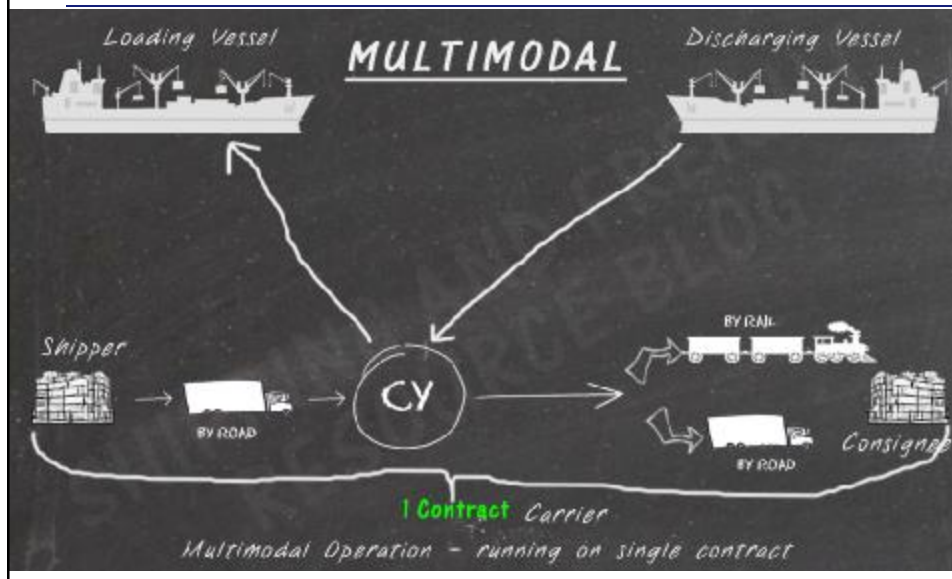
## Transport options: ...-modals

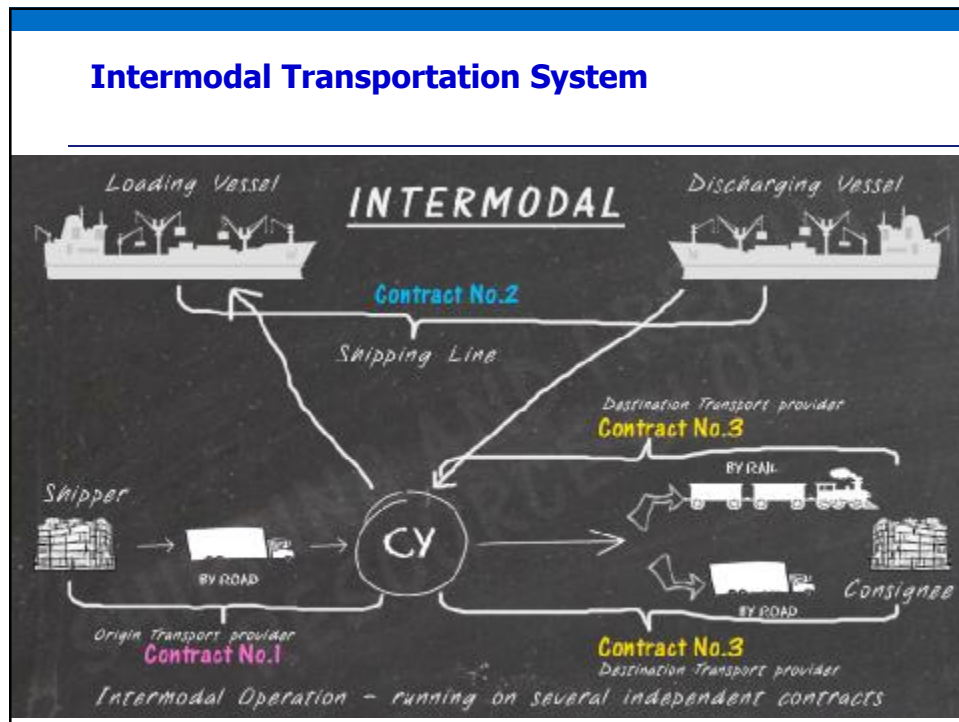
- Transport of goods by several modes.

- One of the carriers organizes the whole transport from point of origin to destination.
- If he takes responsibility only for the portion he performs himself, he may issue an **inter-modal** or **combined transport** bill of lading.
- If he takes responsibility for the entire transport, he issues an **Multi-modal transport** document.



## Multimodal Transportation System





### Commercial significance of multimodal transport

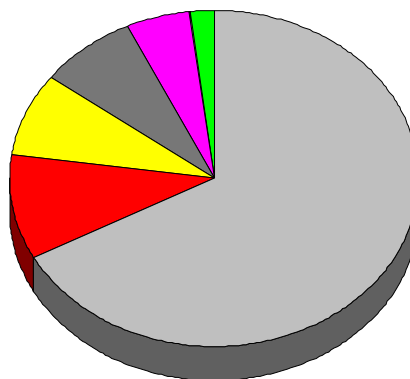
#### 1. What is multimodal transport?

- No single authoritative definition
- carriage by two or more modes of transport
- door-to-door transport
- one contract with one party assuming responsibility throughout
- one document
- terms also used: intermodal transport, combined transport

#### 2. Growth in world containerized trade

## Intermodal Share of US Transport Market

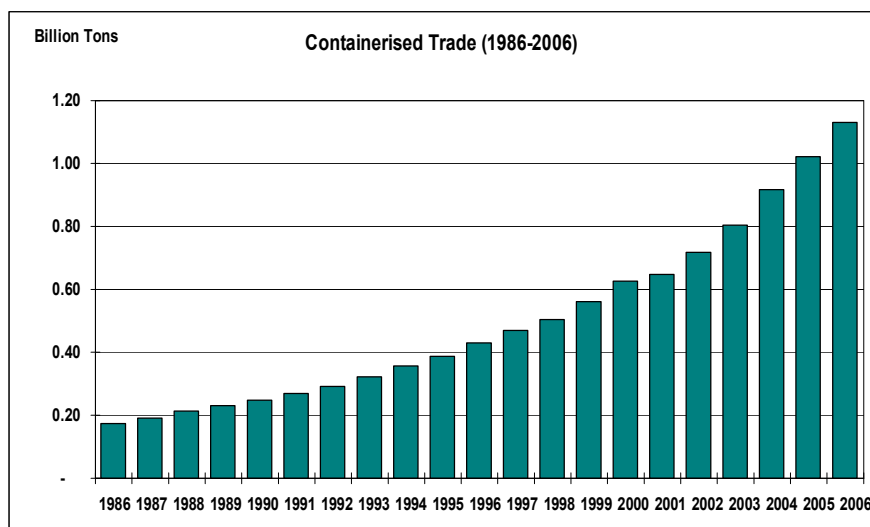
2010 US Shipments	(TONS)	
Truck	12,490	68%
Rail	1,776	10%
Pipeline	1,494	8%
Intermodal	1,380	8%
Water	860	5%
Air	12	0%
Other	302	2%
Total	18,313	



**Intermodal:** transportation of freight in a multi-mode container (rail, ship, or truck) without handling the freight when changing modes.

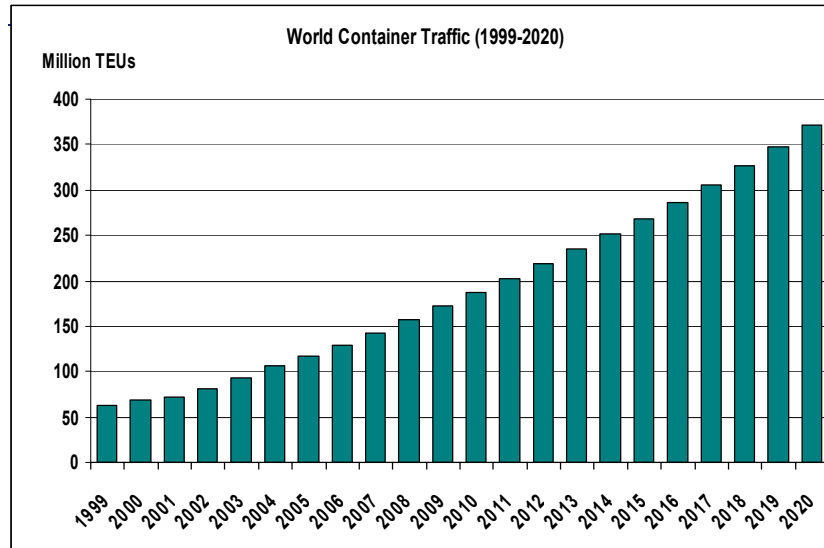
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## Growth in World Containerised Trade



Source: Clarkson Research Services, Shipping Review Database, Spring 2007, Page 101.

## Containerised Trade: Forecast



## Intermodal Transportation

- Includes more than one mode
  - air, rail, road, water
  - only truck is only practical single mode trip
- Typically refers to containerized goods
  - as opposed to bulk (grain, bananas, coffee beans) or general cargo
  - requires containers
  - less labor than traditional freight handling
- The majority of the costs are incurred between modes (in terminals)

## یکپارچه سازی از طریق چندوجهی شدن

### Integration through Inter-modalism

#### ▪ Conventional:

Competition between the modes. Transport system segmented and un-integrated. Each mode to exploit its own advantages in terms of cost, service, reliability and safety.

#### ▪ Intermodalism:

Involving the use of at least two different modes. The line-haul economies of rail may be exploited for long distances, with the efficiencies of trucks providing local pick up and delivery.

**The key is that the entire trip is seen as a whole, rather than as a series of legs.**

### What an Multi-modal Transport Operator looks for

- **Minimising cost.**
- **Minimum handling.**
- **Standard procedures and minimum documentation**
- **Hassle-free border crossing with minimum detention.**
- **Security of Cargo**

***Containerisation ensures much of these.***

## تعاریف و مفاهیم اولیه

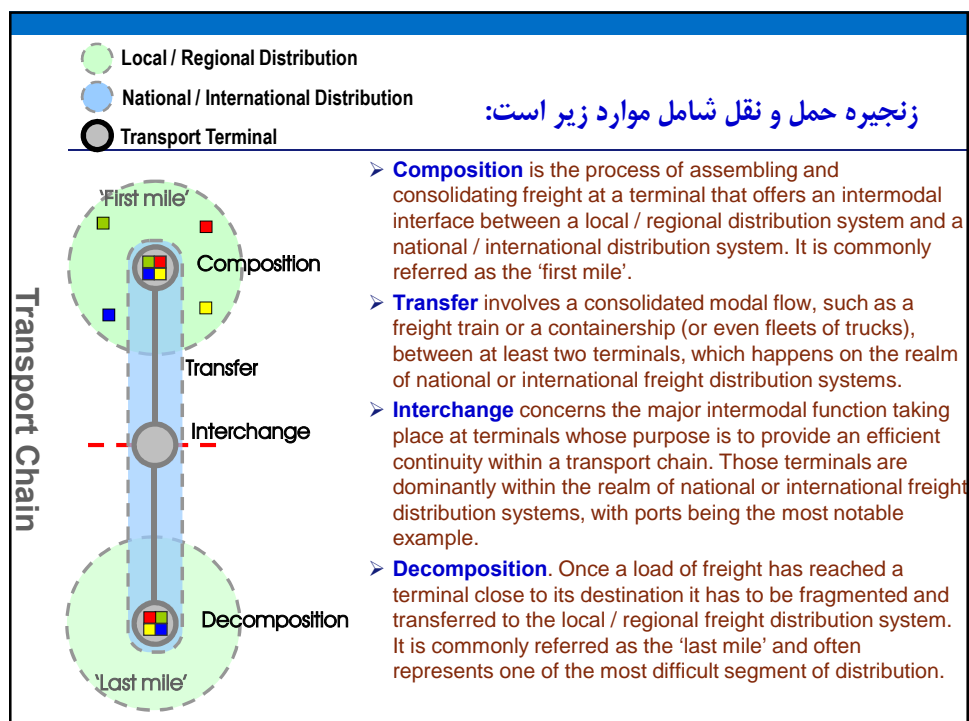
○ سه بخش اصلی زنجیره حمل و نقل:

- A transportation chain is basically partitioned in three segments:
  - 1) pre-haul (or first mile for the pickup process)
  - 2) long-haul (door-to-door transit of containers)
  - 3) end-haul (or last mile for the delivery process).
- In most cases, the pre-haul and end-haul transportation is carried out via road, but for the long-haul transportation, road, rail, air and water modes can be considered.

○ تمرکز اصلی حمل و نقل چند وجهی بر حمل و نقل کانتینری است:

- Key reasons for containerization are an **increase in the safety of cargo**, **reduction of handling costs**, **standardization**, and **accessibility to multiple modes of transportation**.

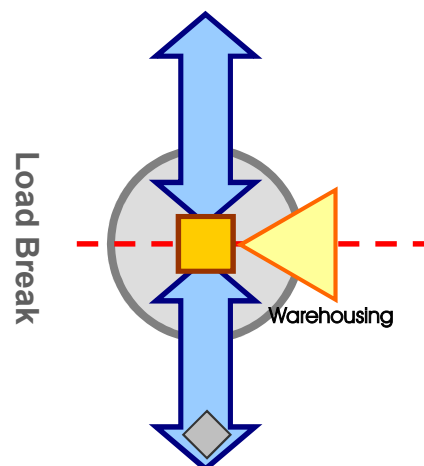
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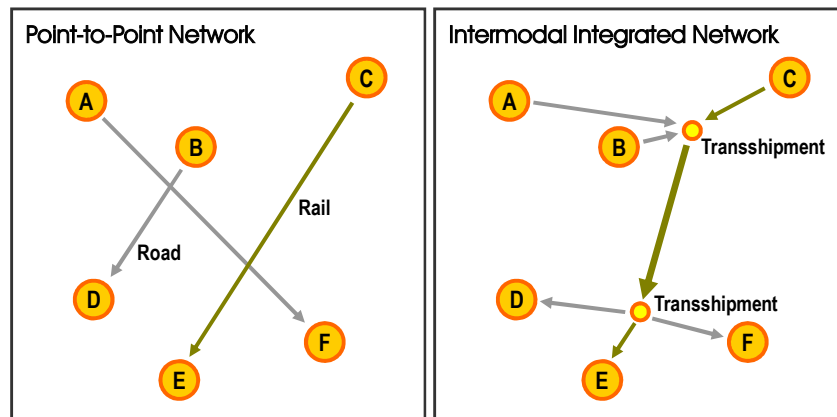


گره های انتقال (ترمینال ها) در شبکه

## The Transshipment Node (interchanges)



## Intermodal Transportation



مسائل برنامه ریزی استراتژیک در حمل و نقل چندوجهی (Ref. [3])

- Strategic planning problems relate to **investment decisions** on the present infrastructures (networks).
- In order to **maximize the utilization of multimodal transportation**, **consolidation** is essential. In a consolidation system, instead of direct shipment of every cargo, low volume cargo is moved to a consolidation center and bundled into larger flows, transported by high-frequency and high-capacity multimodal services. These services have lower prices, expressed by discount factors per load unit, compared to other links.
- In practice, there are various transportation **network topologies**: **direct link**, **corridor**, **hub-and-spoke**, **connected hubs**, **static routes**, and **dynamic routes**.

## Transportation network topologies

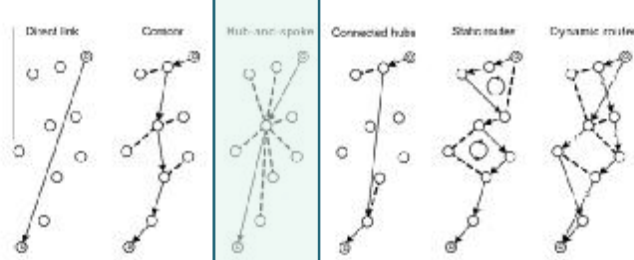


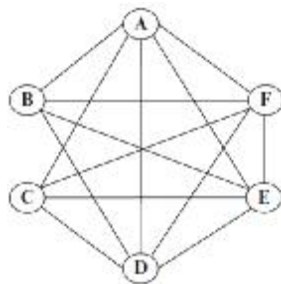
Fig. 2. Six options for O/D transportation in a network of ten nodes. Dotted lines show operationally related links in the network design. In 'Dynamic routes', two alternative routes are shown. In all other designs, the routing is predefined (Woolerius, 2007).

- In the literature, consolidation systems are mostly configured as **hub-and-spoke networks**, with hub being a freight handling (consolidation) facility. Locations of hubs are determined and spoke nodes are allocated to the hubs. These problems are called **hub location problems**.
- A **hub-and-spoke organization** allows a **much higher frequency of service** between all origin–destination pairs in the network and a **more efficient utilization of resources**.

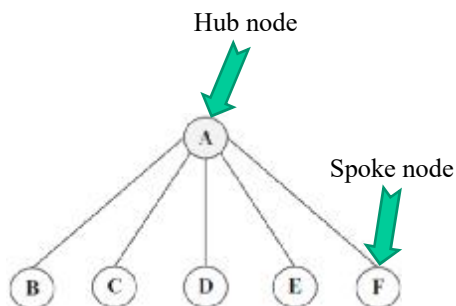
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## Introduction: what are hub facilities?

- Hubs are special facilities that serve as **switching, transshipment and sorting** points in many-to-many distribution systems.



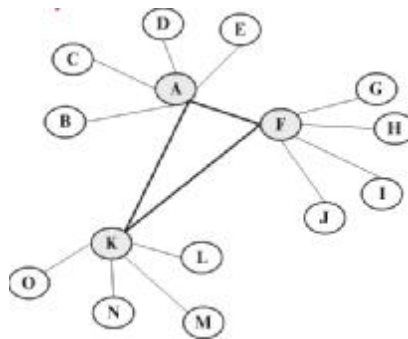
A fully connected network with 6 nodes and 30 origin-destination pairs



A hub and spoke network with 6 nodes and 30 origin-destination pairs

## what is hub location problem?

- Hub location problems involve locating hub facilities and discounted transportation links, allocating origin and destinations nodes (e.g., cities) to hubs, and routing flows through the network.

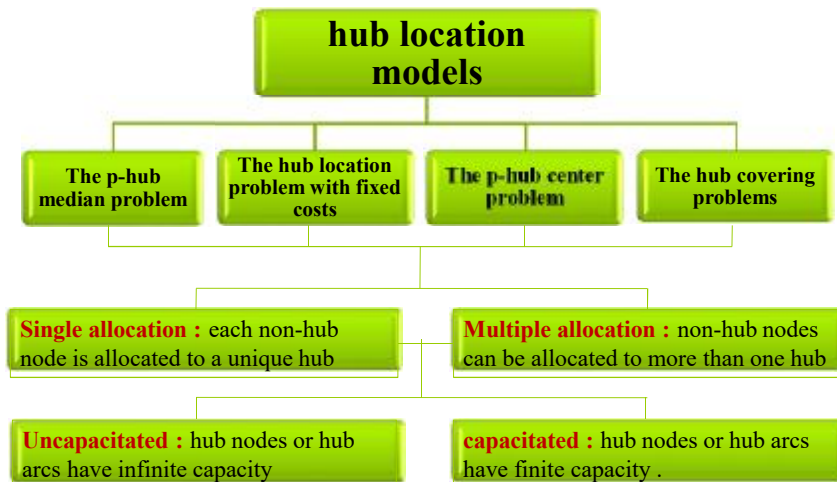


## what is hub location problem?

In hub location problems :

- Goal to minimize total cost (as a function of distance) of transportation between hubs, facilities and demands.
- Rather than serving every origin-destination demand with a direct link, a hub network provides service via **smaller set of links** between origin/destinations and hubs, and between pairs of hubs.
- Hub network allows large set of origins to be connected with fewer links, via central hub facilities.
- Use of fewer links in the network concentrates flows and allows **economies of scale** to be exploited.

## Main hub location models



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## طبقه بندی مدل های پایه مکان یابی هاب

- **Hub median:** The main objective of hub median problems is to **minimize total transportation cost**. If there is a maximum limit on the number of hubs, it is called the **p-hub median problem**.
- **Hub center problems:** the objective is to **minimize maximum distance (cost) between Origin–Destination (O/D) pairs**.
- **Hub covering problems:** the objective function is to **maximize the total number of served spoke nodes**.
- حوزه ی کاربرد مدل های فوق:
- Where maximizing market share and customer recognition is the prime goal, **hub covering problems** offer the best approach to model them.
- In comparison, **hub center problems** are suitable for designs where immense worst-case O/D distance is not desirable, especially in time-sensitive delivery systems.

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### فرضیات مسائل مکان یابی هاب

- The interhub network is a complete graph or not
- The spoke nodes are always interconnected or not
- Direct shipment between spoke pairs is allowed or not  
(like direct shipment by trucks is commonly used)
- The flow of cargo traverses at most two hubs
- ...

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### انتخاب مدل مناسب هاب در مسائل حمل و نقل چندمحصولی

- The nature of products plays an important role in choosing the suitable hub location model, particularly in multi-commodity freight transportation.
- The hub median problem is widely used but the **hub center problem** is usually more suitable for **planning huge networks**, or **planning delivery of perishable** or **time-sensitive cargos**.
- Multi-commodity is critical in the distribution of sensitive cargo such as perishable and hazardous products. In practice, there are some preservation or safety restrictions in consolidating such cargo that affects their flow and might affect the design of the network.

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## نحوه ی تخصیص spoke ها به Hub ها

- **The single allocation:** flow of spoke nodes can be assigned to only one hub
- **Multi- allocation:** flow of spoke nodes is allowed to be assigned to more than one hub node.
- **$r$ - allocation:** spoke nodes are allocated to at most  $r$  hubs.
- **Hierarchical allocation:** the interhub network, connecting only pairs of hubs has two levels. Spoke nodes are allocated to the first level hubs and these hubs are allocated to second level larger hubs.

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## The hierarchical hub median network with single assignment

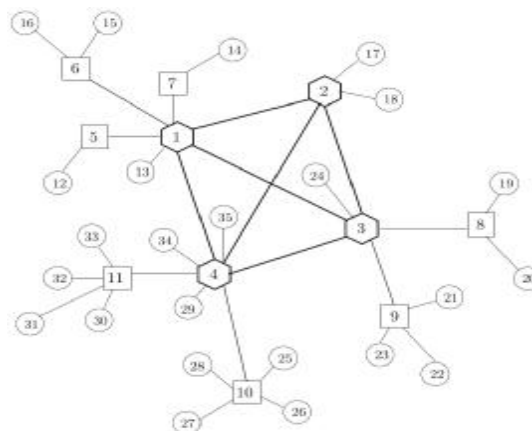


Fig. 1. A three level network on 35 nodes with 11 hubs and 4 central hubs.

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### جنبه های عملی مسائل برنامه ریزی استراتژیک (Ref. [3])

**Table 1**  
General aspects of strategic planning problems.

Reference	Mode	Multi-commodity	Allocation	Direct shipment	Capacity	Transshipment	Scheduling issues	Uncertainty issues	Several level decision making	Additional objective components
Altman et al. (2012b)	Road, air	✓	S	✓			Delivery due-date constraints			Competition costs
Chen et al. (2006)			S							Competition costs
Erkut and Clark (2001)	Road		S	✓					✓	Transit time
Lehmkuhl and Hübner (2006)	Road, rail		S							Transshipment cost
Lin and Lee (2010)	Road	✓	S		✓		Delivery due-date constraints		Competition	Maximizing marginal profit
Wang and Wang (2011a)	Road, rail, ship	✓	S		✓	✓			✓	Transshipment costs in maximizing marginal profits of carriers
Nayeri et al. (2006)			S							Longest transportation path
Rodriguez et al. (2007)			S				Minimizing incurred delays			Delay costs
Sim et al. (2009)			S					Travel times		Longest transportation path
Tan and Kara (2007)			S				Delivery due-date constraints			Number of opened hubs
Carragan et al. (2009)			M							
Leleu et al. (2011)	Ship		M	✓			Fixed-schedule services		✓	Maximizing market share
Gohari et al. (2010)			M	✓		✓	Fixed-schedule services			Service costs (including base location and modal shift costs)
Infante and So (2010)	Road, rail, air		M	✓		✓	Delivery due-date constraints and waiting times			Fixed location setup and modal shift costs
Infante and So (2011)	Road, rail		M	✓		✓	Delivery due-date constraints and waiting times			Fixed location setup and modal shift costs
Infante and So (2012)	Road, rail, air		M	✓		✓	Delivery due-date constraints and waiting times	Operating times at hubs		Fixed location setup and modal shift costs
Infante et al. (2006)	Road, rail	✓	M	✓						
Rodriguez-Martin and Salazar-Gonzalez (2008)	Road, rail	✓	M	✓	✓					
Simonek et al. (2007)	Road, air		M	✓	✓		Service level constraints	Demand		Operating and transportation costs
Simonek et al. (2011)	Road, rail		M	✓	✓					
Vasconcelos et al. (2011)	Road, rail, ship		M	✓					✓	
Wagner (2008)			M				Service level constraints			Number of opened hubs
Vicente and Cornet (2008)		✓	M	✓						
Vicente (2011)			C	✓						
Vincent (2009)	Road, air		M&S				Delivery due-date constraints			
Altman et al. (2012a)	Road, air		M&S			✓	Delivery due-date constraints			Operating costs on links and hubs

### مدل سازی مسائل هاب (Ref. [1])

#### پارامترهای مسئله:

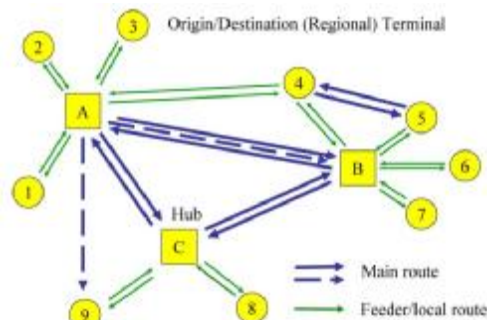
- ❖ The formulation proposed by Crainic et al. (1989) is based on a directed Network  $G = (N, A)$ , where:
  - $N$  is the set of nodes or vertices;
  - $A$  is the set of arcs or links.
- ❖ The set of nodes is partitioned into three subsets:
  - $O$ , the set of origin nodes (supply customers);
  - $D$ , the set of destination nodes (demand customers); and
  - $H$ , the set of hubs or consolidation nodes (depots).
- ❖  $P$  is the set of commodities
- ❖  $c_{ij}^p$ : nonnegative cost for each unit of flow of commodity  $p$  moving on arc  $(ij)$ .
- ❖  $d_{ik}^p$ : Quantity of commodity  $p$  to be transported from origin terminal  $i$  to destination terminal  $k$ .



## مدل سازی مسائل هاب

متغیرهای تصمیم

$y_j = 1$ , if a consolidation terminal is located at site  $j$  and 0, otherwise;  
 $y_{ij} = 1$ , if terminal  $i$  is linked to hub  $j$  and 0, otherwise;  
 $x_{ijlk}^p$ : Flow of commodity  $p$  with origin  $i$  and destination  $k$  that passes through hubs  $j$  and  $l$ , in that order.



شبکه ی مسئله مورد بررسی

Fig. 1. Network with consolidation terminals/hubs.

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## مدل سازی مسائل هاب

فرضیات مدل:

- all traffic passes through two hubs on its route from its origin to its destination,
- no hub capacities,
- no direct transport between nonhub terminals,
- no fixed costs for establishing a link between regional and a consolidation terminal,
- in all hub-based problems, interhub transportation is assumed to be more efficient due to the concentration of flows. Consequently, interhub links are assigned a lower unit cost than links representing the other movements in the system,
- exactly  $P$  hubs have to be located out of the  $|H|$  potential sites.

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### فرمولاسیون مدل p-median hub problem ارائه شده توسط O'Kelly (1987)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{O}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} c_{ij}^p y_{ij} \left( \sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}} x_{ijlk}^p \right) \right. \\ & + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}} c_{lk}^p y_{lk} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{O}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} x_{ijlk}^p \right) \\ & \left. + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} c_{jl}^p y_{jl} y_{lk} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{O}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}} x_{ijlk}^p \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The objective function (18) minimizes the total transportation cost of the system

subject to

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} y_j = P, \quad (19)$$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} x_{ijlk}^p = d_{ik}^p, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (20)$$

$$y_{ij} \leq y_j, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, j \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (21)$$

$$y_{lk} \leq y_l, \quad k \in \mathcal{D}, l \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (22)$$

$$x_{ijlk}^p \leq d_{ik}^p y_j, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, j, l \in \mathcal{H}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (23)$$

$$x_{ijlk}^p \leq d_{ik}^p y_l, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, j, l \in \mathcal{H}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (24)$$

$$y_j = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad j \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (25)$$

$$y_{ij} = 0 \text{ or } 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, j \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (26)$$

$$x_{ijlk}^p \geq 0, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, j, l \in \mathcal{H}, p \in \mathcal{P}. \quad (27)$$

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### فرمولاسیون خطی سازی شده مبتنی بر مسیر Path-based ارائه شده توسط O'Kelly (1987)

$$\text{minimize} \quad \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{O}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}} c_{ijlk}^p x_{ijlk}^p \quad (28)$$

subject to (19), (20), (23)–(25), and (27), where

$c_{ijlk}^p$ : Unit cost of transportation for commodity  $p$  from origin  $i$  to destination  $k$  with consolidation at hubs  $j$  and  $l$ , in that order.

- The two preceding formulations allow multiple allocations of origin and destination terminals to hubs. To **enforce single allocation of terminals** to hubs, constraints (23) and (24) are replaced in the first formulation by:

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{H}} y_{ij} = 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, \quad (29)$$

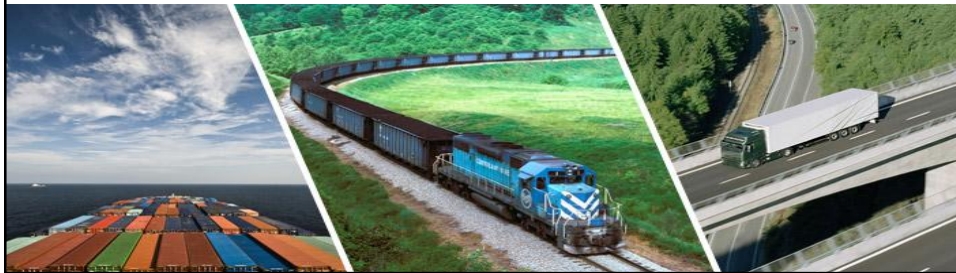
$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{H}} y_{lk} = 1, \quad k \in \mathcal{D}, \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{x_{ijlk}^p}{d_{ik}^p} = y_{ij}, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, j, l \in \mathcal{H}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (31)$$

$$\frac{x_{ijlk}^p}{d_{ik}^p} = y_{lk}, \quad i \in \mathcal{O}, k \in \mathcal{D}, j, l \in \mathcal{H}, p \in \mathcal{P}. \quad (32)$$

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## جلسه آینده: سیستم های حمل و نقل چندوجهی (ادامه) Intermodal Transportation System



مسائل برنامه ریزی در حمل و نقل چند وجهی (استراتژیک و تاکتیکال) (Ref. [1])

○ در سطح استراتژیک تمرکز بر روی تصمیماتی است که به طراحی شبکه ی فیزیکی زیرساخت مربوطند:

- ☐ where to locate terminals (e.g., consolidation terminals, rail yards, intermodal platforms, and so on)?
- ☐ what type and quantity of equipment (e.g., cranes) to install at each facility?
- ☐ what type of lines or capacity to add?
- ☐ what lines or facilities to abandon?
- ☐ which customer zones to serve directly and how to serve the others?
- ☐ and so on.

### مسائل برنامه ریزی در حمل و نقل چند وجهی (استراتژیک و تاکتیکال)

- در سطح تاکتیکال تهیه یک طرح حمل و نقل (جابه جایی بار) مدنظر بوده به نحویکه منجر به رضایتمندی صاحبان بار (برآورد تقاضا) و استفاده موثر از منابع شده و نهایتاً سودآوری شرکت حمل و نقل را نیز به همراه خواهد داشت:
- ☐ on what routes to provide service?
- ☐ what type of service (mode) to use?
- ☐ how often to offer service on each route and according to what schedule?
- ☐ how to route the loads through the physical and service networks?
- ☐ how to distribute the work among the terminals of the system?

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### مسائل برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال در حمل و نقل چند وجهی

- The physical infrastructure (e.g., the terminal locations) and the available resources are fixed for these problems.
- Service network design problems address the system-wide planning of operations to decide the **selection**, **routing**, and **scheduling** of **services**, the **consolidation activities in terminals**, and the **routing of freight of each particular demand through the physical and service network of the company**.
- The goal is cost-efficient operation together with **timely** and **reliable delivery** of demand **according to customer specifications** and the **targets** of the carrier.

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### مسائل برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال در حمل و نقل چند وجهی (Ref. [3])

- مسائل برنامه ریزی میان مدت (تاکتیکال) سعی در بهینه سازی موارد زیر دارند:
  - استفاده از زیرساخت داده شده با انتخاب خدمات و مدهای حمل و نقل مربوطه
  - تخصیص ظرفیت مدهای مختلف به سفارشات
  - برنامه ریزی جهت برنامه ی سفر و حجم مدهای مختلف حمل و نقل
  - تصمیم گیری جهت ارسال بار به صورت مستقیم یا از طریق یک سیستم تلفیقی (یکپارچه، Consolidation) در نتیجه توازن موارد زیر می باشد:
    - هزینه های سیستم
    - زمان های انجام عملیات یا زمان جابه جایی بار
    - ساختار شبکه در دسترس
    - نیازمندیهای مشتری
- در ادبیات مسائل برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال، بیشتر از ساختار شبکه hub-and-spoke استفاده می شود.

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### مسائل برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال در حمل و نقل چند وجهی (Ref. [3])

- **Type of services:**
  - Freight on hub-and-spoke networks is transported by **a single service, or a sequence of services** where the loads are transferred from one service to the next at **intermediate terminals**.
  - A **service** is characterized by its **origin, destination**, and **intermediate terminals**, its **transportation mode, route**, and its **service capacity**.
  - A **mode** is characterized by its **loading capacity, speed**, and **price**.
  - Usually, these services and modes have **fixed costs**.

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مسائل برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال در حمل و نقل چند وجهی: مدل های موجود

- **Two groups of models:**
  - **Network Flow Planning (NFP)**, relates to the flow planning decisions addressing *the movement of orders (commodities) throughout the network*.
  - **Service Network Design(SND)**, involves the service planning decisions including *all decisions on choosing the transportation services and modes to move those commodities*.
    - The following decisions would be made in **SND**:
      - ✓ the frequency of the service,
      - ✓ the capacity allocation,
      - ✓ the equipment planning, and
      - ✓ the routing and flow of commodities,

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- In both NFP and SND problems, **continuous variables** are used to represent *commodity flows* throughout the network, **but** in SND problems, **binary variables** are included for *selection of services*.
- نحوه ی مدل سازی مدل های برنامه ریزی تاکتیکال با توجه به متغیرهای آن:
  - The variables can be **arc-based** representing flow on an arc or **path-based** representing flow on a path (a series of arcs).
  - SND problems are then modeled as **Fixed-Cost Capacitated Multicommodity Network Design (CMND)** problems.

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### ساختار شبکه و یک جواب در مسئله طراحی شبکه ی چند کالایی



**Fig. a** Typical Network of Nodes and Links



**Fig. b** Typical MCNDP solution.

- Different colors depict different commodities that need to travel from an origin to a destination.
- The goal is to select a sub-graph to satisfy this need, as **Fig. b** shows, without violating any capacity constraints at links and while minimizing the total fixed cost of establishing the links and variable cost of traversing the commodities.
- Note that the commodities may be split and follow parallel paths and meet at an intermediate node or at the destination.

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**Fig. 3.** OR aspects of tactical planning problems.

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### بررسی مسئله خدمات پستی (Ref. [1]) Design of postal services

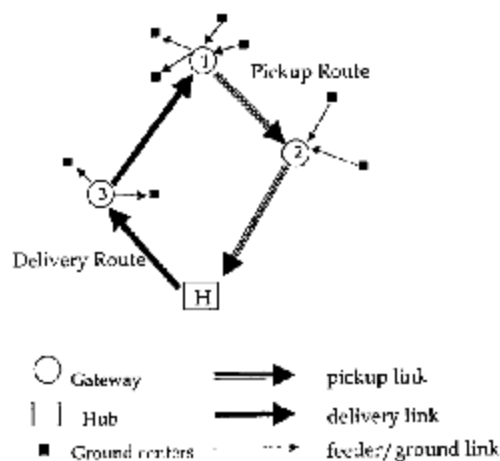
- The design of postal services, regular and those dedicated to express letter and package delivery, yields particularly **large and complex service network design formulations**.
- These applications involve **air** and **land long-haul transportation**, as well as **local pick up and delivery operations**. Land long-haul transportation is often performed by using trucks, although rail is also used in some countries.
- The air mode is both expensive and efficient in carrying relatively large loads over long distances. **Due to the high costs**, efforts are dedicated to the optimization of available capacity and the reduction of the number of aircrafts used.
- This translates into a relatively large number of alternatives in terms of aircraft types, capacities, and costs which adds to the complexity of the problem.

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### بررسی مسئله خدمات پستی

- ساختار فیزیکی مسئله



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- شبکه فیزیکی متشکل از موارد زیر است:
  - ✓ مکان دروازه ها (فرودگاه های کوچک، Gateways): نقاطی که محموله ها به شبکه هوایی وارد (یا خارج) می شوند.
  - ✓ مکان هاب ها (فرودگاه های بزرگ): مکانی که محموله ها مرتب و طبقه بندی می شوند.
  - ✓ ناوگان هوایی (aircrafts): انواع مختلفی از ناوگان هوایی

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### نحوه خدمت رسانی از طریق شبکه ی داده شده:

Consider the network shown in Figure . Packages arrive from customer centers to gateways either on trucks or on small aircraft that service remote locations. When packages enter the air system through a gateway (e.g., node 1), they are loaded onto an aircraft and are transported to a hub (e.g., node II) not later than the hub's *sort start time*. Flying to the hub is done by direct routes or, as in Figure 2-1, via an intermediate gateway (e.g., node 2).

Upon arrival at the hub, packages are unloaded from the aircraft, sorted, and loaded onto aircraft for delivery to their destination gateway. During the sorting process, the inbound planes remain at the hub until they are loaded and ready to start their delivery routes. Hubs may also serve as gateways since packages may either originate or terminate at these locations.

On delivery routes, planes can depart the hub no earlier than the *sort end time*. They deliver packages to the gateway locations, which then sort the packages and send them to ground sorting facilities via truck or feeder aircraft. From there, the packages are delivered to customers.

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- Two types of terminals are considered in the model:
  - **gateways** where packages enter and exit the air network and
  - **hubs** where packages are unloaded from in-coming airplanes, sorted, and loaded into an out-going aircraft for delivery to their destination gateways.
- Aircrafts may fly nonstop between gateways and hubs or stop at one gateway en-route.

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## بررسی مسئله خدمات پستی

- سایر اطلاعات و محدودیت های مسئله
- **Time window restrictions** on **pickup and delivery times at gateways** as well as on **the sorting periods at hubs** limit the number of stops and constrain the design.
- **Aircrafts of different types** are available in **limited numbers**.
- Each aircraft type has an operating cost and a capacity, as well as operating characteristics (type of engine, flying range, speed, etc.) that determine the routes it can fly.

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## بررسی مسئله خدمات پستی

### ○ هدف مسئله

- The **objective** is to **design the minimum cost set of routes**, **aircraft assignments to these routes**, and **package flows** to satisfy demand and level-of-service objectives, while complying with the operating parameters of the terminals (e.g., capacity), aircraft type (e.g., capacity, range, speed), and aircraft fleet (number of planes available).

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### ○ پارامترهای مسئله:

- $p \in P$ : a commodity represents packages to be moved from an origin gateway  $o(p)$  to a destination gateway  $d(p)$ .
- $d^p$ : indicate the corresponding demand,
- $H$ : the set of hubs,
- $\{o(p), d(p), p \in P\}$ : the set of origin and destination gateways.
- $F$ : the set of aircraft types available
- $R^f$ : the set of routes (sequence of gateways starting or ending at a hub) that may be flown by aircrafts of type  $f \in F$ 
  - The routes become the flight arcs  $A$  linking the hub and gateway nodes  $N$  of the system.

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○ پارامترهای مسئله:

- $cf_r$ : the cost of flying route  $r \in R^f$  with aircrafts of type  $f \in F$
- $w_r^f$ : gives its capacity.
- $n_f$ : the number of available aircrafts of type  $f$
- $a_h$ : the landing capacity of hub  $h \in H$

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○ شاخص ها و متغیرهای مسئله:

Three indicators are also defined: (1)  $\delta_{ij}^{rf} = 1$  when flight arc  $(i, j)$  is included in route  $r$  flown by aircraft type  $f$  and 0, otherwise; (2)  $\beta_i^r = 1$  ( $-1$ ) if node  $i$  is the origin (destination) gateway of route  $r$  and 0, otherwise; and (3)  $\delta_r^h = 1$  if hub  $h$  is included in route  $r$  and 0, otherwise.

Two types of decision variables are defined:  $y_r^f$  indicates the number of times route  $r \in R^f$  is flown by aircrafts of type  $f \in F$ ; continuous variable  $x_{ij}^p$  stands for the amount of product  $p$  on the air link  $(i, j) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

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$$\text{minimize } \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}^f} c_r^f y_r^f \quad (37)$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} x_{ij}^p - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} x_{ji}^p = \begin{cases} d^p & \text{if } i = o(p), \\ -d^p & \text{if } i = d(p), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad i \in \mathcal{N}, p \in \mathcal{P}, \quad (38)$$

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} x_{ij}^p \leq \sum_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}^f} \delta_{ij}^{rf} u_r^f y_r^f, \quad (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}, \quad (39)$$

$$\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}^f} y_r^f \leq n_f, \quad f \in \mathcal{F}, \quad (40)$$

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$$\sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}^f} \delta_r^h y_r^f \leq a_h, \quad h \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (42)$$

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محدودیت های (38) در ارتباط با تعادل جریان می باشند و نشان می دهند که جریان ورودی کالا بر روی گره های میانی با جریان خروجی برابر بوده و در گره های مبدأ و مقصد این مقدار برابر با مقدار تقاضا است.

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the forcing constraints (39) restrict the flow on each fly arc to the capacity of the aircrafts flown on that route.

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Constraints (40) and (42) enforce the number of available aircrafts of each type and the landing capacities at hubs, respectively.

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Con.(41) are the **path-based form** of the *aircraft balance restrictions*: the number of aircrafts of each given type landing at a location (delivery routes) must equal the number taking off from that same location (pick up routes).

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