The integer programming group from the National University of General Sarmiento

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- It is a new university, established in 1993 together with several similar universities throughout the Greater Buenos Aires.
- It is also a small university, with some 5000 students.
- The students come from the sorrounding areas, and most of them are the first university students from their respective families.



- The computer science department is in charge of a three-year academic degree in programming.
- We are currently starting a five-year degree program in computer science.



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- Polyhedral characterizations of a lot-sizing problem with startup costs.
- Integer programming for scheduling production of corrugated boxes (2-SSCPsc problem).
- Computational complexity of the maximum common-edge subgraph problem over particular graph classes.
- Applications of integer programming to sports leagues scheduling and combinatorial auctions.
- Joint work with Diego, Javier M.V., Mónica, Marcelo and Sebastián.



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- A taxonomy that generalizes the 3-dimensional matching problem.
- A simple proof of the Hajnal-Szemerédi theorem and a polynomial-time algorithm to attain the partition.
- An incentive compatible stochastic auctions for the sponsored search setting.
- Variants of the inverse Voroni problem: given a Voronoi diagram, compute the set of sites that generate it.
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- Agent-based decision models, specially oriented to economical and social models of inductive learning in binary decisions.
- Heavy metals dynamics in the plant-soil interaction models. Models of accumulation of metals in plants growing in metal-polluted soils, aiming to developing effective phytoremediation strategies.
- An integer programming model for determining meals in a hospital.



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- Searching for complete characterizations of polytopes associated to coloring problems with local constraints in particular graph classes.
- Integer programming model for assigning rooms to courses in the UBA Sciences School.
- Integer programming model and software application for salmon cages management, in Chile.
- Segmentation algorithm based on integer programming for the 2010 Argentine Census.



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- Families of valid inequalities based on "baskets" for the acyclic coloring polytope.
- Disjunctive ranks and anti-ranks of the known valid inequalities for the acyclic coloring polytope.
- Application of integer programming for scheduling the Argentine women's voleyball league.



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- Implementation of local cuts for integer programming which do not follow the template paradigm.
- Valid inequalities for the maximum-leaf spanning tree problem.
- A survey and an experimental backtracking algorithm for the equitable coloring problem.
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