

Building a Geo-Referenced Microsimulation Model with Discrete Optimization

Graphen und diskrete Optimierung



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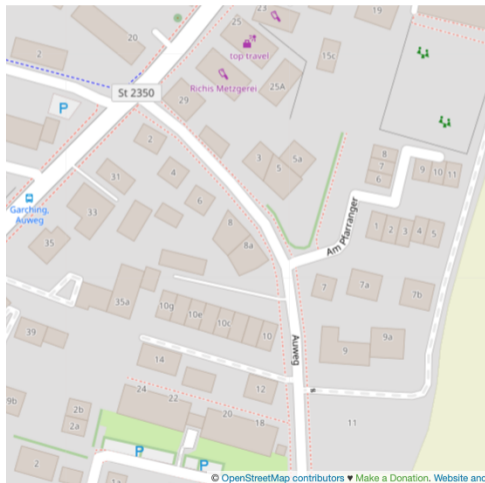
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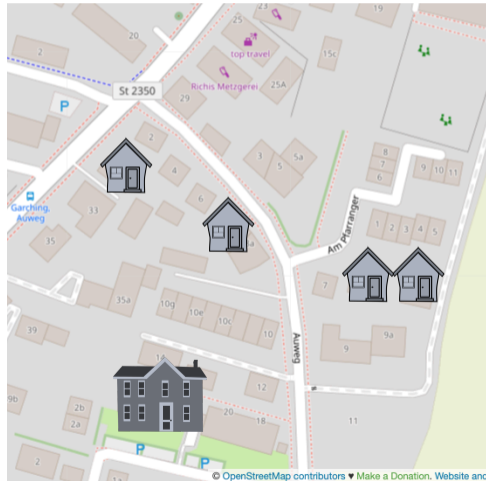
MikroSim: "Multi-sectoral Regional Microsimulation Model" (Trier University)

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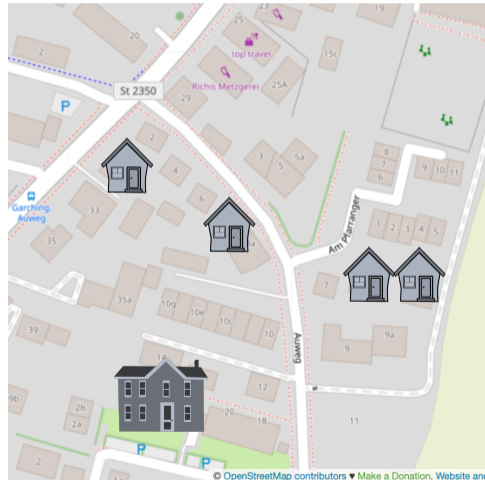
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Challenge

Combine several data sources with different resolutions.

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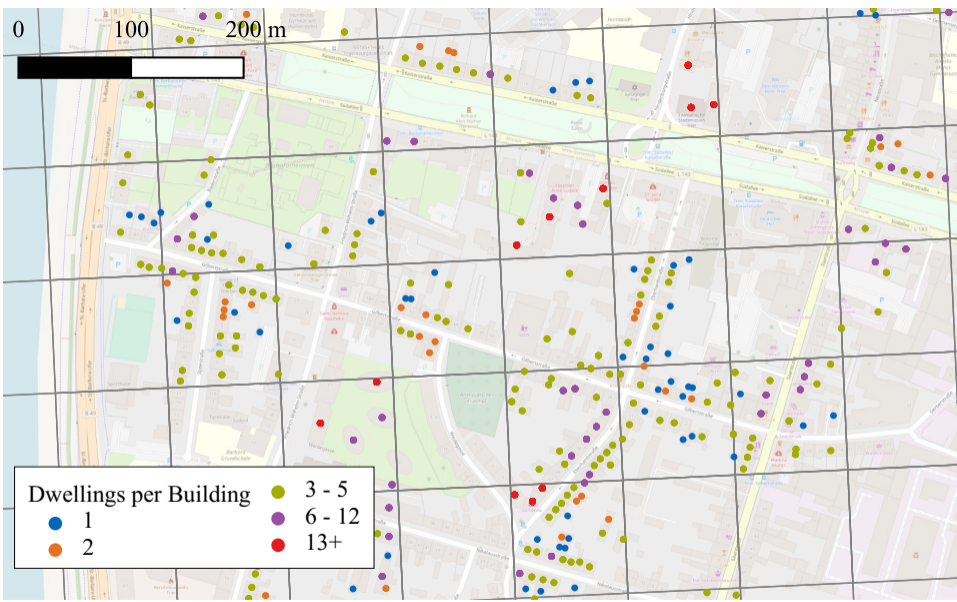
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The more dwellings per address, the smaller the household size per dwelling.

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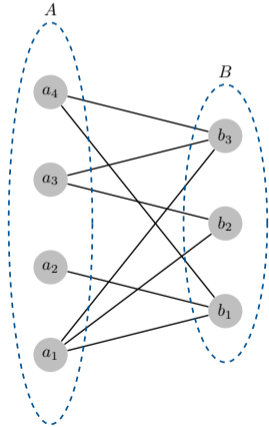
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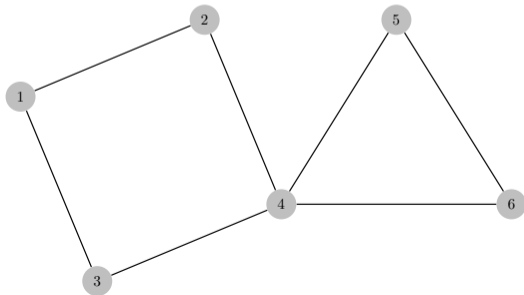
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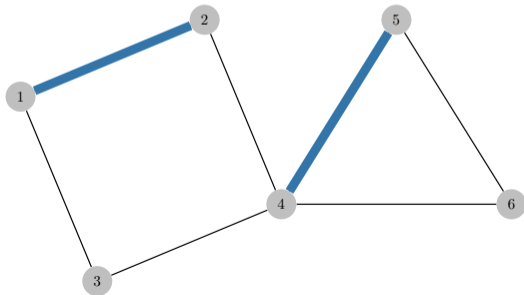
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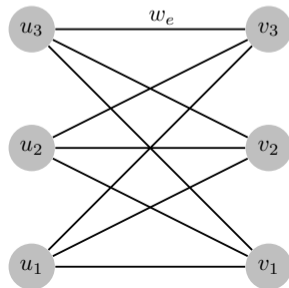
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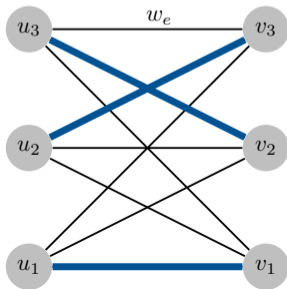
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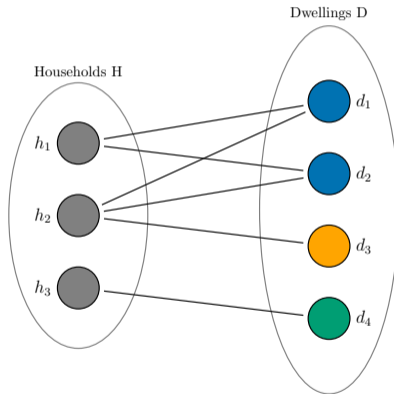
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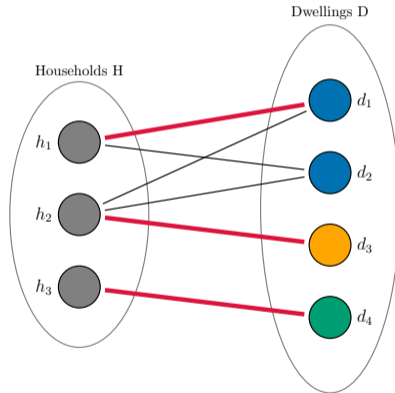
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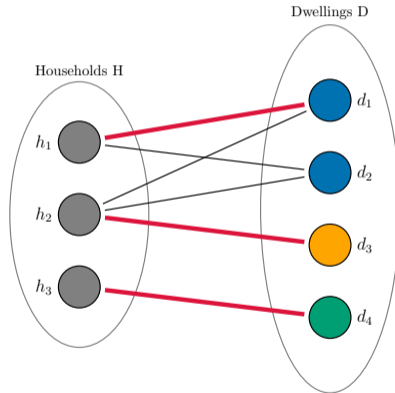
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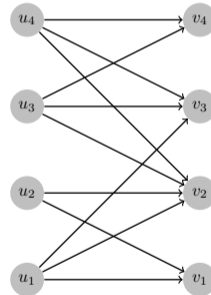


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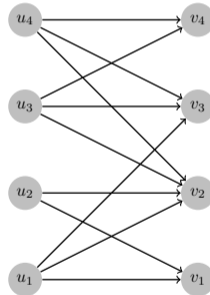
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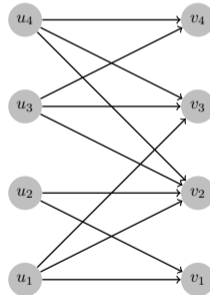
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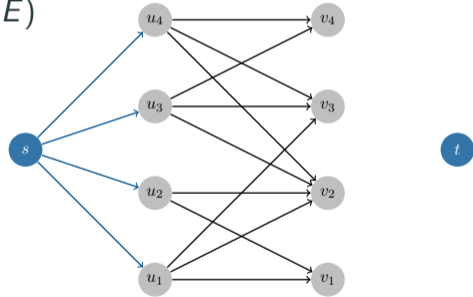


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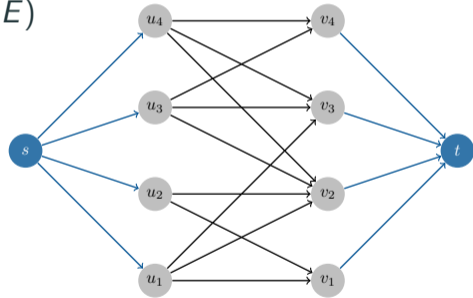


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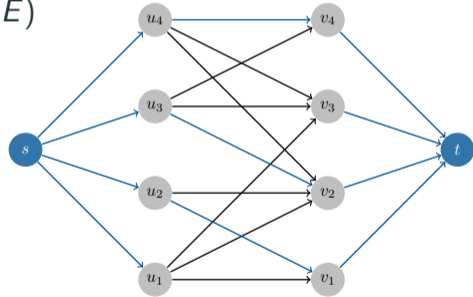


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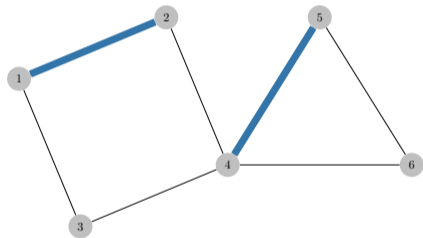
Proof: Übungszettel 4.

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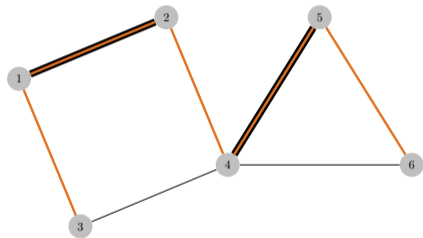


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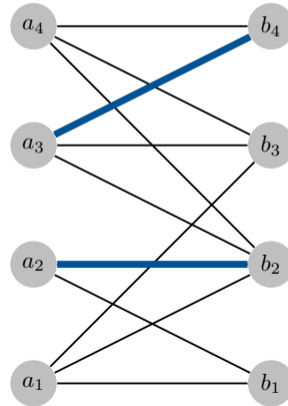
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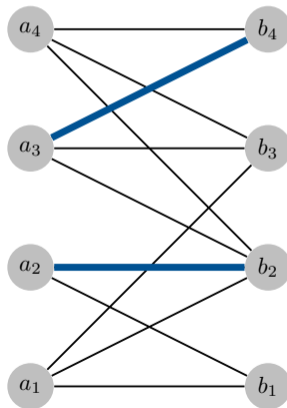


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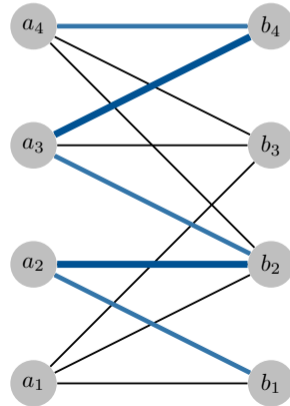


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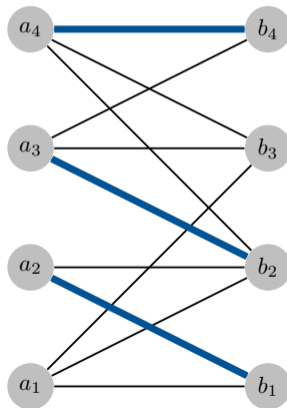


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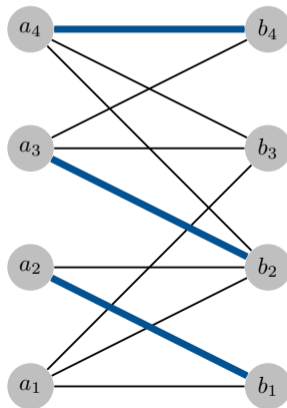


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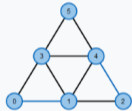
Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph and let M be a matching in G . Then M is a maximum matching if and only if there does not exist an augmenting path in G with respect to M .

Main Algorithms

- ▶ **Using max. flow:** maximal matching in a bipartite graph ($\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|V|} \cdot |E|)$)
- ▶ **Hopkraft-Karp-Algorithm:** maximal matching in a bipartite graph ($\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{|V|} \cdot |E|)$)
- ▶ **Blossom Algorithm (Edmonds):** maximal matching in an arbitrary graph ($\mathcal{O}(|V|^2 \cdot |E|)$)
- ▶ **Hungarian Method:** maximal weighted matching in bipartite graph ($\mathcal{O}(|V|^3)$)

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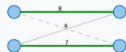
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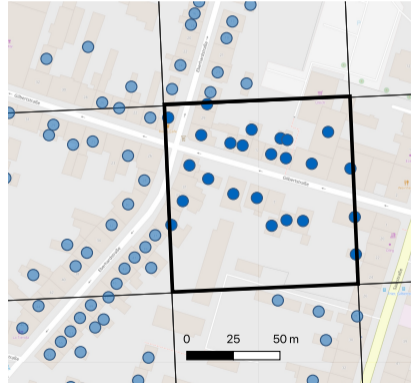
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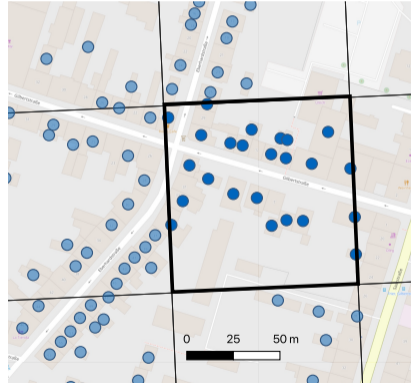
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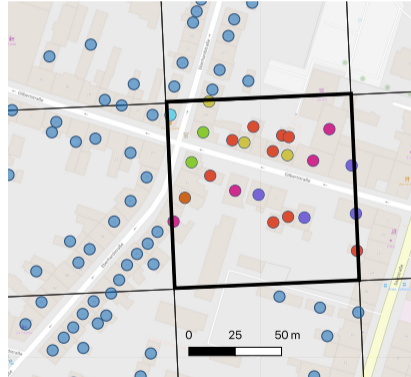
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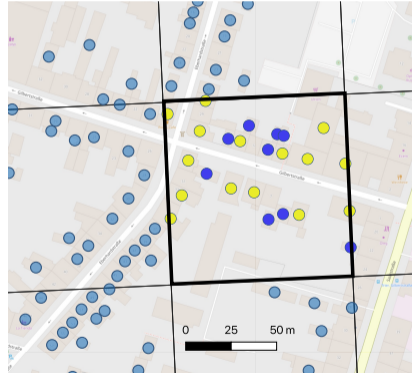
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$+\lambda_1 \cdot C_1$: Limit the amount of households per grid cell (2)

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Cannot use the objective function as weights on the graph \Rightarrow solved as Mixed-Integer Linear Program (MILP).

More details in Part 2 of this course!

Outlook

Use the implementation on larger datasets:

Assign a population of 105k in 56k households to 59k dwellings at 20k addresses

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