

# Final Exam Modalities

## INFO-H-414

# A Typical Exam Session



The exam is divided in two parts

① **a project**

- 50% of your final grade

② **questions**

- 50% of your final grade

# The Project

For a successful project, you must:

- code and get results
- write a report (4 to 6 pages)
- prepare a presentation (10 minutes)

- Apply what you learned
- KISS
- Honesty pays off
- Cooperation is forbidden

The questions will concern **the entire course material**

# Ant Colony Optimization

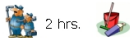
- What?** You will implement, analyse and compare ACO algorithms applied to a combinatorial optimization problem.
- How?** You will adapt and improve the algorithms implemented during the exercises for solving the Generalized Assignment Problem (GAP)

# Ant Colony Optimization

## Jobs



Each agent will need a different amount of resource for each task



2 hrs.

## Agents



Max Resource



6 hrs.

8 hrs.

10 hrs.

8 hrs.



Agents have a cost involved per job

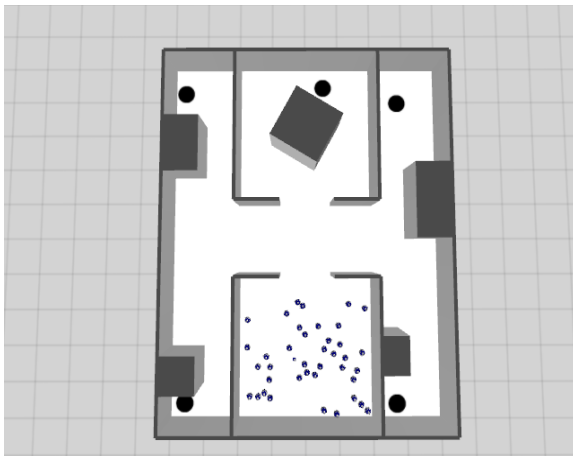


Find an assignment that minimizes the cost



## What do you need to deliver?

- A report describing:
  - The most important components of your ACO algorithms
  - Experiments: report of quality measures and number of assignments generated for 25 tests performed on a 10 instances test set
  - Comparative Analysis: Quality of solutions and Convergence
  - The implementation and test of a localsearch procedure to be added to an ACO algorithm
- Source code
  - Properly documented and ordered
  - Should run on the command line like ACOTSP
  - Make sure it compiles and runs on Ubuntu (so that we can check it)
  - README describing your algorithm





- You can use:
  - Wheels
  - Range and bearing system
  - Distance scanner
  - Ground sensors
  - Proximity sensors

- You must discuss:
  - Number of necessary robots
  - Time to complete the task
- Run multiple repetitions of each experiment!

## **Master theses in swarm intelligence:**

<http://cs.ulb.ac.be/public/teaching/mfe/ia>