

Discount Problems based on Loyalty Cards with Stamps

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In daily life one is even in seemingly simple situations confronted with surprisingly complex tasks. Here the situation of buying a certain good a fixed number of times is considered under the assumption that each trader offers a loyalty stamp-card. It turns out that the optimization problem of paying minimum costs when buying multiple instances of a good from different traders under these circumstances is (NP-) hard.