

## **Some Comments on Discrete Sequential Search with Group Activities**

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### **Abstract**

We comment on a paper by Wagner and Davis (Decision Sciences, 2001), who present an IP-model for a single-item discrete sequential search problem with so-called ‘group activities’. They conjecture that the problem can be solved as a linear program. We provide a counterexample for this conjecture, we show that the problem is strongly NP-hard both for ‘conjunctive’ as well as for ‘disjunctive’ group activities, and we discuss some special cases that can be solved in polynomial time.

### **Keywords**

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