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## 1.1 Tutorial

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#### Medicine

#### Dose Constraints

Define *Constraint* base class, along with specializations *MaxConstraint*, *MinConstraint*, *MeanConstraint* and *PercentileConstraint*. Also define *ConstraintList* container and function *D()* for instantiating constraints with a syntax used by clinicians, e.g.:

```
D('max') < 30 * Gy
D('min') > 20 * Gy
D('mean') > 25 * Gy
D(90) > 22 * Gy
D(5) < 29 * Gy
```

Also define the *DVH* (dose volume histogram) object for converting structure dose vectors to plottable DVH data sets.

#### Attributes:

**RELOPS (`__ConstraintRelops`):** Defines constants `RELOPS.GEQ`, `RELOPS.LEQ`, and `RELOPS.INDEFINITE` for categorizing inequality constraint directions.

**class** `dose.Constraint`

Base class for dose constraints.

The *MinConstraint*, *MaxConstraint*, *MeanConstraint* and *PercentileConstraint* types all inherit from *Constraint*. This class defines all the basic getters and setters for constraint properties such as the type of threshold, constraint direction (relop) and dose bound, as well as other shared properties such as slack and dual values relevant to the *Constraint* object's role in treatment plan optimization problems.

**`__eq__`** (*other*)

Overload operator ==

Define comparison between constraints by comparing their relops, doses and thresholds.

**Parameters** ( *other* ) – class:'Constraint': Value to be compared.

**Returns** obj:bool: True if compared constraints are equivalent.

**Raises** TypeError – If *other* is not a *Constraint*.

**`__ge__`** (*other*)

Reroute operator >= to operator >

**`__gt__`** (*other*)

Overload operator >.

Enable *Constraint.dose* and *Constraint.relop* to be set via syntax 'constraint > dose'.

**Parameters** *other* – Value that *Constraint.dose* will be set to.

**Returns** Updated version of this object.

**Return type** *Constraint*

**`__le__`** (*other*)

Reroute operator <= to operator <

**`__lt__`** (*other*)

Overload operator <.

Enable *Constraint.dose* and *Constraint.relop* to be set via syntax 'constraint < dose'.

**Parameters** *other* – Value that *Constraint.dose* will be set to.

**Returns** Updated version of this object.

**Return type** *Constraint*

**`__str__`** ()

Stringify *Constraint* as 'D{threshold} {<= or >=} {dose}'

**active**

True if constraint active in most recent plan that used it.

**dose**

Dose bound for constraint.

Getter returns dose in absolute terms (i.e., DeliveredDose units.)

Setter accepts dose in absolute or relative terms. That is, dose may be provided provided in units of Percent or in units of DeliveredDose, such as Gray.

**Raises** TypeError – If dose not of allowed types.

**dose\_achieved**

Constraint dose +/- slack.



**dual\_value**

Value of dual variable associated with constraint.

This property is intended to reflect information about the state of the `Constraint` in the context of the most recent run of an optimization problem that it was used in. Accordingly, it is to be managed by some client(s) of the `Constraint` and not the object itself.

In particular, this property is meant to hold the value of the dual variable associated with the dose constraint in some solver's representation of an optimization problem, and the value should be that attained at the conclusion of a solver run.

**priority**

Constraint priority.

Priority is one of {0, 1, 2, 3}. Constraint priorities are used when incorporating a `Constraint` in an optimization problem with slack allowed.

Priority 0 indicates that the constraint should be enforced strictly even when the overall problem formulation permits dose constraint slacks.

The remaining values (1, 2, and 3) represent ranked tiers; slacks are permitted and penalized according to the priority: the slack variable for a `Priority 1` constraint is penalized more heavily than that of a `Priority 2` constraint, which is in turn penalized more heavily than the slack variable associated with a `Priority 3` constraint. This mechanism allows users to encourage some constraints to be met more closely than others, even when slack is allowed for all of them.

**Raises**

- `TypeError` – If `priority` not an `int`.
- `ValueError` – If `priority` not in {0, 1, 2, 3}.

**relop**

Constraint relop (i.e., sense of inequality).

Should be one of `<`, `>`, `<=`, or `>=`.

The setter method does not differentiate between strict and non-strict inequalities (i.e., `<` versus `<=`), but both syntaxes are allowed for convenience.

**Raises** *Value Error* – If user tries to build a maximum dose constraint with a lower dose bound or a minimum dose constraint with an upper dose bound, or if `relop` is not one of the expected string values.

**resolved**

Indicator that constraint is complete and well-formed.

**rx\_dose**

Prescription dose associated with constraint.

This property is optional, but required when the `Constraint.dose` is phrased in relative terms (i.e., of type `Percent`). It provides the numerical basis on which to interpret the relative value of `Constraint.dose`.

**Raises** `TypeError` – If `rx_dose` is not of type `DeliveredDose`, e.g., `Gray` or `centiGray`.

**slack**

Value of slack variable associated with constraint.

This property is intended to reflect information about the state of the `Constraint` in the context of the most recent run of an optimization problem that it was used in. Accordingly, it is to be managed by some client(s) of the `Constraint` and not the object itself.

In particular, this property is meant to hold the value of the slack variable associated with the dose constraint in some solver’s representation of an optimization problem, and the value should be that attained at the conclusion of a solver run.

**Raises**

- `TypeError` – If `slack` is not an `int` or `float`.
- `ValueError` – If `slack` is negative.

**symbol**

Strict inequality str of `Constraint.relop`.

**threshold**

Constraint threshold—percentile, min, max or mean.

**upper**

Indicator of upper dose constraint (or, ‘less than’ inequality).

**Parameters** `None` –

**Returns** `True` if constraint of type “D(threshold) < dose”.

**Return type** `bool`

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `Constraint.relop` is not set.

**class** `dose.ConstraintList`

Container for `Constraint` objects.

**items**

`dict`

Dictionary of constraints in container, keyed by hashed values generated upon addition of constraint to container.

**last\_key**

Key generated upon most recent addition of a constraint to the container.

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*key*)

Overload operator `[]`.

**\_\_iadd\_\_** (*other*)

Overload operator `+=`.

Enable syntax `ConstraintList += Constraint`.

**Parameters** `other` – Singleton, or iterable collection of `Constraint` objects to append to this `ConstraintList`.

**Returns** Updated version of this object.

**Return type** `ConstraintList`

**Raises** `TypeError` – If `other` is not a `Constraint` or iterable collection of constraints.

**\_\_isub\_\_** (*other*)

Overload operator `-=`.

**Enables syntaxes** `ConstraintList -= Constraint`, and `ConstraintList -= key`.

Remove `other` from this `ConstraintList` if it is a key with a corresponding `Constraint`, or if it is a `Constraint` for which an exactly equivalent `Constraint` is found in the list.

**Parameters** `other` – `Constraint` or key to a `Constraint` to be removed from this `ConstraintList`.

**Returns** Updated version of this object.

**Return type** *ConstraintList*

**\_\_iter\_\_()**

Python3-compatible iterator implementation.

**\_\_str\_\_()**

Stringify list by concatenating strings of each constraint.

**clear()**

Clear constraints from *ConstraintList*.

**Parameters** **None** –

**Returns** **None**

**contains** (*constr*)

Test whether search *Constraint* exists in this *ConstraintList*.

**Parameters** **constr** (*Constraint*) – Search term.

**Returns** **True** if a *Constraint* equivalent to *constr* found in this *ConstraintList*.

**Return type** **bool**

**keys**

Keys of constraints in list.

**list**

*list* of *Constraint* objects in *ConstraintList*.

**mean\_only**

**True** if list exclusively contains mean constraints.

**plotting\_data**

List of matplotlib-compatible data for all constraints.

**size**

Number of constraints in list.

**dose.D** (*threshold*, *relop=None*, *dose=None*)

Utility for constructing dose constraints with clinical syntax.

**Parameters**

- **threshold** – Specify type of dose constraint; if real-valued or of type *Percent*, parsed as a percentile constraint. If string-valued, tentatively interpreted as a mean, minimum, or maximum type dose constraint.
- **relop** (*optional*) – Sense of inequality. Expected to be compatible with *Constraint.relop* setter.
- **dose** (*optional*) – Dose bound. Expected to be compatible with *Constraint.dose* setter.

**Returns** Return type depends on argument *threshold*.

**Return type** *Constraint*

**Raises** *ValueError* – If *threshold* does not conform to expected types or formats.

## Examples

```
>>> D('mean') > 30 * Gy
>>> D('min') > 10 * Gy
>>> D('max') < 5 * Gy
>>> D(30) < 4 * Gy
>>> D(90) > 47 * Gy
```

**class** `dose.DVH` (*n\_voxels*, *maxlength=1000*)  
Representation of a dose volume histogram.

Given a vector of doses, the `DVH` object generates the corresponding dose volume histogram (DVH).

A DVH is associated with a planning structure, which will have a finite volume or number of voxels. A DVH curve (or graph) is a set of points  $(d, p)$ —with  $p$  in the interval  $[0, 100]$ —where for each dose level  $d$ , the value  $p$  gives the percent of voxels in the associated structure receiving a radiation dose  $\geq d$ .

Sampling is performed if necessary to keep data series length short enough to be conveniently transmitted (e.g., as part of an interactive user interface) and plotted (e.g., with `matplotlib` utilities) with low latency.

Note that the set of (dose, percentile) pairs are maintained as two sorted, length-matched, vectors of dose and percentile values, respectively.

### **MAX\_LENGTH**

int

Default maximum length constant to use when constructing and possibly sampling DVH cures.

### **data**

Sorted dose values from DVH curve.

The data provided to the setter are sorted to form the abscissa values for the DVH curve. If the length of the input exceeds the maximum data series length (as determined when the object was initialized), the input data is sampled.

### **Raises**

- `ValueError` – If size of input data does not match size of
- structure associated with `DVH` as specified to
- object initializer.

### **dose\_at\_percentile** (*percentile*)

Read off DVH curve to get dose value at percentile.

Since the `DVH` object maintains the DVH curve of (dose, percentile) pairs as two sorted vectors, to approximate the dose  $d$  at percentile `percentile`, we retrieve the index  $i$  that yields the nearest percentile value. The corresponding  $i$ 'th dose is returned. When the nearest percentile is not within 0.5%, the two nearest neighbor percentiles and two nearest neighbor dose values are used to approximate the dose at the queried percentile by linear interpolation.

**Parameters** `percentile` (int, float or `Percent`) – Queried percentile for which to retrieve corresponding dose level.

**Returns** Dose value from DVH curve corresponding to queried percentile, or `nan` if the curve has not been populated with data.

### **max\_dose**

Largest dose value in DVH curve.

### **min\_dose**

Smallest dose value in DVH curve.

**percentile\_at\_dose** (*dose*)

Read off DVH curve to get percentile value at dose.

**Parameters** *dose* (int, float, or `DeliveredDose`) – Queried dose for which to retrieve the corresponding percentile. Assumed to have same units as DVH data.

**Returns** Percentile value from DVH curve corresponding to queried dose, or `nan` if the curve has not been populated with data.

**plotting\_data**

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible plotting data.

**populated**

True if DVH curve is populated.

**resample** (*maxlength*)

Re-sampled copy of this :class:`DVH`

**Parameters** *maxlength* (int) – Maximum length at which to series re-sample data.

**Returns** Re-sampled DVH curve; return original curve if *maxlength* is `None`.

**Return type** *DVH*

**class** `dose.MaxConstraint` (*relop=None, dose=None*)

Maximum dose constraint.

Extend base class `Constraint`. Express an upper bound on the maximum dose to a structure.

**plotting\_data**

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible data.

**class** `dose.MeanConstraint` (*relop=None, dose=None*)

Mean dose constraint.

Extend base class `Constraint`. Express an upper or lower bound on the mean dose to a structure.

**plotting\_data**

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible data.

**class** `dose.MinConstraint` (*relop=None, dose=None*)

Minimum dose constraint.

Extend base class `Constraint`. Express a lower bound on the minimum dose to a structure.

**plotting\_data**

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible data.

**class** `dose.PercentileConstraint` (*percentile=None, relop=None, dose=None*)

Percentile, i.e. dose-volume, or partial dose constraint.

Allow for dose bounds to be applied to a certain fraction of a structure involved in treatment planning. For instance, a lower constraint,

```
>>> # D80 > 60 Gy,
```

requires at least 80% of the voxels in a structure must receive 60 Grays or greater, and an upper constraint,

```
>>> # D25 < 5 Gy,
```

requires no more than 25% of the voxels in a structure to receive 25 Grays or greater.

Extend base class `Constraint`, recast `Constraint.threshold` as `PercentileConstraint.percentile`.

**get\_maxmargin\_fulfillers** (*y*, *had\_slack=False*)

Get indices to values of *y* deepest in feasible set.

In particular, given `len(y)`, if *m* voxels are required to respect this *PercentileConstraint* exactly, *y* is assumed to contain at least *m* entries that respect the constraint (for instance, *y* is generated by a convex program that includes a convex restriction of the dose constraint).

0. Define  
 $p = \text{percent non-violating} \cdot \text{structure size} = \text{percent non-violating} \cdot \text{len}(y)$
- Procedure.
1. Get margins: *y* – dose bound.
  2. Sort margin indices by margin values.
  3. If upper constraint, return indices of *p* most negative entries.
  4. If lower constraint, return indices of *p* most positive entries.

#### Parameters

- **y** – Vector-like input data of length *m*.
- **had\_slack** (*bool*, optional) – Define margin relative to slack-modulated dose value instead of the base dose value of this *PercentileConstraint*.

**Returns** Vector of indices that yield the *p* entries of *y* that fulfill this *PercentileConstraint* with the greatest margin.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

#### **percentile**

Percentile threshold in interval (0, 100).

**Raises** `TypeError` – If percentile is not `int`, `float`, or `Percent`.

#### **plotting\_data**

Dictionary of `matplotlib`-compatible data.

## Prescription

Define *Prescription* and methods for parsing prescription data from python objects as well as JSON- or YAML-formatted files.

Parsing methods expect the following formats.

YAML:

```
- name : PTV
  label : 1
  is_target: Yes
  dose : 35.
  constraints:
    - "D90 >= 32.3Gy"
    - "D1 <= 1.1rx"

- name : OAR1
  label : 2
  is_target: No
  dose :
  constraints:
    - "D95 <= 20Gy"
    - "V30 Gy <= 20%"
```

Python list of dict (JSON approximately the same):

```
[{
    "name" : "PTV",
    "label" : 1,
    "is_target" : True,
    "dose" : 35.,
    "constraints" : ["D1 <= 1.1rx", "D90 >= 32.3Gy"]
}, {
    "name" : "OAR1",
    "label" : 2,
    "is_target" : False,
    "dose" : None,
    "constraints" : ["D95 <= 20Gy"]
}]
```

### JSON versus Python syntax differences:

- true/false instead of True/False
- null instead of None

**class** `prescription.Prescription` (*prescription\_data=None*)

Class for specifying structures with dose targets and constraints.

**constraint\_dict**

*dict*

Dictionary of `ConstraintList` objects, keyed by structure labels.

**structure\_dict**

*dict*

Dictionary of `Structure` objects, keyed by structure labels.

**rx\_list**

*list*

List of dictionaries representation of prescription.

**\_\_str\_\_()**

String of structures in prescription with attached constraints.

**add\_structure\_to\_dictionaries** (*structure*)

Add a new structure to internal representation of prescription.

**Parameters** **structure** (`Structure`) – Structure added to `Prescription.structure_dict`. An corresponding, empty constraint list is added to `Prescription.constraint_dict`.

**Returns** None

**Raises** `TypeError` – If structure not a `Structure`.

**constraints\_by\_label**

Dictionary of constraints in prescription, by structure label.

**dict**

Dictionary of structures in prescription, by label.

**digest** (*prescription\_data*)

Populate `Prescription`'s structures and dose constraints.

Specifically, for each entry in `prescription_data`, construct a `Structure` to capture structure data (e.g., name, label), as well as a corresponding but separate `ConstraintList` object to capture any dose constraints specified for the structure.

Add each such structure to `Prescription.structure_dict`, and each such constraint list to `Prescription.constraint_dict`. Build or copy a “list of dictionaries” representation of the prescription data, assign to `Prescription.rx_list`.

**Parameters** `prescription_data` – Input to be parsed for structure and dose constraint data. Accepted formats include `str` specifying a valid path to a suitably-formatted JSON or YAML file, or a suitably-formatted *list* of *dict* objects.

**Returns** `None`

**Raises** `TypeError` – If input not of type *list* or a `str` specifying a valid path to file that can be loaded with the `json.load()` or `yaml.safe_load()` methods.

**list**

List of structures in prescription

**report** (*anatomy*)

Reports whether *anatomy* fulfills all prescribed constraints.

**Parameters** `anatomy` (*Anatomy*) – Container of structures to compare against prescribed constraints.

**Returns** Dictionary keyed by structure label, with data on each dose constraint associated with that structure in this *Prescription*. Reported data includes the constraint, whether it was satisfied, and the actual dose achieved at the percentile/threshold specified by the constraint.

**Return type** *dict*

**Raises** `TypeError` – If *anatomy* not an *Anatomy*.

**report\_string** (*anatomy*)

Reports whether *anatomy* fulfills all prescribed constraints.

**Parameters** `anatomy` (*Anatomy*) – Container of structures to compare against prescribed constraints.

**Returns** Stringified version of output from `Prescription.report`.

**Return type** `str`

`prescription.d_strip` (*input\_string*)

Strip ‘d’, and ‘D’ from input string.

Preprocessing step for handling of string constraints of type “D70 < 20 Gy”.

`prescription.eval_constraint` (*string\_constraint*, *rx\_dose=None*)

Parse input string to form a new *Constraint* instance.

This method handles the following input cases.

**Absolute dose constraints:**

- “min > x Gy”
  - variants: “Min”, “min”
  - meaning: minimum dose greater than x Gy
- “mean < x Gy” (“mean > x Gy”)
  - variants: “Mean, mean”
  - meaning: mean dose less than (more than) than x Gy
- “max < x Gy”
  - variants: “Max”, “max”



- meaning: maximum dose less than x Gy
- “D \_\_ < x Gy” (“D \_\_ > x Gy”)
  - variants: “D \_\_%”, “d \_\_%”, “D \_\_”, “d \_\_”
  - meaning: dose to \_\_ percent of volume less than (greater than) x Gy
- “V \_\_ Gy < p %” (“V \_\_ Gy > p %”)
  - variants: “V \_\_”, “v \_\_”, “\_\_ Gy to”, “\_\_ to”
  - meaning: no more than (at least) \_\_ Gy to p percent of volume.

#### Relative dose constraints:

- “V \_\_ %rx < p %” (“V \_\_ %rx > p %”)
  - variants: “V \_\_%”, “v \_\_%”, “V \_\_”, “v \_\_”
  - meaning: at most (at least) p percent of structure receives \_\_ percent of rx dose.
- “D \_\_ < {frac} rx”, “D \_\_ > {frac} rx”
  - variants: “D \_\_%”, “d \_\_%”, “D \_\_”, “d \_\_”
  - meaning: dose to \_\_ percent of volume less than (greater than) frac \* rx

#### Absolute volume constraints:

- “V \_\_ Gy > x cm3” (“V \_\_ Gy < x cm3”), “V \_\_ rx > x cm3” (“V \_\_ rx < x cm3”)
  - variants: “cc” vs. “cm3” vs. “cm^3”; “V \_\_” vs. “v \_\_”
  - error: convert to relative volume terms

#### Parameters

- **string\_constraint** (str) – Parsable string representation of dose constraint.
- **rx\_dose** (DeliveredDose, optional) – Prescribed dose level to associate with dose constraint, required for relative dose constraints.

**Returns** Dose constraint specified by input.

**Return type** Constraint

#### Raises

- `TypeError` – If rx\_dose not of type DeliveredDose.
- `ValueError` – If input string specifies an absolute volume constraint, or if input is not well-formed (e.g., a dose quantity appears on LHS and RHS of inequality).

`prescription.v_strip(input_string)`  
Strip ‘v’, ‘V’ and ‘to’ from input string.

Preprocessing step for handling of string constraints of type “V20 Gy < 30 %” or “20 Gy to < 30%”.

## Anatomy

Define *Anatomy*, container for treatment planning structures.

**class** `anatomy.Anatomy` (*structures=None*)

Iterable container class for treatment planning structures.

Provides simple syntax via overloaded operators, including addition, retrieval, and removal of structures from anatomy:

```
anatomy = Anatomy()

# target structure with label = 4
s1 = Structure(4, 'target', True)

# non-target structure with label = 12
s2 = Structure(12, 'non-target', False)

# non-target structure with label = 7
s3 = Structure(7, 'non-target 2', False)

anatomy += s1
anatomy += s2
anatomy += s3

# remove structure s3 by name
anatomy -= 'non-target 2'

# remove structure s2 by label
anatomy -= 12

# retrieve structure s1 by name
anatomy[4]
anatomy['target']
```

**\_\_iadd\_\_** (*other*)

Overload operator +=.

Append structure(s) in argument to *Anatomy*.

**Parameters** *other* – Singleton or iterable collection of *Structure* objects.

**Returns** Updated anatomy.

**Return type** *Anatomy*

**\_\_isub\_\_** (*other*)

Overload operator -=.

**Parameters** *other* – Name or label of structure to remove from *Anatomy*.

**Returns** Downdated anatomy.

**Return type** *Anatomy*

**\_\_str\_\_** ()

Collimate strings for each *Structure* in *Anatomy*.

**calculate\_doses** (*beam\_intensities*)

Calculate voxel doses to each structure in *Anatomy*.

**Parameters** *beam\_intensities* – Beam intensities to provide to each structure's *Structure.calculate\_dose* method.

**Returns** None

**clear\_constraints()**

Clear all constraints from all structures in *Anatomy*.

**Parameters** None –

**Returns** None

**dose\_summary\_data** (*percentiles=[2, 98]*)

Collimate dose summaries from each structure in *Anatomy*.

**Parameters** **percentiles** (*list*) – List of percentiles to include in dose summary queries.

**Returns** Dictionary of dose summaries obtained by calling *Structure.summary* for each structure.

**Return type** dict

**dose\_summary\_string**

Collimate dose summary strings from each structure in *Anatomy*.

**Parameters** None –

**Returns** Dictionary of dose summaries obtained by calling *Structure.summary\_string* for each structure.

**Return type** dict

**is\_empty**

True if *Anatomy* contains no structures.

**label\_order**

Ranked list of labels of structures in *Anatomy*.

**Raises** *ValueError* – If input to setter contains labels for structures not contained in anatomy, or if the length of the input list does not match *Anatomy.n\_structures*.

**labels**

List of labels of structures in *Anatomy*.

**list**

List of structures in *Anatomy*.

**n\_structures**

Number of structures in *Anatomy*.

**plannable**

True if all structures plannable and at least one is a target.

**plotting\_data** (*constraints\_only=False, maxlength=None*)

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible plotting data for all structures.

**Parameters**

- **constraints\_only** (bool, optional) – If True, return only the constraints associated with each structure.
- **maxlength** (int, optional) – If specified, re-sample each structure's DVH plotting data to have a maximum series length of maxlength.

**propagate\_doses** (*voxel\_doses*)

Assign pre-calculated voxel doses to each structure in *Anatomy*

**Parameters** **voxel\_doses** (dict) – Dictionary mapping structure labels to voxel dose sub-vectors.

**Returns** None

**size**

Total number of voxels in all structures in *Anatomy*.

**structures**

Dictionary of structures in anatomy, keyed by label.

Setter method accepts any iterable collection of *Structure* objects.

**Raises**

- *TypeError* – If input to setter is not iterable.
- *ValueError* – If input to setter contains elements of a type other than *Structure*.

Define *Structure*, building block of *Anatomy*.

```
structure.W_UNDER_DEFAULT
```

*float*

Default objective weight for underdose penalty on target structures.

```
structure.W_OVER_DEFAULT
```

*float*

Default objective weight for underdose penalty on non-target structures.

```
structure.W_NONTARG_DEFAULT
```

*float*

Default objective weight for overdose penalty on non-target structures.

```
class structure.Structure(label, name, is_target, size=None, **options)
```

*Structure* manages the dose information (including the dose influence matrix, dose calculations and dose volume histogram), as well as optimization objective information—including dose constraints—for a set of voxels (volume elements) in the patient volume to be treated as a logically homogeneous unit with respect to the optimization process.

**There are usually three types of structures:**

- **Anatomical structures, such as a kidney or the spinal cord**, termed organs-at-risk (OARs),
- **Clinically delineated structures, such as a tumor or a target volume**, and,
- **Tissues grouped together by virtue of not being explicitly delineated** by a clinician, typically lumped together under the catch-all category “body”.

Healthy tissue structures, including OARs and “body”, are treated as non-target, are prescribed zero dose, and only subject to an overdose penalty during optimization.

Target tissue structures are prescribed a non-zero dose, and subject to both an underdose and an overdose penalty.

**label**

(*int* or *str*): Label, applied to each voxel in the structure, usually generated during CT contouring step in the clinical workflow for treatment planning.

**name**

*str*

Clinical or anatomical name.

**is\_target**

*bool*

True if structure is a target.

**dvh**

DVH

Dose volume histogram.

**constraints**

ConstraintList

Mutable collection of dose constraints to be applied to structure during optimization.

**A**Alias for *Structure.A\_full*.**A\_full**

Full dose matrix (dimensions = voxels x beams).

**Setter method will perform two additional tasks:**

- If *Structure.size* is not set, set it based on number of rows in *A\_full*.
- Trigger *Structure.A\_mean* to be calculated from *Structure.A\_full*.

**Raises**

- `TypeError` – If *A\_full* is not a matrix in `np.ndarray`, `sp.csc_matrix`, or `sp.csr_matrix` formats.
- `ValueError` – If *Structure.size* is set, and the number of rows in *A\_full* does not match *Structure.size*.

**A\_mean**

Mean dose matrix (dimensions = 1 x beams).

Setter expects a one dimensional `np.ndarray` representing the mean dose matrix for the structure. If this optional argument is not provided, the method will attempt to calculate the mean dose from *Structure.A\_full*.

**Raises**

- `TypeError` – If *A\_mean* provided and not of type `np.ndarray`, or if mean dose matrix is to be calculated from *Structure.A\_full*, but full dose matrix is not a conrad-recognized matrix type.
- `ValueError` – If *A\_mean* is not dimensioned as a row or column vector, or number of beams implied by *A\_mean* conflicts with number of beams implied by *Structure.A\_full*.

**\_\_str\_\_()**

String of structure header, objectives, and constraints

**assign\_dose(y)**

Assign dose vector to structure.

**Parameters** *y* – Vector-like input of voxel doses.**Returns** None**Raises** `ValueError` – if structure size is known and incompatible with length of *y*.**boost**

Adjustment factor from prescription dose to optimization dose.

**calc\_y(x)**Calculate voxel doses as: `attr:Structure.y = Structure.A * x`.

**Parameters** **x** – Vector-like input of beam intensities.

**Returns** None

**calculate\_dose** (*beam\_intensities*)  
Alias for *Structure.calc\_y()*.

**collapsible**  
True if optimization can be performed with mean dose only.

**constraints\_string**  
String of structure header and constraints

**dose**  
Dose level targeted in structure’s optimization objective.

The dose has two components: the prescribed dose, *Structure.dose\_rx*, and a multiplicative adjustment factor, *Structure.boost*.

Once the structure’s dose has been initialized, setting *Structure.dose* will change the adjustment factor. This is to distinguish (and allow for differences) between the dose level prescribed to a structure by a clinician and the dose level request to a numerical optimization algorithm that yields a desirable distribution, since the latter may require some offset relative to the former. To change the reference dose level, use the *Structure.dose\_rx* setter.

Setter is no-op for non-target structures, since zero dose is prescribed always.

**Raises**

- *TypeError* – If requested dose does not have units of *DeliveredDose*.
- *ValueError* – If zero dose is requested to a target structure.

**dose\_rx**  
Prescribed dose level.  
Setting this field sets *Structure.dose* to the requested value and *Structure.boost* to 1.

**dose\_unit**  
One times the *DeliveredDose* unit of the structure dose.

**max\_dose**  
Maximum dose to structure’s voxels.

**mean\_dose**  
Average dose to structure’s voxels.

**min\_dose**  
Minimum dose to structure’s voxels.

**objective\_string**  
String of structure header and objectives

**plannable**  
True if structure’s attached data is sufficient for optimization.

**Minimum requirements:**

- Structure size determined, and
- Dose matrix assigned, *or*
- Structure collapsable and mean dose matrix assigned.

**plotting\_data** (*constraints\_only=False, maxlength=None*)

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible plotting data.

Data includes DVH curve, constraints, and prescribed dose.

#### Parameters

- **constraints\_only** (bool, optional) – If True, return only the constraints associated with the structure.
- **maxlength** (int, optional) – If specified, re-sample the structure’s DVH plotting data to have a maximum series length of maxlength.

**reset\_matrices** ()

Reset structure’s dose and mean dose matrices to None

**satisfies** (*constraint*)

Test whether structure’s voxel doses satisfy constraint.

**Parameters** **constraint** (Constraint) – Dose constraint to test against structure’s voxel doses.

**Returns** True if structure’s voxel doses conform to the queried constraint.

**Return type** bool

#### Raises

- **TypeError** – If constraint not of type Constraint.
- **ValueError** – If *Structure.dvh* not initialized or not populated with dose data.

**set\_constraint** (*constr\_id, threshold=None, relop=None, dose=None*)

Modify threshold, relop, and dose of an existing constraint.

#### Parameters

- **constr\_id** (str) – Key to a constraint in *Structure.constraints*.
- **threshold** (*optional*) – Percentile threshold to assign if queried constraint is of type PercentileConstraint, no-op otherwise. Must be compatible with the setter method for PercentileConstraint.percentile.
- **relop** (*optional*) – Inequality constraint sense. Must be compatible with the setter method for Constraint.relop.
- **dose** (*optional*) – Constraint dose. Must be compatible with setter method for Constraint.dose.

**Returns** None

**Raises** **ValueError** – If *constr\_id* is not the key to a constraint in the Constraintlist located at *Structure.constraints*.

**size**

Structure size (i.e., number of voxels in structure).

**Raises** **ValueError** – If size not an int.

**summary** (*percentiles=[2, 25, 75, 98]*)

Dictionary summarizing dose statistics.

**Parameters** **percentiles** (list, optional) – Percentile levels at which to query the structure dose. If not provided, will query doses at default percentile levels of 2%, 25%, 75% and 98%.

**Returns** Dictionary of doses at requested percentiles, plus mean, minimum and maximum voxel doses.

**Return type** dict

**summary\_string**

String of structure header and dose summary

**voxel\_weights**

Voxel weights, or relative volumes of voxels.

The voxel weights are the 1 vector if the structure volume is regularly discretized, and some other set of integer values if voxels are clustered.

**Raises** ValueError – If `Structure.voxel_weights` setter called before `Structure.size` is defined, or if length of input does not match `Structure.size`, or if any of the provided weights are negative.

**y**

Vector of structure’s voxel doses.

**y\_mean**

Value of structure’s mean voxel dose.

## Physics

Define `DoseFrame` and `Physics` classes for treatment planning.

```
class physics.DoseFrame (voxels=None,      beams=None,      data=None,      voxel_labels=None,
                        beam_labels=None,   voxel_weights=None, beam_weights=None,
                        frame_name=None)
```

Describe a reference frame (voxels x beams) for dosing physics.

A `DoseFrame` provides a description of the mathematical basis of the dosing physics, which usually consists of a matrix in  $\mathbf{R}^{\text{voxels} \times \text{beams}}$ , mapping the space of beam intensities,  $\mathbf{R}^{\text{beams}}$  to the space of doses delivered to each voxel,  $\mathbf{R}^{\text{voxels}}$ .

For a given plan, we may require conversions between several related representations of the dose matrix. For instance, the beams may in fact be beamlets that can be coalesced into apertures, or—in order to accelerate the treatment plan optimization—may be clustered or sampled. Similarly, voxels may be clustered or sampled. For voxels, there is also a geometric frame, with  $X * Y * Z$  voxels, where the tuple  $(X, Y, Z)$  gives the dimensions of a regularly discretized grid, the so-called dose grid used in Monte Carlo simulations or ray tracing calculations. Since many of the voxels in this rectangular volume necessarily lie outside of the patient volume, there is only some number of voxels  $m < X * Y * Z$  that are actually relevant to treatment planning.

Accordingly, each `DoseFrame` is intended to capture one such configuration of beams and voxels, with corresponding data on labels and/or weights attached to the configuration. Voxel labels allow each voxel to be mapped to an anatomical or clinical structure used in planning. The concept of beam labels is defined to allow beams to be gathered in logical groups (e.g. beamlets in fluence maps, or apertures in arcs) that may be constrained jointly or treated as a unit in some other way in an optimization context. Voxel and beam weights are defined for accounting purposes: if a `DoseFrame` represents a set of clustered voxels or beams, the associated weights give the number of unitary voxels or beams in each cluster, so that optimization objective terms can be weighted appropriately.

```
__str__()
```

String of `DoseFrame` dimensions.

**beam\_labels**

Vector of labels mapping beams to beam groups.



Setter will also use dimension of input vector to set beam dimensions (*DoseFrame.beams*) if not already assigned at call time.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If provided vector dimensions inconsistent with known frame dimensions.

**beam\_lookup\_by\_label** (*label*)

Get indices of beam labeled *label* in this *DoseFrame*.

**beam\_weights**

Vector of weights assigned to each (meta-)beam.

Setter will also use dimension of input vector to set voxel dimensions (*DoseFrame.beams*) if not already assigned at call time.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If provided vector dimensions inconsistent with known frame dimensions.

**beams**

Number of beams in dose frame.

If *DoseFrame.beam\_weights* has not been assigned at call time, the setter will initialize it to the 1 vector.

**Raises** `ValueError` – If *DoseFrame.beams* already determined. Beam dimension is a write-once property.

**dose\_matrix**

Dose matrix.

Setter will also use dimensions of input matrix to set any dimensions (*DoseFrame.voxels* or *DoseFrame.beams*) that are not already assigned at call time.

**Raises**

- `TypeError` – If input to setter is not a sparse or dense matrix type recognized by conrad.
- `ValueError` – If provided matrix dimensions inconsistent with known frame dimensions.

**static indices\_by\_label** (*label\_vector*, *label*, *vector\_name*)

Retrieve indices of vector entries corresponding to a given value.

**Parameters**

- **label\_vector** – Vector of values to search for entries corresponding
- **label** – Value to find.
- **vector\_name** (`str`) – Name of vector, for use in exception messages.

**Returns** Vector of indices at which the entries of *label\_vector* are equal to *label*.

**Return type** `ndarray`

**Raises**

- `ValueError` – If *label\_vector* is `None`.
- `KeyError` – If *label* not found in *label\_vector*.

**plannable**

True if both dose matrix and voxel label data loaded.

This can be achieved by having a contiguous matrix and a vector of voxel labels indicating the identity of each row of the matrix, or a dictionary of submatrices that map label keys to submatrix values.

**shape**

Frame dimensions,  $\{\mathbf{R}^{\text{voxels} \times \mathbf{R}^{\text{beams}}}\}$ .

**voxel\_labels**

Vector of labels mapping voxels to structures.

Setter will also use dimension of input vector to set voxel dimensions (*DoseFrame.voxels*) if not already assigned at call time.

**Raises** *ValueError* – If provided vector dimensions inconsistent with known frame dimensions.

**voxel\_lookup\_by\_label** (*label*)

Get indices of voxels labeled *label* in this *DoseFrame*.

**voxel\_weights**

Vector of weights assigned to each (meta-)voxel.

Setter will also use dimension of input vector to set voxel dimensions (*DoseFrame.voxels*) if not already assigned at call time.

**Raises** *ValueError* – If provided vector dimensions inconsistent with known frame dimensions.

**voxels**

Number of voxels in dose frame.

If *DoseFrame.voxel\_weights* has not been assigned at call time, the setter will initialize it to the 1 vector.

**Raises** *ValueError* – If *DoseFrame.voxels* already determined. Voxel dimension is a write-once property.

**class** *physics.Physics* (*voxels=None, beams=None, dose\_matrix=None, dose\_grid=None, voxel\_labels=None, \*\*options*)

Class managing all dose-related information for treatment planning.

A *Physics* instance includes one or more *DoseFrames*, each with attached data including voxel dimensions, beam dimensions, a voxel-to-structure mapping, and a dose influence matrix. The class also provides an interface for adding and switching between frames, and extracting data from the active frame.

A *Physics* instance optionally has an associated *VoxelGrid* that represents the dose grid used for dose matrix calculation, and that provides the necessary geometric information for reconstructing and rendering the 3-D dose distribution (or 2-D slices thereof).

**add\_dose\_frame** (*key, \*\*frame\_args*)

Add new *DoseFrame* representation of a dosing configuration.

**Parameters**

- **key** – A new *DoseFrame* will be added to the *Physics* object's dictionary with the key *key*.
- **\*\*frame\_args** – Keyword arguments passed to *DoseFrame* initializer.

**Returns** *None*

**Raises** *ValueError* – If *key* corresponds to an existing key in the *Physics* object's dictionary of dose frames.

**available\_frames**

List of keys to dose frames already attached to *Physics*.

**beam\_weights\_by\_label** (*label*)

Subvector of beam weights, filtered by *label*.

**beams**

Number of beams in current *Physics.frame*.

**change\_dose\_frame** (*key*)

Switch between dose frames already attached to *Physics*.

**data\_loaded**

True if a client has seen data from the current dose frame.

**dose\_grid**

Three-dimensional grid.

**dose\_matrix**

Dose influence matrix for current *Physics.frame*.

**dose\_matrix\_by\_label** (*voxel\_label=None, beam\_label=None*)

Submatrix of dose matrix, filtered by voxel and beam labels.

**Parameters**

- **voxel\_label** (*optional*) – Label for which to build/retrieve submatrix of current *Physics.dose\_matrix* based on row indices for which *voxel\_label* matches the entries of *Physics.voxel\_labels*. All rows returned if no label provided.
- **beam\_label** (*optional*) – Label for which to build/retrieve submatrix of current *Physics.dose\_matrix* based on column indices for which *beam\_label* matches the entries of *Physics.frame.beam\_labels*. All columns returned if no label provided.

**Returns** Submatrix of dose matrix attached to current *Physics.frame*, based on row indices for which *Physics.frame.voxel\_labels* matches the queried *voxel\_label*, and column indices for which *Physics.frame.beam\_labels* matches the queried *beam\_label*.

**frame**

Handle to *DoseFrame* representing current dosing configuration.

**mark\_data\_as\_loaded** ()

Allow clients to mark dose frame data as seen.

**plannable**

True if current frame has both dose matrix and voxel label data

**unique\_frames**

List of unique dose frames attached to *Physics*.

**voxel\_labels**

Vector mapping voxels to structures in current *Physics.frame*.

**voxel\_weights\_by\_label** (*label*)

Subvector of voxel weights, filtered by *label*.

**voxels**

Number of voxels in current *Physics.frame*.

## Optimization

### Treatment Planning as a Convex Problem

Define *PlanningProblem*, interface between *Case* and solvers.

**class** `problem.PlanningProblem`

Interface between *Case* and convex solvers.

Builds and solves specified treatment planning problem using fastest available solver, then extracts solution data and solver metadata (e.g., timing results) for use by clients of the *PlanningProblem* object (e.g., a *Case*).

**solver\_cvxpy**

`SolverCVXPY` or `NoneType`

cvxpy-based solver, if available.

**solver\_pogs**

`SolverOptkit` or `NoneType`

POGS solver, if available.

**solve** (*structures*, *run\_output*, *slack=True*, *exact\_constraints=False*, *\*\*options*)

Run treatment plan optimization.

#### Parameters

- **structures** – Iterable collection of *Structure* objects with attached objective, constraint, and dose matrix information. Build convex model of treatment planning problem using these data.
- **run\_output** (*RunOutput*) – Container for saving solver results.
- **slack** (*bool*, optional) – If *True*, build dose constraints with slack.
- **exact\_constraints** (*bool*, optional) – If *True* *and* at least one structure has a percentile-type dose constraint, execute the two-pass planning algorithm, using convex restrictions of the percentile constraints on the firstpass, and exact versions of the constraints on the second pass.
- **\*\*options** – Arbitrary keyword arguments, passed through to `PlanningProblem.solver.init_problem()` and `PlanningProblem.solver.build()`.

**Returns** Number of feasible solver runs performed: 0 if first pass infeasible, 1 if first pass feasible, 2 if two-pass method requested and both passes feasible.

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `ValueError` – If no solvers available.

**solver**

Get active solver (CVXPY or OPTKIT/POGS).

### Convex Solvers

Define solver using the `cvxpy` module, if available.

For np.information on `cvxpy`, see: <http://www.cvxpy.org/en/latest/>

If `conrad.defs.module_installed()` routine does not find the module `cvxpy`, the variable `SolverCVXPY` is still defined in this module's namespace as a lambda returning `None` with the same method signature as the initializer for `SolverCVXPY`. If `cvxpy` is found, the class is defined normally.

```
solver_cvxpy.SOLVER_DEFAULT
    str
```

Default solver, set to 'SCS' if module `scs` is installed, otherwise set to 'ECOS'.

Define POGS-based solver using `optkit`, if available.

For information on POGS, see: <https://foges.github.io/pogs/>

For information on `optkit`, see: <https://github.com/bungun/optkit>

If `conrad.defs.module_installed()` does not find the `optkit`, the variable `SolverOptkit` is still defined in the module namespace as a lambda returning `None` with the same method signature as the initializer for `SolverOptkit`. If `optkit` is found, the class is defined normally.

## CVXPY solver interface

```
class solver_cvxpy.SolverCVXPY (n_beams=None, **options)
```

Interface between `conrad` and `cvxpy` optimization library.

`SolverCVXPY` interprets `conrad` treatment planning problems (based on structures with attached objectives, dose constraints, and dose matrices) to build equivalent convex optimization problems using `cvxpy`'s syntax.

The class provides an interface to modify, run, and retrieve solutions from optimization problems that can be executed on a CPU (or GPU, if `scs` installed with appropriate backend libraries).

### problem

```
cvxpy.Minimize
```

CVXPY representation of optimization problem.

### constraint\_dual\_vars

```
dict
```

Dictionary, keyed by constraint ID, of dual variables associated with each dose constraint in the CVXPY problem representation. The dual variables' values are stored here after each optimization run for access by clients of the `SolverCVXPY` object.

### build (structures, exact=False, \*\*options)

Update `cvxpy` optimization based on structure data.

Extract dose matrix, target doses, and objective weights from structures.

Use doses and weights to add minimization terms to `SolverCVXPY.problem.objective`. Use dose constraints to extend `SolverCVXPY.problem.constraints`.

(When constraints include slack variables, a penalty on each slack variable is added to the objective.)

**Parameters** `structures` – Iterable collection of `Structure` objects.

**Returns** String documenting how data in `structures` were parsed to form an optimization problem.

**Return type** `str`

### clear ()

Reset `cvxpy` problem to minimal representation.

**The minimal representation consists of:**

- An empty objective (Minimize 0),
- A nonnegativity constraint on the vector of beam intensities ( $x \geq 0$ ).

**Reset dictionaries of:**

- Slack variables (all dose constraints),
- Dual variables (all dose constraints), and
- Slope variables for convex restrictions (percentile dose constraints).

**get\_dual\_value** (*constr\_id*)

Retrieve dual variable for queried constraint.

**Parameters** **constr\_id** (*str*) – ID of queried constraint.

**Returns** None if *constr\_id* does not correspond to a registered dual variable. Value of dual variable otherwise.

**get\_dvh\_slope** (*constr\_id*)

Retrieve slope variable for queried constraint.

**Parameters** **constr\_id** (*str*) – ID of queried constraint.

**Returns** None if *constr\_id* does not correspond to a registered slope variable. ‘NaN’ (as `numpy.nan`) if constraint built as exact. Reciprocal of slope variable otherwise.

**get\_slack\_value** (*constr\_id*)

Retrieve slack variable for queried constraint.

**Parameters** **constr\_id** (*str*) – ID of queried constraint.

**Returns** None if *constr\_id* does not correspond to a registered slack variable. 0 if corresponding constraint built without slack. Value of slack variable if constraint built with slack.

**init\_problem** (*n\_beams*, *use\_slack=True*, *use\_2pass=False*, *\*\*options*)

Initialize `cvxpy` variables and problem components.

Create a `cvxpy.Variable` of length-*n\_beams* to represent the beam intensities. Invoke `SolverCVXPY.clear()` to build minimal problem.

**Parameters**

- **n\_beams** (*int*) – Number of candidate beams in plan.
- **use\_slack** (*bool*, optional) – If *True*, next invocation of `SolverCVXPY.build()` will build dose constraints with slack variables.
- **use\_2pass** (*bool*, optional) – If *True*, next invocation of `SolverCVXPY.build()` will build percentile-type dose constraints as exact constraints instead of convex restrictions thereof, assuming other requirements are met.
- **\*\*options** – Arbitrary keyword arguments.

**Returns** None

**n\_beams**

Number of candidate beams in treatment plan.

**objective\_value**

Objective value at end of solve.

**solve** (*\*\*options*)

Execute optimization of a previously built planning problem.

**Parameters** **\*\*options** – Keyword arguments specifying solver options, passed to `cvxpy.Problem.solve()`.

**Returns** True if cvxpy solver converged.

**Return type** bool

**Raises** `ValueError` – If specified solver is neither ‘SCS’ nor ‘ECOS’.

**solveiters**

Number of solver iterations performed.

**solvetime**

Solver run time.

**status**

Solver status.

**x**

Vector variable of beam intensities, `x`.

**x\_dual**

Dual variable corresponding to constraint `x >= 0`.

## POGS solver interface

`solver_optkit.SolverOptkit`

alias of `<lambda>`

Define `Case`, the top level interface for treatment planning.

**class** `case.Case` (*anatomy=None, physics=None, prescription=None, suppress\_rx\_constraints=False*)

Top level interface for treatment planning.

A `Case` has four major components.

`Case.physics` is of type `Physics`, and contains physical information for the case, including the number of voxels, beams, beam layout, voxel labels and dose influence matrix.

`Case.anatomy` is of type `Antomy`, and manages the structures in the patient anatomy, including optimization objectives and dose constraints applied to each structure.

`Case.prescription` is of type `Prescription`, and specifies a clinical prescription for the case, including prescribed doses for target structures and prescribed dose constraints (e.g., RTOG recommendations).

`Case.problem` is of type `PlanningProblem`, and is a tool that forms and manages the mathematical representation of treatment planning problem specified by case anatomy, physics and prescription; it serves as the interface to convex solvers that run the treatment plan optimization.

**A**

Dose matrix from current planning frame of `Case.physics`.

**add\_constraint** (*structure\_label, constraint*)

Add constraint to structure specified by `structure_label`.

**Parameters**

- **structure\_label** – Must correspond to label or name of a `Structure` in `Case.anatomy`.
- **constraint** (`conrad.medicine.Constraint`) – Dose constraint to add to constraint list of specified structure.

**Returns** None

**anatomy**

Container for all planning structures.

**calculate\_doses** (*x*)

Calculate voxel doses for each structure in *Case.anatomy*.

**Parameters** *x* – Vector-like np.array of beam intensities.

**Returns** None

**change\_constraint** (*constr\_id*, *threshold=None*, *direction=None*, *dose=None*)

Modify constraint in *Case*.

If *constr\_id* is a valid key to a constraint in the `ConstraintList` attached to one of the structures in *Case.anatomy*, that constraint will be modified according to the remaining arguments. Call is no-op if key does not exist.

**Parameters**

- **constr\_id** – Key to a constraint on one of the structures in *Case.anatomy*.
- **threshold** (*optional*) – If constraint in question is a `PercentileConstraint`, percentile threshold set to this value. No effect otherwise.
- **direction** (*str*, *optional*) – Constraint direction set to this value. Should be one of: '<' or '>'.
- **dose** (`DeliveredDose`, *optional*) – Constraint dose level set to this value.

**Returns** None

**change\_objective** (*label*, *\*\*objective\_parameters*)

Modify objective for structure in *Case*.

**Parameters**

- **label** – Label or name of a Structure in *Case.anatomy*.
- **\*\*options** –

**Returns** None

**clear\_constraints** ()

Remove all constraints from all structures in *Case*.

**Parameters** None –

**Returns** None

**drop\_constraint** (*constr\_id*)

Remove constraint from case.

If *constr\_id* is a valid key to a constraint in the `ConstraintList` attached to one of the structures in *Case.anatomy*, that constraint will be removed from the structure's constraint list. Call is no-op if key does not exist.

**Parameters** *constr\_id* – Key to a constraint on one of the structures in *Case.anatomy*.

**Returns** None

**gather\_physics\_from\_anatomy** ()

Gather dose matrices from structures.

**Parameters** None –



**Returns** None

**Raises** `AttributeError` – If `case.physics.dose_matrix` is already set.

**load\_physics\_to\_anatomy** (*overwrite=False*)

Transfer data from physics to each structure.

The label associated with each structure in `Case.anatomy` is used to retrieve the dose matrix data and voxel weights from `Case.physics` for the voxels bearing that label.

The method marks the `Case.physics.dose_matrix` as seen, in order to prevent redundant data transfers.

**Parameters** **overwrite** (bool, optional) – If `True`, dose matrix data from `Case.physics` will overwrite dose matrices assigned to each structure in `Case.anatomy`.

**Returns** None

**Raises** `ValueError` – If `Case.anatomy` has assigned dose matrices, `Case.physics` not marked as having updated dose matrix data, and flag `overwrite` set to `False`.

**n\_beams**

Number of beams in current planning frame of `Case.physics`.

**n\_structures**

Number of structures in `Case.anatomy`.

**n\_voxels**

Number of voxels in current planning frame of `Case.physics`.

**physics**

Patient anatomy, contains all dose physics information.

**plan** (*use\_slack=True, use\_2pass=False, \*\*options*)

Invoke numerical solver to optimize plan, given state of `Case`.

At call time, the objectives, dose constraints, dose matrix, and other relevant data associated with each structure in `Case.anatomy` is passed to `Case.problem` to build and solve a convex optimization problem.

**Parameters**

- **use\_slack** (bool, optional) – Allow slacks on each dose constraint.
- **use\_2pass** (bool, optional) – Execute two-pass planing method to enforce exact versions, rather than convex restrictions of any percentile-type dose constraints included in the plan.
- **\*\*options** – Arbitrary keyword arguments. Passed through to `Case.problem.solve()`.

**Returns** Tuple with bool indicator of planning problem feasibility and a `RunRecord` with data from the setup, execution and output of the planning run.

**Return type** tuple

**Raises** `ValueError` – If case not plannable due to missing information.

**plannable**

True if case meets minimum requirements for `Case.plan()` call.

**Parameters** None –

**Returns** True if anatomy has one or more target structures and dose matrices from the case physics.

**Return type** `bool`

**plotting\_data** (*x=None, constraints\_only=False, maxlength=None*)

Dictionary of matplotlib-compatible plotting data.

Includes data for dose volume histograms, prescribed doses, and dose volume (percentile) constraints for each structure in *Case.anatomy*.

**Parameters**

- **x** (*optional*) – Vector of beam intensities from which to calculate structure doses prior to emitting plotting data.
- **constraints\_only** (`bool`, *optional*) – If `True`, only include each structure’s constraint data in returned dictionary.
- **maxlength** (`int`, *optional*) – If specified, re-sample each structure’s DVH plotting data to have a maximum series length of `maxlength`.

**Returns** Plotting data for each structure, keyed by structure label.

**Return type** `dict`

**prescription**

Container for clinical goals and limits.

Structure list from prescription used to populate *Case.anatomy* if anatomy is empty when *Case.prescription* setter is invoked.

**problem**

Object managing numerical optimization setup and results.

**propagate\_doses** (*y*)

Split voxel dose vector *y* into doses for each structure in *Case.anatomy*.

**Parameters** **y** – Vector-like `np.array` of voxel doses, or dictionary mapping structure labels to voxel dose subvectors,

**structures**

Dictionary of structures contained in *Case.anatomy*.

**transfer\_rx\_constraints\_to\_anatomy** ()

Push constraints in prescription onto structures in anatomy.

Assume each structure label represented in *Case.prescription* is represented in *Case.anatomy*. Any existing constraints on structures in *Case.anatomy* are preserved.

**Parameters** **None** –

**Returns** `None`

## 1.3 Treatment Planning Workflow

### 1.3.1 Treatment Planning Workflow

#### Planning History

Define classes used to record solver inputs/outputs and maintain a treatment planning history.

**class** `history.PlanningHistory`

Class for tracking treatment plans generated by a *Case*.

**runs**  
list of *RunRecord*  
List of treatment plans in history, in chronological order.

**run\_tags**  
dict  
Dictionary mapping tags of named plans to their respective indices in *PlanningHistory.runs*

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*key*)  
Overload operator [].  
Allow slicing syntax for plan retrieval.  
**Parameters** **key** – Key corresponding to a tagged treatment plan, or index of a plan in the history’s list of plans.  
**Returns** Record of solver inputs and outputs from requested treatment planning run.  
**Return type** *RunRecord*  
**Raises** *ValueError* – If *key* is neither the key to a tagged run nor a positive integer than or equal to the number of plans in the history.

**\_\_iadd\_\_** (*other*)  
Overload operator +=.  
Extend case history by appending *other* to *PlanningHistory.runs*.  
**Parameters** **other** (*RunRecord*) – Treatment plan to append to history.  
**Returns** Updated *PlanningHistory* object.  
**Raises** *TypeError* – If *other* not of type *RunRecord*.

**last\_feasible**  
Solver feasibility flag from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_info**  
Solver info from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_solvetime**  
Solver runtime from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_solvetime\_exact**  
Second-pass solver runtime from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_x**  
Vector of beam intensities from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_x\_exact**  
Second-pass beam intensities from most recent treatment plan.

**no\_run\_check** (*property\_name*)  
Test whether history includes any treatment plans.  
Helper method for property getter methods.  
**Parameters** **property\_name** (*str*) – Name to use in error message if exception raised.  
**Returns** *None*  
**Raises** *ValueError* – If no treatment plans exist in history, i.e., *PlanningHistory.runs* has length zero.

**tag\_last** (*tag*)

Tag most recent treatment plan in history.

**Parameters** **tag** – Name to apply to most recently added treatment plan. Plan can then be retrieved with slicing syntax:

```
# (history is a :class:`PlanningHistory` instance)
history[tag]
```

**Returns** None

**Raises** ValueError – If no treatment plans exist in history.

**class** `history.RunOutput`

Record of solver outputs associated with a treatment planning run.

**optimal\_variables**

dict

Dictionary of optimal variables returned by solver. At a minimum, has entries for the beam intensity vectors for the first-pass and second-pass solver runs. May include entries for:

- x (beam intensities),
- y (voxel doses),
- mu (dual variable for constraint  $x \geq 0$ ), and
- nu (dual variable for constraint  $Ax == y$ ).

**optimal\_dvh\_slopes**

dict

Dictionary of optimal slopes associated with the convex restriction of each percentile-type dose constraint. Keyed by constraint ID.

**solver\_info**

dict

Dictionary of solver information. At a minimum, has entries solver run time (first pass/restricted constraints, and second pass/exact constraints).

**solvetime**

Run time for first-pass solve (restricted dose constraints).

**solvetime\_exact**

Run time for second-pass solve (exact dose constraints).

**x**

Optimal beam intensities from first-pass solve.

**x\_exact**

Optimal beam intensities from second-pass solve.

**class** `history.RunProfile` (*structures=None, use\_slack=True, use\_2pass=False, gamma='default'*)

Record of solver input associated with a treatment planning run.

**use\_slack**

bool

True if solver allowed to construct convex problem with slack variables for each dose constraint.

**use\_2pass**

bool

True if solver requested to construct and solve two problems, one incorporating convex restrictions of all percentile-type dose constraints, and a second problem formulating exact constraints based on the feasible output of the first solver run.

#### **objectives**

dict

Dictionary of objective data associated with each structure in plan, keyed by structure labels.

#### **constraints**

dict

Dictionary of constraint data for each dose constraint on each structure in plan, keyed by constraint ID.

#### **gamma**

Master scaling applied to slack penalty term in objective when dose constraint slacks allowed.

#### **pull\_constraints** (*structures*)

Extract and store dictionaries of constraint data from *structures*.

**Parameters** *structures* – Iterable collection of *Structure* objects.

**Returns** None

#### **pull\_objectives** (*structures*)

Extract and store dictionaries of objective data from *structures*.

**Parameters** *structures* – Iterable collection of *Structure* objects.

**Returns** None

**class** *history*.**RunRecord** (*structures=None, use\_slack=True, use\_2pass=False, gamma='default'*)

#### **profile**

*RunProfile*

Record of the objective weights, dose constraints, and relevant solver options passed to the convex solver prior to planning.

#### **output**

*RunOutput*

Output from the solver, including optimal beam intensities, i.e., the treatment plan.

#### **plotting\_data**

dict

Dictionary of plotting data from case, with entries corresponding to the first (and potentially only) plan formed by the solver, as well as the exact-constraint version of the same plan, if the two-pass planning method was invoked.

#### **feasible**

Solver feasibility flag from solver output.

#### **info**

Solver information from solver output.

#### **nonzero\_beam\_count**

Number of active beams in first-pass solution.

#### **nonzero\_beam\_count\_exact**

Number of active beams in second-pass solution.

**solvetime**

Run time for first-pass solve (restricted dose constraints).

**solvetime\_exact**

Run time for second-pass solve (exact dose constraints).

**x**

Optimal beam intensities from first-pass solution.

**x\_exact**

Optimal beam intensities from second-pass solution.

**x\_pass1**

Alias for *RunRecord.x*.

**x\_pass2**

Alias for *RunRecord.x\_exact*.

## Visualization

Dose volume histogram plotting utilities.

Provides *CasePlotter* for conveniently plotting DVH curve data generated by calling *Case.plan()*.

If *matplotlib* is available, plotting types such as *CasePlotter* types are defined normally.

This switch allows *conrad* to install, load and operate without Python plotting capabilities, and exempts *matplotlib* from being a load-time requirement.

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