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# CHAPTER 1

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## Tutorial

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### 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.

##### **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*

## 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']
```

**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

**satisfies\_prescription** (*constraint\_dict, satisfaction\_tol=0.0*)

Check whether anatomy satisfies supplied constraints.

:param dict: Dictionary of *ConstraintList* objects :param keyed by structure labels.:

**Returns** True if each structure in

**Return type** int

**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`.

**assign\_dose** (*voxel\_doses*)

Alias for `Structure.assign_y()`.

**assign\_y** (*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()`.

**collapsable**

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, satisfaction\_tol=0.0*)

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, **options)
```

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.

#### **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

### CVXPY solver interface

### POGS solver interface

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 *Anatomy*, 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.

**anatomy\_for\_frame** (*frame\_name*)

**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*, *frame='active'*)

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

## Treatment Planning Workflow

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#### 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`

#### **last\_feasible**

Solver feasibility flag from most recent treatment plan.

#### **last\_info**

Solver info from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_solve\_time**

Solver runtime from most recent treatment plan.

**last\_solve\_time\_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).

**solve\_time**

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

**solve\_time\_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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