## 1117-90-462 Lakmali P Weerasena\*, lweeras@g.clemson.edu, and Banu Soylu and Margaret Wiecek. An algorithm to approximate the solutions of the multiobjective set covering problem.

The multiobjective set covering problem (MOSCP) is a challenging multiobjective combinatorial optimization problem. An algorithm is proposed to approximate/compute elements in the solution set of the MOSCP. Unlike other approaches in the literature, the algorithm estimates the cost of each set when constructing a feasible solution to the problem. Numerical experiments are conducted on small and large-sized bi-objective and three-objective set covering problems. The experiments confirm that the proposed algorithm performs well on the MOSCP. (Received January 19, 2016)