# NEC Vector Annealing Service 2.0 User's Guide

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#### Foreword

This user's guide explains the initial setting and usage of NEC Vector Annealing Service 2.0.

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## 1.NEC Vector Annealing service 2.0

- NEC Vector Annealing service 2.0 is the cloud service of Vector Annealing software, which NEC researched and developed with incorporating suitable proprietary algorithm for annealing processing, on NEC's vector supercomputer "SX-Aurora TSUBASA".
- This algorithm can solve combinatorial optimization problems efficiently by utilizing various constraints imposed in practical situations and by narrowing the search range of solutions.
- This makes it possible to achieve ultrahigh-speed processing of large-scale combinatorial optimization problems by performing matrix calculations on "SX-Aurora TSUBASA" with large memory



### 2.Initial set up

#### Preparation

Please prepare the following in advance for connection.

- Internet environment
- Connection terminal (WindowsorLinux)
- Email address for account registration(For each person in charge)
- Python3.8
- PyQUBO Library to convert Formulated combinatorial optimal problem into QUBO input file. The user uploads QUBO input file converted by PyQUBO.

※ It is possible to calculate the QUBO input file generated only by PyQUBO or numpy in NEC's Vector Annealing cloud service.

### 2.Initial set up

#### Flow of use

- (1) NEC registers the account information (e-mail address) described in the application form.
- (2) NEC inform the user of tenant ID, user ID, temporary password, and URL information for official password registration by email.
- (3) User registers official password in URL.
- (4) User installs SAC Service Client, which NEC provides, in user's environment
- (5) User generates QUBO input file Annealing in the customer's environment.
  - NEC recommends that User should use PyQUBO to generate QUOBO input file for Vector Annealing.
- (6) User logs into NEC's Vector Annealing Cloud Service with user ID and official password, and send QUBO input file.
- (7) User receives the output file from NEC's Vector Annealing Cloud Service and checks the results.

#### 2.Initial set up

#### Install SAC Service Client

(1) Install whlFile (sacservice-2.0.2-py3-none-any.whl) to the user's environment which Python3.8 is installed.(2) Execute the following

pip install sacservice-2.0.2-py3-none-any.whl

#### Verifying the Installation

- Execute the following in your environment with Python3.8 pip freeze
- ② Check if "sacservice" exists in the output package. if it exists, the installation is completed without problems.

#### 3-1.APIlist

| API          | Usage                                    |
|--------------|--|
| init_sac( )  | initialization process (including Login) |
| solve_qubo() | Calculation execution                    |

#### Sample image

| <pre>1 from SACService import SACServiceClient 2 # Object Creation 3 sac = SACServiceClient() 4 # Initialization process 5 init_param = { 6 'user_id': 'test_user', 7 'password': 'abcdefg' 8 }</pre> |
|---|
| 9   |
| 10 sac init sac(init param)   |
| 10 Sac.init_Sac(init_parant)  |
|   |
| 12 solve_param = {  |
| 13 'offset': 0,   |
| 14 'num_reads': 1,  |
| 15 'timeout': 100   |
| 16 }  |
| 17 result = sac.solve_gubo(gubo, solve_param)   |
| 18 print(result)  |
|   |

- 3-2.parameter
  - 3-2-1 Parameter of init\_param

| Name     | type | explanation | Required |
|----------|------|-------------|----------|
| userld   | str  | USERID      | Yes      |
| password | str  | PASSWORD    | Yes      |
| proxy    | str  | PROXY       | -        |
| api_url  | str  | Access URL  | -        |

#### 3-2-2 Parameter of solve\_param

#### **Required parameters**

| No | Entry item | Туре  | Description  | Required | Default | Single*/MPI | Configurable value<br>*Just enterable value for reference |
|----|------------|-------|--|----------|---------|-------------|---|
| 1  | offset     | float | Offset for the<br>normalized weight<br>information stored in<br>the qubo | Yes      | -       | Common      | Between -3.402823E+38 and 3.402823E+38                    |

#### Optional parameters

| No     | Entry item               | Туре                   | Description   | Required | Default            | Single*/MPI      | Configurable value  |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|----------|--------------------|------------------|---|
| 1<br>2 | num_reads<br>num_results | int<br>int             | VA sampling rate<br>Number of VA<br>annealing results | -        | 1                  | Common<br>Common | Between 1 and 20<br>Returns only the optimal solution when 1 or None<br>is specified.<br>Returns all results when the same value as<br>num_reads is specified.            |
| 3      | num_sweeps               | int                    | Number of VA<br>annealing sweeps                      | -        | 500                | Common           | Between 1 and 100000  |
| 4      | beta_range               | [float,<br>float, int] | VA beta value<br>[start, end, steps]<br>format        | -        | [10.0, 100.0, 200] | Common           | start<br>Between 1.1754945E-38 and 3.402823E+38<br>or end or less<br>end:<br>Between 1.1754945E-38 and 3.402823E+38<br>or start or more<br>steps:<br>Between 1 and 100000 |
|        |                          |                        |   |          |                    |                  |   |

#### 3-2-2 Parameter of solve\_param

#### Optional parameters

| No | Entry item  | Туре            | Description  | Required | Default  | Single/MPI | Configurable value<br>*Just enterable value for reference  |
|----|-------------|-----------------|--|----------|----------|------------|--|
| 5  | beta_list   | [float, float,] | Beta value array for<br>each VA sweep  | -        | -        | Common     | Between 1.1754945E-38 and 3.402823E+38   |
| 6  | dense       | bool            | VA matrix mode   | _        | None     | Common     | True: dense matrix mode<br>False: operates in sparse matrix mode.<br>None: automatic selection according to the<br>QUBO density. |
| 7  | vector_mode | str             | Mode during VA<br>annealing  | -        | accuracy | Single     | speed/accuracy<br>speed: annealing in speed priority mode.<br>accuracy: annealing in accuracy priority mode.                     |
| 8  | timeout     | int             | Job execution timeout<br>value<br>Set the waiting time<br>limit (*) to wait until the<br>completion of<br>annealing ,if necessary. | _        | 1800     | Common     | Standard : Between 1 and 7200<br>Professional : 0  |

#### 3-2-2 Parameters of solve\_param

#### **Optional Parameters**

| N  | ltem           | Туре      | Description                        | Required | Single/MPI | Setting example   |
|----|----------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|---|
| 9  | Ve_num         | Int       | Number of VEs used in VA annealing | 1        | MPI        | Between 1 and the number of VEs installed on each server.                     |
| 10 | onehot         | list      | VA onehot constraint parameter     | -        | Common     | [["x[0]", "x[1]"], ["x[2]", "x[3]"],]   |
| 11 | fixed          | list/dict | VA fixed constraint parameter      | -        | Common     | {"x[0]": 1, "x[1]": 0,}<br>[["x[0]":1], ["x[1]", 0],]                         |
| 12 | andzero        | list      | VA andzero constraint parameter    | -        | Common     | [["x[0]", "x[1]"], ["x[2]", "x[3]"],]   |
| 13 | orone          | list      | VA orone constraint parameter      | -        | Common     | [["x[0]", "x[1]"], ["x[2]", "x[3]"],]   |
| 14 | suppleme<br>nt | list      | VA supplement constraint parameter | -        | Common     | [["y[0]", "x[0]", "x[1]"], ["y[1]", "x[0]", "x[1]"],]                         |
| 15 | maxone         | list      | VA maxone constraint parameter     | -        | Common     | [[1, ["x[0]", "x[1]", "x[2]"]], [2 ["x[3]", "x[4]",<br>"x[5]"]]]              |
| 16 | minmaxo<br>ne  | list      | VA minmaxone constraint parameter  | -        | Common     | [[1, 2, ["x[0]", "x[1]", "x[2]"]], [2 3,["x[3]",<br>"x[4]", "x[5]", "x[6]"]]] |
| 17 | init_spin      | list/dict | VA init_spin parameter             | -        | Common     | {"x[0]": 1, "x[1]": 0,}<br>[["x[0]":1], ["x[1]", 0]]                          |
| 18 | spin_list      | list      | VA spin_list parameter             | -        | Common     | ["x[0]", "x[1]", "x[2]",]   |

\* For details, see 4. How to use the flip option"

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#### 3-3.response

| Name   | type | explanation  | value  |
|--------|------|--|--|
| result | list | Indicates the return value of the<br>execution result. Returns a list of one<br>or more dicts containing the following<br>items: | dict list containing constraint /energy/<br>memory_usage/ spin/ time |

| Item         | Description                        | Туре                              | Supplement                |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| constraint   | Spin constraint satisfaction state | bool                              | -                         |
| energy       | Energy value                       | float                             | -                         |
| memory_usage | VA memory usage                    | float                             | Output in unit of GiB     |
| spin         | Spin result                        | dict {"Spin name": spin<br>state} | -                         |
| time         | VA operation time                  | float                             | Output in unit of seconds |

### 4. How to use the flip option

#### What is the Flip Option

- A function that can reduce the amount of computation by searching only solution spaces that satisfy constraints
  - Example: In case the constraint is only one becomes 1 out of  $x1 \sim x10$  spin of (0/1).

Even if the spin is reversed during searching,  $x1 \sim x10$  is inverted to satisfy the above constraints.



## 4. How to use Flip Option (1/8)

By specifying Flip option, you can efficiently obtain the results in a simulation.
 \*These options must be included in Hamiltonian's formulation.

Sample code: Traveling salesman problem



## 4. How to use Flip Option (2/8)

#### One hot constraint

• The constraint that one of the spin states is "1" in the specified group of spin



## 4. How to use Flip Option (3/8)

#### Fixed spin constraint

\*Only this option does not need to be included in Hamiltonian's formulation.

• The constraint that specifies the state of spin to the specified value (0/1)



## 4. How to use Flip Option (4/8)

#### And zero constraint

• The constraint that at least one of the spin states is "0" in the specified group of spin



## 4. How to use Flip Option (5/8)

Or one constraint

• The constraint that at least one of the spin states is "1" in the specified group of spin



## 4. How to use Flip Option (6/8)

#### Cubic supplement constraint

• The constraint that spin( $x_1, x_2, y_1$ ) always has a value that satisfies expression  $y_1 = x_1 x_2$ 



#### \*Need the following Hamiltonian that satisfied expression $y_1 = x_1 x_2$

Hamiltonian formulation sample)

Hp1 = x[0,0]\*x[0,1]-2\*x[0,0]\*y[0]-2\*x[0,1]\*y[0]+3\*y[0] Hp2 = x[1,0]\*x[1,1]-2\*x[1,0]\*y[1]-2\*x[1,1]\*y[1]+3\*y[1]Hp3 = x[2,0]\*x[2,1]-2\*x[2,0]\*y[2]-2\*x[2,1]\*y[2]+3\*y[2]

## 4. How to use Flip Option (7/8)

#### Max one count constraint

• The constraint that the number of spins having the "1" state in the specified group is equal to or less than the specified number.



## 4. How to use Flip Option (8/8)

#### Min max one constraint

• The constraint that the number of spins having the "1" state in the specified group is equal to the specified range.

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-The range parameter is defined as [ MIN, MAX, [ spin0, spin1, spin2, .... ] ]
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In the case of MIN = < MAX

MIN = < the number of spins having the "1" state = < MAX

In the case of MIN > MAX

the number of spins having the "1" state = < MAX or MIN = < the number of spins having the "1" state



## How to specify the initial spin state

#### How to specify the initial spin state

- You can specify the spin state when annealing starts in the following two ways
  - Specify "Fixed spin" constraint for the model
  - -Because "Fixed spin" constraint is the constrained condition that specifies the spin being a fixation, it is possible to apply the state of the specified spin to the initial spin state.
  - Specify the initial spin state at the call of the annealing
- Action
  - specify the initial spin state to the initial value when annealing starts
  - If you specify a different value for the same spin, set the value with the following priority
- 1. The condition specified "Fixed spin" constraint for the model
- 2. The condition specified the initial spin state at the call of the annealing

| Sample code:        | <pre>spin_state = {     'x[0][0]':0,     'x[1][1]':1,     'x[2][3]':1,</pre> | Initial spin state is specified by a combination o<br>Spins that are not included are treated as no in<br>determined by a random spin state at the start | of spin name and spin state (0/1).<br>itial value, and the initial value is<br>of the annealing. |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
|                     | }  | Specinitia   | cify the dictionary type data which stores the al value of the spin for init_spin.               |
| EC Corporation 2023 | solve_param = { '  | 'offset': offset, 'num_reads': 5, <b>'init_spin': spin_st</b>  | ate }  |

| Error code | Error message                    |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| S100       | queryStringParameters is missing |
| S101       | user_id is missing               |
| S102       | password is missing              |
| S103       | authentication error.            |
| S104       | authentication error.            |
| S105       | body is missing                  |
| S106       | qubo_size is missing             |
| S107       | offset is missing                |
| S108       | authentication error.            |
| S109       | body is missing                  |
| S110       | requestId is missing             |
| S111       | authentication error.            |
| S112       | requestId is not exist           |
| S113       | authentication error.            |
| S114       | authentication error.            |
| S115       | body is missing                  |
| S116       | requestId is missing             |
| S117       | requestId is not exist           |
| S118       | Authorization is missing         |
| S119       | refresh-token is missing         |

| Error code | Error message   |
|------------|---|
| S120       | authentication error.                                 |
| S121       | authentication error.                                 |
| S122       | body is missing                                       |
| S123       | requestId is missing                                  |
| S124       | authentication error.                                 |
| S125       | body is missing                                       |
| S126       | requestId is missing                                  |
| S127       | authentication error.                                 |
| S128       | authentication error.                                 |
| S129       | body is missing                                       |
| S130       | requestId is missing                                  |
| S131       | authentication error.                                 |
| S200       | offset is not of type float. value = ※variable        |
| S201       | qubo_size is not of type int. value = ※variable       |
| S202       | num_reads is not of type int. value = ※variable       |
| S203       | num_results is not of type int. value = %variable     |
| S204       | num_sweeps is not of type int. value = ※variable      |
| S205       | bata_range is not of type list. value = ※variable     |
| S206       | beta_range[0] is not of type float. value = %variable |
| S207       | beta_range[1] is not of type float. value = %variable |

| Error code  | Error message   |
|-------------|---|
| S208        | beta_range[2] is not of type int. value = %variable         |
| S209        | beta_list is not of type list. value = ※variable            |
| S210        | beta_list[%variable] is not of type int. value = %variable  |
| S211        | vector_mode is not of type str. value = ※variable           |
| S212        | timeout is not of type int. value = ※variable               |
| S213        | ve_num is not of type int. value = %variable                |
| S214        | onehot is not of type list. value = ※variable               |
| S215        | fixed is not of type list. value = ※variable                |
| S216        | andzero is not of type list. value = ※variable              |
| S217        | orone is not of type list. value = ※variable                |
| S218        | supplement is not of type list. value = ※variable           |
| S219        | maxone is not of type list. value = ※variable               |
| S220        | minmaxone is not of type list. value = %variable            |
| S221        | init_spin is not of type list. value = Xvariable            |
| S222        | spin_list is not of type list. value = ※variable            |
| S300        | offset is overflow. Must be set to 3.402823E+38 or below.   |
| <u>S300</u> | offset is underflow. Must be set to -3.402823E+38 or above. |
| S301        | qubo_size is overflow. Must be set to %variable or below.   |
| S301        | qubo_size is underflow. Must be set to 0 or above.          |

| Error code | Error message   |
|------------|---|
| S302       | num_reads is overflow. Must be set to 20 or below.                                  |
| S302       | num_reads is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                                  |
| S303       | num_results is overflow. Must be set to 20 or below.                                |
| S303       | num_results is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                                |
| S304       | num_sweeps is overflow. Must be set to 100000 or below.                             |
| S304       | num_sweeps is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                                 |
| S305       | number of elements in beta_range is not 3. The number of elements must be set to 3. |
| S306       | beta_range[0] is overflow. Must be set to %variable or below.                       |
| S306       | beta_range[0] is underflow. Must be set to 1.1754945E-<br>38 or above.              |
| S307       | beta_range[1] is overflow. Must be set to 3.402823E+38 or below.                    |
| S307       | beta_range[1] is underflow. Must be set to 1.1754945E-<br>38 or above.              |
| S308       | beta_range[2] is overflow. Must be set to 100000 or below.                          |
| S308       | beta_range[2] is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                              |
| S309       | beta_list[ $\times$ variable] is overflow. Must be set to 3.402823E+38 or below.    |
| S309       | beta_list[%variable] is underflow. Must be set to 1.1754945E-38 or above.           |



| Error code | Error message   |
|------------|---|
| S310       | dense is invalid. Must be set to True or False or None.                         |
| S311       | vector_mode is invalid. Must be set to speed or accuracy.                       |
| S312       | timeout is invalid. Must be set to 0  |
| S313       | timeout is overflow. Must be set to 7200 or below.                              |
| S313       | timeout is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                                |
| S314       | ve_num is overflow. Must be set to 8 or below.                                  |
| S314       | ve_num is underflow. Must be set to 1 or above.                                 |
| S315       | ve_num is overflow. Must be set to 1.   |
| S316       | ve_num exceeds number of contracts. Must be set to number of contract or below. |
| S317       | ve_num is overflow. Must be set to ※可変 or below.                                |
| S318       | ve_num exceeds number of contracts. Must be set to number of contract or below. |
| E300       | The onehot flip option you entered is not a list type.                          |
| E301       | The group for the onehot flip option you entered is not a list type.            |
| E302       | The spin name for the onehot flip option you entered is not str type.           |
| E303       | The fixed flip option you entered is not a list type or a dict type.            |

| Error code | Error message   |
|------------|---|
| E304       | The spin name of the dict type fixed flip option you entered is not a str type.   |
| E305       | The spin state of the dict type fixed flip option you entered is not an int type. |
| E307       | The spin name of the list type fixed flip option you entered is not a str type.   |
| E308       | The spin state of the list type fixed flip option you entered is not an int type. |
| E309       | The andzero flip option you entered is not a list type.                           |
| E310       | The group for the andzero flip option you entered is not a list type.             |
| E311       | The spin name for the andzero flip option you entered is not str type.            |
| E312       | The orone flip option you entered is not a list type.                             |
| E313       | The group for the orone flip option you entered is not a list type.               |
| E314       | The spin name for the orone flip option you entered is not str type.              |
| E315       | The supplement flip option you entered is not a list type.                        |
| E316       | The group for the supplement flip option you entered is not a list type.          |
| E317       | The spin name for the supplement flip option you entered is not str type.         |

| Error code | Error message  |
|------------|--|
| E318       | The number of spins set for the supplement flip option is not 3.             |
| E319       | The maxone flip option you entered is not a list type.                       |
| E320       | The group for the maxone flip option you entered is not a list type.         |
| E321       | The number of elements in the maxone flip option group is invalid.           |
| E322       | The threshold for the maxone flip option you entered is not int type.        |
| E323       | The spin group for the maxone flip option you entered is not a list type.    |
| E324       | The spin name for the maxone flip option you entered is not a str type.      |
| E325       | The number of thresholds for the maxone flip option is invaild.              |
| E326       | The minmaxone flip option you entered is not a list type.                    |
| E327       | The group for the minmaxone flip option you entered is not a list type.      |
| E328       | The number of elements in the minmaxone flip option group is invalid.        |
| E329       | The min threshold for the minmaxone flip option you entered is not int type. |
| E330       | The max threshold for the minmaxone flip option you entered is not int type. |

| Error code | Error message   |
|------------|---|
| E331       | The spin group for the minmaxone flip option you entered is not a list type.        |
| E332       | The spin name for the minmaxone flip option you entered is not a str type.          |
| E333       | The init_spin parameter you entered is not a list type or a dict type.              |
| E334       | The spin name of the dict type init_spin parameter you entered is not a str type.   |
| E335       | The spin state of the dict type init_spin parameter you entered is not an int type. |
| E336       | The spin array of the list type init_spin parameter you entered is not a list type. |
| E337       | The spin name of the list type init_spin parameter you entered is not a str type.   |
| E338       | The spin state of the list type init_spin parameter you entered is not an int type. |
| E339       | The spin_list parameter you entered is not a list type.                             |
| E340       | The spin name of spin_list parameter you entered is not a list type or a str type.  |

| Error code | Error message                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| S400       | Incorrect username or password.      |
| S401       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S402       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S403       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S404       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S405       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S406       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S407       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S408       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S409       | Incorrect username or refresh_token. |
| S410       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S411       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S412       | Request statue is not complete.      |
| S413       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S414       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S415       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S416       | An unexpected error has occurred     |
| S417       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S418       | Request statue is not complete.      |
| S419       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S420       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |
| S421       | Too many requests. Try again later.  |

| Error code | Error message  |
|------------|--|
| S422       | An unexpected error has occurred   |
| S423       | An unexpected error has occurred   |
| S424       | An unexpected error has occurred   |
| S425       | An unexpected error has occurred   |
| S426       | An unexpected error has occurred   |
| E400       | The input value of the offset parameter is out of the supported range.       |
| E401       | The input value of the num_reads parameter is out of the supported range.    |
| E402       | The input value of the num_results parameter is out of the supported range.  |
| E403       | The input value of the num_sweeps parameter is out of the supported range.   |
| E404       | The input value beta_range of start parameter is out of the supported range. |
| E405       | The input value beta_range of end parameter is out of the supported range.   |
| E406       | The input value beta_range of steps parameter is out of the supported range. |
| E407       | The input value beta_range start should be smaller than end.                 |
| E408       | The input value beta_list of beta parameter is out of the supported range.   |

| Error code | Error message  |
|------------|--|
| E409       | The input value dict type init_spin_param of spin state is out of the supported range. |
| E410       | The input value list type init_spin_param of spin state is out of the supported range. |
| E411       | The input value nthreads parameter is out of the supported range.                      |
| S500       | param_dict is None   |
| S501       | param_dict is not dict. param_dict: %variable  |
| S502       | user_id is not contained in the parameters.  |
| S503       | password is not contained in the parameters.   |
| S504       | proxy is not in proxy format.  |
| S505       | api_url is not in URL format.  |
| S506       | qubo is None.  |
| S507       | qubo is not dict. qubo: Xvariable  |
| S508       | An unexpected error has occurred. Exception: Xvariable                                 |
| S509       | An unexpected error has occurred. Exception: Xvariable<br>RequestId: Xvariable         |
| S510       | Error was returned. status: %variable requestId:<br>%variable                          |
| S511       | Wrong status was returned. status: X variable requestId:<br>Xvariable                  |

| Error message   |
|---|
| An internal error occurred before executing the calculation. Please contact your administrator.                         |
| An internal error occurred before executing the calculation. Please contact your administrator.                         |
| An internal error occurred before executing the calculation. Please contact your administrator.                         |
| An internal error occurred before executing the calculation. Please contact your administrator.                         |
| Failed to download QUBO data. Please contact your administrator.  |
| VASampler calculation execution result is an error.   |
| VASampler calculation result is empty. Please contact your administrator.   |
| An internal error occurred while processing VASampler calculation execution results. Please contact your administrator. |
|   |

## appendix

Uninstall SAC Service Client

In case of cancelling NEC Vector Annealing service 2.0, please uninstall SAC Service Client

① Execute the below in the environment which SAC service client is installed.

pip uninstall sacservice

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