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It has been brought to our attention that the definition of variable  $x_{ijk}$  in the berth allocation problems [PS] and [PD] is ambiguous, whereas it does not lose generality. As shown in Lemma 1, ships (say  $n$  ships) allocated to a particular berth in the optimal solution to [PS] (and [PD] as well) are served not as the first  $n$  ships but as the last  $n$  ships at that berth. This results in the simple transformation of the service order or service position,  $k$ , such that a ship served as the first ship at that berth actually occupies the  $(T - n + 1)$ th position (or it is served as the  $n$ th last ship). A more general form of the transformation is that a ship served as the  $k$ th ship occupies the  $k' = (T - n + k)$ th position or the ship is served as the  $(T - k' + 1)$ th last ship, where  $k'$  is a new index of the service order. For easy understanding, consider the example where  $T = 5$  and  $n = 4$ , a ship served as the 1st ship occupies the 2nd service position (or it is served the 4th last ship). Therefore, by viewing  $k'$  as  $k$  the definition of  $x_{ijk}$  should be as follows:

$$x_{ijk} = 1 \text{ if ship } j \text{ is served as the } (T - k + 1) \text{th last ship at berth } i, = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

In conjunction with the above amendment for  $x_{ijk}$  in [PS] ([PD] as well), the following amendment should be made for  $y_{ijk}$  in [PD]:

$$y_{ijk} : \text{idle time of berth } i \text{ between the departure of the } (T - k + 2) \text{th last ship and the arrival of the } (T - k + 1) \text{th last ship when ship } j \text{ is served as the } (T - k + 1) \text{th last ship.}$$