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Linear and Integer Programming

## MILP in Spreadsheets

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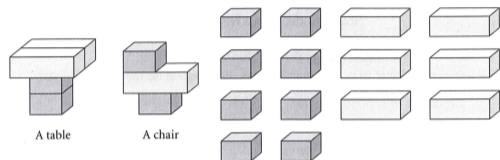
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# Production Planning

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Mathematical Model:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 16x_1 + 10x_2 \\ & 2x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 8 \\ & 2x_1 + x_2 \leq 6 \\ & x_1 \geq 0 \\ & x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

	Tables	Chairs	Capacity
Small Pieces	2	2	8
Large Pieces	2	1	6
Profit	16	10	

# General Model

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m \\ & x_j \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & c^T x \\ & Ax \leq b \\ & x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, c \in \mathbb{R}^n, A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & [16 \ 10] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Vector and Matrices in Excel

$$\sum_{j=1}^n c_j = c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n$$

SUM(B5 : B14)

Scalar product

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} &= u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n u_j v_j \end{aligned}$$

SUMPRODUCT(B5 : B14, C5 : C14)

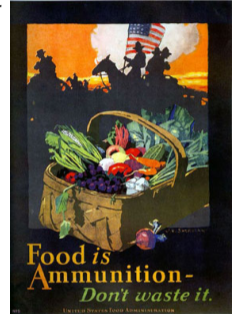
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# The Diet Problem (Blending Problems)

- Select a set of foods that will satisfy a set of daily nutritional requirements at minimum cost.
- Motivated in the 1930s and 1940s by US army.
- Formulated as a **linear programming problem** by George Stigler
- First **linear programming problem**
- (programming intended as planning not computer code)



min cost/weight

subject to nutrition requirements:

eat enough but not too much of Vitamin A

eat enough but not too much of Sodium

eat enough but not too much of Calories

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# The Diet Problem

Suppose there are:

- 3 foods available, corn, milk, and bread,
- there are restrictions on the number of calories (between 2000 and 2250) and the amount of Vitamin A (between 5000 and 50,000)

Food	Corn	2% Milk	Wheat bread
Vitamin A	107	500	0
Calories	72	121	65
Cost per serving	\$0.18	\$0.23	\$0.05

Rescaled

Food	Corn	2% Milk	Wheat bread
Vitamin A	983.33	2173.91	0
Calories	400	526.08	1300
Cost per serving	\$1	\$1	\$1

# The Mathematical Model

$$\min \sum_{i \in F} c_i x_i$$

$$\sum_{i \in F} a_{ij} x_i \geq N_{\min j}, \quad \forall j \in N$$

$$\sum_{i \in F} a_{ij} x_i \leq N_{\max j}, \quad \forall j \in N$$

$$x_i \geq F_{\min i}, \quad \forall i \in F$$

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# The History of Stigler's Diet Problem

- The linear program consisted of 9 equations in 77 variables
- Stigler, guessed an optimal solution using a heuristic method
- In 1947, the National Bureau of Standards used the newly developed simplex method to solve Stigler's model.  
It took 9 clerks using hand-operated desk calculators 120 man days to solve for the optimal solution

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## Budget Allocation - Exercise 6 of Sheet 3

- A company has six different **opportunities** to invest money.
- Each opportunity requires a certain investment over a period of 6 years or less.

<i>Expected Investment Cash Flows and Net Present Value</i>	Opp. 1	Opp. 2	Opp. 3	Opp. 4	Opp. 5	Opp. 6	Budget
Year 1	-\$5.00	-\$9.00	-\$12.00	-\$7.00	-\$20.00	-\$18.00	\$45.00
Year 2	-\$6.00	-\$6.00	-\$10.00	-\$5.00	\$6.00	-\$15.00	\$30.00
Year 3	-\$16.00	\$6.10	-\$5.00	-\$20.00	\$6.00	-\$10.00	\$20.00
Year 4	\$12.00	\$4.00	-\$5.00	-\$10.00	\$6.00	-\$10.00	\$0.00
Year 5	\$14.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	-\$15.00	\$6.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Year 6	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$6.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
NPV	\$8.01	\$2.20	\$1.85	\$7.51	\$5.69	\$5.93	

- The company has an investment budget that needs to be met for each year.
- It also has the wish of investing in those opportunities that maximize the combined **Net Present Value** (NPV) after the 6th year.

## Digression: What is the Net Present Value?

- $P$ : value of the original payment presently due
- the debtor wants to delay the payment for  $t$  years,
- let  $r$  be the market rate of return that the creditor would obtain from a similar investment asset
- the future value of  $P$  is  $F = P(1 + r)^t$

Viceversa, consider the task of finding:

- the present value  $P$  of  $F = \$100$  that will be received in five years, or equivalently,
- which amount of money today will grow to  $F = \$100$  in five years when subject to a constant discount rate?  $P = \frac{F}{(1 + r)^t}$

Assuming a 5% per year interest rate, it follows that

$$P = \frac{F}{(1 + r)^t} = \frac{\$100}{(1 + 0.05)^5} = \$78.35.$$

# Budget Allocation

Net Present Value calculation:

for each opportunity we calculate the NPV at time zero (the time of decision) as:

$$P_0 = \sum_{t=1}^5 \frac{F_t}{(1 + 0.05)^t}$$

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## Budget Allocation - Mathematical Model

- Let  $B_t$  be the budget available for investments during the years  $t = 1..5$ .
- Let  $a_{tj}$  be the cash flow for opportunity  $j$  and  $c_j$  its NPV
- Task: choose a set of opportunities such that the budget is never exceeded and the expected return is maximized. Consider both the case of indivisible and divisible opportunities.

Variables  $x_j = 1$  if opportunity  $j$  is selected and  $x_j = 0$  otherwise,  $j = 1..6$

Objective

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^6 c_j x_j$$

Constraints

$$\sum_{j=1}^6 a_{tj} x_j + B_t \geq 0 \quad \forall t = 1..5$$



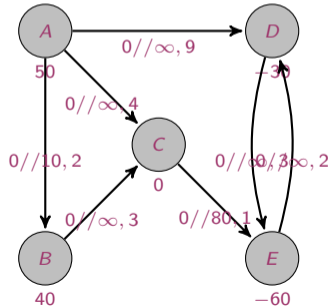
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# Min Cost Flow

A company produces the same product at two different factories,  $A$  and  $B$ , and then the product must be shipped to two warehouses,  $D$  and  $E$ , where either factory can supply either warehouse. A distribution center  $C$  can be used to collect the product from  $A$  and  $B$  before shipping it to  $E$ . The distribution network has the following allowed connections:  $\{AD, AB, AC, BC, CE, DE, ED\}$  and there are costs and bounds on the amount of product to ship through the connections.



# Minimum Cost Network Flows

Find cheapest flow through a network in order to satisfy demands at certain nodes from available supplier nodes.

**Variables:**

$$x_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$$

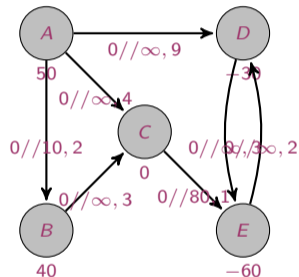
**Objective:**

$$\min \sum_{ij \in A} c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

**Constraints:** mass balance + flow bounds

$$\sum_{j:ij \in A} x_{ij} - \sum_{j:ji \in A} x_{ji} = b(i) \quad \forall i \in V$$

$$l_{ij} \leq x_{ij} \leq u_{ij}$$



Example of mass balance constraints:

$$x_{CE} - x_{AC} - x_{BC} = 0$$

# In Matrix Form

	$x_{e_1}$	$x_{e_2}$	...	$x_{ij}$	...	$x_{e_m}$		
	$c_{e_1}$	$c_{e_2}$	...	$c_{ij}$	...	$c_{e_m}$		
1	1	.	...	.	...	.	=	$b_1$
2	.	.	...	.	...	.	=	$b_2$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	=	⋮
$i$	-1	.	...	1	...	.	=	$b_i$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	=	⋮
$j$	.	.	...	-1	...	.	=	$b_j$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	=	⋮
$n$	.	.	...	.	...	.	=	$b_n$
$e_1$	1						≤	$u_1$
$e_2$		1					≤	$u_2$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	≤	⋮
$(i,j)$				1			≤	$u_{ij}$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	≤	⋮
$e_m$						1	≤	$u_m$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x} \\ \text{N} \mathbf{x} \quad &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{l} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{u} \end{aligned}$$

N node arc incidence matrix