Linear Decision Rule Approach

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1 Original Problem

Consider a network system consisting of m resources, with capacity levels $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_m)^T$, and n products, with corresponding prices denoted by $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)^T$. Each products needs at most one unit of each resource. Let $A = (a_{ij})$ be the resource coefficient matrix, where $a_{ij} = 1$ if product j uses one unit of resource i and $a_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Define $\xi = (1, \xi_{1,1}, \xi_{1,2}, \dots, \xi_{1,n}, \dots, \xi_{t,1}, \xi_{t,2}, \dots, \xi_{t,n})^T$ where $\xi_{t,j}$ is demand of product j in period t. Let ξ_t be the observed history demands and $\mathbf{x_t}(\xi^t)$ be the booking limits in period t,while $p_t(\xi) = (\xi_{t,1}, \xi_{t,2}, \dots, \xi_{t,n})^T$. Realisation of ξ is limited to Ξ . The optimality equations can be expressed as

$$\max \quad \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x_{t}} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \right)$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{t=1}^{T} A \mathbf{x_{t}} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \leq \mathbf{c}$$

$$\mathbf{x_{t}} (\xi^{t}) \leq \mathbf{p_{t}} (\xi)$$

$$\forall \xi \in \Xi, t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$(1)$$

2 Linear Decision Rule Approach

2.1 Primal Problem

Approach original problem with $\mathbf{x_t}(\xi^t) = X_t P_t \xi$, $\Xi = \{\xi : W \xi \leq h\}$, and $\mathbf{p_t}(\xi) = p_t \xi$ where X_t , P_t , W and P_t are all matrix. Then we obtain the primal problem

$$\max \quad \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}^{T} X_{t} P_{t} \xi \right)$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{t=1}^{T} A X_{t} P_{t} \xi \leq \mathbf{c}$$

$$X_{t} P_{t} \xi \leq p_{t} \xi$$

$$\forall \xi \in \Xi = \left\{ \xi : W \xi \leq h \right\}, t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$(2)$$

where

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & \vdots & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & -1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$h = (1, -1, q_{1,1,0.9}, -q_{1,1,0.1}, q_{1,2,0.9}, -q_{1,2,0.1}, \dots, q_{t,n,0.9}, -q_{t,n,0.1})^T$$

in which $q_{t,j,p}$ is the p quantile of $\xi_{t,j}$.

There are $nmt\tau + 2nmt + n^2t^2$ variables and m + 2nt constraints in total.

2.2 Duality

Firstly we transform equation(1) into a tighter formulation.

$$\max \quad \mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \mathbf{v}^{T} \mathbf{x_{t}} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \right)$$

$$s.t. \quad \sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{A} \mathbf{x_{t}} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \leq \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{t} \left(\xi \right)$$

$$\mathbf{x_{t}} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\forall \xi \in \Xi, t = 1, \dots, T$$

$$(3)$$

Then it has a duality.

min
$$\mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{t} \left(\xi \right)^{T} \mathbf{y}_{t} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \right)$$

 $s.t.$ $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{A}^{T} \mathbf{y}_{t} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \geq \mathbf{v}^{T}$
 $\mathbf{y}_{t} \left(\xi^{t} \right) \geq 0$
 $\forall \xi \in \Xi, t = 1, \dots, T$ (4)

Also, we can use linear decision rule approach.

min
$$\mathbb{E}_{\xi} \left(\sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\mathbf{c}^{T}, (p_{t}\xi)^{T} \right) \mathbf{y_{t}} (\xi^{t}) \right)$$

s.t. $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \tilde{A}^{T} Y_{t} P_{t} \xi \geq \mathbf{v}^{T}$
 $Y_{t} P_{t} \xi \geq 0$
 $\forall \xi \in \Xi \left\{ \xi : W \xi \leq h \right\}, t = 1, \dots, T$ (5)

3 Numerical Results

- 3.1 First Case in Re-solve
- 3.2 Second Case in Re-solve
- 3.3 Some Tricks