

Common constraint mistakes

SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYTICS IN PYTHON



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Dependent demand constraint

Context

- Production Plan
- Planning for 2 products (*A, and B*)
- Planning for production over 3 months (*Jan - Mar*)
- Product A is used as an input for production of product B

Constraint Problem

- For each unit of B, we must also have at least 3 units of A

Dependent demand constraint

For each unit of B, we must also have at least 3 units of A

- $3B \leq A$
- $3(2) \leq A$
- $6 \leq A$

Common Mistake:

- $B \leq 3A$
- $3B = A$

Code example

```
from pulp import *
demand = {'A':[0,0,0], 'B':[8,7,6]}
costs = {'A':[20,17,18], 'B':[15,16,15]}

# Initialize Model
model = LpProblem("Aggregate Production Planning
                  LpMinimize)

# Define Variables
time = [0, 1, 2]
prod = ['A', 'B']
X = LpVariable.dicts(
    "prod", [(p, t) for p in prod for t in time
              lowBound=0, cat="Integer")
```

```
# Define Objective
model += lpSum([costs[p][t] * X[(p, t)]
                for p in prod for t in time])

# Define Constraint So Production is >= Demand
for p in prod:
    for t in time:
        model += X[(p, t)] >= demand[p][t]
```

Code example continued

```
for t in time:  
    model += 3*X[('B', t)] <= X[('A', t)]
```

Extended constraint

For each unit of B, we must also have at least 3 units of A and *account for direct to customer sells of A*.

- $3B + \text{Demand}_A \leq A$

Combination constraint

Context

- Warehouse distribution plan
- 2 warehouses (*WH1*, and *WH2*)
- We ship 2 products (*A*, and *B*) from each warehouse
- Warehouse *WH1* is small and can either ship 12 *A* products per a week or 15 *B* products per a week

Constraint Problem

- What combinations of *A*, or *B* can be shipped in 4 weeks?

- 1 week only: $(1/12)A + (1/15)B \leq 1$

Correct Form

- $(1/12)A + (1/15)B \leq$
- $(1/12)(32) + (1/15)(20) \leq 4$
- $(32/12) + (20/15) \leq 4$
- $4 \leq 4$

Common Mistakes

- $12A + 15B \leq 4$
- $(1/12)A + (1/15)B = 4$


```
from pulp import *
import pandas as pd
demand = pd.read_csv("Warehouse_Constraint_Demand.csv", index_col=['Product'])
costs = pd.read_csv("Warehouse_Constraint_Cost.csv", index_col=['WH', 'Product'])

# Initialize Model
model = LpProblem("Distribution Planning", LpMinimize)

# Define Variables
wh = ['W1', 'W2']
prod = ['A', 'B']
cust = ['C1', 'C2', 'C3', 'C4']
X = LpVariable.dicts("ship", [(w, p, c) for c in cust for p in prod for w in wh],
                    lowBound=0, cat="Integer")
```

Code example continued

```
# Define Objective
model += lpSum([X[(w, p, c)]*costs.loc[(w, p), c]
                for c in cust for p in prod for w in wh])

# Define Constraint So Demand Equals Total Shipments
for c in cust:
    for p in prod:
        model += lpSum([X[(w, p, c)] for w in wh]) == demand.loc[p, c]
```

Code example continued

Constraint

```
model += ((1/12) * lpSum([X['W1', 'A', c] for c in cust])  
          + (1/15) * lpSum([X['W1', 'B', c] for c in cust])) <= 4
```

Extend constraint

Warehouse WH1 is small and either ship 12 A products per a week, 15 B products per a week, *or 5 C products per a week*. What combinations of A, B, or C can be shipped in 4 weeks?

- $(1/12)A + (1/15)B + (1/5)C \leq 4$

Summary

- Common Mistakes
 - Dependent constraint
 - Combination selection constraint
- How to extend constraints
- Check constraint by plugging in a value

Let's practice

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Capacitated plant location - case study P2

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Capacitated plant location model

Modeling

- Production at regional facilities
 - Two plant sizes (low / high)
- Exporting production to other regions
- Production facilities open / close



Decision variables

What we can control:

- x_{ij} = quantity produced at location i and shipped to j
- y_{is} = 1 if the plant at location i of capacity s is open, 0 if closed
 - $s = \textit{low}$ or \textit{high} capacity plant

Constraints

- Total Production = Total Demand
 - $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} = D_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, m$
 - n = number of production facilities
 - m = number of markets or regional demand points

Constraints

- Total Production ? Total Production Capacity
 - $\sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij} ? \sum_{s=1} K_{is} y_{is}$
 - K_{is} = potential production capacity of plant i of size s

```

from pulp import *

# Initialize Class
model = LpProblem("Capacitated Plant Location Model", LpMinimize)

# Define Decision Variables
loc = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E']
size = ['Low_Cap', 'High_Cap']
x = LpVariable.dicts("production_", [(i,j) for i in loc for j in loc],
                    lowBound=0, upBound=None, cat='Continuous')
y = LpVariable.dicts("plant_", [(i,s) for s in size for i in loc], cat='Binary')

# Define Objective Function
model += (lpSum([fix_cost.loc[i,s]*y[(i,s)] for s in size for i in loc])
        + lpSum([var_cost.loc[i,j]*x[(i,j)] for i in loc for j in loc]))

```

Code example continued

```
# Define the Constraints
for j in loc:
    model += lpSum([x[(i, j)] for i in loc]) == demand.loc[j, 'Dmd']

for i in loc:
    model += lpSum([x[(i, j)] for j in loc]) <= lpSum([cap.loc[i, s]*y[(i, s)]
                                                         for s in size])
```

Summary

Capacitated Plant Location Model:

- Constraints
 - Total Production = Total Demand
 - Total Production \leq Total Production Capacity

Review time

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Solve the PuLP model

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Common modeling process for PuLP

1. ~~Initialize Model~~
2. ~~Define Decision Variables~~
3. ~~Define the Objective Function~~
4. ~~Define the Constraints~~
5. Solve Model
 - call the `solve()` method
 - check the status of the solution
 - print optimized decision variables
 - print optimized objective function

Solve model - solve method

```
.solve(solver=None)
```

- `solver` = Optional: the specific solver to be used, defaults to the default solver.

```

# Initialize, Define Decision Vars., Objective Function, and Constraints
from pulp import *
import pandas as pd
model = LpProblem("Minimize Transportation Costs", LpMinimize)
cust = ['A', 'B', 'C']
warehouse = ['W1', 'W2']
demand = {'A': 1500, 'B': 900, 'C': 800}
costs = {('W1', 'A'): 232, ('W1', 'B'): 255, ('W1', 'C'): 264,
         ('W2', 'A'): 255, ('W2', 'B'): 233, ('W2', 'C'): 250}
ship = LpVariable.dicts("s_", [(w, c) for w in warehouse for c in cust],
                        lowBound=0, cat='Integer')
model += lpSum([costs[(w, c)] * ship[(w, c)] for w in warehouse for c in cust])
for c in cust: model += lpSum([ship[(w, c)] for w in warehouse]) == demand[c]

# Solve Model
model.solve()

```

Solve model - status of the solution

```
LpStatus[model.status]
```

- **Not Solved:** The status prior to solving the problem.
- **Optimal:** An optimal solution has been found.
- **Infeasible:** There are no feasible solutions (e.g. if you set the constraints $x \leq 1$ and $x \geq 2$).
- **Unbounded:** The object function is not bounded, maximizing or minimizing the objective will tend towards infinity (e.g. if the only constraint was $x \geq 3$).
- **Undefined:** The optimal solution may exist but may not have been found.

¹ Keen, Ben Alex. “Linear Programming with Python and PuLP ² Part 2.” _Ben Alex Keen_, 1 Apr. 2016, benalexkeen.com/linear-programming-with-python-and-pulp-part-2/.

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model += lpSum([costs[(w, c)] * ship[(w, c)] for w in warehouse for c in cust])
for c in cust: model += lpSum([ship[(w, c)] for w in warehouse]) == demand[c]
# Solve Model
model.solve()
print("Status:", LpStatus[model.status])

```

```
Status: Optimal
```

Print variables to standard output:

```
for v in model.variables():  
    print(v.name, "=", v.varValue)
```

Pandas data structure:

```
o = [{A:ship[(w, 'A')].varValue, B:ship[(w, 'B')].varValue, C:ship[(w, 'C')].varValue}  
      for w in warehouse]  
print(pd.DataFrame(o, index=warehouse))
```

- loop model variables
- store values in a pandas DataFrame

```
# Solve Model
model.solve()
print(pulp.LpStatus[model.status])
o = [{A:ship[(w, 'A')].varValue, B:ship[(w, 'B')].varValue, C:ship[(w, 'C')].varValue}
      for w in warehouse]
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```

Output:

```
Status: Optimal
```

	A	B	C
:	:	:	:
W1	1500.0	0.0	0.0
W2	0.0	900.0	800.0

Solve model - optimized objective function

Print the value of optimized objective function:

```
print("Objective = ", value(model.objective))
```



```

# Solve Model
model.solve()
print(pulp.LpStatus[model.status])
output = []
for w in warehouse: t = [ship[(w,c)].varValue for c in cust] output.append(t)
opd = pd.DataFrame.from_records(output, index=warehouse, columns=cust)
print(opd)
print("Objective = ", value(model.objective))

```

```
Status: Optimal
```

	A	B	C
W1	1500.0	0.0	0.0
W2	0.0	900.0	800.0

Objective = 757700.0

Summary

Solve Model

- Call the `solve()` method
- Check the status of the solution
- Print values of decision variables
- Print value of objective function

Let's practice!

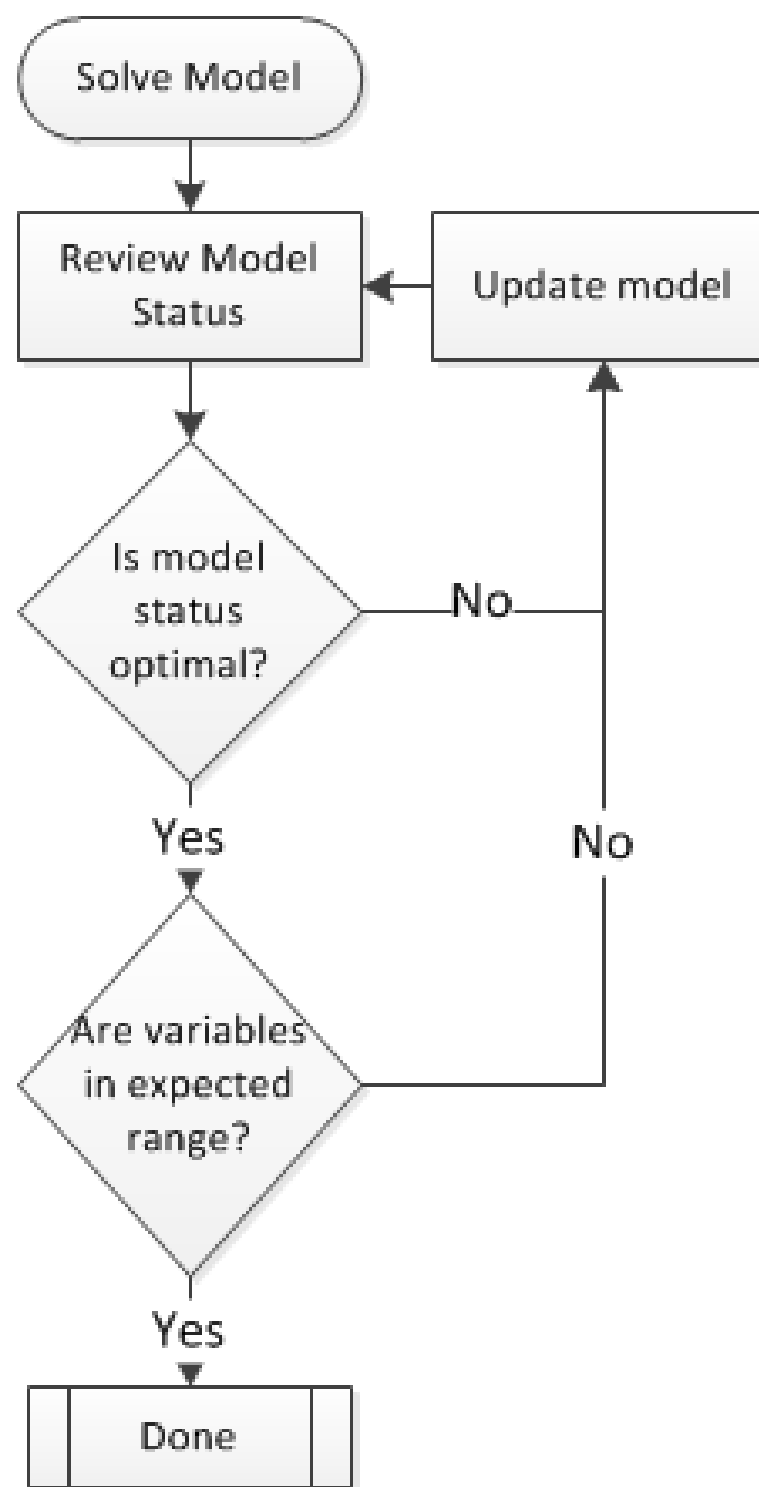
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Sanity checking the solution

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Check the model status

- **Infeasible:** There are no feasible solutions.
 - Review the constraints
- **Unbounded:** The object function is not bounded, maximizing or minimizing the objective will tend towards infinity.
 - Review the objective function
- **Undefined:** The optimal solution may exist but may not have been found.
 - Maybe the best available solution
 - Review how you are modeling the problem

Check if results are within expectations

Are the **decision variables** and value of **objective** within expected range?

- Based on knowledge / understanding of problem
- If "Yes", then you have a valid solution
- If "No", then review:
 - Python code
 - Data
 - Write the LP File

Write LP

```
writeLP(filename)
```

- `filename` = The name of the file to be created

Shows:

- Name of problem
- Objective function and if minimizing or maximizing
- Constraints, including constraints on Decision Variables called Bounds
- Decision variables

Code example

```
\* Aggregate Production Planning *\nMinimize\nOBJ: 20 prod_('A',_0) + 17 prod_('A',_1)\n      + 18 prod_('A',_2) + 15 prod_('B',_0)\n      + 16 prod_('B',_1) + 15 prod_('B',_2)\nSubject To\n_C1: prod_('A',_0) >= 0\n_C2: prod_('A',_1) >= 0\n_C3: prod_('A',_2) >= 0\n_C4: prod_('B',_0) >= 8\n_C5: prod_('B',_1) >= 7\n_C6: prod_('B',_2) >= 6
```

```
Bounds\n0 <= prod_('A',_0)\n0 <= prod_('A',_1)\n0 <= prod_('A',_2)\n0 <= prod_('B',_0)\n0 <= prod_('B',_1)\n0 <= prod_('B',_2)\nGenerals\nprod_('A',_0)\nprod_('A',_1)\nprod_('A',_2)\nprod_('B',_0)\nprod_('B',_1)\nprod_('B',_2)
```

Summary

Strategy for Sanity Checking

- Check the model status
- Check decision variables and objective inside expected range
- Use `writeLP()` if needed

Practice time!

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