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0.1 A new algorithm for solving Mixed Integer Non Linear Problems for inventory control

Abstract A new iterative algorithm is developed to solve a MINLP program...

Introduction The optimization problem is an abstraction of the process of choosing the best possible vector $\in R^n$ from a set. In this way it encompasses many ways of decision making, and so the reasons for its ubiquitous relevance becomes clear. The general formulation is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x}{\text{minimize}} && f_0(x) \\ & \text{subject to} && f_i(x) \leq b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

If all $f_i(x)$ fullfil linearity conditions, $f_i(x + y) = f_i(x) + f_i(y)$, then the problem corresponds to a *linear program*. A more general class of problems consist of all that comply $f_i(x + y) \leq f_i(x) + f_i(y)$ given $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, $\alpha + \beta = 1$, corresponding to the domain of *convex problems*. Finally, with $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, a *Mixed Integer Convex Non-Linear Program* can be defined.

Problem formulation A stock of a $p \in \mathbb{N}$ products has to be allocated to $s \in \mathbb{N}$ outlets while satisfying arbitrary equality and inequality restrictions. These intend to modulate sales in different areas, allow compliance to comercial agreements, and respond to diverse business needs. Both p and s are classified in multiple hierarchical levels, e.g. : *channel, area, group, delivery route...* for s ; *family, product, flavour...* for p . One possibility for the formulation is to organize this levels into a tensor $Q \in \mathbb{N}^{\text{channel} \times \text{area} \times \dots, \text{family} \times \text{product} \dots}$, or tree spanning all levels and categories, but that conveys an extra memory consumption as it assigns space that is redundant, e.g. allocating a quantity of each product for each outlet when not all products are sold at all outlets. Therefore a vector is constructed as $\mathbf{q} = (s_0 p_0, \dots, s_i p_j)$, $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{i \times j}$ where $p_i s_j$ corresponds to the quantity of product i in outlet j , and excluding the elements i, j that are not applicable for the period distribution. Continuous relaxation of the q vector is allowed for faster computation. The optimization problem is formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{q}{\text{minimize}} && |(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_0) \odot \mathbf{q}_0|^2, |(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_0) \oslash \mathbf{q}_0|^\infty \\ & \text{subject to:} && \mathbf{R}\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{b} \\ & && \mathbf{M}\mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{d} \end{aligned}$$

Where each row r in $R \in \{0, 1\}^{i \times j}$ represents a restriction and is defined as $r_i = 1$ if the corresponding element in \mathbf{q} is in the subset to which the restriction applies. The symbols \odot and \oslash corresponds to element-wise (or Hadamard) product and division, respectively.

Solution 1

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In [ ]: while True:
        p = (b / (A @ q))
        idx_ineqs_ok = np.where(p[idx_ineqs] > 1 + 1e-10)
        #0?
        p[idx_ineqs_ok] = 1
        A_ = A.multiply(p[:, np.newaxis])
        P = np.squeeze(np.array(np.true_divide(A_.sum(0), (A_!=0).sum(0))))
        q = q * P
        d = np.linalg.norm((b - (A @ q)))[idx for idx in range(A.shape[0]) if idx not in idx_ineqs_ok]
        if verbose: print(d, end='\t')
        if d >= d_:
            c += 1
        d_ = d
        if (c == 10) | (d_ < precision):
            break
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Init $\mathbf{q}^* := \mathbf{q}_0$

Repeat until convergence:

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{b} \oslash \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \text{diag}(\mathbf{e}) \cdot \mathbf{R}$$

$$\Delta_j = \frac{1}{i} \sum_{\{i: R^*_{ij} \neq 0\}} R^*_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{q}^* = \mathbf{q} \odot \Delta$$

Solution 2

$$\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{q}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \text{Least squares}[\mathbf{R}\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{b}]$$

$$\mathbf{q}^* = \mathbf{q}_0 - \mathbf{s}$$

$$\mathbf{o} = \text{Orth}[(\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{W})^T]$$

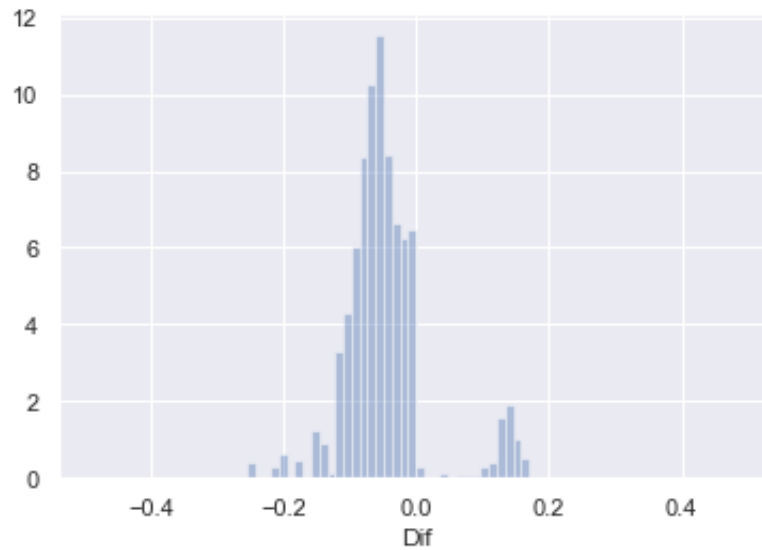
$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{o}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{o} - \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-2} \cdot \mathbf{o})$$

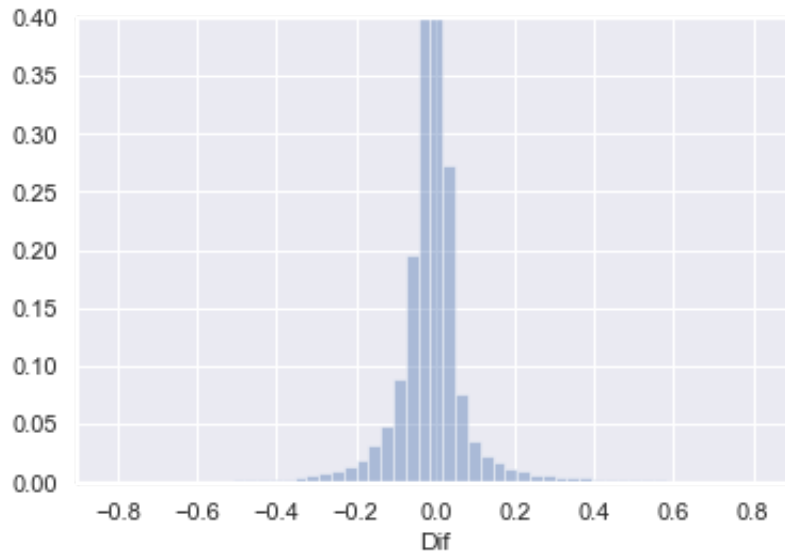
$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{s}$$

For least squares, LSQR algorithm is used (c), and the orthogonal basis \mathbf{o} is computed using

sparse matrix, lsqr, orth



Results



In []:

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