

Blending Problem.

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The Whiskas Problem:

MINIMIZE

$0.018 \text{ BEEF} + 0.3 \text{ CHICKEN} + 0.011 \text{ GEL} + 0.01 \text{ MUTTON} + 0.02 \text{ RICE} + 0.05 \text{ WHEAT}$

SUBJECT TO

PercentagesSum: $\text{BEEF} + \text{CHICKEN} + \text{GEL} + \text{MUTTON} + \text{RICE} + \text{WHEAT} = 100$

ProteinRequirement: $0.2 \text{ BEEF} + 0.1 \text{ Ingr_CHICKEN} + 0.15 \text{ MUTTON} + 0.04 \text{ WHEAT} \geq 8$

FatRequirement: $0.1 \text{ BEEF} + 0.08 \text{ Ingr_CHICKEN} + 0.11 \text{ MUTTON} + 0.01 \text{ RICE} + 0.01 \text{ WHEAT} \geq 6$

FibreRequirement: $0.005 \text{ BEEF} + 0.001 \text{ CHICKEN} + 0.003 \text{ MUTTON} + 0.1 \text{ RICE} + 0.15 \text{ WHEAT} \leq 2$

SaltRequirement: $0.005 \text{ BEEF} + 0.002 \text{ CHICKEN} + 0.007 \text{ MUTTON} + 0.002 \text{ RICE} + 0.008 \text{ WHEAT} \leq 0.4$

Nonnegativity: $\text{BEEF}, \text{CHICKEN}, \text{MUTTON}, \text{RICE}, \text{WHEAT} \geq 0$

Steps For Installing PuLP

```
In [1]: import sys
        !{sys.executable} -m pip install pulp
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: pulp in c:\users\mntakim\appdata\local\programs\python\python38-32\lib\site-packages (2.4)
Requirement already satisfied: amply>=0.1.2 in c:\users\mntakim\appdata\local\programs\python\python38-32\lib\site-packages (from pulp) (0.1.4)
Requirement already satisfied: docutils>=0.3 in c:\users\mntakim\appdata\local\programs\python\python38-32\lib\site-packages (from amply>=0.1.2->pulp) (0.17.1)
Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing in c:\users\mntakim\appdata\local\programs\python\python38-32\lib\site-packages (from amply>=0.1.2->pulp) (2.4.7)
```

```
In [2]: import pulp
```

```
In [3]: """
        The Full Whiskas Model Python Formulation for the PuLP Modeller

        Authors: Antony Phillips, Dr Stuart Mitchell  2007
        """

        # Import PuLP modeler functions.
```

```
# Here because of * we will not put `pulp` before each pulp command; e.g. instead of pu
from pulp import *
```

Steps For Decision Variables.

In [4]:

```
# Creates a list of the Ingredients.
Ingredients = ['CHICKEN', 'BEEF', 'MUTTON', 'RICE', 'WHEAT', 'GEL']
# This gives the names for the indexes in the vector.

# A dictionary of the costs of each of the Ingredients is created. They give vector val
costs = {'CHICKEN': 0.30, # originally 0.013
        'BEEF': 0.018, # originally 0.008
        'MUTTON': 0.010, # originally 0.010
        'RICE': 0.02, # originally 0.002
        'WHEAT': 0.05, # originally 0.005
        'GEL': 0.011} # originally 0.001

# A dictionary of the protein percent in each of the Ingredients is created.
proteinPercent = {'CHICKEN': 0.100,
                 'BEEF': 0.200,
                 'MUTTON': 0.150,
                 'RICE': 0.000,
                 'WHEAT': 0.040,
                 'GEL': 0.000}

# A dictionary of the fat percent in each of the Ingredients is created.
fatPercent = {'CHICKEN': 0.080,
              'BEEF': 0.100,
              'MUTTON': 0.110,
              'RICE': 0.010,
              'WHEAT': 0.010,
              'GEL': 0.000}

# A dictionary of the fibre percent in each of the Ingredients is created.
fibrePercent = {'CHICKEN': 0.001,
                'BEEF': 0.005,
                'MUTTON': 0.003,
                'RICE': 0.100,
                'WHEAT': 0.150,
                'GEL': 0.000}

# A dictionary of the salt percent in each of the Ingredients is created.
saltPercent = {'CHICKEN': 0.002,
               'BEEF': 0.005,
               'MUTTON': 0.007,
               'RICE': 0.002,
               'WHEAT': 0.008,
               'GEL': 0.000}
```

In [5]:

```
# Create the 'prob' variable to contain the problem data.
prob = LpProblem("The_Whiskas_Problem", LpMinimize)
```

In [6]:

```
# A dictionary called 'ingredient_vars' is created to contain the referenced Variables.
ingredient_vars = LpVariable.dicts("Ingr", Ingredients, 0)
```

```
# Here the last value '0' gives the lower bound for the variable.
# Here "Ingr" is what appears when we print its name; e.g. Ingr_Beef. In the code, `ing
# We use the `dicts' command to use the previously given list `Ingredient'.

print(ingredient_vars)
```

```
{'CHICKEN': Ingr_CHICKEN, 'BEEF': Ingr_BEEF, 'MUTTON': Ingr_MUTTON, 'RICE': Ingr_RICE,
'WHEAT': Ingr_WHEAT, 'GEL': Ingr_GEL}
```

Objective Function

```
In [7]: # The objective function is added to 'prob' first.
prob += lpSum([costs[i]*ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]), "Total Cost of Ingre
# Here "Total Cost of Ingredients per can" gives an explanation comment. Do not forget
```

Constraints

```
In [8]: # The five constraints are added to 'prob'.
prob += lpSum([ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]) == 100, "PercentagesSum"
prob += lpSum([proteinPercent[i] * ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]) >= 8.0, "P
prob += lpSum([fatPercent[i] * ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]) >= 6.0, "FatRe
prob += lpSum([fibrePercent[i] * ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]) <= 2.0, "Fib
prob += lpSum([saltPercent[i] * ingredient_vars[i] for i in Ingredients]) <= 0.4, "Salt
```

Notice that we did not add the condition that the ingredients are ≥ 0 , as it was given in `ingredient_vars = LpVariable.dicts("Ingr",Ingredients, 0)` by adding the `0`.

If we did not add `0` there, we can instead add the constraints in the code as

```
for i in Ingredients:
    prob += ingredient_vars[i] >= 0
```

Show The LP problem.

```
In [9]: # You can write the problem to an .lp file.
prob.writeLP("WhiskasModel.lp")
```

```
Out[9]: [Ingr_BEEF, Ingr_CHICKEN, Ingr_GEL, Ingr_MUTTON, Ingr_RICE, Ingr_WHEAT]
```

```
In [10]: # Or you can directly display the problem here.

print(prob)
```

```
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+ 0.05*Ingr_WHEAT + 0.0
SUBJECT TO
PercentagesSum: Ingr_BEEF + Ingr_CHICKEN + Ingr_GEL + Ingr_MUTTON + Ingr_RICE
+ Ingr_WHEAT = 100
```

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VARIABLES

Ingr_BEEF Continuous
 Ingr_CHICKEN Continuous
 Ingr_GEL Continuous
 Ingr_MUTTON Continuous
 Ingr_RICE Continuous
 Ingr_WHEAT Continuous

Notice that the lower bound ≥ 0 for the variable is not shown, as it is the default condition. If you had changed the lowerbound to something else, then it will show up here.

Solve the LP.

```
In [11]: # The problem is solved using PuLP's choice of Solver.
         prob.solve()
         # The status of the solution is printed to the screen.
         print("Status:", LpStatus[prob.status])
```

Status: Optimal

Each of the variables is printed with its resolved optimum value.

```
In [12]: for a in prob.variables():
         print(a.name, "=", a.varValue)
```

```
Ingr_BEEF = 0.0
Ingr_CHICKEN = 0.0
Ingr_GEL = 42.857143
Ingr_MUTTON = 57.142857
Ingr_RICE = 0.0
Ingr_WHEAT = 0.0
```

```
In [13]: print("Total Cost of Ingredients per can = ", value(prob.objective))
```

Total Cost of Ingredients per can = 1.042857143

Other way to write the final results.

```
In [14]: print(LpStatus[prob.status])
         for i in prob.variables():
             print("Variable {} = {}".format(i.name, i.varValue))
         print("Objective function z = {}".format(value(prob.objective)))
```

```
Optimal
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Variable Ingr_MUTTON = 57.142857
Variable Ingr_RICE = 0.0
Variable Ingr_WHEAT = 0.0
Objective function z = 1.042857143
```