Beer Distribution Problem for the Pulp Modeler

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- Integer programming problems are used to maximize or optimize results.
- In integer problems some or all of the variables are restricted to integers.

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In [50]: # Import PuLP modeler supply nodes
         from pulp import *
In [51]: # Create list of all supply nodes
         Warehouses = ["A", "B"]
In [52]: # Create dictionary for number of units of supply for each supply node
         supply = {"A" : 1000,}
                  "B" : 4000}
In [53]: # Create a list of all demand nodes
         Bars = ["1","2","3","4","5"]
In [54]: # Creates a dictionary for number of units of demand for each demand node
         demand = \{"1" : 500,
                   "2": 900,
                   "3": 1800,
                    "4" : 200,
                   "5" : 700}
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In [55]: # Creates a list of costs of each transportation path
         costs = [
                      # bars
                  #1,2,3,4,5
                  [2,4,5,2,1], #Path A
                                          Warehouses
                  [3,1,3,2,3] #Path B
In [56]: # Turn cost data into a dictionary with makeDict function
         costs = makeDict([Warehouses, Bars], costs, 0)
In [57]: # Create Problem variable to contain the problem data
         prob = LpProblem("Beer Distribution Problem", LpMinimize)
In [58]: # Create a list of tuples (finite ordered list of elements) containing all the possible routes of tra
         nsport
         routes = [(w,b) for w in Warehouses for b in Bars]
In [59]: # Create dictionary called 'Vars to contain the referenced variables (routes)
         vars = LpVariable.dicts("Route", (Warehouses, Bars), 0, None, LpInteger)
In [60]: # Create objective function to add to 'Problem'
         prob += lpSum([vars[w][b]*costs[w][b] for (w,b) in routes]), "Sum of Transporting Costs"
In [61]: # Supply maximum constraints to Problem for each supply node (warehouse)
         for w in Warehouses:
             prob += lpSum([vars[w][b] for b in Bars]) <= supply[w], "Sum of Products out of Warehouse %s"%w
In [62]: # Demand minimum constraints are added to prob for each demand node (bar)
         for b in Bars:
             prob += lpSum([vars[w][b] for b in Bars]) <= supply[w], "Sum of Products into Bar%s"%b</pre>
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In [63]: # Write problem to a .lp file
           prob.writeLP("/Users/SeanOMalley1/Desktop/MSDS_650/Week_8/BeerDistributionProblem.lp")
Beer Distribution Problem Minimize OBJ: __dummy Subject To Sum_of_Products_into_Bar1: Route_B_1 + Route_B_2 + Route_B_3 + Route_B_4
 • Route_B_5 <= 4000 Sum_of_Products_into_Bar2: Route_B_1 + Route_B_2 + Route_B_3 + Route_B_4
 • Route B 5 <= 4000 Sum of Products into Bar3: Route B 1 + Route B 2 + Route B 3 + Route B 4
 • Route_B_5 <= 4000 Sum_of_Products_into_Bar4: Route_B_1 + Route_B_2 + Route_B_3 + Route_B_4
 • Route B 5 <= 4000 Sum of Products into Bar5: Route B 1 + Route B 2 + Route B 3 + Route B 4
 • Route_B_5 <= 4000 Bounds 0 <= Route_B_1 0 <= Route_B_2 0 <= Route_B_3 0 <= Route_B_4 0 <= Route_B_5 __dummy = 0 Generals
   Route_B_1 Route_B_2 Route_B_3 Route_B_4 Route_B_5 End
 In [64]: # Problem is solved using PuLp's choice of Solver
           prob.solve()
 Out[64]: 1
 In [65]: # Status of the solution is printed to screen
           print ("Status:", LpStatus[prob.status])
           Status: Optimal
 In [66]: # Print each bariable with its resolved optimum value
           for v in prob.variables():
               print (v.name, "=", v.varValue)
           Route A 1 = 0.0
           Route A 2 = 0.0
           Route A 3 = 0.0
           Route A 4 = 0.0
           Route A 5 = 0.0
           Route B 1 = 0.0
           Route B 2 = 0.0
           Route B 3 = 0.0
           Route B 4 = 0.0
           Route B 5 = 0.0
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In [68]: # Lastly, print optimized objective function value
    print ("Total Cost of Transportation = ",value(prob.objective))

Total Cost of Transportation = 0.0
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Conclusion

We are minimising the transportation cost for a brewery operation. The brewery transports cases of beer from its warehouses to several bars in the optimal fashion given our integer programming results

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