

ECH4905 ChemE Optimization HW 4

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1 Problem 1

Consider the following integer programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_1 + y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& y_1, y_2 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

1.1 Part a

Solve the first relaxed LP subproblem by hand using the simplex method and derive Gomory cuts based on the LP relaxation.

Solution: To tackle this problem we first relax the problem and then turn the problem above into the standard form so we can create a simplex tableau from it.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_1 + y_2 + s_1 = 1 \\ &&& 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 + s_2 = 1 \\ &&& y_1 + s_3 = 1 \\ &&& y_2 + s_4 = 1 \\ &&& y_1, y_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

In matrix notation,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} && \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\ &\text{subject to} && \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \\ &&& \mathbf{x} \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1.2 & 0.5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(with a flipped objective component)

The initial simplex tableau for the problem is as follows:

Basic Var	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS	α
s_1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	
s_2	1.2	0.5	0	1	0	0	1	
s_3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	
s_4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	
obj	-1.2	-1	0	0	0	0	-	-

we can define the slack variables equal to the right hand side, and this is in turn a basic feasible solution, so we can jump into phase 2.

We select the y_1 as the entering variable and calculate the alpha value for each basic variable

Basic Var	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS	α
s_1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{1}$
s_2	1.2	0.5	0	1	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{1.2}$
s_3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{1}$
s_4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{0}$
obj	-1.2	-1	0	0	0	0	-	-

We pivot this on the 1st column (y_1) and the 2nd row (s_2)

Basic Var	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS	α
s_1	0	$\frac{7}{12}$	1	$-\frac{5}{6}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	
y_1	1	$\frac{5}{12}$	0	$\frac{5}{6}$	0	0	$\frac{5}{6}$	
s_3	0	$-\frac{5}{12}$	0	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	
s_4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	
obj	0	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

With blands rule, we pick y_2 and calculate the alpha value for each basic variable.

Basic Var	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS	α
s_1	0	$\frac{7}{12}$	1	$-\frac{5}{6}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{7}$
y_1	1	$\frac{5}{12}$	0	$\frac{5}{6}$	0	0	$\frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{2}{5}$
s_3	0	$-\frac{5}{12}$	0	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{5}$
s_4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{1}$
obj	0	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

We pivot on the 2nd column (y_2) and the 1st row (s_1).

Basic Var	y_1	y_2	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	RHS	α
y_2	0	1	$\frac{12}{7}$	$-\frac{10}{7}$	0	0	$\frac{2}{7}$	
y_1	1	0	$-\frac{5}{7}$	$\frac{60}{42}$	0	0	$\frac{30}{42}$	
s_3	0	0	$\frac{5}{7}$	$-\frac{60}{42}$	1	0	$\frac{12}{42}$	
s_4	0	0	$-\frac{12}{7}$	$\frac{60}{42}$	0	1	$\frac{30}{42}$	
obj	0	0	0.857	0.286	0	0	0	-1.143

This is the optimal solution to the LP relaxed problem. Now we will derive Gomory cuts from this LP relaxed problem. Since each constraint has a non-integer solution, we can generate a Gomory cut on each constraint.

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{12}{7}\right)s_1 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{-10}{7}\right)s_2 &\leq \text{floor}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) \\
y_1 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{-5}{7}\right)s_1 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{10}{7}\right)s_2 &\leq \text{floor}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right) \\
s_3 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)s_1 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{-10}{7}\right)s_2 &\leq \text{floor}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) \\
s_4 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{-12}{7}\right)s_1 + \text{floor}\left(\frac{10}{7}\right)s_2 &\leq \text{floor}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

These turn into the cuts

$$\begin{aligned}
y_2 + s_1 - 2s_2 &\leq 0 \\
y_1 - s_1 + s_2 &\leq 0 \\
s_3 - 2s_2 &\leq 0 \\
s_4 - 2s_1 + s_2 &\leq 0
\end{aligned}$$

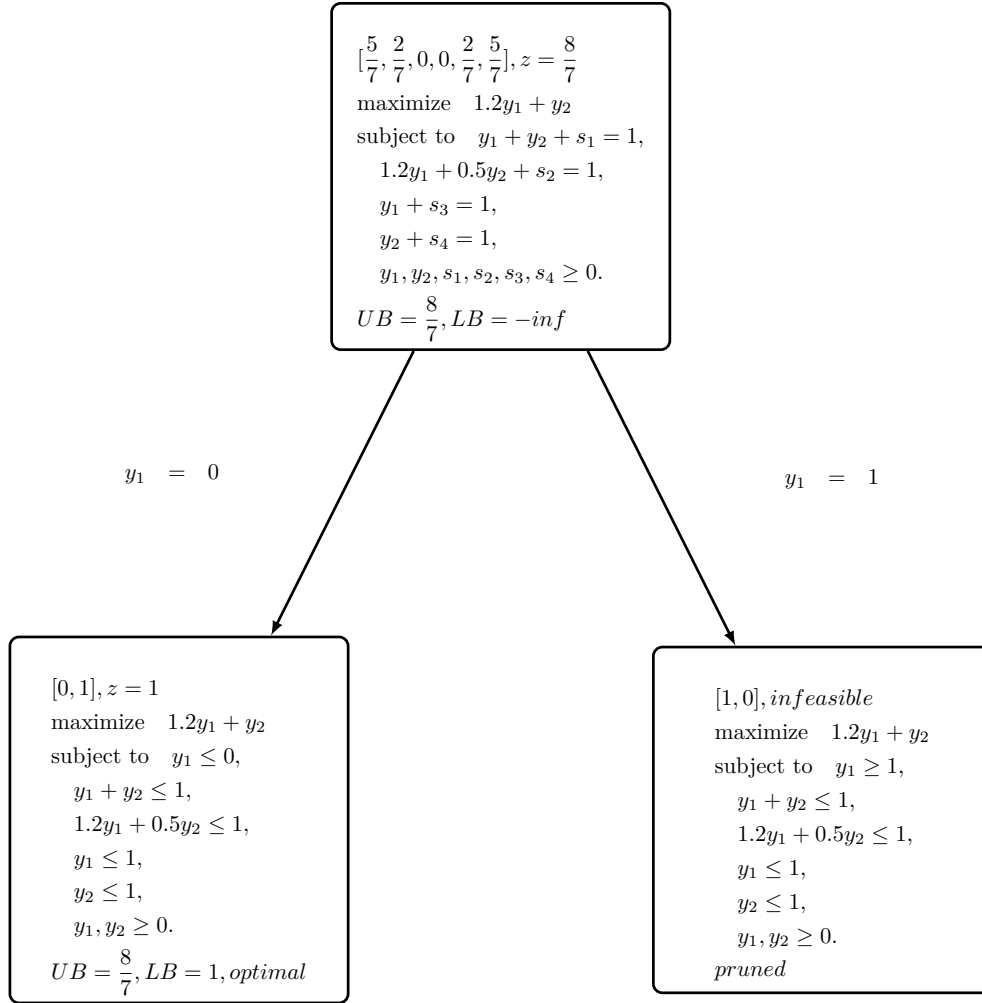
1.2 Part b

Solve the above problem with the branch and bound method by enumerating nodes in the tree and solving the LP subproblems using GAMS.

Solution: The initial LP relaxed problem is solved in [1.1](#), so we can start with the parent node. An important note for this question, I will be solving the LPs in my custom **gatorpy** LP solver so that I can use them as verification tests. The code used will be available in [section 4.1](#)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\frac{5}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, 0, 0, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{5}{7}\right], z = \frac{8}{7} \\
& \text{maximize} \quad 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\
& \text{subject to} \quad y_1 + y_2 + s_1 = 1, \\
& \quad 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 + s_2 = 1, \\
& \quad y_1 + s_3 = 1, \\
& \quad y_2 + s_4 = 1, \\
& \quad y_1, y_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \geq 0. \\
& UB = \frac{8}{7}, LB = -inf
\end{aligned}$$

Since all variables are fractional, we can pick the first one y_1 to branch on



Via the branch and bound method, the optimal solution to the problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 1.2y_1 + y_2 \\ &\text{subject to} && y_1 + y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& 1.2y_1 + 0.5y_2 \leq 1 \\ &&& y_1, y_2 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

is $y_1 = 0, y_2 = 1, z = 1$.

2 Problem 2

Consider the following superstructure for the separation of four chemical components using sharp distillation columns. The total cost of a distillation column is calculated as follows:

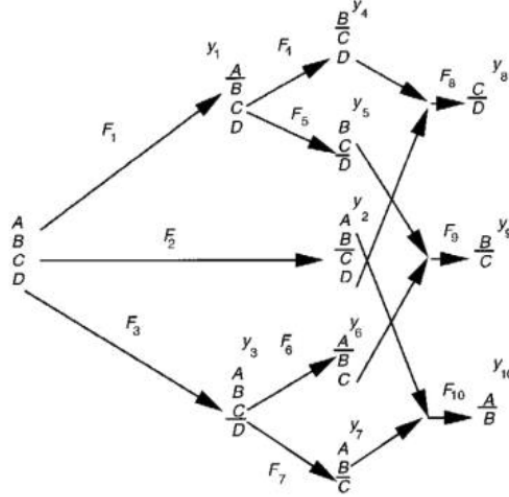


Figure 1: Problem 2 superstructure

$$\text{cost}_k = \alpha_k + \beta_k F_k + \gamma_{\text{Hot}} Q_k^{\text{Hot}} + \gamma_{\text{Cold}} Q_k^{\text{Cold}}$$

where:

- α_k represents a fixed capital cost,
- β_k represents the variable investment cost,
- $\gamma_{\text{Hot/Cold}}$ is the cost of hot/cold utilities, and
- $Q_k^{\text{Hot}}/Q_k^{\text{Cold}}$ is the total demand of hot and cold utilities (assumed to be equal).

Given:

- Initial feed: 1000 Kmol/h,
- Feed composition (mole fraction): A = 0.15, B = 0.3, C = 0.35, D = 0.2.

and the following data:

2.1 Part A: MILP Formulation

Formulate a Mixed-Integer Linear Programming (MILP) problem to find the optimal sequence of distillation columns. Identify at least 2 logic based equations that can be formulated to tighten the problem formulation.

2.2 Part B: Solve Using GAMS

Solve the problem using GAMS.

k	Separator	Investment cost		Heat duty coefficients, K_k , (10^6kJ / kgmol)
		α_k , fixed ($10^3 \text{\$/yr}$)	β_k , variable ($10^3 \text{\$/hr/kmol yr}$)	
1	<i>A/BCD</i>	145	0.42	0.028
2	<i>AB/CD</i>	52	0.12	0.042
3	<i>ABC/D</i>	76	0.25	0.054
6	<i>A/BC</i>	125	0.78	0.024
7	<i>AB/C</i>	44	0.11	0.039
4	<i>B/CD</i>	38	0.14	0.040
5	<i>BC/D</i>	66	0.21	0.047
10	<i>A/B</i>	112	0.39	0.022
9	<i>B/C</i>	37	0.08	0.036
8	<i>C/D</i>	58	0.19	0.044

Cost of utilities:

Cooling water	$C_C = 1.3$ ($10^3 \text{\$/10}^6 \text{kJyr}$)
Steam	$C_H = 34$ ($10^3 \text{\$/10}^6 \text{kJyr}$)

Figure 2: Problem 2 Data

2.3 Part C: Integer Cut

Once the solution is found:

- Identify the active binary variables in the optimal solution.
- Formulate an integer cut to exclude this solution from the feasible space.
- Solve the problem again to find the next best solution.

3 Problem 3

Given are three candidate reactors for the reaction $A \rightarrow B$, where we would like to produce 10 kmol/h of B . Up to 15 kmol/hr of reactant A are available at a price of \$2/kmol. The data on the three reactors is as follows:

Reactor	Conversion	Cost
1	0.8	$8 + 1.5 \cdot \text{Feed}$
2	0.667	$5.4 + \text{Feed}$
3	0.555	$2.7 + 0.5 \cdot \text{Feed}$

Table 1: Reactor Data

3.1 Part A: Superstructure Design

Design a superstructure to represent this problem.

Solution: Not sure if I am oversimplifying this. This superstructure assumes that no A is recycled

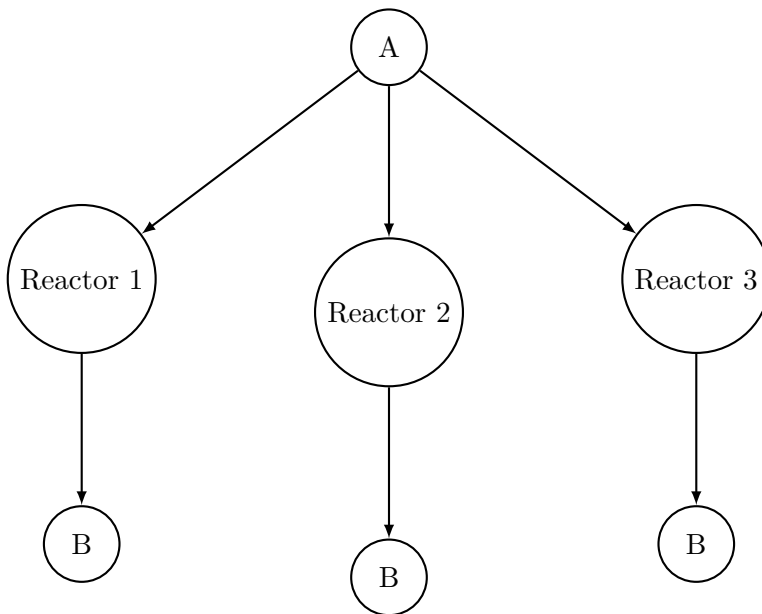


Figure 3: Superstructure for the reaction $A \rightarrow B$ with three reactors.

back into the reactor, and we only choose one reactor. This is generally a simple problem, we are effectively picking which reactor to use to minimize the cost.

3.2 Part B: MILP Formulation

Determine a MILP formulation.

Solution: In order to solve this MILP formulation, I will start thinking about this in a GAMS/modeling language way starting with parameters.

Parameters: We have parameters k_i as the $A \rightarrow B$ conversion of reactor i . We also have cost components d_i as the constant cost of using reactor i and c_i as the multiplicative cost of feeding A through reactor i . Our demand parameter D for the amount of B we would like to produce and

our supply S that we have available. We can also have the price of using a kmol of A as p . Below are the numerical representations of the problem parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= \frac{4}{5}, k_2 = \frac{2}{3}, k_3 = \frac{5}{9} \\ d_1 &= 8, d_2 = 5.4, d_3 = 2.7; c_1 = 1.5, c_2 = 1, c_3 = 0.5 \\ D &= 10, S = 15, p = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Variables: Our variables for this problem are as follows: We have x_i as the amount of A delivered to the i -th reactor. In order to model our decision to pick a reactor, we have variables y_i which are booleans that signify if reactor i has been chosen.

Constraints: We can model our constraints as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &\leq S, \quad \forall i \in [1, 2, 3] && \text{Supply Constraint} \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 k_i x_i &\geq D && \text{Demand Constraint} \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 y_i &= 1 && \text{One Reactor Constraint} \\ x_i &\leq S y_i, \quad \forall i \in [1, 2, 3] && \text{Big-M One Reactor Flow Constraint} \\ x_i &\geq 0, \quad \forall i \in [1, 2, 3] && \text{Non-negativity} \\ y_i &\in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in [1, 2, 3] && \text{Binaries} \end{aligned}$$

We can also get rid of the supply constraint since the Big-M naturally handles that. The GAMS solution below drops the supply constraint. *Objective:* Our objective in this problem is to minimize the cost while still meeting the demand. We can bunch these costs into different components

$$\begin{aligned} p \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i & \quad \text{Supply component} \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 d_i y_i & \quad \text{Reactor constant component} \\ \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i y_i & \quad \text{Reactor processing component} \end{aligned}$$

3.3 Part C: Solve Using GAMS

Solve in GAMS.

Solution: The optimal solution was found to be $x_1 = 12.5, y_1 = 1, z = 34.5$, and the rest of the variables equal to 0. GAMS code available in section [4.2](#)

4 Code

4.1 Problem 1 Code

```
# Parameters
A_arr = np.array([[1,1],[1.2,0.5]])
b_arr = np.array([1,1])
c_arr = np.array([1.2,1])
A = Parameter(A_arr)
b = Parameter(b_arr)
c = Parameter(c_arr)
# Variables
y = Variable(2)
# Problem
problem = Problem({
    'maximize': c.T @ y,
    'subject to': [
        A @ y <= b,
        y >= 0,
        y <= 1
    ]
})

# CVX Vars
y_cvx = cp.Variable(2)
# CVX Problem
objective = cp.Maximize(c_arr @ y_cvx)
constraints = [
    A_arr @ y_cvx <= b_arr,
    y_cvx >= 0,
    y_cvx <= 1
]
problem_cvx = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)

get_test_results(problem, problem_cvx, "HW5 Problem 1 initial LP relaxation")
# branch and bound arrays
I_y_1_arr = np.array([[1,0],[0,0]])
I_y_2_arr = np.array([[0,0],[0,1]])
I_y_1 = Parameter(I_y_1_arr)
I_y_2 = Parameter(I_y_2_arr)
# LEFT SPLIT
# Problem
problem = Problem({
    'maximize': c.T @ y,
    'subject to': [
        A @ y <= b,
        y >= 0,
        y <= 1,
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        I_y_1 @ y <= 0,
    ]
})

# CVX Vars
y_cvx = cp.Variable(2)
# CVX Problem
objective = cp.Maximize(c_arr @ y_cvx)
constraints = [
    A_arr @ y_cvx <= b_arr,
    y_cvx >= 0,
    y_cvx <= 1,
    I_y_1_arr @ y_cvx <= 0
]
problem_cvx = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)

get_test_results(problem, problem_cvx, "HW5 Problem 1 Branch and Bound Left Split y_1 <= 0")

# RIGHT SPLIT
# Problem
problem = Problem({
    'maximize': c.T @ y,
    'subject to': [
        A @ y <= b,
        y >= 0,
        y <= 1,
        I_y_1 @ y >= 1,
    ]
})

# CVX Vars
y_cvx = cp.Variable(2)
# CVX Problem
objective = cp.Maximize(c_arr @ y_cvx)
constraints = [
    A_arr @ y_cvx <= b_arr,
    y_cvx >= 0,
    y_cvx <= 1,
    I_y_1_arr @ y_cvx >= 1
]
problem_cvx = cp.Problem(objective, constraints)

get_test_results(problem, problem_cvx, "HW5 Problem 1 Branch and Bound Right Split y_1 >=1")

Test ID: HW5 Problem 1 initial LP relaxation
CVX: (np.float64(1.14), array([[0.71, 0.29]]), True)
GatORPy: (array(1.14285714), array([0.71428571, 0.28571429, 0.
0.71428571]), True)

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Test passed: False

Test ID: HW5 Problem 1 Branch and Bound Left Split $y_1 \leq 0$

CVX: (np.float64(1.0), array([[0., 1.]]), True)

GatORPy: (array(1.), array([0., 1., 0., 0.5, 1., 0., 0., 0.]), True)

Test passed: False

Test ID: HW5 Problem 1 Branch and Bound Right Split $y_1 \geq 1$

CVX: (None, None, False)

GatORPy: (array(0.8), array([1., -0.4, 0.4, 0., 0., 1.4, 0., -1.]), True)

Test passed: False

4.2 Problem 3 Code

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General Algebraic Modeling System
Compilation

```
1 SETS
2 i          'set of reactors'      /r1,r2,r3/
3
4 ;
5 Parameters
6 k(i)      'conversion factors'    /r1 0.8, r2 0.666667, r3 0.555555/
7 d(i)      'Reactor constant costs'/r1 8,r2 5.4,r3 2.7/
8 c(i)      'Reactor coeff costs'   /r1 1.5,r2 1,r3 0.5/
9 ;
10 Scalars
11 De 'Demand' /10/
12 Su 'Supply' /15/
13 pr 'Price'  /2/
14 ;
15 Variables
16 z
17 ;
18 Positive Variables
19 x(i)
20 ;
21 Binary Variables
22 y(i)
23 ;
24 Equations
25     demand_constraint
26     one_reactor_constraint
27     flow_constraints(i)
28     objective_eq
29 ;
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30 demand_constraint..      sum(i,k(i) * x(i)) =g= De;
31 one_reactor_constraint..  sum(i,y(i)) =e= 1;
32 flow_constraints(i)..     x(i) =l= Su*y(i);
33 objective_eq..           z =e= sum(i,pr*x(i) + d(i) * y(i) + c(i) * y(i));
34
35 Model Superstructure / all /;
36 solve Superstructure using MIP minimizing z;

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General Algebraic Modeling System
Equation Listing      SOLVE Superstructure Using MIP From line 36

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---- demand_constraint  =G=

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demand_constraint..  0.8*x(r1) + 0.666667*x(r2) + 0.555555*x(r3) =G= 10 ; (LHS = 0, INFES = 10)

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---- one_reactor_constraint  =E=

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one_reactor_constraint..  y(r1) + y(r2) + y(r3) =E= 1 ; (LHS = 0, INFES = 1 ****)

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---- flow_constraints  =L=

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flow_constraints(r1)..  x(r1) - 15*y(r1) =L= 0 ; (LHS = 0)

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flow_constraints(r2)..  x(r2) - 15*y(r2) =L= 0 ; (LHS = 0)

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flow_constraints(r3)..  x(r3) - 15*y(r3) =L= 0 ; (LHS = 0)

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---- objective_eq  =E=

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objective_eq..  z - 2*x(r1) - 2*x(r2) - 2*x(r3) - 9.5*y(r1) - 6.4*y(r2) - 3.2*y(r3) =E= 0 ; (L

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General Algebraic Modeling System
Column Listing      SOLVE Superstructure Using MIP From line 36

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---- z

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z

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      (.LO, .L, .UP, .M = -INF, 0, +INF, 0)
1      objective_eq

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---- x

x(r1)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, +INF, 0)
 0.8 demand_constraint
 1 flow_constraints(r1)
 -2 objective_eq

x(r2)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, +INF, 0)
 0.6667 demand_constraint
 1 flow_constraints(r2)
 -2 objective_eq

x(r3)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, +INF, 0)
 0.5556 demand_constraint
 1 flow_constraints(r3)
 -2 objective_eq

---- y

y(r1)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, 1, 0)
 1 one_reactor_constraint
 -15 flow_constraints(r1)
 -9.5 objective_eq

y(r2)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, 1, 0)
 1 one_reactor_constraint
 -15 flow_constraints(r2)
 -6.4 objective_eq

y(r3)
 (.L0, .L, .UP, .M = 0, 0, 1, 0)
 1 one_reactor_constraint
 -15 flow_constraints(r3)
 -3.2 objective_eq

Proven optimal solution

MIP Solution: 34.500000 (0 iterations, 0 nodes)

Final Solve: 34.500000 (0 iterations)

Best possible: 34.500000

Absolute gap: 0.000000
 Relative gap: 0.000000

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
---- EQU demand_co~	10.0000	10.0000	+INF	2.5000
---- EQU one_react~	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	.

---- EQU flow_constraints

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
r1	-INF	-2.5000	.	.
r2	-INF	.	.	.
r3	-INF	.	.	.

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
---- EQU objective~	.	.	.	1.0000

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
---- VAR z	-INF	34.5000	+INF	.

---- VAR x

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
r1	.	12.5000	+INF	.
r2	.	.	+INF	0.3333
r3	.	.	+INF	0.6111

---- VAR y

	LOWER	LEVEL	UPPER	MARGINAL
r1	.	1.0000	1.0000	9.5000
r2	.	.	1.0000	6.4000
r3	.	.	1.0000	3.2000

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