

# Operations Research Final Project

## What to Eat For Lunch

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Topic





When you're trying to  
decide where to eat



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# Problem Description



# Factors

Price \$

Time 



**Days-off**

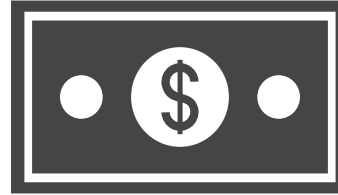
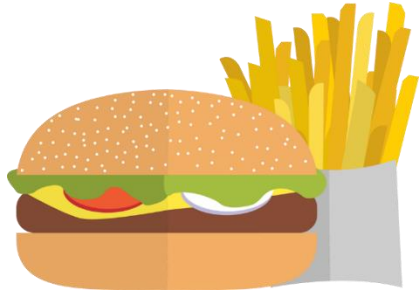


**Frequency**



**Lunch  
appointments**

# The Objective



## Food

Restaurant preferences.

## Price

The amount of money saved

## Time

The amount of time saved

**Goal: To maximize restaurant preferences + the amount of money saved + the amount of time saved**





# Data and Formulation

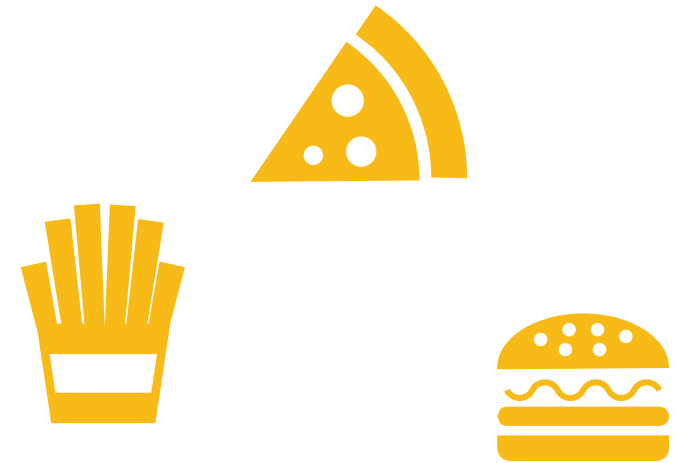




# Data – Restaurant

We collected the information of 71 restaurants near NTU, including:

- The average price
- Days-off
- The average dining time
- The estimated traveling time



Also, we include a restaurant “None”

# Data – Restaurant(Continued)

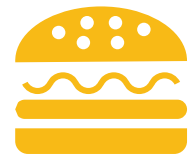
Name	Price	Days-off	Dining time	Traveling time*
鍋in	175	0	90	(4,5,6,3,7,6,6,5)
韓天閣	175	0	90	(4,5,6,3,6,6,7,4)
大埔鐵板燒	150	0	45	(4,5,6,3,7,6,6,5)
阿英滷肉飯	125	6	30	(4,4,4,4,4,6,8,3)
柒食貳	100	0	45	(4,4,4,4,4,6,7,3)
...	...	...	...	...

\*(共同,普通,新生,管一,新體,社科院,男一,女一), accordingly

# Data – Student

As for the information of the student, we need :

- Where his/her morning class ends
- Where his/her afternoon class begins
- Available time for lunch
- Monthly budget
- The willingness to pay





# Data – Student(Continued)

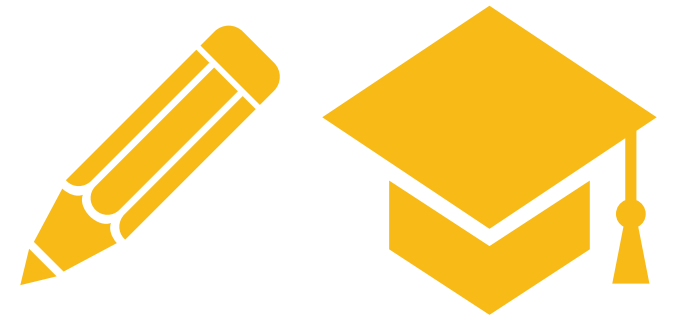
Weekdays	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Available Time(mins)	Unlimited	Unlimited	120	70	10
Class-ending Location	無	管一	管一	管一	普通
Class-beginning Location	無	無	管一	新生	新體

Name	Willingness to pay
鍋in	180
韓天閣	100
大埔鐵板燒	130
阿英滷肉飯	100
柒食貳	100
...	...

Budget(NTD/Month)
4000

# Data – Student(Continued)

- We also consider whether the student will have a date with someone on some specific day.
- Usually, the restaurant will be decided beforehand.
- Ex. On date  $i$  the student has a date with his close friends at restaurant  $j$ , then the value of  $x_{ij}$  will be 1.



# Variables

- $x_{ij} = 1$  if on date  $i$  restaurant  $j$  will be chosen, 0 otherwise.



# Parameters

For restaurant:

- **Price** :  $R_j$  is the average price of restaurant  $j$
- **Traveling time** :  $B_{jk}$  is the traveling time from location  $k$  to restaurant  $j$
- **Days-off** :  $O_{ij} = 1$  if on date  $i$  restaurant  $j$  will be open, 0 otherwise
- **Actual dining time** :  $E_j$  is the average dining time of restaurant  $j$ , based on historical data on google maps

# Parameters(continued)

For student:

- **Class-ending location** :  $S_{ik} = 1$  if on date  $i$  the student will finish his/her morning class at location  $k$
- **Class-starting location** :  $D_{ik} = 1$  if on date  $i$  the student will start his/her afternoon class at location  $k$
- **Available time** :  $T_i$  is the available time for the student on date  $i$ , i.e. the time he/she have for a lunch break

# Parameters(continued)

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- **Willingness to pay** :  $W_j$  is the price that the student is willing to pay for a meal of restaurant  $j$
- **Budget** :  $M$  is the budget of the student (monthly)



# Parameters(continued)

The others are:

- $C_i$  is the number of weekdays on date  $i$ , 1 for Mondays, 7 for Sundays
- $H$  is the basic hourly wage, in our model we set it to 158 NT dollars
- $A$  is a constant used to calculate the decrease of willingness to pay

# Notations

- $i$  denotes date, from 1 to 31.
- $j$  denotes the number of restaurants, from 1 to 71.
- $k$  denotes the location where student have a class, from 1 to 9 (8 locations & no class).

# Formulation

Objective Function → maximize total benefit

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H + \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} H (T_i - E_j) - A \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{71} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

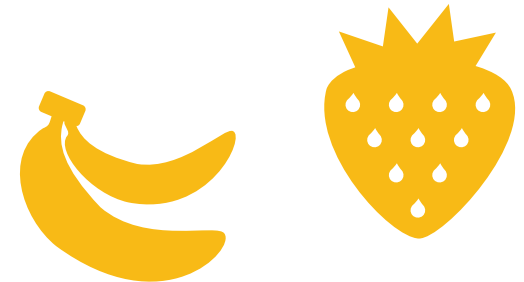


# Formulation(continued)

## Objective Function(1)

Willingness-to-pay – actual pay = customer surplus

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H + \\ & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} H (T_i - E_j) - A \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{71} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$



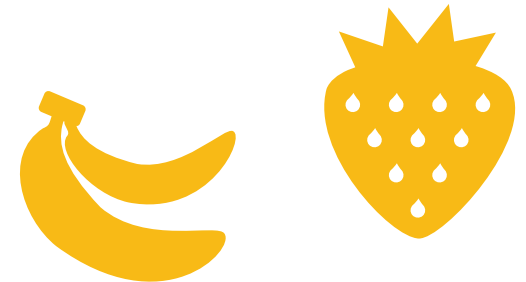


# Formulation(continued)

## Objective Function(2)

Budget – total actual pay = the money you saved

$$\begin{aligned} \max \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H + \\ \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} H (T_i - E_j) - A \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{71} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$



# Formulation(continued)

## Objective Function(3)

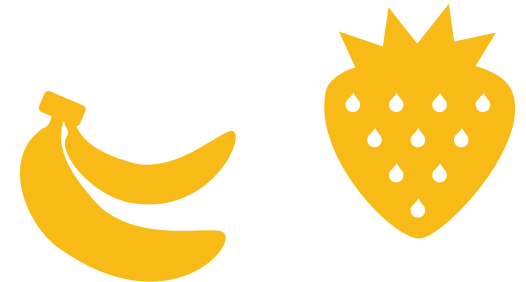
Total travel time

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H + \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Location parameters (binary)

Basic hourly wage

biking time between locations



# Formulation(continued)

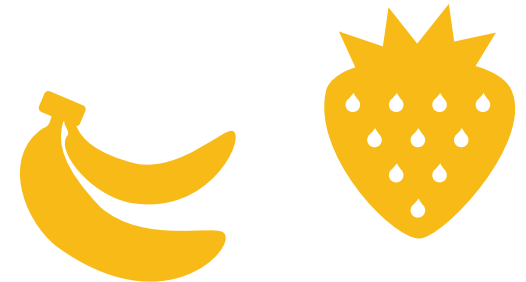
## Objective Function(4)

Amount of time saved

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H + \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} H (T_i - E_j) - A \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{71} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} \right) \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Available time
Dining Time

Basic hourly wage



# Formulation(continued)

## Objective Function(5)

The decreasing amount of willingness-to-pay

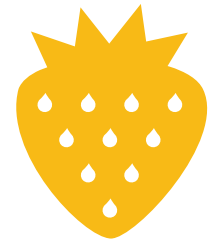
The total decrease in willingness-to-pay:

$$A \times (0 + 1 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij})$$

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} (W_j - R_j) + (M - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} (x_{ij} R_j)) - \sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{k=1}^9 (S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij} H +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{31} \sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} H (T_i - E_j) - A \times \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{71} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{31} x_{ij} \right) \right) \right)$$

Const (In our model, A = \$10)



# Formulation(continued)

## Constraints(1)

- Time Constraints

$$\sum_{j=1}^{71} (E_j x_{ij}) + \sum_{k=1}^9 ((S_{ik} + D_{ik}) B_{jk} x_{ij}) \leq T_i, \forall i$$

- Budget Constraint

$$\sum_{j=1}^{71} \sum_{i=1}^{31} (x_{ij}) R_j \leq M$$

- Days-off Constraint

$$O_{ij} \geq x_{ij}, \forall i, j$$



# Formulation(continued)

## Constraints(2)

- Date Constraints

$$x_{ij} = 1, \text{ for some } i \text{ and } j$$

- Consecutive Constraint

$$\sum_{i=n}^{n+6} x_{ij} \leq 1, \forall n = 1, 2 \dots i - 6$$

- Single Choosing Constraint

$$\sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} = 1, \text{ if date } i \text{ is weekday}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{71} x_{ij} = 0, \text{ if date } i \text{ is holiday}$$







# Solution



# Solution

Date (Day)	Name of Restaurant	Date (Day)	Name of Restaurant
1 (Monday)	四面八方	8 (Monday)	四面八方
2 (Tuesday)	安好食 (新生)	9 (Tuesday)	咖喱戰線
3 (Wednesday)	鳳城燒臘	10 (Wednesday)	安好食 (新生)
4 (Thursday)	五九麵館	11 (Thursday)	鳳城燒臘
5 (Friday)	不吃	12 (Friday)	不吃

Objective (Total Benefit): 7060.767 NT dollars



# Suggestion





# Suggestions

- Oversimplified the matter  
add more parameters, e.g. the weather, whether the student is with companions
- Program effectiveness





Thank you