

Introduction

The following report details the creation of the linear optimization model used to calculate the optimal combination of ingredients in the animal feed and its subsequent adjustments.

1.1 The Linear Model

- I - set of available ingredients
- N - set of nutrients
- R_p - p sets of available ingredient combinations with rules with $p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Parameters

- c_i - cost of ingredient $i \in I$
- v_{ij} - amount of nutrient $j \in N$ per kilogram of ingredient $i \in I$
- b_i^{lb}, b_i^{ub} - lower and upper bound on each ingredient $i \in I$
- d_j^{lb}, d_j^{ub} - lower and upper bound on each nutrient $j \in N$
- r_p - upper bound for ingredient combination $p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Variables

- x_i : fraction of the feed mix that consists of ingredient $i \in I$

Model's Constraints

$$d_j^{lb} \leq \sum_{i \in I} v_{ij} x_i \leq d_j^{ub} \quad \forall j \in N \rightarrow \text{constraint for nutrient bounds}$$

$$b_i^{lb} \leq x_i \leq b_i^{ub} \quad \forall i \in I \rightarrow \text{constraint for ingredient bounds}$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i = 1 \rightarrow \text{all proportion must sum up to 1}$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{all proportions must not be negative}$$

$$\sum_{l \in C_p} x_{pl} \leq r_p \quad \forall p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \rightarrow \text{all ingredients with rules must obey rules}$$

Model's Objective

$$\min \sum_{i \in I} c_i x_i \quad - \text{minimizing the sum of costs of each ingredient in its proportion}$$

1.2 Binary variable

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- d_j^{lb}, d_j^{ub} - lower and upper bound on each nutrient $j \in N$

- r_p - upper bound for ingredient combinations $p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Variables

- x_i : fraction of the feed mix that consists of ingredient $i \in I$
- y_i - a binary variable.
 - $y_i = 1$ if ingredient i is selected;
 - $y_i = 0$ if the ingredient i is not selected.

Model's Constraints

$$d_j^{lb} \leq \sum_{i \in I} v_{ij} x_i \leq d_j^{ub} \quad \forall j \in N$$

$$b_j^{lb} \leq x_i \leq b_j^{ub} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i = 1$$

$$x_i \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{l \in C_p} x_{pl} \leq r_p \quad \forall p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in I \rightarrow y \text{ is a binary variable}$$

$$x_i \leq y_i \quad \forall i \in I \rightarrow x \text{ not equal to 0 only if corresponding } y = 1$$

Model's Objective

$$\min \sum_{i \in I} y_i \text{ - minimizing the number of ingredients}$$

1.3 Minimum cost for the minimum number of ingredients

- I - set of available ingredients
- N - set of nutrients
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Parameters

- c_i - cost of ingredient $i \in I$
- v_{ij} - amount of nutrient $j \in N$ per kilogram of ingredient $i \in I$
- b_i^{lb}, b_i^{ub} - lower and upper bound on each ingredient $i \in I$
- d_j^{lb}, d_j^{ub} - lower and upper bound on each nutrient $j \in N$
- r_p - upper bound for ingredient combinations $p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
- a - number of ingredients needed

Variables

- x_i : fraction of the feed mix that consists of ingredient $i \in I$
- y_i - a binary variable.
 - $y_i = 1$ if ingredient i is selected;
 - $y_i = 0$ if the ingredient i is not selected.

Model's Constraints

$$d_j^{lb} \leq \sum_{i \in I} v_{ij} x_i \leq d_j^{ub} \quad \forall j \in N$$

$$b_j^{lb} \leq x_i \leq b_j^{ub} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_i = 1$$

$$x_i \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{l \in C_p} x_{pl} \leq r_p \quad \forall p \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$x_i \leq y_i \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} y_i = a \rightarrow \text{number of all elements must be equal to } a$$

Model's Objective

$$\min \sum_{i \in I} c_i x_i$$

Resulting variables

1 Var Declarations				2 Var Declarations				available_ingredients_var : Size=26, Index=ava			
Key	Lower	Value		Key	Lower	Value		Key	Lower	Value	
barley	0	0.0		barley	0	0.0		barley	0	0.0	
blood	0	0.0		blood	0	0.0		blood	0	0.0	
boneash	0	0.0		boneash	0	0.02662492		boneash	0	0.028172935	
casfine	0	0.0		casfine	0	0.0		casfine	0	0.0	
caswhole	0	0.18676756		caswhole	0	0.0		caswhole	0	0.0	
cotton	0	0.05		cotton	0	0.0		cotton	0	0.0	
dicaph	0	0.00052158349		dicaph	0	0.0		dicaph	0	0.0	
dl	0	0.00073393208		dl	0	0.0012161349		dl	0	0.00063225114	
fish	0	0.014126323		fish	0	0.0		fish	0	0.0	
fishlq	0	0.0		fishlq	0	0.0		fishlq	0	0.0	
gnseeds	0	0.055750927		gnseeds	0	0.0		gnseeds	0	0.0	
ltryp	0	0.0		ltryp	0	0.0		ltryp	0	0.0	
lysine	0	0.0015550651		lysine	0	0.0		lysine	0	0.0	
maize	0	0.2		maize	0	0.66196751		maize	0	0.71727804	
maizebranhighq	0	0.25		maizebranhighq	0	0.0		maizebranhighq	0	0.0	
maizebranlowq	0	0.0		maizebranlowq	0	0.0		maizebranlowq	0	0.0	
mbmeal	0	0.05		mbmeal	0	0.0		mbmeal	0	0.0	
salt	0	0.0021850656		salt	0	0.003		salt	0	0.003	
shells	0	0.0		shells	0	0.0		shells	0	0.0	
soybeanexp	0	0.068359545		soybeanexp	0	0.0		soybeanexp	0	0.0	
soybeanmeal	0	0.0		soybeanmeal	0	0.30719143		soybeanmeal	0	0.25091677	
sugars	0	0.0		sugars	0	0.0		sugars	0	0.0	
sunflower	0	0.12		sunflower	0	0.0		sunflower	0	0.0	
sunflowerseeds	0	0.0		sunflowerseeds	0	0.0		sunflowerseeds	0	0.0	
tapbran	0	0.0		tapbran	0	0.0		tapbran	0	0.0	
wheatbran	0	0.0		wheatbran	0	0.0		wheatbran	0	0.0	

From left to right. Figure 1. The resulting variable values to solve the model 1.1. Figure 2. The resulting variable values required to solve the model 1.2. Figure 3. The resulting variable values required to solve the model 1.3.

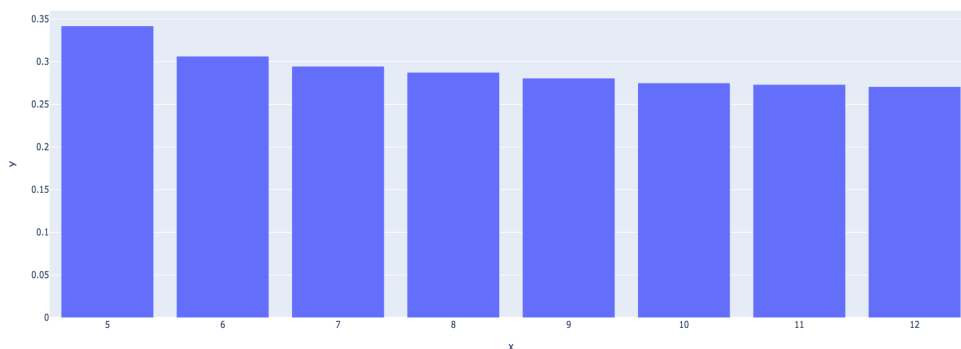


Figure 4. Graph showing the relationship between the number of ingredients used and the total cost of the feed mix.

Our team suggests choosing 7 as a number of ingredients to be used in a mix. Rationale - the cost of the feed mix does not decrease much after 7 ingredients have been used.

Solutions for 1.1. to 1.3.: 0.2697643896412; 5; 0.341822823725.