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# OPERATIONS RESEARCH - INTEGER PROGRAMMING

## Given Data and Introduction

This exercise involves solving an integer programming problem using the branch-and-bound algorithm.

The objective is to maximize the objective function under given constraints. The binary nature of the decision variables ensures each variable can only be 0 or 1.

### Objective Function:

$$Z = 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4$$

### Subject to constraints:

1. $3x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 \le 5$
2. $x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 \le 4$
3. $-x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \le 4$
4. $x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 \le 1$
5. $x_j \le 1$
6. $x_j \ge 0$
7. $x_j$ is an integer for $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$

## Part A: Apply the Branch-and-Bound Algorithm

### Step 1: Formulate the Linear Relaxation Problem

Begin by solving the linear relaxation of the problem where the integer constraints $x_j \in \{0,1\}$ are relaxed to $0 \le x_j \le 1$.

$$\text{Maximize } Z = 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4$$

subject to:

$$3x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 \le 5$$

$$x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 \le 4$$

$$-x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 \le 4$$

$$x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 \le 1$$

$$0 \le x_j \le 1$$

### Step 2: Solve the Linear Relaxation Problem
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Use any LP solver (such as the Simplex method) to solve the problem.

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Assume the solution is x_1 = 0.5, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0.5, x_4 = 0.75.
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Solving the linear relaxation gives a bound on the optimal value of the integer programming problem.

Step 3: Check Integer Feasibility

Determine if the LP solution satisfies the integral constraints \(x_j \in \{0, 1\}\).

If the solution meets the integer constraints, then it can be directly taken as the IP solution.

Step 4: Branch-and-Bound Implementation

If the LP solution is not integer, create subproblems by branching on a non-integer variable.

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Example: If x_1 = 0.5,
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Create subproblem 1: x_1 = 0
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Create subproblem 2: x_1 = 1
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Branching narrows down the feasible space into smaller regions that can be more easily managed.

Step 5: Evaluate Bound and Prune Subproblems

Evaluate the new subproblems. If a subproblem's optimal solution is lower than the current known solution, prune it.

Pruning ensures computational efficiency by eliminating non-promising branches.

Part B: Verification of Solution

Step-by-Step:

Step 1: List All Combinations:

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[x_j \in \{0, 1\}, for j = 1, 2, 3, 4]
All combinations:
(0,0,0,0), (0,0,0,1), (0,0,1,0), (0,0,1,1), (0,1,0,0),
(0,1,0,1), (0,1,1,0), (0,1,1,1), (1,0,0,0),
(1,0,0,1), (1,0,1,0), (1,0,1,1), (1,1,0,0),
(1,1,0,1), (1,1,1,0), (1,1,1,1)
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Step 2: Check Feasibility of Each Combination:

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Example Combination: (1,0,0,0):
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3(1) + 3(0) + 2(0) + 2(0) ≤ 5  =>  3 ≤ 5
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0 + 2(0) + 2(0) ≤ 4  =>  0 ≤ 4
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-1 + 2(0) + 2(0) ≤ 4  =>  -1 ≤ 4
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0 - 0 + 2(0) ≤ 1  =>  0 ≤ 1
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This combination satisfies all constraints.

Step 3: Calculate Objective Function:

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Z = 3(1) + 4(0) + 4(0) + 5(0) = 3
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Evaluate and verify that each feasible combination reaches the objective function under given constraints.

Final Solution

Apply branch-and-bound: An optimal solution will be derived (e.g., assume \(x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 0\)).

Verify all combinations: As listed above, verify solution \(Z = X \text{(from LP solution)}\).

Ensure accurate LP solutions through software tools for precise real values.

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