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# Optimization software

- *Software for optimization*
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# Optimization Software beyond Excel Solver

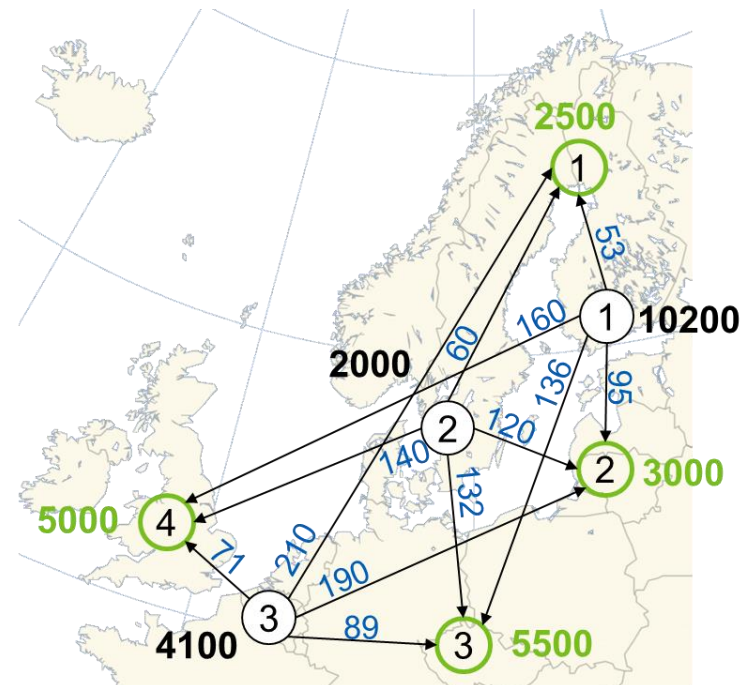
- Optimization solvers (especially MILP)
  - Commercial: Gurobi, IBM CPLEX Optimizer, FICO Xpress, MOSEK, ...
  - Open source: lp\_solve, GLPK, Open Solver (<http://opensolver.org/>), PuLP
- Optimization models are usually build with some “programming language” which then calls the solver
  - E.g. R, Matlab, C++, Java, AMPL, Python
  - Excel interfaces exists for most solvers (At least through Visual Basic)
- Next a demo: Model is written in Python and then solved with PuLP
  - Extra slides: Python+Gurobi implementation of the same model
    - Free academic license for Gurobi available here:  
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# P&P transportation problem revisited: LP formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min & 53x_{11} + 95x_{12} + 136x_{13} + 160x_{14} \\ & + 60x_{21} + 120x_{22} + 132x_{23} + 140x_{24} \\ & + 210x_{31} + 190x_{32} + 89x_{33} + 71x_{34} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \min & \\ & \\ & \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Minimize total transportation costs}$$

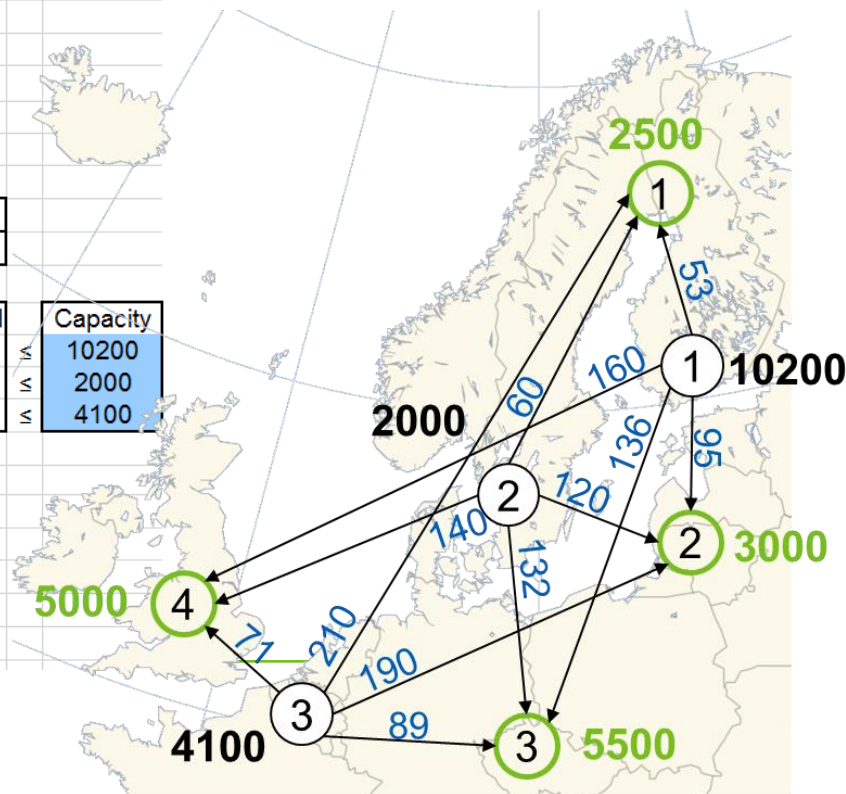
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$$\begin{aligned} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} &\leq 10200 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} &\leq 2000 \\ x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} &\leq 4100 \\ x_{ij} &\geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 3, j = 1, \dots, 4 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} &\leq 10200 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} &\leq 2000 \\ x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} &\leq 4100 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{Do not exceed production capacities}$$

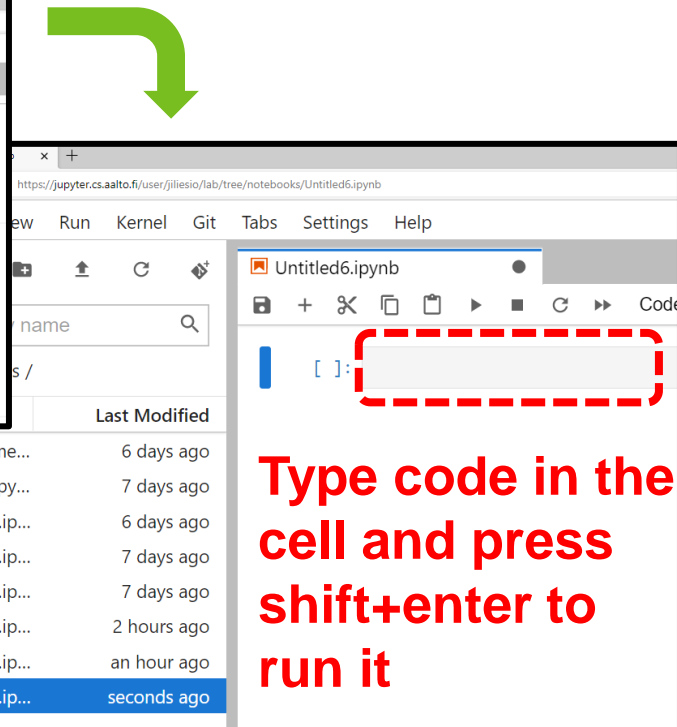
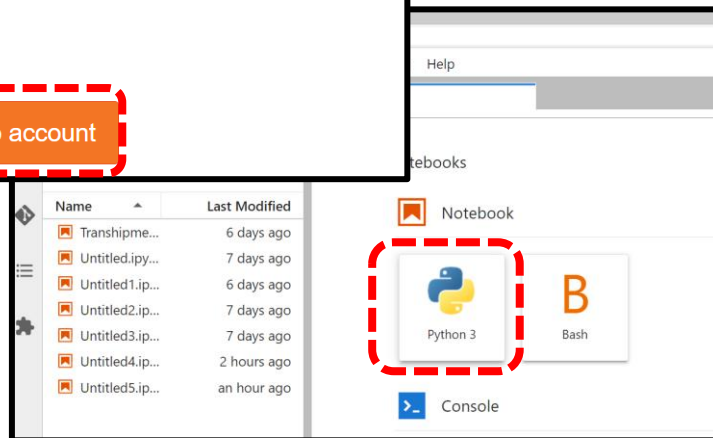
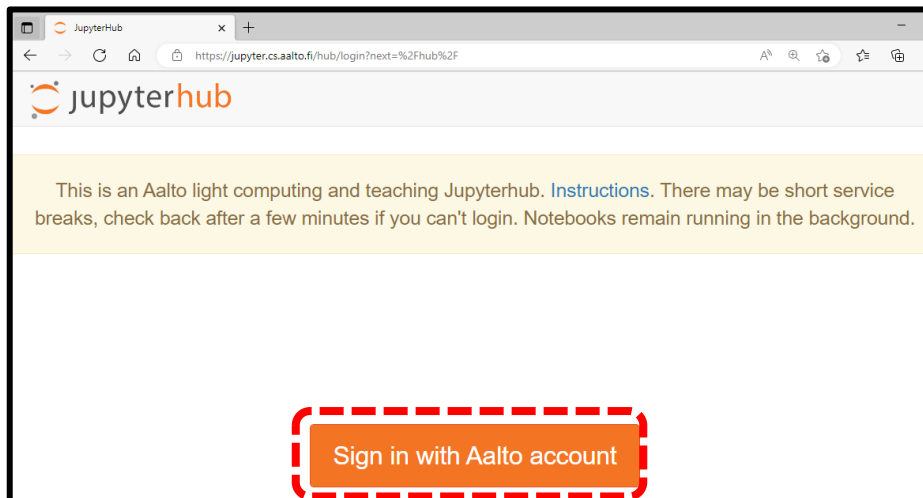


# P&P transportation problem revisited: Spreadsheet implementation

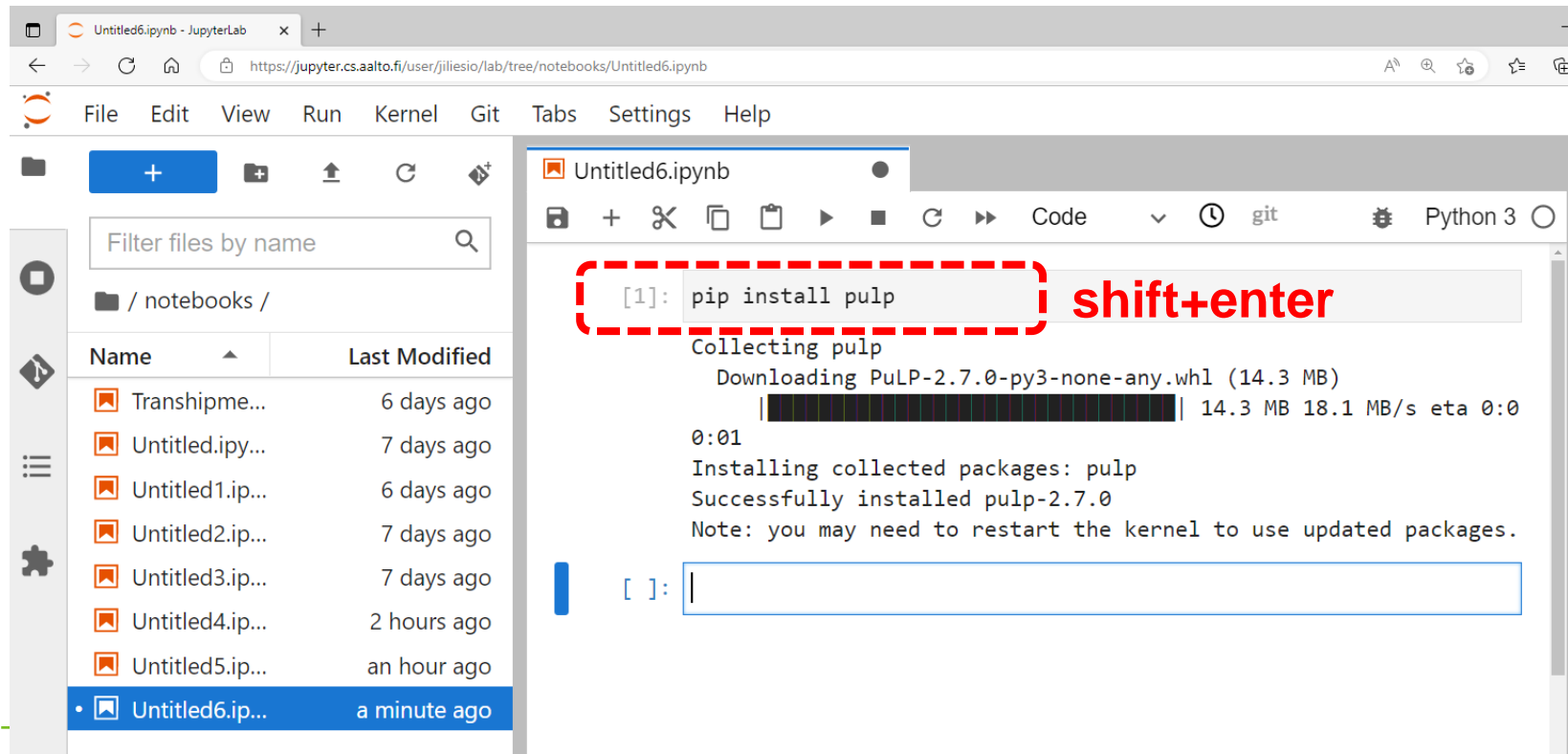
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1	Pulp&Paper Company								
2									
3	Transportation		Warehouse						
4	cost per ton		1. Finland	2. Lithuania	3. Czech	4. UK			
5	Mill	1. Finland	53 €	95 €	136 €	160 €			
6		2. Sweden	60 €	120 €	132 €	140 €			
7		3. Belgium	210 €	190 €	89 €	71 €			
8							Total Cost		
9							1 578 200 €		
10	Transported		Warehouse						
11	quantity $x_{ij}$ (tons)		1. Finland	2. Lithuania	3. Czech	4. UK	Total Shipped	Capacity	
12	Mill	1. Finland	2500	3000	4400	0	9900	10200	
13		2. Sweden	0	0	1100	900	2000	2000	
14		3. Belgium	0	0	0	4100	4100	4100	
15	Total Received		2500	3000	5500	5000			
16			=	=	=	=			
17	Demand		2500	3000	5500	5000			
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20	Parameters								
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# Install the PuLP solver for MILP problems



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[1]: `pip install pulp` **shift+enter**

Collecting pulp  
Downloading PuLP-2.7.0-py3-none-any.whl (14.3 MB)  
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Installing collected packages: pulp  
Successfully installed pulp-2.7.0  
Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

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# P&P transportation problem revisited: Indices and parameters

PPcompany.ipynb

Code

```
from pulp import *
```

```
#Indices
```

```
mills = list(range(3))
```

```
warehouses = list(range(4))
```

```
#Parameters
```

```
costs=[[53,95,136,160],
```

```
[60,120,132,140],
```

```
[210, 190, 89, 71]]
```

```
capacities=[10200, 2000, 4100]
```

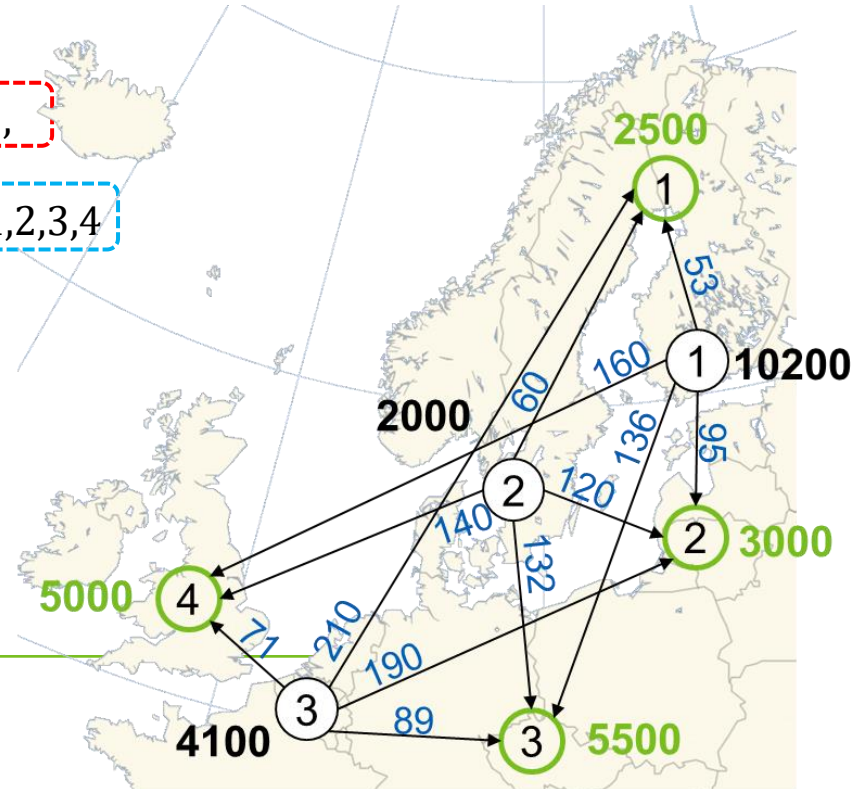
```
demands = [2500, 3000, 5500, 5000]
```

```
#Create a optimization model (minimization)
```

```
model = LpProblem("PP_model", LpMinimize)
```

mill  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,

warehouse  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$



# P&P transportation problem revisited:

## Decision variables

Decision variables  $x_{ij}$ :  
Tons of carton transported from mill  $i$   
to warehouse  $j$ :

$$x_{ij} \geq 0,$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

```
PPcompany.ipynb
```

#Create decision variables  $x_{ij}$

```
x=[LpVariable("x_"+str(i+1)+str(j+1),0,None) for j in warehouses] for i in mills]
```

Arbitrary name for the decision variable; here we use  $x_{11}, \dots, x_{34}$

Lower bound

Upper bound



# P&P transportation problem revisited: Capacity constraints

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} &\leq 10200 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} &\leq 2000 \\ x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} &\leq 4100 \end{aligned} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^4 x_{ij} \leq s_i, i = 1, 2, 3$$

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#Add capacity constraints at the mills:
for i in mills:
    model += (lpSum([x[i][j] for j in warehouses]) <= capacities[i], "Capacity_at_mill_" + str(i+1))
```

Constraints are added to the model object

Name for the constraint

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Demand constraints

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_{11} + x_{21} + x_{31} = 2500 \\ x_{12} + x_{22} + x_{32} = 3000 \\ x_{13} + x_{23} + x_{33} = 5500 \\ x_{14} + x_{24} + x_{34} = 5000 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 x_{ij} = d_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

company.ipynb



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```
#Add balance constraints at the warehouses:
```

```
for j in warehouses:
```

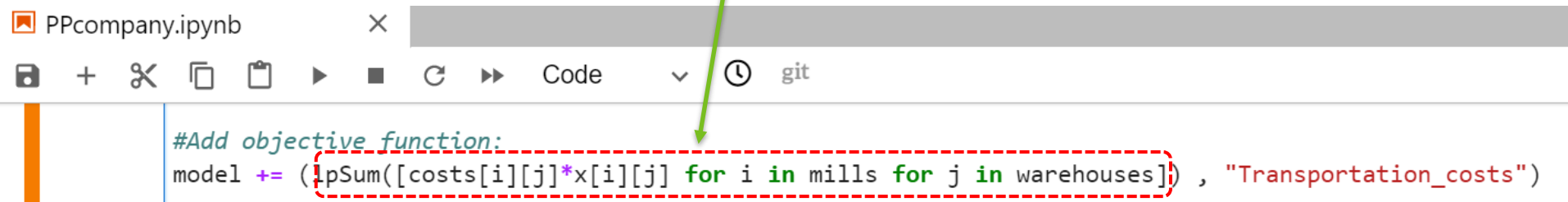
```
    model += (lpSum([x[i][j] for i in mills]) == demands[j], "Demand_at_warehouse_"+str(j+1))
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited:

## Objective function

$$\min 53x_{11} + 95x_{12} + 136x_{13} + 160x_{14} + 60x_{21} + 120x_{22} + 132x_{23} + 140x_{24} + 210x_{31} + 190x_{32} + 89x_{33} + 71x_{34}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^4 c_{ij}x_{ij}$$



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled "PPcompany.ipynb". The toolbar includes icons for saving, adding cells, deleting, copying, pasting, running, and other standard Jupyter functions. The code cell contains the following text:

```
#Add objective function:  
model += (lpSum([costs[i][j]*x[i][j] for i in mills for j in warehouses]), "Transportation_costs")
```

A red dashed box highlights the expression `lpSum([costs[i][j]*x[i][j] for i in mills for j in warehouses])` in the code. A green arrow points from the mathematical summation  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^4 c_{ij}x_{ij}$  in the equation above to this code expression.

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Solve the model and print the optimal solution

```
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#Print optimal objective function value:
print("Optimal transportation cost "+str(model.objective.value())+" .")

#Print optimal decision variable values:
for i in mills:
    print("-----")
    for j in warehouses:
        if (x[i][j].varValue>0):
            print("Transport "+str(x[i][j].varValue)+" tons from mill "+str(i+1)+" to warehouse "+str(j+1)+".")
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited:

## Run the program

```
PPcompany.ipynb
from pulp import *

#Indices
mills = list(range(3))
warehouses = list(range(4))

#Parameters
costs=[[53,95,136,160],
[60,120,132,140],
[210, 190, 89, 71]]
capacities=[10200, 2000, 4100]
demands = [2500, 3000, 5500, 5000]

#Create a optimization model (minimization)
model = LpProblem("PP_model", LpMinimize)

#Create decision variables x_ij
x=[[LpVariable("x_"+str(i+1)+str(j+1),0,None) for j in warehouses] for i in mills]

#Add objective function:
model += (lpSum([costs[i][j]*x[i][j] for i in mills for j in warehouses]), "Transportation_costs")

#Add capacity constraints at the mills:
for i in mills:
    model += (lpSum([x[i][j] for j in warehouses])<=capacities[i], "Capacity_at_mill_"+str(i+1))

#Add balance constraints at the warehouses:
for j in warehouses:
    model += (lpSum([x[i][j] for i in mills])==demands[j], "Demand_at_warehouse_"+str(j+1))

model.solve() #Solve the optimal solution to model

#Print optimal objective function value:
print("Optimal transportation cost "+str(model.objective.value())+" .")

#Print optimal decision variable values:
for i in mills:
    print("-----")
    for j in warehouses:
        if (x[i][j].varValue>0):
            print("Transport "+str(x[i][j].varValue)+" tons from mill "+str(i+1)+" to warehouse "+str(j+1)+".")
```

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# P&P transportation problem revisited: Program output

Welcome to the CBC MILP Solver

Version: 2.10.3

Build Date: Dec 15 2019

command line - /opt/software/lib/python3.10/site-packages/pulp/solverdir/cbc/linux/64/cbc /tmp/6a293f80378e420883abbd5fa5fbc186-pulp.mps timeMode elapsed branch print ingOptions all solution /tmp/6a293f80378e420883abbd5fa5fbc186-pulp.sol (default strategy 1)

At line 2 NAME

MODEL

At line 3 ROWS

At line 12 COLUMNS

At line 49 RHS

At line 57 BOUNDS

At line 58 ENDDATA

Problem MODEL has 7 rows, 12 columns and 24 elements

Coin0008I MODEL read with 0 errors

Option for timeMode changed from cpu to elapsed

Presolve 7 (0) rows, 12 (0) columns and 24 (0) elements

0 Obj 0 Primal inf 16000 (4)

7 Obj 1578200

Optimal - objective value 1578200

Optimal objective 1578200 - 7 iterations time 0.002

Option for printingOptions changed from normal to all

Total time (CPU seconds): 0.00 (Wallclock seconds): 0.00

Optimal transportation cost 1578200.0 .

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Transport 2500.0 tons from mill 1 to warehouse 1.

Transport 3000.0 tons from mill 1 to warehouse 2.

Transport 4400.0 tons from mill 1 to warehouse 3.

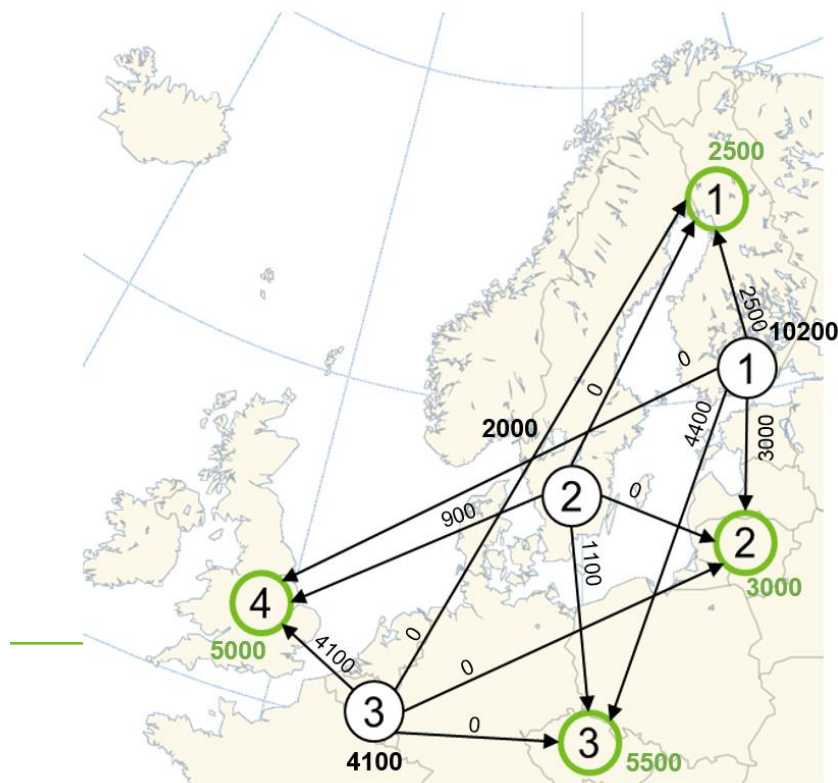
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Transport 1100.0 tons from mill 2 to warehouse 3.

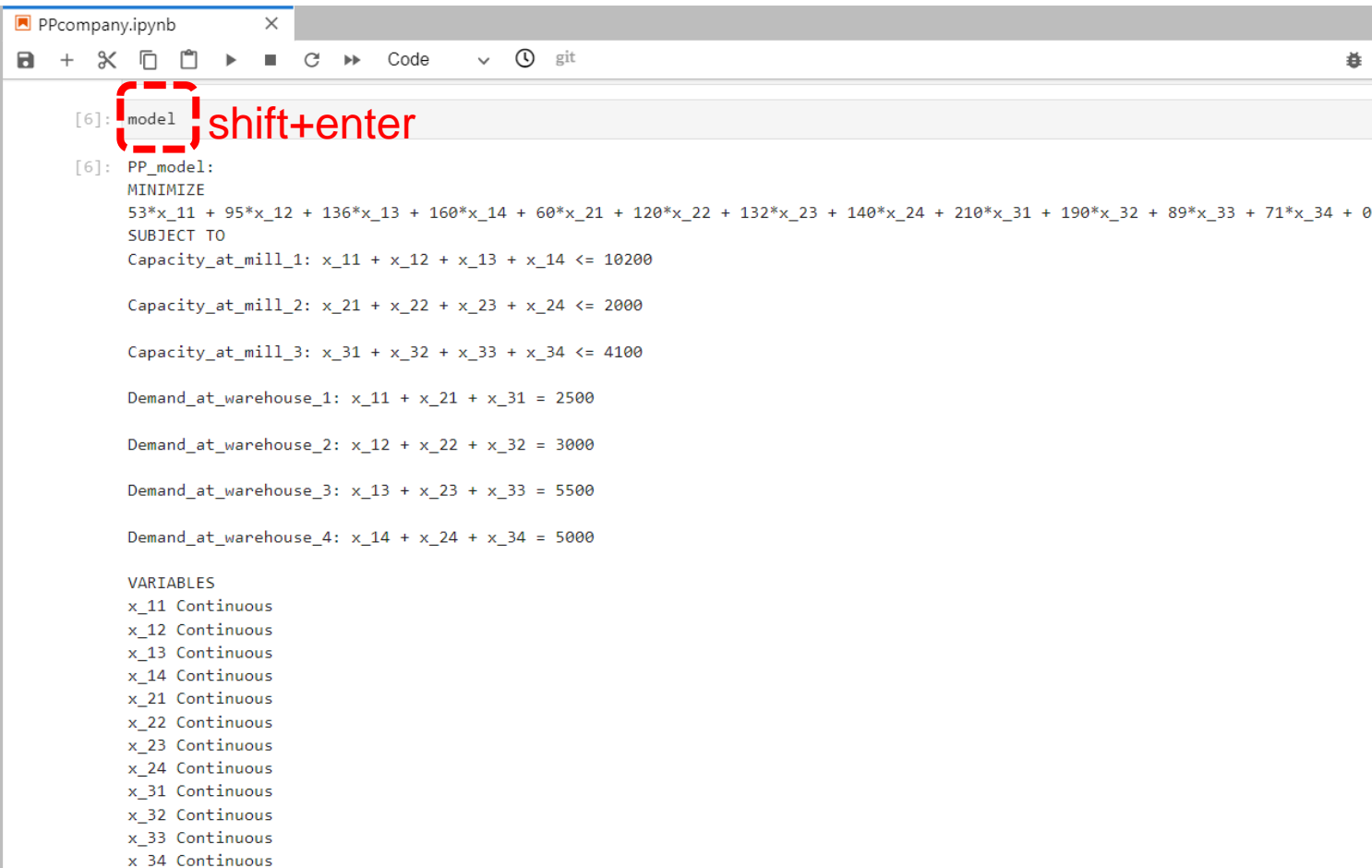
Transport 900.0 tons from mill 2 to warehouse 4.

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Transport 4100.0 tons from mill 3 to warehouse 4.



# P&P transportation problem revisited: Inspecting the model object



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook window titled 'PPcompany.ipynb'. The interface includes a toolbar with icons for saving, adding, deleting, and running code, as well as a 'Code' dropdown menu and a 'git' icon. The notebook content shows a code cell with the following text:

```
[6]: model
```

A red dashed box highlights the word 'model', and a red arrow points to it with the text 'shift+enter'.

```
[6]: PP_model:  
MINIMIZE  
53*x_11 + 95*x_12 + 136*x_13 + 160*x_14 + 60*x_21 + 120*x_22 + 132*x_23 + 140*x_24 + 210*x_31 + 190*x_32 + 89*x_33 + 71*x_34 + 0  
SUBJECT TO  
Capacity_at_mill_1: x_11 + x_12 + x_13 + x_14 <= 10200  
  
Capacity_at_mill_2: x_21 + x_22 + x_23 + x_24 <= 2000  
  
Capacity_at_mill_3: x_31 + x_32 + x_33 + x_34 <= 4100  
  
Demand_at_warehouse_1: x_11 + x_21 + x_31 = 2500  
  
Demand_at_warehouse_2: x_12 + x_22 + x_32 = 3000  
  
Demand_at_warehouse_3: x_13 + x_23 + x_33 = 5500  
  
Demand_at_warehouse_4: x_14 + x_24 + x_34 = 5000  
  
VARIABLES  
x_11 Continuous  
x_12 Continuous  
x_13 Continuous  
x_14 Continuous  
x_21 Continuous  
x_22 Continuous  
x_23 Continuous  
x_24 Continuous  
x_31 Continuous  
x_32 Continuous  
x_33 Continuous  
x_34 Continuous
```

# Extra example: P&P transportation problem in Python + Gurobi



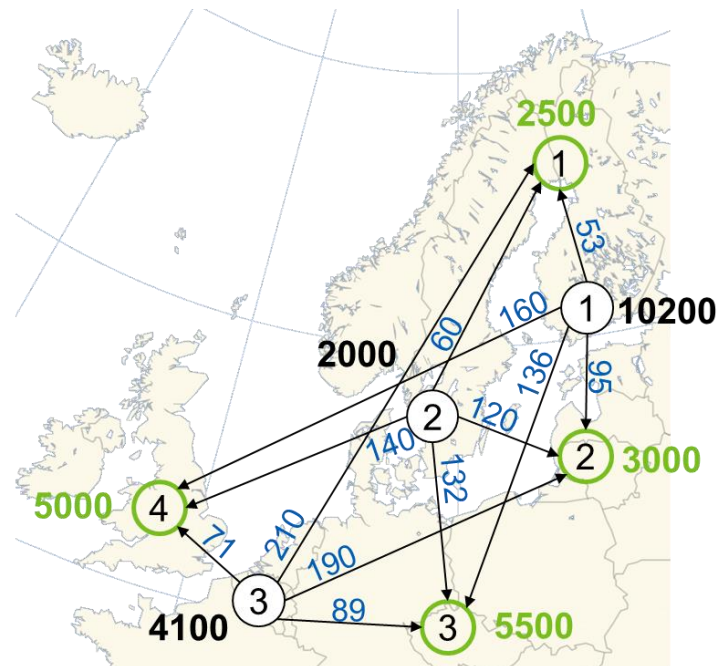
# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

```
#Import Gurobi solver library  
from gurobipy import *
```

```
#Data
```

```
costs=[[53,95,136,160],  
[60,120,132,140],  
[210, 190, 89, 71]]
```

```
capacities=[10200, 2000, 4100]  
demands = [2500, 3000, 5500, 5000]
```



# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

```
#Create the LP model in gurobi
model = Model("PP company transportation")
```

```
#Indexes
```

```
mills = range(3)
```

```
warehouses = range(4)
```

Decision variables  $x_{ij}$ :

Tons of carton transported from mill  $i$   
to warehouse  $j$ :

$$x_{ij} \geq 0,$$

$i = 1, 2, 3,$

$j = 1, 2, 3, 4$

```
#Decision variables x_ij
```

```
x=[]
```

```
for i in mills:
```

```
    x.append([])
```

```
        for j in warehouses:
```

```
            x[i].append(model.addVar(lb=0, name="x%d.%d" % (i, j)))
```

```
model.update()
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{11} + x_{12} + x_{13} + x_{14} &\leq 10200 \\ x_{21} + x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} &\leq 2000 \\ x_{31} + x_{32} + x_{33} + x_{34} &\leq 4100 \end{aligned} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^4 x_{ij} \leq s_i, i = 1, 2, 3$$

#Capacity constraints

for i in mills:

```
    model.addConstr(quicksum(x[i][j] for j in warehouses) <= capacities[i], "Capacity constraint")
model.update()
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_{11} + x_{21} + x_{31} = 2500 \\ x_{12} + x_{22} + x_{32} = 3000 \\ x_{13} + x_{23} + x_{33} = 5500 \\ x_{14} + x_{24} + x_{34} = 5000 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 x_{ij} = d_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

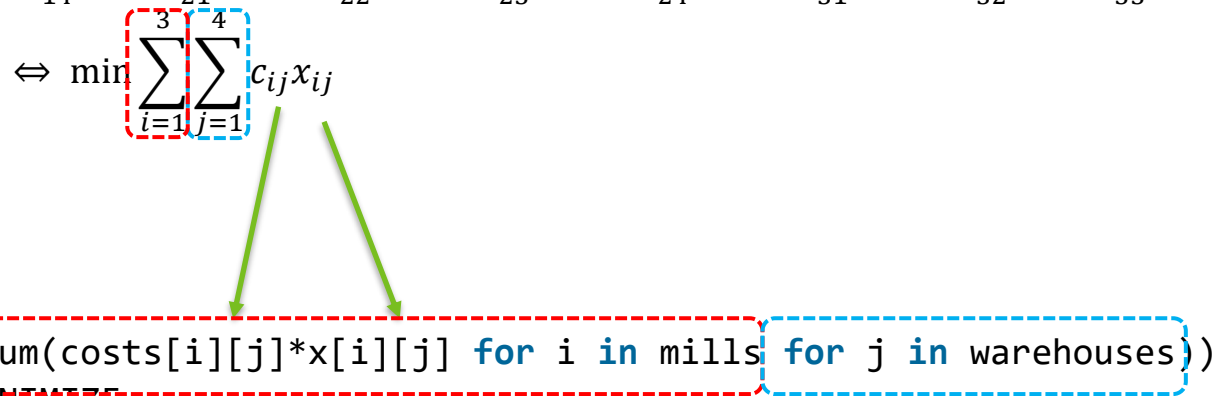
#Demand constraints

for j in warehouses:

```
    model.addConstr(quicksum(x[i][j] for i in mills) == demands[j], "Demand constraint")
model.update()
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

$$\min 53x_{11} + 95x_{12} + 136x_{13} + 160x_{14} + 60x_{21} + 120x_{22} + 132x_{23} + 140x_{24} + 210x_{31} + 190x_{32} + 89x_{33} + 71x_{34}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \min \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^4 c_{ij} x_{ij}$$


#objective function

```
model.setObjective(quicksum(costs[i][j]*x[i][j] for i in mills for j in warehouses))  
model.modelSense = GRB.MINIMIZE  
model.update()
```

# P&P transportation problem revisited: Python + Gurobi -implementation

#Find optimal solution

```
model.optimize()
```

#Collect optimal decision variable

#values to array x\_optimal

```
x_optimal=[]
```

```
for i in mills:
```

```
    x_optimal.append([])
```

```
    for j in warehouses:
```

```
        x_optimal[i].append(x[i][j].x)
```

#Print optimal transportation

#cost and solution

```
print("Optimal transportation cost:")
```

```
print(model.objVal)
```

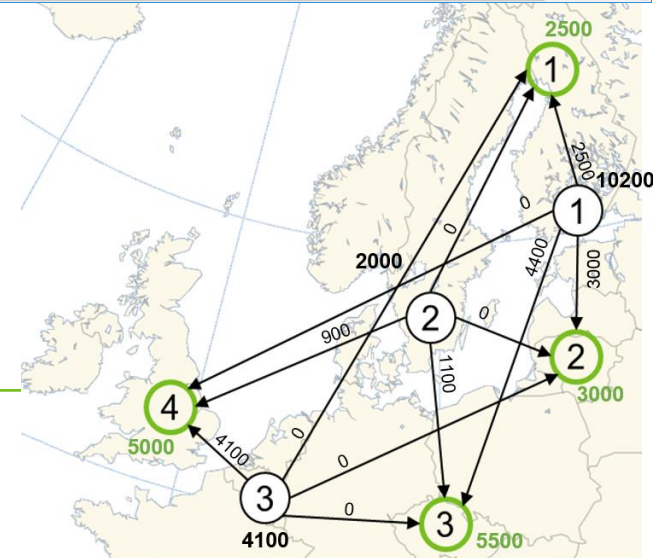
```
print("Optimal transportation quantities:")
```

```
print(x_optimal)
```


```
Windows PowerShell (5)
PS C:\Users\jillesio\Dropbox (Aalto)\Business Decisions 1\2019\Lectures> gurobi -VV - PPcompany.py
Using license file C:\Users\jillesio\gurobi.lic
Academic license - for non-commercial use only
Gurobi Optimizer version 9.0.0 build v9.0.0rc2 (win64)
Optimize a model with 7 rows, 12 columns and 24 nonzeros
Model fingerprint: 0x215c731e
Coefficient statistics:
  Matrix range [1e+00, 1e+00]
  Objective range [5e+01, 2e+02]
  Bounds range [0e+00, 0e+00]
  RHS range [2e+03, 1e+04]
Presolve time: 0.00s
Presolved: 7 rows, 12 columns, 24 nonzeros

Iteration    Objective      Primal Inf.    Dual Inf.      Time
  0           1.2620000e+06  6.400000e+03  0.000000e+00   0s
  3           1.5782000e+06  0.000000e+00  0.000000e+00   0s

Solved in 3 iterations and 0.00 seconds
Optimal objective 1.578200000e+06
Optimal transportation cost:
1578200.0
Optimal transportation quantities:
[[2500.0, 3000.0, 4400.0, 0.0], [0.0, 0.0, 1100.0, 900.0], [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4100.0]]
PS C:\Users\jillesio\Dropbox (Aalto)\Business Decisions 1\2019\Lectures>
```



# More examples: [www.gurobi.com/resource/functional-code-examples/](http://www.gurobi.com/resource/functional-code-examples/)



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genconstr

Demonstrates the use of general constraints.

C, C++, C#, Java, Python, VB

multiobj

Demonstrates the use of multi-objective optimization.

C, C++, C#, Java, Python, VB

piecewise

Demonstrates the use of piecewise-linear objective functions.

C, C++, C#, Java, MATLAB, Python, R, VB

poolsearch

Demonstrates the use of solution pools.

C, C++, C#, Java, Python, VB

A few simple applications

Example	Description	Available Languages
diet	Builds and solves the classic diet problem. Demonstrates model construction and simple model modification – after the initial model is solved, a constraint is added to limit the number of dairy servings.	C, C++, C#, Java, MATLAB, Python, VB
diet2, diet3, diet4, dietmodel	Python-only variants of the diet example that illustrate model-data separation.	diet2.py, diet3.py, diet4.py, dietmodel.py
facility	Simple facility location model: given a set of plants and a set of warehouses, with transportation costs between them, this example finds the least expensive set of plants to open in order to satisfy product demand. This example demonstrates the use of MIP starts – the example computes an initial, heuristic solution and passes that solution to the MIP solver.	C, C++, C#, Java, Python, VB
netflow	A Python-only example that solves a multi-commodity network flow model. It demonstrates the use of several Python modeling constructs, including dictionaries, tuples, and tuplelist objects.	Python
portfolio	A Python-only example that solves a financial portfolio optimization model, where the historical return data is stored using the pandas package and the result is plotted using the matplotlib package. It demonstrates the use of pandas, NumPy, and Matplotlib in conjunction with Gurobi.	Python