

Core Idea: The model tries to find the *best* start time (s) for *each* task (i) by setting exactly one $X[i, s]$ variable to 1 for each task i . Constraints are the rules that define what makes a schedule *valid* or *feasible*.

1. Task Assignment Constraint

- **Intuition:** Every single task you provide *must* be scheduled exactly once. You can't skip a task, nor can you schedule the same task multiple times.
- **Mathematical Model:** $\sum (\text{from } s=0 \text{ to } S_{\text{total}}-1) X[i, s] = 1$ for each task i .
 - This sums up the $X[i, s]$ variable (which is 0 or 1) over *all possible start slots* s for a *single task* i .
 - By setting the sum equal to 1, it forces the model to choose exactly *one* slot s where $X[i, s]$ will be 1 (meaning task i starts there), and all other $X[i, s]$ for that task i must be 0.
- **Code Implementation:**
 - **PuLP:** `model += lpSum(X[(i, s)] for s in range(TOTAL_SLOTS)) == 1, f"Assign_{task_key}"`
 - **Gurobi:** `m.addConstrs((X.sum(i, '*') == 1 for i in range(n_tasks)), name="Assign")`
- **Example:** If you have Task 'A', the model *must* find some slot s (say, slot 50) such that $X['A', 50] = 1$, and for all other slots s' (0-49, 51-391), $X['A', s'] = 0$.

2. Deadlines and Horizon Constraint

- **Intuition:** Tasks must finish *before* their deadline. Also, tasks must fit *entirely* within the 7-day schedule window (they can't start so late that they spill over past the last slot).
- **Mathematical Model:** $X[i, s] = 0$ if starting task i at slot s would violate either the deadline or the horizon boundary.
 - **Deadline Check:** If task i starts at s and has duration dur_i , its last occupied slot is $s + \text{dur}_i - 1$. If this last slot index is *greater than* the deadline slot dl_i , then starting at s is forbidden ($X[i, s] = 0$).
 - **Horizon Check:** If task i starts at s , it needs dur_i slots. The index of the slot *after* it finishes is $s + \text{dur}_i$. If this index is *greater than* the total number of slots S_{total} (meaning it goes beyond the last valid slot index $S_{\text{total}} - 1$), then starting at s is forbidden ($X[i, s] = 0$).
- **Code Implementation:**
 - **PuLP:** Loops through s and adds `model += (X[(i, s)] == 0)` if the if $s + \text{dur} - 1 > \text{dl}$: or if $s + \text{dur} > \text{TOTAL_SLOTS}$: condition is met.
 - **Gurobi:** Loops through s and adds `m.addConstr(X[i, s] == 0)` if the same conditions are met.
- **Example:**
 - Task 'B' lasts 4 slots ($\text{dur}_B = 4$) and deadline $\text{dl}_B = 100$. Trying to start at $s = 98$: Task occupies slots 98, 99, 100, 101. Last slot is 101. Since $101 > 100$, this start is invalid. Constraint forces $X['B', 98] = 0$. Starting at $s = 97$ (occupies 97, 98, 99, 100) is okay regarding the deadline.
 - $\text{TOTAL_SLOTS} = 392$. Task 'C' lasts 2 slots ($\text{dur}_C = 2$) . Trying to start at $s = 391$: Task would need slots 391 and 392. Slot 392 doesn't exist. $s + \text{dur}_C = 391 + 2 = 393$. Since $393 > 392$, this start is invalid. Constraint forces $X['C', 391] = 0$.

3. No Overlap Constraint

- **Intuition:** You can only do one scheduled task at a time in any given 15-minute slot. No double-booking!
- **Mathematical Model:** $\sum (\text{over all tasks } i) \sum (\text{from } s = \max(0, t - \text{dur}_i + 1) \text{ to } t) X[i, s] \leq 1$ for each time slot t .
 - For a specific time slot t , we need to check which tasks *could potentially be running*.
 - A task i (duration dur_i) is running *during* slot t if it started at some slot s such that $s \leq t$ (it started at or before t) AND $t \leq s + \text{dur}_i - 1$ (it hasn't finished before t). This range of possible start times s is exactly $[\max(0, t - \text{dur}_i + 1), t]$.
 - The constraint sums up the $X[i, s]$ variables for *all* task/start-time combinations that would result in occupation of slot t . Since each $X[i, s]$ is 0 or 1, this sum counts how many tasks are scheduled to be active in slot t .
 - By forcing this sum to be ≤ 1 , we ensure that at most one task can be active in slot t .
- **Code Implementation:**
 - Builds a list `occupying_tasks_vars` containing $X[(i, s)]$ for all i and relevant s that cover slot t .
 - **PuLP:** `model += lpSum(occupying_tasks_vars) <= 1, f"NoOverlap_{t}"`
 - **Gurobi:** `m.addConstr(gp.quicksum(occupying_tasks_vars) <= 1, name=f"NoOverlap_{t}")`
- **Example:** Consider slot $t = 20$.
 - Task 'D' ($\text{dur}=3$) covers slot 20 if it starts at $s=18, 19$, or 20.
 - Task 'E' ($\text{dur}=2$) covers slot 20 if it starts at $s=19$ or 20.
 - The constraint for $t=20$ ensures: $X['D', 18] + X['D', 19] + X['D', 20] + X['E', 19] + X['E', 20] \leq 1$.
 - This prevents solutions where, for example, $X['D', 19] = 1$ (Task D running in 19, 20, 21) AND $X['E', 20] = 1$ (Task E running in 20, 21) because both would need slot 20.

4. Preferences Constraint

- **Intuition:** If a user says they prefer to do a task in the "morning", the schedule should only place its *start time* in a morning slot.
- **Mathematical Model:** $X[i, s] = 0$ for any slot s that is *not* in the `AllowedSlots_i` set defined by the task's preference.
 - `AllowedSlots_i` is pre-calculated (e.g., all slots from 8am-12pm for "morning" across all 7 days).
 - This constraint simply forbids starting task i at any slot s outside its designated preference window.
- **Code Implementation:**
 - Looks up the set of allowed slots based on `tasks[i]['preference']` .
 - Loops through all s and if s is *not in* `allowed_slots` :
 - **PuLP:** `model += X[(i, s)] == 0, f"PrefWin_{task_key}_{s}"`
 - **Gurobi:** `m.addConstr(X[i, s] == 0, name=f"PrefWin_{task_key}_{s}")`
- **Example:** Task 'F' has preference "afternoon" (e.g., slots 12pm-4pm, like index 16-31 for Day 0). Slot $s = 10$ is a morning slot. This constraint forces $X['F', 10] = 0$. Task 'F' cannot start at slot 10.

5. Commitments Constraint

- **Intuition:** Tasks cannot overlap with fixed commitments (like meetings or appointments) that block certain slots.
 - **Mathematical Model:** $X[i, s] = 0$ if the time interval occupied by task i starting at s (slots $\{s, s+1, \dots, s + \text{dur}_i - 1\}$) intersects with the set of committed slots C .
 - It checks if *any* of the slots the task would use are already marked as committed.
 - If there's any overlap ($\text{intersection} \neq \text{empty set}$), starting task i at s is forbidden.
 - **Code Implementation:**
 - Calculates the `task_occupies` set of slots for task i starting at s .
 - Checks if `task_occupies.intersection(committed_slots)` is non-empty.
 - If it is, it adds the constraint:
 - **PuLP:** `model += X[(i, s)] == 0, f"CommitOverlap_{task_key}_{s}"`
 - **Gurobi:** `m.addConstr(X[i, s] == 0, name=f"CommitOverlap_{task_key}_{s}")`
 - **Example:** Slot $s = 60$ is a commitment ($60 \in C$). Task 'G' has $\text{dur}_G = 3$.
 - Try starting at $s = 58$. Occupies $\{58, 59, 60\}$. Intersects with $\{60\}$. Invalid start. Force $X['G', 58] = 0$.
 - Try starting at $s = 59$. Occupies $\{59, 60, 61\}$. Intersects with $\{60\}$. Invalid start. Force $X['G', 59] = 0$.
 - Try starting at $s = 60$. Occupies $\{60, 61, 62\}$. Intersects with $\{60\}$. Invalid start. Force $X['G', 60] = 0$.
 - Try starting at $s = 61$. Occupies $\{61, 62, 63\}$. No intersection with $\{60\}$. This start is allowed (by this specific constraint).
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6. Leisure Calculation and Occupation Link (Y)

- **Intuition:** We want to calculate leisure time for the objective function. Leisure only happens in 15-minute slots that are *completely free* – meaning they are *not* committed AND *not* occupied by any scheduled task. We use an intermediate variable $Y[s]$ to track task occupation.
 - **Mathematical Model & Code:** This is done in a few linked parts:
 - **(Link Y to X):** $Y[s] = \sum (\text{over tasks } i) \sum (\text{over starts } s' \text{ covering } s) X[i, s']$
 - **Intuition:** $Y[s]$ should be 1 if *any* task occupies slot s , and 0 otherwise.
 - **Model:** This uses the *exact same sum* as the "No Overlap" constraint. Since that sum is forced to be 0 or 1, setting $Y[s]$ equal to it correctly captures the occupation status.
 - **Code (PuLP):** `model += Y[s] == lpSum(occupying_task_vars), f"Link_Y_Exact_{s}"`
 - **Code (Gurobi):** `m.addConstr(Y[s] == occupying_task_vars_sum, name=f"Link_Y_Exact_{s}")`
 - **(Calculate L based on Y and Commitments):**
 - $L[s] = 0$ if slot s is committed ($s \in C$). (Easy: Code sets `L_var[s] == 0`)
 - $L[s] \leq 15 * (1 - Y[s])$ if slot s is *not* committed ($s \notin C$).
 - **Intuition:** If not committed: If a task occupies the slot ($Y[s]=1$), then $1 - Y[s] = 0$, so $L[s] \leq 0$. Since leisure can't be negative, $L[s]$ becomes 0. If no task occupies the slot ($Y[s]=0$), then $1 - Y[s] = 1$, so $L[s] \leq 15$. The objective function (maximizing leisure) will push $L[s]$ to 15.
 - **Code (PuLP):** `model += L_var[s] <= 15 * (1 - Y[s]), f"LeisureBound_NotCommitted_{s}"`
 - **Code (Gurobi):** `m.addConstr(L_var[s] <= 15 * (1 - Y[s]), name=f"LeisureBound_NotCommitted_{s}")`
 - **Example:** Consider slot $s = 70$.
 - Case 1: $70 \in C$ (committed). $L[70]$ is forced to 0.
 - Case 2: $70 \notin C$. Task 'H' starts at $s=70$, $\text{dur}_H=1$. So $X['H', 70]=1$. $Y[70]$ becomes 1. $L[70] \leq 15 * (1-1) = 0$. So $L[70]=0$.
 - Case 3: $70 \notin C$. No task occupies slot 70. $Y[70]$ becomes 0. $L[70] \leq 15 * (1-0) = 15$. Objective makes $L[70]=15$.
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7. Daily Limits Constraint (Optional)

- **Intuition:** Prevent scheduling too much work on any single day. Limit the *total number of 15-minute slots* used by tasks within each 24-hour period (from 8am to 10pm).
 - **Mathematical Model:** $\sum (\text{for } s \text{ in Day } d) Y[s] \leq \text{Limit_daily}$ for each day d .
 - It sums the $Y[s]$ variables (which are 1 if a task occupies the slot, 0 otherwise) for all slots s belonging to a specific day d .
 - This sum represents the total count of task-occupied slots on that day.
 - It forces this total count to be no more than the `Limit_daily`.
 - **Code Implementation:**
 - Calculates the sum of $Y[s]$ for the day's slots (`day_start_slot` to `day_end_slot - 1`).
 - **PuLP:** `model += daily_task_slots_sum <= daily_limit_slots, f"DailyLimit_Day_{d}"`
 - **Gurobi:** `m.addConstr(daily_task_slots_sum <= daily_limit_slots, name=f"DailyLimit_Day_{d}")`
 - **Example:** `Limit_daily = 20` (5 hours). On Day 1 (slots 56-111):
 - Schedule: Task 'I' ($\text{dur}=10, \text{start}=60$), Task 'J' ($\text{dur}=12, \text{start}=80$).
 - Occupied slots on Day 1: 10 slots from Task I + 12 slots from Task J = 22 slots.
 - Sum $Y[s]$ for $s=56$ to 111 is 22.
 - $22 \leq 20$ is FALSE. This schedule violates the daily limit for Day 1 and is therefore invalid. The solver would need to find a different arrangement.
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In essence, these constraints work together to carve out the space of *possible* schedules, and the objective function then guides the solver to find the *best* one within that space according to the weights given to leisure and stress.