

COSC364 Assignment 2

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Abstract

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1 Problem formulation

We wish to formulate an optimization problem for generic values of X , Y and Z (with $Y > 3$) such that the load on all transit nodes is balanced. Here we outline the governing mathematical expressions concerning the objective function, the decision variables and all other constraints. The constraints generated by equations 1 through to 12 suffice to fully describe our optimisation problem.

Notation: $[X] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, X\}$.

1.1 Decision and auxiliary variables

Let u_{ik} be the total amount of flow on the link between a given source node S_i and transit node T_k . Likewise let v_{kj} be the total amount of flow on the link between a given transit node T_k and destination node D_j .

Therefore, letting x_{ikj} be the part of the demand volume between source node S_i and destination node D_j that is routed through transit node T_k , we achieve

$$u_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^Z x_{ikj} \quad (1)$$

$$v_{kj} = \sum_{i=1}^X x_{ikj} \quad (2)$$

$\forall i \in [X], k \in [Y], j \in [Z]$.

Also, the total traffic flow into a transit node is equal to the total traffic flow out of the node, achieving the following balance.

$$\sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^Z v_{kj} \quad (3)$$

$\forall k \in [Y]$.

1.2 Objective function

The goal of this linear program is to balance the load (total *incoming* traffic) across the transit nodes T_1, T_2, \dots, T_Y . As the load on a given transit node l_k is simply the sum of the flows from all source nodes to T_k , we achieve

$$l_k = \sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik}, \quad \forall k \in [Y]$$

As demonstrated in the small example of figure 1.

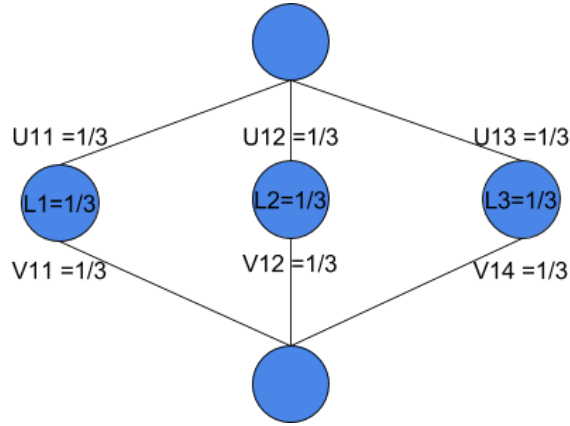


Figure 1: X=1,Y=4,Z=1

At this stage, it may be tempting to define the objective function l as *equal* to all l_k , $k \in [Y]$ in order to achieve a common minimum load. This however, would actually lead to an infeasible problem for certain cases such as shown in figure2 below in which all l_k cannot be equal.

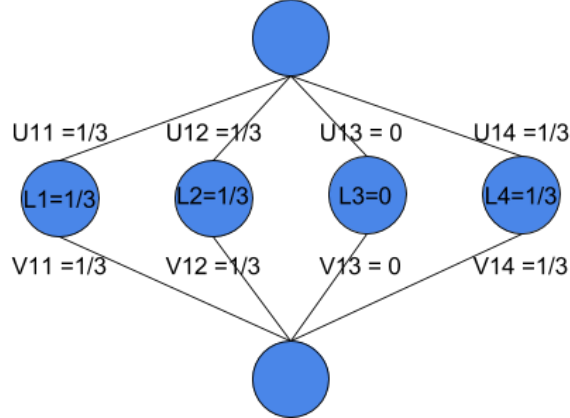


Figure 2: X=1,Y=4,Z=1

To *balance* this load across the transit nodes, we define our objective function l by

$$l = \max l_k = \max \sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik}, \quad \forall k \in [Y]$$

Proceeding in this fashion acts to minimise the greatest load on a transit node. The piecewise linear interpretation of this is as follows.

$$l \geq \sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik}, \quad \forall k \in [Y] \quad (4)$$

1.3 Demand constraints

We now turn our attention to demand constraints and the global requirement that each demand volume h_{ij} between nodes S_i and D_j shall be split over exactly three different paths, such that each path gets an equal share of the demand volume.

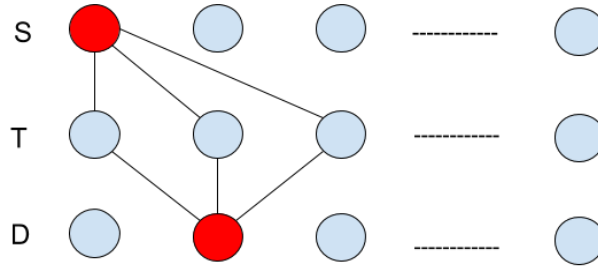


Figure 3: Splitting requirement

let w_{ikj} be the indicator variable for the path between source node S_i and destination node D_j through transit node T_k , taking the value 1 if path $S_i -> T_k -> D_j$ carries data and 0 otherwise. With our 3 path restriction, we achieve

$$\sum_{k=1}^Y w_{ikj} = 3, \quad \forall i \in [X], j \in [Z] \quad (5)$$

Now to consider the demand volume between source node S_i and destination node D_j . Firstly, we have that this demand volume is simply the sum of the parts of the demand volume through each transit router T_k , $k \in [Y]$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^Y x_{ikj} = h_{ij} = i + j$$

However, we also have that x_{ikj} will be non-zero if and only if there is flow on path $S_i -> T_k -> D_j$ ($w_{ikj} = 1$). As this occurs for precisely 3 x_{ikj} (say $x_{ik_1j}, x_{ik_2j}, x_{ik_3j}$) and the demand h_{ij} is shared *equally* across the paths that do possess flows, we achieve the following.

$$x_{ikj} = \begin{cases} \frac{(i+j)}{3}, & \text{if } w_{ikj} = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } w_{ikj} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Or explicitly.

$$x_{ikj} = w_{ikj} \frac{h_{ij}}{3} = \frac{(i+j)}{3} w_{ikj}, \quad \forall i \in [X], k \in [Y], j \in [Z] \quad (6)$$

1.4 Additional constraints

Capacity:

$\forall i \in [X], k \in [Y], j \in [Z]$, we have,

$$u_{ik} \leq c_{ik} \tag{7}$$

$$v_{kj} \leq d_{kj} \tag{8}$$

Non-negativity:

$\forall i \in [X], k \in [Y], j \in [Z]$, we have,

$$x_{ikj} \geq 0 \tag{9}$$

$$u_{ik} \geq 0 \tag{10}$$

$$v_{kj} \geq 0 \tag{11}$$

$$l \geq 0 \tag{12}$$

2 Results

3 Appendix

3.1 LP generation source file

```

1  """
2  #genLP.py
3  #Authors: George Drummond – gmd44
4  #         Ryan Cox – rlc96
5  #Last Edit: 5/27/2017
6  #
7  #Given inputs from terminal generates an LP file with it's
8  #set constraints that can be run by CPLEX to get a minimised solution
9  #
10 """
11
12
13 import sys
14
15 def print_aux(X,Y,Z):
16     """ prints """
17     aux = ""
18     for i in range(1,X+1):
19         for k in range(1,Y+1):
20             aux = "u{}{}".format(i,k)
21             for j in range(1,Z+1):
22                 aux += " - x{0}{1}{2}".format(i,k,j)
23             aux += " = 0\n"
24             print(aux,end="")
25
26
27     for j in range(1,Z+1):
28         for k in range(1,Y+1):
29             aux = "v{}{}".format(k,j)
30             for i in range(1,X+1):
31                 aux += " - x{0}{1}{2}".format(i,k,j)
32             aux += " = 0\n"
33             print(aux,end="")
34
35
36
37
38     for k in range(1,Y+1):
39         mysum = ""
40         for i in range(1,X+1):
41             mysum += "+ u{}{} ".format(i,k)
42         for j in range(1,Z+1):
43             mysum += "- v{}{} ".format(k,j)
44
45         mysum += "= 0"
46         print(mysum[2:])
47

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48
49 def print_objective_constraints(X,Y,Z):
50     """prints """
51     for k in range(1,Y+1):
52         con = "l - "
53         for i in range(1,X+1):
54             con += "u{0}{1} - ".format(i,k)
55
56         con = con[:-2] + ">= 0"
57
58         print(con)
59
60 def print_demand(X,Y,Z):
61     """prints demand constraints """
62     demand = ""
63     for i in range(1,X+1):
64         for j in range(1,Z+1):
65             mysum = ""
66             for k in range(1,Y+1):
67                 demand += "x{0}{1}{2} - {3} w{0}{1}{2} = 0\n".format(i,
k,j,(i+j)/3)
68                 mysum += "w{0}{1}{2} + ".format(i,k,j)
69
70
71
72             mysum = mysum[:-2] + "= "
73
74             mysum += "3"
75
76
77             demand += mysum + "\n"
78
79
80
81
82     print(demand,end="")
83
84
85 def print_capp(X,Y,Z):
86     """prints the capacity constraint of the links"""
87     capp = ""
88     for i in range(1,X+1):
89         for k in range(1,Y+1):
90             capp += "u{0}{1} - c{0}{1} <= 0\n".format(i,k)
91
92
93
94     for k in range(1,Y+1):
95         for j in range(1,Z+1):
96             capp += "v{0}{1} - d{0}{1} <= 0\n".format(k,j)
97
98

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99     print(capp,end="")
100
101
102 def print_integer(X,Y,Z):
103     """ """
104     integer = ""
105     for i in range(1,X+1):
106         for j in range(1,Z+1):
107             for k in range(1,Y+1):
108                 integer += "w{}{}{}\n".format(i,k,j)
109     print(integer,end="")
110
111 def print_nonneg(X,Y,Z):
112     """prints the constraint of a link being non negative"""
113     nonneg = ""
114     for i in range(1,X+1):
115         for k in range(1,Y+1):
116             nonneg += "0 <= u{}{}\n".format(i,k)
117             for j in range(1,Z+1):
118
119                 nonneg += "0 <= x{}{}{}\n".format(i,k,j)
120
121     for k in range(1,Y+1):
122         for j in range(1,Z+1):
123             nonneg += "0 <= v{}{}\n".format(k,j)
124
125     nonneg += "0 <= l\n"
126
127     print(nonneg,end="")
128
129
130 def main():
131     """main function that gets inputs from terminal and runs them through
132     the printing functions"""
133     (X,Y,Z) = sys.argv[1:4]
134     X = int(X)
135     Y = int(Y)
136     Z = int(Z)
137
138     print("X = {}, Y = {}, Z = {}".format(X,Y,Z))
139     print("Minimize")
140     print(" l")
141     print("Subject to")
142     print_aux(X,Y,Z)
143     print_objective_constraints(X,Y,Z)
144     print_demand(X,Y,Z)
145     print_capp(X,Y,Z)
146     print("Bounds")
147     print_nonneg(X,Y,Z)
148     print("Integer")
149     print_integer(X,Y,Z)
150     print("End")

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154 `main()`

3.2 LP File for $X = 3$, $Y = 2$ and $Z = 4$

```

1 X = 3, Y = 2, Z = 4
2 Minimize
3   l
4 Subject to
5 u11 - x111 - x112 - x113 - x114 = 0
6 u12 - x121 - x122 - x123 - x124 = 0
7 u21 - x211 - x212 - x213 - x214 = 0
8 u22 - x221 - x222 - x223 - x224 = 0
9 u31 - x311 - x312 - x313 - x314 = 0
10 u32 - x321 - x322 - x323 - x324 = 0
11 v11 - x111 - x211 - x311 = 0
12 v21 - x121 - x221 - x321 = 0
13 v12 - x112 - x212 - x312 = 0
14 v22 - x122 - x222 - x322 = 0
15 v13 - x113 - x213 - x313 = 0
16 v23 - x123 - x223 - x323 = 0
17 v14 - x114 - x214 - x314 = 0
18 v24 - x124 - x224 - x324 = 0
19 u11 + u21 + u31 - v11 - v12 - v13 - v14 = 0
20 u12 + u22 + u32 - v21 - v22 - v23 - v24 = 0
21 l - u11 - u21 - u31 >= 0
22 l - u12 - u22 - u32 >= 0
23 x111 - 0.6666666666666666 w111 = 0
24 x121 - 0.6666666666666666 w121 = 0
25 w111 + w121 = 3
26 x112 - 1.0 w112 = 0
27 x122 - 1.0 w122 = 0
28 w112 + w122 = 3
29 x113 - 1.3333333333333333 w113 = 0
30 x123 - 1.3333333333333333 w123 = 0
31 w113 + w123 = 3
32 x114 - 1.6666666666666667 w114 = 0
33 x124 - 1.6666666666666667 w124 = 0
34 w114 + w124 = 3
35 x211 - 1.0 w211 = 0
36 x221 - 1.0 w221 = 0
37 w211 + w221 = 3
38 x212 - 1.3333333333333333 w212 = 0
39 x222 - 1.3333333333333333 w222 = 0
40 w212 + w222 = 3
41 x213 - 1.6666666666666667 w213 = 0
42 x223 - 1.6666666666666667 w223 = 0
43 w213 + w223 = 3
44 x214 - 2.0 w214 = 0
45 x224 - 2.0 w224 = 0
46 w214 + w224 = 3
47 x311 - 1.3333333333333333 w311 = 0
48 x321 - 1.3333333333333333 w321 = 0
49 w311 + w321 = 3
50 x312 - 1.6666666666666667 w312 = 0

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51 x322 - 1.6666666666666667 w322 = 0
52 w312 + w322 = 3
53 x313 - 2.0 w313 = 0
54 x323 - 2.0 w323 = 0
55 w313 + w323 = 3
56 x314 - 2.3333333333333335 w314 = 0
57 x324 - 2.3333333333333335 w324 = 0
58 w314 + w324 = 3
59 u11 - c11 <= 0
60 u12 - c12 <= 0
61 u21 - c21 <= 0
62 u22 - c22 <= 0
63 u31 - c31 <= 0
64 u32 - c32 <= 0
65 v11 - d11 <= 0
66 v12 - d12 <= 0
67 v13 - d13 <= 0
68 v14 - d14 <= 0
69 v21 - d21 <= 0
70 v22 - d22 <= 0
71 v23 - d23 <= 0
72 v24 - d24 <= 0
73 Bounds
74 0 <= u11
75 0 <= x111
76 0 <= x112
77 0 <= x113
78 0 <= x114
79 0 <= u12
80 0 <= x121
81 0 <= x122
82 0 <= x123
83 0 <= x124
84 0 <= u21
85 0 <= x211
86 0 <= x212
87 0 <= x213
88 0 <= x214
89 0 <= u22
90 0 <= x221
91 0 <= x222
92 0 <= x223
93 0 <= x224
94 0 <= u31
95 0 <= x311
96 0 <= x312
97 0 <= x313
98 0 <= x314
99 0 <= u32
100 0 <= x321
101 0 <= x322
102 0 <= x323
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```
103 0 <= x324
104 0 <= v11
105 0 <= v12
106 0 <= v13
107 0 <= v14
108 0 <= v21
109 0 <= v22
110 0 <= v23
111 0 <= v24
112 0 <= 1
113 Integer
114 w111
115 w121
116 w112
117 w122
118 w113
119 w123
120 w114
121 w124
122 w211
123 w221
124 w212
125 w222
126 w213
127 w223
128 w214
129 w224
130 w311
131 w321
132 w312
133 w322
134 w313
135 w323
136 w314
137 w324
138 End
```