

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 constraints.

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

1.1 Decision and auxiliary variables

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

$$u_{ik} + v_{kj} = x_{ikj} \quad (1)$$

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

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^Z v_{kj} \quad (2)$$

$$\forall k \in [Y].$$

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.

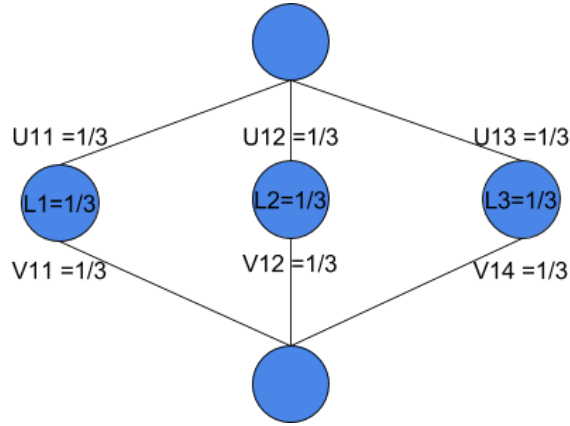


Figure 1: X=1,Y=4,Z=1

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.

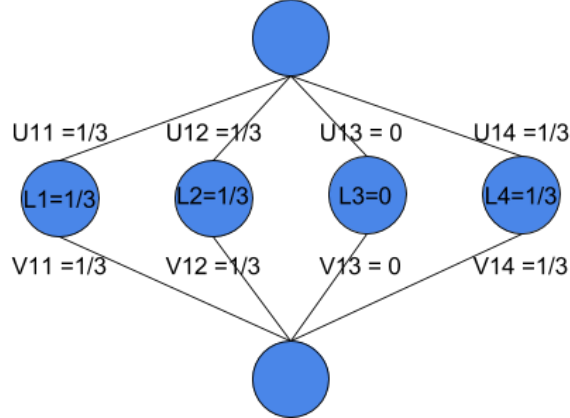


Figure 2: X=1,Y=4,Z=1

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.

$$l \geq \sum_{i=1}^X u_{ik}, \quad \forall k \in [Y] \quad (3)$$

1.3 Demand constraints

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

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 $S_i -> T_k -> Z_j$ carries data and 0 otherwise. With our 3 path restriction, we achieve

$$\sum_{k=1}^Y w_{ikj} = 3, \quad \forall i \in [X], j \in [Z] \quad (4)$$

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 $S_i -> T_k -> Z_j$ ($w_{ikj} = 1$). 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.

$$x_{ikj} = w_{ikj} \frac{h_{ij}}{3} = \frac{(i+j)}{3} w_{ikj}, \quad \forall i \in [X], k \in [Y], j \in [Z] \quad (5)$$

1.4 Additional constraints

Capacity:

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

$$u_{ik} \leq c_{ik} \quad (6)$$

$$v_{kj} \leq d_{kj} \quad (7)$$

Non-negativity:

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

$$x_{ikj} \geq 0 \tag{8}$$

$$u_{ik} \geq 0 \tag{9}$$

$$v_{kj} \geq 0 \tag{10}$$

$$l \geq 0 \tag{11}$$

1.5 Model summary

The constraints generated by equations 1 through to 11 suffice to fully describe our optimisation problem.

2 Results

3 Appendix

3.1 LP generation source file

```

1 import sys
2
3
4 def print_aux(X,Y,Z):
5     aux = ""
6     for i in range(1,X+1):
7         for k in range(1,Y+1):
8             for j in range(1,Z+1):
9                 aux += "u{0}{1} + v{1}{2} - x{0}{1}{2} = 0\n".format(i,
10 k,j)
11
12     print(aux,end="")
13
14     for k in range(1,Y+1):
15         mysum = ""
16         for i in range(1,X+1):
17             mysum += "+ u{0}{1} ".format(i,k)
18         for j in range(1,Z+1):
19             mysum += "- v{0}{1} ".format(k,j)
20
21         mysum += "= 0"
22         print(mysum[2:])
23
24 def print_objective_constraints(X,Y,Z):
25     for k in range(1,Y+1):
26         con = "l - "
27         for i in range(1,X+1):
28             con += "u{0}{1} - ".format(i,k)
29
30         con = con[:-2] + ">= 0"
31
32         print(con)
33
34 def print_demand(X,Y,Z):
35     '''prints demand constraints'''
36     demand = ""
37     for i in range(1,X+1):
38         for j in range(1,Z+1):
39             mysum1 = mysum2 = mysum3 = ""
40             for k in range(1,Y+1):
41                 demand += "x{0}{1}{2} - {3}w{0}{1}{2} = 0\n".format(i,k
42 ,j,(i+j)/3)
43
44                 mysum1 += "w{0}{1}{2} + ".format(i,k,j)
45                 mysum2 += "w{0}{1}{2} x{0}{1}{2} + ".format(i,k,j)
46                 mysum3 += "x{0}{1}{2} + ".format(i,k,j)

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46         mysum1 = mysum1[: -2] + "= "
47         mysum2 = mysum2[: -2] + "= "
48         mysum3 = mysum3[: -2] + "= "
49
50
51         mysum1 += "3"
52         mysum2 += str(i + j)
53         mysum3 += str(i + j)
54
55         demand += mysum1 + "\n" #+ mysum2 + "\n" + mysum3+ "\n"
56
57
58
59     print(demand, end=" ")
60
61
62 def print_capp(X,Y,Z):
63     capp = ""
64     for i in range(1,X+1):
65         for k in range(1,Y+1):
66             capp += "u{0}{1} - c{0}{1} <= 0\n".format(i,k)
67
68
69
70     for k in range(1,Y+1):
71         for j in range(1,Z+1):
72             capp += "v{0}{1} - d{0}{1} <= 0\n".format(k,j)
73
74
75     print(capp, end=" ")
76
77
78 def print_integer(X,Y,Z):
79     integer = ""
80     for i in range(1,X+1):
81         for k in range(1,Y+1):
82             for j in range(1,Z+1):
83                 integer += "w{0}{0}{0}\n".format(i,k,j)
84     print(integer, end=" ")
85
86 def print_nonneg(X,Y,Z):
87     nonneg = ""
88     for i in range(1,X+1):
89         for k in range(1,Y+1):
90             nonneg += "0 <= u{0}{0}\n".format(i,k)
91             for j in range(1,Z+1):
92
93                 nonneg += "0 <= x{0}{0}{0}\n".format(i,k,j)
94
95     for k in range(1,Y+1):
96         for j in range(1,Z+1):
97             nonneg += "0 <= v{0}{0}\n".format(k,j)

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98
99     nonneg += "0 <= 1\n"
100
101     print(nonneg, end="")
102
103
104 def main():
105     (X,Y,Z) = sys.argv[1:4]
106     X = int(X)
107     Y = int(Y)
108     Z = int(Z)
109
110     print("X = {}, Y = {}, Z = {}".format(X,Y,Z))
111     print("Minimize")
112     print(" 1")
113     print("Subject to")
114     print_aux(X,Y,Z)
115     print_objective_constraints(X,Y,Z)
116     print_demand(X,Y,Z)
117     print_capp(X,Y,Z)
118     print("Bounds")
119     print_nonneg(X,Y,Z)
120     print("Integer")
121     print_integer(X,Y,Z)
122     print("End")
123
124
125
126 main()
```


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

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

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51 x213 - 1.6666666666666667w213 = 0
52 x223 - 1.6666666666666667w223 = 0
53 w213 + w223 = 3
54 x214 - 2.0w214 = 0
55 x224 - 2.0w224 = 0
56 w214 + w224 = 3
57 x311 - 1.3333333333333333w311 = 0
58 x321 - 1.3333333333333333w321 = 0
59 w311 + w321 = 3
60 x312 - 1.6666666666666667w312 = 0
61 x322 - 1.6666666666666667w322 = 0
62 w312 + w322 = 3
63 x313 - 2.0w313 = 0
64 x323 - 2.0w323 = 0
65 w313 + w323 = 3
66 x314 - 2.3333333333333335w314 = 0
67 x324 - 2.3333333333333335w324 = 0
68 w314 + w324 = 3
69 u11 - c11 <= 0
70 u12 - c12 <= 0
71 u21 - c21 <= 0
72 u22 - c22 <= 0
73 u31 - c31 <= 0
74 u32 - c32 <= 0
75 v11 - d11 <= 0
76 v12 - d12 <= 0
77 v13 - d13 <= 0
78 v14 - d14 <= 0
79 v21 - d21 <= 0
80 v22 - d22 <= 0
81 v23 - d23 <= 0
82 v24 - d24 <= 0
83 Bounds
84 0 <= u11
85 0 <= x111
86 0 <= x112
87 0 <= x113
88 0 <= x114
89 0 <= u12
90 0 <= x121
91 0 <= x122
92 0 <= x123
93 0 <= x124
94 0 <= u21
95 0 <= x211
96 0 <= x212
97 0 <= x213
98 0 <= x214
99 0 <= u22
100 0 <= x221
101 0 <= x222
102 0 <= x223

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103 0 <= x224
104 0 <= u31
105 0 <= x311
106 0 <= x312
107 0 <= x313
108 0 <= x314
109 0 <= u32
110 0 <= x321
111 0 <= x322
112 0 <= x323
113 0 <= x324
114 0 <= v11
115 0 <= v12
116 0 <= v13
117 0 <= v14
118 0 <= v21
119 0 <= v22
120 0 <= v23
121 0 <= v24
122 0 <= l
123 Integer
124 w111
125 w112
126 w113
127 w114
128 w121
129 w122
130 w123
131 w124
132 w211
133 w212
134 w213
135 w214
136 w221
137 w222
138 w223
139 w224
140 w311
141 w312
142 w313
143 w314
144 w321
145 w322
146 w323
147 w324
148 End
```