

HW0: LP Review and IP Formulation

1. Giapettos Woodcarving, Inc., manufactures two types of wooden toys: soldiers and trains. A soldier sells for \$27 and uses \$10 worth of raw materials. Each soldier that is manufactured increases Giapettos variable labor and overhead costs by \$14. A train sells for \$21 and uses \$9 worth of raw materials. Each train built increases Giapettos variable labor and overhead costs by \$10. The manufacture of wooden soldiers and trains requires two types of skilled labor: carpentry and finishing. A soldier requires 2 hours of finishing labor and 1 hour of carpentry labor. A train requires 1 hour of finishing and 1 hour of carpentry labor. Each week, Giapetto can obtain all the needed raw material but only 100 finishing hours and 80 carpentry hours. Demand for trains is unlimited, but at most 40 soldiers are bought each week. Giapetto wants to maximize weekly profit (revenue - costs). Formulate a concrete and parameterized LP model that can be used to maximize Giapettos weekly profit.

Concrete model:

Decision Variables

Let x be the number of soldiers made

Let y be the number of trains made

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize profit: } (27 - 10 - 14)x + (21 - 9 - 10)y$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{st} \quad & 2x + y \leq 100 \quad (\text{finishing labor}) \\ & x + y \leq 80 \quad (\text{carpentry labor}) \\ & x \leq 40 \quad (\text{max soldier demand}) \\ & x, y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Parameterized Model:

Sets

Let S be the set of toys to be made $S = \{t, s\}$

Let R be the set of resources available $R = \{\text{carpentry}, \text{finishing}\}$

Decision Variables

Let x_i be the amount of toy i made for all $i \in S$.

Parameters

Let $a_{i,j}$ be the amount of resource j used to make toy i for all $i \in S$ and $j \in R$

Let u_j be the upper bound of resource j for all $j \in R$

Let d_i be the mad demand of toy i for all $i \in S$

Let p_i be the profit of toy i (*Note: You can break this into three parameters if you'd like*)

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize profit: } \sum_{i \in S} p_i x_i$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{st } \sum_{i \in S} a_{i,j} x_i &\leq u_j \quad \text{for all } j \in R \quad (\text{resource restriction}) \\ x_i &\leq d_i \quad \text{for all } i \in S \quad (\text{max demand}) \\ x_i &\geq 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in S \end{aligned}$$

2. The Concrete Guys makes two types of (dry) concrete mix using cement, sand, and gravel. The regular mix contains (exactly) 30% of cement, 15% of sand, and 55% of gravel (by weight), and sells for 5 cent/lb. The extra-strong mix must contain at least 50% of cement, at least 5% of sand, and at least 20% of gravel, and sells for 8 cent/lb. The Concrete Guys has 100, 000 lb of cement, 50, 000 lb of sand, and 100, 000 lb of gravel in its warehouse. Formulate an LP to determine the amount of each mix the Concrete Guys should make in order to maximize its revenue.

Concrete model:

Note, it can make this formulation prettier to define auxiliary variables which tell the total amount of concrete produced

Decision Variables

Let $x_{c,r}$ be the amount of cement in regular concrete

Let $x_{s,r}$ be the amount of sand in regular concrete

Let $x_{g,r}$ be the amount of gravel in regular concrete

Let $x_{c,e}$ be the amount of cement in extra strength concrete

Let $x_{s,e}$ be the amount of sand in extra strength concrete

Let $x_{g,e}$ be the amount of gravel in extra strength concrete

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize revenue: } 5(x_{c,r} + x_{s,r} + x_{g,r}) + 8(x_{c,e} + x_{s,e} + x_{g,e})$$

Constraints

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{st} & x_{c,r} = 0.3(x_{c,r} + x_{s,r} + x_{g,r}) \quad (30\% \text{ cement in regular}) \\ & x_{s,r} = 0.15(x_{c,r} + x_{s,r} + x_{g,r}) \quad (15\% \text{ sand in regular}) \\ & x_{g,r} = 0.55(x_{c,r} + x_{s,r} + x_{g,r}) \quad (55\% \text{ gravel in regular}) \\ & x_{c,e} \geq 0.5(x_{c,e} + x_{s,e} + x_{g,e}) \quad (50\% \text{ cement in extra strength}) \\ & x_{s,e} \geq 0.05(x_{c,e} + x_{s,e} + x_{g,e}) \quad (5\% \text{ sand in extra strength}) \\ & x_{g,e} \geq 0.2(x_{c,e} + x_{s,e} + x_{g,e}) \quad (20\% \text{ gravel in extra strength}) \\ & x_{c,r} + x_{c,e} \leq 100000 \quad (\text{cement availability}) \\ & x_{s,r} + x_{s,e} \leq 50000 \quad (\text{sand availability}) \\ & x_{g,r} + x_{g,e} \leq 100000 \quad (\text{gravel availability}) \\ & x_{c,r}, x_{s,r}, x_{g,r}, x_{c,e}, x_{s,e}, x_{g,e} \geq 0 \quad (\text{non-negativity}) \end{array}$$

Parameterized Model:

Note: The parameterized model can be difficult if you don't use a trick. The trick to use is that each resource has a lower and upper bound. Otherwise your model can't be parameterized fully.

Sets

Let R be the set of raw ingredients $R = \{\text{cement, sand, gravel}\}$

Let C be the types of concrete made $C = \{\text{regular, extra strength}\}$

Decision Variables

Let $x_{i,j}$ be the amount of raw ingredient i used to make concrete j for all $i \in R$ and $j \in C$

Parameters

Let r_j be the revenue of concrete j for all $j \in C$

Let $u_{i,j}$ be the upper bound of resource i to be included in concrete j for all $i \in R$ and $j \in C$

Let $l_{i,j}$ be the lower bound of resource i to be included in concrete j for all $i \in R$ and $j \in C$

Let m_i be the maximum amount of resource i for all $i \in R$

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize profit: } \sum_{i \in R} \sum_{j \in C} r_j x_{i,j}$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{st} \quad & x_{i,j} \leq u_{i,j} \left(\sum_{i \in R} x_{i,j} \right) \quad \text{for all } i \in C \text{ and } j \in R \quad (\text{upper bound of mixing}) \\ & x_{i,j} \geq l_{i,j} \left(\sum_{i \in R} x_{i,j} \right) \quad \text{for all } i \in C \text{ and } j \in R \quad (\text{lower bound of mixing}) \\ & \sum_{j \in C} x_{i,j} \leq m_i \quad \text{for all } i \in R \quad (\text{availability}) \\ & x_{i,j} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } i \in C \text{ and } j \in R \end{aligned}$$

3. Funding 'R Us is considering four different investments: Investment 1 yields a net present value (NPV) of \$16,000; investment 2, an NPV of \$22,000; investment 3, an NPV of \$12,000; and investment 4, an NPV of \$8,000. Each investment requires a certain cash outflow at the present time: investment 1, \$5,000; investment 2, \$7,000; investment 3, \$4,000; and investment 4, \$3,000. Currently, \$14,000 is available for investment. Formulate a concrete and parameterized integer programming model whose solution will tell Funding 'R Us how to maximize the NPV obtained from investments 1–4. (*Hint:* You can only decide whether to invest in an investment or not. What type of variable should you use?)

Concrete model:

This problem is a very famous type of integer-programming model called a knapsack problem

Decision Variables

Let $x_1 = 1$ if they invest in investment 1 and 0 otherwise

Let $x_2 = 1$ if they invest in investment 2 and 0 otherwise

Let $x_3 = 1$ if they invest in investment 3 and 0 otherwise

Let $x_4 = 1$ if they invest in investment 4 and 0 otherwise

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize NPV: } 16x_1 + 22x_2 + 12x_3 + 8x_4$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{st} \quad & 5x_1 + 7x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 \leq 14 && \text{(budget constraint)} \\ & x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Parameterized Model:

Sets

Let I be the set of investments to be made $I = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Decision Variables

Let $x_i = 1$ if they invest in investment i and 0 otherwise for all $i \in I$

Parameters

Let B be the maximum budget

Let n_i be the NPV of investment i for all $i \in I$

Let c_i be the current cost of investment i for all $i \in I$

Objective Function

$$\text{maximize NPV: } \sum_{i \in I} n_i x_i$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{st } \quad & \sum_{i \in I} c_i x_i \leq B && \text{(budget)} \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for all } i \in I && \text{(non-negativity)} \end{aligned}$$