
Optimization problems in Python using Pyomo: An Introduction

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Overview

- Introduction
- Pyomo Modeling:
Warehouse Problem
- Pyomo Modeling:
Sudoku Problem



Definition of Optimization Problem

Components:

- **Objective/Goal:** What wants to be maximized, minimized, eg.
Eg: Minimize costs, maximize income, Is it possible/feasible?
- **Constraints/Relations:** Set of constraints or requirements that must be satisfied
Eg: Total machines are 10, Strictly positive price, etc
- **Decision Variables:** Set of variables or parameters that can be tuned to fulfil requirements while reaching the objective
Eg: Price of rice, Number of machines, Indicator of use machine.

This is independent of how we solve it!





- ❑ It is Pythonic, Object Oriented and Open Source!
- ❑ Customize Capability: Easy to modularize components
- ❑ Solver Agnostic: Can use multiple open source or commercial solvers (AMPL, IPOPT, GLPK, ...)
- ❑ High level API.
- ❑ Extended documentation
- ❑ Can tackle advanced optimization problems (Mixed Integer, Discrete, Nonlinear, Stochastic, Disjunctive, etc)



Sample Applications

- ❖ Job Scheduling
- ❖ Logistic/Transportation
- ❖ Industrial Production
- ❖ Portfolio Optimization
- ❖ Resource Allocation
- ❖ Parameter Estimation
- ❖ Blending Problems
- ❖ Network designing
- ❖ Prices Design
- ❖ Much more applications!!



Pyomo Modeling: The Warehouse Problem

- Definition
- Formulation
- Pyomo approach

Definition



- We have to attend 5 countries from 4 possible warehouses locations or cities.
- We have a limit on how many warehouses we can build.
- We have to define how much demand fraction each warehouse is going to attend from each country. Ex: Bogota will attend 60% of Peru's demand
- We will assume delivery costs proportional to the demand fraction.
- We need to minimize the costs of delivering, meeting all the demand within the countries.

Formulation

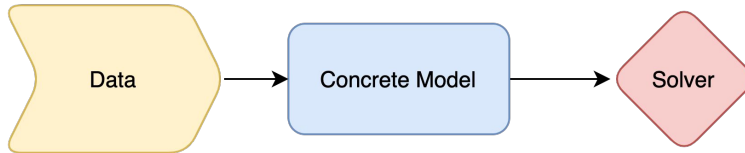
Objective/Goal	Minimize the cost of fulfilling the demand
Constraints	<p>Ensure that all demand is satisfied for each country</p> <p>Ensure that you have a limit of warehouses</p> <p>The demand attended from each warehouse is a fraction</p> <p>A warehouse is built or not (Binary)</p> <p>Ensure that you can only use the built warehouses</p>
Decision Variables	<p>Which warehouses are going to be used?</p> <p>How much fraction of demand must each warehouse deliver to each customer?</p>



Pyomo Modeling Approaches

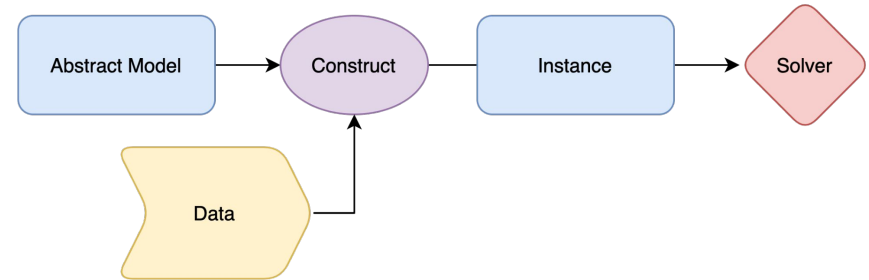
Concrete Model

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & 2x_1 + 3x_2 \\ \text{s. t.} & 3x_1 + 4x_2 \geq 1 \\ & x_1, x_2 \geq 0\end{array}$$



Abstract Model

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min & \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j \\ \text{s. t.} & \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \geq b_i \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m \\ & x_j \geq 0 \quad \forall j = 1 \dots n\end{array}$$



Concrete Model

Candidate Warehouse Location CiudadPanama Bogota Lima RioJaneiro

Customers Country				
Panama	10	130	90	420
Colombia	100	50	110	340
Peru	200	150	20	330
Guatemala	70	180	160	450
Brazil	300	380	320	40

$Costs_{city, country}$

$Cities$: Set of candidate warehouses/cities

$Countries$: Set of customer/countries

$Costs_{city, country}$: Cost of delivering product to **country** from warehouse **city**

y_{city} : 1 if **city** is selected to be warehouse. 0 otherwise.

$x_{city, country}$: Fraction of the demand for **country** served from warehouse **city**

$LimitWarehouses$: Limit of warehouses that can we can build



```
# Warehouse locations ([Bogota, Lima, ...])
cities: List[City] = costs_df.columns
# Customers ([Peru, Brazil, ...])
countries: List[Country] = costs_df.index
# Costs of delivering from City to Country
# {(Lima, Brazil): 30, (Lima, Colombia): 30, ...}
costs: Dict[Tuple[City, Country], Cost] = costs_df.unstack(0).to_dict()
# Limit of Warehouses
limit_warehouses: int = 2

# Defining ConcreteModel
model = ConcreteModel(name="Warehouse Example")
# x :~ Dict[Tuple[City, Country], DemandFraction]
model.x = Var(cities, countries, bounds=(0,1))
# y :~ Dict[City, IsBuilt]
model.y = Var(cities, within=Binary)
```



Concrete Model

Minimize Costs |
$$\min_{x,y} \sum_{cit \in Cities} \sum_{cou \in Countries} Costs_{city,country} x_{city,country} \quad (1)$$

s. t.

Satisfy All Demand |
$$\sum_{city \in Cities} x_{city,country} = 1, \forall country \in Countries \quad (2)$$

Only use built WH |
$$x_{city,country} \leq y_{city}, \forall cit \in Cities, cou \in Countries \quad (3)$$

Warehouses Limit |
$$\sum_{city \in Cities} y_{city} \leq LimitWarehouses \quad (4)$$

Demand as Fraction |
$$0 \leq x_{city,country} \leq 1 \quad (5)$$

WH used or not |
$$y_{city} \in \{0, 1\} \quad (6)$$

Solve the model using **GLPK** |

```
# Objective (1)
model.obj = Objective(
    expr=np.sum(
        [costs[city,country]*model.x[city,country] \
         for city in cities for country in countries]),
    sense=minimize, name="Minimize Cost")

# Constraint (2)
def one_per_customer_rule(model, country):
    return np.sum([model.x[city,country] for city in cities]) == 1
model.customers_complete_frac = Constraint(
    countries, rule=one_per_customer_rule,
    name="Constraint 2 - Countries demand fulfilled")

# Constraint (3)
def warehouse_active_rule(model, city, country):
    return model.x[city,country] <= model.y[city]
model.warehouse_active = Constraint(
    cities, countries, rule=warehouse_active_rule,
    name="Constraint 3 - Can only attend from built warehouses")

# Constraint (4)
model.warehouses_limit = Constraint(
    expr=np.sum(
        [model.y[city] for city in cities]) <= limit_warehouses,
    name="Constraint 4 - Warehouse Limit")

# Solve the model and report the results
solver = SolverFactory('glpk')
solver.solve(model)
```



Solution Display

Decision variables Outcome

Variables:

x : Size=20, Index=x_index

Key	: Lower	: Value	: Upper	: Fixed	: Stale	: Domain
('Bogota', 'Brazil')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Bogota', 'Colombia')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Bogota', 'Guatemala')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Bogota', 'Panama')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Bogota', 'Peru')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('CiudadPanama', 'Brazil')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('CiudadPanama', 'Colombia')	0	1.0	1	False	False	Reals
('CiudadPanama', 'Guatemala')	0	1.0	1	False	False	Reals
('CiudadPanama', 'Panama')	0	1.0	1	False	False	Reals
('CiudadPanama', 'Peru')	0	1.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Lima', 'Brazil')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Lima', 'Colombia')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Lima', 'Guatemala')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Lima', 'Panama')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('Lima', 'Peru')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('RioJaneiro', 'Brazil')	0	1.0	1	False	False	Reals
('RioJaneiro', 'Colombia')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('RioJaneiro', 'Guatemala')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('RioJaneiro', 'Panama')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals
('RioJaneiro', 'Peru')	0	0.0	1	False	False	Reals

y : Size=4, Index=y_index

Key	: Lower	: Value	: Upper	: Fixed	: Stale	: Domain
Bogota	0	0.0	1	False	False	Binary
CiudadPanama	0	1.0	1	False	False	Binary
Lima	0	0.0	1	False	False	Binary
RioJaneiro	0	1.0	1	False	False	Binary

Candidate Warehouse Location	CiudadPanama	Bogota	Lima	RioJaneiro
Customers Country				
Panama	10	130	90	420
Colombia	100	50	110	340
Peru	200	150	20	330
Guatemala	70	180	160	450
Brazil	300	380	320	40

Total Cost: 420

Objectives:

obj : Size=1, Index=None, Active=True

Key	: Active	: Value
None	: True	: 420.0



Abstract Model

Concrete Model

```
# Warehouse locations ([Bogota, Lima, ...])
cities: List[City] = costs_df.columns
# Customers ([Peru, Brazil, ...])
countries: List[Country] = costs_df.index
# Costs of delivering from City to Country
# {(Lima, Brazil): 30, (Lima, Colombia): 30, ...}
costs: Dict[Tuple[City, Country], Cost] = costs_df.unstack(0).to_dict()
# Limit of Warehouses
limit_warehouses: int = 2

# Defining ConcreteModel
model = ConcreteModel(name="Warehouse Example")
# x ~ Dict[Tuple[City, Country], DemandFraction]
model.x = Var(cities, countries, bounds=(0,1))
# y ~ Dict[City, IsBuilt]
model.y = Var(cities, within=Binary)
```

Abstract Model

```
model = AbstractModel(name="Warehouse Example Abstract")
# Set: Pyomo Model component to express List or Indexables
model.cities = Set()
model.countries = Set()
model.costs = Param(model.cities, model.countries)
model.limit_warehouses = Param()

model.x = Var(model.cities, model.countries, bounds=(0,1))
model.y = Var(model.cities, within=Binary)
```



Abstract Model: Instantiate with Python

```
# Warehouse locations ([Bogota, Lima, ...])
cities: List[City] = costs_df.columns
# Customers ([Peru, Brazil, ...])
countries: List[Country] = costs_df.index
# Costs of delivering from City to Country
# {(Lima, Brazil): 30, (Lima, Colombia): 30, ...}
costs: Dict[Tuple[City, Country], Cost] = costs_df.unstack(0).to_dict()

# Data definition
data={
    "namespace1": {
        "cities": {None: cities},
        "countries": {None: countries},
        "costs": costs,
        "limit_warehouses": {None: 2}
    },
    "namespace2": {
        "cities": {None: cities},
        "countries": {None: countries},
        "costs": costs,
        "limit_warehouses": {None: 3}
    },
}
```

```
instance = model.create_instance(namespace="namespace1",
                                data=data)

# With the other namespace
instance2 = model.create_instance(namespace="namespace2",
                                  data=data)

solver = SolverFactory('cbc')
solver.solve(instance)
```



Example:

Sudoku Solver

- Definition
- Formulation
- Math Modeling
- Pyomo approach



Definition

						2		
	8				7		9	
6		2				5		
	7			6				
			9		1			
				2			4	
		5				6		3
	9		4				7	
		6						

(a) Sudoku Puzzle

9	5	7	6	1	3	2	8	4
4	8	3	2	5	7	1	9	6
6	1	2	8	4	9	5	3	7
1	7	8	3	6	4	9	5	2
5	2	4	9	7	1	3	6	8
3	6	9	5	2	8	7	4	1
8	4	5	7	9	2	6	1	3
2	9	1	4	3	6	8	7	5
7	3	6	1	8	5	4	2	9

(b) Solution

Get whether a Sudoku is solvable, and get all feasible solutions.

Formulation

Objective/Goal

Anything would work, we just need to fulfill the constraints

Constraints

All values should be unique within a row

All values should be unique within a column

All values should be unique within a SubSquare (3x3 square)

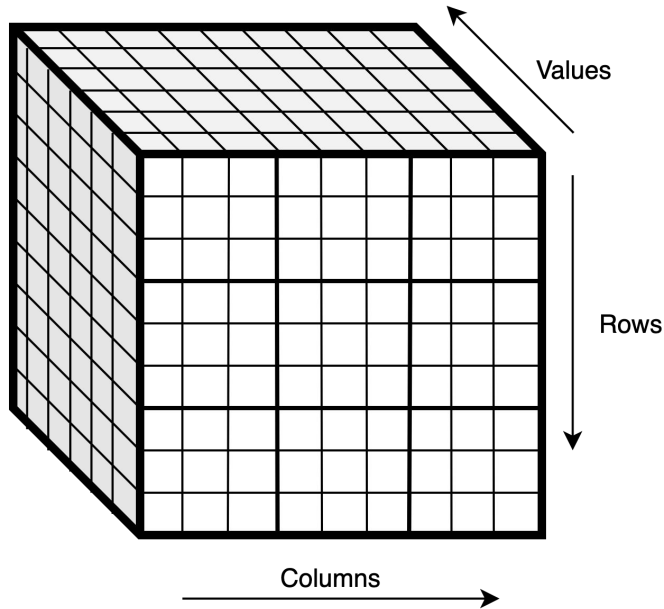
A cell can only contain one value

Decision Variables

Which values are used in each cell?



Modeling



A Cube of Binary (Indicator) variables.

$y[r, c, v] = 1$ if v is the value in r, c . 0 otherwise

Constraints

$$\sum_{c \in Cols} y[r, c, v] = 1, \forall r \in Rows, \forall v \in Values \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{r \in Rows} y[r, c, v] = 1, \forall c \in Cols, \forall v \in Values \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{r, c \in SubSquares[i]} y[r, c, v] = 1, \forall i \in SubSquares \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{v \in Values} y[r, c, v] = 1, \forall r \in Rows, \forall c \in Cols \quad (4)$$



Abstract Model

```
model = pyo.AbstractModel()  
# Starting board as internal variable  
model.board = pyo.Set()  
# Create sets for constraints  
model.rows = pyo.RangeSet(1,9)  
model.cols = pyo.RangeSet(1,9)  
model.subsquares = pyo.RangeSet(1,9)  
model.values_ = pyo.RangeSet(1,9)  
# Create Y as Binary: row, col, val  
model.y = pyo.Var(model.rows, model.cols, model.values_,  
                  within=pyo.Binary)
```

```
# This is a feasibility problem (Objective doesn't matter which)  
model.obj = pyo.Objective(expr=1.0)  
  
def row_constraint(model, r, v):  
    return sum(model.y[r,c,v] for c in model.cols) == 1  
model.row_constraint = pyo.Constraint(  
    model.rows, model.values_,  
    rule=row_constraint,  
    name="Constraint 1 - Unique vals per rows")  
  
def col_constraint(model, c, v):  
    return sum(model.y[r,c,v] for r in model.rows) == 1  
model.col_constraint = pyo.Constraint(  
    model.cols, model.values_,  
    rule=col_constraint,  
    name="Constraint 2 - Unique vals per Columns")  
  
def subsquare_constraint(subsq_to_row_col):  
    def _sq_constraint(model, s, v):  
        return sum(model.y[r,c,v] for (r, c) in subsq_to_row_col[s]) == 1  
    return _sq_constraint  
model.subsq_constraint = pyo.Constraint(  
    model.subsquares, model.values_,  
    rule=subsquare_constraint(subsq_to_row_col),  
    name="Constraint 3 - Unique vals per Subsquare")  
  
def value_constraint(model, r, c):  
    return sum(model.y[r,c,v] for v in model.values_) == 1  
model.value_constraint = pyo.Constraint(  
    model.rows, model.cols, rule=value_constraint,  
    name="Constraint 4 - Only one value per Cell")
```



Abstract Model: Sudoku Board

Example Board

```
board: List[Tuple[Row, Column, Value]] = [  
  (5, 1, 5),  
  (6, 1, 8),  
  (7, 1, 9),  
  (8, 1, 2),  
  (2, 2, 1),  
  (3, 2, 3),  
  ...  
  (3, 9, 5),  
  (4, 9, 4),  
  (5, 9, 1)]
```

		Column								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Row	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
	2	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	9
	3	0	3	8	0	4	9	0	6	5
	4	0	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	4
	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	6	8	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	0
	7	9	6	0	8	3	0	1	7	0
	8	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	9	0
	9	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	4	0



Additional Resources

```
# Fix initial board values
def build_model(model):
    # Fix variables based on the current board
    for (r,c,v) in model.board:
        model.y[r,c,v].fix(1)

# Remove previously seen solutions
def add_integer_cut(model):
    if not hasattr(model, "integer_cuts"):
        model.integer_cuts = pyo.ConstraintList()
    # Add the integer cut, corresponding to the current solution in the model
    # Note that if it is exactly one of the previous solution it would not satisfy the constraint
    # To satisfy the constraint, at least 1 number should be different
    cut_expr = 0.0
    for r in model.rows:
        for c in model.cols:
            for v in model.values_:
                if not model.y[r,c,v].fixed:
                    # Note, it may not be exactly 1 (Precision error)
                    if model.y[r,c,v].value >= 0.5:
                        cut_expr += (1.0 - model.y[r,c,v])
                    else:
                        cut_expr += model.y[r,c,v]
    model.integer_cuts.add(cut_expr >= 1)
```

Define 2 Sets: S_0 and S_1 :

S_0 : Indices for those variables whose current solution is 0.

S_1 : Indices for those variables whose current solution is 1.

$$\sum_{r,c,v \in S_0} y[r,c,v] + \sum_{r,c,v \in S_1} (1 - y[r,c,v]) \geq 1 \quad (5)$$




Solving a Sudoku




```
instance = model.create_instance(namespace="sudoku3", data=data)
build_model(instance)
solutions = []
while True:
    with pyo.SolverFactory("glpk") as opt:
        results = opt.solve(instance)
        if results.solver.termination_condition != pyo.TerminationCondition.optimal:
            print("All board solutions have been found")
            break
    add_integer_cut(instance)
    solutions.append(instance.clone())
print(f"Number of solutions: {len(solutions)}")
-----
>>> All board solutions have been found
>>> Number of solutions: 2
```



Solutions



6	2	9	3	5	7	4	1	8
4	1	5	2	6	8	7	3	9
7	3	8	1	4	9	2	6	5
3	7	2	5	9	1	6	8	4
5	9	6	7	8	4	3	2	1
8	4	1	6	2	3	9	5	7
9	6	4	8	3	5	1	7	2
2	8	7	4	1	6	5	9	3
1	5	3	9	7	2	8	4	6



6	2	9	7	5	3	4	1	8
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3	7	2	5	9	1	6	8	4
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8	4	1	3	2	6	9	5	7
9	6	4	8	3	5	1	7	2
2	8	7	6	1	4	5	9	3
1	5	3	9	7	2	8	4	6

0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
0	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	9
0	3	8	0	4	9	0	6	5
0	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	4
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	0
9	6	0	8	3	0	1	7	0
2	0	0	0	1	0	5	9	0
0	0	3	0	0	2	0	4	0



Summary

- **Definition of optimization problems:** Objectives, Constraints, Variables
- **Pyomo Overview:** Open Source, Solver Agnostic, Nice docs, Tackle Multiple Optimization problems.
- **Pyomo Examples:**
 - Define multiple optimization problems (MILP, MINLP, etc)
 - Use different solvers
 - Display the solutions
- **Pyomo has much more!!**
 - Non-linear, Generalized disjunctive, MINLP, Quadratic Programming, Bilevel programming, Differential Algebraic Equations, etc
 - Sensitivity Analysis, Block Modeling, ...



THANKS!

Repo:



https://github.com/cvelas31/pyomo_examples

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Code and presentation is located in the this repo:

- https://github.com/cvelas31/pyomo_examples

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