

Assignment 2

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Exercise 2.1 - Scholastic Aptitude Test

- a) **Step down:** start with highest n of variables and eliminate until all are significant

```
> summary(lm(total ~ expend + ratio + salary + takers, data = sat))  
[skipped lines]
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	1045.9715	52.8698	19.784	< 2e-16 ***
expend	4.4626	10.5465	0.423	0.674
ratio	-3.6242	3.2154	-1.127	0.266
salary	1.6379	2.3872	0.686	0.496
takers	-2.9045	0.2313	-12.559	2.61e-16 ***

expend is removed from the formula with the highest p-value(= 0.674)

```
> summary(lm(total ~ ratio + salary + takers, data = sat))  
[...]  
ratio      -4.6394      2.1215      -2.187      0.0339 *  
salary      2.5525      1.0045      2.541      0.0145 *  
takers     -2.9134      0.2282     -12.764      <2e-16 ***  
[...]
```

Multiple R-squared: 0.8239, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8124

ratio, salary and takers are all significant, so the resulting model is:

Total = 1057.8982 - 4.6394*ratio + 2.5525*salary - 2.9134*takers + error

With Multiple R-squared: 0.8239, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8124

Step - Up: Iterate through the variables to find the model with highest R-squared and check if added variable is significant. Start with 0 variables and add until there are no variables with significant descriptive value left.

```
lm(total ~ expend, data = sat) R-squared: 0.1448  
lm(total ~ ratio, data = sat) R-squared: 0.006602  
lm(total ~ salary, data = sat) R-squared: 0.1935  
lm(total ~ takers, data = sat) R-squared: 0.787
```

Takers gives highest R-squared(0.79), so is chosen. Takers is significant, so the step is repeated

```
lm(total ~ takers + expend, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8195  
lm(total ~ takers + ratio, data = sat) R-squared: 0.7991  
lm(total ~ takers + salary, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8056
```

Expend gives highest R-squared(0.82). Expend is significant, so the step is repeated

```
lm(total ~ takers + expend + ratio, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8196  
lm(total ~ takers + expend + salary, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8227
```

Salary is chosen. Salary is not significant (p > 0.05), so the final model is:

Total = 993.8317 - 2.8509*takers + 12.2865*expend + error
Multiple R-squared: 0.8195, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8118

Comparing the two models: The model achieved with the step-down method has a slightly better R-Squared and adjusted R-squared, so this model explains more variability of total. However, it uses an additional variable compared to the step-up method, while the R-squared is only **0.8239 - 0.8195 = 0.0044** higher and the adjusted R-squared only **0.8124 - 0.8118 = 0.0006**. Therefore the step-up model is chosen, because it describes total almost equally well, while using one less variable.

b) Step- Down

First round: salary is removed with p-value = 0.968

Second round: ratio is removed with p-value = 0.2936

Third round: all variables (expend, takers, takers2) are significant (see table below)

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	1.052e+03	2.082e+01	50.511	< 2e-16	***
expend	7.914e+00	3.498e+00	2.262	0.0285	*
takers	-6.381e+00	7.036e-01	-9.068	8.30e-12	***
takers2	4.741e-02	9.161e-03	5.175	4.87e-06	***

Therefore, the formulated model =

Total = 1052 + 7.914*expend - 6.381*takers + 0.0471*takers2 + error
with Multiple R-squared: 0.8859, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8785

Step-up

`lm(total ~ takers, data = sat) R-squared: 0.787`

`lm(total ~ takers2, data = sat) R-squared: 0.6578`

Again, takers is chosen as the first variable, because takers2 does not give a better result.

`lm(total ~ takers + expend, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8195`

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8732`

takers2 gives higher R-squared than expend and is significant, so it's chosen.

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2 + expend, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8859`

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2 + ratio, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8738`

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2 + salary, data = sat) R-squared: 0.8858`

expend has highest R-squared and is significant, so it's chosen

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2 + expend + ratio, data = sat)`

R-squared: 0.8887

`lm(total ~ takers + takers2 + expend + salary, data = sat)`

R-squared: 0.8873

Neither of the variables are significant, so step-up model =

total = 1052 - 6.381*takers + 0.0471*takers2 + 7.914*expend + error

Multiple R-squared: 0.8859, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8785

Chosen model: both methods result in the same model.

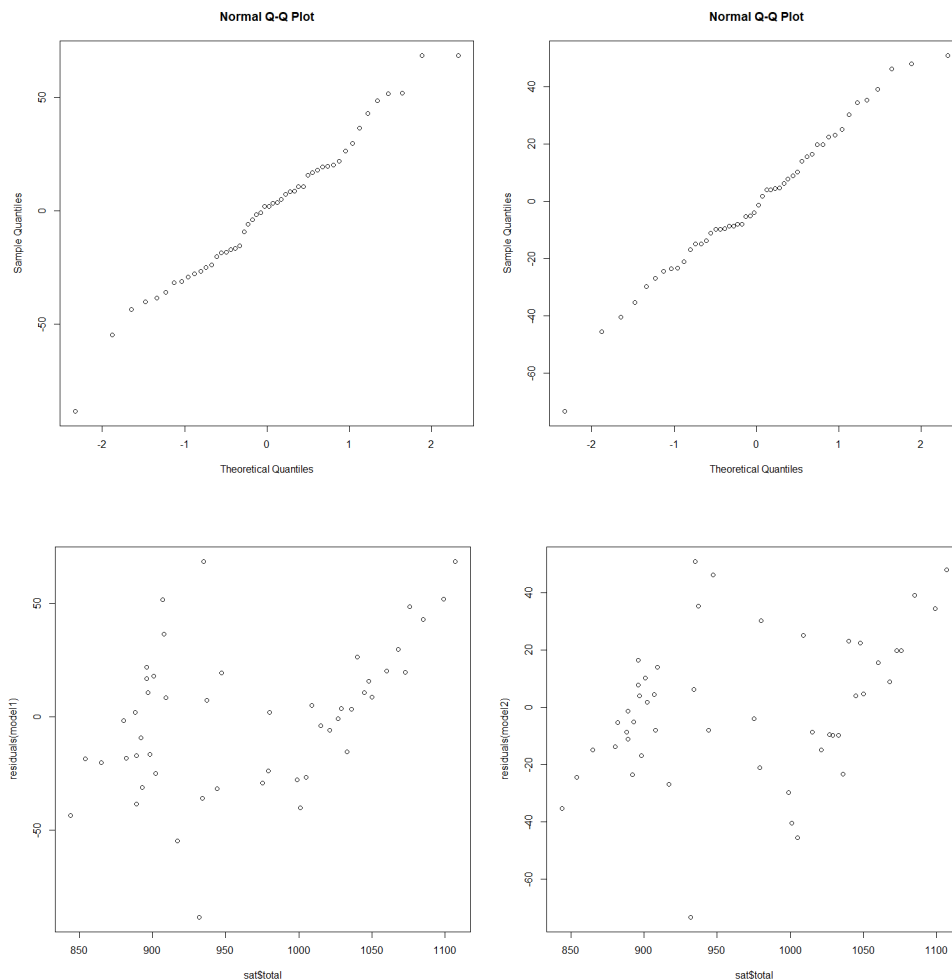
c) Model 1 (from a) = Total = 993.8317 - 2.8509*takers + 12.2865*expend + error

Multiple R-squared: 0.8195, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8118

Model 2 (from b) **Total = 1052 - 6.381*takers + 0.0471*takers2 + 7.914*expend + error**

Multiple R-squared: 0.8859, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8785

Model 2 has the highest R-squared: $0.8859 - 0.8195 = 0.0664$ higher than model 1. However, it also uses an additional descriptive variable, takers2. To compare the quality of the models, we look at normality and spread of the residuals (left = model 1, right = model 2).



No big differences can be found in qqnorm plots (residuals seem normally distributed for both models) and the residuals plotted against the total\$column show similar structure, so in that aspect the models are similar. Therefore, the question is mainly if the increase in R-squared is worth the additional variable. An increase of 0.066 in R squared, without worsening residuals, is deemed a big enough increase to warrant an additional variable, so the final model is the model from b):

Total = 1052 - 6.381*takers + 0.04741*takers² + 7.914*expend + error

Concerning the estimated parameters: The parameter for takers² is small, because the values in takers² are large due to the quadratic transformation of takers. Furthermore, the parameter for expend is positive (in both models) and takers is negative (in both models), which means the model predicts that higher expenditures will result in higher test scores and a higher percentage of test takers in lower test scores.

```
d) newxdata=data.frame(expend=5, ratio=20, salary=36.000, takers=25, takers=25**2)
> predict(model2, newxdata, interval="predict", level=0.95)
      fit      lwr      upr
1 961.5703 907.6003 1015.54
> predict(model2, newxdata, interval="confidence", level=0.95)
      fit      lwr      upr
1 961.5703 949.0796 974.061
Prediction interval = [907.60 1015.54]
Confidence interval = [949.08 974.06]
```

Exercise 2.2 - Trees

- a) For anova, formula = $Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + e_{ij}$

H0: $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$ (no factor effect) H1: at least 1 $\alpha \neq 0$

```
> treelm = lm(volume~type, data=tree); > anova(treelm)
```

```
[...]  
      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)  
type    1   379.5   379.52   1.8984 0.1736  
Residuals 57 11394.8   199.91
```

Type P-value > 0.05, so the null hypothesis that $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$ (i.e. mean diameter is equal between beech and oak trees) cannot be rejected. This means that there is not enough proof to say that an oak is more voluminous than a beech. To get estimates, summary() can be used.

```
> summary(treelm)
```

```
[...]  
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
(Intercept)   30.171      2.539   11.881 <2e-16 ***  
typeoak        5.079      3.686    1.378  0.174
```

Estimated volumes: Beech = 30.171. oak = 30.171 + 5.079 = 35.250

- b) **Influence of type**

```
> anova(lm(volume~diameter + height + type, data=tree));
```

```
[...]  
      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)  
diameter  1 10826.5 10826.5 1029.5139 < 2.2e-16 ***  
height    1   346.2   346.2   32.9192 4.254e-07 ***  
type      1    23.2    23.2    2.2083  0.143  
Residuals 55   578.4    10.5
```

The significance of type is again > 0.05, so it's the same conclusion as a): there isn't enough evidence to conclude that type has significant influence on volume. Looking at the summary of the model, there is a negative coefficient for typeoak (= -1.30), meaning with the same height and diameter, the total volume is predicted to be lower for oak trees.

Estimated volumes:

```
> newdata_beech = data.frame(diameter= mean(tree$diameter),  
height= mean(tree$height), type='beech')  
> newdata_oak = data.frame(diameter= mean(tree$diameter), height=  
mean(tree$height), type='oak')
```

```
> predict(treelm2, newdata_beech, interval="predict", level=0.95)
```

```
      fit      lwr      upr  
1 33.20049 26.59383 39.80715
```

Beech estimation = 33.20

```
> predict(treelm2, newdata_oak, interval="predict", level=0.95)
```

```
      fit      lwr      upr  
1 31.89589 25.27733 38.51445
```

Oak estimation = 31.90

Influence of diameter

```
> anova(lm(volume~height + type + diameter, data=tree))
[...]
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)	
height	1	2187.6	2187.6	208.025	< 2.2e-16	***
type	1	431.2	431.2	41.005	3.562e-08	***
diameter	1	8577.1	8577.1	815.611	< 2.2e-16	***
Residuals	55	578.4	10.5			

Diameter has p-value < 0.05, so the null hypothesis that there is no influence is rejected. There is a positive coefficient (= 4.70) for diameter in the model, so the model estimates that volume will be larger if diameter is larger. To investigate if this dependence is similar for both types of trees, anova can be utilized to test interaction between diameter and type in regards to volume.

```
> anova(lm(volume~type*diameter, data=tree))
[...]
```

type	1	379.5	379.5	23.3742	1.112e-05	***
diameter	1	10492.3	10492.3	646.2145	< 2.2e-16	***
type:diameter	1	9.5	9.5	0.5874	0.4467	

p-value of type:diameter is > 0.05, meaning there is not enough evidence to prove interaction between type and diameter in modelling volume. So therefore it can be assumed that the diameter volume dependence is similar for both tree types.

- c) Tree trunks are roughly cylinder-shaped. The volume of a cylinder can be computed with height and radius with the formula $\pi r^2 * h$. diameter/2 = r , so an additional variable was computed like this:

```
> tree$cyl_volume = pi*((tree$diameter/2)**2)*tree$height
```

Then, a model could be created with said variable.

```
> summary(lm(volume~cyl_volume + type, data=tree))
[...]
```

Multiple R-squared: 0.975, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9741

This model yields a better R-squared score than a model using type, diameter and height (R-squared = 0.95).

Exercise 2.3 - Optimal Product Mix

- a) To find the optimal product mix, we define x_i as the number of servings of product i , where i is raw carrots (1), baked potatoes (2), wheat bread (3), cheddar cheese (4) or peanut butter (5), and set up the following LO model:

Objective: cheapest diet = $\min (0,14*x_1 + 0,12*x_2 + 0,2*x_3 + 0,75*x_4 + 0,15*x_5)$

Constraints:

$23*x_1 + 171*x_2 + 65*x_3 + 112*x_4 + 188*x_5 \geq 2000$ (plan has at least 2000 calories)

$0,1*x_1 + 0,2*x_2 + 9,3*x_4 + 16*x_5 \geq 50$ (plan has at least 50g of fat)

$0,6*x_1 + 3,7*x_2 + 2,2*x_3 + 7*x_4 + 7,7*x_5 \geq 100$ (plan has at least 100g of protein)

$6*x_1 + 30*x_2 + 13*x_3 + 2*x_5 \geq 250$ (plan has at least 250g of carbohydrates)

$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0$ (servings have to be non-negative)

In order to solve the model, Excel solver was used as one can see in the image below, and returned the following servings $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 7,71, x_3 = 0, x_4 = 0, x_5 = 9,28$, meaning that the optimal product mix is composed of 7,71 portions of baked potatoes (2) and 9,28 servings of peanut butter (5) which gives a minimum cost of \$2,32. The cost was calculated by multiplying the price of each product with the number of servings and summed together for all the five products. Similarly, the total calories, fats, proteins, and carbohydrates were calculated for the optimal mix using the SUMPRODUCT function of Excel with the number of servings and the respective given variable. Additionally, one can see that these values match the constraints, as well as the number of servings is non-negative, constraint added by checking the box "Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative" in the Solver window.

Exercise 2.3 a)		Price (\$)	Calories	Fat (g)	Protein (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Servings
1	Foods						
2	Raw carrots (1)	0,14	23,00	0,10	0,60	6,00	0,00
3	Baked potatoes (2)	0,12	171,00	0,20	3,70	30,00	7,71
4	Wheat bread (3)	0,20	65,00	0,00	2,20	13,00	0,00
5	Cheddar cheese (4)	0,75	112,00	9,30	7,00	0,00	0,00
6	Peanut butter (5)	0,15	188,00	16,00	7,70	2,00	9,28
7							
8							
9	Objective Min cost	2,32	3063,84	150,02	100,00	250,00	
10							
11		=SUMPRODUCT(C3:C7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(E3:E7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(G3:G7;H3:H7)	
12			=SUMPRODUCT(D3:D7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(F3:F7;H3:H7)		
13							
14	Objective	Minimize cost (cheapest diet)					
15	Constraints		Calories >= 2000	Fat >= 50	Protein >= 100	Carbs >= 250	$x_i \geq 0$
16							
17							
18							
19							
20	Color coding:	PARAMETERS					
21		FORMULAS					
22		DECISION VARIABLES					
23		OBJECTIVE					
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Solver Parameters

Set Objective: \$C\$9

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of: 0

By Changing Variable Cells: \$H\$3:\$H\$7

Subject to the Constraints:

- \$D\$9 >= 2000
- \$E\$9 >= 50
- \$F\$9 >= 100
- \$G\$9 >= 250

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method: Simplex LP

Solving Method
Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Close Solve

- b) Considering from the previous point that over 5 units of peanut butter are added to the optimal product mix, and that the nutritional values of the product will stay the same regardless of the price, the new LO model will include another decision variable x_6 that defines the number of peanut butter servings at \$0,25 as well as a constraint that limits x_5 (the number of peanut butter servings at \$0,15) to maximum 5. The reason why this works is that after the 5 units of cheap peanut butter will be added to the servings (since at point a) over 5 units were added), the model will have to choose between the expensive peanut butter with the same nutritional values as the cheap version and the rest of the products. Consequently, the new model will be:
- Objective: cheapest diet = $\min (0,14 \cdot x_1 + 0,12 \cdot x_2 + 0,2 \cdot x_3 + 0,75 \cdot x_4 + 0,15 \cdot x_5 + 0,25 \cdot x_6)$
- Constraints:
- $23 \cdot x_1 + 171 \cdot x_2 + 65 \cdot x_3 + 112 \cdot x_4 + 188 \cdot x_5 + 188 \cdot x_6 \geq 2000$ (plan has at least 2000 calories)
- $0,1 \cdot x_1 + 0,2 \cdot x_2 + 9,3 \cdot x_4 + 16 \cdot x_5 + 16 \cdot x_6 \geq 50$ (plan has at least 50g of fat)
- $0,6 \cdot x_1 + 3,7 \cdot x_2 + 2,2 \cdot x_3 + 7 \cdot x_4 + 7,7 \cdot x_5 + 7,7 \cdot x_6 \geq 100$ (plan has at least 100g of protein)
- $6 \cdot x_1 + 30 \cdot x_2 + 13 \cdot x_3 + 2 \cdot x_5 + 2 \cdot x_6 \geq 250$ (plan has at least 250g of carbohydrates)
- $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6 \geq 0$ (servings have to be non-negative)

The result is shown in the next image. As expected, the minimum cost increase to \$2,74 because there are more constraints in place, hence, the feasibility region decreases, as well as the 5 servings of cheap peanut butter are selected in the optimal plan. Next, the other ingredient picked is 16,62 portions of baked potatoes, which the model prefers over the peanut butter at \$0,25, which is not selected at all.

=SUMPRODUCT(C3:C8;H3:H8)								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Exercise 2.3 b)							
2	Foods	Price (\$) per serving	Calories per serving	Fat (g) per serving	Protein (g) per serving	Carbohydrate (g) per serving	Servings x_i	
3	Raw carrots (1)	0,14	23,00	0,10	0,60	6,00	0,00	
4	Baked potatoes (2)	0,12	171,00	0,20	3,70	30,00	16,62	
5	Wheat bread (3)	0,20	65,00	0,00	2,20	13,00	0,00	
6	Cheddar cheese (4)	0,75	112,00	9,30	7,00	0,00	0,00	
7	Peanut butter (5)	0,15	188,00	16,00	7,70	2,00	5,00	
8	Peanut butter 2 (6)	0,25	188,00	16,00	7,70	2,00	0,00	
9								
10	Objective Min cost	2,74	3782,30	83,32	100,00	508,65		
11		=SUMPRODUCT(C3:C8;H3:H8)		=SUMPRODUCT(E3:E8;H3:H8)		=SUMPRODUCT(G3:G8;H3:H8)		
12			=SUMPRODUCT(D3:D8;H3:H8)		=SUMPRODUCT(F3:F8;H3:H8)			
13								
14								
15	Objective	Minimize cost (cheapest diet)						
16	Constraints		Calories >= 2000	Fat >= 50	Protein >= 100	Carbs >= 250	x_i >= 0	
17							x_5 <= 5	
18								
19								
20								
21	Color coding:	PARAMETERS						
22		FORMULAS						
23		DECISION VARIABLES						
24		OBJECTIVE						
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Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

\$D\$10 >= 2000

\$E\$10 >= 50

\$F\$10 >= 100

\$G\$10 >= 250

\$H\$7 <= 5

Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Close

Solve

- c) A very similar model to the model described point a) was used to deal with integer servings, the only distinction being the last constraint that was changed from $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0$ to $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Other than that, the model was exactly the same as the one at point a). As one can see in the under the paragraph, the number of servings (yellow cells H3:H7) were constrained to be integer, resulting in a minimum cost of \$2,43 composed from 9 portions of baked potatoes and 9 of peanut butter. Accordingly, the cheapest diet is slightly more expensive than that of a) (\$0,09), which makes sense because the integer constraint applied at c) is more restrictive compared to the non-negative one applied at a).

=SUMPRODUCT(C3:C7;H3:H7)								
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Exercise 2.3 c)							
2	Foods	Price (\$) per serving	Calories per serving	Fat (g) per serving	Protein (g) per serving	Carbohydrate (g) per serving	Servings x_i	
3	Raw carrots (1)	0,14	23,00	0,10	0,60	6,00	0,00	
4	Baked potatoes (2)	0,12	171,00	0,20	3,70	30,00	9,00	
5	Wheat bread (3)	0,20	65,00	0,00	2,20	13,00	0,00	
6	Cheddar cheese (4)	0,75	112,00	9,30	7,00	0,00	0,00	
7	Peanut butter (5)	0,15	188,00	16,00	7,70	2,00	9,00	
8								
9	Objective Min cost	2,43	3231,00	145,80	102,60	288,00		
10		=SUMPRODUCT(C3:C7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(E3:E7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(G3:G7;H3:H7)		
11			=SUMPRODUCT(D3:D7;H3:H7)		=SUMPRODUCT(F3:F7;H3:H7)			
12								
13	Objective	Minimize cost (cheapest diet)						
14	Constraints		Calories >= 2000	Fat >= 50	Protein >= 100	Carbs >= 250	x_i = {0,1,2,3,...}	
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19								
20	Color coding:	PARAMETERS						
21		FORMULAS						
22		DECISION VARIABLES						
23		OBJECTIVE						
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Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

\$D\$9 >= 2000

\$E\$9 >= 50

\$F\$9 >= 100

\$G\$9 >= 250

\$H\$3:\$H\$7 = integer

Add

Change

Delete

Reset All

Load/Save

☒ Make Unconstrained Variables Non-Negative

Select a Solving Method:

Simplex LP

Options

Solving Method

Select the GRG Nonlinear engine for Solver Problems that are smooth nonlinear. Select the LP Simplex engine for linear Solver Problems, and select the Evolutionary engine for Solver problems that are non-smooth.

Close

Solve

Objective: cheapest transportation plan = $\min (\sum_{i,j} c_{ij} x_{ij} + 100 * \sum_{i,j} y_{ij})$ (adds 100 for every used edge)

Constraints:

$\sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ (the source a does not deliver more supplies than it has available)

$\sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j, j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ (the demand at destination b is fulfilled)

$x_{ij} \geq 0$ (quantities transported are non-negative)

$y_{ij} = \{0,1\}$

As expected, the cheapest transportation cost increases drastically to 1060 euro since now every edge used adds 100 euro to the transportation cost. However, the same number of units are transported via a route as in the previous point. This means that the number of used edges could not be reduced without resulting in a larger transportation cost due to the limited room associated with the supply and demand constraints.

=SUMPRODUCT(C46:F48;C54:F56)+SUM(C51:F53)*100															
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
44															
45	b)	c_ij	D1	D2	D3	D4	Supply at S		Objective	Minimize cost (cheapest transportation)					
46		S1	10	0	20	11	20		Constraints	Demand fulfilled					
47		S2	12	7	9	20	25			Supply respected					
48		S3	0	14	16	18	15			yij binary					
49		Demand at D	10	15	15	20									
50															
51		y_ij	0	1	0	1									
52			0	1	1	0									
53			1	0	0	1									
54		x_ij	0	5	0	15	20								
55			0	10	15	0	25								
56			10	0	0	5	15								
57			10	15	15	20									
58															
59		Total	1060												
60			=SUMPRODUCT(C46:F48;C54:F56)+SUM(C51:F53)*100												
61		Objective	Minimize cost (cheapest transportation plan)				Color coding:	PARAMETERS							
62		Constraints	Demand fulfilled					FORMULAS							
63			Supply respected					DECISION VARIABLES							
64			x_ij >= 0					OBJECTIVE							
65			y_ij = {0,1}												
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Solver Parameters

Set Objective:

To: ☐ Max ☒ Min ☐ Value Of:

By Changing Variable Cells:

Subject to the Constraints:

\$C\$57:\$F\$57 >= \$C\$49:\$F\$49

\$G\$54:\$G\$56 <= \$G\$46:\$G\$48

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Exercise 2.5 - Call Center Staffing

- a) We have a so-called universe $U = \{1, \dots, m\}$, and sets S_1, \dots, S_n , with $S_i \subset U$. We are looking for the smallest selection of sets that covers U . In other words: what is the minimum number of shifts to schedule to meet the requirements?

Introduced variables:

- $a_{iu} = 1$ if shift i works at time u , 0 else
- c_u = cost of shift i (160 for shift $i = \{1, \dots, 8\}$ and 96 for shift $i = \{9, \dots, 25\}$)
- x_i = number of workers scheduled with shift i

In Excel, the following matrix was created with every shift and the a_{iu} value to determine whether a certain shift works at a certain time. Note that the 8 hour shifts include a (unpaid) 30 minute break after 4 hours; this has been incorporated into the matrix.

	Time interval	09:00 - 09:30	09:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:30 - 15:00	15:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	16:00 - 16:30	16:30 - 17:00	17:00 - 17:30	17:30 - 18:00	18:00 - 18:30	18:30 - 19:00	19:00 - 19:30	19:30 - 20:00	20:00 - 20:30	20:30 - 21:00				
Shift time	Shift / Hour u	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Shiftr	Cost	Shift	Schedule
09:00 - 17:30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	160	1	2
09:30 - 18:00	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	160	2	0
10:00 - 18:30	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	160	3	0
10:30 - 19:00	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	160	4	0
11:00 - 19:30	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	160	5	0
11:30 - 20:00	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	160	6	0
12:00 - 20:30	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	160	7	0
12:30 - 21:00	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	160	8	0
09:00 - 13:00	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	96	9	4
09:30 - 13:30	10	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	96	10	0
10:00 - 14:00	11	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	96	11	5
10:30 - 14:30	12	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	96	12	0
11:00 - 15:00	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	96	13	0
11:30 - 15:30	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	96	14	0
12:00 - 16:00	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	96	15	0
12:30 - 16:30	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	96	16	0
13:00 - 17:00	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	96	17	0
13:30 - 17:30	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	96	18	0
14:00 - 18:30	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	96	19	0
14:30 - 18:30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	96	20	0
15:00 - 19:00	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	21	96	21	1
15:30 - 19:30	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	22	96	22	0
16:00 - 20:00	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	23	96	23	1
16:30 - 20:30	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	24	96	24	0
17:00 - 21:00	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	96	25	2
	Required	10	11	13	16	16	13	11	10	10	11	12	13	14	14	13	11	10	9	9	10	9	8	8	8				
	Scheduled	11	11	16	16	16	16	16	22	18	11	13	13	14	14	15	15	11	10	9	10	9	8	8	8				Cost € 3,328

The number of workers scheduled at a certain time can be computed using the following formula:

SUMPRODUCT(time intervals;scheduled shifts)

The optimal solution can be computed after adding the Solver constraints:

1. For each interval u , the number of scheduled workers must be greater than the number of required workers
2. Planned shifts must be integers

Solution: [7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 4, 0, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2] with cost: € 3.328.

- b) The 4h shift is dropped and a new variable is introduced: z_i . This is necessary because it is impossible to solve this ILP that minimizes the absolute difference between the required and scheduled workers, because the $\text{abs}()$ is not linear. The new variable works around this by adding two constraints for each value of z_i : it must be bigger or equal to the positive and negative differences.

$$\min \sum_i z_i$$

s.t.:

- $z_i \geq \textit{required} - \textit{scheduled}$ for $i = \{1, \dots, 8\}$
- $z_i \geq -(\textit{required} - \textit{scheduled})$ for $i = \{1, \dots, 8\}$
- z_i and $\textit{schedule}$ -values are integers

Time interval	09:00 - 09:30	09:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:30 - 15:00	15:00 - 15:30	15:30 - 16:00	16:00 - 16:30	16:30 - 17:00	17:00 - 17:30	17:30 - 18:00	18:00 - 18:30	18:30 - 19:00	19:00 - 19:30	19:30 - 20:00	20:00 - 20:30	20:30 - 21:00	Shift 1	Schedule	
Shift time Shift 1 / Hour u	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
09:00 - 17:30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	13
09:30 - 18:00	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
10:00 - 18:30	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
10:30 - 19:00	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
11:00 - 19:30	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	3
11:30 - 20:00	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6	0
12:00 - 20:30	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	0
12:30 - 21:00	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	0
Required	10	11	13	16	16	13	11	10	11	12	13	14	14	13	11	10	9	9	10	9	8	8	8	8		Min	12
Scheduled	13	13	13	15	16	16	16	24	24	11	24	24	24	21	24	24	16	11	11	11	11	8	8	8			
Difference	-3	-2	0	3	0	-3	-5	-14	-14	0	-12	-11	-10	-7	-11	-13	-6	-2	-2	-1	-2	0	0	0			
Δ 1	3	2	0	3	0	3	5	14	14	0	12	11	10	7	11	13	6	2	2	1	2	0	0	0			
Max. Difference	3	2	0	3	0	3	5	14	14	0	12	11	10	7	11	13	6	2	2	1	2	0	0	0			

Solution:

- Schedule: [13,0,0,0,3,0,8]
- \mathbf{z}_i : [3, 2, 0, 3, 0, 3, 5, 14, 14, 0, 12, 11, 10, 7, 11, 13, 6, 2, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0]
- Difference: 121.