

Homework 2 - Report

To solve this problem, we first defined two binary variables as follows:

$$x_{ij} = \{1, \text{if truck travels from node } i \text{ to } j \text{ } 0, \text{otherwise } , \quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, 9\}$$

$$y_i = \{1, \text{if truck visits node } i \text{ } 0, \text{otherwise } , \quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, 9\}$$

Our model uses the above decision variables and the predefined parameters for profit (p_i), capacity (k_i) and time between points (t_{ij}).

Model:

Objective Function: $\max \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i * y_i$

S.t.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n k_i * y_i &\leq C && \text{Total capacity must not exceed } C \\ \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} * t_{ij} &\leq M && \text{Total length of trip must not exceed } M \\ \sum_{i=0}^n X_{ij} &\leq 1, \quad \forall j = \{0, \dots, N\} && \text{For each node entered (j), there should be at most 1 leaving node (i)} \\ \sum_{j=0}^n X_{ij} &\leq 1, \quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, N\} && \text{For each node left (i), there should be at most 1 entering node (j)} \\ \sum_{j=0}^n X_{0j} &= 1 && \text{Starting node } i = 0 \text{ must be left once.} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n X_{i0} &= 1 && \text{Ending node } i = 0 \text{ must be entered once.} \\ \sum_{i=0}^n x_{ij} &= y_j, \quad \forall j = \{0, \dots, N\} && \text{In order to leave node } i \text{ on path } ij, \text{ you must have visited node } i \\ \sum_{j=0}^n x_{ij} &= y_i, \quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, N\} && \text{In order to enter node } j \text{ on path } ij, \text{ you must visit node } j \\ 0, &\quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, 9\} && \text{Truck cannot travel from node } i \text{ directly back to node } i \\ \sum_{j=0}^n x_{i,j} + x_{j,i} &\leq 1 \quad \forall i = \{0, \dots, 9\} && \text{A path } ij \text{ that has already been taken cannot be retraced from } j \text{ to } i \end{aligned}$$

Subtour Elimination

Our initial code returned the subtours 0-6-1-0 and 4-5-4. To eliminate these subtours, we added the following constraints:

$$x_{01} + x_{16} + x_{60} \leq 2$$

$$x_{10} + x_{61} + x_{06} \leq 2$$

$$x_{60} + x_{06} \leq 1$$

$$x_{54} + x_{45} \leq 1$$

in order to ensure that each edge could only be traveled once (because x_{ij} and x_{ji} denote the same edge), and to keep the tour from making a full cycle of 0-6-1-0.

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After adding these constraints, we had another subtour 6-7-6. To eliminate this subtour, we added the constraint:

$$x_{67} + x_{76} \leq 1.$$

Results

After running the optimization model and implementing our subtour constraints, the optimal path returned by our program was:

$$0 - 4 - 5 - 2 - 0$$

With an objective value (profit) of 20.