Notes for Operations Research & More

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Part I Preliminary Topics

Review of Linear Algebra

Convex Sets

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Part II Linear Programming

Formulation

4.1 Typical Problems

4.2 Formulation Skills

4.2.1 Absolute Value

Description: Consider the following model statement:

min
$$\sum_{j \in J} c_j |x_j|, \quad c_j > 0$$

s.t. $\sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$
 x_j unrestricted, $\forall j \in J$

Modeling:

$$\min \sum_{j \in J} c_j (x_j^+ + x_j^-), \quad c_j > 0$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} (x_j^+ - x_j^-) \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$x_j^+, x_j^- \ge 0, \quad \forall j \in J$$

4.2.2 A Minimax Objective

Description: Consider the following model statement:

$$\min \quad \max_{k \in K} \sum_{j \in J} c_{kj} x_j$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j \in J$$

Modeling:

$$\min \quad z$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} c_{kj} x_j \leq z, \quad \forall k \in K$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j \in J$$

4.2.3 A fractional Objective

Description: Consider the following model statement:

$$\min \quad \frac{\sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j + \alpha}{\sum_{j \in J} d_j x_j + \beta}$$
s.t.
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$x_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j \in J$$

Modeling:

$$\min \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j t + \alpha t$$

$$\text{s.t.} \sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \gtrsim b_i, \quad \forall i \in I$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} d_j x_j t + \beta t = 1$$

$$t > 0$$

$$x_j \ge 0, \quad \forall j \in J$$

$$(t = \frac{1}{\sum_{j \in J} d_j x_j + \beta})$$

4.2.4 A range Constraint

Description: Consider the following model statement:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{min} & & \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j \\ & \text{s.t.} & & d_i \leq \sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j \leq e_i, \quad \forall i \in I \\ & & & x_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j \in J \end{aligned}$$

Modeling:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{min} & & \sum_{j \in J} c_j x_j, \quad c_j > 0 \\ & \text{s.t.} & & u_i + \sum_{j \in J} a_{ij} x_j = e_i, \quad \forall i \in I \\ & & x_j \geq 0, \quad \forall j \in J \\ & & & 0 \leq u_i \leq e_i - d_i, \quad \forall i \in I \end{aligned}$$

Lexicographic Rule

Successive Ratio Rule

Bland's Rule

Simplex Method

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Duality Theory and Sensitivity Analysis

Decomposition Principle

Ellipsoid Algorithm

Projective Algorithm

Interior-Point Algorithm

Part III Geometry, Graph and Network Theory

Paths, Trees, and Cycles

Shortest-Path Problem

Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

Maximum Flow Problem

Minimum Cost Flow Problem

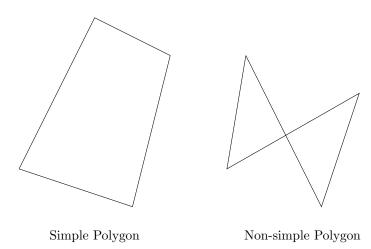
Assignment and Matching Problem

Graph Algorithms

Polygon Triangulation

18.1 Types of Polygons

Def: A simple polygon is a closed polygonal curve without self-intersection. Polygons are basic building blocks



in most geometric applications. It can model arbitrarily complex shapes, and apply simple algorithms and algebraic representation/manipulation.

18.2 Triangulation

Def: Triangulation is to partition polygon P into non-overlapping triangles using diagonals only. It reduces complex shapes to collection of simpler shapes. Every simple n-gon admits a triangulation which has n-2 triangles.

18.3 Art Gallery Theorem

Scenario: The floor plan of an art gallery modeled as a simple polygon with n vertices, there are guards which is stationed at fixed positions with 360 degree vision but cannot see through the walls. How many guards does the art gallery need for the security? (Fun fact: This problem was posted to Vasek Chvatal by Victor Klee in 1973)

Part IV

Integer and Combinatorial Programming

Formulation

19.1 Typical Problems

19.2 Integer Programming Formulation Skills

19.2.1 A Variable Taking Discontinuous Values

Description: In algebraic notation:

$$x = 0$$
, or $l \le x \le u$

Modeling:

$$x \le uy$$
$$x \ge ly$$
$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

where

$$y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = 0\\ 1, & \text{if } l \le x \le u \end{cases}$$

19.2.2 Fixed Costs

Description: In algebraic notation:

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x = 0\\ k + cx & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Modeling:

$$C^*(x, y) = ky + cx$$
$$x \le My$$
$$x \ge 0$$
$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

where

$$y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

19.2.3 Either-or Constraints

Description: In algebraic notation:

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \le b_1 \text{ or } \sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2$$

Modeling:

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \le b_1 + M_1 y$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2 + M_1 (1 - y)$$

$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

where

$$y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \le b_1 \\ 1, & \text{if } \sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2 \end{cases}$$

Notice that the sign before M is determined by the inequality \geq or \leq , if it is " \geq ", use "-", if it " \leq ", use "+".

19.2.4 Conditional Constraints

Description: If constraint A is satisfied, then constraint B must also be satisfied

If
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \le b_1$$
 then $\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2$

The key part is to find the opposite of the first condition. We are using $A \Rightarrow B \Leftrightarrow \neg B \Rightarrow \neg A$ Therefore it is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j > b_1 \text{ or } \sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2$$

Furthermore, it is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \ge b_1 + \epsilon \text{ or } \sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2$$

Where ϵ is a very small positive number.

Modeling:

$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{1j} x_j \ge b_1 + \epsilon - M_2 y$$
$$\sum_{j \in J} a_{2j} x_j \le b_2 + M_2 (1 - y)$$
$$y \in \{0, 1\}$$

19.2.5 Special Ordered Sets

SOS1 Description Out of a set of yes-no decisions, at most one decision variable can be yes.

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0$$
or
 $x_2 = 1, x_1 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0$

Modeling:

$$\sum_{i} x_i = 1, \quad i \in N$$

SOS2 Description 1 Out of a set of binary variables, at most two variables can be nonzero. In addition, the two variables must be adjacent to each other in a fixed order list.

Modeling: If $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ is a SOS2, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \le 2$$

$$x_i + x_j \le 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}, j \in \{i + 2, i + 3, ..., n\}$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

SOS2 Description 2 There is another type of definition, that is out of a set of nonnegative variables **not binary here**, at most two variables can be nonzero. In addition, the two variables must be adjacent to each other in a fixed order list. All variables summing to 1.

This definition of SOS2 is used in the following section Piecewise Linear Formulations

19.2.6 Piecewise Linear Formulations

Description: The objective function is a sequence of line segments, e.g. y = f(x), consists k - 1 linear segments going through k given points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_k, y_k)$.

Denote

$$d_i = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in (x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then the objective function is

$$\sum_{i \in \{1,2,\dots,k-1\}} y = d_i f_i(x)$$

Modeling: Given that objective function as a piecewise linear formulation, we can have these constraints

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i \in \{1,2,...,k-1\}} d_i = 1 \\ d_i \in \{0,1\}, i \in \{1,2,...,k-1\} \\ &x = \sum_{i \in \{1,2,...,k\}} w_i x_i \\ &y = \sum_{i \in \{1,2,...,k\}} w_i y_i \\ &w_1 \leq d_1 \\ &w_i \leq d_{i-1} + di, i \in \{2,3,...,k-1\} \\ &w_k \leq d_{k-1} \end{split}$$

In this case, $w_i \in SOS2$ (second definition)

19.2.7 Conditional Binary Variables

Description: Choose at most n binary variable to be 1 out of $x_1, x_2, ...x_m, m \ge n$. If n = 1 then it is SOS1.

Modeling:

$$\sum_{k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}} x_k \le n$$

Description: Choose exactly n binary variable to be 1 out of $x_1, x_2, ... x_m, m \ge n$

Modeling:

$$\sum_{k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}} x_k = n$$

Description: Choose x_j only if $x_k = 1$

Modeling:

$$x_i = x_k$$

Description: "and" condition, iff $x_1, x_2, ..., x_m = 1$ then y = 1

Modeling:

$$y \le x_i, i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}$$

 $y \ge \sum_{i \in \{1, 2, ..., m\}} x_i - (m - 1)$

19.2.8 Elimination of Products of Variables

Description: For variables x_1 and x_2 ,

$$y = x_1 x_2$$

Modeling: If x_1, x_2 are binary, it is the same as "and" condition of binary variables.

If x_1 is binary, while x_2 is continuous and $0 \le x_2 \le u$, then

$$y \le ux_1$$

$$y \le x_2$$

$$y \ge x_2 - u(1 - x_1)$$

$$u > 0$$

If both x_1 and x_2 are continuous, it is non-linear, we can use Piecewise linear formulation to simulate.

Branch and Bound

Branch and Cut

Packing and Matching

Traveling Salesman Problem

Knapsack Problem

${\bf Part~V}$ ${\bf Nonlinear~Programming}$

KKT Optimality Conditions

Lagrangian Duality

Unconstrained Optimization

Penalty and Barrier Functions

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Algorithms and Computational Complexity

Computational Complexity

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Part X

Probability, Stochastic Processes and Markov Chains

Probability

Random Variables

39.1 Relationship between Some Random Variables

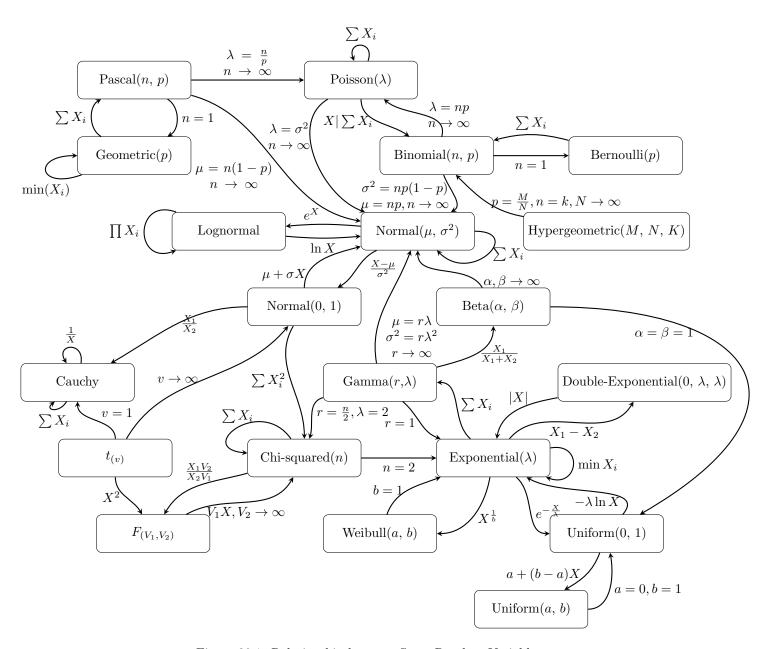


Figure 39.1: Relationship between Some Random Variables

39.2 Discrete Random Variables

Table 39.1: Discrete Random Variables

MGF	$M(t) = \frac{e^{at} - e^{(b+1)t}}{(b-a+1)(1-e^t)}$ $t \in \mathbb{R}$	$M(t) = 1 - p + pe^t$ $t \in \mathbb{R}$	$M(t) = (1 - p + pe^t)^n$ $t \in \mathbb{R}$	$M(t) = e^{\mu(e^t - 1)}$ $t \in \mathbb{R}$	$M(t) = \frac{p}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}$ $t < -\ln(1 - p)$	$M(t) = {\binom{p}{1 - (1 - p)e^t}}^n$ $t < -\ln(1 - p)$
Variance	$D[X] = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12}$	D[X] = p(1-p)	D[X] = np(1-p)	$D[X] = \mu$	$D[X] = \frac{1 - p}{p^2}$	$D[X] = \frac{n(1-p)}{p^2}$
Expectation	$E[X] = \frac{b - a}{2}$	E[X] = p	E[X] = np	$E[X] = \mu$	$E[X] = \frac{1-p}{p}$	$E[X] = \frac{n(1-p)}{p}$
CDF	$F(x) = \frac{x - a + 1}{b - a + 1}$ $x = a, a + 1,, b$	$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - p, & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$	$F(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{x} \binom{n}{k} p^{k} (1-p)^{n-k}$ $x = 0, 1,, n$	$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(x+1,\mu)}{\Gamma(x+1)}$ $x = 0, 1, \dots, n, \dots$	$F(x) = 1 - (1 - p)^{x+1}$ x = 0, 1,, n,	$F(x) = 1 - I_p(k+1, n)$ x = 0, 1, 2,, n,
PMF	$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a+1}$ x = a, a+1,, b	$f(x) = p^{x} (1 - p)^{1 - x}$ $x \in \{0, 1\}$	$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ $x = 0, 1,, n$	$f(x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{\mu}}{x!}$ x = 0, 1,, n,	$f(x) = p(1-p)^x$ x = 0, 1,, n,	$f(x) = \binom{n-1+x}{x} p^n (1-p)^x$ $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots$
Distribution	Discrete Uniform (a, b)	$\mathrm{Bernoulli}(p)$	$\operatorname{Binomial}(n,p)$	$Poisson(\mu)$	$\operatorname{Geometric}(p)$	$\operatorname{Pascal}(n,p)$

39.3 Continuous Random Variables

Table 39.2: Continuous Random Variables

MGF	$M(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t = 0\\ \frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{t(b - a)}, & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$	$e^{rac{t(t\sigma^2+2\mu)}{2}} \ t \in \mathbb{R}$	$rac{1}{1-rac{t}{\lambda}}$ $t<\lambda$	$rac{1}{(1-rac{1}{\lambda})^n} \ t < \lambda$
Variance	$E[X] = \frac{b-a}{2}$ $D[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$D[X] = \sigma^2$	$D[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	$D[X] = \frac{n}{\lambda^2}$
Expectation	$E[X] = \frac{b - a}{2}$	$E[X] = \mu$	$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$	$E[X] = \frac{n}{\lambda}$
CDF	$F(x) = \frac{x - a}{b - a}$ $x = [a, b]$	$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$	$F(x) = 1 - e^{\lambda x}$ $x > 0$	$F(x) = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda^n x^n e^{-\lambda x}}{n!}$
PDF	$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ $x = [a, b]$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$	$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ $x > 0$	$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^n x^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{(n-1)!}$ $x > 0$
Distribution	$\operatorname{Uniform}(a,b)$	Normal (μ, σ) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}e^{-x}$	$\operatorname{Exponential}\lambda)$	$\operatorname{Erlang}(n,\lambda)$

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