

## Different Types of LP Solutions

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### Four different types of LP outcomes

- 1) a unique optimal solution
- 2) alternative (multiple) optimal solution
- 3) unbounded solution
- 4) infeasible

**Example:** A model with unique optimal solution.

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# Example: WYNDOR GLASS CO. (Maximization)
# Max:  $Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$ 
# S.t.
#  $x_1 \leq 4$ 
#  $2x_2 \leq 12$ 
#  $3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18$ 
#  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \geq 0$ 

# Model in Python
from pulp import *
# Define the Model
prob = LpProblem("WYNDOR GLASS CO.", LpMaximize)
x1 = LpVariable('x_1', lowBound = 0)
x2 = LpVariable('x_2', lowBound = 0)
# Objective function
prob += 3*x1 + 5*x2, "Obj"
# Constraints
prob += x1 <= 4
prob += 2*x2 <= 12
prob += 3*x1 + 2*x2 <= 18

print(prob)

## WYNDOR GLASS CO.:
## MAXIMIZE
##  $3x_1 + 5x_2 + 0$ 
## SUBJECT TO
## _C1:  $x_1 \leq 4$ 
##
## _C2:  $2x_2 \leq 12$ 
##
## _C3:  $3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18$ 
##
## VARIABLES
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## x_1 Continuous
## x_2 Continuous

prob.solve()

## 1

print("status: " + LpStatus[prob.status])

## status: Optimal

for variable in prob.variables():
    print("{}* = {}".format(variable.name, variable.varValue))

## x_1* = 2.0
## x_2* = 6.0

print(value(prob.objective))

# **Conclusions**

# The OR team used this approach to find that the optimal solution is $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 6$, with $Z = 36$. This solution indicates that the Wyndor Glass Co. should produce products 1 and 2 at the rate of 2 batches per week and 6 batches per week, respectively, with a resulting total profit of $36,000 per week. No other mix of the two products would be so profitable *according to the model*.

## 36.0

```

**Example:** A model with alternative optimal solution.

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# Example: Multiple Optimal Solution.
# Max:  $Z = 6x_1 + 4x_2$ 
# S.t.
#  $x_1 \leq 4$ 
#  $2x_2 \leq 12$ 
#  $3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18$ 
#  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \geq 0$ 

# Model in Python
from pulp import *
# Define the Model
prob = LpProblem("Profit", LpMaximize)
x1 = LpVariable('x_1', lowBound = 0)
x2 = LpVariable('x_2', lowBound = 0)
# Objective function
prob += 6*x1 + 4*x2, "Obj"
# Constraints
prob += x1 <= 4
prob += 2*x2 <= 12

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prob += 3*x1 + 2*x2 <= 18
print(prob)

## Profit:
## MAXIMIZE
## 6*x_1 + 4*x_2 + 0
## SUBJECT TO
## _C1: x_1 <= 4
##
## _C2: 2 x_2 <= 12
##
## _C3: 3 x_1 + 2 x_2 <= 18
##
## VARIABLES
## x_1 Continuous
## x_2 Continuous

prob.solve()

## 1

print("status: " + LpStatus[prob.status])

## status: Optimal

for variable in prob.variables():
    print("{}* = {}".format(variable.name, variable.varValue))

## x_1* = 2.0
## x_2* = 6.0

print(value(prob.objective))

## 36.0

```

**Example:** A model with unbounded solution.

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# Example: Unbounded Optimal Solution.
# Max:  $Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$ 
# S.t.
#  $x_1 \leq 4$ 
#  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \geq 0$ 

# Model in Python
from pulp import *
# Define the Model
prob = LpProblem("Profit", LpMaximize)
x1 = LpVariable('x_1', lowBound = 0)
x2 = LpVariable('x_2', lowBound = 0)
# Objective function
prob += 3*x1 + 5*x2, "Obj"

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# Constraints
prob += x1 <= 4
print(prob)

## Profit:
## MAXIMIZE
## 3*x_1 + 5*x_2 + 0
## SUBJECT TO
## _C1: x_1 <= 4
##
## VARIABLES
## x_1 Continuous
## x_2 Continuous

prob.solve()

## -2

print("status: " + LpStatus[prob.status])

## status: Unbounded

for variable in prob.variables():
    print("{}* = {}".format(variable.name, variable.varValue))

## x_1* = 0.0
## x_2* = 0.0

print(value(prob.objective))

## 0.0

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### Example: An infeasible model

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# Example: Infeasible Model.
# Max:  $Z = 6x_1 + 4x_2$ 
# S.t.
#  $x_1 \geq 4$ 
#  $2x_2 \geq 20$ 
#  $3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 18$ 
#  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \geq 0$ 

# Model in Python
from pulp import *
# Define the Model
prob = LpProblem("Profit", LpMaximize)
x1 = LpVariable('x_1', lowBound = 0)
x2 = LpVariable('x_2', lowBound = 0)
# Objective function
prob += 6*x1 + 4*x2, "Obj"
# Constraints

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prob += x1 >= 4
prob += 2*x2 >= 20
prob += 3*x1 + 2*x2 <= 18
print(prob)

## Profit:
## MAXIMIZE
## 6*x_1 + 4*x_2 + 0
## SUBJECT TO
## _C1: x_1 >= 4
##
## _C2: 2 x_2 >= 20
##
## _C3: 3 x_1 + 2 x_2 <= 18
##
## VARIABLES
## x_1 Continuous
## x_2 Continuous

prob.solve()

## -1

print("status: " + LpStatus[prob.status])

#if LpStatus[prob.status] == "Infeasible":
#     sys.exit("There is no feasible solution.")

## status: Infeasible

for variable in prob.variables():
    print("{}* = {}".format(variable.name, variable.varValue))

## x_1* = 0.0
## x_2* = 9.0

print(value(prob.objective))

## 36.0

```

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# Example: WYNDOR GLASS CO.
# Max:  $Z = 3x_1 + 5x_2$ 
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# Objective function
prob += 3*x1 + 5*x2, "Obj"
# Constraints
prob += x1 <= 4
prob += 2*x2 <= 12
prob += 3*x1 + 2*x2 <= 18
print(prob)

prob.solve()
print("status: " + LpStatus[prob.status])

for variable in prob.variables():
    print("{}* = {}".format(variable.name,
variable.varValue))

print(value(prob.objective))

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# per week and 6 batches per week, respectively, with a
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