

Mathematical Model: Multi-Period MECWLP

1. Sets and Indices

- I : Set of postcode districts (customers), indexed by i .
- J : Set of candidate facility locations, indexed by j .
- K : Set of suppliers, indexed by k .
- T : Set of time periods (years), indexed by $t \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$.

2. Parameters

- b_{it} : Demand of customer i in period t .
- f_j : One-off construction cost for a warehouse at location j .
- g_j : Annual operating cost for warehouse j , incurred every year the facility is in operation.
- Cap_j : Maximum throughput capacity of warehouse j .
- C_{kj}^{SK} : Unit transport cost from supplier k to warehouse j .
- C_{ji}^{KC} : Unit transport cost from warehouse j to customer i .
- V_{cap} : Maximum capacity of the delivery vehicle.

3. Decision Variables

- $y_{jt} \in \{0, 1\}$: 1 if a warehouse at location j is constructed in period t , 0 otherwise.
- $z_{jt} \in \{0, 1\}$: 1 if a warehouse at location j is operating in period t , 0 otherwise.
- $x_{kjt}^{SK} \geq 0$: Quantity transported from supplier k to warehouse j in period t .
- $x_{jit}^{KC} \geq 0$: Quantity transported from warehouse j to customer i in period t .
- $n_{jit} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$: Number of vehicle trips required from j to i in period t .

4. Objective Function

Minimize the total cost, consisting of one-time construction costs, cumulative annual operating costs, and total transportation costs across the 10-year horizon:

$$\min \quad \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{t \in T} f_j y_{jt} + \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{t \in T} g_j z_{jt} + \sum_{t \in T} \left(\sum_{k \in K} \sum_{j \in J} C_{kj}^{SK} x_{kjt}^{SK} + \sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i \in I} C_{ji}^{KC} x_{jit}^{KC} \right) \quad (1)$$

5. Constraints

- **Demand Satisfaction:** Total flow through the network must meet each customer's demand for every period t :

$$\sum_{j \in J} x_{jit}^{KC} = b_{it} \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T \quad (2)$$

- **Flow Conservation:** Incoming supply from all suppliers must match outgoing deliveries to all customers at each warehouse location:

$$\sum_{k \in K} x_{kjt}^{SK} = \sum_{i \in I} x_{ jit}^{KC} \quad \forall j \in J, t \in T \quad (3)$$

- **Capacity and Operational Linkage:** Total warehouse throughput cannot exceed its capacity and requires the facility to be operational ($z_{jt} = 1$):

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_{j it}^{KC} \leq Cap_j z_{jt} \quad \forall j \in J, t \in T \quad (4)$$

- **Vehicle Trip Requirements:** Ensures the number of trips is sufficient to cover the total quantity transported:

$$n_{j it} \geq \frac{x_{j it}^{KC}}{V_{cap}} \quad \forall i \in I, j \in J, t \in T \quad (5)$$

- **Gradual Build-up Logic:** A warehouse is operational in period t if it was constructed in that year or any preceding year:

$$z_{jt} = \sum_{\tau=1}^t y_{j\tau} \quad \forall j \in J, t \in T \quad (6)$$

- **Single Construction Constraint:** Each candidate location can have a warehouse built at most once during the planning horizon:

$$\sum_{t \in T} y_{jt} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in J \quad (7)$$

- **Variable Domains:**

$$y_{jt}, z_{jt} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in J, t \in T \quad (8)$$

$$x_{kjt}^{SK}, x_{j it}^{KC} \geq 0 \quad \forall i, j, k, t \quad (9)$$

$$n_{j it} \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \forall i, j, t \quad (10)$$