

SYSEN 6000: Foundations of Complex Systems

Decision Making Under Uncertainty

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Two-Stage Stochastic Mixed-Integer Linear Programming

A company is considering to produce a product C , which can be manufactured with either Process II or Process III, both of which use raw material B . B can be purchased from another company, or manufactured with Process I, which uses raw material A .

Process II and Process III are exclusive (at most one of them can be built). There are five possible outcomes of demand and sale price combinations for product C . The probability of each scenario corresponding to the demand and sale price, as well as all supplemental data are below:

	Demand of C (M tons)	Sale Price (\$/ton)	Probability
Scenario 1	5	2,000	0.10
Scenario 2	8	1,900	0.20
Scenario 3	10	1,800	0.40
Scenario 4	12	1,600	0.20
Scenario 5	15	1,000	0.10

	Fixed CapEx (\$M)	Var CapEx (\$/ton)	Var OpEx (\$/ton)
Phase I	100	250	100
Phase II	150	400	150
Phase III	200	550	200

The price for raw material A is 250 (\$/ton) and the price for raw material B is 450 (\$/ton).

The conversion rate for Process I is 0.90 of A to B , Process II is 0.82 of B to C , and Process III is 0.95 of B to C .

The maximum supply of A is 16 (M tons).

Given the problem, maximizing expected profit can be formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\max \quad & -100x_1 - 250z_1 - 150x_2 - 400z_2 - 200x_3 - 550z_3 + \\
& \sum_s p_s((y_{s3} + y_{s4}) \cdot Price_s - 100y_{s1} - 250y_{s1}/0.90 - 450y_{s2} - 150y_{s3} - 200y_{s4}) \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & y_{s1} \leq z_1 \\
& z_1/0.90 \leq 16 \cdot x_{s1} \\
& y_{s1} + y_{s2} = (y_{s3}/0.82) + (y_{s4}/0.95) \\
& y_{s3} + y_{s4} \leq Demand_s \\
& y_{s3} \leq z_2 \\
& z_2 \leq M \cdot x_2 \\
& y_{s4} \leq z_3 \\
& z_3 \leq M \cdot x_3 \\
& x_2 + x_3 = 1
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the first stage decision variables are:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= \text{Process I } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_1 \\
x_2 &= \text{Process II } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_2 \\
x_3 &= \text{Process III } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_3
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

and the second stage decision variables are:

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{s1} &= B \text{ manufactured in Process I} \\
y_{s2} &= B \text{ purchased from another company} \\
y_{s3} &= C \text{ manufactured in Process II} \\
y_{s4} &= C \text{ manufactured in Process III}
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

that when solved, the optimal value is **\$4,931.098M**, where:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 0 \\
z_2 &= 10
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Considering this solution, it would be prudent to manufacture product *C* with Process II. The corresponding capacity would be 10M tons.

It would also be prudent to obtain the raw material *B* by purchasing it from another company, rather than manufacturing it with Process I with raw material *A*, where product *C* should be sold in the following amounts for each scenario:

	Sale of <i>C</i> (M tons)
Scenario 1	5
Scenario 2	8
Scenario 3	10
Scenario 4	10
Scenario 5	10

In this case, the “*value of perfect information*” can be reformulated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\max \quad & \sum_s p_s (-100x_{s1} - 250z_{s1} - 150x_{s2} - 400z_{s2} - 200x_{s3} - 550z_{s3}) + \\
& \sum_s p_s ((y_{s3} + y_{s4}) \cdot Price_s - 100y_{s1} - (250y_{s1}/0.90) - 450y_{s2} - 150y_{s3} - 200y_{s4}) \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & y_{s1} \leq z_{s1} \\
& z_{s1}/0.90 \leq 16 \cdot x_{s1} \\
& y_{s1} + y_{s2} = (y_{s3}/0.82) + (y_{s4}/0.95) \\
& y_{s3} + y_{s4} \leq Demand_s \\
& y_{s3} \leq z_{s2} \\
& z_{s2} \leq M \cdot x_{s2} \\
& y_{s4} \leq z_{s3} \\
& z_{s3} \leq M \cdot x_{s3} \\
& x_{s2} + x_{s3} = 1
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where there are no first stage decision variables, and the second stage decision variables are:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{s1} &= \text{Process I } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_{s1} \\
x_{s2} &= \text{Process II } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_{s2} \\
x_{s3} &= \text{Process III } [0, 1] \text{ with capacity } z_{s3} \\
y_{s1} &= B \text{ manufactured in Process I} \\
y_{s2} &= B \text{ purchased from another company} \\
y_{s3} &= C \text{ manufactured in Process II} \\
y_{s4} &= C \text{ manufactured in Process III}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

that when solved, the optimal value is \$5,590.366M, so that:

$$\$5,590.366M - \$4,931.098M = \$659.268M \tag{7}$$

Hence, the “*value of perfect information*” is **\$659.268M**.

Robust Two-Stage Stochastic Linear Programming

The following is a derivation of the robust counterpart, given that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\max \quad & 10x_1 + 5x_2 \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & (6 + u_1)x_1 + (2 + u_2)x_2 \leq 80, \forall (u_1, u_2) \in U
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where U is the box uncertainty set:

$$U = \{(u_1, u_2) : |u_1| \leq 1, |u_2| \leq 1\} \tag{9}$$

which can begin with the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 10x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 6x_1 + 2x_2 + \sqrt{(x_1)^2 + (x_2)^2} \leq 80 \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and the box uncertainty set U , which can be expressed as a general polyhedral set:

$$U = \left\{ (u_1, u_2) \left| \begin{array}{l} u_1 \leq 1 \\ u_2 \leq 1 \\ -u_1 \leq 1 \\ -u_2 \leq 1 \end{array} \right. \right\} = \{(u_1, u_2) | \mathbf{W}\mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{v}\} \quad (11)$$

where:

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}^T, \mathbf{v} = [1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1]^T \quad (12)$$

such that:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, r = 80 \quad (13)$$

This allows for the constraint $(6 + u_1)x_1 + (2 + u_2)x_2 \leq 80, \forall (u_1, u_2) \in U$ to be reformulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 &\leq -6x_1 - 2x_2 + 80 \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 &= x_1 \\ \lambda_2 - \lambda_4 &= x_2 \\ \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

such that $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$ are dual variables corresponding to $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{v}$.

Hence, the robust counterpart can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 10x_1 + 5x_2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 \leq -6x_1 - 2x_2 + 80 \\ & \lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = x_1 \\ & \lambda_2 - \lambda_4 = x_2 \\ & \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 \geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$