

Problem Set 6

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Problem 6-1: Job Assignment revisited

Solution

Let h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n be the hours worked by each worker $1 \dots n$. The goal is to find an allocation such that $\min(\sum_{k=1}^n h_k)$.

Assume there are p tasks, $t_1 \dots t_p$. The equation for task t_1 would be $(h_1 \times M[1, 1] + h_2 \times M[2, 1] + \dots + h_n \times M[n, 1]) \geq 1$.

The equation for task t_k would be $(h_1 \times M[1, k] + h_2 \times M[2, k] + \dots + h_n \times M[n, k]) \geq 1$ for $k = 1 \dots p$.

Each worker can work a maximum of 10 hours. Thus we have a set of equations $h_i \leq 10$ for $i = 1 \dots n$.

Each worker can work a minimum of 0 or more hours. Thus we have a set of equations $h_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1 \dots n$.

Thus the linear programming solution for the above problem is :

$\min(\sum_{k=1}^n h_k)$.

such that :

$(h_1 \times M[1, k] + h_2 \times M[2, k] + \dots + h_n \times M[n, k]) \geq 1$ for $k = 1 \dots p$

and

$h_i \leq 10$ for $i = 1 \dots n$.

and

$h_i \geq 0$ for $i = 1 \dots n$.