

Operations Research I: Models & Applications

Using Excel to Solve Integer Programs

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Road map

- ▶ **Example 1: personnel scheduling.**
- ▶ Example 2: facility location.

Complete formulation

- ▶ According to the previous videos, let x_i be the number of people who start to work on day i for five consecutive days. x_i should be an integer.
- ▶ The formulation of this example is

$$\begin{array}{llllllllllllll}
 \min & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & + & x_7 \\
 \text{s.t.} & x_1 & + & & & & & x_4 & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & + & x_7 & \geq & 110 \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & & & & & x_5 & + & x_6 & + & x_7 & \geq & 80 \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & & & & & x_6 & + & x_7 & \geq & 150 \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & & & & & x_7 & \geq & 30 \\
 & x_1 & + & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & & & & & \geq & 70 \\
 & & & x_2 & + & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & & & \geq & 160 \\
 & & & & & x_3 & + & x_4 & + & x_5 & + & x_6 & + & x_7 & \geq & 120
 \end{array}$$

$$x_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, 7.$$

- ▶ Let's use the Solver add-in to find an optimal solution!

Solve by the Solver add-in

- An optimal solution of this IP is $(4, 0, 52, 0, 14, 94, 0)$. $z^* = 164$.

Constraints									
	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇		
Mon	1			1	1	1	1	>=	110
Tue	1	1			1	1	1	>=	80
Wed	1	1	1			1	1	>=	150
Thu	1	1	1	1			1	>=	30
Fri	1	1	1	1	1			>=	70
Sat		1	1	1	1	1		>=	160
Sun			1	1	1	1	1	>=	120
Objective values									
min	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Integer Programming									
	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X ₇		
Decision variables	4	0	52	0	14	94	0		
Objective value	164								
Constraint 1	112								
Constraint 2	112								
Constraint 3	150								
Constraint 4	56								
Constraint 5	70								
Constraint 6	160								
Constraint 7	160								

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- ▶ Example 1: personnel scheduling.
- ▶ **Example 2: facility location.**

Facility location



Complete formulation

- According to the previous videos, the parameters are

f_j = weekly operating cost of distribution center j ,

c_{ij} = shipping cost per book from distribution center j to region i ,

K_j = capacity of distribution center j ,

D_i = book demand of region i .

- The decision variables are

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if a distribution center is built at location } j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

y_{ij} = number of books shipped from distribution center j to region i .

Complete formulation

- The formulation of this example is

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{j=1}^5 f_j x_j + \sum_{i=1}^5 \sum_{j=1}^5 c_{ij} y_{ij} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^5 y_{ij} \leq K_j x_j & \forall j = 1, \dots, 5 \\ & \sum_{j=1}^5 y_{ij} \geq D_i & \forall i = 1, \dots, 5 \\ & x_j \in \{0, 1\} & \forall j = 1, \dots, 5 \\ & y_{ij} \geq 0 & \forall i = 1, \dots, 5, j = 1, \dots, 5. \end{aligned}$$

- Let's use the Solver add-in to find an optimal solution!

Solve by the Solver add-in

- An optimal solution of this IP is obtained.

Integer Programing					
Objective value	268950				
Constraint 1	0	20000	0	25000	15000
Decision variables	x ₁	x ₂	x ₃	x ₄	x ₅
	y ₁₁	y ₁₂	y ₁₃	y ₁₄	y ₁₅
	y ₂₁	y ₂₂	y ₂₃	y ₂₄	y ₂₅
	y ₃₁	y ₃₂	y ₃₃	y ₃₄	y ₃₅
	y ₄₁	y ₄₂	y ₄₃	y ₄₄	y ₄₅
	y ₅₁	y ₅₂	y ₅₃	y ₅₄	y ₅₅
	0	1	0	1	1
	0	8000	0	0	0
	0	12000	0	0	0
	0	0	0	8000	1000
	0	0	0	0	14000
	0	0	0	17000	0

An optimal solution

