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Good Optimization Modeling Practices with GAMS

All You Wanted to Know About Practical Optimization but Were Afraid to Ask

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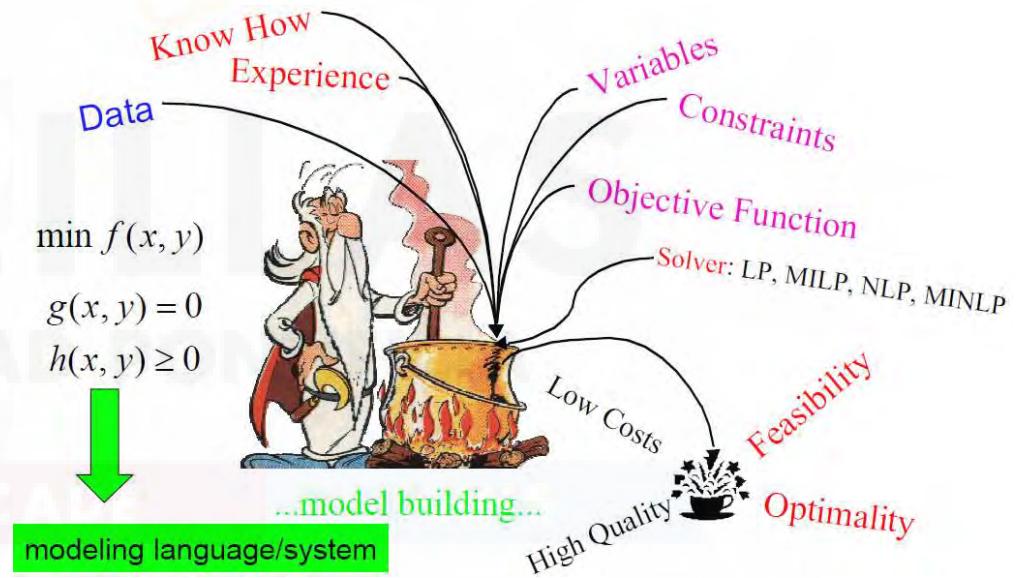
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“The disciples who received my instructions, and could themselves comprehend them, were seventy-seven individuals. They were all scholars of extraordinary ability.” **Confucius**



Do not confuse the ingredients of the recipe

- Mathematical formulation
 - LP, MIP, QCP, MCP
- Language
 - GAMS
- Solver
 - CPLEX, GUROBI, PATH
- Solver algorithm
 - Primal simplex, dual simplex, interior point
- Input/output interfaces
 - Text file, CSV, Excel, Matlab, Access
- Operating system
 - Windows, Linux, MacOS
- User-developed algorithm
 - Benders decomposition, Lagrangian relaxation, GA
- Stochastic extensions
 - EMP



Source: http://www.gams.com/presentations/present_modlang.pdf

Questions to deal with

- What **you don't know** how to do it in GAMS?
- What is the **most advanced features** you know in GAMS?
- What is the **most important advantage/disadvantage** of GAMS for you?
- What **you would like to do** and has not been able to?



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Few and practical tips & tricks

- It's not a systematic approach to teach basic/advanced GAMS features, just **selected features** I have used in several models

I have gambas I have chopitos
I have croquetas I have jamón
I have morcillas I have ensalá
I have una huevo mu bien aliña.



- It is optimization for shepherds (i.e., **practitioners**)

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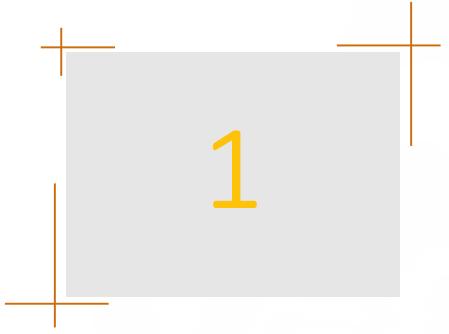
```
while (Life){
    live();
    laugh++;
    love=newLove;
}
```

```
* bounds on variables
vProduct.up (sc,n,g) spScenProb(sc) = pMaxProd (g) ;
vConsump.up (sc,n,g) spScenProb(sc) = pMaxConsump (g) ;
vStartUnit.up (sc,n,g) spScenProb(sc) = pMaxProd(t) ;
vIG.up (sc,n) spScenProb(sc) = pInterDemand (n,sc) ;
vENS.up (sc,n) spScenProb(sc) = pDemand (n) ;
vReserve.up (sc,n,g) spScenProb(sc) = pMaxReserve(g) ;
vReserve.lo (sc,n,g) spScenProb(sc) = pMinReserve(g) ;
vCommit.up (n,g) = 1 ;
vStartup.up (n,g) = 1 ;
vShutdown.up (n,g) = 1 ;

* solve stochastic daily unit commitment mode!
solve SDUC using MIP minimizing vTotalCost ;
```

$$\sum_{i=t-TU_g^x+1}^t \sum_{y \in \mathcal{M}_g^{F,x}} v_{gi}^{yx} \leq u_{gt}^x \quad \forall g, x, t \in [TU_g^x, T] \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{i=t-TD_g^x+1}^t \sum_{x \in \mathcal{M}_g^{F,y}} v_{gi}^{xy} \leq 1 - u_{gt}^x \quad \forall g, x, t \in [TD_g^x, T]. \quad (5)$$

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Programming Style

Programming

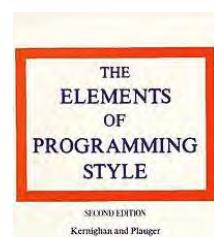
- Discipline whose control is basic in many engineering projects
 - **Science**: thinking, discipline, rigorousness and experimentation
 - **Art**: beauty and elegance



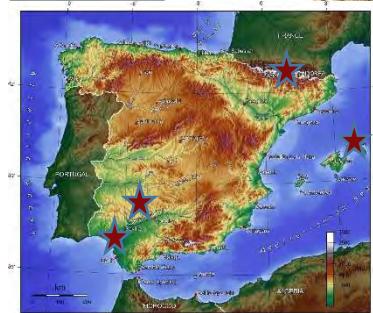
- A **good design** is fundamental
- **Before** writing any **code** the optimization problem must be **written algebraically**
- **Learning by reading**
- Coding by **gradual refinement**, incremental implementation
- Use a **mockup for development** and verification of the model
- Be **careful with the details** ("God is in the detail")



B.W. Kernighan and P.J. Plauger, *The Elements of Programming Style*, McGraw Hill, New York, 1978 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Elements_of_Programming_Style



Which is the most Spanish beautiful landscape?



Aigüestortes
National Park

Mediterranean
oak wood



Beach of
Menorca

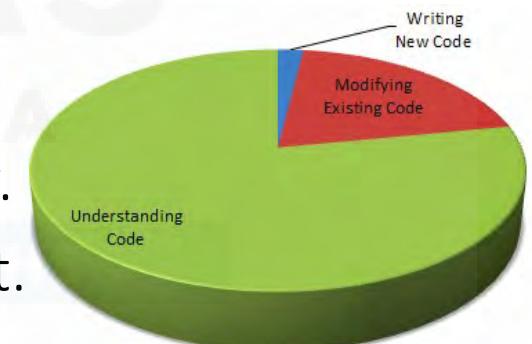
Guadalquivir
marshland



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General recommendations

- Act according to the Pareto principle
 - 20 % takes to create the first **prototype**
 - 80 % of code development is devoted to **maintenance** and refinement
- **MAINTAINABILITY** and **reusability** are crucial
- Code is developed to be **read by humans**, not by machines. Write code for understanding the model, not for obscuring it.
- Say what you mean, simply and directly.
- Don't stop with your first draft. Refine it.



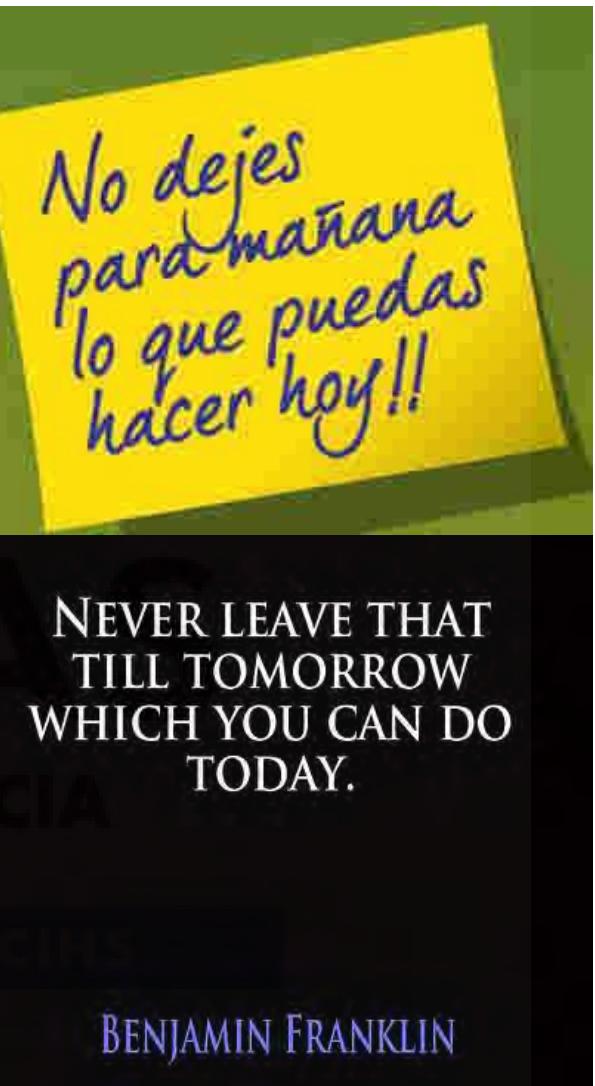
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Procrastination

- Don't procrastinate when coding



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Documentation. Comments

- It is a crucial task in code development
 - In particular, **GAMS was born to explicitly include documentation into the code.**
- Code must be **self-documented**
- **Illustrative comments** and well localized
- Make sure comments and code agree.
- Don't just echo the code with comments - make every comment count.
- Don't comment bad code or tricks - rewrite it.
- **Don't patch bad code - rewrite it.**
- Don't over-comment.

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Code style

- Any project manager ought to **define the style** before starting up a multiple participant project (or maybe just for his/her own help)
- Systematic and **consistent use of uppercase and lowercase letters**
 - Use lowercase letters instead of uppercase. We are more used to read lowercase letters.
- **Clean code**, take care of the aesthetics when coding
 - Aesthetics is as important as the content. **Code must be read at a glance.**
- **Format the code** to help the reader understand it.
 - **Indent** to show the logical structure of a program.
 - Keep **coherence in the coding rules** (indent in repetitive sentences)
 - **Align** code to show patterns.
 - Make the reading easier (**parallelism** among consecutive similar sentences, indent)
- Use **meaningful and long names** for identifiers. Same use of identifiers in different parts of the code.



Efficiency vs. Clarity

- Make it **clear and right before** you make it **faster**
- Keep it simple to make it faster
- Don't sacrifice clarity for small gains in efficiency



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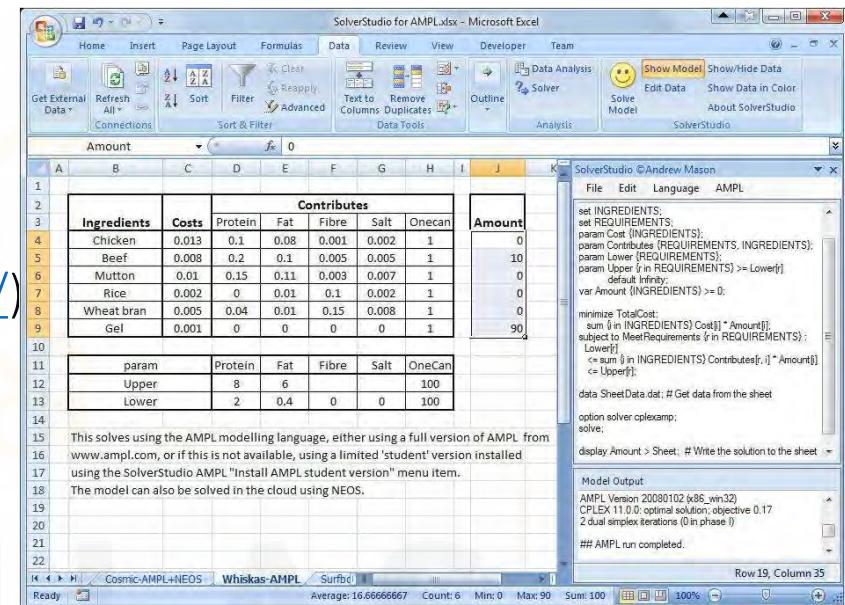
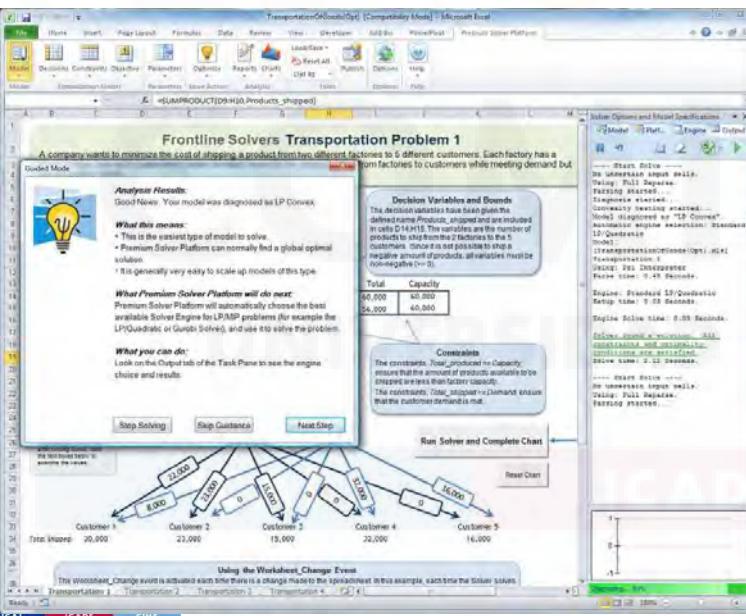
GAMS Code

Search, compare and if you find something better use it



Optimization under Microsoft Excel

SolverStudio
[\(https://solverstudio.org/\)](https://solverstudio.org/)

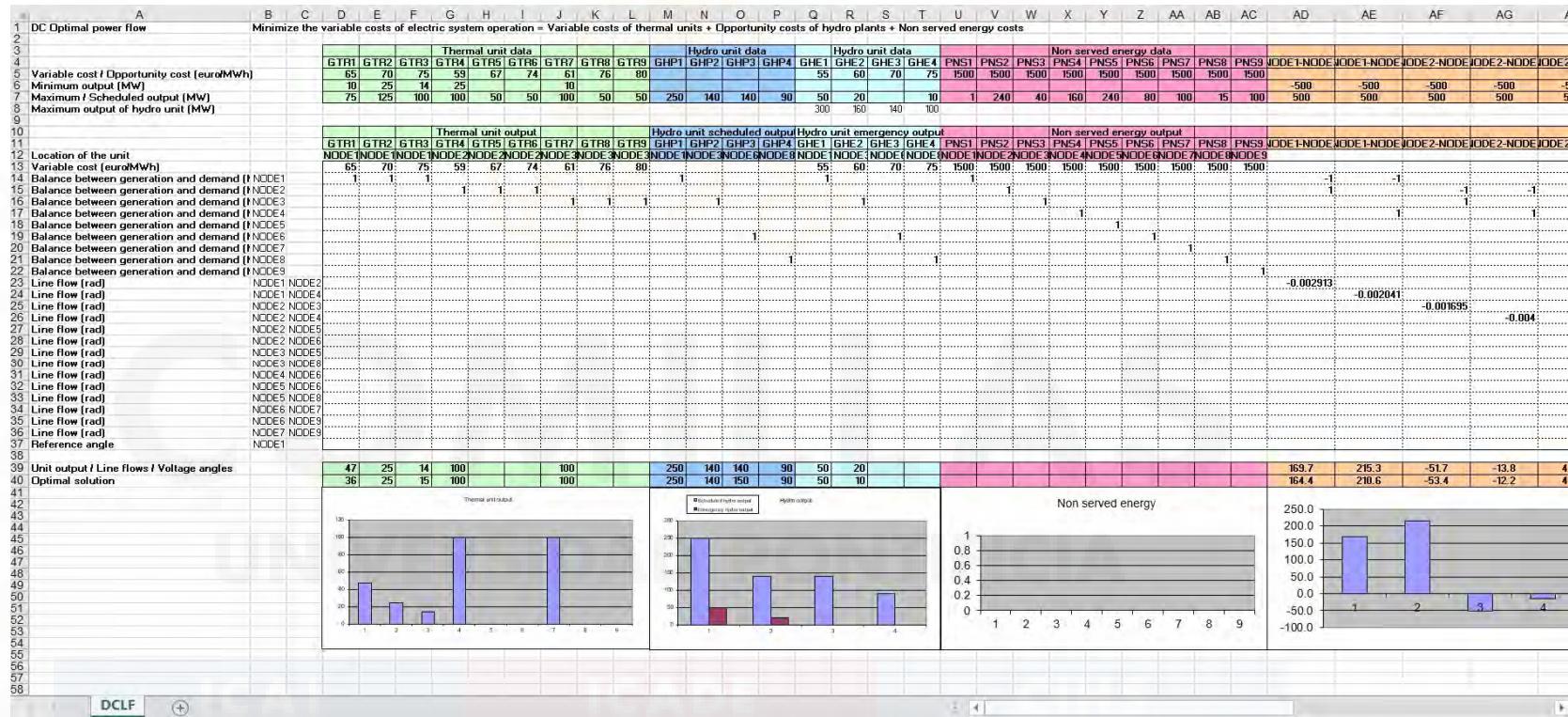


OpenSolver (<https://opensolver.org/>)

Solver from FrontlineSolvers
[\(<https://www.solver.com/premium-solver-platform>\)](https://www.solver.com/premium-solver-platform)

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DCLF in Microsoft Excel



Interfaces, languages, solvers

Interface (graphical)
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Access
SQL
Matlab

Mathematical Language	Algebraic Language
	GAMS
	AMPL
	AIMMS
Python	Pyomo
Julia	JuMP
MatLab	
Solver Studio	

Solver
IBM CPLEX
Gurobi
XPRESS
GLPK
CBC
PATH



Learning by reading first, and then by doing

- GAMS Model Libraries

(<https://www.gams.com/modlibs/>)

- Decision Support Models in the Electric Power Industry

(https://www.iit.comillas.edu/aramos/Ramos_CV.htm#ModelosAyudaDecision)

StarGen Lite ([Short Term Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarGen Lite ([Medium Term Stochastic Hydrothermal Coordination Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarGen Lite ([Long Term Generation Expansion Planning Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarGen Lite ([Probabilistic Production Cost Model](#)) demo Excel version

StarNet Lite ([Long Term Transmission Expansion Planning Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarMkt Lite ([Cournot Market Equilibrium Model](#)) demo GAMS version

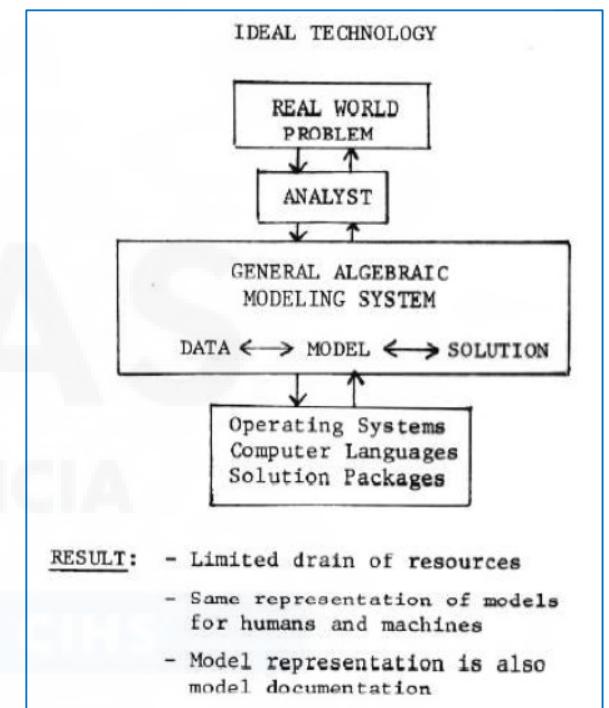
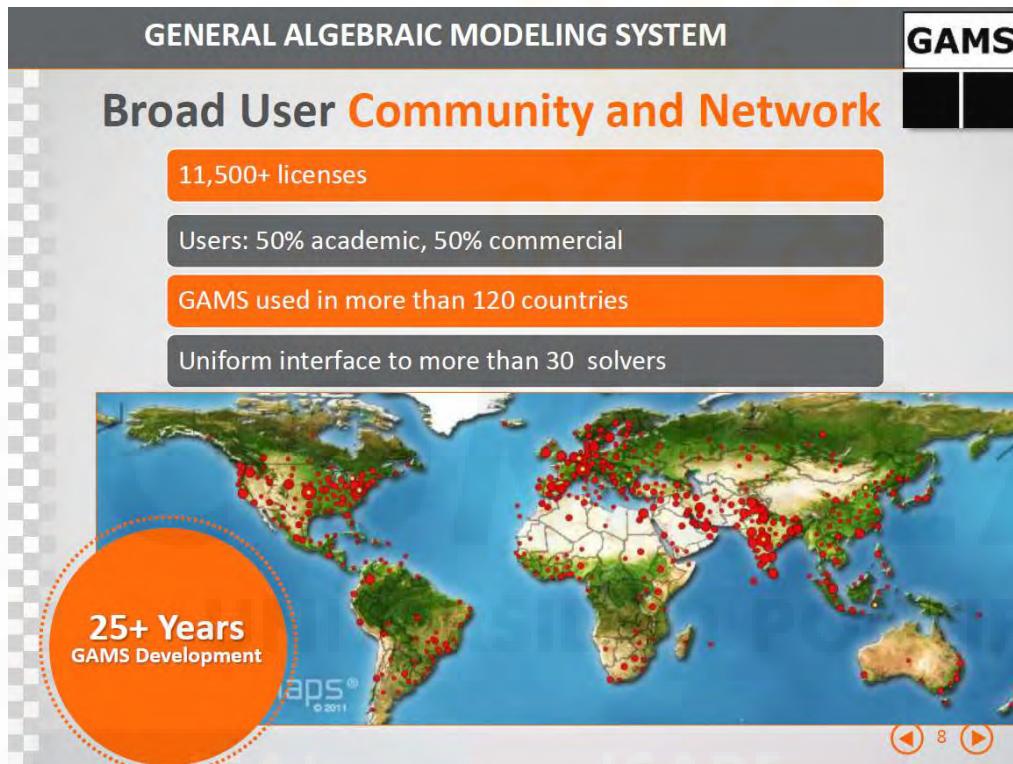
StarMkt Lite ([Bushnell Market Equilibrium Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarMkt Lite ([Long Term Market Generation Expansion Planning Model](#)) demo GAMS version

StarGen Lite ([Short Term Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment Model](#)) demo Julia-JuMP version

StarGen Lite ([Short Term Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment Model](#)) demo Python-Pyomo version

GAMS (General Algebraic Modeling System)



GAMS birth: 1976 World Bank slide

Developing in GAMS

- Development environment **GAMSID**, **GAMSStudio**



- Documentation `aaa.gpr`

- GAMS Documentation Center <https://www.gams.com/latest/docs/>

- GAMS Support Wiki <https://support.gams.com/>

- Bruce McCarl's GAMS Newsletter <https://www.gams.com/community/newsletters-mailing-list/>

- Users guide [Help > GAMS Users Guide](#)

- Solvers guide [Help > Expanded GAMS Guide](#)

- Model: FileName.**gms**

- Results: FileName.**lst**

- Process log: FileName.**log**

My first minimalist optimization model

```
positive variables x1, x2  
variable z  
  
equations of, e1, e2, e3 ;  
  
of .. 3*x1 + 5*x2 =e= z ;  
e1 .. x1 =l= 4 ;  
e2 .. 2*x2 =l= 12 ;  
e3 .. 3*x1 + 2*x2 =l= 18 ;  
  
model minimalist / all /  
solve minimalist maximizing z using LP
```

$$\begin{aligned} \max z &= 3x_1 + 5x_2 \\ x_1, x_2 &\\ x_1 &\leq 4 \\ 2x_2 &\leq 12 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 &\leq 18 \\ x_1, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Blocks in a GAMS model

- Mandatory

variables
equations
model
solve

- Optional

sets: (alias)

- **alias (i,j)** i and j can be used indistinctly
- Checking of domain indexes

data: scalars, parameters, table

Transportation model

There are i factories and j consumption markets. Each factory has a maximum capacity of a_i cases and each market demands a quantity of b_j cases (it is assumed that the total production capacity is greater than the total market demand for the problem to be feasible). The transportation cost between each factory i and each market j for each case is c_{ij} . The demand must be satisfied at minimum cost. The decision variables of the problem will be cases transported between each factory i and each market j , x_{ij} .

My first transportation model (classical organization)

```

sets
  I origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
  / VIGO      350
  ALGECIRAS  700 /
  pB(j) destination demand
  / MADRID    400
  BARCELONA  450
  VALENCIA   150 /

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
  MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO     0.06      0.12      0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05      0.15      0.11

variables
  vX(i,j) units transported
  vCost    transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j) demand supply at destination ;

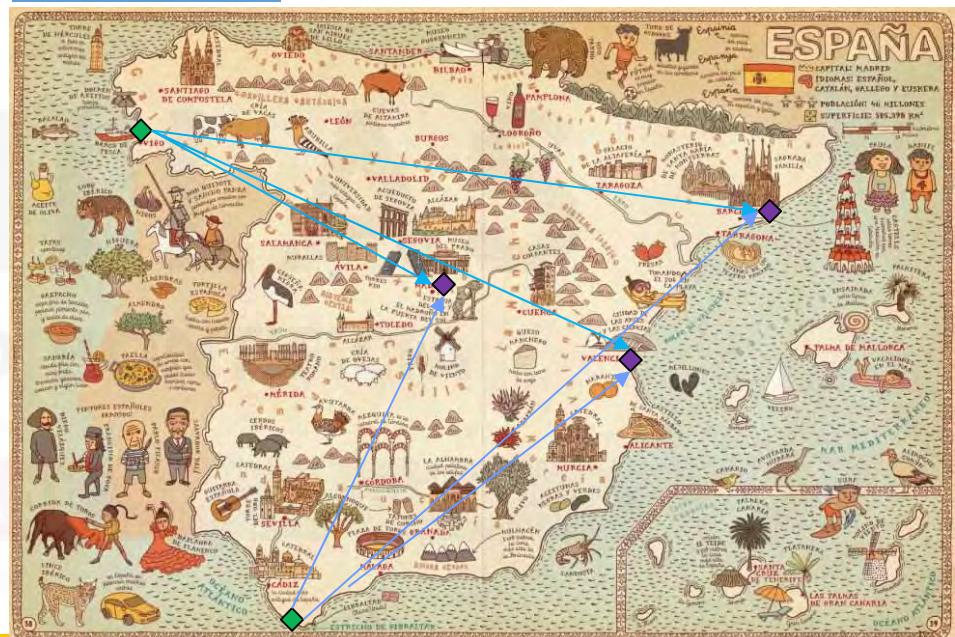
eCost .. sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost ;
eCapacity(i) .. sum[ j , vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i) ;
eDemand (j) .. sum[ i , vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / all /
solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost

```

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{x_{ij}} \sum_{ij} c_{ij} x_{ij} \\
 & \sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i \quad \forall i \\
 & \sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j \quad \forall j \\
 & x_{ij} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

A. Mizielska y D. Mizielski *Atlas del mundo: Un insólito viaje por las mil curiosidades y maravillas del mundo* Ed. Maeva 2015



General structure of GAMS sentences

- Commenting
 - Lines with * in the first column
 - \$OnText \$OffText to comment many lines
- No distinction between uppercase and lowercase letters
- Parenthesis (), square bracket [] or braces {} can be used indistinctly to distinguish levels
- Language reserved words appear in bold
- Sentences end with a ;
 - Can be suppressed when the following word is a reserved one

Basic input/output in text format

- Data input from a text file

```
$include FileName.txt  
display IdentifierName (shows its content or value)
```

- Data output to a text file

```
file InternalName / ExternalName.txt /  
put      InternalName  
put      IdentifierName  
putclose InternalName
```

- Specific options to control the output format
 - Put Writing Facility

Functions and operators

- `+, -, *, /, **` or `power(x,n)`
- `abs, arctan, sin, cos, ceil, floor, exp, log, log10, max, min, mod, round, sign, sqr, sqrt, trunc, normal, uniform`
- `gyear, gmonth, gday, ghour, gminute, gsecond, gdow, gleap, jdate, jnow, jstart, jtime`
- `lt <, gt >, eq =, ne <>, le <=, ge >=`
- `not, and, or, xor`
- `diag(set_element, set_element)={1,0}`
- `sameas(set_element, set_element)={T,F}`
- `ord, card` ordinal and cardinal of a set, `SetName.pos` ordinal of a set
- `sum, prod, smax, smin`
- `inf, eps, pi` are valid as data

Model temporal license

```
abort $[jstart > jdate(2019,5,15)] 'License for this model has expired and it cannot be used any more. Contact the developers'
```



\$ Operator in assignments, summations, constraints

- Sets a condition

```
$ (value > 0)           $(number1 <> number2)
```

- **On the left** of an assignment, it does the assignment **ONLY if** the condition is satisfied

```
if (condition,  
    DO THE ASSIGNMENT  
);
```

- **On the right** of an assignment, it does the assignment **ALWAYS** and if the condition is not satisfied it assigns value 0

```
if (condition,  
    DO THE ASSIGNMENT  
else  
    ASSIGNS VALUE 0
```

Dynamic sets

- **Efficiency** is strongly related to the use of **dynamic sets**
- **Subsets of static sets** whose content may change by assignments

```
sets m           months / m01 * m12 /
      mp(m) even months
display m ;
mp(m) ${[mod(ord(m),2) = 0]} = yes ;
display mp ;
mp('m03') = yes ;
display mp ;
mp(m) ${[ord(m) = 4]} = no ;
display mp ;
```

- **Fundamental** elements in developing GAMS models
- **Must be used systematically** to avoid the formulation of superfluous equations, variables or assignments



According to legend **Roland's Breach** was cut by Count Roland with his sword **Durendal** in an attempt to destroy that sword, after being defeated during the Battle of **Roncesvalles** in 778.

Use and abuse of dynamic sets

```
sets
  w           weeks                  / w01 * w52 /
  h           hours                 / h001 * h168 /
  nd          nodes                / node01 * node99 /
  ln(nd,nd)   lines
  spring( w)  spring weeks       / w13 * w25 /
  days5 ( h) first 5 days of the week / h001 * h120 /
  sprday(w,h)  spring working days

alias (nd,ni,nf)

parameters
  pDemand(w,h,nd) demand in each node
  pFlow  (w,h,nd,nd) flow   in each line ;

sprday(w,h) ${[spring(w)*days5(h)]} = yes ;

* these sentences are equivalent

pDemand(w,h,nd) ${[spring(w)*days5(h)]} = uniform(-0.5,0.5) ;
pFlow  (w,h,ni,nf) ${[spring(w)*days5(h)]} = uniform(-1.0,1.0) ;

pDemand(w,h,nd) $sprday(w,h)      = uniform(-0.5,0.5) ;
pFlow  (w,h,ni,nf) $sprday(w,h)  = uniform(-1.0,1.0) ;

pDemand(sprday,nd)               = uniform(-0.5,0.5) ;
pFlow  (sprday,ni,nf)            = uniform(-1.0,1.0) ;
```



Index shifting. Lag and lead

- $t=J, F, M, A, MA, J, JU, AU, S, O, N, D$

$$vReserve(t) + pInflow(t) - vOutflow(t) =e= vReserve(t+1)$$

- Vector values **out of the domain** are 0

$$vReserve('D') + pInflow('D') - vOutflow('D') =e= 0$$

- **Circular sequence** of an index (++, --)

$$t=J, F, M, A, MA, J, JU, AU, S, O, N, D$$

$$vReserve(t) + pInflow(t) - vOutflow(t) =e= vReserve(t+1)$$

$$vReserve('D') + pInflow('D') - vOutflow('D') =e= vReserve('J')$$

- **Inverted order sequence** of PP index even though t is traversed in increasing order

$$PP(t+[card(t)-2*ord(t)+1])$$

Operations with sets

- Intersection

$$D(a) = B(a) * C(a)$$

- Union

$$D(a) = B(a) + C(a)$$

- Complementary

$$D(a) = \text{NOT } C(a)$$

- Difference

$$D(a) = B(a) - C(a)$$

Analytical computation of constraints and variables

- Important to know the **estimated size** of the optimization problem and dependence with respect to basic elements
- It can be used for **detecting formulation errors**
- Use **LimRow/LimCol**
- Suitable to know the constraint matrix structure (**GAMSChk**)
option LP=GAMSChk

Source: MPES

## D. Scaling - Maximum & Minimum Coefficients by Block -- Strip 1													
v	T	v	v	v	p	v	v	v	R	I	v	R	E
o	p	r	e	s	o	A	r	i	C	o	C	H	q
t	r	e	p	l	d	i	r	o	S	g	m	S	u
a	e	s	l	l	u	a	s	g	n	a	m	M	M
l	d	é	l	l	c	j	i	g	a	t	i	x	x
V	d	é	l	l	v	a	j	a	a	t	i	M	M
C	u	r	a	A	E	p	c	a	a	t	i	x	x
o	c	v	g	r	N	N	C	c	c	j	t	i	n
s	t	e	e	c	S	S	o	k	o	o	t	n	n
eTotalVCos	Max	1	26.07	4.6E-06	4.6E-06	630	30	1.081	230	3.08E-03	630		
	Min	1	1.154E-03	1.231E-09	1.231E-09	0.4	0.3	8.75E-06	2.3	1.083E-03	1.231E-09		
eOpReserve	Max					1	1			0.765		1	
	Min									0.375		7.44E-04	
eBalance	Max		1				1			10.76		1	
	Min		1							5.11		1	
eVirPlants	Max		29.36							1		29.36	
	Min		1.308							1		1.308	
eMaxOutput	Max		1344							1		1344	
	Min		1.308							1		1	
eProductCo	Max		1					1		5.49E-03		1.207E-02	
	Min		1							1.458E-04		.0075	
eOTRateCo	Max		1							3.98E-03		1.393E-03	
	Min		1							1.104E-03		7.509E-03	
eFuelOTRan	Max		1.393E-02							.0005		8.096E-02	
	Min		7.599E-03							5.18		1	
eFuelAvail	Max		0.815							6.66E-06		1.478E-03	
	Min		3.096E-02							0.59		0.512	
eWTReserve	Max		0.512		1	1	1			3.28E-03		1.478E-03	
	Min		1.478E-03		1	1	1			12.76		.6	
eMaxFlow	Max		0.512							1.231			
	Min		1.478E-03							0.575		.0652	
eRAC	Max		4.6							0.486		2.678E-04	
	Min		.1231							1.08		0.578	
eSCmin	Max		.0652							3.97E-04		1.936E-05	
	Min		2.678E-04							0.312		1	
eSCmax	Max		0.578							0.313		1	
	Min		1.936E-05							0.313		1	
eGmin	Max		1										
	Min		1										
eGmax	Max		1										
	Min		1										
Total Var	Max	1	1.344	4.6	1	1	630	30	1.081	230	1	7.44E-04	12.76
	Min	1	1.936E-05	1.231E-09	1.231E-09	1	0.4	0.3	8.75E-06	1	6.66E-06		

Number of equations and variables for MHE

		Ecuaciones
Función objetivo	1	1
Balance demanda	$PP'S$	2000
Producción térmica subperiodo	$P(P' - 1)ST$	240000
Producción hidráulica subperiodo	$P(P' - 1)SH$	100000
Bombeo hidráulica subperiodo	$P(P' - 1)SH'$	20000
Horas por escenario	PST	120000
Horas mínimas y máximas por escenario	$2ST$	12000
Horas mínimas y máximas todos escenarios	$2T$	240
Balance embalses	PSE	50000
Gasto del embalse por central	$PSEH$	250000
Gasto total del embalse	PSE	50000
Bombeo desde el embalse	PSE'	10000
Desvío gasto embalse	PSE	50000
Reserva final embalse	SE	2500
Reserva mínima y máxima embalse	$2PSE$	100000
TOTAL	1006741	TOTAL

			Variables
Producción térmica	$pt_{pp't}^s$	$PP'ST$	240000
Producción hidráulica	$ph_{pp'h}^s$	$PP'SH$	100000
Producción del bombeo	$p b_{pp'h}^s$	$PP'SH'$	20000
Vertido del embalse	v_{pe}^s	PSE	50000
Reserva artificial del embalse	ra_{pe}^s	PSE	50000
Reserva del embalse	r_{pe}^s	PSE	50000
Defecto y exceso de entre reservas consecutivas	dr_{pe}^s, er_{pe}^s	$2PSE$	100000
Defecto y exceso de reserva	dr_e^s, er_e^s	$2SE$	5000
Defecto de reserva mínima y exceso de reserva máxima	drm_{pe}^s, erm_{pe}^s	$2PSE$	100000
Horas de funcionamiento por periodo	hr_{pt}^s	PST	120000
Defecto y exceso de horas de funcionamiento por periodo	dhr_{pt}^s, ehr_{pt}^s	$2PST$	240000
Defecto y exceso de horas de funcionamiento	dhn_t^s, ehx_t^s	$2ST$	12000
Gasto del embalse por central	g_{peh}^s	$PSEH$	250000
Gasto del embalse	g_{pe}^s	PSE	50000
Consumo del bombeo	b_{pe}^s	PSE'	10000

How big is a big optimization problem

- Memory requirements for **creating** the model (GAMS)
 - **1 GB for every 1 million rows**
- Memory requirements for **solving** the model (solver)
 - Depends on the difficulty in solving the model
 - **Integrality gap** for MIP problems



Avoid creation of superfluous constraints and variables

- Or how to achieve a **compact** formulation (small size of the constraint matrix or small density)
- Some redundant constraints can introduce a **tighter** model, see later
- However, introduce logical conditions (with a **\$ in GAMS**) in the creation of equations or the use of variables to avoid superfluous ones
- Reduction rules: mathematical reasoning or common sense based on the problem context
 - Flows by non existing connections in a network
- Solvers can detect some of these superfluous equations/variables but it is more efficient to avoid their creation (pre-processing)
 - **Profile, ProfileTol**

Debugging an optimization model

- Grammar error
 - Read the error and click in the red line of the log file
- Infeasibility detection
 - **Soft (elastic) constraints**
 - Introduce a **deficit** or **surplus** variable in each equation and penalize them in the objective function. Be careful with penalty parameter
 - Detect the **smallest core of infeasible constraints** by the **LP** solver (option ***Irreducible Infeasible Subsets iis*** in solvers)
 - Once known, they have to be deleted or modified
 - **FeasOpt** in GUROBI



LP Performance issues and their suggested resolution

LP performance issue	Suggested resolution
Numerical instability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculate and input model data in double precision • Eliminate nearly-redundant rows and/or columns of <i>A a priori</i> • Avoid mixtures of large and small numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Be suspicious of κ between 10^{10} and 10^{14}; (ii) Avoid data leading to κ greater than 10^{14} • Use alternate scaling (in the model formulation or optimizer settings) • Increase the Markowitz threshold • Employ the numerical emphasis parameter (if available)
Lack of objective function improvement under degeneracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try all other algorithms (and variants) • Perturb data either <i>a priori</i> or using algorithmic settings
Primal degeneracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use either dual simplex or interior point on primal problem
Dual degeneracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ either primal simplex or interior point on primal problem
Both primal and dual degeneracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute interior point on primal or dual problem
Excessive time per iteration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try all other algorithms (and variants) • Use algorithmic settings to conserve memory or purchase more externally • Try less expensive pricing settings if using simplex algorithms
Excessive simplex algorithm iterations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try Steepest edge or Devex variable selection
Multiple bound shift removals or significant infeasibilities after removing shifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce feasibility and optimality tolerances
Barrier algorithm iterations with little or no progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase barrier convergence tolerance in order to initiate crossover earlier
Too much time in crossover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce barrier convergence tolerance in order to provide a better starting point for crossover

E. Klotz, A.M. Newman *Practical guidelines for solving difficult linear programs* Surveys in Operations Research and Management Science 18 (1-2), 1-17, Oct 2013 [10.1016/j.sorms.2012.12.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sorms.2012.12.001)

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Efficiency in GAMS code usage (`loop`)

```
set i / 1*2000 /  
alias (i,ii)  
parameter X(i,i)
```

```
loop ((i,ii),  
      X(i,ii) = 4 ;  
) ;
```

```
set i / 1*2000 /  
alias (i,ii)  
parameter X(i,i) ;
```

```
X(i,ii) = 4 ;
```

75.3 s

0.3 s



Observer effect

- Changes that the act of observation will make on a phenomenon being observed

```
option Profile=10, ProfileTol=0.01
```

```
set i / 1*2000 /
alias (i,ii)
parameter X(i,i)

loop ((i,ii),
      X(i,ii) = 4 ;
)
```

74.2 s

```
set i / 1*2000 /
alias (i,ii)
parameter X(i,i)

loop ((i,ii),
      X(i,ii) = 4 ;
)
```

72.9 s



Efficiency in GAMS code usage (index order)

```
option Profile=10, ProfileTol=0.01

set i / 1*200 /
      j / 1*200 /
      k / 1*200 /
parameter X(k,j,i), Y(i,j,k) ;

Y(i,j,k) = 2 ;

X(k,j,i) = Y(i,j,k)
```

```
option Profile=10, ProfileTol=0.01

set i / 1*200 /
      j / 1*200 /
      k / 1*200 /
parameter X(i,j,k), Y(i,j,k) ;

Y(i,j,k) = 2 ;

X(i,j,k) = Y(i,j,k)
```

4.5 s

1.3 s

These constructs also exist in GAMS

```
loop (set,  
) ;
```

```
while (condition,  
) ;
```

```
repeat  
until condition;
```

```
if (condition,  
else  
) ;
```

```
for (i=beginning to/downto end by increment,  
) ;
```

Break
Continue

Jump out of the cycle

Detection of isolated subnetworks



```
$Phantom null

sets
  nd           nodes          / node01 * node19 /
  ndref(nd)   current reference node / node01 /
  refnd(nd)   subset of reference nodes / node01 /
  nc(nd)      current connected nodes / null /
  nod(nd)     subset of connected nodes / null /
  ln(nd,nd)   lines          / subnetworks

parameters
  pAux1 auxiliary / 0 /
  pAux2 auxiliary / 1 /

alias (nd,n1,n2,ni,nf)

file out / out.gms / put out ;

* create a naïve network, a chain
ln(ni,nf) ${ni.pos = nf.pos-1} = yes ;

* break these Links
ln('node10','node11') = no ;
ln('node15','node16') = no ;

* detection of isolated subnetworks

* for every subnetwork => max number of iterations
loop (n1 ${sum(nod(nd), 1) < card(nd)},

* define the reference node for 2nd+ iterations
  ndref(nd) ${n1.pos > 1 and not refnd(nd)} and nd.pos = smin(n2 ${not nod(n2)}, n2.pos)] = yes ;

* empty the set of connected nodes
  nc(nd) = no ;
* connect the reference node
  nc(ndref) = yes ;

  pAux2 = 1 ;

* for every node => max number of iterations
loop (n2 $pAux2,
* count the number of connected nodes
  pAux1 sum[nc,                                1]      ;
* add nodes to the set of already connected nodes
  nc(nf) $ sum[nc ${ln(nc,nc) or ln(nf,nc)}, 1] = yes ;
* count the new added nodes
  pAux2 ${sum[nc,                                1] - pAux1 = 0} = 0 ;

  if (pAux2 = 0,
* subnetwork of the connected lines to a reference node
    subnet(ln(nc,nc),ndref) = yes ;
    subnet(ln(nt,nc),ndref) = yes ;
* subnetwork of the connected nodes
    nod( nc ) = yes ;
* subnetwork of the reference nodes
    refnd( ndref ) = yes ;
  ) ;
) ;
display subnet, nod, refnd ;

* disconnect the reference node
ndref(nd) = no ;
```

Inverting a matrix, e.g., PTDF

```

set i / i1*i3 /

table a(i,i) matrix to invert
  i1 i2 i3
i1  1
i2  3
i3  5

parameter ainv(i,i) inverted matrix

execute_unload '      GDXForInverse.gdx' i a
execute   'invert GDXForInverse.gdx' i a GDXFromInverse.gdx  ainv'
execute_load  '                                GDXFromInverse.gdx' ainv
execute   'del    GDXForInverse.gdx' GDXFromInverse.gdx'

display a, ainv

```



```

* computation of the susceptance matrix of the corridors
pYBUS(c2) = - sum[la(c2,cc), 1/pLineX(la)] ;
pYBUS(nf,ni) ${c2(ni,nf)} = pYBUS(ni,nf) ;
pYBUS(nf,nf) = - sum[ni, pYBUS(ni,nf)] ;
pYBUS(ni,ndref(nd)) = 0 ;
pYBUS(ndref(nd),nf) = 0 ;
pYBUS(ni,nd) ${not nc(ni)} = 0 ;
pYBUS(nd,nf) ${not nc(nf)} = 0 ;

* obtaining the inverse of pYBUS and saving it into pYBUSInv
execute_unload '      GDXForInverse.gdx' noref pYBUS
execute   'invert GDXForInverse.gdx' noref pYBUS GDXFromInverse.gdx  pYBUSInv'
execute_load  '                                GDXFromInverse.gdx' pYBUSInv
execute   'del    GDXForInverse.gdx' GDXFromInverse.gdx' ;

* computation of the PTDF matrix
pPTDF(la(ni,nf,cc),ngd) = [pYBUSInv(ni,ngd) - pYBUSInv(nf,ngd)]/pLineX(la) + eps ;

```

Deployment ready

- Split formulation from data.
- Protect formulation confidentiality
- Secure Work Files
 - Control the access to symbol names
 - Link the model to a specific license

- Set declaration. Initialization.
 - Variables
 - Equations
 - Model

- Include and manipulate input data and parameters.
- Bounds and initialization of variables
- Solve the optimization problem
- Output of the results

Prepared
to be
deployed

Transportation model (ready for deployment)

```

sets
  I origins
  J destinations

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
  pB(j) destination demand
  pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost

variables
  vX(i,j) units transported
  vCost transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j) demand supply at destination;

eCost ..      sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost ;
eCapacity(i) .. sum[j, vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i) ;
eDemand (j) .. sum[i, vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / all /

```

Formulation.gms

\$include Data.gms

Remaining.gms

solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost

```

sets
  I origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
  / VIGO      350
  ALGECIRAS 700 /

  pB(j) destination demand
  / MADRID    400
  BARCELONA 450
  VALENCIA 150 /

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
      MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO      0.06    0.12    0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05    0.15    0.11

```

Data.gms

Generate the runtime model
gams Formulation.gms Save=model

Send model.g00

Execute runtime model + data
gams Remaining.gms Restart=model

Model log

- Open console from GAMSIDE for logging messages from the model
 - Code specific for Windows, UNIX/Linux/macOS

```
$set console
$if '%system.filesys%' == 'MSNT' $set console con
$if '%system.filesys%' == 'UNIX' $set console /dev/tty
$if '%console%.' == '.' abort 'console not recognized'

file console / "%console%" /

sets
  day day      / day01*day10 /
  sc  scenario / sc01* sc02 /

put console
loop ((day,sc),
  putclose 'Day ' day.tl:0 ' Scenario ' sc.tl:0 ' Elapsed Time ' [(jnow-jstart)*86400]:6:3 ' s' sleep(1)
) ;

$ifthen.MSNT '%system.filesys%' == 'MSNT'
  execute 'del pp.txt' ;
$endif.MSNT
$ifthen.UNIX '%system.filesys%' == 'UNIX'
  execute 'rm pp.txt' ;
$endif.UNIX
```

Conditional compilation

GAMS Code Conventions

- Must be defined in blocks. For example, a set and all its subsets should constitute one block in the sets section.
- Names are intended to be meaningful. **Follow conventions**
 - Items with the **same name** represent the **same concept** in different models
 - **Units** should be used in all definitions
 - Parameters are named **pParameterName** (e.g., pTotalDemand)
 - Variables are named **vVariableName** (e.g., vThermalOutput)
 - Equations are named **eEquationName** (e.g., eLoadBalance)
 - Use **short set names** (one or two letters) for easier reading
 - **Alias** duplicate the final letter (e.g., p, pp)
- In the case of variables, the blocks should be defined by meaning and not by variable type (**Free** (default), **Positive**, **Negative**, **Binary**, **Integer**, **SOS1**, **SOS2**, **SemiCont**, **Semilnt**)
- Objective function must be a free variable
- Equations are laid out as clearly as possible, using brackets for readability

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (i) (https://iit.comillas.edu/aramos/StarGenLite_SDUC.zip)

```
$Title StarGen Lite Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC)
```

```
$OnText
```

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```
$OffText
```

```
$OnEmpty OnMulti OffListing
```

```
* options to skip or not the Excel input/output  
* if you want to skip it put these values to 1  
* in such a case input files have to be already in the directory created by any other means  
* output file will be the tmp.gdx that can be exported to Excel manually
```

```
$ifthen.OptSkipExcelInput      %gams.user2% == ""  
$  setglobal OptSkipExcelInput 0  
$else.OptSkipExcelInput  
$  setglobal OptSkipExcelInput %gams.user2%  
$endif.OptSkipExcelInput
```

```
$ifthen.OptSkipExcelOutput    %gams.user3% == ""  
$  setglobal OptSkipExcelOutput 0  
$else.OptSkipExcelOutput  
$  setglobal OptSkipExcelOutput %gams.user3%  
$endif.OptSkipExcelOutput
```

```
* solve the optimization problems until optimality  
option OptcR = 0
```

Model name

Authorship and version

Allow declaration of empty sets and multiple declaration. Suppress listing

Obtain the optimal solution

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (ii)

```
* definitions

sets
  n       hour
  n1(n)  first hour of the day
  sc      scenario

  g       generating unit
  t(g)   thermal unit
  h(g)   hydro plant

alias (n,nn)

parameters
  pDemand      (n) hourly load
  pOperReserve (n) hourly operating reserve
  pOperReserveUp (n) hourly operating reserve up
  pOperReserveDw (n) hourly operating reserve down
  pIntermGen  (n,sc) stochastic IG generation
  pScenProb    (sc) probability of scenarios
  pCommitt    (g,n) commitment of the unit
  pProduct    (sc,g,n) output of the unit
  pIG          (sc, n) output of IG generation
  pSRMC        (sc, n) short run marginal cost [€ per MWh]

  pMaxProd    (g) maximum output
  pMinProd    (g) minimum output
  pMaxCons    (g) maximum consumption
  pInOut       (g) initial output > min load
  pInilC      (g) initial commitment
  pRampUp     (g) ramp up
  pRampDw     (g) ramp down
  pMinTU      (g) minimum time down
  pMinTD      (g) minimum time up
  pSlopeVarCost (g) slope variable cost
  pInterVarCost (g) intercept variable cost
  pEmissionCost (g) emission cost
  pStartupCost (g) startup cost
  pShutdownCost (g) shutdown cost
  pMaxReserve  (g) maximum reserve
  pMinReserve  (g) minimum reserve
  pInReserve   (g) initial reserve
  pEffic       (g) pumping efficiency
  pInflows     (g,n) inflows
  pENSCost     energy not served cost [€ per GWh]
  pCO2Cost     CO2 emission cost [€ per tCO2]
```

Set definition

Parameter definition

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (iii)

```
variables
  vTotalVCost      total system variable cost      [M€]

binary  variables
  vCommitt ( n,g) commitment of the unit          [0-1]
  vStartup ( n,g) startup   of the unit           [0-1]
  vShutdown ( n,g) shutdown  of the unit          [0-1]

positive variables
  vProduct (sc,n,g) output of the unit            [GW]
  vProduct1 (sc,n,g) output of the unit > min load [GW]
  vConsump (sc,n,g) consumption of the unit       [GW]
  vENS     (sc,n ) energy not served             [GW]
  vIG      (sc,n ) intermittent generation       [GW]
  vWtReserve(sc,n,g) water reserve at end of period [GWh]
  vSpillage (sc,n,g) spillage                  [GWh]

equations
  eTotalVCost      total system variable cost      [M€]
  eBalance (sc,n ) load generation balance        [GW]
  eOpReserve( n ) operating reserve               [GW]
  eReserveUp(sc,n ) operating reserve upwards    [GW]
  eReserveDw(sc,n ) operating reserve downwards  [GW]
  eMaxOutput(sc,n,g) max output of a committed unit [GW]
  eMinOutput(sc,n,g) min output of a committed unit [GW]
  eTotOutput(sc,n,g) tot output of a committed unit [GW]
  eRampUp  (sc,n,g) bound on ramp up            [GW]
  eRampDw  (sc,n,g) bound on ramp down          [GW]
  eUCStrShut( n,g) relation among commitment startup and shutdown
  eMintUp  ( n,g) minimum up  time ( committed)
  eMintDw  ( n,g) minimum down time (not committed)
  eWtReserve(sc,n,g) water reserve                [GWh] ;
```

Variables

Equation
definition

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (iv)

```

* mathematical formulation

eTotalVCost .. vTotalVCost =e= sum[(sc,n), pENSCost *vENS(sc,n)*pScenProb(sc)] +
sum[(sc,n,t), pSlopeVarCost(t)*vProduct(sc,n,t)*pScenProb(sc)] +
sum[(sc,n,t), pEmissionCost(t)*vProduct(sc,n,t)*pScenProb(sc)] +
sum[(n,t), pInterVarCost(t)*vCommitt(n,t)] +
sum[(n,t), pStartupCost(t)*vStartup(n,t)] +
sum[(n,t), pShutdownCost(t)*vShutdown(n,t)] ;

eBalance(sc,n) $ pScenProb(sc) .. sum[t, vProduct(sc,n,t)] + sum[h, vProduct(sc,n,h)] - sum[h, vConsump(sc,n,h)] + vIG(sc,n) + vENS(sc,n)
=e= pDemand(n) ;

eOpReserve(n) .. sum[t, pMaxProd(t) * vCommitt(n,t)] + sum[h, pMaxProd(h)] =g= pOperReserve(n) + pDemand(n) ;
eReserveUp(sc,n) $ pScenProb(sc) .. sum[t, pMaxProd(t) * vCommitt(n,t) - vProduct(sc,n,t)] =g= pOperReserveUp(n) ;
eReserveDw(sc,n) $ pScenProb(sc) .. sum[t, pMinProd(t) * vCommitt(n,t) - vProduct(sc,n,t)] =l= - pOperReserveDw(n) ;

eMaxOutput(sc,n,t) $[pScenProb(sc) and pMaxProd(t)] .. vProduct(sc,n,t) / pMaxProd(t) =l= vCommitt(n,t) ;
eMinOutput(sc,n,t) $[pScenProb(sc) and pMinProd(t)] .. vProduct(sc,n,t) / pMinProd(t) =g= vCommitt(n,t) ;

eTotOutput(sc,n,t) $ pScenProb(sc) .. vProduct(sc,n,t) =e= pMinProd(t)*vCommitt(n,t) + vProduct1(sc,n,t) ;

eRampUp(sc,n,t) $ pScenProb(sc) .. vProduct1(sc,n,t) - vProduct1(sc,n-1,t) - max[pIniOut(t)-pMinProd(t),0] $n1(n) =l= pRampUp(t) ;
eRampDw(sc,n,t) $ pScenProb(sc) .. vProduct1(sc,n,t) - vProduct1(sc,n-1,t) - max[pIniOut(t)-pMinProd(t),0] $n1(n) =g= - pRampDw(t) ;

eUCStrShut(n,t) .. vCommitt(n,t) - vCommitt(n-1,t) - pIniUC(t) $n1(n) =e= vStartup(n,t) - vShutdown(n,t) ;

eMinTUp(n,t) .. sum[nn $(ord(nn) >= ord(n)+1-pMinTU(t) and ord(nn) <= ord(n)), vStartup(nn,t)] =l= vCommitt(n,t) ;
eMinTDw(n,t) .. sum[nn $(ord(nn) >= ord(n)+1-pMinTD(t) and ord(nn) <= ord(n)), vShutdown(nn,t)] =l= 1 - vCommitt(n,t) ;

eWtReserve(sc,n,h) $ pScenProb(sc) .. vWtReserve(sc,n-1,h) + pIniReserve(h) $n1(n) + pInflows(h,n) - vSpillage(sc,n,h) - vProduct(sc,n,h) +
vConsump(sc,n,h)*pEffic(h) =e= vWtReserve(sc,n,h) ;

model mSDUC / all/ ;
mSDUC.solprint = 1 ; mSDUC.holdfixed = 1 ; mSDUC.optfile = 1 ;

```



Reduced solution output

Model includes
all the equations

Eliminate fixed variables

Mathematical
formulation of
equations

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (v)

```
* read input data from Excel and include into the model
file TMP / tmp_%gams.user1%.txt /
$OnEcho > tmp_%gams.user1%.txt
$include tmp_indices.txt
o1=tmp_indices
r2=tmp_param.txt
r3=tmp_demand.txt
r4=tmp_demand
r5=tmp_oprres.txt
r6=tmp_oprresup.txt
r7=tmp_oprresdw.txt
r8=tmp_IGgen.txt
r9=tmp_thermalgen.txt
r10=tmp_hydrogen.txt
r11=tmp_inflows.txt
r12=tmp_inflows.txt

$offEcho
* Mac OS X and Linux users must comment the following call and copy and paste the named ranges of the Excel interface into the txt files
$ifthen.OptSkipExcelInput '%OptSkipExcelInput%' == '0'
$call xls2gms m i="%gams.user1%.xslm"@"tmp_%gams.user1%.txt"
$else.OptSkipExcelInput
$ log Excel input skipped
$endif.OptSkipExcelInput

sets
$include tmp_indices.txt
$include tmp_param.txt
parameter pDemand(n) hourly load [MW] /
$include tmp_demand.txt
parameter pOperReserve(n) hourly operating reserve [MW] /
$include tmp_oprres.txt
parameter pOperReserveUp(n) hourly operating reserve [MW] /
$include tmp_oprresup.txt
parameter pOperReserveDw(n) hourly operating reserve [MW] /
$include tmp_oprresdw.txt
/
table pIntermGen(n,sc) stochastic IG generation [MW]
$include tmp_IGgen.txt
table pThermalGen(g,*)
$include tmp_thermalgen.txt
table pHydroGen (g,*)
$include tmp_hydrogen.txt
table pInflows (g,n)
$include tmp_inflows.txt
;

* Mac OS X and Linux users must comment the following execute
execute 'del tmp_%gams.user1%.txt tmp_indices.txt tmp_param.txt tmp_demand.txt tmp_oprres.txt tmp_oprresup.txt tmp_oprresdw.txt tmp_IGgen.txt tmp_thermalgen.txt tmp_hydrogen.txt tmp_inflows.txt' ;
```

Read input from Excel named ranges and write into text files

Input from text files into GAMS

Delete read text files

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (vi)

```
* determine the first hour of the day
n1(n) ${ord(n) = 1] = yes ;
* assignment of thermal units, storage hydro and pumped storage hydro plants
t (g) ${[pThermalGen(g,'MaxProd') and pThermalGen(g,'FuelCost')] = yes ;
h (g) ${[pHydroGen (g,'MaxProd')] = yes ;
* scaling of parameters to GW and M€
pDemand (n) = pDemand (n) * 1e-3 ;
pOperReserve (n) = pOperReserve (n) * 1e-3 ;
pOperReserveUp (n) = pOperReserveUp (n) * 1e-3 ;
pOperReserveDw (n) = pOperReserveDw (n) * 1e-3 ;
pIntermGen (n,sc) $pScenProb(sc) = pIntermGen (n,sc) * 1e-3 ;
pENSCost = pENSCost * 1e-3 ;
pMaxProd (t) = pThermalGen(t,'MaxProd') * 1e-3 ;
pMinProd (t) = pThermalGen(t,'MinProd') * 1e-3 ;
pInOut (t) = pThermalGen(t,'IniProd') * 1e-3 ;
pRampUp (t) = pThermalGen(t,'RampUp') * 1e-3 ;
pRampDw (t) = pThermalGen(t,'RampDw') * 1e-3 ;
pMinTU (t) = pThermalGen(t,'MinTU') ;
pMinTD (t) = pThermalGen(t,'MinTD') ;
pSlopeVarCost(t) = pThermalGen(t,'OMVarCost') * 1e-3 +
pThermalGen(t,'SlopeVarCost') * 1e-3 * pThermalGen(t,'FuelCost') ;
pEmissionCost(t) = pThermalGen(t,'EmissionRate') * 1e-3 * pCO2Cost ;
pInterVarCost(t) = pThermalGen(t,'InterVarCost') * 1e-6 * pThermalGen(t,'FuelCost') ;
pStartupCost (t) = pThermalGen(t,'StartupCost') * 1e-6 * pThermalGen(t,'FuelCost') ;
pShutdownCost(t) = pThermalGen(t,'ShutdownCost') * 1e-6 * pThermalGen(t,'FuelCost') ;
pMaxProd (h) = pHydroGen (h,'MaxProd') * 1e-3 ;
pMinProd (h) = pHydroGen (h,'MinProd') * 1e-3 ;
pMaxCons (h) = pHydroGen (h,'MaxCons') * 1e-3 ;
pEffic (h) = pHydroGen (h,'Efficiency') * 1e-3 ;
pMaxReserve (h) = pHydroGen (h,'MaxReserve') * 1e-3 ;
pMinReserve (h) = pHydroGen (h,'MinReserve') * 1e-3 ;
pIniReserve (h) = pHydroGen (h,'IniReserve') * 1e-3 ;
* if the initial output of the unit is above its minimum load then the unit is committed, otherwise it is not committed
pIniUC (g) = 1 ${[pInOut(g) >= pMinProd(g)]} ;
* if the efficiency of a hydro plant is 0, it is changed to 1
pEffic (h) ${[pEffic (h) = 0] = 1 ;
* if the minimum up or down times are 0, they are changed to 1
pMinTU (t) ${[pMinTU (t) = 0] = 1 ;
pMinTD (t) ${[pMinTD (t) = 0] = 1 ;
```

First hour of the day

Scaling of parameters

Initial committed units

Stochastic Daily Unit Commitment of Thermal and Hydro Units (SDUC) (vii)

```
* bounds on variables
vProduct.up (sc,n,g) $pScenProb(sc) = pMaxProd (g ) ;
vConsump.up (sc,n,g) $pScenProb(sc) = pMaxCons (g ) ;
vProduct1.up (sc,n,t) $pScenProb(sc) = pMaxProd (t ) - pMinProd(t) ;
vIG.up (sc,n ) $pScenProb(sc) = pIntermGen (n,sc) ;
vENS.up (sc,n ) $pScenProb(sc) = pDemand (n ) ;
vWtReserve.up(sc,n,g) $pScenProb(sc) = pMaxReserve(g ) ;
vWtReserve.lo(sc,n,g) $pScenProb(sc) = pMinReserve(g ) ;

vCommitt.up ( n,g) = 1 ;
vStartup.up ( n,g) = 1 ;
vShutdown.up( n,g) = 1 ;

* solve stochastic daily unit commitment model
solve mSDUC using MIP minimizing vTotalVCost ;
* scaling of the results
pCommitt( t,n) = vCommitt.l( n,t)
pProduct(sc,g,n) $pScenProb(sc) = vProduct.l(sc,n,g)*1e3 + eps ;
pIG (sc, n) $pScenProb(sc) = vIG.l (sc,n )*1e3 + eps ;
pSRMC (sc, n) $pScenProb(sc) = eBalance.m(sc,n )*1e3/pScenProb(sc) + eps ;

* data output to xls file
put TMP putclose 'par=pCommitt rdim=1 rng=UC!a1' / 'par=pProduct rdim=2 rng=Output!a1' / 'par=pIG     rdim=1 rng=IG!a1' / 'par=pSRMC rdim=1
rng=SRMC!a1' /
      'text="Unit"           rng=UC!a1' / 'text="Scen"           rng=Output!a1' / 'text="Scen"           rng=IG!a1' / 'text="Scen"
rng=SRMC!a1' /
      'text="Unit"           rng=Output!b1'
execute_unload 'tmp_%gams.user1%.gdx' pProduct pCommitt pIG pSRMC
*$ifthen.OptSkipExcelOutput '%OptSkipExcelOutput%' == '0'
execute   'gdxxrw tmp_"%gams.user1%".gdx SQ=n EpsOut=0 O=tmp_"%gams.user1%".xlsx @tmp_"%gams.user1%".txt'
execute   'del   tmp_"%gams.user1%".gdx
*$else.OptSkipExcelOutput
*$ Log Excel output skipped
*$endif.OptSkipExcelOutput
execute   'del
tmp_"%gams.user1%".txt'

$OnListing
```

Bounds on variables

Solve the optimization problem

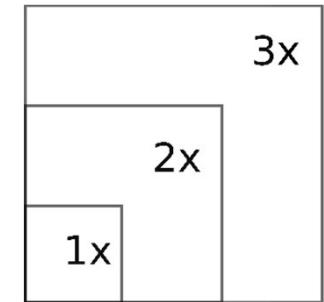
Scaling the results

Write output to Excel



Scaling

- Solvers are powerful but not magic
- Input data and output results must be in commonly used units
- But **internally variables, equations, parameters must be around 1** (i.e., from 0.01 to 100). Ratio of largest to smallest matrix coefficient should be $< 10^5$
- Scaling can be done:
 - Manually (e.g., from MW to GW, from euros to Meuros). **Modelers can typically do better because they know the problem**
 - Automatically by the language (ModelName.ScaleOpt=1)
 - By the solver (**ScaInd 1** in CPLEX, **ScaleFlag 2** in GUROBI)
- Specially useful in large-scale LP problems or NLP problems and/or when willing to use the dual variables
- The **condition number** is a measure for the **sensitivity** of the solution of a system of linear equations to **errors in the data**.
 - It is the ratio between the largest and smallest eigenvalues
- Condition numbers $< 10^6$ are good enough. Numerical problems arise for condition numbers $> 10^8$ (**ill-conditioned**)
 - **Quality 1** in CPLEX
 - **Kappa 1** in GUROBI



Models with numerical issues can lead to undesirable results: slow performance, wrong answers or inconsistent behavior. Source: GUROBI

Rule of thumb for selecting an LP optimization algorithm

- Simplex (or dual simplex) method can be the best choice for moderate size (up to 100000 x 100000)
- Interior point method is usually the most efficient for huge and difficult problems
 - It is the most *numerically sensitive* algorithm. Numerical issues can cause crossover to stall
 - It can be *threaded* quite efficiently (compared to simplex)
- Difference in solution time can reach one order of magnitude

Good Optimization Modeling Practices

Select
The Best



Options

Options	
LimRow	Number of rows to show
LimCol	Number of columns to show
SolPrint	Solution output
SolveOpt	Replace
Decimals	Number of decimals in displaying values
IterLim	Maximum number of solver iterations
ResLim	Maximum solution time
Profile	Time profiling
ProfileTol	Profile threshold
Seed	Initialize seed for random numbers

\$ Directives

\$ Directives	
\$OnEmpty	Allow introduction of empty sets
\$OnMulti	Allow redeclaration of sets
\$OffListing	Suppress listing of the code

Variable attributes

Attributes	
VarName.lo	lower bound
VarName.up	upper bound
VarName.fx	fixes the variable to a constant
VarName.Range	range of the variable
VarName.l	initial value before and optimal value after
VarName.m	marginal value (reduced cost)
VarName.Scale	numerical scale factor
VarName.Prior	branching priority in a MIP model ($\infty \rightarrow$ not discrete)
VarName.SlackUp	slack from upper bound
VarName.SlackLo	slack from lower bound
VarName.Infeas	infeasibility out of bounds

Equation attributes

Attributes	
EquationName.lo	lower bound
EquationName.up	upper bound
EquationName.l	initial value before and optimal value after
EquationName.m	marginal value (dual variable or shadow price)
EquationName.Scale	numerical scaling factor

Model

```
model ModelName1 / Equation1 Equation3 Equation5 Equation7 /
model ModelName2 / all /
model ModelName3 / ModelName1 - Equation5 + Equation8 /
```

Model attributes

Attributes		Attributes	
ModelName.ResLim	Resource limit	ModelName.IterUsd	Number of iterations
ModelName.SolveOpt	Replace/merge/clear in consecutive solves	ModelName.ResUsd	Resource used
ModelName.SolSlack	Show slack variables	ModelName.BRatio	Basis ratio controls the use of previous basis
ModelName.SolvePrint	0, 1, 2 (to remove the detailed solution from the .lst file)	ModelName.HoldFixed	Fix and eliminate variables
ModelName.TryLinear	Try linear model first	ModelName.IterLim	Iteration limit
ModelName.ModelStat	Model status	ModelName.NodLim	Node limit
ModelName.SolveStat	Solve status	ModelName.OptCA	Absolute optimality tolerance
ModelName.NumEqu	Number of equations	ModelName.OptCR	Relative optimality tolerance
ModelName.NumVar	Number of variables	ModelName.OptFile	Use of an option file
ModelName.NumDVar	Number of discrete variables	ModelName.PriorOpt	Use of priority
ModelName.NumNz	Number of non zeros		

GAMS Call Options

GAMS Options	
Suppress	Suppress echo of the code listing
PW	Page width
PS	Page size
RF	Shows all the symbols
Charset	Allows international characters
U1..U10	User parameter

For example, InterfaceName, SolverSelection,
SkipExcelInput, SkipExcelOutput,

```
u1="Excel_Interface_Name" u2=0 u3=0 u4=1 --NumberCores=4
```

Solvers

- All the solvers are hooked to GAMS

Solver	License	CNS	DNLN	EMP	LP	MCP	MINLP	MIP	MIQCP	MPEC	NLP	QCP	RMINLP	RMIP	RMIQCP	RMPEC
ALPHAEC	Demo															
AMPL	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ANTIGONE	Demo
BARON	Full
BDMILP	Full				.		.						.			
BENCH	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BONMIN	Full						.		.							
BONMINH	Demo						.		.							
CBC	Full				.			.					.			
CONOPT	Full
CONOPT4	Full
CONVERT	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUENNE	Full
CPLEX	Full			
DE	Full			-												
DECIS	Demo			-												
DECISC	Demo			-												
DECISM	Demo			-												
DICOPT	Demo						.		.							
EXAMINER	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GAMSCHK	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GLOMIQD	Demo							
GUROBI	Full		
IPOPT	Full
IPOPTH	Demo

Solvers

Solver	License	CNS	DNLP	EMP	LP	MCP	MINLP	MIP	MIQCP	MPEC	NLP	QCP	RMINLP	RMIP	RMIQCP	RMPEC
PYOMO	Full	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SBB	Full						-	-								
SCIP	Full	-	-				-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
SELKIE	Full			-												
SNOPT	Demo	-	-	-							-	-	-	-	-	-
SOLVEENGINE	Demo				-			-								-
SOPLEX	Full				-											-
XA	Demo				-			-								-
XPRESS	Demo				-			-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-

Boosting performance

- Threads
- GUSS (Gather-Update-Solve-Scatter)
 - Use of **sensitivity analysis** for solving many similar problems
- Grid and Multi-Threading Solve Facility
 - Use of **multiple cores** of a computer
- You can **launch several GAMS** process simultaneously being careful with conflicting filenames



Scenario analysis of the transportation problem solved with GUSS

```

sets
  I  origins
  J  destinations
  SC scenarios

parameters
  pA    (i      ) origin capacity
  pB    (j      ) destination demand
  pC    (i,j    ) per unit transportation cost
  pBS   (sc, j) stochastic destination demand
  pX    (sc,i,j) stochastic units transported
  pCost (sc      ) stochastic transportation cost
  pPrice(sc, j) stochastic spot price

variables
  vX(i,j)  units transported
  vCost    transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j)  demand supply at destination ;

  eCost ..      sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost ;
  eCapacity(i) .. sum[   j ,          vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i) ;
  eDemand (j) .. sum[ i ,          vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / all /

```

```

set scen_dem stochastic demand scenario dictionary /
  sc     . scenario . ''

* update the LHS with values of the RHS
  pB     . param   . pBS

* store in the RHS with values of the LHS
  vX    . level   . pX
  vCost  . level   . pCost
  eDemand . marginal . pPrice
  / ****

sets
  I  origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J  destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /
  SC scenarios   / sc000*sc999 /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
  / VIGO      350
  ALGECIRAS 700 /

  pBS(sc,j) stochastic destination demand
  / sc000 . MADRID    400
  sc000 . BARCELONA 450
  sc000 . VALENCIA 150 / ;

* Lazy input, feeding data for all the scenarios with random demand
  pBS(sc,j) = pBS('sc000',j) * [1+uniform(-0.05,0.05)] ;

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
  MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO    0.06    0.12    0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05    0.15    0.11 ;
****

* initialization of the destination demand
  pB(j) = pBS('sc000',j) ;

solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost scenario scen_dem

```

Scenario analysis of the transportation problem solved with Grid computing and GUSS (i)

```

sets
  I  origins
  J  destinations
  SC scenarios

parameters
  pA   (i)    origin capacity
  pB   (j)    destination demand
  pC   (i,j)  per unit transportation cost
  pBS  (sc, j) stochastic destination demand
  pX   (sc,i,j) stochastic units transported
  pCost (sc)  stochastic transportation cost
  pPrice(sc, j) stochastic spot price

variables
  vX(i,j)  units transported
  vCost     transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j) demand supply at destination ;

eCost ..      sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost ;
eCapacity(i) .. sum[ j , vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i) ;
eDemand (j) .. sum[ i, vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / all /

```

```

sets
  gs(sc)  scenarios per GUSS run
  sh      solution headers / System.GUSSModelAttributes /
  scen_dem stochastic demand scenario dictionary /
    sc      . scenario . ''
    scen_optn . opt     . st_report_o

* update the LHS with values of the RHS
  pB      . param   . pBS

* store in the RHS with values of the LHS
  vX      . level    . pX
  vCost   . level    . pCost
  eDemand . marginal . pPrice           /

*****
sets
  I  origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J  destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /
  SC scenarios   / sc000*sc999 /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
  / VIGO      350
  ALGECIRAS 700 /

  pBS(sc,j) stochastic destination demand
  / sc000 . MADRID   400
  sc000 . BARCELONA 450
  sc000 . VALENCIA 150 /;

* Lazy input, feeding data for all the scenarios with random demand
pBS(sc,j) = pBS('sc000',j) * [1+uniform(-0.05,0.05)] ;

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
  MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO      0.06      0.12      0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05      0.15      0.11 ;

```

Scenario analysis of the transportation problem solved with Grid computing and GUSS (ii)

```
sets
* using four cores and assignment of scenarios to cores
core      grid jobs to run / core001*core004 /
coresc(core,sc) cores to scenario / core001.(sc000*sc249)
                           core002.(sc250*sc499)
                           core003.(sc500*sc749)
                           core004.(sc750*sc999) /
parameter
  scen_optn      scenario options / OptFile 2, LogOption 1, SkipBaseCase 1,
                                    UpdateType 1, RestartType 1, NoMatchLimit 999 /
  st_report_o(sc,sh) status report
  pGridHandle(core) grid handles ;
initialization of the destination demand
pB(j) = pBS('sc000',j) ;
mTransport.SolveLink = %SolveLink.AsyncGrid% ;
loop (core,
  gs(sc) = cores(sc)
  if (sum[gs(sc), 1] > 0,
    solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost scenario scen_dem ;
    pGridHandle(core) = mTransport.Handle ;
  )
)
repeat
  loop (core $HandleCollect(pGridHandle(core)),
    display $HandleDelete (pGridHandle(core)) 'Trouble deleting handles' ;
    pGridHandle(core) = 0 ;
  )
until card(pGridHandle) = 0 or TimeElapsed > 1000 ;
mTransport.SolveLink = %SolveLink.LoadLibrary% ;
display st_report_o
```

How to write multiple language versions

```
* Language for Excel headings: Spanish 0 English 1 French 2

$set language      1

$ifthen.language %language% == 0
$  set iTitle MiModelo Versión 6.19 --- 11 Julio 2018
$  include ModelEs.gms

$elseif.language %language% == 1
$  set iTitle MyModel Release 6.19 --- July 11, 2018
$  include ModelEn.gms

$elseif.language %language% == 2
$  set iTitle MonModel Version 6.19 --- 11 Juillet 2018
$  include ModelFr.gms

$endif.language
```

```
* File ModelEs.gms
$setglobal Lema Más sabe el diablo por viejo que por diablo
```

```
* File ModelEn.gms
$setglobal Lema The devil knows many things because he is old
```

```
* File ModelFr.gms
$setglobal Lema Le diable sait beaucoup parce qu'il est vieux
```



Introducing flexibility

```
$SetGlobal ppp 100
parameter pDimension / %ppp% /
set u      / unit1*unit%ppp% /
display pDimension, u
```



Releasing memory

- a) Define a dummy solve
- b) Clear parameters
- c) Run dummy model

Clear Data

```
option profile=10

set i / 1 * 10000000 /
parameter pp(i) ;

pp(i) = 33 ;

* dummy optimization problem used for releasing memory
variable vDummy
equation eDummy .. vDummy =e= 0 ;
model mDummy / eDummy / ;

* only parameters that are no longer used can be cleared
option Clear=pp

* solve a dummy optimization problem to release memory usage
solve mDummy using LP minimizing vDummy
```

GAMS to LaTeX

```

sets
  I origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
    / VIGO      350
    ALGECIRAS 700 /
  pB(j) destination demand
    / MADRID   400
    BARCELONA 450
    VALENCIA 150 /

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
  MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO     0.06   0.12   0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05   0.15   0.11

variables
  vX(i,j) units transported
  vCost      transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand(j) demand supply at destination;

eCost .. sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost;
eCapacity(i) .. sum[ j , vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i);
eDemand (j) .. sum[ i , vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j);

model mTransport / all /
solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost

```

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_x \sum_{ij} c_{ij} x_{ij} \\
& \sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i \quad \forall i \\
& \sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j \quad \forall j \\
& x_{ij} \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Generate the doc file
gams transport.gms DocFile=transport
 Write the tex file
model2tex transport

Symbols

Sets

Name	Domains	Description
I	*	origins
J	*	destinations

Parameters

Name	Domains	Description
pA	I	origin capacity
pB	J	destination demand
pC	I, J	per unit transportation cost

Variables

Name	Domains	Description
vX	I, J	units transported
vCost		transportation cost

Equations

Name	Domains	Description
eCost		transportation cost
eCapacity	I	maximum capacity of each origin
eDemand	J	demand supply at destination

Equation Definitions

eCost

$$\sum_{I,J} (pC_{I,J} \cdot vX_{I,J}) = vCost$$

eCapacity_I

$$\sum_J (vX_{I,J}) \leq pA_I \quad \forall I$$

eDemand_J

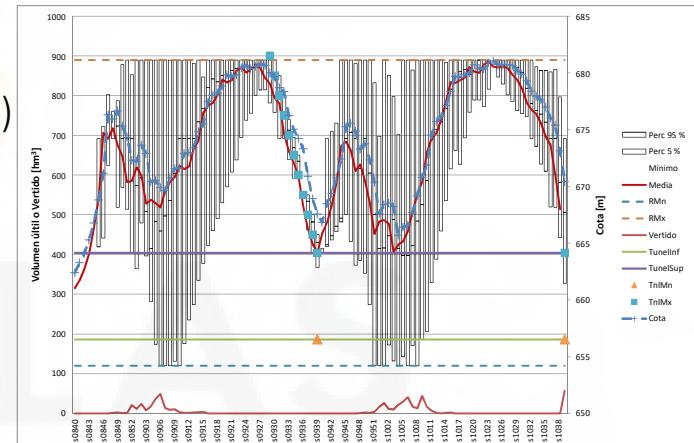
$$\sum_I (vX_{I,J}) \geq pB_J \quad \forall J$$

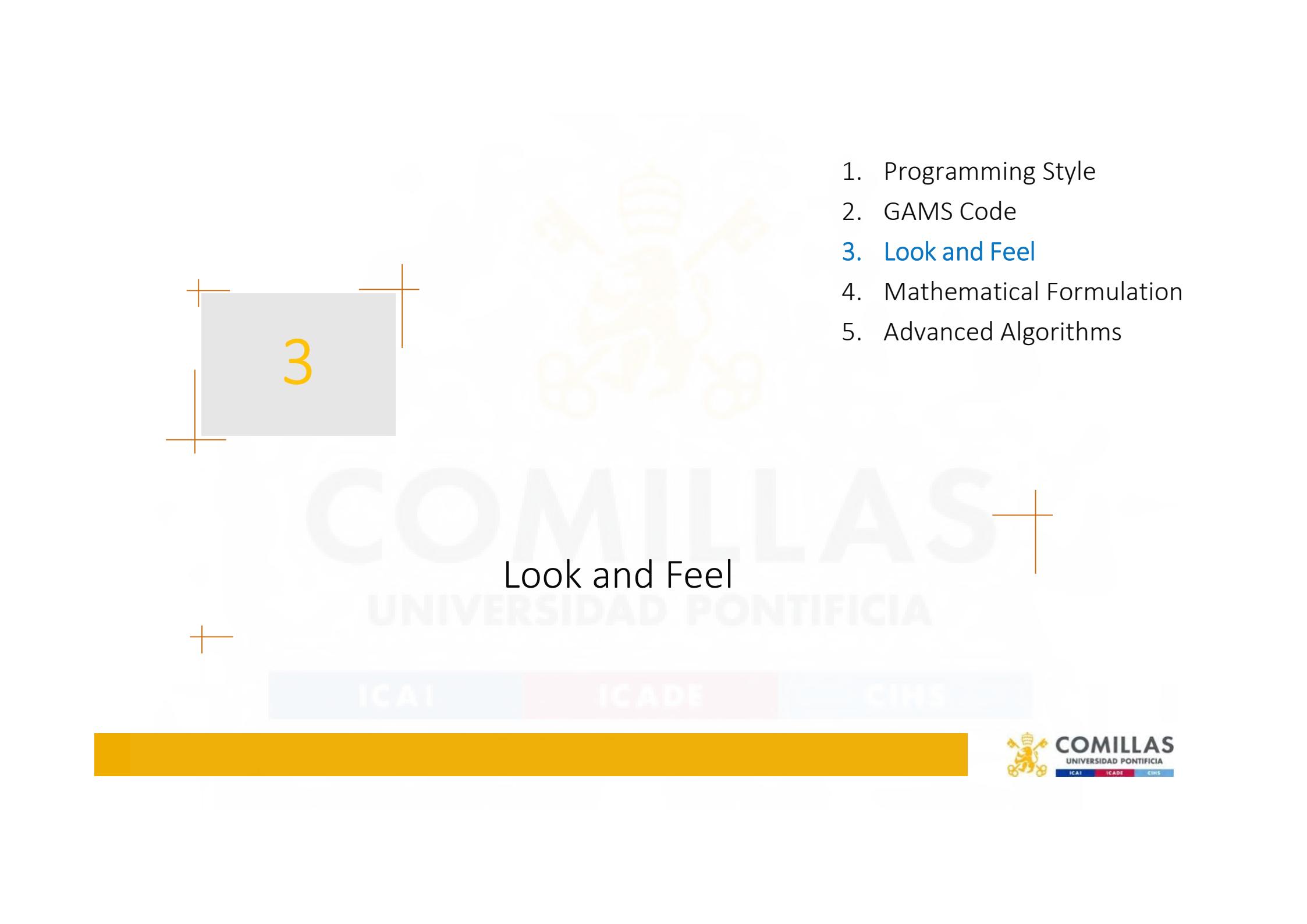
Good Optimizatio

$$vX_{I,J} \geq 0 \quad \forall I, J$$

Each tool has a specific purpose

- **GDX** (GAMS Data eXchange) utilities to interface with other applications
- **Interfaces** with other programs
 - Microsoft Excel (gdx2xls, xls2gms)
 - Microsoft Access (gdx2access, mdb2gms)
 - SQL (gdx2sqlite, sql2gms)
 - Matlab (gdxmrw)
 - R (gdxrrw)
- **APIs**
 - .Net
 - Java
 - Python
- Input/output data and simple graphs (Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access)
- Advanced graphs (GNUPlot, Matlab)



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1. Programming Style
 2. GAMS Code
 - 3. Look and Feel**
 4. Mathematical Formulation
 5. Advanced Algorithms

Look and Feel



Look and feel

In software design, look and feel is used in respect of a graphical user interface and comprises aspects of its design, including elements such as colors, shapes, layout, and typefaces (the “look”), as well as the behavior of dynamic elements such as buttons, boxes, and menus (the “feel”) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Look_and_feel)



Good Optimization

¹ Enable the use of macros when opening it in Excel

Interface (https://iit.comillas.edu/aramos/StarGenLite_SDUC.zip)

- Microsoft Excel (with macros¹) is the most popular application in business environment for data manipulation and is used as interface to
 - Introduce the input data,
 - Run the model and
 - Present the output results numerically and graphically
- **Menu sheet** contains buttons to
 - Run the model
 - Load the results
- **Green sheets** are used to introduce input data in named ranges
 - **Green cells** can be modified by the user
 - The other ones it is suggested not to modify them.
- **Salmon sheets** are used to present the output data
- **Blue sheets** are used to plot the results



Input / Output



- **Input**

- Use simple input formats. Make input easy to prepare and adapted to the user.
- Check input for validity and plausibility. This can be done in input/output interface (e.g., using conditional formatting in Microsoft Excel) or in GAMS
- Identify bad input, recover if possible, if not abort the execution giving information to the user
- Document your data layouts
- Definitions with physical dimensions
- References to the data origin

- **Output**

- It is difficult to determine the infeasibility of an optimization program. It is better to check bad data.
- Produce self-explanatory output.

Input Sheets

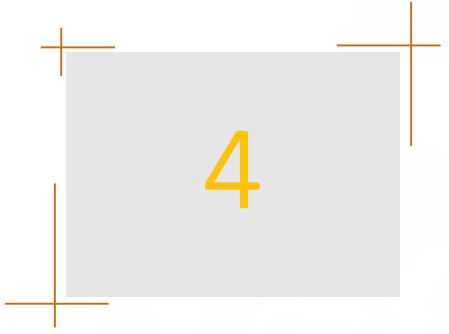
- In each sheet one or several **named ranges** are included **to input the data**.
- You can introduce or delete data but the named ranges have to be kept. To avoid errors it is important to insert/delete rows/columns out of the first or last row/column, i.e., in any intermediate row/column.
- The range names can not be changed by the user, are predefined by the GAMS model.
- The named range input is included directly as GAMS input files so it must be grammatically correct.

Output Sheets

- Their names are predefined by the model and can not be changed by the user.

Running the model

- From the Microsoft Excel interface
 - Write the GAMS directory
 - Press the button Run
 - Remember to look for errors in StarGenLite_XXX.lst
 - Press the button Load results
- From the GAMSlde
 - Write u1="StarGenLite_XXX" in the upper right window
 - Run GAMS (F9)
 - Remember to look for errors in StarGenLite_XXX.lst
 - Results are written to Microsoft Excel file tmp_StarGenLite_XXX.xls
 - Press the button Load results form the Microsoft Excel interface

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Mathematical Formulation

Reformulation in MIP problems

- Most MIP problems can be formulated in different ways
- In MIP problems, a **good** formulation is crucial to solve the model
- **How good is a MIP formulation?**
 - **Integrality gap** difference between the objective function of the MIP and LP relaxation solutions
- Given two equivalent MIP formulations, one is **stronger** (**tighter/better**) than the other, if the feasible region of the linear relaxation is strictly contained in the feasible region of the other one. **Integrality gap** is **lower**.

E. Klotz, A.M. Newman *Practical guidelines for solving difficult mixed integer linear programs* Surveys in Operations Research and Management Science 18 (1-2), 18-32, Oct 2013 [10.1016/j.sorms.2012.12.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sorms.2012.12.001)

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Preprocessing by GUROBI

```

--- StarNetLite_TEPM_Iceland.gms(15000) 986 Mb
--- 1,167,736 rows 2,004,441 columns 8,140,314 non-zeroes
--- 0 nl-code 0 nl-non-zeroes
--- 7 discrete-columns
*** 63,652 relaxed-columns WARNING
--- StarNetLite_TEPM_Iceland.gms(15000) 984 Mb
--- Executing GUROBI: elapsed 0:00:20.917
--- StarNetLite_TEPM_Iceland.gms(15000) 984 Mb 3 secs

```

Gurobi 24.6.1 r55820 Released Jan 18, 2016 WEI x86 64bit/MS Windows

```

Gurobi link license.
Gurobi library version 6.5.0
Reading parameter(s) from "C:\Users\aramos\Desktop\Aramos\TEPES\gurobi.opt"
>> Method 2
>> IntFeasTol 1e-9
>> OptimalityTol 1e-9
>> FeasibilityTol 1e-9
>> IIS 1
>> RINS 100
>> DisplayInterval 1
>> NumericFocus 1
>> Kappa 1
>> MarkowitzTol 0.999
>> UseBasis 0
>> CrossOver 0
>> Names 0
>> AggFill 0
>> GomoryPasses 0
>> Heuristics 0.001
>> MipFocus 3
>> *PreDual 0
>> *PrePasses 3
>> *PreSolve 2
>> *PreSparsify 1

```

**40 % reduction in rows,
38 % in columns and
30 % in nonzeros**

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Finished reading from "C:\Users\aramos\Desktop\Aramos\TEPES\gurobi.opt"
Starting Gurobi...
Optimize a model with 1167735 rows, 2004440 columns and 8140308 nonzeros
Coefficient statistics:
    Matrix range [7e-09, 1e+03]
    Objective range [1e+00, 1e+00]
    Bounds range [4e-07, 5e+00]
    RHS range [1e-18, 1e+01]
Presolve removed 257457 rows and 497937 columns (presolve time = 2s) ...
Presolve removed 259520 rows and 500000 columns (presolve time = 2s) ...
Presolve removed 470416 rows and 710896 columns (presolve time = 3s) ...
Presolve removed 470616 rows and 711132 columns (presolve time = 4s) ...
Presolve removed 470666 rows and 753485 columns (presolve time = 5s) ...
Presolve removed 470705 rows and 753535 columns (presolve time = 6s) ...
Presolve removed 470705 rows and 753535 columns
Presolve time: 6.23s
Presolved: 697030 rows, 1250905 columns, 5645696 nonzeros

```

Preprocessing by GUROBI

- Before and after presolve can help you in detecting improvements in the formulation
- Allows to get the optimization problem after the presolve

```
ModelName      = read("OriginalProblem.lp")
ModelNamePresolved = ModelName.presolve()
ModelNamePresolved.write("PresolvedProblem.lp")
```

Warehouse location problem (no limits) (i)

- Choose where to locate warehouses among a set of locations and assign clients to the warehouses minimizing the total cost. No limits means that there is no limit in the number of clients assigned to a warehouse.
- Data
 - j locations
 - i clients
 - c_j localization cost in j
 - h_{ij} cost of satisfying the demand of client i from j
- Variables
$$y_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{warehouse located in } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 x_{ij} fraction of demand of client i met from j

Warehouse location problem (no limits) (ii)

Formulation #1

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_j c_j y_j + \sum_{ij} h_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \sum_j x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \\ x_{ij} \leq y_j \quad \forall ij \\ y_j \in \{0,1\}, x_{ij} \in [0,1] \end{aligned}$$

Number of constraints: $I + IJ$

Formulation #2

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_j c_j y_j + \sum_{ij} h_{ij} x_{ij} \\ \sum_j x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i \\ \sum_i x_{ij} \leq M y_j \quad \forall j \\ y_j \in \{0,1\}, x_{ij} \in [0,1] \end{aligned}$$

Number of constraints: $I + J$

- Both formulations are MIP equivalent. However, formulation #1 is stronger
- Intuitively the fewer constraints the better. That's true in LP. However, in many MIP problems the more constraints the better.

Production problem with fixed and inventory costs (i)

- Data

t time period
 c_t fixed cost, p_t variable cost, h_t inventory cost
 d_t demand

- Variables

$y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{to produce} \\ 0 & \text{not produce} \end{cases}$
 x_t amount produced
 s_t inventory at the end of the period

- Formulation #1

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_t (c_t y_t + p_t x_t + h_t s_t) \\ s_{t-1} + x_t = d_t + s_t \quad \forall t \\ x_t \leq M y_t \quad \forall t \\ s_0 = s_T = 0 \\ x_t, s_t \geq 0, y_t \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

Number of constraints: $2T$

Number of variables: $3T$

Production problem with fixed and inventory costs (ii)

- Variables

$$y_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{to produce} \\ 0 & \text{not produce} \end{cases}$$

q_{it} quantity produced in period i to meet the demand in period $t \geq i$

- Formulation #2

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^t (p_i + h_i + h_{i+1} + \dots + h_{t-1}) q_{it} + \sum_{t=1}^T c_t y_t$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^t q_{it} = d_t \quad \forall t$$

$$q_{it} \leq d_t y_i \quad \forall i t$$

$$q_{it} \geq 0, y_t \in \{0,1\}$$

Number of constraints: $T + T^2/2$

Number of variables: $T + T^2/2$

- Formulation #2 is better. However, it has a greater number of constraints and variables.

Some tips for MIP

- It can be interesting increase the number of variables if they can be used in the branching strategy of B&B.
 - For example, “artificial” division of a zone in regions N, S, E and W to branch first in these zonal regions.
- Alternatively, introduce lazy constraints (only in GAMS/GUROBI under GAMS)
- Avoid the use of big M parameters or put tight (lowest upper bound) values for the big M
- GAMS/CPLEX/GUROBI supports the use of an indicator constraint $x \leq My$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min Fy + Vx \\ & x \leq My \\ & x \geq 0 \\ & y \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min Fy + Vx \\ & x \leq 0 \\ & x \geq 0 \\ & y \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

Write in the file cplex.opt
indic constraint\$y 0

Tight and compact unit commitment

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Ramp constraints

$$P_{nt} - P_{n-1,t} \leq rup_t$$

$$P_{n-1,t} - P_{nt} \leq rdw_t$$

Classical

$$P_{nt} - P_{n-1,t} \leq rup_t UC_{nt}$$

$$P_{n-1,t} - P_{nt} \leq rdw_t (UC_{nt} + SD_{nt})$$

Tighter

- Ramp equations are considered in the periods **only when the unit is connected**

P_{nt} : output above the minimum load

rup_t : upwards ramp limit for generator t

rdw_t : downwards ramp limit for generator t

UC_{nt} : 1 if generator t is connected in hour n , 0 otherwise

SU_{nt} : 1 if generator t is started in hour n

SD_{nt} : 1 if generator t is shutdown in hour n

Why the constraint is tighter?

Given that the constraint uses the output above the minimum load, it can only be applied when the unit is committed until the following period the unit was committed.

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
UC_n	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
SU_n	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SD_n	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
RampUp	UC_n	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
RampDw	$UC_n + SD_n$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1

Reformulation of an NLP problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n q_{ij} x_i x_j \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1 \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n r_j x_j = r_0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \min & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i \\ w_i &= \sum_{j=i+1}^n q_{ij} x_j \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1 \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n r_j x_j = r_0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Formulation #2 is better than the #1.** The evaluation of the objective function in #1 requires $2n^2/2$ multiplications. In #2 only $n + n^2/2$
- Formulation #3 has essentially the same number of multiplications but they appear in linear constraints. Number of constraints is bigger but all of them are linear. Linear algebra is much more efficient. **Formulation #3 is the most efficient**

Reformulation of an NLP problem

$$\min \frac{x + y}{\sum_i z_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \frac{u}{v} \\ & u = x + y \\ & v = \sum_i z_i \\ & v \geq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

- **Formulation #1** has a lot of nonlinear variables and it not protected against division by zero
- **Formulation #2** has only 2 nonlinear variables, the remaining ones appear in linear equations, and the denominator is lower bounded to avoid division by zero. Model is easier to solve and more robust

Product of two variables $x_1 x_2$

$$x_1 x_2 = y_1^2 - y_2^2$$

Quadratic separable form

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 &= (x_1 + x_2)/2 \\y_2 &= (x_1 - x_2)/2\end{aligned}$$

$$l_1 \leq x_1 \leq u_1$$

$$l_2 \leq x_2 \leq u_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(l_1 + l_2) \leq y_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}(u_1 + u_2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(l_1 - u_2) \leq y_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}(u_1 - l_2)$$

Solving real problems

- MIP
 - Solve with a **sensible relative optimality tolerance**
 - Provide an **initial solution** based on specific knowledge of the model or use the solution from a previous solve
- NLP
 - Introduce **sensible bounds** on variables **AND**
 - Provide a **good enough starting point** **AND**
 - **Scale** the problem
- Avoid to introduce symmetry (totally equal decision variables)
 - **Symmetry-breaking constraint** $x_i \geq x_{i+1}$

CPLEX Performance Tuning for MIP

(<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21400023>)

- Names no
- NodeFileInd 3
- NodeSel 0
- VarSel 3
- StartAlg 4
- MemoryEmphasis 1
- WorkMem 1000
- MIPEmphasis 2**
- MIPSearch 2
- SolveFinal 0
- Solution Polishing
- Solution pool**
- FlowCovers
- FeasOptMode 2
- FeasOpt 1
- tuning cplex.opt
- RINSHeur 100
- FpHeur 2

Pure branch and bound

- Cuts -1
- HeurFreq -1

Presolve

- PreInd, PrePass

Solution method of LP problem

- ✓ First iteration (interior point or simplex method)
- ✓ Successive iterations (primal or dual simplex)

Priority for variable selection

- ✓ Select variables that impact the most in the o.f. (e.g., investment vs. operation variables)

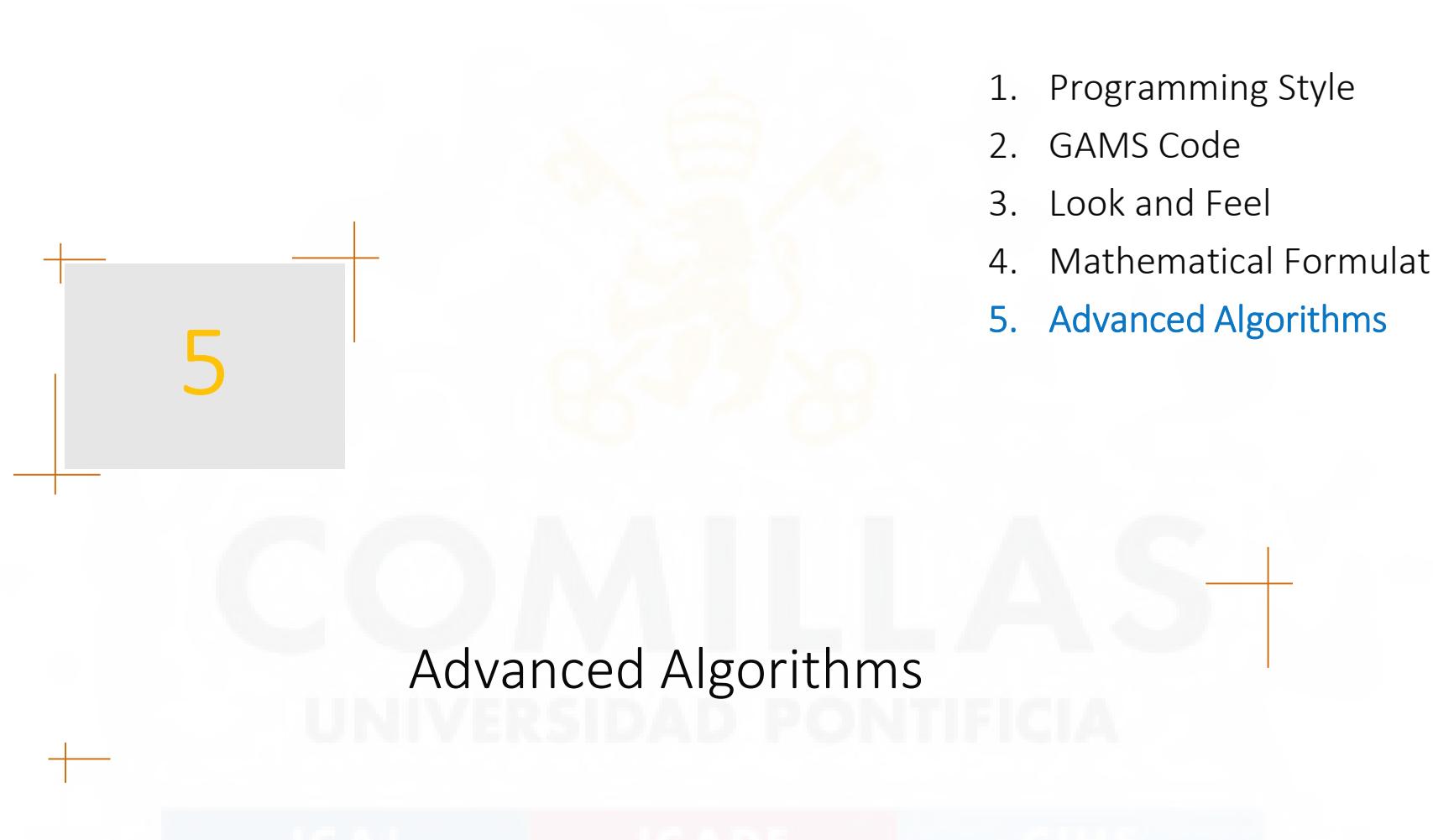
Initial cutoff or incumbent

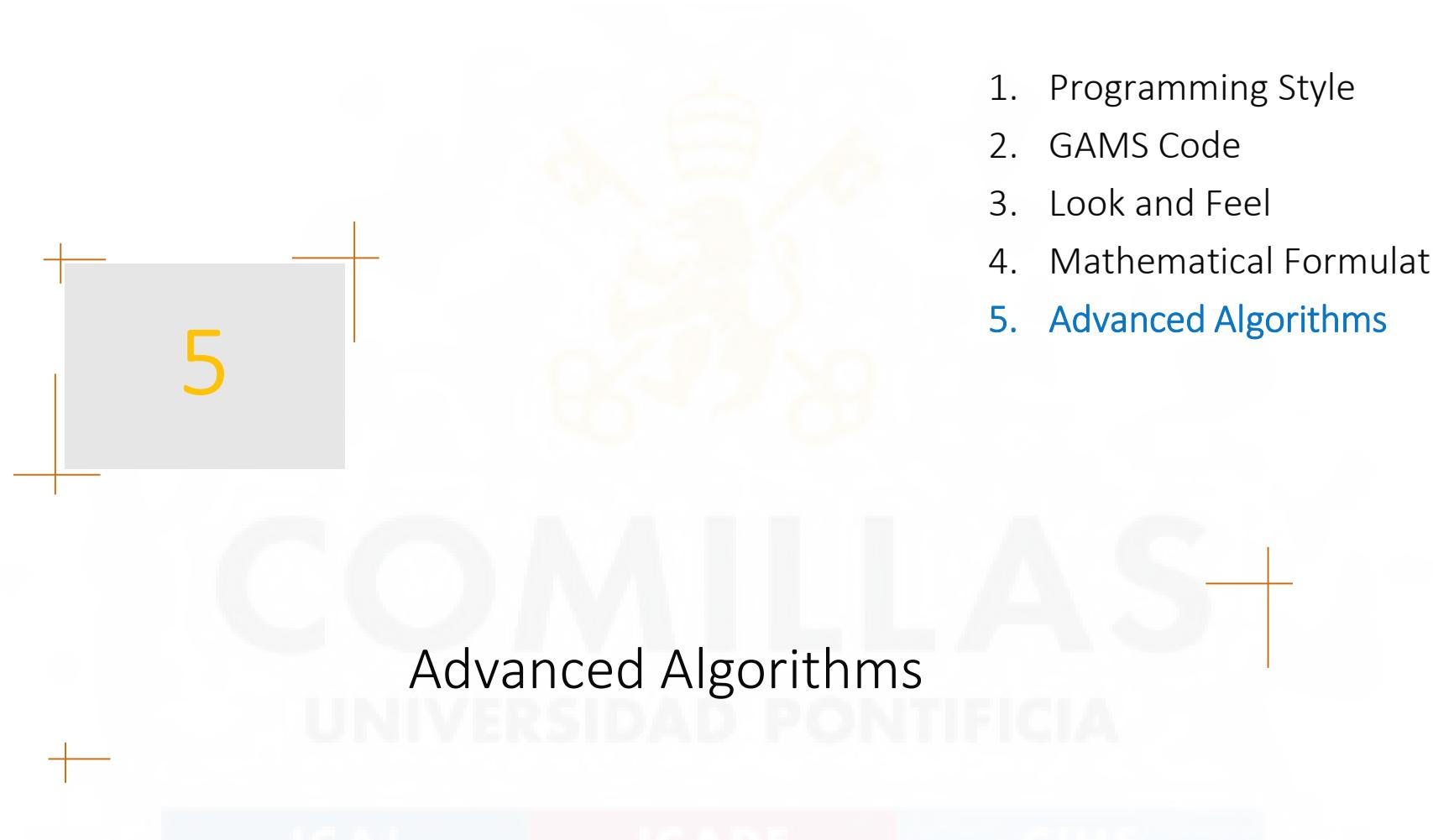
- ✓ Initial valid bound of the o.f. estimated by the user



GUROBI

- Most important parameters
 - Threads, MIPFocus
 - Solution Improvement
 - ImproveStartTime, ImproveStartGap
 - Termination
 - TimeLimit
 - MIPGap, MIPGapAbs
 - NodeLimit, IterationLimit, SolutionLimit
 - Cutoff
 - Speeding Up The Root Relaxation
 - Method
- Numerical issues
- ✓ Presolve, PrePasses, Aggregate, AggFill, PreSparsify, PreDual, PreDepRow
 - ✓ NumericFocus
- Heuristics
- ✓ Heuristics, SubMIPNodes, MinRelNodes, PumpPasses, ZeroObjNodes
 - ✓ RINS 100
- Cutting Planes
- ✓ Cuts, GomoryPasses, FlowCoverCuts, MIRCuts

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1. Programming Style
 2. GAMS Code
 3. Look and Feel
 4. Mathematical Formulation
 5. Advanced Algorithms



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Advanced Algorithms

Transportation problem solved as MCP

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sets
  I origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /

parameters
  pA(i) origin capacity
    / VIGO      350
    ALGECIRAS 700 /
  pB(j) destination demand
    / MADRID   400
    BARCELONA 450
    VALENCIA  150 /

table pC(i,j) per unit transportation cost
  MADRID BARCELONA VALENCIA
VIGO     0.06    0.12    0.09
ALGECIRAS 0.05    0.15    0.11

variables
  vX(i,j) units transported
  vCost   transportation cost

positive variable vX

equations
  eCost      transportation cost
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j) demand supply at destination ;

  eCost .. sum[(i,j), pC(i,j) * vX(i,j)] =e= vCost ;
  eCapacity(i) .. sum[ j , vX(i,j)] =l= pA(i) ;
  eDemand (j) .. sum[ i , vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / all /
solve mTransport using LP minimizing vCost

```

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_x \sum_{ij} c_{ij} x_{ij} \\
& \sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i \quad \forall i \\
& \sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j \quad \forall j \\
& x_{ij} \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$L = \sum_{ij} c_{ij} x_{ij} + \alpha_i \left(\sum_j x_{ij} - a_i \right) + \beta_j \left(b_j - \sum_i x_{ij} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{ij}} \rightarrow & \quad c_{ij} + \alpha_i \geq \beta_j \quad : x_{ij} \quad \forall ij \\
& - \sum_j x_{ij} \geq -a_i \quad : \alpha_i \quad \forall i \\
& \sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j \quad : \beta_j \quad \forall j \\
& x_{ij}, \alpha_i, \beta_j \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

```

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  I origins      / VIGO, ALGECIRAS /
  J destinations / MADRID, BARCELONA, VALENCIA /

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variables
  vX(i,j) units transported
  vA(i)   Lagrange multiplier of capacity constraint
  vB(j)   Lagrange multiplier of demand constraint

positive variables vX, vA, vB

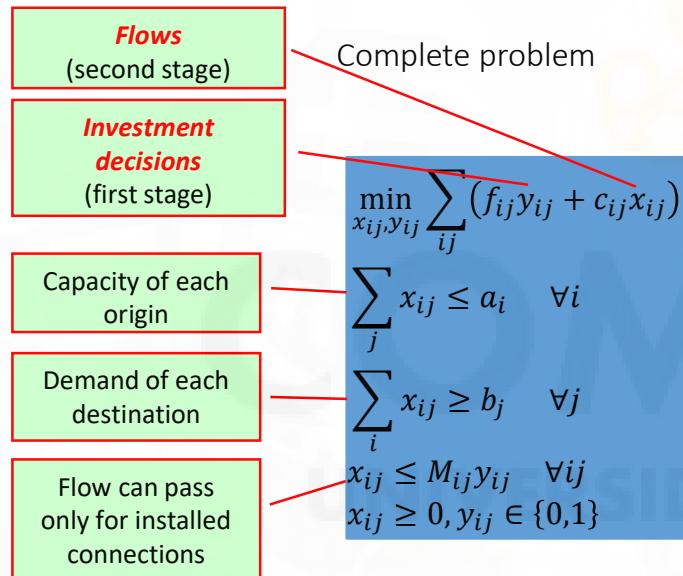
equations
  eProfit(i,j) marginal cost >= marginal profit
  eCapacity(i) maximum capacity of each origin
  eDemand (j) demand supply at destination ;

  eProfit(i,j) .. vA(i) + pC(i,j) =g= vB(j) ;
  eCapacity(i) .. -sum[j, vX(i,j)] =g= -pA(i) ;
  eDemand (j) .. sum[i, vX(i,j)] =g= pB(j) ;

model mTransport / eProfit.vX eCapacity.vA eDemand.vB /
solve mTransport using MCP

```

Fixed-Charge Transportation Problem (FCTP)



- Bd Relaxed Master

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{y_{ij}, \theta} \theta + \sum_{ij} (f_{ij}y_{ij}) \\ & \delta^l \theta - \theta^l \geq \sum_{ij} \pi_{ij}^l M_{ij}(y_{ij}^l - y_{ij}) \quad l = 1, \dots, k \\ & y_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

O.F. of the subproblem at iteration l

Dual variables of linking constraints at iteration l

Master proposal at iteration l

- Bd Subproblem

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{x_{ij}} \sum_{ij} (c_{ij}x_{ij}) \\ & \sum_j x_{ij} \leq a_i \quad \forall i \\ & \sum_i x_{ij} \geq b_j \quad \forall j \\ & x_{ij} \leq M_{ij}y_{ij}^k \quad \forall ij : \pi_{ij}^k \\ & x_{ij} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

FCTP solved by Benders decomposition (i)

```
$Title Fixed-charge transportation problem (FCTP) solved by Benders decomposition
* relative optimality tolerance in solving MIP problems
option OptcR = 0

sets
  L       iterations      / 11 * 120 /
  LL(1)  iterations subset
  I       origins         / i1 * i4 /
  J       destinations    / j1 * j3 /
  * Begin problem data

parameters
  A(i)   product offer
  / i1 10, i2 30, i3 40, i4 20 /
  B(j)   product demand
  / j1 20, j2 50, j3 30 /

table C(i,j) per unit variable transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  1   2   3
  i2  3   2   1
  i3  2   3   4
  i4  4   3   2

table F(i,j) fixed transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  10  20  30
  i2  20  30  40
  i3  30  40  50
  i4  40  50  60

* End problem data

abort $(sum[i, A(i)] < sum[j, B(j)]) 'Infeasible problem'

parameters
  BdTol    relative Benders tolerance / 1e-6 /
  Z_Lower  lower bound      / -inf /
  Z_Upper  upper bound      / inf /
  Y1_L (l,i,j) first stage variables values      in iteration 1
  PI_L (l,i,j) dual variables of second stage constraints in iteration 1
  Delta(l)  cut type (feasibility or optimality 1)   in iteration 1
  Z2_L (l)   subproblem objective function value    in iteration 1

positive variable
  X(i,j)   arc flow

binary variable
  Y(i,j)   arc investment decision

variables
  Z1       first stage objective function
  Z2       second stage objective function
  Theta    recourse function
```

FCTP solved by Benders decomposition (ii)

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equations
EQ_Z1      first stage    objective function
EQ_Z2      second stage   objective function
EQ_OBJ     complete problem objective function
Offer      (i) offer at origin
Demand     (j) demand at destination
FlowLimit(i,j) arc flow limit
Bd_Cuts    (1) Benders cuts ;

EQ_Z1      .. Z1 == sum[(i,j), F(i,j)*Y(i,j)] + Theta ;
EQ_Z2      .. Z2 == sum[(i,j), C(i,j)*X(i,j)] ;
EQ_OBJ     .. Z1 == sum[(i,j), F(i,j)*Y(i,j)] + sum[(i,j), C(i,j)*X(i,j)] ;
Offer      (i) .. sum[j, X(i,j)] =l= A(i) ;
Demand     (j) .. sum[i, X(i,j)] =g= B(j) ;
FlowLimit(i,j) .. X(i,j) =l= min[A(i),B(j)] * Y(i,j) ;
Bd_Cuts(l1) .. Delta(l1) * Theta =g= Z2_L(l1) -
sum[(i,j), PI_L(l1,i,j) * min[A(i),B(j)] * (Y_L(l1,i,j) - Y(i,j))] ;

model Master_Bd / EQ_Z1 Bd_Cuts /
model Subproblem_Bd / EQ_Z2 Offer Demand FlowLimit /
model Complete / EQ_OBJ Offer Demand FlowLimit /;

X.up(i,j) = min[A(i),B(j)] ;

* to allow CPLEX correctly detect rays in an infeasible problem
* only simplex method can be used and no preprocessing neither scaling options
* optimality and feasibility tolerances are very small to avoid primal degeneration

file COPT / cplex.opt /
put COPT putclose 'ScalInd -1' / 'LPMETHOD 1' / 'PreInd 0' / 'EpOpt 1e-9' / 'EpRHS 1e-9' /;
Subproblem_Bd.OptFile = 1 ;

```

FCTP solved by Benders decomposition (iii)

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* parameter initialization
LL      (1) = no ;
Theta.fx = 0 ;
Delta   (1) = 0 ;
Z2_L   (1) = 0 ;
PI_L(1,i,j) = 0 ;
Y_L(1,i,j) = 0 ;

* Benders algorithm iterations
loop (1 $(abs(1-Z_Lower/Z_Upper) > BdTol),
      * solving master problem
      solve Master_Bd using MIP minimizing Z1 ;
      * storing the master solution
      Y_L(1,i,j) = Y.L(i,j) ;
      * fixing first-stage variables and solving subproblem
      Y.fx( i,j) = Y.L(i,j) ;
      * solving subproblem
      solve Subproblem_Bd using RMIP minimizing Z2 ;
      * storing parameters to build a new Benders cut
      if (Subproblem_Bd.ModelStat = 4,
          Delta(1) = 0 ;
          Z2_L (1) = Subproblem_Bd.SumInfeas ;
      else
      * updating Lower and upper bound
      Z_Lower = Z1.L ;
      Z_Upper = min(Z_Upper, Z1.L - Theta.1 + Z2.L) ;
      Theta.lo = -inf ;
      Theta.up = inf ;
      Delta(1) = 1 ;
      Z2_L (1) = Subproblem_Bd.ObjVal ;
    ) ;
    PI_L(1,i,j) = FlowLimit.m(i,j) ;
    Y.lo( i,j) = 0 ;
    Y.up( i,j) = 1 ;
    * increase the set of Benders cuts
    LL(1) = yes ;
  ) ;
  solve Complete using MIP minimizing Z1

```

Stochastic FCTP

Complete problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x_{ij}^\omega, y_{ij}} & \sum_{ij} \left(f_{ij} y_{ij} + \sum_\omega p_\omega c_{ij} x_{ij}^\omega \right) \\ \text{subject to: } & \sum_j x_{ij}^\omega \leq a_i \quad \forall i \omega \\ & \sum_i x_{ij}^\omega \geq b_j^\omega \quad \forall j \omega \\ & x_{ij}^\omega \leq M_{ij}^\omega y_{ij} \quad \forall i j \omega \\ & x_{ij}^\omega \geq 0, y_{ij} \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

Flows
(second stage)

Investment decisions
(first stage)

Capacity of each origin

Demand of each destination

Flow can go only for installed connections

Deterministic & Stochastic FCTP

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$Title Deterministic fixed-charge transportation problem (DFCTP)
* relative optimality tolerance in solving MIP problems
option OptcR = 0

sets
  I      origins      / i1 * i4 /
  J      destinations / j1 * j3 /

parameters
  A(i)    product offer / i1 20, i2 30, i3 40, i4 20 /
  B(j)    product demand / j1 20, j2 50, j3 30 /

table C(i,j) per unit variable transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  1   2   3
  i2  3   2   1
  i3  2   3   4
  i4  4   3   2

table F(i,j) fixed transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  10  20  30
  i2  20  30  40
  i3  30  40  50
  i4  40  50  60

abort ${sum[i, A(i)] < sum[j, B(j)]} 'Infeasible problem'

positive variable
  X(i,j)    arc flow
binary variable
  Y(i,j)    arc investment decision
variables
  Z1        objective function

equations
  EQ_OBJ    complete problem objective function
  Offer     (i, ) offer at origin
  Demand    ( , j) demand at destination
  FlowLimit(i,j) arc flow limit ;

EQ_OBJ .. Z1 == sum[(i,j), F(i,j)*Y(i,j)] + sum[(i,j), C(i,j)*X(i,j)] ;
Offer  (i, ) .. sum[j, X(i,j)] =l= A(i) ;
Demand ( , j) .. sum[i, X(i,j)] =g= B(j) ;
FlowLimit(i,j) .. X(i,j) =l= min[A(i),B(j)] * Y(i,j) ;

model Complete / EQ_OBJ Offer Demand FlowLimit / ;

X.up(i,j) = min[A(i),B(j)] ;

solve Complete using MIP minimizing Z1
```

```
$Title Stochastic fixed-charge transportation problem (SFCTP)
* relative optimality tolerance in solving MIP problems
option OptcR = 0

sets
  I      origins      / i1 * i4 /
  J      destinations / j1 * j3 /
  S      scenarios    / s1 * s3 /

parameters
  A(i)    product offer / i1 20, i2 30, i3 40, i4 20 /
  P(s)   scenario probability / s1 0.5, s2 0.3, s3 0.2 /

table B(s,j) product demand
  j1  j2  j3
  s1  21  51  31
  s2  32  22  52
  s3  53  33  23

table C(i,j) per unit variable transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  1   2   3
  i2  3   2   1
  i3  2   3   4
  i4  4   3   2

table F(i,j) fixed transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  10  20  30
  i2  20  30  40
  i3  30  40  50
  i4  40  50  60

loop (s, abort ${sum[i, A(i)] < sum[j, B(s,j)]} 'Infeasible problem' )

positive variable
  X(s,i,j)    arc flow
binary variable
  Y(i,j)    arc investment decision
variables
  Z1        objective function

equations
  EQ_OBJ    complete problem objective function
  Offer     (s,i, ) offer at origin
  Demand    (s, , j) demand at destination
  FlowLimit(s,i,j) arc flow limit ;

EQ_OBJ .. Z1 == sum[(i,j), F(i,j)*Y(i,j)] + sum[(s,i,j), P(s)*C(i,j)*X(s,i,j)] ;
Offer  (s,i, ) .. sum[j, X(s,i,j)] =l= A(i) ;
Demand (s, , j) .. sum[i, X(s,i,j)] =g= B(s,j) ;
FlowLimit(s,i,j) .. X(s,i,j) =l= min[A(i),B(s,j)] * Y(i,j) ;

model Complete / EQ_OBJ Offer Demand FlowLimit / ;

X.up(s,i,j) = min[A(i),B(s,j)] ;

solve Complete using MIP minimizing Z1
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Stochastic FCTP with EMP

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$title Deterministic fixed-charge transportation problem (FCTP)

* relative optimality tolerance in solving MIP problems
option OptCr = 0

sets
  I      origins      / i1 * i4 /
  J      destinations / j1 * j3 /

parameters
  A(i)    product offer
          / i1 20, i2 30, i3 40, i4 20 /
  B(j)    product demand
          / j1 11, j2 44, j3 66 /

table C(i,j) per unit variable transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
  i1  1   2   3
  i2  3   2   1
  i3  2   3   4
  i4  4   3   2

table F(i,j) fixed transportation cost
  j1  j2  j3
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  EQ_OBJ    complete problem objective function
  Offer     (i) offer at origin
  Demand    (j) demand at destination
  FlowLimit(i,j) arc flow limit;

  EQ_OBJ .. Z1 =e= sum((i,j), F(i,j)*Y(i,j)) + sum((i,j), C(i,j)*X(i,j));
  Offer   (i) .. sum(j, X(i,j)) =l= A(i);
  Demand  (j) .. sum(i, X(i,j)) =g= B(j);
  FlowLimit(i,j) .. X(i,j) =l= 100 * Y(i,j);

model Complete / all /;

X.up(i,j) = 100;
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set      S      scenarios      / s1 * s3 /
parameter P(s) scenario probability / s1 0.5, s2 0.3, s3 0.2 /
          YS(s,i,j) arc investment decision
          XS(s,i,j) arc flow

table  BS(s,j) product demand
  j1  j2  j3
  s1  21  51  31
  s2  32  22  52
  s3  53  33  23

file    emp / '%emp.info%' / ; emp.pc=2
put    emp
put '* problem %gams.i%' / "jrandvar"
loop (j,
  put B.tn(j) " "
)
loop (s,
  put P(s)
  loop (j,
    put BS(s,j)
  )
)
put / "stage 2 B X Offer Demand FlowLimit"
putclose emp

set dict / s . scenario . ..
  B . randvar . BS
  X . level . XS
  Y . level . YS /

loop (s, abort ${sum[i, A(i)] < sum[j, BS(s,j)]} 'Infeasible problem' );
solve Complete minimizing Z1 using emp scenario dict
display XS, YS
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Cournot model: formulation

- Objective function: profits

$$B_e = p \cdot q_e - C_e$$

- Inverse demand function

$$p = f\left(\sum q_e\right)$$

- Cournot conjecture: vertical supply

System of equations

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial q_e} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial q} \frac{\partial(q_e + q_{e*})}{\partial q_e} = p' \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial q_{e*}}{\partial q_e} = 0$$

- Optimality conditions

$$\frac{\partial B_e}{\partial q_e} = 0 \rightarrow MR_e = p + q_e p' = MC_e(q_e)$$

e	Company
e^*	Other companies
B_e	Profits
p	Price
q_e	Output
C_e	Variable costs
MC_e	Marginal cost
MR_e	Marginal revenue
$p - MC_e$	Price mark-up

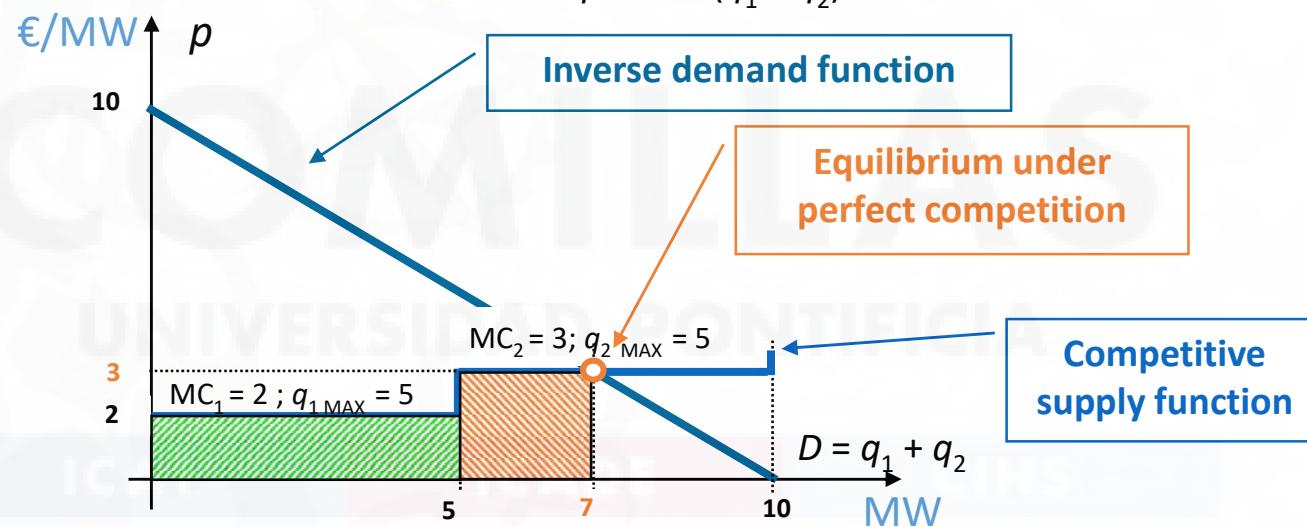
Own output decision will not have an effect on the decisions of the competitors

$$q_e = \frac{p - MC_e(q_e)}{-p'}$$

Cournot model: example (I)

- Perfect competition

- Company 1: $MC_1 = 2 \text{ €/MW}$ $q_{1\ MAX} = 5 \text{ MW}$
- Company 2: $MC_2 = 3 \text{ €/MW}$ $q_{2\ MAX} = 5 \text{ MW}$
- Inverse demand function: $p = 10 - (q_1 + q_2)$



Cournot model: example (II)

- Duopoly

- Company 1: $MC_1 = 2 \text{ €/MW}$
- Company 2: $MC_2 = 3 \text{ €/MW}$
- IDF: $p = 10 - (q_1 + q_2); p' = -1$

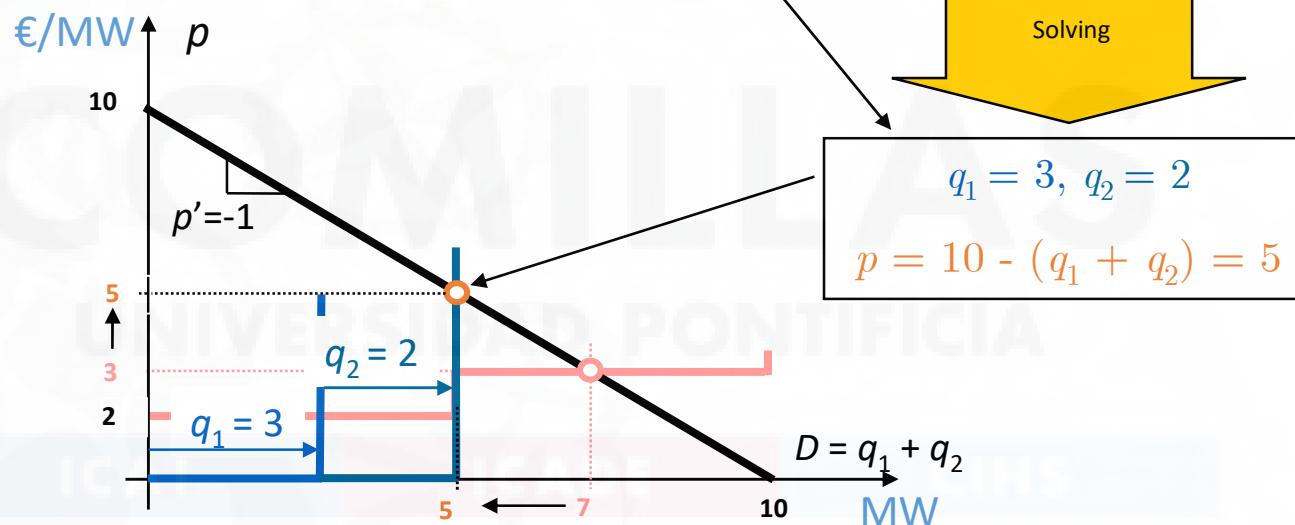
Cournot

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial B_1}{\partial q_1} = 0 \rightarrow p + q_1 \cdot (-1) = 2 \\ \frac{\partial B_2}{\partial q_2} = 0 \rightarrow p + q_2 \cdot (-1) = 3 \end{cases}$$

Solving

$$q_1 = 3, q_2 = 2$$

$$p = 10 - (q_1 + q_2) = 5$$



Cournot Market Equilibrium

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sets
  p periods      / p1      /
  t thermal units / t1 * t2 /

parameters
  pMarginalCost(t) marginal costs          [€ per MW] / t1 2, t2 3 /
                                         [MW] / t1 5, t2 5 /
  pPriceInter (p) price intercept for each period [€ per MW ] / p1 10    /
  pPriceSlope (p) price      slope for each period [€ per MW^2] / p1 -1    /
  vSMP      ( p) system marginal price [€ per MW]
  vThrOutput(t,p) thermal unit output      [MW]

binary variables
  vCommitment(t,p) thermal unit commitment [p.u.]
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Cournot Market Equilibrium

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equations
  eDemandFunction( p ) price as a function of the load [€ per MW]
  eDerivRevenue (t,p) derivative of the net revenue [€ per MW] ;

eDemandFunction( p ) .. vSMP(p) =g= pPriceInter(p) + pPriceSlope(p)*sum[t, vThrOutput(t,p)] ;
eDerivRevenue (t,p) .. pMarginalCost(t) =g= vSMP(p) + pPriceSlope(p)* vThrOutput(t,p) ;

model mCournot / eDemandFunction.vSMP eDerivRevenue.vThrOutput /

variable
  vTotalCost      total investment and operation cost

equations
  eTotalCost      total investment and operation cost [€]
  eLoadBalance(p) balance between generation and load [€ per MW] ;

eTotalCost .. vTotalCost =e= - sum[(t,p), pMarginalCost(t)*vThrOutput(t,p)] ;
eLoadBalance(p) .. pMarginalCost('t2') =e= pPriceInter(p) + pPriceSlope(p)*sum[t, vThrOutput(t,p)] ;

model mPerfectCompetition / eTotalCost eLoadBalance /

variable
  vSocialWelfare  social welfare [€]

equations
  eSocialWelfare  social welfare [€] ;
eSocialWelfare .. vSocialWelfare =e= sum[p, (pPriceInter(p) + pPriceSlope(p)*sum[t, vThrOutput(t,p)]/2)*sum[t, vThrOutput(t,p)]]
                           - sum[(t,p), pMarginalCost(t)*vThrOutput(t,p)] ;

model mSocialWelfare / eSocialWelfare / ;
vThrOutput.up(t,p) = pMaxThrOutput(t) ;
* Cournot equilibrium model
solve mCournot using MCP ;
* perfect competition model (cost minimization)
solve mPerfectCompetition using MIP maximizing vTotalCost
* perfect competition model (social welfare maximization)
solve mSocialWelfare using QCP maximizing vSocialWelfare

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UC model competition

- Formulate mathematically the minimum up and down time of a thermal unit
- Introduce the constraints in the UC model
- Compare the efficiency of the formulation for a large-scale model
 - Tuning the solver parameters
 - Stronger formulation of the constraints

Antonio Machado. Cantares

“Todo pasa y todo queda,
pero lo nuestro es pasar,
pasar haciendo caminos,
caminos sobre el mar.”



“Everything passes and everything stays, but our fate is to pass, **to pass making paths, paths on the sea.**”

“All things pass and stay forever, yet we pass eternally, **drawing footpaths in our passing, footpaths on the restless sea.**”



Thank you for your attention

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