



# Tips for mathematical writing

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# write the formulation as part of article

should not be written as  $x_{ijk}$  = the number ...

remember to define index boundary

- (b) Let  $x_{ijk}$  be the number of million barrels of oil shipped from refinery  $i$  to distribution point  $j$  per year if the scenario  $k$  is realized,  $i = 1, \dots, N, j = 1, \dots, M, k = 1, \dots, S$ . Let  $y_i$  be the number of million barrels of refining capacity that is added for refinery  $i, i = 1, \dots, N$ . The LP formulation for this problem is

all mathematical notations should be italic

should not be italic

$$\begin{array}{ll} \max & \sum_{i=1}^N \left( T \sum_{k=1}^S Q_k \sum_{j=1}^M P_{ij} x_{ijk} - TC_i y_i \right) \\ \text{s.t.} & \sum_{j=1}^M x_{ijk} \leq K_i + y_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N, k = 1, \dots, S \\ & \sum_{i=1}^N x_{ijk} \leq D_{kj} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, M, k = 1, \dots, S \\ & \left[ \begin{array}{l} x_{ijk} \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N, j = 1, \dots, M, k = 1, \dots, S \\ y_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N. \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

write the sign constraints one by one if possible

with '.' at the end of sentence if there should be one



$\forall i \in I = [1, N]$   $i$  is in an interval  $I$ ; wrong!

$\forall i \in I = \{1, \dots, N\}$   $i$  is an element of a set  $I$ ; right!

$\forall i \in I = \{1, \dots, N\}$  ... and `\ldot` are both

$\forall i \in I = \{1, \dots, N\}$  okay

$f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$

but in this case you should use `\cdots`

$\sum_{i=0}^N i$   $\sum_{i \in I} i$  both expressions are okay,  
but make sure your  $i$  or  $N$   
or  $I$  are well-defined

please specify how to choose a value for  $M$

$(1 - x) \leq My$  where  $M$  is a large number

$(1 - x) \leq M \times y$

it is not suggested to put too many `\times`  
in equations, especially if removing them  
does not lead to misunderstanding