

Diet Problem

- Variables
 - Constraints
 - Objective
 - Formulate an LP (Inequality Form)
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Problem Description

- Variables

variable x_j (out of n variables)
is the # of servings (units) of food j

x_{18} - serving of
carrots

- Healthy Diet Requirement (Constraints)

- For nutrient i (of m nutrients) you should have at least l_i amount and at most u_i amount.

$i=8$ - Vit A

$l_8 = 5000$

$u_8 = 50000$

- In 1 serving of food j there is a_{ij} amount of nutrient i

$a_{8,18}$ - amount of
VitA in a
serving of carrots

- Find the Cheapest Diet (Objective)

1 serving of food j , costs c_j

c_{18} - cost per serving
of carrots

Inequality Form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq b \end{array}$$

- Objective

$$\text{Total cost} = C_1 x_1 + \dots + C_n x_n$$

$$\min \underbrace{[c_1 \ c_2 \ \dots \ c_n]}_{c^T} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} x$$

Inequality Form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq b \end{array}$$

- Non-Negative Constraint

$$x_1 \geq 0$$

$$x_2 \geq 0$$

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$$x_{18} \not\geq 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -I \end{bmatrix} x \leq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inequality Form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq b \end{array}$$

- Nutrient Bounds

$$l_1 \leq a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \leq u_1$$

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$$l_m \leq a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \leq u_m$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ \vdots \\ l_m \end{bmatrix} = l \leq \hat{A}x \leq u = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Inequality Form

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & c^T x \\ \text{subject to} & Ax \leq b \end{array}$$

$$-I x \leq 0$$

$$\hat{A} x \geq l \iff -\hat{A} x \leq -l$$

$$\hat{A} x \leq u$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ -A \\ -I \end{bmatrix} x \leq \begin{bmatrix} b \\ u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$