

Solutions to exercises Integer Linear Programming

Exercise 1

(a) Use binary decision variables x_{jt} that will model whether X will teach student j in period t ($x_{jt} = 1$ iff this is the case). We can include the availability a_{jt} in the model, but it is better to model it using preprocessing: put $x_{jt} = 0$ whenever $a_{jt} = 0$. The model then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T p_{jt} x_{jt} \quad \text{subject to} \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jt} \leq 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \quad (\text{at most 1 student per interval}) \\ & \sum_{t=1}^T x_{jt} \leq q_j \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n \quad (\text{maximum number of lessons}) \\ & x_{jt} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n; \forall t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned}$$

(b) Add the binary decision variables y_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) that indicate whether student j will have the privilege of being taught by X ($y_j = 1$ if this is the case). We again use the x_{jt} variables together with the preprocessing step. The adjusted model then becomes.

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T p_{jt} x_{jt} \quad \text{subject to} \\ & \sum_{j=1}^n x_{jt} \leq 1 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \quad (\text{at most 1 student per interval}) \\ & \sum_{t=1}^T x_{jt} = q_j y_j \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n \quad (\text{maximum number of lessons}) \\ & x_{jt} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n; \forall t = 1, \dots, T \\ & y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2

Use the decision variable x_{it} to model the number of experienced employees recruited for project i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) on day t ($t = 1, \dots, T$); similarly y_{it} indicates the number of unexperienced employees working on project i on day t . The model then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T (c_1 y_{it} + c_2 x_{it}) \quad \text{subject to} \\ & 2x_{i,t} + y_{i,t} \geq w_{i,t} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n; \forall t = 1, \dots, T \quad (\text{workforce}) \\ & x_{i,t} \geq u_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n; \forall t = 1, \dots, T \quad (\text{experience}) \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n x_{i,t} \leq 25 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n y_{i,t} \leq 55 \quad \forall t = 1, \dots, T \\ & x_{i,t}, y_{i,t} \geq 0 \quad \text{and integral} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n; \forall t = 1, \dots, T \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3

(a) Use a binary decision variable x_j ($j = 1, \dots, n$) to indicate whether item j is included in the subset ($x_j = 1$ if this is the case). We further introduce variables y_j ($j = 1, \dots, 4$) to indicate with how much B is increased using an extension of cost category j . The ILP model now becomes

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j - 2y_1 - 3y_2 - 6y_3 - 10y_4 \quad \text{subject to}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j \leq B + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4$$

$$x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$0 \leq y_1 \leq 1; \quad 0 \leq y_2 \leq 2; \quad 0 \leq y_3 \leq 2; \quad 0 \leq y_4 \leq 1.$$

N.B. Obviously, we need to be sure that you do not use the extension of type $j + 1$ unless the extension of type j is fully used, for $j = 1, 2, 3$. In this case, this constraint is automatically satisfied for any optimal solution because of the cost structure. Observe that we do not have to enforce explicitly that the values of the variables y_j are integral.

(b) Since the costs of the extensions are not increasing anymore, we must explicitly model that we use the extensions in the right order.

A possible way to achieve this is to define binary decision variables z_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$) to model if you take the i -th unit to extend the knapsack volume. Define p_i as the cost incurred by the i -th unit. The model now becomes:

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j - \sum_{i=1}^{10} p_i z_i \quad \text{subject to}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j \leq B + \sum_{i=1}^{10} z_i,$$

$$z_{i+1} \leq z_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 9,$$

$$x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$z_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 10,$$

Observe that we now have to enforce that the z_i variables are binary. Otherwise if $p_i > p_{i+1}$, then $z_i = z_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2}$ might be feasible in the LP-relaxation.

Another way of modelling is to introduce the binary decision variables q_i ($i = 1, \dots, 10$) that indicate whether you increase B by exactly i units (then $q_i = 1$) or not. Define $P_i = \sum_{j=1}^i p_j$ as the cost incurred by increasing B with i units ($i = 1, \dots, 10$). The model then becomes

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j - \sum_{i=1}^{10} P_i q_i \quad \text{subject to}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j \leq B + \sum_{i=1}^{10} i q_i,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} q_i \leq 1,$$

$$x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$q_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 10.$$

Exercise 4.

(a) We use the following variables:

- y_{ij} : number of production clusters of type $PC(i)$ ($i = 1, \dots, 6$) on which you produce beer type $b(j)$ ($j = 1, \dots, 7$).
- y_i : number of production clusters of type $PC(i)$ ($i = 1, \dots, 6$) that you lease.
- N_j : number of crates of beer $b(j)$ ($j = 1, \dots, 7$) that are sold.

The model now becomes

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^7 p_j N_j - \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i y_i \right\}$$

subject to

$$l(j) \leq N_j \leq u(j) \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, 7 \quad (\text{produce enough})$$

$$N_j \leq \sum_{i=1}^6 a_{ij} y_{ij} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, 7 \quad (\text{enough PCs})$$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^7 y_{ij} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, 6; \quad (\# \text{ PCs of type } i)$$

all used variables are ≥ 0 ; y_i, y_{ij} are integral.

(b) Let Q_j be the number of crates of beer $b(j)$ ($j = 1, \dots, 7$) that are sold at the low price. The model now becomes:

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^7 (p_j N_j + r_j Q_j) - \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i y_i \right\}$$

subject to

$$l(j) \leq N_j \leq u(j) \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, 7 \quad (\text{produce enough})$$

$$N_j + Q_j \leq \sum_{i=1}^6 a_{ij} y_{ij} \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, 7 \quad (\text{enough PCs})$$

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^7 y_{ij} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, 6; \quad (\# \text{ PCs of type } i)$$

all used variables are ≥ 0 ; y_i, y_{ij} are integral.

- (c) Let z_k be the number of batches of raw material k ($k = 1, \dots, 10$) that you buy. Now the objective function becomes:

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^7 (p_j N_j + r_j Q_j) - \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i y_i - \sum_{k=1}^{10} d_k z_k \right\}$$

To make sure that we buy enough raw material, we add the constraint:

$$z_k B_k \geq \sum_{j=1}^7 (N_j + Q_j) q_{jk} \forall k = 1, \dots, 10 \quad (\text{raw material needed})$$

Of course z_k needs to be integral.

- (d) Let W_k be the inventory of raw material k ($k = 1, \dots, 10$) that remains. The objective function now becomes

$$\max \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^7 (p_j N_j + r_j Q_j) - \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i y_i - \sum_{k=1}^{10} d_k z_k - \sum_{k=1}^{10} v_k W_k \right\}$$

The inventory is modelled by the constraint:

$$W_k = z_k B_k - \sum_{j=1}^7 (N_j + Q_j) q_{jk} \forall k = 1, \dots, 10 \quad (\text{inventory } k)$$