

Integer Programming

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Definitions

- ▶ **Mixed Integer Programming Problem.**

$$\min x_0 = c^T x$$

subject to

$$Ax = b$$

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

$$x_j \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{for } j \in Z \subseteq N.$$

Note: $x_j \in N \setminus Z$ are continuous, as before.

- ▶ **Pure Integer Programming Problem.** $Z = N \cup \{x_0\}$, i.e., all variables (including slack and objective value) are integral. Can be achieved by *scaling*.

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Obtaining a Pure Integer Programming Problem

Consider the following problem:

$$\min x_0 = -\frac{1}{3}x_1 - \frac{1}{2}x_2$$

subject to

$$\frac{2}{3}x_1 + \frac{1}{3}x_2 \leq \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x_1 - \frac{3}{2}x_2 \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

This is not a pure integer programming problem:

- ▶ x_0 not integral.
- ▶ Slack variables not integral.

Obtaining a Pure Integer Programming Problem

Step 1. Scale the equations of the model.

$$\min x'_0 = -2x_1 - 3x_2 \quad (*6)$$

subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 4 \quad (*3)$$

$$3x_1 - 9x_2 \leq 4 \quad (*6)$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Obtaining a Pure Integer Programming Problem

Step 2. Insert (integral) slack variables:

$$\min x'_0 = -2x_1 - 3x_2$$

subject to

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

$$3x_1 - 9x_2 + x_4 = 4$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

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Capital Budgeting

- ▶ Company has **resources** $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Resource i has limited availability b_i .
- ▶ Company can undertake **projects** $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Project j requires a_{ij} units of resource i and gives revenues c_j .
- ▶ Which projects should be undertaken such that the **resource availabilities are observed** and the **revenues maximised**?

$$\max_x \sum_{j=1}^n c_j x_j$$

subject to

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$x_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

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Depot Location (1)

- ▶ Company has m potential **distribution sites** $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Building a distribution centre at site i costs f_i .
- ▶ There are n **customers** $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, each of whose **demands** need to be satisfied from one or more distribution centres. Satisfying fraction x_{ij} of customer j 's demand from distribution centre i costs c_{ij} , given that centre i is built.
- ▶ Which distribution centres should be built, and how should the customer demand's be satisfied, to **minimise costs**?

Depot Location (2)

$$\min_{x,y} \sum_{i=1}^m f_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

subject to

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$x_{ij} \leq y_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$y_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

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Finite-Valued Variables

Assume a variable x_j can only take a finite number of values:

$$x_j \in \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}.$$

We can introduce variables $z_j^1, \dots, z_j^m \in \{0, 1\}$ and add the constraint

$$z_j^1 + \dots + z_j^m = 1.$$

Now, we can substitute x_j with

$$p_1 z_j^1 + \dots + p_m z_j^m$$

in the objective function and all constraints.

Finite-Valued Variables

Example. $x_j \in \{1, 3, 11\}$ can be modeled as

$$\begin{aligned}z_j^1 + z_j^2 + z_j^3 &= 1 \\z_j^1, z_j^2, z_j^3 &\in \{0, 1\}.\end{aligned}$$

We then substitute x_j everywhere by

$$1z_j^1 + 3z_j^2 + 11z_j^3.$$

Exercise. Is it possible to save variables here?

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Logical Operations

We can model logical operations on the constraints via integer variables. For example, the expression

$$a^T x \leq b \quad \vee \quad d^T x \leq e$$

can be expressed by:

$$\begin{aligned} a^T x - M\delta &\leq b \\ d^T x - M(1 - \delta) &\leq e \\ \delta &\in \{0, 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

where M is a large number.

Logical Operations

Example. We want to model the following problem:

$$\min x$$

subject to

$$x \in [0, 1] \quad \vee \quad x \geq 2.$$

Solution. This can be expressed as:

$$\min x$$

subject to

$$x \leq 1 + M\delta$$

$$x \geq 2 - M(1 - \delta)$$

$$x \geq 0.$$

Logical Operations

Example. We want to model the following problem:

$$\min x_1 - x_2$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

$$x_1 \geq 1 \quad \vee \quad x_2 \geq 1 \quad \text{but not both } x_1, x_2 > 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

Logical Operations

Solution. This can be expressed as:

$$\min x_1 + x_2$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

$$x_1 \geq 1 - M\delta$$

$$x_2 \geq 1 - M(1 - \delta)$$

$$x_1 \leq 1 + M(1 - \delta)$$

$$x_2 \leq 1 + M\delta$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

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The Big Picture

Want to solve a pure IP problem:

- ▶ Don't know how to solve IP problems.
- ▶ Know how to solve continuous problems (Simplex).

Outline of a solution procedure:

- ▶ Solve a continuous *relaxation*.
 - ▶ Contains all originally feasible solutions, plus others.
- ▶ If optimal solution is integral, we are done.
- ▶ Otherwise, *tighten* the relaxation and repeat.

Continuous relaxation: $x_j \in \mathbb{Z} \rightsquigarrow x_j \in \mathbb{R}$.

Tightening: Add *cutting planes* (cut off current optimum).

The Big Picture

A *cutting plane algorithm* to solve pure integer programming problems works as follows.

1. Solve the IP problem with *continuous* variables instead of discrete ones.
2. If the resulting optimal solution x^* is integral, stop \Rightarrow optimal solution found.
3. Generate a *cut*, i.e., a constraint which is satisfied by all feasible integer solutions but not by x^* .
4. Add this new constraint, resolve problem, and go back to (2).

Terminates after finite number of iterations in (2). Resulting x^* is integral and optimal.

Example

Consider the following problem:

$$\max x_0 = 5x_1 + 8x_2$$

subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$$

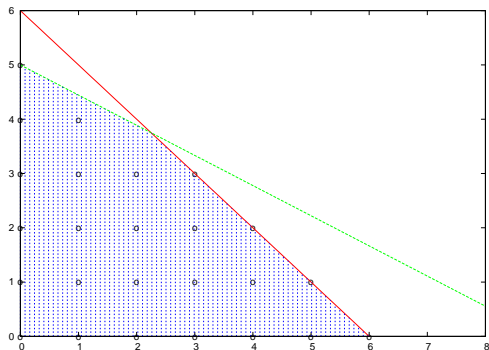
$$5x_1 + 9x_2 \leq 45$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

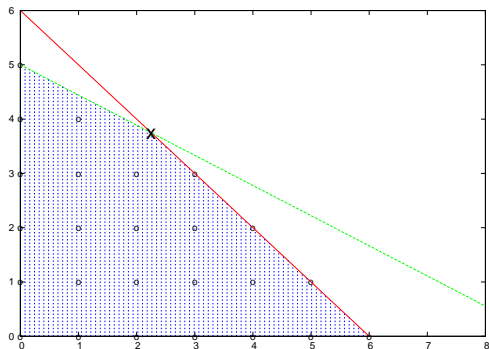
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Step 1. Solve the IP problem with *continuous* variables instead of discrete ones.



Example

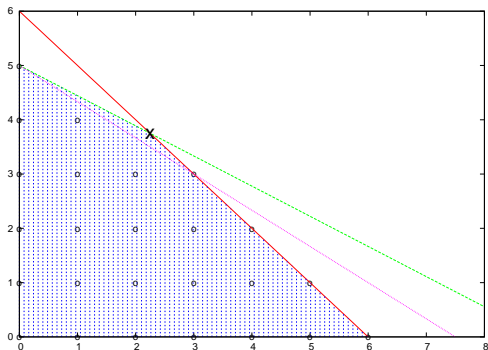
Step 2. If the resulting optimal solution x^* is integral, stop \Rightarrow optimal solution found.



Resulting solution is $x^* = (2.25, 3.75)$ and hence *not* integral.

Example

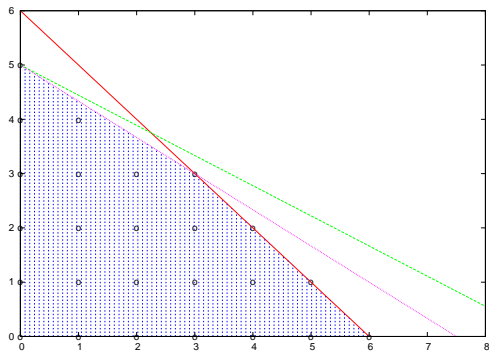
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We generate cut $2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 15$.

Example

Step 4. Add this new constraint, resolve problem, and go back to (2).

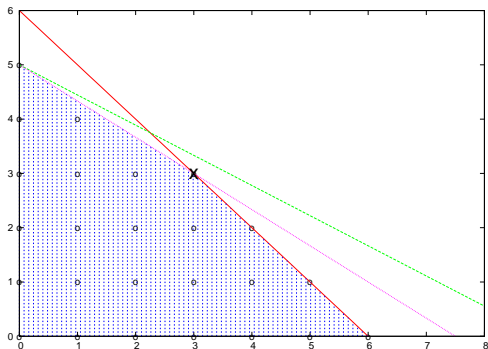


New optimal solution is $x^* = (3, 3)$.

Note: previous x^* is not feasible anymore.

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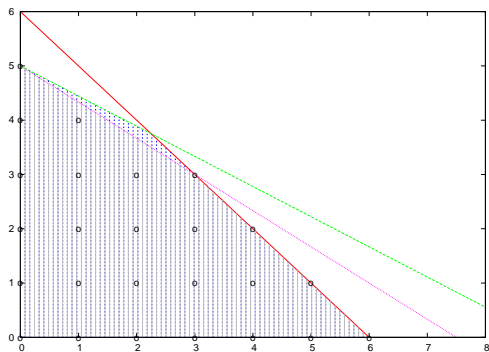
Step 2. If the resulting optimal solution x^* is integral, stop \Rightarrow optimal solution found.



$x^* = (3, 3)$ is integral \Rightarrow optimal solution found.

Example

Remark. The cut we introduced only removed *non-integral* solutions. Cuts *never* cut off feasible solutions of the original IP problem!



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Ralph E. Gomory (* 1929)



"Outline of an Algorithm for Integer Solutions to Linear Programs"
Bulletin of the American Mathematical Society, Vol. 64,
pp. 275-278, **1958**.

Gomory Cut

Assume $x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0$ and integral. We show how to construct a Gomory Cut for

$$a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = b,$$

where $a_j, b \in \mathbb{R}$ (not necessarily integral). Note that this can be written as

$$(\underbrace{\lfloor a_1 \rfloor + [a_1 - \lfloor a_1 \rfloor]}_{f_1})x_1 + \dots + (\underbrace{\lfloor a_n \rfloor + [a_n - \lfloor a_n \rfloor]}_{f_n})x_n = \lfloor b \rfloor + \underbrace{[b - \lfloor b \rfloor]}_f,$$

where $\lfloor \beta \rfloor = \max \{ \alpha \in \mathbb{Z} : \alpha \leq \beta \}$ (largest integer smaller than or equal to β).

Gomory Cut

We separate fractional and integral terms:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lfloor a_1 \rfloor + f_1)x_1 + \dots + (\lfloor a_n \rfloor + f_n)x_n = \lfloor b \rfloor + f \\ \Leftrightarrow & f_1x_1 + \dots + f_nx_n - f = \lfloor b \rfloor - \lfloor a_1 \rfloor x_1 - \dots - \lfloor a_n \rfloor x_n. \end{aligned}$$

Observations.

1. As $x_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all feasible x , right-hand side is integral.
2. Thus, for all feasible x , left-hand side must be integral, too.
3. As $0 \leq f < 1$, $x \geq 0$ and left-hand side integral, left-hand side must be non-negative.

Consequence. $f_1x_1 + \dots + f_nx_n - f \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow f_1x_1 + \dots + f_nx_n \geq f$
for every feasible x .

Gomory Cut

Suppose Step 1 of our cutting plane algorithm gives non-integral x^* . Then there is row in Simplex tableau with

$$x_i^* + \sum_{j \notin I} y_{ij} x_j^* = y_{i0}$$

with $y_{i0} \notin \mathbb{Z}$.

Gomory Cut. Setting $f_j := y_{ij} - \lfloor y_{ij} \rfloor$, $f := y_{i0} - \lfloor y_{i0} \rfloor$, we get:

$$\sum_{j \notin I} f_j x_j \geq f. \quad (*)$$

(*) is fulfilled for all feasible x but not for x^* : $\sum_{j \notin I} f_j x_j^* = 0 < f$.

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Consider the following problem:

$$\max 3x_1 + 4x_2$$

subject to

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 - \frac{2}{5}x_2 \leq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example

Step 1. Convert maximisation objective into minimisation.

$$\min x_0 = -3x_1 - 4x_2$$

subject to

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 + x_2 \leq 3$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 - \frac{2}{5}x_2 \leq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

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Example

Step 1. Scale the equations of the problem.

$$\min x_0 = -3x_1 - 4x_2$$

subject to

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 + x_2 \leq 3 \quad (*5)$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x_1 - \frac{2}{5}x_2 \leq 1 \quad (*5)$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example

Step 1. Scale the equations of the problem.

$$\min x_0 = -3x_1 - 4x_2$$

subject to

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 \leq 15$$

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 5$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example

Step 1. Insert integral slack variables.

$$\min x_0 = -3x_1 - 4x_2$$

subject to

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 = 15$$

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_4 = 5$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example

Step 1. Solve continuous relaxation of problem.

BV	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	RHS
x_0	3	4			0
x_3	2	5	1		15
x_4	2	-2		1	5

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x_4	2	-2		1	5
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x_0	$\frac{7}{5}$	$-\frac{4}{5}$			-12
x_2	$\frac{2}{5}$	1	$\frac{1}{5}$		3
x_4	$\frac{14}{5}$		$\frac{2}{5}$	1	11

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x_0			-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{35}{2}$
x_2		1	$\frac{1}{7}$	$-\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{10}{7}$
x_1	1		$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{14}$	$\frac{55}{14}$

Solution optimal; Simplex stops.

Example

Step 3. Generate cut based on x_1 row.

$$\frac{1}{7}x_3 + \frac{5}{14}x_4 \geq \frac{13}{14}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{7}(15 - 2x_1 - 5x_2) + \frac{5}{14}(5 - 2x_1 - 2x_2) \geq \frac{13}{14}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 \leq 3$$

Introduce new variable x_5 with

$$x_5 = -\frac{13}{14} + \frac{1}{7}x_3 + \frac{5}{14}x_4 = 3 - x_1.$$

Add this cut to the problem and go back to Step (1).

Example

Step 1. Solve continuous relaxation of problem.

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x_0			-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$		$-\frac{35}{2}$
x_2		1	$\frac{1}{7}$	$-\frac{1}{7}$		$\frac{10}{7}$
x_1	1		$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{14}$		$\frac{55}{14}$
ζ			$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{14}$	-1	$\frac{13}{14}$

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x_2		1	$\frac{1}{7}$	$-\frac{1}{7}$		$\frac{10}{7}$
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x_1	1		$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{14}$		$\frac{55}{14}$
ζ			$\frac{1}{7}$	$\frac{5}{14}$	-1	$\frac{13}{14}$
x_0			$-\frac{4}{5}$		$-\frac{7}{5}$	$-\frac{81}{5}$
x_2		1	$\frac{1}{5}$		$-\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{9}{5}$
x_1	1				1	3
x_4			$\frac{2}{5}$	1	$-\frac{14}{5}$	$\frac{13}{5}$

Solution optimal; Simplex stops.

Example

Step 3. Generate cut based on x_2 row.

$$\frac{1}{5}x_3 + \frac{3}{5}x_5 \geq \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{5}(15 - 2x_1 - 5x_2) + \frac{3}{5}(3 - x_1) \geq \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 + x_2 \leq 4$$

Introduce new variable x_6 with

$$x_6 = \frac{1}{5}x_3 + \frac{3}{5}x_5 - \frac{4}{5} = 4 - x_1 - x_2$$

Add this cut to the problem and go back to Step (1).

Example

Step 1. Solve continuous relaxation of problem.

BV	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_6	RHS
x_0			$-\frac{4}{5}$		$-\frac{7}{5}$		$-\frac{81}{5}$
x_2		1	$\frac{1}{5}$		$-\frac{2}{5}$		$\frac{9}{5}$
x_1	1				1		3
x_4			$\frac{2}{5}$	1	$-\frac{14}{5}$		$\frac{13}{5}$
ζ			$\frac{1}{5}$		$\frac{3}{5}$	-1	$\frac{4}{5}$

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x_1	1				1		3
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x_4			$\frac{2}{5}$	1	$-\frac{14}{5}$		$\frac{13}{5}$
ζ			$\frac{1}{5}$		$\frac{3}{5}$	-1	$\frac{4}{5}$
x_0			$-\frac{1}{3}$			$-\frac{7}{3}$	$-\frac{43}{3}$
x_2		1	$\frac{1}{3}$			$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{7}{3}$
x_1	1		$-\frac{1}{3}$			$\frac{5}{3}$	$\frac{5}{3}$
x_4			$\frac{4}{3}$	1		$-\frac{14}{3}$	$\frac{19}{3}$
x_5			$\frac{1}{3}$		1	$-\frac{5}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$

Solution optimal; Simplex stops.

Example

Step 3. Generate cut based on x_2 row.

$$\frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_6 \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3}(15 - 2x_1 - 5x_2) + \frac{1}{3}(4 - x_1 - x_2) \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 6$$

Introduce new variable x_7 with

$$x_7 = \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{1}{3}x_6 - \frac{1}{3} = 6 - x_1 - 2x_2$$

Add this cut to the problem and go back to Step (1).

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x_4				1		-6	4	5
x_5					1	-2	1	1
x_3			1			1	-3	1