

IE 400 Principles of Engineering Management

Integer Programming: Modeling Examples

Lecture Notes 6

Integer Programs

Integer programs: a linear program plus the additional constraints that some or all of the variables must be integer valued.

We also permit “ $x_j \in \{0, 1\}$,” or equivalently, “ x_j is **binary**”

This is a shortcut for writing the constraints:

$$0 \leq x_j \leq 1 \text{ and } x_j \text{ integer.}$$

A 2-Variable Integer program

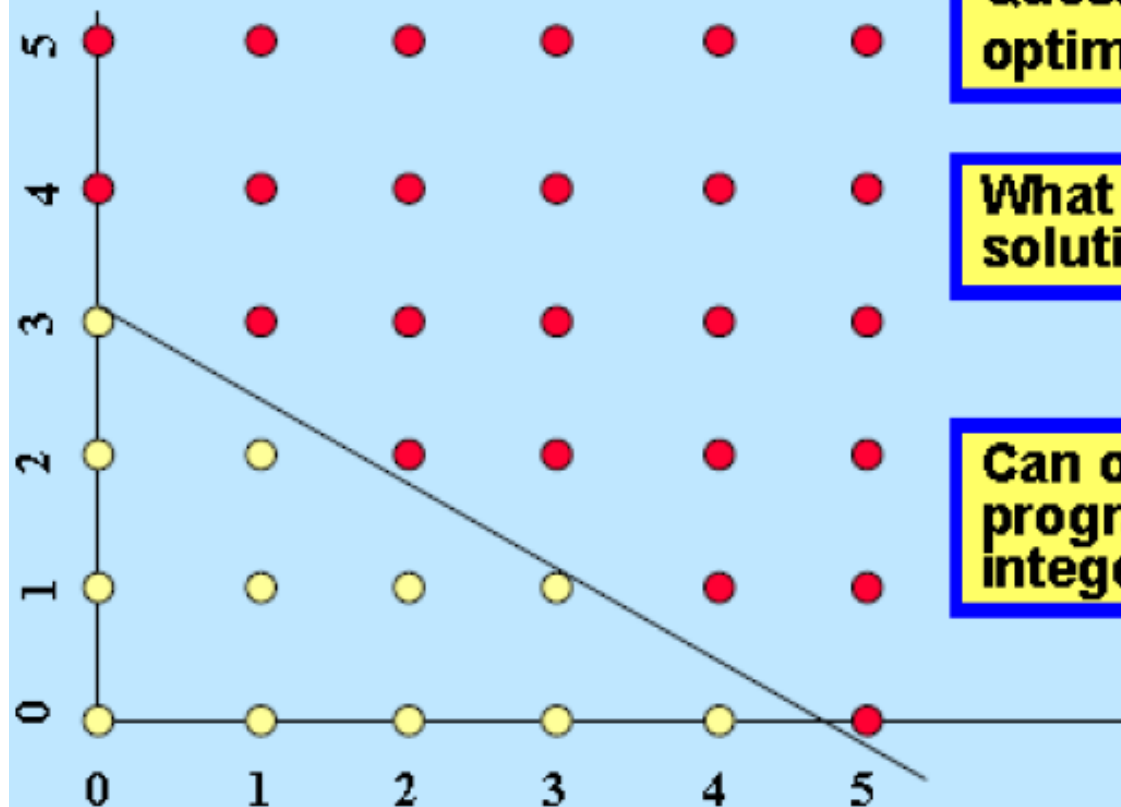
maximize $3x + 4y$

subject to $5x + 8y \leq 24$

$x, y \geq 0$ and integer

- What is the optimal solution?

The Feasible Region

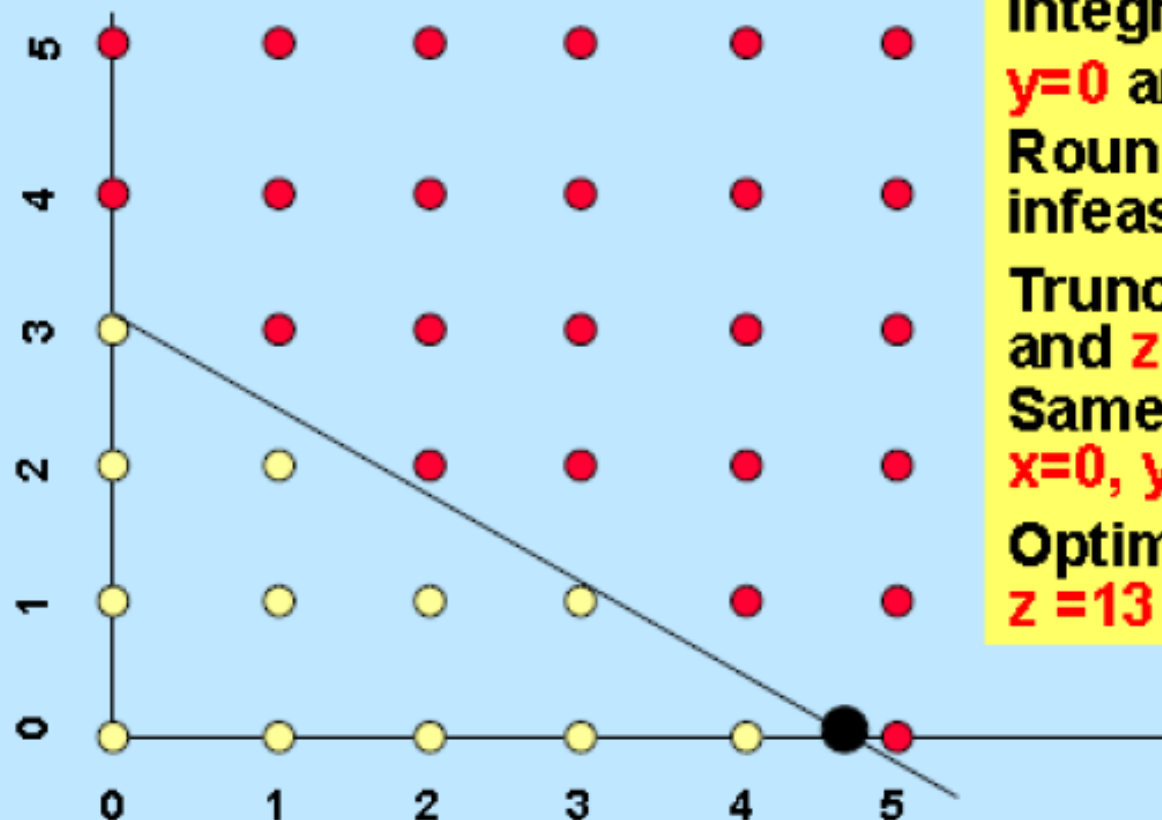


Question: What is the optimal integer solution?

What is the optimal linear solution?

Can one use linear programming to solve the integer program?

A rounding technique that sometimes is useful, and sometimes not.



Solve LP (ignore integrality) get $x=24/5$, $y=0$ and $z=14\frac{2}{5}$.

Round, get $x=5$, $y=0$, infeasible!

Truncate, get $x=4$, $y=0$, and $z=12$

Same solution value at $x=0$, $y=3$.

Optimal is $x=3$, $y=1$, and $z=13$

Why integer programs?

- Advantages of restricting variables to take on integer values
 - More realistic
 - More flexibility
- Disadvantages
 - More difficult to model
 - Can be much more difficult to solve

Integer Programming:

So far, we have considered problems under the following assumptions:

- i. Proportionality & Additivity
- ii. Divisibility
- iii. Certainty

While many problems satisfy these assumptions, there are other problems in which we will need to either relax or strengthen these assumptions.

For example, consider the following bus scheduling problem:

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Periods	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hours	0-4 AM	4-8 AM	8 AM – 12 PM	12 - 4 PM	4 – 8 PM	8 PM-0AM
Min. # of buses required	4	8	10	7	12	4

Each bus starts to operate at the beginning of a period and operates for **8 consecutive hours and then receive 16 hours off**. For example, a bus operating from 4 AM to 12 PM must be off between 12 PM and 4 AM.

Find the minimum # of busses to provide the required service.

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How do you define your decision variables here?

a) x_i : # of busses operating in period i , $i=1,2,\dots,6$

or

b) x_i : # of busses starting to operate in period i , $i=1,2,\dots,6$

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$$x_2 + x_3 \geq 10$$

$$x_3 + x_4 \geq 7$$

$$x_4 + x_5 \geq 12$$

$$x_5 + x_6 \geq 4$$

$$x_i \geq 0, x_i \text{ integer}, i = 1, \dots, 6$$

Integer Programming :

Note that each decision variable represents the number of busses. Clearly, it does not make sense to talk about 3.5 busses because busses are not divisible. Hence, we should impose the additional condition that each of $x_1, \dots, x_6$ can only take integer values.

If some or all of the variables are restricted to be integer valued, we call it an **integer program (IP)**. This last example is hence an IP problem.

We solve IP problems utilizing methods that build on the simplex method.

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i.e) How do you write the Monday work force requirement constraint?

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s.t.

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$$x_1 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 \geq 6 \quad (\text{Tuesday constraint})$$

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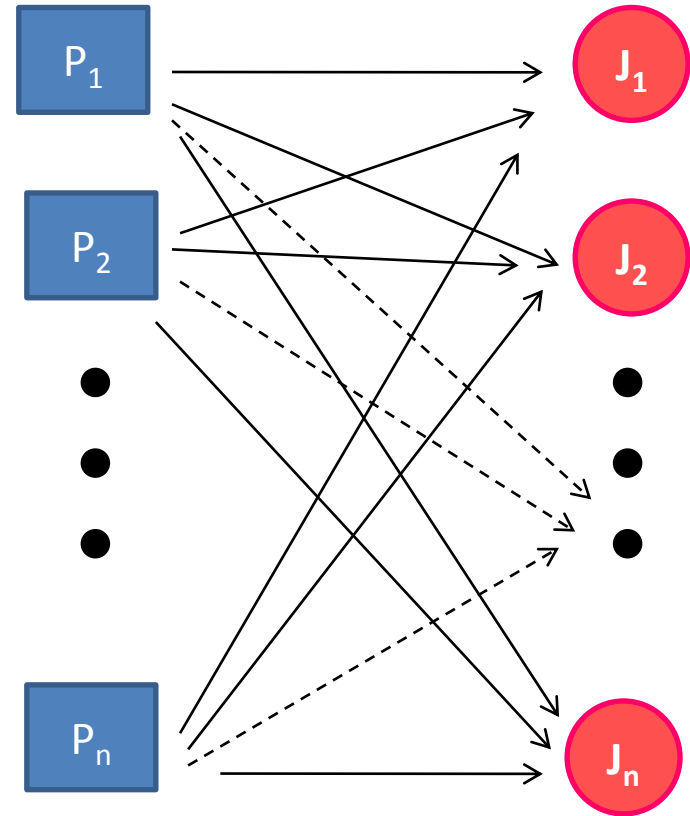
$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, 7$$

$$x_i \text{ integer, } i = 1, \dots, 7.$$

The Assignment Problem :

- There are n people and n jobs to carry out.
- Each person is assigned to carry out exactly one job.
- If person i is assigned to job j , then the cost is c_{ij} .

Find an assignment of n people to n jobs with minimum total cost.



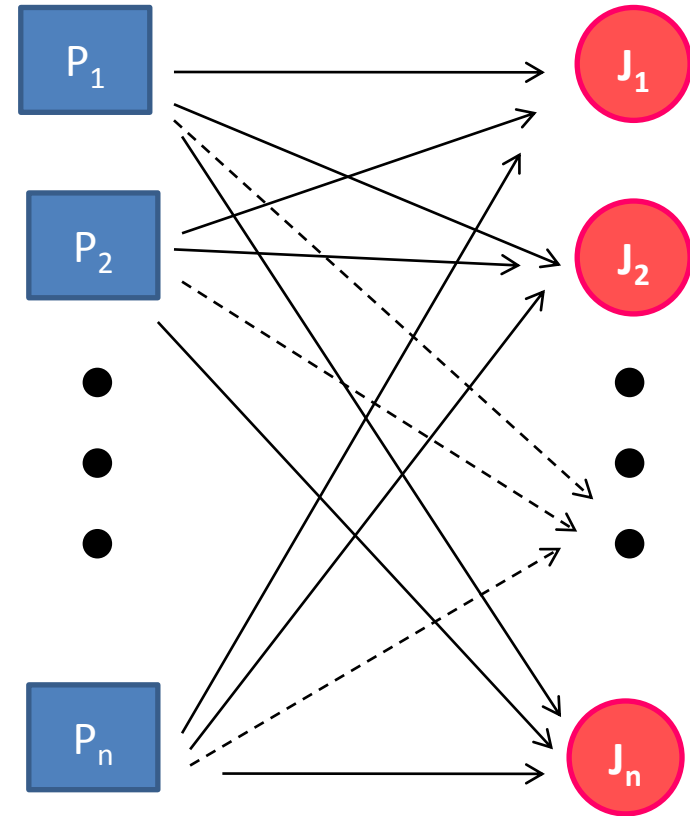
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$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{person } i \text{ is assigned to job } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Such variables are called **BINARY VARIABLES** and offer great flexibility in modeling. They are ideal for YES/NO decisions.

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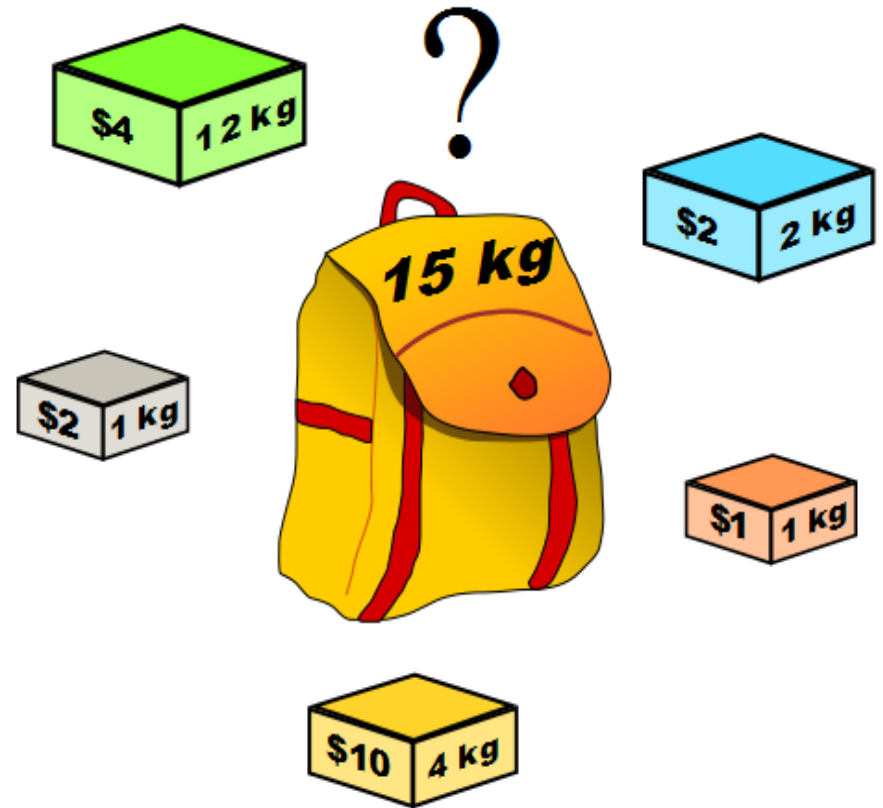
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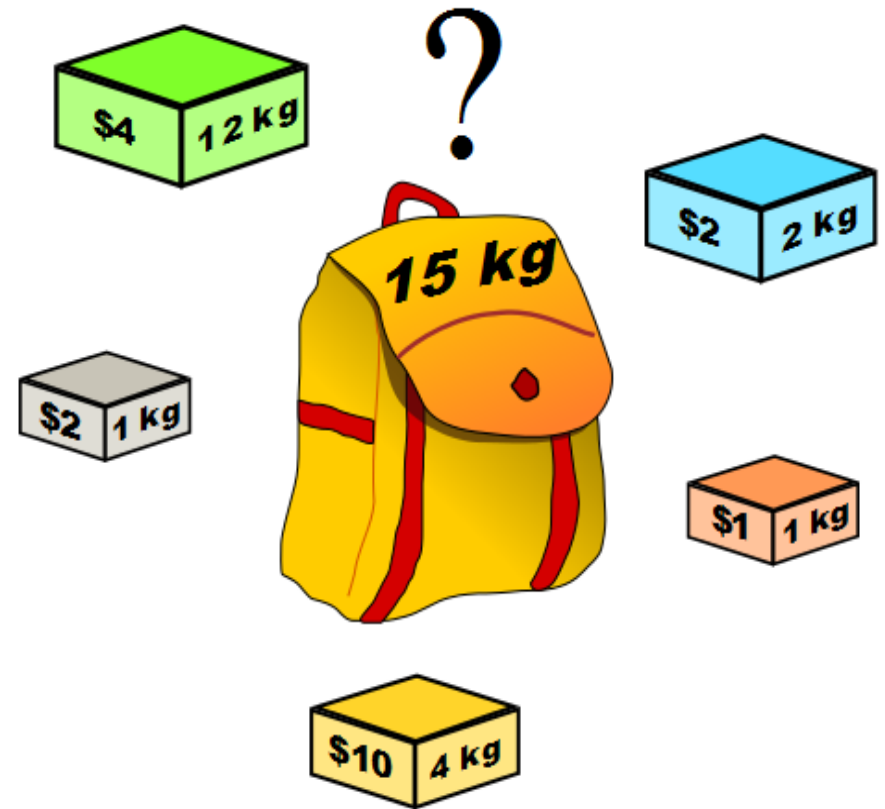
You are going on a trip. Your **Suitcase** has a capacity of b kg's.

- You have n different items that you can pack into your suitcase $1, \dots, n$.
- **Item i** has a weight of a_i and gives you a utility of c_i .

How should you pack your suitcase to maximize total utility?



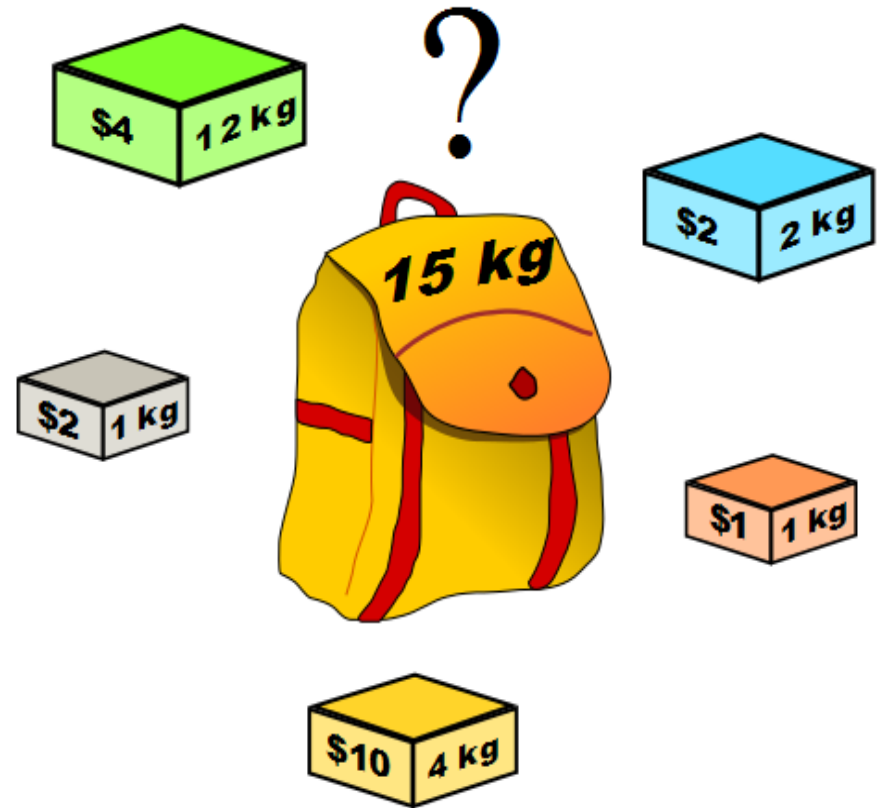
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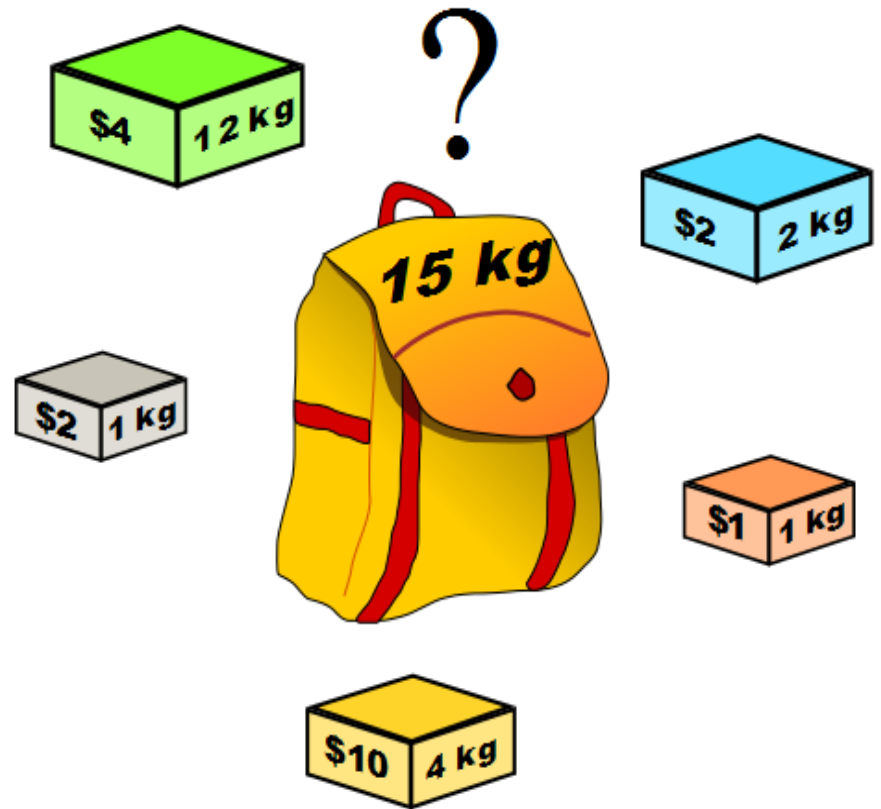
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \leq b$$

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Travel time between each town and the nearest hospital should not be more than 10 minutes. What is the minimum number of hospitals?

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For example, for Town 1, only locations 1 and 3 satisfy the requirement. And at least, one of them should be selected. How do we define this constraint?

$$x_1 + x_3 \geq 1$$

The Set Covering Problem

The mathematical formulation:

$$\min \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$$

s.t.

$$x_1 \quad \quad + x_3 \quad \geq 1 \quad (\text{Town 1})$$

$$\quad x_2 \quad + x_3 \quad \geq 1 \quad (\text{Town 2})$$

$$\quad x_2 \quad \quad + x_4 \geq 1 \quad (\text{Town 3})$$

$$x_1 \quad \quad \quad + x_4 \geq 1 \quad (\text{Town 4})$$

$$\quad \quad x_3 \quad + x_4 \geq 1 \quad (\text{Town 5})$$

$$x_i \in \{0,1\}, \quad i = 1,2,3,4.$$

Modeling Fixed Costs

- A set of potential warehouses: $1, \dots, m$
- A set of clients $: 1, \dots, n$
- If warehouse i is used, then there is a fixed cost of f_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$
- c_{ij} : unit cost of transportation from warehouse i to client j ,
 $i = 1, \dots, m$; $j = 1, \dots, n$
- a_i : capacity of warehouse i in terms of # of units, $i = 1, \dots, m$
- d_j : # of units demanded by client j , $j = 1, \dots, n$

Note: More than one warehouse can supply the client.

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x_{ij} : # of units shipped from warehouse i to client j ,
 $i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, n$

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The problem formulation is as follows:

s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij} = d_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \text{ (Demand)}$$

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

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Adding two new constraints as below to the formulation will ensure that at least one of (I) or (II) is satisfied,

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq My \quad (\text{I}')$$

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq M(1 - y) \quad (\text{II}')$$

where $y \in \{0, 1\}$.

Either-Or Constraints

M is a number chosen **large enough to ensure that**
 *$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq M$ and $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq M$ are satisfied
for all values of $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ that satisfy the other
constraints in the problem.*

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a) If $y=0$, then (I') and (II') becomes:

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b) If $y=1$, then (I') and (II') becomes:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq M,$$

and

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Therefore whether $y=0$ or $y=1$,
(I') and (II') ensure that at least
one of (I) and (II) is satisfied.

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq 0 \quad (I)$$

$$g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq 0 \quad (II)$$

If-Then Constraints

The following situation commonly occurs in mathematical programming problems. We want to ensure that:

*If a constraint $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0$ is satisfied,
then $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ must be satisfied;*

*while if a constraint $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0$ is not satisfied,
then $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ may or may not be satisfied.*

If-Then Constraints

In other words, we want to ensure that $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0$ implies $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$.

To ensure this, we include the following set of constraints in the formulation:

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq M(1 - y) \quad (\text{I}')$$

$$-g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq My \quad (\text{II}')$$

where $y \in \{0, 1\}$.

M is a large positive number such that $f(.) \leq M$ and $-g(.) \leq M$ holds for all values $x_1, \dots, x_n$.

Project Selection

A manager should choose from among 10 different projects:

p_j : profit if we invest in project j , $j = 1, \dots, 10$

c_j : cost of project j , $j = 1, \dots, 10$

q : total budget available

There are also some additional requirements:

- i. Projects 3 and 4 cannot be chosen together.
- ii. At least two and at most four projects should be chosen from the set $\{1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$.
- iii. Either both projects 1 and 5 are chosen or neither of them is chosen.
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So, how to express this as a linear constraint?

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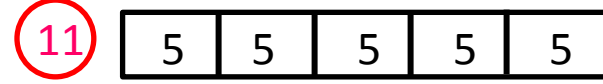
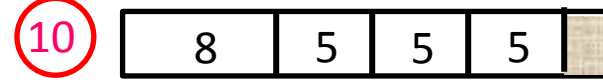
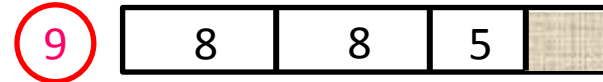
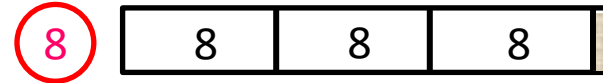
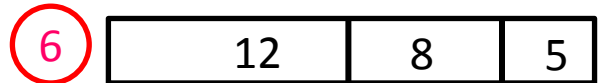
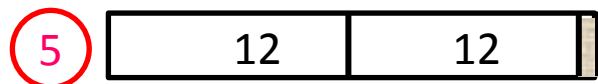
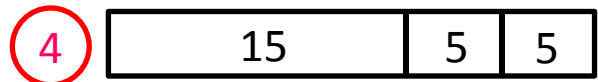
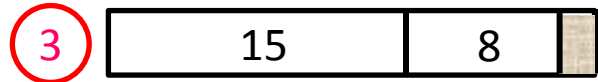
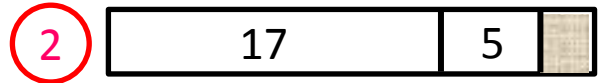
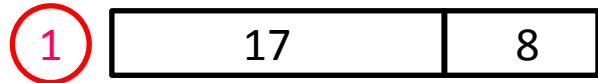
A paper company manufactures and sells rolls of paper of fixed width in 5 standard lengths: 5, 8, 12, 15 and 17 m. Demand for each size is given below.

It produces 25 m length rolls and cuts orders from its stock of this size. What is the min # of rolls to be used to meet the total demand?

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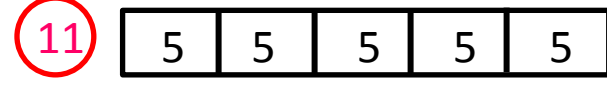
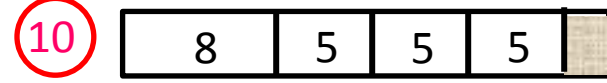
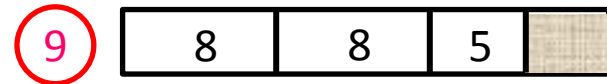
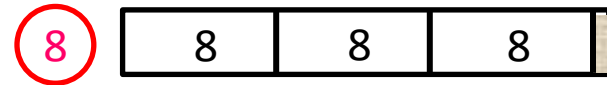
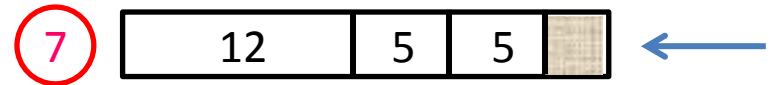
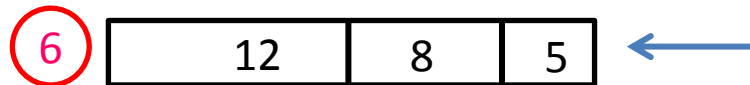
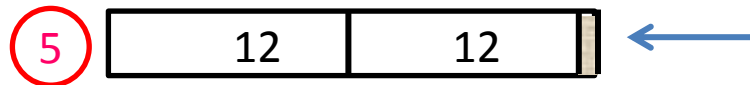
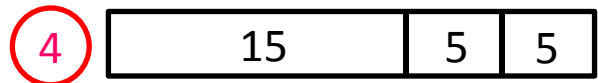
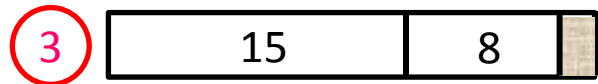
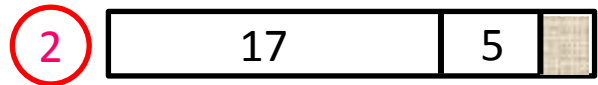
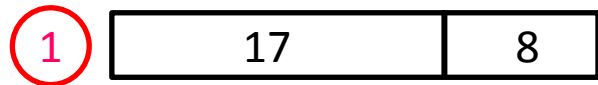
i.e. How do you write the constraint for the demand of 12 m rolls of paper?

We look at the patterns that contain 12 m pieces, and then write the constraint based on x_j .

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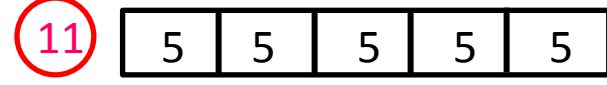
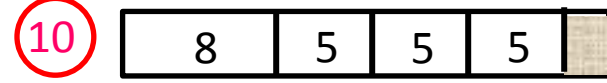
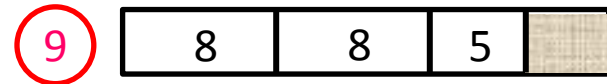
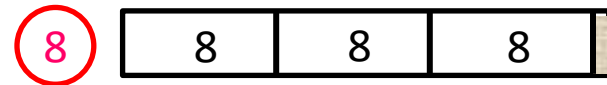
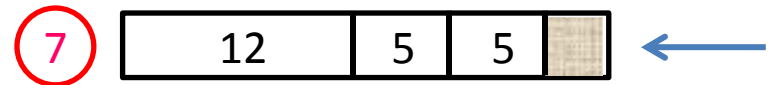
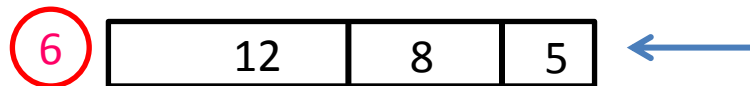
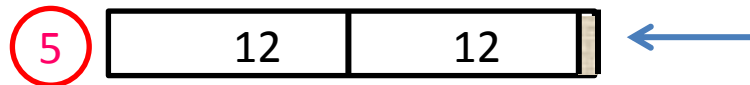
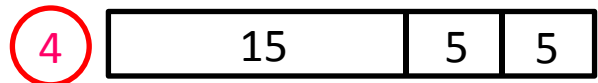
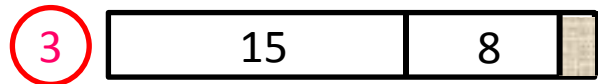
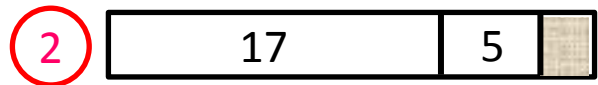
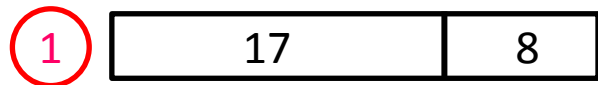
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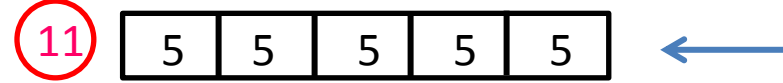
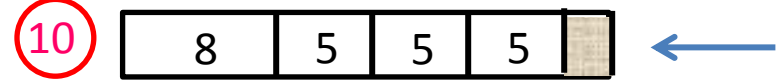
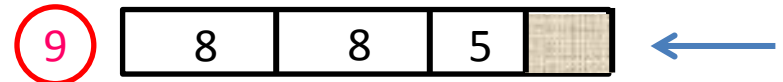
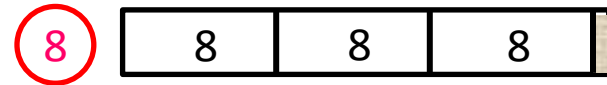
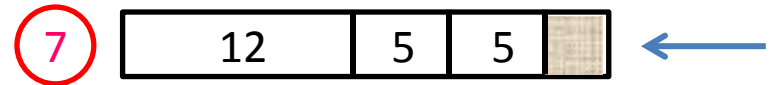
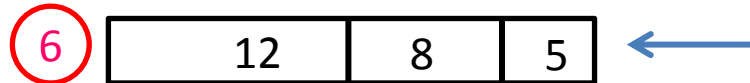
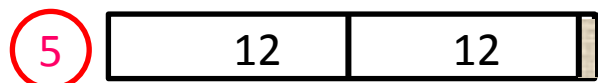
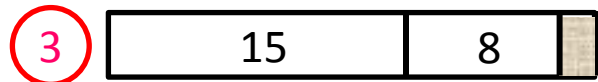
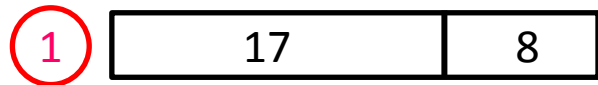
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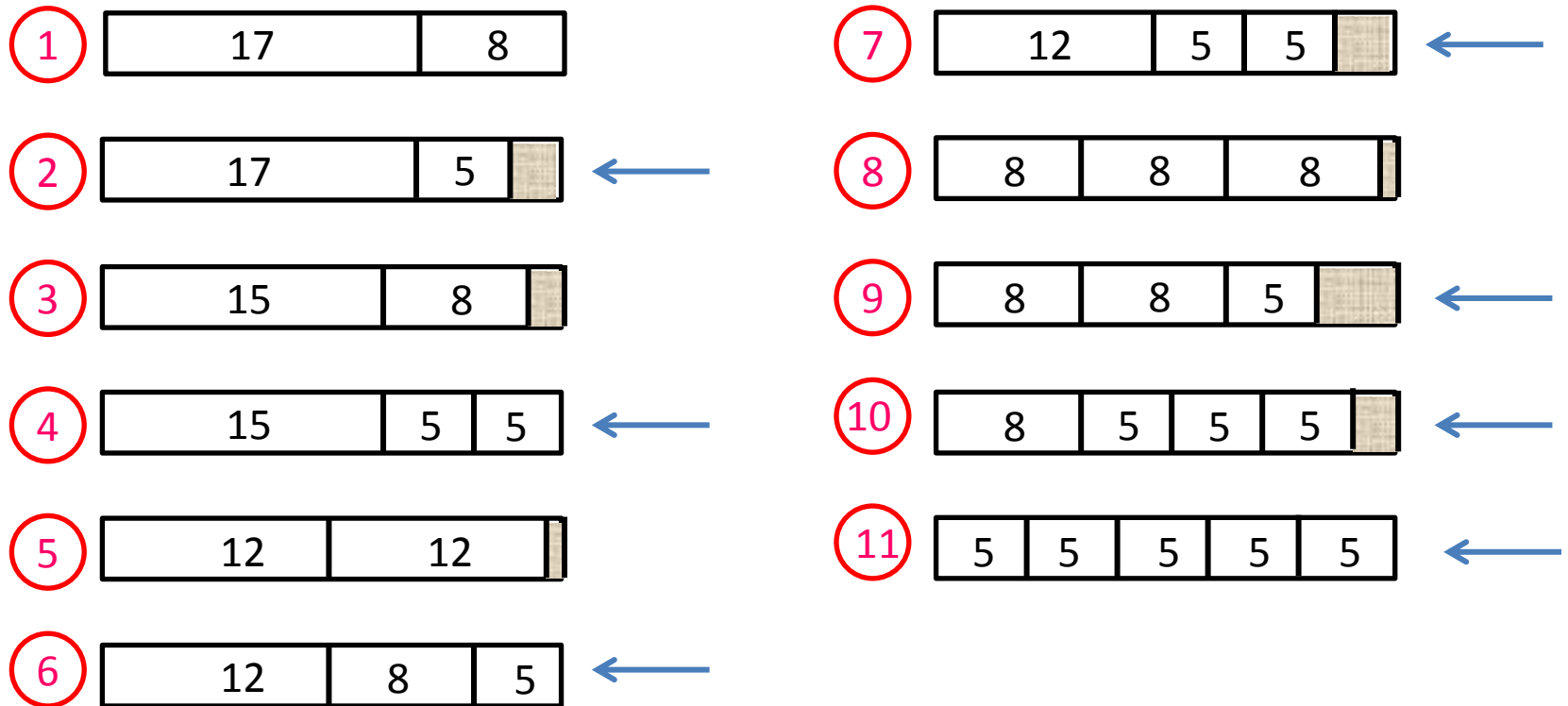
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$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if he goes directly from city } i \text{ to city } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n ; j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP):

Since each city has to be visited only once, the formulation is:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} x_{ij}$$

s.t.

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With this formulation, a feasible solution is:

$$x_{12} = x_{23} = x_{31} = 1,$$
$$x_{45} = x_{54} = 1.$$

But this is a “subtour”! How can we eliminate “subtours”?

We need to impose the constraints:

$$\sum_{i \in S} \sum_{j \notin S} x_{ij} \geq 1 \quad \forall S \subseteq N, S \neq \emptyset$$

Traveling Salesman Problem (TSP):

For example, for $n=5$ and $S=\{1,2,3\}$ this constraint implies:

$$x_{14} + x_{15} + x_{24} + x_{25} + x_{34} + x_{35} \geq 1$$

The difficulty is that there are a total of $2^n - 1$ such constraints. And that is a lot!

- For $n = 100$, $2^n - 1 \approx 1.27 \times 10^{30}$.

How about the total number of valid tours? That is $(n - 1)!$

- For $n = 100$, $(n - 1)! \approx 9.33 \times 10^{155}$.

TSP is one of the hardest problems. But several efficient algorithms exist that can find “good” solutions.

Some Comments on Integer Programming :

- There are often multiple ways of modeling the same integer program.
- Solvers for integer programs are extremely sensitive to the formulation (not true for LPs).
- Not as easy to model.
- Not as easy to solve.