

ILP and MILP

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- ILP stands for Integer Linear Programming and MILP for Mixed Integer Linear Programming (notation may change depending on the reference).
- Both ILP and MILP can be seen as:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} x_i \geq, \leq, = b_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

$$x_i \text{ integer} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad (\text{ILP})$$

$$x_i \text{ integer or real} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad (\text{MILP})$$

- A special case of integer is binary. Notice that x binary can also be written as $0 \leq x \leq 1$, integer.

Integer variables, and in particular binary variables, are well suited to write logical statements. Usually we think of $x = 0$ as false, and $x = 1$ as true.

Super Important: Your reformulation should express no more and no less than what you are trying to express. For example, if you are trying to express an implication for one direction, you don't want to also obligate the implication on the other way or extra implications.

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \geq (1 - y_2)b - y_2 M \quad \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i < b \rightarrow y_2 = 1 \right)$$

$$z \geq \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

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Let's say we have two constraints $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1}x_i \geq b_1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i2}x_i \geq b_2$ where the x 's and a 's are all ≥ 0 . Write a constraint or set of constraints to enforce that at least one of the two inequalities is enforced at all times.

Solution: Let's introduce "y" binary variable. A set of constraints that solves the problem is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1}x_i \geq y \cdot b_1$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i2}x_i \geq (1 - y)b_2$$

Because both left sides are always ≥ 0 .

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- **Solution:** The two next inequalities do the job.

$$\begin{aligned}x &\leq z \cdot M & (x > 0 \rightarrow z = 1) \\z &\leq \frac{x}{\epsilon} & (x = 0 \rightarrow z = 0)\end{aligned}$$

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For the typical production problem, where z could represent the decision of activating a machine and $K > 0$ could be the cost of activating it, we only need to write:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & (\dots) + K \cdot z \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{production} \leq M \cdot z \\ & (\dots), z \text{ binary.} \end{aligned}$$

Because the part $z = 0 \rightarrow \text{production} = 0$ is implied directly by the constraint, and $\text{production} = 0 \rightarrow z = 0$ is obtained by the fact that we are minimizing.

Job Scheduling Problem

(Exercise 10.7 from Introduction to Linear Programming, Bertsimas & Tsitkalis) We consider the production of a single product over T periods. If we decide to produce at period t , a setup cost of c_t is incurred. For $t = 1, \dots, T$ let d_t be the demand for this product in period t , and let p_t , h_t be the unit production and storage cost resp. for period t .

- 1 Formulate a MILP in order to minimize the total cost of production, storage, and setup.

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$$I_t = I_{t-1} + x_t - d_t, \quad \forall t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$$

$$I_0 = 0, \quad z_t \text{ binary}, \quad \forall t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$$

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- Solution:** we need to add a new variable ℓ_t that is the demand lost in period t . We have to take into account the fact that it may be optimal to not satisfy demand in period t even if we could in order to use the saved storage for the next period.

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Model:

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^T (z_t c_t + x_t p_t + l_t h_t) + \sum_{t=1}^{T-1} l_t b_t$$

$$\text{s.t. } x_t \leq z_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^T d_i \right),$$

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$$\ell_t \leq d_t, \quad \forall t \in \{1, \dots, T-1\}$$

$$l_0 = 0, \ell_t \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in \{1, \dots, T-1\}$$

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- ④ **Solution:** We can just add the following constraints:

- $\sum_{t=1}^T z_t \leq 5.$
- $z_j + z_{j+1} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, T-1\}.$

Plan for a move: problem

(Exercise 10.5 from Introduction to Linear Programming, Bertsimas & Tsitkalis.) Suppose you are planning to move your new house. You have n items of size a_j , $j = 1, \dots, n$ that need to be moved. You have rented a truck that has size Q and you have bought m boxes. Box i has size b_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$. **Formulate an integer programming problem in order to decide if the move is possible.**

Plan for a move: solution

This problem needs extra assumptions, i will assume the following two: First, Let's imagine that the truck deliverers are so good at Tetris that for any combination of boxes with total volume less than Q they are able load the truck. Second, we can put as many objects in a box as long we do not surpass its volume (but of course let's imagine we can not divide the objects).

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Formulation:

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^m z_i \quad (\text{Could have been anything})$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m x_j^i = 1, \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad (\text{Also } \geq \text{ works})$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j^i \leq z_i b_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \quad (\text{Box Capacity})$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n z_i b_i \leq Q, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \quad (\text{Truck Capacity})$$

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