

DETERMINE THE OPTIMAL PRODUCTION PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RESOURCES USING BOUNDED VARIABLES DECISION MAKING

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ABSTRACT

Decision making plays an important role in economic, finance, statistics, operations research, engineering, so on. The optimal planning of economic resources requires decision makers in the industrial establishment to use quantitative approaches and mathematical models in the preparation and design of strategies and choose optimal plans. In this paper, a bounded variables quantitative approach is used. It is a more flexible quantitative approach than the unbounded approach, whereby the decision maker can build a mathematical model for determining the optimal production plan for economic resources according to the available resources. This approach helps the decision maker to formulate the mathematical model with decision variables that have upper and lower bounds according to the available resources.

Keywords—Economic resources, ;production plan; lineaar programming, bounded variables.

1-INTRODUCTION

Economic development requires the advancement of sectors economic and industrial sectors in particular process processors are based on the development of this sector by optimal use of available resources provides the best way to exploit such resources in such a way as to avoid the loss of those resources and provides an opportunity to achieve technical efficiency.

Quantitative approaches paly important role in determining the optimal plan and optimal strategies according to available economic resources. Linear programming approach is the most technique used to find the optimal allocation of economic resources. Aljbory[5] used linear programming model to minimize the cost and maximize the profit General Company for Vegetable Oils. Mathematical programming formulation has presented by Altai [6] to minimize the cost in the General Company for Dairy Products. Abudalsada [7] proposed a linear programming model to achieve the optimal allocation in Glasshouse Farm

In Nahrawan. Abdulmajeed [8] presented a mathematical formulation for Production plan in Al-Nu'man General Company. The optimal allocation of economic resources was also studied by [9], [10], [11] using linear programming approach.

On the other hand, the bounded variables approach is a one of the mathematical tools, to solve decision making problems in different areas for taking the efficient, timely and accurate decision. Also, this approach extends the unbounded linear programming formulation to accommodate mathematical programming with upper and lower bounds. Moreover, based on the available economic resources, the decision maker determines the upper and lower bounds for the mathematical formulation of the problem. For more details see [12].

In this paper, we present a bounded variables decision making approach to determine the optimal production plan for economic resources in Algerian Aluminum Company.

2-LINEAR PROGRAMMING APPROACH

Linear programming approach is a one of important mathematical tool for solving decision making problems in different fields such as in economic, finance, statistics and operations research. For more details about linear programming theory and application, we refer to [1][2][3][12][13], where comprehensive details are given. The material of this section can be found in [12].

2.1- Mathematical formulation

The mathematical formulation of linear programming is described as follows:

$$\text{MaX } Z = C' X \dots\dots\dots(2.1)$$

$$AX = b$$

$$X \geq 0$$

Where

Z = objective function

A= the matrix of the coefficients associated with decision variables.

x= the decision variable.

b= the associated right hand side values.

2.2- Simplex method

The simplex method is an efficient method to find the optimal solution of any mathematical linear programming model. Now we describe the solution procedure in [12] as follows:

“The Simplex Algorithm (Minimization Problem)

INITIALIZATION STEP

choose a starting basic feasible solution with basis B. (Several procedures for finding an initial basis will be described in Chapter 4.)

MAIN STEP

- 1- Solve the system $BX_B = b$ (with unique solution $x_B = B^{-1} b = b'$).
Let $x_B = b'$, $x_N = 0$, and $Z = C_B X_B$.

- 2- Solve the system $w_B = c_B$ (with unique solution $w = c_B B^{-1}$). (the vector w is referred to as the vector of simplex multipliers because its components are the multipliers of the rows of A that are added to the objective function in order to bring it into canonical form) Calculate $z_j - c_j = w a_j - c_j$ for all no basic variable. (This is known as the pricing operation.) Let $Z_k - C_k = \text{maximum } \{z_j - c_j\}$
 $J \in J$

Where J is the current set of indices associated with the no basic variables if $z_j - c_k \leq 0$, then stop with the current basic feasible solution as optimal solution. Otherwise, go to step 3 with x_k as the entering variable . (the strategy for selecting an entering variable is known as Danzig's rule).

- 3- Solve the system $By_k = a_k$ (with unique solution $y_k = B^{-1} a_k$) . if $y_k \leq 0$, then stop with the conclusion the optimal solution is unbounded along the ray
$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b^- \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_k \begin{bmatrix} -y_k \\ e_k \end{bmatrix} : x_k \geq 0 \right\}$$

Where e_k is an $(n- m) -$ vector of zeros except for a 1 at the kth position . if $y_k \leq 0$, go to step 4.

- 4- Let x_k enter the basis . The index r of the blocking variable , x_{B_r} which leaves the basis is determined by the following minimum ratio

Test:

$$\frac{b^-}{y_{rk}} = \text{minimum } \left\{ \frac{b^-}{y_{ik}} : y_{ik} > 0 \right\}.$$

Update the basis B where a_k replaces a_{B_r} , update the index set J , and repeat Step 1”.

3- BOUNDED VARIABLES LINEAR PROGRAMMING APPROACH

Many real life applications require the decision making variables to have upper bounds and lower bounds. which helps to reach more accurate optimal plan. This kind of optimization problems is called bounded variables decision making problems. For more details we refer to [12].

3.1- Mathematical formulation

The bounded variables linear programming model is described as follows:

$$\text{MaX } Z = C' X \dots\dots\dots(3.1)$$

$AX=b$

$l \leq X \leq u$

Where

Z = objective function

A= the matrix of the coefficients associated with decision variables.

x= the decision variable.

b= the associated right hand side values.

l: the lower bound of the decision variable.

u: the upper bound of the decision variable.

3.2- Bounded variables simplex method

z	$x_{B_1} x_{N_1}$	x_{N_2}	RHS	
z	1	0	$c_B B^{-1} N_1 - c_{N_1} \quad c_B B^{-1} N_2 - c_{N_2}$	\hat{z}
x_B	0	1	$B^{-1} N_1 \quad B^{-1} N_2$	\hat{b}

The bounded variables simplex method is given in [12] as follows:

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Find a starting basis feasible solution (use artificial variables if necessary). Let x_B

be the basic variables and let x_{N_1} and x_{N_2} be the nonbasic variables at their lower

and upper bounds, respectively, Form the following tableau where $\hat{z} = c_B B^{-1} b +$

$(c_{N_1} - c_B B^{-1} N_1) l_{N_1} + (c_{N_1} - c_B B^{-1} N_2) u_{N_2}$ and $\hat{b} = B^{-1} b - B^{-1} N_1 l_{N_1} - B^{-1} N_2 u_{N_2}$:

Special Simplex Implementations and optimality conditions

MAIN STEP

- 1- If $z_j - c_j \leq 0$ for nonbasic variables at their lower bounds and $z_j - c_j \geq 0$ for non-basic variables at their upper bounds, then the current solution is optimal. Otherwise, if one of these conditions is violated for the index k, then go to step 2 if x_k is at its lower bound and Step 3 if x_k is at its upper bound.
- 2- The variable x_k is increased from its current value of l_k to $l_k + \Delta_k$. The value of Δ_k is given by equation (1) where α_1 and α_2 are given by equations (2) and (3) as follows:
 $\Delta_k = \text{minimum} \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, u_k - l_k \} \dots \dots \dots (1)$

$\alpha_1 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{minimum} \left\{ \frac{\hat{b}_i - l_{B_i}}{y_{ik}} : y_{ik} > 0 \right\} = \frac{\hat{b}_r - l_{B_r}}{y_{rk}} \quad \text{iF } y_k \leq 0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq m \\ \infty \quad \text{iF } y_k \leq 0 \end{matrix} \right\} (2)$

$\alpha_2 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{minimum} \left\{ \frac{u_{B_i} - b_i}{-y_{ik}} : y_{ik} < 0 \right\} = \frac{u_{B_i} - b_i}{-y_{ik}} \quad \text{iF } y_k \geq 0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq m \\ \infty \quad \text{iF } y_k \geq 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (3)$

if $\Delta_k = \infty$, stop ; the optimal objective value is unbounded. Otherwise, the tableau is updated as described previously. Repeat step 1.

- 3- The variable x_k is decreased from its current value of u_k to $u_k - \Delta_k$. The value of Δ_k is given by equation (4) where α_1 and α_2 are given by equations (5) and (6) as follows:

$\Delta_k = \text{minimum} \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2, u_k - l_k \} \dots \dots \dots (4)$

$\alpha_1 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{minimum} \left\{ \frac{\hat{b}_i - l_{B_i}}{-y_{ik}} : y_{ik} < 0 \right\} = \frac{\hat{b}_r - l_{B_r}}{-y_{rk}} \quad \text{iF } y_k \geq 0 \\ 1 \leq i \leq m \\ \infty \quad \text{iF } y_k \geq 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (5)$

$$\alpha_2 = \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{minimum} \left\{ \frac{u_{B_i} - b_i}{y_{ik}} : y_{ik} > 0 \right\} \\ 1 \leq i \leq m \\ \infty \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{l} \frac{u_{B_i} - b_i}{y_{ik}} \text{ if } y_k \leq 0 \\ \text{if } y_k \leq 0 \end{array} \right) \cdot (6)$$

$$0.0012X_1 + 0.0012X_2 + 0.0012X_3 + 0.0012X_4 \leq 3680$$

$$0.0022X_1 + 0.0022 X_2 + 0.0022 X_3 + 0.0022 X_4 \leq 7360$$

$$0X_1 + 0.0025X_2 + 0X_3 + 0.0025X_4 \leq 3680$$

$$0X_1 + 0X_2 + 0.0060X_3 + 0X_4 \leq 7360$$

$$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 \leq 3705507$$

$$0.037 X_4 \leq 2200$$

$$0.2198 X_2 + 0.2198 X_4 \leq 313762$$

$$0.1481 X_2 + 0.1481X_4 \leq 211442$$

$$0.0159 X_2 + 0.0159 X_4 \leq 22732$$

$$0.0105 X_2 + 0.0105X_4 \leq 15000$$

$$0.0157 X_3 \leq 29340$$

$$0.0048 X_3 \leq 6194$$

$$0.0225X_3 \leq 23275$$

$$0.0062X_3 \leq 12458$$

$$0.0040X_3 \leq 3660$$

$$100 \leq X_1 \leq 547100, 200 \leq X_2 \leq 1567312, 300 \leq X_3 \leq 682430, 50 \leq X_4 \leq 55500$$

if $\Delta_k = \infty$, stop ; the optimal objective value is unbounded. Otherwise, the tableau is updated as described previously. Repeat step 1".

4-CASE STUDY

The proposed bounded variables approach is applied in Algerian Aluminum Company to determine the optimal production plan of economic resources. We extend the linear programming formulation that is presented by Rabeh [14] to a new mathematical formulation using bounded variables approach based on the objectives of the company and according to the available economic resources. This company aims to achieve the optimal production plan that leads to a maximum profit according to available economic resources.

The mathematical formulation of this problem is described as follows:

$$\text{Max } Z_p = 304.18X_1 + 281.65X_2 + 291.15X_3 + 348.58X_4$$

ST:

Now, we solved this model using WINQSB, and we get the following:

Table (1) shows the mathematical model

S.L. h2	
Maximize	304.18X1 + 281.65X2 + 291.15X3 + 348.58X4
	OBJ/Constraint/Bound
Maximize	304.18X1 + 281.65X2 + 291.15X3 + 348.58X4
C1	0.0012X1 + 0.0012X2 + 0.0012X3 + 0.0012X4 <= 3680
C2	0.0022X1 + 0.0022 X2 + 0.0022 X3 + 0.0022 X4 <= 7360
C3	0X1 + 0.0025X2 + 0X3 + 0.0025X4 <= 3680
C4	0X1 + 0X2 + 0.0060X3 + 0X4 <= 7360
C5	X1 + X2 + X3 + X4 <= 3705507
C6	0.037 X4 <= 2200
C7	0.2198 X2 + 0.2198 X4 <= 313762
C8	0.1481 X2 + 0.1481X4 <= 211442
C9	0.0159 X2 + 0.0159 X4 <= 22732
C10	0.0105 X2 + 0.0105X4 <= 15000
C11	0.0157 X3 <= 29340
C12	0.0048 X3 <= 6194
C13	0.0225X3 <= 23275
C14	0.0062X3 <= 12458
C15	0.0040X3 <= 3660
Integer:	
Binary:	
Unrestricted:	
X1	>=100, <=547100
X2	>=200, <=1371919
X3	>=300, <=682430
X4	>=50, <=55570

Table (2) shows the results

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	Decision Variable	Solution Value	Unit Cost or Profit c(j)	Total Contribution	Reduced Cost	Basis Status	Allowable Min. c(j)	Allowable Max. c(j)
1	X1	547,100.0000	304.1800	166,416,900.0000	0	basic	0	M
2	X2	1,371,919.0000	281.6500	386,400,900.0000	0	basic	0	348.5800
3	X3	682,430.0000	291.1500	198,689,500.0000	0	basic	0	M
4	X4	55,570.0000	348.5800	19,370,590.0000	0	basic	281.6500	M
	Objective	Function	(Max.) =	770,877,800.0000				
	Constraint	Left Hand Side	Direction	Right Hand Side	Slack or Surplus	Shadow Price	Allowable Min. RHS	Allowable Max. RHS
1	C1	3,188.4230	<=	3,680.0000	491.5773	0	3,188.4230	M
2	C2	5,845.4410	<=	7,360.0000	1,514.5590	0	5,845.4410	M
3	C3	3,568.7210	<=	3,680.0000	111.2787	0	3,568.7210	M
4	C4	4,094.5800	<=	7,360.0000	3,265.4200	0	4,094.5800	M
5	C5	2,657,019.0000	<=	3,705,507.0000	1,048,488.0000	0	2,657,019.0000	M
6	C6	2,056.0900	<=	2,200.0000	143.9099	0	2,056.0900	M
7	C7	313,762.0000	<=	313,762.0000	0	1,281.3920	12,258.2500	313,762.1000
8	C8	211,411.1000	<=	211,442.0000	30.9313	0	211,411.1000	M
9	C9	22,697.0700	<=	22,732.0000	34.9308	0	22,697.0700	M
10	C10	14,988.6300	<=	15,000.0000	11.3702	0	14,988.6300	M
11	C11	10,714.1500	<=	29,340.0000	18,625.8500	0	10,714.1500	M
12	C12	3,275.6640	<=	6,194.0000	2,918.3360	0	3,275.6640	M
13	C13	15,354.6800	<=	23,275.0000	7,920.3240	0	15,354.6800	M
14	C14	4,231.0660	<=	12,458.0000	8,226.9340	0	4,231.0660	M
15	C15	2,729.7200	<=	3,660.0000	930.2799	0	2,729.7200	M

5-CONCLUSION

A bounded variables qualitative approach has been presented to determine the optimal production plan of economic resources. Also, the proposed approach is based on the upper and lower bounds of the decision variables, using this property the decision maker can set up the optimal production paln according to available economic resources. Moreover, the company can determine the optimal production plan so that this will lead to the maximum profit according to available economic resources.

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