

MGSC 1205

Quantitative Methods I

**Slides Five – Multi-period application
& Sensitivity Analysis**

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Multi-period Applications: Production Scheduling

- Most challenging application of LP is modeling multi-period scenarios.
 - Situations where decision maker has to determine optimal decisions for several periods (**weeks, months, etc.**).
 - These problems especially difficult because decision choices in later periods are directly *dependent* on decisions made in earlier periods.
- Production planning must consider **four** factors:

- Satisfying demands [**simplifies planning & the scheduling of workers & machines**]

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- Necessity to reduce inventory carrying, or holding, costs. [**suggests producing in each month only what is needed in that month**]
- Warehouse limitations cannot be exceeded. [**without great additional storage cost**]
- Minimum production capacity should be used each month

Example: Greenberg Motors, Inc. (p. 104)

- **Greenberg Motors, Inc.** manufactures two different electrical motors for sale under contract to Drexel Corp: Model GM3A & GM3B
- **Demand** (Four-month order schedule for motors)

Model	January	February	March	April
GM3A	800	700	1,000	1,100
GM3B	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,400

- **Production cost**
 - Now GM3A \$10, GM3B \$6; Will increase in March to \$11 and \$6.60, respectively
- **Holding cost** (cost of carrying inventory)
 - GM3A is \$0.18 & GM3B is \$0.13 per month.
- **Storage capacity:** GMI can hold a maximum of 3300 motors of either type (they are similar in size) at any time
- **Each GM3A motor produced requires 1.3 hours of labour, and each GM3B takes a worker 0.9 hours to assemble.**
- **Minimum labour hours:** GMI has a base employment level of **2240 hours per month**.
- **Maximum labor hours:** In a busy period, the company can bring two retired skilled employees on board to increase capacity to **2560 hours per month**.
- **The company looks for** the production schedule that minimizes total cost of per unit production & monthly holding

Decision variables & Objective function

Decision Variables.

- P_{Ai} = number of model GM3A motors produced in month i
- P_{Bi} = number of model GM3B motors produced in month i
- I_{Ai} = level of on-hand inventory for GM3A at the end of month i
- I_{Bi} = level of on-hand inventory for GM3B at the end of month i
($i=1,2,3,4$ for January–April).

Minimize total cost

■ Production cost

- Now GM3A \$10, GM3B \$6; Will increase in March to \$11 and \$6.60, respectively

$$PC = 10 (P_{A1} + P_{A2}) + 11(P_{A3} + P_{A4}) + 6 (P_{B1} + P_{B2}) + 6.60(P_{B3} + P_{B4})$$

■ Holding cost (cost of carrying inventory)

- GM3A is \$0.18 & GM3B is \$0.13 per month.

$$HC = 0.18(I_{A1} + I_{A2} + I_{A1} + I_{A2}) + 0.13(I_{B1} + I_{B2} + I_{B1} + I_{B2})$$

Total cost = PC + HC

Decision variables & Objective function

The objective function

- Minimize total costs

$$C = 10 (P_{A1} + P_{A2}) + 11 (P_{A3} + P_{A4}) + 6 (P_{B1} + P_{B2}) + 6.60 (P_{B3} + P_{B4}) \\ + 0.18 (I_{A1} + I_{A2} + I_{A1} + I_{A2}) + 0.13 (I_{B1} + I_{B2} + I_{B1} + I_{B2})$$

Constraints on Demand

Model	January	February	March	April
GM3A	800	700	1,000	1,100
GM3B	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,400

- Demand / Inventory constraints set the relationship between closing inventory this month, closing inventory last month, this month's production and sales.
- Inventory at end of month is:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{inventory} \\ \text{at the} \\ \text{end of} \\ \text{this month} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{inventory} \\ \text{at the} \\ \text{end of} \\ \text{last month} \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{current} \\ \text{month's} \\ \text{production} \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{sales} \\ \text{to Drexel} \\ \text{this month} \end{array} \right)$$

- $I_{A1} = 0 + P_{A1} - 800$ or $P_{A1} - I_{A1} = 800$ January GM3A demand
- $I_{B1} = 0 + P_{B1} - 1000$ or $P_{B1} - I_{B1} = 1000$ January GM3B demand

Constraints on Demand

Model	January	February	March	April
GM3A	800	700	1,000	1,100
GM3B	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,400

$$P_{A2} + I_{A1} - I_{A2} = 700$$

February GM3A demand

$$P_{B2} + I_{B1} - I_{B2} = 1,200$$

February GM3B demand

$$P_{A3} + I_{A2} - I_{A3} = 1,000$$

March GM3A demand

$$P_{B3} + I_{B2} - I_{B3} = 1,400$$

March GM3B demand

$$P_{A4} + I_{A3} - I_{A4} = 1,100$$

April GM3A demand

$$P_{B4} + I_{B3} - I_{B4} = 1,400$$

April GM3B demand

- If Greenberg wants to have on hand additional 450 GM3As and 300 GM3Bs at end of April, add constraints:

$$I_{A4} = 450 \quad \text{and} \quad I_{B4} = 300$$

Warehouse Space Constraints

- The storage area for GM can hold a maximum of 3,300 motors of either type at any one time.

$$I_{A1} + I_{B1} \leq 3,300$$

$$I_{A2} + I_{B2} \leq 3,300$$

$$I_{A3} + I_{B3} \leq 3,300$$

$$I_{A4} + I_{B4} \leq 3,300$$

Labour Constraints

- Minimum labour hours is 2,240 each month.
- The maximum labour capacity is 2,560 hours each month.
- GM3A requires 1.3 hours, GM3B requires 0.9 hours.

$$1.3 P_{A1} + 0.9 P_{B1} \geq 2,240 \quad (\text{January min. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A1} + 0.9 P_{B1} \leq 2,560 \quad (\text{January max. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A2} + 0.9 P_{B2} \geq 2,240 \quad (\text{February min. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A2} + 0.9 P_{B2} \leq 2,560 \quad (\text{February max. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A3} + 0.9 P_{B3} \geq 2,240 \quad (\text{March min. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A3} + 0.9 P_{B3} \leq 2,560 \quad (\text{March max. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A4} + 0.9 P_{B4} \geq 2,240 \quad (\text{April min. hours})$$

$$1.3 P_{A4} + 0.9 P_{B4} \leq 2,560 \quad (\text{April max. hours})$$

Solution to Multiple period applications

- Decision choices in later periods are directly dependent on decisions made in earlier periods.
- Decision variables: number of units produced/inventoried
- Objective: minimize cost
 - Total cost = production cost + holding cost (carrying inventory)

- **Constrains**

- Inventory / Demand :

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- Warehouse space: maximum storage area
- Labor: minimum & maximum capacity

Marketing Application: Media Selection

- Win Big Gambling Club promotes gambling junkets from a large Midwestern city to casinos in the Bahamas.
- Club has budgeted up to \$8,000 per week for local advertising.
- Money is to be allocated among four promotional media:

Medium	Audience Reached Per Ad	Cost Per Ads	Maximum Ads Per Week
TV spots	5000	\$800	12
Newspaper ads	8500	\$925	5
Prime-time radiospots	2400	\$290	25
Afternoon radio spots	2800	\$380	20

- ✓ Contract arrangements require at least 5 radio spots per week.
- ✓ Management insists no more than \$1,800 be spent on radio ad per week.

Win Big's goal – reach largest possible high-potential audience through various media.

How can we handle changes?

- We have solved *LP* problems under **deterministic** assumptions.
 - find an optimum solution given certain constant parameters (costs, price, time, etc)
- How well do we know these parameters?
 - Usually not very accurately – rough estimates
 - Conditions in most world situations are dynamic & changing
 - ✓ prices of raw materials change
 - ✓ product supply changes
 - ✓ new machinery is bought to replace old
 - ✓ employee turnover occurs ...

Sensitivity Analysis

- Post-optimality analysis: examining changes after the optimal solution has been reached.
 - input data are varied to assess optimal solution sensitivity.
- **Basic Question:** How does our solution change as the input parameters change?
 - How much does the objective function change?
 - How much do the optimal values of the decision variables change?
 - **Do our results remain valid** (If the parameters change...)?

Example: High Note Sound Company

- The company Manufactures quality **CD players** and **stereo receivers**.
- Each **CD player** sold results in **\$50** profit, while each **receiver** yields **\$120** profit.
- Each product requires skilled craftsmanship.
 - **Each CD player requires:** 2 hours electrician's time and 3 hours technician's time
 - **Each receiver requires:** 4 hours electrician's time and 1 hour technician's time
- **Hours available:** 80 for electrician's time, 60 for technician's time
- **Objective:** maximize profit

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	High Note Sound Company					
2						
3		C	R			
4		CD players	Stereo receivers			
5	Solution value	0.00	20.00			
6	Profit	\$50	\$120	\$2,400.00		
7	Constraints					
8	Electricians' Time	2	4	80.00	<=	80
9	Audio Technicians' Time	3	1	20.00	<=	60
10				LHS	Sign	RHS
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

B5:C5

D6

D8:D9

Answer Report

Optimal Objective
function value

Target Cell (Max)

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$D\$6	Profit	\$0.00	\$2,400.00

Adjustable Cells

Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value
\$B\$5	Solution value CD players	0.00	0.00
\$C\$5	Solution value Stereo receivers	0.00	20.00

Constraints

Cell	Name	Cell Value	Formula	Status	Slack
\$D\$8	Electricians' Time	80.00	\$D\$8<=\$F\$8	Binding	0.00
\$D\$9	Audio Technicians' Time	20.00	\$D\$9<=\$F\$9	Not Binding	40.00

- ❖ This table gives us information obtained from the objective function.
 - ✓ which cell the objective function is located in
 - ✓ its initial value before solver was initiated
 - ✓ the value obtained by plugging in the values of the decision variables from the optimal corner point.

Answer Report

Target Cell (Max)					
Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value		
\$D\$6	Profit	\$0.00	\$2,400.00		

Adjustable Cells					
Cell	Name	Original Value	Final Value		
\$B\$5	Solution value CD players	0.00	0.00		
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Optimal solution values

- ❖ This table gives us information on the decision variables.
 - ✓ which cells the decision variables are located in
 - ✓ their initial values before solver was initiated
 - ✓ their values corresponding to the optimal solution

Answer Report

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- ❖ This table gives us information the constrains.
 - ✓ **Cell value**: how much of the given resource is used up in obtaining the optimal solution
 - ✓ **Formula**: the constraint equation in cell notation

Answer Report

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This column indicates whether a constraint is exactly satisfied ($LHS=RHS$)

- **Binding** means the constrain is exactly satisfied, and $LHS = RHS$.
 - All the available resource is fully used in the solution
 - Nonbinding means that some of the resource has not been fully used up in the final solution

Answer Report

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This column indicates the amount of unused resource

- **Slack** is the difference between the *RHS* and the *LHS* of a \leq constrain
- Binding constrain: slack = 0.
 - A nonbinding constrain is when the *slack* > 0 .

Sensitivity Report

Adjustable Cells						
Cell	Name	Final Value	Reduced Cost	Objective Coefficient	Allowable Increase	Allowable Decrease
\$B\$5	Solution value CD players	0.00	-10.00	50.00	10.00	1E+30
\$C\$5	Solution value Stereo receivers	20.00	0.00	120.00	1E+30	20.00

Constraints						
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\$D\$8	Electricians' Time	80.00	30.00	80.00	160.00	80.00
\$D\$9	Audio Technicians' Time	20.00	0.00	60.00	1E+30	40.00

- ❖ We are analyzing only one change at a time
- ❖ This table presents information regarding the impact of changes to the *OFCs* (i.e., the unit profits of \$50 & \$120)
 - ✓ **Allowable Increases & Allowable Decreases:** they are the range of values for which we can change the *OFCs*, and still have current **Corner Point** remain as **Optimal Solution**
 - ↳ **This is the whole point of doing the analysis!**

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- ✓ It is allowed to increase the *OFC* value by up to \$10 and still have no change in optimal solution.
- ✓ Excel's notation for ∞ : the price of CD players can be dropped by ∞ and still has no change in optimal solution (we still won't make any).

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At what point would we want to start making CD player?

- ✓ Back to **Reduced Cost**.
 - Losing \$10 for each CD player that we choose to make with its current *OFC*.
 - If we can somehow raise the *OFC* by \$10 per unit, making CD players stops losing money; If we raise it more than \$10, **then producing CD players becomes profitable**
 - **This is exactly the **Allowable Increase** for CD player!**

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