

# Introduction to Linear Programming

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? LinearProgramming

LinearProgramming[c, m, b] finds a vector  $x$  that minimizes the quantity  $c.x$  subject to the constraints  $m.x \geq b$  and  $x \geq 0$ .  
LinearProgramming[c, m, {{b<sub>1</sub>, s<sub>1</sub>}, {b<sub>2</sub>, s<sub>2</sub>}, ...}] finds a vector  $x$  that minimizes  $c.x$  subject to  $x \geq 0$  and linear constraints specified by the matrix  $m$  and the pairs  $\{b_i, s_i\}$ . For each row  $m_i$  of  $m$ , the corresponding constraint is  $m_i.x \geq b_i$  if  $s_i == 1$ , or  $m_i.x == b_i$  if  $s_i == 0$ , or  $m_i.x \leq b_i$  if  $s_i == -1$ .  
LinearProgramming[c, m, b, l] minimizes  $c.x$  subject to the constraints specified by  $m$  and  $b$  and  $x \geq l$ .  
LinearProgramming[c, m, b, {l<sub>1</sub>, l<sub>2</sub>, ...}] minimizes  $c.x$  subject to the constraints specified by  $m$  and  $b$  and  $x_i \geq l_i$ .  
LinearProgramming[c, m, b, {{l<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>1</sub>}, {l<sub>2</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>}, ...}] minimizes  $c.x$  subject to the constraints specified by  $m$  and  $b$  and  $l_i \leq x_i \leq u_i$ .  
LinearProgramming[c, m, b, lu, dom] takes the elements of  $x$  to be in the domain  $dom$ , either Reals or Integers.  
LinearProgramming[c, m, b, lu, {dom<sub>1</sub>, dom<sub>2</sub>, ...}] takes  $x_i$  to be in the domain  $dom_i$ . >>

Diet Problem :  $10x + 4y \geq 9$ ,  $5x + 8y \geq 11$ ,  $3x + 2y \geq 5$ , minimize  $2x + 3y$

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In[26]:= (* Here is how we do a simple linear
programming problem if real variables and sizes small *)
(* we first enter the matrix A, where we enter row by row *)
(* we then enter the b-vector,
which must have the same number of entries as rows of A *)
(* we then enter the cost vector c,
which must have the same number of entries as the columns of A *)
(* the way the code works is we solve  $Ax \geq b$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ,  $\min(c.x)$  *)
A = {{10, 4}, {5, 8}, {3, 2}};
b = {9, 11, 5};
c = {2, 3};
soln = LinearProgramming[c, A, b];
Print["The solution is ", soln]
Print["The cost is ", c.soln]
Print["Now let's do it where we require integer values."];
intsoln = LinearProgramming[c, A, b, Automatic, Integers];
Print["The solution in integers is ", intsoln]
Print["The integer solution cost is ", c.intsoln]
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The solution is  $\left\{\frac{9}{7}, \frac{4}{7}\right\}$

The cost is  $\frac{30}{7}$

Now let's do it where we require integer values.

LinearProgramming::lpiip : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

The solution in integers is {1, 1}

The integer solution cost is 5

## Chess Problem: n queens on n x n board ....

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In[3]:= (* making this a program so can call it with different arguments easily *)
(* have a board that is boardsize by boardsize and placing numberofqueens *)
(* use underscore to indicate a variable *)
(* Module indicates module / procedure / function,
the {} means no local variables *)
(* Thus all output can be felt / seen later *)
(* if printlinearprogrammingconditions is 1 print the matrix A and rest,
else don't *)
pawnqueenproblem[boardsize_, numberofqueens_,
  printlinearprogrammingconditions_] := Module[{},
  n = boardsize; (*just change for different board *)
  numqueens = numberofqueens;
  (* allows the number of queens to differ from board size *)
  (* when programming you want freedom -- see
  what matters and what depends on what *)
  (* in some of the constraints what matters is the board size,
  and in others its the number of queens *)
  (* variables x1, ..., xn, x_{n+1} = x_{2,1}, ... *)
  (* followed by p1, ..., pn, p_{n+1}, ... *)
  (* the above requires some explanation. We
  can't have our variables having indices unfortunately *)
  (* we need a linear list of variables, not an array *)
  (* fortunately it's very simple to pass from indices to a linear list *)
  (* if we have x_{ij} with 1 ≤ i, j ≤ n then we let num(i,j) = (i-1)*n + j *)
  (* note that counts from 1 to n^2 *)
  (* we have two variables, the x_ij,
  which say whether or not a queen is at (i,j), and *)
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(* p_ij, which say whether or not we can place a pawn at (i,j). *)
(* so x_ij --> x_num(i,j) is 1 if a queen is at (i,j) and 0 otherwise *)
(* and p_ij -->
   x_{n^2 + num(i,j)} is 1 if a pawn is at (i,j) and 0 otherwise *)
(* notice that we are always using x subscript
   an integer for our variables. *)
(* we write the queen variables first and then the pawn variables,
and hence adding n^2 in the subscript *)

A = {}; (* initializes our constraint matrix A to be empty,
we'll add constraints *)
(* notice we don't want to type all the constraints by hand,
but write code to add *)
bvec = {}; (* initializes bvector to empty *)

(* the next lines take into account
   which squares on the chessboard can attack (i,j) *)
(* we first record which squares can have a queen attacking (i,j),
remembering we count linearly and must convert *)
(* numbers to pairs; thus if we want to investigate what happens
   for a queen at (a,b) that corresponds to index (a-1)*n + b *)
(* while similarly we could go from index (a-1)*n + b to (a,b);
there is some small issue with how Mathematica looks at remainders *)
(* and so we change b if it is 0 mod n to n. *)
(* the constraint is the following:
   -Sum_{(a,b) attacks (i,j)} x_{ab} - numqueens p_{ij} ≥ - numqueens *)
(* this is NOT my first choice for how to write the constraint,
but remember Mathematica does Ax ≥ b *)
(* eventually we will maximize the sum of p_{ij},
so if it is available for a pawn the program will place one there *)
(* (of course we maximize the sum of p_{ij} by minimizing the sum of -p_{ij},
as we work with minimums!) *)
(* returning to the constraint: if all the x_{ab} that can
   attack (i,j) are zero then we may take p_{ij} to be 1 *)
(* if even one x_{ab} is 1 then the constraint is too negative on
the LHS if p_{ij} is 1, and thus we have p_{ij} = 0 as desired *)
For[i = 1, i ≤ n, i++,
  For[j = 1, j ≤ n, j++,
    (* the i and j for statements go over all board locations *)
    {
      temp = {}; (* initialize temp to be empty,
we'll start putting the constraint info here and then append to A *)
      For[num = 1, num ≤ n^2, num++, (* remember we index variables linearly,
this goes over the n^2 squares that can attack (i,j) *)
        {
          b = Mod[num, n];
          If[b == 0, b = n];
          a = ((num - b) / n) + 1; (* this converts from the linear index

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to a pair (a,b) for the board space under consideration *)
(*numat = (a-1)*n + b;*) (* moves from (a,b) to num from 1 to n^2 *)
(* we now see if a queen at (a,b) could attack
square (i,j). there are four ways this could happen. *)
(* they could have the same x-coord, so i = a;
they could have the same y-coord, so j = b. *)
(* they could also be on the same upward sloping diagonal,
so i-j = a-b, or downward, so i-j = a-b *)
(* the || is how we do an or condition; if either of the four
conditions hold we append a -1 to our list, else a 0 *)
(* this will give us n^2 elements, the first half of a row for A;
we then do the p_ij entries *)
temp = AppendTo[temp, If[a == i || b == j ||
i-j == a-b || i+j == a+b, -1, 0]];
}]; (* end of num loop *)
numij = (i-1)*n + j;
(* this gives the linear index corresponding to (i,j) *)
(* we now finish the row constraint; we put a -
numqueens at the place corresponding to (i,j) and a 0 elsewhere *)
For[num = 1, num ≤ n^2, num++, temp =
AppendTo[temp, If[num == numij, -numqueens, 0]]];
A = AppendTo[A, temp]; (* add constraint to A *)
bvec = AppendTo[bvec, -numqueens]; (* add the entry to bvector *)
}]; (* end of j loop *)
]; (* end of i loop *)

(* now we want to add constraints saying there are EXACTLY numqueen queens,
ie, numqueen of the xij are 1 and the rest are 0 *)
(* as Mathematica does  $Ax \geq b$  we need two constraints to get an
equality: one  $\text{blah} \geq \text{numqueens}$  and one  $-\text{blah} \geq -\text{numqueens}$ . *)
(* we initialize temp to be zero, and put a 1 in the first n^2
elements (those corresponding to xij) and a 0 elsewhere *)
(* we then put a numqueens for the entry of b-vec;
this gives the constraint  $\sum x_{ij} \geq \text{numqueens}$  *)
(* the next lines are similar and give  $-\sum x_{ij} \geq -\text{numqueens}$  *)
temp = {}; (* always remember to reinitialize
the temp list to empty before adding things to it! *)
For[num = 1, num ≤ 2 n^2, num++, temp = AppendTo[temp, If[num ≤ n^2, 1, 0]]];
A = AppendTo[A, temp]; (* now we add our constraint to the A matrix *)
bvec = AppendTo[bvec, numqueens];
temp = {};
For[num = 1, num ≤ 2 n^2, num++, temp = AppendTo[temp, If[num ≤ n^2, -1, 0]]];
A = AppendTo[A, temp];
bvec = AppendTo[bvec, -numqueens];
(* this finishes making sure we have numqueen queens *)

(* annoyingly I could only find commands for
Mathematica to do integer programming, NOT binary programming *)

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(* we can declare the variables to be integers but not 0,
1 integers. fortunately this is easily fixed *)
(* we just need to add a constraint that each variable is at most 1,
as they are assumed to be at least 0 (advantages canonical form!) *)
(* As the constraints are always  $Ax \geq b$ ,
if we want  $x \leq 1$  we have to program that as  $-x \geq -1$  *)
(* for each of the  $2n^2$  variables, the  $n^2$  choices of  $x_{ij}$  and the  $n^2$  of  $p_{ij}$ ,
we make sure it is at most 1 *)
temp = {}; (* always initialize to empty *)
For[num = 1, num ≤ 2 n^2, num++, (* go through the  $2n^2$  variables *)
{
  temp = {}; (* for each variable choice make our list empty,
  put a -1 in the right spot and 0's elsewhere *)
  For[counter = 1, counter ≤ 2 n^2, counter++, AppendTo[temp,
    If[counter == num, -1, 0]]]; (* if in right spot 1, else 0 *)
  A = AppendTo[A, temp]; (* appends new constraint to A,
  and then next line appends -1 as needed to b-vector *)
  bvec = AppendTo[bvec, -1];
}];

(* now we define the vector needed for the optimization. we
initiallize it to empty, and then make it the right size *)
(* since we can only do minima we use -1 as the entries for c
corresponding to the pawn variable locations, and 0 for the queen *)
c = {};
For[num = 1, num ≤ 2 n^2, num++, c = AppendTo[c, If[num > n^2, -1, 0]]];
(* appending information to c *)

(* below is the key line -- it calls the linear program solver,
and the last bits inform it that the variables are integers *)
(* we save the output to a quantity we named soln,
for solution; we will then format the answer nicely *)
soln = LinearProgramming[c, A, bvec, Automatic, Integers];
Print["Solution is ", soln]; (* prints the soln vector,
but hard to parse so we work on it a bit *)

queenlist = {}; (* initializes the list of queens to empty,
this is the first  $n^2$  variables *)
(* we then go through the soln list and save that info to the queen list *)
(* the next lines after this redo
this and make a list of pawn solution information *)
(* we really don't need to do this -- we can work directly with
the solution list, but thought this might be easier to parse *)
For[num = 1, num ≤ Length[soln], num++,
  If[num ≤ n^2, queenlist = AppendTo[queenlist, soln[[num]]]]];
pawnlist = {};
For[num = 1, num ≤ Length[soln], num++,
  If[num > n^2, pawnlist = AppendTo[pawnlist, soln[[num]]]]];

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(* now we will draw a board and place
   Q for queen at P for pawn at the correct locations *)
board = {}; (* as always initialize to empty, this will be a matrix *)
For[i = 1, i ≤ n, i++, (* will construct the board row by row *)
{
  temp = {}; (* initialize new row of matrix to empty and will add *)
  For[j = 1, j ≤ n, j++, (* go through the n elements of the row *)
  {
    numat = (i - 1) * n + j;
    (* convert from (i,j) board location to linear index number *)
    If[queenlist[[numat]] == 1, temp = AppendTo[temp, "Q"],
      (* if queen there write Q *)
      If[pawnlist[[numat]] == 1, temp = AppendTo[temp, "P"],
        (* if pawn there write P *)
        temp = AppendTo[temp, "-"]]; (* else write -
        to show space empty but show the space is there *)
    }];
  board = AppendTo[board, temp]; (* save the new row to the board matrix *)
}];
Print[MatrixForm[board]]; (* print the board matrix NICELY *)
Print["Number of pawns = ", Sum[pawnlist[[i]], {i, 1, Length[pawnlist]}]];
(* prints number pawns *)
Print["Number of queens = ", Sum[queenlist[[i]], {i, 1, Length[queenlist]}]];
(* prints number queens *)
If[printlinearprogrammingconditions == 1,
{
  Print["Constraint Matrix is"];
  Print[MatrixForm[A]]; (* prints the constraint matrix *)
  Print["b-vector is"];
  Print[bvec]; (* prints the b-vector *)
  Print["c vector for optimization is"];
  Print[c]; (* prints the c vector *)
}]; (* end of print condition --
only print if printlinearprogrammingconditions is 1 *)
]; (* end of module *)

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In[4]:= pawnqueenproblem[1, 1, 0]
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LinearProgramming::lpip : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

Solution is {1, 0}

( Q )

Number of pawns = 0

Number of queens = 1

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In[5]:= pawnqueenproblem[2, 2, 0]
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LinearProgramming::lpip : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

Solution is {1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q & Q \\ - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 0

Number of queens = 2

In[6]:= **pawnqueenproblem[3, 3, 0]**

LinearProgramming::lpi : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

Solution is {0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & - & Q \\ - & - & - \\ Q & Q & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 0

Number of queens = 3

In[18]:= **Timing[pawnqueenproblem[4, 4, 0]]**

LinearProgramming::lpi : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

Solution is

{1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q & - & Q & - \\ - & - & - & Q \\ - & P & - & - \\ - & - & - & Q \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 1

Number of queens = 4

Out[18]= {0.093601, Null}

In[20]:= **Timing[pawnqueenproblem[5, 5, 1]]**

LinearProgramming::lpi : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>

Solution is {0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & P & - & - & P \\ - & - & - & - & P \\ Q & - & - & - & - \\ Q & - & - & Q & - \\ - & - & Q & Q & - \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 3

Number of queens = 5

Constraint Matrix is

-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1
-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0





[illegible]

b-vector is

$$\{-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,$$
  
 $-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,5,-5,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,$   
 $-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,$   
 $-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1\}$ 

c vector for optimization is

[illegible]

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Out[20]= {0.436803, Null}
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In[21]:= Timing[pawnqueenproblem[6, 6, 0]]
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Solution is {0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,  
0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0,  
0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0}

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & P & - & - & P & - \\ P & - & - & - & P & - \\ - & P & - & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & Q & - & Q \\ - & - & Q & - & - & - \\ - & - & Q & Q & - & Q \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 5

Number of queens = 6

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Out[21]= {5.148033, Null}
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In[22]:= Timing[pawnqueenproblem[7, 7, 0]]
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LinearProgramming::lpip : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>
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Solution is

[illegible]
$$\begin{pmatrix} Q & - & - & - & - & - & Q \\ - & - & P & P & P & - & - \\ Q & - & - & - & - & - & Q \\ - & - & P & - & P & - & - \\ - & - & - & P & - & P & - \\ - & Q & - & - & - & - & - \\ Q & - & - & - & - & - & Q \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 7

Number of queens = 7

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Out[22]= {138.248086, Null}
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In[23]:= Timing[pawnqueenproblem[8, 8, 0]]
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LinearProgramming::lpip : Warning: integer linear programming will use a machine-precision approximation of the inputs. >>
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[illegible]
$$\begin{pmatrix} - & - & - & P & P & P & - & - \\ P & - & - & - & P & P & - & - \\ P & P & - & - & - & P & - & - \\ P & P & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & Q & - \\ - & - & - & - & - & - & Q & Q \\ - & - & Q & - & - & - & Q & Q \\ - & - & Q & - & - & - & - & Q \end{pmatrix}$$

Number of pawns = 11

Number of queens = 8

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Out[23]= {2759.158487, Null}
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In[24]:= 2759 / 60.
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Out[24]= 45.9833