Integer Programming

Module 1: Formulations (IP Models)

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Recap: WaterTech

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- It is stated as a function of n: f(n) measures the largest number of steps an algorithm takes on an instance of size n.

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- It is very important to look for an efficient algorithm for a problem. The table states actual running times of a computer that can execute 1 million operations per second on an instance of size n = 100:



 $f(n) \qquad n \qquad n \log_2(n) \qquad n^3 \qquad 1.5^n \qquad (n + 2)^n \qquad (n +$

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IP Models: Knapsack

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Let's make this model a bit more interesting...

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Binary Variables

Variable y is called a binary variable.

These are very useful for modeling logical constraints of the form:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{[Condition (A or B) and} \\ \mbox{C]} \longrightarrow \mbox{D} \end{array}$

Will see more examples ...

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IP Models: Scheduling

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- Goal: hire the smallest number of workers so that the demand can be met!





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