

Mathematical Programming: Modelling and Applications

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Outline

- Some basic AMPL useful operations & commands
- A modelling problem
- Formulation of the mathematical model
- The AMPL model
- Solution of the problem



AMPL basic set operations

These operations become useful or necessary in many problems

- Let A , B , and U be sets
- AMPL allows simple set operations:
 - Union: $U = A \text{ union } B$ elements of A or B
 - Intersection: $U = A \text{ inter } B$ elements of A and B
 - Difference: $U = A \text{ diff } B$ elements of A and not of B

Union: Example

```
ampl: set MONTHS := {1,2,3,4};  
ampl: set MONTHS0 := {0} union MONTHS;  
ampl: display MONTHS0;  
set MONTHS0 := 0 1 2 3 4;
```



AMPL commands

AMPL recognizes a lot of commands.

- Some commands you already know are, e.g.:
 - `model:` switch to model mode
 - `data:` switch to data mode
 - `exit:` exit AMPL
 - `display:` print model entities and expressions
 - `let:` change data values
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- Other useful commands:
 - `fix:` freeze a variable at its current value
 - `unfix:` undo a fix command
 - `delete:` delete model entities
 - `purge:` delete model entities and their dependents



AMPL commands

Note that `fix`, `unfix`, `delete`, `purge`, .. are used for *changing a model* : it is possible in AMPL modifying models and data.

Fix: Example

`fix varname`

- This command instructs AMPL to treat the indicated variable as though fixed at its current value (e.g. in solve command): we have a constant.
- If varname is the name of an indexed collection of variables, fix (and unfix) affects all members of the collection.
- Fixing a variable we have a further constraint in the problem.



AMPL commands: fix

```
AMPL: var y{1..4} >=1;
AMPL: let y[3] := 10;
AMPL: fix y[3];
AMPL: display y[3];
y[3] = 10
```

```
AMPL: minimize somma: sum{i in 1..4} y[i];
AMPL: option solver cplex;
AMPL: solve;
ILOG CPLEX 10.100, licensed to "ecolepolytechnique-palaiseau",
options: e m b q use=8
CPLEX 10.1.0: optimal solution; objective 13
0 dual simplex iterations (0 in phase I)
AMPL: display y;
y [*] :=
1 1
2 1
3 10
4 1
;
```



Production planning problem

A firm is planning the production of 3 products A1, A2, A3 over a time horizon of 4 months (January to April). We know:

- The *demand* for the products over the 4 months;
- *Prices, production costs, production quotas, activation costs and minimum batches* for each product;

Furthermore:

- There is a different number of *productive days* over the 4 months;
- The *activation status* of a production line can be changed every month.
- *Minimum batches* are monthly.
- Each product needs to be stored. There are different *monthly rates* for renting the storage space for each product.
- Each product takes the same amount of storage space.

The *total available volume* is given.



Production planning problem: data

Demand for the products over the months:

Demand	January	February	March	April
A1	5300	1200	7400	5300
A2	4500	5400	6500	7200
A3	4400	6700	12500	13200

Prices, production costs, production quotas, activation costs and minimum batches:

Product	A1	A2	A3
Selling prices	\$124	\$109	\$115
Activation costs	\$150000	\$150000	\$100000
Production costs	\$73.30	\$52.90	\$65.40
Production quotas	500	450	550
Minimum batches	20	20	16



Production planning problem: data

Number of productive days over the months:

January	23
February	20
March	23
April	22

Monthly rates for storage space:

A1	\$3.50
A2	\$4.00
A3	\$3.00

Total available volume: 800 units.

Write a mathematical program to maximize the income, and solve it with AMPL.