

Introduction to AMPL

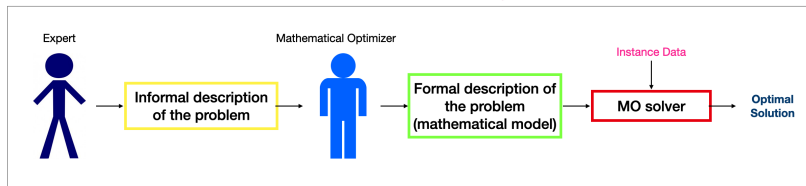
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The liquid transportation problem: File .mod

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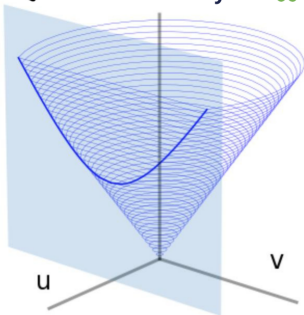
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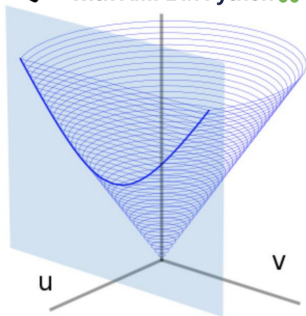
# constraints
subject to max_weight_constraint:
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```

- ▶ Manual: www.ampl.com/BOOK/download.html
- ▶ How to install AMPL: jupyter notebook
[AMPLinstallation.ipynb](#)
- ▶ Modeling languages like **ampl**: ampl.com
or **gams**: www.gams.com or **jump**
<https://jump.dev/JuMP.jl/> or **pyomo**
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- ▶ Open source solvers like **scip**: scip.zib.de
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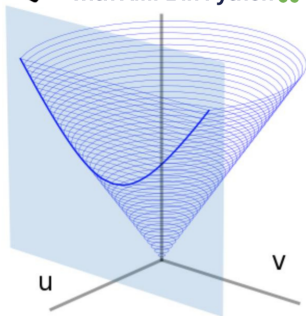


Hands-On Optimization with AMPL in Python



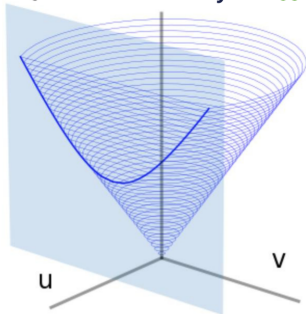


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Load a model **reading the .mod file** .

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AMPL.read("diet.mod")
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Examples:

- ▶ Send the data from "nutr_df" to AMPL and initialize the indexing set "NUTR"

```
ampl.set_data(nutr_df, "NUTR")
```

- ▶ Set the values for the parameter "amt" using "amt_df"

```
ampl.get_parameter("amt").set_values(amt_df)
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