

3a) Non-convex LP model for CHP plant

Minimize fuel costs given power and heat production

Variables	Unit	Description
$x(j)$	1	Weights for extreme characteristic operating points, $j=1,\dots,9$
$y(k)$	1	Binary variables determining in which sub-area plant operates
Parameter	Unit	Description
$P(j)$	MWh/h	Power production at characteristic points
$Q(j)$	MWh/h	Heat production at characteristic points
$F(j)$	MWh/h	Fuel consumption at characteristic points, $F_j=RP_j*P_j+RQ_j*Q_j$
P	MWh/h	Power demand
Q	MWh/h	Heat demand
CF	EUR/MWh	Fuel price (value does not affect optimization as long as $CF>0$)
$A(j,k)$	1	Matrix telling if characteristic point j belongs to area k

Objective function

$\min \text{Sum}(F(j)*x(j))$ EUR Minimize fuel consumption

Constraints

$\text{sum}(P(j)*x(j)) = P$ Power production must be P
 $\text{sum}(Q(j)*x(j)) = Q$ Heat production must be Q
 $\text{sum}(x(j)) = 1$ Sum of weights must be 1
 $x(j) \geq 0$ Weights must be non-negative
 $x(j) \leq \text{sum}(A(j,k)*y(k))$ Disable points not in current area
 $y(k)$ binary

Configuration for Excel Solver

CF 20 EUR/MWh You can use any fuel price, or just minimize fuel consumption

Characteristic operating points

Point j	$P(j)$	$Q(j)$	$RP(j)$	$RQ(j)$	$F(j)$	Efficiency
1	20	20	1,2	1,1	46	87,0%
2	100	90	1,2	1,1	219	86,8%
3	70	40	2	1,1	184	59,8%
4	20	0	3	1,1	60	33,3%
5	50	0	2,6	1,1	130	38,5%
6	70	15	2,7	1,1	205,5	41,4%
7	100	65	2,5	1,1	321,5	51,3%
8	40	100	1,2	1,01	149	94,0%
9	80	100	1,2	1,07	203	88,7%

Convex areas

A1	A2	A2	$A(j,k)*y(k)$	
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1

Cases Copy each of these in turn into Demand and optimize

P	40	40	40	80	80	80
Q	20	35	60	50	70	100

Demand

80
70

$x(j), y(k)$	Table of results
x_1	0,2105 0,5 0,7105 0,48 6E-17 0,2105 0
x_2	0,6842 2E-16 0,1842 0,16 0,33333 0,6842 0
x_3	0,1053 0,25 0,1053 0 0,4 0,1053 0

x4	3E-17	0	4E-17	0	4E-17	3E-17	0
x5	2E-17	0,25	4E-17	0	0	2E-17	0
x6	3E-17	0	3E-17	0	0,2667	3E-17	0
x7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
x8	0	0	0	0,36	0	0	6E-17
x9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
y1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
y2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
y3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sum(x)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sum(y)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
P	80	40	40	40	80	80	80
Q	70	20	35	60	50	70	100
F	178,89	101,5	92,395	110,76	201,4	178,89	203
Efficiency	83,8%	59,1%	81,2%	90,3%	64,5%	83,8%	88,7%
Obj	3577,9	2030	1847,9	2215,2	4028	3577,9	4060

Comparison with convex model

F	96,486	90,284	110,76	191	176,78	203
Efficiency	62,2%	83,1%	90,3%	68,1%	84,8%	88,7%
Obj	1929,7	1805,7	2215,2	3820	3535,7	4060

Convex model gives often a little higher fuel consumption and a little higher costs, because it represents more accurately the non-convex shape of the characteristic.