

Exercise 9 – Solutions

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#1 Finding Pareto-optimal solutions with Excel

a) The MOO problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{v-max}_{[x_1 \ x_2] \in \mathbb{N}^2} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \text{s.t.} \\ & 2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 20 \end{aligned}$$

b) See the Excel model solution on MyCourses site.

c) The overall value of an alternative (ticket buying strategy) is given by the function $V(y_1, y_2) = w_1 v_1^N(y_1) + w_2 v_2^N(y_2)$, where $v_1^N(y_1) = \frac{y_1}{20}$ and $v_2^N(y_2) = \frac{y_2}{6}$. The given preference statement implies $V(y_1 + 1, y_2) - V(y_1, y_2) = V(y_1, y_2 + 2) - V(y_1, y_2)$ from which it can be solved

$$\frac{w_1}{20} = \frac{2w_2}{6} \Rightarrow w_1 \approx 0.87, w_2 \approx 0.13.$$

With these weights, the best ticket buying strategy is $(y_1, y_2) = (10, 0)$ as it provides the largest overall value among the relevant decision alternatives (the PO solutions), see the Excel model solution for concrete comparisons.

d) With the weighted max-norm approach we minimize the value of Δ . Thus $c^T = [0 \ 0 \ 1]$. Now the inequality constraint $Ax \leq b$ must include the additional constraints (considering the utopian vector and Δ) and the budget constraint.

$$\text{Notice } \lambda_1(f_1^* - f_1(x)) \leq \Delta \Leftrightarrow -\lambda_1 f_1(x) - \Delta \leq -\lambda_1 f_1^* \Leftrightarrow -\lambda_1(2x_1 + x_2) - \Delta \leq -\lambda_1 f_1^*.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \lambda_2(f_2^* - f_2(x)) \leq \Delta \Leftrightarrow -\lambda_2 x_2 - \Delta \leq -\lambda_2 f_2^*$$

In one matrix, including budget constraint:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ -2\lambda_1 & -\lambda_1 & -1 \\ 0 & -\lambda_2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \Delta \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ -\lambda_1 f_1^* \\ -\lambda_2 f_2^* \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow Ax \leq b$$

Notice, that $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{N}$